

## Rash of Vandalism Inflicted on Village

Terrace Park suffered a rash of vandalism early on the morning of December 5.

Two newly-planted village trees were pulled out of the ground, along with a mailbox and a stop sign, and a fence was damaged, among other things.

Police found three bicycles evidently abandoned by the culprits. Another clue is blood found on the uprooted mailbox. Police Chief Ron Pottorf said one of the vandals evidently cut his hand or arm in wrestling the box and post out of the ground. One of the bicycles was later determined to have been stolen from a village youngster who was absolved of any complicity in the affair.

Pottorf said there was no clear evidence whether the vandals were residents of Terrace Park but, presuming they were teenagers, said he was puzzled at their being on the streets at 4 a.m. on a school day.

That was the hour when Shirley Mittendorf, 616 Yale, was awakened by someone riding a bike noisily through gardens on the street and stirring up sleeping dogs, and called the police.

Patrolman Gerald Hayhew, on duty at the time, reported that he was on his way to the scene when he caught sight of what appeared to be reflectors on the ground at Amherst and Lexington. Pulling up at 216 Amherst, he found a bicycle that had been abandoned only moments before, since the seat was still warm. The officer said he searched yards back to Harvard, and then found a second bike in a lot nearby, and the U.S. mailbox at the corner overturned.

He promptly called for Milford assistance and two cars responded, one patrolling Wooster Pike while the other aided in the search through the village.

In that sweep through the community, Hayhew found that one of the newly-planted street trees in front of the playfield on Stanton Avenue had been pulled out of the ground and was lying in the street, soccer nets on the adjoining playfield had been tipped over, and seven bags of leaves piled up to block the street at Stanton and Poplar. A third bicycle was found at Marietta and Myrtle.

A second new tree was found pulled out of the ground across from 616 Marietta, a no-parking sign along Stanton had been uprooted and used to batter down four sections of fence at the home of Marshall Gates, 601 Stanton, and the mail box pulled up at the home of Bob Lipka, 611 Yale.

The blood-stained mailbox was found later in the back yard at 308 Marietta.

The uprooted trees cost the village about \$45 each. They were replanted that morning by village maintenance men, but Pottorf said he doubted that they would survive.

Long-time residents said they considered the incident the worst case of vandalism since lights were ripped from the Christmas tree on the village green and from several homes many years ago. That rampage was blamed on some Indian Hill youths. Persistent but minor vandalism later brought about abandonment of a volunteer fire department tradition of decorating the tree on the green each Christmas.

### Tree To Honor Stan Miller

A tree is to be planted in spring, probably in front of the Community House, as a memorial to Stan Miller, village historian and village clerk for 12 years.

A resolution offered by Councilman Rusty Wilson at the December council meeting authorized Village Administrator Ron Pottorf to carry out the project to honor a resident who "gave

of himself to serve our community as a village official, as a citizen and as a friend of all who knew him."

The resolution noted that Stan "compiled records and documented events and milestones which provide a wealth of resources for maintaining and understanding the history of our village."

### Leaf Pickup Over

Village crews picked up 184 loads of leaves this fall, indicating a slow recovery of the village street tree system, maintenance foreman Marvin Alexander reported.

But he said the pickup was one of the most difficult in recent years because of rains which made the piles heavy and hard to handle.

Any remaining leaves should be bagged and put out for garbage collection.

### To Celebrate Twelfth Night

Terrace Park's volunteer fire department will hold its traditional Twelfth Night Christmas tree burning ceremony at the Scout Cabin on Elm Avenue at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 6.

Fire Chief Pierce Matthews asks that trees not be taken to the area until the day of the burning.

## Terrace Park Undergoing Building, Real Estate Boom

Terrace Park approached the end of 1986 in the throes of a building boom.

In his annual survey of village real estate activities, Mel Aichholz reported 62 house property transfers up to early December, for a total of \$7,797,805.



### Among All-Stars

Stand-out of the past season's football team at Mariemont High School, Pax Lindell of Terrace Park was named to the Cincinnati Hills League all-star first team by the league's coaches. Co-captain of the Mariemont team, Pax was picked as the league's best defensive safety. He earlier won Most Valuable Player and Best Defensive Back awards at the high school's Athletic Awards ceremony. A senior, he is the son of Hap and Ann Lindell, 1001 Elm.

There were only 34 such transfers in the corresponding period of 1985. Twenty other sales involved building lots, and he listed 12 new houses completed.

For the same period, village building official Willis Toon reported issuance of 97 building permits for construction estimated at \$2,617,409, ranging from new houses to new roofing.

Mayor Les Overway said the figures demonstrated the vitality of the community and its standing as a desirable place to live. They cast, too, he added, a "positive reflection on the citizens of Terrace Park, on our schools and on the quality of the services the village provides."

Residential sales recorded at the Hamilton County Courthouse were:

615 Amherst	\$163,500
619 Amherst	81,250
410 Cornell	80,000
815 Douglas	87,000
414 Elm	74,500
435 Elm	170,000
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332 Harvard	63,000
607 Home	102,000
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742 Indian Hill	456,500
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## Council Hikes Village Pay and Benefits

Village council at its December meeting voted increases averaging 5.5% for village employees, and authorized an improved benefits package.

Based on an annual work load of 2,184 work-hours, the salary of the police chief was put at \$37,000, with an additional \$1,000 for his work as street commissioner; police lieutenant at \$26,000; full-time patrolmen at \$23,500 to \$25,000; probationers at 80% of that figure, and auxiliaries at \$5 an hour for emergency service replacing an officer on duty.

The salary of Charlotte M. Molitor as village secretary, court clerk and Community House custodian was set at \$15,500.

Pay of the village maintenance foreman was increased to \$9.90 an hour, of truck drivers to \$9.05, and helpers and apprentices at 80% of that rate.

While the new benefit package still needs final approval by the Guardian Life Insurance Co., Councilman Rich Gilchrist said it calls for substantially increased benefits, including doubling the death benefit from

\$10,000 to \$20,000 and adding a dental plan. While it increases deductibles, Gilchrist said it pays all costs thereafter.

Since it eliminates village co-insurance provisions of earlier contracts and simplifies paperwork, Gilchrist said it in effect provides better coverage at no additional cost. Village Administrator Ron Pottorf put the cost figure at \$18,648.

## Community Hall Problem Forces Players To Move

Electrical problems at the Community House have forced the Terrace Park Players to move their now-traditional winter dinner show to an out-of-the-village location.

The show will be presented instead at The Schoolhouse restaurant at 8031 Glendale-Milford Rd., in Camp Dennison, an actual mid-1800s schoolhouse retaining most of its aura. Dates are February 2, 13, 14, 21 and 27, and March 6 and 7.

Councilman Randy Casteel, chairman of the buildings and

## Village Firewood Supply Runs Low

Councilman Randy Casteel told the December meeting of village council that the village supply of split firewood is presently exhausted. He jokingly added that he was looking to mayor's court for labor to split the volume of wood remaining.

Mayor Les Overway hastened to comment (there was an Enquirer reporter present) that the village was being aggressive in its campaign against drunk drivers as a matter of public safety and not free labor.

grounds committee, said that he and Fire Chief Pierce Matthews believed it would be hazardous to attempt the power drain needed by stage lighting until village offices had been moved out of the building.

This year's show, opening the Players' 28th season, is the musical comedy, "Dracula, The Musical?" For reservations call 831-9127.

Mark Woods is show director. Pat Lipka is president of the Players, with Kathy Wedding as vice-president.

# Tougher 'Keg Law' Offered To Council

Councilman Tim Gleeson submitted for first reading at the December council meeting an amplification of the so-called "Keg Law" which council briefly considered some months ago. It is intended to fix responsibility for party drinking by minors, saying it "creates a potential for harm to persons and property extending beyond the boundaries" of individual homes.

The proposed ordinance would require parents or guardians to notify the police if a home was to be left in control of a minor for more than 24 hours, and authorize police to investigate "loud noises or other distur-

bances." It would prohibit more than four minors, not members of the household, gathering in the absence of an adult and any one of them drinking beer or liquor.

It provides, too, that:

"No persons shall knowingly permit any minor who is not their child or ward, to consume any beer or intoxicating liquor while such a minor is on real property, occupied or otherwise under such person's control, unless that minor is accompanied by his or her parent or guardian who has consented to such consumption of alcohol."

# Schoolteachers Get 6% Pay Increase

At its regular meeting December 9 the Mariemont Board of Education increased teachers' salaries by 6%. The new salary schedule effective December 31 puts the beginning salary at \$16,850 and created a new Step 27 at \$38,165 for teachers with masters degree and thirty years teaching experience.

Supt. Don Thompson said the new salary schedule "makes us more competitive with the market and helps us a great deal in our ranking" among the 39 area school districts. The new starting salary is within the top third, while the new Step 27 ranks within the top five districts.

Thompson added that an unexpected 1% increase in state aid enabled the board to increase salaries 6% rather than

the 5% projected at levy time.

The board contracted with CompuHealth Nationwide Mobile Health Testing to provide optional health physicals for all staff. A wellness program unit will come on site for the hour long physicals. Thompson said the decrease in health insurance premiums will more than pay for the program which cannot cost more than \$14,499.

Dr. Michael J. Malony's request to conduct a survey of dietary habits among third through sixth graders for Childrens Hospital Medical Center was approved. A letter home for parental approval will precede the 30 minute classroom survey. Maloney has been working with anorexic children.

# Ader Named Recreation Chairman

Terrace Park Recreation Committee elected Tom Ader as 1987 chairman at its December meeting. Ader has been fields commissioner and served as vice chairman under Larry Scholl, who has moved to Charleston, W. Va. Dave Will was elected vice chairman and Ricki Schmidt and Sue Porter were re-elected treasurer and secretary, respectively.

Budgets outlining 1987 expenses for soccer, basketball, softball and baseball were approved. Further consideration of the increased costs for field maintenance and insurance delayed til next month the setting of the sports fee structure for the upcoming year as well as approval of any capital expenditures.

Hank Phillips, who organized the Labor Day Festival for two years, resigned from the commission and is being replaced by Rusty Wilson.

Basketball chairman Dave Will announced the girls and boys teams have all started the season with wins.

# New Classes Start

St. Thomas Nursery School is opening two Monday morning classes for two-year-olds starting January 5. Children who were registered last spring will be given the first option to enroll. Call the Nursery School office, 831-6908, for further information.

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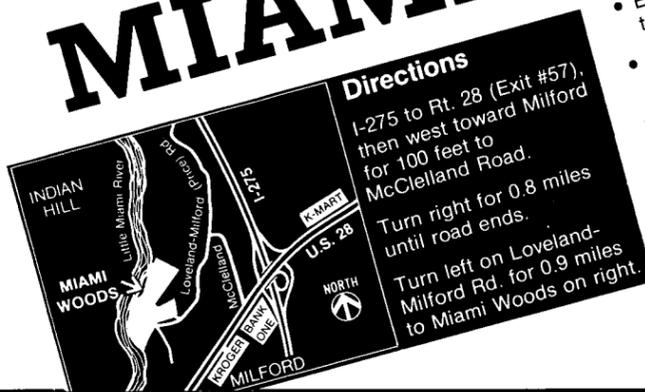
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# New Constitution Adopted By PTA

Terrace Park Elementary P.T.A. approved at its December meeting a newly-revised Constitution and by laws.

Fine Arts chairman Debbie Carle announced this year's celebration with an international flavor will be held February 18-20. Anyone with ideas or talents should contact Carle at 831-4178 or Candy Wachterman at 248-1184.

# Three Are Titlists In Cross-Country

Three Terrace Park runners were on the Mariemont High School team which won the school's first Cincinnati Hills League cross-country championship in years. The team also won second place in District A school competition.

The three are Brent Ballard, Russell Maxon and Matt Seik.

Maxon and Seik were named to the league all-star team, and Seik was named league "runner of the year."

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# New Village Building Gets Go-Ahead Sign

Village council at its December meeting gave the go-ahead on a new building to house police headquarters and village offices, but it will be three months or more before actual work can begin.

Council authorized preparation of working plans which must undergo county review because they concern a public building. Advertising for bids then must follow.

The new building will face the Community House parking lot, overlapping the present fire house with a walk-way between.

Architects estimated the cost at \$109,000.

At an earlier special meeting, council purchased the needed site from Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Rawnley. The architects had put the land requirement at 3,000 square feet which they valued at \$10,000. Although the actual survey showed the tract to be 4,200 square feet, the Rawnleys accepted the \$10,000 figure because, they said, of their interest in the village and in furthering a needed project.

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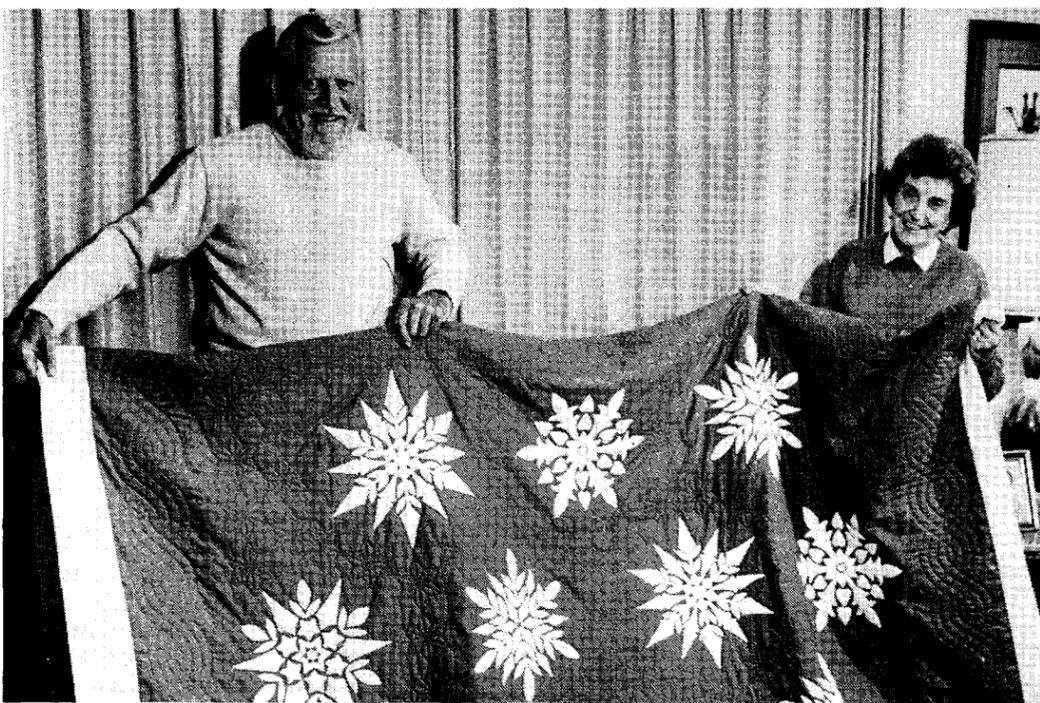
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## Blue Ribbon Winner In Quilt Competition

Up against some national competition, Jean Zumsteg, 109 Michigan Ave., took the blue ribbon for this quilt in the recent Carnegie Arts Institute exhibit in Covington. There were 75 entries in the show, organized by the Ohio Valley Quilters' Guild. Although this appliqued quilt, called "Snowflake," was top winner, there was lots of attention as well for one called "Hot Air Balloons" designed by her husband, Fred, as a gift for their grandson. In fact, a visiting seventh grade art class liked it best. The Zumstegs are retired educators. (Photo by Allan Kain)



## In 'Nutcracker'

Larissa Myslik, 11-year-old daughter of Jack and Diane Myslik, 721 Yale, danced as a soldier in the Cincinnati Ballet Company's recent 13th production of "Nutcracker" at Music Hall. A student at Country Day school, she made her second appearance in the traditional performance, playing a page in 1983.

## Aids In Marathon

Roger Winters, 716 Myrtle Ave., will serve as a corporate solicitor for the tenth annual Cincinnati Heart Mini-Marathon, to be held on Sunday, March 22, 1987. He is director of marketing at the Hilton Davis Chemical Co.

## Garden Club Gives Thanks

The Terrace Park Garden Club wishes to express its sincere appreciation to the homeowners who decorated and opened their houses for the 1986 Christmas House Tour: Mr. and Mrs. Ken Bassett, Mr. and Mrs. Scott Hester, Mr. and Mrs. C.A. Lindell, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wampler, and Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Zapletal. Proceeds from the tour finance the club's various village beautification projects. At press time final figures on the success of the tour were not available, but a more detailed account will appear later.

## Cubs Win Awards, Newcomers Welcomed

With expansion of its membership rules, Terrace Park Cub Pack 97 welcomed seven newcomers and gave awards to several others at its late-November pack meeting.

Cub Scout ranks are based on Rudyard Kipling's Jungle Book stories, the boys starting as Tiger Cubs, then as Bobcats following the Wolf Trail to Webelos rank and the Arrow of Light award, Cub Scouting's highest award.

Welcomed by Cubmaster Hank Phillips were first graders Josh Deeter, Taylor Heilbronner, Dan Mason, Adam Merten and Dan Startzman; second grader Michael Van Sweringen, and third grader Nick Zdeblick.

Second graders inducted as Bobcats were Travis Casteel,

Torey Harness, Ron Kautz, Tyler Knauer, Tom Lewis, Ryan Maloney, Brian Phillips.

Maloney, Brian Phillips, Brian Randolph and Michael Van Sweringen, and third grader Nick Zdeblick.

Frank Rinaldi was awarded his Wolf badge, along with one gold and two silver points for elective achievements, and Ronnie Cole congratulated on completing his Webelos (fifth grade) requirements.

Webelos activity badges were presented to Ronnie Cole, Mike Duckwall, Shawn Burt, Matt Krachon, Reid McAllister, Tom Knauer and Alex Phillips.

The pack is planning a Cub Winterday at Camp Friedlander on January 3.

## Life Squad Keeps Active

Life Squad Chief Shirley Mittendorf reported at December's council meeting that the life squad made nine runs in the past month. Five calls were in the village, four in support of Milford, and Milford responded to a Terrace Park call while the village ambulance was down for servicing.

She added that six residents will be a class taking emergency medical technician training starting here in January, and that two others have taken state licensing tests and are expected to be enrolled as full squad members.

## Honor Student

Mary Maxon, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Harry Maxon, 107 Miami, made the dean's list during the first trimester of her freshman year at Chatham Hall, a girl's college preparatory school in Chatham, Virginia. The school is affiliated with the Episcopal church.



## Young Artist

Rachael Lipka, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lipka, 611 Yale, was among Cincinnati Art Academy students selected to have their art hung in the Cincinnati Artist Series display in the lobby of the Cincinnati Commerce Center at Fifth and Vine. The exhibit continues until December 30. Rachael, aged nine, is a third grader at Terrace Park school.

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**Top Student**

Hannah Payne, a senior at The Summit Country Day School, is one of the school's semifinalists in the 1987 National Merit Scholarship Program. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Payne, 629 Lexington, she has maintained first honors throughout her years at The Summit Upper School and is a member of The Summit's chapter of National Honor Society. She also plays varsity basketball.

**Sidewalk  
Dispute Is  
Settled**

Councilman Rich Gilchrist announced at the December council meeting a compromise settlement of the months-long dispute over installing a sidewalk on newly-developed Denison Lane.

He said a pedestrian way will be marked on the south side of the new street, and kept under close observation during the estimated 18 months before final paving is done on completion of the development. At that time, he said, a final decision would be made as to whether a sidewalk is needed on the north side, as originally called for by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

An obstacle to placing a sidewalk on the south side, he said, is a gas main there.

The compromise was worked out in a meeting of council members, the developer, Rick Koehler, and Wrenwood residents led by John Wenstrup who had voiced concern over the safety of children on their way to school.



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