


THE MARION STAR



RILEY NORRIS  
Heads Mansfield Band

### Norris Group Will Play for Charity Event

Riley Norris of Mansfield, leader of the 16-man orchestra chosen for the annual Charity Ball, Dec. 28 at Veterans Memorial Coliseum has a distinguished background as a dance band, jazz, concert and studio musician.

After serving for many years as the lead trumpet player for such well-known big bands as Jimmy Dorsey and Claude Thornhill, Norris settled in central Ohio several years ago. He formed a large dance band made up of professional musicians who, like himself had given up the rigors of traveling and one-night stands. Organized in 1959, the Norris band plays a selected number of dates throughout Ohio—primarily college proms and large community dances.

The group was honored this year by being named the outstanding dance band in the Midwest. The citation was made by the National Dance Band Congress of the American Federation of Musicians.

Playing in the Woody Herman-Count Basie-Stan Kenton style, the Norris group features special musical arrangements with a variety of tempos and selections.

Proceeds from the benefit dance, which is being sponsored by the Woman's Hospital Board of Marion General Hospital, will be used primarily for maintenance of the Well Baby Clinic at the hospital.