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School Evacuated **Barbara Howland Is Chosen** In Asbestos Scare **To Fill Village Council Vacancy**

Terrace Park Elementary School principal Michelle Hummel began sending pupils home at 11:30 a.m. on October 6 after as asbestos spill was discovered in the boiler room.

The evacuation began after the school's maintenance man, Larry Iredale, discovered that asbestos material encasing the boiler had been wetted by a leak and had broken away. Wearing respirators, he and Don Young, district maintenance supervisor, sealed off the boiler room, gymnasium, cafeteria,

ceremony held at the school

Students who maintained a 3.5

grade point average in academic

subjects for the entire 1987-88

school year received school letters

similar to those awarded for sports.

The academic letters are decorated

Sophomores recognized for

Juniors receiving academic let-

their freshman year records -in-

cluded Sally Chambers and David

ters for last year's performance

included: Brent Ballard, Andrew

Gilchrist, Dan Krachon, Matt Seik,

Maggie Shortridge, Nicki Thompson,

Seniors honored for their junior

records were: Molly Abernethy,

John Armstrong, Frances Cooper,

Heather Fischer, Naomi Fischer,

Nikki Vearil and Betsy Woods.

with a lamp of learning.

October 17.

Cooper.

kitchen and music room to prevent spread of asbestos particles.

Air samples were found later to be better than EPA minimum standards. Dr. Hummel said she decided to send the children home because the results of the air sampling would not be known until much later in the day. The fact that the asbestos was wet, she said, undoubtedly minimized the hazard. Asbestos removal and cleanup

was done over the weekend by Construction Alternatives, which estimated the cost at \$6,600.

Barbara Howland, 308 Marietta, has been seated on village council to succeed Bob Payne, who resigned September 11 because of removal from the village. She will fill out the balance of Payne's term, ending December 31, 1991.

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Mrs. Howland was sworn in at a special council meeting on October 2 on the recommendation of a search committee headed by Councilman Rich Gilchrist. The choice gives the village its first woman member of council since Pat Henley completed her term some 10 years ago.

Gilchrist said the committee talked to a large number of people about prospective candidates and interviewed six who came forward - all, he said, eminently qualified.

Mayor Jack Schmidt saw in that number of volunteers what he said he hoped was a resurgence of volunteer spirit in the community. In the recent past, he noted, the village has not only had difficulty keeping the Fire Department and Life Squad staffed, but has narrowly escaped having council elections go by default.

Gilchrist said Mrs. Howland was chosen because of her experience in several fields. Graduated from Concordia College in St. Paul, Minnesota in 1971 with a BA in education, she has taught science in schools in New Jersey and on Long Island; served two years with the Peace Corps as an educational supervisor in the Philippines; trained as a paralegal in Philadelphia; been administrative assistant in the Criminal Justice Program at Ohio University, and served as a paralegal with firms in New York and Columbus before joining Taft, Stettinius & Hollister in Cincinnati. In a prepared statement, Mrs. Howland said:

"My husband's company relocated to Cincinnati in July, 1986. We chose Terrace Park initially for our children's education but have developed, through our friends and associations, a positive and warm affiliation with the community. We have three children: Naomi age nine, Erika age six, and Whitney age three. Naomi and Erika attend Terrace Park Elementary School, orades four and one respectively. "The resignation of Bob Payne gave me an opportunity to serve as a council person. As a member of council I feel I can effectively serve



Barbara Howland

this community and positively impact the direction in which Terrace Park grows and develops. I look forward to working with the mayor, the other councilmen and employees of the village as well as the village residents to preserve and improve the high standards which we all enjoy in this community."

Voters Urged To Renew Levies

Emphasizing that no increase in the village property tax rate is involved, Mayor Jack Schmidt is appealing to village residents to vote for renewal of three tax levies which will be on the ballot in November.

His message:

When property tax rates are published for Hamilton County, Terrace Park is commonly at or near the top of the list. There are two points to keep in mind, however. One, less than half of the property taxes you pay actually go to the Village of Terrace Park. Two, Terrace Park is at the bottom, not the top, of tax rates for surrounding comparable communities when all forms of personal taxation are

In a realignment of council committees. Mrs. Howland was named chairman of that on Rules and Law. and member of the finance and planning and zoning committees. Payne's place as finance chairman was taken by John Wenstrup.

In other actions, council:

· Heard from Bob Kline of the county Park Board that there are no indications of early state action in developing Kroger Hills park or the bike trail leading to it. The county system manages the wildlife preservation area under a 50year lease.

 Named Councilman Rich Gilchrist vice-mayor to succeed Bob Payne, in keeping with the tradition that assigns the post to council's senior member.

• Heard from Rick Koehler suggestions that the village set up an architectural review board and have the county issue village building permits.

· Heard that Police Chief Ron Pottorf had assisted Owensville in choice of a new police chief and that the community is considering adopting Terrace Park's auxiliary police program.

· Heard Pottorf voice thanks to Fire Department leaders Pierce Matthews and Dennis Elliott for assistance in maintaining village equipment.

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Every time Terrace Park spends \$1.00

Madeira spends \$1.52

Mariemont spends \$2.18

Indian Hill spends \$4.33

This isn't just a 1988 phenomenon. For any resident who is interested, a comparative budget sheet showing total, police, and maintenance budgets for Terrace Park and these communities back to 1986 is available at the village office. The same pattern holds for all three years. This comparison is not in any way meant to imply that residents of other communities are not getting value for their tax dollars; it is meant to convey how lean the Village of Terrace Park runs its affairs.

Twenty-five Terrace Park stu-Elizabeth Foard, Michael Krachon, Lawrence Madewell, Jennifer dents were honored for scholastic McConkey, Megan Oberle, Cindy achievement at the first Mariemont High School academic awards Pope, James Postler, Alex Stafford

and Jeff Taylor.

Students Win Awards

Pancake Supper Scheduled For November 5

gency services will hold their annual pancake supper at the elementary school on November 5, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

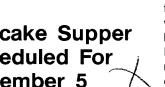
volunteer fire department 29 years ago and has been continued since by the fire department and the life squad.

\$1.50 for children under 10.

Connie Wilson Named As Life Squad Chief

Village council at its October meeting confirmed Mayor Jack Schmidt's appointment of Connie Wilson as chief of the village Life Squad. Sally Gilchrist was confirmed as the squad's assistant chief, and council authorized a third lieutenant in the unit's chain of command.





Terrace Park's volunteer emer-

The supper was started by the

Tickets for the all-you-can-eat affair are \$3.25 for adults and

The action formally completed a change-over in the squad since Shirley Mittendorf resigned as chief to become a full-time paramedic with the Milford emergency squad. Shirley was named as chief when the Fire Department and Life Squad became separate units. Before then, the Life Squad was a division of the Fire Department.

In her first report as chief, Connie noted that as the result of a recruitment drive, seven village residents were enrolled in a just-started training class, and that several others were "semi-commited" to later training.

She reported also that the squad responded to seven calls in September, making 100 to date this year.

Fire Chief Pierce Matthews reported that the Fire Department had answered only 12 calls so far Connie Wilson

this year, indicating, he said, good housekeeping and fire consciousness by village residents.

A report from Dennis Elliott, the department's training officer, said that members had completed 69.5 hours of in-service training in the past 12 months, as against the required state minimum of 36 hours. He disclosed plans for combined fire and life squad drills, and a CPR course for all police and fire personnel.



Hallowe'en will be observed in Terrace Park on Monday, October 31, from 6 to 8 p.m. The fire siren will be sounded to advise children when to return to their homes.

Our Lady of Mercy Hospital will again offer x-ray screening of trick-or-treat candy from 7 to 9 p.m. that night. Suspect material should be taken to the emergency department. However, the screening will detect metal objects only.

counted.

Terrace Park has no personal income tax, no intangibles tax on personal wealth. Surrounding towns have one or both of these taxes. According to real estate agents, the fact that Terrace Park does not have a personal income or intangibles tax is one the things that makes it attractive to people moving into the area, contributing to the stronger growth in residential property values in Terrace Park vs. other areas.

One of the ways to look at the relative total taxation of communities is to look at their total budgets vs. their populations; how much do they spend per resident? While not a perfect comparison, the overall picture is clear. Looking at 1988 budget submissions, and looking at how much communities spend per resident:

At the November election, Terrace Park voters will be asked to vote on three property tax renewals totalling 13.15 mils for five years. To repeat, these are renewals, not increases . . . no new taxation is involved. This will be the sixth year Terrace Park will have gone without asking for a tax increase. And during that time we actually turned back the last year of the five year tree levy when the program was finished ahead of schedule and under budget. We can't live forever at our current level of taxation -we are hurt by inflation just as you are. For at least the next year, however, we can continue to provide excellent services at the current tax level. We ask for your support with "ves" votes on all three levies.

Jack Schmidt Mayor

Birds Make Most of Waning Season

Above me this early autumn day flies a large flock of chimney swifts, darting here and there after insects. Flying just over the river, legs outstretched behind are two great blue herons, easy to see — blue against the brown water, dirty from recent blessed rains.

How do water birds feed when the water is too muddy to see through? I wonder where they go? The usual bird activity lessens when the water is high, swift and dirty.

For several weeks a green heron fishes, and flies about. At first it squawks loudly and disappears into the trees whenever I appear. Eventually it decides I am harmless and goes about its business. Now it is gone — either migrating south or moving to a better fishing hole.

Unfortunately, many fish have been mysteriously killed recently, presumable due to "spills" into the river. For several days, two or three turkey vultures circle ominously above the water. Twice I watch one stand on a rock feeding. Such an ugly creature. But it has its place here too. It hops into the water and stands as if to cool its legs before flying off.

A flock of 24 or so ducks seen lately puzzles us. They could all be female mallards (unlikely), or immature birds, or possible black ducks. After consulting a couple of bird books I am still not certain. By Polly Bassett

Seven lovely wood ducks attract our attention by their loud splashing. They chase one another, flap their wings and literally walk on the water. It appears they are playing — like children at recess.

Our huge oak tree on the bank is producing the largest acorns I have ever seen. They crash down the roof's steep pitch, across gutters, ricocheting along the flatter section and leaping across the outside table, deck seat and beyond. One misses a glass by inches. The noise is so loud it awakens us early in the morning. It is as if some giant is skipping stones. The squirrels seem positively delighted as they chatter and scurry among the trees. We hope the oak is not put-

More Residents Become Patrons of Bicentennial

Ten more residents have become patrons of the village's Labor Day observance of the 200th anniversary of the first pioneer settlement in this area. Their addition brings to 202 the number of those contributing to the expenses of the celebration and construction of a case in the Community House to display the quilt made by villagers at the time of the national bicentennial in 1976.

The added names are those of Dick and Shirley Mittendorf, Pamela Ballard, Jack and Barbara Smith, Ferd and Edie Critchell and Marcy McClelland and Ray and Carolyn Colton. ting out a last crop before the drought takes its final toll.

As I sit on the top of the river bank this autumn day in the sunshine amidst vivid green all around, it is difficult to remember the recent brutal summer. A cool breeze blows and the insects are singing their last loud song.

We moved here just over three years ago. Running out one day we saw four colorful hot air balloons sailing up-river with blue sky behind them. And shortly after moving we were treated to the breath-taking sight of a double rainbow stretching end to end parallel to the river. Outlined along one section by dark storm clouds and on another by sunlit tree tops, it was like an omen of surprises to come.

Inside Track

A just-effected realignment of village council committees puts Rusty Wilson, Randy Casteel and Rich Gilchrist on the safety committee, with Wilson as chairman.

The wives of all three are active Life Squad members, with Connie Wilson as its chief and Sally Gilchrist as assistant chief.

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Five Homes Chosen For Garden Club Tour

Terrace Park Garden Club will hold its traditional Christmas home tour again this year. The event is scheduled for Sunday, December 11, from 2 to 6 p.m.

Homes to be on view are those of:

Dan and Kathy Startsman, 223 Rugby Ave.

Wayne and Marcy McClelland, 11 Denison Lane.

Rick and Renee Mabry, 308 Oxford Ave. Diane DeCamp, 1 Stony

Creek Ln.

Gene and Donna Taylor, 606 Miami Ave.

Faye Corey chairs the committee in charge of the tour, assisted by Marcy McClelland, Diane DeCamp, Betty Buschbacher, Barbara Self, Pat Matthews, Cindy Longano and Jane Harrier. For ticket information call Cindy Longano, 248-1950 or Jane Harrier at 831-9052.

OLDER WOMAN or college student needed to occasionally stay at night with teen-age girl for professional traveling couple. Call 248-0909 or 248-0776.

School Board Likely To Seek New Levy

Superintendent Don Thompson told the Mariemont School Board at its September meeting the district is now operating on reserves which will be exhausted by the end of 1989. He recommended the board go to the voters for an extra The board approved a \$7,243,132 appropriations resolution for next year and passed a resolution supporting the 2.5 mill Great Oaks vocational school levy on the ballot in November.

Thompson reported that the

64 Trees Slated To Be Felled

Village council expects to act at its November meeting on bids for removal of 64 more street trees, victims for the most part of the past summer's drought.

Councilman Randy Casteel, in charge of the tree program, said the bids also will cover the corrective pruning of 11 other trees and the removal of 63 tree stumps.

But because of the drought, planting of new trees has been deferred until spring, Casteel said.

Nevertheless, he told council at its October meeting, the developer of Denison Lane plans to go ahead with planting 40 Autumn Purple ash trees along the new street before its acceptance by the village as a dedicated street. That action also is likely at the November meeting.

levy next spring.

The board took no immediate action, however.

When the last levy, for 6.95 mills was voted in 1985, the board promised it would go for at least three years before seeking additional funds.

To the Editor:

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the Chief of Police, Ron Pottorf, and the Terrace Park village service department. Within 24 hours of my call to the village office secretary, a school crossing sign was replaced along with the addition of several new school signs by the Terrace Park Elementary School. I really appreciate your prompt response.

Buffie Rixey

Marielders have decided their rehabilitation plans for the Dale Park building are not economically feasible at this time.

The board accepted donations of \$5,100 from the Adult Boosters and \$100 from the Terrace Park Ladies Soccer team.

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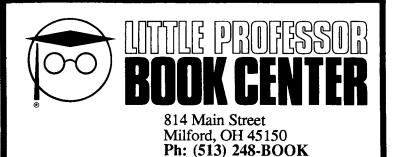
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Old-Time Village Scene Features Church Bazaar Christmas Tree

From the Circus House you can see the train wind through the tunnel and pass Gravelot, the Log Cabin and the Post Office before going behind St. Thomas Church. This pre-World War II village scene nestles under a Victorian Christmas tree that is just one of 15 trees to be auctioned at the St. Thomas Bazaar Preview Night at 8 p.m. Wednesday, November 9, in the church undercroft.

Jeanne and Weller Crandell created the made-to-scale buildings and Marie Gerwin and Helen Campbell decorated the tree and organized the village, complete with trees, lamps and Tillie, the elephant.

Also on the auction block will be trees decorated by various church organizations featuring culinary, angel, and religious themes.

Preview Night will begin at 7:30 p.m. The Bazaar will open the following morning - Thursday, November 10 at 9:30. The tradi-

Organizations **Seeking Funds** For Play Unit

Representatives from Terrace Park's PTA and Recreation Commission are working with parents to raise funds for a play unit to be used by pre-school and primary age children. The wood unit, much like those currently seen at Milford and Fairfax schools, would be donated to the school district and located at the elementary school.

Jill Croswell of the Recreation Commission and Sue Keffer and Donna Taylor of the PTA are working with committee organizers Fred and Christy Albrecht, Bill and Mamie Drackett and Eppa and Buffie Rixey. Elementary principal Dr. Michelle Hummell has agreed to serve as an advisor.

The estimate for the design and construction of the initial play unit is \$8,000. The committee has secured volunteers to construct the unit under the supervision of the designer, reducing the cost to approximately \$6,000. Fundraising information will be sent to the parents of students at St. Thomas Nursery School and Terrace Park Elementary School.



Jeanne and Weller Crandell model miniatures of Terrace Park landmarks for a bazaar Christmas tree scene.

tional Bazaar lunch of chicken salad, barbeque and soup will be served from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Children's World with a pocket lady and a visit from Santa will run from 3:30 until 5:30 when the Bazaar closes.

The decorations committee has created rag baskets, ribbon candle holders, wreaths, pomanders and silk vegetables in a cornucopia. The Sewing Ladies will feature stuffed animals, baby balls, hand knitted sweaters and unique Christmas ornaments.

PTA Book Sale To Be Held On November 9

Terrace Park Elementary PTA will hold its annual book sale Wednesday, November 9 from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. in the school library. Sale chairman Leezie Borden said last year's sales of \$4215 netted the library more than \$800 in profits, which doubled what school librarian Irene Updegrove had to spend in the library.

The Bookshelf in Madeira is again supplying new titles, old favorites and Christmas books for the sale. Any purchases made at the store during the week of the sale will also benefit the PTA. Adult books, best sellers, coffee table books and calendars will be for sale with 20% of the purchase price going directly to the library.

Teachers have prepared lists of suggested titles to help both students and parents with book selections. The books will be in the library November 8 for student browsing with sales limited to Wednesday, when parents are in the school for teacher conferences.

This year's book sale assistant chairman is Marcy McClelland.

Town and Country has refinished trunks, tables and chairs while Grandma's Parlor has collected treasures, both new and old. The Country Kitchen will feature some favorite foods and gourmet candies will also be for sale. Unique foods, gifts and pledges will be sold at the Promise Tree.

Raffle tickets for this year's patch-work quilt can be purchased at the Bazaar or by contacting Libby Clancy or Jo Fahnestock.

Kindervelt Plans Luminaria For Christmas

Kindervelt No. 76 hopes to end Terrace Park's Bicentennial Celebration year with a glow. The group is organizing a luminaria with glowing candles lining the streets and driveways of Terrace Park on December 11 at 6 p.m. following the Garden Club's house tour.

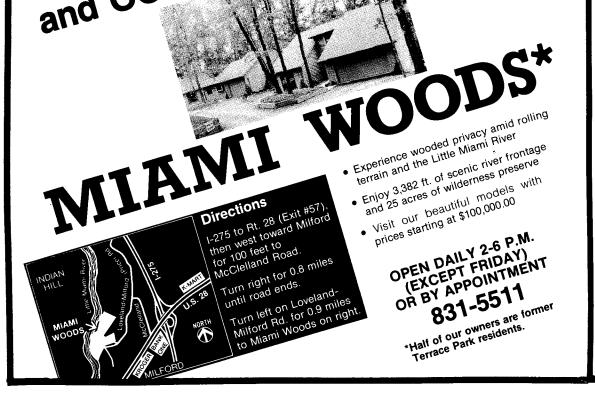
Grace Holmes and Tina Hesser head the sale of the luminaria kits, which include 20 candles, bags and sand for \$7.

Fatality Is First Here

An automobile fatality on Wooster Pike in early morning of October 15 was the first such fatal accident in the village, according to police records.

The victim was identified as John Woolum of Blanchester, who died of injuries suffered when his car hit a utility pole in the 800 block.

Wooster Pike became known as "bloody Wooster" about 25 years ago after accidents caused six fatalities within a couple of years. Those accidents, however, were in the area between Terrace Park and the Newtown bridge.



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With 13 Terrace Park students taking part, the Mariemont High School Band recently competed successfully in two area band competitions.

On October 1, the band participated in the Mason County Marching Band Classic, winning a first for overall performance in its class and a first in percussion. It repeated the ratings in the Lockland Marching Band Invitational a week later.

Terrace Park students in the band are Curtis Aldrich, Chris, Heather and Naomi Fischer, Alice Franke, Randy Kreuger, Mary Madewell, Jennie and Megan McConkey, Luke Moritz, Greg Silva, Beth Taylor and Nikki Vearil.

Van Wyes Join **Concert Band's** Yugoslavia Tour

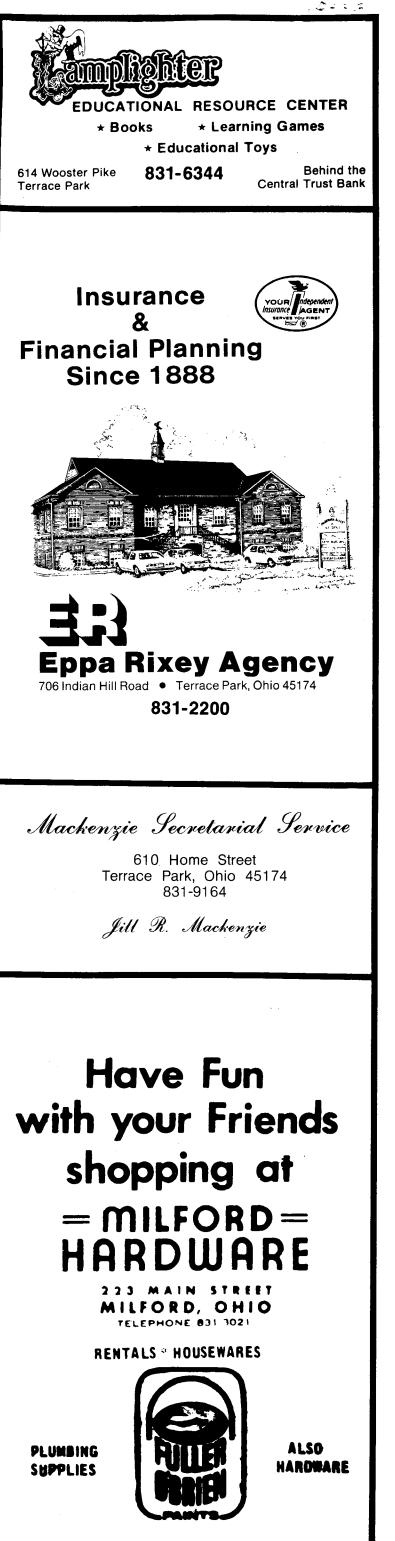
Terrace Park resident Joyce E. Van Wye, a member of the Boston University Alumni Concert Band, recently returned from a six-city tour in Yugoslavia. The band, which plays a range of concert band music, toured from August 2 through August 17 and performed in Dubrovnik, Sarajevo, Split, Opatija, Bled, and Zagreb. The tour celebrated the band's ten-year anniversary.

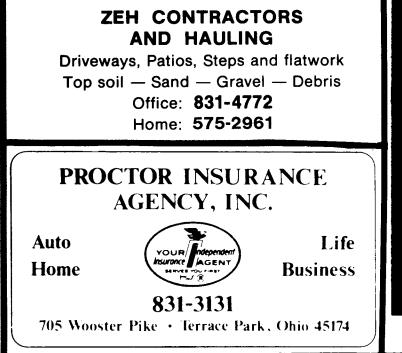
Van Wye played the French horn during the Yugoslavia tour. She attended the University of Cincinnati College of Music and is a ticket manager for the Cincinnati Opera. Her husband, John, a baritone saxophone player, also performed.

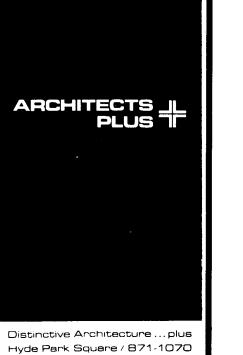
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