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Building, Tree Dedicated



Terrace Park's new police and village office building was dedicated December 5, and named in honor of Bonnie and Ellis Rawnsley. They're pictured here with Randy Casteel (left) and mayor-elect Jack Schmidt, who as chairmen respectively of council's building and grounds and safety committees were largely responsible for the development. (Photo by Allan Kain)



Effie Miller admires the pink horsechestnut tree planted in front of the Community House to honor the late Stan Miller, lont-time village clerk and historian. With her at the dedication December 5 are the Rev. Bob Gerhardt and Police Chief Ron Pottorf. (Photo by

District Teachers Get 5% Salary Increase

Park elementary school for Although his term would periodic moved to set up asbestos inspections in the

The pay increase puts the district's base salary at \$17,692. Plans for the Dale Park building were outlined by Ithamar Weed of the Mari-

elders, a senior citizens group financed in part by a Mariemont tax levy. Weed said the organization contemplates conversion of classrooms to efficiency and one- and twobedroom apartments, while continuing its headquarters

Faced with new EPA regulations, the board moved to get contract estimates for required surveillance and inspections.

Supt. Don Thompson said asbestos is present in the boiler rooms of all district schools and in the new

Mariemont school board at Asbestos in the Terrace Park its December meeting voted building was encapsulated in district teachers a 5% salary 1980, and Thompson said a increase, heard a Marielders recent EPA inspection found proposal to purchase Dale no flaking in any structure. apartment conversion, and have ended December 31, the board accepted the resignation of board member Ray Bucy after eight years of service. The Bucys moved from Terrace Park December 4.

> Terrace Park resident Mike Pope was given, for liability coverage, a one-year, \$1 a year contract to coach a seventh and eighth grade basketball team.

Tree Count Up

Restoration work on Terrace Park's "street forest" has been reflected in more leaves to pick up.

The village maintenance crew reported that, with pickvirtually completed, it handled 140 truckloads of leaves, eight more than last year.

The record pickup some

Village Valuations Up, Tax Rate Goes Down

By Ricki Schmidt

are up nearly \$5,000,000 as not show much of an increase.

Assessed property values the result of a recent reapin Terrace Park - the values praisal, but the real estate upon which taxes are based – taxes villagers will pay may

Retiring Mayor Appeals To Village Volunteer Spirit

Retiring Mayor Les Overway voiced concern over the future of the village Fire Department and Life Squad at his last regular council meeting. His message:

This is an exciting time as in just a few weeks we'll have a new mayor and new council. With these changeovers come new goals and new enthusiasm. The village can only benefit from the changes.

But before I'm promoted back to the position of private citizen. I'd like to take a few minutes to review the major accomplishments of the years I've been involved in village government.

To be clear, these are not my personal accomplishments but rather are the result of efforts by several councils and a couple of mayors, clerks, and treasurers.

Periodically reviewing these accomplishments publicly is important because it helps enhance Terrace Park's image as the best place to live in both Hamilton and Clermont Counties.

The first and most important accomplishment has been keeping Terrace Park a single-family community. Everyone involved with village government has worked hard to make sure that nothing has compromised our zoning laws - and we've certainly been challenged on this issue many times over the past eight year. Importantly, the citizens have twice overwhelmingly supported our single family-only goal at the

This strong community support should serve as encouragement to future councils and zoning boards as they work to this objective.

The second accomplishment has been the substantial upgrading of services to our residents. The caliber of our police officers has been improved and, with better training, motivation and pay, we're able to keep them longer. The result of all this is a substantially-improved police department.

The fire and life squads were recently separated so recruiting and training could be more single-minded and

David Nurre, supervisor for budgets and settlements in the county auditor's office, told Village Views that the total tax rate for 1988 will be 90.52 mills as against the current 93.22. But he added that the effective tax rate - that on which property taxes are actually based - may show a greater reduction.

Total tax rates are affected by a reduction factor which includes such things as rebates and discounts authorized by state law. Application of the reduction factor last year dropped the effective tax rate here to 67.82 mills. Nurre said the reduction factor to be applied to 1988 taxes had not yet been fully computed, but that he expected it to be greater this year than last.

The 2.70 mill reduction in the overall property tax rate comes about through village council's cancellation of the final year of the tree levy, and a Mariemont school board decision not to seek renewal of a capital improvements

Changes will be reflected in tax bills to be sent out late this month, payable in late January. Nurre reported Terrace Park's total assessed valuation at \$26,265,400, of which \$20,359,730 is in buildings and \$5,255,730 in land. The total includes \$650,000 in new construction. Figures before the reappraisal were \$17,437,960 in buildings and \$4,039,210 in land for a total of \$21,477,170.

All-State

Believed to be the first Mariemont High School football player so honored, Michael DeCamp of Terrace Park has been named to the Associated Press all-state Division IV first team. A wide receiver, he caught 43 passes for 945 yards during Mariemont's season. He also was named to Channel 5's area-wide all-star squad.

A senior honor student at Mariemont High, he is the son of Dick and Vera

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Election Outcome

A recount bringing about no change in the results, Jack Schmidt has been certified by the Hamilton County Board of Elections as the new mayor of Terrace Park. He will take office on New Year's Day.

Schmidt defeated Councilman Randy Casteel by nine votes in the November election contest.

Casteel topped Schmidt in Terrace Park Precincts B and C. but trailed in Precinct A. the home precinct of both men. He applied for a hand recount of the votes in that precinct after the official count showed no change in the unofficial results announced November 3.

Police Get Living-Cost Pay Raises

Village council at its December meeting granted members of the police force 3.5% cost-of-living increases in pay, but delayed until January approval of a 2.5% increase and an improved vacation schedule for maintenance employees.

The adopted resolution put the salary of Police Chief Ron Pottorf at \$38,300, with reappointment as street commissioner providing an additional \$1,000. The schedule puts the salary of a police lieutenant at \$26,910, of a full-time patrolman at \$25,000 to \$25,075, and of part-time officers at \$6 an hour.

Charlotte Molitor was reappointed village secretary at \$16,045.

In other business, council accepted the \$3,403 bid of Tri-County Nursery for removal of 15 trees and grinding 13

Milford Is Urged To Block Pollution

Creation of a green belt along the East Fork of the Little Miami River is being urged on Milford by conservation groups concerned over proposed development of an industrial park bordering the stream.

The groups include the Terrace Park Property Owners Committee headed by Ted Swensson, the Cincinnati Nature Center and Little Miami, Inc. Milford is proposing development of some 250 acres between I-275, US 50 and Round Bottom Road.

Swensson said the three organizations are firmly opposed to any connection between the tract and Round Bottom Road. Such a link, he said, would increase noise and air pollution problems in Terrace Park and elsewhere, and be a hazard to school and other buses that regularly travel to the Nature Center.

"There already is too much heavy truck traffic on the

On Honor Roll

Candace Haught McClelland has earned placement on the honor and spirit roll for the eighth grade class at St. Andrew Middle School. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne McClelland, 11 Denison Lane.

road," he added.

Besides the green belt, the groups are urging Milford to ban any heavy or polluting industry in the area, and provide adequate sewerage to prevent contamination of the East Fork or area ground water.

Eleven Make Honor Roll At Country Day

Eleven Terrace Park Middle and Upper School students at Cincinnati Country Day School made honors or high honors for the first quarter.

With high honors were: Grade 8: Sandra Scholl, and Grade 12: Krista and Louise Myslik. Making honors with better than a B— average were: Grade 6: Alex Phillips; Grade 7: Larissa Myslik; Grade 9: Jacob Scholl; Grade 10: Whitney McDonald; Grade 11: Kim Coffman; Grade 12: Patrick McAllister, Dan Weston and Kerry Walsh.

Twelfth grader Dan Weston also received a letter of commendation from the National Merit Scholarship Program.

Mayor's Message

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therefore better. We hope this will help both organizations better address the long-term problem they've.had obtaining volunteers.

Our maintenance people are substantially better equipped. The results of this and the accompanying improvement in their morale are obvious in a much better-maintained village.

The third major accomplishment is an improved physical plant. Road repair is caught up for the first time in my memory. Our two major bridges have been replaced.

The first formal and aggressive tree program has just been completed. And this has been done in less time and at about half the cost projected by our expert.

A new administration building has just been built and the last of a series of repairs and upgrades to the old Community

Building will shortly be completed.

Finally, the equipment used by the police, fire, life squad, and maintenance organizations, as a group, is in the newest and best condition ever.

The fourth and last major accomplishment is the substantial improvements made in administering day-to-day village activities. We've improved, in large measure, because we had the good sense to appoint our first village administrator, Ron Pottorf, and to give him clear overall objectives and priorities, including cost savings, and then provide him the room and the

encouragement to do his job.

But, let's get back to actual administrative improvements. We have done a better job establishing and sticking to our budgets, thanks to Bob Payne's leadership and the commitment of everyone – elected officials and employees alike – to controlling costs.

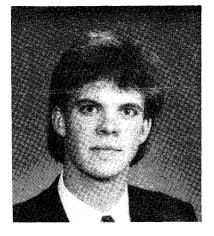
Control of our zoning laws and their execution has been outstanding. This is the case for a couple of reasons. Our two zoning boards have outstanding people and their work has been excellent. And, we hired our first building official and reestablished the position of village engineer.

Our legal advice has also been exceptional because we hired an expert in municipal law who lives outside the community to serve as our solicitor.

Now, we've been able to accomplish all of these major activities because the residents of Terrace Park expect it and because thus far, enough of them willingly volunteer their time and energy to do what's necessary to keep Terrace Park a special place.

But, I do have one concern. That is the Life Squad and Fire Department continue to be faced with the need for more volunteers. This problem needs to be fixed. If it isn't, council may have to either hire people or contract the services from another community. Each alternative is expensive.

But, I expect more volunteers can be found because volunteering is a strong part of the village's heritage. Indeed this volunteering spirit is the reason why I expect that Terrace Park's future can only improve.



Robert Retherford

Outstanding

A recent cum laude graduate of Hanover College, Robert Retherford, 602 Marietta Ave., has been chosen for inclusion in the 1987 edition of the "Outstanding Young Men of America." The publication annually honors, from among 150,000 nominees, men between 21 and 36 for exceptional academic and other achievement.

Now attending UC's graduate school, Retherford was editor-in-chief of his college paper, served in several posts in student government, theatre and choirs, was voted best senior of the local Sigma Chichapter, and was the recipient of grants for studies in Scotland and Pennsylvania.

Chief Declines Mariemont Offer

Richard Pope, Madeira police sergeant, has been appointed police chief of Mariemont, after Terrace Park Chief Ron Pottorf declined the post. Mayor Dick Adams of Mariemont offered the job at a higher salary, but Pottorf said he declined because of "the many things Terrace Park has done for me," including building a new police head-quarters.

Pottorf was a Terrace Park patrolman under Chief Matt Cook. He came here from Mariemont as chief in 1977.

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Newcomer Heads Area's Blood Bank

Dr. Thomas F. Zuck, 8 Denison Lane, was appointed director and professior of transfusion medicine at Hoxworth Blood Center, University of Cincinnati Medical Center, effective October 1.

Prior to his Hoxworth appointment, Dr. Zuck was an Army colonel on detail from the Department of Defense as director of the Division of Blood and Blood Products Office of Biologics Research and Review, Food and Drug Administration. He also was editor-in-chief of the prestigious medical journal, 'Transfusion', for the past six years.

A native of Sandusky, Ohio, and a career Army physician, he is a past-president of the



Dr. Thomas F. Zuck

American Association of Blood Banks. He has also served as chief of pathology at Walter Reed Army Medical Center and commander of Letterman Army Institute of Research in San Francisco.

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Terrace Park Cub Scouts Seek Leader

Pack 97, Terrace Park Cub Scouts, is seeking a new leader with the retirement of Hank Phillips after serving five years as Cubmaster.

The pack, sponsored by St. Thomas Church, currently has 45 boys between the ages of seven and 10, divided into four dens. There is an active pack committee of parents and a pack treasurer. Besides individual den meetings, there have been in the past year monthly pack meetings and special programs such as the Pinewood Derby, Blue and Gold Banquet, camping trips and such fund raisers as the popcorn sale.

Phillips described the functions of the cubmaster as leading pack meetings, planning pack and den programs, and working with the pack committee and den leaders to insure that dens are functioning well. He urged anyone interested to call him at 831-

Aids Marathon

Roger Winters, 617 Myrtle Ave., a product manager for Hilton Davis Co., has been named a corporate solicitor for the 11th annual Cincinnati Heart Mini-marathon to be run March 27, 1988.

He will be seeking corporate sponsors for the 15 kilometer (9.3 mile) race, which annually attracts some 5,000 runners.

His Design Wins

A design submitted by Robert Watson of Terrace Park was chosen for the cover of the fall issue of the Seven Hills Review, published by the Public Library. The magazine was distributed in late November. He is the son of Carol and Jim Cobb, 111 Michigan

State Eyes Bikeway **Development Here**

ural Resources is planning development of three new stretches of the Little Miami Bikeway in the next six years including the 2.6 miles between Kroger Hills and Milford through Terrace Park.

Other planned extensions will give Ohio what may be the world's longest, narrowest park - 72 miles long and 66 feet

But Steve Brown of ODNR told Village Views from Columbus that the department did not propose to "cram down the throat" of any community a development which it opposed. He voiced hope, though, that experience with alreadydeveloped sections of the Bikeway had brought about a change in public attitude since Terrace Park voiced initial opposition five years ago.

Milford's council approved department's plans earlier this year, and the link from the Milford bridge to Loveland is expected to be completed next year.

While the Terrace Park section is still "on hold" insofar as construction is concerned. Brown said the department still looks upon it as a key link. The Kroger Hills area. Brown noted, is much nearer to the center of population the bikeway is intended to serve, and would provide parking facilities not possible at Milford or Loveland.

Brown disclosed, also, plans

Starring In Play

Debbie Carle and Charlene McClurg of Terrace Park are starring in Women's Theater of Cincinnati holiday productions of "The Dolls Nobody Wanted". Presented at Gabriels Corner and at local hospitals for children, the play reminds children that everybody has problems but people still can

Ohio's Department of Nat- for extension of the bikeway to Springfield. Earlier plans had been to make Waynesville the northern terminus. That would make the bikeway 72 miles long instead of the originallyproposed 45.

The three sections proposed for development within the next six years total 22.3 miles. Besides the Kroger Hills-Milford section, they are Morrow to Oregonia, 8.8 miles, and Corwin to Xenia, 10.9

The trail uses the roadbed of the former Pennsylvania Railroad. It earlier was the right-of-way of the Little Miami Railroad, started in 1840.

Volunteers Get Thanks For Help

Terrace Park's Fire Department and Life Squad wish to thank the following persons who volunteered to sell tickets for the 28th annual pancake supper, held Nov. 14.:

Christy Albrecht, Ogle Annett, Arklepane, Armstrong, Robin Armstrong, Theresa Bain, Leezie and Peter Borden, Judy Bowers, Leslie Brown, Trish Bryan, Norma Campo, Vera DeCamp, Judy Deeters, Mickey Forbes, Cathy Gleeson, Gloria Hader, Georgie and Rick Howe, Judy Kain, Joanne Kennedy, Diane Klekamp, Sandy Koehler, Penny Kubley, Nancy and Jon Lippincott, Debbie Long, Barb Mason, Marcy McClelland, Charlene McClurg, Lane Merten, Marty Mileham, Kathy Mitchell, Marcia Moyer, Cyndie Park, Susan Payne, Peggy Pettit, Sue Porter, Robin Postler, Ann Rinaldi, Laurel Ross, Ricki Schmidt, Kathy Schneider, Frances Stafford, Linda Stefani, Edna Stites, Nancy Ward, Lew Washburn, Steve and Alice Wilson, and Donna Vearil.

Pam Ballard and Sandy Ader recruited the volunteers and co-ordinated the door-todoor sales as well as sold tickets.

Sixty-two Named To Honor-Merit Roll

Sixty-two Terrace Park stu- Brian MacMillan, Christopher dents won academic recognition in the first quarter of the Mariemont High School school year, 15 winning places on the honor roll with grade point averages of 4.0 or higher, and 47 placing on the merit roll with averages of 3.2 to 3.9.

On the honor roll were: Grade 8 - Michael Rafter. Grade 9 - David Cooper. Grade 10 - Brent Ballard,

Matt Seik, Maggie Shortridge, Nicki Thompson, Nikki Vearil, Betsy Woods.

Grade 11 - Molly Abernethy, John Armstrong, Naomi Fischer, Michael Krachon, Jennifer McConkey, Megan Oberle, Jeffrey Taylor.

On the merit roll were: Grade 7 - Timothy Annett, Charles Armstrong, Catie Borden, Matthew Chambers, Denis Frei, Melissa Harth, Zachary Hutton, Jennifer Kipp.

Malotke, Stephanie Mileham, Carrie Schmidt.

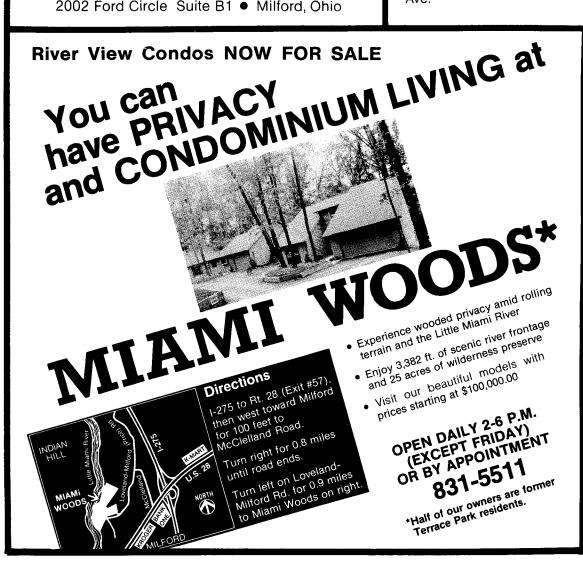
Grade 8 - Stephanie Beck, Jennifer Bowers, Adam Carle, Carrie Davis, Barry Gleeson, Kimberly Hale, Andrea Howard, Jonathon Lakamp, Jonathon Maddux, R.J. Orr. Abby Seik.

Grade 9 - John Baker, Blomer, Patricia Sallv Chambers, Scott Dozois, Jared Niesel.

Grade 10 - Andrew Gilchrist, William Konop, Dan Krachon, Landen. Carrie Holly McClelland.

Grade 11 - Heather Fischer, Lawrence Madewell, Jennifer Mileham, Christy Normile, Cynthia Pope, James Postler, Alexander Stafford.

Grade 12 Deepthi Amaresekera, James Atwater, Michael Decamp, Julie Getz, David Stockwell, Sally Stollmaier, Jay Taylor.



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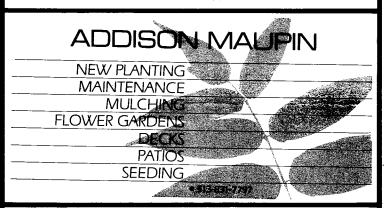


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Bicentennial Quilt To Have Showing Here

The Bicentennial Quilt being prepared in celebration of Cincinnati's 200th birthday will be in the Terrace Park Community Building Jan. 3-15. Terrace Park was the first community to respond to the request of the Ohio Valley Quilter's Guild for quilters and quilting locations.

The quilt was designed and constructed by the guild, whose president is Carol Cobb of Terrace Park, at the request of the Greater Cincinna Bicentennial Commission. To be ready for presentation on July 4, the guilt will hang in the Weston Hotel lobby through 1988, and then travel throughout the United States with the Mountain Mist Quilt Show.

Residents are invited to see the quilt while it is in the village. Any person quilting one half hour or more is invited to sign the registry which will accompany the historic quilt.

Terrace Park quilters Jo Fahnestock, Elizabeth Clancy, Hazel Retherford and Marilyn Weir will quilt on Jan. 5 and Jan. 12. Margaret Jollis, Alice Sturzenberger, Marge Krall and Elizabeth Miller will fill out those quilting times. These are the quilters who create the St. Thomas Quilt each year. Guild member Jean Zumsteg will co-ordinate quilting on the 6th and 13th. Carol Cobb (248-0991) will co-ordinate the remaining days.

For quilting and viewing times, call Carol Cobb, 248-

Deer Killed

Terrace Park's new police cruiser was damaged when a deer ran into it on Wooster Pike while Lt. Bob Bacon was on patrol. A front fender and grillwork of the car were smashed. The deer was killed.

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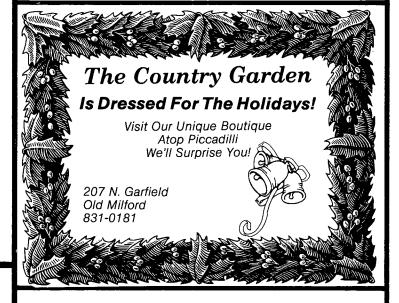
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