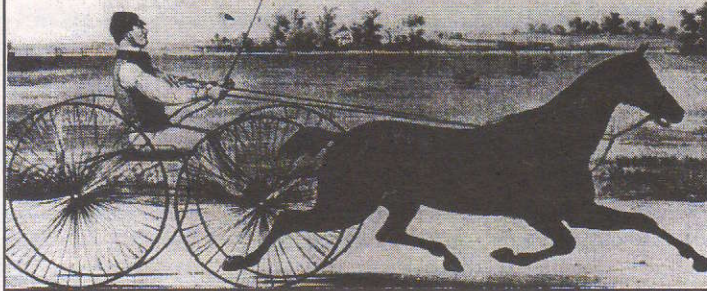


Olentangy Trotting Park, Harrison West Circa 1864



Next Harrison West Society Meeting Easter Potluck, Thursday, April 13, 6:30 p.m. 4th Avenue School Senior Center

Easter is fast approaching and it is time once again to enjoy the fellowship of the Seniors at the 4th Avenue School Senior Center. From past Christmas and Thanksgiving dinners, this has proven to be a very enjoyable occasion. Over 20 people have signed up and are bringing everything from ham, pineapple casserole and potatoes au gratin to numerous desserts. There's plenty of food, but to reserve your seat at the table, call Mary Funk at 291-9545.

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Councilwoman Lisa Griffin to Attend HWS Potluck Dinner

Columbus City Council member Lisa Griffin will be the featured speaker this month at the Harrison West Society potluck

dinner and meeting on Thursday, April 13. She will speak on a variety of city issues of interest and will take questions from the membership.

"Neighborhoods such as Harrison West are a vital part of our city and its future," she said. "Residents of this area have a number of concerns, not the least of which is the planned Spring-Sandusky interchange, and this is an opportunity for a valuable information exchange. The strength of our community is in our neighborhoods and that's why, since coming to Council, I've made an active effort to get to as many neighborhoods as possible. I want to interact with the residents and hear their concerns first hand. I also want to take the time to provide them with updates on the issues affecting them. I look forward to a very productive evening."

Ms. Griffin is currently working with Council member Matt Habash on a series of Community Police Forums. These forums are designed to allow maximum input from individual neighborhoods on how \$1 million set aside by Council for community policing should be spent. She will use part of her time to talk in great detail about the forums.

Lisa Griffin was chosen by Council members in January to fill the vacancy left by Cynthia Lazarus who was elected to a judgeship in the November 1994 election. Ms. Griffin currently chairs Council's Public Service Committee and is a member of the Safety and Judiciary, Utilities, Parks and Recreation, Solid Waste and Development Committees. ■

New Parking Problem East of Harrison West

Tappan Street residents are reported to have grown weary of the chaos on their street and are now in the process of petitioning the city for permit parking. Their street runs from Neil Avenue to Harrison Avenue, intersecting Harrison between 3rd and 2nd Avenues. Boisterous late night revelers have begun parking in the area lately making it difficult to find a parking space reasonably close to home.

Reports of vehicle damage include the bumper being ripped off one parked car after the bumpers became interlocked. Some parked cars have been sideswiped on this narrow street. Other, less serious, vehicular contact has been reported to have occurred by alcohol-inspired devotees of the "touch" parking method.

An increase in vandalism has been reported, along with a nightly harvest of beer bottles and litter along the curb. ■

Related stories on Traffic & Parking on Pages 3 and 7

Neighborhood Matters

Tree Planting Update

Tree planting on Third and Second Avenues and Bradley Street is planned for April 29 and 30. City Forester Low has marked the planting sites with blue paint on the curbside. If you **do not** want a tree planted at the spot indicated in blue, if you need any additional information, or if you haven't yet volunteered, please call Craig Copeland at 299-3737.

Slate of Officers

The Nomination Committee has slated for the May election Craig Copeland for President, Pastor Richard Morris for Vice President, Sean Conway for Secretary and John Cowin for Treasurer.

Gallery Hop Comes to Nascent Gallery, Saturday, May 6

Columbus artists Gordon Buck (proprietor of Aniara) and gallery owner Suzanne Gallagher are collaborating on an exhibition titled "Soleil + Flora." Come see and be seen. Coverage in May *Harrison West News*. Call 421-7505 for more information. The Nascent Gallery & Studio is located at 431 West 3rd Ave.

Birth Announcement

Bridget and David Sievert are proud to announce the birth of their son, Nicholas A. Sievert. Nicholas was born December 28, 1994, at St. Ann's Hospital in Westerville, and weighed in at 8 lbs., 8½ oz.

HW Society Minutes for Thursday, March 9, 1995

SUBMITTED BY MARY FUNK

- Call to Order — 7:10 p.m.
- Resolution passed to pay Cyrus Printing for printing *Harrison West News*, \$240, and to reimburse Craig Copeland \$99.40 for paper.

- Discussion of the Spring/Sandusky interchange construction was held and the impact of funding priorities by the state legislature on the time table for completing the project. Three local highway projects, the Morse-Stelzer interchange, the north Outerbelt widening project and the Spring/Sandusky interchange are competing for funds from a state-wide ODOT budget. State Representative Priscilla Mead had asked various groups that would be impacted by delays in the construction, including the Harrison West neighborhood by way of the HWS to write the Governor's office, ODOT Director Wray, the House and Senate Finance Committees, and the House Transportation Subcommittee to urge full funding. A motion to do so was passed.

- More discussion was held of local traffic and parking issues in regard to liquor establishment patrons apparent disregard of permit parking areas. Residents on Tappan are reported to be contemplating seeking permit parking. An increase in the number of broken beer bottles in the curb seemed to correlate with an increase in the ticketing of illegally parked cars it was observed. Traffic and Parking Committee Chair, Tracie Conway reported on a meeting held with Safety Director Rice, Deputy Chief of Police Rockwell, among others. At the meeting Rice

offered that it was too dangerous for an unarmed parking violations enforcement officer to ticket cars that were illegally parked in light of incidents in the neighborhood from this past summer. It was also noted that parking violation officers only work until 6 p.m. A motion was passed to thank the participants for their efforts in behalf of neighborhood safety and to further contact Parking Regulations.

- Pastor Morris commented that recent television reports and newspaper articles concerning parking scofflaws often confused Harrison West with Victorian Village and that these various journalists should be made aware of from where they are reporting.

- Craig Copeland reported that plans were in progress for the tree planting on Second and Third Avenues, as well as on Bradley Street. The plan is to plant 73 trees on April 29 and 30.

- A Nomination Committee was formed to seek candidates for the Society elections this May.

- An Easter pot luck at the Fourth Avenue Senior Center was proposed to also be the next regular meeting of the HWS on Thursday, April, 13.

- The 90-foot power poles may still be coming to Michigan Avenue. Craig Copeland and Frank Petruziello reported while attending a Mayor's luncheon for community leaders, March 1, that James Joyce, Director of Public Utilities, stated that the high tension lines, still not yet sited, could most definitely come up Michigan Avenue, to which Frank responded, "Over

my dead body." Director Joyce responded that did not matter, but the Division would get back to the community to advise us of their plans before starting. There is hope that the lines will run north on the railroad tracks by the Fairgrounds, but Joyce, at that moment was not familiar with any specific negotiations for the right of way.

- Meeting adjourned — 8:10 p.m. □

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Harrison West Society Membership Application

Please complete this application and mail it, along with your appropriate contribution, to Kevin Rouch, Secretary, Harrison West Society, 1259 Michigan Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43201. Membership dues are paid annually at the beginning of each year. 1995 dues must be paid on or before Thursday, May 11, 1995 to be eligible to participate in this year's Society elections.

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Your comments are invited:

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Increased Police Presence in Permit C Parking Area

You may have noticed that more cars are being ticketed and towed in the Permit C area. These recent actions are the result of the efforts of some area residents. On February 27, 1995, a group of residents met with Safety Director Rice, Deputy Chief of Police Rockwell, Police Commander Gammill, Councilman Habash, Mr. Hickman of the Public Service Department, and Mr. Mayeres of Traffic and Engineering.

The residents of Harrison West expressed their concern over parking issues in the neighborhood, traffic back-ups, increases in littering, indecent exposure, and exiting bars with alcoholic beverages, and general unruliness around B. Hampton's and Zeno's. The group explained these problems were chronic and were making life unbearable for the residents of Harrison West who live near these establishments. Many anecdotal stories were conveyed about bar patrons' behavior that have been witnessed by residents. Director Rice, Deputy Chief Rockwell, and Commander Gammill were very sympathetic to the plight of Harrison West residents.

Also brought to the table was the relative ineffectiveness of the Parking Violations Bureau (PVB). The PVB only operates from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and their main concerns are the parking meters downtown. The HW

residents expressed their frustration with the lack of concern on the city's part in giving adequate patrol to all permit parking areas. The residents argued that their permit area does not go into effect until 5 p.m., when the PVB has already ended their patrolling, and when the responsibility of the permit areas become that of the Police Department. On many occasions when the police have been called to respond, permit holders have been told that parking issues were very low priority and that the police did not respond to such calls. The times that a patrol was dispatched to the area for parking complaints, the officer would only ticket the cars claiming there was no time to wait for a tow truck. Therefore, permit holders were still left without a parking place.

The HW residents asked that special-duty police officer be placed in the area to confront the problems faced by residents. However, the residents did not feel they should pay for the \$22.50-an-hour officer. They felt that burden should be the responsibility of the city. It was argued that the city brings in \$98,000 a year from selling permit parking to residents. Every ticket that officers write and the additional fees for towing only increase the amount given to the city's General Fund. The residents felt that it was the duty

of the city to enforce the permit parking since it was a service *sold* to residents which was not being delivered.

It was agreed that an additional patrol would be placed in the area to deal with these issues. The consensus expressed was that ticketing illegally parked cars in the Permit C area was not enough. Commander Gammill assured the group that towing would become a part of the patrol's response efforts.

It was also agreed that a follow-up meeting should be arranged to discuss the effectiveness of the patrol and any long term improvements within the Parking Violations Bureau (PVB). Director Rice thought that a collaboration between the PVB and the police was something to pursue.

There are still many traffic problems, namely parking, that are faced by area residents. Your input and help is needed. Some have responded that police enforcement has been heavy handed. If you have ideas or solutions that could help, come talk to the HW Traffic and Parking Committee, at the next HW meeting. With input from Harrison West residents, namely those within the Permit C area, efforts will continue to have cars without permits towed from the permit areas. *TRACIE CONWAY, CHAIR, HWST&P*



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Olentangy Trotting Park — Harrison West Circa 1864

By Sam Roshon and Craig Copeland

Long before this neighborhood was called Harrison West, which happened twenty years ago when Victorian Village was defined by the eastern side of Harrison Avenue, hence the moniker Harrison West, the area had been known as the Olentangy Trotting Park when it was nothing more than a particularly flat piece of land. The race course, a one-mile track, was located north of First Avenue, west of Neil Avenue, east of Perry Avenue, and a training area was south of Fourth Avenue. The site was not far from the wooden board toll road to Worthington, that included at one time a toll both at the intersection of what later would become Fifth Avenue at High Street. Goodale Park, was only recently incorporated into the city limits, and at the time required a fence to keep livestock from feeding on the shrubbery. Columbus had about 25,000 citizens in 1864.

On the track's opening day, General Sherman and the Union Army were on the road to Atlanta and engaged against Confederate soldiers in Alabama. The War Department, Cavalry Bureau, Washington, D. C., placed advertisements daily in the local papers for horses, payable in "Certificates of Indebtedness." Along with frequent draft notices in the papers, a haberdashery at 75 South High Street offered the best in battle dress fashioned by a "first class cutter" from New York proclaiming, "Military uniforms constantly on hand and made

to order in the Best Style and at the Shortest Notice." These circumstances may have diminished the depth of the field at the Park.

In the spring of 1864 the Olentangy Park Association leased 70 acres from hotel and stagecoach magnate William Neil. This parcel was a portion of 133 acres that were obtained by Neil from Abner Frazier in 1844. Expectations for the track were high; "it would be the most excellent resort for a pleasant ride this country affords," the *Ohio State Journal* opined. The Association included some of Columbus' elite horsemen and power brokers of the day, including Angus Olmstead as its President, who was the son of former Columbus mayor, Philo Olmstead. The first race was held June 11, 1864, and later in September a big meet was held that appeared to be the highlight of the season. Accounts of the races, a racing irregularity along with better dissent and a description of the spectators from that first year are covered in excerpts from the *Ohio State Journal* that follow.

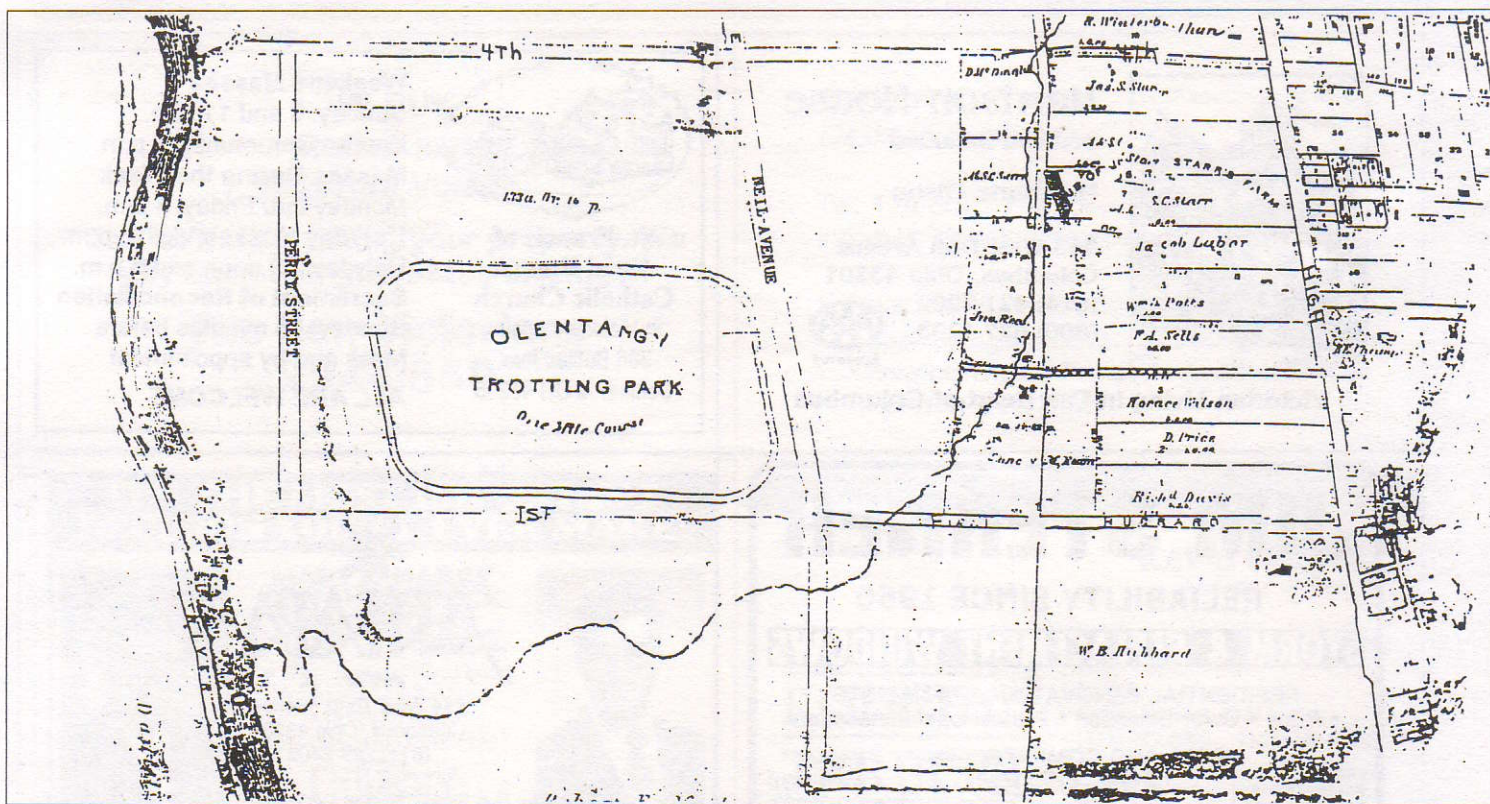
The track was short lived and the final horse race was held July 1, 1868. The site hosted at least one baseball game on August 4th, between railroad clubs from Cincinnati and Columbus before being entirely closed. The lumber of the picket fence, the south stable, judge's stand and the west grandstand were auctioned off December 12, 1868. One of the principals, Richard Nevin, publisher of the *Ohio Statesman*, went

on to start the Columbus Driving Park Association, which held its first race on June 30, 1873 and for which the neighborhood on the east side of Columbus is still known.

A portion of the Olentangy Trotting Park land was annexed to Columbus, December 5, 1870 and the extension of Goodale Street to Olentangy Street was approved September 4, 1871. The street grade near the intersection of Baird, Delaware Harrison and Michigan Avenues was established May 20, 1872.

William Dennison and Robert Neil transferred ownership of an additional parcel to Gilbert Collins, Joseph Guitner and George J. Atkinson, whose subdivision was accepted by Columbus on October 28, 1872. The Henry M. Neil subdivision, which includes the usual present day meeting place of the Harrison West Society at the First Brethren Church, located at 473 West Third Avenue, was accepted by Columbus on December 10, 1888. The Oregon Place Addition was accepted by Columbus on May 27, 1889, and the Washington Place Addition was accepted on June 6, 1889. Dennison Park Addition No. 2, representing the area north of Fourth Avenue was platted in 1889. Thirty eight houses had been built in the Olentangy Trotting Park Area by 1876.

Thanks to Sam Roshon, Columbus Metropolitan Library; Dean Hoffman, United States Trotting Association; and Terry Sherburn, Victorian Village Commission; for their assistance.



Olentangy Trotting Park, one-mile course. From 1865 map of Columbus, when Harrison West was a flat piece of Robert E. Neil's pasture.

DAILY OHIO STATE JOURNAL

City Matters.

SATURDAY MORNING, JUNE 11, 1864

SPORTING.—We learn that there will be a trotting match this afternoon at the race course north of the city near the Plank Road leading to Worthington, between two blooded nags owned by two of our most prominent and wealthy citizens. It is not intended for a gambling operation, merely to test the nerve of southern with northern horses.

MONDAY MORNING, JUNE 13, 1864

SPORTING.—We noticed in the *Journal* of Saturday morning, that a trotting match would come off at the track owned by a company of gentleman in this city, a short distance North of Goodale Park, on that evening, between a Northern horse, and one which was bought some time ago from the South. The gentlemen owning these horses are desirous of improving the breed of this animal, and for that purpose has leased 70 acres of land north of Goodale Park, which consist of a large field, perfectly level, and a track a mile in circumference has been constructed, and is in most admirable order. Stables are constructed on the most approved plan, by Colonel Olmstead, and others are being constructed by Mr. William McDonald. Both of these gentlemen have some of the best blooded stock in the United States. Arrangements are being made to fence the track, and when this is accomplished, it will be the most excellent resort for a pleasant ride this country affords; but we are wandering from our subject.

A trotting match came off on last Saturday afternoon, between "Joe Goodwin" and "Wagner," which was very exciting. Quite a large congregation from the city of Columbus were present, among them a number of the families of our most respectable and wealthy citizens. The horses were not in the best condition, having been only five days from grass, yet they done admirably, and afford a good deal of amusement to those present. Everything was conducted in a peaceful and quiet manner, and nothing occurred to mar the enjoyment of the occasion. Messrs. Olmstead, Condit and Sloat were appointed Judges, and the following is a summary of the results:

E.G. Stahl enters b.s. Joe Godwin 1. 1.
J.P. Gilbert " s.g. Wagner 2. 2.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 14, 1864

RACES AT OLANTANGY PARK.—The races at Olantangy will commence to-day. There will be two races, the first for a purse of \$500, and the second for \$375. The following is the order of the to-day:

FIRST RACE AT 2 O'CLOCK P.M.

A. W. Dolson, names br. H. "Woodford Scythiau," by Imp. Scythian, dam, Salley Shannon, 6 years old. Colors-Blue, Blue, White.

W. F. Stalkes names ch. H. "West Roxbury," by Imp. Balrowny, dam, Columbia, by Imp. Glencoe, 5 years old. Colors Blue, Blue.

D. J. Crouse names ch. F. "Kinnikinnick," by Ringold, dam, by Bingham, 4 years old. Colors-Green.

J. O. B. Crouse names B.F. "Bella" by "Rurick," dam, Bertha, 4 years old. Colors-Red, Red, White.

SECOND RACE—3-YEARS OLD—PURSE \$375.00.

W. McDonald names s. f. "Annie McDonald," by Commodore. Colors-red, white and blue.

J. O. B. Rennick names b. c. "Ivanhoe," by Lexington

dam, Ducatoon by Wagner. Colors-white and blue.

Adam Miller names ch. f. "Queen of Clubs," by Bonnie Scotland, dam Mary Scott by Duroc. Colors-blue and white.

D. J. Crouse names b. h. "Sangamon," by Bonnie Scotland, dam Lady Lancaster. Colors-Green

THURSDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 15, 1864

THE TURF.

Olentangy Park Association—Second Day's Races.

FIRST RACE AT 2 O'CLOCK P. M.—PURSE \$375, MILE HEATS, 8 IN 5.

E. D. Leonard names b. f. "Caroline Richings," by Imp. Sovereign, dam Boston, 3 years old. Colors-Blue and red. W. F. Stalkes names c. h. H. "West Roxbury," by Imp. Balrowny, dam, Columbia, by Imp. Glencoe, 5 years old. Colors-Fancy.

Dill Weigand names B. F. "Mystery," by Rurick, dam Miss Trustee, 4 years old. Colors-Fancy.

D. W. Crouse names b. s. "Sherman," by Star Davis, dam by Yorkshire, 8 years old. Colors-Green.

J. O. B. Rennick enters B. F. "Belle" by Rurick," dam, Bertha, 4 years old. Colors-Red, red and white.

SECOND RACE—2-YEAR OLDS—SINGLE DASH OF ONE MILE

Wm. McDonald names s. f. "Wee One," by Commodore. Colors-Red, blue and drab.

Adam Miller s. f. "Muscovy Duck," by Major Anderson, dam by Duroc. Colors-Fancy.

FRIDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 16, 1864

THE TURF

Olentangy Park Association—Second Day's Races.

MILE HEATS THREE IN FIVE, PURSE \$450.

Yesterday was a clear and beautiful day, and a large crowd of ladies and gentleman fond of watching the sport of the turf, were in attendance at the Park. The track was in excellent order and the horses on hand in fine condition. On the first heat D. W. Crouse's h. s. was injured in one of the hind legs, and was drawn. The first and second heats came off finely, W. F. Stalkes's c. h. A. "West Roxbury," winning both heats. In the third heat Roxbury came out ahead and was declared the winner, but on weighing the riders it was found that Roxbury's rider was short five pounds, whereupon according to the rules of the Association he was declared distanced, and the heat was given to Dill Weigand's b. f. "Mystery." Considerable dissatisfaction existed, some claiming that the weight was lost, while others affirmed that the fraud had been practiced. The judge deferred given a decision until after an investigating. We have not been able to ascertain the result.

The second race of two year olds, did not come off, on account of William McDonald's s. f. "Wee One," being lame.

SUMMARY.

First Heat

F. W. Stalkes, c.h. H. West Roxbury 1
E. D. Leonard, b.f. Caroline Richings 2
Dill Weigand, b. f. Mystery 3
J. O. B. Rennick, b. f. Bella 4
D. W. Crouse, b. s. Sherman 5

Time, 1m. 50s.

Second Heat

West Roxbury 1
Bella 2
Mystery 3
Caroline Richings dis.
Sherman dr.

Time, 1 m. 52 1/2 s.

Third Heat

Mystery 1
Bella 2

Roxbury dis.

Time, 1 m. 51s.

Fourth Heat

Mystery 1
Bella 2

Time, 1m. 51s.

Fifth Heat

Mystery 1
Bella 2

Time, 1m. 57 3/4s.

SATURDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 17, 1864

THE TURF.

Olentangy Park Association-Third and Last Day.

MILE HEATS TWO IN THREE-PURSE \$150.

Yesterday being the last day of the race, there was a very large attendance at the Park, much larger than on any of the previous days. Mr. A. D. Atwood's Band from Zanesville, was on hand and discours some of their sweetest strains of music; and by the way, this is an excellent corps of musicians. The horses were in fine condition, and it was one of the most exciting days of the season.

We must not omit here, to correct an error in our report yesterday, in the announcement of the results of the third heat. Roxbury was not declared the winner as stated, as it is the rule not to announce the result of the heat until after the weighing of the riders; and if they fall two pounds short of the weight prescribed by the rules, the horse is distanced, although he may come in a-head. In order to protect the bettors, it is the duty of the judges to declare all the by bets drawn. Further, it is their duty after full investigation, if they find fraud has been practiced, to expel the owner of the horse from the course and never allow him to run or even train on the track. The Association will fully investigate the case alluded to at their next meeting and the result will be published.

The energetic and straightforward manner in which the judges have acted in this case, gives universal satisfaction, and is a guarantee to honest men that they will be fairly dealt with by this Association.

SUMMARY.

First Heat

A. W. Dolson, br. s. Woodford Scythian 1
Adam Miller, s. f. Queen of Clubs 2
D. J. Crouse, ch. f. Kinnikinnick 3

Time, 1m. 52 1/2s.

Second Heat

Scythian 1
Kinnikinnick 2
Queen of Clubs 3

Time, 1m. 50 1/2s.

Second Race-Single Dash One Mile

J. L. Cooper, b. s. Ivanhoe 1
T. Coverdale, br. c. Rob Roy 2
A. Miller, br. ll. J. O 3
F. Dunlevy, s. f. Butterfly dis.

Time, 1m. 53 3/4s.

MONDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 19, 1864

THE TROTTING RACE SATURDAY.—The trotting race between "Brown Dick" and "Belle Johnson" came off at the Park on last Saturday, mile heats, two best in three. Belle Johnson won both heats and race time 3m. 14s., and 3m. 8s. Brown Dick was not in condition to trot, breaking up frequently in spite of the driver. When Dick came to his work he trotted admirably, and with careful handling, we think he would be hard to beat.

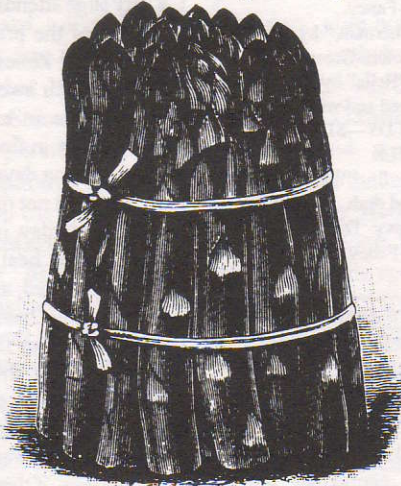
In the Harrison West Kitchen and Garden - Asparagus

By Marsha Cox, *Préparateure Emeritus*
La Belle Pomme School of Cooking at Lazarus

A true harbinger of Spring — asparagus. Most of us slaver over the pencil thin asparagus steamed with butter and lemon juice. There are of course more complicated accompaniments — hollandaise or vinaigrette. Even the thicker variety can be peeled with a vegetable peeler, steamed, and eaten with the same delight.

Most cooks agree that snapping the ends at a natural break-point is better than cutting off the woody ends.

Other than steaming, bring a large pot of salted water to a boil, drop in the asparagus spears or bundles, return to a boil, and cook uncovered to desired doneness. The thickness and not the time will be your guide to when the asparagus is done. Plunge into ice water to retain its gorgeous green color and to stop cooking.



Believe it or not, asparagus is a legitimate finger food — yes, it is proper to eat those heavenly spears with your fingers.

A Classic Hollandaise Sauce

3 egg yolks
 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice,
 plus additional later
 pinch of salt
 2 sticks (½ pound) sweet butter, melted
 white pepper to taste

1. In the top of a double boiler, whisk egg yolks, lemon juice and a pinch of salt. Whisk until thick and creamy.

2. Set pan over simmering water and continue whisking until whisk leaves tracks in the bottom of the pan.

3. Remove pan from heat and begin to dribble in melted butter, whisking constantly, until all of the butter is incorporated (except the milky residue).

4. Add white pepper to taste and a spoonful or two of additional lemon juice, if you like. Makes about 1½ cups.

Note: It's not too late to plant asparagus. Miller Nurseries (Canandaigua, NY, 1-800-836-9630) has several varieties, including a patented plant they claim out produces other varieties as much as 248% to 500%.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT CRAIG COPELAND

Historic District Dies, Neighborhoods Fracture

Progress toward becoming a recognized Columbus Registry historic district died at last month's Historic Resources Commission hearing. The proposed Near North Side Historic District, which encompassed the areas already described in the National Register of Historic Places Inventory, Harrison West, Dennison Place, and NECKO was deemed to be unworkable in its scope as the meeting was adjourned. While the number of respondents wanting such a placement was ahead of those in opposition, the narrow self-interests of several seemingly diverse, but well organized factions caused the His-

toric Resources Commission to reconsider portions of the proposal. While the boundaries of each neighborhood are largely a contrivance of the mid-70s and do not reflect the growth of the area at the turn of the century, they do reflect the patterns of redevelopment in the last two decades. Looking back, in 1889, Dennison Park extends south of Fifth Avenue to Fourth Avenue on the plat maps.

At the hearing a strange coalition of interests emerged. The politically empowered, including the University, which appeared to be concerned about issues of

eminent domain, the developers who feared interference with their purpose, and a few owners of quarter million dollar plus homes, who feared association with the less affluent parts of the neighborhoods and a diminution of their property values, coalesced with others, who were equally afraid their property values would rise, resulting in increased insurance and tax valuations.

In light of this multi-lateral alliance, pitting one block against another, the Commission dropped the nomination, and a few non-resident developers and property owners have come out the winners. □

CROSSTOWN TRAFFIC TRYING TO GET THROUGH TO . . .

Traffic Subcommittees Forming with Help from You

The Victorian Village Traffic and Parking Committee continues to work with City of Columbus representatives to develop short- and long-term plans to alleviate heavy through-traffic in our neighborhoods. Tom Merritt, Director of Public Services, has meet with committee members and indicated his interest to help protect residential areas from the damaging effects of the impending increase in heavy through-traffic. More than a few concerned citizens of Harrison West

joined with residents of Victorian Village to attend the April 6 meeting at the Fourth Avenue Christian Church to hear Merritt.

Our dialog with representatives of the Traffic Engineering & Parking, Engineering & Construction and Planning Divisions continues. They have indicated that in approximately three months, the C-2 portion of the Spring-Sandusky interchange (SSI) project will close Olentangy River Road to all local traffic.

To lend your talents to the Victorian Village Traffic and Parking Committee, please contact Peter Anderson at 294-5647. Subcommittees that are forming include; Arena Watch, Speed Limits, Truck Routes, Reclassification of Arterial Streets, Publicity, and Permit Parking. No doubt someone in Harrison West has expertise in one of these areas. The next meeting of the Committee is Wednesday, April 19, 7:30 p.m., at Hunter House, 1013 Hunter Avenue. □

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First Brethren Church Has Full Schedule for Holy Week

The First Brethren Church, 473 West 3rd Avenue, has a full schedule of events planned to celebrate Holy Week. On Palm Sunday, April 9, there will be a special baptism service. Steve Campbell, from the Better-Way Ministry and owner of the Amen Corner Christian Book Store, will sing and bring a message on "What the Angel Saw." On Easter Sunday, the Singing Thomas Family, of Maysville, Oklahoma, performs in concert at 7 p.m. The complete holy week schedule follows this article.

The Singing Thomas Family has been in full-time ministry for 22 years. After growing up in a parsonage, Rod and the family have pastored in three churches in three states over an 18-year period, during which their music and evangelistic ministry developed. Sensing the Lord's direction, they took a step of faith, moved to Oklahoma and now are now entering their fourth year on the road in the Southern Gospel Music Field and Evangelism.

Rod, of Cumberland, Maryland, is an ordained minister, sings tenor and plays the keyboards; his wife, Barb, of Green Springs, West Virginia, sings lead; their daughter, Tiffany, born in Ft. Wayne, Indiana, sings

alto and plays drums; and their son, Tim, born in Toccoa, Georgia, sings bass and plays bass guitar.

The First Brethren Church invites the community to all or part of the Holy Week special services. Contact Pastor Morris, 861-3003, for more information. ■



The Singing Thomas Family

First Brethren Church Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School; 10:40 a.m. Baptism Service; Guest speaker, singer Steve Campbell

Monday: 7 p.m. Bible Study

Tuesday: 6:30 p.m. Little Women

Wednesday: 7 p.m. Renewal Services with the Singing Thomas Family

Thursday: 7 p.m. Communion Service (threefold) All believers welcome

Good Friday: 7 p.m. Service with Singing Thomas Family

Saturday: 7 p.m. Service of Prayer and Fasting

Easter Sunday: 7:30 a.m. Breakfast; 9 a.m. Easter Special; 9:30 a.m. Sunday School; 10:40 a.m. Easter Service with the Singing Thomas Family; 7 p.m. Singing Thomas Family in Concert

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