

NEWS OF NEIGHBORING COUNTIES

Snyder Indicted In Wife Slaying

Lima Man's Trial Set For March 14

LIMA, Jan. 17.—(AP)—Richard E. Snyder, 26, Monday pleaded not guilty to a charge of first degree murder in the slaying of his wife, Eloise Rose, 26, last Aug. 28.

Snyder was ordered held without bond for trial March 14. A previous murder charge against Snyder was dismissed by the grand jury because of lack of evidence.

THE PRESENT Allen county grand jury indicted Snyder Thursday. The affidavit for his arrest was signed by Carl H. McMillen, father of the slain woman.

Mrs. Snyder's body was found Aug. 29 in the family car which was parked in a filling station parking lot. The coroner ruled she had died of a knife wound in the heart.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—(AP)—The agriculture department reported Monday the number of sheep and lambs on feed for the slaughter market was the smallest on Jan. 1 since 1925. Estimated at 4,145,000 head, the number was 15 per cent smaller than a year ago.

BLOOMDALE.—Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Barringer of Bloomdale and Mr. and Mrs. Charles O'Connor, of Toledo, spent the past week sight-seeing at Key West, Fla. The Barringers are located at Titusville, Fla., for the winter.

Small Kalida Boy Returns Home

KALIDA, Jan. 17.—John Richard Labadie, II, four years of age, arrived in New York City this week aboard the U. S. A. T. General Hershey after spending two years in Germany with his parents, Lieutenant and Mrs. John R. Labadie of Stuttgart.

He was accompanied home by his aunt, Mrs. Robert Stough of Findlay and his grandmother, Mrs. Alfred Quinn of Kalida. He will make his home with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Labadie of Ottawa.

In 1947 Johnny and his mother flew to Frankfurt, Germany in 22 hours. The return trip by boat from Bremerhaven required 13 days.

Lieutenant and Mrs. Labadie will remain in Germany until October.

Hog Creek Drainage Hearings To Resume

KENTON, Jan. 17.—Hearings on assessments for the proposed Hog Creek drainage project will re-open at 10 a. m. Wednesday, Jan. 26. Although Hardin county commissioners conducted a session Friday morning, the time extension was made to obtain additional information.

The project, concerning improvement of several miles of the Hog Creek and approximately 21 laterals, will cost an estimated \$313,000.

Board Re-Organizes

CAREY, Jan. 17.—A reorganization of the board of education was held at the high school recently. Dr. Harry Hosafros was elected president and Dan Weber vice-president. Other members are Russell Gottfried, Dale Frazer and Harry Bowman. Dr. Hosafros succeeds Mr. Bowman and Mr. Weber succeeds Dr. Hosafros.

Quartet To Sing

COLUMBUS GROVE, Jan. 17.—The Deep River colored quartet will give a program at a special chapel for all school children at 12:45 p. m. Wednesday, "Old Man River" and "Old Black Joe" are among the numbers on the program. The public will be welcome.

Retired Farmer Dies Near Cairo

Rites Thursday For John D. Solomon, 77

CAIRO, Jan. 17.—John D. Solomon, 77, a retired farmer, died at 1:20 p. m. Monday on the farm where he was born one and one-half miles east of here. He was 17 six weeks and death was attributed to infirmities.

Mr. Solomon, who lived all his life on the farm which his grandfather obtained as a government homestead, was married on Oct. 1, 1886 to Alberta Cotner, who died April 5, 1924.

He is survived by two children, Mrs. Elmer (Cleo) Wood, at home, and a son, Wayne Solomon, route 5, Lima. There are nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. A sister, Mrs. Diana Waltz, resides on route 5, Lima, and a brother, Milton Solomon, is a merchant in Cairo.

The funeral will be held at 2:30 p. m. Thursday in the Cairo Methodist church, Rev. Walter A. White, pastor, will officiate, assisted by Rev. J. A. Williamson, a former pastor of Canal Winchester. Interment will be in East Side cemetery, Maiko.

The body was taken to the Harris funeral home in Columbus Grove and will be returned at noon Wednesday to the farm residence.

Dr. White Will Get Degree at Bowling Green

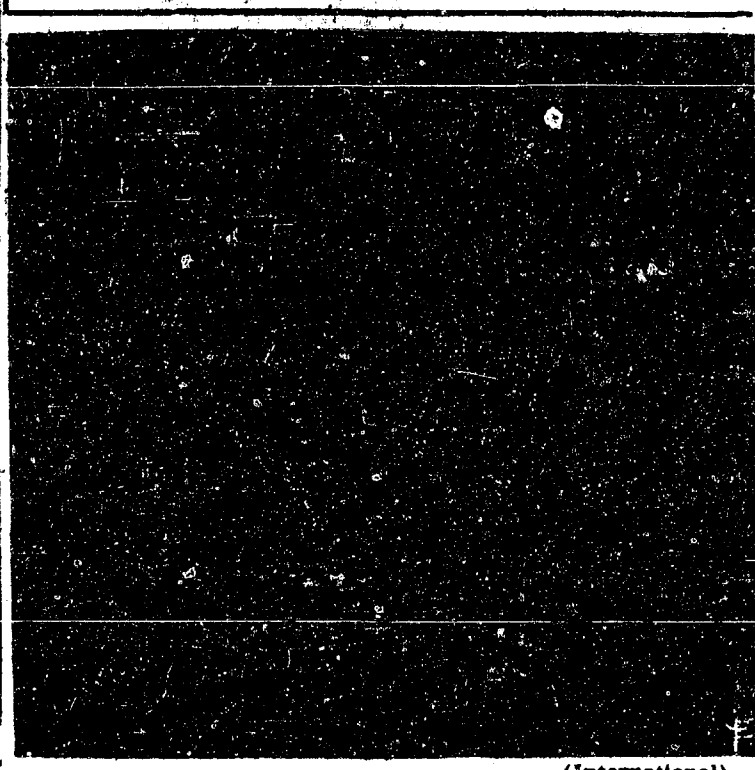
BOWLING GREEN, Jan. 21.—(INS)—Dr. Wilbur W. White, president of the University of Toledo, will receive an honorary doctor of laws degree from Bowling Green State University Jan. 28 during the latter's mid-year commencement.

Dr. White, former dean of the graduate school at Western Reserve university and a graduate of Ohio State university, will be the principal commencement speaker at the Bowling Green exercises after receiving his doctorate from Dr. Frank J. Prout, president of the Bowling Green school.

The Bowling Green mid-year commencement, just added to the college schedule, was necessitated by the unusually large number of students completing college work this semester. More than 110 persons will be awarded degrees at the end of this month.

LEIPSIC.—Repairs have been made to the chimney of the First Lutheran church.

Cats Put Brakes on Spaniel



THE CATS IN THE VICINITY of San Antonio's Wake Forest avenue are having the time of their lives these days. The reason for the rejoicing is that this cocky little cocker spaniel has been considerably slowed up by the cats on his broken legs. The pup, owned by J. A. Alma L. Potter of San Antonio, Texas, is getting along nicely.

Indiana Church Given Memorial

NEW CASTLE, Ind., Jan. 17.—(AP)—The board chairman of Willys-Overland company, Toledo, O., and three of his brothers have given \$100,000 to the First Christian church of New Castle as a memorial to their parents.

The gift was announced today by Rev. Melvin Thompson, who said he was informed of the gift by Ward M. Canaday of Toledo, the Willys-Overland board chairman.

The other brothers contributing are Myron Canaday, Chicago, an official of Reid, Murdoch and company; Frank Canaday, Toledo, U. S. Advertising corporation and William Canaday, New York perfume importer.

The gift will serve as a memorial to Mr. and Mrs. Miles Canaday the parents.

Area Deaths

LIMA.—Mrs. David A. (Mary) Priscilla Shatto, 87, services at 2:30 p. m. Wednesday in Chiles mortuary, James Howard Gross, 50, services at 2 p. m. Wednesday in First Church of the Nazarene; Mrs. Edward E. (Dorell S.) Smith, 58, services at 3:30 p. m. Tuesday in Davis-Miller mortuary.

Six Escape Serious Injury in Two-Car Mishap at Kalida

OTTAWA, Jan. 17.—Six persons narrowly escaped serious injury in a two-car collision at 7 p. m. Sunday in the public square at Kalida, according to Sheriff Arnold Potts who investigated.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence A. Houck of 522-1/2 South Main street, Fostoria, were driving south and making a left turn from Main street into Broad street when their car was struck on the right side by an eastbound car operated by Melietus Gecker, of near Fort Jennings.

Mr. Gecker's wife Esther and their two small sons, Robert, 18 months, and Carl, 10 months, were passengers in his car. Both cars were disabled and had to be towed from the scene by a wrecker.

Recovers From Injury

COLUMBUS GROVE, Jan. 17.—Paul Meyer, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Meyer, who was injured two weeks ago while he and his father were unloading a tractor near the Montgomery Ward and company farm store in Lima, is reported improved and has been taken to his home from St. Rita's hospital. Father and son had taken the tractor to the store for repairs and while unloading it from the truck the tractor fell on the younger man.

Grove Briefs

Mr. and Mrs. George Smith of Findlay were Sunday guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Smith and daughters Margaret and Juneann.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Van Scoder and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sargent returned home after a visit with relatives in Milan, Mich. Mrs. P. C. McKercher and son Ronney returned with them for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Shook and family spent the weekend in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Huston in Union City, Mich. Mrs. Huston who has been visiting in the Shook home has returned to her home with them. Miss Jennie Hartman who has been ill for several months is reported improving.

Ottawa Briefs

Those from this community attending the presentation of a cappella choir at the Auditorium at Bowling Green State university Sunday evening were Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hall, Mrs. Lillian Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Hall, Mrs. Ralph Williams, Mrs. Roy Baker, of Gilboa, Mrs. Theo Kersh, Miss Underferth, Elizabeth Stetschulte, Ellen Vermilya of Ottawa. Edward Kersh, son of Mrs. Theo Kersh, sang in the choir.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lunn and family of Findlay, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gatz and family were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Fairchild and son Dickie.

A turkey dinner was served Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kline to Mr. and Mrs. Dean Bach, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Rollins and son Tony of Belmore, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Russell, Robert Russell of Findlay, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Kline and son Lowell, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Kline and son Gerald.

Mrs. L. D. McGee is spending this week with her son, Harold and family at Maumee. Paul and Mary Lou McCullough, Mr. and Mrs. Frank McGee and son and Miss Lammery were Sunday guests in the McGee home.

London, O., January 15, 1949. William Willey, a prisoner now confined in the London Prison, London, Ohio, admitted from Hancock County, convicted April 1948 of the crime of Non-Support and serving a sentence of 1-3 years is eligible for a hearing before the OHIO PARDON AND PAROLE COMMISSION, on or after March 1, 1949.

By L. E. Chaseworth, Parole and Record Clerk

Wood Co. Medical Society Meeting Thursday Night

LEIPSIC, Jan. 17.—Doctors' wives, nurses and secretaries have been included in the invitation to attend a joint dinner of the Wood County Medical society and the fourth councilor district of the American Academy of General Practice, to be held at 8:30 p. m. Thursday in the Presbyterian church in Bowling Green.

Dr. Edward J. McCormick of Toledo will speak on "The Health of America." President of the district American Academy of General Practice is Dr. W. B. Recker of Leipsic. Dr. H. R. Mannhardt of Bowling Green is president-elect.

The organization embraces 10 northwestern Ohio counties.

Last Rites Today For Thomas Stout

Lima Man Expired From Mishap Hurts

LIMA, Jan. 17.—Funeral services will be at 2 p. m. Tuesday in the Davis-Miller and Son Cathedral chapel for Thomas J. Stout, 20, of 709 Holmes avenue, who died Saturday night in Memorial hospital from injuries received 12 hours earlier in a locomotive-truck crash.

Mr. Stout, a driver for the Duff Trucking company, received a fractured skull and internal injuries when his truck was struck by an eastbound Pennsylvania railroad locomotive at 9:30 a. m. Saturday at the Roush road crossing, two miles northeast of Lima.

Rev. E. J. Penhorwood will officiate at services. Burial will be in Memorial Park cemetery. The body will remain in the funeral home until time of services.

Born in Shawnee township, Allen county, Mr. Stout was an Air Force sergeant during World War II.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy; father and stepmother, Mr. and Mrs. William L. Stout, 189 Holmes avenue; mother, Mrs. John Lorenz; Carey's sister, Mrs. John Stonehill, 718 South Pine street and seven brothers, Paul, Lima YMCA, Harold, 709 Holmes avenue, James, and Richard, both of Needles, Calif., William and Donald, both of Carey and John Stout, Ft. Warren, Wyo.

Bloomdale Lions Club Is Organized, Officers Elected

BLOOMDALE, Jan. 17.—The final organization of a Lions club was completed Friday, Jan. 14 at Bloomdale. The following officers were elected:

President, F. D. Sallisbury; first vice president, Jack Rager; second vice president, Ray Sterling; third vice president, Virgil Donaldson, Jr.; secretary, Robert Wells; treasurer, Robert Hennings; lion tamer, William G. Long; tall twister, Lloyd R. Long.

Long term directors, Dr. Francis Nemick and Robert Plassman; short term directors, William Baird and Dale Sharp. President Sallisbury appointed the following committee chairman: Charter night, V. R. Donaldson, Sr.; membership, C. C. McHaffie; finance, Dale Henline; constitution and by-laws, Carl Good, Sr.

The next meeting will be February 1.

Visitors from Fostoria were O. P. Cramer, George A. Gray and Paul Young; from Wayne, David Sharp.

The Lions International Ohio State secretary, George Bormuth, accompanied by his wife presided at the meeting. Eleven new members signed the charter: J. M. Hamm, I. W. Baird, Jr., Robert Plassman, Dr. F. J. Nemick, M. M. Hamm, Dale Barringer, Harvey Kassling, Seba Leathers, Carl Good, Sr., Herman Eblin and Dale Henline.

Six o'clock dinner was served by Cynthia Sisters of Garnet Temple No. 346, Bloomdale.

Named On Committee

COLUMBUS GROVE, Jan. 17.—Miss Fama Elizabeth Wagner, daughter of Jodie Wagner of Columbus Grove, has been chosen a member of the committee in charge of "Time Out" at Western State college in Kalamazoo, Mich.

It will be given at the annual open house Saturday, Jan. 22, in the ball room of Walwood hall, by Omega Chi Gamma sorority coeds who live off the campus. Miss Wagner is a student in music.

OTTAWA.—Clara R. Honigfort (dec.) has transferred to Oliver Honigfort et al 40 acres in Sugar Creek township and an undivided half interest in another 40 acres in the same township.

Putnam County School Boards Re-Organize For Coming Year

Fourteen Districts Elect Officers To Serve In Administrative Posts

OTTAWA, Jan. 17.—Fourteen Putnam county local school boards held re-organization meeting during the first two weeks in January and the following officers were elected:

Belmore—Harold Myers, president; Mrs. Marie Miller, vice-president; O. E. Hawk, clerk; Warren Otto, Almeda Osborn and J. H. Windle. Meetings, second Monday of month.

Blanchard—Harvey Phillips, president; Frank Sheldler, vice-president; R. U. Hall, clerk; Ralph Baker, Max Crawfils and Robert Williams. Meetings, first Wednesday of month.

Clovesdale—Frank Hoyt, president; C. C. Hestley, vice-president; Ray Campbell, clerk; Dale Zeigler and Ray Knippen. Meetings, last Friday of month.

Columbus Grove—V. L. Elliott, president; J. C. Begg, vice-president; Mrs. Marie Shook, clerk; L. W. Myers, G. J. Niemi and J. C. Bogart. Meetings, third Monday of month.

Continental—Palmer R. R. Wagner, president; Harry Hicks, vice-president; H. C. Loyer, Grant, Sr. and H. R. Kimble. Meetings, first Monday of month.

Glandorf—Adolph Klemm, president; Leo J. Maag, vice-president; Charles Hovest, clerk; John P. Gulker and Sylvester Verhoff. Meetings, last Thursday of month.

Jennings—Julius Berelsman, president; Sylvester Giese, vice-president; J. J. Boehmer, clerk; Sigmund Ricker, Frank Menger and Edward Nicks. Meetings, first Tuesday of month.

Kalida—Alfred Hoffman, president; Frank Schulte, vice-president; A. J. Kahle, clerk; Wilbur Eyer and Alphonse Hohenbrink. Meetings, last Wednesday of month.

Leipsic—Don G. Tawney, president; H. E. Weaver, vice-president; Orville Kneller, clerk; Gordon Dick and Robert Crow. Meetings, third Wednesday of month.

Miller City—New Cleveland W. L. Okuly, president; Albert Verhoff, vice-president; F. M. Ellerbrock and Vincent T. Schroeder. Meetings, second Thursday of month.

Ottawa—Ralph Dush, president; Nathan H. Ganger, vice-president; John E. Roose, clerk; J. W. McDowell and Virgil Kruse. Meetings, second Monday of month.

Ottoville—August Becker, president; Robert Wannemacher, vice-president; C. E. Wesell, clerk; Hubert Pohnman, Alvin Wiegand and Edmund Schimmerer. Meetings, first Friday of month.

Riley—Albert Schutz, president; Fred Grisamore, vice-president; John H. Styer, clerk; Harry D. Sutter, Mrs. Inez Haas and Warren Bridenbaugh. Meetings, third Monday of month.

Sugar Creek—Robert Reese, president; L. G. Evans, vice-president; D. W. Lewis, clerk; A. D. Best and Eugene Jameson. Meetings, last Thursday of month.

The following people were in charge: Dr. W. C. Hickey, district superintendent; district youth director, Rev. William Wilcher; dean of the mid-year institute, Rev. H. D. Ferris; associate, Rev. Howard Tomlinson; Rev. Ralph Tucker; associate, Rev. Don Youcumb; registrar, seniors, Rev. Robert Kinney; intermediates, Rev. Sidney Boggs; recreation leaders, Rev. Edwin O. Bissell and Doyle Shafer; music director, Rev. Wilcher.

The following acted as teachers: Rev. G. W. Whynman, Rev. Glen Myers, Rev. Roy Ballard, Rev. David Jones and Mrs. Charles A. Sargent and Mrs. Korea. For the seniors the teachers were Rev. Glen Hughes, Rev. Lewis Wilson, Dr. Dickey and Rev. Richard Black.

The women of the Continental church served the noon lunch and the evening banquet at the Continental-Palmer school cafeteria and used the gymnasium for the banquet.

Telegrapher Retires

COLUMBUS GROVE, Jan. 17.—C. Wittberg, Sr., of Columbus Grove, an employee of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad has retired after 42 years of service.

Mr. Wittberg started in as a telegrapher here at the A. C. and Y. station at the age of 16. He has worked in the last 31 years on the second track, 3 to 11 p. m. Mr. Wittberg and his wife and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Bogart are vacationing in Florida.

COLUMBUS GROVE.—Mr. and Mrs. Robert Steele are planning a mortgage-burning ceremony and stag party Thursday night. The commander has asked that each member bring a male guest.

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Engine Loses Train

TIFFIN, Jan. 17.—(AP)—Fifty freight cars broke loose from their Pennsylvania railroad engine here Monday and were not discovered until the locomotive was 15 miles away. Automobile traffic at a crossing was blocked for two hours and trains on three railroads were delayed.

Bluffton College Students Improve Living Quarters

BLUFFTON, Jan. 17.—The Lehman house lobby at Bluffton college has been completely furnished and resident men returned after vacation to find the place unfamiliar. The redecorating was undertaken as a project by the residents themselves who desired an improvement of the lobby. With the recent remodeling and building of a second floor bath the lobby has been kept in continual disorder.

Keith Moyer, Mt. Cory college junior and Howard Shelley from East Greenville, Pa., furnished the vacation labor, assisted by William Burdick, house supervisor.

After the redecorating of walls, refinishing of floors and addition of a new rug, the lobby was furnished entirely in maple. At present Lehman house is a most desirable student residence.

Highway Patrolman Will Be Discharged

COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 17.—(INS)—State Highway Director Theodore J. Kauer filed notice with the civil service commission today firing State Highway Patrolman Ned E. Tracht, of Hicksville, effective tomorrow.

Tracht, stationed in Erie county, was charged with conspiring with another patrolman to accept a bribe from the Baffi cell Trucking company of Cleveland. It was alleged that the two patrolmen would permit the firm to overload its trucks in return for payment of the bribe.

The general charges against Tracht were misfeasance, malfeasance, non-feasance and neglect of duty.

News In Brief

NORTH BALTIMORE.—Frank Blake has been returned from Findlay hospital to the home of a daughter, Mrs. Madelyn Connor, where he is recovering from an operation.

NORTH BALTIMORE.—Mr. and Mrs. William Gerdesman have chosen the name of Joseph Byrne for their eighth and one-half pound son born Jan. 9 in Findlay hospital. Mother and son are at their home here.

BLOOMDALE.—Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Rosdale and sons David and Robert have returned to Jacksonville, Fla., after spending two weeks with Mr. and Mrs. Ray Sterling and other relatives here.

LEIPSIC.—Mrs. T. Charles Henry is a patient in Lima Memorial hospital, having undergone surgery Friday.

BLOOMDALE.—Mrs. Eugene Acocis reports the total of \$234.60 from the sale of Christmas seals.

COLUMBUS GROVE.—Dr. and Mrs. Clyde W. Field are parents of a daughter. They have given her the name of Rebecca.

BOWLING GREEN.—A marriage license has been applied for by Harold John Hardy and Ruth J. Allen, both of Wayne.

CAREY.—Mr. and Mrs. Earl Buckingham and son, who have been living in the Keller house just south of Spring Grove cemetery, are moving into the apartment over the Howard's dry cleaning establishment.

CAREY.—Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Stombaugh Saturday attended the Barber Shop quartet parade at the Toledo museum. Their son, Tom Stombaugh, of Toledo, directs a quartet that participated in the parade.

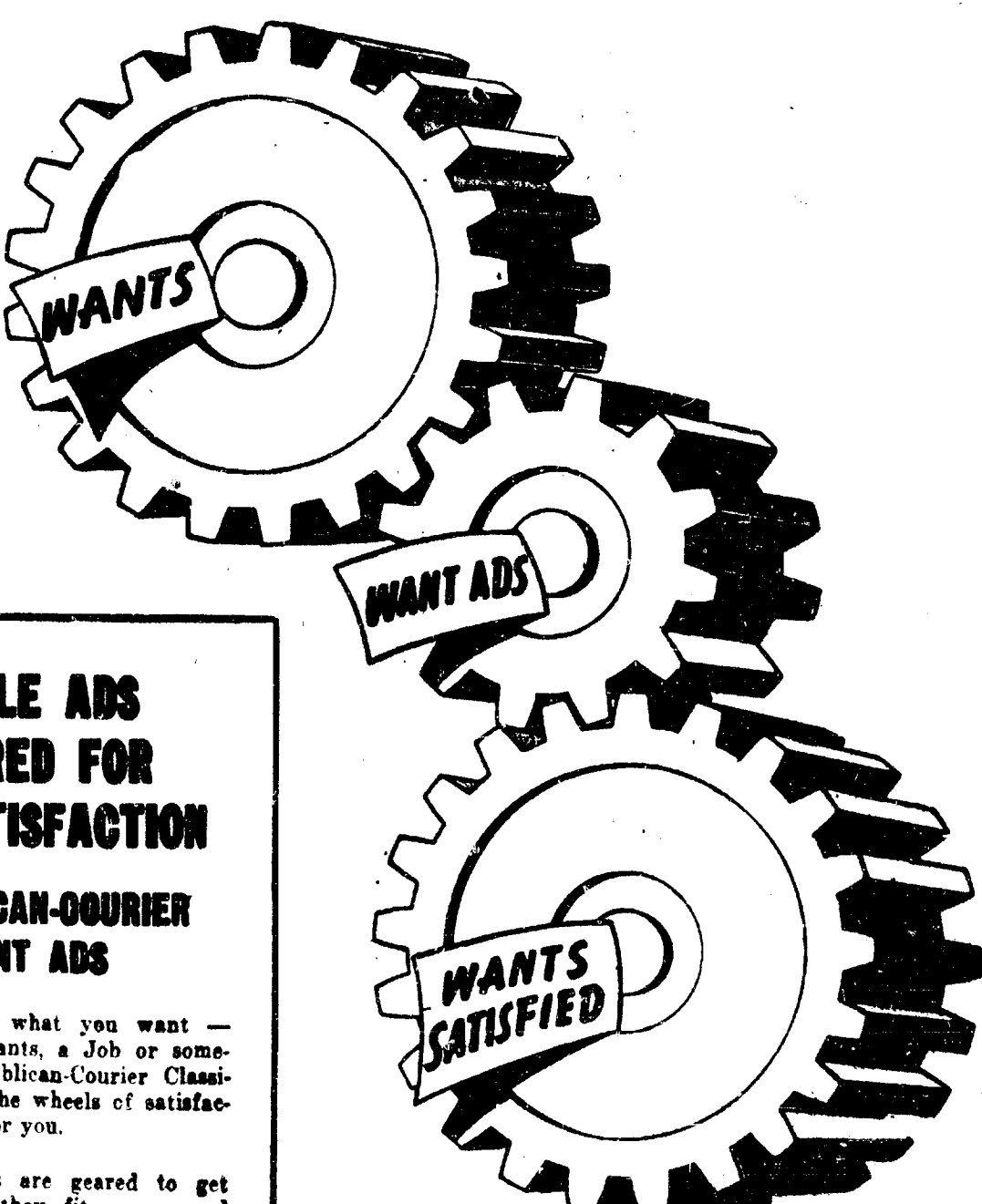
LIMA.—Papers of incorporation have been filed in Columbus for the Christy Equipment company, Lima 2,500 shares no par coin. John H. Davidson, F. Wemmer Gooding, Leslie Reed, Reed and Davidson, also for the Van Wert Telephone company 25,000 shares no par coin. Curtis M. Shetter, W. E. Hamaker, George B. Quatman—Herbruck, Shetter, Roach, Kattman and Hamaker, Canton.

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**Officers Named
By Home Council**

FORT JENNINGS. March 17—Mrs. Leander Brusketter was elected president of the Home Demonstration Council held at the municipal building, in Ottawa.

Other officers are Mrs. Clem Schroeder, Columbus Grove, vice president and Mrs. T. J. Petrus, Fort Jennings, secretary-treasurer.

Retiring officers are Mrs. Lloyd

Van Meter, Pandora, president, and Mrs. Francis Cleverger, Vaughnsville, secretary-treasurer.

The president, Mrs. Van Meter, appointed various committees for Achievement Day to be held at Ottawa on April 19 and for the district meeting to be held at the Ottawa Methodist church on May 3.

FOREST. Cleo Tong is reported quite sick at his home north of town.

**Bloomdale Lions
In Charter Night****New Organization
Lists 38 Members**

BLOOMDALE. March 17—The Bloomdale Lions club held its Charter Night program here on Thursday evening, with 34 members participating in the organization activities.

Officers of the club are: President, Frank D. Salisbury; first vice-president, Jack Rager; second vice-president, Ray A. Sterling; third vice-president, V. R. Donaldson, Jr.; secretary, Robert Wells; treasurer, Robert Hennings; tail twister, Lloyd R. Long; and lion tamer, W. G. Long. Directors are: F. W. Baird, Dale Sharpe and Dr. Francis Nemeck.

R. H. McCullough, Defiance, district governor, presented the charter to President Salisbury, who in turn presented the ball and gavel, Dwight C. Murray, Findlay, past district governor, presented lapel buttons to the members.

The welcoming address was given by Bloomdale Mayor L. R. Graham. Ralph Blaney, Old Fort, international councillor, acted as toastmaster.

In addition to those previously named, charter members of the club include William Archer, Dale Barringer, Dean Conrad, V. R. Donaldson, Sr., Hermon Ebbelin, Robert Foltz, C. M. Good, Sr., M. M. Hamm, Joe Hamm, Cleadus Hawk, D. W. Henline, M. Householder, R. Householder, Harvey Kassing, Orville King, John Kreps, S. E. Leathers, Charles Macals, C. C. McHaffie, John Reddin, O. J. Sharpe and Joseph Studenka.

Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Murray and Mr. and Mrs. Carl P. Kramer, of the Findlay club.

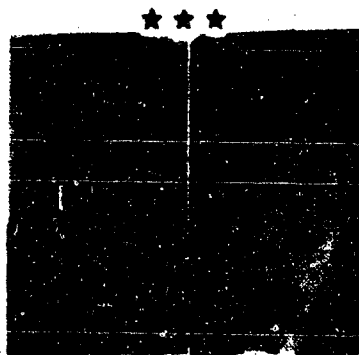
Townsend Club To Meet

Townsend club No. 1 will meet in the Machinists' Hall, East Main Cross street, at 7:45 o'clock tonight. A lunch will be served at 6:30.

Women are asked to take pies for the lunch. A contest will be held during the program.

The eighth district council of Townsend clubs will meet in the assembly room of the Central Ohio Light and Power company Sunday, March 27.

McGUFFEY. Evangelistic services, in charge of Rev. C. E. Bateson of the Bethel Church of Christ, will open in the Church of Christ here on March 21 and continue each evening except Saturday through April 3.

**Staff Members of
ONU Publication**

Members of the staff of the Northern Review are John Stuckey, Dean Porter, Jerry Rymer, business manager (upper right), Dean Porter, managing editor (opposite).

DA. March 17—John Stuckey, Marion, Jerry Rymer, Clairville, and Dean Porter, South Zanesville, have been named editor-in-chief, business manager and managing editor of 'The Northern Review,' official news publication of Ohio Northern university.

Dr. C. H. Freeman, chairman of the publications committee of the university, announced the appointments, effective at the beginning of the spring quarter.

**T. of C. Delivers
Another Blow In
Promotional War**

NEW YORK. March 17—(AP)—The Tournament of Champions landed another blow in boxing's promotional war today when it announced the signing of a "long-term" contract for the use of the Polo Grounds and followed up with a lengthy list of "planned" promotions.

These included a middle weight title fight involving champion Marcel Cerdan of France and probably Tony Zale of Gary, Ind.; a third featherweight championship bout between Willie Pep and Sandy Saddler; a welterweight title defense for Ray Robinson; and possibly a heavyweight elimination series. None of these fights has been signed.

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. March 17—(AP)—Joe DiMaggio likely will start the 1949 season next month as the New York Yankees regular centerfielder. Officials of the club made that observation today after Dr. George Bennett of Johns Hopkins hospital examined DiMaggio's tender heel. Dr. Bennett, here on a vacation, removed a bone spur from the athlete's right heel last November.

MINNEAPOLIS. March 17—(AP)—Elmer (Violent) Ray, heavyweight boxer knocked out by Joe Louis in an exhibition bout at Dallas last night, is through fighting so far as his manager is concerned. Tommy O'Laughlin, Ray's manager, today said he was turning their contract over to the National Boxing association in hopes that body would suspend Ray "for his own good."

4-H Club News

Semper Fidelis
Three new members, Rose Yates, Audrey Arrington, and Nancy McKinley, were accepted recently at the first meeting of the season of the Semper Fidelis 4-H club in Arlington. Thirteen answered roll call, naming favorite flowers.

Projects were chosen. The next meeting will be held April 6 at the home of the adviser. The reorganization committee will consist of Bernice Rodabaugh, Geraldine Walters and Beverly Bibler.

Grange News

Friendship
Pleasant grange presented the traveling program at Friendship grange Tuesday. The following program was presented: Recitation, Dennis Altstaetter; clarinet solo, Donna Harden; solo, Mrs. Harold Conrad; recitation, Fred Altstaetter; drum solo, Ann Harden; reading, Mrs. Russell Williams; solo, Ellis Jones.

LEADS ENCHANTMENT
MILWAUKEE. — **CLUB.** — Bill Pohl, stamp-collecting president of the Kepec Chemical Co., jumped at the chance to bid for a German air mail Zeppelin stamp and cover when he learned the letter was addressed to his own firm. After paying \$1.05 for the stamp, Pohl discovered it was the same one he had given a friend in 1927.

DRIVE FIREMEN NUTS
WARSAW, Ind. — **CLUB.** An unidentified woman made life confusing for the Warsaw fire department. She reported a fire at "the Hyde home." The firemen hurried to the Hyde home in Lakeside. No fire. They sped to the Hyde home in Little Eagle. Still no fire. They never did find a fire.

TIFFIN. — A marriage license has been issued here to Richard G. Booe, York township, Sandusky county, and Marian Rose Purcell, Thompson township, Seneca county.

**Potter Speaks At
McKee P.T.A. Meet****School Improvement
Program Endorsed**

A talk on "Living With My Boy or Girl," annual election of officers, and endorsement of the Ohio school improvement program now before the state legislature, featured the meeting last night of the Parent-Teacher association of McKee school.

Speaker of the evening was William C. Potter, Put-Han-Sen council executive. He used as his theme closer parent-child relationships.

LEROY WOLFE was elected president of the organization for next year. Other officers named are: Vice-president, Robert Galant; secretary, Mrs. Harold Metzker; and treasurer, Mrs. Robert Malcolm.

Martin Winemiller, McKee principal, briefly outlined the legislative program of the Ohio Education association for 1949, and presented a sound film strip, "Ohio's Schools in '49," after which the group unanimously

adopted a resolution of endorsement.

Retiring President John Roberts presided and refreshments were served with the social committee in charge. One hundred and fifty persons attended the meeting.

Area Deaths

LIMA. — Mrs. Sae A. (Sally) Smith, 80, of Harrod, services at 2 p.m. Sunday in Sowards mortuary, Lima. Walter T. Wull, 51, at Tampa, Fla., body en route to Lewis mortuary.

BOWLING GREEN. — Final musical number on the Artists Series at Bowling Green State university will be the Eva Jessy choir at 8:15 p.m. Thursday, March 24, in the men's gymnasium.

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