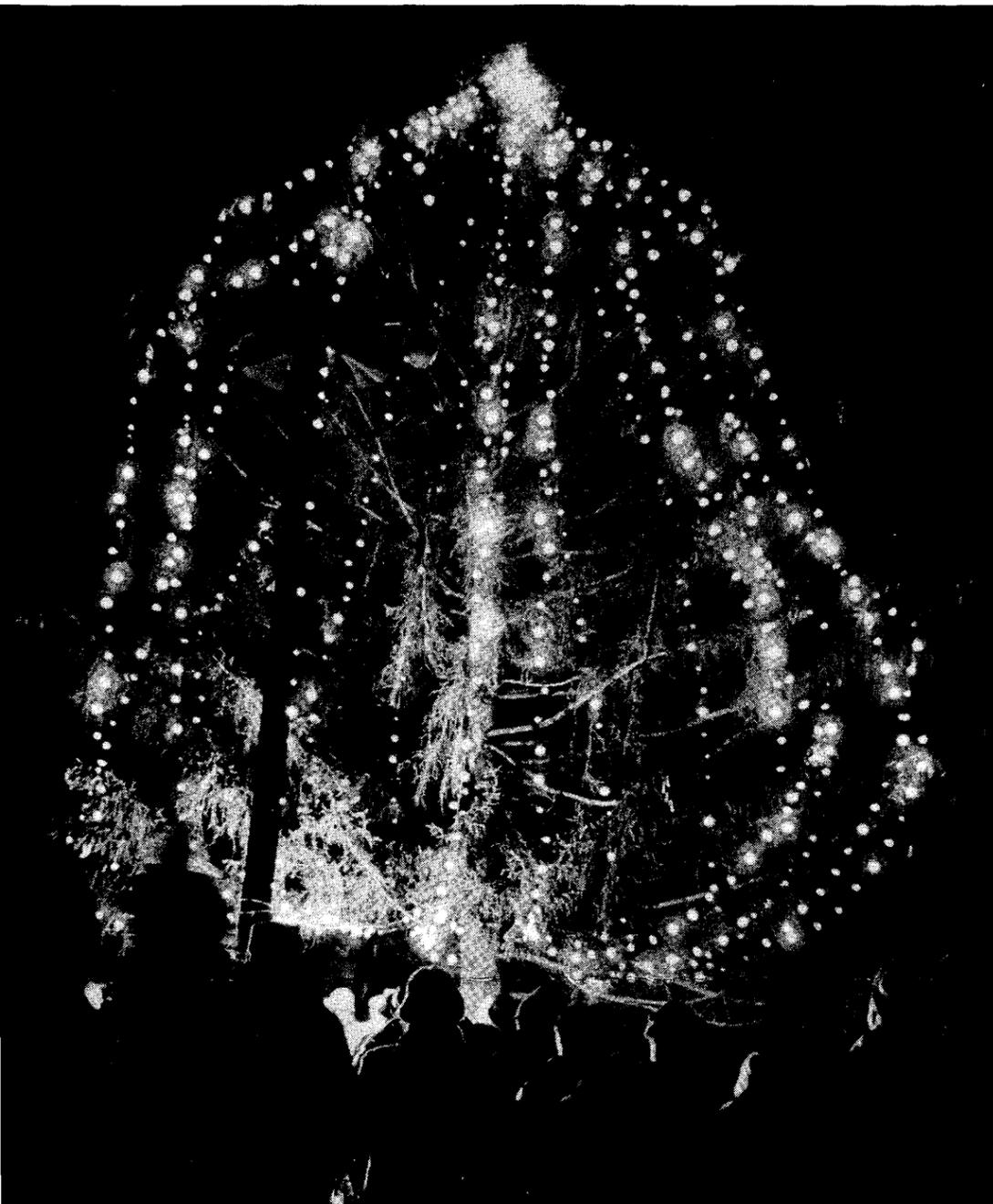


# VILLAGE VIEWS

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## Hiking Trail Proposal Draws Opposition

Opposition developed at the December meeting of village council to a state proposal to develop the old railroad right-of-way through the village as a bicycle and hiking trail.

Four residents voiced concern that building the trail would be disruptive and a risk to the community while providing no benefits. Mayor Jack Schmidt said studies of similar trails elsewhere had led him to think the development was "a good idea," but he and others on council emphasized that they are

seeking resident input on the issue, and Councilman Rich Gilchrist urged the circulation of petitions on both sides as "the best way" of expressing public opinion.

Doubts that experience elsewhere would be applicable to the Terrace Park situation were expressed by Gary Barnes, 410 Western, Rick Ballard, 916 Princeton, Mike Gallagher, 1 Circus Place, and Tom Ostenske, 415 Western.

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## Solution Near In Dispute With Milford?

Village council heard at its December meeting of a possible early solution of part of the long controversy over Milford's proposed development of an industrial park connected to Round Bottom Road.

Terrace Park and a coalition of environmental and citizens' groups have questioned the development's impact on neighboring areas through noise, air and water pollution.

The connection with Round Bottom Road has been a particular point at issue. Councilwoman Barbara Howland and Village Administrator Ron Pottorf reported, however, that they understood that talks were pending on a compromise plan to link the development area with US 50 in the vicinity of the Milford firehouse — which had been incorporated in the original plan.

Mrs. Howland said the Ohio

Department of Transportation appeared to be delaying any moves pending agreement by those involved at the local level.

In other actions, council:

- Heard from Pottorf that village crews had picked up 124 loads of leaves, with pickup being suspended because of a truck breakdown and the need to prepare equipment for snow service.

- Hired Larry C. Lantman of Milford as an auxiliary patrolman to replace one who has gone to a full-time post in Madeira.

- Heard from Fire Chief Piecxe Matthews that four fire runs in the past month included two fires with damage of \$4,600.

- Heard from Assistant Life Squad Chief Sally Gilchrist that the squad made 15 runs in the month, bringing the year's total to 130; that five recruits are in training and that a new training course is planned.

## Lights Blaze To Herald The Holidays

A thousand Christmas tree bulbs burst into light and candles glowed throughout the village the night of December 11 as the Christmas tree on the village green was lighted after being dark for years and villagers took part in the community's first Luminaire.

Despite cold-weather difficulties, members of the Terrace Park Pops band played carols for the brief lighting ceremonies, and there was the clop of horses' hooves as two wagons provided hay rides through the village.

The tree-lighting came about through the efforts of Grace Holmes, 607 Home St., as she and Tina Hesser, 722 Miami Ave. co-chaired the Terrace Park Kindervelt committee which arranged for the Luminaire displays and the wagon rides. Proceeds from those ventures went to Childrens' Hospital.

Village council at its December meeting adopted a resolution praising Mrs. Holmes for her work. The 40 strings of lights on the green, turned on by Bonnie and Ellis Rawnsley, were funded by Comey & Shepherd, Inc., and the Davey Tree Co. did the installation. Contributions from other businesses and individuals set up a fund for lighting in coming years.

## Fifty-five Students On Honor, Merit Rolls

Fifty-five Terrace Park students earned academic recognition in the first quarter of the school year at Mariemont High School. Twenty are on the honor roll with grade point averages of 4.0 or higher, and 35 on the merit roll with averages of 3.2 to 3.9.

On the honor roll are:

Grade 7 - Stephanie Bates, Corey Greiner, Brian Wilson.

Grade 8 - Andrea DeHaan.

Grade 9 - Carrie Davis, Jonathon Maddux.

Grade 10 - David Cooper.

Grade 11 - Brent Ballard, Andrew Gilchrist, Dan Krachon, Nicki Thompson, Nikki Vearil, Betsy Woods.

Grade 12 - Molly Abernethy, John Armstrong, Frances Cooper, Naomi Fischer, Michael Krachon, Lawrence Madewell, Jeffrey Taylor.

On the merit roll are:

Grade 7 - Brad Dahlmeier, Christy Davis, Michael Duckwall, Elizabeth Harness, Bradley Lakamp, Margaret Roberts.

Grade 8 - Jason Ader, Charles Armstrong, Matthew Bryan, Denis Frei, Melissa Harth, Zachary Hutton, Jennifer Kipp, Stephanie Mileham, Carrie Schmidt, Brett Tritsch.

Grade 9 - Adam Carle, Barry Gleeson, Jonathon Lakamp, Michael Rafter, Abby Seik.

Grade 10 - Megan McConkey. Grade 11 - Holly McClelland, Carol Picton, Matt Seik, Maggie Shortridge.

Grade 12 - Heather Fischer, Elizabeth Foard, Jennifer McConkey, Jennifer Mileham, Christine Normile, Megan Oberle, Cynthia Pope, James Postler, Alexander Stafford.



# PTA's History Here Spans 75 Years

Seventy-five years ago 25 women met at Terrace Park School on Nov. 14. The date had been set by the governor of Ohio for school surveys by residents of each school district. So the "School Welfare Club" met, approved a constitution and elected officers. It became the Parent-Teachers Association in 1920.

Emily Robbins, the 1957-59 PTA president, compiled a history of the first 45 years. Treasury records and memories were used to complete the account of the PTA's last 30 years.

In the early years the members purchased their own chairs for \$1.25 each and proceeded to have monthly money making projects to obtain necessities for the school. The platform in the assembly room was to be painted and curtained in 1915 and games and balls were purchased for playground use. Many of today's teachers still buy games and balls with their PTA Teachers Discretionary Funds.

In 1920-21 the PTA first purchased playground equipment. Over the years the PTA has repaired and purchased equipment with the last playground purchases made in the 80's. Playground equipment is currently being considered as a possible 1989 PTA project.

Lunch and recess have been major concerns, with mothers working in the lunchroom and supervising recess through the 1970's. In 1921, the ladies voted to serve something hot to the children twice a week at noon and milk each day. The school board did not take over the operation of the school lunchroom until 1934-35.

The Welfare Club endorsed the formation of a garden club in the

village in 1920-21 and donated \$50 to the organization a year later. The Welfare ladies also appointed a committee to further develop the Boy Scout movement in 1922 and donated \$10 in 1927 to establish the Blue Birds. The Cub Scouts were first sponsored by the PTA in 1939-40.

Political activities and endorsements, which are now prohibited by state PTA regulations, were many and interesting in the early years. In 1921-22 the PTA pledged \$500 toward the purchase of the Baptist Church for use as a community center with Village Council to pay the \$1,500 balance. The following year the PTA bought an oil stove for the building.

In addition to supporting school levies and protesting train schedule changes, the PTA opposed a village pool room in 1927-28 and investigated and requested the removal of an illegal slot machine in 1930-31.

National history is reflected in those early PTA records. Meeting refreshments were discontinued during the War in 1917-18 and the 1937 minutes note "no Feb. meeting due to flood." In 1943-44 the PTA sought blood donors, collected clothing and scraps and gave the children oranges at Christmas since there was no candy. In 1952-53 the PTA made 150 burn dressings for Civil Defense.

Many current PTA programs originated decades before. The PTA's principle fund raiser is now the Pumpkin Festival which may have been inspired by the PTA's first Halloween Party in 1928. Room mothers were first appointed for each room in 1941-42 and book sales began with a Book

Bonanza in 1959. That same year saw the first Twelfth Night Tree Burning.

Between 1960 and '62, after-school drama classes were started and the Memorial Day Parade and summer library program began.

Some things, like tobacco, have fluctuated in acceptability. In 1916 a large quantity of cigars were donated for sale at a Welfare Bazaar but the school board lowered the boom on the sale of tobacco in the school. The cigars were sold at the Country Club with the profit returned to the Welfare Club treasury. Later in 1969-70 the PTA increased the treasury with participation in cigarette testing research.

In 1960 it was emphasized the PTA's not in the business of earning and donating money, but is primarily an educational organization. To that end the group established in the late 50's a scholarship for students in the Terrace Park area who are pursuing an education in teaching. Although modified, the PTA scholarship is still awarded each spring.

The PTA's 75 years indicate that the more things change, the more they stay the same. One of the first speakers in 1914 wished "to do away with the fads and go back to the Three R's," which suggests today's "Getting Back To Basics" may not be such a modern idea.

Sixty-five years ago, Mrs. Dan Startzman of 223 Rugby was Welfare Club president and saved the day by transporting the officers to a meeting in her "closed auto" when the weather was threatening. Today's PTA president is Mrs. Dan Startzman of 223 Rugby and she too drives a "closed auto."

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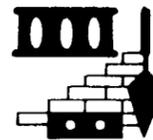
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## Mayor Urges Trail Study

To All Residents of Terrace Park:

Based on the reports of Loveland police, the bike/hike trail originating in Loveland is an asset to that community and has been operating on basically a trouble free basis. This is one of the reasons the state has proposed extending the trail through Terrace Park.

Several residents have voiced the concern, however, that the Loveland experience is not projectable to Terrace Park.

To try to answer that question, the Village of Terrace Park is interested in identifying as many communities as possible where bike/hike trails have been installed. If you are aware of any community in the United States with a trail similar to what is being proposed here, would you please call the village office and let us know the name of that community.

The Village of Terrace Park will contact the community and find out what their experience has been. A brief summary of all contacts made will be written up and posted on all village bulletin boards. These summaries will include the name and phone number of the person contacted so that any resident who wants can call and ask questions on their own.

Residents who are aware of communities with bike/hike trails are also invited to call these locations directly to find out what their experience has been. If a resident does a written summary of that call including the name and phone number of the person contacted, we will post their summary on the bulletin board as well.

We clearly don't want to support bringing the bike/hike trail through Terrace Park if it will have a nega-

tive impact on the community. On the other hand, we certainly don't want to reject supporting the trail on the basis of fears that aren't supported by facts.

Village Council is trying to make an informed decision about the bike/hike trail. We would appreciate your support in providing the names of communities you may know of where similar trails are now in existence.

Jack Schmidt  
Mayor

## Osborn Named To Bank Post

David P. Osborn, 406 Western Ave., has been named personal trust new business officer of the Central Trust Co.

He joined the bank's trust department as a new business representative last August. He was previously a financial consultant with Thomson-McKinnon Securities and also had been a sales representative for General Mills.

He holds a bachelor's degree in marketing/finance from Miami University, and is currently enrolled in a certified financial analyst candidate program.

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## Winters Aiding Mini-Marathon

Roger Winters, 716 Myrtle Ave., will be serving the American Heart Association as a corporate solicitor for the 12th annual Cincinnati Heart Mini-Marathon to be held Sunday, March 19. The 15-kilometer race annually attracts some 3,000 runners.

Money raised through corporate sponsors will fund medical research and educational programs of the Southwestern Ohio area of the association.

## Aids Ballet

Charlotte Hogue, 123 Winding Brook, was a vice-chairman of the Nutcracker Ball held at the Hyatt Regency December 3 in support of the Cincinnati Ballet.

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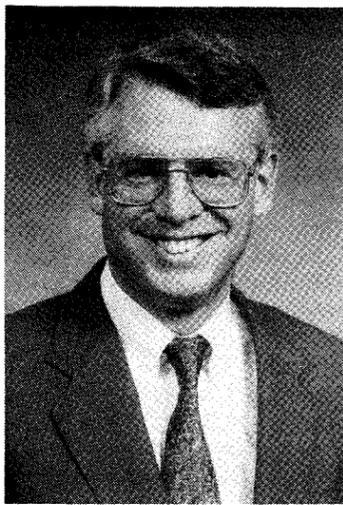
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## Conroy Honored

Andrew J. Conroy III, 102 Wagon Rd., president of Spring Grove Cemetery and Arboretum, has been named president-elect of the American Cemetery Association, representing cemeteries throughout the United States, Canada and more than 20 foreign countries.

## Auditions Set For Players' Dinner Show

Auditions for the Terrace Park Players annual dinner production will be held Tuesday, December 27, and Wednesday, December 28, at 7 p.m. at the Community House. Previous experience or proven talent are not required, only an interest in being involved.

The comedy will be presented on February 17 and 18, 24 and 25 and March 3 and 4 at the Community House. The director will be David Pannkuk, who has directed Terrace Park Players' productions in the past, including last year's "The Book".

If the thought of performing in front of 500 friends and relatives sends shivers down your spine, consider helping behind the scenes. Debi Johnson, producer, will be available during the auditions or you can contact her at 831-4781.

## Library Open

The old Milford Library, across the street from Millcroft Inn, is now open each Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Its collection includes a wide range of books on tape.

## 650 Villagers Support Annual Pancake Supper

Your Volunteer Fire Department and Emergency Medical Service wish to thank village residents for their support of our 29th Annual Pancake Supper held on November 5 at the Elementary School. Some statistics: the 650 who attended consumed 2,520 pancakes, 2,688 sausages, 120 pounds of applesauce, 420 cups of coffee and 650 ½ pint cartons of milk, 8 gallons of pancake syrup, 25 pounds of whipped butter blend, and one gallon of half-and-half.

Winter is upon us again, and we wish to pass some safety tips on to you. If ashes must be taken out from the fireplace, make sure there are no hot coals and take them out in a metal container, not plastic or paper.

If a kerosene space heater is used, purchase only K-1 kerosene

and keep it in a metal fuel can. The container should be labeled "kerosene". Keep the fuel outside of your residence - in the garage, etc. When the heater needs fuel, fill it outdoors - never inside and wipe up all spills, putting soiled rags in a closed metal garbage container. Never fill a hot heater.

When using this type of supplement heater, keep a window cracked open in the room because this device consumes oxygen.

With small children in the house, keep candles high enough to be out of reach. A lighted candle pulled down can ignite clothing. Remember, children like to duplicate Mom and Dad's actions, so don't leave matches or lighters in accessible places. Two recent fires resulted from failure to heed that caution.

## Even Police Are Not Immune

It can happen to anyone.

Early this month, Police Chief Ron Pottorf took a few vacation days to drive a resident's car to Florida, and put up at a Daytona Beach hotel.

He was robbed.

Pottorf had gone down to the beach, leaving his valuables in a wall safe in his room. While he was away, what he said were obviously professional hotel burglars broke into the room. The safe proved to be no deterrent. They took that, too.

Papers identifying him as a police officer probably gave the burglars a bit of a scare, Pottorf said, for Daytona Beach police were quickly tipped off as to where the forced-open safe could be found. Money and a watch were taken, but all his identification papers and credit cards were intact.

He learned after returning home — with a monetary assist from relatives in that area — that three men had been arrested in the case, one of them a hotel employee.

To the Editor:

## Open House Set At Country Day

Cincinnati Country Day School will hold its annual open house weekend on Saturday, January 28 and Sunday, January 29, from 1 to 4 p.m. Faculty, administrators and students will be on hand to guide families around the campus, introduce the curriculum and answer questions about the school.

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Over six years ago, Terrace Park petitioned against a bike/hike trail going through the old railroad bed. This project is being pushed again by the ODNR and we still see only disadvantages for Terrace Park. What would we gain?

We already have an area where children and adults can bike, hike, jog, roam, play and exercise dogs. We have a low incidence of crime, in part because of only five points of entry to the village. We do not attract strangers and undesirables because of the natural barrier of the Miami River wrapping around us.

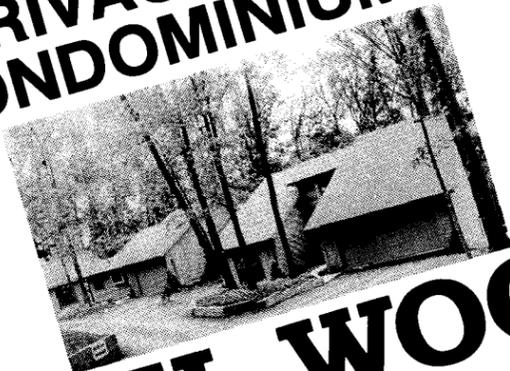
To allow a bike/hike trail to go through our village would destroy some of the advantages that Terrace Park now possesses.

We would advise our Village Council to stand pat on the petition that we have already cast and oppose the bike/hike trail.

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**Bike Trail—**

More than 80 residents visited the Community House on December 7 to inspect displays set up by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and to raise questions concerning a proposal to build a bicycle and hiking trail on the old railroad right-of-way through the village.

Charles R. Clark, district coordinator for ODNR, said some residents voiced outright opposition and some indicated support. Most, he said, appeared to be of open mind and seeking information concerning the project. Some, he added, voiced some personal security concerns which he and others sought to answer.

The session ran from noon to 9 p.m. Village council plans no immediate action, however. A public hearing is tentatively scheduled before the February 14 council meeting and before any vote is taken.

A petition signed by some 400 residents led village council to vote against the trail plan when it first was proposed in 1982. State officials offered a new, modified proposal in connection with ODNR plans to develop the trail from Milford to Loveland in the coming year. The trail now runs from Loveland to Morrow.

ODNR officials said earlier that it might take up to two years before the Terrace Park section could be developed after and if village council approved. They are hoping now to develop the Milford and Terrace Park sections at the same time, both as an economy measure and to ease an acknowledged parking problem if the route stops at Milford.

Plans call for a parking area in Kroger Hills Park, owned by the state but being run by the Hamilton County Park Board as a wild area preserve.

**Wins Honor**

Mev Maxon, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Harry Maxon, received the Virginia Henry Holt Award for high personal and academic standards at the recent fall honors convocation at Chatham Hall, an Episcopal girls' school in Chatham, Va.

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