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News of Neighboring Counties

EPIDEMIC THREAT IN TWO COUNTIES

Report Typhoid Fever in Erie and Smallpox in Seneca

FREMONT, May 14—(AP)—Sandusky county health officials Wednesday joined with Sandusky city and Erie county authorities in an effort to prevent a possible typhoid fever epidemic. The action was taken after Sandusky County Health Commissioner F. M. Teeple reported a 14-year-old Clyde youth was a definite victim of the disease while four other persons were listed as suspects. The disease was believed to have originated from water cress taken from polluted streams in the Vickery-Castalia area. All five persons were believed to have eaten water cress taken from the noted Blue Hole which feeds the Rock Creek club waters at Castalia. Sandusky County Health Nurse Helen D. Leiser was assigned to track down others known to have picked water cress from the polluted streams. Dr. Teeple said the greatest concern over an epidemic lay in the fact that several children had gathered the leafy plant to offer for sale. Dr. Teeple warned all persons against eating water cress taken from any Sandusky stream which might be in varying stages of pollution.

FOSTORIA, May 14—(AP)—City and county health authorities Wednesday investigated the possible outbreak of smallpox here following the death of a recently-arrived Mexican laborer. Emmanuel Ibarra, 73, who reached Fostoria two weeks ago on a truck carrying an undetermined number of Mexicans from Savina, Mexico, died Tuesday of smallpox. The others, all beet field workers, were reported scattered over Northern Ohio. A general vaccination of all school children and factory workers was ordered following the discovery that Ibarra's granddaughter had been attending school and a son had been working at a factory.

Cairo Lions Club Is Organized And Officers Named

CAIRO, May 14—Organization of the new Cairo Lions club was completed Tuesday evening with the election of the following officers: President, Ward J. Wert; first vice-president, Don F. Earl; second vice-president, O. B. Morris; third vice-president, C. E. Campbell; secretary, O. L. Alstaetter; treasurer, Alvan Wright; lion tamer, Roy Lamb; tail twister, Lester Lytle. Directors, short term: Allen Earl and Preston Waltz; long term, Daniel H. Harpster and John R. Staler; charter night chairman, Don F. Earl. George Bormuth, Fort Wayne, was present to complete the organization of the club, which is being sponsored by the Beavertown Lions club. The club's charter will be closed at the next meeting on Wednesday evening, May 28.

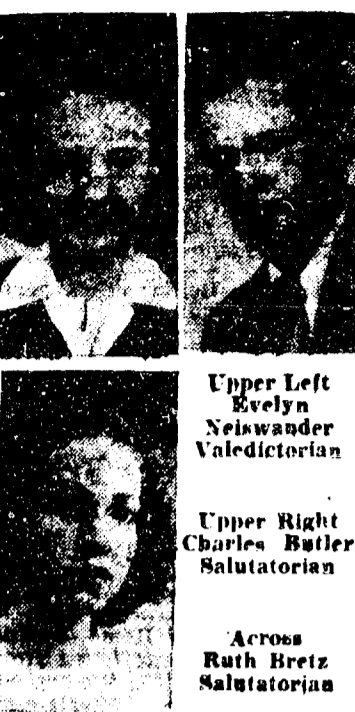
Defiance Dentist In Ottawa Office

OTTAWA, May 14—Dr. J. H. Winkler, Defiance, has become associated with Dr. P. P. Sherwood, Ottawa dentist. Dr. Winkler was graduated from Ohio State university college of dentistry in 1945. He served as dental surgeon in the U. S. Navy. Dr. Sherwood has practiced in Ottawa 40 years and during the last five years has been the only member of his profession in the community.

PLAN CLUB PROGRAM

DOLA, May 14—The officers of the Dola Silk Chick 4-H club met at the home of the adviser, Mrs. Dirmeyer, recently and planned the program for the coming year. The first meeting will be held at the schoolhouse at which time the mothers will be invited. Phyllis Matson is club reporter.

Win Class Honors At Deshler School



Upper Left Evelyn Neiswander Valedictorian
Upper Right Charles Butler Salutatorian
Across Ruth Bretz Salutatorian

DESHLER, May 14—Evelyn Neiswander is the valedictorian of the Deshler high school's largest graduating class of 40 seniors. Commencement exercises will be held at 8 p. m. Thursday, May 15, in the high school auditorium. Ruth Bretz and Charles Butler, Jr., are the salutatorians having tied with equal scholastic grades for this honor. Dr. H. K. Litherland, Bowling Green State university, will be the commencement speaker. Members of the senior class are Annetta Behrmann, Loretta Behrmann, Robert Blankenmeyer, Ruth Bretz, Charles Butler, Everett Dill, Jean Feehan, Robert Gibson, Lillian Godeke, Doris Gordon, Francis Gordon, Norman Hill, William Jones, Ronald Koppenhofer, Verna Koppenhofer, Lenhart Lange, Raymond Lange, Orville Lazenby, William Miller, John Mittermaier, Evelyn Neiswander, Edna Panning, Henry Panning, Kenneth Powell, Robert Purcell, Imogene Rayle, Bernadine Reinhardt, Donna Schultz, Henry Seedorf, Harley Spangler, Louis Sterling, Arnold Tietje, Donna Belle Willford, Beverly Williams, Harold Wink, William Wink, Jo Ann Zernell and Wilbur Godeke. The program follows: Prelude, "Silver Tallsman Overture," DeLamater band, "Rigolotto," Verdi, band, processional, "Pomp and Circumstances," Elger band; invocation, Rev. Theodore Mittermaier; "Minuet and Trio from Surprise Symphony," Hayden, band. Valedictory address, "To day We Follow, Tomorrow We Lead," Evelyn Neiswander; "When Soft Voices Die," Wood, girls' glee club; address, Dr. R. R. Brown; benediction, Rev. F. G. Boroff; recessional, "March from Silver Tallsman Overture," DeLamater band.

Kalida Child Is Claimed By Death In Family Home

KALIDA, May 14—Patricia Ann Gerdeman, one-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gerdeman of Kalida, died Wednesday afternoon in the family home. The child was born in Lima St. Rita's hospital, Mar. 6, 1946. Surviving besides the parents is one sister, Mary Kay, at home, and the paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Gerdeman, Kalida. Funeral services will be held at 8:30 a. m. Friday in the St. Michael's Catholic church here with burial in the church cemetery. Arrangements are in charge of the Fischer and Son funeral home, Ottawa.

Heads O. S. U. Group

OTTAWA, May 14—Claud Recker, Ottawa, has been elected president of the Putnam County Ohio State University association with Mrs. Ruth Ganger, Ottawa, being named secretary. Recker said he will attempt to arrange regular events for the group which had not been active during the war years.

COLOMBUS — (AP) — Gov. Thomas J. Herbert Wednesday

reappointed Joseph B. Hanan of Summit county to serve on the board of trustees of Bowling Green State university for a five-year term commencing Saturday, May 17.

PUTNAM FARMERS FACE HEAVY TASK

Delayed Operations on Many Farms Mean Busy Days in Good Weather

OTTAWA, May 14—Putnam county farmers Wednesday viewed their water-soaked fields with discouragement as gloomy clouds hid the sun from view. Drenched by copious showers Tuesday, most of the farm land in the county was expected to remain too wet to work the remainder of this week even though sunshine and wind comes to the farmer's aid. Weeks behind schedule and with the oats acreage cut to the lowest total in many years by continued rains, tillers contemplated an around-the-clock schedule as thousands of acres of corn land remained unplowed. Not only is it corn-planting time, but sugar beets and soybeans should be in the ground as soon as possible, farmers reported. Pastures and hay meadows together with wheat have made a luxuriant growth and bumper yields are expected. Farmers are still handicapped by their inability to purchase much new machinery and the old implements which bore up under the strain of an all-out wartime food production, must last another season and take the strain of emergency driving as soon as the weather man gives the all-clear signal.

Catholic Students Plan Spring Fete At Bowling Green

BOWLING GREEN, May 14—Annual spring get-together of Catholic students attending Bowling Green State university will be all day Sunday, May 18. The program arranged by the Newman club includes communion in a body during mass at 9 a. m., breakfast at Kohl hall at 10 a. m., picnic at City park at noon and a dance in St. Aloysius church hall from 7 until 10 p. m. Jean Bogdan, Lorain, will be general chairman, with Robert Sullivan, Bowling Green, in charge of registration, and Joseph Osborne, Cleveland, Heights, food. Newman club officers are Sal Giudice, Brooklyn, N. Y., president; Domenick Spoto, Rockford, Ill., vice-president; Elaine Badaker, Waukegan, Ill., recording secretary; Joanne Malikowski, Toledo, corresponding secretary; and John Gillespie, Youngstown, treasurer. The club's 150 members have petitioned the National Federation of Newman clubs of America for recognition.

Alumni Banquet Will Be May 23rd At North Baltimore

NORTH BALTIMORE, May 14—Arrangements are being made for the 51st annual banquet of the North Baltimore high school alumni association which will honor the graduating class of 1947, Friday evening, May 23, at 7 o'clock in the school cafeteria. Oscar Fleckner of Columbus, of the class of '27, will act as toastmaster. This year plans are being made for a reunion of the class of 1917. Dr. Frank Messer, of Kendallville, Ind., and member of that class will be one of the speakers. After the banquet, dancing will be held in the gymnasium to music furnished by Ernie Duffield and his orchestra, Fostoria.

Steward Confesses Yacht Club Theft

SANDUSKY, May 14—(AP)—Police Chief R. G. Bravard said Wednesday that Mac Rodgers, 27, steward at the Sandusky yacht club, confessed that he faked a hold-up story to cover up theft of approximately \$600 from the club. Rodgers told police he had been held up early Sunday by two Negroes, but due to several discrepancies in the story, a further investigation was made. Police recovered \$285 of the money from a shed near the club.

Fund Drive Planned At North Baltimore

NORTH BALTIMORE, May 14—A drive was started this week by the North Baltimore Chamber of Commerce to raise money for three projects to be sponsored by business and professional groups this year. The fund is expected to pay for farmers' picnic in June, a Halloween celebration in October, and the decoration of the business section during the Christmas season.

Payments Decrease

OTTAWA, May 14—It was announced Wednesday by Donald Nusbaum, manager of the Bureau of Unemployment Compensation office in Ottawa, that \$28,290.24 was paid to claimants for unemployment compensation during the month of April, this was a decrease of 9.1 per cent from March this year. Also that \$98,736.58 was paid for January through April, 1947, to claimants seeking unemployment benefits in Putnam county.

PRAGUE, May 14—(AP)—The Czechoslovak national assembly ratified today a friendship and mutual assistance pact with Poland.

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