

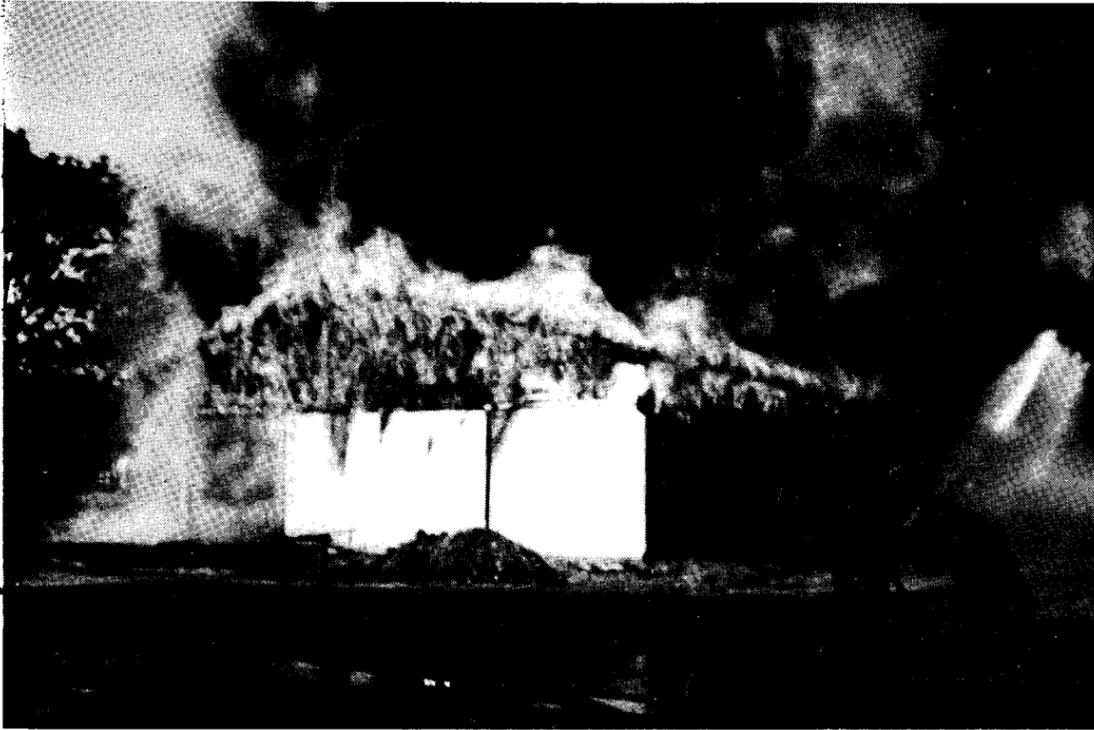
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Principal Is Named For Village School

By Ricki Schmidt

Michelle Hummel, an elementary school principal from East Brunswick, N.J. was named principal of Terrace Park Elementary School at the July meeting of the Mariemont Board of Education.

She was employed on a one-year limited contract at \$44,894 a year, effective August 1.

Hummel has a BS degree from Bloomsburg University in Pennsylvania, a master's in education administration from Villanova, and expects to receive her doctorate from Rutgers this summer. She began her career in education as a junior high school math teacher in 1975. She became assistant principal of Highland Park High School in 1981 and principal of Lafayette Intermediate School in July, 1982.

Supt. Don Thompson and board member Connie Wilson traveled to New Jersey to make formal inquiries before Hummel was offered the administrator's contract.

Hummel's move to the Mariemont School District was

precipitated by transfer of her husband, Michael, to Cincinnati. He is in sales with Procter and Gamble. The Hummels have a year-old daughter. Their move here is scheduled for August 7.

The board also employed Nancy Handler to teach sixth grade at Terrace Park. A graduate of Miami at Oxford with a master's from Xavier University, she taught third grade at Terrace Park this spring when Helen Toffensen retired. Handler has taught in the Norwood, Hamilton City and Forest Hills school districts.

Kathy Coates, a graduate of Bowling Green University, was hired to teach kindergarten at Terrace Park. She taught kindergarten for 6 years in the Sylvania school system.

The board increased the superintendent's annual salary by 4.88% to \$64,500 plus annual car lease. Salaries of the three elementary principals and the high school assistant principal were set at \$44,894, representing an average increase of 5.38%.

Instructional supervisor Lois Eha's salary was set at \$38,400, her 14% salary increase compensating for additional duties she assumed upon Asst. Supt. Jim Stock's retirement.

Midwest Contractors was awarded a \$94,888 contract to reconstruct the earthen banks and storm sewer at the high school upper parking lot; \$21,677.57 from old Chapter 1 accounts will be used to finance carpet repairs at the high school, and \$8,000 has been designated to repair the Fairfax Elementary roof.

Dr. Thompson reported pupil enrollment at the close of school was 1,171, down only 8 from the September enrollment.

Contributions Falling Short

Nobody likes to be taken for granted. That applies as well to Village Views, now in its 18th year of publication.

Each year we have asked village residents to contribute to help defray the costs of publication and delivery. This year, we have received \$1,330 from 111 contributors, and one of those gave \$175.

The total is less than a third of what it costs to put Village Views in your hands. The rest must come from advertising, and the more advertising we have to accept the less space there is for what's going on in Terrace Park.

Five Hotels Contribute To Festival

Five Cincinnati Hotels are donating prizes for the annual Terrace Park Labor Day festival bing, headed by Bob Lipka and Debbie Johnson.

The prizes include a weekend for two in a suite at the Terrace Hilton; a night for two in the Fountainview Room at the Westin; dinner for two at Champs at the Hyatt Regency; Sunday brunch for two at Vernon Manor, and a weekend for two and dinner for two at the Clarion.

The Clarion prizes come through Robert Hoeb, general manager, a former resident of Terrace Park. He wrote Hank Phillips, general chairman of the festival, that he felt he was an recipient of festival benefits since he played Recreation Committee baseball for nine years while living here.

Additionally, Phillips said the Terrace Park branch of the Central Trust Co., is donating four \$50 U.S. Savings Bonds as bingo prizes.

The festival, to be held on the village green on September 1, benefits village recreational programs. Prospective volunteer workers should call Phillips at 831-0194.

Jack and Barbara Smith (831-5300) and Pete and Edna Stites (831-1944) are gathering items for the ever-popular garage sale. Persons making donations are permitted to make advance purchases.

Another Landmark Goes

The last trace of the Terrace Park Lumber Co., founded in the early days of the century, disappeared when village firemen burned the office building, the last remaining structure in the way of the Denison Lane development. What is now Miami Marathon, Inc., has relocated at 905 U.S. 50 in Milford.

Although water streams, discernible on each

side of the building pictured above, were used in efforts to protect nearby trees, there was considerable leaf scorching. However, Steve Sandfort, village forestry consultant, said he believed all but one tree suffered only temporary damage and recommended waiting until spring to make a final assessment.

Community House Awaits Study

The future of Terrace Park's Community House may be decided at a special meeting of village council later this month.

Councilman Randy Casteel said at July's council meeting that he expected shortly an architect's proposals concerning the structure, and would likely call for the meeting soon after. Meantime, he said, his committee is pushing plans for rewiring the building with hopes of restoring it to some public use within three months.

Council already has a structural engineer's report that the building foundation is sound.

The major remaining problem concerns the hazards, inconvenience and resulting village liability in having police and village offices on the second floor.

Pending the architect's report, with the possibility of proposal of building an addition, council is considering moving the offices

on the foundation.

Casteel said then his committee found there was no adequate office space for lease in the village, lease or purchase of adjacent residences would be impractical or too costly, and merely moving village and police offices to the first floor would interfere with reconstruction and rule out other uses of the building.

Additionally, Councilman Bob Payne, finance chairman, said that acquiring a nearby residence would involve hidden costs, including loss of property tax, and increased insurance and operating costs.

The village already, he said, "has the highest amount of public land per capita in the county — and it costs us."

Payne said later that his comment was based on a county-wide survey by the OKI inter-governmental council. Village-owned tracts, he said, include such areas as the village green,

the wilderness preserve, the former BBS Co. property at Wooster and Elm, the old gravel pit between Elm, Douglas and the old railroad right-of-way, and the Community House.

The survey did not include school, church, and other un-taxed parcels.

Responding to some temporarily to a trailer on the south side of the building.

Casteel said county agencies involved have agreed to allow up to 12 months' conditional use of such a trailer. Rental of a trailer that would meet county requirements, he said, would run 8,000 - 10,000.

Council had considered its options at a special meeting June 14 on receiving the report

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Village Asks About Bike Trail Plans

Terrace Park is asking the Ohio Department of Natural Resources for a full exposition of its proposals for a hiking/bicycle trail along the old railroad right-of-way before asking residents to agree to or again reject the development.

Mayor Les Overway announced at the July council meeting that he is asking the state to:

*Provide a written report on plans and anticipated benefits for publication in Village Views in preparation for a public hearing to be held later.

*State what it might do about the Elm Avenue overpass which has become a center of storm-

water flooding problems.

*Consider agreeing to annexation of Kroger Hills State Park to the village so that village police would have control over the parking area which would be the western terminus of the trail.

Terrace Park rejected the plan when it was originally proposed. The idea resurfaced when Milford recently agreed to development of the trail from Loveland to the Terrace Park village limits.

Council had announced in May that public hearings would be held this month on both the trail and highway development on the other side of the Little

Miami River. That plan was overlooked in the intervening weeks, for which the mayor apologized after Libby Smithy chided council for not keeping the public better informed.

She and Ann Cherry and Wilt Cunningham were the only residents to speak on the trail issue. All three were in favor, although Ann Cherry raised a policing question and was assured that village police and state rangers would have joint jurisdiction.

Cunningham displayed a kitchen-size trash bag which he said was all that could be found one day in 1 1/2 miles of trail north of Loveland.

Terrace Park Woman Celebrates a New Life in Verse

By Jeanne Sanker

If, just a decade ago, there had existed the many support groups available now for almost any human need, Andrea Shepard Conroy's life might have followed a different path and her book, "Sing a New Song" (Healing the Hurt of Divorce), might not have been written. There seemed no place for her to turn when tragedy struck her 10-year marriage to a Naval officer and she found herself alone in San Diego with three little daughters, no home, no money, no confidence, and no resume of having held any job prior to her marriage. She found comfort by expressing her thoughts in poem and prose on any small bit of paper handy. She kept these in a drawer, never thinking that someday she would be sharing them with a world in need. It was her mother who kept insisting she should have them published.

Planning to return east to be nearer to her family, she noticed the first "act of grace" which seemed to touch her new life.

She had decided to fly to Florida, but when she started to change planes in Houston, she learned a hurricane had grounded all Florida flights. It was then she decided to fly to Cincinnati where her parents were living. Just as soon as she had called, they rented an apartment for her at the Indian Hill Terrace Apartments — the only place available that would accept three small children.

The next day the girls were enrolled in Terrace Park Elementary School and thus began their new life which has blossomed so happily. For Andrea, still writing her special thoughts on tiny pieces of pa-

per, it was just the beginning of the struggle to make it as a Kelly Girl in the working world while maintaining a home for her daughters. She had long before given up any pretense of being anything but herself and she found the world loving her for her total honesty.

Life for Andrea and her daughters began on a new plateau when she and Andrew Conroy met and married and began their new life together in Terrace Park along with Andrew's three sons from a former marriage. "Definitely not the Brady Bunch," admits Andrea, "but a very spirited, happy family."

Even now with Andy Conroy,

22, Chris Conroy, 21, and Christie Foard, 20, away at college, the three at Mariemont High School, Suzie Foard, 17, Rick Conroy, 16, and Betsy Foard, 15, still keep the phones ringing at the Wagon Road Lane home where Andrea also has her part-time marketing - communications business. Andrew is also the president of his own business.

The years together have included new horizons for all the family. For Andrea, forgiveness for her former husband and for herself has been the first of five steps of wholeness in her new life. This has opened the way for her former husband and his wife,

Andrew's former wife and her husband, and all the grandparents to visit together, and at holidaytime to gather together as an extended family.

Andrea offered her manuscript of her book to only one publisher, Zondervan Publishing House in Grand Rapids, Michigan, the largest Christian publishing house in the U.S. It was accepted immediately. Shortly after the book's publication, she was invited to appear on the 700 Club TV Program in North Carolina on April 11.

Named To Head Diocesan Group

Mrs. Carol Peterson of St. Thomas Church in Terrace Park has been named to chair a newly-formed Diocesan Stewardship Commission of the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Ohio.

Authorized by the 1984 Diocesan Convention, the commission is to develop and promote parish study programs on stewardship. It was charged also with identifying resources within and outside the diocese and studying other diocesan programs, coordinating its work with the diocesan development officer and the mission activities of the Human Concerns Committee.

On Dean's List

Xavier University has announced that John L. Biederman, 130 Winding Brook, made the school's dean's list for the spring semester. Recognition requires an average of 3.25 or higher on a 4.0 scale.

Hospital Honors Three Volunteers

Our Lady of Mercy Hospital in Mariemont recently honored 130 volunteers who have given over 100 hours of service.

Honored at a special luncheon for 100 or more hours of service were Barbara Byko, 726 Lexington Ave., and Pat McNeerney, 617 Yale.

Jill Sauter, 610 Floral Ave., received a 10-year award.

Report on Community House

Addressed to Councilman Randy Casteel, here is the report of the structural engineering firm of Graham, Obermeyer and Partners, signed by Elmer J. Obermeyer Jr.:

"As you requested, I made a visual inspection of the exposed foundation walls of the Terrace Park Community Building, 428 Elm Street, on May 30, 1986. The purpose of my inspection was to make a general assessment of the foundation's structural condition.

"The foundation walls are built of coursed limestone slabs of varying thickness. It appears to be well constructed without excessively wide mortar joints or a large number of small, stone shims. Thickness of the wall near ground level is about 18 inches. The wall has a deterioration problem which is common to most stone foundation walls built around the turn of the century. For workability, lime was used in the mortar. After long exposure to the moist ground, the lime is leached out and the mortar disintegrates. Although the mortar can be easily raked out of the joints, it still retains fair compressive strength when confined between the stones. Since stresses in a relatively thick foundation are rather low, I believe the existing foundation is serviceable.

"Deterioration will continue on the inside and outside surfaces, but at a very slow rate. Several things can be done to

minimize the deterioration. Site drainage should be well maintained to keep the foundation as dry as possible. Parging or mortar coating the inside of the walls will strengthen them slightly and will reduce the loss of mortar. Coating of the interior of the walls will not stop the seepage of moisture through the walls. This should be considered in any future plans for the basement area.

"If rehabilitation or change of use of the building is anticipated, I recommend that the floor framing systems be measured and evaluated for the required capacity. There are, of course, many other non-structural considerations such as exit capacity and fire resistance.

"In conclusion, the existing foundations are, in my opinion, adequate for support of the building. If the walls are kept reasonably dry and protected by parging on the interior, they should remain serviceable for a long time with minor maintenance."

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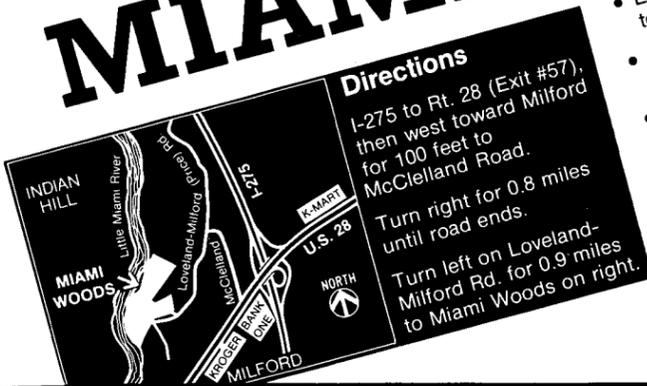


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McGruff Visits Village

That's Terrace Park Police Officer Jerry Hayhow clothed as "McGruff, the Crime Dog," in a recent visit to Terrace Park School. With the slogan, "Take a Bite Out of Crime," the program of the National Crime Prevention Council seeks to enlist children in anti-crime, anti-litter awareness. Zoe Hutton, Tisha Menchhofer and Kristin Jones were winners of an allied post contest. The program was financed by an anonymous resident.

Enrichment Programs Offered

Enrichment and gifted programs have been developed by Mariemont School district administrators for offering in the elementary schools.

Announced by Asst. Superintendent Dr. James Stock before his recent retirement, the enrichment programs are self-selective in that any fourth, fifth or sixth grader may participate if he or she is interested.

Music with Pam Henley and Art with Melissa Rupert will be offered in the afternoons on set days at each of the elementary schools.

Dan Adin and Vera Pajor will again have Science and Spanish programs respectively in the mornings before school starts. The programs will be in 10 week blocks at the different schools to eliminate scheduling problems.

Science and math programs for able students will be offered during the school day. Students with adequate scores in either achievement or aptitude will be given further evaluation and considered for the programs.

Janet Seipel will continue to teach the math program and Mike Grote will direct the science program with emphasis on critical thinking and help in research and design of science projects. Seipel and Grote will provide direct instruction for able students as well as going into the classrooms for demonstrations.

Community House Concerns Recall Bomb Shelter Plans

Concern over Terrace Park's Community House recalls that the village 25 years ago voted a \$250,000 bond issue for what was described on the ballot as "a public building."

But the Cold War was then at its height. The building was intended to be a community nuclear blast and fallout shelter. It was never built because of a successful court challenge of what opponents contended was too vague a proposal.

It was a time of real concern, for 1961 was the year of the breaking of relations with Castro's Cuba and of the ill-fated Bay of Pigs invasion attempt. It was followed in 1962 by what has been described as the "eyeball to eyeball" confrontation of President Kennedy and Premier Khrushchev over Russian missile buildup in Cuba and a U.S. Navy blockade of that island.

U.S. civil defense authorities were actively promoting construction of private bomb shelters. None were built here, but one was built on Indian Hill by Hulbert Taft Jr., who later died in a propane gas explosion in the shelter.

The shelter here was to have been built against the Elm Avenue side of the old gravel pit. While no plans were ever finalized, it was to be a structure of heavy concrete with earth above to house village offices and emergency services, and with medical facilities and food storage as well as a haven for residents.

John Jordan was mayor at the time. Village councilmen who joined in submitting the issue to the voters were Gordon Hickenlooper, Robert Jenkins, Henry C. Miller, George Rummell, Jack Shank and John Stevens.

Rita Picton Heads PTA, Scholarship Is Awarded

Rita Picton, newly-elected president of the Terrace Park Elementary PTA, headed the PTA Scholarship Committee that selected Fred Mileham to receive this year's \$100 award based on grade point average and participation in student activities. The PTA will decide in the fall whether to retain the current multiple qualifications or to award the scholarship on the basis of grade point average, alone.

Also serving this year on the PTA Board are Stephanie Jones, vice president; Sandy Koehler, treasurer, and Connie Wilson, recording secretary. Lane Merten was elected corresponding secretary and Paula Early and Mary Maxon will serve as Valley Area representatives. Ways and means chairmen Kathy Startzman and Judy Deeter raised \$135 at the Memorial Day Bake Sale for this year's treasury.

Under the guidance of Principal Gerry Harris, the PTA purchased a World Book Encyclopedia with a portable cart for use throughout the school. On his recommendation, the PTA also purchased a cassette recorder for copying recordings and a primary typewriter with large print for use in Kindergarten, first and second grades. A World Book Encyclopedia of Science was also purchased for the school library.

These purchases totaled close to \$1,000, leaving approximately \$200 in the treasury for special projects. Under consideration for next year's projects are the purchase of stage lights for the drama program and grading of the field next to the school in cooperation with the Terrace Park Recreation Committee and the school board.

The science series, Treasury of American Wildlife, was given to the school library in honor of ex-president Connie Wilson. The PTA also presented third grade teacher Helen Tollefsen with a silver tray at her retirement party.

On Council

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plaints, Councilman Tim Gleeson reported that five nearby communities have ordinances banning street parking of recreational vehicles and restricting other parking. He said council's law committee would study the issue.

Meantime, Police Chief Ron Pottorf noted that large quantities of topsoil are being deposited in the landfill and graded by the contractor involved. That, he said, would permit expansion of the guarded lot where residents may now park recreational vehicles free.

In other actions, council:

*Accepted the lone bid of 87 cents a square foot for street patching work, with total cost estimated at \$26,000.

*Appointed Todd Peak as an auxiliary patrolman at \$1 a year, filling the police department's quota of six auxiliaries.

*Approved traffic measures in a recodification of village ordinances to effect conformity with state laws.

*Agreed to terms with the state for construction of storm water across the old railroad right-of-way from the new Denison Lane. The developers are to pay a state license fee of \$1,500 and build the drains, which then become a village responsibility.

*Appropriated a \$500 salary for the director of the "Summer Fun" recreation program.

Win Degrees

Peter A. Chapman and Elizabeth Jean Maddux of Terrace Park were among students receiving associate degrees at the conclusion of the academic year at UC's Raymond Walters College in Blue Ash.

Bookmobile Coming Back

Bookmobile service is returning to Terrace Park after an absence of over 25 years.

Effective Wednesday, July 16, the bookmobile will stop at the Terrace Park Elementary School every Wednesday from 5:30 to 8 p.m. The service is provided by the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County's Institutions/Books by Mail/Bookmobile Department.

In addition to offering books for both adults and children, the bookmobile staff will provide other services, including taking applications for library cards and reserving books from other libraries in Hamilton County.

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Six Terrace Park students, with all A's, placed on the honor roll in the fourth quarter of Mariemont High school's school year.

They were Neil Stafford, Grade 7; Mary Maxon and Nikki Vearil, Grade 8; Frances Cooper and James Postler, Grade 9; Scott Abernethy, Grade 11; Sabine Hedwig, Grade 12.

Thirty-eight placed on the merit roll with 3.2 averages. They were:

Ted Annett, Lisa Berold, Patricia Blomer, David Cooper, James Glaser, Nikki Hird, Stephen Petry, Grade 7; Brent Ballard, Andrew Gilchrist, Dan Krachon, Holly McClelland, Carol Picton, Matt Seik, Nicki Thompson, Carrie Tigner and Betsy Woods, Grade 8.

Molly Abernethy, John Armstrong, Naomi Fischer, Elizabeth Foard, Michael Krachon, Jennifer Mileham, Christine Normile, Megan Oberle, Alexander Stafford and Jeffrey Taylor, Grade 9; Julie Getz and Jay Taylor, Grade 10; Julie Cooper, Chris Corey, Suzanna Foard, Torrey Hall, Hal Northrup, Carrie Reinhardt, Jennifer Woods and Matthew Yelton, Grade 11; Blaine Heath and Leslie Mittendorf, Grade 12.

Jennifer Woods also was recipient of the Yale University Book Award.



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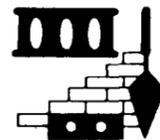
**3 Joining
Fire Service**

With three men just completing state-required basic training, the Terrace Park volunteer fire department now has a complement of 19, including members of the village maintenance crew.

The three are Rick Hamm, Richard Mitchell and James Carle.

In making the report to village council, training officer Dennis Elliott said he would like to bring the department up to its authorized strength of 24.

He noted that department members completed 82 hours of in-service training in the last 12 months.



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