

# Obituaries

## Edward H. Gurtz

MANSFIELD — Edward H. Gurtz, 83, formerly of 185 Atcheson Ave., died early Saturday morning at Lexington Court Care Center following a brief illness.

He was born April 5, 1908, in Castalia, Ohio and had lived in Mansfield the past 55 years.

Mr. Gurtz was retired from Dominion Electric.

He was a 52-year member of St. Matthews Lutheran Church and had served as the church custodian for 20 years.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Shirley and Charles Zents of Crestline; five grandchildren, Debra Catlett, Diane Ward, and David, Douglas and Dayna Gurtz, all of Mansfield; seven great-grandchildren; and a sister, Tina Churchill of Sandusky.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Bernice E. Gurtz, in 1987; a son, Robert and a grandson, Daniel.

Friends may call Monday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 at the Ontario Home of Wappner Funeral Directors, and one-half hour before services which will be held Tuesday at 10 a.m. at St. Matthews Lutheran Church by Pastor Oliver Beach. Burial will be in Mansfield Memorial Park. Memorial contributions may be made to the Church, 426 Sherman Place, Mansfield.

## Julia M. Boyer

WILLARD — Julia M. Boyer, 78, of 115 Crestwood Drive, died Friday evening in Mercy Hospital following an apparent heart attack.

She was born Jan. 26, 1913, in Greenfield Township, Huron County, and was the daughter of the late Lewis and Ada Hunter Conger. She had lived in the Willard and Greenfield Township area all her life. She was a homemaker.

She was a member of First United Methodist Church, the 20th Century Club, a former member of the board of trustees of the Willard Memorial Library, and was a 1931 graduate of North Fairfield High School.

Surviving are one daughter, Beverly Bouman of Celeryville; two sons, John C. Bailey of Springfield, Ohio, and Alan H. Boyer of Keene, N.H.; nine grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Isabelle Seaton of Shelby and Ada Louise Dalton of Wakeman.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Clarence M. Boyer, on Aug. 25, 1967; and her brother, Lewis Conger in 1976.

Calling hours will be Monday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. at Lindsey Funeral Directors, 323 Myrtle Ave., Willard. Funeral services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in First United Methodist Church, 401 E. Howard St., by the Rev. Scott Purdum. Burial will be in Greenfield Township Cemetery, Steuben.

## Christopher Arnett

## Mirth L. McKellogg

WARREN — Former Shelby resident Mirth L. McKellogg, 79, died Thursday night in Trumbull Memorial Hospital in Warren following a three-month illness.

She was born Dec. 3, 1911, in Shelby to the late Milton B. and Ida Elizabeth White Monn. She had lived in Shelby all her life before moving to Warren in 1989. She was a graduate of Shelby High School and Mansfield Business College. She was married Oct. 11, 1946, to Charles B. McKellogg, who preceded her in death Aug. 24, 1980.

Prior to her marriage, she was employed at the Mansfield Mutual Fire Insurance Co. and was the head of the billing department of the Shelby Salesbook Co. She was a member of the Trinity United Methodist Church in Shelby, the Good Fellowship Sunday School class, Women's Missionary Group, Christian Endeavor and the Mansfield Gideon Auxiliary.

Surviving are two sons, John C. McKellogg of Warren and James K. McKellogg of Florence, Ky.; one granddaughter, Amy McKellogg of Warren; and other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her husband and two brothers, Corliss B. and Chester P. Monn.

Calling hours are Monday from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Barkdull Funeral Home in Shelby, where funeral services will be held Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. by the Rev. J. Malcolm Brook. Burial will be in Oakland Cemetery, Shelby. Memorial contributions may be made to the Living Memorial Bible Plan of the Gideons International, P.O. Box 4202, Warren, 44482.

## Ruby Johnson

BUCYRUS — Former Mansfield resident Ruby Johnson, 86, died early Saturday morning in Heartland of Bicyrus following an extended illness.

She was born Dec. 20, 1904, in Russell County, Va., to the late William and Myrtle K. Sargent Mutter.

She attended school in Virginia, but lived in the Mansfield area most of her life. She moved to Bucyrus 5½ years ago. She worked in various restaurants, including the former Hilltop Restaurant of Mansfield.

She was a member of the First Church of The Open Bible of Mansfield, where she was a regular member of the adult Sunday School class. She was a member of the Cornea Transplant Association.

Surviving are one foster daughter, Linda Gale Ratcliff Hykes of Carrollton; several nieces and nephews, including Dorothy Gasuras, Betty Martin and John Addison, all of Bucyrus; four foster grandchildren, Teresa and Kathy Ratcliff, Terri Merritt and Janet Brock; and two grandchildren, Ronald and Melissa Johnson.

## Bertha Plymon Huskey

MANSFIELD — Bertha Plymon Huskey, 92, of 1600 Crider Road, died Friday night in Mansfield General Hospital.

She was born Nov. 12, 1898, in Newville, W.Va., and had lived in Mansfield since 1964.

Mrs. Huskey attended Cook Road Baptist Church.

Surviving are her husband, Obed Huskey; two sons, Victor G. Cogar of Mansfield and Paul R. Cogar of Clarksburg, W.Va.; 26 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; two step-daughters, Edna Huskey of Gatlinburg, Tenn., and Ezalee Huskey of Sevierville, Tenn.; a half-sister, Arlie Douglas of Springfield, Ohio; and two half-brothers, Earl Hamner of Newville, W.Va., and Abney Hamner of Craigsville, W.Va.

Friends may call today from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Diamond Street Home of Wappner Funeral Directors where funeral services will be held Monday at 1:30 p.m. by Rev. James Standridge. Burial will be in Lantz Cemetery.

## Donald J. Biddinger

ASHLAND — Donald J. Biddinger, 65, of 911 Township Road 462, Nova, died unexpectedly Saturday afternoon in Ashland Samaritan Hospital.

He was born Sept. 17, 1926, in Troy Township, Ashland County, and was the son of Don B. S. Biddinger and Bernice R. Carr Biddinger. He had resided in the area all of his life.

He was a retired bricklayer, having worked with the Lorain and Cleveland locals.

He was a member of the Nova Community Methodist Church, where he had served as Sunday School superintendent for more than 30 years. He served as a trustee of the church for many years and helped build the new fellowship hall at the church.

He was a Troy Township trustee for 29 years and was a past president of the trustees. He was a trustee for the rural Lorain County Water Authority, a charter member of the Ruggles-Troy Volunteer Fire Department and helped build the new fire department in Nova. He was a member of the All County Trustees. He was a member of the Sullivan Masonic Blue Lodge 313.

He was a veteran of World War II, having served in the U.S. Army. He was a life member of the Lucas Von American Legion Post 219 of Polk and a past president of the Mapleton Band Boosters.

On Oct. 18, 1951, he was married to Naomi R. Brockway who survives. Also surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Jeanette Gast of Polk and Sherry Biddinger of Nova; his mother, Bernice Biddinger of Nova; two grandchildren; and a brother, Harold L. Biddinger of Ruggles. He was preceded in death by his father in 1981 and a brother, Wendell M. Biddinger, in October 1975.

Friends may call Monday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. at the Denbow-Primm Funeral Home. Services will

## Leo A. Fair

ASHLAND — Leo A. Fair, 80, of 2291 Adario East Road, died Thursday at his home.

He was born Sept. 16, 1911, in Shiloh, the son of Clarence and Hazel Burnett Fair. He was a member of Bethel Baptist Church in Savannah, and he was a farmer. He was a Butler Township clerk and trustee for 30 years and a member of the Richland County Farm Bureau. He was a member of the Richland County Soil and Water Conservation District.

Surviving are his wife, Retha M. Oswald Fair, whom he married Jan. 30, 1938; one daughter, Norma Gaubatz of Bellville; one son, Wayne Fair of Conyers, Ga.; three grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; and six step-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Eva Jean Thompson; and one brother, Elden Fair.

Calling hours will be today from 6 to 9 p.m. at Gilbert-Van Hove Funeral Home and Chapel in Ashland. Funeral services will be held Monday at Bethel Baptist Church at 1 p.m. by Pastor John Bouquet. Burial will be in Adario Cemetery. Friends may also call one hour before services Monday at the church. Memorial contributions may be made to Bethel Baptist Church, U.S. 250, Savannah 44874.

## Mazie A. Myera

MOUNT GILEAD — Mazie A. Myers, 94, formerly of Marengo, died Friday evening in Woodside Village Care Center in Mt. Gilead.

She was born in Harmony Township to Alexander and Myrtle Lane Myers, both now deceased. She received her bachelor's and master's degrees in education from the Ohio State University. She worked as a school teacher for the Marengo and Highland School systems for 44 years until retiring. Mazie was a member of the Morrow County Retired Teachers Association.

She is survived by two cousins.