Pageant, Queens, Whiskers To Spark Leipsic Centennial

LEIPSIC — Local residents were joining forces here this week, preparing for a five-day celebration of Leipsic's centennial which opens here July 2.

The Centennial celebration will open with a pageant, "The Leipsic Story," written by Mrs. Clarence Lichty and directed by Mrs. Harold Weaver.

Highlight of the first days' celebration will be the crowning of the queens, who are to be selected. The coronation will be held at 8:30 p.m. at McClung Field, back of the new school.

A golf tournament at Shady Acres will open the second day's activities and an "Old Times Memory Lane" period will be followed with a square dance at 9 p.m.

Thursday's main feature will be the big moment for the many "brothers of the brush" — local men who have been spending weeks and even months cultivating beards for the centennial.

The beard judging will be held at 2 p.m.; awards will be presented to those with the best crop of facial flora.

At 4 p.m. Thursday would-be pioneers will stage a muzzle-loader shooting exhibition. A ball game will be held at 8 p.m. Thursday, followed by a fireworks exhibition at McClung Field, starting at 10:30 p.m.

Governor C. William O'Neill will attend the centennial Friday — Governor's Day. He will arrive at 4 p.m. and remain until 8 p.m.

Friday's activities will include a chicken barbeque, fish fry, and a pony show at the ball field at 8 p.m.

Saturday will open with a parade at 2 p.m.; prizes will be awarded for the best floats. Bands, drum corps majorettes and antique vehicles from the surrounding area will participate.

The pageant will again be presented at 8:30 p.m.

Special church services will be held in local churches Sunday morning. The afternoon will be set aside for family reunions and visiting.

Dr. Arthur Fleming, president of Ohio Wesleyan University, will be guest speaker at a special Sunday program at 7:30 p.m. Special music will be supplied by the Joy Bell Ringers, the Wilbur Fish family of Columbus.

Delphos Country Club Nearing Its Cash Quota

DELPHOS — A proposed country club which would include a modern golf course, fishing and outdoor recreation and a club house is nearing it's financial goal of $30,000.

That amount is required to buy the 60-acre site according to the organizing board which this week reported they were approximately $2,000 short of the quota.

The club is being organized on a sound basis. Memberships are subscribed at $125 each through pledges. Working capital for construction of the golf course has been assured through a local financial institution.

The organizing directors said they are continuing to the original plans whereby $30,000 must be subscribed for the club before a land purchase is made.

An option on a farm northwest of Delphos has expired but officials indicated the purchase can still be made at the option price.

The organizing board includes William Remlinger, Jack Werner, F. R. McKowen, J. Frank Shumaker, Ike Bandelier, Vincent Odenweller and Harold Fosnaught.

The promotion of the idea was started by the Junior Chamber of Commerce, which stepped out of the picture when it appeared enough subscriptions could be realized to make the club a reality.

League Seats Officers

LEIPSIC — Officers of the circles of the Child Conservation League were installed at the annual banquet held Wednesday at the Grange Hall with 63 members and guests present.

The Town and Country Circle was hostess with the president, Mrs. William Sudlow, presiding.

Preceding the banquet, Mrs. Gordon Patrick sang "Bless this House", accompanied by Mrs. Russell White.

Following the banquet served by the Grange ladies, several numbers were presented by students of the Bonnie School of Dance.

Mrs. H. Ward of Findlay was a guest and presented a book review. Mrs. Patrick presented another number, after which Mrs. Ralph Van Drew, president of the northwestern district of the Ohio CCL, installed the following officers: Vota Vita Mea Circle — president, Mrs. Richard Bell; vice president, Mrs. James Baker; secretary, Mrs. Robert E. Fike; treasurer, Mrs. Harry Richard E. Berger; and corresponding secretary, Mrs. Robert Holland;

Buttons and Bows Circle — president, Mrs. Homer Dangler, Jr.; vice president, Mrs. Paul Fike; secretary, Mrs. Paul Mattern; treasurer, Mrs. Dwight Buckland; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Robert Critchet;

Town and Country Circle — president, Mrs. William Sudlow; vice president, Mrs. Forest Rayle; secretary, Mrs. John Newell; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Paul Ward; and treasurer, Mrs. Donald Dewar.

Miss Frances Cheadle of Chicao, field advisor of the Camp Fire Girls, Inc., presented an outline of the activities of the Camp Fire Girls.

She also explained the duties of sponsors of Camp Fire Girls, as the circles are sponsoring the newly organized Camp Fire Girls here in Leipsic.

School Board To Continue Rec Policy

The Lima City School District Board of Education may designate two of its members to serve on the Lima Recreation Board, or choose two non-board members to represent it, board members learned Friday.

According to Recreation Superintendent Rex Settlemire, Senate Bill 210 which passed the Ohio General Assembly in the 1957 legislative session, made the school board representation on the recreation board optional and subject to the school board decision.

According to the school board's president, Dr. H. R. Stallbohm, the board will probably continue designating its own members as members of the recreation board, rather than appoint representatives.

Wapak Realty Man Charged In Tax Case

WAPAKONETA— A charge of filing a false income tax return was filed Friday in U. S. District Court in Toledo against Chester E. Opperman, 39, of Wapakoneta, real estate broker, U. S. Attorney Clarence M. Condon announced.

According to the charge filed, "Opperman alleged his income for 1954 was $4,452.53 and the tax due was $650." The charge says his actual income was $12,226.45 and that he owed $2,874.54 in taxes.

Opperman was not arrested, but was notified to appear, Condon said.

If convicted, Opperman faces a maximum possible sentence of five years and a $10,000 fine, Condon said.

Marcus L. Friedman of Toledo is representing Opperman. No plea has yet been entered. Arraignment is scheduled for June 21, Condon said.

Firm Agrees To Condition Delphos Tank

DELPHOS — The Universal Construction Co., Indianapolis, Ind., has agreed to re-condition the north side city water tank at their own expense, it was announced Saturday.

The company repaired the tank three years ago, but recently it has been charged the tank is in bad repair.

Any step towards procuring a maintenance contract for the tank and for the south-end stand pipe will have to await repair of the north-end tank, city officials said.

The City Council here is uncertain as to the real condition of the towering tank. Three inspection reports have been received. They conflict.

One inspector reported it five per cent rusted. Another said it was 80 per cent rusted, and still another said about 30 per cent of the tank was rusted.

The maintenance contract for the north tank was allowed to expire when the mayor and service director sought a combined bid on the two towers last December.

Councilman George Grothaus has agreed to climb the high structure to make a first-hand inspection when the tank is emptied.

Management House Started At Bluffton

BLUFFTON — Workmen began this week to excavate the basement for Dr. Edna Ramseyer's "Home Management House" on the site of the former Bertha Woods home, College Avenue at Spring Street.

Dr. Ramseyer, professor of home economics at the college is erecting the large Cape Cod residence building for use as a laboratory where senior home economics majors at Bluffton College will live, three or four at a time, and put textbook theory into practice. Ultimately it is her plan to turn the building over to the college.

Before leaving on her summer trip abroad, the professor engaged Harry Mericle and Sons as builders. They hope to complete the project before the beginning of the second semester next winter.

Plans for the home management house, prepared by William Wells of McLaughlin and Keil, Lima architects, call for a frame building 32 feet wide by 71 feet long The 32-foot width does not include a screened- in back porch and smaller front entry way. The length includes a two-car garage at one end

Farmer, Japanese Wife Slain By Westerner

TUCSON, Ariz., June 15 (AP) — First degree murder charges were pending today against a 29-year-old construction worker who has admitted slaying a prosperous cotton farmer and his attractive Japanese wife.

Pima County Undersheriff Art Grande said Paul Whalen readily admitted killing Freelin Huff, 50, and his wife, Louise, 30, at their fashionable ranch home at Marana, about 20 miles northwest of Tucson.

"You won't believe it," Whalen was quoted, "but the old man upstairs planned this for me."

Authorities said Whalen told them he meant Jesus Christ.

Then he told sheriff's officers how he had waited on "the knob of a hill waiting for the right moment."

Whalen, wearing dungarees and cowboy boots, was quoted by Sheriff James Clark as saying he drove into the driveway and honked his horn.

"When Huff came out angry, I let him have it the first time. He fell down. I let him have it again in the back of the head. Then I broke my shotgun over his head."

Whalen told officers Mrs. Huff had run after seeing the shooting and he pursued her inside, shooting at her through a locked door. Mrs. Huff was shot four times with a .22 rifle as she tried to escape from the gunman by crawling through a window.

Officers said the suspect told them he saw her "coming to life again so I shot her in the back of the head."

While stuffing the two bodies in the auto trunk, a ranch helper, John Angulo drove up in Huff's truck. Angulo told deputies Waheln shouted, "put that truck in the barn just like Huff does and take off."

Angulo reported it to deputies, who set up 15 roadblocks to trap the suspect. Whalen was caught a short time later, but the bodies were not discovered until later when he confessed the murders and led officers to the hiding place under a bridge a few miles from the ranch.

Deputies said Whalen asked them if they had noticed how he placed the bodies in the form of a cross with the woman lying across her husband.

Whalen was quoted as saying a foreclosure on 60 acres of land he had bought from Huff led to the slayings, but no records of such foreclosure has been found in Pima or neighboring Pinal County.

Huff was a wealthy importer, who with his brother, Jay, is believed to have made a fortune in Japan after World War II in the import business.

At one time, they operated six import stores in the country and their gross income was reported to be in high finance brackets. The brothers chiefly imported sugar for those with permits.

Mendon Lions Charter Night Slated Monday

MENDON — The newly-organized Mendon Lions club will hold its charter night Monday, it was announced Saturday by M. L. Archer, Charter Night committee chairman.

Herbert L. Voegele, zone chairman from Celina, will call the meeting to order. The Rev. Gail Dunn, Mendon, will give the invocation.

Ralph Murlin, Celina, will be toastmaster; Glen Rauch, mayor of Mendon, will give a welcoming address. Glen Rauch, president of the Celina Club, which is sponsoring the Mendon Club, will deliver greetings in the name of his club.

District Governor Arthur C. Kuntz, Defiance, will present the charter to John J. Clay, president of the Mendon Club. Lewis Shoemaker will make final announcements and adjourn the meeting.

The Rev. Frank Turner will give the benediction.

Ladies Society Meets at Leipsic

LEIPSIC–The June meeting of the Ladies Aid Society of the Bethel Evangelical United Brethen Church was held at the home of Mrs. Harold Rigel on Wednesday.

Mrs. Harley Warren assisted hostess. The president, Mrs. Harley Warren, presided during the meeting. During the program pictures of the anniversary luncheon were shown.

Mrs. Donald Patterson presided over the election of officers. They are: president, Mrs. Harold Ginther; vice president, Mrs. Garold Hook; secretary, Mrs. Lloyd Ware; assistant secretary, Miss Edna Winkle; treasurer, Mrs. Dale Rigel; pianist, Mrs. Dale Smith; chorister, Mrs. Don Casteel; assistant, Mrs. Harley Warren.

Ninety Children Take Part In Bible School

DELPHOS - Ninty children who participated in the Evangelical United Brethern Vacation Bible School will exhibit their work and present a special program for the congregation and public Sunday evening in the church

Besides the regular hobby work the children painted 175 plaques during the two week course. The course included instruction in Christian Education. The pastor, Rev. Argo Sudduth, was superintendent of the school. Kenneth Ladd is maintenance foreman.

The faculty assisting the pastor included Mrs. Paul Butler, Miss Janice Louth, Mrs. Larry Povel, Mrs. John Helt, Mrs. Arlo Woodsworth, Miss Zedith Wagoner, Mrs. Charles Grace, Jr., Mrs. William Mullenhour, Mrs. Orville Wagoner, Mrs. Fred Redmen, Mrs. Don Foust, Mrs. James Cross.

'Y' Slates Summer Fun For Lima

Swimming classes, hikes and summer trips will mark the start of the boys summer program of the YMCA.

The new program goes into effect tomorrow and on Tuesday the boys will be taken on a tour of the Westinghouse plant at Bellefontaine. While there they will also pay a visit to an Air Force base and radar station.

Gene Cornwall, assistant general secretary left late this week with 10 local boys on a tour of the Smoky Mountains. The group will return at the end of the week.

The summer program for boys of the local YMCA includes many activities such as hiking, tours to various places of interest, swimming classes and many other activities designed to help the children of the community spend an enjoyable and beneficial summer vacation.

Reunion Time Returns With Summer in Wapak

WAPAKONETA,- -It's reunion time again at the Auglaize-co. fairgrounds, with families scheduled to meet through the summer's Sunday for a day's outing.

Today in the dining hall is the Ramga-Sprague reunion) at the Art Hall, the Tobias reunion and in the sales barn, Ramge reunion.

The Rehn reunion will be held next Monday in the dining hall; Fisher reunion in the art hall and Ruppert reunion in the sale barn.

On June 27 the Elks will hold a picnic at the fairgrounds and on June 30, the Knights of Columbus will hold an outing.

On July 7 the Eagles will have a picnic at the dining hall; the Hollenbacher reunion will be held in the art hall and the Hibner reunion in the sale barn.

On July 14, the Morey and Morris reunion will be in the dining hall; the Metzger reunion will be at the art hall and the Leonard reunion in the grand stand; July 21st the Knauss families will meet in the dining hall; the Kaecks in the art hall and the Hole families in the sale barn.

Following this date, preparations will be made for the County Fair and the next reunion will be on August 18 when the Dixon-South reunion will be held in the dining hall and the Koch reunion at the Sale barn.

On August 25th will be the Doorley reunion in the dining hall; and the Gross reunion at the art hall.

Reunions scheduled for Sepmber are the FINKE REeunion on the 1st; Morris reunion on Sept. 8 and Rostorfer reunion on the 15th of September.

Odake Meeting Set

LEIPSIC – The Odako Camp Fire Girls will meet Monday with Mrs. Dwight Buckland. The Tanda Camp Fire Girls will also meet June 17 with Linda Bratton at 2 p.m.

LEIPSIC – The Mary Francis Standley Tent 130, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War will have a tureen dinner honoring members having birthdays during April, May and June at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in the town hall.

Rev. Herr Quits Post At Delphos

DELPHOS—The new St. John's gymnasium overflowed with friends and former students of the school Friday evening when a farewell party was held for the school principal, Rev. E.C. Herr.

The priest is leaving Delphos after 19 years in which he was principal of the high school and athletic director.

He is leaving for Lima where he will become principal of the new Central Catholic High School.

In the program each of his former classes paid a special tribute with classes in which he directed musical presentations displaying a large poster of the dramatic play presented that year.

Members of the parish presented Rev. Herr with an appreciation purse. The program included numbers by the glee club and band.

Change Bus Station

WAPAKNETA — New agency for the Greyhound bus in Wapakoneta is the Orphal Dinner Bell Restaurant at 202 E. Auglaize St.

The agency was formerly at the McLean News Stand.

Delphos Fish Derby Slated For July 4th

DELPHOS — One of the most popular Junior Chamber of Commerce projects "The July 4th Fishing Derby" will be staged again this year at the Miami & Erie canal.

The club buys fish from Lake Erie, which are placed in the canal a week ahead of the derby date. Children are allowed to enter the derby with merchants supporting the plan with prizes.

Co-chairmen of this year's derby are Winfield O'Neill, Jr., and Elmer Helmkamp assisted by Robert Hohlbein, Willis Kemper and William Endrews.

Klassy Klippers

LEIPSIC — The Klassy Klippers 4-H Club met at the home of Ginny and Kay Peck June 12 with twenty-four present. The president, Mary Dewar presided. Demonstrations were given by Ginny Peck, "How to make a button hole"; Kay Peck, "How to gather a skirt"; and Diane Pfahler, "How to sew on a button". Refreshments were served by Nancy Foley and Shirlee Ward.

'Burglar' Proves To Be Groundhog

ST. MARYS—William Lietz shot and killed a "burglar" here recently as the culprit fled after apparently trying to climb through his living room window.

Lietz, who lives on his farm southeast of here, said he heard a noise at the window. He grabbed his rifle and ran outside. Fleeing from the window was "the biggest ground hog I ever saw."

Eagles Auxiliary Elects Officers

WAPAKONETA — New officers of the Eagles Auxiliary are: Elda Knarr Jr., past president; Koneta Schiffer, president; Helen Brunn, vice president; Marie Ayers, chaplain, Eileen Tschour, treasurer; Ruth Hasis, secretary; Emma Fittro, conductress; Wanda Funk, inside guard; and Virginia Cook, outside guard.

Trustees are Alvina Tester, three years; Mary Pryer, two years; and Mildred Elliott, one year. Emma Zimmerman was appointed as auxiliary mother for the coming year.

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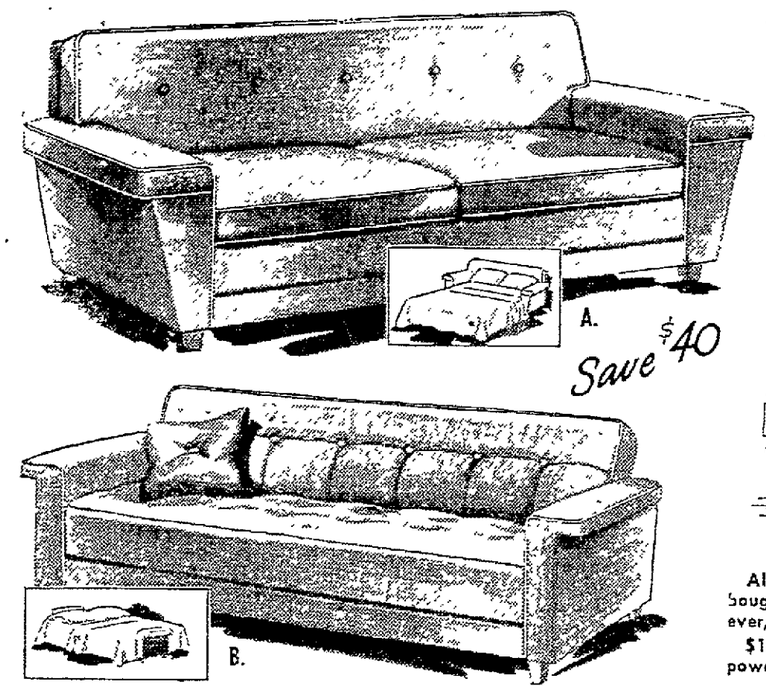

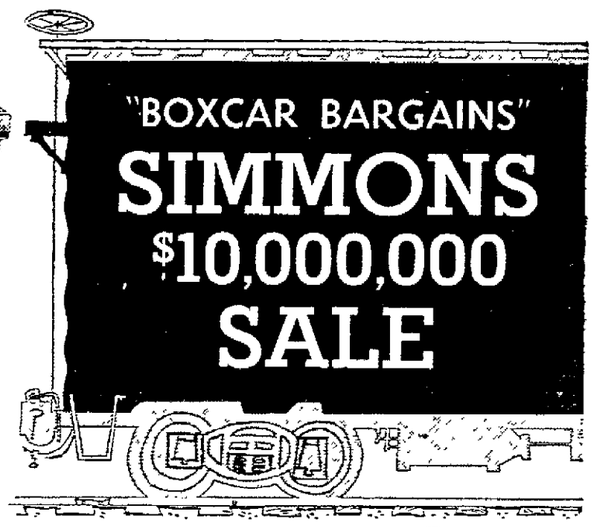

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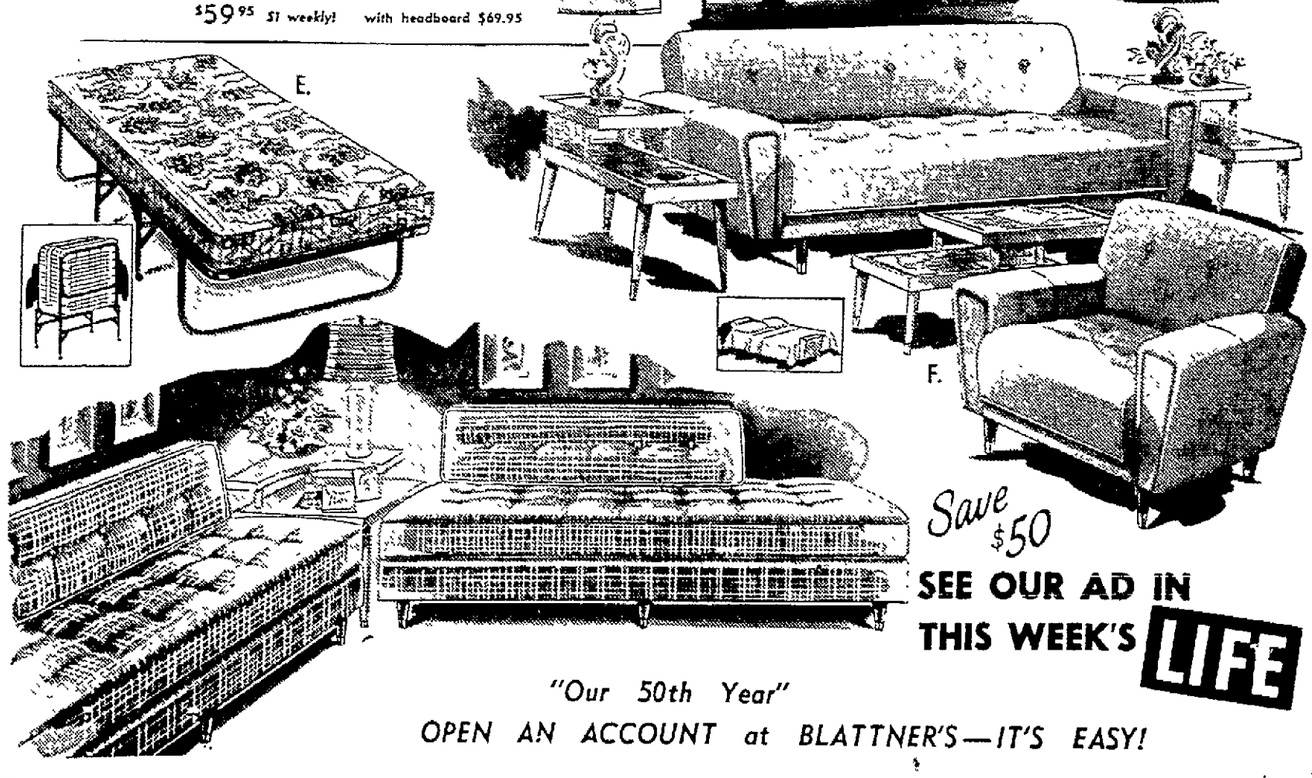

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