

AARP Chapter Gets Charter

The charter of Terrace Park's AARP Chapter is presented to Dr. Raymond Stoecklin, right, by William Schwartz, just-retired president of the Mt. Washington chapter. (See story on P. 2. Photo by Sally Kniffin)

Another Burglary Recorded But Community Cooperation Pays Off

Terrace Park suffered another burglary during the holiday season, the sixth of the year, but Police Chief Ron Pottorf said that "excellent cooperation" from village residents undoubtedly had prevented others.

"We've had any number of calls from people reporting suspicious circumstances," he said, "and some of them did make it possible for us to turn away some strangers who couldn't give good accounts of themselves. We feel sure that some of them had police records, even though there was nothing we could charge them with here.

"A lot of calls turned up nothing out-of-the-way, of course, but we'd rather find an innocent vacuum cleaner salesman than have another house broken into.

"I don't think any other community in this area can show the cooperation we have had," since the chief and Mayor Bowman in early Dec-

ember sent letters to all householders urging them to keep a watch on neighboring homes.

The burglary was at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rimholt, 619 Floral Ave. The house was entered in late afternoon or early evening by breaking a glass in the front door. Police listed loss as under \$200 in some old coins

It's Peaceful?

So nothing ever happens in Terrace Park?

Police Chief Ron Pottorf's annual report records that his department responded to 6,053 calls in 1980, from barking dogs to burglaries and including 897 checks on vacation homes.

That's an average of just under 17 calls a day, and it doesn't include traffic stops and things handled by telephone.

and stamps.

Chief Pottorf reported, though, an increase in reports of vandalism in the Miami Avenue area particularly. Noting BB shot damage to residence and car windows, he reminded parents of youngsters with air rifles that they are legally liable for any damage.

Five men were arrested for involvement in the six burglaries, three in one instance and two in another. A sixth man, identified through fingerprints at the scene of another burglary, still is at large.

Overpass Elimination Proposal Hits Snag

Village efforts to do away with the old Elm Avenue railroad overpass have run into another bureaucratic snag.

Mayor Dick Bowman reported at the January meeting of village council that correspondence indicated that the Ohio Department of Natural Resources is insisting that the old railroad right-of-way be an open corridor for recreation purposes.

The village has proposed, and won county support for, an at-grade crossing to replace the deteriorating overpass, with provisions for access by hikers and cyclists.

Bowman said he is seeking help from State Rep. Helen Fix. He noted that the village was not consulted or informed at the time the state, with federal aid, acquired the right-of-way from bankrupt Penn Central.

Councilman Les Overway reported he has been meeting with Larry Deckard, village architect, to plan improvements to the interior of the Community House. They are compiling a list of projects to enhance the inside and make it more functional. The first step will be to paint the interior and council passed a resolution enabling Overway to ask for bids not to exceed \$3,000.

Overway said he has had conversations on the need to protect village trees, and commented on the desira-

bility of establishing a tree nursery.

Work on the Given Road bridge is going well and the bridge could be open the first week in February, weather permitting, Jack Van Wye reported. The ditch on Indian Hill Road has been repaired and reworking of the curbstones which are hazards is planned.

Rodger Miller announced that the Recreation Committee is considering placing remaining funds and monies still to be collected from pledges, as well as from any other fund drives it may have, into a permanent trust. The income from such a trust would then be used for future projects.

Council unanimously confirmed reappointments of:

John Getgey — village solicitor

David Ewing — assistant village solicitor

John Eberhard — building inspector/village engineer
Barb Bailey — custodian.
Community House

In other business, Council • heard that the village appropriation suit against Brenda-mour will be heard before Judge William R. Matthews on February 24.

• passed a resolution establishing same millage in 1981 as in 1980.

• learned from John Eberhard

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New Fire, Life Squad Volunteers Sought

At the January meeting of village council, Fire Chief Pierce Matthews stressed the need for new recruits for both the Life Squad and Fire Department.

A sincere interest in this kind of volunteer involvement is a requirement, he said, for the training is rigorous and the commitment is for at least three years.

Anyone interested in knowing more about the program is urged to contact Chief Matthews, either at home or at the weekly Monday night meeting of the Terrace Park Fire Association at the Community House.

Mayor Bowman, speaking as a private citizen, expressed his gratitude to the Fire

Department volunteers, saying that their dedication saves the village and villagers money, and makes the community a safer place in which to live.

In his review of 1980, Matthews said there had been 153 Life Squad runs, 24 Rescue Unit runs, and 39 fire runs. Total fire loss was \$13,900 which included one structural fire and two autos. Radio equipment and clothing have been updated.

The Fire Department Association has named the following officers for 1981:

President — George A Hill

Vice-President — Jane

Bowman

Secretary — Steve Greek

Treasurer — Diana Greer



Bonfire Ends Holiday Season

The holiday season went up in fire and smoke on January 6 as St. Thomas Church and the fire department observed Twelfth Night with ceremonial burning of discarded Christmas trees. The event drew a throng despite falling snow. (Photo by Sally Kniffin)

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that 65 building permits were issued in 1980 and two new homes were built.
 • passed a resolution to apply for advance funds from the property tax for the first four months of the year.
 • accepted Stewart Proctor's resignation from the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Garden Club Guest Night Set

Terrace Park Garden Club will hold its annual evening meeting at the Community House at 8 p.m. on February 3, with members encouraged to bring husbands and other guests.

Mrs. Priscilla Connell, noted wildlife photographer, will give a program of pictures and commentary on "A Bird and Game Safari in East Africa."

Hostesses for the evening will be Mrs. Allan Kain, Mrs. Si Tombaugh and Mrs. Robert Leming.

Dentist Opens New Office Here

Dr. David L. Fritz has opened an office for family dentistry at 614 Wooster Pike in the Village Shopping Center.

Dr. Fritz took his undergraduate degree at Miami University and went on the Ohio State for his dental training. Active in both general practice and as a pedodontist (children's dentist), he spends three days a week treating elementary school children in the Cincinnati school system.

Terrace Park hours will be by appointment on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

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Terrace Park AARP Chapter Gets National Charter



Terrace Park's chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons formally received its charter at its January meeting, after functioning on an interim basis for almost a year.

The charter was presented to Dr. Raymond Stoecklin, acting president, by William Schwartz, recently-retired president of the Mt. Washington chapter.

Interim officers were nominated for new terms under the charter, with the election set for the February meeting. Besides Dr. Stoecklin they are:

Graydon Gallagher and Ray Allison, first and second vice presidents; Marie Stoecklin, secretary; Eleanor Gallagher, treasurer; and Bonita Rawnsley, corresponding secretary.

The chapter already has met its membership goal of 200. Membership is not restricted to Terrace Park, but also includes Milford, Mariemont and Indian Hill.

Founded in 1958, the national organization now has 11.5 million members. It was formed to help older citizens achieve purposeful retirement and to encourage their participation in public affairs, while providing services to

stretch retirement income. Membership, however, is open to persons over 55 but not necessarily retired.

Terrace Park's chapter was organized when several residents felt that the Mt. Washington chapter to which they belonged had become too large and unwieldy. They

were encouraged by the Rev. Robert Gerhard of St. Thomas Church to organize a group here. Meetings have been held in the church undercroft since.

A popular activity has been tours organized for visits to points of interest in the surrounding area.

Nominated for election as officers of Terrace Park's newly-chartered AARP chapter are, left to right, Dr. Raymond Stoecklin, president; Graydon Gallagher, and Ray Allison, first and second vice-presidents; Eleanor Gallagher, treasurer; Marie Stoecklin, secretary, and Bonnie Rawnsley, corresponding secretary. (Photos by Sally Kniffin)

Herrmanns' Mystery Rose Is Identified At Last

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Herrmann, 615 Myrtle Ave., have finally identified an old rose that has puzzled them for 40 years.

The rose was growing on the property when they built their house there in 1935, but nobody could tell what it was or how it got there. Only a recent flurry of correspondence with rose authorities almost nationwide finally pinned it down.

It's an almost forgotten rose called Banshee, believed to be a natural cross in Europe in the late 1700s between *Rosa virginiana*, an American native, and the famous *Rosa damascena* or Damask rose still grown as a source of perfumes. One

difficulty in identifying it is that it is highly variable, to the extent that some rose authorities think it ought to be considered a strain rather than a single variety.

Blossoms are shell pink to white, double or semi-double with from 26 to 33 petals, and develop from single or triple buds to a stem, or in sprays of five. Leaves may be five, seven or 11 on a stem, where familiar roses have three or five. Flowering is late May to late June, and the scent is very heavy, reflecting the Damask rose parentage.

With no local rose experts able to identify it, Mr. and Mrs. Herrmann turned to the American Rose Society, with headquarters in Shreveport, Lou-

isiana. That led to queries to authorities nationwide until word reached Mrs. Edith Schurr of Edmonds, Washington, who provided an identification confirmed by Leonie Bell of Conshohocken, Pa., who had written about Banshee in the American Rose Annual in 1977.

Banshee is considered an "old rose," but that has nothing to do with its age. To rose fanciers, an "old rose" is one without any of the Chinese strains which, introduced to the West in the 1800s, gave rise to most of today's garden roses.

Because of its extreme hardiness, most known plants of Banshee seem to exist in old plantings in the Dakotas and Western Canada. How one came to Terrace Park is a mystery.

Mrs. Herrmann is a longtime member of the Terrace Park Garden Club, and has national credentials as a flower show judge.

Mayor's Court Yield Nearly Doubles in '80

Mayor's court revenues in Terrace Park in 1980 were nearly double those of 1979, according to the annual report of the police department.

Fines imposed did indeed double, going from \$15,463 in 1979 to \$31,721 in 1980. Court costs and forfeitures ran the total figures to \$42,990 last

year as against \$22,735 the year before.

Much of this activity resulted from traffic violations, for which the police issued 1,037 citations as against 658 in 1979. Increases were shown in almost all violations, with 680 citations for speeding alone.

Thirteen arrests were made in connection with the 38 automobile accidents reported in the village, in which there were seven reported injuries but no fatalities.

There were 25 collisions between two or more vehicles, while 13 cars hit traffic signs or other fixed objects.

Police here made 36 other arrests in connection with law violations, including only two for permitting a dog to run at large where there were 11 such arrests the previous year.

Accused Forger Captured Here

A Loveland man only recently released from Ohio Penitentiary was caught by Terrace Park police after he attempted to cash a forged, stolen check for \$200 at the Central Trust Co. branch here.

Chief Ron Pottorf made the arrest on Ohio 126 near Miamiville December 18. He said the man, Arthur Hillard, 24, had in his possession another check stolen from a Loveland home.

Since indicted, Hillard is in jail without bond awaiting trial.

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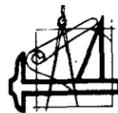
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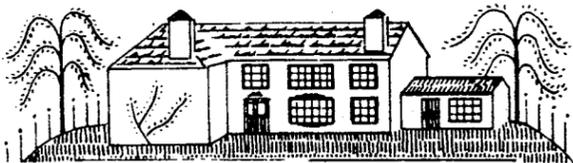
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Between birthday celebrations, Debbie Startsman keeps up with what's going on (Photo by Sally Kniffin)

Terrace Park's Senior Citizen at 95, Debbie Startsman Still Looks Ahead

By Jeanne Sanker

January 13 was an unusual day for Debbie Startsman, one of Terrace Park's best-known residents. It was a special day — her 95th birthday! Friends and relatives showered her with cards and gifts, flowers and phone calls, and climaxed it with a party that evening hosted by a group of church friends.

It was a day for reminiscing about those 95 years spent in the Indian Hill-Terrace Park area; a day for comparing differences of life then and now; a day for sharing tales of some family happenings several hundred years ago.

Debbie's earliest family records tell of three Boone brothers who left England for America in the 1600s, with one of them settling in what is now Indian Hill. She laughs as she claims to be "the original Debbie Boone," no relation, though, to the current one now famous for "You Light Up My Life," although that would have been a most appropriate song for Debbie's special day.

At one time, her family owned 300 acres of land in the Shawnee Run-Given Road area. There was a large home built and it was there that some of Morgan's Raiders, of Civil War fame, stopped to demand horses to replace theirs. The girls of the family told them to go away. They left. Then there was the famous cousin, Daniel Boone, who, family stories say, always stopped by on his way from Kentucky north and back again, always walking.

DEBBIE'S EARLY LIFE was spent in the Indian Hill area in the home of her grandmother, which was built in 1799. Her

own mother had died when Debbie was just two years old. She credits her grandmother's wisdom and sense of values with helping to instill in her a non-complaining attitude and an optimistic and positive outlook on life, with a respect of self so that she could respect others.

She recalls visiting cousins who lived in Terrace Park and attending Sunday School in the old Baptist Church which is now the Community House. Her great grandfather had helped to build an earlier Episcopal Church in an area near the Little Miami, a short distance down the hill from the Steinkamp-Nordloh office building.

Debbie graduated from Terrace Park High School in 1905, the only high school in the area at the time. She recalls happily the dances of those days, when programs were used to keep track of partners.

Music had always played a big part in her life and, as a lyric soprano, she was a member of a singing group which presented operettas during the summers. They travelled by motorized van to entertain other communities with "The Chimes of Normandy," "Olivette," and "Martha," three of the five operettas that she recalled. It was during this period that she met her future husband, Dan Startsman, also a singer with the group.

When Debbie and Dan were married in 1911, there were just 500 people living in Terrace Park. When the day came for them to move into their just-built Rugby Avenue home, however, some of the floors could still not be step-

ped on because of a special covering. So instead of being carried over the threshold, Debbie entered her new home through the den window.

This was rather typical of the fun situations which made the Startsmans' life together 48 years of happy memories of shared experiences, which included trips on a 48-foot cruiser with their children, Debbie and Dan, and their friends; Debbie having her own car when most women were afraid to think about touching a car (she just stopped driving three months ago — a good 68 years behind the wheel); later on, liner trips to Europe and freighter trips to South America.

All this is why Debbie says she is now content just to be at home in Terrace Park, surrounded by her family and friends. She is still active at St. Thomas Church, being responsible for the linens for the Altar Guild. She is a vibrant, interested, and interesting lady who enjoys life everyday, saying that "she can't help what has happened yesterday because it is past, and so she looks forward to tomorrow with pleasure."

Scouts Seek Counselors

Boy Scout Troop 286 needs merit badge counselors. Advancement through earning merit badges is one of the key parts of the Scout program. It provides a boy with new skills; makes him responsible for completing a project; and gives him a sense of accomplishment when an award is earned.

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