

Village Views

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TERRACE PARK, OHIO

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Lengthy Council Session

by Scouts Observe

Mayor Lindell opened the December Council session by welcoming the Boy Scouts Troop 286 that came to observe the functioning of their local government. It was not until well over two hours later that Council concluded its busy agenda. Items included: elimination of a crossing guard at one intersection, work on the village budget, a decision to replace the roof and furnace at the Community House, a discussion of rehabilitation of damaged trees, a public hearing and decision not to vacate an alley, consideration of annexation possibilities, working out final connection details with the Building and Loan Company and several miscellaneous items.

The provision of a morning school crossing guard at the intersection of Terrace Park and Wooster will be initiated during the Christmas school recess due to the increasing number of students crossing the crossing. Parents of children in the area have been informed about the situation. Council points out that beginning January 4 the parents have the alternative of directing their children to cross at the traffic light where a guard is present or the students can take the bus that stops at the corner of Fieldstone and Windbrook about 8:05 a.m. Less than anticipated revenue from sales tax, financial institutions and real estate tax paid by the Pennsylvania Railroad necessitates a reworking of the budget for 1971. A budget of approximately \$124,000 will be employed with an approximately carry over reduced from \$16,000 to \$11,000. Under new State law, county funds will be divided by four and not village need. Replacement of the roof and furnace in the Community House requires that preliminary plans must now be made for their replacement. The Clerk was authorized to advertise for bids for heating equipment. The roof and furnace were not expected to cost \$3,500. Because of restrictions a slighted amount of funds will be available next year for work. This will result in less use of outside companies. After discussion of the fact that many of the village are more than 20 years old plus the damage from the storm, Council referred the matter to a committee to determine what other action should be carried out for preservation of the valuable asset of trees.

Council temporarily suspended

public hearing could be held on the proposal by a resident to vacate the alley that runs north and south between Cambridge and Terrace Pl. Village Solicitor Leming presided over the hearing which heard somewhat heated discussions between the proponent of the vacation procedure and several opponents, who reside on and near the alley. After the hearing, Council reconvened and by a three to two vote decided not to vacate the alley.

Council is proceeding with efforts to annex a small, landlocked, triangular area north of Wooster Pike and adjacent to the Indian Hill corporation limit. Considerations of possibilities of annexing some area west of the village were referred to next month's Planning Commission meeting.

Representatives of the Terrace Park Building and Loan Company were on hand to work out final, minor details with regard to approval of the construction of their new building. They are donating a small area of land at the corner of Elm and Wooster to the village so that the corner may be widened for safety at this dangerous intersection. Council thanked the institution for their investment in the community and the appearance of their new facility.

Miscellaneous other Council news includes the following: The letter has been sent to Gilligan opposing the Highway Department plan to rechannel the river. Speeders beware: the Police Department has purchased a new type of radar unit that is very efficient. Money is expected to be received for a project to widen Indian Hill Road. Complaints have been received about foul odors emanating from the stock feeding operation west of the village and the matter has been referred for further investigation.

Allen Baldwin, long time village employee, is reported recovering satisfactorily from circulatory surgery.

Scouts in attendance from Troop 286 were: Andy Augspurger, John Augspurger, Scott Boeing, Ron Capehart, Jim Gingrich, Bob Holloway, David Lohrum, David Pendl, Jeff Pendl, Lon Stirman and Jamie Vogt.



photo by Graydon DeCamp

Christmas Services

Second grade church schoolers, parents and friends are invited for a Saturday, December 19, program at 2 p.m. at St. Thomas Church.

Saturday, December 19, is also the night of the Youth Group, eight graders, caroling with a party afterward. They will meet at the Church at 5:30 p.m.

Christmas Eve invites weefolk and friends in the Village of parish area to attend the 4 p.m. blessing of the Christmas creche.

A Service of Lessons and carols will be held for the family at 8 p.m. Christmas Eve. The Junior Choir will sing for this Service.

Special music, brass choir, Senior Choir and organist will perform at the "midnight" Choral Eucharist Service held at 11 p.m.

There will be Holy Communion at 10 a.m. January 1 to welcome in the new year.



Completed

The Terrace Park Life Squad has successfully completed the State Course. The

Twelfth Night Tree Burning



The annual Twelfth Night Tree Burning will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 6, at the Scout Cabin. Reverend Robert Gerhard will preside over the ceremonies supervised by the Fire Department. Village crews will pick up discarded trees in front of homes on days preceding the event or residents can bring their own trees and add them to the stack.

Immediately following at the St. Thomas Church there will be a festival, service, and refreshments in commemoration of Epiphany.

Sunday with Santa



Children can have a last minute chat with Santa between 2 and 4 p.m. Sunday, December 20 at the Community House. This represents a joint community project between the Fire Department and the Preschool Child Study Group. The Terrace Park Band will be on hand to accompany Carol singing.

Further Efforts vs. Highway

Efforts are continuing to prevent the Highway Department from rechanneling the Little Miami and East Fork Rivers in the Terrace Park area for the relocation of U.S. 50. Important support has come from the Anderson Hills Community Council, and Little Miami Incorporated is furthering their activities on our behalf. Governor elect John Gilligan has been notified of Terrace Park's opposition to the proposed project. Terrace Park citizens should remain alert in the event that a new date for the Public Hearing is suddenly announced.

Carrying out instructions of the Mayor and Council, Council Member Janet Decker has prepared and sent a letter to Mr. Gilligan informing him of the opposition of Village Officials, Council and Terrace Park citizens to the Highway plan. Included were copies of the petitions signed by more than 800 residents. Newspaper clippings from VILLAGE VIEWS, Mary Mc Carthy's article in the Cincinnati Post, and items from Little Miami Inc.'s Newsletter were, also, sent. The letter requested Mr. Gilligan to reply before the February 9, 1971 Terrace Park Council meeting.

The Anderson Hills Community Council, an organization composed of individuals and representatives of many

posed rechanneling of the Little Miami River for Relocated 50. During its November meeting a special committee was established as follows: "The final action was the establishment of a committee to work with the community of Terrace Park in influencing the design of proposed U.S. 50 along the Little Miami River. This committee shall consist of the four newly elected officers, Robert Dorsey, Thomas Jones, Don Elliot and Milo Beran, plus Paul Weiser and Glen Buswell." (Quotation from official minutes of the meeting.)

The November Little Miami Inc. Newsletter featured a copy of the Cincinnati Post article reporting Terrace Park opposition to the Highway plan. It revealed that Ray Culter, Executive Director, sent a letter to Mayor Lindell "praising the village Council for their firm progressive approach toward the preservation of the Little Miami River and reaffirming the fact that L.M.I. will support them 100% in obtaining this goal." The situation was evaluated during the Lower River Council's meeting in Mariemont on December 1. One of the actions taken was to notify the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation -- the agency designated by Congress to evaluate the Little Miami River -- of Terrace Park activities to pre-

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Donald and Frances Franke.
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January 20 issue is Jan. 9.

Safety Tips

Fire Chief, Lee Stegemeyer, reminds residents of these fire precautions for a safe Christmas. Keep real trees in a water solution at all times and keep hot objects away from branches. Turn off tree lights whenever out of the house. Dispose of Christmas wrapping paper immediately as this material is extremely inflammable - even a hot light bulb can sometimes cause ignition. Beware of electrical shock from lights used on metal artificial trees and use only light strands in good electrical repair on flammable trees.

Tree Solution

Cut Christmas trees will stay fresh, greener and more fire resistant if kept in the following solution. First cut about one inch off the bottom of the trunk. Then make the following solution and add to the tree holder, check tree each day for evaporation and add needed solution.

- 1 gallon of hot water
- 4 tablespoons of Green Guard (available at garden or hardware stores)
- 2 cups of light Karo syrup
- 4 tablespoons of Clorox.

The Annexation Question

by Don Franke

Last month's Council news revealed that Mayor Lindell and Council are taking a hard look at the possibility of annexing some territory west of the village. This corresponds with the general pattern of other municipalities, to expand when it is found that mutual benefit is derived both by the village and by the occupants of the annexed area. Incidentally, this does not have anything to do with the Highway Department plans to rechannel the river or with opposition to the Highway Department project. Conditions justify further investigation of the possibilities by Terrace Park residents and village officials. Some of the general environmental and economic factors involved in an annexation decision are listed here.

Environmental factors constitute compelling reasons to consider annexation both by our community and by occupants of the area to the west. As Ken Troy asserted in the October Issue of VILLAGE VIEWS (in opposing the river rechannelization project) the quasi-rural environment of Terrace Park is an important factor in maintaining the monetary value of all property in the Terrace Park area. Carefully planned and enforced zoning in our community has maintained our investments in the past. Uncontrolled housing and commercial developments of undesirable and incompatible types along every inch of Wooster Pike could create many forms of degradation adjacent to Terrace Park; unsightliness, overcrowding, traffic and sewerage hazards and loss of all the trees. There will be further development in the area, but municipal control would effect optimal construction such that maximum aesthetic and economic values could be enjoyed both in Terrace Park and by property owners in areas that may wish to consider being annexed. If Terrace Park residents and their neighbors to the west take no action, it would in effect be making a decision to allow indiscriminate development.

Economic factors other than the preceding ones are more difficult to assess. Residents of any area to be annexed can gain better municipal services. Questions to be evaluated by the annexing community include the following: What will be the cost of providing services for an expanded area? How much will the tax revenue increase from expansion? How will the cost balance between services and revenue likely be maintained over the next several years? What is the nature of reorganization required to administer a larger area? These are questions for the Terrace Park community to evaluate as the situation is explored further. VILLAGE VIEWS will report more details when they become available. If and when any possible annexation agreement is reached between Terrace Park and some area to the west, village officials will need the support of the citizenry to implement such a decision.

OUTDOORS

WITH KEN TROY

It was a beautiful day last December twenty-sixth. It had snowed the night before - several inches of pure white powder, and the sun that morning burst out of the east in a glory befitting the day after Christmas.

A walk that morning was most invigorating, it was a glad-to-be-alive day. Snow was everywhere, the limbs of every tree covered as if an albino snake rested comfortably there. The breezes were ever so slight, not enough wind to increase the chill factor, and it just couldn't make up its mind to blow from the south-east or the north-west -- just little puffs now and then.

The walk took me down Rugby, then north on Miami to Oxford and to the river. A gentle gust raised slight mother-of-pearl clouds of snow or created tiny funnels of swirling white. Some of these last were clockwise and others counter-clockwise, unlike the eye of a real twister which will circle only one direction depending upon which side of the equator it was created.

The kids were ice skating on the river and some had brought snow shovels, pushing such ahead of the skates and clearing a large area for skating, and perhaps to play hockey. A young lad was sitting on the bank, waist deep in snow putting on his skates, the same boy I'd observed the previous summer sitting in almost the same spot, tailor-fashion, (and in ninety plus he patiently waiting for a catfish to run with the bait.

Turned and then meandered up Redbud Creek through the hollow on the south side of Wooster Pike. Just above St. Thomas more little Indians had abandoned sleds and were swinging off the hill from a wild grape vine while contemporaries tried to nail them with snowballs.

On the other side of Wooster Pike the creek itself became more alive. Nuthatches and titmice scolded me, cardinals looked then ignored me, and the crows alternately soared, glided and dove in their seemingly endless circling above me. At least it looked endless, but I knew they were looking for carrion or something else crows consider delectable.

Up on the hill of Camp Stepping Stone wild squeals of delight emanated from the young sledders as the tiny ones drug their feet in fear and the older boys proudly displayed bravery with their reckless speed.

Most of the creek was frozen and covered with snow, but frequently riffles of rushing water prevented freezing. Now and then over these riffles like a tiny surfboard came a small stick or a maple seed. The same maple seed that had fluttered down like an off center propeller the previous spring. Maybe it still had a chance to sprout into a maple next spring, but far from its home base.

Soon an open pool appeared, the ice having crusted just around its edges and about six inches above water level. It almost seemed as if there was an ebb tide, but I suppose the water level was falling because so much had frozen. At the edge of the pool in both the snow and in the mud under the ice, raccoon tracks - tiny gnome like fingers - were evident. Had he been washing himself (coons are fastidious creatures) or hoping to catch a crayfish who long disappeared in hibernation?

Under the clear water one could see shiner minnows who in their stillness seemed anesthetized. A closer look indicated a slow movement of fins, just enough to hold them against the current. They darted fast the when I spooked them with a twig.

Just ahead was the natural bridge of an old tree that had fallen across the creek. It too had its snow blanket, but much to my surprise a weasel, with a field mouse in his mouth, was crossing this bridge. The weasel was still reddish brown, unlike his northern kin who were now snow-white having already lived in some months of nothing but snow. He was as surprised at me as I at him. He gave me a mean what-the-hell-are-you-doing-here-look, and bounded off similar to a hopping squirrel or deer. He had disappeared just in time as a hunting Cooper's hawk appeared sweeping low over the adjacent field.

That night The Cincinnati Post and Times Star headlined its front page "Few creatures stirring - Snow doldrums hit us." Who selected the headline? Who wrote the underlying article? I don't know, but both missed. Maybe they looked but didn't see.

My thanks to Al Lloyd for last month's excellent piece on Lake Cowan.

Merry Christmas, and Pax Vobiscum!

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The above photo by Allan Kain and courtesy of the Enquirer shows the beauty and tranquility of the confluence of the Little Miami and East Fork Rivers on a frosty morning. This is the area the Highway Department proposes to destroy by rechannelization.



STAN'S Memorabilia



John Smith of Columbia, ne, saw and conquered. came from Virginia in y, 1790, saw a rich, wild woody land of promise. conquered because he was man of stature, possessor a noble and commanding pearance, popular manners and remarkable address. He spoke clearly and emphatically. It was said he had such a powerful speaking voice that it could be heard for half a mile. He had a large frame, a dark complexion and dark eyes. He had an intelligent manner and exhibited an unceasing nervous energy. His step was bold, his carriage confident and erect. He had a certain gravity of countenance which seemed to identify him as a man of God. On arriving at Columbia, he happened upon a leader of the Baptist congregation of the people. He accepted the leadership and in 1791, his wife Elizabeth and seven children took up residence. Now, there were 22 Baptists. He and his congregation were so active that they became the parent of other churches, one at Little Miami Island (apparently where the Log Cabin is now) one in the Carpenter's Run in Sycamore Township and 5 others in adjacent counties. Now, you find you, this is at a time when it was the order of the day for "every man to meet in a parade on Sunday morning, armed and equipped, and after going through manual exercise, march to place of worship, stack their guns or arms in one corner of the cabin until divine service was concluded." Elder Smith and Benjamin Stites, in 1797 helped set up the Miami Baptist Association, the first of its kind in the North West Territory.

By 1798 his varied interests forced him to relinquish his dominant role in church affairs. He now owned 420 acres, presumably along where Elm Avenue is now, and west. His brother-in-law William Mason, owned 100 acres just north to Shawnee Road, so he bought him out and now he had 500 acres. Now, can he be called a "rich gentleman"? He was peddling real estate for Judge Symmes.

Also, Smith owned 2 mercantile establishments. He and Benjamin Stites owned 2 mills on the Little Miami

and a distillery. In 1796 he was on the Columbia Township tax duplicate for \$2,600, exceeded only by Ben Stites, who had received 10,000 acres for representing Judge Symmes.

The Indians were still using their old path on the way to their camps about Chillicothe and elsewhere. The path crossing over Smith's property. The neighbors were perhaps a mile apart by this time. Another tycoon, Christian Waldschmidt, was busy setting up a titanic operation up the Little Miami.

Elder Smith was one of the first to implement the barter system in the Ohio Valley to relieve the economic strains created by a hard currency shortage. He developed commercial ties with the lower Mississippi.

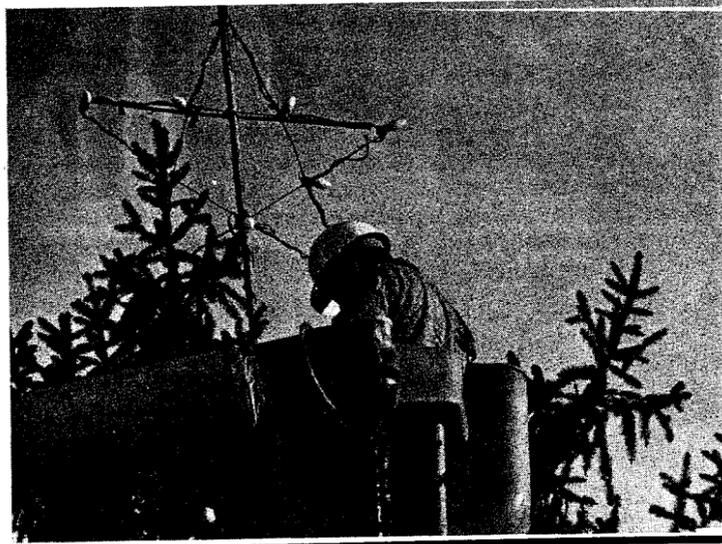
Around 1800 Elder Smith turned to politics. He soon built and operated from the embryo of the home now occupied by Carl and Francis Lindell. He was elected one of seven from Hamilton County to the territorial legislature and he was a stalwart leader in the struggle for Ohio statehood. When Ohio was admitted to the Union, he was sent to the Senate, along with Thomas Worthington. As a Senator he was President Thomas Jefferson's confidant and advisor and on two occasions he acted as the President's personal observer in Louisiana. He resigned as a Senator to Gov. Thomas Kirker April 25, 1808.

Smith was a supplier and contractor for the United States Army. He had thousands of dollars invested in army supplies. He had built and fitted two gun-boats and all to be paid for by Congress but seemingly Congress could not or would not reimburse him. It would have made a mighty contribution and might have saved Senator Smith from a distressing end. Perhaps he would not have been deserted had he retained his financial conditions.

Now, after an innocent involvement, he found himself abandoned by the President, by the Senate and by Congress. His so called friends and creditors hopped him like wolves. Perhaps no man of such stature in history ever had such a disastrous and sickening end.

Village Tree

photo by Graydon DeCamp



For some twenty-five years the Fire Department has assumed the responsibility of putting lights up, taking them down, and maintaining equipment in working order. The Police Department turns the tree lights on and off daily. The major problem is the growth of the tree from 24 feet to approximately 40 feet. This requires extension of the light strands plus the fact that the tree has outgrown the department ladder lengths. This year Charley Oberly made arrangements to borrow a "cherry picker" in order to meet the required heights for installing the lights.

How Not to be an Alien by John Cassin

Did you ever read "How to be an alien", a charming little book by George Mikes, a first class Hungarian born British humorist? It's a tongue-in-cheek description of the British haughty reactions toward the non-British (read: sub-human) peoples and customs. Presented in a text-book fashion, it purports to prepare the innocent continental traveller to the miserable non-fate that awaits him once he has crossed the Channel and cleared the Queen's Customs through the "Aliens" gate.

Well, you certainly don't need a text-book to make yourself ready for the Terrace Park venture. And if there is one great thing about the Village, it's that, from the day you move-in, never does it let you once feel alien. You are part of the team right away, and, when you have left your home several thousand miles away it sure is a swell sensation.

Hospitality was the name of the game. All our neighbors, close or distant, extended their friendship to us from the first day, and offered their help in many ways, going with me for a car appraisal, or showing Chantal the best shopping places "Honey, I wouldn't go anywhere else", etc. . . . More important, we have felt from the very beginning that your doors were open to us and that we were really welcome to call practically at any time. Hospitality was the name of the game, and even the landscape reflected it: most of your lawns and yards are open and inviting, when in Europe they are nearly all fenced-in, hidden behind thick bushes, or even walled-in.

This outgoing friendliness was particularly striking to us, coming from a country where by nature people are much more reserved, and therefore far less openly congenial, even if they are just as good deep at heart. We have quite a few other foreign experiences, but nowhere, except maybe among the Catalans, did we

find it so easy to integrate into a community, to make friends, to feel at home. It's a marvelous trait of the American character to always give the new guy the benefit of the doubt and take him in right away. The European tendency, possibly inherited from long forgotten medieval feuds, would rather be to wait and watch till the new-comers have proved they were O.K., and have won their acceptance. It was certainly far quicker for us to settle in Terrace Park and feel part of the gang than it would have been in any strange place in our own country.

The "Samantha" effect. Two factors may have helped make our adaptation even quicker: the fact that we came from a far-away land and the kids. I suppose the news spread fast: "There is a French family in the Coles' house; and, do you know what, I heard even the little ones speak the language fluently!" Pretty soon, we saw the passing cars cruise slowly around the corner, all passengers turning their heads, like on cue and straining their eyes to catch a glimpse of us. This natural attraction to the unusual and far-away species, which makes the zoos so popular, drove the crowds to us, in conformity with what one might call . . . the "Samantha" effect.

The children, yours and ours, helped a lot too. Our lawn soon became a rendezvous place for the neighboring youngsters, and they were our first acquaintances. Rapidly, Myriam and Pierre managed to communicate, through smiles, gestures and pidgin English "You come me house?" Apparently they proved good ambassadors, because we have heard so many people tell us, as we were introduced to them, "Oh! but you must be Pierre's parents."

We find your children extremely happy and outgoing, and we are thrilled to see how positively they respond to whatever you do with them.

Often times have we admired their genuine enthusiasm for games or other activities which would probably have left more blase French children indifferent. We are amazed also by the number of various opportunities offered to the children by the members of this community. We are particularly grateful to Pete Stites and his team of devoted and efficient youngsters for their wonderful job at the Log Cabin. Pierre and Myriam still display with great pride the projects they have realized under their patient supervision, and, whenever we drive through Rugby Ave., there is always one to show me "Mimi's house!" Myriam is now just as excited by her Brownie reunions, and she has taught us to eat and relish pumpkin seeds. There is no Log Cabin in Paris, but we have Brownies; they are called "Jeannettes".

How many liters to a hundred kilometers? As you may have gathered, our principal impressions relate to human relations. But of course there are a lot of practical life matters where we have found differences. All measurements - except for time, thank goodness - are or have been a problem. Chantal had a hard time with her recipe ounces and her oven Fahrenheit degrees. And when a kid falls ill, it takes two to take his temperature, Chantal with our centigrade thermometer, and me with my slide-rule! Doctors don't move easily in this country (at home, they still do a lot of home calls), but I guess we wouldn't even get an appointment if we phoned the baby had 40° (<104 F).

Happy as fish in water. For the record, there are a few local things we don't like: pumpkin pie, hay-fever, peanut butter, raking the leaves, root beer, and that's about it. But we are glad to take advantage of the Village Views news to thank each and everyone of you that this black list be so short and so insignificant in the face of the many joys that you have given us. We feel "happy as fish in water" in this closely-knit community of Terrace Park, and we hope you did not have to read those few lines to realize it. We are very fortunate to have found our home in such a friendly neighborhood and we enjoy every moment of it. As cousin Artémise would say: "A hearty welcome is worth half a feast!"

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New Neighbors

by Phyllis Regan

Charles and Jan Seely are living at 433 Elm Ave., with daughter Deborah, age 6, and son Greg, age 2. They are from Hyde Park, 831-9014.

At 728 Elm Ave., are the Rolfes (Rol-fess), Dick and MaryAnn, with son Rick and they come from Western Hills, 831-6739.

Fred and Sandy Caswell from Severna Park, Md., are living at 714 Yale Ave., with daughter, Donna, age 11, son Bobby, age 7 and Kathy, age 5; 831-7866. The Kniffens, formerly of this address, are now in their new home on Kent Drive.

At 414 Elm are Don and Jean Morgan from Mt. Washington, with daughter Susan, 18, UC student and Bob, 13; 831-9423.

At 805 Stanton Ave. are Frank and Betty Lou Taylor from Sycamore Township with Jay, 14 mos. and Jeff, 2 mos., 831-7376.

Mr. and Mrs. Kaj Jungshoved from Cincinnati are living at 804 Stanton, 831-5660.

Ed and Fanny Smith have moved into 91 Miami Ave., from Milford, 831-7474.

From San Francisco to 716 Myrtle Ave. come Mike and Anthea Sherman, 831-6941. Walt and Willie Maerki have moved FROM 716 Myrtle to their new home on Kent Drive, with daughter Chris.

403 Miami Ave., is now the home of Al and Karen Roberts with Julie, 3, and Michael 1 yr., who come from Springdale, 831-2427. Former residents of 403 Miami, Dick and Lynn Mileham, with Susie and Rick, have moved to 610 Miami, from whence the Slemmers have moved to Route 50 in Perintown.

At 717 Floral Ave., Elaine, John and Duanne Curtiss have been joined by Elaine's new husband, Tom Noonan, formerly of Hyde Park.

Robert & Nancy Sachs from Mt. Washington are living at 715 Miami Ave., with twin sons Steve and Jeffrey, age 12; 831-1850.

Thank You

The Terrace Park Volunteer Fire Association wishes to thank all the citizens of the Park who contributed so generously to the recent appeal for funds for the purchase of our new ambulance.

The ambulance was delivered on September 15 and has answered 19 calls for assistance through the month of November.

The cost of this fine piece of equipment was \$12,500 and over \$5,600 was received in contributions, the balance being paid from the Association funds.

Thank you all again for a job well done.



Troop 568 Carols

Batavia Nursing Home was the scene of Girl Scout Troop 568 Christmas caroling party. Each resident was presented with a small gift made by the girls and refreshments were served after a jubilant round of Christmas Carols were sung.

photo by Graydon DeCamp

stretch of river for adventure, and finding unimagined perils. It curls your toes!

The banality of the success theme seems to have been overworked until you read Chocolate Days, Popsickle Weeks, a fresh well-rendered story by Edward Hannibal. From being a supervisor in a popsickle factory while in college, to the scramble of Madison Avenue ad agencies and the inevitable house in the suburbs. It is a story of ambition and eccentricity more than materialism, but the climb of John Fitzpatrick and the slippery underfooting are well depicted in just the right amount of tension between the characters and the society they function in.

the book worm

by sue huprich

It was Proust who asserted one could tell the quality of prose after reading one sentence of a writer's work. I would disclaim such an ability, but quite often I find the quality is apparent after a paragraph!

It may be redundant to even speak of Deliverance by James Dickey. It is his first novel and it is overwhelming to think of what he may turn out when he gets used to the form. According to Mr. Dickey his greatest difficult was to keep his prose from going "poetic." The story is quite simply of being in an unprotected situation where the laws of what we call civilization just don't apply. Four suburban-oriented men alone, escaping the city - exploring a wild

Bulletin

During morning hours of December 15th vandals struck village Christmas tree for third year in a row, damaging lower limbs and severely damaging light wires and lead wiring. See story on village tree on page three.

Village Bulletin Board

December 18 - Middle School Music Program, 7:30 p.m.
 19 - Church Programs 2 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.
 20 - Sunday with Santa 2 p.m.
 24 - Church Services, 4 p.m., 8 p.m., 11 p.m.
 25 - Christmas Day
 January 1 - New Years Day, Communion, 10 a.m.
 5 - Lower River Council, Mariemont, 8 p.m.
 6 - Tree Burning, Scout Cabin, 7:30 p.m.
 12 - Village Council meeting, 7:30 p.m.
 20 - Next issue VILLAGE VIEWS

Garden Club

Terrace Park Garden Club members are looking forward to Tuesday, January 5, when Warren Wells, Hamilton County Park Naturalist, will speak at their meeting on Wildflowers. Mr. Wells is well known to many as the excellent trail guide on the Sunday Nature Walks given by the Park Department. He and his wife gave a talk on Trees earlier this year at the grade school.

The meeting begins at 12:30 p.m. at the Comm.Hse.

Girl Scout News

The three Junior Girl Scout troops will go Caroling in the evening on Wednesday, December 23. This year they will sing Christmas Carols outside the homes of citizens of Terrace Park who have especially benefitted the community. The troops will split up and cover as much of the Park as possible between 7-8:30 that night. Then they will all meet together at the Community House afterwards for hot cocoa and games.

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