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## One Out of Five Bluffton Votes at Primary Here Tuesday

243 Ballots Cast Out of Estimated Total Vote Here of 1,300

### Lack of Contests and Pre-Primary Campaign Finds Voters Apathetic

About one Bluffton resident out of five took the trouble to go to the polls and cast a ballot at Tuesday's primary election, it was disclosed following a count of the vote.

There were 243 votes cast in Bluffton's four precincts, according to a complete unofficial tabulation as posted by precinct counting boards which finished their work early in the evening. It is estimated that Bluffton has a total of 1,300 votes.

Vote cast by precincts:

	Rep.	Dem.	Total
Bluffton A	32	34	66
Bluffton B	56	30	86
Bluffton C	28	16	44
Bluffton D	26	21	47
Total	142	101	243

Correspondingly light was the vote in Richland North precinct where farmers attempting to make up for time lost in spring work took little interest in primary election affairs. The tally sheet showed a total of 34 votes cast, divided equally between Republicans and Democrats.

Precinct election boards had little to do during the day which passed virtually unnoticed as far as election and politics was concerned.

With no local contests and comparatively few contests in county and state tickets, together with general lack of pre-primary campaigns by candidates, there was little to attract attention of the average voter.

Republicans, with a total vote of 142 in Bluffton's four precincts did better than the Democrats which polled only 101 votes. Observers pointed out in this connection that there were no county contests for nominations on the Democratic ticket. One contest on the Republican ticket for state representative may have accounted for the larger number of votes.

### Funeral Rites For William J. Luginbuhl

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon in the First Mennonite church for William J. Luginbuhl, 68, local shoe repair shop operator, who died in his home at 259 N. Lawn avenue at 3 a. m. last Friday.

Death was due to a complication of diseases, and followed illness of five weeks.

Son of Abraham and Anna (Locher) Luginbuhl, he was born April 23, 1882, in Riley township, and spent his entire life in the Bluffton community.

Survivors include his widow, the former Zelma Amstutz, whom he married in 1908; seven children: Mrs. Cora Younkman, Cleveland; Mrs. Elva Montgomery, Ft. Recovery; Mrs. Marie Zerbe, Toledo; Mrs. Dorothy Musser, Lima; Francis Luginbuhl, Bluffton; Wayne Luginbuhl, Englewood, Calif.; and Norman Luginbuhl, Los Angeles, Calif. Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Luginbuhl and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Luginbuhl were here for the funeral.

Also surviving are three sisters, Mrs. Sarah Amstutz and Mrs. Noah Steiner, Pandora; and Mrs. J. J. Suter, Lima.

Rev. J. N. Smucker officiated at the funeral rites Tuesday. Burial was in Pleasant Ridge cemetery, near Pandora.

### Film And Discussion At Church On Sunday

Showing of the film "Prejudice" followed by a panel discussion at the Church of Christ here Sunday night at 7:30 is announced by the Pastor Rev. O. Merrill Boggs.

The picture is produced under co-operation of the Protestant Film commission and Anti-Defamation league and is brought here by the Christian Youth Fellowship of Bluffton-Beaverdam parish.

Participating in the discussion will be Carl Smucker of Bluffton college, Rev. V. C. Oppermann, pastor of the Reformed churches here and Rabbi Myron Movsky of Lima. Rev. Boggs will serve as chairman.

### High School Glee Club Wins Honor

Bluffton High school girls' glee club received top rating in State Class C competition held in Springfield, last Saturday, by placing in the No. 1 division of the meet.

Bluffton band and orchestra received No. 2 ratings.

## Bands And Orchestra From Five Schools In Concert On Harmon Field May 10

A massed band of 200 members and an 80-member orchestra composed of high school musicians from Ada, Mt. Cory-Rawson, Pandora, Columbus Grove, and Bluffton high schools will present a concert at Harmon Field Wednesday evening, May 10, at 8 o'clock.

The bands from the five schools will march through Bluffton at 4:30 in the afternoon. Orchestra practice will start at 1:30 p. m. and band rehearsal at 3:00 p. m.

The music directors of the dif-

ferent schools are Orlo Sprunger, Ada; Raymond Zuercher, Mt. Cory-Rawson; Roberta Manges, Pandora; William Steiner, Columbus Grove; and Earl Lehman, Bluffton.

Laurence Burkhalter, from Bluffton college will conduct the orchestra, and Director Ecker from Bowling Green university will conduct the band.

Kay Berry, president of the Bluffton band, is overall chairman. Other chairmen are John Bauman, equipment; Louise Reichenbach, tickets, and Jane Risser, publicity.

## Junior Chamber Of Commerce To Be Organized Here Friday Night

Bluffton's first Junior Chamber of Commerce will be organized at a meeting in the hall above the Bluffton News office, Friday night at 8 o'clock.

Announcement of this effect was made following a preliminary meeting last Thursday night when the proposal to organize was endorsed by a good sized group interested in the project.

Assisting in the organization on Friday night will be four members of the Lima Junior Chamber of Commerce, when committees will be appointed to draft constitution and by-laws and take care of other organizational details.

Membership in the organization is open to farmers, students and professional men between ages of 21 and 35, as well as business men. Aims of the organization are to aid in civic projects and to provide leadership and to promote civic aims.

Everyone within the age group interested in objectives of the organization is invited to join.

### Auxiliary Sponsors Poppy Poster Contest

A Poppy Day poster contest is being sponsored by the American Legion auxiliary here with grade school pupils of Miss Theola Steiner's art class competing for prize.

The contest will close May 12. Judges are Mrs. F. T. Lauriat, Mrs. R. Rammel and Miss Joan Harmon, it is announced by Mrs. James Benroth and Mrs. Harry Triplehorn, co-chairmen of the auxiliary.

### Religious Education Program On May 14

Bluffton's monthly Sunday night union church service will be held in the First Mennonite church, Sunday night, May 14 at which time pupils of the week day religious education classes of the grade schools will present a program, it is announced by the Bluffton Ministerial association.

This will mark the 25th anniversary of the inauguration of week day religious instruction in the schools here.

Clean nests mean fewer dirty eggs.

## Bluffton Cooperates In Townwide Cleanup Campaign Ending Saturday

Bluffton's concentrated spring Clean-up, Paint-up, Fix-up campaign will come to a close this Saturday following a nine-day period of community cooperation to make the city a cleaner, healthier and more attractive place to live.

Clearing weather the first of this week gave local householders a chance to complete the cleanup of their premises, and although the drive has another three days to go the bulk of work planned for this spring already has been completed.

Joint community participation in the cleanup campaign marked the kickoff last Thursday when business men swept streets and sidewalks in the downtown area; firemen washed down the streets with the fire hose, and a large crew of volunteer workmen completed the cleanup of Sportsmen's park at Buckeye lake.

A regular April rubbish collection, postponed because of the cleanup drive, was started at midweek, and in its rounds of the town this time the truck will pick up rubbish from both patrons and non-patrons of the service.

Bluffton retail stores are cooperating in promoting the cleanup drive by advertising special items and emphasizing the advantages of united community-wide effort to assure success of the program.

## ROBBERY ATTEMPT IS FOILED AGAIN AT FARM BUREAU

### Third Attempt in Last Five Months Fails at Warehouse South of Town

### Tear Gas Bomb on Safe Routes Burglars; Office is Found Disarranged

Persistence has failed to "pay off" for burglars who three times in the last five months have made unsuccessful attempts to loot the office safe at the Allen County Farm Bureau Coop warehouse, two miles south of Bluffton on the Dixie highway.

Automatic locking device of the safe and an exploding tear gas bomb blocked the third burglary attempt a week ago last Friday night, the third time since last December that burglary attempts have met with failure.

In most respects the latest burglary attempt followed "the pattern" of its predecessors. Burglars broke into the warehouse from the rear, and after gaining entrance to the office knocked off the handle and combination of the safe.

As for the two previous attempts, the attempt to force the safe was a failure, because of an automatic locking device, plus setting off of a tear gas bomb when the handle was knocked loose.

Records and office furniture were disarranged, but the only loss reported was the theft of approximately \$1.50 from a soft drink vending machine.

First attempt to loot the office came late last December and was followed by a second burglary attempt early in February. In all cases the attempts to crack the safe were not discovered until employees reported for work the following morning.

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### Sunday School Convention May 7

Five Orange township Sunday schools will hold their semi-annual convention at Olive Branch church next Sunday afternoon and evening.

Rev. Earl Leist of Mt. Cory E. U. B. church will be the principal speaker at the afternoon session opening at 2:30. Rev. Pummell of Riley Creek Baptist church will lead devotions and Rev. Purdy of Bluffton E. U. B. charge will pronounce the benediction.

The film "Now I See" will be shown at the evening session at 7:45 presented by Ralph Stager of Riley Creek Baptist church. Rev. Bateman of Bethel Church of Christ will lead devotions.

Musical selections will be given by the five participating schools.

### Russian Authority Is Lions' Speaker

Conditions in Russia today were described at a dinner meeting of the Bluffton Lions club Tuesday night by John D. Shirazef II, lecturer and world traveler. The meeting was held in the Walnut Grill.

## MAIL DELIVERED ONCE DAILY ON BLUFFTON ROUTES

Trial Run Last Friday is Put on Regular Basis Here This Week

City Mail Carriers to Start on Rounds in Morning at 8 O'clock

Bluffton's one-trip-a-day postal delivery service in residential and business districts was being continued this week, after a trial last Friday indicated it was the best readjustment possible under the post office department's national curtailment program.

Under the new city delivery schedule, anything mailed in Bluffton for the day's delivery must be in the post office before 7:30 a. m., and the same is true of mail from outside coming into the town.

City carriers are going to work earlier in the morning to sort the preceding day's arrival of mail, plus what is brought in on the morning train. Anything received at the post office later will not be delivered until the following day.

BEGIN AT 8:00 A. M.

Regular rounds are started by the city carriers about 8 a. m., and the day's work schedule is completed at approximately 3:30 p. m., after allowing 30 minutes for lunch hour at noon. On Saturday carriers will deliver only first-class mail and newspapers, and will complete their rounds at noon.

Postmaster Ed R. Reichenbach said that a system of relays is being put into effect which should improve delivery service under the new program, especially for magazines and periodicals.

No immediate changes are contemplated in window service at the local post office, which for the present will remain open daily until 6 p. m. Monday thru Friday and until 1 p. m. on Saturday.

Postmaster Reichenbach said there would be no layoffs in post office personnel here as a result of the new program, although there may be some reduction in working hours.

Nation-wide readjustment ordered by the post office department to bring operations within operating revenue are necessitating curtailments that will affect virtually every patron of the office, it was announced by national heads of the department.

Permanent schedules embodying drastic cuts must be in effect by next July 1, but every local postmaster has time to work out the final details.

### Accepts Call To Mennonite Church

Rev. Alvin Beachy, student in Hartford Theological seminary, Hartford, Conn., has accepted a call to the pastorate of the First Mennonite church here, it was announced by local church officials this week.

He will succeed Rev. J. N. Smucker who resigned the pastorate to become editor of The Mennonite, a leading church publication. His resignation becomes effective the first of June.

Rev. Beachy, who is pastor of a church in Manchester, Conn., in addition to his seminary studies will arrive here late in the summer, according to present plans.

Rev. Smucker and family will continue to live in Bluffton, having purchased the Fred Martin property on West Elm street. They will vacate the church parsonage on North Jackson street and move into their property next month.

### Summer Camp Of Church Of Christ

The Church of Christ denomination will operate a youth camp near Magnetic Springs, Ohio, this summer it was announced by Rev. O. Merrill Boggs, pastor of the Bluffton-Beaverdam parish, following his return from a meeting held Monday at the new camp site.

The camp will accommodate about 200 youths according to present plans, with a new group arriving each week. It is located in a wooded area with stream at one side. Facilities of the camp include baseball field, tennis courts, gymnasium, and large concrete swimming pool, he said. Rev. Boggs will be a member of the camp staff.

### Church Supper

Family potluck supper will be held at the Presbyterian church, Thursday night at 6:30 o'clock, sponsored by the Young Adults. All members of the congregation are invited.

## Middle District Mennonites Buy Lakefront Summer Retreat Site

Middle District Conference of Mennonites, including four churches in this area, has purchased a 40-acre frontage on Shavehead lake in Indiana, and plans to develop the grounds as a summer retreat location.

Announcement of the lake development came this week following the 61st Middle District conference meeting in Wadsworth, last weekend.

Grounds for the retreat site have extensive frontage on the 300-acre Shavehead lake, about 25 miles north of Goshen. Price of the site was \$3,500.

Near the retreat grounds and on a one-half mile peninsula extending into the lake is a site for 500 building lots, sale of which will be limited to Mennonites interested in the retreat project.

At last week's Middle District conference meeting, Rev. E. J. Bohn, of Pandora, was re-elected president; Rev. Irvin Rickert, Dalton, vice-president; G. T. Soldner, Bluffton, secretary; N. N. Soldner, Pandora, treasurer; and D. W. Bixler, Bluffton, a trustee for three years.

Churches in this area affiliated with the conference include Bluffton First and Ebenezer and Pandora Grace and St. John.

### Merchants Offer Weekend Bargains

Promoting Bluffton as a trading center, merchants here are offering a wide selection of extra special week end bargains to Friday and Saturday shoppers. The first of these week end features appears on Page 5 of this issue. Shoppers will find many real money saving values listed each week and will find it well worth while to plan shopping in Bluffton to take advantage of these outstanding bargains.

### Limit Trout Derby Catch To Two Daily

A limit of two fish daily in Bluffton's trout derby was announced by the Sportsmen's club Wednesday noon. The announcement came after fishermen who thronged the banks of Buckeye lake beginning at dawn Wednesday reported catches far larger than had been anticipated. One angler, Ross McDonald of Ada, had five large trout weighing upwards of three pounds by 10 a. m.

## Hospital Day Next Monday Centers Interest In Bluffton Institution

National hospital day next Monday highlights interest in Bluffton's Community hospital which serves an ever-widening area.

The present structure on Garau street built in 1936 as a WPA project, replaced a former building at South Main street and College avenue.

The present hospital, including building, lots and equipment is valued at \$80,000, hospital officials said, Tuesday. Of this sum \$50,000 was allotted by WPA, \$12,000 raised by canvass in the community and \$18,000 realized from sale of the former building and reserve funds.

Deed for the real estate is held by the town council and the board of public affairs furnished free heat and electricity during the period from 1936 to 1944. At present the town provides nothing toward its upkeep or operation.

The Community Hospital association owns the furniture and equipment and leases the building for \$1 a year.

Anyone contributing \$50 receives one share of non-profit stock and has one vote at the association's annual business meeting. There are at present 110 stockholders holding 275 voting shares who elect the board of directors. The directors, in turn choose the superintendent who is in charge of operation of the institution.

Present superintendent is Miss Sylvia Biederman, who has been head of the hospital for the past eight years. Among recent additions to the

hospital equipment are laundry equipment representing an investment of \$1,500; a heating plant \$8,000 and \$1,900 in laboratory equipment donated by Mrs. Bertha Roethlisberger Newman of Washington, Bluffton native, in memory of the late Mr. and Mrs. S. V. Heckathorn, former residents.

The Ladies Hospital Auxiliary furnishes linens and has donated equipment for the kitchen and nurses' dining room.

### Mid-Ohio Tennis Tournament Here

Bluffton college will be host to other Mid-Ohio league schools in the circuit tennis tournament on the local campus Friday and Saturday.

Competing in play here will be Bluffton, Ashland, Findlay, Defiance, Cedarville and Ohio Northern.

Bluffton's golf team will meet Ohio Northern in a match on the Kenton links next Tuesday.

### Rites Held Thursday For Main Infant

Graveside services were held last Thursday in Maple Grove cemetery for infant Main, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Main, North Main street, who died one hour following his birth in Community hospital on the same day.

Surviving, in addition to the parents, is a sister, Charlene Rae.

## Two Bluffton Girls Receive High State F. H. A. Degree At Columbus

Genevieve Burkholder and Joan Montgomery, Bluffton High school juniors, received their F. H. A. State Homemaker degree at the annual Future Homemakers of America state meeting held on the Ohio State university campus, last Friday and Saturday.

Both girls are completing their third year in home economics at the local school. Miss Burkholder is president of the local chapter and Miss Montgomery is parliamentarian.

The two girls have completed their junior and chapter degrees and were well qualified to receive the Homemaker degree, highest honor conferred by the state organization. The State Homemaker degree is the highest degree granted to F. H. A. girls, next to the American Homemaker degree, which up to the present has been conferred on only three girls.

In honoring the two local students at the state meeting last week, they were guests at a formal banquet, featuring an elaborate ceremony.

At last Saturday's meeting Miss Burkholder gave a speech on the fourth purpose in the F. H. A. institution, "To work for good home and family life for all."

Others attending the state meeting last week included Marilyn Oberly, Marian Bell, Janice Henry and Shirley Derringer. The Bluffton group acted as voting delegates for the local chapter.

Louise Reichenbach, who is vice-president of the state organization, presided during the two-day meeting. Mrs. Ray Reichenbach, club mother, and Miss Jean Vore, chapter advisor, accompanied the girls.

## FARMERS ABANDON OATS SOWING PLAN AS MAY ARRIVES

Lateness of Season Makes it Impractical to Sow Oats This Year

### Many Farmers Hold That Weather Cycle is Changing Here in Ohio

Uncertain weather this spring prevented virtually all traditional April planting of oats in the Bluffton area, and farmers report they cannot recall a spring season in which nature has remained at a standstill for so long a time.

Weatherwise, April was a repetition of March and February—wet and chilly—keeping farm work at a standstill and also retarding the budding of trees and other evidences of advancing spring.

April showers which came Bluffton's way in frequent doses pushed the rainfall for the month to a total of 4.52 inches, nearly an inch and one-half more than the 16-year average.

Aggregate rainfall for the first four months of this year is 23.23 inches, 12.94 more than normal.

Rainfall over the weekend again kept farmers out of their fields as May bowed in on Monday, and most local farmers regretfully junked their plans for oats planting and began seeking a substitute crop for the acreage they had tentatively earmarked for April seeding.

Adding to discussion of this spring's unusual weather conditions is the claim from many farm observers that there is evidence the weather cycle for this part of Ohio is experiencing a revolution.

### SEASONS CHANGING?

Although meteorologists may not agree, many farmers will tell you the seasons are changing. For a matter of seven years since 1942, springs in this area have been later. Winter has lingered into late March or April.

Summers, arriving tardily, have run rather true to form, although the customary summer droughts have been more prolonged. Although rainfall records indicate precipitation for the years involved have been about as normal, observers say the pattern is different—more rain in winter and spring, less in summer.

But it all comes back to the fact that this year is perhaps the most unusual in the seven-year cycle. Altogether there have been other springs in which wet weather has delayed oats planting, and even the seeding of corn, virtually everyone is agreed that nothing like this spring ever has happened to us within the memory of the oldest resident.

## Beaverdam Pre-School Clinic Next Tuesday

A pre-school clinic will be held at Beaverdam next Tuesday for children entering the first grade of school next fall. The clinic will be held in the school building beginning at 9 a. m. Each child is to be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

### Real Estate Deal

Howard Stager has sold his residence property at Grove street and College road to Morris Triplett of East Kibler street and will give possession in the fall. Stager expects to build a home this summer on his lot facing East College avenue at the rear of the Sinclair service station.

### Noted Clergyman To Speak May 11

Dr. George Buttrick, pastor of Madison Avenue church, New York, prominent clergyman and author will speak in the First Mennonite church Thursday night, May 11 at 8:15 o'clock. His subject: "Our Shaken World." He comes here under auspices of Bluffton college.

### Births

Following births at Bluffton hospital: Mr. and Mrs. Warren Bridenbaugh, Pandora, a boy, Daryl Jay, Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Fellers, Bluffton, a girl, Kathleen Anne, Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hearne, Bluffton, a girl, Pamela Sue, Thursday.

Rev. and Mrs. Robert Weber, Kokomo, Ind., a girl, Mary Jean, Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Myron L. Ripley, Sr., Mt. Cory, a boy, Myron Lozelle, Jr., Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Watkins, Pandora, a boy, Roger Dale, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Fett, Beaverdam, a girl, Rosemarie, Tuesday.