

GALA WELCOME IS  
GIVEN GOVERNOR  
JOHN W. BRICKER

State Administrative Head Ad-  
dresses Bluffton College  
Booster Banquet

Governor Cites Importance of  
Small Community as Founda-  
tion of Government

Integral to the nation and state are  
small communities like Bluffton, was  
the opinion expressed by Governor  
John W. Bricker, who addressed the  
third annual Bluffton college booster  
banquet held at the high school gym-  
nasium, Monday night.

Approximately 250 persons turned  
out for the banquet and program on  
which the governor was the principal  
speaker. On several previous occa-  
sions Bluffton audiences have been  
honored by the presence of the Gov-  
ernor.

Myres Y. Cooper, James M. Cox  
and Frank B. Willis have addressed  
Bluffton groups during their terms of  
office and Martha L. Davey spoke be-  
fore Bluffton audiences on several oc-  
casions prior to his occupancy of the  
executive office.

## Greeted Here

The governor arrived in town short-  
ly after 7 o'clock and held an informal  
reception at the high school build-  
ing in the office of A. J. B. Longsdorf,  
preceding the banquet. Here he was  
greeted by business, industrial and  
club leaders.

The executive came from Columbus  
unaccompanied by any administrative  
aides. He arrived in town in the  
large limousine of the state depart-  
ment. He wore for the occasion a  
blue business suit with an American  
Legion button in the lapel.

Prominently mentioned in the Re-  
publican National convention at Phi-  
ladelphia as a presidential candi-  
date, Governor Bricker continues in  
the national limelight as an outstand-  
ing leader of his party.

## Eloquent Orator

An eloquent orator, Governor  
Bricker has a delivery that varies  
from rapid fire to deliberate weighing  
of words and phrases. Thoroughly  
democratic, the executive has a pleas-  
ing bearing and many school children  
came up to shake hands with him.

In opening his address on "The Re-  
lation of the Community to the State  
and Nation," Governor Bricker point-  
ed out that spiritual leadership of  
church sponsored higher education  
will be instrumental in bringing san-  
ity to this world of chaos.

The chief executive lauded the work  
of the small community and empha-  
sized its importance to the state and  
nation. The small community like  
Bluffton is very essential to the foun-  
dations of the country, the Governor  
stated.

## Huge Debts

In analyzing present governmental  
and economic problems the Governor  
pointed out that wars and huge debts  
being piled up by state and national  
governments are beginning to threat-  
en the capitalist system. If democ-  
racy is to survive, however, the cap-  
italist system must be maintained,  
he declared. American ingenuity  
will see the way clear to provide for  
the emergency and preserve essential  
individual liberties.

The first 10 amendments to the con-  
stitution—the bill of rights—are what  
really give heart and soul to our  
government, Governor Bricker asserted.  
Every evidence today points to in-  
creasing federal control which means  
the lessening of state rights and the  
decline in power of the local commu-  
nity.

## Spiritual Resources

In concluding his address, Governor  
Bricker emphasized the fact that hu-  
man ingenuity can go only so far and  
then man comes to the realm of spir-  
itual resources for the solution and  
understanding of manifold problems  
confronting mankind.

Toastmaster for the evening was  
E. S. Lape who also introduced the  
Governor. Serving with Lape on the  
committee instrumental in making  
arrangements for the banquet were  
Ezra Moser and Dr. W. M. Niswan-  
der.

Other numbers on the program in-  
cluded: Invocation, Rev. Paul Whit-  
mer; music, college trumpet trio; wel-  
come, Pres. L. L. Ramseyer; music,  
college a cappella choir under the di-  
rection of Prof. Russell Lantz. Dur-  
ing the dinner, music was furnished  
by a college instrumental ensemble.

## Real Estate Deal

Wilbur Sumney has purchased the  
40 acre farm of Frank Williams  
west of Beaverdam and will take  
possession the first of next Septem-  
ber. The deal was handled by H.  
W. Althaus.

Bluffton Farming Land Beautiful And  
Well Kept Is Comment Of Gov. BrickerConditions Reported  
Favorable For Corn  
Planting This Year

CORN planting occupies the  
center of farm interest this  
week with planting conditions  
most favorable in several years.  
Intermittent light rains the past  
week have provided sufficient  
moisture without packing the  
seed bed, farmers say. Warmer  
weather forecast for the last of  
the week should further enhance  
favorable planting conditions.

LOCAL COUPLE'S  
DAUGHTER KILLED  
IN HEADON CRASH

Mrs. Eva Neely of Lima,  
Daughter of Elijah Cramer  
Fatally Injured

Accident Occurs South of Bluff-  
ton After Visiting Parents  
Here Sunday

A Lima woman, daughter of a  
Bluffton couple, was fatally injured  
and five other persons were hurt, one  
critically, in a headon automobile col-  
lision on the Dixie highway, five miles  
southwest of Bluffton near the T. J.  
Bryan farm, early Sunday night.

Mrs. Eva Neely, 44, of Lima, the  
mishap victim, was the daughter of  
Mr. and Mrs. Elijah Cramer, of Bluff-  
ton, with whom she had been visiting  
Sunday and from whose home she was  
enroute to Lima when the crash oc-  
curred.

She died early Monday morning in  
the Bluffton Community hospital from  
a crushed chest and internal injuries.

Five Others Injured  
Five other persons were injured in  
the collision, four of whom remain in  
the Community hospital here.

In critical condition is Mrs. Wesley  
Dickens, 36, of Fostoria, who suffered  
a crushed chest, fractured nose and  
broken right leg. Her husband, driver  
of the car which crashed with that  
in which Mrs. Neely was riding, re-  
ceived minor injuries and was released  
from the hospital Monday morn-  
ing.

Others hurt in the mishap, all  
occupants of the car in which Mrs.  
Neely was riding, were Julia Neely,  
21; Edward Neely, 19, and Isabelle  
Miller, 23, all of Lima. Edward, son  
of the mishap victim, was driver of  
the car in which the Lima party was  
riding.

Survivors in addition to the parents  
and two children in the accident, in-  
cluded the following sisters and  
brothers, Mrs. Harold Shappell of Tiff-  
in; Mrs. Robert Knepper, of Warren;  
Miss Iness Cramer, Mrs. Lewis  
Krouse and Willard Cramer, all of  
Lima.

Funeral services were held Wednes-  
day morning in the Diller funeral  
home here. Rev. Winn, of Toledo, of-  
ficiated. Burial was at Gilboa.

Dr. J. E. Hartzler To  
Talk Here Next Week

Dr. J. E. Hartzler, former presi-  
dent of the Witmarsum Theological  
seminary here, will speak at the  
Bluffton college chapel Wednesday  
morning, May 21, while on a speak-  
ing tour in this area.

Dr. Hartzler is now professor of  
systematic theology at the Hartford  
Theological seminary at Hartford,  
Conn., for two quarters a year and  
lives at Goshen, Indiana, the re-  
mainder of the time.

His speaking schedule in this area  
follows:

May 18, Grace Mennonite church,  
Pandora; May 19, Lima Rotary club;  
May 19, Liberty Township High  
school commencement; May 20, Raw-  
son High school commencement;  
May 21, Bluffton college chapel; May  
21, Findlay Kiwanis club; May 21,  
First Presbyterian church, Findlay,  
men's dinner.

Foundations To Be  
Poured At Plant

Pouring of concrete for the founda-  
tion of the new addition to the  
Woodcock generating plant of the  
Central Ohio Light and Power Co.  
will be started this week, it was an-  
nounced Tuesday.

Construction of forms for the sub-  
foundation are completed, and altho  
steel necessary for sleeves and an-  
choring has been delayed in arriving  
delivery has been promised about  
the middle of the week.

Governor Hunts Pheasants  
Usually in Findlay and  
Bowling Green Area

Smilingly Accedes to Requests  
For Autographs After  
Banquet Monday

"Bluffton farming land certainly is  
beautiful," was the repeated comment  
of Governor John W. Bricker to his  
liveried chauffeur, as he drove into  
town on Route 103, to address the  
Bluffton College booster banquet at  
the high school gymnasium Monday  
night.

Particularly impressed was the  
Governor with the well kept farms  
and residences of the community, ac-  
cording to the chauffeur who drove  
the Governor's car for the Bluffton  
engagement.

The chief executive arrived in  
town about 7:00 o'clock and with the  
clear sky and setting sun tinting the  
attractive landscape with a golden  
hue, he saw the Bluffton area in  
nature's best dress. The Governor's  
car traveled over Route 31 and then  
turned off at Arlington, coming into  
Bluffton on Route 103.

The Governor came in the state  
car, a large Buick sedan, used for all  
out of town trips. In Columbus he  
usually drives his own car, the  
chauffeur stated. The state car can  
be recognized by the license number  
series, but there is nothing to indi-  
cate that it is the Governor's car.

"He's as common as an old shoe,  
and a swell fellow to work for,"  
stated the chauffeur. Exceedingly  
democratic, the Governor shook hands  
with a group of admiring youngsters  
as he entered and left the high school  
building. He obligingly autographed  
many programs and papers during  
his Bluffton stay.

The Governor is quite a sports-  
man, it was learned. He often comes  
to the Findlay and Bowling Green  
areas to hunt pheasants. Also as a  
fisherman, he takes time off from his  
busy routine to fish at various points  
along Lake Erie.

"If the scenery is not particularly  
attractive he takes advantage of the  
opportunity to catch up on his read-  
ing. Also during travel he will turn  
on the car radio, usually preferring  
news broadcasts his chauffeur said.  
The Governor seldom smokes, but  
occasionally will light his pipe for a  
bit of relaxation as he travels along  
the highways.

Questioned as to his most frequent  
comment as he travels the chauffeur  
stated that the Governor speaks  
again and again of the beautiful  
scenery that is Ohio's.

With duties of his office confining  
him to Columbus a good deal, he has  
not been traveling very much this  
winter and spring and has accepted  
only the most pressing engagements,  
according to the chauffeur.

As the Governor was leaving the  
high school building he met a group  
of youngsters around his car. He  
shook hands with each and inquired  
as to their names. One of the boys  
asked him for an autograph.

Unable to see in the dark the Gov-  
ernor said, "I'll tell you what I'll  
do, kids. You write to me at the  
state house and I'll send each of you  
my autograph on a card with an  
official Ohio seal." Smilingly tipping  
his hat to the group he said, "Good-  
bye everyone." That is democratic  
America.

Johnson Bulk Station  
Sold To Farm Co-op

The gasoline bulk station of the  
Johnson Oil company located here  
has been purchased by the Allen  
County Farm Bureau cooperative, it  
was announced by representatives of  
the latter organization, Wednesday.

The bulk station, used for gaso-  
line storage is located near the in-  
tersection of the Nickel Plate rail-  
road and East College avenue. It  
will be used as a source of supply  
for members of the farmers coopera-  
tive in the county, estimated to num-  
ber 100 families. Possession will be  
given June 1.

Robert Sherer, manager of the  
county cooperative, resides in Bluff-  
ton, occupying apartments in the  
Mrs. Gage residence, the Oerly  
property, at West College avenue  
and South Jackson street.

Hold Style Show  
At College Friday

A style show open to the public  
will be held Friday night at the  
College chapel at 8 o'clock sponsored  
by the home economics department.  
Various types of clothing will be  
shown and refreshments will be  
served.

SPRING RESIDENCE  
BUILDING BOOM IS  
WELL UNDER WAY

Five Houses are Now Under  
Construction in Bluffton,  
Survey Shows

Volume of Building May Equal  
Record Number of Fourteen  
Last Year

With the fifth new house started  
Monday in Bluffton's spring building  
program, this year may equal the all-  
time residential construction boom of  
1940 when 14 new homes were erected  
in the town.

Excavation for the fifth house  
started Tuesday on the lot owned by  
Lester Hahn between the John Kohler  
and William Burkholder properties  
on West Elm street. Hahn will pro-  
ceed immediately with the building.

Four other new structures are in  
varying stages of completion, con-  
struction of all having been started  
since weather permitted early in the  
spring.

Interior work will be started soon  
on residences being built by Rev. Levi  
Mellinger at the rear of the Mrs.  
Alma Bixel property on South Main  
street; and Rev. Eli Steiner in the  
last block on South Jackson street.

Foundation is being poured for a  
new home being erected for Miss Ocie  
Anderson on South Main street, and  
the foundation will be started soon  
for the R. A. Dunifon house in the  
McGinnis addition opposite the hospi-  
tal.

Continuation of this year's building  
at the pace set since March may  
equal the 1940 construction boom  
marked by the erection of 14 new  
residences.

Dr. J. R. Thierstein  
Succumbs In Kansas

Funeral services for Dr. J. R.  
Thierstein, of Newton, Kansas, and  
a former Bluffton college faculty  
member, were held at the Bethel  
College Mennonite church near New-  
ton, Monday afternoon.

In failing health for several  
months Dr. Thierstein died at his  
home in Newton, Thursday night. At  
the time of his death he was editor  
of "The Mennonite," publication of  
the General Conference of Mennon-  
ites of North America.

Previously he was a member of the  
Bethel college faculty. Dr. Thierstein  
left Bluffton college about 20 years  
ago to accept the Bethel post. At  
Bluffton college he served the insti-  
tution as professor of German.

Preceding him in death was an  
adopted son Novalis who died about  
10 years ago. Surviving are his  
wife and a brother, Christian Thier-  
stein of Whitewater, Kansas.

Bluffton Musicians  
At National Meet

Eight Bluffton High school musi-  
cians and their accompanists will  
compete in the national regional solo  
and ensemble contest to be held at  
Flint, Michigan, Friday.

The group will leave Bluffton  
Thursday afternoon accompanied by  
Supt. A. J. B. Longsdorf, Miss Eliza-  
beth Higley, instructor, and Mrs. R.  
L. Triplett.

The Bluffton musicians won the  
right to compete in the national meet  
as the result of the superior ratings  
received at the solo and ensemble  
contest at Columbus recently.

The Flint contest will include win-  
ners from four states: Ohio, Michi-  
gan, Indiana and Illinois. This re-  
places the earlier system of having  
one national contest.

Entering the national meet from  
Bluffton are:

Betty Holtkamp, mezzo-soprano  
solo; Roger Howe, baritone solo;  
Roger Howe, Norman Beidler, Leroy  
Lugbill and Wilhelm Amstutz, boys  
quartet.

Betty Steinman, cello solo; Bar-  
bara Jean Triplett, marimba solo.

Street Oiling To  
Start Next Week

Oiling of a portion of Bluffton's  
streets will likely start next week, it  
was stated by Lee Coon, town street  
commissioner. The amount and loca-  
tion of the oiling will depend upon  
the progress made this week in the  
town street improvement program.

The prime coat of oil was applied  
on College avenue from Main to  
Jackson streets Wednesday afternoon.  
Tar chips will be applied to this por-  
tion Thursday morning. Huber street  
will be ready for tar chips the fore-  
part of next week, Coon said.

Dating Procedures Will Be Reversed  
At Bluffton College During Leap Week

Social Committee at College Ar-  
ranges Activities to Make  
Males Accessible

Girls to Abandon Prerogative  
Of Being Pursued by  
Turning Tables on Men

It's Leap Week at Bluffton college  
—open season for co-eds to go out  
after the males of their choice with  
no holds barred—when the girls call  
up for dates, pay for movies and  
sodas and then see the boys safely  
returned to their quarters at Lincoln  
hall.

While Leap Week doesn't officially  
open until Friday night and lasts  
through Monday, they do say since  
that some of the Ropp hall co-eds,  
awaiting the opportunity since last

fall, jumped the gun and already  
have their date books filled for the  
week-end.

Leap week is a tradition at Bluff-  
ton college and the student social  
committee has mapped out a sched-  
ule which is going to make it a  
tough season for girl-shy males.

## SOCIAL EVENTS

While it is recognized that the vast  
majority of dates will be informally  
arranged twosomes, the social com-  
mittee is taking no chances and has  
arranged formal entertainment for  
those who like it that way.

For an opener on Friday night  
will be a style show in the chapel by  
the Home Ec. girls. Comes Saturday  
night and the Y. W. girls are put-  
ting on a penny carnival in the col-  
lege gym, and on Sunday, of course  
there's church. Monday night will  
be movie night with milady footing  
the bill, walking on the outside and  
seeing the boys home at an accepted  
hour. Thus goes Leap Week.

Lysle Cahill Honored  
By Willard Battery

Lysle Cahill, of Cleveland, recent-  
ly was honored by being named sec-  
ond highest of the 58 inventors em-  
ployed by the Willard Storage Bat-  
tery Co.

In recognition of his achievements  
the former Bluffton youth has been  
promoted to take charge of the elec-  
trical engineering department of the  
company. Cahill, with other leading  
experimental men of the firm, was  
honored at a banquet last Friday  
night.

The youth is the son of Mr. and  
Mrs. Carl Cahill, of East Jefferson  
street.

Bluffton Boy Heads  
College Social Group

Charles Hankish, Jr., student at St.  
Joseph's college, Collegeville, Ind.,  
has been elected president of the  
Raleigh club of the college for the  
coming year, it was announced the  
first of the week.

The Raleigh club is the largest so-  
cial unit on the campus and one of  
the most progressive with mem-  
bership open to sophomores, juniors  
and seniors.

The Bluffton youth, a member of  
the junior class, served as club sec-  
retary the past year. He is the son of  
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hankish of  
South Main street.

H. S. Music Program  
Sunday Afternoon

A musical program consisting of  
selections by the high school chor-  
uses, band, orchestra and solo and  
ensemble numbers will be presented  
at the Bluffton High school auditor-  
ium Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.  
The presentation will be in charge of  
Prof. Sidney Hauenstein and Miss  
Elizabeth Higley, music instructors.  
The public is invited.

Works Of Stephen  
Foster At Chapel

Works of Stephen Foster will be  
presented by a group of music stu-  
dents at Bluffton college at the chap-  
el Thursday night at 8:15 o'clock.  
The program open to the public,  
will be sponsored by the Peace Ac-  
tion club of the college. The Foster  
numbers will be presented as solo  
and ensemble features. Singers will  
be: John Boehr, Esther Niswander,  
Dorothy Burner, Pauline Sprunger,  
Lucille Steiner, Ruth Ann Rupp,  
Eugene Weed, Delbert Gratz, Lau-  
rence Burkhalter and Prof. Russell  
Lantz.

Former Area Resident  
Succumbs At Oberlin

Mrs. Ethel Kitch Yeaton, 57, a  
cousin of Earl Mann of Bluffton and  
a native of McComb, died at Oberlin  
Tuesday morning. Mrs. Yeaton was  
formerly a professor of philosophy  
at Oberlin college.

She was a roommate of Mrs.  
Waldo Diller of South Main street  
while attending Oberlin college as  
undergraduate. She is survived by  
her husband, Prof. Chester Yeaton,  
of the mathematics department.

## TO TEACH MUSIC

Miss Ethelyn Oyer who will be  
graduated from Bluffton college this  
spring has accepted a position as  
music instructor at the Salem Town-  
ship centralized school near Upper  
Sandusky beginning next fall.

Mrs. B. D. Smucker of South  
Lawn avenue is visiting for ten days  
at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl  
Smucker of Wadsworth.

PANNABECKERS TO  
LIVE IN BLUFFTON  
DURING CHINA WAR

Mrs. Floyd Pannabecker and  
Children Arrive in Town  
Wednesday

American Consuls in China  
Have Ordered All But Men  
Workers to Go

Here for the duration of hostilities  
in the Far East, Mrs. Floyd Panna-  
becker and children, arrived in Bluff-  
ton, Wednesday afternoon.

The family will reside temporarily  
with Mrs. Pannabecker's mother, Mrs.  
J. H. Tschantz, of Kibler street. Al-  
lice, 10, will attend grade school here;  
Robert, 15, will be in Bluffton High  
school and Richard, 19, will enroll as  
a Sophomore at Bluffton college.

## Advised to Leave

Advised to leave China by Ameri-  
can diplomatic representatives thru-  
out China, all women and children in  
Chinese mission stations are evacu-  
ating the country. Mr. Pannabecker  
together with his twin brother, Dr.  
Lloyd Pannabecker will continue work  
at the mission station located at Kai  
Chow in the province of Chihli.

Mrs. Lloyd Pannabecker and family  
who also returned to this country from  
China, will make their home with her  
father, Dan Roth of Gibson City, Ill.,  
for the duration of the Sino-Japanese  
conflict.

## Sailed April 8

The Pannabeckers sailed from  
Shanghai on April 8 and arrived in  
San Francisco, April 23 on the S. S.  
Pres. Cleveland. The crossing was  
considered unusual fast.

Although there were twice as many  
people on board as usual, they had  
little difficulty in booking passage.  
Reason for this can be found in the  
desire of the government to facilitate  
transportation of the evacuees.

Concern was felt for the Panna-  
beckers last fall when considerable  
bombing was reported in the Chihli  
province. Although the missionaries  
saw much evidence of the bombings  
they escaped injury.

## Uncertain Status

At the present time, the Panna-  
beckers have no idea how long they  
may be separated. It may be for  
years, but on the other hand the  
government may order even the men  
mission workers out of the country at  
any time.

The Pannabeckers have been work-  
ing in the mission field under the  
board of General Conference of Men-  
nonites. Floyd Pannabecker has been  
engaged in the educational phase of  
the work and Dr. Lloyd Pannabecker  
is director of the Mennonite hospital  
at Kai Chow.

To Graduate Friday  
From Nurse's Training

Miss Wilma Welty, daughter of  
Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Welty of West  
Elm street is a member of the  
nurse's training class to be gradu-  
ated from the Lutheran hospital in  
Ft. Wayne at commencement exer-  
cises to be held Friday night. Miss  
Welty is a Bluffton high school gradu-  
ate.

## In New Locations

Francis Devier and family have  
moved from the Biedermann apart-  
ments on South Main street to the  
M. M. Murray property, the former  
Siddall property, on Riley street.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Hilty are  
moving this week from the home of  
her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles  
Stratton to apartments in the Mrs.  
Josephine Carnahan property on  
South Lawn avenue.

The Carnahan apartment was re-  
cently vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Paul  
Wingate who have moved to the  
home of his father, Leonard Wingate  
on Mound street.

Waldo Schaublin and family are  
moving this week to Rawson where  
they have rented a property. They  
are vacating their farm south of  
Bluffton recently sold to John Glancy  
of Columbus Grove who will occupy  
it.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Schnegg who  
recently purchased the property of  
the late Mrs. Kate Balmer on South  
Lawn avenue expect to occupy the  
place next week, moving from the  
Jacob Hochstetler property on High  
street near Ropp hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wilch will  
move here from Kenton the first of  
next week to occupy the Hochstetler  
property vacated by the Schneggs.  
Wilch is a carpenter by trade.

Richard Schumacher and family  
residing in the Depler property at  
South Main and Poplar streets ex-  
pect to move to Dayton the last of  
this month where he is employed.

Smith New President  
Of Bankers Group

C. Henry Smith, president of the  
Citizens National Bank, of Bluffton,  
has been named chairman of Group  
Two, Bankers Forum, which con-  
vened recently in Ada.

Nine Northwestern Ohio counties  
are included in Group Two. Smith  
will serve as head of the organiza-  
tion for the next year.

Loganbill Charman  
At Post Office Here

Fernan Loganbill has been ap-  
pointed charman at the Bluffton post  
office, it was announced Tuesday by  
Postmaster Ed R. Reichenbach.

A maximum of five hours daily in  
a custodial capacity is allowed for  
the charman, who is appointed under  
civil service.