



**ADELPHI BAND MEMBERS** donned their uniforms Monday evening during a practice session to pose for this photo. The more than 75-year-old band has made public appearances at most important events over the years. The present director is Roderick Shaw, a music teacher in the Pickaway County schools. (Gazette Photo by Robert D. West).

## Adelphi Band Second Oldest In the State

Adelphi lays claim to having the second oldest band in the State. Only one other, Johnstown, has existed longer.

According to Arthur Hinton, superintendent of the Centralia Schools, the Adelphi Band was organized more than 75 years ago by the Bowsher Brothers. It was known then as Bowshers' Bunch.

Later, it became the Adelphi Band, then the Adelphi-Hallsville Band, but reverted to the Adelphi Band name which it has today.

Love of band music has kept the group active over the years, Mr. Hinton said, and band membership has varied from a small number in the beginning to as high as 40. Personnel now number 25. With a small community, recruiting has been a problem, as the younger people have diversified interests.

### Practice at School

Practices in the early days were held at the Red Men's Hall and the Knights of Pythias Hall in Adelphi, while a Hallsville store was the gathering place for the musicians at other times. Now the practices are at the Adelphi school from March until the customary last appearance of the band at Halloween.

Mr. Hinton recalled that Frank Hickman of Lancaster was a former director of the band and he was followed by Charles Proxmire. The present director is Roderick Shaw, once a member of the University of Michigan's marching band and now a music teacher in the Pickaway County schools.

### To Play at Clarksburg

The band has made frequent appearances at most civic events

over the years. An old photograph shows the band ready to leave for Chillicothe, to help celebrate the visit of Gov. James E. Campbell in 1890. The band will make its appearance at the Clarksburg Field Day on Thursday.

Members of the band attending the Monday practice were: Charles Clark, Raymond Hedges, Gilbert Wamsley, Ramon Maxson, Curtis Hinton, Roger Egan, Herman Hinton Sr., Edward Bennett, Arthur Hinton, Eugene Gildersleeve, Ned Tomlinson, David Pontious, Herman Hinton Jr., David Bechtel, David Horn, Eitel Friedrich, Larry McDaniel and Roderick Shaw. The band also has three majorettes—Mary Sue Clark and Nancy and Elizabeth Gildersleeve.

