

# Mennonite Disaster Service Unit Renames Dr. Raid; Hears Reports

BLUFFTON—Dr. Howard Raid was reelected secretary of the Mennonite Disaster Service of Western Ohio at the second annual meeting of the group held over the weekend at the Ebenezer Mennonite Church.

Approximately 75 men from Plain City, Dayton, Elida, Wauseon, Archbold, Pandora and Bluffton were present to hear reports of activities of the group during the past year and to make plans for the future.

Lewis Britch, Archbold, president of the disaster service unit, gave a report of the seven weeks he spent during the past year at Grand Rapids, Mich., where he supervised from five to 100 men daily in cleaning up debris from the tornado and in helping to rebuild homes.

Ralph Nafziger, contact man from Archbold, gave his report of the work done during the past year by men from the Archbold area. Both the disasters at Salem,

# Blaze Basis Of Area Suit

VAN WERT—A fire that razed the Bar 30 and Steak House on West Main St. last April 30, is the basis of \$3,880.94 damage suit filed in the Van Wert Court of Common Pleas by Richard M. Richard, owner, the Central Mutual Insurance Co. and the American Insurance Co.

The action is against Grace Morris, operator of the service station adjacent to the destroyed buildings, E. Palmer Morris, an employe of the station and The Gulf Refining Co. of Toledo.

The petition charges that three storage tanks owned by the refining company were not inspected and allowed to leak, and that Palmer Morris allegedly failed to observe and control pumping operations from the truck to the tanks and as a result permitted inflammable liquid to overflow and seep into the basement of the buildings.

Because of the seepage, the liquid was ignited by a pilot light of a gas furnace, resulting in an explosion and fire. The plaintiffs charge the defendants with negligence.



BANDS ENLIVEN INAUGURATION. The temperature was below freezing, making tuba tooting a cold proposition, but 18 high school bands showed up for Ohio's inauguration of a new governor Monday. This is a band from Defiance getting in its licks while a group from Kenton waits in the background. (AP Wirephoto).

# Dinner To Honor Departing Pastor

BLUFFTON—Rev. Victor Monk, departing pastor of the local Evangelical Lutheran Church will be honored by a potluck supper at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Edwards Thursday evening.

Rev. Monk, who has served the local congregation for the past nine years has accepted a charge in St. John, New Brunswick, Canada.

Members of the Martin Luther Bible Class of the Bluffton Church are sponsoring the supper honoring the pastor, who is leaving at the end of January.

Rev. Monk also has served at Trinity Lutheran Church in Findlay. No successor has been chosen for his post as yet.

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# Area Scout District To Meet At Bluffton

BLUFFTON — M. R. Disborough, Scout executive of the Old Kentucky Home Council, Boy Scouts of America, Louisville, Ky., will be the principal speaker at the annual recognition dinner for the Putnam District at 6:45 p. m. Wednesday in the American Legion Hall in Bluffton.

Approximately 160 adult leaders of the Boy Scout movement in seven communities of Putnam County will represent scout troops, cub packs and explorer posts, according to N. A. Triplett, general chairman.

Jerry Kohl, Bluffton explorer scout, will serve as toastmaster and members of the Local cub pack will be in charge of the flag ceremony. Bluffton Boy Scouts will have the closing ceremony. The Explorers will stage a 15-minute scouting demonstration as part of the program arranged by Dr. Richard Weaver, program chairman.

The principal speaker has had wide experience in scouting. He

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was honored by the Swedish Scout Union in 1948 for volunteer service and was presented the Radslijan, highest award made by the Swedish Union. He has served Councils in Indiana, Iowa and Kansas before going to Louisville.

The Louisville scouting executive is a member of the National Personnel Advisory Committee, Rotary Club of Louisville, Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite and Shrine. He is also now serving as the national president of Alpha Phi Omega fraternity, a national service fraternity.

Disborough will be introduced by Hiram Dillea, Pandora, retiring district chairman. Rudy Roof, Glandorf, senior district committee man, will be in charge of introductions and the recognition ceremony. New members of the district committee will be introduced.

Triplett's committee on the dinner arrangements include Dr. Weaver, George Bohrer, Bernard Schifke, Gerald Huber, Harry Bogart, William Edwards, Ralph Reichenbach and John Gilbert. The American Legion Auxiliary will serve dinner.

# ASCS Head Cites Grain Loan Deadline

WAPAKONETA—Farmers have been reminded there are only a few weeks before the deadline for taking out Commodity Credit Corp. loans or purchase agreements for most of the major grains and for some other important crops.

Wilson R. Arnett, chairman of the Auglaize county Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee, advised that Jan. 31 is the final date for approving loans and purchase agreements for the eligible 1956 crops. However, applications must be in before this date to allow time to complete the necessary inspections and other details. Applications should be filed at the County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Office, 11 Willepie St., Wapakoneta on or before Friday.

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# Pair Wed 40 Years

VENEDOCIA — Mr. and Mrs. John E. Morgan, Route 1, Venedocia, will observe their 40th wedding anniversary Friday.

They will hold open house Sunday from 2 to 5 p. m. at their home in York Township, and relatives and friends are invited to attend.

Mrs. Morgan, the former Gwen Williams, and Mr. Morgan were married Jan. 18, 1917 at the home of Mrs. Morgan by the Rev. Mr. C. D. Childs of Grover Hill. They are the parents of two children, Edgar Lowell Morgan, Venedocia, and Mrs. Mildred Lobberg, Chehalis, Wash. They have seven grandchildren.

They are living on the same farm to which they moved after they were married.

# Moreland To Head Wren Lions Club

WREN — Patrick J. Moreland has been elected president of the newly formed Wren Lions Club.

Other officers are J. M. Krugh, first vice president; Otto J. Feigert, secretary; Dr. R. D. Stewart, treasurer; J. L. Moser, hontamer, and Mason Springer, tail-waister.

# Lima District Briefs

**Ada Club Elects**

ADA—Leo Wright has succeeded Wilbur Umphress as president of the Ada Kiwanis Club. Other new officers are Charles Lundy, first vice president; Cloyce Hauenstein, Second vice president, and new directors Roy Marty, Wellington Hanson, Archie Hillery and Dr. A. C. Smith. Holdover directors are Eugene Hanson and Walter Sousley, along with the retiring president.

**Meeting Postponed**

PANDORA — The Pandora-Gilboa Recreation committee meeting has been postponed this week to 8 p. m. Jan. 30 at the cafeteria room. Mrs. Raymond Miller is secretary and Charles Nemire is president.

**Council To Meet**

GILBOA — Blanchard Farm Bureau Advisory Council will meet Wednesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hall. The topic for discussion "Do We Want Stricter Law Enforcement on Our Highways." Mrs. Ralph Hall is in charge.

# Stewart Heads Health Board At Van Wert

VAN WERT—Dr. R. W. Stewart of Wren has been reelected president of the Van Wert County Board of Health.

Other board members are Walter W. Jones of Van Wert, Dr. M. J. Osborn of Willshire, L. W. Adam, Route 1, Delphos and Morris George of Venedocia.

Officers reappointed for the year follow: Dr. C. A. Morgan, health commissioner; Eleanor Welker, health nurse; C. S. Hopkins, part-time sanitarian, and Jennie Jones, clerk.

# Area Pair To Mark 60th Anniversary

VAN WERT—Mr. and Mrs. Al Morris of Jackson Township will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary Wednesday.

The couple has resided at their present home for 50 years. He is a retired farmer. They have four children, Mrs. Nellie Sealscott, Mrs. Dell Snyder and Earl and Harl Morris, all of Van Wert. They also have 14 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren.

# Farm Bureau Women Panning Rural Tea

OTTAWA — Putnam County Farm Bureau women's committee meeting was held recently at the assembly room at the courthouse at Ottawa with the president, Mrs. Alfred Lucius, in charge.

Plans were made for the annual Rural Urban Tea to be held at Memorial Hall at Fort Jennings on the afternoon of March 1. The president appointed Mrs. Leland Bruskotter, Fort Jennings, general chairman and Mrs. E. R. Moser, Pandora, program chairman.

The committee will meet at the courthouse at Ottawa Feb. 8.

# Restaurant To Move

ADA—Helen's Place, a restaurant a mile north of Ada, will move shortly to a new location directly across the road. A 32x55 foot cement block building is now under construction. The building will house a dining room, kitchen, rest rooms and living quarters for Mrs. Carl Gordon, operator of the business.

# Pair Has Daughter

GILBOA—Mr. and Mrs. John Gmther west of Gilboa are the parents of a daughter born Sunday at the Bluffton Community Hospital. She has been named Kathryn Ann. The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gmther of Ottawa and Mrs. Cecile Oren of near Gilboa.

# Slide Showing Set

PANDORA—Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wehrly will show colored slides of their trip to Germany in September at the meeting of the Pleasant Grange at McComb Jan 22.



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