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Council Members Briefed On Status Of BBS Co.'s Zoning Change Requests

Reading from a prepared statement, to diminish the possibility for mis-understanding, Planning and Zoning Commission Chairman Ray Cadwallader briefed village council members, at their September 9 meeting, on the current status of BBS Co.

Reporting on behalf of the commission, Cadwallader reviewed BBS Co's request for a zoning change on two land parcels located at the intersection of Wooster Pike and Elm Road. One is the 2.36 acres popularly known as the Elephant Hole on the northern side of the corner, and the second is the 6.75 acres on the south side of Elm. The Elephant Hole is currently zoned Residential AA while the northern triangle, previously planned for an office complex, is zoned commercial.

BBS Co. now wishes to build a 38-unit housing project on these two sites: nine units to be located in the northern tract, and 28 in the southern. A zoning change would be required to initiate such a development since Terrace Park has no zoning for multi-unit housing.

Cadwallader advised council that the P&Z Commission has held three meetings on this subject, and that members are inclined to be receptive to BBS Co's plans with certain contingencies. Quoting from Cadwallader's statement, these contingencies are:

1. The 2.36 acres should contain only that number of units which would be applicable to the present zoning on it. We do not oppose the condominium aspects of the ownership - merely the variations requested from the present zone requirements.

2. Our approval of the project would be conditioned upon the results of certain legal actions now occurring. These actions, upon being decided by the courts of Ohio, will determine whether a sewerage treatment plant can be constructed in the "Flood Plain" to serve this project. Without this determination, our decision would be an exercise.

3. The entire project would be presented to the Planning and Zoning Commission in final plan format so that we may approve and Council may vary the plans as we mutually deem fitting. ("Unit Planned Development")

4. Proponents must submit to the Planning and Zoning Commission a set of Condominium Documents including the prospective

ownership of the sewerage treatment and the contract, if any, between the Condominium Association and the ownership of the Sewerage treatment plant (assuming these two are separate entities).

If these documents and conditions are acceptable to the Planning and Zoning Commission, then the Commission would unanimously approve the project."

Following Ray's remarks, an artist's renderings of the overall layout and of the style of condominium architecture were presented. Jack Brendamour, also present, offered more complete details in response to council questions. Cadwallader commented that members of the commission have toured a similar project built in Glendale by the developer, and found it aesthetically pleasing to the eye.

Mayor Frank Corbin underscored the need for good communication on this subject between council and BBS Co. He urged all council members to speak and/or write their concerns to the P & Z Commission as already both sides have much time invested in discussion. Corbin also noted that a public hearing will be held on the matter before any official council action is taken. Finally, Cadwallader stressed the commission's concern that should a zoning change be granted for the BBS Co. property, such change would not effect other Terrace Park property.

Other Action

In view of the time consumed on this subject, plus time spent at the meeting's conclusion for continued review of codification of village ordinances, committee reports were kept brief. High-

lights on these fronts included:

- Passage of resolution granting installation of a new guard rail and fencing across the Elm Road railroad bridge. The work, to begin promptly, will be done by the Security Fence Company, and the major cost will be paid by county funds.

- Approval of a \$500 maximum expenditure for experimental testing on Cambridge Avenue of the more durable Slurry Seal road resurfacing method.

- Authorization to the Building and Grounds Committee to reinstate proper maintenance and "clean up" of grounds and trees along Terrace Place, between Rugby and Oxford.

- Second reading approval of a proposed rate scale increase for village Fire and Life Squad volunteers. Minor revisions were incorporated into the resolution offered and accepted at the last council meeting. Total additional cost to the village is projected at about \$1000.

- Notification from Indian Hill Police of discontinuation of their free breathalyzer service to surrounding communities, including Terrace Park.

- Approval of a resolution requesting the Director of Transportation, State of Ohio, to determine a reasonable and safe speed limit for motor vehicles using Wooster Pike between the western boundary of Elm Road and the eastern corporate limits of the village. This resulted from the recent increase of the speed limit from 35 to 50 mph on the stretch between Wrenwood Lane and the western limits of Terrace Park, an action opposed by council.

Council will meet next October 14.

Flood Insurance

The subject of Federal flood plain insurance was again brought to the attention of village council members at their September meeting when Mayor Frank Corbin reviewed the latest developments in this area.

Corbin showed council a map he had received from the Department of Housing and Urban Development illustrating village streets that HUD considers prone to either flooding or mud slides. Areas so delineated include the Wilderness Preserve, Swim Club, virtually all land east of Miami Avenue, plus Robinwood and Circus Place.

To qualify for Federal flood plain insurance, zoning changes within the Park must be approved. Corbin, along with other council members, believes the map is inaccurately drawn, so he has requested HUD to send a qualified representative to the October council meeting who can knowledgeable explain the program.

Village Engineer Carl Lindell strongly recommended council's getting realistic elevation figures before deciding this issue.

CANDIDATES

Ray Cadwallader Donald E. Franke

A former state legislator, Ray Cadwallader, 43, 616 Marietta Avenue, is unopposed for mayor of Terrace Park in November.

He served two terms, 1964-68, as a state representative for Hamilton County in the Ohio General Assembly. A member of the Judiciary, Insurance and Financial Institutions, and Commerce Committees, and chairman of the standing Insurance Committee, he sponsored several measures on university financing, banking reform, park financing and wild and scenic river preservation. He also served as treasurer of Terrace Park in 1969-73.

Taking a degree in business administration at the University of Cincinnati, he received his law degree from Chase in 1959 and did further study in business administration and mortgage banking at Xavier and Northwestern.

He and his wife, Patricia, have two children, John 17, and Jeanne, 14.

Donald E. Frei

A resident of Terrace Park since 1966, Donald F. Frei, 37, lives at 824 Yale Avenue, with his wife, Norah, and children Nim, Donald Jr., Monica Nicole, Michele, Kate and Denis.

With a degree in mechanical engineering from Cornell and a law degree from Georgetown University, he is an attorney with the Cincinnati firm of Wood, Herron and Evans; a lecturer in business law at the University of Cincinnati; chairman of the Ohio State Bar Association section on patent, trademark and copyright law, and a member of the panel of arbitrators of the American Arbitration Association, and has been president of the Greater Cincinnati chapter of the Georgetown Alumni Association.

In the Park, he is a former director of Terrace Park Players and has been active in the Swim Club and Labor Day celebrations.

Fiesta '75

Sunny skies and hard work combined to make Labor Day Fiesta '75 the biggest success ever!

Our net proceeds this year were \$6250 which make this the most profitable Labor Day festival to be held in Terrace Park.

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Seeking re-election as village clerk, Donald E. Franke is a research statistician with an MA from the University of Cincinnati and is working on his dissertation for a doctorate from the University of Michigan in sociology and the metropolitan community. He has taught at the University of Kentucky and worked as a planner for the Cincinnati Planning Commission.

An ardent worker for environmental preservation, Franke is currently president of the Lower Council of Little Miami, Inc., and secretary of the executive committee of the parent organization, and has been a frequent contributor to Village Views.

Long-time residents of Miami Avenue, the Frankes have two children, Linda, 17, and Alice, 2. They are members of St. Thomas Church, where Mrs. Franke, a registered nurse at Children's Hospital, has worked in the church school besides being active in Girl Scouting.

Charles Rockel

President of a Cincinnati food brokerage company, Charles Rockel has been a resident of Terrace Park for nine years, living at 300 Rigby Avenue with his wife, Ruth, and their two sons.

A member of the Terrace Park Recreation Commission, he is football commissioner and a former baseball and football coach.

He has served as area chairman for United Appeal, and been active in Neediest Kids of All Christmas fund drives.

An Army veteran, he is a graduate of Washington & Lee University where he was senior representative on the Student Body Executive Committee, and advisory committee to the president of the University.

He is a past president of the Cincinnati Food Brokers Association, and is Ohio regional representative to the National Food Brokers Association.

munity effort will be used to purchase uniforms, equipment and to help pay league fees for all of the football, basketball and soccer programs for this year. The recreation committee is also investigating the possibility of several adult recreational activities.

Thanks again to all who donated time and money.

Dan Nordloh
Ed Tigner

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LMI Rejects 50 Plan

by Don Franke

Little Miami Inc. rejects the route for relocated U.S. 50 as proposed in the Vogt-Lowry plan described in last month's Village Views.

A unanimous resolution to this effect was passed by LMI's Lower Council and the Executive Board.

The organization finds Vogt-Lowry plan violates every criteria necessary to protect the Little Miami River and its setting.

One such prohibition being that no new highway corridor should be built so close as to be within the sight, sound or pollution range of anyone at the river. Particularly, no road should be built adjoining Terrace Park through the narrow strip at the confluence with the East Fork.

Additionally, the impact of highway noise, on a continuous basis, will detract from the natural surroundings, reduce wildlife and, especially, impact the Terrace Park Wilderness area.

Recent experience in Cincinnati has proven that

truck traffic is the largest contributor to hydrocarbon and smog pollution, frequently sending the air pollution sky-rocketing over the 200 alert level.

Because the relocated U.S. 50 corridor would traverse a substantial valley, the impact of this situation would be intensified just as it has been in the I-75 corridor through Mill Creek Valley. Traffic would be diverted from I-71 and I-275 and would significantly increase air pollution in the Terrace Park area.

Highway projects are a major source of water pollution, including siltation, road salts, petroleum wastes, rubber, lead and others.

The loss of trees from relocated 50 would reduce wildlife habitat; destroy the natural appearance of the river; open the way to serious erosion problems such as the Mt. Adams slides on Baum Street, on I-471, on Red Bank Expressway, on I-275 near Milford, at the I-71 Morrow Bridge, and continuing erosion problems along State Route 268.

The new river crossing in the Fairfax area would destroy the habitat frequented by Great Blue Herons, egrets and other rare waterfowl. Archeological sites, some of which are already included in the National Register of Historic Places, would be destroyed.

For these and other reasons, LMI is totally opposed to the route for relocated U.S. 50 as proposed in the Vogt-Lowry plan.

Editorial

There are extenuating circumstances -- there always are--but it's too bad that, with the need to do something about the village firehouse, village council has given no really serious consideration to providing the kind of headquarters that the volunteer firemen of a village like Terrace Park should have.

The emphasis is on "volunteer." This is an organization of residents of the village banded together to serve the entire community--one of the last vestiges of volunteer community action that once was prevalent in America and should be fostered in any possible way. It's a side issue that the fire insurance bills of every householder in the village would be at least one-third higher if the volunteer fire department didn't exist. The value of lives saved by the Life Squad unit of the department can't be calculated.

But ever since the Volunteer Fire Department was organized 33 years ago--with a fire truck the firemen built themselves--housing for the department has been on a makeshift basis, starting with a one-car wood garage in which the village used to keep its garbage truck. That same garage still is in use as the department's meeting and training room. Current firehouse plans would curtail even that limited space.

The Fire Department and Life Squad should have all

child grudgingly given as little as council feels it can get by with. For after all, the next step higher would be a full-time force, and there's no way Terrace Park could afford that. It's been estimated that a full-time Life Squad would cost \$150,000 a year to operate, and Terrace Park can't afford that either. Yet, the volunteers provide the service at a miniscule fraction of the cost.

But aside from being rueful in one area, Village Views does applaud council action to raise the pay of the volunteers. For too long it has been little short of absurd that the fire chief, with enormous responsibilities for the lives and property of residents of Terrace Park, the maintenance of a lot of expensive equipment, and the recruiting and training of the volunteers, should be paid a mere \$125 a year.

Pay for firefighters and life squad personnel still is nominal, and is no real recompense for the time and effort they give. But it does clearly bring them under workmen's compensation in case of death or injury--and Terrace Park has been more than lucky in that respect. It does make up to a degree for personal effects lost or damaged in emergencies. A lot of that pay still is turned back to buy equipment, and always has been. The volunteers bought and paid for the first two ambulances the village as well.

An Early Start Bazaar

Pantyhose and helping hands. That's what the hard-working crews for the St. Thomas Bazaar need. The Bazaar is officially Thursday, November 20, and the fact that it's the 25th Annual might have something to do with the ladies' determination to make it the finest ever! You can help. You're needed and wanted. You can save your old pantyhose (if you're female) and help Winky Klinedinst and Joan Kennedy, Botique leaders, stuff stuff.

Or you can pick a category and call a chairperson of any of the following committees: White Elephant: Jenny Haight and Barb Billings; Treasurer: Jane Pendl and Karen Boylan; Town & Country: Libby Clancy; Telephone: Soap Parker; Raffle: Sue Abernathy and Mary Maxon; Promise Tree: Cindy Hudson and Ellen Miller; Publicity: Sandy Megowen; Pantry: Bev Smith; Ornaments: Betts Ryan; Luncheon: Betty Jacobs and Mary Austin; Friendship Quilt: Barbara Thoman; Dinner: Pat Sammis and Jean Arnold; Decorations: Sally Wallis, Marianne Gay and Julie Gross; Church Sewing: Ruth Hickenlooper; Church Decorations: Gayle Taylor; Childrens Snacks: Dot Sperry; Childrens Gifts: Joan Morgan and Sue Bucy; Candy: Sally Augspurgen; Baby Sitting: Nancy Nason.

So what's it going to be? Making candy, cutting and glueing, sewing, painting? If you're still undecided, feel free to call "Heap Big Chiefs" Edie Critchell, Lou Ott, or Edna Heil. They'll answer any questions. Tell you one thing, working on a Bazaar Committee is a great way to make new friends, have fun, and help others.

Village Bulletin Board

- September 29 - Adult Education classes start this week at MHS
- October 7 - Child Study meets at Marlene Scholl's, 1 Elmwood, 7:30 Speaker will be Hamilton County probation officer, on "Parent Effectiveness Training"
- October 7 - T.P. Garden Club offers a "Many Mini Workshop," 10 a.m. at the Community House. Bring a sandwich, meeting follows lunch.
- October 17 - T.P. school, grandparent visitation day!
- October 18 - T.P. Garden Club presents a bonus, "Village Market" with proceeds going to planting and conservation. Don't miss it.
- October 18 - PTA Pumpkin Sale, a tradition and please donate baked goods.
- October 20 - Adult Ed "Stop Smoking" clinic. Pre-register: Mr. Glen Miller Mariemont Adult Education, 6750 Wooster Pike, Cincinnati, 45227.
- October 25 - Clodhoppers present: SQUARE DANCE! at the Community House 8 to 11 - call Gail Wiik for reservations
- October 24 - No School (teacher workshop)

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Clodhoppers

CLODHOPPERS are back again with three great parties to help you weather another winter in Terrace Park and keep you entertained at the same time! Gale Wiik and Brenda Bigelow are your chairmen for this year, and October 25 is the date of your first gathering -- a "reel" country square dance at the Terrace Park Community House. Bob and Edna Johnson will do the calling and you don't need any experience to join in the fun, although one Terrace Park resident disclosed to the views late last week that he took square dancing lessons in the sixth grade! The Don Hughes and the Dana Bigelows will have cocktail parties before, and Connie Nordloh is planning a potluck supper with beer and set-ups on the house. You won't want to miss the games



An Early Start

Dana Bigelow and Jill Wiik are hoping their parents will let them go to the CLODHOPPERS square dance. Let's all be there, too!

and prizes Sue Abernethy and Gale Wiik have in mind, so call your babysitter today!

Plan to join the Hoppers on New Year's Eve, too. Dinner and dancing just a few blocks from home, at the Community House, and a

great way to usher in the bicentennial year.

And in March, just when you're ready to come out of hibernation, we'll have our annual formal dance at the Terrace Park Country Club. This is always a popular evening, and with the large number of newcomers to our community, a great way to get to know our new neighbors.

Membership in CLODHOPPERS for the year is only \$3. Don't delay! Send your check, payable to CLODHOPPERS, by October 1st, to:

Gale Wiik
418 Cornell
Terrace Park, Ohio 45174

Friday Nighters

Red, white and blue designate the 1975-76 edition of the Cincinnati Calendar, compiled and produced by the Friday Nighters of the Women's Symphony Committee.

Featured this year are historical sites in the Greater Cincinnati area which include the Bell Tower of Mariemont and the home in Terrace Park of Ohio's first U.S. Senator, John Smith.

Uniquely designed to present all Tri-State events, this 16-month calendar allows ample space to jot down one's own schedule of events. Places of interest and theatre groups are listed as well as a complete Young People's Calendar.

Priced at \$2.50, with proceeds to benefit the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra, the calendars are on sale at Music Hall concerts, the Fig Leaf in Indian Hill and from members of Friday Nighter's.

Area Friday Nighter chairman is Mrs. John C. Bahl, 8960 Indian Ridge and Calendar production vice chairman is Mrs. Eugene Desvernine, 811 Myrtle Avenue, Terrace Park.

HELP WANTED

MATURE adult to supervise adult laborers on Saturdays. \$4.00/hour minimum. Apply Terrace Park Village Office 831-2137.

MATURE, responsible youth to manage Village Dump on Saturdays, 2 - 5 p.m. \$2.50/hour. Apply Village Office - 831-2137.

Key Changes Made In Confirmation Preparations

During the past year St. Thomas Church has initiated major changes in the program of study preparing young people for Confirmation.

Complying with the direction expressed by the Episcopal Church's General Convention in Louisville in 1973 that confirmation vows should reflect mature commitment on the part of those making them, St. Thomas is now presenting young people for Confirmation at the end of their ninth grade year following a three-year preparatory course of study.

This course, open to any interested boys or girls of the community, utilizes a variety of approaches including a Sunday morning church school class; periodic Saturday morning corporate communion, breakfast and study sessions with parents and/or sponsors; and occasional overnight conferences at St. Edmund's Conference Center in Glendale.

The content of study differs in each of the three years. The first year focuses mainly on the basics of the

Christian faith; the second on application of these basics to one's personal life and the establishment of values; the third on active service in the Christian community and the world.

A unique feature is the freedom allowed a young person to decide when and if he/she is ready. They are permitted to enter, dropout, re-enter at any time providing only that certain basic standards are met. It is hoped in this way to guide the students through the mercurial emotions of the junior high years and enable them to make a mature and lasting commitment if and when they are ready to do so.

This fall will begin the second year of this innovative program. There will be both first year (7th grade) and second year (8th grade) groups meeting. Any member of the community who is interested in further information is invited to call the church and talk to either the Rev. Robert Gerhard, Rector, or Mrs. Marion Fletcher, Education Consultant.

Village Market Oct. 18

Terrace Park Garden Club invites all to come to the Country Market on Saturday, October 18 at Community House, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Members have spent many hours collecting and preparing dried materials of many varieties to be offered for sale for use in your own fall arrangements.

Beautiful arrangements of dried materials of every description will also be for sale.

The baked goods department will be well stocked

with delicious items made from the choice recipes of our best cooks.

The boutique booth will include many items for the early Christmas shopper including strawberry baskets, straw wreaths, corn husk dolls, and calico flowers.

Small potted plants will be for sale for the indoor winter gardener.

Mark your calendar: October 18, at the Community House, and make plans with friends to be present.

Ice Skaters Get Set

Terrace Park Ice Skaters are organizing again. The group will skate a total of twelve Saturdays during the winter at Cincinnati Garden Pavilion. Skating sessions will last from 4:15 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. (Please notice the new time!)

Family memberships are \$25. Professional instruction in figure skating is included for all ages and space is provided for hockey play at one end of the rink.

Reservations should be in by October 15th. Skating will start on November 8th. Send your checks to Halleys, 114 Red Bird Lane, Village. Questions? Call Halleys, 831-0970.

Log Cabin News

This summer's seventh annual Log Cabin Crafts and Games Program served approximately 70 different Terrace Park boys and girls from Kindergarten age up. The Recreation Committee wishes to thank the two employees, Beth Gilchrist and Cindy Kain, the volunteer mothers who served so faithfully this summer, and especially all the terrific children who participated in eight weeks of arts, crafts, fun and games to make the summer of 1975 such a fun summer in Terrace Park.

Edna and Peter Stites, Log Cabin Administrators

Join Bridge Marathon

Join the Bridge Marathon and support Mariemont High School's PTSA. Play bridge seven times once a month, October through April. Prizes for year's winners and coffee in May. There are evening and daytime groups. It's \$8 per person and \$16 per couple. Contact Marge Dernier, 271-7652, or Ann Burke, 271-3569.

Paper Drive Dates

The Terrace Park Scouts will hold five paper drives this scouting year. We know you all have saved a lot of paper. We do appreciate it. Our first drive was last Saturday, September 20. The remaining four are planned for November 15, February 21, April 17, and June 19.

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Codification Of All Ordinances Near End

Codification of all village ordinances has been a long time in coming, but it appears the end is in sight. Back on January 21, 1974, village council entered into an agreement with the Walter H. Drane Company, Cleveland, to do the job at a cost of \$5500. It would be a formidable organizational task, requiring someone to wade through 18 volumes, unordered, which contained all village ordinances "on the books."

Advantages included placement of all laws of a general nature under one cover, for easy reference, and an overall professional review, bringing the village into line with State laws, as well as acknowledging municipal gaps. A cross reference would be supplied, and the finished product would make life especially easier for the Solicitor who must frequently refer to already-approved ordinances.

At the conclusion of the August and September council meetings members began a page-by-page review of the almost-finished edition which now needs only final approval. This review in itself is time-consuming since the book contains some 200 pages and must be studied for content as well as misspellings and deletions. Hopefully all will be finished by October.

Voter Registration Data

The League of Women Voters reminds residents that you may register to vote until October 6 at the Community House during village business hours.

To register you must be a citizen of the United States, 18 years old by November 4 and a resident of Ohio and Terrace Park for 30 days.

If you have not voted in any election in the last two years, moved from a different county or changed your name, you must reregister.

A change of address may be reported by mail to the Board of Elections, 622 Sycamore Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202. Further information concerning registration may be obtained by calling the Board of Elections at 621-9801.

Wondering what is going to be on the November election ballot? The Terrace Park Unit of the League of Women Voters invites you to attend our next meeting October 15 at 9 a.m. for an

informative look at all the issues. Mrs. Robert Payne will be hostess for this meeting at her home, 629 Lexington. Babysitting is available. For information call Judy Reynolds, 831-4187, or Marie Ramsdell, 831-1683.

Patrolman Fred DeMarks Praised

The Honorable Frank Corbin Mayor, Village of Terrace Park

Dear Frank:

Even though our city manager, Wray White, has already conveyed our thanks to you informally for the good work of your police in apprehending the burglars who had robbed the C.F. Yeiser residence on Old Indian Hill Road, on August 31, I'd like to add few words of my own.

We are grateful for Patrolman Fred DeMarks' alertness in spotting the escaping pick-up truck at the service station on Wooster Pike and his thoroughness in checking out the subjects' story. Without his prompt and intelligent action, the burglars would almost certainly have succeeded in avoiding arrest.

I would greatly appreciate your extending my personal thanks to Ptl. De Marks. His exemplary performance was most commendable and reflects credit on you and Chief Bob Hiatt.

Sincerely,
William McD. Kite
Mayor



... Mayor Corbin and Patrolman DeMarks.

Patrolman Frederick De Marks
Terrace Park Police Department

Dear Mr. DeMarks:

My wife and I would like to thank you for your alert action and competent police work in stopping and questioning the two men who broke into our house on Indian Hill and stole our stereo

equipment.

It is a real source of comfort to us to know that the neighboring police departments are looking out after the welfare of all of the community, rather than only those in the village they serve.

Yours sincerely,
Charles F. Yeiser

Amy Finds U.S. Link With Cowboys

In the South Pacific about 1200 miles southeast of Australia lies the island nation of New Zealand which has become home away from home for Amy Washburn, of Terrace Park. Amy is one of 20 recipients of an American Field Service (AFS) scholarship to New Zealand for a year.

Recently I corresponded with her for a Young People story. She wrote she left Cincinnati in mid-January bound for San Francisco where her AFS group had a day of cross-cultural orientation. The following day the

group departed from Los Angeles en route to Auckland, New Zealand, an 18-hour flight. After two days of orientation and rest in Auckland the group traveled to Wellington, the capital at the southern tip of North Island.

Along the way the group stopped for a day at the resort city of Rotorua where they swam in the hot mineral pools for which the area is famous. Also in this district live many of the Maoris, a native people related to the Hawaiians and other Pacific islanders.

Upon arrival in Wellington Amy and the other AFS students who had not already met with their host families on the North Island resumed their journey by plane to their host cities on the South Island.

"WAIMATE, MY HOMETOWN for the year, is what one might call a farming area as well as a rural service community to the surrounding hinterland," Amy explained.

"The town of Waimate has a population of about 3000 people and is on very flat land but neighboring countryside and farms are on land which varies from very flat to very hilly. Waimate is located eight miles inland from the Pacific Ocean and is about 130 miles south of the city of Christchurch."

Amy resides with Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Ashley, affectionately referred to as "Dad" and "Mom," and their three children: Maree, 18; Christine, 15, and Rose, nine. Mr. Ashley owns an electronics shop at which he sells and repairs various types of electronic equipment and appliances. Mrs. Ashley is a housewife and

also works part-time in the shop as do the children.

Amy had found New Zealanders, in general, to have a good attitude toward Americans. "I haven't, as yet, met anyone who violently hates Americans. Most people seem to think of us as rich with big cars. They also tend to identify us with such things as skyscrapers, Wild West cowboys, and pollution. It seems that the average New Zealander knows much about the world and current events, more so than most Americans do," she wrote.

Amy attends Waimate High School with her two host sisters. Willfried Gasser from Hallau, Switzerland, who is an AFS multinational program student living in another small town, also attends the same school.

The school year is divided into three terms with several weeks of vacation between each. Secondary school consists of various forms or grades. Students can leave school at the age of 15 but most usually like to receive school certification in the fifth form before doing so.

Amy has been placed in the sixth form, which is comparable to the junior year of high school here. In this form one tries not only to receive sixth form certification but also university entrance. In the seventh and final form of secondary school a student tries to attain university bursary in which one is given financial assistance. College scholarships and seventh form certification are also sought. School begins at 8:15 a.m. and lasts until 3:30 p.m.

Amy, like other students in the sixth and seventh forms, has a choice of sub-

jects and certain electives. She is taking English, French, chemistry, physics, mathematics, and clothing construction. Uniforms are mandatory for both girls and boys and school rules are fairly strict.

"THERE IS ONE picture theater in Waimate and a whole lot of things are not offered for the youth to do as you plan things for yourself. On Sunday mornings I go to a mixed denominational Bible class. I play netball which is a type of outdoor basketball on one of the school's teams. Sports of all kinds, both winter and summer varieties, are major attractions here. At the age of 15 teenagers may become licensed drivers and they may vote at 18. You must be 21 to purchase alcoholic drinks or go into pubs," writes Amy.

She also informed me New Zealand has only three million inhabitants, yet boasts a sheep population exceeding 60 million or 20 sheep per person! Cattle are also raised extensively. The government conducts dairy subsidies; for example, one pint of milk costs four cents and cream costs 26 cents per 1/2 pint.

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