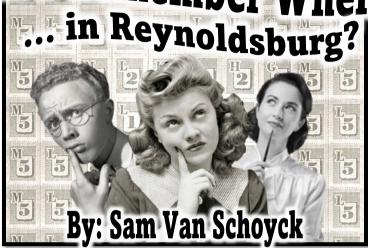
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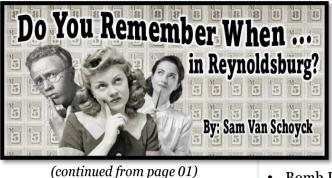
By: Sam Van Schoyck - 1974 RHS Graduate

Do You Remember When . . .

- Agatha Van Schoyck gave piano lessons in her home on Lancaster Avenue?
- Art (Van) Van Schoyck repaired radios and T.V.s from the same house?
- Catherine Pinkerman gave art lessons from her home on Rodebaugh Road?
- Weilbacher's clothing store?
- Scotts 5¢ and 10¢ store?
- Super Duper grocery Store?
- Green Gables restaurant?
- Williams' Trailer Sales on Main Street. They also had a horse barn to the rear of the property. There was a fire one night and several horses were lost – circa 1970

WIS SUEER DUPER

• When all students were sent home early from the old high school because pigeons got inside the water tower on Broad Alley and contaminated the water supply – circa 1960 (continued on page 02)



- The name of BBF's clown mascot Mr. Happy
- Daily sonic booms caused by aircraft from Lockbourne (Rickenbacker) AFB. They would reach the speed of sound about

the time they got to town

- Bomb Drills at school. At French Run, students were marched to the kitchen where they would kneel with heads tucked and against the wall
- I-70 was constructed. It was completed east to James Road, and west to Kirkersville first. The piece south of town was the last to be done
 The annual Minstrel Show
 - When I-270 was built,
 - When 1-270 was built, and wiped out the lost town of Hibernia on Main Street
 Twin Auto Towing
- was in the old wooden
 school house at Hibernia.
 It was owned by the
 Hannah twins who lived in Rev-

noldsburg. Their motto was - "Don't Cuss, Call Us"

• The covered bridge on Tussing

- The covered bridge on Tussing Road over Blacklick Creek
- Wetherall Dairy milk served at school – white 1¢, chocolate 2¢
- W.A. Gurtler had a railroad contracting and house moving business in a house on Bryden Road. Employees included Ralph (Bogey) Nessley, Suzanne Van Schoyck and Marylou Van Schoyck. They also had an office in Chicago. (continued on page 03)

- Harry Hayes Produce Market on Main Street. The garden was be-
- hind the house along French Run. In later years, through marriage, it became the Hayes-McClay market, and the produce was grown on the McClay farm in Groveport
- intersection of Graham and Livingston. All the buildings were painted a creamyellow

 The man in a pickup truck who sold sweet

corn in front of the

out quickly

Pour House, He sold

Seymore and Vivian Hick-

man Farm on 256 at the

- Burger Boy Food-o-Rama (BBF), with the "whirling satellite." As far as I know, it was the first fast-food in town. The satellite was such a distraction, it had to be stopped due to a large number of traffic accidents
- in the parking lot as a promotion with the Columbus ZooThe traffic light at Main and

When BBF had a baby elephant

Jackson was the only one in town

Do You Remember When ... The large concrete fountain in Reynoldsburg? By: Sam Van Schovck

lights on the pond at Glen **Rest Cemetery** Gary and Maude 'Wiswell's Market' a Red and White grocery

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with the colorful changing

- The various filling stations from east to west on Main
 - o Pure Oil owned by Bernard and Don Griffith
 - Sinclair with Dino the Dinosaur
 - Gulf at Waggoner Road owned by Owen Sheets and later Bill Van Hoose
 - Marathon at Lancaster and Main owned by Mickey Slack Sohio on the opposite corner
 - owned by the Wogan family Shell at the shopping center owned by Buck and Chuck
 - When you took your rags to Mary Durant and she would weave rag rugs for you
 - The old barn at Waggoner Road and Main with the Mail Pouch logo painted on it.
 - The Village Store and Shorty List's shoe repair shop located on the lower level
- Don Foltz Jewelry
- Fred and Freda Feucht's East End Market
- Fred Feucht's strawberries grown right next to the store.
- The Little Weekly newspaper. Features included Gail Wollam's

Society Column, Teen Talk and the daily school menus so you could decide if you wanted to buy or pack vour lunch

The large Victorian house at the corner of Brice and Main built by Whitney and Louisa Tussing



- Carl Whitmer's barber shop next to Vick's Pizza
- Sen-Rey beauty salon in the threestory house just west of Vick's. It was owned by Senath Shadwick
- Lawson Dairy's store
- When the second house south of (continued on page 04)



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Main on Graham Road exploded due to a natural gas leak — circa 1964

- Popular pro wrestler Frankie Talaber lived on Graham Road
- George "Pike" Taylor getting around town on his three-wheel bicycle
 - Oath Young, the school crossing guard, stationed at Jackson and Main every day
 - The brass cannons at the entrance to Silent Home cemetery. They were later stolen and never recovered
 - When lightning struck the steeple of the old Methodist Church on Main in 1972
- Twin Kiss ice cream owned by Mike and Birdie Zorich
- J-Mart surplus store, later the location of the Truro Fire Department. They had a resident talking Minah bird
- When the fire department was all volunteer. The siren would blow to call the firemen to the station: one long ring was a fire; three short rings was for the squad

- When the town had only two police officers – Charlie Fine and Officer Schultz
- When an officer accidentally discharged a shotgun that was standing upright on the floor

hump, blowing the top off the cruiser. Afterwards, shotguns were required to be locked in the trunk of the cruiser

- Stapleton's Auto Parts owned by Ezra "Ez" Stapleton, and later, his son, Bob
- The A & P grocery. The building later became the post office
- The skating rink, swimming pool and bowling alley, all owned by Sam Moore
- The tall, ancient pine trees in front of Pick Richards house. They appear in the earliest photos of town
 - Zettler Hardware in the shopping center. When they moved to town, they vowed to put Ralph Connell out of business. They did not
- The drug stores Hayes, Sainato, Rexall, and Reynoldsburg Pharmacy
- Ron's Pizza, a wholesaler who made individual pizzas for venues such as the Columbus Jets baseball team
- Al Haft's motel and restaurant, and the farm windmill that towered above

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Stoney Creek Country Club on 256

The Wetherell

Dairy store managed by Bill Wiswell and his sister Wilma Wiswell Turner

cashiered

- We listened to WCOL on our transistor radios
- When our telephone exchange was Union (UN), or UN6-xxxx. The UN was an abbreviation of Union. Other exchanges in the area were Belmont (BE) in Whitehall and Capitol (CA) for downtown Columbus. Hudson (HU) in Upper Arlington, and Clermont (CL) in the Clintonville area. Others were TE for Pickerington and TU in Westerville.
- The annual Ox Roast
- The menagerie at Blacklick Woods
- Buck Bennett driving through town in his very old tow truck and his slouch hat
- Snook Airfield on Taylor Road owned by Buster Snook.
- A quasi-industrial park on Taylor Road that included Reynoldsburg Trucking (owned by Art Slonaker), Industrial Steam (coal haulers), and Arrow-Universal Concrete
- Cheatwood Funeral Home
- Bordon Milk and Omar Bread offered home delivery
- Ralph Connell telling you "I don't have one, but I can get it on Wednesday when I go to town."



- Bars included: Pandora's Box, The Pour House, and The Rose Hill Tavern
- The old post office was on

French Drive by Dr. Weltner's office

- Chuck Alspaugh had the preeminent excavating business in the area
- The East End carryout with the very profane parrot
- Nightengale Cottage, the tuberculosis sanitarium on Brice Road where I-70 crosses. Part of the land became Chi Chi's, Bob Evans, and an office park. After TB was relegated to the past, the facility was a hospital for children given up to the state by their parents. Many suffered from physical and mental issues and were not expected to survive past toddler age. Merna Wiswell (Bill's wife) was a nurse at the hospital for much of her career Jean's Coffee Shop



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Thank You to Everyone Who Has Paid Their Dues! (through 11/10/25)

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CAROL TREJO	IND	2026
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New members since the last newsletter are listed on page 6, along with six existing members who switched yearly dues to Lifetime Memberships!

I hope you all renew! It makes our Treasurer Happy!



Upcoming Events

We hope to see vou for our November 15th Open House!

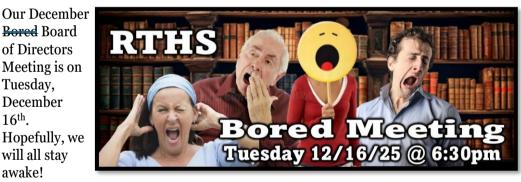
Our Christmas Gift Shop will be open, and ready for business!





Saturday, December 6th. we are looking forward to the annual Christmason-the-Towne Celebration!

Pored Board of Directors Meeting is on Tuesday, December 16th Hopefully, we will all stay awake!





Join us for our December 20th Open House! We would love to show you our exhibits and share some snacks!

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Christmas on the Town will be Saturday, December 6th
Our December Board Meeting is Tuesday, December 16th
Our Christmas Dinner is on Wednesday, December 17th
The December Open House will be Saturday, December 20th



The Restaurant called me and asked if I had an approximate headcount for staffing purposes.

If you are coming, could you either drop me an email, call me, or text me? Email:

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Try to arrive at O'Charley's by **5:00**!

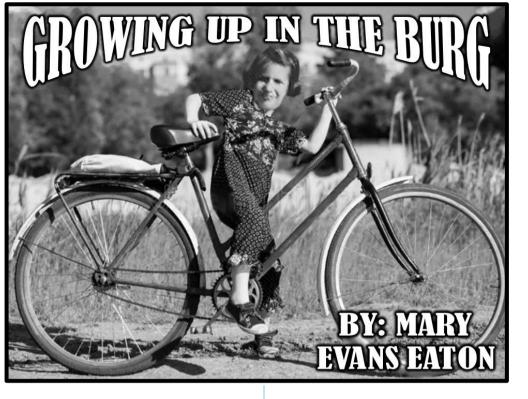
Be sure to leave a little early, because it will be rush-hour after all!

Bring a **Door Prize!**It doesn't have to be wrapped. AND it does NOT have to be expensive!

Buy some candy and throw it in an empty jar. Put a bow on the

Jar, and (ta-DA!) you have just created a door prize! Cookies can be substituted for the candy if you prefer. HEY! Don't skip the dinner if you can't find a door prize. I'm sure there will be extra prizes available.

Thank You! ~ Mary Turner Stoots



Growing Up In The Burg

By: Mary Evans Eaton 1964 RHS Graduate

I was blessed to be born on one of the days that the RHS football field was being finished.

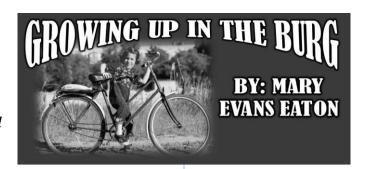
My Dad was laying sod all afternoon while my pregnant mother was down Broad Alley in our white house behind the Methodist Church on Main Street. She knew it was time to get to Saint Ann's Hospital since I would be her third child.

She opened the car door and blew the horn. She repeatedly beeped until my father came running. He jumped in the car, and we were off to Columbus. My brother and sister were safely staying with a neighbor, so I had all their attention on my arrival.

Fortunately for all three of us, things went well and I arrived early on the Saturday morning.

I have learned that having an older sister and brother meant that I would fall into the "Line of Importance" in last place. Later in life I was told by my siblings that my parents loved me best. I knew better. I didn't repeat their mistakes so I learned from them.

We lived in that house on 301 Main Street until I was in Mrs. Bradow's third grade class. I recall one of the scariest days living there. (continued on page 10)



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The alley behind our house went all the way to what is now Graham Road. The alley was narrow allowing only one car to pass easily.

I wanted to ride my sister's bike down the alley but I was too small to reach the seat. That didn't stop me from trying. Being about six, I hadn't thought about my blue jeans pant legs. Yep! One *of* those long legs got caught in the chain and there I was stranded.

I yelled for help, but I had gone past the water tower, so no one could hear me. Finally, I did what any child would, I took off my pants and pushed the bike home. All the way I was scared someone would see me "jean less" but luckily no one did. My parents bought my sister and my

brother a bicycle. I never got one. Maybe because I was the "pantless kid!"

I recall other reasons that neighborhood was special. George Curtsaw had a peacock in the backyard which would strut around sometimes. What a beau-

tiful feathered creature that would stare at me until I hurried home and left it in peace. I fondly recall the yelling Connie Parkinson did when she wanted "Beatle Bomb" to come home for lunch. And how could I forget Georgia Orman who babysat for us occasionally. Georgia smoked cigarettes which we found fascinating. She blew smoke rings and she let us try to make them too. Oh, my mom would



have been irritated had she known. Many years later when she learned from us about Georgia, she just smiled.

There were many colorful folks who lived in that area of Old Reynoldsburg too many to name BUT still in my memories of the good times in the 'Burg.'

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2025 CALENDAR-

NOVEMBER

Publish November Courier

11 – TUE – Board Meeting, 6:30pm

15 – SAT – Open House, Holiday Gift Shop 10am-2pm

16 thru 30 - Meeting Room Unavailable

DECEMBER

01 thru 05 Fri – The Meeting Room is Unavailable

02 - TUE - Slate Run Park Tour 10:30am

05 – FRI – **TREE LIGHTING** @ **CITY HALL** 5:30-8:00PM

06 – SAT – CHRISTMAS ON THE TOWN 10:00AM-3:00PM, OPEN HOUSE CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES, GIFT SHOP

16 - TUE - Board Meeting, 6:30pm

17 – WED – RTHS Christmas Dinner at 5:00pm O'Charley's Restaurant 2272 Baltimore-Reynoldsburg Rd Reynoldsburg, OH 43068 (614) 868-6963

20 - SAT - DEADLINE FOR JAN 2026 COURIER

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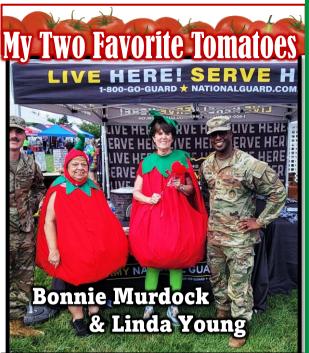


At 9:00 am on Veteran's Day, every student, teacher and guest filed into the gymnasium for the Veterans Day Program. Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance, then one of the teachers, with the voice of an angel, sang the National Anthem, and she brought tears to my eyes. What an incredible talent! And – I was not the only one in the room sporting tears.

thought process

Rhonda asked if RTHS could loan her anything for the event, so I offered her the use of my Grandfather's WWI Army Jacket & Helmet. She also displayed a picture of him wearing the iacket.

The incredible librarian at Summit, Rhonda Eberst, put together the displays, and she will be retiring at the end of this school-year!



Bonnie and Linda at the Tomato Festival entertaining the crowd and it looks like they are entertaining the Troops as well! I told Linda that I'm already shaped like that, so I will need to make myself a red top with a green collar!

Our Fall Elementary Tours are Over!And just in time! It has started snowing already! We will pick up the Spring tours in April. This picture is from October 3rd when Mary filled in for Lisa Wood.

There is a Goose on Top of My Printer



One of our members sent him to me. I figure it's a male goose because he just sits and stares at me waiting to see what I am going to feed him... kind of like my male dog is known to do.

Mr. Goose rides on my walker when I push it around the house, but he prefers leaving his butt-print on my printer.

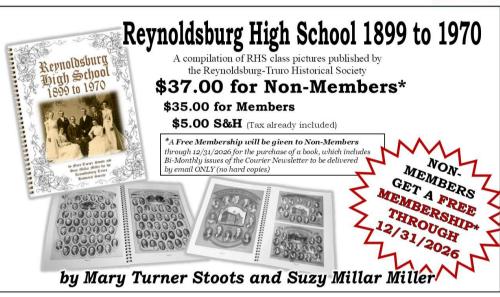
Maybe he considers it like one print to another?!?

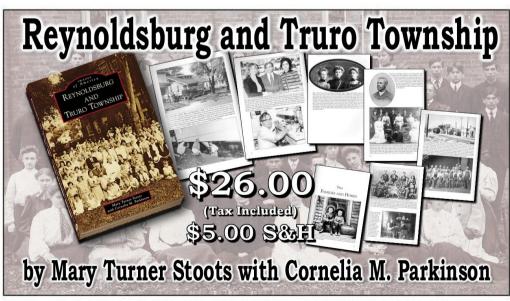
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~ Mary Turner Stoots









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