

Columnists Rated Tops In Country

The Journal-News publishes daily on its editorial page articles by many of the most noted columnists in the country. In presenting these articles all shades of opinion are represented. The Journal-News, of course, does not necessarily subscribe to the opinions reflected in the writings of the columnists.

Mary E. Nichting! She Writes News About Fairfield

Mrs. Mary Ellen Nichting is the correspondent for the Journal-News in the City of Fairfield. The newest addition to the staff of special correspondents, Mrs. Nichting has been writing the Fairfield news since September.

Mrs. Nichting is a former secretary at the Xenia Corp. She resides at 346 Blackhawk Ave., Fairfield, with her husband, Jerry Nichting, who is employed at the engineering department of Krauth and Bemshoff, and young daughter, Susan, 3. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Irwin, 441 Emerson Ave., Hamilton, and was graduated from Hamilton High School.

Gilson Wright! Oxford Correspondent For The Journal-News

Gilson Wright, assistant professor of English at Miami University, has been the Journal-News Oxford correspondent for 20 years. He moved to Oxford in the fall of 1941 from Ohio Wesleyan University, where he was director of the news bureau, to be in charge of athletic publicity at Miami. In addition to his campus duties, he became Journal-News correspondent on Jan. 4, 1942, soon after Cornell College newspaper in the United States.

Wright was born in a northwestern Ohio town, Pading, and his family moved to Lima in 1900 when he was four. An English teacher interested him in journalism by appointing him sports editor of his South High School paper when he was a junior. After graduation from high school he became a reporter on the Lima Daily News. After a year he moved to the Lima Morning Star and the following year became sports editor of the Lima Republican-Gazette. When that paper merged with the News, he decided to spend the next four years in college and entered Ohio Wesleyan at Delaware, from which he was graduated in 1930.

Alta Harvey Heiser!

History, Gardening Her Interests As Described In Weekly Columns

By JIM NEWTON

Journal-News Staff Writer Mother of five sons and grandmothers to 13 youngsters, Mrs. Alta Harvey Heiser, 71 Symmes Rd., has probably written more material on Butler County history and Hamilton gardening activities than anyone else in the history of our county.

Her interesting and exciting column on the history of our county in the Journal-News is January, 1934, nearly 28 years ago, and her column on gardening began just two years later, or more than 25 years ago. Mrs. Heiser has been a contributor to this newspaper for more than a quarter-century.

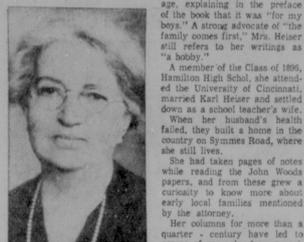
Her combined writings during this period would surpass the efforts of any other writer on these topics in the last 170 years of Hamilton history. Much of what is known today about our local history is attributed to her thousands of hours Mrs. Heiser has devoted toward this cause.

Mrs. Heiser began her "Butler County History" column in the Journal-News on Jan. 11, 1934. In her first column she wrote, "The purpose of these sketches is to share with those who may be interested, an account of some happenings in the early history of Hamilton." She appropriately included in that first column, nearly 28 years ago, the exact location of Fort Hamilton. Her writings since that time have covered hundreds of local families and important events. She has also prepared a directory of Hamilton and Ross-ville business establishments and merchants from 1800 to 1850, a tedious task but a most valuable contribution to the students of local history.

Mrs. WRIGHT

news bureau in the fall of 1931 and he returned to Delaware. Later he became director of the bureau and remained until he moved to Oxford. "I like the newspaper game. It's been good to me. The people who work for newspapers have been exceptionally wonderful. And the scores of celebrities I've met... they, too, have made my work interesting."

A search produced a stack of letters and official papers written by the attorney. After reading them, Mrs. Heiser became interested in the Woods family tree that she wanted a record of in black and white for her five sons. She collaborated with the professor in writing a book about the Woods line.



MRS. HEISER with her writings of gardens, nature and garden friends. Her "Hamilton Garden Club" column was started in the Journal-News on Jan. 20, 1934, nearly 28 years ago, and on this subject Mrs. Heiser also ranks as the best and most prolific and knowing writer.

Active for many years in all affairs of nature, she has given thousands of hours toward sharing her knowledge and experience with tens of thousands of readers for the last quarter-century.

Her first garden club writing began in 1934. "Someone has said that to make a bird sanctuary, you put a piece of net to a bush, set a dish of water on the ground and scare the cat away. With this honey and amusing suggestion, Mrs. Heiser launched her column that has now reached into many millions of words.

MRS. BEELER

Her husband, Robert Logan Beeler, former assistant secretary of the West Side Federal Savings and Loan Association, died in 1948, and in recent years Louise Beeler has done generous volunteer work, was employed for some time by the Faberman's Press, at Darroven, and worked in the office of the Hamilton Area Chamber of Commerce.

What's 'Art'?

In the newspaper business there isn't much argument. Art is any picture or illustration. Pictures in the Journal-News come from a variety of sources. Local and area pictures come generally from a staff of trained, professional photographers. Free photos frequently is used and pictures the Journal-News considers newsworthy and which are capable of reproduction and which are submitted also are published. Most of the society photographs, those of funerals and brides, are supplied by commercial photographers who specialize in those lines.

In 1936! Chamber President Is Quoted

When Alexander Thomson Sr., president of the then Chamber of Commerce from 1933 through 1936, the year the Journal-News celebrated its 50th anniversary, this newspaper quoted Mr. Thomson as follows: "I wish it to be definitely understood that the desire of the Chamber of Commerce is to be a central clearing house for the City of Hamilton for all civic, social and economic problems. The doors always are open to any citizen with meritorious suggestions and criticisms. The membership of every person interested in the future development of Hamilton is hoped for by the officers, directors and members."

Mayor Once Chief City Executive

City officials of Hamilton, when the Journal-News was founded in 1886, were elected under the old Federal form of government that is mayor, council, and so forth.

The mayor, who at that time was not a member of the council as is the case at present, was the chief executive officer of the city and performed the duties now vested in the office of city manager.

Mayor In 1886

By HILDA FONTAINE Journal-News Feature Editor "A vote of 800-100 in favor of the mayor was recorded and kept alive by Mrs. Stella Weiler Taylor, who under the pseudonym of 'Rosemary' for 16 years was an outstanding columnist for the Hamilton Journal-News."

Stella Weiler Taylor! Other Days In Hamilton Kept Alive By Brilliant Journal-News Writer



MRS. TAYLOR PICTURED AT WORK IN HER STUDIO

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Free Press!

"Newspaper Week" Acclaim Butler Area 407, Fraternal Order of Eagles, during the observance of "Newspaper Week" in October of 1957, termed the Hamilton Journal-News a "true representative concept of free press."

Newspaper Terms!

What's A Bank? A bank to most people is a financial institution where money matters are transacted. To newspaper personnel, such as the Journal-News, a bank has an entirely different meaning.

At Hamilton High she held a number of class offices, participated in dramatics, was a commencement speaker and was president of the Senior H.Y. At Miami she was a member of Delta Delta Delta Sorority, served as president of the Student Government, was active in the Faberman's Press, at Darroven, and worked in the office of the Hamilton Area Chamber of Commerce.

Homecoming Publicized

NOTE FROM THE FILES OF THE JOURNAL-NEWS: The village of Millville had its first homecoming in 1914 and the annual event has brought crowds there annually since.

Prior To 1900

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She wrote reams of publicity copy. These weeks she singularly reticent and very humble about her own accomplishments which were so many and so varied. Her recollections of Hamilton, Hamiltonians and of bygone years have been published in book form for many generations to enjoy. These weeks she singularly reticent and very humble about her own accomplishments which were so many and so varied.

You're Welcome! Weather Service Offered

Public Invited To Call Office For Information One of the services the Journal-News is happy to extend to residents of Hamilton and Butler County is weather information which may be obtained by telephoning the Journal-News, TW 5-361.

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