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ARREST-AND A CONVERT

What started out as a potential drug bust turned out to be a minor scam, with Police Chief Bob Bacon making a convert out of the accused.

It all started on Monday, December 7, after Officer Mike Wright had made a drug arrest on Wooster Pike and confiscated a pager the suspect carried. Talking the case over later, Bacon and Wright tried the pager to see what would happen. They reached a man who offered a quarter-ounce of cocaine for \$325, to be delivered at the parking lot at Wooster and Elm. While Bacon obtained the money and marked the bills, Wright rounded up help from other police departments and Officer Tim Chin volunteered to be point man to make

"I warned him that there was every possibility of gunplay," Bacon said, "but he said he'd do it."

The man evidently became suspicious and fled in his car. Wright apprehended him on a traffic violation, only to find that all he had was a small packet of marijuana. During talks which followed his arrest, Bacon realized the Madisonville suspect had great concerns about his community.

"Man, why're you making all the fuss. You don't care nothin' about Madisonville," said the Madisonville man picked up in the scam. Bacon pointed to the pile of goods Terrace Park residents contributed to a police-sponsored Madisonville relief

"That's what we're doing," he said. "We're trying to help Madisonville, and all you're doing is messing it up.

After a moment, the man volunteered to make amends. After talking with YMCA workers, Bacon said he planned to recommend that the man be sentenced to community service with the YMCA and other youth groups instead of being fined.

Commission Praised

A message of sincere thanks is extended at this Holiday Season to the few hard-working, dedicated volunteers who serve on the Planning and Zoning Commission of Terrace Park. Their generous yearround giving of their time and talents often goes unnoticed but helps to keep Terrace Park the first class place it is.

The Commission is made up of five members: the Mayor, a member of Council, and three other residents. Serving at this time are: Randy Casteel, Sally Gilchrist, Alan Griffith, Ken Maddux, and Dick Wachterman, Chairman.

Responsibilities of the Commission include approval or denial of requests for changes made to property in Terrace Park, reviewing and recommending revision of codes, and determining the effects changes will have on village surroundings, both short and long term.

Meetings are determined by need as this Commission carefully weighs the pros and cons of residents' requests, then determines a sound recommendation for Council to act on. Sensitive issues often present them with a very difficult job. Yet they carefully conduct the necessary research on a proposed change and consider every aspect

POLICE MAKE







Recipient of the 3rd annual "Special Person of the Year" Award given by Terrace Park Elementary School is Mrs. Pat Essex. In her 20 years of service as a teacher's aide at the school, she has always gone that extra step to provide a caring environment for the children.

School Welcomes Special Guests

The doors of Terrace Park School opened wide on November 25, 1992 to warmly welcome some very special guests. Parents, grandparents and special friends were an important part of the Thanksgiving celebration. Guests visited the classrooms and participated in a variety of activities including lunch and folk music entertainment. Students were asked to take some time over the holiday to appreciate their family heritage and be thankful for those important people who helped make them what they are. Pictured are students enjoying the company of their special guests.

Mariemont High School Named An Ohio Exemplary School

For the third consecutive eligibility period, Mariemont High School has been named an exemplary school by the Ohio Department of Education and nominated for the national Blue Ribbon Schools Secondary School Recognition Pro-

Schools are eligible for recognition every four years. MHS received the national exemplary school honor during the 1988-89 and 1984-85 school years, making it the only high school in Ohio to twice receive the recognition.

Ted Sanders, state superintendent of public instruction, said Ohio could nominate just 19 schools for the national competition. Mariemont is one of four schools in Hamilton County to be so honored. The others are Princeton High School, Princeton Junior High School and Sycamore Junior High School.

"We commend the teachers. administrators, students, parents and community members of the Mariemont City School District for their active participation in promoting educational excellence," said Sanders. "Please accept our congratulations for your outstanding documentation, which reflects a positive and productive view of public education in Ohio."

The U.S. Department of Education's National Review Panel will review the MHS nomination in January. If MHS becomes a finalist, a site visit will be made in the spring. The national recognition ceremony will be held in Washington, D.C. in September of 1993.

Post Office Adds New Service

Postmaster Judy Trame is pleased to announce that a stamp machine has been installed in the lobby of the Terrace Park Post Office for the convenience of residents when the Office is closed from 12 noon to 1 pm, daily, and evenings. Cost of stamps is 30 cents for one 29 cent stamp; 58 cents for 2-29 cent and 2-1 cent stamps; and \$1.45 for 5-29 cent stamps. As always, the Post Office Lobby is open 24-hours a day, with a copy machine available for public use at 25 cents per copy.





Red Tape, Regulations Run Up Building Costs

The new maintenance building which village council three years ago figured would run about \$40,000 has finally been completed—at a cost of \$110,100.22.

But that doesn't include the cost of concrete aprons before the building doors. A county building inspector has insisted they be installed before he issues a certificate of occupancy which will permit its use. Police Chief Bob Bacon persuaded him to issue a temporary certificate so the building could be used before that work is done.

The result, said Mayor Randy Casteel, is "a monument to red tape and regulation."

"We could have saved the tax-

payers a lot of money by doing much of the work ourselves," said Casteel, "but the regulations say we can't do it that way, so we're stuck. And it's going to get worse."

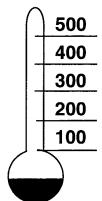
The village, he said, was merely trying to provide decent working conditions for its employees, including toilet facilities and proper storage for expensive equipment. It was the plumbing that tangled the village in red tape and long delays in dealing with the Ohio EPA. Plumbing costs alone amounted to \$25,653, including what Casteel called "a \$20,000 molehole of EPA required treatment facilities that I'm not sure are going to work.'

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Centennial Committee Reports Progress On Sale Of Bricks

Committee is working toward re- payable to the "Terrace Park Cenplacing the blacktop walkway on tennial Committee". The Committhe Village Green with engraved tee seeks a goal of 500 bricks orbricks. Enclosed in this issue of dered as a reflection of community VILLAGE VIEWS is an order form, support. If a commitment of 500 so that residents may order a brick bricks is not received by January with a message of 14-characters 31, the project will be terminated,

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The Terrace Park Centennial spaces. Checks may be made maximum per line, including and monies already collected will be returned. Thus far, 35 bricks have been ordered.

As part of the Memorial Dav weekend celebration, the Committee is looking to pull together excerpts from the 1976 Bicentennial pageant of "200 By-George". This production, directed by Bill Konold. re-enacted the history of Terrace Park. Anyone with musical ability or acting talent who is interested in participating in this fun-filled, lighthearted rendition, please contact Bill Konold, 831-0372, or Debbie Johnson, 831-4781, as soon as

Once again, anyone interested in helping to coordinate the Mémorial weekend event may call Sandy Wittman-Shell, 831-6090, or Linda Naylor, 248-4250. They welcome your support!

by Camilla Warrick

Maybe it was the navy blue cardigan slung over the street sign at Miami and Terrace Place.

Or maybe it was the four skeins of varn that have been hanging for weeks-protected in a plastic bagon the bulletin board at Elm and

Or maybe it was the white knit beret displayed on top of a fire hydrant on Terrace Place, or the baby booties on a fence a few doors down. But the sight of these things have made me realize that one of the most curious, endearing aspects of life in Terrace Park is the regard for other peoples' missing things.

The first time I saw a sign requesting the whereabouts of a large black and white rabbit I thought it must be a joke. But now having seen a number of similar signs during the past couple of years, I have to conclude that the loss (or discovery) of a domestic rabbit is subject of village-wide concern.

There's a strong, yet unspoken ethic here. It's something like: Do unto what you find as you would have done unto what you've lost.

But even that doesn't quite capture it. There have been instances where greater solicitation has been shown a lost item than the thing probably deserves. I've overheard mothers at the school playground tell their children to leave a dented Matchbox car or a muddy headband because the rightful owner might come back in search

My neighbor, Grace Siegel, a 50-year resident, tells me it's always been this way in Terrace Park. Found items were often prominently displayed on the counter of Mrs. Droescher's grocery store or at the Post Office, just down the street. Or as winter wore on and the collection of scarves and mittens increased, bushes were pressed into service at the village green.

There is no official lost and found box in Terrace Park. However, when bikes get left on somebody else's property for days or weeks, the police are usually alerted. They'll collect and keep the bike until it's retrieved. But sometimes that never happens.

My favorite bike story comes from a former Terrace Park resident. One Monday morning his young son was distraught to discover that his new bike was missing from the garage. So they got in the car to begin an investigation. The first (and only) stop was the elementary school. There sat the bike in exactly the same position the boy had left it on Friday afternoon.

Not all lost and found stories are this symmetrical. Another neighbor, Karl Blum, recalls the youth bed he made for his son Rob. When Rob outgrew it, the Blums loaned it out to another family. But by the time Rob's brother, Brad, six years

Miami Graduate

Torrey Richmond Hall, of Wanoka Woods, Terrace Park, was awarded the Bachelor of Science in Education from Miami University at the winter commencement program, held December 18, at Millett Assembly Hall.

A Few Good Books

A few copies of Terrace Park's new history, "A Place Called Terrace Park" are still available for sale. Those who have not already purchased this beautiful volume may do so by contacting Esther Power, his junior, was ready for it, nobody could remember who had it. Various inquiries turned up nothing.

The Blums had always figured it would return. They were half right. Fifteen or so years later they encountered the bed again-at the Labor Day garage sale. But they weren't tempted. Both their boys were grown and gone.

If you know any good lost and found stories, describe it on a postcard and send to Village Views. Or if you're the person who lost that Steely Dan CD one night on Miami Ave., let me know, It's safe and unplayed. I promise.

More News About PTA Market Dav

Thanks to the interest and cooperation of Council members and Village authorities, a new plexiglass holder for Market Day order forms has been placed in the lobby of the Village offices. Market Day is the food co-op sponsored in Terrace Park by the Elementary PTA. Three months in operation now, orders have increased each month. Proceeds have totalled over \$800, which will directly benefit students at the school.

Most orders have been placed by T.P. School parents. It is the goal of the PTA to involve as many residents as possible. Prices on food items are comparable to Biggs and Sam's, and the quality has been

Questions may be directed to Susie Gray, 831-7626, or Cherie McCarthy, 248-4746.

Family Welcomes Wen Lei Gu

Wen Lei Gu, a 15 year old Chinese violinist, is now living with her legal guardians, Gregg and Linda MacMillan of Terrace Park. She is a freshman at Mariemont High School where she is an honor student.

A dedicated, positive young lady, Wen Lei (known as Lei Lei) is a member of the Starling Prepara-

tory String project in Cincinnati. Lei Lei studies at CCM with Kurt Sassmanshaus. She also is a student in the master class of Dorothy Delay, a world renown violin teacher from New York who commutes to Cincinnati twice a month to teach

Lei Lei practices the violin 5-6 hours daily. Her dedication has paid off because she has been the recipient of many awards including first place in China's National Youth Competition and in 1990 the Yehudi Menuhin Competition in London. She is also an accomplished pianist which brought her first place in a Chinese competition at the age of

Musical talent runs in Lei Lei's family. Both of her parents are professional violinists in the orchestrain Kan Ton. Lei Lei's aunt teaches violin at Duke University.

Lei Lei is hoping to compete in the 1994 Tschaikowsky Competition in Moscow. She plans to follow Dorothy Delay's recommendation concerning her career as a violinist.



Wen Lei Gu

Young Hall Is Feature Twirler

By day, Kathleen Dawn Hall appears to be just another one of the bright, 10-year old girls attending Mrs. Nancy Handler's fourth grade class at Terrace Park Elementary School. But, out of class, Kathleen is a member of "The Patriot's Twirling and Drum Corp", where she has won the title of "Featured Twirler". This is quite an accomplishment for one so young!

Kathleen works under the guidance of Coach Susan Galloway, a certified coach and judge with the U.S. Twirling Association and the World Twirling Association. Kathleen loves to twirl the baton and enjoys learning the dance steps that go along with the twirling. A true performer, she loves the parades and competitions where she can display her sport. So far, she has marched in Cincinnati Reds and Cincinnati Bengals Opening Day Parades, in Terrace Park's celebrations, at the Ohio State Fair, the Kentucky Derby Parade, and in numerous American Legion events.

Baton twirling is now an official sport, and hopes are high that it will soon become an Olympic event. When it does, Kathleen plans to be ready. She is a member of the U.S. and World Twirling Associations, the National Baton Twirling Association, Twirling Unlimited, and the International Baton Twirling Asso-

Kathleen resides with her mother, Donna Hall, on Wooster Pike, in Terrace Park.

The Patriots Twirling and Drum Corp, which is sponsored by the Anderson American Legion Post

is seeking boys and girls, ages 3 to 19 years. Any young people are invited to join who are interested in the pageantry of baton twirling, flag twirling, rifle twirling, color guard marching, drumming, and dance twirling. If interested, call Coach Susan Galloway, 231-7784.



Kathleen Dawn Hall

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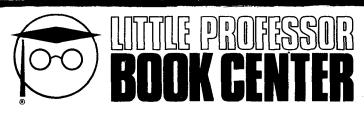
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nation's bicentennial.

Cost of the black and white sketches, which measure 18" x 14" unframed, is \$5 for the first purchase, and \$4 for each additional. Each print is signed and numbered by the artist.

All funds raised are used for the beautification of the village.

If interested, call Lynn Nelson at 831-9220.



Pictured from left to right: (first row) Adam Merten, Bryan Randolph, Adam Parrish. (Second row)David Allan, Daniel Startsman, John Allan, B.J. Cotter, Asst. Scoutmaster David Randolph. (Third row) Scoutmaster Roy Allan, Dan Startsman, Jr, Skip Merten, and Ben Ross.



Congratulations

J. Richard Cruse, Jr., of Mission Veijo, California, formerly of Terrace Park, recently passed the California Bar Exam. "Rick", a Mariemont High School alumnus, graduated fom Earlham College in 1983 and from Whittier College of Law last June. His parents, Joe and Alvera Cruse, reside on Wooster Pike in Terrace Park.



Shown with proud parents, Laurel and Mike Ross of Harvard Avenue. Ben Ross advances to the rank of Life Scout.

Boy Scout Troop 286 Wins Camporee **Award**

Members of Boy Scout Troop 286 participated in the Dan Beard Council, Big Bear District Fall Camporee at Camp Hook on October 23, 24, and 25, 1992 in a weekend of wilderness survival training. Headed by senior patrol leader Ben Ross, Bryan Randolph, John Allan, David Allan, Adam Merten, Daniel Startsman III, B. J. Cotter, Matt Buban and Adam Parrish met the challenge and came away with a troop award as one of the best ten out of 36 troops attending the three day camporee. In addition to the troop award, six of the scouts earned their merit badge in Wilderness Survival.

At the fall court of honor, the following advances in rank were presented: Ben Ross to Life Scout; Bryan Randolph to Star Scout; David Allan, John Allan, Adam Merten and Daniel Startsman to First Class Scout; B. J. Cotter to Second Class Scout; and Matt Buban, Spencer Dunning, John Harth, Jeff Kreuger, Jonathan Malotke, Adam Parrish and Joel Shimp to Tenderfoot. The next challenge for the troop will be an active program of winter camping, leading up to the spring court of honor to be held next March.





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T. P. Warriors Strike Again!!

The Girls' Age 7-under soccer team, coached by Stock Keffer and Rich Oliver, won their division of the North/Northeast League Championship after posting a 7-0-1 undefeated season. They lost, 1-0, in over-time in the semi-final round to the eventual league championship team from Madeira. The 1st and 2nd grade girls, who enjoyed tons of fun and cartwheels on the field between scoring goals, were: (Pictured from left to right) Front row: Anna DeDiemar, Courtney and Ashley Moffitt, Sarah Singler, Lizzie Smith, Molly Starks, and Katy Keffer. Second row: Coach Keffer, Jordan Albrecht, Casey Clukey, Kristin Hesser, Lauren Fisher



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In Council -

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The basic framework for the building, including windows and doors, cost \$11,300.

"And it's just a pole barn," said Bacon, "an elaborate pole barn with concrete floors, heat and toilet facilities, but still essentially a pole barn."

Requirements that the village pay the government-established prevailing wage increased construction costs, the village officials

Casteel laid much of the problem to inflexible regulations and regulators who do not consider varied conditions, and so call for far more than a situation may require.

Center Opens Doors To Area Świmmers

For many people, the approach of the new year offers a time to resolve to make changes in lifestyle, trading in old, bad habits for new, healthier ones. For residents of Terrace Park who seek to add exercise to their busy schedules in '93, help may be closer than you think!

Stepping Stones Center for persons with disabilities offers a variety of swimming programs to the general public, giving people a chance to use its facility (at 5650 Given Road, just across Wooster Pike from Terrace Park—what could be more convenient?) and at the same time help to support the Center's worthwhile programming.

In its 25-yard, indoor pool, the water and air are maintained at 88 degrees. There is a wading area for babies, and showers and changing rooms are available. Programs include a Lap Swim for exercise; a "Family Fun" Swim; a Warm Water Workout, particularly helpful to those who suffer from arthritis; and an Infant and Preschool Aquatic Swim, for folks 6 months to 3 years and their parents.

For information regarding program details, costs and availability, contact Theresa Rogers, Stepping Stones Center, 831-4660.

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