# 25th Anniversary City of GOLF MANOR

1947 - 1972



## IN THE PAST 25 YEARS, ONE THING HASN'T CHANGED. THE WAY WE RUN OUR BUSINESS.

When we opened nearly 24 years ago, Golf Manor was just getting underway. And so were we.

As Golf Manor grew, we expanded. But never forgot the principles we founded on.

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We wish the community the greatest success in the coming years. And the changes that go with it.

We'll just stick to our ways.

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WHEREAS, since its original incorporation in the year 1947, the City of Golf Manor, in the County of Hamilton, and State of Ohio, has progressed from the status of Village to that of a City through the far-sighted and progressive efforts of its past and present City Fathers, and WHEREAS this year 1972 is the Silver Anniversary of the incorporation of Golf Manor, it is felt that there is cause for celebration, and WHEREAS our great Country, the United States of America, has also progressed through the years to its greatness, and celebrates its Independence and Freedom on July 4th.

NOW THEREFORE, I, HERBERT PASTOR, Mayor of the City of Golf Manor, Ohio, do herein proclaim the days of July 2nd, 3rd and 4th, 1972 as SILVER ANNIVERSARY for the City of Golf Manor, Hamilton County, Ohio, in conjunction with the National Celebration, and do respectfully request that all citizens join together with the City Fathers in acknowledging this, THE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF GOLF MANOR, OHIO.

SIGNED AND PROCLAIMED THIS 12TH DAY OF JUNE, 1972. HERBERT PASTOR, MAYOR, CITY OF GOLF MANOR, OHIO

## The Heritage of Golf Manor

Golf Manor dates its village development to the midtwenties, but it was here long before that. We will hop right over the Neanderthal man and his predecessors and descendants, and go to the Indians. We know they were around for their arrowheads are still imbedded in the good earth around here.

We have to go to the 1800's before we can get a fix on residents. At that time Golf Manor was an oasis of farms and green grazing lands. The people were as industrious and frugal as Pennsylvania Dutch. They had the drive to work dawn to dusk in their fields and barns. When winter came they repaired their tools, mended fences, and tended stock.

They worshipped at local churches - even founded one in 1876. It was St. Peter's Evangelical Church of Pleasant Ridge. Among the founders were the family names of Stover, Kellermann, Wiehe and Green. All had farms in the area now part of Golf Manor, though at that time, it was simply rural Columbia Township.

Many of the streets are named for pioneer residents. Englewood recalls the log cabin on Losantiville with its undisciplined flower garden, berry patches and paw paw and quince trees. This was the home of Katy, Henry and Joe Engle. Stover recalls the immense dairy started by Dietrich and Anna Theile Stover. Kellermann recalls the many Kellermann families who peopled the area descendants of William, Dietrich, and Gus Kellermann. Wiehe Road recalls the old three story brick house atop Wiehe hill. Visible as far away as North Bend Road summit. It belonged to the Wiehes a century ago, but since 1910 has been Pieper property.

There would undoubtedly have been a Green Street and a Pieper Street in the new subdivision of Golf Manor, but for the fact that other Cincinnati areas pre-empted those names. There is a Green Street in downtown Cincinnati, and a Pieper Road in Westwood. Hammel Avenue was named for Samuel Hammel, a well-known Cincinnati lawyer who once owned the largest single block of land in the area. Sam was a regular visitor at the Wiehe Road gardens. He came for fresh vegetables. In asparagus season he tramped up and down the patch choosing each spike individually. Other influential people who came to the local gardens for vegetables were the Seasongoods, Tudors, Whites and Cadwalladers.

While most Golf Manor streets bear German names, others have an English or colonial flavor - Ardmore, Fair Oaks, Mayflower, St. Albans.

Early residents of the area had to walk to Pleasant Ridge to get the black interurban street car for downtown Cincinnati. If on the western fringe they would walk to Ross and Montgomery in Norwood for the North Norwood street car.

Children attended the turreted grade school on Montgomery Road, opposite historic Pleasant Ridge Presbyterian Church. In 1909 the new red brick building with the massive concrete pillars was opened. The turreted school came down and the final section of the new school came into use in 1932. Pupils marched in and out of class to Sousa music via records on the wind-up victrola manned by Principle Thomas Simmermon.

There was no lunchroom in the school but "Miss Ross" had a busy dining room and candy store across the street. Soup

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## Growth of the City of Golf Manor

As the subdivision of Golf Manor expanded the question of whether to incorporate as a separate village or be annexed to Cincinnati became a burning issue. Twice the issue of incorporation was defeated by the voters.

Then in 1944 the COMMITTEE FOR INCORPORATION was formed. It was the aim of this committee to maintain the reputation of Golf Manor as being the "richest and best administered community in Hamilton County". They stated "while we have made two unsuccessful attempts to incorporate we still believe that the electorate failed to give this movement a long-range study as to its future. Of course, we will abide by the decision at the polls, but wish to impress upon the residents of Golf Manor that this Committee is a permanent one. It has been endorsed by the various civic groups and has a real civic standing." And then the COMMITTEE ON INCORPORATION continued: "Nowhere in Hamilton County can we find a community of over seven hundred homes and twenty-five hundred people that has not been able to find among its residents efficient and honest men and women to run their community for them. There are thirty one incorporated communities and only three unincorporated of like size". This statement was signed by B. Tansey, Chairman.

Incorporation continued to be the main issue of discussion between 1944 and 1946. Then it was brought to a head — John Hilberg & Sons (Meat Packers) decided to build a meatpacking plant on land they owned on Wiehe Road. The Committee of Incorporation redoubled its efforts and called for a Mass Meeting on April 5, 1946. The Committee for Incorporation consisting of Carl Fettig, E. R. Kile, H. E. Korte, Clem Muninghof, Dorothy Stubbs, B. J. Tansey, George Taylor and Cliff Winans, issued a bulletin stating that "the formation of a village (incorporation) accomplishes this (discourages the erection of a meat-packing plant) because it enables you to pass laws of your own to control the operation of undesirable industry. If we do not incorporate, we lose this opportunity because we are placed by annexation in the hands of the City of Cincinnati to be governed as the city officials see fit".

In addition the Committee of Incorporation promised that if Golf Manor Incorporated the "taxes will be increased from \$12.00 per thousand to \$13.72 per thousand, but \$9.00 of this increase will be returned to the community in the form of free garbage collection." Residents were assured that a vote for incorporation would not endanger our supply of water from the City of Cincinnati or the opportunity for their children to attend Cincinnati schools, since "repeal of an old law on September 16, 1943 prevents a change of an established school district by incorporation of any new area."

In April 1946 the community voted overwhelmingly for incorporation, in spite of the efforts of a COMMITTEE FOR ANNEXATION. Then Mr. Hilberg and Robert Wachendorf, who had bought the Boerger Dairy farm which included the area now known as Losantiville Road and Vera Avenue, east of Elbrook Avenue brought two suits against incorporation in the Court of Common Pleas. Judge Alfred Mack ruled in favor of Messrs. Hilberg and Wachendorf. Our solicitors, Robert Leroux and Paul Weber appealed Judge Mack's ruling to the Court of Appeals, who ruled in favor of Golf Manor. Messrs. Hilberg and Wachendorf then joined forces and took the matter to the Supreme Court of the State of Ohio, who ruled in our favor. On February 3, 1947 Golf Manor was finally incorporated.

On June 3, 1947 elections were held and the following slate of officers was elected. Thomas Dunlap, Mayor, Dorothy Stubbs, Clerk, John R. Robinson, Treasurer, and the following Councilmen: Dan Coppin, Gerald J. Bushman (husband of Edith Bushman, our current Deputy Clerk) William Estell, Gilbert Siegle, Jack Wallbrech, Wallace Crawford. Their platform was "to establish a good efficient honest government in the Village of Golf Manor. To make all appointments upon merit and ability. To keep taxes as low as possible through economical spending. To provide immediate zoning, needed streets repairs, adequate street lighting, continued good fire protection, good police protection, necessary safety measures.

To work for lower gas and electric rates, lower fire insurance rates, improvement in transportation, and smoke control. To maintain and improve public playgrounds and to cooperate with all civic organizations for the promotion and improvement to better community welfare".

In the first five months our Village Council passed a zoning ordinance, made needed street repairs at a total of \$2,006.00 as against an estimate of \$22,395.00 using 5300 gallons of tar, 130 tons of stone, 120 tons of gravel, 750 paid man hours and 200 free man hours, plus the free use of a road roller, tar wagon and the T. F. Dunlap Trucking Co. trucks. Contracted with the Gas & Electric Company for 32 modern street lights at no extra cost to the property owners. Adopted a traffic code and ordered necessary Speed and Stop signs for the Village. Clerk Dorothy Stubbs made a complete survey of population and motor vehicles without cost to the village which resulted in a return of increased gasoline tax money from the state of Ohio. Adopted a building code which was used in 33 states. Established a village planning commission. Issued 40 building permits. And met two drastic emergencies - 1. repaired a dangerous street cave-in on Mayflower Ave.; and 2. retained the busses when the transit company threatened discontinuance of service unless Graceland Ave. was repaired.

The cave-in on Mayflower Avenue was the impetus needed to pass an \$826,000 program earmarked for sewers, streets and sidewalks. Of this amount \$350,000 was covered by a bond issue, and the balance was to be covered by assessments against the property owners. The average assessment was \$500.00. The bonds were approved three to one in the election of 1948 and the work was finished in 1951.

Now Golf Manor can boast of 8 miles of concrete streets, one of the finest network of combination storm and sanitary sewers in the state. The sewers drain both north and south to two branches of a large trunk sewer going to Cincinnati.

In January 1955 Council approved one other bond issue — \$100,000 to build our municipal pool. This was opened to the public in June 1955. And in May 1955 it was agreed to build a bathhouse for the pool. The Village cleared \$15,000 profit the first year the pool operated, but since then has lost money on its operation. However, it is considered a service, and an attraction for the City.

Golf Manor has a deal with Cincinnati on garbage collection. Our trucks go to the Cincinnati incinerator and pay for the privilege. This is cheaper than we could operate our own incinerator. The key to efficient operation is the short haul. The distance to the Cincinnati incinerator is around four miles, whereas some other cities haul 15 to 20 miles.

In March 1955 the first payroll tax was assessed. This tax provides a good share of the administration costs of the city.

In 1959 with a vote of three to one ratio, to be effective in 1960 our community approved a levy which enables Golf Manor students to attend the University of Cincinnati for the same rates as those charged City of Cincinnati residents. Golf Manor students are accorded preferential admittance. It is the only city in Hamilton County which approved a levy for the support of the university when the levy was offered to all communities in the county; and it is the only city in the state which has such an arrangement with a neighboring university.

In 1964 our new \$225,000 Municipal Building was dedicated. This was originally financed by councilmanic bonds. The new building for the first time gave us our own jails. Previously we had used the jails of Amberley Village. In 1967 bonds in the amount of \$200,000 were issued by Golf Manor to complete the financing of the new Municipal Building.

In 1970 the U. S. Census showed that Golf Manor now had over 5000 residents, thus moving from a Village to a City status. Accordingly a Charter Committee was elected, consisting of Russ Desserich, Chairman, Herbert Pastor, Vice Chairman, Terry Trantor, Secretary, and the following members: Leonard Mitzman, William Schneyer, Jerry Leistner, Harry

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#### THOMAS F. DUNLAP, Mayor 1947-1969

Thomas F. Dunlap was Golf Manor's first mayor and administered our "baby" village so well that the community showed its appreciation and confidence by re-electing him for life. He stayed in office until he died on January 6, 1969, after 22 years of service.

In the lobby of our new Municipal Building is a plaque to Mayor Dunlap, which states "A completely dedicated man to his community, his friends and his family, he never preached dedication — he lived it. Tom, as he was known to everyone, insisted on 'going first class' in every respect whether it was spiritually, morally, socially, or politically. Above all, he was ever ready to assist anyone in need regardless of race, color or creed". This dedication to a former friend and coworker was written by Joe Magnarini.

In the tribute written at the time of his death, which appeared in THE VILLAGER Charlotte Pieper wrote: "His was a benevolent spirit and he gave freely of his time and means to benefit others. Tom

was an astute business man, a friendly neighbor, a dedicated Christian, and a loving husband and father."

It was during Tom's tenure in office that the streets were paved, sewers provided (one of the best sewer systems in the county), the street lights were changed from a single light bulb to "Luminaire" street lighting at all intersections. Mercury vapor lighting was begun on Losantiville Avenue in the vicinity of Wiehe Road. Garbage Collection was set up, snow removal and salting of snow was instituted. Today we take for granted that many times our streets are cleaned or sanded long before the secondary streets in Cincinnati are taken care of. Police and fire protection were expanded, a community swimming pool provided, and a new municipal building was built, originally financed by Councilmanic Bonds.

The fact that Golf Manor has continued to function smoothly since Tom's death is again a tribute to the foundation he laid of good government, by

dedicated men and women.

#### MAURICE GRALLER, Mayor of Golf Manor 1969-71

Maurice and Frieda Graller, along with their two children, moved into Golf Manor in 1950. They both immediately took an interest in their new community, and decided to work to make it a better place to live.

In 1962 Maurice was first elected as a Councilman. Mayor Thomas Dunlap proved his faith in Maurice's capabilities by appointing him as Chairman of the Finance Committee, a post which gave him wide insight in the operations of Golf Manor. He also held posts as Chairman of the Traffic Committee and Chairman of the Street and Highways Committee. In 1964 he was first elected Vice Mayor - a post which he continued to hold until Mr. Dunlap's death, at which time he succeeded to the post of Mayor.

During Mr. Graller's term as Mayor, a bond issue of \$60,000.00 was passed for the purchase of a new fire truck, new station wagon for the Fire Department, and a new ambulance for the Life Squad. New lighting was installed on Losantiville Avenue, a stop light was installed at Wiehe and Losantiville Avenues, and Bremont Avenue was made one way from Hammel to Losantiville, reducing the accident rate to one of the lowest in the county. A new maintenance truck and garbage truck were also purchased during this period.

A summer play program, properly supervised, was again

available for the young children of our City.

It was during Mr. Graller's administration that the Village of Golf Manor became the City of Golf Manor (after the 1970 census when we grew to over 5000 population) and the city charter was written and adopted. This was done under the chairmanship of Russ Desserich, and because Mr. Graller and the members of our Council believed that Golf Manor should draw up its own rules and regulations rather than having them imposed by the State of Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Graller congratulate the City of Golf Manor on its 25th anniversary, and know that it will continue to be the brightest and cleanest small city in Hamilton County.

#### MRS. DOROTHY STUBBS

No history of Golf Manor would be complete without mention of the contribution made by Mrs. Dorothy Stubbs. There were many people who contributed time and effort in the early days, and most of them have been mentioned in connection with the work they did.

All people are born with certain attributes. There are some who are born to be pioneers - they enjoy "starting from scratch" - seeing a need and then working to fulfill that need. There are others who function best when they can build upon the foundation that the pioneers started. Both types are leaders - good leaders - and in Golf Manor we have been lucky to have had their unstinted services. Dorothy Stubbs can be classed as a pioneer leader.

Dorothy and Herbert Stubbs moved into the Manor in 1937. That fact alone would make them pioneers of another sort. Herb was the first to become interested in civic work - the Civic Association and the Firemen were his particular activities. In turn he interested Dorothy in working for the community.

Dorothy helped spark the organization of the Woman's Club and served as its president for the first two years. She was next persuaded to become the only woman member of the Golf Manor Fire Department, Inc. She served as secretary of this organization for 12 years until its assets were turned over to the Village of Golf Manor. She initiated our annual Festivals, serving as chairman for ten years.

Dorothy helped initiate the Recreation Commission, which operated the Village Playfield in its early days.

She was the first woman on our Village (now City) Council, elected to serve as clerk, and continued in that capacity for 6 years, until her resignation in 1953.







DOROTHY STUBBS

It was Dorothy Stubbs who made a survey of all families in Golf Manor, how many drove cars, amount of traveling done, etc. As a result of this survey we received our share of the State gasoline taxes to be used for street improvements. Incidentally, in this connection, whenever you buy new auto license tags be sure to list your residence as Golf Manor and not Cincinnati so that we can continue to receive our share of these funds.

When it came time for street improvements, it was Dorothy Stubbs who visited each family in the community to "sell" them on approving the street assessments so that our sewers could be built and our roads paved and sidewalks installed.

When Dorothy Stubbs resigned as Clerk of the Village, the Village Council passed Resolution #R-4-1953 which states:

"Whereas, Mrs. Dorothy Stubbs has recently found it necessary to submit her resignation to this Council from the office of Clerk of the Village of Golf Manor; and

Whereas, this Council, as well as all of the citizens of the Village of Golf Manor, are fully cognizant of the remarkable and selfless service performed by said Dorothy Stubbs on behalf of said Village; and

Whereas, it is deemed fitting that such long, valuable, and unselfish effort be given due recognition;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Council of the Village of Golf Manor, by the unanimous vote, and approved of all members elected thereto:

SECTION I. That the profound appreciation and gratitude of all citizens of the Village of Golf Manor is hereby expressed by the Council of said Village for the leadership, vision, and endless effort given by Dorothy Stubbs in the development of the community and the establishment of the Village government, not only as a public official of unique ability, but also as an outstanding citizen.

SECTION II. That this resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law. Passed this 13th day of April 1953."

(Signed) T. F. Dunlap, Mayor

## The Mayor and His Official Family



## HERBERT PASTOR, Mayor of Golf Manor 1972-

Herbert and Hotche Pastor, and their four children moved into Golf Manor in 1958. "Herb", as most people call him, first ran for council and was elected in 1959. He has served continuously since that time. During his term he was Chairman of the Traffic Committee and a member of the Police Pension Board. He also found time to serve on the Recreation Commission, acting as Treasurer for several terms and chairman for two terms.

When Maurice Graller moved up to Mayor, Herb was selected as Vice Mayor, then ran for Mayor and was elected in 1971.

Due to his long service on the Council, Herb has some very definite ideas as to what can and should be done to improve the administration of the City of Golf Manor. During his first six months in office he has defined the duties of the Chief of Police, the Fire Chief and the Maintenance Supervisor. Chief Schneyer of the Police Department is now in charge of the police, of traffic and of safety. Chief Koch in addition to his duties in the Fire Department is also park commissioner and buildings superintendent. Mr. James Harris of the Maintenance Department is in charge of garbage collection, clean streets, etc.

Herb has implemented the safety of our streets by installing four way stop signs at almost all intersections. Bremont Avenue used to average four to six accidents per month, now there are almost none.

A Capital Improvement Fund has been initiated, putting money aside now for expenditures in the future. As the City gets older, there is going to be a need for capital improvements.

For the future, Herb is interested, as are all of us in improving the ecology — here in Golf Manor it can mean a better method of burning garbage; it can mean a better method of keeping our streets clean both summer and winter.

A new Building Inspector Mr. Gary Cooper has been designated, whose first job was to bring all ordinances pertaining to his department up-to-date, and to cooperate with the State Building Code.

A new team approach has been used at the swimming pool and park, which in turn will mean a full recreational summer program for all ages. New equipment will be added to the park area. With his assistance, the Recreation Commission has been able to set up a Teen Age program.

Mr. Pastor is a "full time" mayor. He attends as many meetings as possible of the various civic organizations so that he can intimately know their problems and assist them in every way possible. You can also see him at times riding in a police cruiser with the officer on duty, so that he will understand

their problems too. Thru his work in the Mayor's Court he is endeavoring to make Golf Manor both a safer and a finer place in which to live and work.

## MARY COZART, Vice Mayor of Golf Manor

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cozart and their four children moved to Golf Manor in 1942. The Cozart family considers this the smartest move they ever made, for "it has furnished us with a full zest for living, and our four children, though grown, cherish fond memories of their childhood days in our community."

Mary has served as Den Mother, Girl Scout leader, P.T.A. President, and has held various offices in the Golf Manor Woman's Club. Politically she has been Precinct Chairman, Ward Chairman, Councilwoman, and is the first woman elected Vice Mayor of our city.

Mary states that she has often quoted part of the oath of the Athenian youth, which she adopted many years ago as her guide:

> To transmit this city, not only not less, But greater, better, and more beautiful than it was transmitted to us.

#### OUR CITY COUNCIL

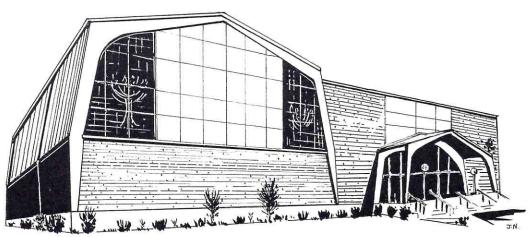


Seated, left to right: Jack Nathan, Clerk; Mayor Herb Pastor; Mary Cozart, Vice Mayor. Standing: Councilmen Jerry Leistner, Harry Raflo, Terry Tranter, Fred Rave, Russ Desserich and Solicitor Ed Schulzinger.

## Congregation Agudas Israel







"Big Oaks from little acorns grow" sums up succinctly the history of Congregation Agudas Israel, the only house of worship in Golf Manor. In 1955 when the Jewish community was still concentrated in Avondale, our Congregation was approached by some of the residents of Golf Manor with a request that we organize and conduct services for the Jewish High Holy Days. A meeting was held at the home of Maurice Graller, an active officer of the old Forest Avenue Synagogue, who eventually became the second Mayor of Golf Manor. Realizing that Golf Manor had many people of the Jewish faith, the Synagogue Board decided to accept the invitation of the residents of the village to arrange for the High Holiday Services.

On Rosh Hashonah (The Jewish New Year) of 1955, approximately 200 men and women attended a most impressive service in the Village Hall, rented for the occasion. The services, which were conducted by Joseph X. Schwartz and chanted by Herman Heisler, met with such an overwhelming success that it was decided to repeat them in 1956 as well.

By this time the shift of population from Avondale to the suburbs was in full swing. Being an Orthodox Congregation, the Synagogue had to be re-located in order to enable the Congregants to be within walking distance to their House of Worship. Since our services met with such enthusiasm the building committee decided to seek a site in Golf Manor.

The late Mayor Thomas Dunlap was so impressed with the need of having a House of Prayer in the Village that he encouraged our decision by actively assisting Rabbi Indich in search of the possible site.

The present location on Stover Avenue was chosen and ground-breaking ceremonies were held in November 1956 and construction began in April, 1957. Because of financial problems

a pre-fabricated structure was erected. This structure which seated 200 served the Congregation for 10 years. It is the only pre-fab Synagogue ever built.

Realizing that the Sanctuary was not large enough an auditorium was built immediately. When the new Synagogue opened its doors September 1957, 80 new families of Golf Manor became affiliated, among them the present Mayor, Herbert Pastor.

From then on the history of Golf Manor Synagogue has been one of constant growth. A new Hebrew School Building was built and new facilities constantly added and improved.

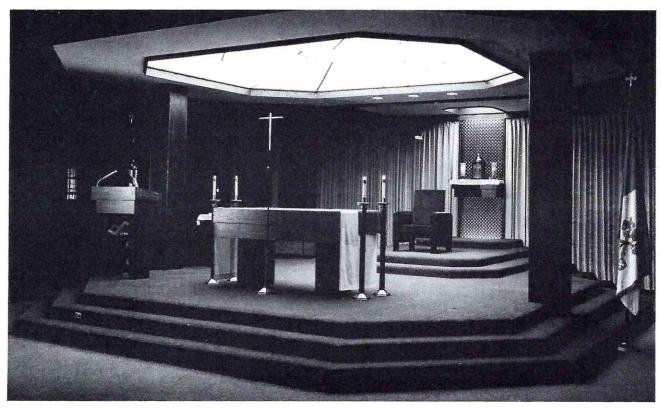
By 1964 it became very evident that a drastic expansion program would have to be undertaken in order to accommodate our ever growing Synagogue family. After much planning, our sanctuary was demolished and on its site, the present awe-inspiring sanctuary built. Other improvements and beautifications were also undertaken, culminating in an impressive dedication ceremony in 1968.

The Jewish community has found in it a haven from distress, a place for prayer and communion with God, a center for Jewish endeavors and for the general community it has served as an institution concerned and involved in the problems which confront all of us as Americans and as Cincinnatians.

The Synagogue, by opening its doors to the young and old of the Christian Community in an educational process, has helped to bring about a deep feeling of understanding and respect for people of all faiths.

May we succeed in teaching to all the lesson that it is not difference in Religion that separates men, but rather indifference to Religion that divides us.

## Our Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church



In May of 1941, an announcement was made from the pulpit of three Cincinnati Churches, St. Agnes, St. Charles and Nativity: Henceforth many members of their congregations would belong to a new parish, "OUR MOTHER OF SORROWS" being carved out of their territory and embracing in general the communities of Roselawn and Golf Manor. Until a church could be built, they would attend Sunday Mass in, of all places, a garage, The Hickey Motor Company at the corner of Wiehe and Losantiville Roads.

The then Archbishop of Cincinnati, Archbishop John T. Mc-Nicholas, appointed Father Edwin R. Richter as the first pastor of the new parish.

So on the second Saturday in May, as they were to do for a year, several parishioners gathered to wheel the automobiles out of the Hickey Garage, to clean it and to set up folding chairs and a portable altar. And on Sunday, May 11, 1941. Father Richter celebrated the first Masses in Our Mother of Sorrows parish, at 9 a.m. and 12 noon. By mid-summer it became clear that two Masses were inadequate to serve the already growing parish. On the last Sunday in July a third Mass, 7:30 a.m. was added to the Sunday schedule.

Plans were proceeding rapidly for a more permanent setup. One of the first men Father Richter had called on in his new parish was Mr. Robert H. Wachendorf, the realtor who was developing the Roselawn area. After much discussion, Mr. Wachendorf offered to donate a tract of land to the parish, a  $4\frac{1}{2}$  acre tract running along Eastlawn Drive from Losantiville to Larchwood. Things were really moving fast. On Sunday, September 7, only four months after the first Mass, a ground breaking ceremony was held at the new site.

First Masses in the new church were offered on Sunday, May 17, 1942, just a year after services began in the garage. By August 30, the school rooms were ready for dedication and Archbishop McNicholas himself came for that, both to officiate and to welcome the nuns who were to teach there at his invitation. The nuns were Benedictines from Duluth, Minnesota, and were the first of their order to serve in Cincinnati. They still teach at Our Mother of Sorrows.

Father Richter remained at Our Mother of Sorrows for seven years before he was transferred. On August 9, 1948, he was succeeded by Father Louis G. Reinhold. Father Reinhold, due to the fast growing up in the parish, then decided to build a cafeteria building including three temporary classrooms adjoining the church-school on the east. In March of 1949, Father Reinhold suffered a heart attack from which he appeared to have recovered. In Sept. he had a second attack and died on June 29, 1950.

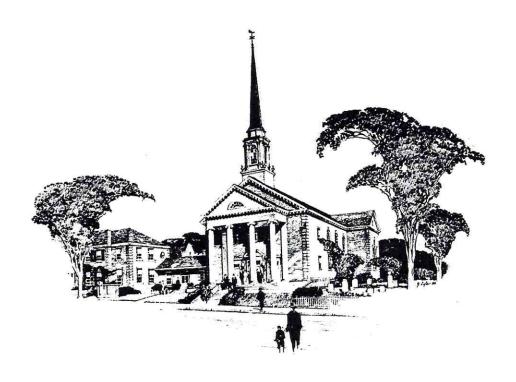
Father Henry Gramann was named pastor on December 29, 1950. Father Gramann too was struck by the apparent growth of the parish and the neighborhood. He then decided to build the school wing that now stands to the west of the original church building. It was completed in 1953. The Shrine to the Blessed Mother which stands between the two wings of the school on Larchwood wa serected in 1954.

Father William B. Heitker received his assignment to Our Mother of Sorrows on April 24, 1956. Father Heitker had spent the ten previous years as pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, and the twenty-one years before that as head of St. Rita's School for the Deaf. Father Heitker died suddenly in October, 1966.

Father Andrew Hoying, former Chaplain of Good Samaritan Hospital, was appointed the new Pastor on November the 30th, 1966. His first effort was to organize a Parish Council. The Parish Council in May of 1967 agreed with the new Pastor that the liturgy and the new needs of the Parish could best be served by moving the old Church to the Cafeteria built in 1948. It would provide more room for the Church needs and the old Church became the Parish hall and the school cafeteria. With the able help of his Assistant Priest's planning and skill, about a dozen men of the Parish made the marvelous transition which shall always stand in the records as a great achievement.

MAY OUR HISTORY CONTINUE TO GROW AND PROSPER WITH THAT OF THE ARCHDIOCESE AND OUR SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES.

#### Congratulations to Golf Manor on the occasion of thier 25th Anniversary



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## Golf Manor Fire Department

#### OUR FIRST FIRE DEPARTMENT



First row kneeling left to right: R. J. Flaxmayer, H. G. Stubbs, C. Winans, N. C. Robertson, B. Boerger, A. Deiters, J. Bray, B. Smith, G. Bohsancurt. Standing: Five Chief E. W. Seilkop, E. Hanley, E. Kemper, G. Huber, G. Droste, J. S. Vandersluis, H. Brinkman, W. Schroyer and C. Hickey.

#### OUR PRESENT FIRE DEPARTMENT



Front row: Assistant Chief R. Desserich; Chief J. Koch; Captain F. Kahsar. Second row: M. Weber, Lt. R. Woeber, A. Koenig, H. Baas, D. Mulholland, D. Puthoff, W. Baum, B. Schwartz, R. Connelly, A. Collopy, R. Crisp, S. Hummell, Lt. W. Lane. Third row: L. Comer, R. Smith, A. Leslie, T. Messerschmitt, T. Currens, Lt. Lucas. Not in photo: Captain Magnarini, K. Julien.

Golf Manorites, in fire emergencies, are served by a 25 man volunteer fire department, including 4 full time policemen who "double in brass".

Prior to January 1940, Columbia Township had contracted with the City of Cincinnati for fire protection in Golf Manor. When this contract expired, Cincinnati refused to renew it, and it was necessary for the residents of Golf Manor to seek another source of protection. As a result, the Township Trustees submitted to a vote an additional tax levy to provide for fire protection for this district. This levy was defeated. In order to

provide for fire protection and lower insurance rates, a Golf Manor Volunteer Fire Department Corporation was organized, by the Golf Manor Civic Association, under the laws of Ohio in February 1940 to purchase and maintain proper equipment.

The Fire Department and corporation were organized with the understanding that a lifetime subscription of \$20.00 be secured from each residence to defray the cost of equipment. This to be in addition to the money raised from raffles and gifts. They netted \$800.00 from the raffle of a \$500.00 automobile,

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#### Golf Manor Fire Department

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and obtained a small loan from Charles Schloss. This was enough to put the fire department in business. In this same year of 1940 the Fire Corporation purchased a 1940 Ford Pumper for \$3,700 with a mortgage signed by Mr. Schloss, Cliff Winans and Bob Folzenlogan. Then a fire house had to be built, and the members built it themselves. Joe Bray, Barney Smith, Herb Stubbs, Pat Cummings, Cliff Winans and Cliff Hickey, along with Bill Shroyer, Walt Worthington and Jim Cannon, were the willing builders.

The fire house was dedicated in February 1941 under the proud eye of Ralph Shelton, our first Fire Chief. He was followed by Elmer Seilkop, then George Bohsancurt, Gordon Droste, and John Koch, who is still our Fire Chief.

After the Village of Golf Manor was incorporated in 1947, the Village Council negotiated with the Golf Manor Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. to provide fire protection service to the Village. In addition, Columbia Township contracted for service in unincorporated areas of Kennedy and Ridge Roads (down around K-Mart and Ontario stores) and also the area of Ridgewood.

After several years of service as a garbage truck, a 1956 truck chassis was converted to a "new" fire truck, using the pump and body of the original 1940 Ford fire apparatus. All of this work was accomplished by the firemen themselves.

During 1952 and 1953 the Golf Manor Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. transferred to the Village of Golf Manor, State of Ohio, title to the fire equipment, the original 4000 square feet building, along with a new 3000 square feet addition, the Village Playfield and two fire trucks with the proviso that the firemen "be permitted to use the truck designated as truck #1 on those occasions when said firemen are required to make

an emergency run outside of said Village in the performance of their duties under any contract which might exist between said Firemen's Club and the Trustees of Columbia Township, Hamilton County, Ohio." Thus, for a total of \$2.00 the firemen transferred to the Village property of a valuation of \$75,000.00.

In 1969 our citizens approved a bond issue of \$60,000.00 which was used to purchase a new fire truck and ambulance, and a new station wagon for the Fire Department.

The Golf Manor Fire Department is responsible for one of the lowest fire insurance rates in the State of Ohio. Being a member of the Eastern District Firemen's Protective Association, it is a part of a follow-up system which embraces 18 companies, who are on call when needed.

Members of the Fire Department spend at least 12 hours per month in practice and training. They also attend various fire training schools every year in order to keep current with "State of the Art".

The present group of volunteers represent over 300 years of combined service to Golf Manor. The only salaried member of the Fire Department is the Chief — John Koch. All the other men volunteer their time without pay. In order to qualify for our volunteer Fire Department a man must be either a resident of Golf Manor, or be working in our City. Among the veterans of our Fire Department are Assistant Fire Chief, Russ Desserich (also now a Councilman) with 31 years of service, Captain Joe Magnarini (a former Councilman) with 27 years of service, and our Chief, John Koch with 28 years of service.

When you hear the siren sounding its plaintive, urgent notes, you should know that our group of volunteers are responding to save a life or protect some city property from fire damage.

## Golf Manor Police Department



CHIEF JOSEPH BRECHELT, 1949-1961

Prior to 1947 and incorporation as a separate entity, Golf Manor received its police protection from the County. Our farseeing Village Council very soon recognized that we must provide such protection for ourselves. On July 12, 1948 a Resolution was approved hiring Joe Magnarini as "Marshall" at the magnificent sum of \$200.00 per year and Robert Leroux the City Solicitor as "Special Policeman" to serve without compensation.

In 1949 the Village hired Joseph Brechelt as Chief of Police, and also Street Commissioner. Chief Brechelt was a Hamilton County patrolman for eight years prior to his appointment as our Chief of Police. When he collapsed and died suddenly in August 1961 he left a void and a profound feeling of personal loss which was felt by every resident of Golf Manor who had come to know him over the years as a friend and protector.

In February 1952 Mr. Harley Ent was hired as a part time motorcycle policeman, evidence that our police force was growing. Our police force now consisted of three men, Chief Brechelt, Frank Machen and Harley Ent.

In June 1953 the Village went to a full time force of five men. Besides Chief Brechelt, Bud Cravens, Paul Lucas, Dick Woeber and John Moore joined the force. Frank Machen and Harley Ent were no longer employed. Dick Woeber was injured in the line of duty and had to retire in August 1954. The only one of these five who still remains on the force is Paul Lucas.

After the death of Chief Brechelt in 1961, Mayor Dunlap searched for a man to fill his shoes. He found such a man in William H. Schneyer, a veteran of 15 years with the Ohio State Patrol.

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Bill's first job was with the Bureau of Motor Vehicles at Columbus, Ohio, where he was assigned to the Auditor's Office, processing registration applications and supervising reservation plates. From there he moved to the U.S. Employment Service, Bureau of Unemployment Compensation, where he was Claims Examiner and Employment Interviewer, assigned to the Piqua, Ohio District Office, and maintained offices at Troy and Greenville, Ohio.

When World War II erupted, Bill enlisted and was appointed to the Provost Marshal General School, division of Criminal Investigation at Ft. Custer, Michigan. Upon graduation he was assigned to the Criminal Investigation Division, Security Intelligence of the United States Air Force and completed service in Guam as Staff Investigator to the Provost Marshall, entire 20th Air Force.

Upon discharge from the Air Force, Bill decided to make police work his career, and joined the Ohio State Highway Patrol. He advanced thru the ranks to Supervisor of Driving License Examinations and Investigations in the ten counties of Southwestern Ohio. He assisted in personnel problems at Longview Hospital where evidence of criminal tendency existed. In line with this work he attended Traffic Institutes and Administrative courses at Northwestern University, which were under the auspices of the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators. He taught at the Ohio State Patrol Academy.

Annually, for five years he saw to it that he talked to every high school student in the Cincinnati School System, and in the County on traffic safety in conjunction with driver education. In 1965 he was Chairman of the Annual High School Safety Institute, comprising 30 high schools in the entire tristate area.

He represented the Ohio State Patrol and the Bureau of Motor Vehicles at regional sixteen state conferences of the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators, and attended the National Safety Conference. He is regarded so highly that he has conducted programs on safety for agents of the Internal Revenue Service Alcohol and Tobacco Unit for a five state area.

He served for four years as Secretary of the Hamilton County Police Association which comprises 75 police agencies in our area. He advanced from Secretary to Second Vice President and then to First Vice President.

Our present police force consists of five men in uniform and two dispatchers. At one time we had seven men, but it was decided that five could handle the work load. We have been extremely lucky with our police force. They have all been willing to go way beyond the call of duty in serving us.



Standing left to right: Mel Weber, Chief William Schneyer, Anthony Collopy. Seated: Arlen Leslie, Paul Lucas.

With the exception of Chief Schneyer, the police "double in brass" as firemen.

In 1953 it was interesting to note that our Police Department issued a bulletin entitled "A Message to School Children and Their Parents in the Village of Golf Manor From Your Police Department". This was so popular that an additional 10,000 copies had to be printed to fill demands from Civic Organizations and other suburban police departments. A request was even received from the State of Oregon for this bulletin.

In July 1953 the Hamilton County Bureau of Records and Identification was opened and Gold Manor was one of the first villages to join.

It was during this year also that electrical speed timing devices were installed in Golf Manor to accurately measure the speed of motorists.

Our police have conducted bicycle safety tests, and are continuously alert to protect us and our property in every way possible. Altogether they represent a total of 60 years of service to our city. During civil disorders our police head-quarters are the control center for Hamilton County, which makes our City one of the safest in the county.

## Golf Manor Life Squad

The Life Squad of Golf Manor was established in 1959. Between 1939 and 1959 Golf Manor secured its Life Squad protection from Deer Park. However, in 1959 we were notified by Deer Park that it could no longer serve Golf Manor, as its own demands for service had become too great.

Between the hours of 10:30 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. four volunteer firemen serve on the Life Squad at one time, serving every fourth week. During the week that they are on duty these men are on call and agree not to leave the City. They can reach any resident in the City in four minutes or less. The four minutes is maximum time and includes time that they might have to be called out of bed, get dressed, and then get to the place of emergency.

In case of an emergency requiring immediate hospital facilities, the Life Squad uses its two way radio to contact the City Dispatcher, who in turn notifies the hospital that the patient is on the way and to get things in readiness to receive the patient. Our men have been known to continue from the ambulance to the patient's hospital room, administering oxygen all the way, not leaving the patient until the hospital is ready to take over with its own oxygen supply. So strong is the sense of duty of these men and their families that there have been cases where a volunteer was at work and his wife has phoned him to come back to Golf Manor to help some fellow resident.

All members of the Life Squad have had extensive training, and continue this training with refresher courses from time to time.

No charge is made for the services of the Life Squad. Many grateful residents have donated to the Life Squad, and these funds are kept in a separate Welfare Fund, under the Chairmanship of Russ Desserich. The fund is used to assist any fireman, policeman, or Life Squad member or his family in need of financial help. It has been used for one member who was injured in the line of duty.

## Golf Manor Fire Department Women's Auxiliary



Left to right: Barbara Hummel, Loretta Koch, Hattie Kahsar, Mayor Herb Pastor, June Baas, Carol Gunn, Irene Smith, Suzanne Leslie. Mayor Pastor was installing officer.

The Women's Auxiliary of the Golf Manor Fire Department was organized in November 1970, with 25 members. Its first officers were Hattie Kahsar, President, Loretta Koch, Vice President, Barbara Hummel, Treasurer, Irene Smith, Secretary.

Its present officers are June Baas, President, Carol Gunn, Vice President, Suzanne Leslie, Treasurer and Irene Smith, Secretary.

The object and purpose of this organization is to assist the Gclf Manor Fire Department whenever possible, to provide refreshments during a serious fire, to act as a fund raising agency in obtaining desired equipment, and to bring together at frequent intervals the wives of the Fire Department members.

Their present goal is to raise money to purchase asbestos suits for the Fire Department in order that a fireman may be able to reach a trapped person in time to save a life.

## Golf Manor Recreation Commission



Left to right: Hortense Collins, Corresponding Secretary; George Harcourt, Vice Chairman; Dorothy Moss, Chairman; John Mitchell, Treasurer; Leonard Mitzman, Past Chairman; and Judy Phelps, Recording Secretary.

The Golf Manor Recreation Commission was founded in 1945 originally "to improve, maintain and supervise the grounds known as the Golf Manor Playground, located at Wiehe Road and Losantiville". The original constitution was signed by Dorothy Stubbs, Chairman, Dorothy Ferrier, Harold Ranshaw and Bernard Tansey.

The original membership was "three members and one alternate of each of the following community groups — Woman's Club, Civic Association, Firemen's Club, Golf Manor Volunteer Fire Department, Inc., Goma Girls, Junior Firemen, Garden Gate Garden Club and any other group to be voted upon by the Commission."

The Recreation Commission was originally a project of the Golf Manor Volunteer Fire Department, Inc., who were the ones who bought the playfield, after a court battle because the same ground was wanted by an industry in order to establish a plant in Golf Manor. Then Tom Dunlap, Louise and Neil Robertson and Dorothy Stubbs went up to Springfield, Ohio to buy the equipment for the field. It was this same Golf Manor Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. who built the Shelter House. Funds for these projects were raised thru the yearly Festival, rental of the auditorium, etc.

After incorporation in 1947, and the sale of the playfield and all of its equipment to the Village of Golf Manor (included in the sale by the Fire Corporation in 1952 for \$1.00) the playfield and the new swimming pool installed in 1955 have been under the administration of the Mayor of Golf Manor. Our swimming pool, by the way, was the largest aluminum pool installed anywhere up to that time.

Today the Golf Manor Recreation Commission consists of four members from the Woman's Club, Civic Association, Firemen's Club, Garden Gate Garden Club, Village Council and four members-at-large.

While the Recreation Commission no longer has the authority "to maintain and supervise the grounds know as the Golf Manor Playground" it has expanded its activities into all other areas of recreation in our city. The Recreation Commission plans and supervises Knot Hole Baseball, Girls Softball, the Easter Egg Hunt, the Annual Christmas party for all children under 12 years of age, the Trim-A-House Contest, the Fourth of July Festivals and Parades, and Teenage Recreation, and Adult Gym classes. It helps finance the Swim Team, the Summer Park Recreation Program, and has plans to expand recreation as soon as funds are available.

Originally, as stated above, all money spent by the Recreation Commission had to be raised by the members of the Commission. This was done by Festivals, Raffles, etc. However, when the new city charter was adopted the Recreation Commission was included as a unit of the City and now is funded by the City. Their present budget of \$2,500.00 is far from adequate, and the Commission must still look to other means of support.

The newest project of the Recreation Commission is a Teenage Canteen. It is hoped that recreation for teenagers can be expanded in the City so that the teenagers can have a meeting place of their own. With this end in mind, Mayor Pastor is cooperating with the Recreation Commission, and making additional funds available beyond the original budget allocation for the year 1972.

At the request of the City Council the Recreation Commission willingly assumed all responsibility for the operation of the 25th Anniversary Festival. We welcome your participation in this once-in-a-lifetime event.

## The Golf Manor Woman's Club



Left to right: Allegra Allison, Vice President; Lauretta Lowenstine, Treasurer; Edna Allgeyer, President; Cinda Tanner, Recording Secretary. Not pictured, Hattie Kahshar, Member at Large, and Livia Abirached, Corresponding Secretary.

The women of the early "subdivision of Golf Manor" organized, as do women everywhere, to provide for opportunities to meet with each other and to assist in civic enterprises.

The idea of a Golf Manor Woman's Club was developed at the home of Nell Seilkop in March 1940. At the first meeting seven women — Nell Seilkop, Dorothy Stubbs, Ruth Von Bargen, Dorothy Folzenlogen, Helen Worthington, Dorothy Taylor and Helen Cummings agreed that it would be a good idea. Accordingly they drew up a circular which was given to every resident of Golf Manor inviting them to a meeting at Roselawn

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Raflo, Mary Cozart, Joseph Magnarini, Jack Nathan, Robert H. Cook, John Koch, Edith Bushman, Michael B. Gunn and Arlen C. Leslie to draw up a charter with the idea that Golf Manor residents wished to maintain the same type of government as they have had since incorporation and further to impose their own rules and regulations, and not have them superimposed by the State. The charter was approved at the election of November 3, 1970. Golf Manor has grown and is now an adult in the community of political subdivisions of the State of Ohio.

Golf Manor has always found "efficient and honest men and women to run our community." As a result we have had an administration which has been able to maintain and improve property values, we have the cleanest streets of any community, we have excellent snow removal in the winter, a leaf picker-upper for the Fall, and garbage men who clean the streets year-round. We have excellent garbage collection, well lighted streets, new one way traffic patterns to slow down traffic and make our streets safer for our children. We have good police and fire protection and an outstanding life squad. We have active civic organizations devoted to the betterment of our community. We have churches within a short radius to serve our religious needs. We have a low tax base, yet adequate for our needs. We have good schools within a reasonable distance of our City, our children can attend the University of Cincinnati at resident rates. What more do we need?

We need to continue to strive to make Golf Manor a good place to live. We cannot rest along the way. Nothing in life is static. Golf Manor cannot and will not be static. All of us must continue to pull together to keep Golf Manor a community of which we can be proud residents.

Tavern on April 8, 1940. 53 Women attended this meeting, and concurred that officers should be elected and that the group should continue temporarily to meet at the Roselawn Tavern. Mrs. Dorothy Stubbs was subsequently elected as first president, Mrs. Cummings, Vice President, Mrs. Folzenlogan, Treasurer, Mrs. Taylor, Corresponding Secretary and Mrs. Worthington, Recording Secretary.

As was natural, the group needed money. Their first project was a "White Elephant" or "Curosity" Box to be sent from house to house, each resident to take out one item, pay for it, and put in another. This first attempt to make money netted \$20.00.

During the first year of its existence the Club bought dishes and silver for the kitchen, chairs and a public address system and card tables for the Auditorium. It also sponsored a Red Cross Sewing and Knitting Unit. Drapes were needed in the auditorium, so the women bought the material for \$25.00, brought their sewing machines down to the hall and made the drapes to fit the windows.

As the years have passed, the Golf Manor Woman's Club has continued to expand its activities. They purchased a stove for the kitchen and a second set of drapes for the auditorium in the old Village Hall. They sponsored a Boys Club, called the "Elfnor" and a Girls Club known as "Goma", in addition to both Boy and Girl Scout Troops, Campfire Girls, and Adult Gym classes. They donated toward athletic activities in the Manor, such as Knothole Baseball and Football. In fact they bought the backstop for the baseball field; they paid for the fountain in front of the shelter house; and they paid over \$500.00 toward the fence which surrounds our playfield. The Women's Club held the first two Christmas parties for the children of Golf Manor, and conducted two minstrel shows for the enjoyment of the citizens of Golf Manor. They worked hard for each Festival, including this one in 1972. When the (Continued on Page 17)

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#### The Golf Manor Woman's Club

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new Municipal Building was completed, this same group bought

the piano, and the dishes.

In 1953 the Women's Club took on as a continuing project one of the Women's Wards at Longview State Hospital. They provide monthly parties for these women and help them celebrate various holidays. This project was dear to the heart of the former Mrs. Thomas Dunlap, now Mrs. Kate Dunlap Nixon. She has never failed to make a yearly contribution to the fund for these parties.

When it was known that THE VILLAGER would no longer be published, the Woman's Club took over and continued its publication for a year, under the editor Mrs. Ethel Mitzman. In fact, as early as 1940, Mrs. Dorothy Stubbs, realizing the need for a means of communication in the Manor wrote and distributed MANOR MUSINGS, continuing to do so thru 1942.

Woman's Club has had representation continuously on the Recreation Commission since its inception in 1945. Without these active, dynamic women Recreation Commission could not have accomplished its purposes. This year Women's Club has added to its other projects an effort to assist Recreation Commission financially, toward which end they donated proceeds from a Valentine Day Dance to be used for expenses incident to the Fourth of July Festival. They also donated a separate sum to be used for the Teen Age Canteen operated by the Recreation Commission.

Some years ago when the Cincinnati Transit, Inc. threatened to cut off all bus transportation to Golf Manor, it was the women who assisted the men in staving off this threat.

Wherever there has been a need, you will find the Golf Manor Woman's Club in the forefront of efforts to meet it. Membership is open to all women residents and property owners of Golf Manor. Dues are minimal. Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month, at the Municipal Building, and start at 8:00 p.m.

## Golf Manor Civic Association

About 1938 there were approximately thirty homes in the "subdivision of Golf Manor", but there were absolutely no rulings pertaining to zoning, until Keith Watcher, a resident of Bremont Avenue circulated a petition to ban the building of any residence of less than four rooms. This was the spark that the citizens of Golf Manor needed. They decided to organize as a voice for the residents of Golf Manor. Meeting in Hickey's garage they organized the Golf Manor Civic Association.

Realizing the necessity for fire protection for the new homes which were being built in this rapidily expanding area, the Golf Manor Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. was organized, composed largely of members of the Civic Association.

In December 1960, the Civic Association was incorporated and a charter was granted by the State of Ohio, as a non profit corporation, stating that "the purpose of said corporation shall be to render constructive civic services for the welfare of the city and its citizens, promote activities for the welfare of the youth of the city, and to inculcate civic consciousness by means of active participation in constructive projects which will improve the community, to raise by membership, subscription or promotion of fund raising activities including the publication of a city newspaper."

Thru the years the Civic Association has actively aided in all the civic activities of Golf Manor. They have sponsored THE VILLAGER, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts and teenage groups. They have been represented on the Recreation Commission and City Council. They provided man-power for the yearly Festi-



Left to right: R. D. Munsie, Treasurer; Matt Dillon, Vice President; Edward Berman, President; William Tanner, Secretary.

vals. Among the many social events were the taking of a number of young people to ball games, tours of area industry, and holding of a yearly cookout for all residents.

The Civic Association provides a meeting place for all male residents of Golf Manor who are concerned about its progress. If you qualify, it is your duty to join the organization which meets the first Tuesday of each month at the Municipal Building. Besides the business session, there is monthly entertainment and good fellowship.

#### Garden Gate

THE GARDEN GATE CLUB came into being in 1944 as a result of a conversation between two neighbors, Mrs. Bernard J. Tansey and Mrs. Robert Meyers, who built new homes on adjoining lots on Bremont Avenue. Both were struggling with weeds and blackberry briars trying to get flowers and shrubs to grow and picket fences installed. The club started with 21 active charter members in the Spring of 1944.

In 1945 the Garden Gate Club joined the Ohio Association of Garden Clubs, and in 1946 the Federated Garden Clubs of Cincinnati and Hamilton County. Also in 1945 when the Golf Manor Recreation Commission was formed, they were asked to appoint representatives and have continuously worked with the Recreation Commission since that time. They operated a Flower Booth at the yearly carnivals; they planted and maintained flowers and shrubs in front of the present Fire House, which was then the Village Hall. At one time they even planted flowers and shrubs at various plots where streets intersected. In addition, they donated flowering crabapple trees to Mother of Sorrows and Losantiville Schools,

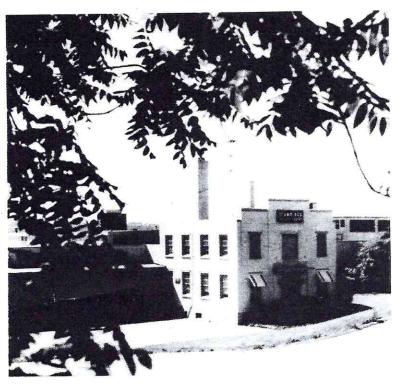
### Garden Club

shrubs, planting boxes and a drinking fountain to the Golf Manor playfield.

Mrs. Eleanor Wohlwender, a past president of the Garden Gate Club, has had her garden on St. Albans Avenue included in the itinerary of the June Garden Tours sponsored by the Post-Times Star.

Mrs. Iola Boberg, of Bremont Avenue, another member of the Garden Gate Club, and another past president is a regional director for the Ohio Association of Garden Clubs, and this year is Chairman of the 23rd Annual Garden Tour, cosponsored by the Cincinnati Federation of Garden Clubs and the Cincinnati Post-Times Star.

And still another member of the Garden Gate Club who has contributed much to Golf Manor is Mrs. Johanne Fettig, formerly of Elbrook Avenue, another past president, who in addition to her interest in the Garden Gate Club was such a hard worker for both the Women's Club and the Recreation Commission for so many years that she has been given an honorary lifetime membership in both of these latter organizations.



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#### Heritage of Golf Manor

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of the day and a cheese or frankfurter sandwich were the mainstays of the menu.

Up to 1920 Pleasant Ridge had a classical high school. In 1921 East Side High School was opened in Hyde Park. Students and faculty from the Ridge were transferred there. East Side High was renamed Withrow in 1924.

In the early days of the subdivision newspapers were delivered in Golf Manor by the writer's sister, Carrie, and that before she had learned to read. Her boss tied the papers in the order they were to be delivered. There were Times Stars, Posts, and the German language daily, Freie Presse. She recognized the papers by their mastheads, the Times being easiest to identify with its perched eagle. At the Brandhuber home on Langdon Farm Road she delivered all three papers. She was paid in pennies by her boss, and with candy and cookies by patrons at holiday time, particularly. The drawback of the job was that she couldn't get rides home as other children did, for she had the papers to deliver — and who would stop at every mail box to let her pop in the papers?

The one most apt to offer a ride to school children was a Mr. Cordes, whom the children knew as Fatty. He had a roadster which they called "City vee-hicle" for wasn't that what the license said? Fatty, after he had the inside of the car stuffed with passengers, would take anybody who could get a toehold on the running board. His parting shot at the mass exit was "Don't forget your lunch!" The Langdon Road clan carried their lunch in newspapers bound by cord string.

One young lady, when she had reached the age of sixteen,

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## Our Industrial Community

Industry in Golf Manor is confined to Wiehe Road and Losantiville Avenue, and to a small section adjoining the railroad tracks on Section Avenue. Golf Manor is primarily a residential community.

Oldest among the industries is the Cincinnati Dowell and Wood Products Company, which has been located here since 1926. The firm manufactures dowels and barrel bungs, and covers about three acres on Wiehe Road.

Alex Gottlieb Container Company, founded in 1935 is the second oldest industry in our city. The company recently suffered a severe fire loss, but intends to come back "bigger and better than ever".

When excavation was made for our pool in 1956, workers found the soil was blue colored, because this was the location of a former industry, the National Ultra-marine Company which made dye materials.

Our two newest members of the industrial community are the Village Flea Market, which operates on Friday, Saturday and Sunday at Losantiville and Wiehe Roads; and Promotions With Results at 2237 Losantiville Ave., which is in the specialty advertising and incentive premium business for business and industrial accounts. These two differing firms are representative of the wide range of industry in our city.

Edward J. Obermeyer owns and operates the only supermarket we have. He has been at the same location for 24 years (almost as old as our community itself). Ed Obermeyer is a nationally known bowler. He holds the record for Greater Cincinnati with a high average of 222 for one season. Sometime, when you are in his store, look at his display of the various cups he has won. His wife and children are also ardent bowlers. Ed Obermeyer has operated the grocery booth

at each of our Festivals.

Losantiville Lanes, operated by Connie Dierking (former Royal basketball star) is located on Losantiville Avenue. There are 32 Brunswick lanes, which are used by teams from throughout the area, and also are used in statewide and national competition. The building also includes a Cocktail Lounge, Restaurant, Snack Bar and a Baby Sitting Service for mothers who are playing. There is everything for the family who bowls, including instructions by experts.

Bernard and Fred August Boerger started a dairy on Losantiville Ave in 1906. At one time they kept about 120 heads of Holstein cattle. In 1945 Bernard and Fred August sold the farm to Robert Wachendorf, and their plant equipment, trucks and dairy routes to August and Bernard A. Boerger, who kept the dairy routes going until 1951. In 1947 the Boergers opened their first dairy store on Losantiville Avenue, and since then have opened stores in Norwood, Madeira, Deer Park and Carthage. Terry Boerger is now the President of the Company. The Boerger family has always been willing to help the community in every way they can. They donate all the ice cream which is given to the children after the Fourth of July parade each year.

"Hank" Leist of Leist Realty, 2209 Losantiville Avenue opened his office in 1961 and now employs 10 salespersons in Golf Manor, and another 10 at his Springdale office. He specializes in residential and investment real estate. He is president of the Cincinnati Real Estate Board and was voted Realtor of the year for Hamilton County. "Hank" has sponsored Golf Manor Knothole teams for many years, and recently has begun sponsorship of the Golf Manor Girls' Softball team. Hank is another member of the Golf Manor community who is endeavoring to make this city a good place in which to live and work.

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was walking along Langdon Road when a car stopped to give her a lift to Pleasant Ridge. She demurred, but only for an instant, for she was jarred to her senses by the disappointed question, "Honey, don't you remember me? I'm Fatty."

When Golf Manor was laid out in lots by developers Britton and Brown in the 1920's, there were mostly 150 foot plots with 35 or 50 foot frontage. These sold for \$1.00 down and \$1.00 weekly. Total cost of the lots was \$600.00 to \$1,000.00. During the Great Depression these same lots sold for \$200.00 to \$300.00. To buy a lot originally you simply tore off the ticket tacked to the stake of the lot you wanted, and took it with your \$1.00 binder to the sales office. The sales office was the tailgate of a truck. Soon you received your nice blue deed to a home site in that charming little village-to-be Golf Manor. In time, the pastures, the wild roses and honeysuckle gave way to streets, entrances to which were graced by brick pillars with concrete urns of vines, petunias and geraniums.

One of the first cluster of houses sprung up near the Evers gardens on Langdon Road. Graceland soon became home to such early settlers as the Banzhafs, Woods, Webers and Shroyers. Shroyers were round the corner on Langdon. Meantime, Keith Watcher, on Bremont was watching a nucleous grow around his unique home. Same for Bob Folzenlogen on Hammel.

It wasn't long until the number of rooftops in Golf Manor grew by leaps and bounds. A feeling of community developed. Organizations came into existence — Women's Club, Civic Club, Volunteer Fire Department, Life Saving, Recreation

Commission, Scouting and Camp Fire activity. To make these groups swing financially and socially there were festivals and dances. The dances were held at Hickey's Garage on Wiehe Road and Losantiville Road (now known as Kalb's Garage). They were in the form of costume parties and holiday get-togethers. Even had an orchestra seated on a stage which could be raised and lowered. It was atop the grease rack! And the prices of admission you wouldn't believe. There were also dinners featuring "chicken in the rough" with biscuits and honey. Long before Colonel Sanders dreamed of finger lickin' fried chicken.

In time Mother of Sorrows Church was founded to serve Golf Manor and Roselawn. The congregation also met in Hickey's Garage. Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve found the walls bulging! Later came Golf Manor Synagogue, now in its imposing edifice on Stover Avenue. From the beginning it has been under the capable leadership of Rabbi David Indich. He is also a noted civic leader, and appears frequently on radio and TV.

Golf Manor was and is now a nice place to live and rear a family. Crime and delinquency were not the headaches they were coming to be in other parts of greater Cincinnati. Stores opened — grocery, bakery, radio repair, barber shop, dry cleaning, real estate offices, service stations, garages, a radio station, drug stores, cafes, beauty shops, and industrial plants of many kinds on Wiehe Road.

No longer country, Golf Manor became a village with a suburban outlook.

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	MAYOR'S COURT		GARDEN GATE CLUB	FIREMEN'S DRILL		
	COUNCIL MEETING	RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING * FIREMEN'S AUXILIARY		FIREMEN'S DRILL		

<sup>\*</sup> CLOSED MEETINGS

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#### DOROTHY H. MOSS

EDITOR'S NOTE: Special thanks are due to Dorothy Moss herself for the complete compilation of this book. — F. R.

## Connie Dierking's Losantiville Lanes

The big empty lot between Elbrook and Wiehe Roads on Losantiville stood for a few years, being used by Golf Manor to show their Annual Fireworks. But In May, 1960, a use was finally decided upon. It was first thought to erect an office building on this spot, but was later decided to provide a bowling center for this community. In September, 1961, the bowling lanes were opened, managed by Golf Manor's own Connie Dierking. After two years, Connie returned to Basketball, but in 1965 returned to the lanes for good and is still the manager.

SEVENTY SOME ODD LEAGUES NOW BOWLING — JUNIOR, LADIES, MEN, MIXED COUPLES, SR. CITIZENS LEAGUES

#### CONNIE DIERKING'S LOSANTIVILLE LANES

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Quote from Connie:

"I CONGRATULATE THE CITIZENS OF GOLF MANOR ON THEIR 25th ANNIVERSARY AND HOPE THAT THEIR OR-GANIZATION, AS WELL AS OUR OWN, WILL BE AS HIGH-LY SUCCESSFUL IN ITS ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN THE FU-TURE"

"BOWLING IS FUN"

## Boerger Dairy Celebrates Its 66th Birthday This Year



We Congratulate The Many Fine Residents of Golf Manor for All Their Accomplishments of The Past 25 Years.

A Suggestion—Treat Your Family to Real Old Fashion Fun! Take A Long Slow Walk Together, Meet Your Neighbors, Stop for a Refreshing Ice Cream. Find Out Why They Are Called The Good Old Days, Find Out What Life Is All About.

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