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To Welcome Christmas



Terrace Park Elementary School first grader Takahiro Haruki brought his family to the village green for a visit with Santa Claus. Posing with Santa (represented by Rick Dunning) are, from left, baby Ayami, mother Junko, Takahiro and Takazhi Haruki.



Carolers clustered on the pavilion watch as the tree lights go on. Al Nelson organized the band which played throughout the evening.



Grace Holmes, who sparkplugged the celebration, fusses over some last-minute adjustments to the tree. Dennis Elliott ran the power line and the Madison Tree Service put up the lights. Carriage rides through the village were sponsored by the Eppa Rixey Insurance Agency and Comey & Shepherd, through Ogle Annett, Polly Duplace, Pat Lowery, Sandy Koehler and Pat Lipka.

Rec Committee Plans Some Adult Activities

Terrace Park's Recreation Committee is considering setting up some adult recreation programsincluding ones for seniors-to supplement its highly successful youth programs.

Retiring as chairman of the Labor Day fete, Gregg MacMillan, 112 Michigan (248-2126), has undertaken to explore the possibilities. He said he would appreciate input from residents as to what activities they would be interested in, and how many might be expected to take part.

Denise Hall, who directed the 5,000 volunteers who staged Cincinnati's International Festival in November, will replace MacMillan as Labor Day festival chairman.

Committee chairman John Gislason reported that Stumps Boat Club and the Swim Club have agreed to share in financing a new bridge, estimated at \$15,000, leading to their facilities and Drackett Field. He said the bridge is scheduled to be replaced January 7 - 12, weather permitting.

Jim Dahlmeier announced plans to retire as committee treasurer in February. The committee still is seeking volunteers to handle field maintenance.

No Walk Light

A proposal for a walk light at Wooster and Western suffered an apparently fatal blow when Councilman Randy Casteel told village council that the State Highway Department estimated the cost at \$35,000 - \$50,000. The light had been urged for the protection of school children at the crossing.

Instead, Mayor Jack Schmidt proposed installation of school crossing signs and called for volunteer crossing guards to be paid by the village.

Village Ups Salaries of **Employees**

Pay increases averaging 5% for village employees were voted by village council at its December meetina

Effective January 1, the salary of Police Chief Bob Bacon was put at \$37,500, with additional duties as street commissioner at an unchanged \$1,000. Pay of full-time patrolmen will range from \$28,560 to \$29,715; of probationers 80% of the full rate, and of auxiliaries \$6 an hour for active duty.

Maintenance salaries were put at \$11.36 an hour for the foreman, \$10.37 an hour for other full-time employees, and 80% of that figure for helpers and apprentices.

Charlotte Molitor was retained as village secretary at \$18,060.

Tim Harth was retained as building inspector at \$5,000, and council authorized employment of an interiminspector when Harth was unable to serve.

New Leaf Machine in Service

Collapse of the village's old leaf machine delayed leaf pickup, but new equipment, a lot of maintenance department overtime and a break in the weather enabled the street crew to clean up before winter struck.

The old machine, bought some 20 years ago, has been subject to breakdowns in recent years. When it collapsed beyond repair, village council in an emergency meeting November 26 authorized purchase of a new machine for \$10,500.

Police Chief Bob Bacon reported at the December council meeting that the crew had picked up 100 loads of leaves within the first week, and said he expected the job to be finished by week-end.

The new machine's suction, he said, is so powerful that the street crew had to devise a way to keep the nozzle from sticking to the

Regulator Failure **Breaks Water Mains**

Failure of a main pressure failure of a pressure regulator which regulator is considered the probable cause of water problems in Terrace Park on December 3. Water mains broke in two places, two fire hydrants were displaced and had to be reset, pressure-control devices popped in several homes, and water was roiled through much of the village. The fire department had to pump water from the Rugby Avenue home of Councilman Dan Startsman.

"It's a which-came-first-the chicken or the egg," said Ed Schwenker, Indian Hill waterworks superintendent. A main break, he said, could have caused a surge of water that jammed a regulator open, Terrace Parkwater lines, Schwenker causing the rest of the problem. But urged residents to install regulators he added that it was more likely the

caused the surge that accounted for the damage.

It was, though, the first such incident in the recollection of oldtime residents and "the worst problem" Schwenker said he has faced in his 25 years with the waterworks.

The breaks occurred on Wrenwood at Wooster and at Park and Western Avenues, the break on Wrenwood blowing out a piece of metal "as big as your fist." The fire hydrants affected were on Wrenwood and at Park and Western.

Noting the high pressure in

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Year's Realty Sales Up, Nearly \$7 Million

By Mel Aichholz

Thirty nine houses were sold in 808 Lexington 144,500 Terrace Park in 1990, as many as in 1989, but total sales value was \$6,987,760, up from \$5,522,771 in

Here are the residential sales recorded at the Hamilton County Court House:

1 Denison	\$233,000
3 Denison	287,000
11 Denison	
1 Elm Ledge	195,000
610 Floral	230,000
726 Floral	130,000
821 Floral	167,500
319 Harvard	79,000
319 Harvard	363,996
323 Harvard	116,000
610 Home	
611 Home	200,000
716 Indian Hill	57,000
607 Lexington	160,000
715 Lexington	215,000

315 Miami	135,000
504 Miami	144,000
622 Miami	265,000
625 Miami	158,000
727 Miami	
729 Miami	87,000
104 Michigan	195,000
723 Myrtle	175,000
726 Park	225,000
200 Rugby	200,000
206 Rugby	154,000
215 Rugby	162,900
206 Stanton	324,250
501 Stanton	249,000
821 Stanton	83,000
100 Wagon Road	147,317
126 Windingbrook	137,000
127 Windingbrook	153,000
123 Wrenwood	125,500
134 Wrenwood	110,000
141 Wrenwood	89,900
153 Wrenwood	
812 Yale	168,000

Response is Heavy As Recycling Starts

Terrace Park's recycling center the village for its use. got off to a fast start, with the bin being filled within two weeks of installation.

The bin, sectioned for various materials, was installed in the shopping center driveway off Given Road on November 26, and villagers began putting it to use even before the official opening December 1. With the response greater than expected, village council had to hurriedly set up a system for notifying Rumpke Waste when a bin needed to be picked up and replaced. The village is charged \$100 for each exchange, but is to share in the recycling proceeds.

Waiting to see how the recycling effort continues, village council at its December meeting delayed consideration of special equipment needed for waste paper collection. Julie Rugh, sparkplug of the recycling effort, reported that a special bin for paper is available, but with no market for paper at the moment, there would be no return to

She noted some initial problems in some villagers failing to follow rules requiring the crushing of cans and plastic bottles, and in depositing some non-recyclable materials.

Do's And Don't's

In using the recycling bin:

DO

- * Rinse and crush plastic twoliter bottles and milk jugs.
- * Rinse and crush aluminum and bi-metal pop cans.
- * Rinse clear, green and brown glass containers.

DO NOT

- * Put in paper or cardboard of any kind.
- * Put in aluminum foil, or soup or vegetable cans.
- Put in plastic bags or any plastic containers carrying a recycling number above 2 in a triangle on the bottom.

Cast Named, Players Go All Out For February Performance

Members of the Terrace Park Players helped spread the Christmas spirit December 18 by going caroling around the community.

Meantime, the cast and crew for "Social Security," the Players' February production, are busy with three-night-a-week rehearsals, staging, planning dinners, readying tickets and programs and preparing a new portable stage for the Community House.

All who attend the production will be treated to greater visibility, better lighting and enhanced sets. With a cabaret show added to the schedule, there will be seven performances, four including dinner.

And there will be no increase in ticket prices. Dinner shows remain at \$15 per person, with cabaret performances at \$8. Setups will be provided.

With seating limited, call Cindy Coleman at 831-5335 for reservations.

Wiebold Building Addition is Ok'd

The village Planning and Zoning Commission on December 12 approved by a two-to-one vote plans Conservation building on Terrace

Much of the three-hour meeting, the second on the issue, concerned whether the laboratory was a retail business by legal definition or constituted a nonconforming use.

Wiebold bought the lots involved from the village in 1976 with the announced intention of ultimately building. Voting in favor along with Mayor Jack Schmidt, Norval Julnes said he did so *because council shouldn't have sold it to him in the first place." Dick Wachterman cast the negative vote.

Schools See Fund Loss

Mariemont School Supt. Don Thompson said the district has been nformed of a \$2 million decrease in he personal property tax duplicate, which is based on machinery and nventory held by local businesses. He said he is concerned that the ncrease on the inside millage from he recent property reappraisal may not make up for the loss.

Although Terrace Park's total property valuation increased by a hird since the 1987 appraisal, the chools will benefit from this increase only on 5.85 inside mills. By Ohio aw, school districts get only the amount of money actually voted in rom levies and do not benefit from nflationary increases in property alues.

To the Editor:

Kindervelt #76 would like to thank all of the residents of Terrace Park who supported the third annual Luminaria. Terrace Park has never been more beautiful than it was the night of December 9. We are fortunate to live in a community where the people are so giving to such a worthwhile cause. This project will net approximately \$3,300.

Thank you from all of us and from those at Childrens Hospital Medical Center who will benefit from your generosity.

Tina Hesser Ann Woolsey Co-chairpersons



Assigned parts in the Players' upcoming production are, rear, left to right, Linda Seta and Tim Brown; center, David Rosenberg, Kathy Wedding and Chuck Lumley; front row, Debbie Johnson and Marcie McClelland.

No Nudes Is Good Nudes?

Even though late November weather was unseasonably warm, Terrace Park Officer Dennis Wells was rather startled when he stopped a speeder on Wooster Pike to find she was wearing only an overcoat.

That was only part of her for an addition to the Wiebold Art problem. She was referred to Juvenile Court on charges of drunk driving and carrying marihuana. And the car was turned over to federal drug enforcement authorities, which could result in it being confiscated and sold, with Terrace Park police getting some of the money.

> Such seizures of cars in which narcotics are found have in recent months resulted in \$3,000 going

into village funds restricted for use in law enforcement.

Police Chief Bob Bacon said six cars have been seized so farthis year, two of them within the past month. He said he looked upon the measure as a highly-effective means of combatting drug trafficking, since it is not dependent on the disposition of whatever charges may be filed against the driver.

"If drugs are found in the car, that's it," he said.

The village, he added, has the option of taking back a carfor resale. But, he said, there usually is so much owed on a vehicle, which the village would have to pay first, that the resulting complications are not worth the time, money and effort involved.

Water-

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to prevent damage to water heaters especially and plumbing in general.

"Terrace Park's water supply from Indian Hill," he said, "enters the Village at three locations, Park and Wooster Pike, Given and Wooster, and Indian Hill and Wooster Pike. Protective regulators are necessary to control excessive pressure created by the surrounding topography. With the elevated tank area on Miami Road being elevation 960' and Terrace Park approximately 560', this elevation difference would exert pressure of about 175 psi.

"The pressure entering the village is controlled by three regulators at a pressure of approximately 75 to 80 psi. This pressure is still more than adequate for normal domestic use and should be controlled in-house with a reducing valve to control the inhouse pressure to approximately 60 to 65 psi. This valve would also protect in-house appliances should a condition develop such as occurred on December 3. It is highly recommended that every service in the village have this protection.

"The area in the village west of Wooster Pike is controlled by three regulators on Given Road, Indian Ridge and Old Indian Hill Road, and reduces the pressure to approximately 100 psi. These pressures are not controlled much lowerforfire protection. Many of the water mains in Terrace Park are very old and only 4" in diameter. Should the pressure in the system be considerably lower, fire protection in the village would suffer volume-

"In-house pressure regulators should be installed where the service branch enters the house. Hamilton County code dictates that in-house regulators should be installed where incoming pressures are 75 to 80 psi

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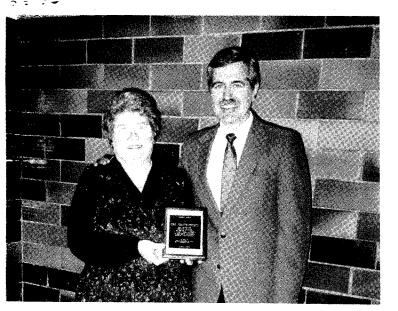
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Secretary Honored

Mrs. Trilety receives the first annual award for special service to Terrace Park Elementary School from principal Jerry Sasson. School secretary since 1978, she was honored at the school assembly on Visitation Day November 21. Sasson said a new name will be added each year to a plaque to be hung in the school office.

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Recreation Committee Records Best Soccer Season in its History

Terrace Park's Recreation Commission this year recorded the winningest soccer season in its 22 year history, and the first time a local team has won the SAY tournament in 10 years.

Seven of the community's 14 teams qualified for the North-Northeast SAY Championship where 107 teams from 25 franchises competed. The 6 and 7-year-old girls team won its division, and one of the 8 and 9-year-old girls teams was first runner-up in its division.

Both winning teams were

coached by members of the same household. Janet Sarran was head coach of the first and second grade girls, and her husband, Bill, coached the older girls. Janet's assistant coaches included Mark Watson, Don Hawk and Maggie Roberts. Bill was assisted by Clark Howland and Rick Cowan.

Each member of both teams received a trophy during the awards ceremony that followed the fourth and final game in tournament play. The team trophies are on display at the elementary school.

Missing Village Papers **Sought for Archives**

An effort to bring order in the chaos of past village records has disclosed that a number of vital papers-some of which are required by law to be preserved indefinitely-are missing, and presumably are in the hands of former officials or their families.

Anyone having any such village records is urged to turn them over to Esther Power, 629 Amherst (831-3018), who was appointed keeper of village archives by Mayor Jack Schmidt two months ago.

The records are stored in a room in the basement of the Community House. Bob Ingeman made a start in getting them in order before he was incapacitated by illness two years ago. Since her appointment, Mrs. Power has made such progress in organizing the records as to draw compliments from Kevin Grace, rare books archivist at the University of Cincinnati. Contact also has been made with the Ohio Historical Society which has been designated by law as the state's archival administrator.

Some help in going through the papers has come also from Ricki Schmidt and Ellis Rawnsley.

Other Council Actions at the **December Council Meeting:**

* Council appropriated \$1,000 to repair a storm drain on Oxford Avenue.

Building Inspector Tim Harth reported issuance of eight building permits for work estimated at

Fire Chief Pierce Matthews reported two fire and three task force runs, adding that all firemen and the four full-time village police officers had completed a six-hour course on hazardous wastes, and that the firemen would be taking a more advanced course. He issued a call also for more volunteers for daytime

* Assistant Life Sauad Chief Sally Gilchrist reported 13 squad runs; said that all present members had been recertified; and announced plans for a new recruit class in September.

- * As street commissioner, Bacon reported work had begun on the new maintenance building, with completion of the shell expected in
- * Council authorized bidding en a new police cruiser.
- Council approved an ordinance making Terrace Park's building code conform to Hamilton County's newly-revised code, and gave first reading to another to clarify village dealing with substandard lots.

Village Views Raises Ad Rates

Expenses having mounted to the point that Village Views is losing \$100 on each monthly issue, Village Views has increased its advertising rate to \$3 per column inch. The rate had been \$2.

Business manager Maggie Tobergte reported 12-month expenses as \$6,144 against income of \$4,800, draining the reserve fund to \$1,200. Of the income, \$2,880 comes from advertisers and \$1,920 from contributions. Village Views recently raised its charge for including inserts from \$50 to \$65. concerning organizations of village affairs are included at no charge.

Distribution through the Door-Store packages costs \$50 a month. Village Views had faced a jump in that cost to \$220, but the distributor was persuaded to hold to the \$50 charge in return for advertising space.

Helping Hand

Candace McClelland of Terrace Park is serving her second year as a member of the Youths' Initiative Committee of United Way and the Community Chest. As a member also of United Way's Youth Action Committee, she coordinated last spring's Rehabathon, a teen project of refurbishing houses for the needy. A junior at Notre Dame High School. she is the daughter of Marcy McClelland, Floral Avenue.

Under the guidance of Jill Croswell, TPRC commissioner, the program has grown from 10 to 14 teams the past three seasons. This year, 235 children ages 5 through 13 were involved in the program-the most participants in recent TPRC history.

"I don't know that winning is the criteria for judging the quality of the program because there are so many other factors," said Jill. "We're fortunate to have cooperative and supportive parents, people willing to share their time and talents as coaches and referees, volunteers eager to help in other capacities and most importantly enthusiastic kids. I do believe that those who didn't go to the tournament had a good time and learned the game, too."

Of the other five tournament teams, the 6 and 7 year old boys coached by Dan Keefe, Gary Barnes and Mike Gray; 6 and 7 year old boys coached by Steve Wilson and Fred Albrecht; 10 - 11 year old girls coached by Kathy Mitchell and Ann Rinaldi; 10-11 year old girls coached by Scott Croswell and John Jones; and the 12 and 13 year old girls coached by Jamie McClurg and Jeff

Also coaching this year were: Linda Shortridge and Sue Cowgill, 6 - 7 year old girls; David Lewis and Stock Keffer, 6 - 7 year old boys; Pete Borden, Parker Cowgill and Mike Campo, 8 - 9 year old boys; JoAnn and Dave Randolph and Rick Clukey, 8 - 9 year old boys; Tim Brown and Steve Smith, 8 - 9 year old girls; Mike Ross, Mike Callaghan, Bob Aller, 8 - 9 year old girls; Skip Merten, David Deeter, Dan Startsman and Jody Ader, 10 - 11 year old boys.

Gregg MacMillan coordinated this year's referees and Janet Sarran organized the uniforms.

Legal Costs Irk Council

Councilman John Wenstrup, chairman of the finance committee, told the December council meeting that village legal expenses were "out of control," but council considered no specific corrective measures.

His comments came as council voted amendments to the 1990 budget, including a \$12,000 increase in legal expenses to a total of \$42,000.

Village Solicitor Bob Malloy attributed much of the increase to drunk driving defendants having their cases transferred to Hamilton County Municipal Court, in what he called a false belief that they would get more lenient treatment there.

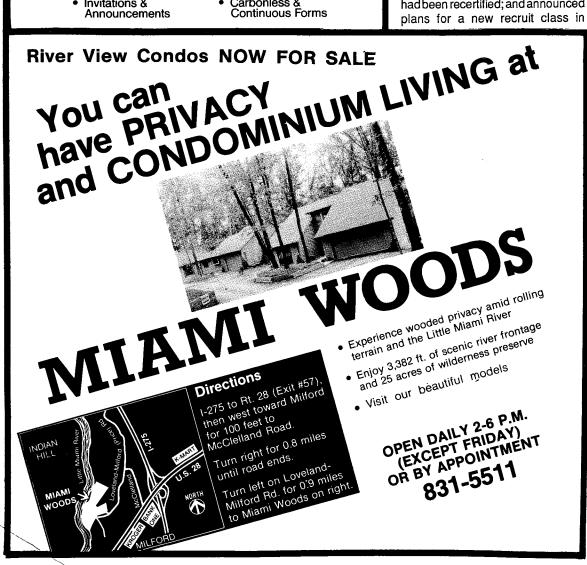
In separate actions, council reemployed Malloy at a base salary of \$3,400 for attendance at council, planning commission and zoning board meetings. He is to receive \$70 an hour for municipal court appearances, and \$85 an hour for other matters.

Council also agreed to contract with the county Public Defenders Office to represent indigents. Malloy said the state funds most of the activity.

AARP Chapter To Install Officers

Terrace Park's chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons will install officers for the coming year after a pot-luck lunch at St. Thomas Church on January 14.

The officers, all re-elected, include Terrace Park residents Virginia Marquett, president; Vera Hodges, vice-president; Dr. Ray Stoecklin, treasurer, and Ellis Rawnsley, board member at large.



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Mayor Comments on Proposed **Zoning Changes**

Fellow residents,

At the December Council Meeting, an important new ordinance was introduced for first reading which will limit the grounds for appeal for future building and lot size variances. This ordinance has been drafted over the last several months, and some additional changes will likely be incorporated before it is brought before Council for a final vote, likely in February or March of 1991.

I actively solicit comments on this proposed ordinance from all interested residents. Copies may be obtained at the village office.

The proposed ordinance does not, and should not, prohibit the granting of variances. Case law clearly establishes the rights of property owners to seek variances and clearly establishes that governmental bodies must issue variances under some circumstances. Further, there is no doubt in my mind that it is right to issue some variances; each case needs to be considered on its individual merits.

Within the limits of state and case law, however, it is my intent, working with Council, to establish a legal structure which will be more rather than less restrictive in the granting of variances. This is intended to cover both property splitups and building permits which vary from established codes.

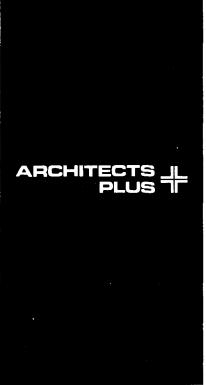
There is a simple philosophy behind this view. While the granting of any one variance might not be seen as detrimental, an ongoing series of variances is going to undermine the very conditions our codes and ordinances are trying to achieve. We collectively have a very valuable-and fragile-property within the village environment which exists today in Terrace Park. It is the intent of the new ordinance to preserve that environment.

J.H. Schmidt Mayor

Two Awarded Miami Degrees

Two residents of Terrace Park were among 782 graduates awarded degrees at Miami University's winter commencement December 21.

They are Richard T. Mileham Jr., 620 Elm, and Jonathan D. Morgan, 721 Lexington. Both received degrees as bachelors of



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