



### Paul Ryan-Inventor PHS Class of 1949

It has been nearly 100 years since Ohio mechanics, Orville and Wilbur Wright made their historic first powered flight at Kitty Hawk. For more than 40 of those years another Ohioan, Paul Ryan has been manufacturing precision measurement instrumentation for aerospace applications.

In 1957, three years after graduating from The Ohio State University with a degree in electrical engineering, Ryan formed Dytronics Company. Dytronics incorporated in the state of Ohio five years later. His company did considerable business with the aerospace industry and some of his equipment was used for the ground-based support in placing the first man on the moon.

Ryan's love of flying began even earlier. As a teenager in Portsmouth, his paper route money went for flying lessons. He took ground school as a student at OSU. Ryan began to fly shortly after graduation.

A memorable flight in the early 1970s-an encounter with a thunderstorm-led to the development of a cockpit weather mapping system, the Ryan StormScope. The device uses electrical activity associated with thunderstorms to create a map of hazardous weather. Introduced in 1976 at the Reading Air Show, the Ryan StormScope was an instant success.

Ryan sold his StormScope to the 3M Corporation in 1981. He continued to manufacture it for 3M until 1987 when 3M built its own manufacturing facility. Left with people, a building, and money-but no product-he turned his attention to flight safety, focusing on mid-air collisions.

The result was the Ryan TCAD® (Traffic & Collision Alert Device), introduced to the aviation market in 1990. The FAA-approved Ryan TCAD is an on-board electronic air traffic display used to identify potential collision threats.

*"His sister Mary graduated from PHS in 1954 and his brother George was a couple of years behind us. By sheer chance, I was the art director for the very advertising agency that Paul first contacted. I was privileged to have been in on the ground floor of His "Stormscope" in producing his first logo, art and all other advertising materials up until my leaving Ohio in 1979. As a pilot, I can vouch that all of you who fly in any capacity today can thank Paul for his genius. He indeed has made flying much safer for all.* Frank

### Historic Earthquake Near Portsmouth Ohio

1901 May 17 06:00 UTC  
Magnitude 4.2

The strongest effects of this earthquake were reported in Scioto County, near the Kentucky-Ohio-West Virginia border. At Portsmouth, tops of chimneys toppled, bricks tumbled from many chimneys, and windows in several houses were shattered. East of Portsmouth, at Sciotoville, many chimneys were damaged and dishes were thrown from cupboards. At Gallipolis, Fallia County, plaster in one house was shaken loose. Reported felt mainly in the area along the border of Kentucky, Ohio, and West Virginia, including Greenup and Lewis Counties, Kentucky, and Cabell and Kanawha Counties, West Virginia, to the south; Adams and Brown Counties, Ohio, to the west; Muskingum and Washington Counties, Ohio, and Wood County, West Virginia, to the northeast; and Highland County, Ohio, to the northwest.

### New Air Medical Helicopter Service

An agreement has been reached between two non-profit air medical services and a regional ground ambulance provider to initiate 24-hour medical helicopter services in Portsmouth, Ohio. MedFlight of Ohio and HealthNet Aeromedical Services will jointly support the new helicopter base in partnership with Life Ambulance Service.

A new AS350-B2 "A-Star" aircraft will be based in Scioto County by September 2006. However, improved access to air service in the Portsmouth area will come much sooner. "Beginning in June, MedFlight and HealthNet will temporarily re-position helicopters to the Portsmouth area on a rotating basis," Crane said. "Both flight programs want to solidify our partnership with the surrounding community."

Life Ambulance Service was formed in 1985 and operates 76 ambulances and three Mobile Intensive Care Units. The privately held corporation is based in Portsmouth, Ohio, and operates emergency vehicles in Ohio, Indiana and West Virginia.



### Chubby Checker & The Twist Will Be At The The 109th Scioto County Fair Aug. 7-12

### Classic Jewish Comedy:

Do you remember the old Jewish Catskill comics of Vaudeville (and early TV) days, viz., Shecky Green, Red Buttons, Totie Fields, Milton Berle, Henny Youngman, and others?

Don't you miss their humor? Not one single swear word in their comedy.

1. There was a beautiful young woman knocking on my hotel room door all night!

*I finally had to let her out.*

2. A car hit an elderly Jewish man. The paramedic says, "Are you comfortable?"

*The man says, "I make a good living."*

3. I just got back from a pleasure trip.

*I took my mother-in-law to the airport.*

4. I've been in love with the same woman for 49 years.

*If my wife ever finds out, she'll kill me!*

5. My wife was at the beauty shop for two hours. That was only for the estimate. She got a mud-pack and looked great for two days.

*Then the mud fell off.*

6. The doctor gave a man six months to live. The man couldn't pay his bill,

*so the doctor gave him another six months.*

7. The Doctor called Mrs. Cohen saying, "Mrs. Cohen, your check came back."

*Mrs. Cohen: "So did my arthritis!"*

8. Doctor: "You'll live to be 60!"

Patient: "I AM 60!"

Doctor: "See! What did I tell you?"

9. A doctor held a stethoscope up to a man's chest. The man asks, "Doc, how do I stand?"

*The doctor says "That's what puzzles me!"*

10. Patient: "I have a ringing in my ears."

*Doctor: "Don't answer!"*

11. A drunk was in front of a judge. The judge says, "You've been brought here for drinking."

*The drunk says "Okay, let's get started."*

12. A bum asked a Jewish fellow, "Give me \$10 till payday." The Jewish fellow responded, "When's payday?"

*The bum said, "I don't know!*

*You're the one that's working!"*

13. Q: Why don't Jewish mothers drink?

*A: Alcohol interferes with their suffering.*

14. A bum walked up to a Jewish mother on the street and said "Lady I haven't eaten in three days."

*"Force yourself," she replied.*

### From Lew Rayburn

Please change my E-mail address.  
lrayburn@wowway.com

### Note From A Reader

My Mother ,Roberta Nickles (Hammond) , Class of 53 ,receives your paper. I collect Rocky Nelson Sports Memorabilia,so I was thrilled to see the old Rocky Nelson's Restaurant AD! I was hoping to get a quality copy of it so I can blow it up to a Poster size to give to Rocky and his wife Alberta. He has told me of the Restaurant and I'm sure they would enjoy it very much. Rocky is not well, and I will be visiting him shortly, any help with this is greatly appreciated.

Thanks Randy Nickles cell 740 285-1778

# THE 1955 TROJAN Alumni PRINTS

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## Plan to Attend A Reunion

### Class OF 1956

The PHS Class of 1956 will hold their 50th reunion September 15th & 16th at the American Legion Hall #471 at 950 Gallia Street.

The following activities are planned:

FRIDAY NIGHT: TROJAN FOOTBALL GAME & AFTERGAME DANCE FROM 9 TILL MIDNIGHT

SATURDAY MORNING: A tour of the new High School and an invitation to join the class of 1955 for their annual picnic at Noon. The picnic will be held at Shriners Park, Rt. 52. They expect a great turnout. Please let Gene Lucas (740-858-5489 OR genelucas@verizon.net) know in advance so they can plan to have enough food and drink. A collection will be taken to help cover the costs

SATURDAY EVENING: Social gathering at 6:00 followed by a buffet dinner and dancing from 9 til midnight.

For further information contact LARRY BOREN (borenlr@peoplepc.com) or LOIS BECK WALLACE (hahlois@aol.com)  
The cost is \$40.00 per person.

### Class Of 1955 Picnic Reunion

The PHS Class of 1955 picnic will be held on September 16th at noon. Food will be served about 12:30.

It will be held at the Portsmouth Shrine Club which is located 3.1 miles west of Portsmouth on Rt. 52. It is the first lane to the left after you pass Earl Thomas Conley Park. There will be a sign there welcoming everyone and there is a tall sign saying Portsmouth Shrine Club. If you go past the high school you have gone too far.

### Because of both classes holding reunions, it is recommended that you make early hotel reservations.

Ed Note: Both Reunion items are being repeated here for the benefit of all. Also, be reminded that if you have not paid your dues, then.....

### Michael Moore Found

Michael Moore, who retired in 2000, was a teacher and administrator at Bowling Green State University for over 30 years. He graduated from Portsmouth High School in 1955 and from the College of Wooster in 1959. He earned a Ph. D. in history from Case Western Reserve in 1964, and did additional study at the University of Michigan. While at Bowling Green, he taught American history, then changed to arts administration. He founded and directed a nationally recognized program of aesthetic education for the elementary and secondary schools in northwestern Ohio. He also has been an assistant dean, a lobbyist to the state legislature, an educational consultant and speaker, and a trustee of Otterbein Retirement Homes. He and his wife Sue have four children and three grandchildren (plus two more on the way).

After retirement, Michael and his wife traveled, researching his Moore, Smith, and Yates ancestors, who had lived in the Hanging Rock area of Lawrence County. His published account of that research, "From These Hills, An American Family's Odyssey", is available from: 1st Books Library.



## “Dalhy’s Follies”

Do you remember “Dalhy’s Follies” that played in the Portsmouth High School auditorium for years in the early summer? Miss Babette Dalheimer was a Portsmouth institution who taught dance in her studio in the Hurth Hotel lower lobby on Chillicothe Street.

Each year she produced a lavish dance revue in which she directed the cast, designed the costumes, and arranged the scenic effects. Usually, the annual revue had a small orchestra to perform the accompanying music--which ranged from the classics to pop.

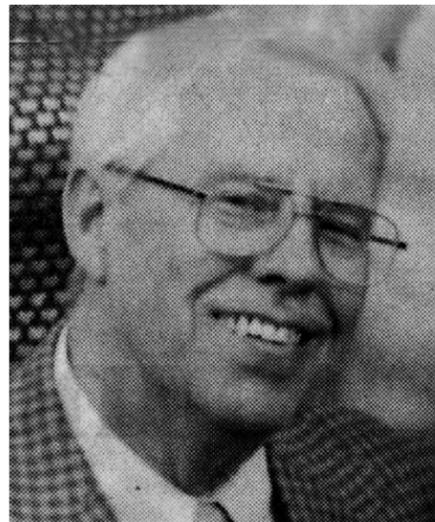
All types of dancing were featured in her productions--ballet, toe, tap, acrobatic, adagio, and modern. The casts numbered in the hundreds and included participants in ages ranging from two-year-olds to adults.

The “Follies” originated way back in 1929 and became a tradition in Portsmouth. Many girls in the PHS Class of 1955 had participated over the years and some became assistant teachers for the studio. Some current members were daughters of mothers who had performed in previous years.

The annual dance revue was always the closing dance activity for the season. Her school was closed for the summer. Miss Dalheimer (who in private life was Mrs. Robert Hurth) always made a trip to New York City after the “Follies” to arrange for instruction of her assistants for the next year.

I have to admit that I didn’t know much about ballet, but it was always a treat to watch the show and see the teenage girls in their tights and tutus.

*Blaine Bierley*



## Robert “Bob” Richards Class of 1956

Bob went to be with the Lord on June 23 at Southern Ohio Medical Center in Portsmouth. He was born Sept. 11, 1938 in Portsmouth. He married Patrice Euton in 1958 who survives him. He worked for Southern Ohio Medical Center for nearly 42 years in a variety of capacities and retired in 1999. He was on the board of directors at DESCO, was past president of Wheelersburg Kiwanis Club and a member of Christ United Methodist Church in Sciotoville.



Left to right: Ginny Belle Smith Wolfe, Eva Strauss Izenson, Sharon Queen Blayney, Karen Williams Fox, Betty Bierley Holling, Martha Fitch Cook and Connie Yuenger Keatley

## Girls Annual Get-together

The week after the Kentucky Derby these seven “girls” had their fourth annual get-together in Louisville, Ky. One of the highlights was Churchill Downs. We pooled our monies and bet on all the “Ole Gray Mares”. That seemed appropriate. If there had been more grays running, we probably would have been “big” winners. We thought we were any way!!



The New Columbia Music Hall (the old theater)



Portsmouth Raceway Park

## Daytrippin’

“It was our wedding anniversary and we decided to do something very special, so we hopped in the car and set out for a couple days in Portsmouth Ohio ...we didn’t know how really special it would be until we got there -- we couldn’t have had a more perfect experience.

Portsmouth is probably the biggest small town you can reach in a day. There’s lots to do, especially if you’re interested in a place that loves the Arts, provides a nice amount of specialty shopping -- especially antique-and-collectible browsing -- and has a colorful and appealing history. The town throws events and concerts so frequently you can almost count on there being one (or more!) whenever you go. During summer there’s live jazz or rock in Tracy Park every weekend, and for those who like their wall of sound louder and less lyrical, there’s a bigtime automobile raceway.

If you are appealed to by doing things that don’t entail sitting down, the great outdoors which surrounds Portsmouth could not be more spectacular -- Tea Table Rock near Minford is amazing, Raven Rock Natural History Preserve provides a splendid climb and at the top the view for miles up and down the Ohio River will dazzle you (it’s a sensitive ecology and you’ll need an

advance permit to climb). Wide open to the public (and used, we noticed from all the out of state license plates, by people from Everywhere) is Ohio’s largest state forest, Shawnee State Forest & Resort! It is chockfull of amenities -- marina, golfcourse, a nature center at the heart of a network of trails, plus a gem of a Lodge with a Native American theme.

Some must-see places downtown: begin with the exhibitions at the Welcome Center and the stunning 20 foot-high Mural Wall all along the riverfront drive. There are several small cozy museums which won’t bore or tire you and for shopping, you won’t go wrong at Ghosts-in-the-Attic, Chinaberry Tree or The Emporium at Portsmouth (one of the finest regional antiques shops we’ve ever visited!!!).

When you’re ready for a bite, you won’t forget a meal at the Scioto Ribber (real deal hickory bar-b-que -- and the owner/host is one of the biggest Bengal’s fans outside of Cincinnati). An interesting mix of restaurants caters to a broad range of tastes including several extra-good Latina and a variety of Asian. At William’s Restaurant you’ll find fine American cuisine in a very urban atmosphere, and Port Cities Pub & Café astonishingly feels like Ireland!

*Thanks to Bob Mohl*



## Bob Young Passes

Robert Young Learned Hand, 69, originally from Portsmouth, died June 15 in Broken Arrow, Okla., after a long illness. He was a well-known Western artist, born in Scioto County to Frank and Alma Hayslip Young, who preceded him in death.

Because of his American Indian heritage from the Kiowa Tribe of Oklahoma, he changed his name to Learned Hand. He was an award-winning artist, a member of the Cowboy Hall of Fame in Oklahoma City, Okla., and listed as one of the local “Miles of Heroes.

In an autobiographical sketch that he wrote, Learned Hand said, “The years I’ve spent since my student days, as a sculptor, graphic designer, illustrator, art director and finally a fine artist, have been kind.” He was in the movies “Cheyenne Autumn” and “Grey Eagle” among others. His works have been displayed in museums and in the private collections of famous people, such as Gregory Peck, Monty Robbins, John Wayne and many others. He devoted most of his painting to the Old West and he referred to them as “Portraits of History.”

Preceding him in death were his former wife, Melissa (Hartley-daughter of our librarian), and one daughter, Angela. He is survived by one daughter, Alana, of Cleveland; two sons, Brett, of Chicago, Ill., and Thomas Austin, of Westerville; two brothers, Jack, of Columbus, and Tom, of Nampa, Idaho; and several grandchildren, nieces and nephews. He was buried at White Horse Mesa near Broken Arrow, Okla.

In his autobiographical sketch, he wrote, “I hope when my last trail has been ridden, there is some young art student in the far distant future that will enjoy my paintings for their artistic merit. But, it’s also my hope that there will still be an old time cowhand, like ‘Black Hills Blake’ who is pushing hard now on more winters than most men will ever count. It meant a great deal, when, after standing for a long time looking at my paintings, he turned, and with a faint tear in his eye, said, ‘You’re lucky son. You knew cowboys when they were still cowboys, and Indians when they were still Indians.’”

## Tidbits From the PHS Time Capsule

**The Portsmouth Times of Feb. 18, 1954:**  
*Girls League States Party-Boys Show Skill At Making Hats.*

The Girls League of Portsmouth High School held a valentine box social in the girls’ cafeteria yesterday. Each girl had the privilege of inviting a boy. Bonnie Rader, Judy Boorman, and Lynne Smith won prizes for the best decorated boxes.

In a contest for making corsages from anything but flowers, Harwood Goltz, Lowell Barton, and Don Hayes won the prize. Boys made the corsages for their dates.

After the box supper, couples were given materials to make the girl a hat. Prizes for the best hats were won by Joan Rathe for a hat made by Kenny Payne; Mary Ann Carter for her bonnet made by Bob Mohl. Eva Strauss for her “hat of tomorrow” made by Charles McKelvey; Connie Yuenger for her miniature hat made by Don Hays; and June Kegley for her spring topper made by Ronnie Ratliff.

After the hat contest couples adjourned to the girls’ gym for a cake walk. Winners of the contest were: Lynn Smith and Dick Schisler, Eva Strauss and Charles McKelvey, Dave Jordan and Ginny Smith, John Apple and Sharon Larter, Marty Lehman and Vicki Staiger, Florence Robeson and Bob Keatly, and Mary Ann Carter and Bob Mohl.

The chaperons and judges were Mr. & Mrs. Fred Multer, Mr. & Mrs. Edward H. Fournier, Mr. & Mrs. Carl Daehler, Mrs. R. M. Cox, and Mrs. B. F. Bone.

Mrs. Margaret McBroom, dean of girls at PHS and League sponsor planned the program.

**The Portsmouth Times of Feb. 27, 1954:**  
*Narcotic Menace To Be Subject For High School PTA*

The February meeting of Portsmouth High School PTA will be held Monday night at 7:30 p.m. in the school library with a brief business session devoted to naming of a committee on nominations.



## A Photo from Crennie

Carolyn McCulloch Engle (Crennie) and Donna Boehm Pitcher enjoy a moment in Crennie’s sun room.

## A Beautiful Brochure About Portsmouth

On the web: <http://ohiorivertourism.org/attractions> - then click on “Download our visitors guide”. It is very well done!!

The program will be on narcotics and drugs and is designed to be of interest to parents and students. Following a short film, “The Terrible Truth,” there will be a discussion period. Dr. Carl H. Laestar, N & W medical examiner, and Judge Ralph Stevens, formerly of juvenile court, will lead the discussion, one from the medical side and the other from the legal and enforcement angle.

**The Portsmouth Times of Mar 4, 1954:**  
*Champions of the YMCA Junior Church Basketball League*

The following basketball players of the First EUB Junior team were honored as champions of the YMCA’s Junior Church League this winter: Dave Miller, Bill Miller, LeRoy Bryant, Tom Bond, Charles Price, Gary Flowers, Gene Hollis, David Stephenson, Bob Rackman, Bill Stanley, Harlan Frazier, Sam Skaggs, and Allan Oxley. Chet Frazier was the coach of the team.

**The Portsmouth Times of Mar 5, 1954:**

*Rapp Band To Play For Prom Juniors Begin Work For Annual Dance*

Barney Rapp and his 12-piece band will come to Portsmouth to play for the annual Junior-Senior Prom of PHS to be held May 21.

Dave Wagner, chairman of the band committee for the junior class, has completed arrangements to bring the widely-known WLW group and their soloist to Portsmouth.

Other members of the committee who helped select the band are Michael Moore, Lynne Brown, Freda Thompson and Joe Berthe. Arrangements were under the supervision of Charles McClure, junior class sponsor.

Also beginning work on the prom are the decoration committee in which Bill Hobbs and Bob Mohl are the co-chairmen.

Each is heading a work group of students. First project will be preparation of flats for the false wall used in PHS proms. Work will begin as soon as over-all plans are completed.



## Gary Billups & John Middlecamp - PHS 58

On June 24th, at the Vern Riffe Center John Middlecamp appeared in concert along with Gary Billups and a group from Columbus. Jim performed some old standards along with the old Ivy Leaguers tunes. They were a part of the 50 mile hero concert in Portsmouth. On the following Wednesday, they performed light jazz and some old rock and roll at the Southern Moon restaurant on the Trail.