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Speed Chases High

High speed chases by Terrace Park policemen in the past month resulted in both the cars being pursued being wrecked and the drivers being arrested.

Police Chief Ron Pottorf reported to village council subsequently that his men since had studied a state training film on pursuit driving, and that he was stressing "other methods" of handling such incidents, including road blocks by the police of adjoining communities.

The first incident, on September 18 also resulted in the hitting and cracking of a telephone pole at 753 Wooster Pike, the breaking of a fence post and tearing up the lawn at 749 Wooster, and a long, early-morning search through the whole neighborhood by officers from nine departments.

Patrolman Jerry Hayhew police radioed they were been stolen in Norwood. pursuing a car which had been weaving through that community. He said by the time he reached Wooster and Elm a blue Buick came racing towards him, forcing him to beyond.

yards and the search began, without a license. Officers from Milford, New-

town, Fairfax, Indian Hill, Mariemont, the Ohio State Patrol and Hamilton County and Hamilton County Park Rangers searched fruitlessly for nearly two hours.

Back on patrol later, Hayhew saw a bedraggled man later identified as Mark Sears of Batavia standing by the telephone booth outside the Stop 'n Go store. The man gave an incoherent story about having been fishing, smelled of alcohol, and became abusive under questioning, and so was cited and released on charges of disorderly conduct and intoxication.

A little later, Officer Mark Wright of Terrace Park saw Sears with another man at Wooster and Elm. Questioning developed that the newcomer was Sears' brother. Their stories of what had occurred did not jibe, and further questioning brought out that reported he was on patrol on Mark Sears had been the Wooster Pike when Mariemont driver of the Buick, which had

The second chase occurred early in the morning of September 26 when Officer Terry Sparks saw a car weaving westward down Wooster Pike. When he atswerve out of the way. As he tempted to stop the car, the turned and began his pursuit, driver took off at high speed the car's engine seemingly through Mariemont and Fairfax. blew up and the car skidded overturning the car at the out of control into the tele- Eastern Avenue exit on Columphone pole and into the yards bia Parkway. Both the driver, identified as Jerry Holloway of But when he reached the Eastern Avenue, and his passcene the car was empty. A senger were treated at Univerpassing motorist, however, sity Hospital and Hollowav told of seeing two men then cited for failing to stop, running through adjacent back reckless operation, and driving

Mayor Casteel For

"Terrace Park is a unique village, and we want to preserve its sense of community for future generations," believes Randy Casteel, candidate for Mayor. His candidacy is based upon his belief that strong measures must be taken to insure that this community will continue to enjoy its current values.

Casteel plans to achieve this vision through the following goals. His first priority is to solicit more input from Terrace Park residents. By making certain that residents are informed of issues to be discussed, he hopes to encourage better attendance at council meetings. In this way, council members can make decisions more in line with residents' wishes.

His second goal is to improve the efficiency of the village by using skills he has learned through his experience in operating a small business. Methods Casteel suggests include investigating co-operative buying practices and strengthening the competitive minimum-bidding system.

Finally, he plans to make



Randy Casteel

sure that the liability of the village is reduced through careful overseeing of village properties. While some residents believe that the tree maintenance project and improvements to community buildings represent unnecessary expenditures, Casteel feels that these measures will prove less costly in the long run.

Randy Casteel feels that he can provide the leadership that is necessary to preserve those desirable attributes which make Terrace Park unique.

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Dropping of Tree Levy Gives Villagers Tax Cut

ber meeting gave village to drop the current 1.6 mill

Village council at its Octo- residents a tax cut by voting

tree levv.

Levy Renewal Urged

Urging villagers to give 100% support for renewal of a village operating levy in the November voting, Councilman Bob Payne, chairman of the finance committee, issued this statement:

"It is very easy to take our finances for granted. Each of the last three major financial surprises in the 10 years I've been involved in village finance has been offset by unusual estate tax receipts or some other fortuitous financial event.

We are now terminating the 1.6 mill tree levy a year early. In September we passed up the opportunity to tack on \$5 to the license plate fees. We have been able to persist in watching the pennies which in turn has enabled us to gradually catch up on street resurfacing. In short, we might give the appearance of being perhaps too comfortable. On the contrary, we are right where we think we should be - keeping expenditures focused on essential services and carefully balanced with revenues.

The 3.11 mill levy is much needed to maintain this balance until the end of 1988. At that time we'll be back on the ballot with several larger renewal levies and, if necessary, a small increase.

It is, I know, 'politically unwise' to be talking about an increase a year or two away, but I bring this up now to underscore the candor with which we try to handle our village finances.

Please be sure to vote for the 3.11 mill levy on November 3."

Village To Lose **School Board Seat**

By Ricki Schmidt

for 16 years, Ray Bucy is moving to the Kenwood area and so is not seeking reelection to the Mariemont City School District Board. A

After living in Terrace Park school board member for eight years, Bucy has served as both its president and vice president.

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The action, on the motion of Councilman Bob Payne, came in adoption of a resolution advising the county auditor that "the five-year 1.6 mill Special Tree Program Levy is not to be collected during 1988 and that appropriate adjustments are to be made to the Tree Program Revenue and fund account figures in the 1988 budget of the village."

Benefitting from some estate tax windfalls, the village was able to accomplish in four years what had been planned as a five-year program of restoring street trees throughout the community.

Payne said that despite the tax cut, the village should have "enough money to take care of emergencies," although he stressed the need for renewal of a 3.11 mill tax levy up for a vote in November.

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To Honor Stan

A pink horse-chestnut tree is to be planted in front of the Community House to honor Stan Miller, former village clerk and long-time village historian.

Stan was clerk for 12 years, from 1959 to 1971. He died in 1986.

No date for dedication of the tree has been set, pending preparation of a memorial plaque.

St. Thomas Called Off

Mainly for lack of womanpower, St. Thomas Church will not have its fall bazaar this year. The bazaar, held each November for over 35 years, earned a wide reputation for the quality fo the handwork created by women of the

However, the Women of St. Thomas are inviting everyone interested to help them celebrate the season at their meeting on Friday, December 11, from 9:45 until noon. This will be a very special Silver Christmas Tea, with refreshments and a performance by the St. Thomas Women's

During the tea, the Sewing Group, which has made a major contribution to the bazaar each year, will offer a wide variety of hand-crafted items for sale. A double-bedsize quilt, "The Christmas Rose" — hand guilted in red, white, and green by women of the church - also will be raffled off.

Fall Bazaar Schmidt For Mayor

As Mayor, I believe I can provide the balanced leadership for both the professional and volunteer organizations that make Terrace Park work, while keeping the village financially sound.

In my four years on Council, I have worked to put Terrace Park in sound shape. Our roads and trees are in excellent condition. Our police, fire, and life squad organizaitons

and life squad organizations are soundly equipped and led. Our new government building will serve the community for years to come.

Despite cutbacks in federal and state funding, we are financially sound. We've achieved this without new taxes through disciplined spending and judicious use of revenue windfalls. Upon my recommendation, we used a portion of an earlier windfall to accelerate work on the tree program, achieving efficiencies of scale, and lowering the overall program cost.

My first priority will be to maintain the many safety



Jack Schmidt

aspects that underlie the character of Terrace Park . . . keeping it a safe place to walk, controlling Wooster Pike traffic, and striking the fine balance of providing a place where our youth enjoy growing up while controlling the problems of alcohol. Secondly, I will seek low-cost ways to enhance the appearance of the village.

(Biography on P. 2)

New Public Facility Zoning Proposed

Village council at its October meeting gave first reading to an ordinance proposed by Councilman Rich Gilchrist to provide for Public Facility Districts in the village zoning

The ordinance would exercise village control over any new churches, schools, libraries, assembly halls and recreational facilities which, it says, impose "special uses of land . . . distinct from property used for single family resi-. dences.

Submission of the ordinance followed an unfounded rumor that a church was to be established in a village residence.

But, the ordinance says, "building requirements, parking, traffic signals, set-back requirements and other planning factors for single family residences are significantly different" from those of

Pancake Supper Set For Nov. 14

Terrace Park's volunteer fire department and life squad will hold their annual pancake supper at terrace Park Elementary School on November

This will be the 27th annual supper, a major fund-raising effort for the emergency units.

Tickets will be \$3 for adults, \$1.50 for chil-

Volunteers will make house-to-house calls on Sunday, October 25, for ticket sales.

Upcoming At St. Thomas

On Thursday, November 26, a Thanksgiving Day service including Holy Eucharist and sermon, at 10 a.m.

On Sunday, November 29, at 4:30 p.m., an Advent Lessons and Carols service, to mark the beginning of the season of Advent. All of the St. Thomas choirs, led by Music Director Pat Matchette, will be singing carols of the season. A reception will follow in the church undercroft.

On Sunday, December 6, also at 4:30 p.m., the annual St. Nicholas Day service for children of all ages. An amusing play about the saint who was the forerunner of Santa Claus will be enacted. with songs by the Junior Choir. Children attending are asked to bring a gift for an underprivileged child. All children and their parents are specially invited.

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Gilchrist noted that "additional regulations must be prepared that set forth side, rear and front yard requirements, height restrictions, minimum lot sizes, lighting requirements, parking requirements, and sign regulations."

Leaf Pickup Set To Begin

What is expected to be a heavy leaf-pickup will start about mid-month, according to Village Administrator Ron Pottorf. There will be no brush pickup during the leaf season.

Pottorf said the start of the leaf pickup was delayed because of repairs needed to the truck to be used. Service may be slowed by some extensive tree-planting to be done by the village maintenance crew.

Casteel

Randy Casteel was raised on a farm in Jackson, Missouri. He graduated from the University of Missouri in 1973 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering and came to Cincinnati as an engineer for Procter & Gamble for three years. He then went with a small manufacturing company and later worked with a small industrial engineering firm in the area. Casteel started his own consulting business five years ago. He is a Registered Professional Engineer in Ohio, Kentucky, and Indiana.

Randy and his wife, Becky, have resided in Terrace Park for the past eight years. They have two children, Travis, eight, and Katie, six. In 1985, he was elected to Council where he has served on the Buildings and Grounds Committee, and the Safety Committee. As council member in charge of the Buildings and Grounds Committee, his responsibilities have been to oversee the Community House improvements, the new Village Offices and Police Station, and the tree project. In addition, Casteel is a crew chief for the Terrace Park Emergency Medical Services (Life Squad), and he is involved in the youth baseball program.

Church Honors Chorister For 52 Year Service

In 1935, Evelyn Knox Robinson and her husband, Harry, moved to Terrace Park. That same year she began singing with St. Thomas Senior Choir. This month she was honored by the choir and 11 a.m. congregation for her 50-plus years of service with the choir.

For her long and faithful service she was awarded a plaque by the Rev. Robert D. Gerhard, rector of St. Thomas, and Mrs. Robert H. Matchette, music director. Mrs. Robinson continues to grace the alto section of the choir with her presence and voice.

Another Terrace Park resident, Walter Tuttle, who has recently resigned from the choir was saluted for his long service to the choir.

Schmidt

A native of Chicago, Jack Schmidt, 45, earned a bachelor's degree in journalism and a master's in business administration from the University of Michigan. Going then to the Navy Officer Candidate School. he was commissioned as an ensign in 1966, ending his Navy career as a lieutenant three years later after serving as operations officer aboard USS Leader and as operations officer, Mine Division, in Vietnam waters in 1968-69.

He joined Procter & Gamble in 1969 in marketing, working in brand management in the U.S. paper products division and with Procter & Gamble Ltd. in Great Britain. He is now manager of new products research and analysis.

He and Ricki Barnett were married in Williamsburg, Va., in 1970, and have two children, Carrie Laughlin, 12, and Jennifer Meren, nine. They have lived in Terrace Park since March, 1973.

Elected to village council four years ago, Schmidt was a chairman of the buildings and grounds committee during progress of the village tree restoration program. More recently, as chairman of the safety committee, he guided the separation of the fire department and life squad into two independent units.

A Reminder

Village Administrator Ron Pottorf reminds residents that, by village ordinance, garbage containers should not be put out until after 4 p.m. on the day before pick-up.

Empty containers must be taken in on pick-up day, which is normally on Tuesday.

In New Post

Paul Weston of Terrace Park was named Executive Vice President, Mutual Funds, among recent promotions at Gradison Financial Services. The changes were effective October 1. Weston had been senior vice president of the

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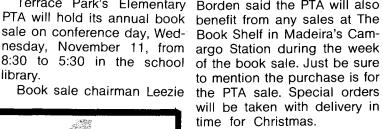
Jennifer and McConkey of Terrace Park were among teen-age volunteers at Camp Stepping Stones honored recently for giving more than 100 hours of service this summer.

Nearly 500 young people assisted in the summer program, giving more than 25,000 hours of service.

Village PTA Plans Annual Book Sale

Terrace Park's Elementary Borden said the PTA will also sale on conference day, Wednesday, November 11, from 8:30 to 5:30 in the school library.

Book sale chairman Leezie



All proceeds go to the school library.

Everybody Counts Week will begin November 2 at the elementary school. The program reminds students that everybody, including the disabled, have the same social needs and feelings.

First graders are introduced to blindness while the second graders become familiar with deafness. Mental retardation is discussed in third grade and motor disabilities are presented in fourth grade. Fifth graders look at learning disabilities and the sixth graders discuss serious ill-

Suzanne Lakamp co-ordinates the week's activities.

Drackett Field **Improvements** To Cost \$3,500

The Terrace Park Recreation Committee will use \$3,500 of this year's record Labor Day proceeds for improvements at Drackett Field. In all, \$2,000 will be spent for 180 tons of gravel to cover the side road, while seed and labor to repair field damage caused by the dry weather will cost \$1,500.

Committee president Tom Ader said that he would like to hear from village residents interested in serving on the committee. Although no vacancies currently exist, people interested in working on fields, softball, baseball, soccer, basketball, Summer Fun, Labor Day or Memorial Day should contact Ader. The only requirement for committee membership is village residency.



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Is Named New Village Engineer

Robert Loreaux, a Hyde Park resident who is a structural engineer with a Cincinnati firm, was named village engineer by council at its October meeting. He succeeds Chris Smith, who resigned. The salary involved is \$3,000 a year.

Councilman Rusty Wilson, who offered the nomination, noted that the immediate appointment is for the balance of the year, with a full term to follow.

A graduate of Purdue University, Loreaux said he has done interstate highway planning and served with the Cincinnati Traffic Engineering and Building departments and the Northern Kentucky Planning Commission, dealing with zoning and building codes.

Players Schedule **Reading For Spring Production**

A reading for the Terrace Park Players spring production will be held Wednesday, November 4 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Building. Linda Seta, producer of the 1988 show, encourages anyone remotely interested to come. Dave Pannkuk will be the director and Kay Todd will be his assistant.

November is Membership Drive Month for the Players and anyone interested in becoming a part of the group is encouraged to attend a business meeting the following evening at 7:30 p.m. or call Pat Lipka at 831-5783.

AFS Readies Plans For Annual Citrus Sale

The American Field Service (AFS) Chapter of Mariemont High School will hold its annual citrus fruit sale during the first two weeks of November. Available will be pink grapefruit, oranges and other fancy fruit assortments to be delivered December 12 and

Call the Armstrongs, (248-1054), 209 Stanton Ave., Terrace Park for any other infor-



Aiding Benefit

Marty and Lynn Mileham (left to right) of Terrace Park are among the organizers of the eighth annual wine-tasting gala to benefit Family Cancer Care, Inc., to be held on Saturday, November 7. This year's event will be hosted by Riverside Terrace Penthouses in Covington. The entire top floor, comprised of five private homes, has been loaned for the occasion. Cancer Family Care is a United Way agency providing professional counseling to cancer victims and their families.

Hyde Park Man On Council-

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Mayor Les Overway noted that council, by its action, was fulfilling a committment made at the time the windfalls made the work speed-up possible, adding that "everybody should feel good" about the outcome.

Discussing the tree program, Councilman Randy Casteel said that an inspection along with Steve Sandfort, village tree consultant, had determined that 12 more trees needed to be removed and seven others given corrective pruning in the continuing maintenance program. He added that Sandfort will make another inspection to check on newly-planted trees which suffered during the drought.

Casteel reported as well that he and Sandfort were "not satisfied" with pruning done in the village by Cincinnati Gas & Electric Co. crews, and that Sandfort was setting up guidelines concerning such work.

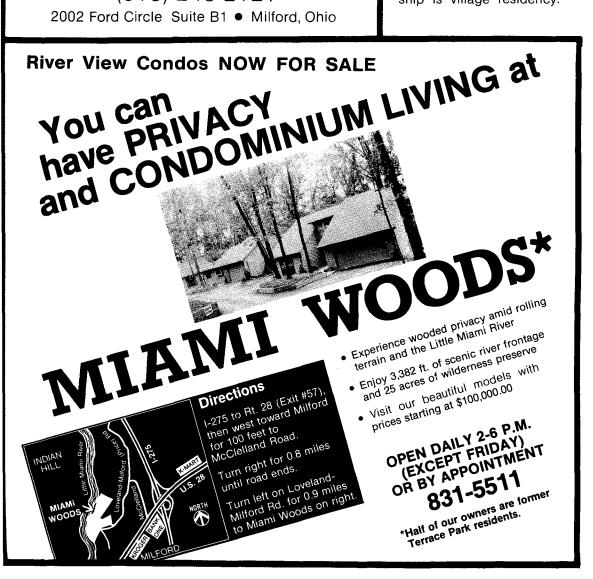
He reported also that tulip poplar trees scheduled for planting or replanting on Myrtle and Park Avenues will be planted in the spring of 1988. Several tulip poplars planted last fall did not survive, and Casteel said that Sandfort and the Davey Tree Co. had agreed that spring planting was advisable to assure success of that species.

Addressing council at the opening of the meeting, Dick Mittendorf urged council to consider development of a master plan for undeveloped areas existing or likely to be annexed, to provide for what he said he preferred to call patio homes rather than condominiums, "not high rises." He said a plan could benefit older residents who would stay in Terrace Park if they could be relieved of the burden of caring for or arranging for care of extensive yards.

But Mayor Overway said any such action would "fly in the face" of a strong community feeling in favor of exclusively single-family homes with ample open space. Councilman Rich Gilchrist, planning and zoning chairman, added that the village Planning & Zoning Commission had considered various annexation proposals, but concluded that "the chances are very slim."

In other actions, council:

- Heard from Village Administrator Ron Pottorf that owners of the Stop 'n Go store deny rumors that they are planning 24-hour operation which, in any event, he said was prohibited by village ordinance.
- Heard from Pottorf and Casteel that the new village building is expected to be ready for occupancy by mid-November.
- Heard from Fire Chief Pierce Matthews that James Ecker, 622 Myrtle, has been recruited as a volunteer fireman, with the comment from Councilman Jack Schmidt, safety commission chairman, that both the fire department and life squad are "looking good," although the life squad still needs more members.



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Schools -

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Mariemont resident Leonard Weakley is seeking election to the board in November. Marie Huenefeld of Mariemont is also running for school board. Since they are unopposed, Terrace Park will be losing a seat on the board. Terrace Park resident Connie Wilson currently serves as board vice president.

At its regular October meeting, the school board approved the three elementary school sites for the National Fitness Campaign "gamefields". Terrace Park's 36 foot square gamefield will be on the north side of the school set back from Marietta Avenue. Made of redwood, the gamefield will have signs directing the proper use of the equipment.

The \$14,670 grant from McDonalds and Wells Fargo which pays for half of the total cost, requires the first installation by November 15.

Thompson announced the district has received more than \$3,500 in federal grant for drug prevention. A committee chaired by Fairfax Elementary principal Jerry Sasson will consider how the grant could be used.

Sasson said the committee is planning an open meeting in November to sound out community feeling. Terrace Park Elementary staff members Dr. Michelle Hummel and Peggy Erwin join Terrace Park residents, Mary Ann Madewell and Mary Maxon at the committee's weekly meetings.

Serving on a committee to review and study the present fifth and sixth grade curriculum are Terrace Park Elementary staff members Diane Griffith, Nancy Handler, Dr. Hummel and Terrace Park residents Linda MacMillan and Sally Gilchrist.

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