

Loss Is Put At \$218,500 In Fire Here

Fire Chief Pierce Matthews has put at \$218,500 the loss in the fire that almost demolished the home of Mrs. E.L. Biederman, 130 Winding Brook Lane, on February 18.

The fire has been tentatively blamed on an electrical malfunction, but Matthews said the cause may not be determined until debris is removed during planned reconstruction of the house. The second floor collapsed at about the time firemen arrived, he said, covering the area where the fire is believed to have started.

Matthews said the fire was the worst in the 16 years since the Dan Franke home on Edgewater was badly damaged.

Matthews said the fire apparently had been smoldering for hours while Mrs. Biederman was away, filling the house with smoke and gasses until the shattering of a window attracted the attention of Doug Pfingstag, a neighbor. Breaking of the window let in air which set the fire raging, so that flames were bursting through the roof when firemen reached the scene.

Ten Terrace Park firemen, led by Assistant Chief Jeff Carle and Capt. Dennis Elliott, fought the blaze for five hours, with the help of the Madeira-Indian Hill department.

Matthews, who lives next door, was out of town at the time.

Traffic Worries Milford As Bike Trail Nears

With paving of the state bike/hike trail between Loveland and Milford to be finished perhaps as early as July, Milford officials are voicing concern over potential traffic hazards at the intersection of US 50 and State Route 126.

With completion of that section, the developed trail would run 21.5 miles from Milford to Morrow. An unimproved section of the former railroad right-of-way runs through Terrace Park, and the village has steadfastly refused to grant permission for its development.

The Cincinnati Post reported recently that the Ohio Department of Natural Resources planned to pave the trail through Terrace Park to a parking lot at Kroger Hills. However, Terrace Park Councilman John Prues reported at the February council meeting that department officials denied the story, indicating they had no plans for development in the foreseeable future because of limitations imposed in federal funding.

Arousing Milford concern are present plans to end the trail with an access ramp at the US 50-Route 126 intersection.

Milford City Manager David Spinney said officials of ODNR are equally concerned, and have visited Milford to assay the problem.

Milford has suggested some possible solutions, all of which Spinney said "have some problems." He said it may call for a study by a traffic engineer to work out an

acceptable solution.

The least acceptable proposal, he said, involves moving the entrance ramp to the Terrace Park end of the railroad overpass over Wooster Pike. That would obviate the need for users to cross the highway but would offer little or no parking space. That end of the overpass is still in Milford territory.

At a minimum, Milford sees the need for a pedestrian traffic signal at the intersection, with a possible parking area on Ferry Street in the once-called Montauk area. The major proposal calls for building a parking lot in Camp Dennison or near the Indian Hill water works on Route 126. Spinney said the difficulty there was whether ODNR could or would acquire the necessary property.

Meantime, said The Post, Milford council members are dismayed that Terrace Park would object to the paved trail through the community.

"I can't believe our good neighbors (in Terrace Park) would not allow it," Council Member John Evans is quoted as saying.

Added The Post, Terrace Park residents worried that thieves and litter bugs would use the trail. However, Evans said doctors, lawyers, engineers and people who care about the environment comprise most of the people who now use the trail.

It quoted Council Member John Long as saying he's always getting calls from Terrace Park residents asking when the trail is going to be finished.

Julnes Aiding In Planning For Russian Housing

Terrace Park builder Norval Julnes returns March 27 from a 10-day fact-finding tour of Kharkov, Cincinnati's sister city in the Russian Ukraine. His mission is to gather basic information required to plan the first single-family homes to be built in Kharkov since the 1930s.

Julnes will relay his findings to architects here who will develop plans for 1,000 to 1,200 square-foot homes. He and other builders will return to Russia in August to begin construction of individual homes for people who now live in leaking, concrete apartment buildings.

Recycle - But Don't Litter

Fellow Terrace Park Residents

We have an increasing problem with litter at our recycling station. The basic problem is that residents are dropping off newspapers and other rubbish outside the scope of the recycling program alongside or in the general area of the recycling bin. The village then has to haul these materials away and make provisions for their removal. The village is now spending about \$400 per month in maintenance charges to clean up the litter left by residents at the recycling bin.

If Rumpke was willing to take newspaper for recycling, we'd have them do it, but right now they don't. The recycling bin is only for the designated recycling material, primarily plastic and glass bottles, and aluminum cans. If you leave anything else at the site, you cross from being a good citizen recycler to an ordinary litter bug. That is counter to the basic idea of the program, and jeopardizes the continued existence of that program. No more newspapers!

J.H. Schmidt
Mayor

Operating Budget Is Set At \$821,571

Village council at its March meeting approved with little comment an operating budget of \$821,571 for this year. Last year's operating budget was \$780,351.

Discussion concerned some last-minute increases in some accounts, principally that of legal expenses, boosted to \$40,000 from an original figure of \$12,000.

conflicting signals from the Board of Elections as to whether it would need 50 or 55% for passage. Wenstrup said he hoped for a major vote of approval.

Council hit a snag on a proposal to buy a \$41,000 back-hoe, spreading the cost over five years under a state cooperative purchase program. While there was 3-2 approval, Solicitor Bob Malloy said the issue required a majority vote of the whole council and not merely a majority of those present. With Councilman Randy Casteel absent because of illness, final action was deferred to the April meeting.

On other matters:

* Council gave first reading to an ordinance requiring - under a new state law - appointment of a salaried magistrate to conduct court sessions in the absence of the mayor. The vice mayor has served in the past. While the new law requires the magistrate be a lawyer, it does allow a brief training course which Vice Mayor Rusty Wilson indicated he would be willing to take so that he could serve.

* Councilman John Prues reported on a proposed new Hamilton County Communications Center fee schedule which he and Malloy agreed is still unfair to small communities. The village challenged the former schedule in court, and is now negotiating a settlement with the county.

* Life Squad Chief Connie Wilson reported nine calls during the month, and council authorized creation of a second captaincy in the unit.

* Police Chief Bob Bacon reported receipt of \$800 as a village enforcement fund share in drug enforcement penalties, and reported two more cars seized under the federal zero-tolerance drug program.

* Bacon noted that businesses had contributed \$850 to a school program being developed by Sgt. Jerry Hayhow, to which council gave \$250 last month.

* Bacon reported three break-ins at the village maintenance center, with loss of a radio from a resident's vehicle stored there.

* Council authorized Councilman Dan Startzman to proceed with upgrading of electrical facilities at the village green, estimated at \$2,500.

* Council approved a resolution supporting privatization of a new county jail.

* Councilwoman Barbara Howland said that two proposed ordinances revising village procedures concerning zoning variances are being studied by the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Board of Zoning Appeals, and urged residents to study copies available at the village office. She added that George Kipp is preparing a new zoning map, indicating zoning areas, property ownership, hydrant locations and other pertinent

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Police Robbed

There'll be a slight delay in instituting a crime prevention program in Terrace Park.

Somebody stole the plans.

Police Chief Bob Bacon said that the plans were being developed by Patrolman Dennis Wells and auxiliaries John Kueffer and Cheryl Prater. Prater had the papers in her car when it was looted while parked in Silverton.

But fortunately, Bacon said, much of the material is in the village computer system, so they don't have to start all over again.

Salaries make up the major expenses, amounting to \$193,640 for the police department and \$87,000 - split among several accounts - for the maintenance crew. Additional benefits for the police alone amount to \$66,880. Waste collection costs the village \$36,878.

With the village seeking approval of a three-year 3.11 mill levy at the May primaries, finance chairman John Wenstrup indicated the overall cost to taxpayers would be reduced by a substantial reduction in the one-mill current tree assessment. The operating budget earmarks \$24,000 for the tree program, but Councilman Dan Startzman reported that current removal of 28 trees and pruning of 12 others is costing only \$4,152. Eighteen new trees are to be planted this spring.

The levy is to replace one of a similar amount which expires this year. Wenstrup and Village Clerk Jan Popelka said they were getting

Village Archives Win Approval

Esther Power's work in organizing past village records won compliments from a representative of the Ohio Historical Society on a recent visit.

The society is Ohio's official agent in the preservation of records. Its area representative is John Brannock, of Wright State University.

Members of village council were equally complimentary when they inspected the records room before the March council meeting.

Some records are still believed to be in private hands. Brannock noted that, if need be, court orders can be obtained to secure them.

Virginia Marquett Tracks Lost One-Room Schools

Virginia Marquett's score is now up to 110.

That's the number of sites of one-room school houses she and another retired teacher, Shirley Harris, have located in Clermont County.

Surprisingly, 75 of the old schools are still standing, though many of them are in ruins. Only 55 are still in use, mostly as barns or storage buildings, but a few almost unrecognizable after being remodeled and incorporated into homes. One of them is now part of a bar near Williams Corners.

Mrs. Marquett is the daughter of Matt Cook, Terrace Park's highly-regarded first full-time, uniformed police officer. Retired as a teacher after 35 years, mostly in Clermont County schools, she's written histories of her family and of Terrace Park school, is active in the alumni association of the former high school here, and president of the Terrace Park Chapter, American Association of Retired Persons.

Her interest in the old one-room schools developed from her association with the Clermont County Retired Teachers' organization, when she developed that some of the former teachers had not only attended one-room schools, but a few had actually taught in them early in their careers.

The search got off to a good start when a friend was able to produce from family papers a map locating 78 of the old schools. Location of others has come about through checking with old residents in this neighborhood, as to where they had gone to school or if they knew where a school had been.

Her researches indicate that the first school was in a log cabin - long gone - put up in 1805 near Owensville.

The early schools, she says, were all "subscription schools," organized by groups of neighbors, one of whom would usually give a

little piece of land on which to put the building. It wasn't until 1822 that tax-support came along, and no women teachers were allowed until 1831.

According to her history, Terrace Park had its own one-room, red brick schoolhouse, established in 1850 and now incorporated in the Yankee Dollar building at Wooster Pike and Given Road. A new four-room building standing in front of the present elementary school was in use from 1872 to 1913, its last class of four members including her mother.

The first high school was incorporated in 1886, with Mary Highland its first and only graduate in 1890, with a record including two units in Greek. The present two-story brick building was erected in 1913, the gymnasium and two classrooms being added in 1928.

Scouts Plan Car Washes

Terrace Park Boy Scout Troop 286 will run several Saturday morning car washes, starting April 13, in the recycling area of the shopping center.

With Dave Randolph as new scoutmaster, the troop has 15 active members, who recently completed a CPR course given by members of the Life Squad.

Wins Top Honors

Kyle Moore, a first-classman at Culver Military Academy, Culver, Indiana, has been selected for cum laude membership in the Culver Academies chapter, comparable to Phi Beta Kappa at the college level. Selection recognizes exceptional academic achievement and character qualifications.

He is the son of Dr. and Mrs. John Moore of Terrace Park.

Students Get Demonstration of Court System

Judges of the First District Courts of Appeals held court at Mariemont High School on March 13, to give junior history and senior government students a demonstration of the judicial system at work.

Three appeals were heard by Judges Raymond E. Shannon, Eugene J. Utz and Lee Hildebrand Jr. They and the attorneys involved gave detailed explanations and responded to questions.

Judge Shannon gave particular emphasis to an appeal of a drunk driving conviction to show students "the range of difficulties in which you can find yourself after having had anything to drink at all."

Life Squad Planning New Recruit Class

Terrace Park's life squad is considering holding a fall class for recruits to maintain staff strength.

Squad Chief Connie Wilson's annual report to village council noted that of 11 recruits last year, eight completed the course but two later left the community.

The report listed 114 runs in 1990, 37 of which involved aid to other communities. There was one mutual aid run by Milford to Terrace Park.

Besides Wilson, current officers of the squad are Sally Gilchrist, assistant chief; Crystal Dahlmeier, captain; Dick Mittendorf and Kathy Schneider, lieutenants; and Candy Wachterman, scheduler. Dr. Phil Oblinger is medical director.

Committee Plans Softball Program

Gregg MacMillan announced the first of regular Sunday afternoon softball games for adults and families is scheduled for 4 p.m. April 7 at Drackett Field. The Recreation Commission will provide bats, balls and bases.

The softball games will continue through the spring, followed by volleyball, soccer and basketball.

Labor Day Festival chairman Denise Hall is seeking volunteers for the annual fund raiser with special interest in garage sale and bingo workers.

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A Letter To Terrace Park

We knew as soon as we moved to Terrace Park that it was going to be a wonderful place to live. And we have continued to feel warm and welcomed here as we met more and more of our neighbors.

But sometimes it takes something really terrible happening in our lives to make us truly appreciate those around us. Our terrible event began when I opened the front door on the afternoon of February 3 to find three Marines and a Navy chaplain on the doorstep. The news of the death of my son, Marine Captain Jonathan "Jack" Edwards was a total shock. Those things happen to other people. But this time it really did happen to us. And it seems as though everyone else in this town reached out to us in one way or another.

We can't express enough appreciation for the lowering of the flag at our home to half-staff. The entire police force rallied around our home to keep the media and the merely-curious away during those first days when we needed to be with friends and family and to have quiet moments alone. We thank them for insuring the privacy of our home for family and friends.

So many of you thought of our grandchildren, and of their needs and responded lovingly to children you had never met before. You touched their hearts, and we are grateful for your loving gestures to them.

And others remembered that life goes on, and made sure that none of us would go hungry. We had wonderful meals, many of which we don't honestly remember, but all of which were appreciated.

You have also sent us spiritual bouquets, patriotic thoughts, expressions of sympathy and lots of hugs. Lots of you have made special efforts to fly our flags.

Thank you does not express our gratitude for all the efforts made in our behalf. We truly know that this village has the biggest heart of any village in the State of Ohio.

Jack was proud of his job, and of his country, and we're so proud of the way that Terrace Park expressed its appreciation for his sacrifice.

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Terrace Park Students Bag Swimming Honors

Terrace Park students took three of the top four swimming honors at the Winter Sports Award Night held at Mariemont High School

March 12. Randy Krueger and Margo Longano were named Most Valuable Swimmers by Coach Bob Fleckenstein, and Jacob Rasmussen took the swimming Warrior Award.

Krueger, a junior who was also last year's MVS, placed 10th in the back stroke and 11th in the 200-yard medley in state competition. Rasmussen, an AFS student from Denmark, is a sophomore and Longano is a freshman.

Basketball Coach Jeff Watterson named Summer Armstrong Most Valuable Player. A sophomore, she led the Mariemont girls in scoring, assists, free-throws and steals, and made the All-Cincinnati Hill League team for the second season.

Sophomore Brett Tritsch won the Art Davies Warrior Award for wrestling for the second year.

Terrace Park resident Jim Greiner introduced the new Warrior Sportswear Sale, which he organized for the Boosters Association. Greiner said the Boosters' new fund raiser will be held in the spring and again before Christmas. Mariemont sweat shirts, sweat pants, baseball caps, rain slickers, football jerseys and rugby shirts can be ordered now for delivery May 1. Orders can be placed with Greiner at 831-4732.



Top Swimmers Join Forces

Top swimmers Randy Krueger, seated, and from left, Ian Ross, Kevin Sheridan and Jon Maddux, will join forces this summer at Terrace Park Swim Club. Krueger, a Mariemont High Junior, finished 10th in back stroke and 11th in the 200 yard medley at State. In April Mariemont sophomore Ross joins Krueger in swimming at the Y Nationals in Orlando, Florida. Juniors Maddux and Sheridan swam for St. Xavier, which captured the state swimming championship for the 15th straight year. Maddux placed 10th at state in the 100 breast stroke and Sheridan placed first in the 200 and second in the 500 free style events at the Greater Cincinnati League Championship.

Gypsy Life Changing, AARP Chapter Told

Even gypsies change with the times.

Paul Erwin told members of the Terrace Park Chapter, American Association of Retired Persons at their March meeting that gypsies years ago would send bodies of their dead to Cincinnati to be held until the clan gathered here in early spring for burial ceremonies.

But in these days of more ready travel, funerals are held throughout the year, although the gypsies still gather here annually to honor their dead.

Erwin is a UC professor of American History. He currently is writing a history of Milford.

An area of Spring Grove, he said, is given over to gypsy burials, and the annual gatherings now are marked by decoration of their graves with elaborate and expensive floral pieces, one reputed to have cost

\$35,000. All, he said, include certain symbols, particularly an empty chair and a broken wagon wheel, indicative of their wanderings.

But the gypsies who gather here, he said, are not descendants of the tribes which, originating centuries ago in northern India, now rove much of Europe. The "Cincinnati" gypsies, he said, come from Scotch-Irish peasants driven from their homes in the 1500s by landowners clearing the way for sheep. Homeless, they adopted and still carry on the roving gypsy life.

Willard Hess, retired executive of the Hess and Eisenhardt Company noted for its manufacture of armored cars, will speak at the group's next meeting on April 8 following a covered dish lunch at noon in the undercroft of St. Thomas Church.

Prayers Continued For Those In Service

Though the fighting is over in the Persian Gulf, the Rev. Stephen M. Bolle, assistant rector of St. Thomas Church, plans to continue Friday noon services of prayers for peace.

"We are grateful for this chance to invite the whole Terrace Park community to pray for a lasting and just peace," he said.

The list of those for whom prayers are said at Sunday services now includes:

Michael Murphy, Julie and Mitch Dillman, David Hickenlooper, Fred Buttrell, Steve Kneipp, Andre McCrae, Rocky Sloan, Bob and Caroline Dysert, Ross Lindell, Sean McCray, Kurt Phillippi, David Yensen, Chris Murphy, Tim Daniel.

Scott Russell, Thomas Toepfer, Paul Toepfer, Dr. Edward Miller, Jeff Kiefling, Suzanne Reynolds, Guy Smith, Greg Walcott, Daniel Vinson Jr., Jay Vinson, Andy Shepard, Bill Molitor, Tim McFadden, Ted Naegle, Joe Preath, Jenny Reed, Jeff Ritz.

Tom McCoy, Tim Nugent, Brian Prantz, Thad Trapp, Darrin Kahn,

Jimmy Comfort, John Williams, John Hambleton, Gerald Fitzgerald Jr., Porter Calhoun, Keith Roll, Bob Duncan, Larry Dunbar Jr., Bill and Vicki Dawson, Sam Dawson, Annette and Peter Schwerdinger, Bob Payne, David Christoff, Mark Storch, Frank G. Rowley.

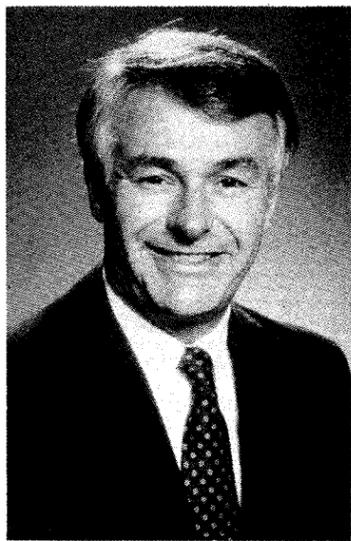
Included also are Jan Phipps, missionary in Jerusalem; Lynn Smith, missionary in Jordan; Tish and Jim Young, missionaries in Morocco, and Lisa and Jorg Schmidt, missionaries in Tunisia.

An Omission

The name of Les Mitchell, Cornell Avenue, was inadvertently omitted from last month's listing of honor roll students at Mariemont High School. He is in the eighth grade.

On Dean's List

William S. Abernethy, 500 Miami Avenue, and Karen Kopich, 835 Indian Hill Road, were among Miami University students named on the dean's list for the first semester of the 1990-91 school year.



In New Post

Terrace Park resident Samuel N. Pruett is serving as 1991 vice chairman for economic development of the Greater Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce. He is vice president - personnel, of the Procter & Gamble Company. His home is at 303 Wanoka Woods.

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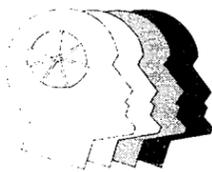
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More On Smoke Alarms

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Officers elected in February for two-year terms are Phil Schneider, president; David Glassmayer, vice president; Francine Glassmayer, treasurer; and Caroline Haskin, secretary.

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Another Letter

Kenyon College junior Jay Taylor, a graduate of Mariemont High School, has been awarded his third varsity letter as a member of the Lords' football team. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Taylor, 819 Princeton.

**Sue Porter On
University
Board**

Terrace Park resident Sue Porter has been named to the advisory board of Ohio University's School of Journalism. She is also beginning her second year as president of the Cincinnati Chapter of the International Association of Business Communicators.

Vice president of Scripps Howard Foundation and editor of Scripps Howard News, Porter now also edits the monthly Mariemont School Bulletin.

Bike-a-Thon Set

Kindervelt No. 76 announces that its annual Bike-a-Thon will be held May 19. Youngsters from 3 through 15 are eligible. Prizes will be awarded.

In Council -

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information.

* Bacon reported that Randy Haller of the maintenance crew is preparing new vandal-proof trail markers for the wilderness preserve.

* Building Inspector Tim Harth reported issuance of five permits for work costing \$58,148.

* Council increased the pay of Village Clerk Jan Popelka to \$13,000, up from the \$10,000 set in 1987.

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