



By Suzy Millar Miller

In the **January 5, 1972** *Little Weekly*, there was an article by Gail Wollam on the **History of Reynoldsburg**. While I'm not going to write about the whole article, I wanted to pull out the information she wrote about the Reynoldsburg Schools.

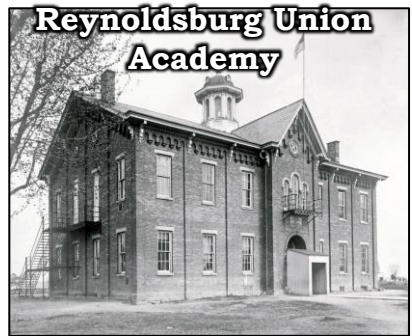
Gail wrote: **The First School was held in 1834** in a barn across from the Baptist Church. A frame schoolhouse was built in 1845, and a two-story brick school in 1858. The large building was built in 1868. Four districts were united in one

and a graded school was established. It was called the Reynoldsburg Union Academy, and pupils came from far and wide.

There were six graduates in the class of 1871. Dr. D.J. Snyder was superintendent for 23 years.

In 1925, the new high school was built around three sides with one story on top of the original building which was contained inside of what is now the gymnasium at the Junior High School.

There were four large rooms down, and two large ones upstairs, one of which was an auditorium. In 1941, the present auditorium and the shop north



of it were built. In the last few years, other additions have been added. This was the only school until 1957 when French Run School was built. Since that time, six others have been built in Reynoldsburg.

In 1954, I started Kindergarten in the basement of the Methodist Church.

There I found out I was left-handed and didn't know how to tie my shoes. The teacher taught "shoe-tying" on cardboard shoes with laces. I flunked. Mrs. June Mock
(continued on page 02)



Dr. D.J. Snyder



June Mock

(continued
from
page 01)



By Suzy Millar Miller

didn't know how to teach "lefties" how to tie a proper bow. I recovered from that disappointment because we had little naps on mats and ate crackers with milk.

I loved school. Reynoldsburg had the best teachers. In elementary school there was:
1st grade – Mrs. Ethel Berry and Martha Savage;
2nd grade – Rilla Burns and Helen Mitterling;
3rd grade – Margaret Gorrell, Eunice Copley, Tamsy Moore, and Pauline Lee;
4th grade – Dorsey Dotson, Naomi Ebright, Margaret Morrell, Eleanore Fink, and Nelle Tobin;
5th grade – Nellie Hiex, Elise Broyles, Klaus Herrmann, Eula Houser, and Madge Kerne;
6th grade – Lois Curtis, Orion Beculhimer, Hazel Noxon, James Spacht, and Mrs. Shattuck.

There were other school teachers who I remember in **Junior and Senior High**. I remember Ray Kerns who taught me the love of math. In fact, I ended up with a minor in Mathematics in college. Who could forget Verrenna Palmer? She always danced with the boys at the school dances. Other teachers who greatly influenced me were Betty Becker (biology), Sandra Bennett (speech), Marion Canter (chorus), Margueriete Click (Latin and French), Dorothea Marshall (home economics), Jerry Mrkva (physics),

(Continued on page 3)



Ethel Berry



Martha Savage



Rilla Burns



Helen Mitterling



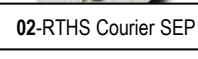
Margaret Gorrell



Eunice Copley



Tamsy Moore



Eula Houser



Anne Shattuck



James Spacht



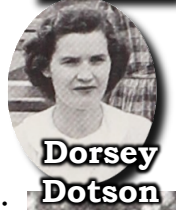
Elise Broyles



Klaus Herrmann



Pauline Lee



Dorsey Dotson



Naomi Ebright



Margaret Morrell



Eleanore Fink



Nelle Tobin

(continued
from
page 02)



Back to School in the Burg

by Suzy Millar Miller



Ray Kerns



Verrenna Palmer



Anna Evans



Margueriete Click



Sandra Bennett



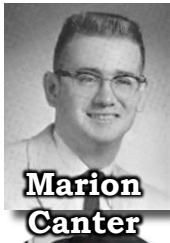
Donna Wolford

Ann Treacy Robinson (RTHS member) (physical education), **Velva Shortz** (English), **Mary Stahl** (English), **Fred Walter** (government), **Donna Wolford** (RTHS member) (English) and **Anna Evans** (math).

Anna Evans taught Algebra and Math. She came from a family of educators. While looking through some old newspapers, I saw an article about Eleanor Evans.

In the **Sept. 27, 1934, *The Reynoldsburg Press***, was an article about new teachers. *The Reynoldsburg Press* billed itself as “*Eastern Franklin County’s Great Weekly*” and “*A Centralized Newspaper Serving Many Towns.*”

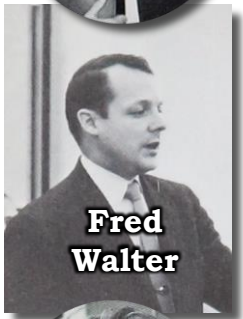
(continued on page 4)



Marion Canter



Mary Stahl



Fred Walter



Velva Shortz



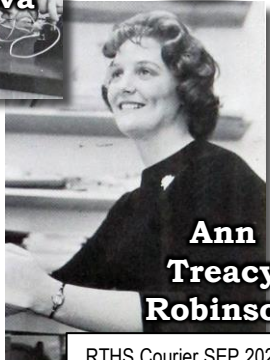
Jerry Mrkva



Betty Becker



Dorothea Marshall



Ann Treacy Robinson

(continues
from
page 03)



By **Suzy Millar Miller**

**Two Local Young People
Begin Careers as Teachers –
Both are members of High
School Class of 1932; Both
took Elementary Training at
Capital University; Both
Come from Families of
Teachers.**

Two young people, **H. Gaylord Headley** and **Eleanor Evans**, were graduated with honors with the Reynoldsburg High School class of 1932. Both received diplomas from Capital University two-year elementary training course in June 1934. Both started their teaching careers in Franklin County consolidated elementary schools September 4th.

Gaylord Headley participated in Varsity baseball and basketball while at Capital. He is teaching fifth and sixth grades in Fornoff Elementary School and coaches athletics. He has forty pupils in these two grades.

Eleven regular full-time teachers and three special part-time teachers are employed at this school. Mr. James, former assistant Franklin County

superintendent, is principal of the school. A trade school and a home economics department are maintained there.

Last week a fruit and vegetable carnival was held. Prizes were given for these in the fashion of a fair.

Many of these were then donated to the school by teachers, pupils, and patrons and sold at auction to build up a school fund. About \$33 was realized.

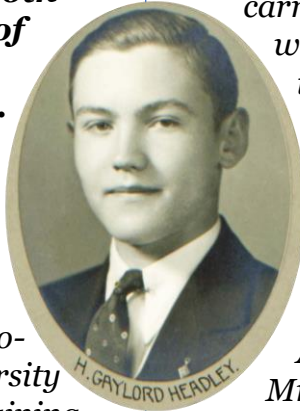
Mrs. Clyde Headley, Ralph Headley, and Miss Zella Taylor attended the carnival Friday evening.

Gaylord comes from a family of many teachers, of whom Mrs. Clyde Headley, his mother, teaches second grade in the local schools.

Miss Evans is a Musician - Eleanor Evans, daughter of Mrs. Flora Evans, likewise comes from a family of many teachers.

During her training at Capital University she participated in many musical organizations. Most prominent of these was the

(continued on page 05)



(continued
from page
04)



By Suzy Millar Miller

chapel choir in which she sang soprano, and the symphony orchestra in which she played the flute.

Eleanor teaches first and second grades and has special music work at the Galloway elementary school. She has forty-two pupils in these two grades.

The community and the "Press" wish for these two fine young people abundant teaching success and much joy in their work of training future citizens.

In other news from the **Sept. 27, 1934** The Reynoldsburg Press newspaper:

78 Years Young – Scott Rochelle, Reynoldsburg's "grand old man", and only remaining Civil War veteran, celebrated his seventy-eighth birthday at his home Tuesday, September 25th.

Many friends and relatives called to wish Mr. Rochelle a happy birthday. The ladies of the Relief Corps gave him a post card shower and presented him with home-made candy.

May we join with the others in wishing him many more such occasions.

Jean Foltz is Home from Hospital Improved – Little Jean Foltz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Foltz, was

returned home after ten days at Grant Hospital following an experience of being run down by an auto on Main Street. She is much improved, although still in a rather serious condition.

P.T.A. to Start Constructive Work

for Year Oct. 1st –

The local Parent-Teacher Association plans to start the work of the school year Monday evening October 1, with a program at the school auditorium. This program will be directed by the general program chairman for the year, Mrs. Elza Connell.

The general subject for the evening will be "Our Homes." Music will be in charge of Miss Dorothy Watson assisted by

NEW
CROSLLEY
7 TUBE AMERICAN-FOREIGN
Superheterodyne
\$79.50
Complete with Tubes
Dimensions:
19" in. High 22" Net wide 11 1/2" in. Deep
7 TUBES—American-foreign
SUPERHETERODYNE
AUXILIARY Detachable. Set in 1934. 20-1000
Frequency. Includes: 1000-10000, 50-500 or 4
High Radio Frequency—Real Tone Volume Push-
Buttons—Automatic Tone Control—Automatic
Tone Control—Complete Rear Design—Full
Voltage. Model Cat. 8100—Inquire nearest dealer.

SEVENTY THE BECK CO.
The Beck Co.
CASAL WINCHESTER COME IN AND SEE US



DOROTHY WATSON-P.T.A.

(continued on page 06)



Back to School in the Burg

by Suzy Millar Miller

(continued from page 05)

pupils.

A discussion will be heard of the subject "How a Child's Attitude and Work Reflect Happy or Unhappy Relations at Home." This will be given by Mrs. Georgia Headley, Talk by a Mother – Mrs. Rose Foltz.

The theme topic for the year as a basis for all programs is "Working Together for Ohio's Children."

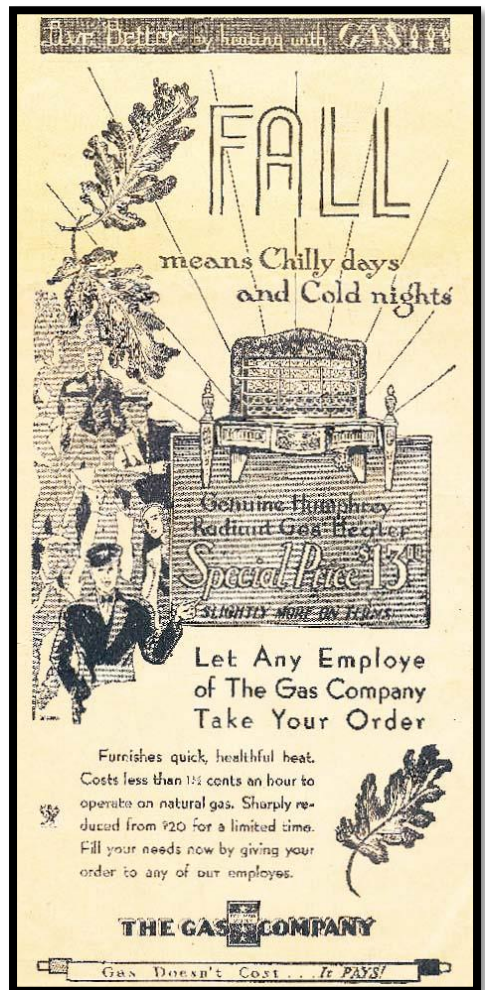
With this topic before the people under the strain of the depression period much of constructive work may be done for the schools.

President Roosevelt says, "It is the responsibility of every American to see that the schools stride forward."

With threatened school closings throughout our state because of lack of funds, the challenge is the biggest in the history of the P.T. A. to prevent such a calamity in our boys and girls.

Hope you enjoyed getting a glimpse of 1934 from a local perspective. It was a time when we were coming out of the Great Depression of the late 1920s and into the future.

RTHS wishes to thank Mary (Evans) Eaton for her recent donation of Evans family artifacts.



Don't Boil by heating with GAS

FALL

means Chilly days and Cold nights

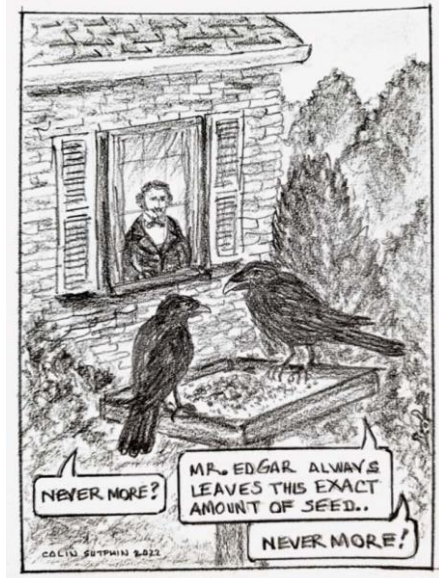
Genuine Radiator Radiant Gas Heater
Special Price 13'
SLIGHTLY MORE IN 1934

Let Any Employee of The Gas Company Take Your Order

Furnishes quick, healthful heat. Costs less than 1 1/2 cents an hour to operate on natural gas. Sharply reduced from \$20 for a limited time. Fill your needs now by giving your order to any of our employees.

THE GAS COMPANY

Gas Doesn't Cost... It PAYS!



THE COURIER

September 2022 Issue

**Reynoldsburg-Truro
Historical Society**

Mailing Address:

PO Box 144

Reynoldsburg, OH 43068-0144

Street Address (NO MAIL):

1485 Jackson Street

Reynoldsburg, OH 43068

Museum Phone: 614-902-2831

Courier Editor: Mary Turner Stoots

Courier Editor Phone:

614-560-4987

Courier Email:

RTHSCourier@aol.com

Photos & Illustrations

Provided by:

Suzy Millar Miller, Cornelia Parkinson
Colin Sutphin, Mary Turner Stoots

Contributors:

Suzy Millar Miller, Cornelia Parkinson
Colin Sutphin, Mary Turner Stoots

2022 CALENDAR

September

13 – TUE – Board & General

Membership Mtg - 6:30pm

17 – SAT – Open House 10am-2pm

18 – SUN – Alumni Walk Thru

Class of 1967 3:00pm-5:00pm

October

01 – SAT – Alumni Walk Thru

Class of 1977 (TENTATIVE)

06 – THU – American Heritage Girls

Book Presentation 6:30pm

1649 Graham Rd

08 – SAT – Alumni Walk Thru

Class of 1971 10am-Noon

11 – TUE – Board Meeting, 6:30pm

15 – SAT – Open House 10am-2pm

20 – THU – Deadline for NOV *Courier*

31 – MON – Beggars Night at the

Museum 6:00pm–8:00pm

SUPPORT LOCAL HISTORY

Join the Reynoldsburg-Truro Historical Society

Individual - \$20 Family - \$25 Sustaining - \$30 Contributing - \$50 Life Membership - \$300

Name _____

Additional Names _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

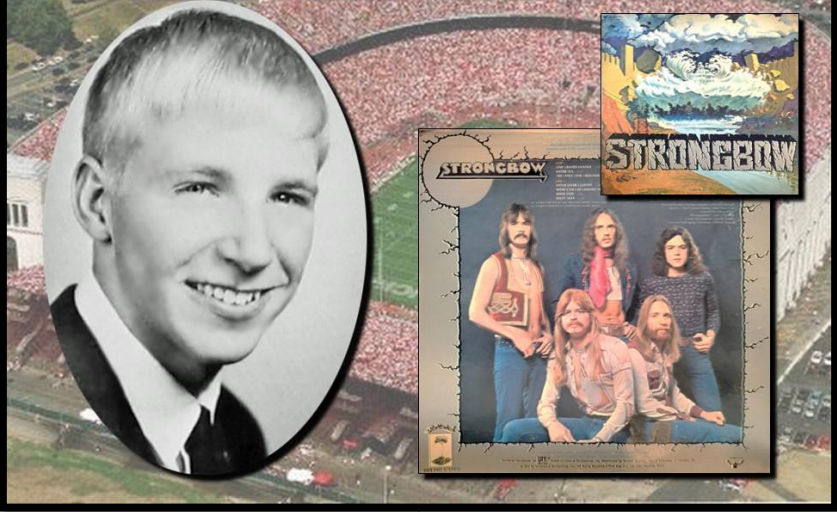
Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email Address _____

Make Check Payable to RTHS and mail to: RTHS, PO Box 144, Reynoldsburg, OH 43068

Invite your friends to join!

William Paul “Bill” Bendler



by Suzy Millar Miller

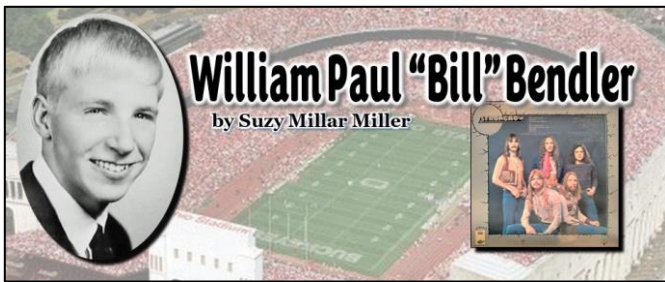
Bill Bendler graduated from Reynoldsburg High School in 1966. He received his BA of Education in music from The Ohio State University and played trombone with the “Rhodes Brothers” who toured nationally. Bill then performed with “Strongbow”, playing electric trombone, keyboards, vocals, and recording a long-playing record while touring nationally.

He started a family with Lisa Margulies (Bexley Class of 1969). They had a daughter, Lindsay; son, Jordan (deceased in 1986); and daughter, Alana. His grandchildren are Jonah, Tessa, and Taylor.

Bill started a remodeling career and joined “The Danger Brothers” in 1984. They are known for

performing at all The Ohio State University home football games at “Hiney Gate” at the Holiday Inn on Lane Avenue. They have performed there for 32 years! (**Editor Note:** *I have heard his group is the most “in demand” band in Central Ohio!*) Bill is recently planning a music performance as a solo act and writing original compositions. He also collects napkins as a hobby.

In an article in the *Little Weekly*, Bill is shown shaking hands with Daniel Nawrocki. The cutline reads: “*HAPPY --- Bill Bendler, right, received congratulations from Daniel Nawrocki, instrumental music instructor at RHS. Who wouldn’t smile like that after receiving letters of congrats from the Columbus Symphony Orchestra,*



William Paul "Bill" Bendler

by Suzy Millar Miller

(continued from page 08)

saying they had won the First Place Award in the wind division contest? He will also be invited to play with the symphony for one of their high school concerts next year. – Photo by K. Winding.”

In another Little Weekly article, it was written: “Bendler to Play at Expo – Bill Bendler, a Reynoldsburg High School graduate and member of the prize-winning Ohio State University Jazz Workshop Band will play original music by its prize-winning director in the United States Pavilion at Montreal’s Expo ’67 during Labor Day. The appearance at the international exposition is the 21-man group’s reward for winning the big band competition of the first annual Intercollegiate Music Festival May 6 at Miami Beach, Florida. The Ohio State band will share the spotlight with a combo from San Francisco State College and vocalist Joe DeVito from New Jersey’s Rider College who won in other divisions of the

festival. The band will play a pre-Expo concert at Mershon Auditorium, Sunday, June 4, at 3 pm. Admission of \$1 will be charged.”

In another photo which appeared in the February 16, 1966, Little Weekly, the cutline read, “BLOW MAN ---

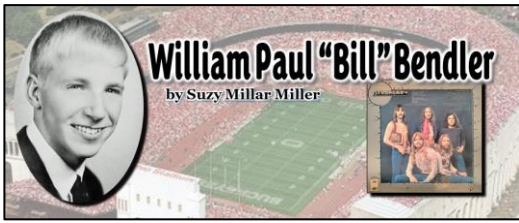


**Sharon
Cosner
Sellitto**

**Bill
Bendler**

When this fellow, Bill Bendler, right, decides to blow out a ditty on his trombone, you would be surprised at what comes out. In his last episode it was a week’s scholarship to the Stan Kenton Stage Band Camp later this year. Bill is receiving the award from Rick Monroe, manager of Coyle Music Center in Great Eastern Shopping Center as his proud instructor, Dan Nawrocki looks on. Coyle sponsors the educational clinic each year. Bill was judged the outstanding soloist at the clinic when it was held recently at Whitehall

(continued on page 10)



(continued from page 09)

Yearling School. Photo by Kay Winding.

Class Will 1966: *“I, Bill Bendler, relinquish my chair at the lunch table to Jimmy Wilcoxon, and all the West Virginia jokes to next year’s government classes.”*

Recently, the Strongbow album was donated to the RTHS museum by member, Jeannine Turner.



A photo of the display was shown on Facebook with the caption, *“One of our exhibits at the Reynoldsburg-Truro Historical Society Museum. I wonder if Bill Bendler realizes he’s an artifact!”*

As a result, Bill showed up at our August 20th Open House that featured one of his classmates from the RHS class of 1966, Sharon Cosner Sellitto, who toured with the Ringling Brothers Barnum and Bailey Circus!

Thanks for coming to visit, Bill!!!



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 ...

(614) 581-7048

Write “SUNSHINE” in the subject line of your email: cadeuber@gmail.com

About Aging: I remember the days when I was able to get up without making sound effects. ...Those were good times!



RTHS 2022 OFFICERS

- President** - Mary Turner Stoots
(614) 560-4987
- Vice President** - Dick Barth
(614) 866-0142
- Treasurer** - Marvin Shrimplin
(614) 759-1404
- Recording Secretary** - Mark Myers
(614) 376-6809
- Corresponding Secretary**
Suzy Millar Miller
(512) 635-6376
- Trustee (1 year)** - Donald Larimer
- Trustee (2 years)** - Judy Diuguid
- Trustee (3 years)**
Vickie Edwards Hall
(740) 503-4955

- *****
- Courier Editor:** Mary Turner Stoots
 - Publicity Chair:** Mary Turner Stoots
 - Administrative Assistant:**
Lauren Shepler
 - Email:** RTHSCourier@aol.com
 - Museum Phone:** (614) 902-2831
 - Website:** www.RTHS.info



08/20 Circus Open House
She said, "I bought a clown nose for me and one for my Puppy Wuppy."

September 13, 2022

Board & General Membership Meeting

**Where: At the Museum
 Time: 6:30 pm
 In the Lower-Level Meeting Room**



We are Voting for the 2023 Officers and a Trustee

David W. Reidel
 President
 dave@reidelinsurance.com



Box 543, 7540 Slate Ridge Boulevard
 Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068-0543
 Toll Free: 1.877.954.6787
 Local: 614.866.7799
 Fax: 614.759.4763
 www.reidelinsurance.com



A Trusted Partner for Your Peace of Mind

RTHS Museum, 1485 Jackson Street, Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068
 Mailing address: Reynoldsburg-Truro Historical Society
 P.O. Box 144, Reynoldsburg, OH 43068

A Long Life Well Lived - Georgia Headley

by Cornelia M. Parkinson

Published in the 1985 edition of *More Historical Tales of Old Reynoldsburg, Volume II*

Most long-time residents of this area remember Georgia Taylor Headley. She was born on Nov-

ember 30, 1878, in the big white house at the corner of Jackson and Main. In 1899, at age 20.5, she was one of a class of

four girls and three boys graduating from Reynoldsburg High School. At that time, A. C. Hood was superintendent, serving for \$800 per year. In January 1899, a rule that had stood for three years, that students must furnish a county certificate to teach before being permitted to graduate, was rescinded. Georgia became a teacher anyway.

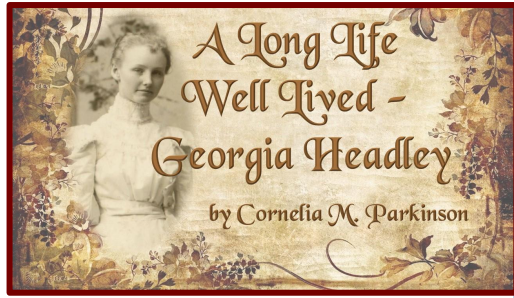


Georgia Taylor's family was, and is, dedicated to service. Her mother, Mary Ellen Tusing, was the daughter of a Primitive Baptist minister. Her father, Frank Gaylord Taylor, was The Burg's physician from 1877 until his illness and death in 1909. Her brother, Boivin had a long career as Pickerington's doctor, followed by his son, Kenneth, now retired. Another brother, George Pike, was Reynoldsburg's only dentist for 26 years. Zella, Georgia's sister, served three generations, and a half-century, as A dedicated, much-beloved teacher of piano.

Married to Clyde W. Headley, Georgia had three children: Gaylord, Ralph, and Mary. Ralph E. Headley is a veterinarian in Oxford, Ohio.



(continued on page 13)



(continued from page 12)

For Georgia's entire school career, she taught elementary children.

Mrs. Headley first applied to teach in Reynoldsburg on June 13, 1899. Minutes of the Board of Education state that someone else [possibly older and more experienced] was hired. On September 24, 1923, the board agreed to erect a

portable two-room school, the long red building south of the present middle school, to house the primary grades.

Estimated cost: \$3,250 for the building, \$500 for furnishings. Georgia Headley was hired to teach there for \$100 a month.

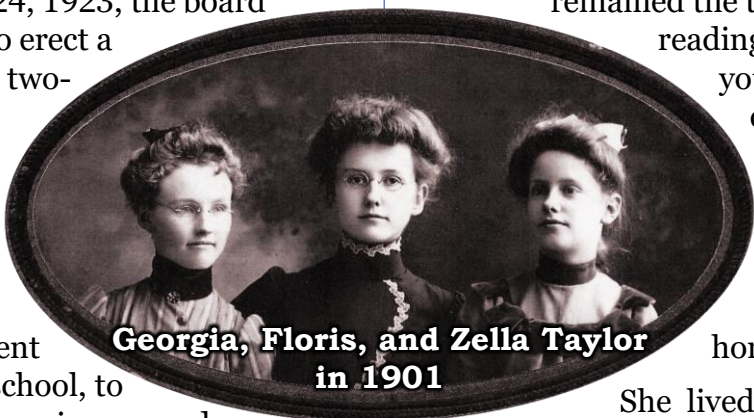
In August, the school board ruled that all teachers must retire at the end of the year in which they became 70 years old. Mrs. Headley escaped retirement until the end of the 1949-1950 school year. She had taught in this school system

for 27 years and was in her 72nd year of age. ***(Editor's note: After 1950, Mrs. Headley still did some substitute teaching for the elementary school.)***

Georgia Headley was lively and energetic; she was not ready to fold her skinny hands and do nothing. She devoted herself to community work, and was a readily available baby-sitter for practically every family in town. She had a firm grasp for the upper arms of misbehaving children which kept them nicely in line without any further action becoming necessary. She

remained the teacher, reading to her

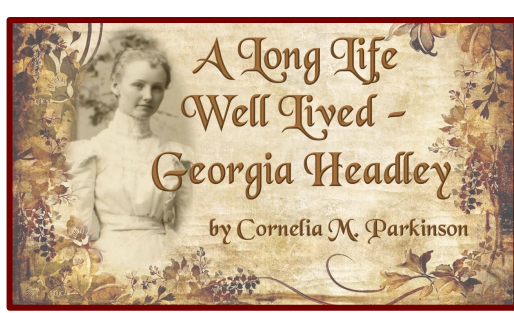
youngest charges, drilling the older ones in their homework.



Georgia, Floris, and Zella Taylor in 1901

She lived in two different houses which had been moved: one just south of Silent Home Cemetery, a small brown house which had once stood on Main Street; and in a large double house on Jackson Avenue, formerly the Taylor's barn which stood across Broad Alley to the north. At home she wore cotton housedresses with a clean apron over them, and a housecap or sunbonnet. She came

(continued on page 14)



(continued from page 13)

of a generation where women kept their heads covered indoors or out. She was a joy to visit, for despite the physical failings of old age, she always found something to laugh about. She was a walking textbook of local genealogy, knowing who married whom, who their forebears were, remembering incidents about everybody. She was outspoken, but gossip was beneath her. She was a genuine lady.

She set a record not likely to be broken, that of being the oldest graduate of Reynoldsburg school.

In her last few years, she had to live in a nursing home, near her son Ralph in Oxford, gradually losing most of her sight in spite of earlier cataract surgery, and spending more and more time in bed. She succumbed to pneumonia, “the old man’s friend.”

She died on November 28, 1979, two days before her 102nd birthday.

She was a great human being. It will be a while before we see her like again.

Editor’s Note (Comments by Suzy Millar Miller): *By the way - Georgia Headley substituted a few times while I was in grade school. When I was in 2nd grade or so (might of have been 1st) - she subbed and introduced us to the poet/author Robert Louis Stevenson. I’ll never forget it. I still have a book from 2nd grade – “A Child’s Garden of Verses.” I think I memorized almost every poem in it. Stevenson also wrote “Treasure Island” and a ton of other books & poems!*



NEW

MEMBERS!

- Carol Beatty-Individual
- Patti McManus-Individual
- Joyce S. Norton-Individual
- Helen Whatley-Individual
- Wayne, Mark & Sam Wirth - Family

**35 New Members
have been
Welcomed so far
in 2022!**

BOOKS FOR SALE!

Reynoldsburg High School 1899 to 1970

A compilation of RHS class pictures published for the Reynoldsburg-Truro Historical Society (RTHS)

\$37.00 for Non-Members*

\$35.00 for RTHS Members

\$5.00 S&H (Tax included)

CONTACT MARY STOOTS AT

RTHSCourier@aol.com

614-902-2831

**NON-MEMBERS
GET A FREE
MEMBERSHIP*
THROUGH
12/31/2023**

by Mary Turner Stoots and Suzy Millar Miller

Historical Tales of Old Reynoldsburg Volumes 1 and 2

Volume One is a collection of the first five years of the Courier newsletters.

Volume Two is a collection of the second five years of the Courier newsletters written by Cornelia M. Parkinson for the Reynoldsburg-Truro Historical Society.

8-1/4" x 5-1/4"

Only \$20.00 for BOTH!

(Member Price) Tax Included

\$20.00 RTHS Member Price \$23.00 for Non-Members

Please add \$6.00 for shipping U.S.

Reynoldsburg and Truro Township



Only \$26.00 plus \$5.00 Shipping

by Mary Turner Stoots with Cornelia M. Parkinson

Cemeteries of Truro Township 2019

by Cornelia M. Parkinson

This 66-page book has clear vinyl front and back covers. It is spiral-bound 8-1/2" x 11"

Only \$21.00

**\$21.00 RTHS Member Price
\$22.00 for Non-Members**

Add \$5.00 for Shipping U.S.

Historical Tales of Old Reynoldsburg Volume Two

This 163-page bound booklet is a collection of the second five years of the Courier newsletters written by Cornelia M. Parkinson for the Reynoldsburg-Truro Historical Society.

8-1/4" x 5-1/4"

Only \$9.00!

(Member Price) Tax Included

\$9.00 RTHS Member Price

\$10.00 for Non-Members

Please add \$5.00 for shipping U.S.

Historical Tales of Old Reynoldsburg Volume One

Historical Tales of Old Reynoldsburg
Volume One - New Edition -

This spiral bound booklet is a collection of the first five years of the Courier newsletters written by Cornelia M. Parkinson for the Reynoldsburg-Truro Historical Society.

8-1/4" x 5-1/4"

Only \$13.00!

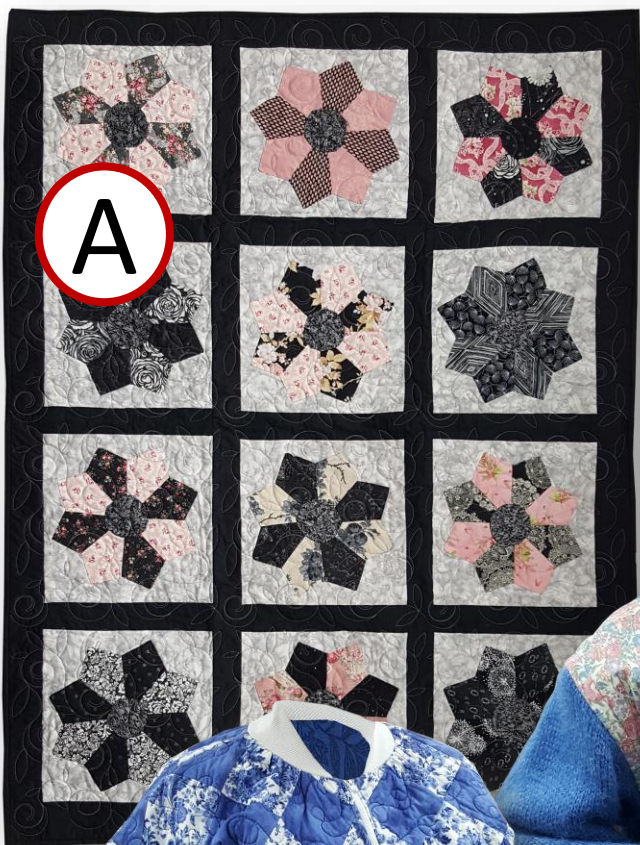
\$13.00 RTHS Member Price

\$15.00 for Non-Members

Please add \$5.00 for shipping U.S.

A Handy Book Order Form is Enclosed

It's STILL Time for a Raffle!!



A

- (A) Quilted 42"x 55" Throw
- (B) Quilted Jacket & Matching Purse Combo
- (C) Blue Sleeve Sweater with a Quilted Front
- (D) Teddy Bear made from a Vintage Quilt



B



C



D



A Handy Raffle Ticket Order Form is Enclosed