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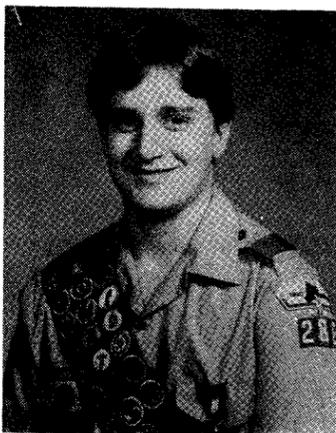
2 Arrests End Wave Of Crime

Terrace Park police effected the likely solving of more than 30 coin machine tampering cases and headed off what appeared to be a contemplated bank holdup with two arrests on February 5.

On patrol shortly after midnight, Lt. Bob Bacon spotted two men at a vending machine at the Union 76 station on Wooster Pike. Search of their car yielded burglary tools and a bag of money, and a check disclosed both were fugitives from burglary warrants elsewhere.

Chief Ron Pottorf told village council later that the arrests had solved 30 tampering cases in Cincinnati alone, and others in Milford, Loveland, and other communities.

The other arrest came about noon that day when officials of the Terrace Park Central Trust Co. branch reported a light truck which had been parked in several positions nearby but always in sight of the bank entrance. Officer Mike Wright found the occupant to be heavily armed with several guns and knives and, as Pottorf said, "up to no good."



Another Eagle

Dan Beard Council Boy Scouts of America has announced that Jeffrey Taylor, 17, of 818 Princeton, has received Scouting's highest honor, the Eagle Award. His brother, Jay, became an Eagle Scout in 1985. His father, Frank, is a former scoutmaster of Terrace Park Troop 286, now led by Richard Ballard.

David Lewis, 104 Red Bird Ln., won Eagle Rank last year.

To win Eagle rank, each candidate must earn 21 merit badges and complete a community project. Jeff chose to repair and stain Terrace Park's six community bulletin boards.

Village Relinquishes A Dubious Honor

Once holding the dubious distinction of having the highest residential property tax rate in the county, Terrace Park now ranks third highest in the nominal tax rate and ninth in the effective rate on which taxes actually are paid.

The figures are from the county treasurer's office.

Terrace Park's current nominal tax rate is 90.52 mills, down from last year's 93.22 mills, in part because of village cancellation of its tree levy and a school board decision not to seek renewal of an expiring levy. The effective rate on which taxes are paid, however, is 59.65 mills. Last year's effective rate was 67.82 mills. That rate is arrived at through application of a complex reduction factor, which includes state-mandated credits and discounts. The reduction factor varies from community to community.

Communities with higher nominal tax rates than Terrace Park are Greenhills, 91.82 and Wyoming, 90.58 mills.

In effective tax rate, though, the Terrace Park rate of 59.65 mills is topped by Greenhills, 65.89 mills; Forest Park (Springfield Township and Greenhills

school district) 62.06 mills; New Burlington (Greenhills SD) 63.63 mills; West Fork Fire District (Greenhills SD) 61.66 mills; Lakeview (Greenhills SD) 61.10 mills; Wyoming 60.57; Northern Hills Fire District (Finneytown SD) 59.81; and Milford (Mariemont SD) 60.17.

The rates in nearby communities are:

Mariemont, 81.08 total, 54.19 effective; Indian Hill, 71.32 nominal and 51.45 actual in the Madeira SD, 58.88 nominal and 46.46 effective in the Cincinnati SD, 73.70 nominal and 49.73 actual in the Mariemont SD, and 59.34 nominal and 40.10 effective in the Indian Hill SD.

New Treasurer

Mayor Jack Schmidt announced at the February council meeting the appointment of Margot Grund, 307 Wanoka Woods Ln., as village treasurer. She will serve until December 31, 1989, completing the term of Bob Ingeman, who resigned last December 31.

Milford Disclaims Interest In Round Bottom Link

Milford officials told Terrace Park's village council at its February meeting that they also are opposed to a Round Bottom Road link-up with Milford's proposed industrial park development just east of I-275. They denied as well that Milford's sewerage system was responsible for a stench that permeated part of the

river valley on December 27.

Terrace Park's council last month, in a resolution addressed to Milford, voiced concern over possible air, noise and water pollution.

Milford Councilman Gary Knepp said that Milford's council had voted 7-0 against a Round Bottom Road connection. Milford City Manager

James Buckner said that Milford had never considered the link essential to the development, and that the prospective developer "doesn't see the need" for it.

But Buckner said that what happens will depend on what federal and state highway officials finally demand in permitting access to what was to have been an I-275 interchange with a relocated US 50. The interchange would be the major avenue to the development.

He emphasized that "the quality of life is paramount" in Milford thinking concerning the project, and "we want the least possible impact outside the city."

He pictured the 240-acre development as high-technology involving no noxious chemicals, with 5,000 - 6,000 persons employed in research and light industry in an area including 40% in greenspace. Milford's sewer and water systems are being upgraded to meet the new demand, he added.

Buckner said that Audubon Society members making a bird count nearby could attest that there was no spill from the Milford sewerage plant, and that the Ohio EPA had been unable to find the cause of the December smell. Village Engineer Bob Lareaux reported later in the meeting that the EPA had been notified by the Indian Hill Rangers, but the smell had dissipated by the time investigators arrived.

Knepp told council that there was some "ill-feeling" generated in Milford by the Terrace Park resolution adopted, he said, without prior consultation with Milford officials. He objected particularly to a Village Views report last month that Terrace Park officials had voiced no objection to "intelligent development" of the project.

Mayor Jack Schmidt insisted that Terrace Park had no objections to the project, but voiced the natural concern of a downriver community over any such development.

First Woman Named As Senior Warden

Carol Peterson, 807 Douglas Ave., was elected the first woman senior warden in the 104 year history of St. Thomas Episcopal Church at the annual parish meeting January 27.

Mrs. Peterson's father, Dr. Raymond Stoecklin, and her husband, Howard (Bud) Peterson, have served on the St. Thomas vestry. Mrs. Peterson has been serving as junior warden, and been active in diocesan affairs as well. She replaces Alan Joslyn, retiring after four years as senior warden.

Named as junior warden was Henry (Hank) Phillips, who has been serving on the vestry.

Chosen to fill vestry vacancies were Dick Geier, Dr. Tray Howard, Polly Bassett and Dave Elbenfeld.

A purse was presented to George Cobb, retiring after 26 years as church sexton.

The church announced formation of the St. Thomas Housing Corp. to attempt to meet what was described as a critical need for low-cost housing in Clermont County. Under consideration are volunteer rehabilitation of existing structures, and a development of a 100-unit housing project.

A Housing Corporation board named by the vestry includes Chris Smith as chairman, and Helen Barnett, Ken Bassett, Peg Davis, Pierson Davis, Bob Dunlap, Jud Gale, Narval Julnes, Karen Long, Carol Peterson and Jason Popelka. Gale heads a sub-group investigating feasibility and financing of the proposed housing project.

Community House Upgrading Studied

Village council at its February meeting briefly considered possible upgrading of the old Community House, but delayed action pending determination of the costs involved.

The building now is limited to 99-person occupancy. Councilman Randy Casteel outlined steps necessary in raising the occupancy level to 133.

Most comments inclined to belief that any major expense would not be justified by the anticipated use of the building.

Similar delay followed a report by Councilman Tim Gleeson that a survey indicated that a program of village sidewalk repair and replacement would cost \$120,000-160,000. Plans are to develop a multi-year program and the method of financing.

What Mayor Jack Schmidt and Police Chief Ron Pottorf called the village's most difficult enforcement problem arose again when Bill Lock, 816 Yale, presented a dog nuisance complaint. Pottorf said use of an auxiliary patrolman as a dog warden had proved ineffective, adding that repeated fines seemed to be of no consequence to some dog

owners. He said the SPCA had been most helpful, and would be called on more often.

In other actions council:

- Appointed Joe. W. Winders as full-time probationary patrolman in view of the probable departure of Sgt. Mike Garner.

- Heard from Councilman Rich Gilchrist that the Planning & Zoning Commission had denied a second request for division of the Smith property between Wooster Pike and Indian Hill Road.

Mayor Proclaims Bicentennial

Mayor Jack Schmidt has proclaimed the year beginning February 28 as Terrace Park's bicentennial year, recalling the first pioneer settlement in the vicinity of St. Thomas Episcopal Church in January of 1789.

Plans are to celebrate the event in cooperation with the Recreation Committee's annual Labor Day Festival this year.

The mayor said he thought the celebration was appropriate because of the tie-in with this year's Cincinnati bicentennial observance. Capt. Abraham Covalt and his party came to this area only 50 days after the pioneers who settled what was to become Cincinnati.

Schmidt said he planned to name a small committee to plan celebration activities, and would welcome word from residents interested in the program.

In Nature Center Show

Pastel landscapes and seascapes by Carol Glaser of Terrace Park will be on exhibit at the Cincinnati Nature Center from February 20 through March 6. She will be at CNC for a "Meet the Artist" reception on Sunday, February 21, from 2 to 5 p.m.

Watercolors by Roselle Shundich, also of Terrace Park, were included in an earlier CNC exhibition which ended February 14.

Four Volunteers Are Enrolled By Fire, Life Squads

Training completed, three new volunteers have been enrolled by the village fire department, and one by the life squad.

Fire Chief Pierce Matthews listed the new firemen as Buzz Eckner, Dave Glassinger and Phil Schneider. Life Squad Chief Shirley Mittendorf reported that Kathy Schneider has passed state-required EMT tests and will be fully certified by March 1.

She reported that the squad answered 88 calls in Terrace Park in 1987, and made 22 runs in mutual aid to other communities. She listed 18 currently-active personnel.

Matthews noted that for the first time in his recollection the fire department had gone 30 days without an alarm.

PTA Funding School Programs And Equipment

Terrace Park Elementary PTA members voted at their February meeting to spend \$2,300 for school equipment and programs. Allotments included \$1,200 for a machine which punches out letters and designs for bulletin boards, \$800 to the Principal's fund for a new color TV and VCR, and \$300 to obtain speakers from the Greater Cincinnati Bicentennial Storytellers Program.

The PTA Fine Arts program scheduled for March 23-25 will feature College-Conservatory of Music performers in the field of opera. Organizers for the event are Linda Wenstrup and Jill MacKenzie.

Valley Area PTA representative Cindy Coleman distributed copies of an Ohio PTA Legislative Alert urging PTA members to write their state representatives asking for legislation to ban corporal punishment in Ohio schools. A corporal punishment ban was recently approved by the Senate Education Committee.

The PTA Principal's Coffee will be held March 7 at 7 p.m. in the school cafeteria.



Traffic Arrests Here Up Sharply In 1987

Terrace Park police officers made 1,528 traffic violation arrests in 1987, 154 more than in 1986, according to the annual report of Police Chief Ron Pottorf. Of the total, 835 were for speeding, 104 for drunk driving and 70 for driving while under suspension.

Drunk and unlicensed drivers who chose to work out their penalties did 2,016 hours of labor for the village, mostly in splitting, stacking and delivering 22 cords of firewood for which the village got

\$1,945.

Misdemeanor arrests totalled 139, 18 for drug offenses and 61 for open liquor containers. Those violators and traffic offenders paid a total of \$92,818.15 in fines and costs in mayor's court during the year.

Traffic accidents numbered 31, five involving deer which were killed in the collisions. Nine persons were injured, six on Wooster Pike and three on village streets.

Youngsters Learn What Tails Are For

Terrace Park Elementary's science curriculum has been enriched this year by programs presented by the Cincinnati Museum of Natural History. Principal Michelle Hummel financed the programs from Fine Arts fees paid by the pupils at the beginning of the year.

Kindergarteners learned how animals use their tails while they had the chance to try on cat, beaver and even shark tails.

First- through sixth-graders saw science in action at stations set up to demonstrate sound, light, domes, simple machines, electricity and magnetism. Hands-on learning was stressed with the

Off To Russia

Gregory J. Weston, 621 Miami, a junior at Colby College in Waterville, Maine, is among 20 students participating in a study of the Soviet legal system as part of the school's program of independent study. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul J. Weston.

The program includes readings, presentations by judges, prosecutors and corrections personnel, and observations of actual trials both in the Soviet Union and the United States.

On Dean's List

Mary Evelyn Maxon, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Harry R. Maxon III of Terrace Park made the dean's list during the first trimester of her sophomore year at Chatham Hall. The girl's college preparatory school at Chatham, Va., is affiliated with the Episcopal Church.

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Terrace Park Woman Interns As Children's Hospital Chaplain

By Jeanne Sanker

What to do with the day is a question never asked by Terrace Park's Patti Normile, two other women and two men who are now in training as student chaplains in a program of extra care and spiritual concern at Children's Hospital.

From January 1 to May 20 they will be enrolled as chaplain interns under the supervision of the Rev. Thomas Mozley, a United Church of Christ minister who is associate director of education for pastoral care at Children's. There are only seven child-based pastoral education programs in the United States.

Children's is the only Cincinnati hospital providing such a program.

Devoting at least 14 hours a week to on-the-spot training, you might find them in surgery or in a waiting area with concerned parents — wherever there is someone in need of an understanding, concerned person or just someone to do a little favor. Again, you might find them in the children's rooms, reading to them or playing a game, or just listening to a youngster's question.

Six hours a week are spent in seminars or in consultation with the full-time chaplains. All five interns take turns being

"on call" for night duty when so many emergencies occur.

Patti has developed an interest in the Tracheotomy Division, working with children who are unable to voice their needs and wants. She enjoys reading to them and sometimes begins game therapy. A number of these children may become "long-term", and she is there to help in the traumatic transition from Children's to a nursing home.

When asked how she became involved in hospital work, Patti replied, "Hospital? If someone had even said that word in suggestion to me years ago, I would never have chosen it." But, now, as she looks back she sees that an interesting progression of life's gifts have brought her hospital path into being.

First, her parents' own altruistic way, or as Patti describes it, "Their helping nature

— constant caretakers." Then, her years as a volunteer at Camp Stepping Stones, a substitute teacher at Mariemont Middle School, training in Mt. St. Mary's Seminary Lay Pastoral Program; work with children's activities as her own children grew; and, finally, five years as a volunteer chaplain at Bethesda Hospital.

She has the total support of her own family, husband, Ray, and children, Dan, a college freshman, and Christy, a junior at Mariemont H.S. Patti is looking forward to sharing in all the events of Christy's senior year at Mariemont and then may consider entering the chaplain residency program at Children's.

7 Students On Honor Roll At Country Day

Seven Terrace Park students were named to the second quarter honor roll at Cincinnati Country Day School. They were:

- Grade 9 — Jacob Scholl.
- Grade 10 — Whitney McDonald.
- Grade 11 — Kim Coffman.
- Grade 12 — Dan Weston.
- Grade 12 with high honors — Krista Myslik, Louise Myslik, Kerry Walsh.

Registration Set For Kindergarten

Kindergarten Registration will be held March 8 at 9:30 a.m. in the Terrace Park Elementary cafeteria. Parents and children will meet Principal Michelle Hummel and Kindergarten teacher Cathy Coates during the half-hour orientation.

Even Winter Has Its Charms Along Little Miami River

Here are more reflections of life along the Little Miami River as observed by Polly Bassett from her Miami Avenue riverside home.

By Polly Bassett

Of all the seasons, we think winter on the river is the most beautiful. The water becomes a gorgeous clear green/blue. Rocks below the surface show clearly, and reflections

of the white sycamore trunks stand out against the darker water. In late afternoon on a sunny day, a rosy glow hits the tops of the trees and outlines the layers of purple hills. This is a most peaceful and quiet time.

Woodpeckers become very prominent as they peck up and down the tree trunks. The red-bellied woodpecker arrives several times daily at the suet feeder, announcing his coming loudly with a harsh, staccato call. Unfortunately, starlings arguing and quarreling around the feeder discourages smaller birds.

At night some thirty to forty twinkling lights appear across the hills, such a contrast with the dark, dense wall of trees that stands out against the summer nighttime sky.

At times, snowflakes blow in waves across the expanse beyond us. Cardinals appear to feed in great numbers before snow fall — almost more predictable than a barometer.

On an early snowy morning, the river looks black and translucent, cutting a ribbon through the white fields. Small icy patches drift down and ice frames the edges of the water.

In one 12-hour period there's a tinkling in the air as shards of ice collide as they're borne swiftly southward after a heavy rain.

One afternoon, a handsome red-tailed hawk appears and perches for a long time on a sycamore limb directly across from the house. He rests and preens, occasionally turning his head almost completely backwards while glaring at a

Guests To Lead Evensong Rites At St. Thomas

St. Thomas Episcopal Church is offering a special series of Evensong services on Wednesdays during Lent, starting on Ash Wednesday, February 17, and ending March 30. The services take place at 7:30 p.m.

The series, with the theme, "The Seven Last Words of Christ On the Cross," will feature guest preachers, mainly from Cincinnati-area Episcopal churches. Scheduled are: Feb. 17, the Rev. Noel Julnes-Dehner; Feb. 24, the Rev. T. James Snodgrass, Rector, Christ Church; March 2, the Rev. Spenser Simrill, Rector, Ascension & Holy Trinity; March 9, the Rev. William C. Scar, director, Samaritan Counseling Center; March 16, the Rev. Michael Curry, Rector, St. Simon of Cyrene; March 23, the Rev. Jane Gurry, Rector, Church of Our Savior; and March 30, the Rev. George Hill, Rector, St. Barnabas, and formerly assistant at St. Thomas.

Wins Sales Award

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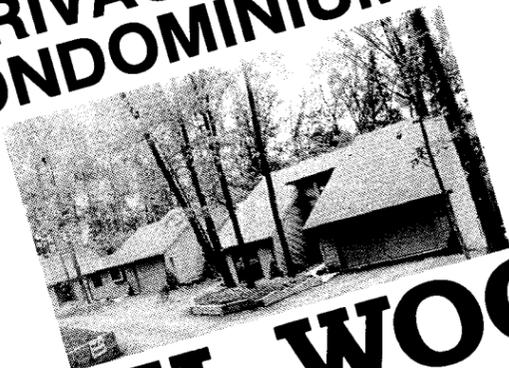
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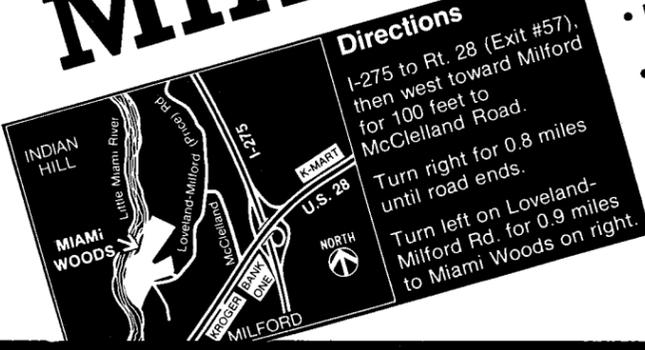


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Musician Honored

Ralph Weber, 809 Park Ave., was honored recently by the Cincinnati Musicians' Association with the award of a life membership for his 50 years of continuous membership in the union and service to music. Weber played saxophone for many years with Charlie Kehrer and is a member of the Black Tie Orchestra.

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The American Field Service is seeking families to host foreign students who will attend Mariemont High School in the 1988-89 school year. Single-parent families are eligible.

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