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Adelphi band

seats attached to the capstan by ropes while the musicians provided accompaniment.

One of the most outstanding men to perform with the band was William L. "Will" Huff, noted Chillicothe composer-director-musician. He joined the Fillmore Music Co. of Cincinnati which published his works and sent him to various small towns to organize bands because Huff was a master of almost every instrument.

When John Philip Sousa's band cut its first gramophone record, Huff's "Salute to the Stars and Stripes" was included. In all, the versatile Huff composed more than 90 marches and other band and orchestra numbers, many of which are in the present band's repertoire.

Among other band directors have been Lancaster residents, Fred Hickman, Charles Proximire and Roderick Shaw, formerly of the Cleveland Symphony Orchestra.

Eighteen years ago, R.W. Connett of Piketon picked up the Adelphi baton which he is still swinging at a

young 89 years of age. This indefatigable founder of the Ohio University marching band will turn 90 April 20. He, too, is looking forward to a busy 1980 performance schedule.

In natty dark uniforms, the band has traditionally performed during the Piketon Dogwood Festival, Adelphi Bologna Festival, Ross County and Fairfield County fairs, Hallsville-Tariton Fish Fry, McArthur Fourth of July celebration, Circleville Pumpkin Show, Kingston Geranium Festival, Clarksburg Field Day, Ashville, Adena and Laurelville parades and has given old-time summer concerts in Yoctangee Park.

There is no distaff clef in the band, but womenfolk are not forgotten. After the final appearance of the season, usually in the fall, the men treat their feminine supporters to a special dinner as coda to the year's end.

On roster of those who played at least once last year with the band are: Connett, director, bass or clarinet player; Trumpet - John Brown and

Don Waliser, the Hinton's nephew, Fairfield County; Jeff Mathew and Jerry Thomas, Pickaway County; James Tootle Jr. and Dane Poling, Ross County; Eric Maxson, Hocking county; Merrill Junk, Lake Charles, La., and John Cryder, Joliet, Ill.

Baritone - Tom Paridon, Pike County; and Ferdie Fraunfelder, Fairfield County; - Trombone - Bill Hinton and Hugh Clark Jr., Ross County; John Mathew, Jeff's brother, Marion County; Clarinet - Gilbert Wamsley, Pickaway County, and James York, Highland County.

Bass - Edward Bennett and David Pontious, Ross County; Robert Hansley and Herman Hinton Jr., Bill's sons, Fairfield County; and Roger Carroll, Pike County; Percussion - Bass drummer Curtis Hinton, Hocking County; snare drummers Steve Egan, Curtis Hinton's grandson, Eugene Gildersleeve and his grandson Jimmie Fletcher, Pickaway County, Glenn Hinton, Bill's son, and cymbalist John Bennett, Ed's son, Ross County.

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