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WHEN WILL MEAT MARKETS BE OPEN IS \$64 QUESTION

Bluffton Shops Adopt Stagger Plan to Spread Available Supply

Establishments Open for Limited Time at Different Hour Each Day

When will the meat markets be open is the \$64-dollar question that is facing Bluffton housewives daily.

Frankly, no one knows the answer—not even operators of the meat markets themselves, they admitted the first of the week as they took such emergency measures as they could to spread as evenly as possible the limited supply.

With the present meat supply totally inadequate to meet normal requirements, Bluffton's two markets, operating under restricted quotas are being opened daily until they sell the amount of meat earmarked for that day.

VARY OPENING HOUR

Hour of the daily opening, however, is changed every day and no announcement will be made in advance. Meat market operators pointed out that in opening at a different hour each day everyone will have a more equal opportunity to get meat.

"If we opened at the same hour every morning, people who are free to shop at that time always would have first choice," they said.

Operating on a staggered schedule will in a measure spread the chance of getting meat among different groups. Those who can shop in the mornings will get the meat on some days and on other days afternoon shoppers will be lucky.

DAILY QUOTAS

A certain amount of meat will be allocated for each day's sales, and when the quota is sold the shop will be closed, it was announced by the operators. About half of the week's supply will be held for next Saturday morning, it was announced by the management of the establishments.

Meanwhile all kinds of devices were being resorted to by shoppers to supplement the meat shortage. Locker patrons who filled their cold storage space when meat was plentiful last month already have been forced to dig into the caches.

Fish is proving popular but hard to get; luncheon meats, canned meats and canned soups are in heavy demand. Poultry sales have soared upward, and last Saturday the A & P store had dressed chicken in its refrigerator counter, something that has happened in the past only during holiday seasons.

Squirrel hunters are out with a vengeance this year, in the hope that their daily bag limits may help stock the family's meat larder.

Juveniles Held In Store Pilfering

Three juveniles held on charges of pilfering from downtown business places were dismissed with warnings Tuesday after restitution had been made to some 10 merchants who suffered losses.

Business men involved declined to prosecute the cases, but requested Mayor W. A. Howe to request that parents caution their children against loitering in stores over the noon hour recess from school or after classes are dismissed.

Those who have business in stores are welcome, they pointed out, but loitering in them merely to pass the time presents too many complications in usual business procedure to be permitted.

Funeral Services Held For Infant

Services for the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Burkhalter of East Kibler street were held at the Paul Diller funeral home Monday morning.

The child died at Bluffton hospital Sunday morning shortly after birth. Rev. J. N. Smucker of the Mennonite church officiated at the funeral services and burial was in Zion Mennonite cemetery.

"Messiah" Rehearsals Begin At College

Bluffton College Choral society will begin rehearsals for the annual Messiah concert next Tuesday night at 7:30 o'clock in the chapel. All singers in the community are invited to participate.

Easing Of Livestock Situation Averts Indefinite Closing Of Meat Market Here

Births

The following births at Bluffton hospital:

Mr. and Mrs. Emmet Augsburg, Bluffton, a girl, Miriam Ruth, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Boutwell, Bluffton, a girl, Barbara Jane, Sunday. Mrs. Boutwell is the former Rachel Schaublin.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wineland, Jenera, a boy, Wayne Everett, Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kindie, Mt. Cory, a boy, Gary Richard, Friday. Mrs. Kindie is the former Beulah Huber.

Mr. and Mrs. Amos Reichenbach, Jr., Bluffton, a boy, Michael William last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Geiger, Pandora, a boy, Robert Gene, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Fowler, Tiffin, a boy, Steven James, Sunday. Mrs. Fowler is the former Gladys Fett.

Funeral On Thursday For Ami Nonnamaker

Funeral services for Ami Nonnamaker, 85, retired farmer will be held at the Basinger funeral home Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

Mr. Nonnamaker died at his home in Orange township Tuesday evening following a three weeks' illness.

He was a native of Orange township, born Feb. 3, 1861 the son of Eli and Elizabeth (Swoyer) Nonnamaker, and was married Feb. 23, 1889, to Frances Grieser who survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Bernice Klingler of Ada and Miss Faery Nonnamaker at home and two sons, Howard of Jenera and Glenn at home; one sister, Mrs. Lucinda Koontz and one brother, Charley Nonnamaker of Bluffton.

Rev. Irvin Kaufman will officiate at the funeral services and burial will be in the Hassen cemetery.

Word From Bluffton Man Now In Syria

Charles Hankish, Bluffton confectioneer, who left late in August to visit relatives in Syria, landed in Beirut on September 13, according to word received by his family here this week.

From there Hankish went to his native village of Zahle, some 25 miles distant where he is visiting at the home of his brother.

The Bluffton man made the trip overseas in company with a party of three Toledo men, one of whom was a cousin. This is his first visit to his native town since he left 42 years ago as a youth of 19.

New Boy Scout Troop Being Formed Here

An explorer Scout troop is being formed in Bluffton for older boys of 15 years or over, it was announced this week. The unit, sponsored by the Methodist church provides for a type of senior scouting which stresses exploration of hobbies and vocations, community service and social development.

The troop committee will be organized at a meeting this Wednesday night consisting of W. O. Geiger, Millen Geiger, Ed Waltermire, Edwin Rice, Dallas Berry and Geo. Carmack.

College Grass Fire Gets Out Of Control

Bluffton firemen extinguished a grass fire which had gotten out of control Tuesday afternoon at 4:30 while a heavy swath of dead grass was being burned on the Bluffton college football field.

Only damage was where the fire got into shrubbery along the College road border of the athletic field, it was reported.

By the time the fire department arrived, the college football team, working out on the field at the time, reportedly had the conflagration fairly well under control.

Deadline Is Monday For Drivers' Licenses

Leadline for the 1947 drivers' licenses is next Monday, it was pointed out by Harold Montgomery, of Montgomery's News stand in charge of sales here. A total of 1,200 licenses was sold here to date, Montgomery stated the first of the week.

BLUFFTON MARKETS

Wednesday Morning
Grain (bushel prices)—Wheat \$1.93; corn \$1.60; oats 71c; soys \$2.15.

Swank Bros. Shop Reopens Monday After Week-end Shutdown

Operation of Establishment to Continue for Current Week

Easing somewhat of the tight livestock situation in the Bluffton district attributed to OPA price regulations averted at least temporarily closing for an indefinite time of Swank Brothers Meat Market, the town's oldest butcher shop operating until three months ago as Bigler Brothers.

The market was closed over the week end by George Swank, manager in charge, who said he was unable to purchase livestock to keep the establishment in operation.

The market was closed from Friday morning until Monday afternoon by George Swank, manager in charge when his supply of meat was exhausted with no livestock supply to replace it.

OPEN THIS WEEK

Purchase of livestock over the week end, however, made possible re-opening of the market Monday afternoon. Swank said it would be open part time every day this week including Saturday.

However, he added, operations are on a hand to mouth basis and what will be done next week and thereafter will depend upon the available supply of cattle and hogs under existing price ceilings.

There is plenty of livestock in the Bluffton district, he said, but few farmers will sell at price ceiling set by OPA.

AGGRAVATES SITUATION HERE

Closing of the Swank market over the week end vastly aggravated Bluffton's already critical shortage of meat for Saturday shoppers, leaving the town with only one market open, that of Basinger Brothers.

Counters at the Basinger market were crowded thruout the morning on Saturday and heavy buying for the week end exhausted their supplies by noon despite the fact that each customer was limited to a purchase of not more than three pounds.

Holding livestock on farms for higher prices is a general condition thruout Ohio and other states, according to impartial surveys. In addition slaughterers say they cannot kill under present OPA margins and country slaughtering plants as well as big city packers are suspending operations.

Rites On Monday For Mrs. Rosina Amstutz

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon in the Ebenezer Mennonite church for Mrs. Rosina Amstutz, 71, of near Beaverdam, who died Saturday in the Bluffton hospital.

Cause of the death was attributed to pneumonia.

Born February 8, 1875, in Canton Bern, Switzerland, Mrs. Amstutz spent most of her life in the Beaverdam community.

Survivors include 11 children: Mrs. Ella Best, Beaverdam; Mrs. Harley Grant, Lima Route 5; Mrs. John Weller, Lima; Melvin, at home; Albert, Lafayette; Mrs. Jess Truax, Weirton, W. Va.; Mrs. William Wiedeman, Toledo; Noah and Jess, both of Bluffton; Oliver, Lima, and Mrs. Sidney Burkholder, Beaverdam.

Rev. Charles Warren and Rev. W. H. Lahr officiated at the funeral service, and burial was in the Ebenezer church cemetery.

Varsity Scrimmage Under Lights Friday

Bluffton college football team will stage a practice scrimmage under the lights at Harmon field, Friday night at 8 o'clock it is announced by Coach A. C. Burcky. Nominal admission charge will go toward a fund to purchase new football uniforms.

Mayor's Notice

Complaints have come to this office that school children loitering about stores during the noon hour and after school have been involved in pilfering activities. Parents are asked to caution their children against such loitering.

W. A. Howe, Mayor

LICENSE ISSUED

A marriage license has been issued to Chester Huber of Bluffton and Miss Ruth Ghastr of Mt. Cory. Rev. John Evans Knox to officiate.

DROUGHT GRIPS BLUFFTON AREA

Light Showers Monday Prove of Negligible Benefit

Grass Fire Menace Looms; Wheat Sowing Hampered

Monday's light shower of rain produced virtually no results in alleviating drought conditions that have continued in this area since late June.

A grass fire on the Bluffton college athletic field Tuesday afternoon demonstrated rainfall had not been sufficient to wet even the top of the ground, and lawns are retaining their parched appearance.

With free day for wheat seeding set for Friday, farmers generally have been unable to get their ground into shape for the start of sowing, it was pointed out. Those who must plow ground have been able to make little headway, although those who can disk oats or corn land are in a slightly more favorable situation.

Reflecting the summer's drought, the water level of the National quarry, used by the Central Ohio Light and Power Co., has dropped approximately five feet. Level of Buckeye lake is down about 18 inches.

Mary Lou Shafer, James Deppler Wed

Miss Mary Lou Shafer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Shafer and James Paul Deppler, son of Mrs. Mary Deppler, all of Bluffton, were married in a ceremony at the Methodist church here Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

Rev. Paul Cramer, minister of the church, officiated in the double ring ceremony before an altar of flowers illuminated by candlelight.

The bride wore a street length dress of pastel blue wool jersey trimmed with harmonizing lace with black half-hat and matching accessories together with corsage of white roses and blue gardenias. Her ornaments were a strand of pearls and ear rings to match, the gift of the bridegroom.

Her attendant, Miss Geraldine Montgomery, wore a blue street length dress with black sequins and accessories and a red rose corsage. James Steiner was best man.

The bride, a Bluffton high school graduate, has been employed as an inspector at the Triplett plant for the past year.

Mr. Deppler, also a Bluffton high school graduate is a veteran of the air corps with three years service in the South Pacific. He is now employed by the Shell Oil company in Lima.

Following the ceremony the couple left on a trip thru the south. For traveling the bride wore a white embroidered eyelet dress with bridal corsage and black accessories. Upon returning they will reside at the home of the bridegroom's mother on Bentley road.

In New Locations

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Zehrbach will move this week to an apartment in their block at North Main and Vine streets above Vel's Beauty shop. The apartment which they are vacating above Barnes grocery in their North Main street block will be occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Spayth, teachers in the schools here.

Mayor's Notice

Burning of rubbish or leaves is forbidden on Bluffton's streets surfaced with asphaltic concrete or other hard surface streets in the town. This practice damages the surfacing materials and greatly shortens the life of the pavement. Please cooperate in our program for better streets.

W. A. Howe, Mayor

ENTERS COLLEGE

Marion Marquart, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Marquart of Orange township left Tuesday for Columbus where he will enroll in the Ohio State university college of agriculture.

Mayor's Notice

Monthly collection of trash and rubbish will start Thursday noon. Have everything in containers placed easily accessible for loading on the truck.

W. A. Howe, Mayor

Record Turnout Of Fans Jams Harmon Field For Grid Tilt With Ada Friday

Perfect football weather, a Bluffton team that has been showing plenty of color, and the traditional rivalry with Ada drew a banner crowd to Harmon field last Friday night to watch the Pirates trounce their opponents by a 19 to 0 score. Faculty Manager Sidney C. Stettler reported Saturday that the 1450 single admission tickets sold for Friday night's contest set a new Bluffton record, topping even the largest Pandora turnouts of the past.

In addition to the single duet sales for the night, there also were in the stands an unestimated number of season ticket holders, members of the band and grade school pupils who are admitted without charge to all home games.

Last Friday's record turnout topped by 202 a mark of 1248 established in the season's first game against Kenton, and gave the local school its two best consecutive crowds in history.

So if you're one of those who had to stand on someone's toes, or vice-versa, at last week's game, try to console yourself that you were in on the making of a new record, and that it can't happen again for another three weeks, for the Pirates play their next two contests away from home.

Funeral For Former Pandora Man Here

Services for Albert Deitler, 59, former Pandora resident, later of Minneapolis, were held at the Paul Diller funeral home, Tuesday afternoon.

A veteran of the first World war, he died in Percy Jones hospital, Battle Creek, Michigan, last Friday. Rev. Walter Purdy officiated at the funeral and interment was in Pleasant Ridge.

Surviving are three sisters Mrs. Wm. Carr, Pandora, Mrs. Clara Chambers and Mrs. Mary Thomas, Toledo, and a brother, Joseph of Bell, Calif.

BRIDAL SHOWER

Honoring Mrs. Ralph Garrett, a recent bride, a group of neighbors held a miscellaneous shower at the home of Mrs. June Triplephorn, Tuesday night. The evening was spent in appropriate contests after which the honored guest received many beautiful gifts.

Those present were: Ella Duffman, Gaynell and Mary Ann Rocky, Esther Kirtland, Dorothy Swank, Treva Matthews, Virginia Eimers, Golda Wiess, Juanita and Ronnie Zimmerman, Wava Poe, Elsie, Minnie, Izora, Emma and Ladda Basinger, Pet Cunningham, Georgia Irwin, Meredith Stepleton and the honored guest, Thelma Basinger Garrett.

Those not present but sending gifts were Julia Herr and Edith Tschantz.

Receives Degree In Library Course

Degree of Bachelor of Science has been conferred by Western Reserve university of Cleveland upon Miss Madeline Bixel who completed the librarian's course at the university the past summer.

Miss Bixel, who formerly taught in the schools at Rittman has accepted a position as librarian in the Fostoria schools. She is a sister of Dr. M. R. Bixel of Cherry street.

TO WED SATURDAY

Wedding of Margaret Jane, youngest daughter of Mrs. Noah Basinger of Bluffton and James J. Mayer, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Mayer of Shelby will take place at St. Mary's Catholic church here Saturday morning at 10 o'clock.

Wedding breakfast will be served at the Walnut Grill for the bridal party following the ceremony and a reception will be held in the afternoon at the home of the bride.

Miss Basinger attended Bluffton college and also studied in the Chicago Academy of Fine Arts.

Mr. Mayer, a senior in the Ohio Northern university college of law at Ada is an ex-service man who served with the Army in the Pacific theatre of war.

LEGION AUXILIARY ELECTS

The following officers have been elected by the Bluffton Legion Auxiliary for the coming year: Pres., Guyneth Rocky; sec., Christine Harris; treas., Ina Amstutz; executive com., Rhea Geiger, Jessie Basinger, Marie Stonehill.

Flies From Paris To New York City

Lynn Byers, grandson of N. E. Byers of East Kibler street arrived Tuesday night in New York City, making the trip by air from France, it was learned here Wednesday morning.

Young Byers, formerly in the Army remained in Paris for six months after his discharge from the service being employed as a civilian in settlement of French property claims against the United States during the war.

He expects to return to Purdue university of Lafayette, Ind., to resume his engineering studies which were interrupted when he was called to military service. Byers is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Byers of Goshen, Indiana.

Minister To Assume Duties On October 1

Rev. Howard Landis of Philadelphia who last summer accepted a call to the pastorate of the Ebenezer Mennonite church here will take up his duties on October 1.

Rev. Landis and his family have arrived here and are occupying the church parsonage on Grove street.

The church pulpit was filled during the past summer by Rev. Chas. Warren, as temporary supply.

Physician Announces Opening Office Here

Dr. Franklin Rodabaugh announced the first of the week the opening of his office for practice of medicine and surgery in the former Mrs. Eva Patterson property at South Main and College avenue which he recently purchased.

Dr. Rodabaugh, a native of New Stark is a graduate of Findlay college and Ohio State university college of medicine and spent a year as interne at Lucas county hospital, Toledo.

During the war he served 28 months in the China theatre as medical liaison officer for Chinese troops and later was attached to Chinese occupation forces in French Indo-China. For his services he received the Legion of Merit award from China theatre headquarters and Commendation of Merit from the Chinese combat command.

Since his discharge from the Army he spent three months in graduate work at the University of Illinois Medical center and the past summer assisted his father-in-law, Dr. H. A. Neiswander, Pandora physician.

Mrs. Rodabaugh, the former Lois Neiswander, a graduate of Bluffton college and the Western Reserve university school of nursing will assist her husband. She spent one year in Flower hospital, Toledo, as instructor and supervisor and later was instructor in physiology at Oregon State college. Until recently she has assisted her father in his office at Pandora.

Bluffton Nurse Will Leave Soon For Italy

Miss Doris Garmatter, assistant superintendent at Bluffton hospital will leave this fall for Turin, Italy, where she will engage in public health nursing service under the Mennonite Central committee, it was announced this week. She expects to be gone for two years.

Miss Garmatter was graduated from the school of nursing at the Mennonite hospital at Bloomington, Ill. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cal Garmatter of near Bluffton.

HORSES AND MULES DECREASE

Ohio farmers who want to save alfalfa fields for meadow or pasture next year should not mow or pasture them after September 10.

Alfalfa plants store food for winter and early spring in their roots, and part of this reserve store is manufactured in September and October. Tests at Ohio State University indicate third cuttings for hay or late pasturing of Ohio alfalfa are likely to weaken the plants so they are killed by severe winters.

DON'T MOW MEADOWS

The number of horses and mules on Ohio farms dropped from 1,000,000 in 1915 to less than 400,000 in 1945. Crops from about three and one-half acres are required to feed a horse for a year, so the decrease in horses has released crops from over 2,000,000 acres.

14 CENT DROP IN POULTRY MARKET DRIES UP SUPPLY

Prices Goes Into Tail Spin From 45-Cent Live Weight Quotation to 31 Cents.

Flooding of Market Halts Upward Trend of Price in Wake Of Meat Shortages.

Poultry prices went into a 14-cent tail spin over the week end, after soaring to a season-high of 45 cents a pound live weight, on Saturday.

Top quality heavy springers moved readily at the 45-cent live quotation on Saturday, with some farmers, however, holding out for 50 cents, but re-opening of marketing transactions Monday morning found the price down to 31 cents.

With poultry beyond OPA ceiling control, prices moved steadily upward during the last week, until Saturday's high mark of 45 cents flooded the market with top quality fowls.

LITTLE POULTRY MOVING

The break in prices the first of the week found much high-priced poultry on the retail market, and remaining there because of a lack of demand at the present level of quotations.

Farmers aren't selling at the 31-cent price now being paid, and with a lot of high-priced poultry remaining to be moved dealers will not be in a mood to do much buying even at the low quotation.

Prior to the market break over the last weekend, poultry prices had moved steadily upward since the meat-scarcity began pinching this area at the start of the second week in September.

Ask Thursday Night For Church Affairs

Continuance of cooperation between churches and other organizations of the community in keeping Thursday night for church activities is suggested by the Bluffton Ministerial association.

It is understood that churches will, as far as possible, arrange their meetings for Thursday night, leaving other evenings free for secular community activities.

MINISTERIAL ASSN. PICNIC

The Bluffton Ministerial association will hold its annual picnic Friday evening at 5:30 o'clock at Buckeye Lake. Ministers, their wives and families who recently have moved into the community are special guests and are asked to bring their service only.

Settlement

S/Sgt. Howard Diller is spending several days in the home of his parents.

Jean Diller, oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Diller is in nurses' training at the Bluffton hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Aleus Pate of Detroit spent the week end at the home of Mrs. Josephine Moser and Mr. Warla Welty and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Wehrly left home the latter part of the week for a few days stay in Canada. While putting up for the night at a tourist camp near Paris, Ontario, their Chevrolet sedan was stolen.

The sorghum press owned by Homer Wenger has been in operation since last week and an average run is expected for the season. The yield is somewhat lower than the average but quality of the molasses is excellent.

The Advisory Council No. 2 met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Sommer Monday evening.

Paul Stuckey of Morton, Ill., brother of Mrs. Earl Lehman and Harold Schertz of Metamora, Ill., arrived here by plane the last of the week and returned home Tuesday morning. The trip from their home to Pandora was made in two hours and fifty-two minutes.

Mr. and Mrs. Bradford Steiner and daughter Nanette of Chicago, arrived here Saturday evening and spent Sunday with relatives.

Rev. and Mrs. Richard Reilly and family of Nappanee, Ind., visited over the week end in the Hiram Geiger home.

Rev. and Mrs. Frank Harder and son, Roger, were Sunday dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Moser.