

6,800 VETS CELEBRATING 'THEIR DAY'

Parade, Retreat, Concert in Central Park Tonight Highlight Event.

(Continued From Page 1) to take part in the parade and to form by divisions at 6 p. m. at designated IPs (initial points) as follows:

First division—army veterans—will form on Park avenue west between Weldon avenue and the Ohio theater under division marshal Fred Hallabrin.

Second division—navy, marine, police and fire department veterans—will form between the Ohio theater and Bowman street on Park avenue west, under division marshal Robert E. Rogers.

Third division—women veterans and service organizations—under division marshal Mary Jane Bellor, will form on Sturges avenue just off Park avenue west.

Fourth division—civic groups—will form on Marion avenue off Park avenue west under division marshal George Herring.

Mansfield's Central park was still flagless at noon, this Victory day, but Park Supt. Frank Burton promised that Old Glory would be flying before parade time tonight.

Burton said that the chain used to hoist the colors to the top of the park's flag pole was broken.

With the use of the fire department's 85-foot aerial ladder and a nimbly climber from the Mansfield Structural and Erecting company, Burton promised the flag would take to the mast sometime this afternoon.



Chosen as Parade Marshals for tonight's county-wide "V-Day" celebration are Harlus R. Crichfield, left a Westinghouse

worker who served in the Pacific war theater, and William M. Colby, right, city policeman who served with the Fifth Army in the European theater.

C. A. Thomas Dies In Shelby Tuesday Noon

CRESTLINE — Charles Alfred Thomas, 58, 409 West Main street, former district manager of the Marion Reserve Power company and member of the Crestline and Bucyrus ration boards, died Tuesday noon at Shelby Memorial hospital where he had been a patient for two months.

Mr. Thomas, who became manager of the Marion Reserve Power company, in 1932, resigned in 1946 because of ill health. He was appointed chairman of the Crestline ration board at the outbreak of the war and later was named to the Bucyrus board. He was a member of the gasoline panel of the board for four years and moved to the price control board when gas rationing was lifted.

He was a member of the Presbyterian church, chairman of the Civilian Defense committee, a past president of the Crestline Kiwanis club, and a member of the Chamber of Commerce, 32nd degree Mason, the Fraternal Order of Police, and had served as deputy sheriff. He also was a member of the Forum club of the Marion Reserve Power company. He was born in Cincinnati.

He is survived by the widow, Alice Weber Thomas, one daughter, Phyllis Ann, at home; his mother, Mrs. Adah Thomas; and a brother, Arthur, both of Indianapolis, Ind. His father and a sister, Bessie Docter, preceded him in death.

Crestline services for Mr. Thomas will be held at the Orie Garverick funeral home tonight at 8:30 p. m. Friends may call prior to the services.

Rev. R. L. Alderton, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Crestline, will conduct final services at the Ben Meyers funeral home in Cincinnati on Thursday at 2:30 p. m. Burial will be in St. Johns cemetery in Cincinnati.

SAM PIFER
NEW LONDON—Sam Pifer, 81, died Tuesday at the home of his nephew, Wilson Clark, in Fitchville where he had lived for the last 35 years.

No other immediate relatives survive. Funeral services will be conducted at the Sackett funeral home, New London, Thursday at 2 p. m. Burial will be at Fitchville.

MARK ELMER TROXELL
SHELBY—Mark Elmer Troxell, 65, died suddenly Tuesday following a heart attack at his home in the Brunswick apartments on West Main street.

A lifelong resident of Richland county, Mr. Troxell lived in Shelby for the past five years. He was born in Amoy. He was a retired welder and carpenter.

One daughter, Mrs. Steward Fackler, of Shelby, five sons, Harry, Chester, and Kenneth, of Shelby, Robert, attending Ohio State university, and Dale, with the army in Tokyo; one brother Harry, of Wakeman, and six grandchildren survive.

Funeral services will be held at the Dye funeral home Thursday at 2 p. m. with Rev. M. P. Paetznick, pastor of the Lutheran church in Plymouth officiating. Burial will be in the Mt. Hope cemetery in Shiloh.

MYSTERY DEATH CALLED SUICIDE

Authorities in Statement Say Divorcee Ended Life in Cistern.

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"The history of the case is conclusive that the act of suicide on the part of Mrs. Semler was not one to be unexpected. Those acquainted with her were apprehensive that she might possibly attempt to take her life.

"There is positively no evidence to connect any one with being the cause of her death. No one for a moment would have questioned that it was a plain case of suicide had Mrs. Semler died in the bathroom where the first act in her attempt occurred.

"Therefore, if it were possible for Mrs. Semler to have bled as she did in the bathroom, then to have gone to the cistern, without shedding any further blood and entered the cistern without inhaling water into her lungs, then the only reasonable conclusion is that she did so.

"Marks of the woman's hands, found on the cistern wall one and one-half feet above the water line are given as conclusive evidence that the woman entered the cistern alive and under her own power."

The marks were found on a curved portion of the cistern near the top, leading to the belief that she had changed her mind and attempted to get out after plunging in.

"No measurement was made of the amount of blood lost in the bathroom. It may have been a quart or more. In the opinion of competent medical authority it would have been highly possible for her to lose as much as one and one-half quarts of blood and perhaps, even after fainting in the bathroom, to have gone to the cistern. Veins were severed but not arteries. The bleeding would have been slow and any pressure

on the veins would have instantly stopped the flow of blood. So it was possible for her to have gone to the cistern without losing any blood on the route taken. She was alive after she was in the cistern because the marks of her hands are on the wall one and one-half feet above the water line. She would have to be alive to make those marks."

Actions Traced.

In conclusion, "the statement traces Mrs. Semler's probable actions after her alleged decision to commit suicide.

"Her entire course in the matter was consistent with the general acts of suicides. Experts advise us that it is quite usual for those attempting suicide to attempt it in several ways, abandoning one act for another or making use of several," it asserted.

Mrs. Semler was left-handed, the report points out and her body showed two minor cuts on her right wrist, several cuts on either side of her neck, all minor. Other cuts were made on the inside of both arms near the elbows, apparently in an attempt to sever arteries there.

These cuts, the report says, would not produce death for several hours and the investigators believe she abandoned hope of death from the cuts and made her way to the cistern, after the bleeding stopped temporarily. Lifting the cistern top again started the bleeding and she finally died from the loss of blood after plunging into the shallow cistern, the report explains.

The statement concludes: "For the reason, therefore, that her history was such that death by suicide was highly probable, that her acts were consistent with the acts of persons who commit suicide; that they were not impossible and that no known person exists who would desire her death, at least to the extent of causing it, we conclude the cause of her death was suicide."

PILGRIMS END SESSION
SPRINGFIELD—UP—The Ohio Pilgrim churches ended sessions yesterday by electing the Rev. L. R. Roberts of this city superintendent and agreeing to meet here in 1947. The Rev. B. A. Awe of Nelsonville was chosen assistant superintendent; the Rev. Albert M. Hood of Marion, secretary and the Rev. O. E. Rutledge of Dayton, treasurer.

MAYOR CITES DEFICITS IN DEPARTMENT

Will Seek Council Action as Collections Run Estimated \$27,000 in the Red.

(Continued From Page 1) under an ordinance adopted in April of 1920. Mansfield then used horses and wagons for collection. Ashes weren't collected.

Since then the annual \$7.20 per customer collection fee has not been changed. Mansfield, the mayor contended should bring its rates up to "where we can meet added costs of new equipment and labor"

Recommending that council give the collection fees "some serious thought and study", he urged that a new ordinance be drawn "allowing us to render a satisfactory and competent service and put the department on a self-supporting basis."

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Through
August 18th
VACATION

Sweden Declares War On Rockets

STOCKHOLM —(UP)—Sweden declared an open season on unidentified rockets today as three airmen were reported killed in a head-on crash with one of the missiles.

Government authorities prepared a nationwide "rocket-hunting" program and alerted all military units air bases and radar stations to be on the lookout for the cigar-shaped "ghost bombs." The newspaper Aftonbladet quoted "investigators" as report-

ing that three fliers were killed yesterday when their military reconnaissance plane crashed into a rocket near Vaggeryd, in southern Sweden. The dispatch said radio contact with the plane was broken just before the crash and that the front of the ship was "completely crushed" by the impact.

REPORT POLIO CASES
CINCINNATI —(UP)—The city health department reported today that two new cases of infantile paralysis had raised the city's total to 17 compared to 21 in a corresponding period of 1945.

DON'T FORGET TOMORROW MORROW COUNTY FAIR
MT. GILEAD, OHIO—AUGUST 15-16-17
3 RACES DAILY
STARTING AT 1 P. M.
PARI-MUTUEL BETTING
Big Night Show 8 P. M. Every Night
ALSO JUNIOR FAIR
PRIZES—EXHIBITS—EVENTS

It's Air Cooled at Gerstenfeld's

Okinawa Accident Kills Mansfielder

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by and Carl of Akron, and four sisters, Mrs. Willis Turnbaugh of Cambridge, Mrs. George Batchik of Akron, Mrs. Dale Lewis of Bellville and Mrs. Donald Eckenrode of Mansfield. One son and a brother preceded him in death.

Memorial services will be held Friday at 9:30 a. m. at St. Peter's Catholic church.

BUS SKIDS, HITS POLE
CINCINNATI —(UP)—A Greyhound bus skidded into an iron pole downtown yesterday during a rain injuring three persons.

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Choice of birthstones in dainty setting of 14K yellow gold.

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Newest styles for men or women. Each watch accurately timed... Jossier dependable.

EASY TERMS

28 Park Ave. West **CULP BROS.** Next to Madison Theater
The Courtesy of an Account Is Available

Welcome Gifts

Gifts that are welcome for all occasions. Our giftware department is very complete at this time... remodeling has us torn up but we can find many different gifts to suit your any desire. Every day is someone's birthday. Gifts in china, glass, metal and wood.

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We are showing a line of vases complete in assortment of patterns, colors, sizes and shapes.
\$1.00 up

Gleaming TRAYS
Serving tray for meat or fowl. Made of chrome with tree and well. Plastic feet.
\$2.69

TRAYS FOR EVERY PURPOSE
Hand-wrought aluminum serving trays. Oblong and round for sandwiches, small ones for nuts and candy.
\$1.50 to \$4.98

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Dinnerware in sets of 35 pieces... add to the set from our open stock of the same pattern.
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