

# Village Views

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## Blizzard Dumps Burden On Village Workers

A blizzard February 12 piled five inches of drifting snow on Terrace Park, and a lot of work on the village maintenance crew.

The three-man staff worked through day and night to keep up with the snowfall and clear the streets, catching meals and some sleep at the Community House whenever they could. Police Chief Ron Pottorf manned a snowplow for a time overnight. Unable to go home, Charlotte Molitor, village secretary, spent the night at the Community House also.

One resident, getting back home, said that Terrace Park streets were in better shape than any he had traveled elsewhere.

Pottorf said complaints came only from some residents on dead-end streets, the last to be tackled.

He told village council that Terrace Park, like all other communities in the area, is faced with a critical shortage of salt to spread on the streets. He said that if the snows continue, it will be necessary to set up a priority program, with major arteries getting first attention and other streets being salted only if material is available.

Snow hampered the tree removal program as well. Councilman Jack Schmidt said that in some areas tree workers have not been able to pick up all debris because of snow, but cleanup will follow when weather permits.

### Sign-up Time

Terrace Park youth interested in playing on the Recreation Commission's baseball team may register by contacting Jack Harbison at 331-8305.

### Watch Deadlines

Some information concerning community events has missed publication in *Village Views* because material was submitted too late to be used.

Our deadline is the second Wednesday of each month (keyed to village council meetings on the second Tuesday). Distribution in Door Store packets is on the fourth Monday of each month.

**Paper Drive  
Set for March 16**

## Survey of Suburbs Gives Terrace Park Short End

Terrace Park ranked only 26th of 48 Cincinnati suburbs rated by *Cincinnati Magazine* in a February issue study that put Glendale on top, followed in order by Sycamore Township, St. Bernard, Lincoln Heights, Norwood, Springdale, Wyoming, Golf Manor, Harrison and Mariemont.

The so-called semi-scientific survey was presented in nine charts rating the suburbs on crime, schools, police and fire protection, shopping, health care, housing, commuting, recreation and culture. It conceded there was "no accounting for taste. Some of Cincinnati's least glamorous neighborhoods offered more of the things we all claim to want. And living in some of our ta-da suburbs involved more sacrifice than you might have supposed."

The village ranked last in the table on tax rates and home sales averages; 36th in shopping convenience; 46th in commuting accessibility; in seventh place with Mariemont in school facilities; tied with seven others for fourth place in recreation facilities; in sixth place for a good crime record; tied with Glendale, Milford, Springdale and Woodlawn in hospital accessibility; in 13th place in police and fire protection; and tied with 16 others in next-to-last in cultural opportunities.

Some of the figures are at least open to question.

The charts list 47 homes sold in Terrace Park between September, 1983, and August, 1984, at an average price of \$86,463. It is difficult to believe that in the same period 238 homes sold in Blue Ash for an average of \$133,904, or 77 in Sharonville for an average of \$105,665, or in Woodlawn for \$115,024. It would appear that high-priced commercial developments got in there somewhere.

Average commuting time to Fountain Square from Terrace Park is given as 35.5 minutes, as against 24.5 minutes from Indian Hill, 27 minutes from Harrison, and 28.5 minutes from Cleves.

In recreation, the village is credited with a park but no community pool, with baseball diamonds but no soccer field. But, the survey says, we do have a golf course. Culturally, we do get credit for the Labor Day Festival and for *Village Views*, but the Terrace Park Players and the Terrace Park Pops are overlooked.

## Wardens, Vestry Are Chosen At Parish Meeting

Alan Joslyn and Chris Smith were re-elected as senior and junior wardens of St. Thomas Episcopal Church at the annual parish meeting January 22. They will serve one-year terms.

Newly-elected to the church vestry, for three-year terms, were Arnie Austin, Debbie Carle, Lynn Mileham and Hank Phillips.

Retiring from the vestry were Dan Cooksey, Ace Tollifson and Dottie Vickers. Remaining vestry members are Beatty Collins, Deborah Kauffman, Carol Peterson, Carles Rinwald, John Bowers. Helen Campbell, Robert Dunlap and David Mencer.

## Votes Lacking, Zoning Boards Merger Plan Fails

Village council voted 3-2 at its February meeting to consolidate the village Planning Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals, but Village Solicitor Bob Malloy ruled that the proposal had failed because of too-few affirmative votes.

An ordinance to effect the consolidation was before council for third and final reading. A public hearing was

to have preceded the council session, but blizzard conditions kept away some protestors who had been expected to appear. Some objections had been raised at previous council meetings.

There was subsequent discussion as to the effect of the vote and whether Mayor Les Overway could vote on the measure. After some research, Malloy ruled the next day that Overway could not vote under the circumstances, and that the ordinance had failed to win the statutory requirement of two-thirds approval by all elected councilmen.

Councilmen Ken Bassett and Bob Payne voted against the ordinance. Bill Konold was absent from the meeting.

In other actions, council:

- Passed an ordinance naming Bob Corey to another term as building inspector at \$1,500 a year and adopting the Hamilton County fee schedule for building permits "subject to exceptions as established from time to time by the chairman of the Village Council Building and Grounds Committee." The village solicitor commented that he is reviewing permit practices to develop uniformity and to avoid "unnecessary hardships."

- Confirmed appointment of Terry L. Sparks as a \$1-a-year auxiliary police officer to replace Jeff Harlan, who has moved to Chicago. The force now consists of four full-time men and six auxiliaries working 12 hours a month each.

- Heard from Councilman Rich Gilchrist that the Mariemont Board of Education expects to submit a 6.95 mill levy to a vote in May.

## Deer Killed, Driver Hurt In Collisions

A motorist was injured and four cars were damaged in a series of crashes after one of the cars struck and killed a deer on Wooster Pike at 7:20 a.m. on January 28. The accidents occurred on the curve in the highway just west of Elm Avenue.

Terrace Park police reports said that the car driven by Robert Bower of Mariemont struck the deer, killing it and badly damaging the front of the Bower car. Moments later, a car driven by Lola Lindville of Goshen rammed the Bower car on the snowy road, badly damaging both cars and causing the woman to be taken to Mercy Hospital for treatment of minor injuries.

Then, the reports said, the cars of Anne Madewell and Donald Miller of Terrace Park collided while making their way past the earlier accidents.

Village maintenance men buried the battered deer carcass in the landfill.



## New Officers Installed By AARP Chapter Here

Here are new officers of Terrace Park chapter, American Association of Retired Persons. Established here, the chapter also includes Milford and Mariemont. Left to right are Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Mullett, membership co-chairmen; Mary Sherett, corresponding secretary; Rona Moraico, legislative chairman; Ola Smucker, secretary; Ellis Rawnsley, Terrace Park, board member at large; Janet Kircher, Terrace Park, second vice president; Jim Ritz, Terrace Park, first vice president; Ruth Oberle, Terrace Park, treasurer; Marie Stoecklin, Terrace Park, publicity chairman; Fred Vordenberg, past president; Robert Rinckhoff, president, and Al Gertsman, ways and means chairman. (Photo by Mel Aichholz)

# How Golf Came To Terrace Park — An Old Timer's Recollection

These recollections of the founding and development of the Terrace Park Country Club were written by the late Ferd Critchell Sr. apparently about 1968. Coming to light recently, they were turned over to Village Views by his son Ferd, 4 Stoney Creek.

As the story goes, Will Irwin (who had an estate where SEM Villa is today) went to Scotland in 1898 and came back with some golf clubs. He introduced his friends Sam and Hubert Lloyd to golf. Sam and Hubert lived in Terrace Park; Sam lived in William Konold's house, and Hubert lived in John Schulker's house. In those days with very few houses, they played golf throughout the village. A day or so prior to their golf they would stake out a cow, which by eating the grass short would provide the green.

In 1908, the Terrace Park Country Club was started east of Miami Avenue, adjacent to Oxford along the Miami River. Tennis courts were built at the very end of what is now Michigan Ave.

I joined the Terrace Park Country Club in March, 1927; it was then only six holes and three additional holes were under construction. Charles Lush was the greens chairman. George Thompson and Charles Bowman were the greenskeepers with one horse to draw a two-unit mower and one hand lawn mower to cut the bluegrass greens.

The clubhouse still stands and Carl Hettrick lives in it. New members for entry had to buy a \$100 stock certificate and dues were \$35 per year.

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In 1928, Tom Johnson, Bill Magee, Charles Lush, Carl Phares, Dan Startzman and several more of the existing board members brought to

the membership the idea of moving the course and making it an 18-hole layout. A group of 12 or 15 of us went to look over the Woodward Farm on Sunday afternoon. I remember leaning against a fence about where No. 6 green is now located and looking over a ¼ mile race track the Woodwards had for training trotting horses. Corn grew all over the bottoms where Nos. 12, 13, 14, 15, and 16 fairways now exist. In the area now used by Nos. 10, 11 and 9 fairways, hogs were loose and had rooted up nearly all of the ground.

The purchase was made and the present Terrace Park Country Club was established. The sale price was \$37,500 for 128 acres and this included the old house and another house on the hill between Nos. 4 and 5 fairways. At the cement platform looking over No. 9 was the farm manager's office which we later used as a pro shop with a few additions. Where the practice green is now located there was a chicken coop, blacksmith shop and corral. Where the present pro shop is now, there was a large barn and storage on the upper floor with stalls for horses, and at one end, further down where the present sewage system is, there was another large barn with cow stalls in the basement. The upper floor was grain and hay storage and storage for farm equipment.

I was elected to the new board and made chairman of the building committee.

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Work was started on the golf course in the early part of 1930 and the first game of golf played on the course was by Al Werner, Charles Pease, Paul Jones and myself in 1931.

The early part of 1930 the board decided to do something about clubhouse facilities using the old house as a start. My daughter Lorna (Mrs. Stan Hinckley), then about 6 or 7 years old, held one end of the tape line as I took the measurements of the old building. It took me about two weeks to draw the plan which was approved by the board, but after about a year they found it was necessary to build a concrete addition for locker and grill rooms (present Grill and Ladies Locker) with open porch deck above. With no money and during the depression, to finance this deal 20 members, including myself, signed \$500 notes which combined signers gave Mr. Magee the security to borrow \$10,000 from his bank. I never did know what became of the note I signed; it was never returned to me.

The first president of Terrace Park Country Club at its new location was Dan Startzman. C. N. McChesney was the secretary. Dues were raised to \$100 a year.

William "Zip" Ferrell was instrumental in installing the one-inch water line from Milford and then started as a caddy in 1931. He later became caddy master and assistant pro until 1936, at which time he left to go to Camargo Country Club.

The old course was sold to Henry Hodges for \$20,000. The remaining mortgage was held by the Woodward family for nearly 20 years before the club could refinance and stand on its own.

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During the war years, if it had not been for men like Herb West, Bob Haverman and a few more I could mention, Terrace Park Country Club would have been out of

## Newly-Formed Kindervelt 76 Aids Children

The past few months marked the first fund-raising and philanthropic efforts of Kindervelt 76, the Terrace Park chapter of the Cincinnati Children's Hospital volunteer organization.

The chapter, formed last September, raised \$112.44 on its Breakfast with Santa and recently raised an additional \$33.25 on Saturday afternoon cartoons at the Community House. Members provided Christmas gifts for needy children.

Kindervelt 76 has 20 members. Officers are: Polly Duplace, president; Amy Nisonger, vice president; Marcia Moyer, treasurer; and Paula Early, secretary.

Upcoming events include a square dance at Livingston Lodge March 2 and an Easter egg hunt. Information about these and other events will be posted on the village bulletin boards.

## New Directors

Richard Wachterman, 713 Franklin Ave., and Paul J. Weston, 622 Myrtle Ave., have been elected as directors of Gradison & Co., Cincinnati investment firm. They are senior vice-presidents of the firm. Wachterman resigned as village solicitor only last month because of business pressures.

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## Robbins Administers Home With A Difference

Terrace Park resident, Howard E. Robbins, administrator of Beechwood, Home for Incurables, 2140 Pogue Ave., Hyde Park, announces the election of Lucille Dixon (Mrs. J. Gordon) as the new president of the Board of Trustees.

Robbins, who has been executive administrator of the home since August, 1980, is responsible for all phases of activity, from in-house medical and nursing care and financial affairs to contact with community and governmental organizations.

Beechwood offers a home-like atmosphere to victims of such disabling diseases as multiple sclerosis, cerebral palsy, arthritis, stroke and birth defects. "It is a long term care facility for those who will need care for the remainder of their lives regardless of age — the youngest is 23, the oldest 89," says Robbins. The 70-resident facility is unique for it is a nursing home which provides life care only for incurable residents. All but four rooms at Beechwood are private rooms.



Howard Robbins

ing; he holds a "rap" session with the residents every Thursday.

"These people want to keep on top of things in the outside world," says the concerned administrator. An outgrowth of the Thursday group sessions was an afternoon devoted to computers and a demonstration on how to use them.

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### Village Student's Award-Winning Picture

Todd Channer of Terrace Park, a senior at the Art Academy of Cincinnati, has been awarded a purchase prize by the accounting firm of Arthur Andersen & Co., for this photograph entitled "Cincinnati Mother Ship." The work was part of a student

competition sponsored by Arthur Anderson at the Art Academy Gallery during the week of January 7-11. Todd's work was recently selected for the Linclay corporate collection, and he won a merit award in the WEBN Christmas ornament contest recently.

### School Program Gives Youngsters A Taste Of A Range of Arts

Terrace Park Elementary School students were introduced to a wide variety of artistic and cultural endeavors during Fine Arts Week, sponsored February 4-8 by the PTA.

Many of the sessions offered students hands-on experience and were led by volunteers from the community. Debbie Carle organized the activities along with com-

mittee members Candy Wachterman, Barbara Harth, Pam Ballard, Eileen McConkey and Steph Jones.

On Art Day, students saw Peggy Reynolds paint with watercolors and Lin Young turn silverware into jewelry. They expressed their own artistic creativity by painting T-shirts and pillowcases with original designs.

A bassoonist from the Cin-

cinnati Symphony Orchestra visited on Music Day along with guitarist John Petty and pianist Tom Jones. Lossa Henderson, a Mariemont High School graduate, demonstrated ballet and Trish Bryan performed classical music as heard in movies and cartoons.

On Theater Day, Joan Walton, a professional choreographer, taught dance steps to Grades 4, 5, and 6; and the Indian Hill Premieres, under the direction of Pam Henley, elementary school music instructor, and her husband, Hank, performed Broadway show tunes for the student body. The Intuition Mime Company also performed, featuring Claire Griffin and Cheryl Couch.

Handcraft Day gave students the opportunity to select crafts they wanted to learn and receive instruction from PTA volunteers. Sharing their talents were: Kate Cunningham, candlewicking; Ricky Schmidt, stenciling; Nora Frei, knitting; Norma Campo and Steph Jones, counted cross stitch; Pam Ballard, quilting; Kit Zai, crochet; Linda Weston, weaving, and Carol Cole, tole painting.

Others who helped during the week were Melissa Rupe, Frances Stafford, Judy Kain, Lorraine Emery, Wanda Rawlins, Sandy Koehler, Judy Knauer, Paula Early, Jackie Young, Linda Storey, Sarah Cantwell, June Grayson, Judy Bowers, March McClelland, Janet Phillips, Nancy Harness, Mary Maxon, Sandy Ader, Anne Rinaldi, Carol Krachon, Laurel Ross and Candy Smeltzer.

The printed programs were illustrated by Jon Maddux, whose entry in the Fine Arts Logo Competition was selected from among five finalists by a vote from the student body.



PTA volunteers, Steph Jones, left, and Norma Campo, demonstrate counted cross stitch to third graders; from left — Margo Longano, Holly Kranz, and Brian Wilson.

### Zoo Animals To Visit Cub Pack

Live animals from the Cincinnati Zoo will be shown by one of the zookeepers at a meeting of Terrace Park Cub Pack 97 at the elementary school cafeteria at 7:15 p.m. on Wednesday, February 27. Prospective Cub Scouts (2nd, 3rd and 4th grades) and their families are invited to attend.

Cubmaster Hank Phillips announced that the program also will include den songs, games and demonstrations, awards for achievement, and a talk by Bob Hendricks from Dan Beard Council, Boy Scouts of America.

Pack committee members include, in addition to Phillips, Mike Duckwall, Ed and Ogle Annett, and den leaders Crystal Dahlmeier, Carol Krachen and Jerry Malotke.

### Funds Are Sought For Children's Camp

The Inter-Parish Ministry, of which St. Thomas Church is a sponsor and in which many village residents are active volunteers, is again seeking funds to provide camping experience for needy children. Contributions from individuals and member churches last year enabled 63 boys and girls to go to Camp Ernst, Fort Scott and Wildwood.

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## Women's Choir A New Voice In Community

Since September, The Women's Choir of St. Thomas has been rehearsing each Monday morning from 9:30 to 11:00. This newly formed group includes women of varying ages, from several communities, and even several churches, who sing together one Sunday each month at the 9:15 service at St. Thomas. In addition, they have sung at SEM Villa, St. Thomas Parish meeting, and will sing in March at the Women of St. Thomas luncheon, and in May at an AARP meeting.

Pat Matchette, music director at the church, says the women enjoy bringing their children to the nursery where their mothers enjoy coffee and a morning of singing. Membership is open to any women who enjoy singing both sacred and secular music, and who can commit Monday mornings, and one Sunday to that purpose.

The choir numbers 18 singers, including, from Terrace Park, Laura Colston, Denise Froehlich, Phyllis House, Mary Malotke, Jan Popelka, Bev Smith, and Betsy Gale. Other communities represented at Milford, Indian Hill and Mariemont. For information phone Pat at 271-7933.

## Girls' Softball Coaches Needed

Coaches are needed for the Terrace Park Recreation Commission's girls softball teams. The season runs from mid-April to the first week of June and the teams generally practice twice each week and play one or two games weekly.

Men and women interested in coaching or assisting in some other way should contact Eileen McConkey at 831-5777.

Girls in the third, fourth, fifth and sixth grades are eligible to play. Registration will be in early March.

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