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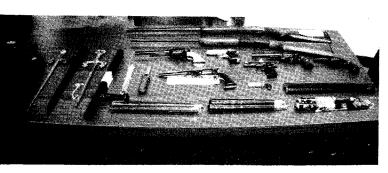
New Village Council Seated

Members of village council elected last November were seated in a brief ceremony on New Year's Day. Left to right are Randy Casteel, John Prues, Dan Startsman and Rusty Wilson.



'illage Treasurer Sworn In

Elected to her first full term in November, Margot Grund is sworn as village treasurer by Mayor Jack Schmidt. She had been serving appointment after Bob Ingerman resigned because of ill health.



lt's Guns Along The Pike

These are weapons, ranging from rifles to knives and clubs, seized by Terrace Park police during only one month of patrolling along Nooster Pike. (See story).

Eleven Villagers Sign Up For Life Squad Training

Assistant Life Squad Chief Sally Gilchrist told village council at its January meeting that 11 village residents have volunteered to begin raining as emergency medical technicians.

Nine of them were to begin trainng January 15 in the first daytime class the squad has held there since 1981. Two others will join a class to be held at Scarlet Oaks beginning in February.

Enlistment of the new volunteers followed an intensive campaign to bolster the life squad in recent months. Mrs. Gilchrist said there still remained a major problem of nsufficient experienced people to serve as squad leaders.

The nine who will be training here are Fred Buettner. Nan Cowan. Karen Gallagher, Tina Hesser, Janet Hostenske, Mary Jo Pfaff, Anne Rinaldi, Kathy Swart, and Nancy Ward. Two non-residents also will be part of the class.

Scheduled to start a night-time course at Scarlet Oaks in February are Jeanne Arnold and Nancy

Mrs. Gilchirst reported also that 10 present members of the squad had been recertified by the state. They are Becky Casteel, Crystal Dahlmeier, Francine Blassmeyer, Sally Gilchrist, Kathy Schneider, Candy Wachterman, and Connie Wilson, who is squad chief.

Weapons Cause Concern, **But Gun Control In Doubt**

Although Mayor Jack Schmidt described himself as "scared" by the number of weapons seized by village police during traffic stops on Wooster Pike, village council at its January meeting indicated some doubts about the need for gun control legislation in Terrace Park.

And, after Village Solicitor Bob Malloy noted that a Cleveland ordinance was being challenged in the courts, Schmidt suggested it would be prudent to await the outcome of

The discussion arose when Councilman John Prues, as chairman of the rules and law committee, sought the sense of council on a measure such as that in Cincinnati, which calls for registration of semiautomatic weapons.

Councilmen Randy Casteel and Dan Startsman said they doubted that there was any real need for such legislation in Terrace Park, and looked upon it as "needlessly

antagonizing" residents while adding little if anything to existing police

Voicing his concern, Schmidt said that cases involving seizure of four shotguns and several militarytype knives had come before him in his most-recent mayor's court alone.

Council at its December meeting authorized arming village police with 15-shot automatic weapons to replace the six-shot revolvers formerly issued. Police Chief Bob Bacon said the new weapons had been received, and an expedited training program in their use was under way.

In other matters:

- Council chose Councilman Rusty Wilson as vice mayor to preside over council meetings and mayor's court in the absence of Mayor Jack Schmidt.
- * Fire Chief Pierce Matthews reported a 1989 fire loss of only \$3,400, although the fire volunteers

answered 35 fire alarms and 32 rescue calls.

- *Council adopted a formal resolution recognizing the eight years of service of Rich Gilchrist in his two terms as a councilman.
- Councilman Randy Casteel reported that repainting of new village street signs, for greater legibility, is expected to be completed in a week. The work is being done by Randy Haller of the village maintenance crew.
- * Police Chief Bob Bacon, reporting as street commissioner, said a proposed street light at Elm Road and Elm Ledge would add \$9.10 to the village streetlighting bill.
- * Bacon reported it had been suggested that the village take over the plowing and salting of Wooster Pike in snowstorms, now the responsibility of the state highway department, but said he doubted that village equipment was adequate to handle such a major highway.

Decision On Clippings Due In March

Village council plans to act at its March meeting on some plan for disposing of grass clippings, but at its January meeting gave no indication what course it might take.

The state EPA has banned dumping of grass clippings and other garden waste in land fills effective next year, and the village garbage contractor ruled out collection of such material in its new contract signed last October.

Councilman John Prues, chairman of the rules and law committee, raised the issue, outlining a series of options but making no recommendation.

There was some discussion, but no action, on means of determining what course village residents would

A check by village employees last year reported an average of 126 residents putting out grass clippings for collection, but that figure has been disputed, with Rumpke garbage collectors estimating that 60% or more of households put out clip-

A survey last fall by a volunteer

recycling committee showed 52% of the respondents saying they would take care of their own clippings by proper mowing or composting. The

survey, distributed with Village Views, drew 227 responses, which recycling committee leader Julie Rugh called a remarkable return.

His Peers Honor Auxiliary Officer

Mark Demeropolis, a Terrace Park auxiliary policeman, was honored as Police Officer of the Year by Lodge 113 of the Fraternal Order of

While off-duty and shopping with his wife on Colerain Avenue last January, Demeropolis wrestled down and disarmed a knife-wielding shoplifter who had slashed a K Mart security quard and several shoppers. It wasn't until later that the officer realized that he himself wasn't armed

Garden Expert To Be Speaker At Meeting Here

Members of the Terrace Park Garden Club invite residents of the village to attend their annual evening meeting on Tuesday, February 6, at 7:30 p.m. at the Community House

The speaker will be Denny McKeown, a familiar personality to many Cincinnati gardeners as the host of a lawn and garden talk show on WCKY radio and as garden expert for WCPO-TV. More recently he has hosted seasonal gardening shows for WCET-TV, and published a popular book, The Complete Guide to Midwest Gardening.

He is Natorp's vice president for marketing.

Those interested in attending are asked to contact Mrs. Pierce Matthews, 831-5188, by February 2.

Bomb Threat New Bridge Proves Dud Is Proposed

A bomb threat against the Wiebold Art Conservation Laboratory on Terrace Place caused some exciting moments on the Friday before Christmas, but proved to be

A male voice on the office answering machine warned that there was a bomb under a desk, and all precautions were taken despite doubts about the call.

The Hamilton County bomb squad was called, and Terrace Park and Milford police and the fire department stood by until the building had been thoroughly searched.

Members of the Wiebold staff took refuge in the Community House while the search went on.

Mayor Jack Schmidt has asked Councilman Randy Casteel, chairman of council's public works committee, to determine if the village can help in the construction of a new

bridge leading to Drackett Field, the Swim Club and Stumps Boat Club.

While the three areas are private properties, Schmidt said use by a large number of residents appeared to justify some public funding, particularly as a means of supporting the recreation program.

The current one-lane bridge, he said, is in need of substantial repair, and constitutes "an accident waiting to happen."

Board Hikes Teacher Pay

The Mariemont Board of Education at its January meeting granted teachers in the system salary increases of 4%, effective as of De-

It also gave Supt. Don Thompson a five-year contract extension at not less than \$75,015 a year. His present contract expires in 1991.

The board also adopted a budget of \$7,780,041 for the fiscal year beginning July 1.

Letters–

To The Editor:

With regard to the "Letter to the Editor" about the December 6 auto fire at a Wooster Pike residence as published in the December issue of the Village Views, I feel that some rebuttal is in order.

During 1989, the Terrace Park Volunteer Fire Department responded to 35 fire and 32 rescue calls. Of these 67 runs, we experienced a significant property loss on only one run - the December 6 auto fire. While our goal is always to avoid all property loss, it is a difficult objective to achieve. A record of one property loss fire in a year is a tough record to beat.

Looking at the incident on December 6, normal emergency procedures were followed throughout. Sgt. Wright of the Terrace Park Police responded to the initial call, placed a call for fire assistance, and unsuccessfully attempted to put out the fire with an extinguisher in the patrol car.

Terrace Park's crew was on the scene 10 minutes after the initial call was placed. This is within normal response time for the region. Following normal procedure on a working fire like this, the Milford Fire Department was also called to protect surrounding property and vehicles.

Did our fire run go perfectly? No. While the 10 minute response time met area standards, it was longer than our normal 5-6 minute response time. This fire occurred during the day when our volunteer coverage is at its lowest. Even during the day, we normally have rapid coverage from the village crew and those few volunteers in the area of the village. This time we lost a couple of minutes as two people were delayed in response to the call. We also had one brief mechanical problem on the scene.

Had things gone perfectly, we could have had water on the scene a couple of minutes earlier. But with the extent of the working fire underway, it would not have saved the

Your fire department is equipped second to none with the latest in firefighting gear as well as a first-line pumper, a second-line pumper and a task unit. Over the years, Terrace Park has deservedly earned and maintained a reputation with our surrounding fire departments as being small, but excellent at its job of protecting village lives and proparty.

Our record across 1989 and the years before it stands on its own. Dur personnel are dedicated volunteers. They should be encouraged ather than criticized for their efforts.

We're always looking for voluneers – particularly people who are normally in the village between our "short" hours of 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. We would welcome, for training, any men or women who might want to join our firefighting ranks. If you are interested, please call 831-2196 or B31-5188.

A. Pierce Matthews, Jr. Fire Chief

To The Editor:

The Terrace Park Emergency Medical Services is very grateful to Village Views for developing a special issue to highlight the EMS crisis. Volunteers are devoting many extra hours to maintain emergency medical service for all of us while we wait and hope for you to help.

Although the response so far has been encouraging, we emphasize that the need is ongoing and the crisis continues until we replenish our ranks. To those of you who have volunteered - thank you! To those of you who have not...please reconsider.

Connie Wilson Sally Gilchrist

The special issue was written and produced by Ricki Schmidt.

To The Editor:

Community pride and generosity were abundant during the final planning stages and the construction of the new playground equipment recently donated to the Terrace Park Elementary School. As the playground committee asked more and more from village residents, we were continuously surprised and pleased by the community support. We are proud of Terrace Park when we pass the playground filled with smiling children enjoying the new equipment. This project would not have been possible without the support from many hidden people.

The play unit was purchased with donations from 124 families. Tom Trapp and Glenn Free of Bobcat Enterprises, Inc. donated the bobcat to excavate the site. Brian Critchell and Clermont Lumber Co. kindly unloaded, stored, and delivered all the playground parts and pieces. We were continually aided by Terrace Park Principal Michele Hummel, and the school board donated all of the top-quality mulch to make the playground surface safe. MacMillan Graphics donated printing for our flyer, and the Tobergte family relinquished their garage space to store the play unit parts.

Assembling the parts required hours of labor by many talented and patient dads. Moms cooked and baked, helping to keep stomachs satisfied during the weekends volunteered to construct the unit.

All of this saved well over \$6,500, making the dream of a new play-ground a wonderful reality. Community pride and spirit are thriving in Terrace Park. We thank each and every one of you!

The Playground Committee

(To compensate for the inconvenience caused by delivery delays, the play unit manufacturer, The Jennings Co., is providing four benches for the new play area.)

We Goofed

The name of Dr. Raymond Stoecklin was inadvertently omitted last month from a list of village residents who are officers of the Terrace Park chapter, American Association of Retired Persons. He is treasurer of the organization.

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Grads of '65 Plan Reunion

Where is the Class of 1965? The Mariemont High School Class of 1965 is celebrating its 25th reunion this July and still needs addresses for several classmates. If you have a current address for any 1965 class member, please send it to Kay Pope at 3 Circus Place.

Writer Honored

Lauren Gundlach, a Mariemont High School junior, was honored recently for short story writing by the English Department at Miami University. Her short story, "Hush Little Baby," was published as part of an anthology entitled Student Voices 1989, a publication of the Miami University Scholastic Writing Awards Program.

On Dean's List

Miss Mary E. Maxon, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Harry R. Maxon III of Terrace Park, made the Dean's List during the first trimester of her senior year at Chatham Hall, a girls' college preparatory boarding school in Chatham, Virginia. The school is affiliated with the Episcopal Church.

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Realty Sales, Construction Values Dip Slightly in '89

By Mel Aichholz

Thirty-nine houses were sold in Terrace Park in 1989, compared with 37 in 1988. Total sales value was \$5,522,771, down from \$6,431,100 in 1988.

Here are the residential sales recorded at the Hamilton County Court

1 Denison	\$236,100	313 Oxford	145,000
6 Denison	220,000	739 Park	126,900
811 Douglas	117,000	810 Princeton	170,000
107 Fieldstone	114,500	101 Redbird	100,000
619 Floral	145,000	111 Robinwood	115,000
806 Floral	102,903	210 Rugby	103,100
817 Floral	134,000	219 Rugby	176,000
819 Floral	104,500	17 Sycamore	55,000
726 Franklin	135,000	107 Wagon Road	210,000
721 Indian Hill	106,000	301 Wanoka	247,500
602 Lexington	150,000	411 Washington	90,000
629 Lexington	242,000	415 Western	145,000
113 Marian	108,500	124 Windingbrook	116,150
500 Marietta	175,000	136 Windingbrook	128,000
107 Miami	156,000	619 Wooster	51,000
308 Miami	130,618	722 Wooster	185,000
505 Miami	140,000	750 Wooster	97,000
618 Miami	134,000	131 Wrenwood	108,500
732 Miami	165,000	830 Yale	147,500
758 Old Indian Hill	190,000		

In another aspect of real estate activity, village building official Tim Harth reports he issued 155 building permits in 1989 for construction valued at \$1,786,816. That compared with issuance of 108 permits for \$1,973,030 in 1988. The 1989 permits, Harth said, involved only two new houses. The rest were for remodeling.

He issued six permits in December for work to cost \$73,000.



TPRC Honors Retirees and Elects Officers, New Members

The Terrace Park Recreation Commission marked its most successful year yet in 1989 with records from both financial and operational aspects.

Proceeds from an outstanding Labor Day Festival and an unprecedented fund-raising event enabled the commission to make improvements at Drackett Field, including repavement of the road — a joint project with the Swim Club and Stumps Boat Club.

New uniforms were purchased for nearly every team, and more

youngsters than in recent years participated on the commission's baseball, softball, soccer and basketball teams. The Summer Fun program, four weeks of daily activities for schoolchildren, also saw record participation.

At its annual reorganizational meeting, board members elected John Gislason as president. Others elected were: Sue Porter, vice president; Judy Hutton, secretary; and Jim Dahlmeier, treasurer.

Elected to the 15-member board were: Scott Croswell, who will

oversee fund raising; Sue Keffer, who will co-ordinate Summer Fun with the PTA and school district; and Bill Sarran, who will be chairman of the commission's Memorial Day activities.

In taking over Summer Fun, Sue Keffer succeeds Judy Hutton, who directed the program for 15 years.

Out-going president John Jones presented plaques in appreciation of the service given by out-going board members Terry Bernard, Rusty Wilson and Dave Park.

Bernard joined the board in 1978 and served three years as president, two years as vice president, and terms as field commissioner, and chairman of Memorial Day.

Early in his tenure, he developed the layout for Drackett Field, and in recent years has worked tirelessly on field and equipment maintenance.

He considers retirement in the mid-80s of the \$40,000 mortgage on the fields the most significant commission event in the past 12 years. His highest praise is for Jim Ryan, Dave Schneider and John Gislason "whose nerve and vision to buy the property made Drackett Field possible."

Wilson joined the board in 1986 as Labor Day chairman. Under his leadership, fund-raising records were broken at two of the festivals—the other festival was rained out.

In addition to helping with field maintenance, Wilson designed the computerized format for the commission's monthly treasurer's report.

"I see many new challenges ahead for the commission," he said. "We have so many more children playing sports today. We need the active support and participation of many more adults if the program is going to continue to grow."

Park joined the board in 1988 as chairman of the Memorial Day Olympics. In addition to organizing an expanded offering of games, he also oversaw the Memorial Day Raffle in

The Recreation Commission's regular meeting date is the second Monday of every month at 7:30 p.m. in St. Thomas Episcopal Church. The meeting is open to the public.



John Jones, second from left, presents plaques to out-going members of the Terrace Park Recreation Commission Board of Directors: from left –Terry Bernard, Dave Park and Rusty Wilson.

Players Present Own Odd Couple Version

Did you miss the Odd Couple, Oscar and Felix, during their Broadway stage appearance? Come see the Terrace Park Players performances of Neil Simon's perennial favorite, THE ODD COUPLE...this time the female version. Florence Unger and Olive Madison give the buddy system a new twist in dinner performances at the Terrace Park Community House February 9, 10, 17 and 24. Cabaret performances will be Friday evenings February 16 and 23.

Talented and well-known director, Bob Lipka, will be working with the cast of Debi Johnson, Mike Leaf, Marci McClelland, Linda Seta, Molly and Bob White, Elisa Williams, and Cathy Woodruff. Producer, Kay

Todd, and assistant director and stage manager Kathy Wedding are joined by the production staff of Cindy Coleman, Laura Colston, Amy and Cove Heilbronner, Debi Johnson, Sandy Lowery, Dave Park, Jason Popelka, Jan Schloss, Linda Seta, and Greg Todd. Music will be provided by Dan Startsman.

Reserve early for this popular show by calling 248-2725. Groups should reserve seating together. Tickets for the cabaret are \$9 each and for the dinner show \$16 each. Doors open at 7 p.m. for cabaret shows. For dinner shows, doors open at 6:30 p.m. for cocktails with dinner at 7:15 p.m. Catering will be done by Country Gourmet.

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Gambetta Heads Lobbying Group

Jack Gambetta has just moved his firm, Diversified Financial Directions, Inc. to Terrace Park, but for the next year his eyes will be turned to Columbus.

The 39-year-old certified financial planner was appointed to head the Ohio Association of the Institute of Certified Financial Planners (ICFP), which was formed in July. As chairman, Gambetta has begun coordinating the statewide lobbying effort of the ICFP, a professional association based in Denver.

TPRC Sets Spring Sign-Up

Terrace Park Recreation Commission will hold softball sign-up at the Community House on Saturday, Jan. 27 from 4:00 - 4:30 p.m. Since the softball league limits teams to 19, players will be assigned in the order in which they sign up. If there are insufficient teams, only the first 19 people signed up will be allowed to play. The program, according to Softball Commissioner Ricki Schmidt, is for girls in first through eighth grades.

Studying Government Firsthand

Youngsters from the third grade classes at Terrace Park Elementary School sat in on the January meeting of village council to see how things are done in the grown-up world.

Guided by their teachers, Mrs. Ann Kempczinski and Mrs. Kathy Coates, the children have been learning about government, and formed a "village council" of their own. Their officers are:

Mayors: Lisa Sarran and Johnathon Malotke; council members, Kelly Aller, Matt Buban, Johnathon Pfaff, Ashley McGraw, Katie Porter, Leslie Lakamp, Leah Ross, Catherine Picton; secretaries, Kelly Mackenzie, Chase Koehler.

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Top Skier

Terrace Park resident Taylor Merten has placed sixth among Ohio's 5-6 year-old skiers. The ranking, awarded by Coca-Cola Jr. NASTAR (National Standard Race), is based on his best racing performance during the 1988-89 ski season. Skiing at Nubs Nob, MI, Merten posted a personal season-best handicap of 67, earning a listing on selected rankings posters distributed state-wide, a leader patch, and a certificate of achievement.

On Star Team

Mike DeCamp, a 1987 all-Ohio receiver for Mariemont High School, was named to the 1989 All-Academic Team for the Northern California Athletic Conference. Mike is a starting wide receiver as a sophomore for California State University at Chico. He is the son of Dick and Vera DeCamp of Terrace Park.

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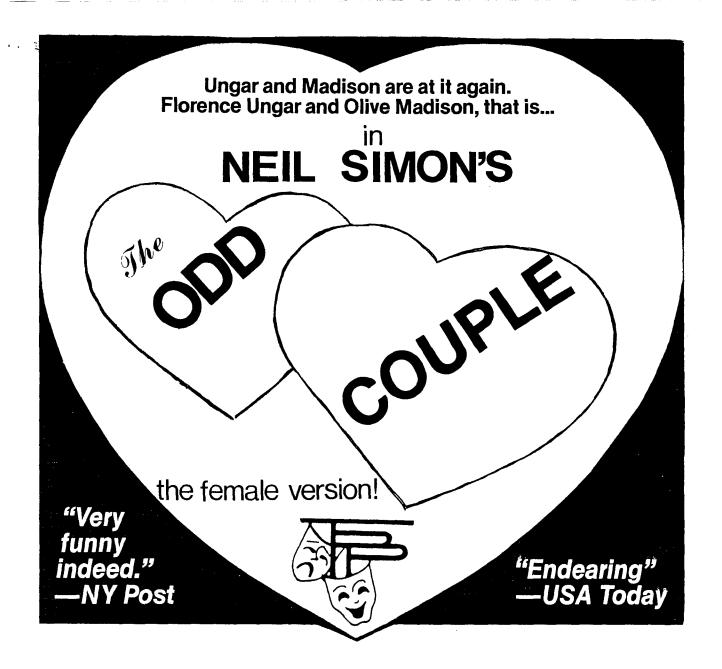
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