

100 Allen-co Scouters To Attend Round-Up

LEADERS PLAN DISCUSSION OF DISTRICT MEET

Sunday Session Aims To Get Fall, Winter Programs Under Way

Approximately 100 men are expected to attend the annual scouters fall round-up of the Allen district of Shawnee Council Boy Scouts of America to be held at 8 p. m. Sunday in Faurst Park, it was announced Thursday by Leo Gruss, scout executive.

Scouters are urged to be there as requested so that no time may be wasted in the discussion of the annual district meeting, which is to take place sometime in October, troop mobilization and other important items which may arise.

The purpose of the round-up is to get scouters together to get fall and winter programs under way and to promote good fellowship.

Gerald Rossman, district camping and activities chairman, is in charge of the arrangements, and will be assisted by John Snyder, assistant district chairman; Ray Schryer, district chairman; and Lloyd Roberts, district leadership training chairman.

As entertainment, a motion picture, "The Patrol Method" in troop operation will be shown.

This is one of the seven fall round-ups planned, Gruss stated; x o districts will hold their meet in month.

Three districts which will meet this month are Auglaize-co in Wapakoneta, Sept. 17; Van Wert-co at Marsh Foundation, Sept. 25; and Hardin-co at Ada, Sept. 20.

BEAVERDAM LIONS PLAN CHARTER NIGHT SEPT. 14

BEAVERDAM, Sept. 13—Charter night for the newly organized Lions club has been set for Sept. 14 in the school hall. Karl Kurtz, of Sandusky, district governor, will present the charter.

Lions and their wives from Arlington, Bluffton, Findlay, Tiffin, Old Fort, Sandusky, Van Wert, Spencerville, Dunkirk and Columbus Grove will attend the ceremony.

A Job Well Done

Francis X. Ebner Closes His Blacksmith Shop, Lima Landmark, For Good

It was more than just a ceremony. It marked final passing of the colorful horse and buggy era, eclipsed now by the automobile, the airplane and the railroad.

For the last time, Vernon Lauck, of 950 W. Kibby-st, who has been carting junk for 41 years in Lima, led the dapple gray horse, "King," into Francis X. Ebner, Sr.'s general blacksmithing shop at 121 E. Kibby-st Wednesday at 4:15 p. m.

Spry and wide-awake, 83-year-old Ebner jockeyed the horse into position, then waited as his son, Edgar, removed King's four road-worn shoes. With Edgar pumping the bellows, sending sparks high into the air, Ebner slammed the new shoes into shape on the battered anvil and put them on the "customer" with eight nails for each.

The job done, King was led out of the shop and Francis X. Ebner, Sr., who has been shoeing horses here for 63 years, went home. Work already had begun in razing the landmark after it was condemned as a fire trap by state inspectors.

Friends, relatives and dealers who had done business with the veteran blacksmith over the years were on hand to watch him transact his final job. They gathered afterwards in front of the old maple tree Ebner planted more than 55 years ago—the one which "every horse in town took a bite out of but which still gives plenty of honest-to-goodness shade," according to Yale Bloom, 37-year-old junk dealer of Kibby-st and Central-av.

Some of Ebner's children were there. He had 10—Edgar, Raymond, Francis X. Jr., Otto, Rupert, Theodore, Claude, William, Paul and one daughter, Mrs. Stella Angell. Francis Jr. is currently a candidate for the municipal court judgeship while William is a private first class with the army of occupation in Germany.

The anecdotes were tossed back and forth. It was definitely the time for reminiscing. Bloom recalled that his father, Harry Bloom, 77, of 116 S. McDonel-st, had his first horse shod by Blacksmith Ebner when he emigrated to this country in 1906.

"Don't forget to put that right down there in the paper," Bloom said. "My Dad really knew a good smith when he laid eyes on one. Ebner was it, all right."

Claude Ebner sheepishly admitted that he had violated rules one day and bought a whole, fresh cherry pie which he gobbled up avariciously in a corner of the shop as a youngster. After gorging himself, he became very ill and was unable to do much but sit tight and hold on to his stomach while his father continued to shoe the customers' horses.

Charles Smith, wheelwright, of 524 Franklin-st, said he had been Ebner's partner from 1896 to 1901 and is still on the job. Now 80 years old, Smith never shod horses but, instead, made buggies, delivery wagons and surries by hand.

"A fancy surrey with a real classy paint job would take me about three months in those days," he declared. "For \$125 you could get yourself a right smart job."

When the Ebner blacksmith shop was in full swing ("Horse-shoeing a Specialty") the youngsters used to pitch in. They took turns at chasing flies off the horses, turning the bellows and keeping the place neat. Sometimes they had to forego swimming in Baker's pond.

"On cold winter days, when roads were coated with a glass-like layer of ice, horses were unable to make any headway at all," Francis X. Ebner, Jr., related. "From 3 a. m. to midnight on such days it was a common occurrence to find hundreds of horses lined up outside Dad's blacksmith shop to have neverslip caulks attached to their shoes. The teams were due at work at 6 or 7 a. m. and Dad had to hustle to fix them all up on time. He always did, too."

At just about this time in the story-telling the doors of Francis X. Ebner's rambling blacksmith shop were closed for good. The forge ran low. There was no more shoeing to be done—ever.

AMVETS NAME LIMA KEY POINT

District Headquarters To Be Established Here

Lima has been designated headquarters for District No. 1 of the American Veterans of World War II, it was reported Thursday by F. Harold Snyder, commander of the Lima post of the new organization.

The districts were established during a meeting a few days ago in Columbus of delegates from all posts in Ohio. Headquarters for six districts were set up, but the territory to be covered by each center was not settled.

Other district headquarters are No. 2, Springfield; No. 3, Cincinnati; No. 4, Massillon; No. 5, Columbus, and No. 6, Portsmouth.

During the state meeting Warren Rabourm of Massillon was elected adjutant to succeed A. D. Guss of Toledo. Announcement was made that a national meeting of all post commanders will be held Oct. 12, 13 and 14 in Chicago while the next state meeting will be held in Columbus Oct. 21.

Gov. Frank J. Lausche has been invited to attend the state meeting and become an honorary member of the AMVETS, according to Snyder. The Lima post was represented at the state meeting by Snyder, Milton Parent, adjutant and Clair E. Welker, public relations chairman.

5 Traffic Deaths Listed In Month

Five persons in Lima and Allen-co have met death in automobile accidents since the ban on gasoline was lifted, a report from the state highway patrol and the Lima traffic bureau revealed Thursday.

Figures based on last year's report to date show that no fatalities were listed for 1944. Traffic accidents as a whole show no marked increase over 1945. Totals listed for the period in 1944 were 125 as compared with 126 accidents for 1945.

G. A. R. Convention To Open Sept. 30

National G. A. R. and Allied Orders convention will be held in Columbus the week of Sept. 30, according to announcement made this week at the regular meeting of Tent No. 23, Daughter of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Mrs. Florence Stevenson and Mrs. Nellie Albridge will be delegates to the convention from Tent 23. John R. Bennett, 100, of Waynesfield, is the only Civil War veteran in this district and northwestern Ohio.

Christopher Sholes, who invented the typewriting machine in 1837, had Western Union operators demonstrate the invention.

MRS. W. J. RENZ TAKEN BY DEATH

Services To Be Saturday In Mortuary Here

Mrs. Bertha Helen Renz, 60, of 1606 W. Market-st, wife of William J. Renz, co-owner of the J. F. Renz & Sons Bakery, N. Main-st, died at 4 p. m. Wednesday in her residence after a short illness. Death was attributed to a cerebral hemorrhage.

Mrs. Renz was born in Lima and had lived in this vicinity all her life. She was an active member of the Zion Lutheran church and Lutheran church circles.

Surviving are her husband and a son, Jacob A. Renz, living at 1618 Lowell-av, and three granddaughters.

Services will be at 10:30 a. m. Saturday in the Davis, Miller and Son cathedral chapel. The Rev. Arthur Kuhlman of the Zion Lutheran church will officiate and burial will be in Woodlawn cemetery.

Funeralbearers for the services include Arthur Conway, Ora M. Green, Julius Solomon, Carl Kominski, Michael Berthold, Harvey Basinger, Frank G. Kahle and Gilbert Zimmerle.

33 MEN PASSTHROUGH SEPARATION UNIT

30 From Lima And Vicinity Get Discharges

Thirty-three men from Lima and vicinity passed thru the Atterbury Separation Center, Camp Atterbury, Ind., this week. Of this number, 30 were discharged from the Army, one has reverted to inactive status, and two will revert to inactive status soon.

Those honorably discharged include T-5 Warren G. Adams, 732 E. Elm-st; T-4 Henry J. Conley, 625 S. Main-st; Cpl. Ralph E. Ferguson, 2217 Wales-st; Sgt. Harold E. Greenwood, 741 Oak-st; T-5 Fred H. Howard, Lima Route 6; T. Sgt. Burt G. Jackson, Lima Route 4;

Sgt. Paul V. Leppla, Lima Route 6; Cpl. Robert E. Parsons, Lima Route 4; Sgt. John T. Peters, 512 Holmes-st; Sgt. Richard D. Redmond, 116 N. West-st; T-5 David G. Reynolds, 199 1/2 E. Second-st; Sgt. Clark W. Schward, P. O. Box 451; T. Sgt. Walter E. Speas, 839 W. Main-st; Sgt. Sylvan H. White, 215 Faurst-bldg; Pfc. Albert Schwan, T. Sgt. Ned L. Hawwood, Cpl. Emmett J. Carnes and T. Sgt. Robert H. Hamshaw, all from St. Marys; S. Sgt. Harry Lusk, Eldon; S. Sgt. George W. Young and Sgt. Ernest A. Bates, Kenton; S. Sgt. Lloyd C. Baker and T. Sgt. Holling Weidman, both of Celina; Sgt. Fred W. Miller and T. Sgt. David Roberts, both from Van Wert; Sgt. Charles A. Bowers, Cairo; M. Sgt. Robert V. Osmin and T. Sgt. Joseph L. Rott, both of Delphos.

Second Lt. Philip M. Holstein, 123 S. Kenilworth-st, Air Corps, has reverted to inactive status. Second Lt. Willis F. Early, Air Corps, will revert to inactive status Sept. 27, 1945. Capt. James I. Hunt, 522 S. Metcalf-st, infantry, will revert to inactive status on Dec. 26, 1945.

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