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Jack Schmidt is sworn in as mayor by Councilman Rusty Wilson.

Village 'Has A Chance' To Avoid Tax Increase

Finance chairman Bob Payne held out hopes of no bid for village tax increase until late next year as village council approved its final 1988 budget at its January meeting.

Payne said it was essential that the community approve in November renewal of three levies totalling 13.15 mills. If renewal is approved, he continued, and "if we are tough in adherence to the budget, I believe we have a chance" to defer consideration of a tax increase until November, 1989.

The final budget is \$623,433, up \$28,500 from the legally-mandated tentative budget approved last June. The increase is mostly to cover purchase of a new village maintenance truck.

Payne reported 1987 expenses as \$751,000. The figure included construction of the new village administration building, which was financed out of revenues largely as the result of two recent estate tax windfalls.

He emphasized that the village "gets nothing" out of the recent property reappraisal, and the rash of new homes in the village does little to increase village revenues.

Village property tax receipts, he said, increased only about ¼ of one percent — from \$281,937 in 1986 to \$294,229 in 1987.

In other actions, council:

- Granted village maintenance men a 2.5% pay increase and an improved vacation package.

- Set the salary of the village secretary at \$16,045.

- Re-appointed Police Chief Ron Pottorf as street commissioner at \$1,000 a year.

- Heard Mayor Schmidt's announcement of appointment of former mayor Les Overway to the Planning and Zoning Commission, succeeding Roger Belanger.

- Delayed action on replacing Bob Ingeman, who resigned as village treasurer but will remain as village archivist.

- Heard Pottorf's report that the village garbage collection contractor had acted promptly to resolve what was called the first complaint of careless handling.

New Mayor Sets His Term's Agenda

Newly-elected Mayor Jack Schmidt gave this view of problems facing the village after his installation on January 1:

As a new Council, we will shortly be facing issues that will affect the physical appearance of Terrace Park and its overall environment.

Within the direct control of Council will be the ongoing renewal of Terrace Park's physical assets. With our street and tree maintenance programs now up to date, and the new village office and police station rounding into shape, we can begin to renovate our existing sidewalks and overhaul our street signs.

The many walkers and joggers in Terrace Park clearly realize that Terrace Park's sidewalks are deteriorating. The problem is one of age. Many of the existing walks date back 50 years or more, and it is simply time to refurbish this asset.

We are encountering similar problems with our street signs. The parts to repair or replace our existing street signs are no longer made. Each year we find ourselves spending more to maintain street signs that are increasingly less attractive. For both cost effectiveness and aesthetic purposes, we need to adopt a new street sign standard.

Outside of the direct control of Council, there are two issues that could affect the Village's environment and appearance. First is the planned development of an office and industrial park on the East Fork in Milford. This could increase the traffic on Round Bottom Road — and the noise in Terrace Park — and affect the water quality of the Little Miami. Second is the possibility of an Ohio Department of Natural Resources bike path through Terrace Park.

Organizationally, we face the critical issue of Life Squad staffing. While the Life Squad has an excellent group of officers and is well equipped, it needs more members to effectively support the emergency medical needs of the community. I have asked Rusty Wilson as Safety committee Chairman and Ron Pottorf as Village Administrator to provide whatever assistance they can to the officers of the Life Squad in recruiting a solid class of new members.

The ongoing health of the Life Squad and of all volunteer organizations depends on the community's understanding of "volunteerism". There is a misconception that the volunteer support that makes this community work comes from residents who are either retired or have jobs with a lot of free time.

By necessity, much of the volunteer life blood that drives Terrace Park comes from men and women with hectic schedules and/or full-time businesses and careers. But surprisingly, as most of us get busier and busier with our professions, volunteer efforts become personally more satisfying . . . they play a complementary role in our lives.

But even the sense of satisfaction that I or any other volunteer gets from being part of what makes Terrace Park work is unlikely to match the inner reward of a Life Squadder or Fireman who was there at the right time to save a life or to relieve pain and suffering. If there are residents who have ever thought about becoming a Life Squad member, now is the time to do it. Terrace Park needs your support.

Council Voices Concern Over Milford Development

Village council at its January meeting voiced "strong concern" over a proposed South Milford industrial park development.

Noting that the development would be less than a mile from Miami Avenue,

council by resolution said the project "has the potential to substantially and negatively affect the quality of life in Terrace Park."

Specifically, the resolution urged Milford to ban any heavy or polluting industry; to

assure adequate sewer facilities to prevent pollution of the East Fork or its aquifer; to ban noise or air pollution, and to assure that "there will be no connector to Round Bottom Road now or at any time in the future."

Little Miami, Inc., the Cincinnati Nature Center, and the Terrace Park Property Owners Association already have voiced similar views to Milford.

Council's action followed a presentation by Ted Swensson of the Property Owners Association.

Both Swensson and Mayor Jack Schmidt emphasized that there was no opposition to "intelligent development," but Terrace Park was anxious to, as Swensson put it, "preserve what we have."

A connection between the proposed development and Round Bottom Road was viewed as a particular concern, even though Swensson reported that Milford's city manager had disavowed any present Milford intention to push for the link.

Swensson and Councilman Bob Payne noted that development of Round Bottom has been a long-time proposal of Donald Schramm, Hamilton County Engineer. Swensson added he had enlisted the support of County Commissioner Robert A. Taft against any such development.

Mayor Schmidt instructed Village Engineer Bob Lareaux to keep in close touch with state and federal EPA officials on possible sewerage problems. Swensson reported what appeared to have been dumping of raw sewage into the river by Milford on December 27.

Year's Realty Sales Here Top \$7 Million

By Mel Aichholz

Fifty-five houses were sold in Terrace Park in 1987, compared with 62 in 1986. Total sales amounted to \$7,597,450.

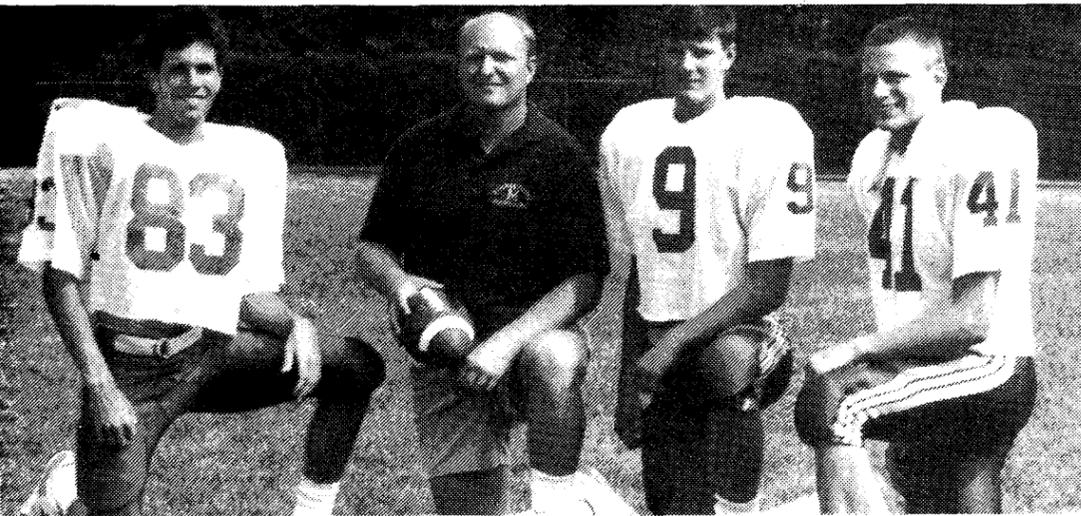
Here are residential sales recorded at the Hamilton County Courthouse:

203 Cambridge	\$205,000	619 Myrtle	221,100
1 Circus Place	235,000	822 Myrtle	180,000
4 Denison	230,900	904 Poplar	165,000
7 Denison	243,500	104 Redbird	95,000
11 Denison	231,250	214 Rugby	278,000
800 Elm	193,800	401 Stanton	62,900
116 Fieldstone	106,400	404 Stanton	92,000
610 Floral	158,000	408 Stanton	107,000
619 Floral	110,000	715 Stanton	65,000
706 Franklin	112,000	913 Stanton	140,000
713 Franklin	115,000	3 Sycamore	62,500
726 Franklin	87,000	406 Western	114,000
614 Home	146,500	123 Windingbrook	114,000
710 Indian Hill	62,000	131 Windingbrook	123,800
741 Indian Hill	119,000	615 Wooster	68,500
611 Lexington	200,000	742 Wooster	125,000
618 Lexington	133,000	823 Wooster	117,500
621 Lexington	168,500	121 Wrenwood	84,900
811 Lexington	145,000	125 Wrenwood	115,500
110 Marion	102,000	131 Wrenwood	90,000
111 Marion	125,000	135 Wrenwood	99,500
104 Miami	206,000	600 Yale	136,000
105 Miami	134,000	616 Yale	190,000
402 Miami	150,000	710 Yale	117,000
403 Miami	106,500	819 Yale	79,900
602 Miami	138,000		
606 Miami	216,000		
824 Miami	100,000		
104 Michigan	169,000		
112 Michigan	105,000		

Gifts Spruce Up Village Building

Two residents have made contributions towards furnishing and decorating the village's new administration building.

Dick Mittendorf, 742 Wooster Pike, provided several pieces of office furniture. Earl Silva, 732 Miami, gave two of his large, framed color photos of Cincinnati scenes.



Coach and co-captains of Mariemont High's football team are, left to right, Mike DeCamp, Coach Tom Crosby, Matt Bernard and Jay Taylor.

Ten TP Football Players Win Post-Season Honors

Ten Terrace Park players made major contributions to Mariemont High School's best football season in years with an 8-2 record. All won post-season honors.

All three co-captains were from Terrace Park - Matt Bernard, Mike DeCamp, and Jay Taylor. All three, seniors and retiring lettermen, were selected for the Cincinnati Hills League first team.

Mike DeCamp, named the team's MVP, was also named first team, All Southwest Ohio,

first team Division IV all Ohio, first team Enquirer & Post All City, and Channel 5's all-star team. Matt Bernard was All-City, Enquirer-Post quarterback and Special Mention All District Division IV. Jay Taylor won honorable mention All-City despite missing playing time because of injuries. Kurt Kaiser was First Team All League and First Team tackle, All Southwest Ohio, won special mention in Division IV All Ohio, and honorable mention All-City.

Others winning post-season honors:

Adam Sewell, First Team League Division.

Todd Rafter, Second Team League Division.

David Stockwell, Second Team League Division.

Jerry Sewell, Second Team League Division.

Shane Grayson, League honorable mention.

Bret Haines, League honorable mention.

School Board Ups Budget But Holds Line On Taxes

Although approving a 5.3% increase in its annual budget, the Mariemont Board of Education at its January meeting disclosed it had no plans to seek a tax increase in 1988. The budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1 is \$6,321,305.

Supt. Don Thompson said that the last approved operating levy had been expected to carry the district through three years. Instead, he said, the district should be able to go another year without seeking a tax increase, even though

the recent property appraisal will have little effect on the district's income.

The district's nominal 48.2 levy, he said, has been rolled back to 28.73 mills to compensate for the valuation increases.

After seating Leonard Weakley and Marie Huenefeld of Mariemont as new members, the board elected Tom Allman as president and Terrace Park resident Connie Wilson as vice-president.

It was announced that

board meetings hereafter will be held on the third Tuesday of each month to accommodate a conflict in Mrs. Wilson's schedule.

The board accepted a gift from Mr. and Mrs. Al Nelson of Terrace Park of a landscape painted by E.C. Landberg, who was the architect for the Mariemont Elementary School building.

Guest Night Set By Garden Club

The Terrace Park Garden Club's February 2 meeting will feature a presentation of the Cincinnati Zoo's botanical gardens and animals by Dave Ehrlinger. A social at 7:30 p.m. will precede the 8 o'clock meeting. This annual evening meeting is open to guests.

Canon Clark Is Honored

A crowded St. Thomas Church honored a former rector, the Rev. Canon Kenneth Clark, at a Holy Eucharist on January 10, marking 35 years of ministry and his retirement as president and chief executive officer of Episcopal Retirement Homes, Inc.

Canon Clark came to St. Thomas Church in 1952, and served here for 16 years.

Represented at the service were the Inter-Parish Ministry, the Spiritual Healing Foundation and the Hyde Park Center for Older Adults which he initiated.

He is now coordinating pastor at St. Luke Church in Salyer Park.

Jones To Head Rec Committee

Terrace Park Recreation Committee has elected John Jones president for 1988. Serving with Jones will be Tom Ader, vice president, Sue Porter, secretary and Jim Dahlmeier, treasurer. Andy Pschang was named new Fields Commissioner.

The committee approved budgets with fields and baseball topping the list at \$6,600 and \$2,999, respectively.

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PTA Raises \$4,545

Terrace Park's Elementary PTA raised a record \$4,545 this fall.

Norma Campo and Amy Heilbronner announced profits from their sweat shirt sale totalled \$1,636.50. This year's Pumpkin Festival organized by Mickey Forbes and Pat McGraw made \$1,845, and the Dad's Nite Dinner prepared by Kathy Startzman raised \$202.53.

Jill Crowell heads this year's mini school, which will offer two zoo programs and karate. Diane Gover will teach aerobics while Charlene McClurg will give instruction in etiquette. Debbie Carle will offer classes in mime and Debbie Johnson will teach first aid.

Bazaar May Be Revived

The St. Thomas Church bazaar, canceled last November because of a lack of workers, may be held again this year.

But Beth Kauffman, named coordinator by the Women of St. Thomas, said revival would depend on whether 12 women volunteer to lead various divisions of the affair, and 12 others who have worked on the bazaar in the past come forward to serve as advisors.

Mrs. Kauffman said the bazaar has been a major source of funding for women's work of the church but, more importantly, a means of promoting friendship and unity.



Quilting on the Bicentennial project are: from the left, Alice Sturzenberger, Elizabeth Miller, Carol Cobb, Hazel Retherford, Jo Fahnstock, Marilyn Weyer and Margaret Jollis.

Quilters Turn Out To Help Celebrate City's Bicentennial

Terrace Park quilters - even Brownies - turned out in numbers to work on the Cincinnati Bicentennial quilt during its two-week stay at the Community House. The quilt will go on a nationwide tour after its display during the bicentennial celebration.

Among the adult quilters were Carol Cobb, Bunny Procter, Anne Cherry, Jean

Zumsteg, Elizabeth Miller, Hazel Retherford, Judy Brown, Margaret Jollis, Gigi Daly, Libby Clancey, Jane Peterson, Ruth Lanner, Helen Tollefson, Blanche Kain, Faye Corey, Polly Bassett.

Jo Fahnstock, Jane Hubka, Marilyn Weyer, Esther Power, Fred Zumsteg, Jim Cobb, Georgie Howe, Pam Ballard, Dottie Vickers, Marie Gerwin,

Debbie Carle, Amy Carle, Candy Wachterman, Melissa Wachterman and Maren Schmidt.

Brownies taking part included Suzanne Jones, Tracy Bates, Maggie Overby, Lauren Geier, Catherine Picton, Katie Scherff, Jenny Craft and Ryan Wenstrup.

A Pianist Since He Was 4, Youth Plans Another Recital

Sixteen-year-old Vincent Schmithorst of Terrace Park will give a piano recital at the Toedtman School of Music, 12171 Mosteller Rd., on February 14, but it will not be a new experience. Beginning formal piano studies at age four, he soloed with a Cincinnati community orchestra at age eight, and since has been a soloist with the Cincinnati Pops and the Cincinnati, Columbus and Indianapolis Symphony Orchestras.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Hal

Schmithorst, 405 Yale Ave., Vincent was admitted to the ninth grade of Covington Latin School at age 11, and to the University of Cincinnati at 13. Soon after, he also entered the College Conservatory of Music as a piano performance major, and expects to graduate with degrees in physics and music in June of 1989.

At age nine, he was a first prize winner in the State Buckeye Auditions of the Ohio State Music Teachers association, and the following year won the grand prize in the American Music Scholarship Association competition for ages six through 18. In 1983 he won the Baldwin Junior Keyboard Achievement Award and in 1985 first prize

in his level at the annual Young Keyboard Artists Association international competition and festival.

But his life is not all music and academics. He enjoys



Vincent Schmithorst

sports, both as a spectator and participant, with baseball and basketball his favorites. A chess player as well, he's also a one-time champion of his bridge club.

Village Fire Loss Continues Low

Fire Chief Pierce Matthews reported fire losses of only \$1,000 in his annual report for 1987. The figure included \$300 in household and \$700 in automobile damage.

The volunteer fire department answered 40 calls during the year, 36 of them involving rescue truck runs.

Candidates List Campaign Costs

The two candidates for mayor of Terrace Park spent a total of \$1,386.26 in their campaigns, according to the Hamilton County Board of Elections.

Jack Schmidt spent \$411.42 in the race which he won by nine votes. Randy Casteel spent \$974.84.

World Champion Is Visitor Here

Ken Warby, holder of the world's speed record on water (380 mph jet powered), visited the Wayne McClelland family, Denison Lane, over the holidays.

An Australian, Warby divides his time between Sidney, Australia, and Cincinnati.

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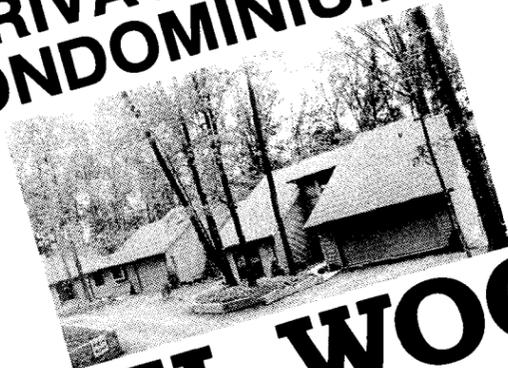
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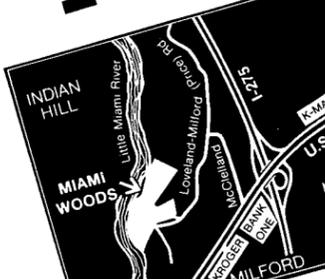
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Area Leader

Ellen Miller, 609 Miami, has been named Southeast District chairman for the 1988 Fine Arts Fund drive opening February 15. The campaign provides operating support to Cincinnati's major arts organizations.

**New Council
Committees
Are Named**

Installation of a new administration has brought few changes in committee assignments on village council, announced by Mayor Jack Schmidt.

Rusty Wilson replaces Schmidt as chairman of the safety committee, Tim Gleeson takes Wilson's place as head of the public works committee, and newly-elected councilman John Wenstrup replaces Gleeson as head of the rules and law committee.

The assignments (chairmen named first):

Rules and law: Wenstrup, Gleeson and Bob Payne.

Buildings and grounds: Randy Casteel, Wenstrup, Rich Gilchrist.

Finances: Payne, Wilson, Wenstrup.

Public safety: Wilson, Gilchrist, Casteel.

Public works: Gleeson, Casteel, Wilson.

Planning and zoning: Gilchrist, Payne, Gleeson.

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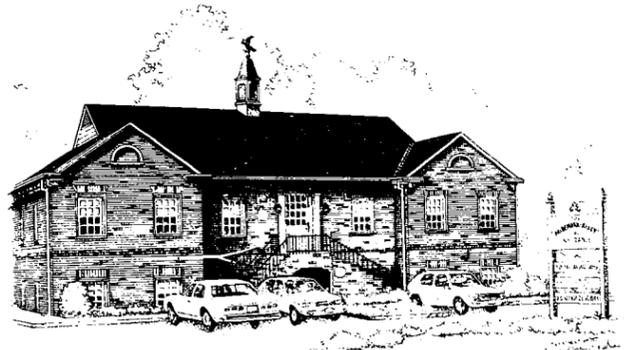
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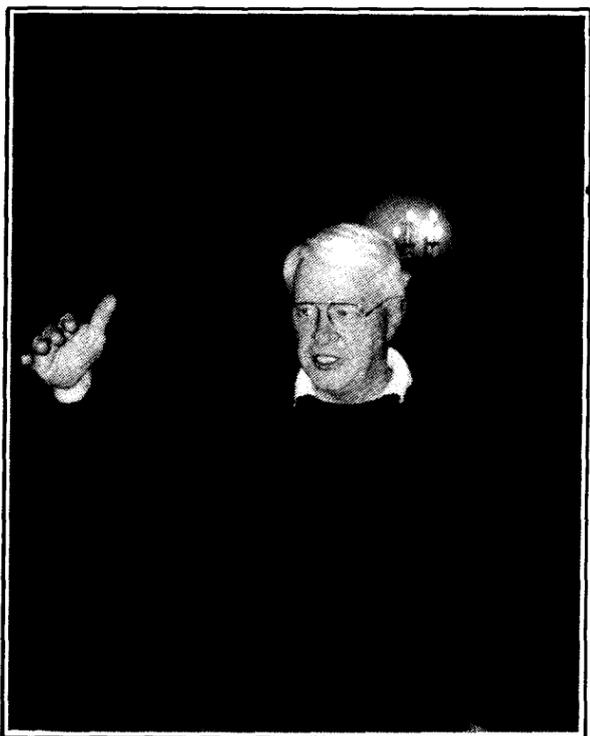
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