



What Happened in 1941?

by Suzy Millar Miller

Most people remember that Pearl Harbor was attacked on Dec. 7, 1941, but what else happened before the start of World War II? It appears that many things were going on in the country before that day that “lives in infamy.” There were inventions, entertainment, events, personal achievements, and most



important to many Burg residents, the RHS Class of 1941 graduated!

Some of the notable **1941 inventions** which many people don't realize include:

The invention of *M&M's* candy happened as a way for soldiers to enjoy

chocolate without it melting in hot and humid weather conditions. During the war, the candy was sold exclusively to the military.



Cheerios breakfast cereal was introduced by General Mills after someone figured out how to “puff” oats like they did rice (as in *Rice Krispies*). The brand was



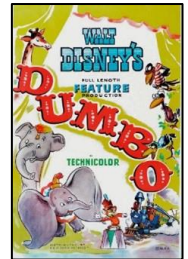
originally named “Cheerioats.”

Hollywood actress and amateur scientist Hedy Lamarr invented the basis for modern Wi-Fi, GPS, and Bluetooth. Hedy worked with George Antheil to develop a new communication system with potential for guiding torpedoes “frequency hopping” between radio waves.



Hedy Lamarr

Both the transmitter and receiver hopped to new frequencies together which prevented the interception of radio waves. A patent was awarded in 1942, but was never followed up on until many years later. In 1997 she became the first woman to receive the Invention Convention's Bulbie Gness Spirit of Achievement Award and in 2014 the



achievement caused Hedy to be called “the mother of Wi-Fi.”

Entertainment in 1941 included movies such as: *The Maltese Falcon*, *Dumbo*, *Suspicion*, *Citizen Kane*, *Road to Zanzibar*, and *Buck Privates*. Stars of that year were: Ingrid Bergman, Betty Grable, Rita Hayworth, Katharine Hepburn, Lena Horne, Veronica Lake, Hedy Lamarr, Carole Landis, Vivien Leigh, Barbara Stanwyck, Gene

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Tierney, Lana Turner, Abbott & Costello, Bob Hope, and Bing Crosby.

Notable books were: *Curious*



George by H.A. & Margret Ray, *For Whom the Bell Tolls* by Ernest Hemingway, *The Keys of the Kingdom* by A. J. Cronin, *Random Harvest* by James Hilton, and *Saratoga*

Trunk by Edna Ferber. Another form of popular reading was the appearance of “Captain America Comics #1” which was dated March 1941. The first superhero comic book movie made was “*Adventures of Captain Marvel*.”

On Broadway, a new play, *Arsenic and Old Lace*, by Joseph Kesselring debuted on January 10, 1941. The women who played the Brewster sisters (Abby & Martha) were Jean Adair and Josephine Hull. The actresses starred on Broadway and in the 1943 film version of the play.



Glenn Miller and His Orchestra’s recording of “Chattanooga Choo-Choo” was awarded the first Gold record from



RCA Victor. The song was featured in the movie, *Sun Valley Serenade* and

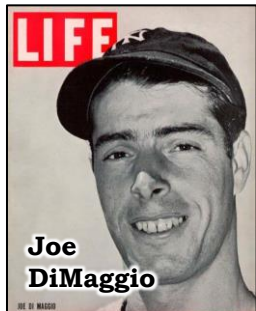
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on July 25, 1941.

Another entertainment milestone was achieved when a 10-second ad for Bulova watches was shown on NBC. This made it the first television commercial and cost \$7. (I bet they wished Superbowl commercials cost that now!)

Joe DiMaggio played 56 straight games with hits while at bat. DiMaggio of the New York Yankees completed a hitting streak that ran from May 15 to July 16, 1941. As of 2021, the record still stands. During



the 56 games played at the time, he had 91 base hits in 223 at-bats for a .408 batting average which included 15 home runs. The Yankees won the World Series in 1941 by beating the Brooklyn

Dodgers.

Other **interesting accomplishments** in 1941 happened in manufacturing and science. Plutonium was chemically identified and synthetically produced by Dr. Glenn T. Seaburg’s team of scientists at the University of California in Berkeley. They derived the element from Uranium.

More than three million cars were manufactured in the United States. That number would not be matched again until 1949. The car companies started making vehicles for the

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military. Ford turned out a B-24 bomber every 63 minutes for 24 hours a day and they managed to produce over 4,600 airplanes.

On Dec. 4, 1941, there was a formal airplane plant. The plant had a floor area of 1,282,000 sq. ft. which is greater than all of the facilities of the Airplane Division of Curtiss-Wright in 1940. The site went from the ground up in 147 days and started with 13 employees who moved from Buffalo, NY, to Columbus, Ohio.

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(Compton) Griffith, Dorothy (Dyer) Barnhill,

Montford R. Fischer, Jr., Betty (Green) Guinan, Roger Hayes, Seymoure Hickman, William Hornsby,



Robert Lee Mathias, Vincent Mascari, Eldon McCoy, Ralph W. McClure, Paul Millar, John Milnor, Paul Moreland, Bert Neff, David Nessley, Betty Lou (Rothrock) Hamilton, Betty

(Sauselen) Doan, Dorothy Mae (Stewart) Belfrage, Jack Swisher, Betty "June" (Tudor) Leshner, Freida (Van Buren) Savage, Robert Van Matre, Warren Walker, Norma (Weber) Nessley, Marjorie (Williams) Powers, Eleanor (Wilson) Shonting, and William Wiswell.

Mount Rushmore was completed.



The monument was started on Oct. 4, 1927, and the work was completed on

October 31, 1941. Gutzon Borglum designed the sculpture and directed over 400 workers over the years to the national symbol that we know today. After Gutzon died in March, 1941, his son, Lincoln Borglum, continued work on the monument.

On May 22, 1941, the Reynoldsburg High School held Commencement

Exercises and awarded 32 seniors their diplomas. The class members were Frances (Bogess) Draudt, Evelyn

Betty Lou Rothrock gave the Salutatory address at the graduation ceremony while Betty Green delivered the Valedictory address. The Board of Education presented the diplomas to the class. Board members were: A.B. Cheney (Pres.), E.E. Connell, V.B. McCall (Clerk), C.E. Burnett, and Fred Tussing. The Superintendent was J.A. Oppy. The Class Colors were blue and white with the red rose representing the Class Flower. The Class Motto was, "Each one is the architect of his own fortune."



Norma Weber

The class lived up to its motto by creating a rich history in Reynoldsburg and each contributed to the fabric of the community. Almost all of the boys of the class joined the military



Paul Millar

(Brauning) Rickly, E. Donald Butts, Jr., Polly (Carpenter) Hall, Betty

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REYNOLDSBURG

HIGH SCHOOL



FRANCES BOGGES



EVELYN BRAUNING



DONALD BUTTS



POLLY CARPENTER



BETTY COMPTON



DOROTHY DYER



MONTFORD FISCHER



BETTY GREEN



ROGER HAYES



SEYMOUR HICKMAN



WILLIAM HORNSBY



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JACK SWISHER



BETTY TUDOR



FRIEDA VAN BUREN



ROBERT VAN MATRE



DAVID NESSLEY



WARREN WALKER



NORMA WEBER



MARJORIE WILLIAMS



ELEANOR WILSON



WILLIAM WISWELL

CLASS of 1941

REMBRANDT STUDIOS

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He also led the “Roger Hayes Barbershop Quartet” which sang at numerous events around town.

within a few years of graduation and were stationed all over the world. Here is a sampling of some of their stories.

My father, Paul Millar, was a block mason who built many garages, buildings, fireplaces, and basements all over town. He built the garage at Silent Home Cemetery; it still stands today. He served in China, Burma, and India during WWII.

My aunt, Norma Weber, married Dave Nessley and were high school sweethearts. Dave was a Marine during the war. He was awarded a Purple Heart while serving in the Pacific Theater after being wounded in Saipan. Dave was a Boy Scout scoutmaster for Troop 277 for many years. After Norma died in the 1960s, Dave married another of my aunts, Virginia (Millar) Cosner. Virginia also graduated in 1941. She was the Valedictorian at Pickerington High School. Both Dave and Virginia had long careers at DCSC and were married for 43 years.

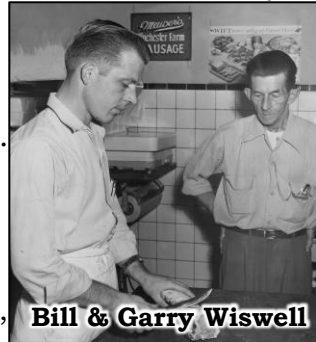
Roger Hayes married Blanche Bozman. He has been active in the First Presbyterian Church at Jackson and Main St. as an Elder for decades. Roger and his family operated a garden stand on his parents’ front porch for many years. It was the best place to buy corn on the cob!



Blanche & Roger Hayes

Bill Wiswell ran the Red and White grocery store on Main St. with his father, Garry Wiswell, and the rest of the family which included his mom, Maude (Zarbaugh), and his sister Wilma (Wiswell) Turner. Bill joined the Armed Forces in 1943. He married Merna Marie Hoover from Sunbury.

Seymoure Hickman joined the Army in 1944. He and his family had a large farm at the intersection of Rt. 256, Jackson St., Graham Rd., and Livingston Ave.

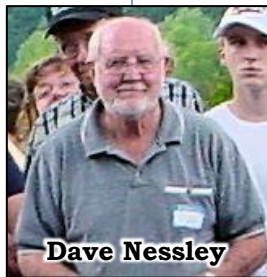


Bill & Garry Wiswell

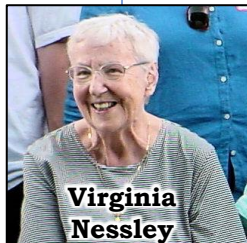
Seymoure and his wife Laverne, farmed the land and raised livestock and belonged to the Methodist Church.

Bob Mathias served with General George Patton’s Third Army tank corps during the Battle of the Bulge. Bob described the hardships during the winter of 1944 while fighting in France. Bob and his wife, Marge, lived in Granville where Bob delivered milk and raised livestock.

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Dave Nessley



Virginia Nessley

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Eleanor (Wilson) Shonting was a life member of the Reynoldsburg-Truro Historical Society. She was an avid genealogy researcher for over 30 years and before she died, Eleanor donated her research materials to RTHS. The McNaghten

Collection is one of the premier sources of Reynoldsburg history. There are over 300 binders, books, and artifacts available for research. The collection focuses on the McNaghten and Pugh families. The spelling of the name changed to McNaughten in the early 1900s.

Dorothy "Dottie" Stewart married Ray Belfrage. Ray is a current member of RTHS. They were Burg residents and very active in the Alumni Banquet group.



The McNaghten Collection



Dottie & Ray Belfrage

The class of 1941 remained close all of their lives. In 1991, the class had a 50th reunion at Stoney



Creek Country Club during the RHS Alumni Banquet. The class presented a very vibrant program to the banquet with Master of Ceremonies Ralph McClure leading the festivities. The 1941 RHS cheerleaders were presented and lead a rendition of cheers. "Bud" Fischer gave "Greetings from our Basketball Team."

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A special backdrop set was made by Ray Belfrage. He made a vintage car where the front door opened to release the class of 1941 for the evening. It was a spectacular beginning to the event!



Marjorie Powers

Roger Hayes' Barbershop Quartet performed and Ralph and Ann McClure sang a duet, *Ah Yes, I Remember It Well*, from *Gigi*. Marjorie Powers read a selection from *All I Ever Needed to Know, I Learned in Kindergarten*.



The entire class sang a medley of songs from the 40s and Anne McClure sang a solo. One of the highlights was when the entire class of '41 performed a production number to the song "One" from the musical *Chorus Line*. It wasn't quite Broadway, but it was heart-felt. The group then

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had a Patriotic Finale complete with red, white, and blue costumes. Ferne Myers accompanied all of the musical numbers on the piano.

The class honored the members who had died:



Norma (Weber) Nessley 1967, Warren Walker (1982), Paul C. Millar (1984), Bill Wiswell (1985), Betty Lou (Rothrock) Hamilton (1989), and Vincent Mascari (1989).



There were 21 classmates in attendance at the banquet. From the Columbus area attendees were: Frances (Bogges) & Michael Draudt, Dorothy (Dyer) & Bill Barnhill, Roger & Blanche Hayes, Paul Moreland, Dave & Virginia Nessley,



Dottie (Stewart) & Ray Belfrage, Betty (Tudor) Leshner, Frieda (Van Buren) Savage, and Ralph & Ann McClure.



Other attendees outside of the local area were: Bob & Marge Mathias of Granville; Evelyn (Brauning) & Russ Rickly of Cincinnati; Don Butts of Alaska; Polly (Carpenter) & Leland Hall of Dayton; Montford (Bud) & Bonnie Fischer of Mt. Gilead; Betty (Green) Guinan of Bethlehem, PA; Seymoure & Laverne Hickman of Sarasota, FL; John

Milnor of Merritt Island, FL; Jack & Ina Swisher of Valrico, FL; Lois Van Matre of Jackson, FL; Marjorie (Williams) Powers of Denver, CO; and Eleanor (Wilson) Shonting of Indian Beach Harbor, FL (pictured in the center of the group of three women).

Ross (Budd) Hamilton (husband of the late Betty Lou Rothrock) and Dotti Belfrage's sister, Frances, also celebrated with the class. Both Budd and Frances were earlier graduates of Reynoldsburg High School.



After the banquet the class gathered at Bill and Dorothy Barnhill's house to continue talking and reminiscing. As Gail Wollam used to write in her *Little Weekly* column, *Refreshments were served and a good time was had by all.*

I bet you thought I was going to write about Pearl Harbor or the movie "1941"!!

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NOVEMBER 2021

11 thru 19 – Set up Holiday Gift Shop
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16 – TUE – Board Meeting, **6:30pm**

20 – SAT – Open House, Holiday Gift Shop 10:00am-2:00pm

21 thru 30 – The Meeting Room is unavailable

DECEMBER 2021

01 thru 03 – The Meeting Room is unavailable

04 – SAT – Christmas on the Towne, Open House, **11am-4pm** Children's Activities, and Holiday Gift Shop

07 – TUE – Board Meeting, **6:30pm**

11 – SAT – Christmas Dinner, 6:00pm
MCL Restaurant
5240 E. Main Street
Whitehall (614) 861-6259

20 – SUN – Deadline for January 2022 Courier

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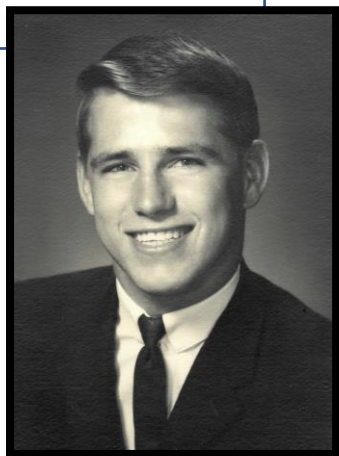
HOMETOWN HERO, ROBERT RONALD “RONNIE” BUCK

Specialist IV Robert Ronald Buck (1946-1969) was posthumously awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action, Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart, and Good Conduct Medal after he was killed in action in Vietnam on February 23, 1969.

Ronnie had previously been awarded the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Ribbon, Combat Infantryman Badge, Expert Badge with rifle bar, and the Marksman Badge with automatic rifle bar.

He was a 1965 graduate of Reynoldsburg High School, where he earned a varsity letter in baseball. He attended Columbus Business College for two years, majoring in business administration, followed by working at Corrugated Container Company before he was drafted into the Army in May 1968. The following February, he suffered fatal combat wounds.

Fifty years after Ronnie’s death, his sister, Vicki Buck Rollins wrote
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a Birthday message to her brother that was posted on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall-of-Faces Website:

HOMETOWN HERO, ROBERT RONALD "RONNIE" BUCK



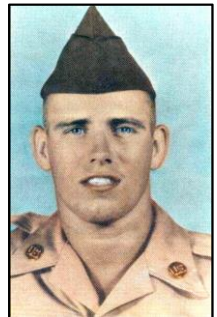
"Happy Birthday, Ronnie 12/09/2019 - Today you would have turned 73. You would be a father, grandfather, maybe even a great-grandfather. Sadly, that never happened. You were, however, a fantastic brother to all of us. You brought 2 families together and made four kids become six. You were our glue. We stuck together because you showed us how, back when you were only 17, wise beyond your years. You watched over me, your little sister. I was allowed to play baseball & football with the neighborhood gang even though I was a girl, 4 years younger, because you were the leader everyone followed. You approved of my high school boyfriend, who I married just after you were buried. We celebrated our 50th anniversary in March. Fifty years we've all missed you. You are still talked



about, we remember your jokes, your pranks, how you made everyone a friend. 50 years, a half century, but someday we will all be together again for eternity. Love you, big brother, Vicki"



Recently, Shirley Adkins Buck brought RTHS Ronnie's Reynoldsburg High School Varsity Jacket and senior picture.



We have since made a shadowbox display and the jacket is under glass, hanging with pride in our museum.

~ Mary Turner Stoots

Baby James Comes Home

by Mary Turner Stoots



**Marvin
Shrimplin**

**Mark
Myers**

**Nancy
Beck**

**Gail
Storer**

**Glenn
Soden**

I received a Website inquiry (www.RTHS.info) on May 10, 2021, from Glenn Soden, president of the Bexley Historical Society. He said that they had a baby's tombstone on display that was found in a pond in Bexley. It is for the son of Major John Coons, and the child died in 1827 at the age of seven months.

Glenn asked if we would like a photo or rubbing of the stone for our records, because they discovered through a Fold3 grave registration card that the father of the deceased child was buried in the Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery in Reynoldsburg, a block south of the museum.

I wrote back to Mr. Soden and thanked him for the offer. I also suggested that the tombstone belonged with the parents of the child and that we would send

someone to Bexley to retrieve it so there would be little effort required on their end. I said, "*Would you please ask your Board of Directors to consider our offer for the sake of the child? He should not have to rest in an unmarked grave.*"

Mr. Soden read my response to the Bexley Board of Directors, and they voted unanimously to transfer custody of the headstone to the Reynoldsburg-Truro Historical Society.

On Tuesday, October 19th, Marvin Shrimplin and Mark Myers went to the Bexley Historical Society and met with Trustee Nancy Beck, Trustee Gail Storer, and President Glenn Soden. They were given a tour of the facility and presented with the headstone.

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Baby James Comes Home

by Mary Turner Stoots

Barth Cotner to find out the proper protocol surrounding the placement of a headstone in a graveyard, and he offered to pay for a base to be poured. I thanked him and said RTHS would pay for it, and he replied, "No, Mary. It's the right thing to do."

Here is some history regarding the baby's headstone:

Major John Coons was born on April 5, 1787, in Shenandoah, Virginia. He married Ann Catharine Rhodes on August 28, 1806, in Washington County, Maryland. She was born on June 8, 1788, in Frederick, Virginia.

John served as a Major in the War of 1812, 2nd Division, 4th Brigade. After their marriage in 1806, the Coons moved to Franklin County and their first child was born here in 1807.

They had 10 children in 26 years:

- 1) Elizabeth - 1807 to May 16, 1889
- 2) Rachel Hannah - August 13, 1809, to September 23, 1890
- 3) George - October 12, 1811, to August 23, 1889

- 4) Allen Jackson - 1814 to August 23, 1885
- 5) John - 1820 to 1898
- 6) Thomas S. - April 9, 1822, to May 11, 1871
- 7) Madison - February 22, 1825, to September 19, 1899
- 8) Son (James) February 1827 to September 29, 1827 Aged 7 Months
- 9) Mary Ann - 1829 to ? (Death Unknown)
- 10) Daniel L. - 1833 to 1898



**Son of Maj. John Coons
Died Sept. 29, 1827
Aged 7 months**

The Primitive Baptist Church was organized in Truro Township by Elder John Hanover at the home of John Coons on September 13, 1822. It was then called Friendship Church and was known as a Predestinarian Baptist Church (Predestinarian meaning that God's children will be



conformed to the image of Jesus Christ before they can go to heaven.) The membership then included Thomas Torance, Thomas Torance Jr., Mary Torance, Daniel Whetsel,

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Baby James Comes Home

by Mary Turner Stoots

John Coons, (Ann)
Catharine Coons, and
Mary Dean. Daniel Whetsel was elected church clerk, and John Coons,
Deacon. For some years, the society held their meetings at the homes
of members, generally at Whetsel's or Coons's.



John Coons served as one of the many pastors who have preached there over the last 200 years. These Baptists do not use the title of "Reverend," except for Jesus Christ. Members are called "Sister" or "Brother" or "Elder" with the last name appended.

Major John Coons died on November 4, 1865, in Truro Township, Ohio, having lived a long life of 78 years, 7 months, and was buried in Reynoldsburg in the Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery.

Ann passed away on March 19, 1871, at the age of 82 years, 9 months, and 21 days.



The Reynoldsburg-Truro Historical Society wants to extend a gracious 'Thank You' to the Bexley Historical Society for transferring custody of the grave marker to our care.

Baby James can now rest in peace with his parents.



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Board Meeting Time Change



The Board of Directors discussed it, and we have decided to “try out” a new starting time!

Going forward, we have chosen to begin the Board of Director meetings at 6:30pm.

You are ALL invited to join us at the meetings. Feel free to come! We gather in the Meeting Room of the Museum lower level, so you will need to come through the rear entrance off the parking lot.

The more, the merrier!

Our meetings usually only last between 60 minutes and 90 at the very most.

Who are the new Board Members for 2022?

- **President** Mary Turner Stoots
- **Vice President** Dick Barth
- **Treasurer** Marvin Shrimplin
- **Recording Secretary** Mark Myers
- **Corresponding Secretary** Suzy Millar Miller
- **Trustee (1 year)** Donald Larimer
- **Trustee (2 years)** Open Position
- **Trustee (3 years)** Vickie Edwards Hall



New Members!

- Debbie Dunlap - Contributing
- Dale Helsel - Individual
- Mary Anne Klein - Individual
- Nelson Grant McCray – Lifetime
- Jonathon Tate, JoAnne Myers, Amanda Thompson – Family
- Kathy Worster – Lifetime

Mark
Your Calendars
Saturday, November 20
To visit our
Christmas Gift Shop
at the
Museum Open House
10:00am-2:00pm!

Sunshine Committee

Do you know someone who needs some Sunshine?

Contact **Carol Deuber** if you are aware of an RTHS member who could use a Get Well, Thinking of You, Sympathy, or any other type of card for some added sunshine in their life ...

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Interviews of Long Ago

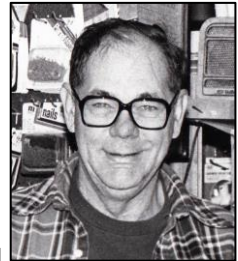
by Cornelia M. Parkinson

In 1978, I was still interviewing everybody for *History of Reynoldsburg*. Here, from notes:

Jack Kitzmiller, RTHS officer. Tap dancing. It was a big deal. I remember dancing with Betty Pickering. They'd put bleachers on the south side of the [Ashton School] gym and the stage was at the east. We had minstrel shows there too. In the 1930s, the outdoor "free shows," sponsored by the merchants, were held at the west end of Broadwyn Drive, held at Apple Alley. I think about old Joe E. Brown, flying in an open cockpit plane, laughing and eating jellybeans. Everything was go to the lake, to the Buckeye Lake Amusement Park, and the Pier Ballroom. We had wrestling here at Haft's Arena on weekend nights, before Huber Homes were built. The bleachers stayed up all summer long. You could hear the crowds screaming all over town.



Ralph Connell, Owner of Connell Hardware, longest-term business in The Burg: Tom Mokey [Tom Looker "Loker"] lived on Rose Hill Road, up near the swimming hole. He would do odd jobs for people. He always had a pink wintergreen [candy] in his mouth. He'd give me one out of his old dirty coat pocket. Mother told me not to take it, but I always did. When we had the carnivals, they'd block off Main Street and have it in the middle of Main Street, or down our side street along the store. When I was little, I knew more old people than young, because I was around them in the store. My Aunt Chat [Charity, Mrs. Dan] Price used to bring me a sack of cookies on Saturdays. Oblong cookies of some kind. At her house she expected you to eat them, you didn't have to ask. You know how people used to put everything in the middle of the table after they ate and cover it with a cloth? I'd reach up under there and get me a cookie.



Arthur Phalor, who made scale models of the David Taylor house, in which he grew up, and barn, on display at RTHS Museum: Father told me that one time, during the Civil War, he and two other fellers approached a house to get something to eat. A woman came out, and she was cross eyed, and she kept a-wavin' that gun around and they never were sure which one she was looking at, so they got out of there.

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Helen Kitzmiller RTHS officer and fundraiser
deluxe: I'd hate to wake up



with somebody I was disappointed in.

Edith [RHS grad] and Holmes Hummell [1944 Delegate to the Democratic State

Convention, in 1949 elected Truro Township trustee, four-year term]:

In 1915 we had an embroidery circle in Brice. During World War I we knitted socks. We made pajamas. We had to stitch the seams real close so cooties



couldn't get in. The day the Armistice was signed, the Red Cross was working here at the [Brice M.E.] church.

William Vernon Jr. "Pete" Ashton,

working in Connell Hardware. Corning Ware had just come out. "Aww, Parky, you don't want any of that stuff. It's got molecules in it." Pete



and Fay May, local historian, were friends and Masons together. "Fay, now, he was the contrariest man that was ever born."

Fred Tussing, school board clerk, Ohio sheep shearing champion (hand clippers): My brother Homer and I were only a year and a half apart. We didn't have many toys, but we had a good time anyway. I still have a steam engine my grandmother got me -- I

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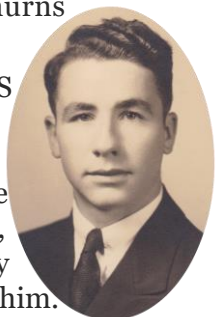


was eight years old. When I started school they had whooping cough in No. 3 School [at Brice and Tussing Roads]. So we went to the old Allen School [close to Rt. 256, on Tussing Road]. Gee, that was a long walk. And every boy then, as soon as he could work a steel trap, he'd trap. Homer and I got steel traps for Christmas the year I was nine. Uncle Wiley had a field that was chock-full of muskrats, and he let us boys have them. One day we got four. You fed the school teacher then -- ours was Charles Diley -- and that night he was coming home with us. We hadn't skinned those muskrats



yet-- we were kinda little, and we didn't know how. Right there, by the coal oil light and the wood stove, the teacher skinned those muskrats for us. That winter we got 24, and got 12 cents each for them ... We had to churn butter. Homer punched the bottom out of a churn once, right in the kitchen. Dasher churns didn't last forever.

Marion Rickly, RHS Grad: My uncle, Ed Rickly, started his slaughterhouse on the home farm. At first, he had veal calves. My dad, Roy, worked for him.



He would haul the meat into Columbus with a horse and wagon. Uncle Ed went into sausage making. He had stationery that said Rickly's Sausage since 1910. He

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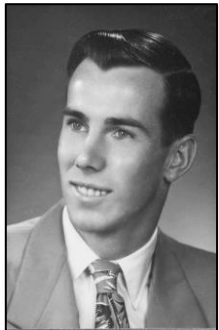
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made it with the whole hog, best sausage you ever had. His factory was down in the hollow of Apple Alley and Rickly Street. He sold the recipe, but the next owner never used the entire hog and people got so they wouldn't buy it. Then it sold again and became Winchester Sausage. That was good, and lasted a while, but the company quit business... My uncle Ed and Henry Smith would go to Beulah Park. There was a black man there, a racetrack tout. Henry brought him over to Uncle Ed and said, "Ed, I want you to meet Lowell Thomas. He's the smartest racetrack man you'll ever meet." Then Uncle Ed caught on, and he said, "This isn't Lowell Thomas, he's on the *radio!*" All the men standing around started to laugh.

Rollie Powell, RTHS officer and



worker: William E. Cook arrived in Brice with 50 cents and a corn cutter, everything he owned. Later he took a job with my great-grandfather, Joseph B. Powell, hauling clay with an ox team for the Brice Clay Company

When the clay deposit was exhausted, Cook became the telegraph operator, then a partner in the Motz-Cook Grain Company. That closed in July 1967...My relative, George Powell, was among the settlers of Truro Township in 1805. Twenty-seven Powell family members took a covered wagon for the West, leaving only Joseph in the township. He was born in (continued on page 18)



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a log cabin west of [later] Brice. When he could afford it, he built a ten room, two-story house with a cupola. In the cupola was a lantern that indicated a stop on the Underground Railroad.



Maebelle Millar, a WAAC, Suzy Millar Miller's mother: Hannah [Ashton] was asked if she'd want to get a Y [YWCA] group together. She did, and the girls were Girl Reserves; the boys in YMCA were Y-Teens. Evelyn Stapleton and I knocked on every door in town, asking if they'd like to join. Alice Marie Myers was the first president [of the Young Women's Christian Association]. The Potts Club grew out of that. [Explanation here: Every girl and woman who belonged to this rather exclusive group was a Potts: Inna Potts, Ossie Potts, Bea Potts, Nevah a Potts -- you get it.] That lasted about three years. One time Hester Foltz and I climbed out the study hall window and up on the roof. We stayed there about 15 minutes. Hannah had study hall and I don't know why she didn't see us. She'd have killed us if she had.

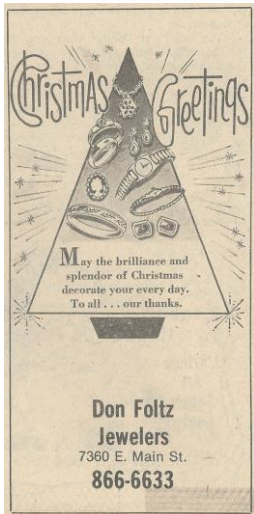


Louise Platter, RTHS member and *worker*: "I get to carry the flag, because I have the largest navel."

Items of Interest From the Past by Suzy Millar Miller

In the December 20, 1978 issue of the *Reynoldsburg Reporter* there were many articles about how organizations were supporting the community. The paper was supported by advertisements from local businesses. Here is a sampling of ads from stores that are part of our history along with a short article.

Western Electric employees help in many ways – For the nineteenth consecutive year, almost 7,000 employees of Western Electric and Bell Laboratories have organized a "Christmas Under the Tree" program. This program will touch the lives of over 14,000 youngsters, elderly, and those people in-between who rely on the concern of others to soften the harsh and bleak reality of dependence at this joyous season.



A HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL!



Thanksgiving . . . a beautiful occasion when generations come together to share a family's blessings . . . To all, a happy Thanksgiving!

Heep high the farmer's wintry hoard. Heep high the golden corn, No richer gift has Autumn poured. From out her lavish hom. . . And now with Autumn's moorish eyes. Its harvest time has come. We pluck away the frosted leaves. And bear our treasure home. O, let the good old crop adorn. The hills our fathers trod. Still let us, for our golden corn. Send up our thanks to God. - John Greenleaf Whittier: The Corn Song

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Powder Puff Beauty Salon 7429 E. Main St. 866-6646	French Run Automotive 7332 E. Main St. 861-0625	Sainato Pharmacy 7175 E. Main St. 866-2272	Vicks Pizza 7333 E. Main St. 866-5021 or 866-7392
Reynoldsburg Car Care 6869 E. Main St. 866-0370	City National Bank & Trust 7112 E. Main St. - 461-7954 2025 E. Brice Rd. - 461-5813	Friendly Fine Food 6750 E. Main St. 866-9605	B. C. Printing & Quick Copy 1780 Brice Rd. 864-4500
Baskin-Robbins Ice Cream 1750 Brice Rd. 866-0719	City Barber Shop 7152 E. Main St. 864-4246	Senor Carlos Mexican Dining 6336 E. Livingston Ave. 868-0460	Ohio Select Imprinted Fabrics Sportswear Sales & Lettering 7394 E. Main St. 861-8811

A partridge... a pear tree... a sinner wish for your happiness... all are nice wishes to a **Merry Christmas to All!**

Reynoldsburg Trucking, Inc.
7620 Taylor Rd., S.W.
866-5060

May the lights on your tree reflect our thanks and bright wishes for a better than ever Christmas!

Morris Sales & Service Lawn & Garden Equipment
1639 Lancaster Ave.
861-9916

Greetings of the Season

Ohio Select Imprinted Fabrics
7394 E. Main St.
861-8811

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This multitude of efforts by all employees have resulted in almost \$30,000 in gifts, trees, and food for the recipients. The distribution of gifts is provided through the cooperation of eight local common carrier companies, who donate trucks and drivers who donate their time.

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A special feature at the beginning of the program in September is a plant collection for servicemen and women. With the funds collected gift boxes of cheese and meat are purchased and mailed to them. The remainder of the funds were used to purchase five TV sets for the Chillicothe Veteran Hospital.



A forty member employees' committee of the Cres Club visited a number of community service agencies and selected fifteen organizations as benefactors of this spirit of sharing: Fairfield County Children's Home, Near Northside Emergency Assistance, Central Community House, Pine Kirk Nursing Home, Saint Stephen's Community House, Gladden Community House, Hannah Neil School for Children, Peck-o-Wee Ones, Godman Guild, Salvation Army, The Ohio Youth Commission, Alum Crest, Columbus State Hospital, and Columbus State Institute.



The photo cutline reads: Many Reynoldsburg area residents were included among those who participated in the Western Electric Christmas program. In the top photo from left are: Jan Claffey, Pearl Felty, Nellie Kaufman, and Sue Stevenson. In the bottom photo are Larry Fenner, Evelyn Belknap, Ramona Morrow, and Norma Trador. - Western Electric photo

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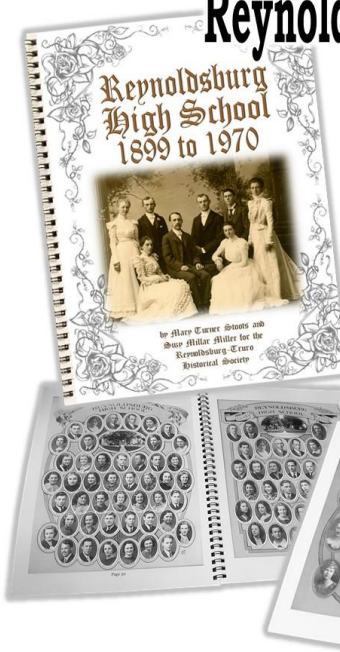
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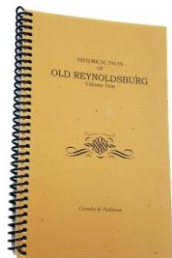
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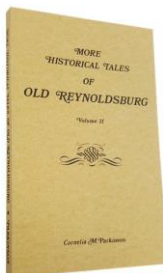
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