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CONTRACT IS LET FOR HAULING OF ASHES, GARBAGE

Award Made to Russell Tripplehorn, Low Bidder for One Year at \$1,300

How to Collect Fees from Householders is Problem Baffling Town Council

Bluffton corporation will pay the sum of \$1,300 for having its garbage, rubbish and ashes hauled away for one year, beginning May 15.

Contract in that amount was awarded to Russell Tripplehorn by the town council Monday night after bids for this service were opened. Tripplehorn was the lowest of six bidders.

Other bids were Gerald Tripplehorn \$1,350, Jesse Weiss \$1,425, Paul Shulaw \$2,000 all of Bluffton; Elmer Sutter \$1,350, Pandora; City Collection Service, Lima, \$2,100.

HOW COLLECT MONEY

Although Mayor W. A. Howe stated that garbage and ashes removal service would start on May 15, the council has yet to set up machinery to collect the annual fee of \$2 from each household using the service.

How to collect this fee, payable in quarterly installments of fifty cents has proved a problem which has baffled the council ever since the question of garbage collection was seriously considered.

After discussing a half-dozen plans the council adjourned with the problem apparently as far from solution as ever. Plans discussed at the meeting ranged all the way from employing a collector to make the rounds of houses throughout the town to a suggestion to abandon the collection idea entirely and finance the project thru regular real estate tax collections the same as fire protection and police service.

TRY COLLECTION SENTIMENT

Majority sentiment in the council, however, appeared to favor the idea of giving the collection plan a trial for at least six months. At a meeting of the council next Monday night, some plan, it is expected, will be worked out.

Regulations in the matter of deposition of garbage, rubbish and ashes to which householders will be required to conform are also expected to be formulated by the council before the middle of the month when collection service begins.

These regulations are expected to deal with the placing of wastes in suitable containers and placed where reasonably accessible to the collector on his rounds.

As it is understood that garbage will be fed to livestock, regulations will probably be made requiring that glass and foreign substances injurious to animals be eliminated from garbage and placed with rubbish.

Golden Wedding At Beaverdam Sunday

Fiftieth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. I. Marshall Jennings, prominent Richland township residents, will be marked next Sunday, at their home in Beaverdam.

Since their marriage in 1890, Mr. and Mrs. Jennings have lived continuously in Richland township.

For the last 16 years they have resided in Beaverdam where Mr. Jennings has served as manager of The Farmers' Elevator Co. Prior to taking up his residence in Beaverdam Mr. Jennings was a Richland township farmer.

A family dinner will be held at noon next Sunday; to be followed in the afternoon by a reception for relatives and friends. Three sons and a daughter, and their respective families, will help celebrate the event.

Mrs. Jennings is 69 years old, and in good health. Mr. Jennings, 71, has not missed a day at the elevator for many years.

Three years ago when the Beaverdam elevator burned to the ground after being struck by lightning, Jennings shouldered the task of directing re-building of the structure, despite his advanced years.

Children of Mr. and Mrs. Jennings are Willard S. Jennings, a farmer, of near Bluffton; Doit C. Jennings, of Kenton; Gerald W. Jennings, of Newark; and Mrs. Mai C. Huber, of Findlay, the wife of Clair Huber.

CHANGE GRANGE MEETING

Meeting of Richland grange will be held next Monday night instead of Tuesday, it was announced by grange officers the first of the week.

English Copper Coin, Century And A Half Old, Found On Farm Near Town

Fisherman Gets
Two Large Bass
At Quarry Here

RECORD catch of fish in Bluffton waters this season was made by Lawrence Hosafros of Orange township who landed two small mouth bass at the National quarry, Sunday.

His largest catch was made in the morning—a four pounder measuring twenty inches. In the afternoon he hooked another one, measuring eighteen inches and weighing three pounds.

Choice fishing spots were crowded Sunday, the last holiday before the closed season for bass from May 1 to June 15 inclusive in Ohio's inland waters.

The Lake Erie bass fishing season remains open until May 24 after which it will remain closed until July 1. The ban is placed on bass fishing to coincide with their spring spawning, according to the state division of conservation.

PUSH TILLAGE ON FARMS AS SEASON OPENS

Farmers Hook Up Radio with
Tractor to Lighten Long
Plowing Hours

Implement Dealers Rushed as
Late Spring Arrives; De-
liveries Difficult

Tractors equipped with radios are the latest ideas in modern stream-lined farming in the Bluffton district as tillage is being pushed at top speed to prepare seed beds for belated spring planting.

All available equipment is being swung into operation this week as farmers are experiencing one of the busiest seasons in recent years with horses working from dawn to dusk and tractors in some cases operating on twenty-four hour schedules to make up for a late spring which has set back normal farm work from three to four weeks.

With a tractor in full operation throughout the busy spring season, a radio affords welcome diversion, according to farmers.

With farmers swamped by the rush of spring work, local implement dealers likewise are equally busy. Deliveries of equipment in many instances are behind schedule and spot delivery from warehouses is becoming increasingly difficult to obtain, dealers say.

Although corn planting normally would be under way next week, it is believed that comparatively little will be planted before the middle of the month.

May Go To National School Music Meet

Two high school students in the Bluffton area, winners in the state solo and ensemble contest at Oberlin last Saturday may participate in the national contest to be held at Battle Creek, Mich., May 16 and 17.

Barbara Jean Triplett, Bluffton high school freshman, entered at Oberlin in the Class B xylophone solo competition was awarded a rating of superior and was named alternate in this class for the national contest. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Triplett of Campus Drive.

Robert Marshall, student in Beaverdam high school and son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Marshall won the flute solo competition in Class C and will participate in the national contest.

Other ratings of Bluffton contestants were:

Cello solo—Betty Steinman, excellent.

Flute solo—Raymond Schumacher, good.

Clarinet quartet—Donna Hagerman, Josephine Augsburger, Robert Amstutz, James Stratton. Very good.

String quartet—Marie Zuercher, Neil Neuwander, Helen Soldner, Arthur Thiessen. Excellent.

Mixed ensemble—Dale Grismore, Ralph Short, Roger Howe, Wilhelm Amstutz, II; Phyllis Steiner, Margaret Basinger, Mary Alice Howe, Jeanne Baumgartner. Excellent.

Air-Conditioned Trains

More than 11,000 air-conditioned railroad passenger cars are now in operation.

E. D. Boutwell Turns Up Coin
In Flower Bed on John
Rogers Farm

Coin Bears Likeness of King
George III; Date 1806, is
Still Legible

An old English copper coin, dated 1806, was found Sunday by E. D. Boutwell in a flower bed he had made on the John Rogers farm, three miles north of Bluffton on the Dixie highway.

Boutwell lives on the farm with his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Nonnamaker.

He had spaded the flower bed Saturday, and while strolling about the yard Sunday he noticed the copper coin laying on top of the earth.

Cleaning it up, he found it in excellent condition. A likeness of George III, King of England, can be distinguished plainly, and also the inscription of the date, 1806. Value of the piece of money is not given. A hole was punched thru the coin, leading to the belief that an Indian had obtained it from English traders, perhaps at Detroit, and wore it on a string or leather thong as a necklace.

If this assumption is correct the coin likely was lost on the farm long before there were any settlers in this area, and in all probability before the fighting of the War of 1812. Also, there is the possibility the coin might have been lost by a British soldier, for the English had extensive movements of troops thru this area about the turn of the Nineteenth century.

Rites Held Saturday For Lloyd Luginbuhl

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon in the Ebenezer Mennonite church for Lloyd L. Luginbuhl, 42, former proprietor of the Bluffton Auto Top and Glass Shop, who died at 10 o'clock last Thursday morning at his home four miles west of town.

Mr. Luginbuhl had suffered a year's illness from heart disease.

A native of Richland township, Mr. Luginbuhl was born March 2, 1898, the son of Amos and Sarah (Zurfluh) Luginbuhl, both of whom survive. He had resided all his life in the Bluffton area.

In addition to his parents he is survived by four sisters, Mrs. Ella Dillman, Bluffton; Mrs. Edna Neuschwander, Columbus Grove; Mrs. Alice Sharp, Norwalk; Mrs. Cassie Yerks, Lima; and a brother, Weldon Luginbuhl, Bluffton.

Mr. Luginbuhl was a member of the Ebenezer Mennonite church in which the funeral was conducted, with Rev. P. A. Kliever, pastor, officiating. Burial was in the Ebenezer cemetery.

The Bluffton Auto Top and Glass Shop, which Mr. Luginbuhl formerly operated, is located on Cherry street near the Riley Creek bridge.

Operetta By Grade Schools Next Tuesday

An operetta "Peter Rabbit" will be presented by the first six grades of the public school next Tuesday night at 8 o'clock in the high school gymnasium.

The production will be directed by Miss Elizabeth Higley, vocal music supervisor.

The cast of characters: Peter Rabbit, Elmer Stonehill; Mopsy, Jean Ann Klingler; Flopsy, Marilyn Pett; Cottontail, Maynard Pogue; Mother Rabbit, Louise Soldner; McGregor, the gardener.

Groups of vegetables: Beets, Grade 1; Carrots, Grade 4; Lettuce and peas, Grades 5 and 6; Beans, various grades; Glow worms, Grades 4, 5 and 6.

Community Softball Organization Friday

Plans for community softball play during the spring and summer months will be drawn up at a meeting in the recreation center at the Grade school building, at 8 p. m. this Friday.

All interested in the proposition are urged to attend.

It is hoped that separate leagues can be organized for boys and men this year.

New Tree Pruner

A new tree pruner, operating on hydraulic pressure, easily cuts limbs up to two inches thick. Extension poles enable the operator to remove a limb 20 feet from the ground.

77 PERCENT IN RICHLAND TWP. SIGN FOR AAA

Total of 272 Farms of 353 in
Township Sign Compliance
Agreements

Committee Makes Final Report
As Period for Signing
Closes Wednesday

With Wednesday as the last day in which to enter compliance contracts, 77 per cent of the farms in Richland township were signed up under AAA agreements it was reported by the local committee.

In making final check up, the committee stated that 272 of the 353 farms in the township had agreed to the federal government's proposal for aid in return for regulation of crop production.

Any tract of three or more acres is recognized as a farm by the AAA committee.

Members of the township committee are: Amos Moser, chairman, Willard Jennings and Sol Steiner. Fred Mueller and D. E. Daily are alternates.

Orange Twp. S. S. Convention, Sunday

Sunday schools of Orange township will hold their spring convention at Olive Branch church, Sunday night at 7:45 o'clock.

Theme of the convention is "Increase Our Faith". Officers are: Pres., Helen Wagner; Sec'y-treas., Joe Bell.

The program follows:
Song by congregation
Devotions—Rev. McVey, Mt. Cory
Piano solo—Miriam Dearth
Music—Sextet of Olive Branch church
Reading—Rachel Beagle
Music—Men of Riley Creek Church
Piano solo—Victoria Moser
Offering
Secretary's report
Play—"Seek And Ye Shall Find"
Young People's class of Riley Creek
Address—Rev. E. J. Penhorwood
South Side Church of Christ, Lima
Song by congregation
Benediction—Rev. McVey

Large Audiences At School Programs

The high school auditorium was well filled Sunday afternoon and evening when programs were given by pupils of the grade and high schools.

Instrumental and vocal musical organizations of the schools were presented in an afternoon program under direction of Prof. Sidney Hausenstein and Miss Elizabeth Higley.

In the evening a program was presented by classes in religious education under direction of Miss Janet Henderson.

Old School Photo In News Window

Students in the Ewing school in Orange township during the 1890-91 term are shown on a photograph on display in The Bluffton News window, this week.

W. W. Scothorn, of Orange township, was the teacher. Of the 36 students included in the picture, many are well known and a number still live in this area.

BREAKS ARM

John E. Steiner of Thurman street, Bluffton tinner, sustained a broken bone in the upper left arm as the result of a fall. Steiner was working on an outbuilding at the Oberly property at West College avenue and Jackson street when the hooks on an extension ladder gave way and he fell to the ground.

Chicks Are Lost As Brooder House Burns

Five hundred chicks were lost when a brooder house on the Carl Fett Farm southeast of Bluffton on the Lincoln highway caught fire and burned last Wednesday night.

REAL ESTATE DEAL

A price of \$9,300 was paid by Harold Radabaugh for a farm of 135 acres in Union township. The farm was sold in the case of Hazel Peterson against Arvilla Inebit and others. The land was appraised at \$9,000.



Allied Blockade Encountered By Former Bluffton Resident

Walter Locher, from Venezuela,
Tells of Tight Cordon
Around Oil Center

Low Flying French Planes
Scrutinize Identity of Stan-
dard Oil Steamer

In returning to the United States from the Venezuela oil field in which he is stationed, Walter Locher, former Bluffton resident, passed thru a closely-drawn Allied blockade of destroyers and airplanes.

Locher told of precautions taken by France and England to keep Germany from South American oil when he visited in Bluffton Monday and Tuesday.

His wife and little son were here with him. The family recently arrived from Maracaibo, Venezuela, to visit his mother, Mrs. Eph Locher, in Cleveland, to which city they returned Tuesday.

Later this week the Lochers will motor to Oklahoma where they will visit with Mrs. Locher's sister. They expect to return to Venezuela early in June.

Locher said that the Standard Oil tanker on which he and his family returned to the States was checked twice by French planes which flew over the boat to learn its identity.

At the opening of the war three German boats were interned in Aruba. Later they made a dash for Germany, attempting to evade the Allied blockade. One of the ships was captured by the British, and another returned to port.

The third ship was the German luxury liner, Columbus, on which Father Robert Maher, pastor of St. Marys Catholic church was a passenger when the war started.

The Columbus had barely gotten started on its way to Europe when it was overhauled by a British destroyer. At the captain's orders, the magnificent ship, one of the largest in the world, was scuttled, to prevent its falling into enemy hands.

Locher said that the production of oil has been curtailed in the Maracaibo field since outbreak of the war. This is due to the fact that Germany, formerly one of the best customers, has been unable to buy or transport oil to Europe.

England, however, is buying much oil, and it is a customary sight to see British tankers in Aruba harbor. These are closely guarded by British destroyers.

Geiger To Head Radio Club For Coming Year

Maynard Geiger, who is employed in the research laboratory of the Triplett Electrical Instrument company was elected president of the Bluffton Radio club for the coming year at the annual election held Monday night.

Other officers elected were: Vice president, Garland Steiner; Sec'y-treas., Eugene Benroth; activity manager, Lloyd Brauen.

Retiring officers are: Pres., Harold Solt; vice pres., Nelson Herr; sec'y-treas., Donald Corson; activity mgr., James Benroth.

Religious Education Instructor Resigns

Miss Janet Henderson, instructor in religious education in the Bluffton schools has resigned her position effective at the close of the current school year, it was announced the first of the week.

Miss Henderson has been instructed in religious education subjects here for the past two years under direction of the council of religious education composed of representatives of various churches of the town and community. No successor has been named to fill the vacancy.

G. O. P. WIN IN COLLEGE MOCK ELECTION HERE

Students Take Over Direction
Of Institution Wednesday
For One Day

Advocate Handsome Instructor
For Girls Physical Educa-
tion Class

Students occupied the "seats of the mighty" at Bluffton college Wednesday in the annual observance of Student Administration Day.

All administrative posts at the college and the direction of classes are taken over by the students on Administration Day. Instructors take a day off and undergraduates are king for a day.

Much of the campus interest in the movement, however, centered in an old-fashioned pre-election campaign waged by three parties jockeying for victory in the all-college election to determine those who will fill the administrative positions.

In Tuesday's election, the "Elephant" party swept its entire slate into office, scoring a decisive victory over "Donkey" and "Blacksheep" candidates.

William "Snooks" Snyder, Altoona, Pa., elected college president, headed the "Elephant" ticket, with Mason Blosser, Lima, being named dean of the college.

In national politics, the "Elephant" party was pledged to the support of Tom Dewey, young Republican candidate for president.

Other planks in the platform of the party included advocating a college "dating" bureau, free transportation to and from school for all Bluffton students attending the college, and the hiring of a handsome instructor for girls physical education classes.

Births

Mr. and Mrs. George Bame of Jenera are the parents of a daughter born at the Bluffton hospital Tuesday.

A daughter, Carolyn Kay, has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Horace Wilson of Findlay. Mrs. Wilson was formerly Miss Laoma Oberly of this place.

A son, Charles Rex, has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Kent Klingler of Ada. Mr. and Mrs. John Russell of Ada, who lived in Bluffton a number of years ago are the great grandparents.

Dr. Smith Talks To Historical Society

Dr. C. Henry Smith, head of the department of political science at Bluffton college, was the speaker at a meeting of the Allen County Historical society at Memorial hall in Lima, last Thursday night. His subject was "The 100th Anniversary of the Log Cabin-Hard Cider Campaign."

Advance In Hog Market Bogs Down

A sharp reaction the first of the week stopped the spectacular rise in the hog market which provided fireworks in the agricultural picture.

Top on the market Wednesday, quoted at \$5.70 represented a drop of 50 cents under the market, Monday, and was sixty cents under the maximum price a week ago.

SPRINGFIELD FIRM IS LOW BIDDER ON POST OFFICE HERE

James I. Barnes Construction
Company Submits Figure
Of \$45,300

Work on New Federal Building
In Bluffton Will be
Started Shortly

Construction of Bluffton's new post office, an \$80,000 federal project, will be under way by late spring it was indicated last week following announcement that the James I. Barnes Construction Co., of Springfield, Ohio, was the low bidder.

Bid of the Barnes company one of the best known construction firms in the state was \$45,300.

Indications are that the United States public buildings department is anxious to get the work started soon.

Deadline for placing general contract bids was last Wednesday noon, and announcement was made on the afternoon of the same day that the Barnes firm had submitted the low figure.

The next lowest bid was \$46,838, submitted by H. D. White and Co., of Chicago.

After final details of the contract are consummated, the builder will have 240 days in which to complete the structure. In case of delay the contractor must pay \$30 for each additional day required for completion of the job.

As a consequence it is expected that work will be pushed forward rapidly. If the entire 240 days are required to complete the work, the structure will not be completed until next December.

Bluffton's new post office will be a one-story building of colonial design. Exterior walls will be faced with brick, and the colonial trim will be of wood and stone.

Martha Radebaugh Rites Wednesday

Mrs. Martha Ann Radebaugh, 74, a former teacher in the Hancock county schools, died at 1:25 p. m. Sunday in her home two miles south of Bluffton in Richland township. She had been bedfast for the past four months.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon in the Bluffton Methodist church. Rev. J. A. Weed, pastor, officiated. Burial was in Maple Grove cemetery.

A native of Fairfield county, Mrs. Radebaugh was the daughter of Benjamin F. and Sarah Sager Myers, who moved to Hancock county when she was a child.

She was the widow of William Henry Radebaugh, who died July 4, 1919. They were married in Hancock county, and lived six years at Cannonsburg. After residing in Defiance for three years, they returned to Hancock county where they lived two years, then moved to the farm south of Bluffton.

Four daughters and three sons survive. They are Mrs. Vesta Steiner, Toledo; Mrs. Fane Pett, Bluffton; Mrs. Clara Augsburger, Bluffton; Mrs. Grace Wolfe, New York City; William Radebaugh, Bellevue; Dr. Webster Radebaugh, Detroit; and George Radebaugh, Toledo.

Also surviving are three sisters, Mrs. Huldah Gable, Tipton, Okla.; Miss Sarah Myers, Loma Linda, Calif.; Mrs. Mary Kurtz, San Diego, Calif.; and a brother, Albert Myers, Mt. Cory.

Mrs. Radebaugh was a graduate of Ohio Northern university, and was a member of the Orange Township Farm Women's club and the Bluffton Methodist church.

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