

Village Views

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Terrace Park, Ohio

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Village Gets Its First Woman Police Officer

First in the county to enroll women in its fire department and life squad. Terrace Park has finally added a woman to its police force. Village council authorized her employment at its April meeting.

She is Scheilah Gibson, 32, of Amelia, who served two years with the Milford police department but who is now a secretary with Senco Products in Newtown.

For the most part, she will serve as one of the police department's \$1-a-year auxiliaries, but Police Lt. Bob Bacon said she likely would draw some full-time assign-

ments in sensitive cases.

Like the other auxiliaries, she will work with the Terrace Park department to maintain her state certification as a police officer while working in another field.

She holds a bachelor of science degree from the University of Cincinnati, is a graduate of the police academy, and has taken Ohio Police Training Assn. courses in crisis intervention and in dealing with missing children. Active in community affairs, she is chairman of the Clermont County chapter of the American Diabetes Assn.

Engineering Studies Eyed For Old Community House

Concern for the future of the nearly-100-year-old Community House surfaced at the April meeting of village council.

The building was erected as a Baptist church in 1890. The village purchased it in 1922.

Councilman Randy Casteel reported that the building posed "an electrical night-

mare" and was authorized to seek Ohio Inspection Bureau recommendations for correction. Mayor Les Overway then suggested that Casteel, newly-named building inspector Willis Toon and Chris Smith, village engineer, make a complete engineering study as to the stability of the building and future uses, calling on

what expert advice seems necessary.

Final councilmanic approval was given to plans for expansion of the Terrace Park shopping center on Wooster Pike. The plan proposes an addition at the east end and construction of a second floor over part of the present building. The old toll house adjoining will be razed and that area added to the village greenbelt.

Owner Larry Selevan said he expected the work would be completed by October.

In other actions, council:

- Approved a proposal by Councilman Bob Payne for a new, independent appraisal of the BBS Co. tract at Wooster and Elm now owned by the village.

- Received a letter from Lucy Mais, 735 Park Ave., objecting to any state development of a bicycle-hiking trail on the former railroad right of way.

- Authorized Councilman Rusty Wilson to go \$10,000 over budget in street repairs to compensate for some past neglect. Work is planned on Railroad, Wrenwood, Miami, Princeton, Lexington, Elm, Marietta, and Park.

Rules Are Tightened On Juveniles And Dogs

Reporting that littering and minor vandalism were "getting out of hand," Police Chief Ron Pottorf told the April council meeting that he is instituting a more stringent policy concerning juveniles found on the streets at unreasonably late hours.

Without identifying anyone, he cited a recent instance of a 15-year-old being found out at 2 a.m. Whereas in the past, police officers usually have taken the juvenile home, he said in this instance the parents were called to the Com-

munity House. That course, he said, will be followed more frequently hereafter.

Meantime, Mayor Les Overway ordered a police crackdown on dogs running at large, with dogs being picked up and sent to the SPCA and the owners given citations.

The mayor said that with the advent of warmer weather he had received numerous calls about dogs running free and frightening children. "We're going to protect the kids," he said.

131 New Trees Due For Planting This Year

The village expects to plant 131 trees this spring in continuation of the street tree renewal program, according to Councilman Randy Casteel.

Streets to be planted, tree variety and number, are:

Miami Avenue between Amherst and Edgewater, 20 Hess ash.

Oxford Avenue, nine Aristocrat pears.

Rugby Avenue, seven silver lindens.

Harvard Avenue, 14 Norway maples.

Marietta Ave., seven red maples.

Stanton (Miami to Elm), 12 autumn purple ashes.

Elm, Princeton to Wooster, 22 silver lindens.

New Street, two sugar maples.

Cornell Avenue, five tulip poplars.

Park Avenue, 19 tulip poplars.

Washington Avenue, 10 Norwood maples.

Two scarlet oaks are to be planted as replacements on Terrace Place, a lace bark elm set out on Terrace Place near the church, and an Aristocrat pear on Elm.

Dr. Stock Retiring, Post To Remain Vacant

By Ricki Schmidt

At its April 8 meeting, the Mariemont Board of Education accepted the resignation of Assistant Superintendent Dr. James Stock, effective August 1. His position will not be filled.

Dr. Stock's was one of five resignations accepted under the Early Retirement Incentive Plan, in which the board agrees to purchase three years of service credit. Also retiring early are Helen Tollefsen, Lillian McElroy, Ann Mesner and Jeanne Cooper.

A report from high school science teacher Mike Grote disclosed that Mariemont High, for the third time in four years, won the award for "Most Superiors" at the Southwest Ohio District Science Fair held at Miami University April 5. Terrace Park's Jeff Thompson, Jeff Taylor, and Hal Northrop were among the seven Mariemont students receiving superior awards, Thompson winning the Governor's Award for excellence in energy research.

Russel Maxon, Torrey Hall, Naomi Fischer and Steve Fowler of Terrace Park were among the 16 Mariemont High student to receive Excellence Awards. The Miami Fair winners were to go to state competition at Ohio Wesleyan April 19.

It was announced at the March meeting that Terrace Park resident Bill Drackett received one of three Greater Cincinnati Foundation Teacher Awards given to

Closing Career

Mrs. Helen Tollefsen's early retirement this year will end 22 years of teaching at Terrace Park Elementary School, all with third graders and all but one in the same room on the south side of the building.

Mrs. Tollefsen anticipates winding down and doing the usual things upon retirement, maybe even some traveling. She noted she has some catching up to do since her husband Ace retired in February.

Mariemont teachers. An eighth grade American History teacher, Drackett won a \$700 grant to attend a workshop given by the College of William and Mary and the Williamsburg Foundation.

41 Youngsters To Present Show

A cast of 41 children will be featured in the forthcoming Terrace Park children's show, "The Magic Mirror," sponsored by the Terrace Park Players and written and directed by Pat Lipka.

The show will be presented Saturday, May 17, and Sunday, May 18, at the Community House from 4 to 5 p.m. Adults \$2, children \$1.

Due to limited seating, reservations will be necessary. Call Cathy at 831-5335.

Plant Sale Set

Don't forget to mark your calendar for the annual Terrace Park Garden Club plant sale May 3 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Come rain or shine, the village green will be aglow with favorite flowers and plants to brighten your garden or patio.

"Routine" Traffic Stop Winds Up At Gun Point

What started as a routine traffic violation stop wound up as a drug bust for Terrace Park Police Officer Mike Wright, with the officer having to hold his prisoner at gun-point until help arrived.

The accused was booked as Jesse Shepherd of Blanchester, who is being held on three charges involving drugs and charges of attempting to escape, assault on an officer, and resisting arrest besides two traffic charges—speeding and a faulty muffler.

Wright reported he had stopped the suspect on the traffic charges when he noticed what appeared to be evidence of drugs in the car. Shepherd, he said, pushed him into the traffic lane and then took off when Wright jumped back and attempted to seize the car keys.

The officer said Shepherd sped off for several blocks, throwing drugs from the car as he pursued him. Brought to a stop again, the officer said, the man left his car and was approaching in what Wright considered to be a menacing manner. Wright then drew his gun and held Shepherd at gun point until Police Chief Ron Pottorf arrived.

New Building Inspector

A 20-year resident of Terrace Park, Willis Toon, 2 Given Ln., has been named village building inspector to succeed Bob Corey who resigned. The salary was raised to \$3,000.

A graduate of the University of Cincinnati and MIT, Toon has been a registered architect for 60 years, and holds state certification as a building officer, plan examiner and building inspector. He has been serving as building officer for Milford and Fairfax, but resigned the Milford post to take that in Terrace Park.

McGruff Coming To TP School

"McGruff the Crime Dog" is coming to Terrace Park through money provided by an anonymous resident.

McGruff, with his slogan, "Take a Bite Out of Crime," is an anti-litter, anti-crime project of the National Crime Prevention Council.

Police Chief Ron Pottorf said McGruff litter bags will be distributed to Terrace Park schoolchildren during a safety talk at the school, and the school is being asked to sponsor a poster contest among the youngsters, with stuffed McGruff toys as the three top prizes.

Tavern Noise Issue Still Concerns Village

Councilman Jack Schmidt reported at the April council meeting that the problem of loud music from Township Tavern — the former Golden Pheasant — on Round Bottom Road is "still alive."

Action still is pending before the Ohio Liquor Control Board resulting from complaints last year, he said, and the situation is being watched closely by the village and a citizens' group headed by Ted Swenson.

Police Chief Ron Pottorf said he believed the new owner of the tavern is sincere in efforts to eliminate problems, but if any develop it is

"imperative" that complaints be made while the music is going on, and that residents keep a record of any disturbance.

Describing it as a touchy inter-jurisdictional problem, Pottorf said specific documentation is needed so that pressure can be brought against the sheriff's office which has primary responsibility. Besides keeping a record, he said, residents should call the county dispatcher also to record complaints, asking at the same time that the Terrace Park officer on duty be notified.

Former Resident Returning To Area

Ervin R. Oberschmidt, 58, a former resident of Terrace Park, is returning to the Cincinnati area to become executive director of the Cincinnati Institute of Fine Arts.

Oberschmidt currently in Washington as national vice president for financial development of the American Red Cross. He was director of the Cincinnati chapter of the Red Cross when he left in 1976 to become manager of western operations for Red Cross, based in San Francisco.

He is to assume his new post in September.

Recent Speaker

Former Terrace Park resident Carrie Konop was a speaker at a recent Cincinnati meeting of Women in Communications, discussing professional recruiting and executive search.

Graduated from UC in 1983 with a degree in communications and journalism, she is Midwest consultant for a major New York executive search firm. She and her husband, Douglas VanDerzee, reside in Mariemont.

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Miami U. Shows Auxiliary Proposed For FD, Life Squad Thomson's Work

Thirty-five metal sculptures by Stan Thomson of Terrace Park are being exhibited at Miami University's art museum at Oxford, Ohio, until June 13. The museum is open daily from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. except Mondays. The artist's specialty is abstract design produced from industrial scrap metal.

Wins Sports Award

Roddy Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rodger Miller of Terrace Park, was named vice-improved Wrestler of 1985-86 at La Lumiere School in La Porte, Indiana.

An auxiliary to help the Terrace Park Life Squad and Fire Department is being formed this spring. This opportunity to contribute to a vital service was suggested by residents unable to serve in the emergency units.

Since the village maintains its own emergency services, the auxiliary will reduce the burden of extra duties now placed upon the Life Squad and Fire Department.

To provide round-the-clock emergency service, Life

Squad personnel are already volunteering at least 15-24 hours weekly. Fire Department personnel are on call 24 hours a day. In addition to duty time, members drill, maintain equipment, and participate in continuing education.

Formation of an auxiliary will assist members in fundraising activities. Call Dick Mitendorf at 831-1672 (days) or 831-9276 (evenings), or Pierce Matthews at 831-5188.

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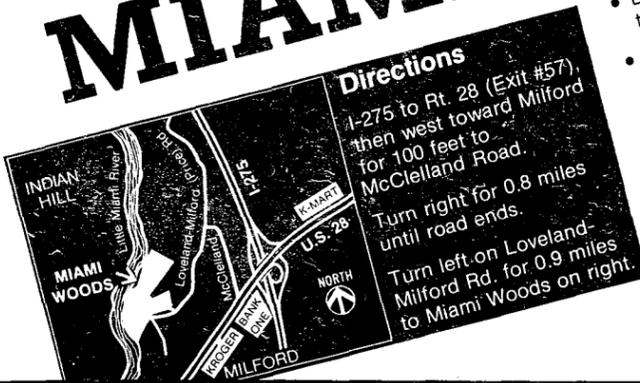
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On Sunday, April 27, at 5 p.m. in St. Thomas Sanctuary, the choirs of St. Barnabas and St. Thomas Churches will join forces in a short Evensong service and a program of choral music on Sunday April 27, at 5 p.m.

The St. Barnabas Choir, directed by Beth Schatz Merritt, and accompanied by Carter Beck, organist, will sing along with the St. Thomas Senior, Junior, Women's and Men's Choirs which are directed by Patricia Matchette, and accompanied by organist Elaine MacWatt.

Assisting in the Evensong service will be the Rev. George A. Hill, rector of St. Barnabas Church (and former St. Thomas Curate), the Rev. Robert D. Gerhard and the Rev. Richard A. Kautz of St. Thomas.

Garden Club Initiates School Planting Project

The Terrace Park Garden Club begins a major five year landscaping project at the elementary school this spring, with \$1,100 to be spent in the first phase, which has been approved by the school board.

Marilyn Weyer and Lucy Maish head the committee working with the Speidel Garden Center to beautify the front of the school's original building. Bushes will be removed on either side of the building to accommodate new dogwood trees and ground cover. Burning bushes and landscape timbers will also be used.

The garden club is presenting a blue spruce seedling to each student in an Arbor Day assembly April 25.

On Dean's List

Xavier University has announced that Timothy P. Gleeson, 114 Robinwood, was among students in the School of Business Administration making the fall semester dean's list. A senior, Gleeson is also a Terrace Park village councilman.



Everybody's Getting Into The Act

With even adults sharing in the Teddy Bear craze, youngsters at the St. Thomas Nursery School weren't to be outdone, so they held a Teddy Bear picnic with their friendly toys. Jared Wachterman here takes time out to enjoy a Popsicle.

Labor Day Plans Get Under Way

Planning is already underway for the Labor Day Festival — the annual one-day event which is the major source of funds for the Recreation Committee.

There's already one major change. After seven years, Ann and Jim Gilchrist have given up handling the highly successful garage sale. Their places will be taken by Jack and Barb Smith, 425 Elm.

General chairman Hank Phillips said jobs are open to volunteers at all levels, and urged those interested to call him at 831-0194.

Memorial Day Gets A Theme

This year's Memorial Day concert on the Green, May 26, at 5 p.m., has a theme. When you come to the green with your picnic basket, we ask that you wear a turn of the century costume (Music Man era). A prize may be offered for the best costume!

Entertainment will include a large orchestra and a barbershop quartet. This event is sponsored by the Terrace Park Players.

Booster Drive Leaders Named

Mike Pope, 3 Circus Place, heads the 1986 Terrace Park Booster Drive for the Mariemont High School Warriors Booster Club May 10-24. The Boosters raise over 50% of the funds needed for the school athletic budget. This year's goal is \$20,000.

General chairman for the fund drive is John Armstrong, 209 Stanton Ave.

Kindervelt Plans A Garage Sale

A community-wide sale of estate items, furniture, clothing, toys, household, and miscellaneous items (some antiques) will be held May 17 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Log Cabin on Elm Avenue, sponsored by Kindervelt #76. All proceeds will benefit Children's Hospital.

Community Support Gets Praise In School Study

Strong community support was cited as a factor in the excellent standing of the Mariemont school system in a recently-released state evaluation.

The district's four schools were studied last November to determine compliance with state standards, going as far as interviews with both staff and students. It resulted in approval in all 97 areas of the study.

The only question raised concerned the degree of supervision and training given elementary school library aides by the high school librarian. Terrace Park

principal Gerald Harris said corrective steps have already been taken.

In summary, the report said:

"The communities which make up Mariemont City School District have every right to be proud of the excellent job their schools are doing in meeting the educational and instructional needs of their students. Sound curriculum, backed by a group of excited and motivated teachers, creates an atmosphere that is stimulating and conducive to maximum students learning."

It found "a positive attitude on the part of teachers and students toward learning. The district's commitment to meeting the instructional needs of each student and the administrative and community support for teachers appears to be responsible for this positive attitude. The Mariemont administration and community are commended for their efforts."

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Mariemont High School's girls' gymnastic team has ended its 1985-86 season by showing area schools the true meaning of "practice makes perfect." The team consisted of only six girls — three of them from Terrace Park — which made it ineligible for team competition, but they continued throughout the season to win awards for individual events.

Of the Terrace Park girls, Karen Kopich, junior captain, was an all-round competitor, consistently winning three out of four ribbons. In competition against Seven Hills, Karen won ribbons in all four events, including first in the floor exercise and in "competitor all around."

Lisi Bryan finished her season with ribbons for the vault and floor exercise, which Coach Susan Mahan attributes to her "never-ending drive and determination."

The only sophomore on the team was Barbara Bodnar. Having finished the 1984/85 season winning the "most improved" title, Barbie suffered several injuries this year but still managed to place in several events, and Coach Susan Mahan says she should be quite a contender next season.



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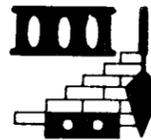
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