

Shoplifter Gulps Down Profits Like Camel With Thirst

By CHUCK DELL
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A major threat to today's businessman is the danger that gulps profits like a camel just in from a long jaunt in the desert — the shoplifter.

Millions of dollars are lost each year by the nation's businesses victimized by "thrill-seekers," kleptomaniacs, professionals, and the destitute.

Some major chain stores operate with a minimum of profit and many items are sold at or below cost.

Annual statements released each year reveal many stores operate on as little as one per cent profit, relying on high volume. This is the rule rather than the exception in today's highly competitive business circles.

Such low profit margins make it imperative to maintain strict control of inventories and it is possible to lose the profit on a \$25 sale through the theft of a single carton of cigarettes.

Alert Employees

Many businesses have attacked the problem with vigor. Mirrors, false vents, one-way glass panels and X-ray devices are a few safeguards. But, the major preventative involves alert employees.

Many large stores conduct regular anti-shoplifting seminars where employees are trained to combat the favorite tricks of shoplifters.

Although most apprehended shoplifters profess to be destitute, few fall into this category. A local merchant apprehended a shoplifter who claimed to be destitute, while stealing a bottle of wine and a carton of cigars.

While many destitute shoplifters refuse to ask for help because of embarrassment, most will take only small items which can be consumed quickly. This type of shoplifter is not a major problem.

Most thrill-seekers take small, high-priced items such as records, health and beauty aids, household items and clothing. All are items which aren't needed by the thief, but represent lucrative possession if obtained.

Thrill-Seekers

Many thrill-seekers are teenagers who are susceptible to "dares" but the category can include any age. They are among the most difficult to apprehend, because they generally have the help of friends who may act as lookouts.

Kleptomaniacs present a real problem to the businessman. The Habit-prone shoplifter many times are successful persons who cannot correct their fault without psychiatric treatment.

Merchants of major metropolitan areas list the professional as the major problem.

Professional shoplifters have no problem selling stolen merchandise. There are waiting markets for the goods. All is bartered well below actual value, but the pro operates on the theory that half is better than none.

Not all professionals are small operators. Several years ago, a South Main Street business apprehended a man who was stealing full cases of cigarettes from the store's stockroom. The cases of cigarettes, valued at around \$100, were placed inside empty soft drink cases and taken out the door.

Most chain stores have a policy requiring all apprehended shoplifters be arrested. Law enforcement agencies also encourage this policy. It is considered the best method of reducing the problem.



'POSTMAN'S HOLIDAY' — Winston Berry of 311 S. Kenilworth is shown here in his basement recreation room with his large collection of stamps. He is the assistant superintendent of mails at the Lima Post Office but enjoys thumbing through his collection after work.

Mailman's 'Cup Of Tea' Is Stamps, Postal Lore

By BOB PENDERGAST
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Winston Berry, a 38-year-old veteran of the Lima Post Office, has one of the city's most extensive stamp collections.

In addition, Berry is a collector of local post office history. The assistant superintendent of mails at the Lima Post Office is a native of Milton in southeastern Indiana. He came here with his family when he was seven.

Berry worked a number of his earlier years in local shops and plants before taking the postal examination. He took the Civil Service test in June 1924, finishing second among the candidates, and began work Sept. 1 of that year.

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Lima Coed May Queen
Connie Cisco, 20-year-old history major from Lima, has been elected May Day queen at Capital University of Columbus.

Queen Connie will reign May 4-5. The weekend festivities include the Masquers' production of "Cyrano de Bergerac" both Friday and Saturday nights, a variety show Saturday morning, a parade and queen coronation Saturday afternoon and the May Day dance Saturday night.

Weekend Commuter
Mrs. Berry is the companion of Catherine Galvin, former owner of The Lima News, and she now spends time with Mrs. Galvin at Worthington, where Berry commutes each weekend.

Both Berry and his wife, Martha, are long-time members of the Central Church of Christ's Disciples and both are Sunday school teachers.

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Dan Smoot Will Report On Censors
Dan Smoot will report on the censorship of military officers' speeches on WIMA Radio.

Chosen as Queen Connie's maid-of-honor was Judy Eberhard, 21, of Grove City. She is a math major. Both the queen and maid-of-honor are juniors.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Owen B. Cisco, 3879 S. Dixie highway, Lima, Connie was graduated from Shawnee High School in 1959. She was a Kappa Sigma Theta sweetheart candidate in 1961 and a Daisy Mae candidate in 1960. Her many extra-curricular activities include being president of a freshman annex, a sophomore counselor, secretary to the Alpha Chi chapter of KST sorority and a member of the Women's Recreation Association.

Council OK Expected In Easement Purchase

City council is expected to pass an ordinance Monday night providing the administration with funds and the authority to purchase easements for the sewer improvement and expansion program.

The ordinance will be the only piece of legislation facing council. Two controversial police-requested ordinances are scheduled for consideration April 16.

According to Law Director John Evans, the easement ordinance requested last week by council will enable the city to spend up to \$1,500 to purchase right-of-way easements needed for the \$2,700,000 sewer program. Other money will be appropriated later.

It was explained to council last week by street, sewer and zoning committee chairman Robert Kemmer and coordination Director Frank Callahan that the cost of easements vary with the property.

Callahan said some easements could cost as high as several hundred dollars. Others, according to Kemmer, may cost only \$1.

Before council considers the easement ordinance, it will get a chance to preview arguments being prepared for next Monday night's meeting against the two police department requested ordinances.

A letter from the Bullseye Busters Rifle and Pistol Club protesting the firearms information ordinance will be read. Other protests, especially from dealers handling firearms, are also expected.

The gun dealers, through 3rd Ward Councilman C. W. (Dan) Bradford, received a two-week delay last week in order to prepare their arguments.

Evans said Saturday the other police-requested ordinance requiring felons to register upon arrival in Lima, will also be ready then. This, too, has run into opposition.

The board of determination will report on its Thursday night meeting held at the request of council. Included in the report will be details of the city's major street resurfacing program.

That parking problem around the Baldwin - Lima - Hamilton Corp. plant appears solved. The traffic commission will issue a report stating that when Norval Avenue was repaved, two-hour parking signs were taken down and never replaced. According to the commission, the signs will be put up again.

At the same time, the commission will ask council to authorize legislation restricting parking on Fifth Street, near Norval Avenue, to two hours.

The commission will also tell council it is studying a recommendation from an interested

citizen that all u-turns and left turns be eliminated and all streets made two-way streets.

City Planning Director George

Kruse will provide council with a copy of his department's progress report. It is the same report that led to hints the planning commission may press for construction of

a limited access urban loop from Interstate 75 to the central business district.

The city auditor will issue to council his monthly report. In addition, he will issue a quarterly report.

Police officials will request legislation authorizing the administration to advertise for bids and enter into contract for purchase of new uniforms.

Mayor William Nungester, in a note to council, will seek authority to advertise for bids and enter into contract for the purchase of several vehicles.

The Lima Lions Club will ask the city to participate in "Lions Candy Day for the Blind" May 4. In its letter to council, the service organization points out that Gov. Michael DiSalle will proclaim that day "Candy Day for the Blind."

Council will be asked to approve a city sewer extension for Carrol Mathys at Roberts Avenue and East High Street Road.

To Attend Meet

Dr. Patrick A. Connaughton, medical consultant to the Lima field office of the state Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation will attend a joint meeting of all bureau medical consultants with the newly-formed Medical Advisory Committee, April 14, in Columbus.



FIRST RECORD — Lima Symphony Orchestra conductor and musical director William Byrd holds a copy of the first album recording of the local orchestra placed on sale this week. Seven selections in the album were taken from concerts over the past season and were recorded during actual performances at Memorial Hall. See story page B-5. (Lima News Staff Photo)

Delegates Of 74 Clubs Here For Lions Parley

Lima today will host the 74 affiliated District 13-D clubs of Lions International from Northwest and Central Ohio.

An afternoon business session plus a banquet tonight will highlight the convention. In addition, wives of the Lions will have an afternoon tea and entertainment.

Lima will be the host club for the convention in the Clemans Building.

Featured speaker at the banquet will be Henry J. McFarland of Albany, N. Y., a director of Lions International.

Registration for the convention will be from 11:30 a. m. to 1 p. m. in the Cypress Room. At 1 p. m. there will be an opening session for Lions and their wives in the Royale Pines Room, opened by Linwood F. Miller of Paulding,

deputy junior governor of the district.

Dennis McGraw, song leader for the Lima club will lead the delegations in singing "America, and repeating the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Rev. Paul Cramer will lead the invocation and conduct the necrology service for district Lions who died during the past year.

Welcome Address
At 1:30 p. m., the business session will begin with Stan Govetwin, senior deputy district governor from Columbus Grove and district governor-elect, making the introductions. Dr. Dean Courtad, president of the Lima Lions, will deliver the host club welcoming address. Mayor William Nungester will welcome the delegates to Lima.

Neil Parmenter, international counselor from the Lima club, will make the response.

Jay B. Patterson of Toledo, district secretary - treasurer, will conduct the roll call.

Reports from various committees — including state, zone as well as the district secretary, deputy governor and governor — will be heard.

The election of the new district

governor will follow. Goodwin will assume the position, with junior deputy governor Miller moving into the senior spot and Lions balloting for a new junior deputy.

Two candidates for the post are Warren Schmidt, 503 Thomas and

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HENRY MCFARLAND Speaker

THE SECOND SKETCH Bugs Finds Big Egg-- Youngsters Can, Too

It looks very much as if Bugs Bunny managed to find an extra large Easter egg, much to the disappointment of Porky Pig. And now you can have more coloring fun with the second sketch in our BUGS BUNNY EASTER COLORING CONTEST. There is no limit to the wonderful colors you can use on this sketch. We hope that by this time you already colored the first sketch. Now get busy with this one.

Every girl and boy up through 12 years old is eligible to enter this contest and every child has a fine chance to win one of the prizes. Do the neatest and best coloring job you can. Mom or dad can give you suggestions, but you must do the coloring yourself. And be sure to print your name, age and address below the sketch.

When this sketch is finished, watch for the third and final sketch. In it you'll find that Elmer Fudd made a mistake when he took a snooze with Bugs Bunny around. It really should be fun to use crayons or paints on this sketch.

Remember to hold all three sketches until you have completed them. Then bring or mail them to the BUGS BUNNY CONTEST EDITOR of The Lima News. You have a chance to win one of the following prizes: First — \$25. Second — \$10. Third — \$5.



Your Name Age Address



FIELD REPAIR — James Bradford, Shawnee regular, left, and volunteer Herman Zuber make a quick repair on an "Indian pump" while fighting a grass fire last week. The blaze devastated about 200 acres. (Lima News Photo)

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COLEMAN GAS
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AT NORTHLAND PLAZA, LIMA

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DRUG STORES

Reading Clinic Set

The seventh annual Allen County summer reading clinic will be held June 18 through July 27, Calvin Workman, clinic director has announced.
Workman is school psychologist and director of child study. The clinic will be classes in remedial and developmental reading for children and adult speed reading. Workman will conduct them at 1906 Wendell Ave.
Assisting Workman at the clinic this summer will be Robert D. Robinson, Lima Senior High English instructor and William Kohler, Central Junior High, guidance counsellor.
Hour-long classes Monday through Thursdays will be for children from the third grade through junior high school. Workman said he will stress remedial reading through the word-attack skills of phonics, context clues, interpretation and comprehension. Visual aids also will be used.
Senior high and college students and adults will be able to enroll in hour-long evening classes which will utilize new tape recorded lectures for individual help and exercises in study skills and visual aids.
Registration deadline for the clinic is June 11. Workman said this was so testing and placement can be completed before classes are scheduled to begin.

Style Show Slated

A style show will be presented Wednesday at 7:45 p.m. at the Bath PTA meeting at the school. Officers will be elected and installed.

Leipsic Play Set Friday

LEIPSIC — The senior class of Leipsic High School will present their play, "Andy Hardy" Friday at 8 p.m. in the Leipsic High School auditorium.
The cast is coached by Mrs. Ora Garster, assisted by Charlotte Leinsetter and Sharon Rader. The stage manager is Bob David.
Members of the cast are Jim Smith playing the role of Andy Hardy; Joe Keilholtz playing the role as Judge Hardy.
Others in the cast are Linda Place, Kay Peck, Bill Wagner, Patti Moorman, Nancy Heg, Ted Meyers, Bob Robinson, Dale Logan, Phyllis Zeisloft, Larry Hancock, Nancy Dewar, Bill Courtney, Suzanne Klausung, Linda David, Roy Paniagua and Sue Coffman.

Lions Parley

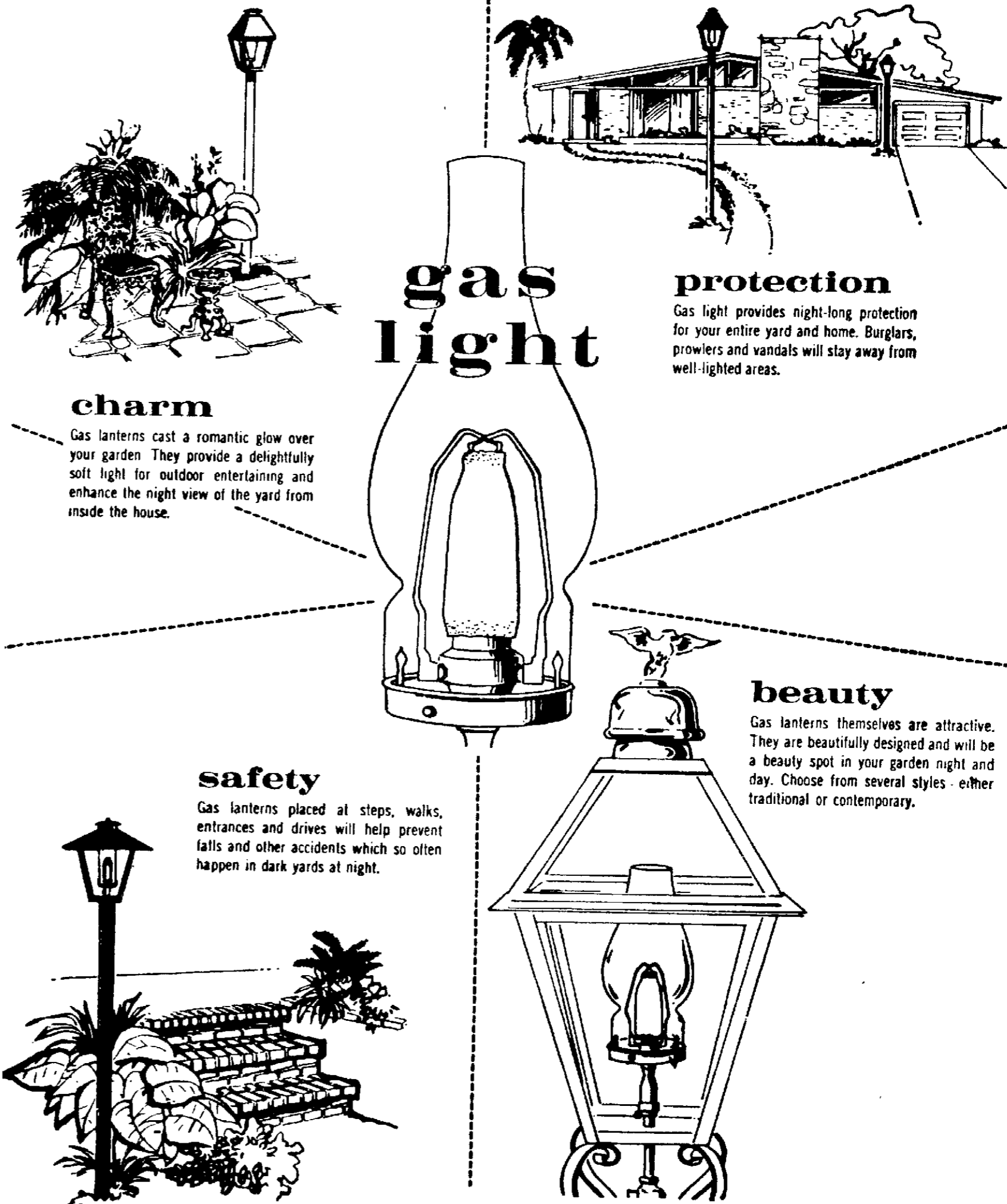
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Drive, Cridersville, past president of the Cridersville club, and John Tobin Sr., 1900 Lorain Drive, Lima, zone chairman.
Prior to the elections, outgoing district governor Richard T. Young of Toledo will make awards for outstanding club service in the past year.
Each club in return will present the "parade of checks" for CARE.
Following adjournment of the business session, the clubs will begin forums for various club officials and committee chairmen from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the Clemans Building and nearby Memorial Hall.
Forums will be held for presidents, secretaries, program and publicity chairmen, membership development and retention, and "tail twisters."
The banquet is scheduled for 6 p.m. in the Royal Pines Room, with district governor Young making the call to order. Rev. J. Whalen, C.S.S.R., will lead the invocation.
Group Singing
Following the dinner, McGraw will lead group singing, while 11 tail twisters will entertain.
Toastmaster for the evening will be Cliff Ingham. Making the introduction of the guest speaker will be Ralph Blaney of Old Fort, international director for District 13-D.
McFarland, the speaker, after holding most of the offices in his own Albany Lions Club, served as zone chairman, deputy governor and governor before moving up in 1960 as international director.
A personnel consultant, he has received the governor's award for service to the physically handicapped. McFarland also has organized and served as secretary

Club Buys Canal Land

SIDNEY—A "governor's deed" transferring 2,850 feet of the old Miami and Erie Feeder canal bed to the Sidney Boat Club, Inc., at a price of \$2,000 is on file in the Shelby county courthouse.
Signed by both Gov Michael V. DiSalle and Secretary of State Ted Brown, it is the first document of its kind filed here.
to the Albany chapter of the American Society for Public Administration and later organized and became president of the Capital District Personnel Association.
Following McFarland's talk, Ed Ward of the Lima club and an international counsellor will make the response. The Lions will conduct another parade of checks, this time for eye research.
Young will also pass out special awards.

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