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Extra Levy Vote Likely Next May

Village council indicated at its the voters." September meeting that it will ask for a vote on an extra tax levy at next (For Mayor Schmidt's comments see year's May primaries.

What the amount might be was not discussed. Finance chairman depend on the outcome of property known until early in the year, while forecasting some increase in village revenues as a result. Mayor Jack a \$185,000 budget deficit this year, adding that the village has sought no tax increase for seven years.

August 29 voted a one-mill assessment for continuing tree work.

But Councilman Dan Startsman, sell" since the village is holding proceed nevertheless. \$525,000 in certificates of deposit, and urged council to "play fair with much of the village financial prob-

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His comment came as council John Wenstrup said that would was deciding to cut back on plans for a long-sought new building for reappraisal which would not be the maintenance department. Plans now are to erect only the shell of the building, completing it later.

Councilman Randy Casteel said Schmidt noted that the village faces only four bids out of 14 requests indicated the complete building would cost \$70,000 as against the planned \$45,000. He blamed the Council in a special meeting increase, over what a privately-built structure would cost, on strict government rules on public buildings, including prevailing-wage requirein the only negative comment, said ments and volumes of paperwork. that an extra levy would be "hard to Startsman urged that the project

Wenstrup and the mayor blamed

Scott Mindrum Home

Scott Mindrum, 805 Stanton, is safely home after being held hostage in Kuwait. While he has been asked not to discuss his experiences until other hostages have been released, he and his wife, Rhonda, gave Village Views this message to the community:

"Our family would like to thank our friends in Terrace Park for their thoughtful prayers extended on our behalf during the past six weeks. We will never be able to repay the kindness and support shown us during Scott's absence."

lem on loss of the village share in a fund being taken wholly by the county library system under what Schmidt called "a law badly administered."

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663 Urge Recycling, **Council Delays Actions**

Although presented with a petition signed by 663 residents urging action on an interim recycling program, village council at its September meeting gave only first reading to a resolution to put a plan into effect.

The resolution, offered by John Prues, calls for installation of a recycling container "by January 1, 1991, or as soon thereafter as practicable."

The petition, called for by council at its August meeting and its form approved by Mayor Jack Schmidt, called for a recycling program effective Nov. 13. Presenting the results, Julie Rugh said 22 persons circulating the petition obtained signatures at 445 homes, found no one present at 258 houses, and had refusals at only 23.

She hotly denied a charge of misrepresentation which she said had been raised by one councilman, and recited a history of 1 1/2 years of seeking council action on recycling.

The resolution called the issue "an important environmental measure that should be taken."

It noted that Rumpke, Inc., the village garbage contractor, expects to put its own recycling facility in operation "sometime during the year 1991," and proposed spending not more than \$3,000 on the project for a year or "until such time" as Rumpke's plant is in operation, or council determines a recycling facility "is no longer feasible or necessary."

Rumpke has proposed placing a recycling container in the village for \$100 for each pickup, less an unspecified share of recycling proceeds.

Council discussion centered almost wholly on placement of a recycling container, its policing and preventing it from becoming an eyesore, and on costs in a program in which Schmidt said there are "too many unknowns."

Prues and Barbara Howland were named as a committee to recommend a location.

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Village Council Votes Free Assessment

Village council at a special eeting on August 29 voted unani**busly to place a one-year one-mill** ssessment-\$1 per \$1,000 of asessed valuation on all property in errace Park to finance the continug tree program.

The assessment will be levied in x bills due in December of this ar and in June of 1991, based on urrent valuations.

With the village total property aluation slightly over \$29,000,000, e assessment will raise approxirately \$29,999 for the tree proram.

Since the assessment was voted r one year only, the rate can be djusted in future years. That, said inance Chairman John Wenstrup, ill enable the village to "fine tune" e assessment to actual needs, ith expectations that the rate can e lowered when the current backg of tree work is cleared up.

Councilman Dan Startsman had riginally proposed a \$30,000 proram of tree work in the coming

year, but that was cut to \$16,000 when council adopted its tentative budget for 1991.

In considering the tree program earlier, council members had indicated their preference for the assessment method as being more flexible than asking the village to approve a fixed levy for a period of years.

A quirk under the new legislation is that it exempts only property owned by the state or federal governments. That means that St. Thomas Church and the Mariemont School District also will be taxed for the tree work.

Although the assessment is for \$1 per \$1,000 of valuation, the actual charge to property owners will be \$1.03. The authorizing legislation provides a 3% charge by the county for handling the assessment.

Wenstrup said the village's enabling ordinance was prepared in cooperation with the county auditor's office. It was acted on at a special meeting because of a September 10 deadline.

Church Sets Mini-Bazaar For Nov. 17

A "Mini-Bazaar" is scheduled for Saturday, November 17, at St. Thomas Church. Times will be 9 to

Many of the bazaar's familiar features will be present, including collectibles, gifts for children and adults made by the church's Sewing Group, and a country kitchen with home-made delicacies. A new "Christmas Corner" will offer a variety of items.

Something special this year will be a doll house raffle; the house is being decorated by the same group which made quilts in years gone by.

Residents interested in making or donating items for the bazaar are invited to call the church office, 831-2052.

Board Sees Savings As Offsetting Levy

The Mariemont Board of Education has authorized Viron Corp. of Kansas City to develop an energy conservation program promising savings to finance the purchase of \$857,100 in heating, air conditioning and computer equipment for the school district. Viron's studies project \$1,626,722 in savings over a ten-year period, which will repay the loans necessary to purchase the more efficient equipment.

Most of the equipment will be purchased within the next two years, requiring cash outlays of \$20,000 to \$40,000. Supt. Don Thompson said "in return we'll get more than half million dollars worth of equipment without going to the ballot for a tax increase.'

Thompson also said all repairs, including Terrace Park's, discussed earlier this year will now be done only on an emergency basis.

Energy conservation measures slated for Terrace Park include oiler tune-ups, pipe and tank insulation and fluorescent lighting. In other action the board:

*Accepted a John Ruthven print of "Eagle to the Moon" for Terrace Park Elementary from Lelah Gates in memory of Marshall Gates.

*Authorized a pilot IBM computer program for Terrace Park's fourth grade proposed by Terrace Park resident Bill Pendl.

Employed Terrace Park residents Linda Yokel and Charlene McClurg as part-time teachers.

Leaf Pickup Set

Leaf pickup is scheduled to start on October 15 and end November 27.

But Police Chief Bob Bacon said the pickup might start earlier if heavy leaf fall comes earlier.

Jim Simonton Retires As Terrace Park's Postmaster

Those who find life slow in Terrace Park probably have never consulted Jim Simonton.

For much of his adult life, he's had to get up at 4:30 a.m. and hurry to the little brick Post Office on Terrace Place, just to keep up with the pace. Each year the bags of mail have gotten bigger. But each day he responsibilities have stayed the same.

"it's all pretty much routine," he says. "But that's what you're there or."

Not any more. Simonton's days of discipline are over. On Friday. Aug. 31, he worked his last long stint is the postmaster of Terrace Park.

True, he doesn't look old enough for retirement, and at 56 he may not be. But he's put in his time with the federal government-two years with the Army, 33 with the postal service. Now he can learn to sleep until dawn.

In 1958, Simonton was a year out of the service and working the night shift at Cincinnati's Post Office annex at Liberty and Dalton, when he was asked to transfer to the Newtown office as a clerk/carrier. He was asked to move to the Terrace Park office about a year later. That was when the operation was expanding from a box-only service to home delivery. He came, vowing

By Camilla Warrick

to make his career here.

Sure enough, when postmistress Effie Miller retired in 1972, Simonton was selected to head the office. He had already moved his home here to comply with an old postal service requirement that postmasters be residents of the community where they worked.

In those days, work seemed brisk. But it was nothing compared to what was to come. The postal service measures the volume of mail in two ways: "Feet" refers to the amount coming in, while "revenue" covers what goes out. In the late '50s, the local office received about

1,200 feet of mail a year and had revenues of \$30,000.

Last year, more than 10,000 feet of mail came in and revenues swelled to \$163,000. This year that record

will probably fall. Yet all these exchanges are being handled with only one more employee than was on the roll in 1959. He remembers when Terrace Park was "an old, laid back community." Now it seems more active, full of younger people.

His moments of excitement have been few. In 1965, there was an attempted break-in. But the thugs could not crack the safe, only damage it.

Now he and his wife, Kathie, intend to do some serious fishing and backcountry exploring. They will keep their home in Terrace Park and tend to their impressive, yet eclectic collections. Simonton's specialties are antique clocks. watches and barometers. But he's also been known to hanker after Daisy BB guns and Hop-A-Long Cassidy paraphernalia.

Don't be surprised if you find him at the post office. He plans to help Bob Kaiser, the officer in charge, count the feet, fill the boxes and file a few reports.

Mayor Reviews Village Financial Status

Mayor Jack Schmidt offered this explanation of village finances:

"I would like to clear up any possible confusion around two apparently contradictory points, the likelihood we will propose a property tax increase in 1991 and the village's solid current cash position.

"The potential need for an increase is due to one basic factor, and that is the sudden elimination of funds from the Library and Local Government Support Fund. As the state law permits, the Hamilton County Library has laid claim to 100% of the funds generated for 1991 and beyond. In past years we have received as much as \$80,000 from this fund; in 1990 we had budgeted to receive just under \$40,000. This represents about 5% of our total income stream, and needs to be replaced.

"In terms of cash, the village currently has on hand about \$550,000, but this is expected to decline in the months ahead. For all of 1990, we project a budget deficit of about \$185,000. A deficit was planned. Simplistically, we received above-projected estate taxes in past years and are in part using these to help support capital projects needed to rebuild our infrastructure. This process isn't complete. We have a couple of needed projects which will

Census Returns In

According to the recent census, Terrace Park has 784 households, with a population of 2,130. While expressing earlier disbelief, Mayor Jack Schmidt said a check of census records showed that everybody had indeed been counted, and that he was therefore notifying the Census Bureau that the figures were being accepted.

fall into 1991 and beyond.

if we don't replace the state funds going to drop to an unworkably low next spring or a much higher increase a bit later.

"Our last tax increase in Terrace "Putting these pieces together, Park was seven years ago and inflation has increased better than 40% suddenly lost, our cash position is in the interim. In the months to come, Council will have the obligalevel quite quickly. We basically tion to support in detail whatever is have two choices, a lower increase finally proposed in terms of a tax adjustment. These, however, are the basic pieces involved."



Firemen Honored

Seven village volunteer firemen are recipients of pins recognizing years of service with the department. Honored at a departmental picnic September 8 were, left to right, rear, David Glassmeier, three years; George Kipp, five years; center, Buzz Ecker, and bottom, Phil Schneider, three years each. Not present were Marvin Alexander, 20 years, Barry Ramsdell and Terry Stouter, 15 years each.

Letters

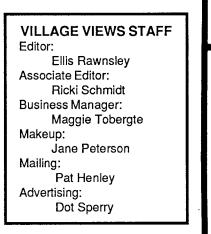
To the Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the 22 petitioners who circulated the information about the possible cost and location of a recycling bin in Terrace Park. I would ike to be able to say that after presenting the 663 signatures to council on September 10 we have a recycling bin on the way. But I cannot. The issue was bogged down again with dialogue about security and aesthetics with incorrect and incomplete information presented by council. I feel that I must share parts of a conversation after the council meeting between John Wenstrup, Mary Malotke and myself. Apparently John Wenstrup worked with John Prues to draft the resolution presented to council by Prues. Wenstrup told us that it was designed in such a way that council would not be able to have the three readings necessary to facilitate an immediate vote as had been requested. When I went to Wenstrup's door for his signature he refused, stating that while he supports recycling, he did not want to jeopardize the petition results or his voting ability. I expressed concern that if other members signed, the petition might be jeopardized. He asked if I knew of any council member who had signed, I mentioned John Prues but that was all I was aware of.

dents, stating that council had endorsed and signed the petition, and therefore could not appropriately accept the 663 signatures. Council had requested that we circulate the cost and location information in a petition form at the August council meeting. Our petition met council's requirements and was approved by the mayor. I feel like we were stabbed in the back.

Your council members are making decisions behind closed doors, in executive sessions, or on the putting green.

They will defend themselves with the response that an appropriate location still needs to be determined and that we don't have enough money now, (we have \$520,000 in CDs) and that it all takes time. I have invested 1 1/2 years of my time in this project and they should have been able to agree on a location by now. In conclusion, my assurance to you is that as representing TRAC, I am prepared to go outside of our community to acquire the support necessary to force council to act in your behalf, and my request of you is to get involved in your local government on all levels. The Community Building is empty at council meetings unless someone has a particular grief to share. You need to be there every month and force council to vote on your behalf appropriately.



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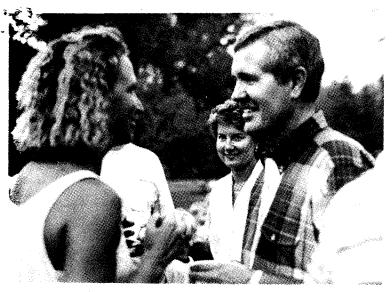
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Julie Rugh



New Principal Welcomed

Linda Shortridge and Barbara Harth greet Terrace Park new school principal, Jerry Sasson, in a community welcome picnic on the village green September 6. Sasson said he was "particularly pleased that Marilyn (his wife) was able to experience firsthand the warm introduction that I have been treated to during these first weeks as principal of your elementary school.'

Aids Autumnfest

Basketball Sign Up

Molly Cobb, recent newcomer to Terrace Park, is actively working on The Civic Garden Center's Autumnfest to be held on Saturday, September 22, 10-4 on the grounds of the Garden Center and adjoining Sooty Acres. Molly is the volunteer co-chairman of the Cottage Garden Shop of the Center.

Basketball sign-up for grades 4, 5, and 6 will be held Saturday, September 29, and October 6, between 10 a.m. and noon, at the school gym. A \$30 fee plus a separate \$10 uniform deposit is due at sign-up. A \$10 late fee will apply to late registrations. Questions, call Dave Moyer (831-4322).



Labor Day Scores Again

Although all the bills are not yet in, the marvelous weather and support of village residents apparently produced another successful Labor Day Festival for the Terrace Park Recreation Committee. Treasurer Jim Dahlmeier said the festival, headed by Gregg MacMillan, grossed \$14,229.

The biggest money maker again was the Garage Sale with \$3,482. Food and beverages made \$1,468, bindo made \$1,077, and the games made \$2,073. Last year, residents spent \$15,351, with a third of that coming from the record breaking Garage Sale.

Cubs And Tigers Sign Up Slated

Registration for all current and new Cub Scouts and Tiger Cubs, grades 1 through 5, will be held at the St. Thomas Undercroft, Thursday, September 27, at 7:30 p.m. Attendance by all parents is necessary as we need to elect a new Cubmaster, Tiger Cub leaders, and several committee members. Mike Pritz has resigned as Cubmaster due to increased business responsibilities. Questions, call Dave Moyer (831-4322).

Meeting Eyes Teen Drinking

Police chiefs from Terrace Park, Mariemont and Fairfax, and a Hamilton County officer, will speak at a PTA-sponsored special meeting for parents on the problems of teen-age drinking at Mariemont High School October 24 at 7:30 p.m.

They will discuss problems of teen parties, community "keg laws," new limitations on teen-age drivers, and parental liability.

Drug, Arms Traffic Spurts

The extent of drug and weapons traffic, wholly along Wooster Pike, was pictured in statistics Police Chief Bob Bacon gave to village council at its September meeting.

Where village officers made only two drug arrests and one weapons arrest in 1980, they have so far this year made 55 drug arrests and 13 on weapons charges.

The figures for last year were 40 drug arrests and 16 involving weap-

PTA Readies Big **Pumpkin Festival**

Making room for more games and a bigger Bid and Buy Sale at this year's Pumpkin Festival, Terrace Park PTA ways and means chairmen Sue Keffer and Debbie Oliver are moving the feast of coneys and pizza down to the cafeteria. On Friday, October 12, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. the school gym will house games, baked goods, and a Halloween boutique and a ghoulish group will transform the stage into a haunted house.

The Pumpkin Patch Bid and Buy will occupy the center of the gym where residents are invited to bid on treasures and services. Donna Taylor, Linda Wenstrup and Judy Deeter have canvassed all of Cincinnati for donations from restaurants, hotels, artists and the arts.

Women Aiding

Nine Terrace Park women are active in promoting the 25th annual Cincinnati Antiques Festival to benefit the Convalescent Home for Children, to be held at Music Hall October 19-21.

Mrs. Bruce Long heads the Association of Volunteers which has raised over \$1,250,000 for the hospital, Mrs. Richard J. Stilz is decorations chairman, and Mrs. John B. Armstrong is chairman of the Terrace Park patrons committee. Assisting her are Mrs. Joe Grever, Mrs. Cove Heilbronner, Mrs. John B. Jones, Mrs. George B. Maish, Mrs. A. Reed Schroeder Jr., and Mrs. Harold G. Wilson.

Arts and Crafts Program Planned

Terrace Park PTA is sponsoring a mini-school program on four Wednesdays in January from 3:15 to 4:15 p.m. for all elementary students.

Needed are individuals who will volunteer to help in classes on the arts (pottery, weaving, watercolor, etc.), knitting, sewing, music, cooking, cheer-leading, karate and sports clinics.

Volunteers should contact Carol Barnes, 831-1524 or Magie Tobergte, 831-7166.

Donna Taylor said Laura Coston's typing service and Skip Merten's printing firm have prepared a catalog listing this year's sale items, to be delivered to your door the first week of October.

Committee chairmen for the festival include: Diane Klecamp, food; Christy Albrecht, games; Jotty Perry, Pumpkin Play Patch for toddlers; Susan Amos, Halloween boutiques; Charlene McClurg and Nancy Seward, face painting; Tucky Harrison and Lucy Maish, baked goods; Marcia Moyer, treasurer; Colleen Aller, balloon art; Carol Barnes, cake walk; Tina Hesser, fortune teller; and Leezie Borden and Sissy Smith-Peterson, pumpkins.

Ex-Students Antique Festival Honor Four Teachers

Four former teachers of longgone Terrace Park High School were honored by former students at a reunion at the school August 19. None was able to be present, however, to receive plaques and see portraits which are to be hung in the school.

"Bud" Heil was similarly honored last year.

The new inductees into the "Hall of Fame" are John Wilson, principal and civics teacher, 1934-1951; Mrs. Louise Foster, deceased, 1921-1950, Latin teacher and acting principal during Wilson's war service; Evelyn R. Robinson of Terrace Park, 1935-1970, and Jay Leming, industrial arts, 1928-1955.

More than 200 alumni attended the reunion.

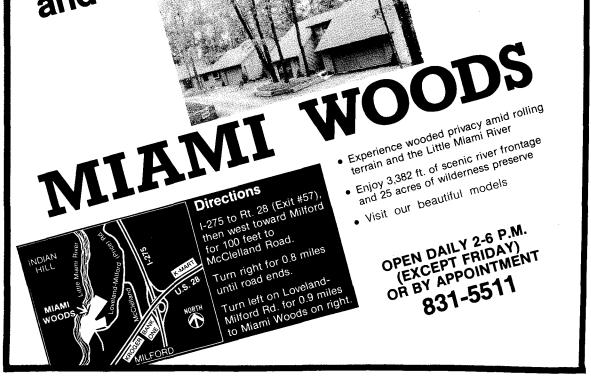
Named As Merit Semifinalist

Neil Stafford, 1 Denison Lane, has been named as a semifinalist in the 1991 National Merit Scholar Competition. A senior at Mariemont High School, he is one of some 15,000 semifinalists chosen from the more than one million high school students who entered the competition in their junior years.

He recently was awarded a Renseelaer Medal, given by Renseelaer Polytechnic Institute of Troy, N.Y., for junior year achievement in mathematics and science.

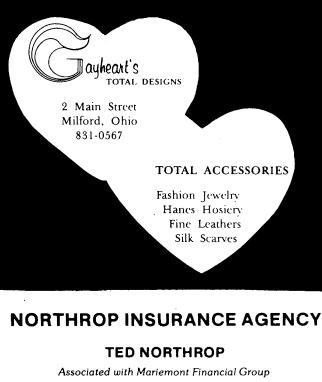


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Local Firm Exhibits Local Art

Local artist Lynn Carden holds two of her botanical watercolors to be framed and hung in the newly-expanded Wooster Pike offices of Mary Malotke's Tencon, Inc. The company is hosting an open house Friday, Oct. 5 from 4 to 8 p.m. to show off its new headquarters facility and their collection of 47 bold botanicals by Carden. Malotke began her environmental engineering firm as a home-based business on Rugby Avenue. It now employs 18 people.



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On Council-

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*With Mayor Jack Schmidt breaking a tie, council reenacted the so-called pooper-scooper dog control law. Council members Casteel, Howland and Wilson voted in opposition. The issue arose because the law was passed earlier by a 3-2 vote, a majority of council members present, instead of by the required majority of the whole council.

*Dr. John Moore urged the village to clarify as to responsibility and liability, the easement from Oxford Avenue to the river through his property. He said erosion of old steps and a retaining wall presented "a lawsuit waiting to happen."

*Building Inspector Tim Harth reported issuance of 13 permits involving \$177,650 in construction.

*Police Chief Bob Bacon, as street commissioner, reported sidewalk work accomplished at \$3,000 underbudget while doing 200 square feet more than had been planned.

*Bacon said the altered speaker system on the village green was "75% successful" on Labor Day, with one speaker not functioning and another unsuitably placed. He said corrections would be made before wiring is buried.

*Councilman Dan Startsman reported that because of budget limitations only 10 trees would be removed this fall against 30-50 needing work.

*Fire Chief Pierce Matthews reported one fire run, with no loss.

*Bruce Corey, in a statement to council, called "wasteful and costly" a suit against the Board of Zoning Appeals for granting a variance allowing a house to be built at 711 Park Avenue. He said he felt such matters should be dealt with locally, but was told by Barbara Howland that a court appeal was provided by village and state law.

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