

Year Of 1938 Passes In Review

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Municipal

A new boiler with 450 H. P. capacity is being installed, doubling the present output at the plant.

Present boilers are taxed to capacity in carrying the town's peak load, and installation of the new unit will relieve this condition.

Financing of the expansion project is being handled thru the PWA, with the town providing 55 per cent of the funds, and the federal government the remaining 45 per cent.

Heating Service Expanded

Another improvement of the last year at the municipal plant was the extension of the city heating service. More than 800 feet of new mains were laid in July and August, providing heat service for residents on the east side of Main street between the Diller funeral home and the Dr. M. D. Soash residence.

Exhaust steam, formerly a waste product at the municipal plant, is piped thru the mains, providing heat for 31 houses, and industrial plant, and the Community hospital. The residences receiving heat service are on South Main, Poplar and Garau streets.

Improvement of streets and walks thruout the town was made possible by an extensive WPA program launched here in early summer, and which continued until December. It is estimated that more than \$13,000 was expended in the various projects.

A total of 5,528 feet of new walks, four feet wide, were constructed by WPA workmen. Included in the program was work on 73 individual properties and at 13 village street crossings. Walks laid by the workmen had a four-inch base of stone and four-inch top concrete. Aggregate cost of the project was announced as approximately \$2,200.

Lawn Avenue Widened

In the street program, Lawn avenue was widened from Riley street to Grove street, distance of nearly one mile. With the addition of two feet on each side, the new thoroughfare is 26 feet in width.

One block of Franklin street, from from Lawn avenue to Spring Street also was improved during the summer. The street widened and surfaced with a new oil top.

In a move to alleviate parking confusion in the downtown area, the town opened a new municipal parking lot at the rear of the Long restaurant early in the summer. The lot is 65 by 160 feet and will accommodate approximately 40 automobiles.

With the safety of motorists in mind a new automatic electric flasher safety signal was erected at the Jefferson street crossing of the Nickel Plate railroad. Cost to the road was approximately \$3,000. Installation was completed in July.

Building

In early summer the Schumacher addition was added to the town. It consists of 1.6 acres fronting on Grove street and College road, with four lots on Grove street and three on the other thoroughfare.

Two Village Additions

This is the second addition that has been added to Bluffton over the last year and a half, the village previously having been extended to take in the King lots on Harmon road.

Bluffton's shortage of housing facilities has become increasingly apparent within the last two years. Principal factors in the lack of residences has resulted from expansion of the Meter Works, plus the location in Bluffton last year of the Woodcock generating plant of the Central Ohio Light and Power Co. which brought approximately a dozen additional families to the town.

Building of apartments, another answer to the acuteness of the housing situation also continued during the

last year. Four modern apartments were completed and opened in the Stratton building on downtown Main street, and several other apartments were made in larger residences.

Industrial

was started in the following month. Employment is provided at the plant for 14 men.

Bluffton's industrial activity showed further expansion with the completion of a new addition to the local plant of the Page Dairy Co.

Dairy Expands

Following the installation of equipment last spring, the manufacture of dried milk was inaugurated here. Machinery installed is of the latest type, and the process followed in drying milk is a new one that may revolutionize the industry.

In February, following a fire that started in the projection booth, the Star theatre was improved and re-decorated.

One of the principal real estate transactions was the sale of half of the Stratton building in the downtown area on Main street to Findlay interests. It was announced that a new movie house will be opened in the building.

Book Exchange Here

A project that is providing employment for more than a dozen Bluffton college students was establishment here during the last summer of a College Book Exchange, which formerly was located in Toledo. An extensive business in books is conducted by the concern.

Liquidation of the defunct Commercial Bank and Savings Co., which closed five years ago, was completed during the year, and final dividends were paid to depositors. When the settlement was completed, 70.95 per cent of all claims of depositors had been paid.

Funeral Services For Helen Kohler

Funeral services for Helen Kohler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kohler residing three miles west of Bluffton were held at Emanuel's Reformed church, Friday afternoon. Officiating at the services were her pastor, Rev. Emil Burrichter and a former pastor, Rev. A. K. Beisheim of Bucyrus. Interment was in Maple Grove cemetery.

Her death, due to diabetes and complications, came unexpectedly at Lima Memorial hospital last Wednesday afternoon. She was aged twenty-four years, two months and one day.

She was employed as housekeeper at the home of Judge Kent Hughes in Lima, where she became ill on Tuesday and was taken to the hospital.

She was a member of Emanuel's Reformed church and was graduated from Bluffton high school in the class of 1931.

Surviving are her parents, one brother Robert and four sisters Vera, Alice, Glenna and Esther all at home; also her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Kohler of Bluffton.

Henry Vail, Former Resident Succumbs

Henry Vail, 83, former Bluffton resident, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Wm. Hahn in Lima, Sunday. While in Bluffton, Mr. Vail lived with his daughter, Mrs. Hahn, and moved with them to Lima several years ago.

He was born in Arlington, March 21, 1855, the son of Cyrus and Martha Vail who were thought to have been the first white settlers in that vicinity. He was a farmer and mason by occupation.

Surviving are two daughters Mrs. H. K. Van Atta of Findlay and Mrs. Hahn of Lima. Three brothers surviving are Robert Vail of Findlay and Edwin and Roger Vail, both of Arlington.

Funeral services were held at Arlington on Wednesday afternoon. Rev. G. W. Whyman of the Lima Grace M. E. church officiated. Burial was in Findlay.

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Cleo Smith, of Lima, former Bluffton resident is a patient in Lima Memorial hospital suffering from stomach disorders.

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Miss Nelle Lugbill of Cleveland spent the week end at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Lugbill of South Lawn avenue.

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Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pugh and children of Cortland visited with Mrs. Pugh's mother, Mrs. Sarah Geiger of Spring and High street last week end.

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A family gathering enjoyed a New Year's dinner at the home of Mrs. Elizabeth Burkholder. Those present were: Peter Burkholder, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Burkholder and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Burkholder and daughter, Bonnie Lou; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bronson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Walters and family, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Martin and son Tommy Dean, Mr. and Mrs. Myrl Driftmyer and son Eugene Jr., Louise Burkholder and Leonard Cupples.

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Church of Christ Missionary The Woman's Missionary society of the Church of Christ will meet with Mrs. Grace Amstutz on Thursday afternoon.

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Quilt Is Presented To Hospital Head

A quilt bearing 640 names presented to Miss Stella Burkholder, superintendent of the Bluffton Community hospital will be displayed in the window of the Basinger furniture store this week.

The quilt, presented during the holiday season with compliments of her many friends bears the names of officers of the Ladies Auxiliary of the hospital together with those of physicians, nurses, hospital board and patients.

1053 FREE MEALS During the month of December the Lima City Mission provided 1053 free meals and overnight lodging for 897 persons, according to a report made this week by Adam D. Welty, superintendent.

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For rent—Property on South Jackson street. See Mrs. Paul Studler, Bluffton phone.

For sale—Several good farms and city properties. See H. W. Althaus.

For sale—Good residence on Main street. See Harley Diller, 1 1/2 miles northwest of town.

For sale—Winter apples. Augsburg Fruit farm, 2 miles south of Bluffton.

For sale—Motor in good condition; sold cheap if taken at once. Inquire 144 Riley St., Bluffton.

For sale—Renown kitchen range in good condition; also two leather rockers. Mrs. Clyde Yergler.

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