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## Mainly Personal

Time staggers on—and the calendar racing toward mid-February . . . it's Boy Scout Week and time to do a good turn—but remember to keep right if you do that turn—if you're driving, that is . . . there was a crackup at a downtown street intersection the other day when one driver tried to do a right turn from the center of the street . . . and another red letter day for February in Valentine's day next Tuesday—don't forget flowers and candy . . . and high school basketball tournament next week finds the Pirates sharpening their shooting eye in readiness for the opening round down at Celina . . . days getting longer and maybe the groundhog didn't see his shadow when the sun peeked thru the clouds for a fleeting quarter-hour late last Thursday afternoon . . . anyway there's been no return of winter beyond a damp chilly spell—not cold enough to discourage that robin Mrs. William Badertscher reported seeing at her home on Bigler road—venturesome bird . . . and some crocuses pushing up their heads . . . and our next door neighbor poking around in his garden—bet he's been looking through some of those seed catalogs that came through the mail last week . . . wonderful how nice the stuff looks that's pictured on those pages . . . but our tomatoes never even faintly resembled that about it—just as we were disillusioned when our grade school teacher once told us we might some day be

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President—couldn't be, because our birthday isn't in February . . . and speaking of that here is Lincoln's birthday coming Saturday—must have been tough in the old days when Abe had to study by the light of a log fire with no radio, no television, no comic books and no candy bars to relieve the monotony . . . and when it comes to February birthdays we're not forgetting good old Allen county which also will celebrate its birthday on Sunday—still going strong at 130 years . . . and then there's little Emily Ruth Hamman, daughter of the Bob Hammans in Garmatter addition, who on her first birthday posed for a picture with her favorite periodical, The Bluffton News—hope she continues to show such good taste.

Edison's birthday Saturday—and it's also the 76th for John Garlinger which finds him hale and hearty—and come Valentine's day next Tuesday is the 55th wedding day back in 1895 found roads blocked with snowdrifts so deep they had difficulty in getting a minister to perform the ceremony.

And speaking of old timers, we mentioned last week Benjamin Fairless, of United States Steel, a former student at Ada's Ohio Northern—well, here's another—Joel Amstutz, 98, known to quite a few Bluffton area residents who died at his home in Sterling, Ohio, Friday. He was graduated from Northern's engineering college in the early days and did much work as a surveyor. A music-lover, he played his violin regularly at church services until about a year ago.

The Harvey Burkholders west of Bluffton should qualify as one of Ohio State university's most loyal basketball boosters. Their son, Bob, playing his third year at varsity guard is one of the mainstays on the team. Fact is, Harvey and his son Jim has seen all Ohio State's home games this season—and virtually all of the home games for the two preceding years. Also Jim and his wife drove up to Minneapolis last month to see the Buckeye outfit play Minnesota in one of the Big Ten games and enroute home stopped at Lafayette, Indiana, to see the Ohio State-Purdue game.

Ralph Locher, former Blufftonite now executive secretary to Governor Lausche is an old hand when it comes to press conferences. The governor's office, besieged as it always is by newspaper reporters, Ralph has had a lot of experience in relations with the press—however, he had a brand new one last Friday. Instead of arranging for a press conference at the State House he notified the reporters that it would be held at the bedside of H. H. (Doc) Daugherty, veteran Associated Press correspondent who was recovering from an operation at White Cross hospital in Columbus. So Ralph and six State House reporters visited Daugherty's room at the hospital for a full dress news conference to bring the sick man up to date on latest happenings at the capitol.

Comes to our desk an attractive brochure "Wee One's Record," arranged and published by Rev. Geo. C. Agin of Jackson, Mich., a former Blufftonite and son of the late Wm. P. Agin, who operated a poultry business here for many years. Rev. Agin, pastor-evangelist, is minister of North Street Bible church in Jackson. The booklet, copyrighted, contains children's poems and also provides for a record of interesting and important events in the first years of the wee one's life.

Experiments at the Ohio Agricultural Experiment Station indicate that corn cobs in the ration slow down the rate of gain of feeder lambs.

Congressman Harry T. McGregor of Ohio recorded Ohio State's Rose Bowl victory over California in the Congressional Record of January 3, 1950.

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## Bob Burkholder Stars On Ohio State Cage Team Headed For Big Ten Title

A starting guard on the Ohio State university basketball team for the last three seasons, Bluffton's Bob Burkholder, who as a senior is playing his last year, has been one of the major factors in the success of this winter's aggregation which now is out in front of the pack in the race for the Big Ten championship. Burkholder, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Burkholder, west of Bluffton, was a crack athlete for Bluffton High school before enrolling at Ohio State.

Last summer he served as Bluffton Recreation director, and supervised one of the most successful programs ever conducted with Bluffton youngsters.

At Ohio State, Burkholder has been a regular on the basketball team since the opening of the season in his sophomore year.

The Bluffton youth and five other seniors who have played together at the university since they enrolled as freshmen are the nucleus of the squad this year, which has got away to a fast start and now are odds-on favorites to win the Big 10 basketball title.

Burkholder, as one of the starting guards, played every minute of last Saturday night's game in which Ohio State dumped Wisconsin, their closest contender in the title chase, by a score of 61 to 47 at Columbus. He and Dick Schnittker, the conference's leading scorer, were the only Ohio players who were in action all the way.

During the first half, which ended with a tie score, Burkholder set the scoring pace for the Buckeyes against Wisconsin. He connected for five field goals and one free throw to rack up 11 points in the first-half spree. At the close of the game Burkholder had 13 points; Taylor, Ohio center, 14 points, and Schnittker, 15 points.

Ohio cagers on Monday night advanced another step closer to the Big Ten title by downing Indiana, 56 to 55, on the Indiana court. It was the first time the Hoosiers had been beaten at home.

In his junior year last season Burkholder was second only to Schnittker in the total number of minutes played during the winter.

An accurate, snappy passer, one of the best in the Big Ten, Burkholder fits well into the Ohio State style of play, with scoring attempts following preliminary maneuvering in which the Buckeyes whip the ball around the court at a fast tempo.

Defensively Burkholder is one of the best in the conference, and he astounds experts by taking far more than his share of the rebounds off the boards despite the fact that he is the shortest man among the Ohio regulars, most of whom push up over the six-foot mark.

At Ohio, Burkholder is a roommate of End Jim Hague, who won the Rosebowl game for the Buckeyes by kicking a field goal in the closing minutes.

## Bluffton High Cagers Will Play Van Wert There; Win 11th Here

Bluffton High cagers will close their regular season with a Western Buckeye league tilt against Van Wert on the Cougar court this Friday night, following which the Pirates will swing into tournament play at Celina Thursday of next week.

In the contest with Van Wert the locals will be gunning for their fifth league win in six starts. So far the Pirates have lost only to Celina, pace-setter in the loop.

Van Wert has a strong outfit this season and will provide a severe test for the Lowrymen prior to their opening tourney start next week against Paulding on the Celina court.

Last week the Pirates rang up their 11th victory by downing a stubborn North Baltimore team, 43 to 37, in a hard-fought game on the Bluffton floor.

The two teams went into the final period with the score knotted at 29-29, but Bluffton had the scoring edge in the closing period to come out on top.

Bluffton had a 10 to 6 quarter lead and the locals were in front at halftime, 21 to 19.

Jim Badertscher paced the Bluff-

ton scoring attack with 15 points made via six field goals and three free throws. Don Schmidt had 12 points for the winners.

Bluffton played without the services of Dale Risser, regular center, who was shelved by an ankle injury suffered the preceding week.

In the preliminary North Baltimore reserves scored a 36 to 27 victory.

The box scores:

BLUFFTON	G	F	T
Garmatter, f.	1	2	4
Oates, f.	0	3	3
Bauman, f.	3	1	7
Balmer, c.	0	2	2
Schmidt, g.	6	0	12
Badertscher, g.	6	3	15
Totals	16	11	43
NORTH BALTIMORE	G	F	T
Boney, f.	4	1	9
Sterling, f.	1	1	3
Shafer, f.	1	2	4
Roach, c.	6	1	13
Blake, g.	2	1	5
Monsmith, g.	1	1	3
Totals	15	7	37

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## In Memoriam

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