

## Fairgrounds Plans Wait on Weather

### County Engineering Office To Make Survey of Layout

Master plan for the location of buildings and other facilities on the new Allen-co fairgrounds east of Lima is to be prepared in the near future.

Secretary-Manager Wayne Laibe reported Wednesday the grounds committee will meet to begin this plan as soon as the weather permits deputies in the Allen-co engineer's office to survey the site.

## Special Services Open Lent Season

### Evening Rites Set For Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, ushered in 40 days of fasting, penitence and abstinence for Lima Christians in preparation for Easter.

Roman Catholics and others appeared with ash smudges on their foreheads, a symbol of the custom which began 1,200 years ago.

While many may believe Ash Wednesday is derived from the New Testament it is actually based on the Old Testament. The custom started in the 8th century and is based on the penance of "sackcloth and ashes" spoken of by the prophets in the Old Testament.

**LIMA CHURCHES** entered the Lenten season with special services. St. Rose Catholic church observed mass at 8 a. m. as did St. Gerard's Catholic church. Other services for the two churches are scheduled for Wednesday evening.

St. John's Catholic church has planned services for Wednesday evening also. Christ Church, Episcopal had communion services 7 to 9:30 a. m. Wednesday.

Other churches have scheduled Ash Wednesday services for the evening.

## Hotel Guest Reports Billfold, \$158 Stolen

Theft of his billfold containing \$158, was reported to police Wednesday by Robert K. Hoffman, of Cleveland, an employee of the Standard Oil Co.

Hoffman said he entered his room in a downtown hotel at 2:30 a. m. Tuesday and discovered his loss when he awakened at noon. The billfold was found later near a fire escape door in the hotel by an employee. The money had been removed.

**For Safety's Sake** Pheasants developed short, stubby wings for a reason. Long, pointed wings would be disastrous to a bird that must rise quickly from underbrush.

## June 8 Execution Date Set For Ex-Lima Hospital Inmate

Delbert Spencer, 51, former Athens railroader who was an inmate of the Lima state hospital for three years, Tuesday was sentenced to die in the electric chair at Ohio penitentiary June 8.

Spencer was convicted last December of murdering Mrs. Pauline Bailey, 33, at her mother's home at Glouster, July 22, 1946. Spencer was ordered to stand trial for the murder after Dr. R. E. Bushong, superintendent of the Lima hospital, ruled that Spencer's reason had been restored.

Common Pleas Judge Roy D. Williams, of Athens, overruled a

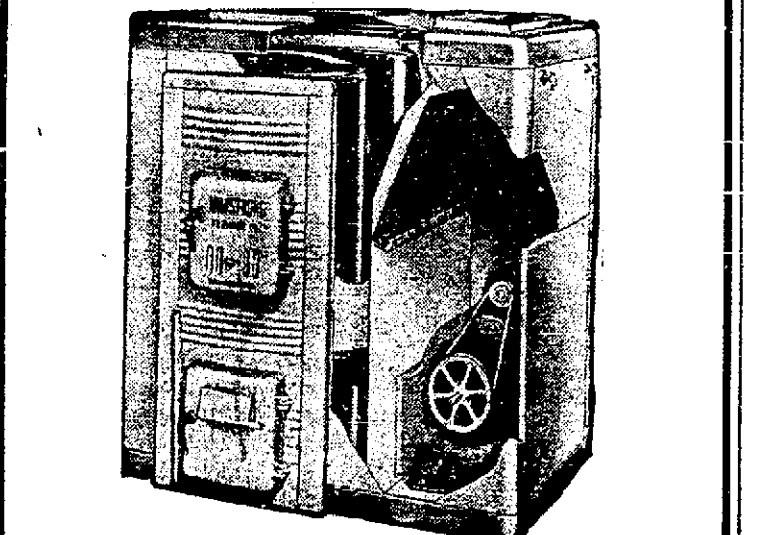
motion by Spencer's counsel for a new trial before setting the date of execution.

**Rural Mail Carriers, Auxiliary Meet Here**

West Ohio Rural Letter Carriers-associ and Ladies auxiliary met at 10 a. m. Wednesday in the YMCA. Principal speakers at the meeting were Russell Landis, West Alexandria, state president; Virgil Porch, Lima post-office inspector, and the Rev. Willard Thomas, Harrod. Another session is slated for 1:30 p. m. Wednesday.

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J. W. SCHOONOVER

## Schoonover Maps Red Cross Drive

### Allen-co Chapter Eyes \$30,852 Goal

Final arrangements are being made for start of the 1950 fund campaign of Allen-co chapter, American Red Cross. J. W. Schoonover will be chairman, by appointment of T. Carl Jansen, chairman of the county chapter.

A goal of \$30,852 has been set for the drive. Also the entire month of March has been designated as Red Cross month, Schoonover said, seeking contributions is scheduled for the first two weeks.

Chairmen to assist Schoonover will be announced later this week.

Location of the baseball park to be used by the Lima club cannot be determined until this master plan is completed, he explained. A lease for five acres of the fairgrounds as a site for a ball park was signed Tuesday afternoon by the Allen-co Agricultural society, which operates the county fair and the Lima Athletic Club, Inc., which operates the team.

**UNDER TERMS OF** the lease, the agricultural society may use the baseball park each year during fair week free of charge, provided it is left in the same condition as prior to the fair.

Also, the society has the privilege of using the park at any other time during the year provided it does not conflict with the schedule of the baseball club.

As soon as the board of directors of the agricultural society adopt a master plan for the grounds and the location of the ball park is determined, work will be started on the park, it was learned from J. Ramon Laibe, president of the baseball club.

## Mayor Nominates Three For 'Air Observer' Post

Three World War II veterans were nominated Wednesday by Mayor Stanley A. Welker for position of air observation supervisor.

They are Joseph B. Quatman, local attorney Ted Helsler, industrial relations director at Superior Coach Corp., and Richard B. Taylor of the Taylor Glass Co.

Quatman and Helsler served with Army intelligence during the war while Taylor was a bomber pilot in the Air Force.

**THE MAYOR** will forward the names of the three men to Maj. Gen. Leo M. Kreber, Ohio adjutant general, who will make the final selection. Whoever is chosen by Kreber will have charge of recruiting volunteers for a ground observer corps or aircraft warning service which will function as an auxiliary of the U. S. Air Force.

An air raid warning system already has been established in 10 Eastern states and now is being expanded to 25 others. Aircraft spotters will be trained to man observation posts and then will be retained on a standby basis to be called when needed.

## Scout Troop Holds Covered Dish Supper

More than 70 members and guests of Boy Scout Troop No. 13 attended a covered dish supper Tuesday night at the High Street Evangelical United Brethren church.

Scoutmaster Laurence Stombaugh presented a film, "Realm of the Wilds," and a social hour followed. Among the guests were Carl Horn, neighborhood commissioner, and the Rev. Frank Hamblen, pastor.

## Borrowed Time Club To Entertain Guests

Five members of the board of directors of the Allen-co Agricultural society which disbanded in 1918 will be guests of the Borrowed Time club, at a meeting Friday afternoon in Memorial hall.

A luncheon is planned for noon in the Barr hotel, followed by a meeting at 2 p. m. Guests will be Edward Youngpeter, Lehr Miller, C. C. Armond, I. J. Hall and M. L. Mayer.

## Lowell F. Schaeublin To Address Engineers

### Former Lima Man, Now State Official, To Discuss Roads

A former Lima man, Lowell F. Schaeublin, now assistant state highway director, will speak at a meeting of the Maumee Valley chapter, Ohio Society of Professional Engineers, at 6:30 p. m. Thursday in the Kirwan hotel.

His subject will be "Problems and Programs of our Highway Department." Because of the broad public interest in the subject the society will welcome guests to the dinner meeting. Tickets may be secured from Fred Horn or Robert Sheik.

A World War I veteran of the 37th Division, Schaeublin has been with the highway department for 25 years. He started as an instrument man in the Lima division in 1925 after his graduation from Ohio Northern university in civil engineering.

He has served as division maintenance engineer, assistant chief maintenance engineer, chief maintenance engineer and finally assistant director and chief engineer. He is a native of Allen-co.

## Alger Lions Club To Get Charter Wednesday Night

E. J. Ward, Lima, district governor, will present the charter to the newly-organized Alger Lions club at its charter night meeting at 6:30 p. m. Wednesday in the Alger Methodist church.

The club will be the 50th to be chartered in district 13-D. A Lima Lions club delegation of 10 members and their wives also will attend.

Observance of Brotherhood week featured in the Lima club's Wednesday noon luncheon meeting. Speakers included the Rev. Paul N. Runk of Central Church of Christ; the Rev. J. T. Crabie of the Second Baptist church; Rabbi Myron B. Movsky of the Shaare Zedek synagogue, and Msgr. James S. Elder of St. Rose Catholic church.

## Fire Chief Halts \$50 Fire before Alarm Is Sounded

No one can say the Lima Fire department isn't on the ball. Fire Chief Walter L. Hydaker was fighting a fire before the alarm was turned in Wednesday morning.

Hot clinkers thrown against a waste paper baler caused an estimated \$50 damage, mostly smoke, in the Minnick Chevrolet, Inc., Truck division, W. High-st. Chief Hydaker was hailed from the street in front of the auto agency while he was walking to work. He had the small fire under control when the rest of the department arrived.

## Tractor Spill Fatal

XENIA, Feb. 22—(INS)—Nathan Bozarth, 75, was killed yesterday when his tractor overturned on his farm near Cedarville.

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## Theatre Plaster Falls on Patron

### Ceiling Repaired, Declared To Be Safe

Mrs. Charles Gast, 58, of 1071 N. Main-st, suffered a scalp laceration Tuesday evening when falling plaster struck her while in the State theatre auditorium.

An unidentified member of the audience received a minor leg laceration. Ted Davidson, theatre manager, reported. The slab of plaster, a foot wide, four feet long and a fourth-inch thick, fell from the ceiling.

MRS. GAST was removed to St. Rita's hospital in a Davis-Miller and Son ambulance. Her condition at noon Wednesday was reported good.

Davidson said that plasterers completed repairs early Wednesday. They also examined the rest of the ceiling and found it safe.

Tuesday's movie bill was "Intruder in the Dust" and "East Side, West Side."

## Center Seeks Lights

Bids will be opened Mar. 13 by Mayor Stanley A. Welker for sale of four old boulevard light standards. The lights are sought by Bradford center which already has submitted a sealed bid.

## District Census Chief To Speak at Grandview

Grover C. McDaniel, district supervisor of the Bureau of Census, will be speaker for an open meeting in the Grandview Homes Community-bldg Friday. McDaniel will speak at 8 p. m. on the "Aims, Intent, Objectives, and Purpose of the 1950 Census."

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## Packed House Hears Pittsburgh Symphony

A packed house of symphony music lovers thrilled to the music of the Pittsburgh orchestra Tuesday night.

The 93-piece unit, brought here under the auspices of the Northwest Civic Music-associ, presented a full concert program of five numbers plus an encore at the Ohio theatre.

Paul Paray, noted French director, was guest conductor. Mozart's overture to "The Magic Flute," opened the program and in turn put the audience in the musical mood for the second part of the program, Franck's "Symphony in D minor."

## Wesleyan President Here Wednesday Night

Dr. Arthur S. Flemming, president of Ohio Wesleyan university, will speak to approximately 400 persons at 6:30 p. m. Wednesday in the Barr hotel.

Dr. Flemming's topic will be "Report on the Hoover Commission." The dinner is sponsored by the Lima Association of Commerce and 18 neighboring communities and organizations. The meeting is open to the public. Tickets for the affair may be obtained at the Association of Commerce office in the Cook Tower.

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