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In the Local News on November 27, 1963

by Suzy Millar Miller

I found a few pages of the *Reynoldsburg Record* from 1963. The newspaper was published by Hartley Newspapers, who also produced the *West Rural-Urban News, West Side News, Hilltop Record,* and other local papers. The *Record* cost 10 cents per copy with a yearly subscription of \$3.00! I enjoyed seeing the phone number, BR4-1155. It reminded me of the old *Hee-Haw* television show from the 70s, where Junior Samples tried to sell clunker, used cars using a BR-549 phone number. I miss that show!



Some of the news stories were:

Thanksgiving Services Set by Churches – The season for giving thanks is once again with us. Too often we tend to forget the full meaning of the word ...Thanksgiving. As we enter our churches and

synagogues this
Thursday, let us
remember the many,
many blessings
bestowed upon us
and act accordingly.



Members of the Reynoldsburg Ministerial
Association, and their congregations will hold a joint annual community Thanksgiving service on Wednesday, November 27, 7:30 pm at French Run School.

Ministers participating are Rev. Donald Fritz, Messiah Lutheran Church; Rev. T.E. Boling, Reynoldsburg Baptist Church; Rev. Walter White, Reynoldsburg Church of the Nazarene; Rev. Charles Kirsch, Reynoldsburg Methodist Church; Rev. C.V. Clark, First United Presbyterian Church; and Rev. Robert E. Clark, Parkview Presbyterian Church.



All ministers will actively participate in these services. (continued on page 02)

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The Reynoldsburg High School Choir will sing, "Now Let Every Tongue Adore Thee, by Bach and "Thanksgiving Song." Marian Cantor is the director accompanied by Kathy Godfrey.



1963 RHS Chorus - FIRST ROW: Barbara Garner, Toni Carroll, Suzie Wilson, Bradi Muncy, Carolyn Wilson, Carolyn Garner, Dave Capelli, Steve Coy, Dave Conner, Chuck Arnold, Wanda (Wendy) Wheatley, and Sharon Francis; SECOND ROW: Shirley Smith, Susan Manifold, Bobbi Forster, Sharon Webb, John Morris, Steve Kirkton, Gary Bennett, Gene Spencer, Lolly Damsel, Sandy Jewell, Marlene Blackman, and Pat VanBuren; THIRD ROW: Becky Riser, Sylvia Tussing, Elaine McCormick, Claudia Parkinson, Dave Jamison, Dick Babbert, Bob Sheilds, Lee Rawn, Connie Pack, Karen Lilygren, Karen Hergesel, Karen Esterly, and Kathy Godfrey; FOURTH ROW: Mary Evans, Sue Lemert, Mary Cantley, Patte Swettnam, Tom Nicodemus, Jerry Frazier, Wayne Will, Jim Frazier, Gary Harrin, Nick Rausch, Ken Spencer, Audrey Kenney, Pat Clingo, and Linda McConagha



Twyford Selects Screening
Group to Fill City Posts – In keeping
with campaign promises, Mayor-Elect
George W. Twyford announced
Sunday that a screening committee
has been selected to recommend
qualified persons to run qualified
persons to fill approximately eight
appointee positions in the Reynoldsburg municipal administration. The
five-man committee named are:
Harold Risner; Al Haft, Sr.; Jack

McCafferty; incumbent Mayor Charles C. Lemmert; and Tyge Irskens.

In the "News 'N Notes About Folks Here 'N There" social column by Isa Barrett were these tidbits:

The Reynoldsburg Civic Club will meet at the home of (Continued on page 3)



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Mrs. Robert Pack on Tuesday, Dec. 3. The theme of the meeting will be "There's Music in the Air" under the direction of the Music Committee, with Mrs. Donivan Evans, chairman. There will be a 50-cent gift exchange. Co-hostesses will be Mrs. I.F. Harner, Mrs. Emery Bender, Mrs. H.H. Mills, and Mrs. Frank Welshon.

Miss Ethel Berry left by plane Tuesday to spend Thanksgiving with her brother, Vernon Berry, and family in St. Louis.



Autumn Temple Pythian Sisters will sponsor a card party Saturday, Dec. 7 in the K of P Hall. Tickets are 50 cents at the door. All prizes are donated. Refreshments will be served and the affair is open to the public.

The "Bits O' News from The Ol' School House" column which gives the current school calendar also included a section about Herbert Mills School which said that the school no longer needs a specially darkened audio-visual room. Students may now study from filmed material in their undarkened classrooms. This has been made possible by the "Movie-Mover RP, a

mobile rear projection unit which uses the 16mm and filmstrip projectors the school already owns in fully lighted classrooms. Pictures are brilliant and equal in size to a 30-inch TV receiver. The Movie-Mover is mounted on casters and rolls easily

from room to room. This way films are brought to the students instead of the students going to the films. Classrooms use of films offers definite advantages the normal learning environment of the classroom is maintained: no wasted time is spent in moving students; and most important, the teacher is able to make films a part of the daily lesson.

Other small stories included: "Emergency Fund Drive \$ Slacken" – If the community emergency fund is to reach a successful goal of \$4,000 by Dec. 15, \$3,790 is going to have to come in within the next 18 days. Mrs. Richard Dougherty, secretary reported that only \$105 was



collected the past week, bringing the total received to \$210 since the project began. The fund is still pleading for more contributions and is set up to bring quick aid to local residents in emergencies.

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Buddy's Pride and Joy - AN ADVANCED
PROJECT in the Reynoldsburg High School woodshop is displayed by proud 11th grader Joseph (Buddy) Old-ham, who made the beautiful solid walnut stereo cabinet for his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Budd Oldham. Buddy installed salvaged material with a new amplifier and turntable. Buddy who is in his third year in woodshop, made a large walnut desk last year and plans a chest-of-drawers next year. His desire is to major in woodworking in college and become a shop teacher and to follow his music. Buddy also plays drums in the high school band. A. John Thompson is the woodshop instructor.



At **Rodenfels Chevrolet** you could buy a used 1956 Dodge 2-door with radio and heater for \$395, a 1955 Chevy for \$379 or a 1956 Chevy 8-passenger Carryall for



\$499. The newer cars like a 1963 Nova wagon with electric rear window could be had for \$2,379.

The big story of the front page of the Reynoldsburg Record was titled, "Memory of JFK's Visit Recalled".

Broad Street waved wildly just three years ago when Senator John F. Kennedy rode into Columbus to win votes.

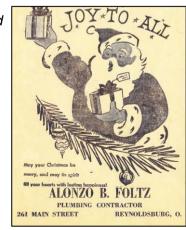
This week Broad Street and every

other street in the nation, grieved. The smiling young senator, who later became the people's choice for President, was dead – felled by an assassin's bullet in Dallas.

Although Kennedy's visit to Columbus in 1960 and once again in 1962 was brief, his warmth was felt by thousands. He took time for the ordinary people.

One such example touched two employees of the Hartley Newspapers. It was dusk. Kennedy, on his campaign swing through Ohio, was late. He had been detained in Dayton. But, instead of driving directly downtown to his appointment at the Statehouse, he completed his five-mile ride in an open car from New Rome as originally planned. He thrilled the crowds as he passed.

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When he reached our publishing plant, he was hailed by two of our night-trick printers, Bob Mills and Jim Marsee. They had hastily printed a sign which read, "Bob and Jim Needs Kennedy" Grammatically imperfect, but it got the message across, nevertheless.

Kennedy tapped his driver to a halt while his aides nervously glanced at their watches. But the President-to-be stopped long enough for a picture and several new friendships.

Why couldn't the ride through Dallas have been that way, too?

The cutline under the photo read: IT WAS OCT. 17, 1960, when campaigning Senator John F. Kennedy stopped in front of the Hartley Newspapers office to receive the good wishes of two printers, Bob Miller (center) and Jim Marsee. At far right is a young admirer, Norman Parrish.

John F. Kennedy was assassinated on Friday, November 22, 1963, which was four days before this edition of the *Reynoldsburg Record* went to press.



Reynoldsburg-Truro Historical Society has a connection to the John F. Kennedy visits to Columbus through two of our lifetime members who are now deceased, Evelyn Richards and Jeannine Winters who were at an event held in Columbus in January, 1962. In this *Courier*, there is a reprint of an article by Mark Myers from 2008 with a few additions by Suzy Miller

Now that you've read a few things from this 59-year-old newspaper, I bet many of you are going to go to YouTube and watch clips from Hee-Haw like I did!



2022 CALENDAR

November

04 – FRI – French Run 3rd-Grade Tour 09 – WFD – Four Seasons Garden

Club 6:30pm-9:00pm

10 thru 18 – Set up Holiday Gift Shop –

The Meeting Room is Unavailable

15 - TUE - Board Meeting, 6:30pm

19 – SAT – **Open House**, 10am-2pm

Holiday Gift Shop

20 thru 30 – Meeting Room Unavailable **30**–WED–**Virtual Tour** WeThriveTogether

December

01 thru 02 – Meeting Room unavailable

03 - SAT - Christmas on the Town,

Open House, 11am-4pm Gift Shop & Children's Activities

Snop & Children's Activities **06** – TUE – **Board Meeting**, 6:30pm

10 - SAT - Christmas Dinner, 6:00pm,

MCL Restaurant (Bob-Manager) 5240 E. Main St., Whitehall

20 – TUE – **Deadline** for January 2023

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This article was originally written by Connie for the Courier. It was then published in the "Historical Tales of Old Reynoldsburg, Volume I," in 1980.

It is rare nowadays that two generations graduate from the same high school, let alone three generations or more. Reynoldsburg Union Academy, which became Reynoldsburg High School, has several families with

multiple-generation grads.

1964 Steven
Wollam

1968 Stanley
Wollam

1968 Beth
Wetherell

Closson G. Smith graduated in 1892.* He taught school for a while; he served on the local school board for 40 years, till his death in 1941. His daughter, Gail, graduated in 1916. Her children, Lee (RHS 1944), Barbara (1946), and Nancy (1951) Wollam, were RHS grads. Lee's sons, Steven (1964) and Stanley (1966); Barbara's daughter Beth Wetherell (1968); and Nancy Clemens's children, Victoria (1971), Cheryl (1973), Candi (1974), Melodi (1978), and Shane (1988) make fourth-generation

Steven (1964) and Stanley (1966); Barbara's daughter Beth Wetherell (1968); and Nancy Clemens's children, Victoria (1971), Cheryl (1973), Candi (1974), Melodi (1978), and Shane (1988) make fourth-generation alumni at RHS.

1971 Vicki Clemens

1974 Candi Clemens

1978 Melodi Clemens

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^{*} Please note that our earliest Class Composite is 1899

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1913 Zola Oldham



1916 Grace Oldham



1939 Jane Carr



1973 Timothy

Baer



1974 Chris Baer

1925 Clark

Oldham

Four generations of Oldhams have graduated here. S. Collins Oldham graduated in 1891. He was a farmer whose land once included what is now Marabar. His brothers, John (1886) and Ira (1889), both Reynoldsburg druggists, and their sisters, Mary (1904) and Hattie (1901), were RHS graduates. Collins's

children Zola (1913), Grace (1916), and Clark (1925) graduated here. Clark's daughter, Marilyn (1946), and Grace Carr's daughter, Jane (1939) were third-generation alumni. Jane's sons, Stephen (1971), Timothy (1973), and Christopher Baer

(1975), are the fourth generation.



1943 Dorothy

Sue McCray



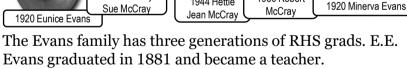
1944 Hettie Jean McCray



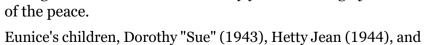
1950 Robert McCrav



1941 Ralph McClure .



Hetty Graham graduated in 1886, married Ed Evans, and became a writer, poet and historian locally famed. Their children, Eunice (1920), Minerva (1920), and Jesse (1910), were graduates. Jesse was for many years the Burg's justice



Robert McCray (1950); Minerva's son, Ralph (1941), and daughter, Madge (1944) McClure; and Jesse's children, James (1937),

Evan (1938), Jesse G. (1942) and Joan (1945), all made the third generation to get RHS diplomas.

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1937 James Evans



1938 Evan Evans

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1945 Joan Evans

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1938 Ruth Tussing









1913 Fred Tussing

1940 Betty Tussing

Tussing, Sr.

1947 Robert Tussing

1951 Homer Tussing, Jr.

1918 Laura

Tussina

Llewellyn "Len" Tussing, who graduated in 1890, was a farmer and for years Reynoldsburg's Oldest Alumnus. His children, Fred (1913), Homer (1915), Laura (1918), Ardella (1922), Russell (1925), and Roger (1931) all graduated here. Fred was featured in the May '76 COURIER; Laura McClarren, a veterinarian's wife, has served her town in dozens of volunteer activities. Fred's daughters Ruth (1938) and Betty (1940); Homer's sons, Homer, Jr. (1951) and Robert (1947); Laura's daughters, Adelle (1945) and Sara (1955) McClarren; and Roger's children, Gerald (1959) and Sylvia (1963), were third-













1931 Roger Tussing

1922 Ardella Tussing













1916 George Parkinson

1914 Helen Tobin Parkinson Mitterling

1943 Cornelia W. Parkinson McNary Parkinson

1962 Cassandra Parkinson

Most noteworthy of the multiple-generation alumni are the Parkinsons who have five generations of graduates. Cassius Brutus graduated in 1881, his cousin Samuel Irene in 1882, and C. B.'s brother, Homer, in 1884. In 1916 Homer's son, George, graduated, later becoming an admiral. Homer Jr's wife, Helen Tobin (1914), their son,





Parkinson

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Parkinson

1919 Rufus David Parkinson

1971 Debra Belfrage





Richard W. (1938), his wife, Cornelia McNary (1943), and their daughters, Cassandra (1962), Claudia (1965), and Cornelia (1968), earned their diplomas here. C.B.'s children, Carrie (1912), Mabel (1917) and Rufus David (1919), were RHS grads. Carrie (Stewart) taught school Locally for years. Her

daughters, Agnes (1935), Frances (1936) and Dorothy (1941), graduated here. Dorothy's children, Debra (1971) and

Eric Belfrage; and Frances's children James (1962), Thomas (1962), and Roberta Smith (1965), made the fourth generation. The fifth-generation graduate in 1976, was James and Loretta

Smith's daughter, Tina.

1912 Carrie Parkinson Stewart

1976 Tina Smith

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1941 William Wiswell 1917 Maude Zarbaugh 1980 Melissa

Wiswell Core

Historical Tales of Old Reynoldsburg, Volume I, over 40 years ago. Since then, we have seen many more generations graduate from RHS.

Mary Turner Stoots - In our family, my grandmother, Maude

graduate in 2032.

Zarbaugh Wiswell, graduated in 1917. Her son Bill, in 1941, Bill's daughter, Melissa Wiswell Core, graduated in 1980, Melissa's daughter, Megan Core was in the RHS class of 2005, and Megan's daughter, Lilly will

2005 Megan Core

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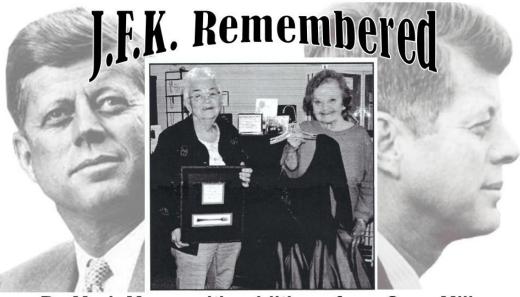
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If we all threw our problems in a pile and saw everyone else's, we'd grab ours back

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By Mark Myers with additions from Suzy Miller Reprinted from the June 2008 Courier

"I was in a complete meltdown, hot and cold all over." That's how RTHS lifetime member Evelyn Richards recently described her once-in-a-lifetime brush with history. Lifetime Member Jeannine Winters was also there, but neither knew each other at the time.

It was January, 1962, and Ohio Governor Michael DiSalle was having a birthday party. Hundreds were coming, including, President Kennedy, to the Lausche Building on the Ohio fairgrounds. A lot of help was needed to pull this event off.

Evelyn was asked by her lawyer, a "bigwig" in the local Democratic Party, to pin a boutonniere on the President. Evelyn, of course, agreed and in her excitement bought a special dress. "It was beautiful," she said, "black silk at the top, snug at the waist, with a copper-colored flare at the bottom. I must have had only a 21-inch waist at the time," she

proudly remembers. Her instructions were to step up on the stage, when called, say a little greeting to the President and pin the boutonniere on his suit.

"But I was shaking so much I couldn't get it pinned," Evelyn recalls, "and then the President put his arm around my waist and joked, 'Now darlin',' I'm not going to bite you." Then to her amazement, and to laughter from the large audience, Evelyn blurted out, "I wish you would!" To this day she is not sure that was the right thing to say, but it's all she could think of. He continued, "My, my, you have a small waist. You should be in Hollywood!" For the rest of the evening, Evelyn was stopped by guests wanting to look at her waist!

Shortly thereafter, at the other end of the room, President Kennedy was being served his meal by none other than our own Jeannine Winters.

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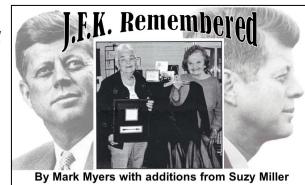
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Jeannine worked at a local
coffee shop in Reynoldsburg and part-time for the
catering company that
had set up the birthday
party. Because of her
reputation as an
outstanding waitress,
Jeannine was asked to

wait on the President's table that day. Her instructions from the Secret Service were, "Just act normally, but do not put your hands in and out of your pockets

for any reason." As the party was winding down, however, Jeannine could not resist going against orders and reached into her pocket for an order pad and asked the President if he would autograph it for her. He not only obliged, but even asked her how to spell her name correctly. He signed it, "To Jeannine, with thanks and best wishes, John F. Kennedy." To this day both ladies

look back fondly on that
Event and how they were
both there without realizing how their lives would
intersect in the future.
Evelyn still has the dress,
but says, "I haven't worn it
since or had it cleaned because it
was touched by the President."

Jeannine framed her autograph as well as the shrimp cocktail fork the President used. "It was always an attention-grabber when the kids



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took it to school for 'show and tell,' "
she vividly recalls.

In 2022, Evelyn's dress hangs in the RTHS museum in the annex.

Museum volunteers often point out the dress to the touring third grade classes.

Evelyn passed away in

April, 2014 at 90-yearsold. She was named "Central Ohio Senior Citizen of the Year" one year. I first met Evelyn when we were working at the Reynoldsburg Reporter on Main Street. She was a cracker jack advertising saleswoman who could sell ads to anyone. She was

friendly to everyone. I was the typesetter for the newspaper at the time.
Many years later we got together again at RTHS

and shared many laughs

always smiling and

over every subject under the sun. Evelyn lived with her brother, Hillard Ebrom. Her children graduated from

Reynoldsburg High School.

Jeannine Winters passed away on

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May 6, 2019 at 89-years-old. She was (continued on

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a fixture in the museum kitchen where she reigned as queen of the coffee and anything else you might need. I first met her at the Wigwam, a private getaway owned by the Columbus Dispatch. She was always bustling around serving all the famous and not-so-famous guests. I was working as the dishwasher on many nights, so I got to hang out with all of the kitchen and dining room staff. And as with Evelyn, many years later Jeannine and I were at RTHS laughing over past memories and creating new ones.

It just goes to show you that little things mean a lot in the big picture and keeping memories as long as you can helps you stay young.





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- Carolyn (Bland) Downing Individual
- Steve Fisher-Individual
- Georgia Fuhrman Family
- Brian Strohm Individual

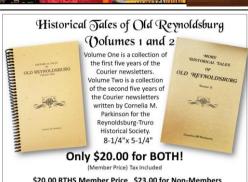
40 New Members have been Welcomed so far in **2022!**



Judy Duncan, RHS 1967 Graduate, is displaying the Raider she painted for the RHS Class of 1967, 55th Anniversary Party that was held September 18th on the patio at Vick's Gourmet Pizzeria. Judy's cards and prints are on sale in the RTHS Gift Shop! (including Raider cards!)







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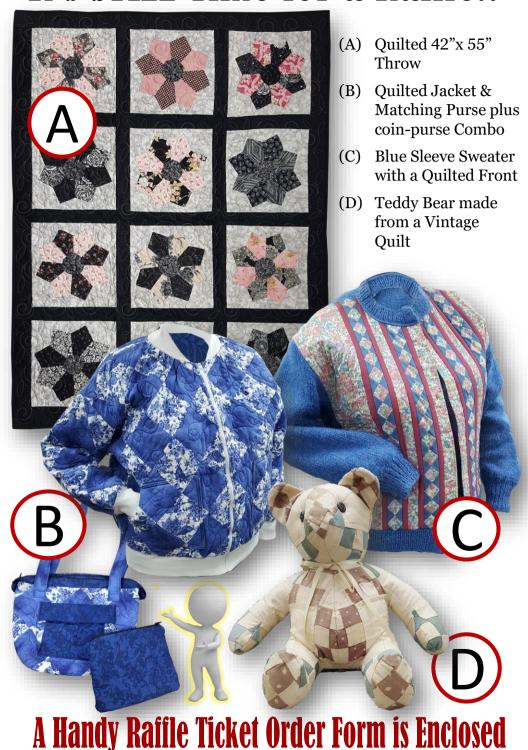
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