

## WOUNDED THIEF CHOKES MAYOR OF TERRACE PARK

**Bold Raider of Chicken Coops Shot  
in Battle With Perry Howe at  
Terrace Park, O.**

**While Lying Stricken, He Begged Captor to  
Go For Doctor, and in His Absence Over-  
powered Charles Howe, at Whose Place  
He Had Come to Grief.**

This account of excitement in Terrace Park appears in a copy of the Cincinnati Post for December 13, 1903, found in the attic of a Milford house which Larry Lantman, a former village employee, is remodeling. According to the story, Perry Howe, son of Mayor Charles Howe, saw a man loading chickens from the mayor's hen house into a horse-and-wagon. Challenged, the thief drew a gun but Perry shot him first, and then saddled a horse and rode off to Milford in search of a doctor, leaving his father on guard. Waiting in the snow and cold, Howe relaxed his vigilance, the thief leaped on him, half-throttled him and escaped in his horse and wagon. The rig, which had been stolen, was found later with five crates of chickens taken from the Howe hen house.

## Parking Problems Stall Plans For Bike Trail

Councilwoman Barbara Howland told village council at its April meeting that parking problems seem likely to delay development of the Milford-to-Loveland section of the state's bicycle and hiking trail.

The section had been scheduled for development this year, but officials of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources have said from the start that parking at the Milford terminus, at the old Milford railroad station, is far from adequate. The department had urged improvement of the trail through Terrace Park with a parking lot at Kroger Hills. That plan was voted down by village residents.

With that defeat, the department now plans to concentrate its efforts elsewhere, according to a letter to Mrs. Howland from Joseph J. Sommer, ODNR director. It said:

"The Ohio Department of Natural Resources recognizes the concerns of the people of Terrace Park. We feel that in the light of the opposition, the best solution at this time is to concentrate on developing the portions of the bike trail from Morrow to Oregonia and Corwin to Xenia.

"At this time, we will leave the trail as it is through Terrace Park, for primitive hiking and horse-back riding."

## Spring and Juvenile Drinking

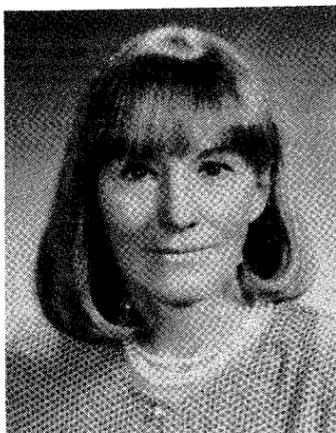
With the beginning of May, we enter into one of the most enjoyable times of the year.

Unfortunately, underage drinking also increases along with the temperature. Just so there is no possible misunderstanding, this is to establish that the Village of Terrace Park does not tolerate underage drinking. It is illegal, and with good reason. To pick just one, the incidence of traffic deaths and injuries involving teenage drinking is staggering. No teenagers ever think they will be involved in an accident, but they are wrong far too often.

This spring and summer, day and at night, Terrace Park police will patrol the Wilderness Preserve, the railroad right-of-way, the recreation fields, and the various other locations which tend to become littered with beer cans. Underage drinkers will be dealt with, and any adult providing alcohol to minors will be prosecuted.

We want everyone to enjoy the spring and summer seasons. But when it comes to underage drinking, the party isn't in Terrace Park.

Mayor Jack Schmidt



**Trish Bryan**

Trish Bryan, 731 Franklin, is serving a second term as president of the Cincinnati Symphony Association, the volunteer support group of the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra. The CSA is comprised of approximately 500 volunteers, supporters of the CSO, which is ranked among the top ten orchestras in the country and is the fifth oldest, having been founded in 1895.

Currently on the boards of the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra, the May Festival and the Mariemont High School PTSA, Trish previously served on the boards of the Junior League, Terrace Park Swim Club, Terrace Park Players and the Town Club of Cincinnati. She and husband, Rick, have been residents of Terrace Park for 22 years.

## Milford Planning New Park

Milford is proposing to make a nature preserve out of property it owns along the Little Miami River just east of Terrace Park.

Milford's Village Manager David Spinney said the proposal is tied in with erosion control plans to be started this year. The 23.5 acre tract is in flood plain.

"There are more concepts than firm plans," Spinney said, adding that he envisions some trails and a possible picnic area.

The tract is along Longworth Street at the foot of Ferry Street which runs off Wooster Pike just west of the Milford bridge. The area in the mid-1800s was a thriving little settlement called Montauk, with a flour mill, a woodworking mill, blacksmiths, two churches, a school and a hotel. It declined as Milford grew and the finishing touch was the devastating flood of 1913.

There still remains—and currently for sale—the brick Baptist church established in 1817 in which the St. Thomas Episcopal Church congregation met for a time before acquiring an old frame school building nearby.

## Pavilion Is Given Council Go-ahead

Village council gave the go-ahead at its April meeting to plans for a pavilion on the village green, and the sponsors voiced hope the structure would be ready for use on Memorial Day.

Alan Smith-Peterson said after the meeting that the sponsoring committee has raised \$17,000 for the project — "enough to cover the essentials" — and that he hoped potential contributors who have been hanging back would now come forward so that the pavilion could be completed in every detail.

The building will be erected in the Harvard-Terrace Place section of the village green under an agreement reached by the sponsors and council's Public Works Committee headed by Councilman Tim Gleeson. Council's approval came after some last-minute fretting about whether the pavilion should be placed in the center of the village green after all. Gleeson himself said he would have preferred the central location but felt that the chosen location was a good one and would enhance the green

without interfering with other uses.

The discussion subsided when Building Official Tim Harth noted that the pavilion was so designed that it could be moved.

The roving dog problem rose again when Mim Howard, 801 Princeton, raised questions as to village policy. Police Chief Ron Pottorf noted that an officer can issue a citation only if he sees a violation, action otherwise being up to a resident complainant. Pottorf said he was relying more and more on the SPCA in dealing with the problem, since citations and fines seemed to be ineffective.

"Some people have been cited 10 or 12 times," he said, "but they've paid the fines and the dogs still roam."

Mayor Jack Schmidt, however, said he had had fewer complaints and personally seen fewer dogs at large.

In other actions, council:

- Accepted Denison Lane as a dedicated street, although Councilmen Rich Gilchrist and John Wenstrup said they were not wholly satisfied with some drainage and sidewalk matters. Gilchrist, however, said that the developer had done all that council had asked him to do, and that he felt there was an obligation to the residents to accept the street.

## School Levy Up For Vote On May 2

The Mariemont City School Board is asking voters to approve a 6.75 mill continuing operating levy on May 2 increasing the total school district millage to 62.45. The last operating levy of 6.95 mills passed by 35 votes in Terrace Park and 25 votes district wide.

Total school district millage is now 55.70, including 48.42 voted mills, 5.85 inside millage and 1.43 bond rate. However, the 48.42 voted mills are reduced to an effective rate of 28.73, dropping the current total millage to 36.01. The 1.43 bond levy, which was initiated more than 20 years ago to build the high school, will be paid off in the early 1990's.

Although millage is approved by the voters the revenue produced by the property tax remains constant according to state legislation in 1976 preventing political subdivisions from benefiting from increases in property values. Only the revenues produced by the 5.85 inside millage increases when property values are reassessed.

Supt. Don Thompson said the owner of a \$100,000 home in the Mariemont School District now pays \$1,146.60 in school property taxes. If the proposed levy is passed the taxes on a \$100,000 home in the Mariemont School District would be \$1,353.32. He added that the closing of Mercy Hospital in Mariemont will have no effect because the property was tax-exempt.

- Revised the fire department pay schedule to match that of the life squad. It provides: chief, \$800 a year; assistant chief, \$400; captain, \$250; lieutenant, \$200; engineer, \$180, and firefighters, \$5 per drill.

- Heard from Pat Havlick a review of activities of the Intercommunity Cable Regulatory Commission. Noting that the Warner cable franchise term is nearing an end, she charged that "Warner has not fulfilled all its requirements" and voiced concern over its merger with Time, Inc.

- Heard from Life Squad Chief Connie Wilson that Sally Gilchrist, Shirley Mittendorf and Kathy Schneider have been certified as CPR instructors.

- Heard a report from Harth of his issuance of 12 building permits for a total of \$54,000. Because of its intended public use, the village waived the permit fee for the village green pavilion.

- Set a public hearing on the village budget for 1990 at 7:15 p.m. preceding the June 13 council meeting.

- Concluded in informal discussion that it would be improper for the village to contribute financially to the consortium, including the Terrace Park Property Owners Association, which won an agreement upholding environmental concerns involved in Milford's proposed industrial park development. Ted Swenson had urged village help in meeting costs of the efforts. Councilwoman Barbara Howland said the development was stalled pending a state environmental study.

## Spring Music Festival Set At St. Thomas

Villagers are invited to attend the St. Thomas Spring Music Festival on Sunday afternoon, April 30, at 4 p.m. in the Sanctuary. St. Thomas musicians will present an hour of sacred choral, organ and instrumental music to be followed by a reception in the Undercroft.

Participating will be St. Thomas Junior, Women's and Senior Choirs, directed by Patricia W. Matchette; organ soloist Mark Russell Wells, former organist Elain MacWatt, accompanist for the choirs; a trumpet trio, flautist Mary True, vocal soloists Beth Schatz-Merritt, Dianna Davis, sopranos, and Tom Benignus, tenor.

A choir from Lord of Peace Episcopal Church, directed by Robert C. Funk, will also sing.



### Leezie Borden's Book Published

Leezie Borden (right) autographs her new book, "Caps, Hats, Socks, and Mittens — A Book About The Four Seasons" for Terrace Park Elementary fourth grade teacher Pat Gruelich at a book signing party at The Bookshelf in Madeira. Borden's book, dedicated to her daughters, Catie and Ayars, is a humorous look at what children do all year round. A second book, "The Neighborhood Trucker", which is now in the works, will be dedicated to her son, Ted.

### Teens Again To Help Needy In Appalachia

Twelve teenagers in the St. Thomas Youth group, and four of their adult leaders, have begun preparations for their annual "MountainTop Trip" this summer. MountainTop is a week-long Christian workcamp in Tennessee.

St. Thomas teenagers have been participating in the Mountain-Top program since 1981. "It's one of our more popular activities," said Beatty Collins, one of the Youth Group leaders. "Our teens find real joy in living in a close Christian community for a week, in serving others in a totally different environment, and in being around other teenagers with the same interests."

This summer the group will be travelling to a camp at Jasper, Tennessee, near Chattanooga, to do home repair work in the surrounding rural area.

In the past several years, nearly 30 teenagers from Terrace Park have participated in the Mountain-Top program, many returning two or three times. New participants from Terrace Park this year will include Jennifer Bowers and Megan Oberle. Jennifer is a freshman at SCPA while Megan is a senior at Mariemont. Other members of the St. Thomas group live in

Mariemont, Milford and Loveland.

Another participant will be Annie Gay, who was herself a teenager in the Youth group eight years ago and who now returns to Mountain-Top each year as an adult leader. "I look forward to going back to the mountains each year to see old friends," said Annie, "and also to watch the growth that takes place in all of our teens. It's a remarkable experience!"

### TP Mens' Golf Tournament Set

The annual Terrace Park men's golf tournament will be held on Sunday, June 11, at Hickory Woods.

Experts and duffers are welcome, but the field is limited to the first 48 men to sign up.

To enter, send a \$25 check to David Moyer, 604 Marietta (831-4322) or Terry Overbey, 4 Denison Ln. (248-2511) by June 2.

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### To the Editor:

On a cold, rainy day Saturday, March 18, Kindervelt #76 had their annual Easter Egg Hunt. Thanks to the cooperative spirit of Terrace Park families and our sponsors, we had a fun and successful event.

A special thank you to Linda Yokel of Fine Gifts From 100 Main in Milford for her donation of many of the prizes and decorations. Also, we appreciate the donations of: Ogle Annett (West Shell), Caesar and Blair, Inc., Central Trust in Terrace Park, Krogers in Madeira, Mariemont and Milford, Harte Hanks, Lamplighter, Jamie McClurg, Eppa Rixey Insurance, Super X, Swallens, Van Leunens, and Yankee Dollar. Three Terrace Park girls, Amanda Campo, Stephanie Smith, and Aaron McClurg, provided extra helping hands.

Kindervelt is a city-wide, non-profit organization. Its main objective is to raise money for Children's Hospital while also serving their community. We thank the community of Terrace Park for their continued support.

Easter Egg Hunt Committee  
Kindervelt #76  
Charlene A. McClurg  
Christy Albrecht  
Chairpersons

Diana C. Greer

### MHS Musical

Mariemont High School will present Rodgers and Hammerstein's classic, *The Sound of Music*, as its 1989 musical production at the school April 28-30.

Friday and Saturday performances, April 28 and 29, will begin at 7:30 p.m. A Sunday matinee will be offered at 2 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for students and senior citizens. Tickets can be reserved by calling Mariemont High School at 271-8310.

Village Views last month inadvertently omitted the name of Frank Verdi among Terrace Park student members of the cast.

### High School PTSA Night Meeting Set

The Mariemont High School PTSA will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday, May 3, at 7:30 in room C-20. School administrators and counselors will discuss curricular and extra-curricular activities at the junior and senior high school.

There will also be an opportunity for parents to see in operation the new computerized technology students use in the library to obtain materials for research papers.

## Letters-

To the Editor:

At the public hearings on the bike trail on February 14 and the gazebo (pavilion) on March 7, the proceedings were opened by council imposing limitations on discussion. On the most recent occasion, council theoretically limited discussion to the concept of construction on the village green. However, much discussion of a specific detailed plan was allowed. Discussion of several issues pertaining to the structure was so limited that views on these issues were not freely expressed.

Perhaps on future matters of public concern, an agenda listing all issues can be drawn up and equal time allowed for discussion of each issue. Perhaps discussion could include the answering of questions from the public by members of council who, after all, are presumably the best-informed on the subject.

A hearing that is public should go both ways, with the public hearing and the council hearing. Unfortunately, at present, council's answers to the public's questions come well after the questions are asked, when the public may not hear them.

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## Villagers Backing Charity Steeplechase



Terrace Park residents working with the 1989 Mason-Dixon Steeplechase are, left to right, Janet Sarren, Dana Cooper, Marti Burgess and Cathy Borchers.

The fourth annual running of the Mason-Dixon Steeplechase will be held on Saturday, May 20. Open to the public, the races are held rain or shine. Gates open at 10 a.m. with post time at 2 p.m.

Sponsored by the Greater Cincinnati Steeplechase Association and community volunteers from both sides of the river, proceeds of the Mason-Dixon Steeplechase benefit three area hospitals — Children's Hospital Medical Center, Booth Memorial Hospital, and for the first time this year, St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

For ticket information call 791-1387 or the Mason-Dixon Steeplechase Hot Line at 283-9400. General admission tickets for the race are \$5 for adults (children under 12 are free) and are available at Ticketron locations throughout Greater Cincinnati or at the gate the day of the race.

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## 800 Pairs of Glasses Go Abroad To Needy

Mrs. Evelyn Mottern, 105 Red Bird, was honored at the April 10 meeting of the Terrace Park chapter, American Association of Retired Persons, for having collected over 800 pairs of old eye glasses for distribution overseas.

The glasses go to New Eyes for the Needy, Inc., in Short Hills, N.J., a volunteer agency founded in 1932.

Interested in the organization for many years, Mrs. Mottern was stimulated to even greater efforts through her own eye surgeon, Dr. James Faulkner of the Cincinnati Eye Institute. He was part of a volunteer team of four eye surgeons and 20 support personnel who spent several weeks in Kenya last summer.

Reusable plastic-framed glasses collected by volunteers such as Mrs. Mottern are classified and sent overseas to medical missions, hospitals and doctors. Federal law prohibits re-use of prescription glasses in this country. Metal-framed glasses and precious metal scrap such as old watches and jewelry, are recycled and the proceeds used to provide prescription glasses for the needy in this country.

## Senior Recital

Vincent Schmithorst, 17, of 405 Yale Ave., will give his senior piano recital at Watson Hall at the UC College Conservatory of Music at 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 9.

## School Principal Off To Germany

Mariemont High School principal Gerald Harris, former principal at Terrace Park Elementary, is one of six Ohio high school administrators named to participate in a German Culture History Program in Berlin, West Germany, May 7-13. The program is co-sponsored by the Ohio Department of Education, the Goethe-Institut of Cincinnati and the Federal Republic of Germany. A scholarship will pay for all expenses.

The German Culture/History Program will provide the administrators firsthand information and experiences in the Federal Republic of Germany and East Berlin related to German language studies, culture, technology, change, interdependence, environment, and economy. The program will also allow the participants to contrast the German educational program with their own, and provide an opportunity to gather materials for German language programs in their respective high schools.

## School Heads Are Rehired

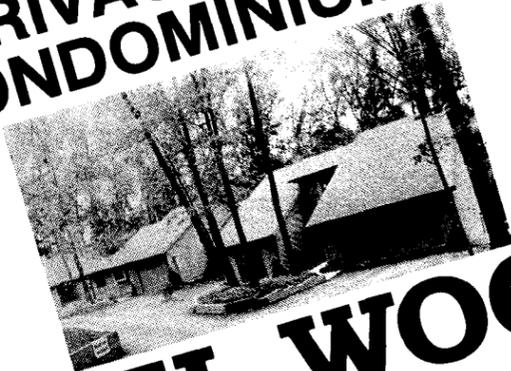
The Mariemont School board has renewed three year contracts for both the Terrace Park and Mariemont Elementary principals. The new contracts expire July 31, 1992. The two principals received 5.5% salary increases in July when all district administrators were given raises.

At the regular meeting March 21, the board also re-employed Steve Hawley on a one-year contract effective August 1. Dr. Hawley was hired last May, at an annual salary of \$42,943, as Coordinator of Special Services.

In other action, the board accepted a Terrace Park PTA donation of \$800 for air conditioners in the library.

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**Cub Scout Pack  
Does A Cleanup**

Cub Scout Pack 97 picked up 98 bags of litter and debris from public grounds on March 18 in its Trash-for-Cash fundraiser.

Twenty-five Scouts took part, with several picking up eight to nine bags each. Brandon Erwin collected the most debris, with John Harth a close second.

**Art Show Set**

Six area artists will display their work in a sidewalk show on Saturday, May 20, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The show is sponsored by Frame & Save in the Village Center at 614 Wooster Pike.

Artists to take part are Ken Huey, William Rorck, David Atkins, Joan Fleming, Jennifer Drydyk and Lee Spurling.

**Trustees Named**

Beth Kaufmann, Alan Joslyn and Pierson Davis have been elected to three-year terms as trustees of the St. Thomas Church Housing Corporation.

The organization, headed by Judd Gale, is planning the construction of 100 low-cost housing units on a 15-acre tract on Amelia-Olive Branch Road in Clermont County.

**Youngsters  
Rally For  
Their Own Play**

More than 120 youngsters have signed up to take part in this year's Terrace Park Players' Children's Show, scheduled to be held at the Terrace Park School gym on Saturday, May 20 and Sunday, May 21. Participants are children from kindergarten through sixth grade, with parents and older children giving stage help and narration.

With a return of the former directors, Kathy Wedding, Linda Seta, and Anne Rinaldi, and additionally the talents of Elisa Williams, this year's show promises to be another success for the children of Terrace Park.

Further details will be given on village bulletin boards.

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On May 2, we'll be going to the polls to vote on an important 6.75 mill levy for our schools. The levy will provide funding to continue the nationally recognized level of educational excellence, from helping retain skilled teachers to supporting the wide variety of programs that give children a well-rounded education.

It's been four years since the School District put such a levy on the ballot, even though the last levy was to last only three. While property values have risen in Terrace Park over that period (thanks in part to the quality of the schools),

House Bill 920 reduces the levy millage as property values increase so that the schools get the same dollar amount from your taxes today that they got four years ago. Like the rest of us, our schools need more money now just to do the same things they did back then.

Our children are depending on us to support our schools, just as many long-term Terrace Park residents depended upon their parents years ago. They are part of the heritage of our village, the pride we have as a community, and the quality of the life we enjoy here.

It is an important decision, one that deserves your attention and thought. The May 2 ballot has few issues, and it may be tempting to leave the decision to others. Please take the time to vote. Our children need your support. Our community needs good schools.

It's all part of the tradition that is "Terrace Park Style".