

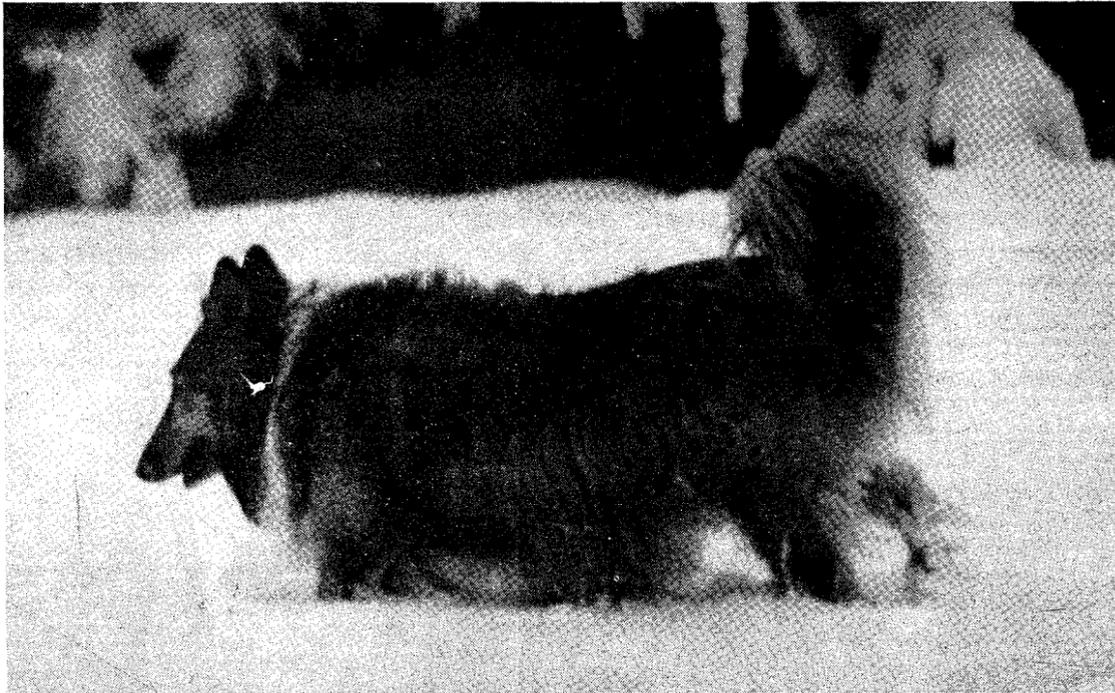
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Living A Dog's Life



Appropriately-named, Cindy Kain's Shetland sheep dog, Snow, struggles through the first of the heavy snows that have blanketed the village. Allan Kain had almost as much trouble getting the picture.

Editorial

No one questions that Terrace Park's mayor and village council try to do what they think is best for the village, but *Village Views* finds itself inclined to agree with a growing opinion that the affair concerning Police Chief Bob Hiatt has been badly handled.

More than two months has elapsed since council appropriated \$1,000 for an investigation, and the investigation was begun by an attorney associated with the village solicitor's law firm. The result so far — nothing.

According to information given *Village Views*, it is not even certain whether any charges will be filed against the chief. Meantime the chief, the police department, and the community hang in limbo.

Council's position is that there has been increasing dissatisfaction with the chief's performance, that he

did not act on suggestions that he seek employment elsewhere, and did not resign by a deadline finally imposed, so that the only remaining course is to seek his removal by bringing formal charges — if any tenable charges can be developed.

The chief contends that the reported dissatisfaction was news to him, and that while he has been looking for another job, finding one in police work elsewhere is difficult in these times, particularly since Cincinnati has cut back in its police division. Meantime he stays on for obvious reasons. He needs the money, especially since he's had to incur attorney's fees in his own defense.

Village Views has no idea what the solution will be, but still has faith that the mayor and council will work out something fair and satisfactory to all.

Gerhard May Become New Bishop

The Rev. Robert D. Gerhard, rector of St. Thomas Church in Terrace Park, is being considered for selection as bishop coadjutor of the Episcopal diocese of Indianapolis.

As coadjutor, he would assist and ultimately succeed the current ailing bishop, the Rt. Rev. John Craine.

Mr. Gerhard said he had been informed that an Indianapolis group would be here to interview him later this month, indicating that he is high on the list of a list of 58 nominees.

Mr. Gerhard said, however,

that "being a bishop is one of those things you never solicit and when it is offered you never turn down." He added, though, that "I'm very comfortable here," and he would consider it no tragedy if he should not be chosen.

The final selection is to be made at an Indianapolis diocesan convention March 26.

Mr. Gerhard came here from the Diocese of Chicago in 1968. Born in Chicago in 1929, he served in the merchant marine and the U.S. Navy before turning to the ministry.

Seven Eye Vacancies On Council

Seven residents of Terrace Park have indicated interest in being named to fill two vacancies on village council, Mayor Ray Cadwallader has told *Village Views*. Appointments to fill the vacancies are, by law, to be made by the mayor, with the concurrence of council.

The vacancies result from the resignations of Eugene Desvernine and Donald Frei. Desvernine, an attorney, already has moved to Peru to be involved in Procter & Gamble interests there. Frei, also an attorney, is resigning for personal reasons.

Desvernine's successor will serve for a year, and Frei's for three years.

Word of the interest of the seven villagers came after the mayor issued a call to those willing to serve, and said he was "particularly challenging those people who criticize politicians."

Those willing to be considered for appointment to council are asked to submit to the mayor or any member of council a statement of that willingness and a brief autobiographical sketch.

Wanted: New Faces

The Terrace Park Recreation Committee needs new faces on the committee to help with the recreational needs of the children of this community. The nominating committee asks that you volunteer. Call Ed Larkin, 831-9410, Karen Boylan, 831-0397, or Bob Sluka, 831-6812 for further information.

Life Squad Runs Show Big Jump During '76

BY LYNN NELSON

Discontinuance of village daytime life squad service at the end of January looms as a very real possibility, according to a statement issued by Safety Chairman Dick Griffith at the January 11 council meeting.

Griffith explained this action is necessitated by a lack of volunteers. Currently only one full-time volunteer, Jeanne Lee, and two part-timers, are on call Monday through Friday during the hours of 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. Accordingly, the life squad has elected to discontinue day service effective January 31 at 6 p.m. No change is contemplated for evening (6 p.m. to 8 a.m.) or weekend service.

Bob Terwilleger, head of the life squad, emphasized the seriousness of the situation. He noted that between 40-50% of all emergency calls are received during the daytime shift. Terwilleger explained that service could be reinstated if a minimum of six volunteers stepped forward to assist. Fire Chief Lee Stegemeyer, also present, echoed Terwilleger's concern with the statement that "Money is not the problem, people are."

The situation is further complicated by a new state law requiring all squad volunteers to have 90 hours of training before beginning active duty. Terwilleger is hopeful some former life squad members, with past training, will again agree to serve.

Councilwoman Pat Henley recommended citizens write state legislators expressing strong opposition to the new training law, viewed by many as a blow which will cause the demise of volunteer life squads.

Councilman Dick Bowman urged an extension of the

cut-off date set in the new law, and Don Frei inquired into viable alternatives. Temporary back-up service by neighboring communities was suggested as one possibility. Terrace Park has traditionally served as a back-up team for Milford.

Mayor Cadwallader authorized Terwilleger and Stegemeyer to immediately check with neighboring squads to see if they will offer help. The mayor also alerted council and the Safety Committee to the possibility of meeting in emergency session in order to work out a solution.

Terwilleger also announced there will be a community meeting on January 31 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Building when information will be presented regarding squad needs, and time, service, and training commitments will be explained. All residents are invited.

Terwilleger further advised that should day service be terminated, village residents could call two ambulance services that are available. One is Shoemaker at 631-6050 and the second is A-1 at 721-3336. Their rates are comparable: approximately \$35 for the call, \$5-\$7 for oxygen, \$1 a mile after the first five miles. Neither service will respond to auto accidents or street calls. Terwilleger said the normal response time is 25 to 35 minutes if an ambulance is immediately available, longer if one is not.

Life Squad To Drop Daytime Coverage

The Terrace Park Life Squad regrettably announces that it is unable to adequately staff the Monday through Friday daytime service. Therefore, beginning January 31 at 6 p.m., this service will terminate. This will affect all calls between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. There is no change in the evening and nighttime service 6 p.m. through 8 a.m. or on Saturday and Sunday.

Daytime service could be re-instituted if six or more volunteers could be secured. Unless these volunteers possess the necessary training, they would need to take training before serving. Resumption of the service in the very near future seems doubtful.

There will be a community meeting to discuss the needs and problems in staffing the life squad in the Community Building on January 31 at 7:30 p.m. Information will be presented about the time, service, and training commitment. If you have any interest in the continuation of life squad service in Terrace Park, please attend. We are open to your suggestions.

Things You Can Do To Protect Your Home

USE GOOD LOCKS

One of the most simple (and effective) ways of protecting your home is to install "good" deadbolt locks...and use them.

Some homes are protected only by a spring-latch door lock. It may appear to securely lock the door but is easily opened by even the most amateur burglar.

To test your door lock, open your front door and push the button that is supposed to lock it when closed. Now try to push in the bolt that sticks out and would latch in the hole in the door frame when it is closed. If the bolt yields and can be pushed back into the door, you have the wrong kind of lock. Replace it!

Call a reputable locksmith and ask about installing a good deadbolt. If there is a window in the door, or within three feet, make it a double-cylinder deadbolt that requires the use of a key from either side. This prevents a burglar from breaking the window and reaching in to release the lock. If you don't want a key-type double cylinder deadbolt on the inside of the door for fire safety reasons, use a single-cylinder below reach, or replace the glass with polycarbonate. It is as clear as glass and resists curving and breaking.

In addition to good locks, a one-way peep-hole is a good idea so you can see who is outside without opening your door to possible danger.

Make sure all locks and chain latches are firmly anchored into solid wood, and not just a light door jam or hollow-core door. The longer the throw of the deadbolt and the longer the screws, the safer your home will be.

Sliding glass patio doors require a through-the-frame pin or grip to prevent lifting the door out of its channel. You can get wedges or pins to prevent windows from being opened or allow them to travel a few inches for ventilation only.

But the most important thing to remember is that the best lock in the world isn't worth a nickel if it isn't locked. Even if you're only going out for a few minutes, close and lock all doors, windows and garage doors.

THEN, TOO . . .

A locksmith can change the tumblers in your door locks quickly and inexpensively. Whenever you move into a new house or apartment, have this done. If you ever lose a key, don't risk it...have the tumblers changed.

Spreading extra keys around, even to trusted friends, can be borrowing unnecessary trouble. And don't try to hide emergency keys in "unique" places — burglars know them all.

Keep your house and car keys separate and never attach a nametag to your keys — it's a direct invitation for a burglar to visit. Whenever you park your car with an attendant, leave only the ignition key — it only takes a couple of seconds to duplicate a key to your home or apartment.

DON'T ADVERTISE YOUR ABSENCE

It's a good idea to let a trusted neighbor in on your vacation plans, but don't broadcast it to the whole neighborhood.

Whenever you go away for an extended period, notify the police department. Stop newspaper and other deliveries...NEVER leave a note on the door, call them before you leave. Ask a trusted neighbor to take in your mail, and make arrangements to have your lawn maintained. Sometimes it may be advisable not to stop the delivery of the newspaper, but rather have a friend pick it up daily with your mail.

Also helpful are electric timers that can turn lights and radios on and off. Turn down the bell on your telephone, but otherwise make your home look and sound occupied.

KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS

You can form your own "neighborhood watch" by getting together with a few neighbors and agreeing to keep an eye on each other's homes in the owner's absence.

If you see anything suspicious...a strange car or truck in the driveway, a loiterer, lights or movement inside when the home should be empty, call the police immediately and write down a description of the suspects and vehicles if you can. Crime prevention is as easy as just being a good neighbor.

Hedges and shrubs around your house may look nice, but tall, thick greenery which obscures the view of your windows can also provide an ideal hiding place for a burglar while he works to get into your home.

Keep shrubbery trimmed to a reasonable height so that all windows and doors are easily visible.

Floodlights that can illuminate your property and the area around your home can ward off potential nighttime burglars. Not only will you be able to see movement in your yard, but neighbors and passers-by have a full view of any unwanted, late-night intruders.

WHO'S THERE?

A caller at your door may be perfectly harmless in most instances, but sometimes burglars who have no intention of using force will try to gain entrance to your house under a pretext.

Ask any repairman, meter reader or door-to-door salesman for proper identification before you admit him to your home. Keep the chain latched while you study his credentials. If you have any doubts, call the company or call the police. If you wish to help a lost or stranded motorist who calls at your door, you make the phone call while he waits outside.

Whenever you admit a workman or sales agent into your home, never leave him alone at any time. If you become at all uneasy about him, ask him to leave and then lock the door securely behind him.

PHONE INVITATIONS

Several suspicious "wrong numbers" or calls where no one responds when you answer are a burglar's favorite tool to find out if you're home.

Instruct every member of your family, particularly kids, never to give out information over the phone, especially about who is home, or how long anyone is expected to be out.

When you use the services of a babysitter, lay down some hard and fast rules. No visitors, never open the door, and keep a list of police, fire and emergency numbers near the phone. Always inform the babysitter of your whereabouts, how you can be reached, and when you expect to be home.

A GOOD BURGLAR ALARM

There is one good burglar alarm that you can buy that may also be your best friend. If you can keep a dog, do it. The threat of attack is secondary to the noise a dog makes if an intruder enters your home.

IF ALL ELSE FAILS

Even if you have taken all precautions, and a burglar does persist and gains entrance to your home, don't reward his efforts by leaving jewelry, large sums of cash or other small, easy-to-pick-up valuables around the house. Extremely expensive or antique jewelry that is rarely worn should be kept in a safe deposit box for best protection.

Make sure all of your valuables such as watches, cameras, television sets and stereos are engraved with your Social Security or other number, and their serial numbers recorded. Display a window sticker that tells the burglar that your property is marked by Operation Identification. No burglar wants to be caught with easily-identifiable stolen property.



The number to call to arrange for second-Wednesday bulk trash pickup is 831-2137, that of the village office. *Village Views* inadvertently printed the wrong number in last month's issue.

The Safety Committee of village council will host a program in the near future for the purpose of discussing residential security. All Terrace Park residents will be invited to attend. The decision to sponsor this meeting was made at the January council meeting after Safety chairman Dick Griffith advised fellow council members of his committee's contact by various villagers expressing concern over three burglaries in the Park during the six weeks prior to Christmas.

Griffith further advised that Joseph Cohen, part-time village patrolman and a certified instructor for two local police academies, has film and literature describing precautions home owners can take to deter break-ins. Cohen has volunteered to share this knowledge with residents.

After a brief discussion, Mayor Cadwallader asked Griffith to make arrangements for the open meeting. Sufficient public notice will be given regarding date, time, and place.

Meanwhile the Safety Committee reminds villagers of the availability of an etcher which may be borrowed from the Police Department. This tool is used for marking personal identification.

The committee further offers these steps residents can take to better insure home security:

Little Miami, Inc. Takes BBS Case To High Court

BY DON FRANKE

Little Miami Inc. announced it has appealed to the State Supreme Court to overturn a Franklin County Court of Appeals reversal of an Environmental Board of Review decision denying a permit to the B.B.S. Co. to construct a package sewage treatment plant adjacent to Terrace Park.

Attorney Paul L. Westfield, a Village resident, is handling the appeal.

The sewage plant would serve the proposed multi-family condominium project at Elm and Wooster. The B.B.S. Co. suit attacking the Terrace Park zoning law that prohibits condominiums has been continued in Common

Pleas Court pending appointment of a new judge to hear the case.

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A private firm has applied to the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency for a permit to use an abandoned gravel pit in Anderson Township for a garbage landfill operation. The case could become a precedent for the many gravel pits on the South side of the river near Terrace Park. Terrace Park Council has unanimously passed a Resolution opposing granting the permit.

A hearing is scheduled before the Ohio E.P.A. in Columbus March 4.

AFS Open House Bids Welcome, Says Good-Bye

During the blizzard of Sunday afternoon, January 9, our AFS chapter held a very well-attended Open House in honor of Beth Gilchrist, Karen Boudrie, and the Peter Miller family.

Mrs. Pepper Miller, 721 Yale Avenue, has been secretary of our AFS chapter this year, but their whole family is moving to Anchorage, Alaska, in January. Mrs. Del Stringfield, 4412 Grove St., Mariemont, is taking over the secretarial duties.

Karen Boudrie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Boudrie, 751 Indian Hill Road, has been chosen by the American Field Service to go to school and live with a family in Hastings, New Zealand for this coming year. Karen has left Terrace Park

for her New Zealand home and we hope by now is beginning to settle happily into her new way of life.

Beth Gilchrist, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Gilchrist 742 Wooster Pike, returned home January 8 from her year in Tasmania, the island state of Australia. Besides speaking at our January meeting, Beth is also available to speak to any other groups about her AFS experiences.

We are still urgently in need of a host family for next year's foreign AFS student. We must have a family soon so please let us know if anyone might be interested in having this enriching experience. For further information contact Beth Gilchrist, 831-9109.

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Septic Tank Ordinance Change Set

And Then It Snowed Still More

A new ordinance relating to zoning and sewage disposal received first reading approval by village council at its January meeting.

Proposed by Planning and Zoning/Rules and Laws chairman Don Frei, the law would require any subdivided or divided parcel of land be such as to adequately support a septic tank (and only a septic tank), and also meet the septic system requirements established by the Hamilton County Board of Health. Approval by the Board of Health would be necessary before a property owner could make application to the P & Z Commission for division of his land.

Frei explained this ordinance goes beyond the present village sewage disposal law by forcing compliance with county Board of Health requirements. It also would help avoid future septic problems similar to some the village has experienced in the past. The ordinance was presented with the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Specifically, the ordinance reads:

"In all districts, sewage shall be disposed of by means of septic tanks installed and maintained in accordance with the regulations of the Board of Health of Hamilton County, Ohio, and no aeration system or open or discharge type of pond or tank shall be permitted.

"Any person proposing to create a subdivision or to otherwise divide a parcel of land, shall submit to the Hamilton County Board of Health, for approval, plans clearly showing that the provisions of the septic tank regulations of the Ohio Sanitary Code, can be met. Until evidence of such approval is presented to the Planning Commission, it shall not approve a proposed subdivision plat or a proposed division of a parcel of land."

Flood Zoning Hearing Slated

Village Engineer Carl Lindell has completed a study and graphic presentation of village flood-plain areas. Mayor Cadwallader plans a review of this map before the Planning and Zoning Commission on Monday evening, February 7, at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Building.

Mayor Cadwallader noted at the January council meeting that Michigan Avenue residents may particularly be interested in the presentation.



Even more snow, to give Terrace Park its deepest white blanket in over 20 years, fell after Allan Kain wandered around the village with his camera. It all meant heavy work for Marvin Alexander and his helper on the street maintenance crew trying to keep the more than nine miles of village streets passable.



Council Briefs . . .

Other business transacted at the January session included:

- Regretful acceptance of Councilman Gene Desvernine's resignation caused by the family's move to Peru.
- Referral of Ohio's new Privacy Act to Solicitor Leming for better "layman's" clarification.

- Announcement by Mayor Cadwallader that village finances are stable. "We're solvent, all funds are in good condition, and I'll be offering a more definitive presentation at the February council meeting," Cadwallader added.

- A reminder from Solicitor Leming that by order of the Hamilton County Prosecutor, all traffic violations involving deprivation of an individual's driver's license because of accumulation of the maximum 12 penalty points, will henceforth be processed through Traffic Court. This will affect only one or two cases normally heard each year in Terrace Park's Mayor's Court. Council authorized a \$50 flat fee per case to cover necessary legal expenses.

- Second reading approval of the automatic reverter amendment to village zoning ordinances.

- A report from Pat Henley that it appears the village's request for \$30,000 of Community Development Funds has been reduced to \$20,000 as a result of the total request submitted to HUD by county commissioners.

- Public acknowledgement of the fine work performed by Marvin Alexander and other maintenance crew members in clearing village streets during the recent heavy snows.

- Promotion of Police Patrolman Fred DeMarks to the rank of Corporal.

- A report from Councilman Rockel that the Parks and Recreation Committee has written Congressman Willis Gradison requesting information and help on the Milford-Terrace Park bank erosion problem caused by the Little Miami River. Rockel is hopeful of a reply by the February council meeting. Mayor Cadwallader advised that the Corps of Engineers is also working on the problem.

- Re-appointment of the village Engineer, Solicitor, Building Inspector, Custodian and Clerk of Mayor's Court for 1977 and of Dick Griffith to serve as council President pro tem.

Council will meet in executive session on January 18. The next regular monthly meeting will be February 8.

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Millers Launch An Adventure, Seek New Home, Life in Alaska

BY JEANNE SANKER

The call of the wild has been heard and answered by the Peter Miller family which left January 19 for their new home in Anchorage, Alaska, the culmination of a ten-year dream which began when they vacationed in the Alaska area in 1966.

"It's a vibrant, busy city and yet the living is mostly casual," explains Pepper. The population of 160,000 includes 40,000 military personnel located at the two military bases located on the outskirts, Elmendorf Air Force Base and Fort Richardson. Although everything is very expensive and most women work, at least in part-time jobs, people seem very happy with their life style. Pepper says it seems very easy to make friends there because the city does not seem divided between old-timers and newcomers. In fact, the average age there is twenty-eight, so it is a city of youthful outlook and rather easy-going friendliness.

Learning to live with nineteen hours of darkness in winter and nineteen hours of light in summer seems to present very few problems. Most residents merely adjust their activities and philosophies to fit the season.

Sports play a big part in everyone's life with the area surrounded by ski resorts, three with huge ice rinks large enough to feature the Olympics. Cross country skiing is a big favorite with many families. Hiking facilities are unlimited, and there are snowmobile trails

for winter and dirt bike trails for summer. Tennis and fishing are the most popular summer sports.

With their love of outdoor life, the Millers are looking forward to all the new and exciting sports they will be able to enjoy in as part of their everyday life.

"All things have worked together for our move there now," exclaims Pepper enthusiastically, as she describes how the building of the pipe line has made the economic picture there brighter, bringing Pete an interesting job offer in the brokerage firm of Foster & Marshall.

"And a rare five-bedroom house just appeared on the market," continues Pepper, who goes on to explain that most of the houses built since the 1964 earthquake are three-bedroom styles. So they accepted this as another signal that it was time to be Alaska-bound.

The house is just 200 yards from the half-million acre Chugach Forest with the Chugach Mountains in full view. It is not unusual to see a moose wandering down the street now and then.

There are excellent schools for their children, Shelly, 14, a high school freshman; Elizabeth, 11; Peter, 8; Kristy, 6; and Gary, 4. With each elementary school sporting its own ice skating rink, skating has become a fun part of the regular curriculum, just as ice hockey has become one of the high school subjects.

Shelly will be attending the

high school located at the Elmendorf Air Force Base which has an enrollment of 2,800.

Any qualms about a few negatives of their move, i.e., living in what is called "the earthquake belt," the outlandish cost of everything, and the fact that they will be living so far away from everything in their past? They acknowledge these but feel they are far outweighed by the positives.

And so these lifetime Cincinnatians, who have played a very active and interesting role in whatever community they have lived in, including their seven years here in Terrace Park, start their new life as modern adventurers.

Youngsters Help Out

This Christmas was a white one for the children of Terrace Park School, as it has been for the past twenty years. It has been a tradition at Terrace Park School to have a White Christmas Program, when the students bring in groceries to fill Christmas baskets. This year the Christmas baskets were distributed to six needy families, in the hope that it would make their Christmas a little merrier.

Life Squad's Statement

Fire Chief Lee Stegemeyer submitted the following annual report of the Fire Department for 1976 at the January 11 council meeting:

32 fire runs — about average

31 rescue runs — a very substantial increase, mainly due to use at Milford auto accidents as well as mutual aid calls for its special equipment

163 life squad runs — a substantial increase.

Fire loss was estimated at \$40,250 in two buildings in Edgewater, plus an additional \$300 for two auto fire runs.

Seven people were either injured or became ill at fire scenes, mostly at the Edgewater fire.

Manpower is on the tight side with night fire-squad "holding its own," a shortage on daytime fire, and a severe shortage on daytime squad.

CLASSIFIED

FOR SALE—used once — boy's ice skates, figure skates, size 2, hockey skates, size 4, 831-9458.

WANTED—Small apartment for single person, employed in Terrace Park area. 831-5867.

Beth Gilchrist Home From Year 'Down-Under'

BY BETH GILCHRIST

On Jan. 10, 1976, I left for a year abroad in Tasmania, an island 200 miles south of Australia. I went with 41 other American students and 8 international students on an exchange program called AFS. We each lived with different families all over Australia for the whole year.

I lived in Burnie, Tasmania with the Ashton family which consisted of 18 children, 3 of whom lived at home. My host family had taken on a children's home earlier in life and this I was a member of an extremely large and interesting family.

I went to school at Hellyer College which was just opened last year and was attended by 350 students. The college was only for first and second year students (11th and 12th grades). I had many experiences at school — learning new subjects: Australian History, Environmental Science, Social Psychology, and English Literature; meeting new people; and adapting to a new way of life. School was much more difficult with homework consisting mainly

of essays. Though it was hard, I learned a lot and enjoyed school immensely.

During the year, my host family took me all over Tassie. Though Tasmania is about 1/2 the size of Ohio, the type of environment changes every 10 miles and there are always new places to visit. We camped in the mountains and got snowed in by about 15 inches of snow; we camped by the sea and lakes; and we traveled by car to many exciting and interesting places.

It felt quite odd swimming in the sea in January-March, wearing warm clothing March-October; and then swimming again in October-Dec. Christmas was quite a bit different — it was hot and there were no real Christmas trees because of the fire danger.

Sure, things were different, but I learned a lot about the Aussie culture, myself, and about other people. I have fallen in love with my new home and it was very difficult to leave, but I will return someday soon — hopefully with my real family.

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