

1874-1974

Risingsun, Ohio

VILLAGE Of RISINGSUN, OHIO  
FROM THE OFFICE OF THE Mayor  
43457

Greetings;

I wish to extend to each and every one a warm welcome  
to our community.

As you know we are celebrating one hundred years as  
the Village of Risingsun.

We are inviting you to be a part in helping us make  
this a memorial event. In one hundred years, a great  
number of events have happened and with our displays  
and pageantry, we hope to bring back some fond memories  
of the past.

A great number of people have put in untold hours and  
the greatest of efforts to make this a happy occasion.

To these I wish to extend my appreciation and a heart  
felt thanks to a job well done.

Donald Keller, Mayor

Village of Risingsun

Mayor Keller

Town Hall

#### RISINGSUN VILLAGE OFFICERS

#### PAST AND PRESENT

The city of Risingsun had their first council meeting  
on the 24th day of July 1879. With the following Officers  
taking oath:

Mayor: E.F. Day

Councilman:

W.B. Hueston

J.W. Miller

J.W. Reese

J.W. Bonawit

D. Ragon

L.M. Mosley

Clerk: Ray Gilmore

Treasurer: C. Sheffler

Marshall: George Disinger

Mayors down thru the years are as follows:

E.F. Day 1879-1882

C.E. Sabin 1882-1883

W.S. Sutliff 1883-1889

C.A. Houston 1889-1892

G.C. Sheffler 1892-1894

E.F. Day 1894-1898

M. Shively 1898-1900

A.E. Stahl 1900-1903

C.R. Sheffler 1903-1903

J.A. Minnick 1903-1905

A.J. Day 1906-1907

G. Henry 1907-1907

A.F. Myers 1908-1911

J.C. Lyberger 1912-1913

G.W. Elliot 1913-1917

S.S. Shaw 1918-1919

W.A. Stahl 1920-1927

G. Grover 1928-1930

A. Hall 1930-1930

C.E. Conaway 1930-1931

H.R. Phillips 1932-1937

W.E. Stahl 1938-1939

C. Shaublin 1939-1939

L.E. Bates 1940-1965

D.P. Keller 1966-1967

E.B. Parsons 1968-1968

L.E. Bates 1968-1971

D.P. Keller 1972-1974

#### VILLAGE OF RISINGSUN

Mr. Leon Bates held the position as mayor of Risingsun for 28 years, 25 of which were consecutive. We feel that

much credit should go to Mr. Bates for holding the town together thru the years. We haven't become a New York City or a Hollywood but aren't we glad.

The following officers now run our town:

Mayor: D.P. Keller

Councilmen: Walt James, President

Jim Pine

W. House

Ben Snyder

Brad Milligan

John Bond

Clerk: Robert Bonawit

Street Commissioner: Glenn Yambert

Marshal: Bernard Bowen

Assistant: Bob Himes

Auxiliary Police:

Dick Shultz

Tom Shultz

H. Kiser

B.Barringer

G. Hirst

D.Darr

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Walt James

President of Council

Bob Bonowit, Clerk

Glenn Uambert

Street Commissioner

Bernard Bowen

Marshal

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Ben Snyder

Councilman

Warren House

Councilman

Jim Pine

Councilman

Brad Milligan

Councilman

John Bond

Councilman

Watch your step! The Fuzz

Marshall - Bernard Bowen

Deputy - Bob Himes

Auxiliary Police -

Dick Shultz

Harley Kiser

Tom Shultz

Gene Hirst

Dick Dan-

Bob Barringer

Bob Himes

Deputy Marshall

Councilmen at Work

DELBERT L. LATTA

5th District, Ohio

Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, D.C. 20515

December 10, 1973

Mrs. George Wollam

8979 R.#23

Risingsun, OH 43457

Dear Mrs. Wollam:

Thank you for your nice letter requesting a flag for the 4-H Club.

I am more than pleased to personally purchase a flag for you to present to Risingsun when it celebrates its 100th Anniversary in July. And I will see that it is especially flown over the Capitol Building for this event. You should be receiving it together with an appropriate certificate within the next couple of weeks.

It is always a pleasure to be of assistance to you.

Best wishes. With kind regards, I am Sincerely yours, DELBERT L.

LATTA

Representative to Congress

DLL: jeb

P.S. 4-H is one of my favorite organizations.

Washington, D.C 20515

December 15, 1973

Honorable Delbert L. Latta

House of Representatives

Washington, D. C.

My dear Congressman Latta:

This is to certify that the accompanying flag was flown over the United States Capitol on December 14, 1973.

I understand that this 4-H Club of Risingsun, Ohio, will present this flag to the City of Risingsun, Ohio, on the occasion of its 100th Anniversary.

Sincerely yours,

George M. White, FAIA

Architect of the Capitol

OUR HISTORY

"PIONEER TIMES"

In the year 1834 the first settlement in this vicinity was made by Benjamin Wollam. He built a pole shanty with

the aid of an Indian. Wild animals and unfriendly Indians made life hard and the long cold winters were no help. In those times the wilderness here was known as the "Black Swamp".

The early settlers had to depend on hay for pasture from the prairie. Very little of the land was cleared and the ground was under water most of the year. One of the first seasons here the water covered the land all year. In order to cut their hay, they waded in the water themselves, because they could not get the teams of oxen on the land.

The men cut the hay, placed it on two poles above the water to dry; when winter came and the water froze they drove the oxen on the ice to gather the feed for their animals.

Some of the first settlers were: David Phillips, Conrad Sheffler, Adam Bates, David Shoe, and David Bierly. One of the first community cabins was a one room school house, and Arnold Moon was installed as school master. Bass wood logs were split in two and hewn on one side and logs put on the round side for benches. Each man had to furnish a certain amount of wood for each of his children in school and take turns boarding the teacher. At noon and recess the boys in the school would cut the wood and fill the woodbox. The big old round stove used for heating sat in the middle of the one room building. The most used piece of equipment in the school was the good old hickory stick. All eight grades were taught by one teacher.

In the year 1866 William Shupe erected a small house for mercantile purposes. Up until this time all merchandise was purchased at West Milgrove or Helena. It was built near the Prentice saw mill which was constructed in 1857, and later operated by J.W. Blessing.

The Black Swamp area was first known as "St. Elms", but the name seemed too polite for a spot in the wilderness; the residents of the community went to the other extreme and named it "Coon Town".

When visiting your neighbor in those days you rode horseback in water, horse belly deep, and rested your

horse from time to time on old hay stacks that stood above the water level.

Planting corn was another agricultural wonder. The farmer would plow two furrows together, (this was called ridging the ground), and they would plant the corn on top of the ridges, and all summer the water would stand between the ridges. This made it impossible to plow the corn, so they would have to hoe it by hand. With all these handicaps they raised middlin fair corn. To get the corn ground into meal you shelled the corn and took it to the saw mill where it was stone ground.

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Our Town

Old School Room

Main Street

In 1862 F.R. Ferguson (who was 6 years old) moved here. His father was a carpenter, and joiner and built many houses and barnes [sic] and also made coffins for the old pioneers. He bought a place 80 rods north of where Main Street and Countyline now join from J. Phillips. Their small cabin was typical of the day. The roof of the cabins then were held on with weight poles. A ladder in one corner was for the children to climb to the loft, where they slept. In winter the snow would sift through the clap boards and cover the bed and floor. The children didn't waste time coming down in the morning, through the snow to the big kitchen where heat from the wood cooking stove felt mighty good, and the cooking food was even better. Gold 'ole warm corn meal mush bubbled on top of the stove; the smell of biscuits baking in the big 'ole oven; dad coming in with warm milk from Bossy for the mush. On the big table in the middle of the room was fresh churned butter and honey that dad had gathered from the bees, yum, yum!

One of the jobs the children did was to go to the mill for the corn meal. Once, young Ferguson remembers, when the grinder went to get him meal from the meal chest, out jumped a little dog. The dog happened to be a nice yellow

dog, so he never told mother because he was afraid they would be shy on mush if she knew.

The first family we can find record of, near Risingsun in Sandusky County, was the Lehman family, Leodigar and Leapold. They moved here around the year of 1852.

Leodigar married Barbara Staub and they had 11 children, 6 boys and 5 girls. The name Lehman is still very prominent in this neighborhood. In the same location where they first located we have several Lehman families. Community picnics were held where Elizabeth Waitman and daughters live.

Mail was brought in from Rome and Risdon, (now Fostoria) by horse. The closest thing in the shape of a Railroad was "Mad River Run" that passed thru Tiffin, in Seneca County.

About this time the limestone crop changed the name to "Stony Battery", (more later in our history about the limestone business).

ON JULY 4, 1874, David Earl made a motion to baptize the place risingsun, spelled as one word. The village was surveyed in 1876 by W. H. Wood. John Blessing was named the first Postmaster and Enos Williams was the first carrier between the Village and Fostoria. By 1877 the town had established a General Store, Lime Kilns, John Baker's Hotel and two Drug Stores. There were 50 students at the school and a brick house was used for Church purposes.

In November of 1878 a petition was signed by 41 inhabitants asking the commissioners to incorporate them as a village. The petition was not granted until 1879. (How about that, 100 years later same old guff; it takes that long to get things done by the Government yet!)

The first Mayor of Risingsun was E. F. Day; Office Clerk, Ray Gilmore; Treasurer, Conrad Sheffler; Councilmen were H. B. Houston, J. W. Miller, J. W. Reese, J. W. Bonawit, Daniel Ragon, and L. M. Morsely.

In the late 1870's and 1880's these sir names were prevalent in this area; some of these family names are still present in this area: Mervin, Metcliff, Blessing, Ragon,

Gangwer, Wagoner, Reese, Miller, Sharp, Rupert, Wilcox, Morgan, Myers, Gilmore, Smith, Baker, Sheffler, Bates, Shoe, Rought, Bonewitz, Simmons, along with names mentioned before in our history.

In the year 1895 memories circle about the oil boom.

Oil was the talk generally and particularly in Wood County. Along with the Oil Boom came prosperity, vulgarity, saloon, gambling, good wells, dry holes, and population growth. The Sun Oil Co. struck 2 great wells in the Risingsun field. In the year 1895 there were 1,786 wells drilled in Wood County; 200 were dry holes. The average cost was \$2,000.00 per each well drilled. A law that became effective at this time was "no wells shall BE LEFT STANDING WITHOUT BEING PUMPED FOR MORE THAN 3 MONTHS, WITHOUT BEING SUBJECT TO A PENALTY OF \$1,000.

Crude oil in its state is practically useless. When refined it supplies fuels, lubricants, illuminants, solvents, surfacing material, and many other products. The fuels from crude oil account for Vt of the world's total supply of energy and are used not only to power the engines of automobiles, tractors, trucks, ships, airplanes, cutting oils, asphalt, rubber for tires, and other uses, cleaning agents such as soap and detergents, paints plastics, fertilizer, insecticides, and medicines.

Let us pause in our history at this point to take a tour of Main Street. Since we hope this is of interest to people in our community of every age, we would like to relate to you and you and you,

Yambert Home Place  
Oil Boom During 1890-91

WHAT AND WHO WAS WHERE THEN AND NOW  
ON THE NORTH SIDE OF MAIN

We will start at the north east corner of Main and Countyline Streets where Green's new store now stands. Once a large brick house used as a tourists home stood

near this intersection. Next we have Becky's Beauty Shop and Henry's Barber Shop. In the early years this was an oil well store handling all supplies for drilling for oil, and thru the years was owned by several, the last being the Harley Green family. The second floor was used for dances. The building was remodeled and made into a one story building as we see it today.

Moving on west we have the Paul Bower home. Before this home was owned for many years by the Bates family. Tressie Bates being Paul Bower's wife. There was a small business room just to the west of the house were five or six different persons operated a saloon (it is the building now just west of the railroad on the south side of the street). The down stairs has been used as a restaurant and C. C. Myers started his paper in the upstairs of this building in the year 1904.

As we venture on west down Main Street we find the Sah's home. The home was a convalesant home operated by Mrs. Groverta Sahs for many years and how we enjoyed waving to the elderly residents as we passed by. Just to see that little smile on their faces. In the early years it was

Greens General Store

One of Risingsun's First Buildings

Whites Store

Kozy Korner

Now as we go on to where the Wheeler White residence stands, now owned by Ruth Ann Shaferly, once stood a blacksmith shop. This building burned down many years ago. The building on the corner now owned by Mr. Peling was moved to this location after the fire. Wheeler White and his father, E. E. White, operated a drug store there for more than forty years. The younger generation will remember the store as the Kozy Korner, owned and operated by the Ted Fruth family for nearly fifteen years. The small building on the east side of the store has had a number of different business establishments from Post Office to barber shop, beauty shop. Doctor's office, telephone control

room and in recent years, an apartment.

### Sheffler Home

one of the largest and most elegant homes in town. Built by G. C. Sheffler and it is rumored he had the Gazzebo type porch built on the corner of the house in order to have a place to give his many speeches. P. T. Flaherty and family occupied this home for many years.

Between this home and Kline's Store there was another saloon made later into a restaurant, a tonsorial parlor (that's a barbershop to us late comers), and was once the office of Dr. Burnetts. A harness shop once stood next, where Kline's Store is now and it also housed many groceries, Morse King Hotel, meat market, etc. A building next to the alley torn down years ago was a general store, restaurant. Leon Bates, (our long time mayor), lived up stairs as a youngster, with his family. The famous Risingsun band had a practice room up there, also. The last occupant before the building was torn down was Howard Matthews who operated an Appliance Store. Across the alley to what most of us call the old printing office was the Bigley Hardware. In front of this building the first stone sidewalk was built and the Bigley-Myers partnership built most of the sidewalks in town. A large wagon scale was in the street in front of the building where all public weighing was done. This building also housed a furniture store and an undertaking business, post office, and in later years the "Unique" was printed there until the business was dissolved by the Strange family.

Between this building and the Ziegman home stood a long and narrow building used as a harness shop and then as a grocery store. About an 8 inch space was between this store and the printing office. The boys used to swipe watermelons and get between the two buildings where the men could not reach them and were too big to get in, and eat the melons. We'll never tell who gave us that juicy bit of information!

The Robert Ziegman home was previously occupied

by the Phillips, Onsels, and Myers families. The next property to the west was owned by the Earls, Zenders, Houtzs, Shultzs and Cullisons and has recently changed hands again. There was once a business building next and it saw many business changes over the years: jewelry store, general store, restaurants, ice cream parlor and C. M. Bates Music Business. The next property now owned by the Wilbur Kline family was the home for many years of the Sampsel, Winchels, Longs, and Mackeys. As we travel on to the west we come to the home of the Dick Darr family, built by Blessing. Some of the owners have been Mackeys, Pattons, Winchels, Klotz, and Parsons. During the oil boom days at this location was a saloon called the "Buzzards Roost". A scene of many noisy nights in the center of the oil boom confusion.

Across the alley we come to the home of the Church of God's parsonage. Some of the previous owners names we were able to acquire are Jenny Stahl, Miller, Myers, Foster, Fernbaugh, Sampsel. I say, are you enjoying our little excursion?

Mr. & Mrs. Stoudinger own the house next to the west. In the year 1895, this was where many social scenes were set in the community. People by the name of Miller first lived on this location; then the G. G. Myers who had the communities first livery barn. A small building stood just west of the Stoudinger home and was at one time the post office.

## Main Street

Where the business block, now occupied by Mrs. Veva Hunt, Mr. Wm. Stevens, and post office with post mistress Mrs. Treva Berts, was destroyed by fire about 1890.

Before that time, from one time to another, an ice cream parlor, grocery, picture studio, restaurant, were housed there. The town's first newspaper the "Time and Tide" went to press here. Some of the names connected with these business's were Myers, Baker, Sass, Hollenbaugh, Frankfather, Clark, Parmalee, and Wirebaugh. In 1898

the present building was built, by the Sass brothers. In these buildings, in the year 1907 the "Unique Weekly" was born, with Pope as editor and Calvin Myers as founder and owner.

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Leon Bates

Celia B. Bowers

Laurel Onsel

The Calvin Myers writings, from which much of the information we are relating to you came, along with special help from Leon Bates, Celia Bower, and Laurel Onsel we give much thanks

Post Office, Hardware, Hunts Gifts and Dry Cleaning

An undertaking establishment owned by a Mr. Eby, a barbershop, restaurant, known as "mom's" owned by Mrs, Doris Cochard, and later by Mrs. Mary Ziegman was a "Yummy" place to eat. The hardware when owned by the Sass Brothers was known as the Sun Hardware Company with Bigley as manager, then True. In 1914 the Brandberry Hardware, next Burdick Hardware, and today we know it as Steven's Hardware. Hunt's Dry Cleaning and Gift Shoppe and Onset's Plumbing display room, the hardware and post office fill these business rooms today—1974.

American Legion and Legion Auxiliary Hall

Going on to the west we find the American Legion Hall. The earliest account of this building we could find was that it was built by L. C. Winchel and referred to as the Winchel Building. A Mr. Sewell occupied it as a residence. From then it was a barber shop; a Mr. Cramer introduced bananas for the first time in this building.

Other persons connected with this building were Emmons, Sass, Whitman, Bates, and Huff; later Peter Zender remodeled the building and used as a business room on the side. This building has survived close calls from fires in years past. H.C. Sass (Dick Sah's' uncle) started

business here in 1893.

Doctor and Mrs. Byington and Two of thier [sic] Children

The property on the corner of Main and the street to the school was Dr. Byington's corner. It has housed a meat market, saloon, Wyman and Norths Store. Dr. Byington purchased the two buildings and had them moved together as they now stand. The Fox Sisters had a candy factory there and later a glove factory. The property is now owned by Frank Hovis.

As we cross the street to the home now owned by the Harshman family we find that in this location there was a saloon for many years owned by many keepers, until it was moved directly across the street. A jewelry repair shop, Millinery shop, restaurant and as we remember Mr. Elarton conducted an insurance agency there in his home.

#### Milligans Store

Now comes the old hotel building known to us as the Milligan Store and Bates-Essman Insurance Office. Over the years the hotel was owned by a dozen proprietors. To the east of the hotel was a room used as a saloon, also, a barber shop, but was changed over the years. At the rear of the hotel was a livery stable.

A rail fence and board walk was built from the hotel to the railroad on the north side of Main Street. Next, at one time or another, was a blacksmith shop, restaurant, candy factory, grocery and later a home was built there and stands to this day.

In the year 1900 Mr. Strong, a Prairie Depot (Wayne) banker, sold lots off the corner and the village purchased the corner and built the present standing Town Hall. The Auditorium was dedicated on Feb. 1, 1901. Seats for the first performance sold at 75c, \$1.50, and \$2.00; ticket sales for standing room only netted \$200.00. The cost of the building was \$10,000 and was built by Myers. The building now houses the fire department, firemen's meeting hall, council rooms, the voting room,

and the jail house. At this time new facilities are being made for the marshall and his deputies. [sic] On the top floor the remains of the auditorium, with the names of some of our citizens still plainly written on the wall. The school used to hold their plays, graduation exercises in this auditorium, as well as many big name performers that favored the city with their appearances. Going up these stairs, walking into the Auditorium, one can smell the grease paint and feel the excitement that made these walls ring. How I wish I had been here at that time; several of our citizens can remember that first night and the smile of remembering shines on their faces.

Town Hall Auditorium

The cannon at the town hall was the combined efforts of the following Legionners: Harold Phillips, Walter Shultz, Leon Bates, Red Ferguson, and the use of a Jeep of George Goudy's. A couple of years after World War II the Erie Proving Grounds of Port Clinton was disposing of some of the excess war materials left. The men from the Legion thought it would be nice to have some object to keep in mind the Wars that had been.

The cannon sat at the front of the Town Hall and when the new addition was built it was placed in its present location.

Mr. Shultz remembers that it was covered with a black grease to preserve the metal and when it was pulled into place all the children got a lot of fun out of sliding down the barrel until they went home. There were a lot of very unhappy mothers and warm seated youngsters with black grease on their clothes.

As we go on to the west, the next two houses were built at the turn of the century. These homes are owned by Mrs. Kreais and Mr. & Mrs. Harold Phillips. The Kreais home was built by Mrs. Oliver Smith and was later sold to the John Klotz family. The Phillips' home was built by Mrs. Riley and she and her daughter lived there for several years. This house was then owned by Wheeler White and

his family before it was purchased by Mr. Phillips.

Now comes the Snow property built by John Lindower.

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Cunningham once occupied this property along with their family. Mr. Charley Cunningham was the town's bat man; now Gill Gangwere has that job. (Baseball bats that is!)

Many years ago there were two business buildings where these houses are now. A son-in-law of Mr. Lindower built the next house almost on the site of the old John Mervin homestead. This house was later purchased by Mrs. Orpha Connell and later owned by the Onsel Brothers estate and was the Onsel home for several years. This is now the home of Mr. & Mrs. Frank Pine. Near the old homestead Mr. Mervin erected a more modern home and it was held by the Mervin estate for years. This home is now owned by Mr. & Mrs. Gene Hirst.

Across the alley G. G. Myers built the next house.

Mr. & Mrs. Dave Williams now live there with their family. Some years ago Mr. & Mrs. George Goudy owned this house. The home of Mr. & Mrs. Mart Flaherty was built by G. G. Myers some years ago and was one of the most modern homes in town. Mr. Myers was a lumberman and contractor.

The Barn

First Elevator

"AROUND THE RAILROAD"

Mr. G. G. Myers had his lumber yard in the big barn behind Flaherty's home and now owned by Mart and used for livestock. Mr. Myers closed the lumber yard during the depression. The dying of the oil boom and the depression made it's mark on this metropolis.

As we cross the street just to the east of the railroad and in front of where Onsel's have their plumbing supply business once stood a small grain elevator. The elevator did a thriving business. The business was taken over by the Farmers Grain Association and moved across the street and a new concrete elevator was built in 1920 and

1921.

Other business around there now besides Onsel is Bonawit's Pipe Yard and Flaherty's Livestock Yards. At one time Mr. Goudy had a concrete block factory; besides building blocks, walks, bridges, and cisterns were built. This business stood where the Onset's business is now.  
Onsels

Livestock Yards

Pipe Yards

Early Railroad Crew

As we cross to the west side of the tracks just north of the old depot a grist mill owned by Wagner and Reese once stood. Schuster Brothers Hoop Factory (not hoola hoops—barrel hoops). A saw mill, Thatcher Skidmore stave factory, large storage tanks for oil that was loaded on tin railroad cars. After fire destroyed many of the buildings some were rebuilt, but many were not. A machine shop for oil well machinery repair owned by Frank O'Neal who was later connected with Owens and Libby of Toledo, was near the railroad. Sass Brothers had a carriage shop near this spot.

The first railroad station stood north of where the station stood that was torn down just a few years ago.

The street car tracks ran down what is known to us as railroad street.

The inner-urban station for the street car was on the corner of Main and Railroad Streets. Buffalo Bill's Saloon stood there at one time.

The plot of ground comprising the first three streets and lots west of the railroad was plotted by Benjamin Wollam about 1878 and was sold and the building of houses started.

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Flood 5th Ward

In 1913 there was a flood that completely covered the properties west of the railroad and some of the rails where

the trains and the street car ran.

## "ON THE SOUTH SIDE"

Coming back across the tracks and starting down the South side of Main Street to the East we are told that where the elevator now stands was once a saloon owned by John Bonawit and later his brother Jacob owned it. To the east of the elevator stands one of the town's oldest homes built in 1880 and owned now by the elevator, but was previously owned by Burns, Wellam, Wolf, Cook, Flynn, Darrell, and Stahl. At one time a two-story business building stood in front of the house, once used as a saloon where many dances and other kinds of entertainment was held. This building was moved up town where it was used as an auditorium where the Risingsun Coronet Band held it's concerts.

Flood 5th Ward

Sun Grain Elevator

Office

The next two buildings housed a tailer shop and residence but burned down years ago. In this area now stands the house Rev. Williams and family occupy. This house was built by George Goudy and in recent years the Merritt Wonders lived here.

The property next, east, now owned by the Mead Smiths', was moved here many years ago. As we come to the alley the house is now owned by Mr. & Mrs. Fred Schmidt. For many years there was a millinery shop here owned by Cinderella Koogle. Previous owners were Smith, Goech, Linehan, Lehman, Hiser and Bowen.

As we cross the alley, we see an empty lot; at one time a large house stood here, built by the Gangwers. Fire destroyed the house and was rebuilt into the little house on the lot next to the east. This house is owned by Paul Bower, and the David Shultz live there.

In the early years a blacksmith shop set where the Everett Stahls' home now sits. A new home was built there by Sylvester Phillips. Between the Stahls' house and the

Matthews' house there used to be a large home. This home was the Stahl family home and was torn down many years ago. The Howard Matthews family home was built by Heacox and was resided in by Whitmans and Smiths. On the next corner was the Hengsteder house built in 1888; erected where once stood an old barn that burned. Today this is the King property, once owned by Smiths' and Mondays' families. Coming on to the east, S. S. Klotz erected a house for Etta Bowe; this home is now owned by the Jim Pines'. The house where Kenneth Milligans' family have lived these past years was built by Thomas Mervin. The name S. A. Wheeler was connected with this house and Mr. Mervin lived there in his later years and died here.

George Straus built a house in this area, which was later moved to the rear of the property and used as a barn. Where the next house stands and the Patten garage and apartment, built by Del Goon, stands on the corner of this block, once stood a double business room built by

Hastings for a saloon. An oil well supply store, later a clothing store, then a pool room and restaurant. H. C. Sass had a grocery store and bakery on this location. Did you ever? This town sure was wet at one time; seems like every block had a saloon at one time or another!

As we travel on to the east, the house owned by Mrs. Cal Shaublin, is one of the town's landmarks. In the 80's, G. G. Myers operated a hotel here. Can't you just see a group of people sitting in chairs on that front porch on a sunny afternoon watching the goings on up and down Main Street? The men with their feet parked on the banister and the ladies sitting demurly [sic] fanning with their lace fans. D.K. Morrison and sister Anna held many of the town's social affairs of their time here. John Morrison also lived in this house.

To the east of this property was a business room in which furniture and pianos were sold; operated by D. K. Morrison. It was later moved behind the school and used as a bowling alley and is now owned by the Harley Kisers';

formerly occupied by the Strausbaugh family.

Now comes the home owned and occupied by the Robert Beffs'. This home was built by the Higley family and used as their residence for many years. The Calvin Kuhns' also lived here. Next we have a lot which at one time held a livery barn. This building also for a short time housed the Unique job room. It was moved to the Robert Huff farm and was destroyed by a wind storm.

Odd Fellows Hall today

As we come to the Odd Fellows Hall used by them and the Rebekahs for their meetings. To the oil boom residents it was the "Blue Front" Saloon. Later it became Henry's garage; then Walter Shirk had a harness shop, a hardware, and a shoe repair shop. Then Mr. Shirk moved to the building next (east) and lived in the back and had his shoe shop in the front. His son, Carl, later re-did the building and made it into a residence. Before this time this building housed a second-hand store, Aukerman's Millinery, an ice cream parlor owned by C. M. Bates. Howey's Millinery, where I am told Edna Huff, yet a resident of our fair town, and the late Ellen Hill once worked.

Pattons Corner

Schaublin House, The Old Hotel

Taken in 1924, Hardware and Odd Fellows

Next we have the residence owned by P. C. Henry with many owners since; some being the Shrefflers, Richendollars, the Jacquots' and now owned by the Minich family. The next house owned by the Jakcsy family was built by Jesse Graham, an oil man. It was later owned by the Stahls and Kempfers.

The Adam Graber home is next (east), now owned by the Chuck Bownes and being remodeled at this time into an apartment house. This house was a small house with many additions added and has been owned by the Shultzs

and lately by the Charlie Kretzers. The Ray Kline home

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was built in 1895 by Myron Bates. It had several owners but for years was owned by the M. Adams family where they had a funeral parlow. Mrs. Verna Rhoades was the daughter of the Adams'.

Now we cross what used to be Day Street to the new Tri-County National Bank. The new bank of which we are very proud, has only been here for a few years, but has added so much to our community. Besides being a convenience that we had not had for many years, it also is an attractive corner of our Main Street. The lot, on which the bank is located, had never been built on in all the years of this communities existence.

The Ted Fruths' own the next house; even though this house is nearly 96 years old the Fruths' are only the second owners. Ezra Day and Leon Bates' father built the house and it was owned by Ezra and then his widow Ida until 1961 when it was purchased by the Fruths'. Mr. Day was the Grandfather of Miss Lois Dalton.

Going on east we find the house owned by Betty Huff and occupied by the Glenn Yamberths' was built by Dr. Stitt and was his residence for many years until his death.

Clarence Kerrs' lived here before Miss Huff purchased the house. The small building where Miss Huff has her piano studio was Dr. Stitt's office. This corner was once owned by Ross Hecoeks, a Spanish War Veteran who died just recently in Fostoria. In more recent years Jan & Paul Stahl had a flower shop here. The home that once stood here was moved back on Salem Street.

#### Old Bank Building

As we cross Luther Street we are to the building referred to as the "Old Bank Building", now an apartment owned by the Vitts'. Previous owners were the Dale Houtzs', Jeff Kings' and Madge Myers. Once a livery barn stood

on this corner owned by Bart Firth, which burned down. The building there now was the Sun Savings Bank, with Luther Winchel, first director. The bank was on the northwest corner of the building; on the east side downstairs with Tom and Will Bates' store. On the second (east side) was the telephone exchange, and on the second floor (west side) was a dentist office. The other part of the upstairs was the rooms of the K. of P. Lodge. The building, owned by Keely and Shreffler, has been a garage, restaurant, and other business in previous years. Our next move east brings us to the home recently used by the Assembly of God as their Church and parsonage. Built many years ago by Luther Winchel, it is one of the oldest houses we have in town. A few years the Bob Weiker family lived here before moving to California. Now we come to the lot where Frank Hovis Construction keep their equipment. Here once stood a building used as the Mowery Photography Gallery.

Well, here we are back to the corner of Countyline and Main Streets. We have here Kline's Antique and Used Furniture Store. During recent years it was a garage owned by Pete Laderman and Norman Phillips. At one time Dr. Stitt had an office at this location. During the early part of our history we referred many times to the Blessing Saw Mill. We were surprised to find that this was where it was located. Many of the older homes still standing in this town were made from the lumber that was milled here.

#### Klines Antiques

If we have missed anything or anyone during this venture down Main Street, we are indeed sorry, but for the writings of Mr. Myers, and the help of our senior citizens this part of our history would have been impossible. Again we give them "our thanks".

#### "TURN OF THE CENTURY"

The oil boom stayed a few years in the late 1800's and

the early 1900's, but it soon "petered out" and the town became a little more quiet and serene. The limestone business was "fair to middlin". The stone from the surface was used as fences to form the boundaries around the farms. Lime kilns were built in several areas around town. One stood where the Perry Fishers' home now stands on Walnut Street. A mound of ground still stands where another was located near the old Quarry. Wood from the wooded areas was cut to fire the kilns. The lime stone was hauled to the kilns and hoisted to the top of the kilns by a windless. The burning of the stone pulverized it into lime. When the surface stone was gone, things slowed down until some years later when they blasted the quarries (more about this later). The barrel factory, stave factory, and much action around the railroad died with the limestone business.

Not too much later the town was declared dry. No more whiskey sold (in the open anyway). We remember reading in one of the old newspapers where two stills were found in this vicinity a number of years later. By this time the town had two lovely new churches, so no more going to Montgomery Corners. A nice big school, the town hall and opera auditorium and many beautiful, expensive, new homes being erected. An ordinance in town that chickens may not run on premises of others during spring and fall.

By the years 1907 thru 1911 the Hocking Valley train would sell you twin tickets for anywhere between Fostoria and Toledo for 15 to get from here to Toledo.)

### Ezra Meeker and Oxen and Covered Wagon

Between 1911 and 1913 one Ezra Meeker drove his oxen team thru this area. It took him 1 1/2 years to get to the state of Oregon, thus helping to form the Oregon trail. When he arrived in Oregon he had \$2.75 left. How brave the people were in those olden days! Can you imagine the hardship of breaking a trail through the forests across

the rivers and mountains, being aggravated by insects, wild animals, the extreme cold and heat, but driving on always forward so that you and I can enjoy the luxuries and conveniences of our times?

A top buggy with rubber tires was as common as a Democrat in Texas. The upper ten ride around in automobiles now. The rural delivery of mail was to be marked just R.D. (rural delivery); no more R.F.D. (rural free delivery) by government issued papers. The first fire fighting equipment was ordered by council at a cost of \$1,250.00. Plans to build an elevator was materializing and stock was selling at \$100.00 per share. The first Unique Weekly was delivered, and you could buy an all wool suit for \$14.50.

The Opera House was in full swing. The town saw Lillian Gish at the age of 6 on the stage of the Opera House in the play "In Convict Stripes". Miss Gish, her sister and mother stayed at the Wirebaughs' boarding house. The morning after the show Larry Pope took them for a ride in the country in his buggy, and they saw for the first time, hogs, sheep and cows. Miss Gish went on to become a very famous stage actress. There are still members of our community who remember having seen her.

The school had an enrollment of 191 students. Electric lights for the town was won in the election. You could buy a can of peas for 6V2 cents, and a pound of "Golden Sun" coffee for 20 cents. The electric current was turned on in town on July 3, 1910. What a glorious day, electric lights, dustless streets (city finally had money to oil them) and a band concert.

In 1911 the population was a booming 559. When you attended an auction sale everyone got free head cheese, apples, and cider while there. A quilting party was held by the ladies and it seemed to give them a chance to catch up on the news, a new bit of gossip and at the same time do a piece of beautiful stitchery. Have you ever helped to quilt? It is fun, but a wee bit hard on the fingers.

On Dec. 22, 1911 fire destroyed the school building

just eleven hours after school was dismissed for Christmas vacation. The burned portion included the whole of the old structure erected in 1891-1892 at an approximate  
School pictures

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cost of \$12,000. All of the books, the High School laboratory, portion of Library, records and many other valuable papers were lost. The new addition erected in 1908 was saved. Insurance settlement amounted to \$7,150.50. Pupils of the Risingsun High School held a benefit box social to raise money to help replace laboratory destroyed by fire. The school contract was awarded for the building to Schmitt Company of Fostoria for \$12,900.

#### Ladies Band

The famous Risingsun ladies band was formed in 1912. The rural mail carrier, Mr. Sheffler's pay was raised to nearly \$1,100 per year. This raise in pay was due to the added work of parcel post. The elevator changed hands. The glycerine factory near Bradner blew up killing two men. The Unique Weekly will have a news reporter stop at every house once a week for news. We remember when Mrs. Perry (Esther) Fisher did this on every Monday morning. We missed her visits when the paper wasn't published anymore. One big news item about this year was the sinking of the Titanic on April 25. The ship was hit by an iceberg. [sic]

An epidemic of small pox hit the Bradner area. The graduation class of 1914 had 6 members. By this year one out of every thirty-six people in-Wood County own an automobile. The Ladies Concert Band gave a concert in the Opera House, and began their road to fame and putting Risingsun on the map. They played at the nation's Metropolis; playing in the world's largest theatre. By the year 1915 the post office safe had been robbed several times and this one netted the robbers \$412. The

commencement exercises saw 14 graduates. Prices were good, (compared to today) with beef at 6¢ per lb.; ham 14¢ per lb.; coal at \$2.50 per ton; wood \$4.00 per cord and eggs 8¢ per dozen. In 1916 the first Boy Scout Troup was organized with E. N. Littleton as Scout Master. Another big fire destroyed the Sass Bakery. The Opera House was ordered closed until repairs were made. It needed electric lights and more fire extinguishers and a new heating system. The Fox Sisters glove factory was started. The Ladies Band opened a 3-week engagement at Toledo beach.

#### "WORLD WAR I DAYS"

"Over There", "My Buddy", were some of the songs heard around this time. With Risingsun boys in the Military; some of the first to go to service were Carl Crawfoot, Ed Stump, Frank Elbright, and Silverus Notestine. A hurricane passed thru Risingsun leaving thousands of dollars damage. In 1917 the elevator had it's best year

#### Ice Cutting on the Quarry

yet. Ice was out from the quarry north of town by H. C. Sass. The ice was of fine quality and was 8 to 9Vi inches thick. Thirty three young men are now eligible for the

draft. A Red Cross Chapter was formed. Letters from the service men were telling about life in the army camps.

Postage rates went up to 3¢ per letter.

Risingsun is in need of a blacksmith very badly even though autos have taken a good hold. The Ladies Band played for the Liberty Loan Opening. A parade was held with every auto in the township to participate including Perry Depot, and Bradner. The onward lodge of the K. of P. celebrated it's 29th Anniversary. A tornado just missed Risingsun, but did damage to Fostoria and places to the east.

THE DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BILL WAS PASSED WITH THE 1 ST CALENDAR CHANGE MADE IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE in 336years. Quite a change from the times we have had

changed in the last few years. Countyline Road was paved from Fostoria to one mile south of Risingsun. It will be 16 feet wide; from Bell's corner to Risingsun will be stone. Small pox situation again; all churches have closed as a precaution against spread of the disease. Everyone is warned to screen privies and make sure all receptacles do not leak.

Risingsun doubles quota sales of Liberty bonds; sales over \$32,000. Sugar sales are limited to 2 lbs. per town folks, and 25 lbs. for canning. The famous Ladies Band passes into History. They have played in the Capitol before President Wilson; played the Hippodrome Theatre in New York City and played in eight different states. All Sunday driving was prohibited to save gas (sounds familiar). Yarn again available for knitting sweaters for the service men. Flu scare closes all schools, churches, and all public gatherings for an indefinite period; 59 deaths so far.

SIGNING OF THE ARMISTICE NOV. 14, 1918. Carl Crawford reported missing in action (American Legion Post bears his name). Postage stamps reduced to 2c for letters; 1c for post cards. New speed laws to be enforced—15 miles per hour in city; 20 miles per hour in outlying areas, and 30 miles per hour in the country.

Risingsun plans for largest celebration in history; races, contests, ball games, dances, aeroplane stunts, music and concessions. (Let's make 1974 just a little bit better!)

By this year refrigeration was installed in the bakery doing away with the old ice methods. Risingsun organizes a Grange with 78 members. The firemen re-organize and buy new equipment.

Part of school building is being wrecked to build the new part. The new part was not finished in time to start in the fall of '22", so school is being held in the little Brick Church, the K. of P. Hall, Church of God, and the city hall. Over 300 students enrolled this year. New Ford cars selling at \$348.00.

The Klu-Klux-Klan was in full operation in these parts, with 2 crosses being burned, with 100 members in attendance. On June 7, 1923 lightning struck the steeple of the Church of God wrecking it and doing considerable damage.

#### "TIME OF CHANGE"

As the years go past, W. E. Strange as publisher of the Unique puts in new modern type setting machines. Making publishing much easier, and faster. Livery stables are torn down and replaced by garages as the auto replaces the horse. Saw Mill disbanded; Sun Savings Bank broken into; Funeral business changes hands from Ebys to Adams. Mrs. Alsina Andrews becomes first lady post mistress in the town's history and held that position for a good long time. The town was trying to get a furnace in the city building to replace the coal burning stoves. Still trying to get more streets curbed.

During the 26's Risingsun Saturday nights were big with 144 cars parked on Main Street. During the summer months picture shows were held (silent ones). We understand they were held on an empty lot where the Wheeler Whites' house now stands.

The Countyline Highway (now Route 23) from Toledo to Columbus was being rushed to completion and will be paved road all the way. The town's business men organize a board of trade. The following men were involved: H. C. Sass, W. R. White, C. C. Myers, G. C. Grove, and H. M. Jay. The J. D. Owens Co. contacted the newly formed board of directors to discuss opening up some stone quarries and operating lime kilns in the area again.

Machinery was shipped in to make borings to ascertain the quality and depth of the stone. If found satisfactory, they will purchase 30 acres of ground and start drilling, with an initial investment of around \$10,000. Thirty nine holes were drilled, 26 feet deep with a ton of dynamite. The explosion was spectacular! Car loads

of rock were shipped to the home plant for testing and the company was very pleased. They claim this is the only section where the Niagara formation of this quality is obtainable.

Soon a better quality of stone was found elsewhere and the quarries here were closed. The Franze Company still own land and quarries just south of the elevator, next to the railroad.

The C. & O. Railroad started operating trains on the Hocking Valley. The council has received a franchise to get natural gas into Risingsun from the Auditor Gas Company. Union Street was known as "Radio Row" since there were 13 radio sets being used on that street. There were 300 youngsters enrolled in school. The town was in need of a fire siren. Toledo opened a new Airport on Lemoyne Road. Contract was let to pave the Risingsun-Tinney Road for \$48,506.82. U. B. Church celebrates their Golden Anniversary. A traffic light was installed at Main and Countyline Streets. Risingsun's first public hall was destroyed by fire. It was built in 1872 and was known as Sunday School & Singing Hall used for both Church and School.

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## "DEPRESSION HITS"

Just before the depression hit, the Telephone Systems and Electric Light Systems were both rebuilt and expanded. The Hocking Valley becomes the C. & O. Railroad.

The T.F.&F. (street car) asks permission to sell. It had been in business since 1904. The depression was in full swing. The Sun Savings Bank closed at this time.

The largest graduation class so far in Risingsun graduates with 25 receiving diplomas. A new wage scale was voted on by the village—20c7 per hour for labor and 25c' per hour for the street commissioner. Mr. C.C. Myers takes over the post office and moves it from White's Building to his.

Mr. C.B. Cunningham and Harold Phillips, being out of work, went into the bat business. They made baseball bats; sold them wherever they could. It became a very big business, with baseball players coming from all over to get a bat made just the right weight and size that served them best. Rocky Calavite, of the Cleveland Indians, used to come here for his bats. The business was sold to C.W. (Willy) Gangwer when Mr. Cunningham retired and went to Florida. Mr. Gangwer still makes bats as a part-time business.

The bats are made from ash, hickory and hackberry wood. He buys the logs right from the woods. Only good straight pieces can be used. They are then cut in 44 inch sections. You make 5 or 10 rounded blanks from each section; he uses just 3Va inches of the log and ends up with a lot of scrap wood. It takes only minutes to shape each bat. Next they are sanded; 3 times hand dipped in grain filler and lacquer; when dry the words C.W. Gangwer and Sons, Risingsun, Ohio, the brand name "Ideal", and a model number are added. Some of the names are still burned on as they were in the olden days.

Aluminum bats are now leading the market because wood of the proper kind is getting scarce.

Risingsun residents were up in arms about combining rural route systems with Bradner. (Guess it didn't materialize—here it is 1974 and we each still have our own.)

Ohio State Sales Tax went into effect; 7&gt;i on a dollar.

Remember those tax stamps we used to collect? The elevator erected a new building and added a lumber yard and this was in the year 1935.

## Sales Tax Stamps

Dr. John Burnett dies after serving the community for many years. The voters approved a levy to build a new auditorium and gymnasium. Risingsun has a \$30,000 W.P.A. improvement project going. Main Street improvement, paving of alleys and other streets. A basement and fire escape for the town hall and many other things are

on the list.

Ray Stith accepts position with Sun Grain Elevator as a bookkeeper. The local American Legion purchases the building occupied by the Bateson Restaurant and have it as their meeting rooms yet today. The first Parent Teachers Association was organized with Mrs. Paul Bower as President. The Boy Scouts went camping at Bay Point across from Cedar Point. Poison Ivy, mosquito bites, chilly winds and rain failed to dampen their spirits (sounds like the camping trips of today; progress hasn't helped the situation one bit!)

Driver's license law becomes effective in July of 1936.

You must answer questions on how to operate a car and know motor vehicle laws, then drive a short distance.

Twenty five cents for the license, fifteen cents for the registrar; forty cents, total. (How about that for a bargain;?) No license to anyone under 18 years of age unless accompanied by parents.

As we travel on thru the years we find the school district was enlarged by the addition of 1,620 acres of land

from Sandusky County adding 17 new pupils to the enrollment. This brings the total enrollment of students

up to 360 for this term. H.G. Green purchased [sic] the store building next to the Bower home, built by J.C. Blessing, for \$1,650, in the 1890's. The Green family still own this property.

A presidential election bet was paid off by Mayor H.R. Phillips (cousin Floyd). Mayor won a free ride in a wheel barrel down Main Street. Mayor Phillips bet Roosevelt would win over Hoover. George A. Myers, A risingsun boy, became Judge of the Ohio Supreme Court. The depression after really making a mark on Society is ebbing some. The new addition on the school is being used. The P.T.A. purchased curtains for the stage and windows in the Auditorium.

"POST DEPRESSION, PRE-WAR DAYS"

The Telephone Company installs the dial system (miss those little personal conversation bits with the

lady at the switch board, and today it really surprises you to get central and a deep male voice answers; how time changes!) The school bus with thirty-three pupils on board was struck by a car at the corner of Pearl and Union Streets and overturned. All pupils and driver escaped with minor injuries. (How many of you were on that bus?)

By October of '38" the town was bankrupt and put on the ballot a 2 mill levy for November election. It passed by a majority of votes.

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The Sun Bank Building unoccupied for 8 years was purchased by the C.C. Myers' and leased to Geraldine Kerr, who will open a restaurant there. A corn husking contest was held on the Dora Wollam farm at the west edge of town, with Lewis Swaisgood, being the winner. Dora Wollam was a descendant of the community's first family.

The census was taken in 1940 with 646 persons living inside the corporation; an increase of 18 persons since 1930. Avis Sheffler and Richard'Parsons were the census innumerators from the area. The council ordered a Signal Box Fire Alarm System to replace the bell. (Don't know who had charge of the bell, but Luella Milligan has answered that siren for a good number of years, day and night).

#### "WORLD WAR II DAYS"

Another war . . . Homer Bowe's number was the first drawn, but Gage Geyer was the first called into the service. The trains were full of defense material.

A C.&O. train of 69 carloads of tanks, guns, parts, and automotive equipment passed thru town on its way from Detroit Chrysler Plant to Rangoon, south China, to be used in defense of the Burma Road. At the time of Pearl Harbor's attack-by the Japanese, Escil Bovee and Bud Miller were stationed there. Rationing of tires and many other commodities is now on the go. Robert White

of Risingsun is in the Air Force. The Boy Scouts have collected 300 books to be sent to the fellows in the Service.

Air raid warning rules and black outs were discussed by the Council. The Post Office was moved to the Bank Building by C.C. Myers. Since gas is now rationed, a bus service from Fostoria to Toledo serves Risingsun. Prices at the Green's Store were roast beef 29c7 lb., hamburger 27¢ per lb., and a 24 lb. bag of flour \$1.07; no price on sugar was advertised as it was another rationed item. A test was made of the air warning signal in day time, commemorating Pearl Harbor Day. Dim out was put into effect: 3 - intermitted blasts of the siren with 30 seconds between each is the signal for all lights to be dimmed, even in the homes. One long blast means all is clear. Do not confuse this with the fire siren which is 9 or 10 continuous blasts.

The price of milk went up from 10¢ to 12¢ per quart. We have mentioned tires, and sugar as being rationed; also, on that list are coffee, gasoline and fuel oil. Victory gardens were very popular, helping to grow your own vegetables which were scarce and expensive, stretched the budget. Today we call it organic food. The Kenneth Milligans purchased the grocery on west Main from the Harmons.

Word was received that Edwin Russell and Robert Jacquot had received Bronze Stars for heroism in the war. In 1945 Mr. & Mrs. William Stevens received word of the death of their son, William, Jr. Collin Andrews, son of Mrs. Alsina Andrews, was killed in a traffic accident in Germany. Residents were warned about wasting electricity on out of door lighting, advertising, display, decorative. (Sounds like Christmas of "73"—no lighting because of the energy crisis).

Howard Matthews opens electric shop; Leon Bates buys insurance business from Conaways. The Keely-Shreffler Garage goes out of business after 27 years; they were located north of Main Street on Countyline where Mr. Poling now has a gas station and used furniture store. Peter

Zender sells business and building to R.A. Huffman. Town gets new green house erected on the property of Jay Hollenbaugh. Dr. John Stitt, who practiced medicine in the area for over 50 years passes away. Traffic lights were installed in front of the school and on Main Street.

School Band of '43- '44

A bad wind storm struck the area causing power outage; many lines down and chimneys on the town hall crashed thru the roof and into the auditorium. Several inches of rain added to the problem. The Board of Education purchased five acres of land next to the school on the North for an athletic field. Do you remember when Mr. Frank Strausbaugh took care of the canning factory behind the school where the bus garage is now? Everyone took their own vegetables and purchased the cans. The cans of vegetables were purchased for you. They looked like cans from the store without the labels, labels, labels. The end product tasted so good; we remember canning corn vegetable soup, and tomatoes back there. Clarence Laderman has gone into the garage business at the corner of Main and Countyline.

"ANOTHER DECADE BEGINS"

Jennie Stahl had a new Hammond Organ installed in the Church of God as a gift to them. Mr. William Stevens purchased the Burdick Hardware. The Post Office was moved from the Sun Bank Building where it had been for 7 or 8 years to the west room of the hardware building and it still is in that location today.

The proposed route for the Ohio Turnpike has been approved and will be north of this area. The town's men organize the Sun Service Club to promote the interests of Risingsun. One thousand shares of stock at \$25 per share are being offered to the public for sale; Leon Bates

is temporary chairman. The population in our town is now up to 744 persons. The passenger service on the C.&O. has been discontinued. Mr. CD. Cochard, as a small child, saw the first passenger train to go thru town and also the last one to go thru and stop.

A sky watch observers team has been formed to observe and chart all aeroplanes going thru the area for security measures. The watches were for a period of four hours each. The Town Hall building in West Millgrove was used. When a plane went over, the number was taken from the wing of the plane and phoned in with the description to columbus sky watch headquarters. Columbus would send out a plane to intercept the plane if it did not have a route charted thru this area.

The worst tornado in history ripped thru Wood County. Eight people were killed. It was termed a desaster area. Board from houses and barns landed in yards in town, and a bed landed in the front yard of the Joy Kline home east of town. Many papers were picked up that came from as far as Indiana. A woods in the tornado path was completely stripped of all the limbs and bark from the trees.

Risingsun tias a new Doctor. His name is Doctor Robert Myers and he will have his office in the home on Main Street across from the Town Hall. The community needs more school space; a bond issue was voted on for a \$243,000 addition for the school. It passed and the new part of the school to the north was what resulted: a cafeteria and new class rooms; a west entrance with facilities for loading and unloading the school buses.

The Ohio Turnpike opens with 241 miles of toll road from the Indiana to Pennsylvania State lines.

A new barber takes over for Bruce Bernard; his name is Smithberger. The town's Mayor and Council begin two year terms in place of one year. The Sun Grain Association reports for the year 1953 sales of \$1,007,515.42.

The U.S. Army officially lists Paul K. Stahl as officially dead. He was the son of Mr. & Mrs. Harry Stahl. He

died in the Korean conflict. Ray Kline is now the owner of Zender's Store and is building a new front of brick and glass.

Ground is broken for the new Church of God and the corner stone is laid. Green's are starting to build a new store for their business. The grocery store is being built next to the old building they now occupy.

Last Crew

Firemen & Kids

Fire Prevention Week

This page sponsored by Swift Edible Oil Company, Chrysler Corporation, Fostoria Foundry, Ohio Savings and Loan Association, The Commercial Bank and Savings Company.

National Fire Prevention Week will be held with the firemen giving rides on the fire trucks and a nice red fireman's hat to the youngsters. The Whites' Drug Store owned by Wheeler White and his father E.E. White for nearly 60 years was sold to Mr. & Mrs. Ted Fruth. It will be known as the Kozy Korner. They plan to modernize the building; re-open the soda fountain and add new lines of merchandise.

The school's new addition will be dedicated on Sunday, March 4, of '56. The Leo Lehmans have leased Rock Inn from Mrs. Lucille Huff. Myers' Apartment Building (Old Sun Bank) has been sold to Mr. & Mrs. Jeff King. Mrs. Myers will be moving to California.

The last service in the Old White Church was held and they will be going to their beautiful new Church.

The expression "White Church" brings to memory when the Church of God was referred to as the "White Church" and the United Brethren Church was always the "Brick Church". Didn't seem to confuse any one; they all knew where to go on Sunday morning. The E.U.B. Church had the ground breaking ceremony for the new addition to be called the Educational Unit, which will replace the old Parish House.

The Beta-Sigma-Phi sorority placed a flag at the athletic field in honor of Mrs. Berniece (Parsons)

Wolfarth. Dan Clark, son of Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Clark was appointed to West Point.

A new brick building was built to house the telephone equipment and the new equipment went into service on August 1, 1958. A new school district is being formed known as the San-Sen-Wood alliance. Bradner high school students will be coming to the Risingsun building. The new addition to the St. Pauls E.U.B. Church is ready and will be dedicated in November of the year 1959.

## "SPACE AGE"

At this time we have the Vietnam War in which we were very much involved, the first space flight by an Ohio man John Glenn. The assassination of President John Kennedy, then the world sees the first man on the moon. "One small step for man, one giant step for mankind", were the first words spoken by man on the surface of the moon, and this man was Ohio's own Neal Armstrong.

In 1961 Charles Essman joins Leon Bates in the insurance business. The Lakota High School was dedicated in August of the same year. Record hops were held on the cement apron in front of the fire hall and in front of the Kozy Korner store. These brought record attendance from the young folks.

Risingsun business group meets and discusses the possibility of acquiring a bank for the community. The Church of the Nazarene opens in the little brick Church on Salem street. The Lakota band selects uniforms of Navy blue and white with touches of red trim. The shield on the front is removable so the uniforms can be used for concerts.

## Ground Breaking for new addition

The Korean conflict has called many school teachers into active duty thus creating a shortage of teachers for the fall term. Jim and Sue Kirwen purchase Klines I.G.A. market and will continue the same type of

business.

As we go on thru these space minded years we see Risingsun's Howard Knight winning a seat in the assembly. Scott Trinity E.U.B. Church is building a new parsonage. The Lakota school is asking for a 5 mill levy, and prices for food are good—hamburger and bologna 3 pounds for \$1.00, coffee 49c7 per pound, milk 2% per quart, peaches 15c per can, and bacon 59^ per pound. Interest on your savings at the bank at 4% and you could buy your girl a dress for school at the price of 2 for \$4.77.

The medical wonder of the decade "Sabin Oral Vaccine" given at the schools for the prevention of the dreaded polio virus. The citizens ask for a tax increase on booze, weeds, and nags to help aid education. The town bank committee decides on the Tri-County National bank for our town. As "63" rolls in the citizens group studies school finances, and teachers get a 4.5% increase in salary.

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The new bank buys property site on the corner of Main and Pearl and have a sign post ceremony. Onsens build a large steel warehouse to be stocked with steel pipe, soil pipe, and copper tubing. Water testing project discussed at a village meeting. The prices of lunches at the school cafeteria go up.

On the Lemuel Milhime farm a grader punctures a butane fuel line, blowing up and burning the grader. The man operating the machine dies later of burns in a Toledo hospital. The black smoke could be seen for 50 miles.

Old General

The old general locomotive makes a short stop in Risingsun, and is greeted warmly by many local residents. It was a famous Civil War locomotive. The Lions Club celebrates 10 years in our town. In September the new Risingsun branch of the Tri-County

bank opens with ribbon cutting, speakers, tour of the bank and free samples given away (a new penny). Beautiful floral pieces decorated the rooms. The post office receives a zip code for Risingsun (43457). New changes in the school system again; the Risingsun school building gets the entire Lakota Junior High.

We see another year pass and the town council names a zoning committee. Walt James, Richard Parsons, Roy Smith, Gale Bates and Ray Stevenson. The Main street was repaired and slurry seal treated at the cost of \$3,975. Village pays \*A and County pays V2 of the bill. Council submits renewal contracts to townships for fire protection price, \$1,000 per year.

The land was cleared and construction started by Hovis Construction on a new warehouse for the Sun Grain Elevator. The Elevator board has also purchased the Burns property directly east of them. The Civil defense has given the town permission to use the school building as a fallout shelter. The fire department has purchased more new equipment.

The times see changes again on Main street. The printing office closes, Mrs. Veva Hunt remodels "Moms" old restaurant building and moves her Gift Shop and dry cleaning business into the front and Louan's Beauty Inn locates in the back. The Kozy Korner changes with Curt Elarton and Frank Rathburn purchasing the business. Wollam Insurance takes over small building side of the Kozy Korner with Mr. & Mrs. Ned Wollam as agents.

The garage at the corner of Main and Countyline goes out of business. Ray Kline now moves in with an antique and used furniture business. Red Ferguson, after many years as Post Master, retires and Mrs. Treva Berts now holds that position. Several new additions of homes have been added to our town. Other business now around our town are Idle-a-while truck stop, Essex Antiques, Skiltek Corp., So-Hi-grow fertilizer, Hovis Construction, Rock In, Unique Boutique, Goon's travel trailer sales. Others are Florence's beauty shop, Phillips Mower repair, many

of the stores have seen face lifts, churches new and remodeled, school building gets their brick sand blasted and looks like new. These are all a part of our "NOW" times.

THIS IS OUR TOWN AND WE ARE PROUD OF IT, AS WE GO INTO OUR CENTENNIAL YEAR "1974". WE HOPE IT WTLLE BE THE VERY BEST YET.

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### "REFLECTIONS"

Thinking back over my life one day  
Of many people I have met along the way,  
I thought how lonely the road would be;  
No friends, no pals, no relative.  
I would miss the happiness they give.  
If I feel tired or glad, or blue,  
Why, there wouldn't be anyone to tell it to.  
I want to talk and be happy and gay  
So hope many others will be going my way.  
There are so many things that others do,  
Such as a cheery good morning or how do you do.  
Life is not always a bed of roses  
Hardship sometimes around us closes,  
But with God leading and our friends near  
We will make the journey and have no fear.  
Now some of the things I don't want to miss  
Are the smiles of a baby and a child's shy kiss.  
The secure feeling with father and mother,  
(I never know the joy of sister or brother)  
The happy times with uncles, aunts and cousins,  
I remember them really by the dozens.  
A home of my own and a new family  
If there is anything better what can it be?  
I didn't grow up in a home of wealth  
We were poor, didn't even have good health,  
Dad spanked and Mom was strict too.

Some things they would not let me do.  
But I lived thru it as you can see  
And really it was good for me.  
They taught me to value the things I get  
And that it is no use to worry and fret.  
For best things in life are free after all.  
God gives his blessings both great and small.  
The fresh air we breathe, the blue sky above,  
All beautiful things and His great Love.  
I am now an old woman with hair turned gray.  
How much longer the road is I really can't say.  
But when our journey is over, hope our Master will say  
Well done faithful servants, just come this way.  
By Celia B. Bowers

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Churches

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#### FIRST CHURCH OF GOD

The Church of God at Risingsun was organized in  
1861 by Elder G.W. Wilson in the home of David  
Phillips. There were seven charter members: Mr. and  
Mrs. David Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Bates,  
Mr. and Mrs. Horace Gardner, and Miss Lucinda  
Phillips.

In 1872 John Phillips gave to the organization a  
building forty some rods southeast of the present  
building known as the "Basswood." In 1873 there were  
17 members. When the organization was first begun  
the Ordinance meetings were held in the David Phillips'  
barn. Finally a building, supposed to have been a

school building, was purchased and moved just back of the present building. It was known as the "Bethel."

The largest attendance in 1881 was 119 and the largest collection was 41c.

During the fall of 1881 the old "White Church" was begun. David Phillips selected the site, gave the land, furnished a great deal of the timber and paid \$250 according to records. Ezra Day was the carpenter and completed the church in 1882.

An unusual interest in instrumental music sprang up which resulted in the organization of the Community Orchestra. Later a library was also added, which consisted of about 200 volumes.

The Church and Sunday School kept growing and in 1906 the primary room was added to the south side with doors that would open into the main room.

In 1927 the front doors were closed and a large window put in its place. The front doors to the primary room were closed and a new vestibule was erected.

Then in June of 1954 the ground was broken for the new building. The cornerstone was laid in October of 1955 and the new church was dedicated November 3, 1957.

In 1969 the Church of God purchased a newly remodeled parsonage, located on Main Street.

Now serving as pastor is Rev. Earl Binkley.

Old Basswood

Old Church being demolished

New Church of God

ST. PAUL'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
OF RISINGSUN, OHIO

The United Brethren Society was organized in this vicinity in 1853, with Rev. Samuel Essex establishing

the group and serving as its first minister. The church was named Montgomery United Brethren Church and was a frame structure built west of town on the land given by Benjamin Wollom. This is land now owned by Homer Blessing, situated on the northeast corner of the intersection of Bradner and Bays roads. It was understood that this ground was to be held by the United Brethren organization as long as it was used for church purposes.

The congregation worshipped there until the present church was dedicated in 1878, this time on land given by John Carey, located on the northeast corner of Union and Luther Streets. This 1878 structure had two front entrances, one for the men and one for the women. Later these doorways were closed up and the vestibule and bell tower added. The parsonage was built adjacent to the church in 1890. Mr. H. E. Smith, John Carey, and Amos Bigley were the trustees who signed the articles of incorporation on February 10, 1881.

The early years of the church were distinguished by the missionary spirit of its people with several of the congregation serving in foreign fields. Mrs. Zella (Bates) King and her husband served in Africa for 18 years; Miss Bell Myers in China for 13 years; Mrs. Fannie (Shunk) Richter and her husband in Africa for several years.

Other improvements included adding a small basement making way for the furnace which replaced the large circulating heater, which in its turn had replaced two smaller heating stoves, one on the men's side and the other one on the women's side. A new sloping floor, carpeting and electric lights were also added.

Another and very useful event was the moving of the barn at the back of the church lot up adjacent to the church building and remodeling it for use as extra Sunday School space. Known as the Parish House, it was joined at the north end of the church and was in use until the spring of 1958 when it was sold by the trustees

to make way for a beautiful new building called the Educational Unit which was dedicated on November 9, 1958. Members of the building committee were Everett Stahl, Erma Millhime, Mary Parsons, Oran Correll, Woodrow Keely, Bernard Shultz, Joy Kline, Claren Lee, Orvillee Shreffler, Edward Clark, Wilbur Kline, and H. A. Knight. Rev. James Angel was the minister. Mrs. Ellen Hill, St. Paul's earliest living member, turned the first shovelful of dirt to break ground for this new unit. Another important event of the church was the Recognition Service of 1956 honoring their pastor, The Rev. Charles Rex, for his 50 years in the ministry.

#### Picture of United Methodist Council of Administration

A very climatic experience for the church came in the spring of 1958 when they were selected by Mr. Claud Foster, Cleveland Industrialist, to be the recipient of one of the Thomas electronic organs that he placed in churches throughout Ohio during that year. This was due to the effort of Mrs. Everett (Helen) Stahl's writing a letter telling of our old organ that would go an octave off key without any help from organist Erma Milheine. In 1946 the Denominations of The United Brethren in Christ and the Evangelical Church united and the local church then became St. Paul's Evangelical United Brethren Church. The name was again changed in 1968 when the Evangelical United Brethren Church merged with the Methodist Church and the church became St. Paul's United Methodist Church.

In digging through past records of the church it was noted that in 1898, when St. Paul's was on the Risingsun Circuit with Canaan and Otterbein churches, the pastor's salary was \$500.00 per year with the use of the parsonage, 12 bu. wheat, 20 bu. corn, and 20 bu. oats. In 1901 when Kansas church was added to the circuit the salary was raised to \$575.00. By 1920, when still a three church charge, the salary was \$1500.00 and the

parsonage use. Minutes for the Quarterly Conference dated March 28, 1903 stated the meeting place was moved to Otterbein at Girton because of the smallpox quarantine at Risingsun.

The maple tree on the southwest corner at the front of the church was planted in memory of W. H. Bates, who was very active in the building of the church in the early twentieth century. The other tree on the south - east corner was planted in memory of Dr. Byington's son, Warren Byington, who was killed on his first day of work at the local sawmill.

Other persons associated with St. Paul's down through the years: J. Kirk, R. C. Swisher, C. P. Bigley, E. E. White, J. H. Reams, Henry Myers, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Yambert, W. W. Long, Sam Hengsteller, Mrs. Julia Wollam and her daughter Dora, Miss Liza Mervin, Tressa Bates, Herma (Myers) Huffman, Mr. and Mrs. I. J. Hill, C. H. Brown, George Shreffler, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Kline, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Myers, and Mrs. Zelma Keely.

It might also be noted here that six generations of the Essex family have worshipped at St. Paul's namely: Samuel Essec, Charles Essex, Audine Essex, (all now deceased), and Kenneth Boise, his sons Milo, Chester and Paul, and three grandsons all very much involved in the church today.

Chimes were added to the bell tower in 1947. The minister today is

Old Parish House

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## CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

The Risingsun Church of the Nazarene was started in April of 1961, under the leadership of Rev. A. T. Baughman. Their first church was located at 210 Salem Street.

Due to ill health, Rev. Baughman had to retire, and Rev. James Wolford became the pastor in October of

1961.

In June of 1965 Rev. Wolford left for Olivet Nazarene College in Kankakee, Illinois, and Rev. William Hall became the pastor. By this time the congregation was outgrowing the small building on Salem Street, so under the leadership of Rev. Hall, the church purchased a lot from Mrs. Carrie Ann Blaine on the corner of Wayne Streets and Rt. 23, where the present structure was erected. The new church was dedicated in September 1967.

Rev. Hall left Risingsun in August of 1969 to pastor a church in Archibald, Ohio. Rev. James Brown then came to be the pastor, and stayed until June of 1970, at which time Rev. Walter Williams, the present pastor came.

The church membership at present stands at 42, while last year's average attendance for the church assembly year, was 74 in Sunday School.

Old Radical U.B.

First Nazarene Church Building

New Nazarene Church

#### SCOTT TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Scott Trinity United Methodist Church is a transplanting of the work of Jacob Albright, the founder of the Evangelical Church of Pennsylvania. In 1833 two of his converts, George and Barbara Hartman, from Snyder County, Pennsylvania, settled in Scott Township near the present church site.

In June of 1835, a Sandusky Circuit Rider on his first round visited their home and two years later, Bishop John Seybert preached at the Hartman's launching the congregation.

Trinity Church located in Scott Township, 3 miles east of Risingsun, is the lone survivor of the Sugar Creek Circuit, which was made up of five Evangelical Churches. Rev. Samuel Baumgartner was the first circuit pastor.

The present church building was erected in 1871,

being dedicated on November 12 of that year. This was a 34 by 54 foot frame building, forming the nucleus of the present church. It remained much the same until 1949 when a much needed educational unit was added. In 1969 the sanctuary and chancel were redecorated and new furniture and carpeting were installed.

On November 21, 1971 Scott Trinity Church celebrated its centennial.

The Congregation which was first Evangelical (1835-1946), then EUB (1946-1968), is now United Methodist (1968- ).

Serving as pastor now is Rev. Owen Wright and associate pastor is Rev. Herbert Helsel.

Scott Trinity is especially proud of the men and women who entered full-time Christian service from their midst.

It gave to the ministry Valentine Braun, J. W. Kiser, William Barnhope, Bert Bingle, Will Benore, John Eversole, Lyle Snyder and Lowell Bassett, and to the mission field: Mrs. Wilma Macke, Mrs. Gladys Gipe and Zelma Rathjen.

#### GIRTON CHURCH OF GOD

Early pioneers of the Church of God Reformation movement preached in the Girton area wherever they could find a place to hold services. They met in different homes for prayer and study of God's Word. They usually had no minister present in their services to help them, but their great love for the truth of God's Word kept them going.

Realizing their need for a building in which to worship and conduct Sunday School, they began building at the present location in the Fall of 1915. The building was completed in the Spring of 1916 and they organized a Sunday School.

The congregation remained without a pastor for about two years. Then in 1918 Rev. John Osborne became their first pastor.

Later on a porch was built on, making room for a vestibule and nursery. Two Sunday School rooms were also built, one on each end of the pulpit.

Rev. Carrol Sarnes served as pastor of the church from 1954 until 1960. During this time a nice parsonage was built on an adjoining lot. The parsonage was dedicated in January of 1958.

In 1967 and 1968 an Educational Unit was added.

Later on they also added a baptistry in the sanctuary.

The present pastor is Rev. Albert R. Ervin.

Remodelled church

God - Girton

Scott Trinity New Church

## HISTORY OF RISING SUN SCHOOL

In 1875 the school was held in what is now the old town hall. This was a frame structure on the countyline. The first teacher was Chas. Guernsey.

Then in 1881 another school building was built, about one block and a half from the old one. It was a brick building and was later changed into a dwelling house.

By 1891 Risingsun boasted of three schools. The first school house was abandoned for the time. Then the building that was the Radical U.B. church was built and was used for a school for seven years. There also was a brick building, standing next to the first brick school house. Besides the two brick buildings, a school was held in the upper story of a frame building next to the Drug Store on Main Street.

In 1892 a modern brick building was built on the present site, which contained about six rooms. The first superintendent was G.C. Shreffler, who served for fourteen years. Two rooms were added about seventeen years later.

On the night of December 22, 1911, the building, with the exception of the two rooms added in 1909, was totally destroyed by fire. In 1912 the building was rebuilt and it still stands at present.

In 1936 a new gymnasium and auditorium were added.

The school continued to grow steadily and on November 2, 1954 the citizens of Risingsun voted on a school bond issue which would make a major change in our school building. This bond issue provided for a construction of a two story fourteen room addition to the present school building. This addition provided a complete and modern cafeteria, additional space in the Vocational Agriculture Department, a complete Vocational Home Economics Department, a modern Kindergarten room, a Music room, greatly needed class rooms and extra heating equipment.

In 19 Bradner and Risingsun High Schools consolidated and classes were held in Risingsun. Then in 1959

Jackson Burgoon, Jackson-Liberty and Risingsun School Districts consolidated. This was the first tri-county consolidation to be voted on in the State of Ohio.

Classes for all three schools were held at Risingsun until the new High School was completed in 1961.

Students made suggestions as to what the school would be called. The three names voted were: San-Sen-Wood, Alliance, and Lakota. Lakota won almost unanimously.

The first class graduated from the new Lakota High School in 1962.

Views of Risingsun and Lakota School

#### THE TOWN'S BANKS

The Sun Savings Bank was built in 1904, with Luther Winchel as its first director. The large building on the corner of Main and Luther streets housed the bank.

Also in the same building was a store, the telephone office, a dentist's office and lodge rooms on the second floor. The bank prospered thru the years and in 1907 E.F. Day was President, J.W. Blessing and J.H. Burnett Vice Presidents, and W.E. Rose as cashier.

At the beginning of business on Tuesday, February 26, 1907:

#### RESOURCES

Loans \$51,818.17

Over draft 638.56  
Furniture 1,935.00  
& fixtures  
Expenses 216.86  
& Interest Paid  
Cash due from banks 17,688.91  
\$72,297.50

#### LIABILITIES

Capital Stock \$12,500.00  
Undivided Profits 1,005.99  
Deposits 58,791.51  
\$72,297.50

The add read "We want your business".

The bank was robbed two times in three months, one time for \$4,000 and the next time for \$2,000.

Business was suspended from the Sun Savings Bank on Monday, March 2, 1931 and the affairs of the institution were turned over to the State Banking Department for liquidation. Several robberies made it impossible to get insurance and several heavy withdrawals prompted the action.

They had had a good business and never had missed paying a dividend in all the years of business. All the depositors were eventually reimbursed for their deposits.

New Bank

Old Bank

Risingsun was able to obtain a new bank in 1963.

The Tri-County National Bank came to our town. Many months of work by the banking committee paid off. The efforts of Mayor Leon Bates, Mrs. Bernadine Fruth, W.E. Stahl, Harley Green and Ray Stith were combined to accomplish the building of the new bank. Hovis Construction, with side contracts to Erlin Stahl, water well;

Gus Cassady, electrical work; and John Bingle, plumbing and heating, with the end result being the new bank at the corner of Main and Pearl streets.

On the opening day the ribbon was cut by Mr. Eldren Layton, Bank President, with the help of Mayor Leon

Bates and the manager of our new bank, Mr. Earl Straus.

Speakers for this occasion were Mr. Andrew Emerine (90 years young) Chairman of the board of directors; Mrs. Andrew Emerine; Mr. Eldren Layton, bank president; Mayor Leon Bates; Representative Al Knight and the manager of our bank, Mr. Straus.

Mr. Layton was made an honorary member of the Risingsun firemen by fire Chief Gus Cassady. The new facility was well received; the line going thru to see the bank took several hours. Each was given a new penny just to show banks do give samples.

Along with Mr. Straus was Mrs. Ben (Anna) Snyder as his assistant. The business grew in leaps and Mrs. Arden (June) Stevens was added to the staff. In a short time another Risingsun resident was added, Mrs. Warren (Evelyn) House.

The bank is now 11 years old and still prospering and is one of Risingsun's most attractive corners. Manager of the bank now, in our centennial year, is Mr. Jack Altweis, along with Mrs. Anna Snyder, Mrs. Evelyn House and Mrs. Mary Ellen Keller.

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Bank Committee and officials

Ribbon Cuttin Ceremony

Pictures of Bank opening

Mayor Bates

Speaker Howard Knight

#### RISINGSUN VOLUNTEER FIREMEN

The first Risingsun volunteer fire department was organized before the turn of the century. Of course it was pretty much just a bucket brigade. After a couple of bad fires it was decided to buy some kind of a pressure system.

A horse drawn rig was purchased. Since it was financially impossible to retain a team of horses at all times,

they had to rely on man power to pull the equipment to a fire. A long V\* rope was attached to the rear end of the tongue on a reel. This was unwound before going to a fire so more men would be able to pull. (This tongue is still located at the Town Hall). Only one time can be remembered that the engine was pulled by a team of horses. A farmer had been to the local elevator and was returning home; he was near the Town Hall just as the alarm sounded. He immediately released his team from his wagon and proceeded to pull the fire equipment to the fire.

At that time the alarm was sounded by pulling a wire that was extended from a clapper which was located near the Town Hall bell. Each time the wire was pulled it would strike the bell sounding the alarm. This system was used until the siren was invented.

The power for operating the pumps was from a single cylinder gasoline engine mounted ahead of the rear axle. When the engine would not start (which was quite often) handles mounted on both sides of the apparatus would be secured in place and four or five men on each side would operate it much in the fashion of the old fashioned hand car. Water was taken from cisterns and drilled wells, many of these wells are still in use by the Department.

Early in the 1920's the fire fighting equipment was revised. The front wheels were removed from the fire fighter and it was set on the rear end of a Model T roadster. A large heavy duty sprocket was secured on the end of the pump crankshaft and a much smaller sprocket on the rear axle of the Model T. When the six wheeled outfit was lined up at the fire, the rear wheel was raised with a jack and a chain put on the sprockets. After putting the Model T in high gear the pump was then in operation and really pumped the water. This was the main piece of equipment until 1928 when a new Chevy truck was purchased and a "Deluge" pump installed. The old pumper was scrapped and two 50 gallon soda-acid extinguishers were placed horizontal on the rear of the Model T.

In the year 1942 a 1939 Chevy truck was purchased and a "Champion" front end pump installed on it. The Model T was sold and the other equipment scrapped. In the minds of the old timers as an article of history it had performed its job well.

Neolator

Firemen "1953'

Firemen today

In 1953 a Howe midship type pump with a 500 gallon per minute pumping capacity and a 750 gallon supply tank were purchased. These were mounted on a Ford truck chassis. The truck was delivered in time to be in the annual Halloween parade that year.

The 1928 truck remained in the background and is now used only for display and parades. However, it can still pump a good supply.

In 1960 the city purchased a Howe front end pump with a capacity of 750 gallons per minute output and with a supply tank of 800 gallons installed on a Ford cab over engine chassis. Also in 1960 the fire department and council built the new addition on the Town Hall which houses the equipment and a kitchen. Hovis Construction was the contractor.

The '39 Chevy truck was sold. A retired Packard ambulance was obtained to use as an equipment truck, but was not satisfactory. In 1966 it was replaced by a Ford panel truck and it is still being used to everyone's satisfaction. It has proved to be very useful for emergencies.

In 1969 a modern grass fighter was added to the equipment. It was mounted on a Ford 4-wheel drive pickup truck enabling the fire department to get into the fields when it is too soft to take in the heavy equipment.

Mayor Bates and his council reorganized the department in 1946. It was then named The Risingsun Volunteer Fire Department. George Nederhouser was selected as the first Fire Chief, and remained such until his untimely death in

1954. Chiefs to follow were Gus Cassady, Ben Houtz, Roy Smith, and the present Chief Willard Hunt. Dick Parsons and Marvin Smith are the 1st and 2nd assistants. James Cox is the Captain. President of the organization is Tom Shultz, Vice President Bernard Shultz, Secretary Bob Barringer, Treasurer Dick Hunter. The fire department purchased some years ago a "Neolator" that is used in aiding persons stricken with a heart attack, or any problems with breathing. They were given instructions in its use and have aided many persons in breathing until the ambulance could get the stricken person to the hospital.

One of the latest improvements to the equipment is the new well at the fire station. It is an eight-inch well, 300 feet deep, equipped with a 10 h.p. submersible pump. Three inch overhead pipe lines have been installed so the truck supply tanks can be filled in minutes.

The Department has been active in local events and helping to promote worthwhile projects, and has always been willing and ready to help any one in need. The group raised funds for their company treasury by serving dinners of various types, and in recent years have promoted the annual homecoming festivities.

Many people do not realize the extent of the work of the local fire "laddies" until they experience the need of some immediate help. They are always ready to answer the call day or night.

They deserve everyone's support and consideration. May they continue in their good work as long as their services are in demand.

Fire truck and members

New building under construction

#### THE RISINGSUN FIRE AUXILIARY

The Risingsun fire auxiliary is 25 years old this year of 1974. The auxiliary was organized in March of 1949. The first officers were President, Mrs. Betty Hovis; Vice Preident, Mrs. Betty Kline; Secretary, Mrs. Rose Marie

Wolmedorf and Treasurer, Mrs. Luella Bates.

Wives of the Volunteer Firemen make up this organization. At the present time there are 30 active members.

The object of this organization is to meet socially and create good will among its members and the community.

Any time of the day or night a coffee committee takes coffee to where the men are fighting fires or cold drinks when it is hot. Food is sometimes taken if the men are detained at meal time, or if they are on call for any length of time.

The Auxiliary has helped families who were in need of clothing and food, etc. because of fire in their homes or other circumstances.

Flowers are sent at Christmas to Edgewood Manor and The Good Shepard homes and to elderly people in town who have no families.

Every year a Christmas Party is held with all former members invited to attend.

Officers for their Silver Anniversary year: President Mrs. Jean Bowen, Vice President Mrs. Ruth McCoy, Secretary Mrs. Donna Richards, and Treasurer Mrs. Mary Ellen Cox.

#### C.C.L. SHIRTS & SKIRTS

#### CHILD CONSERVATION LEAGUE

The Shirts and Skirts was organized in 1966 and was a group of young mothers. With 15 members attending the first meeting, it was held in the home of Mary Ellen Cox. The following took office that first year: President, Carol Lee Woolam; Vice President, Janice Murphy; Secretary, Nancy Hovis; Treasurer, Betsy Shull and Reporter and Historian, Peggy Rosser.

The purpose of this organization is conservation of our children. We try to achieve this purpose through our guidelines of our Achievement Ten. We have to follow these achievements to be granted our seal of club approval from our State President.

Our Achievement Ten is to promote spiritual, mental, physical and moral development of our children. Our

club is a serious one as well as social.

Eight years ago when the club was formed the oldest child was Jeanine Bell's daughter, Lora Jean who was five. The youngest was Mary Essex's daughter, Iva

Marie who was under a year. Our officers this year are:

President, Jeanine Bell; Vice President, Connie Thompson; Secretary, Pat Kline; Treasurer, Sharon Kiser; and Reporter and Historian, Jean Bowen.

Fire Auxiliary "1974"

C.C.L.

## RISINGSUN AMERICAN LEGION

### CARL CRAWFOOT POST NO. 36

On November 11, 1918 an Armistice was signed in Paris, France ending World War I. This was the start of the big job of returning the AEF home.

A group of servicemen in Paris, France held a meeting and formed a veterans organization. Later a convention was held in St. Louis, Missouri and the American Legion was organized on a National, State, County and local community basis.

Here in Risingsun the local Legion Post was established and granted a charter on May 13, 1923 by the

American Legion Department of Ohio and assigned #36.

Charter members were: Paul Bower, H. D. White, Calvin Schaublin, Homer Blessing, Bert Bingle, Wheeler White, Melvin Bowe, R. D. Ferguson, George Goudy, Edgar Stump, Harry Keller, Carl Wells, Harry Risser, H. T. Hummel, Vincent Miller, and Virgil Spitzer. In their organizational meeting they decided to name the post Carl Crawfoot Post No. 36 in memory of the first to give his life for his country.

Carl Crawfoot enlisted in the army on June 21 of 1915 and saw action on the Mexican border. He was transferred to the Rainbow Division which with the Marine Corps was first to see action in Europe. He was machine

gunner and saw action all through the war. He was killed October 4, 1918 at St. Mihiel, Meuse-Argonne and is buried in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-Sous Montfaucon Meuse, Grave #40 Row 17, Block C.

The Local Legion Post has been active, participating in civic affairs including Boy's Scouts, Child Welfare, Boys State, Red Cross, Veteran's Rehabilitation, Baseball, Christmas parties for local kids and various other activities whenever they can be of assistance.

Post Commanders were elected as follows: Lorenzo Miligan, Keith Patton, Ralph Byington, Leon Bates, Homer Blessing, George Grover, Edgar Stump, Homer Bowe, Melvin Bowe, Edward Cunningham, Norman Phillips, Edwin Clark, Harold Rinebolt, John Steinhour, Douglas Womeldorf, George Goudy, William F. Stevens, Paul Henline and Virgil Below.

Legion Auxillary

Legioneers

#### RISINGSUN AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

A charter was granted to the Risingsun group on May 6, 1926. The Auxiliary assists the Legion Post in their various activities. They are active in the Girls State program and are proud of the girls they have sent from this community. Poppy Day is their big activity. Each year on the Saturday just before Memorial Day the young girls of the town sell the poppies for the Auxiliary.

Charter members of this organization were as follows: Helen Patton, Bertha Ferguson, Margie Goudy, Laura Blessing, Essel Patton, Jennie Schaublin, Elizabeth Bower, Velma Stump, Ellen Bowe, Daisy Patton, Ida White, Minnie Giebel, Anne Patton, Ethel Keller and Bertha Phillips.

Unit Presidents were: Bertha Ferguson, Anne Patton, Elizabeth Fowler, Jane Shultz, Edna Deer, Geraldine Schaublin, Mary Ziegman, Ollie Cunningham, Vera Hollinger and Helen Bates.

To qualify for membership the applicant must be the

wife, mother or sister of a Legion member or a veteran of any armed conflict.

#### RISINGSUN LIONS CLUB

The Risingsun branch of the Lions Club was organized on November 11, 1953 with Ben Strange installed as first president.

The purpose of Lionism is to improve the local community, assist in eliminating poverty and helping those less fortunate than they are.

The Risingsun Lions have assisted many families by purchasing eye glasses for those who couldn't afford to buy them. They donate the food and fill baskets to help give needy families a happier Christmas.

Some of the projects are the Tennis Court at the elementary school, the score board at the Lakota High

School. They assist with the little league baseball team.

The organization also presents several small scholarships for college bound students.

Each year the men canvas the town selling light bulbs and brooms.

The present officers are: President, Ray Forresstill; 1st Vice President, Dave Williams; Secretary, Gordon Williams and Treasurer, Dale Thaxton.

Lions Members

Dallas Daughterman

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#### CASTLE REBEKAH LODGE NO. 506

RISINGSUN, OHIO

The Castle Rebekah Lodge was first organized in 1899 with William O'Clay as Noble Grand and 29 members in the beginning.

The purpose of the Rebekahs is to promote friendship, truth and love throughout the world, by doing good deeds and helping the needy and trying to lead lives so that people may see the light of God shining in all the members.

In 1970 members with 25 or more years of service were presented with pins. The pins depicted the number of years each had belonged.

In 1952 Estella Goff and Herma Huffman received the degree of Shivarv for their good work in our lodge.

In 1940 the Friendship, Truth and Love Club in the lodge was formed with 22 ladies as members.

This Centennial Year officers are: Mary Smith, Noble Grand; Awanda Watkins, Vice Grand; Nora Goff, Recording Secretary; Cora Rinebold, Financial Secretary; Helen Phillips, Treasurer; Betty Gschwind, Warden; Pearl Kline, Conductor; Virginia Snyder, Pianist; Alice Hick, Outside Guardian; Catheryn Byers, Right Supporter to Vice Grand; Sharon Eidenhour, Left Supporter to Noble Grand; Lois Stiffin, Right Supporter to Noble Grand; and Mamie Bateson, Left Supporter to Noble Grand.

The organization has 33 active members now.

#### ODD FELLOWS LODGE

The Risingsun independent Order of Odd Fellows was chartered on August 25, 1890. The members believe in Friendship, Love and Truth. Charter members were: Jacob H. Reese, William Wolf, J.H. Burnett, Sam Bodie, J.M. Koonts, W.S. Sutliff, L.A. Taylor, C.G. Myers, James Reems, Noah Rienbolt, Powell Byers, C.A. Houston, Frank Glasscott, Levi Swope, S. Cohen and George Gephart.

The first meetings were held in the upstairs of the old drug store. Moved at a later date above Hills store until it burned, where Milligan is now. They purchased the building where they now have meetings from P.C. Henry. They now have 46 members and are ardent bowlers having won several trophies.

They held their first meetings in the rooms above the old Drug store building. At a later date they moved to the rooms above the Hills grocery that was located where Milligans store now stands. The club purchased the hall where they are now from P.C. Henry. They are 46 members strong and

are ardent bowlers, having won several trophies.

#### BETA-SIGMA-PHI SORORITY

The Beta-Sigma-Phi Sorority was first organized in Risingsun in May, 1950 with June Stevens as the first president. The Bradner Chapter installed Risingsun.

The charter members were as follows: June Stevens, Pauline Huffman, Jean Parsons, Sue Cassady, Doris Shreffler, Peg Phillips and Bernice Parsons.

The Beta-Sigma-Phi is an international organization which was created for young women in search of cultural and social activity.

This year's officers are: President, Betty Jean Huff; Vice President, Carol Thaxton; Secretary, Jeane Welty; and Treasurer, Bonnie Thaxton.

Beta-Sigma-Phi

Rebeckahs

Odd Fellows

Elevator Board

Section of Elevator

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#### GREEN CLOVER 4-H CLUB

The first 4-H Club, the "Jolly Stitchers" was organized in Risingsun in 1937 with leader Mrs. Florence Baker.

In 1941, the name was changed to the "Butterfly Club" with Mrs. William Stevens as their leader.

Then in 1942 the name of "Green Clovers" was given to the club which stands today.

In 1948, Mrs. Pearl Wollam became the club advisor.

During her 27 years as a leader this club has had large groups of young people as 4-H members. Each one has always been proud of their finished project which was graded and exhibited at the county fair.

Many of these young people have received county and state recognition, awards, trophies, camp trips, trips to

Ohio Club Congress and the Chicago Livestock shows, and awarded ribbons.

This club has been very active through the years, doing community projects, entering floats in the county fairs and the Halloween parades, taking trips and working in the 4-H building on fair week.

The local advisors are: Mrs. George (Pearl) Wollam, with 27 years. Mrs. Richard (Naomi) Kreasis, with 7 years and Mrs. David (Janet) Williams, 5 years.

During Mrs. Wollams' 27 years of Advisorship she has worked with over 900 community young people, both boys and girls in this area.

This 4-H program is open to any one 10 years old, and in the 4th grade to 19 years of age. The motto is "Learn by doing". There are over 130 projects for them to choose from. Ohio has over 7,000 4-H clubs with over 135,250 members, both boys and girls. There are always over 17,700 advisors for these clubs and all voluntary work.

Green Clover 4-H

## JUNIOR BASEBALL PROGRAM

### OF RISINGSUN

For many years Risingsun had the same problem of a lot of small communities. A lot of children and no summer activity program on an organized scale. In 1960, this matter was to be changed because a group of parents got together and decided to organize a baseball program for the young people of our town. Under the direction and leadership of Augustus Cassady this program shaped up and grew by leaps and bounds. "Gus" was also the first coach.

Since 1960 I feel we have come a long way. At present we have baseball teams for boys from six to eighteen years of age. With many parents working many long hours, coaching and giving and caring for a lot of Risingsun children.

In 1965 papers of incorporation were filed with the State of Ohio and were completed that same year. I feel the teams have done real well for themselves. At present we have approximately twenty-five trophies won by various teams in league and tournament play. In 1972 it was decided to elect a Board of Directors to help

the officers in the planning and carrying out of programs.

This board consists of twelve members. The officers for 1974 are: President, Willard Hunt and Secretary-Treasurer, James Pine.

One of the big highlights of the baseball season is the Junior Baseball Invitational Tournament held each August, which draws teams and fans from quite a large area of Northern Ohio. If you want to see some good baseball, played by young men, remember the 1st. part of August and our tournament. We are very hopeful by 1975 to have another ball field to play on, so as to have two ball diamonds for baseball in our town.

1961 - Little League

One of the first little league teams baseball suits were sponsored by the town merchants and friends of the team.

Little League Team

Time out ball players

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## GIRL SCOUTS

Girl scouting has endeavored to arm those whom it serves with values which will serve them in every situation of their lives. Service to others is emphasized, for it is through service to others that we are able to find fulfillment in our own lives. Understanding and appreciation of others is of importance. These are the first and most vital steps in learning to live with others, and it is within the framework of a world peopled by "Others" that we must live and work and play.

Thus it is that Girl Scouting encourages each girl to develop her own conjection and understanding by practicing them in her daily life.

In the year 1954 Kathryn Baker and Ailene Elarton were Girl Scout leaders in town. The Girl Scouts were sponsored by the Church of God. Day camp was held in Bowling Green along with folk dancing instructions.

The Risingsun, Bradner and Wayne scouts spent a week at Camp Yukita on Lake Erie. Cooks for the occasion were Mrs.

Molter of Bradner and Mrs. Mary Ziegman from Risingsun, Life Guard

Kay Ann Stith. Other

leaders were Esther St. Clair, A. Wollam, Mrs. Sworden  
and Bernadine Fruth.

The current Girl Scouts have four troupes with membership of 50 girls.

Brownies #32, girls in the second grade and third  
grade, leaders Linda Robarge and Sandy Barringer.

Juniors #34, girls in the fourth through sixth grades,  
leaders Elaine Murray and Betty Shrider.

Cadette #51, seventh and eighth grade girls, leader  
Connie Himes.

Senior #50, girls in the ninth through twelveth grades  
leader Donna Hunter.

Senior Scouts

Junior & Cadette Scouts

Girl Scouts doing their thing

Brownies

## BOY SCOUTS

Our town is active in the scout field, with the cub  
and boy scouts.

The first Boy Scout troop to be organized was in 1915  
with 15 boys as members. Littleton was scoutmaster.

During the war years the troops were dissolved. In 1937

Troop #335 had as master Wendell Stivie followed by

E. Younkerman, then H. Hilty until 1941. Other scout  
masters were J. Halsey, J. Riggle, Wm. Strange, R.

Lynch. In 1950 Doug Womeldorf started the scouts

again. From '53 until '57 Herbert Piper was scoutmaster,

then Jim Bateson, next D. Robinson, and the present

leader is James Dowleck with J. King as assistant. D.

Williams is cub leader.

The troop today has 11 boys in scouting with 15 boys  
in the cubs.

CUB SCOUTING PACK 335

Cubmasters

Charles Bowen 6/53- 6/57

John Bemederfee' 11/56- 6/57

Dean Wade 6/57 -12/58

Maitland Brandel 12/59 -12/60

Victor Buehning 12/60 -12/61

Rev. Clarence Carnahan 11/63 -12/63

James Tillatson 12/63 -12/65

Ray Hitchcock 12/65 -12/67

James Bateson 4/67 - 4/71

Dave Williams 4/71- 8/74

Mr. Chuck Bowen brought Cub Scouting to Risingsun in 1953. He had approximately 25-30 boys. He had 5 Den Mothers: Ruth Gschwind, Betty Gscwhind, Ruth McCoy, Ruth Heitt and Genieva Schoendorf.

The present Pack has 19 boys. For the past three years some of the "high spots" have been the Father-Son Campouts, Blue-Gold Banquets and the Pinewood Derby.

The Cubs will furnish the trash cans for the new park.

Cub Scout

D. Williams

Boy Scouts

#### RISINGSUN LADIES BAND

ORGANIZED JANUARY 6,1912

L. S. Foght, superintendent of Risingsun Schools organized the Ladies Band January 6, 1912 with 24

members as follows: Solo Cornet, Pearl Miller

Second Cornet, Tressie Bates,

Third Cornet, Gladys Day

Fourth Cornet, Helen Stahl

Clarinet, Georgia Bowers, Helen Brown, Lura For-  
riter, Vivian Sheffler

Piccolo, Velma Dalton

Saxophone, Eulalia Lehman, Rosedee Long

Trombones, Tina Overmyer, Florence Graber, Edna  
Tittle

Snare Drum, Elma Martin

Bass Drum, Bertha Myers

Mellophones (Alto), Herma Myers, Beulah Hollen-  
baugh, Gladys Kelly, Loree Sheffler  
Tuba, Gail Forritter, Alsina Leary  
Baritone, Geraldine Minnick

Their first public appearance at Dr. Morgan's Evangelistic meeting held  
in the Town Hall was April 6, 1912.

Being the first ladies band in Ohio they soon had  
many engagements and were busy all summer and fall  
and became very popular. Chicago Junction (now Willard) organized  
later and then Sycamore had a ladies  
band.

They played engagements at county fairs, picnics,  
homecomings, political rallies, chatauquas, and other  
events throughout Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, and  
Kentucky.

The band was invited to Columbus by Governor Cox  
for his inauguration and played in the parade. They  
played two weeks at Toledo Beach, Michigan.

Through Governor Cox and the Agricultural Commission the band was  
selected to go to Washington,  
Philadelphia, and New York with the Corn Boy's Special  
(now the 4-H Clubs) in 1914. They played in the Hippodrome Theatre in  
New York, before President Wilson in  
the White House, and met William Jennings Bryan at  
Memorial Hall. They visited many interesting and historical places in the  
three cities and enjoyed a wonderful week.

As time went on they lost some members thru marriage, some moved  
away. The leader Mr. Foght was sent  
to another school and James Minnick took his place.  
Mr. Minnick moved to Florida with his family and O. V.  
Hart took his place until the band was disbanded.

Some of the replacements were:

Tuba, Laura Blessing

Cymbals, Helene Brown

Piccolo, Marguerite O'Sullivan

Trombone, Edna Tittle

Gladys changed from cornet to sax so the band could  
have a trio who gave numbers in the concerts.

Nola Westerfield of Bradner joined the band and played snare drum and xylophone.

Bessie Fairbanks of Bradner also joined later, playing clarinet.

The Ladies Band of Risingsun played together for six years.

Through their efforts this small organization helped to put Ohio, and Risingsun in particular, on the map.

Some of these ladies are with us yet today. Some of them have taught in the schools. We are indeed proud to say they were from our town.

Opera House

Business

Places

and

Faces

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Post Office, Mrs. Betts

Hardware, Mr. Stevens and Shopper

Hunts Gifts, Mrs. Hunt

Mrs. Milligan

Mr. & Mrs. Essman

Mr. Patton

Mr. Green

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Mr. Sherf and Customer

Mr. Fritz

Bat Factory

Telephone Office

Pipe Yards

Texaco

Idle-A- While

Old Printing Office

Mr. & Mrs. Kline

Mr. Poling

DID YOU KNOW??? ??? ???

Aunt Polly Phillips, midwife, mixed her own medicine and was the only doctor in these parts for years.

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One of the trees in front of the United Methodist Church was put there in memory of Warren Byington, Dr. Byington's son that was killed in an accident at the saw mill.

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That at one time from Wayne Street to Main Street (the first street west of Countyline) was called Luther Street and from Main Street north to the edge of town it was called East Maple. West Maple Street was on the other side of the rail road tracks.

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That in July of 1892, Adam Bates broke 3 violin strings. He sure must have had a fiddlin' good time.

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E. E. White in 1902 bought gasoline for the drug store from Standard Oil for 9V\* cents a gallon.

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Mrs. Lena Stahl on March 6, 1893, bought 5 yards of calico for a new dress and bonnet for \$1.50.

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That bicycles were so popular in those early years, that bicycle parties used to come from Fostoria on a Sunday to go riding (we're getting back to that, if we just get in shape.)

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Miles Cramer introduced bananas in Risingsun in a restaurant in the building now owned by the American Legion.

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Everytime they used to change politics in town, they also had to change postmasters.

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Leon Bates has in his home the desk that Doctor Byington brought from New York in about 1871.

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Edna Huff's Mother, Mary Smith, owned and operated a confectionery store where the Elmer Harshman's house now sets.

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James Gangwer built the boardwalk from the Hotel to the railroad. He was mad at the mayor and built the walk around a tree in front of his house, instead of cutting down the tree.

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At one time it was necessary to condemn a piece of land so that it could be used for school purposes.

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In 1942 a scrap metal drive was held netting between 9 and 10 tons. Proceeds went to erect a memorial to boys in this district who served their country.

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Even back in the early 1900's there was much rivalry between Risingsun and Freeport (then it was Prairie Depot and now it is called Wayne).

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The name Risingsun was picked because it was so near the east boundry [sic] line of the county. It was the first town in Wood County the sun shone on in the A.M.

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Nearly every house in town was a rooming house, boarding house, or Hotel during the oil boom days.

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That from the corner where Patton's garage sets to the King home a stone fence five to six feet across and three feet high stood.

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There was once a baseball field where Mayor Keller and Councilman Snyder now live.

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The little house behind Everett Stahl's house was used by him as a cream station.

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That Ray and Thelma Kline have a wicker casket of many years ago found by the family in the loft of the barn on their property.

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George Ragon never grew very tall because he walked 20,658 miles in 28 years delivering mail. Our mail carrier today, Arden Stevens, delivers mail in a car and he's tall.

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There was one of our prominent citizens, when a little boy along with his brother, did sneak into the opera house balcony and dropped peanut shells on the "bald headed row" down in the main auditorium.

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The first train to run through Risingsun was in the year 1877.

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The A. J. Days and the Shaws butchered and stuifed a sausage to a length of 52 feet, all in one piece.

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Flora Bowers was appointed deputy marshall to help Marshall Ragon look after the drunks that were all together too numerous at night.

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W. H. Bates was given a surprise reception by his Sunday School class and was presented with a pair of bib overalls with tan patches on the bosom.

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Pearl Kline and neighbors used to race to see who could get their clothes on the line first on Monday morning. One time someone hung a sheet on the line the night before, after all were in bed, so they could be first.

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There was a club in town called "The Mothers and Others Club".

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In 1909, the annual homecoming chicken dinners were served for 25 cents. The Unique weekly sold for 2 cents.

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Medicine show in town selling colored water for aches and pains. Did you ever go to a medicine show? I remember them as lots of fun.

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In January of 1952 the C. & O. passenger trains ended, sure sorry about that.

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In January of 1910 the 5th and 6th grade spelling bee attracted a very large crowd.

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That Frank Randal broke his arm when the car he was cranking back fired.

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Shorty Ragon decided to get rid of his cold by putting on lots of clothes and standing close to the roaring fire. Don't know if he got rid of his cold, but he lost the seat out of a \$4.00 pair of pants when he backed up too close to the open fire.

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That Risingsun in 1922 held the record for largest township Sunday School convention in Wood County, over 1,000 persons attended.

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Esther Yambert Fisher has lived in Risingsun for 75 years having moved here when she was 2 1/2 years old. Perry Fisher has lived in our fair town [sic] since 1910 and is 89 years old.

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That Lorene Stahl Bragg was known for her hand typesetting, and worked for the newspaper in town many years. We understand she was the fastest hand typesetter in these parts.

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A light burned constantly for 32 years in front of the

Burdick hardware. The bulb was made in Holland.

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When we had just board walks, a dirt street, then dusty gravel.

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When "Slim" Phillips used to go about everyday and fill the lights with coal oil and clean chimneys.

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When George Goudy was seriously burned about the legs in a gasoline torch fire.

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When a motorist had an accident in Risingsun, some men were carrying him to a nearby garage, he began to fight and struggle like everything. Later when asked about his strange behavior he told them the first thing he saw wheii he opened his eyes was the Shell sign and someone was standing in front of the "S".

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That C. C. Myers had a bad time when he took an overdose of "cough syrup". Being bothered with a huskie throat he reached on the shelf and picked up what he supposed to be a bottle of cough syrup and swallowed a good size gulp before the taste told him it was Cascara. It was already down. Needless to say he was rather busy for a time. He learned to taste the cork first before taking the big gulp.

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When the Blessings had the post office in 1920 the salary was \$12.00 per year.

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In 1937 the Honolulu Troubadores, Robert Cornwell, Alexis Parsons, and Charles Woodruff broadcast once a week over radio station W.B.L.Y. in Lima, Ohio.

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That years ago Perrysburg was the county seat for Wood County, and was a mighty long way to walk or go with an oxen and wagon to pay taxes. The pioneers made the round trip in one day.

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That one time Tiffin was known as Fort Ball. An Indian from there helped Ben Wollam build his first pole shanty.

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The town of Risingsun in 1924 went on eastern time all but the school.

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That Mr. Richard Abel was still living at the age of 101.

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That Lena Cook was the "Hello Girl" as night operator in the Bell Telephone office.

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That Groverta Sahs and Ellen Hill opened a hotel and named it the Ellgrove House.

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The mayor in 1921 warned about spitting on the sidewalk.

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Mayor Stahl and Janitor Reams disposed of a large pile of ashes at the school by scattering them in the street in front of the building.

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In September of 1921 the school was so congested they used a Council Room at City Hall for a classroom and Mrs. George Goudy was hired to teach the class.

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The American Legion and Santa Claus always got together and treated the children of the community to fruit, candy and nuts.

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That the heatrola, a heating stove, was once called a parlor furnace.

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The largest oil derrick in these parts was located on the corner of Bays and Bradner roads, where the Carrs live.

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A little duck (about 2 days old) found a home with

the Del Goon family. They keep it up on the refrigerator so the cat can't get it. Why is the cat in the house? Because the dog is outside and it won't leave the cat alone.

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That shortly after Ray Kline put a new glass and brick front on his store, Mrs. Derr was so anxious to get in the store for the bargains she drove right thru the front window.

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Mr. Leogard Lehman drove his team of oxen into what is now Risingsun dragging a large log to make a path from his home east of town to his girl's home. The brush was too thick and so wet he wanted to keep his clothes clean and dry. (We understand that was the start of our main street). One night Mr. Lehman spent the night in a tree in town. The wolves had his tree and did not leave until daylight.

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Ted Fruth was apprehended for burglarizing his own store by the Sherrifs [sic] Dept. It took him several minutes and a couple of ice cream bars to convince the Sherrifs [sic] Deputies he was the owner of the store.

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In 1962 Lakota graduated 84 seniors.

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That Bill Bowen rode his garden tractor into the Stevens hardware like a bull in a china shop. It was amusing seeing Mr. Stevens standing there yelling Whoo Whoo Whoo until the counters started moving north.

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When Mr. Elerton was coming home from Gibsonburg in 1946 he ran over a snake that measured 6 feet in length.

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Jerry Womeldorf got a beautiful tree for the class play and Mrs. Marg Phillips made him stand on the stage and repeat several hundred times "I will not cut down another tree from the school yard".

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Do you remember when Risingsun had a 6 man football team and played a fast and furious [sic] game on the field about where Frank Hovis' house is on Countyline.

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When the Risingsun football players used to go to the Kozy Korner and sleep in the back after practice in the A.M.

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When D. S. Loe had an unexpected visitor. A beautiful cock pheasant flew in thru a window 40 x 40 size, destroying the window, blind, and pheasant. The bird weighed 3 lbs.

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When Mr. Don Hiett played one of the end men in the minstrel, and everyone was surprised at how good a comedian he was.

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All the wonderful Halloween parades this small town has had. How good the cider and donuts taste after watching all the cute kids in the parade.

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How much fun the square dances out to Chafins barn were.

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A gasoline thief was surprised at the C. A. Kerr home by a shot gun blast. He abandoned his car and ran to the D. J. Bonawits farm and stole Mr. Bona wits Ford V8. The car was found later on a Toledo Street.

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In 1937 the town had a hail storm, some measuring IV2 inches in diameter, and one family had an ice cream supper using the hail for ice to freeze the ice cream.

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J. Blessing, E. Day, and F. Hamilton bought the first 3 new autos in town. They came in a box car at the depot. They couldn't get them to start, so had to have a horse to pull them home.

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Dick Sahs and Robert Ziegman are the only charter members left in the Lions Club today.

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The Risingsun and Lakota dance bands recorded.

One of their discs was called "Ballad of Jazz".

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Several Legionneers moved the big piano (that big heavy one that is still in the Legion Hall today), up the stairs that go up the back of the Drug Store, when they had their meetings there many years ago.

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The Beta-Sigma-Phi Sorority and the Lions Club purchased the score board at the Lakota football field.

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The St. Pauls E.U.B. Church had a mortgage burning ceremony at their church. Bishop Paul Herrick lighted a candle to burn the papers, with Paul Shultz, chairman of the board of trustees, and Joy Kline, chairman of stewardship and Cleon Wright of the Wayne branch of the Cygnet Savings Bank helping.

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Some names for scrap or plug tobacco were Muggsy, Pan-Handle, Honest and American Navy.

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Tri-County National Bank has served the three counties for a span of 92 years.

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The three papers the town has had are "Time and Tide", "Unique Derrick", and the "Star Route News".

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G. G. Myers and wife operated the Hotel where Mrs. Cal Schaublin resides and Shorty Ragon was the bell boy. He met every train to solicit business.

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When the boy scouts sold pop at the free shows.

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Mr. Feltman ran for council using the platform,  
bigger and better hot dog sandwiches for Risingsun.

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A "hack line" would take passengers from the hotel  
to the depot for 10e\

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Mrs. Loe and son, Nobel, were driving along the road  
home when a band of Gypsies frightened [sic] the horses and  
they upset the rig.

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Willie Bates went to see his girl and someone changed  
the wheels on his buggy.

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#### BUSINESS, ORGANIZATIONS & PATRONS

A & S Body Shop

American Legion Auxiliary Unit #36

American Legion Carl Crawfoot Post #36

Bates-Essman Agency

Bays Realty

Becky's Beauty Shop

Bob's Wrecker Service

Bonawit Pipe & Supply

Franklin Boucher & Son

Bowen's Cabinet Shop

Sam Buchanan Tax Service—Real Estate

Castle Rebekah Lodge No. 506

Dieter Trucking Inc.

Curt Elarton Ins. Agency

Essex Furniture

Gangwer Bat Shop

A. C. Graber & Sons Construction

Green's General Store

Henry's Barbershop

Hovis Construction

Betty Huff's Music Studio

Kempfer's Hauling

King Excavating

Linda's Beauty Shop

Marie's Ceramics  
Clayton Myers TV Service  
Onsel Bros. Inc.  
Patton's Texaco  
Poling's Gulf  
Ray's Country Kitchen  
Risingsun Green Clovers 4-H Club  
Risingsun Hardware  
Risingsun School P.T.A.  
Rocking T Rabbitree  
St. Paul's United Methodist Women  
Skiltech, Inc.  
Sohigro  
Ralph E. Stahl Well Drilling Co.  
The Sun Grain Association  
Sun Cleaners & Gift Shoppe  
Tri-County National Bank  
Unique Boutique  
William's Zenith TV Service  
Wollam-Hiser Co.  
Boy Scout Troop #335  
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#### PATRONS

Mr. & Mrs. Jack Aldrich  
Mr. & Mrs. Guyse Allen & Family  
Mr. Jim Allen  
Mr. Axel Anderson  
Mr. & Mrs. George Archibald  
Mrs. Polly Archibald  
Marilyn Arnold  
Terry Augustine  
Mr. & Mrs. Elder Babcock  
Mr. & Mrs. H. N. Baker  
Mr. & Mrs. Ray Baker  
Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Bankey

Mr. Richard Allen Barringer  
Mr. Robert C. Barringer, Jr.  
Mr. & Mrs. Robert C. Barringer, Sr.  
Cleta Bates  
Mr. & Mrs. Gayle Bates  
Leon & Helen Bates  
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Mamie Bateson  
Mrs. Mary Bateson  
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Bateson  
Mr. & Mrs. Wilbur Bell  
Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Below  
Mr. & Mrs. Roger Below  
Virgil & Ruth Below  
Betty Berts  
David Betts  
Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Betts  
Terri Betts  
Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Bickel  
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Bickley  
Mr. & Mrs. Fred Bingle  
Mr. & Mrs. John Bingle  
Mr. & Mrs. Blaine Blosser  
Mrs. Ella Blosser  
Mrs. Cordellia Bockey  
Mr. Robert Bockey  
Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Boff  
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Boff  
Mr. & Mrs. Harold Boice  
Mr. & Mrs. Steven Bomer  
Mrs. Beatrice Bonawit  
Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Bonawit  
Mr. & Mrs. John Bond  
Mr. & Mrs. Jack Bowe  
Mr. & Mrs. O. L. Bowe  
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Bowe  
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Bowe  
Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Bowen  
Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Bowen

William Bowen  
Celia Bowers  
Mr. & Mrs. Otho Bragg  
Mr. & Mrs. William Breau  
Mr. & Mrs. Everett Brewer  
Mr. & Mrs. Cletus Brockschmidt  
Mr. & Mrs. Rex Brockschmidt  
Mr. & Mrs. Nelson Brown  
Ina Butzier  
Mr. & Mrs. Howard Campbell  
Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Capell  
Mr. & Mrs. Merle Carpenter  
Mr. & Mrs. Rodney Carpenter  
Mr. & Mrs. Harold Can-  
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CENTENNIAL YEAR '74'

Days that are past are gone forever,

and those that are to come may not come to you:

Therefore,

Enjoy the present without regretting the loss of what's  
past, or depending too much on what is not yet here.

This instant is yours.

The next still belongs to futurity and  
you do not know what it may bring forth.

Dandemis, 3rd Century B.C.

The Risingsun Centennial Seal was designed by:

## PROGRAM OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, JULY 7, 1974

2:30 P.M. Presentation of Flag

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Combined Church Services

4:00 P.M. Community Picnic

6:00 P.M. King and Queen Contest

MONDAY, JULY 8, 1974

7:00 P.M. Parade (if rain, Tues. 7 P.M.)

TUESDAY, JULY 9, 1974

7:00 P.M. Fashion Show

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10, 1974

7:00 P.M. Pageant Night

THURSDAY, JULY 11, 1974

Youth Day Pageant

Carnival Time

FRIDAY, JULY 12, 1974

Senior Citizens Day

Carnival Time

SATURDAY, JULY 13, 1974

Street Dance

Carnival Time

Exhibits and demonstrations every night.

Fun and games every night.

Community lunch room in fire hall every night.

A WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS DURING OUR  
CENTENNIAL

## OUR PARK

Miss Evelena Pletcher and our park:

Funds were made available for a recreation area for children of Risingsun through a will of Miss Evelena Pletcher, a former teacher in the Risingsun school.

This is what started the initial plans for a community

park.

The park committee chairman is Everett Stahl, others on the committee are: Marie Archibald, Mike Decker, Bob Ziegman, and Ernest McCoy. The park has been mapped out to take advantage of all available space.

The Fostoria Board of Realtors purchased 500 trees for the park and the Risingsun Boy Scouts under scoutmaster Jim Dowick and assistant Jim King planted the trees one Saturday in April.

All funds from our centennial will be used to further develop the park facilities.

With Park Committee

W. E. Stohl

Robert Ziegman

Ernie McCoy

Marie Archibald

Mike Decker

Miss Pletcher

Boy Scouts planting trees

Undeveloped Park Area

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Proposed Park for Risingsun, Ohio

Ball Park

Green Forest

Horse Shoe Court

Shuffle Court

Reserved for Swimming Area

Water Well

Rest Rooms

Tools & Equip.

Shelter House

Picnic Area

Children's Area

Concession Stand

Croquet

Tennis Court

Basketball Court

All Season Building

Parking

Plant & Flag Pole

Twenty-eight committees have been formed to organize the Centennial.

Nearly everyone in the community

has had some part in its planning. Information about the town has shown us there are 50 some places of business in the Risingsun area, 15 organizations and five churches.

People of Risingsun had the opportunity to look back at the past; to smile and shed a tear or two at a memory.

Now we can use this experience by uniting together and helping with the village park. All proceeds from the celebration have been pledged toward this project.

The Centennial has expressed pride in our community and faith in the future. "Welcome" to Risingsun and to its Centennial.

June Stevens,

Chairman of Centennial

June Stevens

General Chairman

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## RECOGNITION FOR HELP OTHER THAN COMMITTEES LISTED

"THANKS TO"

Lakota Board of Education for use of school building and grounds.

Firemen and Auxiliary for their help and support.

Council for providing the help for protection, parking, and clean up.

J. B. Rogers Company for advise.

Representative Delbert Latta for the flag (thru the efforts of the 4-H girls.

Kathy Shultz for headquarters sign.

William Dauterman for his attorney work.

Alumni decorating committee for help in advertising

and theme for the Banquet.  
Legion Hall for exhibits.  
Nancy Jacquot for all extra typing.  
Union Carbide for stencil work and printing of the  
news letters.  
Polings for use of building for antiques.  
Darrell Holman for extra work on signs, etc.  
Tennyson Guyer, speaker at Church services.  
Odd Fellows' grounds for display tent.  
The support of surrounding communities.  
David Betts for photography.  
Bernadine Fruth for Centennial Book.  
Fostoria Real Estate Board for trees for Park.

David Betts, Photographer  
Bernadine Fruth, Centennial Book Chairman

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

June Stevens  
Everett Stahl  
Joyce Smith  
David Shultz

#### RISINGSUN FUND DRIVE GOES OVER TOP

Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Holman

#### COMMITTEES

Fund Drive      Darrell and Sharon Holman  
Executive Committee June Stevens  
Everett Stahl  
Joyce Smith  
David Shultz

Operating Committee  
Centennial Book Committee  
History Committee  
Fun and Games Committee  
Exhibits General Chairman  
Drawings and Art Com.

Oil and Industry Committee  
Women's Crafts Committee  
Quilting Party  
Agricultural Committee  
Antique Displays Com.  
Carnival Committee  
Foods Committee  
Baby Sitting Committee  
Youth Committee  
Parade Committee  
Hospitality Committee  
Band Committee  
Queen and King Committee  
Church Services Committee  
Police & Parking Committee  
Clean Up Committee  
Calico Ball Committee  
Picnic Committee  
Pageant Committee  
Publicity Committee  
Beautification Committee  
Novelties Committee

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## COMMITTEES

Operating Capital: Darrell Holman, Chairman; Sharon  
Holman, Rose Kretzer, Everett  
Stahl, Blaine & Thelma Blosser,  
Walt James, Linda Robarge, Mike  
& Shari Decker, Anna Bateson,  
Bob Bonawit, Leah Bickel, Mary  
Essex, Don & Sharon Farster, Dick  
Sahs, Jim & Betsy Shull, Ben  
Snyder, Buster Hunt, June Foster,  
Jennie Harman, Jim Cox, Paul  
Shultz & Dick Parsons.  
Centennial Book: Bernadine Fruth, Chairman; Jane

Meyer, Emma Gangwer, Leon

Bates, Linda Below, Laurel Onsel, & Celia Bower.

History: Laurel Onsel, Chairman; Leon

Bates, Mary Ziegman, Esther Fisher

La Von Dennis.

Fun & Games: Jennie and Jim Hajman, Chairmen;

June & Russ Foster, Barb & Glenn

Thaxton, Marilyn & Frank

Boucher, Dewayne & Jane Myers.

Exhibits: Gordon Williams, Gen. Chairman.

Drawings & Art: Debbie Shultz, Chairman; Laurel

Onsel, Sherry Decker, Janet Milligan, Harley Green and Nancy

Harrison.

Oil & Industry: Milo Walters, Chairman; David

Few, Dick Parsons, Dale Houtz and

Frank Jacquot.

Women's Crafts: Mary Ellen Cox, Chairman; Pearl

Wollam, Joan Bowen, Lois Shultz,

Geneva Schoendorf, and Mabel

Parsons.

Cook Book: Bonnie Findlay

Style Show: Rachael Dissauer,

Janice Schmitz, Marlene Merel,

Lois Hoiles & Sharon Farster,

Lorraine Elter, Janet Williams.

Quilt: Irene Cox, Chairman; Marie

Bell, Esther Fisher and ladies of the

area.

Agricultural: William Snyder, Chairman; Jim

Cox, Robin Hovis, Bill Houtz, Bob

Ziegman, William Stevens and Jim

Dolweck.

Antique Displays: Jim Shull and Gary Lamberjack,

Co-chairmen; William Few, Charles

Essman, Betsy Shull, Judy Lamberjack and Jerry Widmer.

Youth: Anna & Jim Bateson, Chairmen;

Donna Hunter, Elaine Murray and

Linda Robarge, Marie & Jim

Dolweck, Barbara Sams, and Pearl

Wollam.

Calico Ball: Ed & Faith Boff, Chairmen; Anna  
& Ben Snyder, June & Ray Baker,  
Katherine & H.H. Baker.

Picnic: Jean Shultz, Chairman; Helen  
Stahl, Judy Yambert, Brad Milligan, Bernard Shultz, Evelyn Jacquot,  
Fern Stephenson, and Chuck Shultz.

Pageant: Betty Huff, Chairman; Marilyn &  
Frank Boucher, Nellie & Paul  
Edinger, Betty & Dick Thomas,  
Dick Sahs, Bernadine Fruth and  
Laurel Onsel, Wes and Jean Welty.

Publicity: Nancy Jacquot, Chairman; Joyce  
Smith, pictures by David Betts &  
Wesley Watts.

Book Advertising: Nancy Swartz, Chairman.

Carnival: Marvin Smith, Chairman; Bob  
Barringer, Jim Cox, Dick Hunter,  
Dick Parsons, Brad Milligan, Ed  
Chalfin, and Tom Shultz.

Food: Jean Bowen, Chairman; Donna  
Hunter, Ruth McCoy, Jane Hunt,  
Sharon Kiser and Mary Ellen Cox.

Beautification: Buster Hunt, Chairman; Ruth &  
J. C. Gschwind, Jim & Debbie Sullivan.

Baby Sitting: Treva Betts, Chairman; Jean Fritz.

Novelties: Bill Patton, Chairman; Mary Patton, Jim & Betty Pine, Art  
& Betty Wyant, Virgil Below, and Susie Hiser.

Parade: Elmer Harshman & Park Burtcher,  
Co-chairmen; Don Yambert, Gayle  
Bates, Evelyn House and Doris j Smith, Ellen Snow.

Hospitality: Donna Shreffler, Chairman; Lucille  
Huff and Mary Ziegman. Kay Welty, Invitations.  
Band: Fred Schmidt, Chairman; Jim Sullivan and Everett Stahl.  
Queen & King: Rachael Dissauer, Chairman; Jim  
Schmitz, Terry Bowe and Mead Smith.  
Church Services: Irene Cox, Chairman; Dennis Below, Jerry Swaisgood,  
Merl Carpenter, Nellie Edinger, Irma Millhime,  
Marie Bell, Duane Edinger, Rev.  
Binkley, Rev. Wright, and Rev. Williams.  
Police - Parking: Bernard Bowen, Chairman; Bob  
Himes, Tom Shultz, Dick Shultz,  
Bob Barringer, Gene Hirst, Harley  
Kiser and Dick Darr.  
Clean-Up: Glenn Yambert, Chairman; Boy Scouts.

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Centennial Fan  
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Getting ready to prepare the food  
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