

Lima's Sigma Theatre Reopens Friday Night

\$175,000 Rebuilding Program Completed Thursday after Destructive 1949 Fire

Warner Bros. Sigma theatre, rebuilt following a disastrous fire early on Mar. 1, 1949, will open its doors at 5 p. m. Friday. Final touches were being applied Thursday to the \$175,000 building and refixturing program which was started last October. Ted Davidson, manager of the theatre, said no elaborate ceremonies will be held for the reopening.

The "new" theatre has 815 seats, 75 fewer than the old theatre. Wider aisles and a more efficient seating arrangement has taken up the extra space.

NEW SOUND system, screen, and special acoustical treatment, air conditioning, new marquee, restrooms and indirect lighting have been added.

Earl Craft, former manager of the Warner Bros. Capital theatre in Sidney, has taken over the management of the company's State theatre here. Davidson has directed the State since the fire on a temporary basis.

With the exception of the walls and some projection equipment which escaped serious damage in the blaze, the showhouse was destroyed in the fire.

Cause was never determined but firemen traced the fire's origin to a women's restroom.



TED DAVIDSON



Miss Espersen and Mrs. Ritter
Danish Student Talks to AAUW

Altho Miss Karen Espersen of Holme-Olstrup, Denmark, knew about America only from newspapers and movies, she told members of the Lima branch, American Association of University Women, Wednesday that she is not surprised nor disappointed in what she has found in Ohio.

The speaker, who is doing graduate work this year at Ohio State university on an AAUW fellowship grant, is shown at left with Mrs. Karl Ritter, 1420 Shawnee-rd, Ohio Division fellowship chairman.

Miss Espersen addressed the branch members at an evening meeting in the Friends of Music Art Center.

IN DISCUSSING HER native country, Miss Espersen said that state socialism is well advanced, having control of state supported religion—the Lutheran church, control of medicine and of the railroads.

Their king has less power than Mr. Truman, and never vetoes any bill, she said.

The status of women is about as it is in the United States, except that Denmark has a higher percentage of women in professional life. In their 143-seat House of Representatives, 14 women now hold seats. The Social Democrat party is in power at present.

DANISH TRAVEL, even in Copenhagen, is mainly by bicycle, the country being so small and flat—about half the size of Ohio.

When her schooling is over in June, Miss Espersen will visit a few well-known glass works in Ohio.

Parking Meter Contract Signed

101 New Units Cost City \$54.25 Each

Contract for 101 manually operated parking meters was signed Wednesday afternoon by Mayor Stanley A. Welker with the Mi-Co Parking Meter Co. of Covington, Ky.

The meters will cost the city \$54.25 each plus freight. They will be installed in the city-owned parking lot behind the Municipal-bldg.

Bids were received Oct. 13, 1949, but awarding of the contract was held up until it was decided definitely to proceed with the improvement of the lot.

Mayor Welker said purchase of the Kentucky meter was recommended by Traffic Inspector Donald F. Miller.

Engineers To Hear Research Director

Lima subsection, American Institute of Electrical Engineers, will meet Friday evening in the Ohio Power Co. auditorium. Dr. Joseph Slepian, associate director of Westinghouse Research laboratories, Pittsburgh, will speak on "The Engineer Can Be Wrong."

Editor To Address District Lions Clubs at Grover Hill

Paul Schrader, managing editor of the Toledo Blade, will address members of the Lions club, District 13-D, which includes Lima, Sunday evening in Grover Hill.

Michael Bradshaw, editor of the Blade, originally was scheduled to speak. However, he recently underwent surgery and will be unable to attend.

Schrader's subject will be "What Are We Buying with Our Billions?"

ABOUT 60 Lima Lions and their wives have made reservations for the meeting. In the district, more than 275 reservations have been made.

Miss Ruth Ann Parmenter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. (Neil) Parmenter, 334 N. Woodlawn-av, will represent the local club in the queen contest Sunday. She will compete with 14 other young women from this district. Winner will go to Cincinnati for the state elimination and the Ohio queen will be entered in the Lions International contest July 16 thru 20 in Chicago.

Other district contestants will be from Celina, Alger, Grover Hill, Coldwater, Defiance, Bluffton, Richwood, Kenton, Ft. Recovery, Bryan, Urbana, Van Wert, Wayne and Plain City.

A QUARTET CONTEST also is planned for the evening session. Groups from Lima, Columbus Grove, Coldwater, Ft. Recovery and Grover Hill are entered.

Lima's quartet will be made up of Robert McGraw, James Parmenter, Jack Martino and Thomas McGue. Richard Ollis will be accompanist.

The afternoon meeting, beginning at 2 o'clock, will be in charge of Merle E. Blue, Dunkirk. E. J. Ward, Lima, district governor, will announce awards and introduce A. B. Dredge, Springfield, International director.

Talks on "Juvenile Braille" and "Ohio Red Jackets" will be given by Robert Hahn, Spencer-ville, and Edward Lape, Bluffton. Nomination of officers will conclude the afternoon program.

Ward also announced Thursday that charter night programs are planned at Bradner Thursday evening and at Lakeview May 14.

Horns are permanent, but antlers are shed periodically.

Lions Bulletin Editor Honored

Robert Short, editor of the Lima Lions club bulletin, will be honored Sunday as the leading club reporter in District 13-D, of Lions International. The annual district convention will be held at Grover Hill high school Sunday.

E. J. Ward, district governor, announced Wednesday that the Lima bulletin was adjudged best Second place went to Urbana and third to Bryan. Judges for the event were John Tweedy of Montpelier, Thurman Johnson of Grover Hill and John McClain of West Liberty. All are newspaper editors.

Entries for two months were judged on content, style and completeness.

Ex-Limaite Held In Portsmouth

Carl E. Patton, 21, formerly of 211½ S. Union-st, pleaded guilty to auto theft in Portsmouth Municipal court Thursday. State highway patrolmen arrested Patton, a private stationed at Ft. Benning, Ga., Wednesday about four miles south of Chillicothe. They said the car was stolen in Portsmouth.

Judge Kenneth Cranston bound Patton to the grand jury. He was jailed when unable to post \$500 bond.

Safety Council OKs Car Check

Voluntary Inspection Program Begins May 1

The Allen-co Safety Council gave its approval Wednesday night to an automobile safety check program, being promoted on a statewide basis by the Ohio Automobile Dealers-assis.

Judge Walter S. Jackson, president of the council, spoke briefly in support of the plan at a meeting in the offices of the Lima Association of Commerce.

Carl B. Horn, Lima automobile dealer and a vice president of the state dealers group, outlined the program which is set to begin here May 1 and continue thru September.

UNDER THE PLAN automobile owners may take their cars to an "approved" service garage for a safety inspection. If the car passes the required tests, the owner receives a sticker, showing the car has been approved.

The stickers will be honored by traffic officers who will conduct the annual automobile inspections. The Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police, Inc. has approved the program. Police Chief Kermit L. Westbay is first vice president of the association. Dealers will turn over to the Safety Council, which is affiliated with the Lima Association of Commerce, duplicate inspection certificates for filing.

Church Expense OK'd
Allen-co Common Pleas court has granted Sugar Creek Church of the Brethren authority to encumber the church property for \$2,500 for improvements to be made at the church.

Students Visit News
Members of junior and senior classes at Union high school, Van Wert-co, toured The Lima News plant Thursday. The group, under the supervision of John Hebb, was in Lima for an all-day excursion.

600 Persons Transients in Lima Tuesday

Lima had more than 600 transients Tuesday night according to Grover McDaniel, chief of the Lima area population census district.

Final tabulations have not been made, he said, but the majority of the persons staying in Lima Tuesday night were counted. The local "T" night program, to count transients, went off like "clock work" McDaniel added.

Crew leaders reported Lima's hotels were packed. The program to count transients thru-out the country ends Friday, he said.

Candidate Here

Allen N. Corlett, Shaker Heights, Republican candidate for lieutenant governor, was a Lima visitor Thursday. He talked with several Republican party leaders here and made a tour of some of the courthouse offices.

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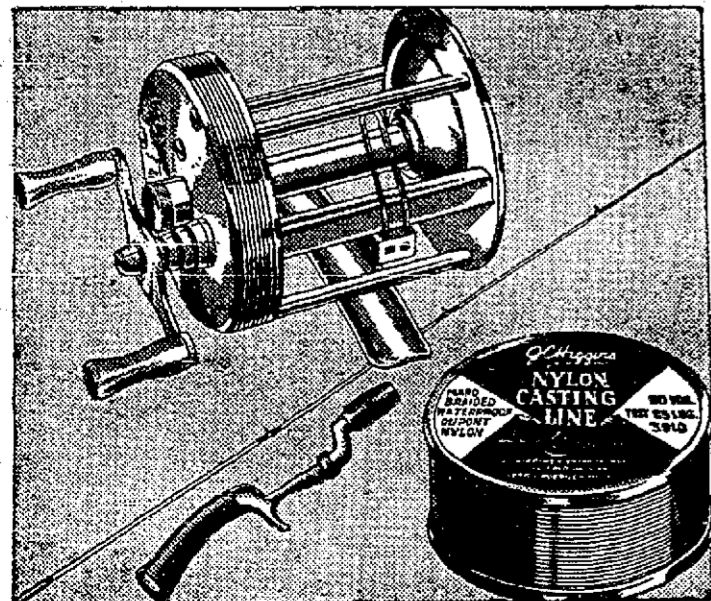
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