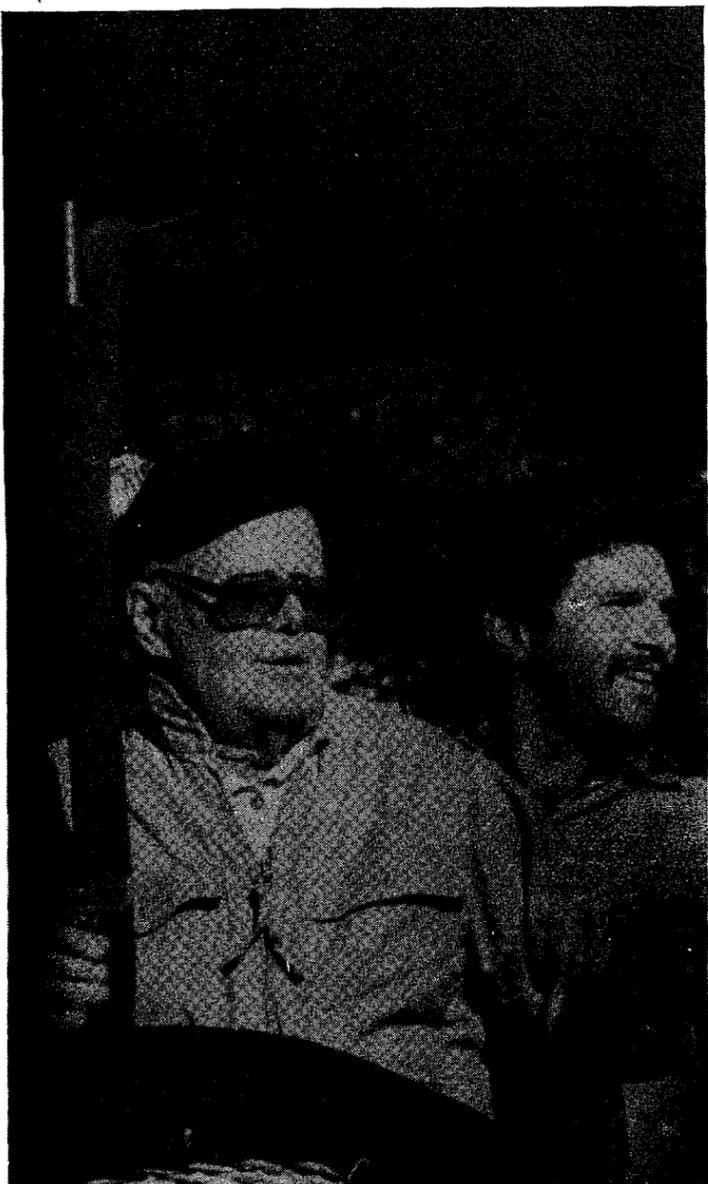


## Grandpa Gets A Lift On His 86th Birthday



Walter Maerki raises a champagne toast as he and pilot Ray Schneider take off.

By Sally Kniffin

Some people ask for certain practical birthday gifts. But on Sunday, October 5, Walter Maerki Sr. of Cincinnati received a special gift.

His granddaughter and her husband, Chris and Jack Gambetta of 1 Kent Circle, surprised him by fulfilling his dream — a ride in a hot air balloon. The "Grasshopper," piloted by Ray Schneider of Hyde Park, was launched from the Gambetta's backyard.

It wasn't a complete surprise, though. Because of the chilly day, Maerki had to be warned to dress more warmly than usual.

At 86, and a retiree of Georgia Pacific, Maerki, asked why he wanted to go up in the balloon, expressed it this way:

"It's a thrill, in my book, it's a good thrill — an adventure, a high point in a fine life."

Guests enjoyed a grill cook-out as the limp balloon was spread out and slowly blown full of air with a large fan. Finally the gas burners were ignited and the warmed air caused the balloon to stand upright.

In the breeze, the gondola had to be held by the weight of some of the spectators.

While Maerki and his son Walter Jr. of Chicago, formerly of Terrace Park, helped toast the launching with champagne, the "Grasshopper" was released and ascended amid cheers.

About two hours later, the balloon landed in a field near Hopper Hill Road and the flyers were greeted with more champagne to toast their successful flight.

Sitting by a warm fire later at the Gambetta home in Terrace Park, Maerki had this to say about his flight:

"Wonderful, it's hard to explain. Out of this world, beautiful, simply beautiful... For an old man to have so many friends to do this is wonderful."

Asked what he wanted for his next birthday, he replied, "I just live from week to week."

## Given Road Closing Due For Bridge Replacement

Construction of the long-planned new Given Road bridge should get underway late this next month.

Bids were opened on the project October 9. Richard Thies, fiscal and office manager for Donald C. Schramm, county engineer, said that 30 to 45 days usually elapses between bid opening and start of work as paper work moves through channels, including approval by the county commissioners.

Low bid on the project was \$45,524.75 as against the engineer's estimate of \$50,393. Paul Lumsford, Inc., was low among the six bidders, with the high bid at \$59,659.

The work will be supervised by the county engineer on behalf of the village. Thies said the project calls for removal of the present superstructure and its replacement with a similar bridge built of pre-stressed concrete. No widening or straightening of the roadway is involved.

Financing comes from Terrace Park's share of the municipal road fund accumulation of the extra \$5 Hamilton County auto license fee. The county sent Terrace Park a check for \$63,000 to finance building of the new bridge. The village subtracted \$6,496 in engineering fees it had incurred and returned \$56,503 to the county.

Thies said about \$2,500 is expected to be expended in inspection fees, and any overruns by the contractor will be taken care of from the balance. Any funds not used, he said, would go back into the road fund.

Work is scheduled for completion within 75 days, depending on weather conditions.

The village meantime is continuing negotiations with the county concerning elimination of the deteriorating Elm Road railroad overpass. Plans are to replace the span with an at-grade crossing with a culvert at roadbed level below.

Councilman Les Overway reported to the October 8 council meeting that he was "not pessimistic but not overly optimistic" that the county would tackle the job as an emergency need.

## Levy Beaten Here

The proposed SORTA 1% sales tax levy did better in Terrace Park than in any other area of the county in the late-September special election, but the issue failed to win a majority even here.

Terrace Park voters cast 137 ballots for the levy and 196 against it for 41% approval. Mariemont gave it 40%, Indian Hill 31%, but

Newtown only 9%. County-wide the issue failed by 3 to 1.

As a result of the overwhelming defeat, SORTA set up a Transit Forum Committee to analyze the vote and consider plans for another campaign. Heading the study is W. Rayburn Cadwallader, former mayor of Terrace Park and a SORTA trustee.

## Middle School Concept Comes Under Scrutiny

Voicing some concern about the efficiency of the school system, Dr. Donald Thompson, superintendent of Mariemont Schools, has announced the formation of a committee to study the Middle School concept. The following purposes have been set forth:

1. To identify needs of middle grade students and determine the best way for Mariemont City School District to deliver educational services to this age group.

2. To consider the advantages for our school community of various organizational plans:

Middle School vs. Junior High vs. K through 8

3. To consider specifically the desired role of the choral and instrumental music programs at the middle school level.

- A. To consider the advantages and disadvantages of a block schedule versus a period schedule.

4. To make recommendations regarding the above on or before February 1, 1981.

- A. To make recommendations based upon consensus and to permit any and all minority reports to be attached to any recommendations made

by the committee.

This committee was formed in response to a petition presented to the school board last spring. Eighty-eight parents expressed concern because music programs, especially band, were not included in the regular school day, but involved a commitment of extra time. In an effort to more fully explore alternatives and to address more than just this one problem, the school board formed this committee.

Dr. Thompson will chair the group of approximately 20 persons, which will include school staff personnel as well as parents from each community. Terrace Park representatives will be Mary Maxon, Hazel Retherford, and Sally Pschesang. Outside expertise will also be sought.

The committee will be meeting regularly through December and is planning to present its recommendations to the school board in January, 1981.

## Look For New Phone Books, Supper Tickets On Oct. 26

Terrace Park's Volunteer Fire Dept. and Life Squad will commence circulation of the new 1980-81 telephone book at 1 p.m. on October 26. The annual sale of Pancake Supper tickets will be held in conjunction with phone book delivery. The Pancake Supper will be held November 8 at the Terrace Park School cafeteria from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

All proceeds from the sale of telephone books and the pancake supper go toward the purchase of essential modern equipment, including the next ambulance. These items are not included in the village budget, but are provided by the efforts of the Volunteer Fire Department and Life Squad.

Added useful features are making the new telephone book 10 pages larger than the current directory. One copy will be delivered free to each home. Extra copies will be available at \$2 each.

## Some More About The Store

To the Editor:

May we make a correction re the "burning time" of the Village Grocery Store? It was not 1932, as per the September, 1980, V.V. account. It had to be prior to 1927, as my husband graduated from T.P. School that year, and the second floor of the store burned prior to that time when he was still a student in school.

While writing this, it occurred to me that villagers might find this next account interesting. A fixture, so to speak, around the 1930 era was everybody's friend, "Boy," a near-Airdale who lived at the Marigold Tea Shop — the yellow painted house right at the left side of the bridge as you approach from Route 50.

"Boy" adopted our family in the fall of 1930. He was left alone that following winter when the ladies of the Tea Shop went to Florida. Louie Bosch supposedly had his feeding to do. From loneliness, he came to our house (Pannkuk's home). We didn't know his name, so we would say, "How are you old boy?" Of course, we hit the nail on the head, as his name was in our greeting.

One of the highlights of his day was to race the 1:15 p.m. "Cincinnati Limited" train to New York. Something in the train's bigness and noise lit a spark of competitiveness in "Boy." He could be seen hightailing it along the top of the railroad's right-of-way, a 1,000 feet or more, he being at about eye level with the top of the train. Of course, the train always won, and "Boy" would come back to our house for sympathy. Generally, there was one cut on a paw, sometimes more. He had given his all and lost to that black monster he always tried to beat. There were pieces of broken bric-a-brac out east in the field and he'd have to run through it all. He always found us sympathetic, and he would limp around for an hour or more, we "ohing" and "ahing" him. An oatmeal cookie generally placated his wounds and wounded feelings.

We built our home in 1935. In May of '35, I heard a familiar bark at our new side door. I went to the door and lo and behold, there stood "Boy" wagging all over with joy. I opened the door for him to come in, meanwhile saying, "How did you find us?" No one had brought him over, he had followed no one by car or foot and still he knew! He visited a little while and then left. I'll never know how he located our new home over in the Park. The dog could almost talk. He knew the station agent, Jim Finley, and would visit him also — just below the east side of the bridge. We never saw "Boy" on the railroad tracks; he always stayed clear of them. "Bumper," as we called him, lived a good life of friendship to all, "Bumper" being a nickname we gave him because he bumped against us to be patted. He was about 15 years old when he collapsed from old age in the side yard, and died shortly thereafter.

Jayne L. Herrmann

## Garbage Contract Re-assigned

Terrace Park's garbage collections will be handled by a new contractor, Rumpke Waste, Inc., beginning November 1.

Collection dates will remain unchanged, according to Councilman Jack VanWye, chairman of council's public works committee.

The decision not to renew the contract with Ohio Waste Service was made at the October 8 council meeting after VanWye reported he and his committee were "not comfortable" with Ohio Waste's past performance or ability to fulfill a new contract. Action had been deferred at the September meeting pending further investigation after new contract bids were opened.

Ohio Waste had bid \$2.95 per month per household as against the current price of \$2.50. Rumpke's bid proposed \$3 in the first year, \$3.25 in the second and \$3.50 in the third year of the contract, a difference of \$10,000 over the life of the contract.

Council voted to accept the Rumpke bid for one year with the option of renewing at the higher rate or seeking new proposals.

## Kids Will Collect For UNICEF Again

For the eighth year, Terrace Park fifth graders will trick-or-treat for UNICEF on October 31 from 6 to 8 p.m. The children will be asking for pennies for UNICEF, rather than treats for themselves, to help underprivileged children in other countries.

## Fence Violations Still Bother Council

Fence problems continued to bother village council at its October meeting, with Councilman Chuck Rockel reporting further complaints over violations of the rules.

As a result of the discussion, village building inspector John Eberhard, is to make a survey of recently constructed fences and reminded property owners of the village rules. Mayor Dick Bowman will notify fence companies of the regulations as a step in preventing future violations.



Whooping it up for the forthcoming Christmas Fiesta at St. Thomas Church are, left to right, co-chairmen Judy Brown and Caroline Moersdorf and youngsters Elle Beech, Ashley Maxon, Stephanie Mileham and Kristin Jones. The 1980 bazaar will be held on Saturday, November 1, from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## 'Artists' Choice' To Feature Concert

Once in a blue moon, musicians have an opportunity to perform their favorite music. St. Thomas has invited some talented parishioners to do just that Sunday afternoon, November 9, at 5 p.m.

The public is welcome to attend this concert, and the wine and cheese reception in the undercroft which Pam Orr is hosting.

What are the favorites? Puccini arias for Amy Hill; French songs for Cynthia Hynson; Donizetti arias for Tom Benningnus; light opera for Kitty Debnar. Our organists, Jean Kinmonth and Virginia Banfield Bollinger, will play Bach and Handel; violinists Eve Neighbors and

Ross Aldrich, choose Kreisler and Samuel Barber. Judy Hake's original composition for piano, rhythm and singers will be premiered.

And probably a first for any concert — an arrangement of a Handel sonata will be played by Steve Strider and Randy Young as a marimba duet!!

## That's Moving!

Parents don't have to worry about whether their youngsters will be able to escape if there's ever a fire at Terrace Park School.

Village Fie Chief Pierce Matthews ran an unexpected fire drill at the school on October 7. He reported the building was emptied in 54 seconds.

## Village Buys Police Cruiser

Village council accepted at its October meeting a bid from Frazier-Williams Chevrolet on a new police cruiser.

The lowest of four bids, it offered a Chevrolet Impala at a new cost of \$6,688. Since the dealer offered to waive a current price increase for prompt acceptance, council approved the purchase as an emergency measure.

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# Repairs OKd, New Look Due For Community House

Terrace Park's historic Community Building, built as a Baptist Church, will have a new look by year's end.

Village council voted at the October meeting to make repairs costing \$8,565, covering roofing, plastering and exterior painting. Action was taken under emergency procedures so that work can start promptly. Painting and some interior changes will be considered later.

Earlier indications had been that the repairs might cost as much as \$20,000. Councilman Les Overway, chairman

of the building and grounds committee, reported however that consultations with an architect and prospective contractors developed that the work could be for "far less" and that he was "well pleased" at the outcome.

Roofing will cost \$1,875, plastering \$1,060 and exterior painting \$5,630. One painting bid was for \$12,950. The building will be painted a light gray with white trim.

Councilman Ned Harness emphasized that the repairs will be paid for out of inheritance tax and other im-

provement fund money, and not from property tax revenues.

Overway reported that the Terrace Park Players have proposed some interior changes to be made at that organization's expense. The changes would include extending the stage, cutting a door from the rear of the stage to the firehouse, and some electrical work to facilitate stage lighting.

The village will advertise for bids on interior painting.

## Garden Club Christmas Tour Is Set

Terrace Park's Garden Club will hold its bi-annual house tour on Sunday, December 7, with five holiday-decorated homes to be on view from 3 to 7 p.m.

Tickets may be purchased from any Garden Club member for \$2.50 before the tour, or for \$3 at the door.

In preparation for the Christmas season, too, are a Holiday Cook Book of seasonal recipes contributed by club members, and a raffle of a miniature country kitchen.

As in the past, proceeds will be used in the Garden Club's continuing village beautification program. Projects include the memorial garden opposite the Wiebold Studio, Terrace Place and school plantings, and village tree replacement.

The cook book is being organized under the chairmanship of Margaret Whitehouse. Lynn Carden and Mary Malotke will be responsible for the editing, printing and art work, and Jane

Plans for a raffle were made possible when Jane Peterson agreed to contribute her time and talents toward the making of the miniature kitchen. The traditional scene will be enclosed in a 9 x 12 box with a glass front, which may be displayed on a table or hung on a wall.

Homes to be open are those of:

Mrs. David Bowen, 909 Princeton Drive, who plans to use natural materials for decorating in keeping with her 18th century furniture.

Mrs. Robert Morrison, 500 Marietta Avenue, whose Victorian-style older house plans will feature a floor-to-ceiling tree in the center of the dining room, decorated "in the round."

Mrs. William Abernathy, 500 Miami Avenue, whose spacious home is on the Williamsburg order, plans to use a different Christmas theme in each room of her four bedroom house.

Mrs. Frederick Bryant, 731

Franklin Avenue, whose lovely traditional living room is decorated in an unusual color — mauve and white — will use an antique revolving wind chime music box in the center of her dining room table.

Mrs. Graydon DeCamp, 811 Princeton Drive, will set her dining room table with Chinese china and will have three miniature rooms on display.

## Council Eyes Registry Plan

Village council is going to look into what can be done about getting several of Terrace Park's buildings put on the National Register.

Councilman Chuck Rockel recommended the action at the October council meeting, saying that it would cost the village nothing but would give recognition and benefit property values.

He reported that buildings qualifying for registry are those more than 50 years old with definite architectural merit.

## Ohio Station Robbed Again

Bill Krummert's Sohio station was burglarized again the night of September 28. This time, though, a recently-installed burglar alarm and the sound of glass being broken in a door attracted attention and the culprits fled with only two tires.

The station was entered on August 21. Loot then amounted to about \$7,000 in tools, tires and batteries.

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Four Terrace Park residents are involved in the upcoming annual Christmas Caravan of the Civic Garden Center, opening at Music Hall November 6. Left to right are Ellis Rawnsley, program; co-chairmen Linda Weston and Mary Lou Field, and Marianne Gay, in charge of the pre-venue party.

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### Here's Village Zoning Rules About Fencing

Here are village zoning code provisions concerning fences:

1143.04 FENCES AND HEDGES:

(a) No fence exceeding six feet in height shall be erected around or within those lot areas designated as side yards and/or rear yards.

(b) No fence exceeding four feet in height shall be erected around or within lot areas designated as front yards. (See Section 1323.02 for fence permits.)

(c) No hedges bounding front yards shall exceed four feet in height, nor shall any hedge extend into the sidewalk area of the street.

(d) All fences erected under subsections (a) and (b) hereof shall have at least thirty percent free or open area measured in a horizontal plane.

Ord. 12-1963.

1323.01 CONFORMITY REQUIRED.

Permission may be granted to persons who desire to construct and/or erect a fence within the Municipality, provided that such construction and/or erection shall be in conformance with and compliance with the Zoning Ordinance then in force and effect. (Ord. 22-1973. Passed 12-11-73.)

1323.02 PERMIT REQUIRED; FEE.

No person shall construct and/or erect a fence as provided for in the Zoning Ordinance then in force and effect, without first obtaining a permit from the Municipal Building Inspector duly authorized to issue the same. Upon proper application, a fee of one dollar (\$1.00) shall be collected by the Municipality for each such permit, which fee shall accompany the application for the permit. (Ord. 22-1973.)

1323.99 PENALTY.

Whoever violates any provision of this chapter shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00). Each day on which a violation occurs or continues shall constitute a separate offense.

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