

### Earl Davis Family Memorial Fund

The session has received notice that \$10 000 has been deposited with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Foundation in a permanent fund to benefit the music ministry of Salem Presbyterian Church.

Linda Davis, widow of Earl, gave this gift in memory of Earl, Mary, Marla, and Sharon Davis, in honor of their love of music. Priority for the income from this fund is to be given to the support of youth, junior, and hand bell choirs. It is estimated that this gift will provide approximately \$650 a year for the



Venedocia Lions Club President Tom Evans (right) is shown presenting a check to Craig Pohlman, president of the Venedocia Lads & Lassies 4-H Club. The donation was made possible by the proceeds of the sausage sale at the Van Wert County Fair. Other club members are (from the left) Eli Waltz, Shawn Kill, Denise Kill and Jennie Evans.

## Lions donation

During the 1998 United Way Admissions and Review process the American Red Cross had a request for extra funds to purchase lanterns, cots, and blankets for Van Wert County residents should we have a disaster. With those funds the Red Cross purchased eight electric lanterns, 54 cots, and 110 blankets. Shown with those items are Mike Butler, United Way; Mike Kirkendall, Red Cross Disaster Services co-chairman; Larry Rockwell, executive director of the American Red Cross; and Steve Dalley, United Way.

## Red Cross is ready for any disaster

The mission of the Van Wert County Chapter of the American Red Cross is to respond to disasters, and help people prevent, prepare for, and respond to emergencies. The Van Wert Red Cross is governed by a board of directors, which is local, has local control over its financial management, and involves local citizens as volunteers to deliver services here in this community. Its various programs provide disaster relief; training programs for life guards, CPR, first aid, and work-

place safety; the collection and disbursement of life saving blood; emergency assistance and communications between family members and members of the Armed Forces.

The Van Wert County Chapter of the American Red Cross was founded in 1919.

As mentioned above, the American Red Cross programs funded by the United Way of Van Wert County are:

➤ Disaster Services — Provides services to families affected by

fires, floods, and tornadoes, etc. Also provides training for disaster volunteers.

➤ Blood Services — The Red Cross conducts bloodmobiles and operates emergency blood transfers to ensure a safe and sufficient blood supply to area hospitals.

➤ Health & Safety Services — Provides funding for volunteer training; related support materials for instructors and students, equipment, and supply costs.

➤ Services to Military Families

— Provides financial and personal assistance for any member of the military or their families.

Recently a college student from Van Wert helped save the life of a tennis player who collapsed during a match. A Red Cross volunteer from Van Wert gave bone marrow not once, but twice, to save the life of a leukemia patient. Local Disaster Action Teams have responded to 19 house fires in the last year, offering support and assistance to those families.

music ministry.

The session decided that this gift should be acknowledged and dedicated during the Sunday School Christmas Program at 7:30 Sunday Evening, December 12<sup>th</sup>. Plan now to attend this program, which will include a special handbell piece in honor of this gift. The Sunday School Christmas Program will be dedicated to the memory of this musical family and their contributions to Salem.