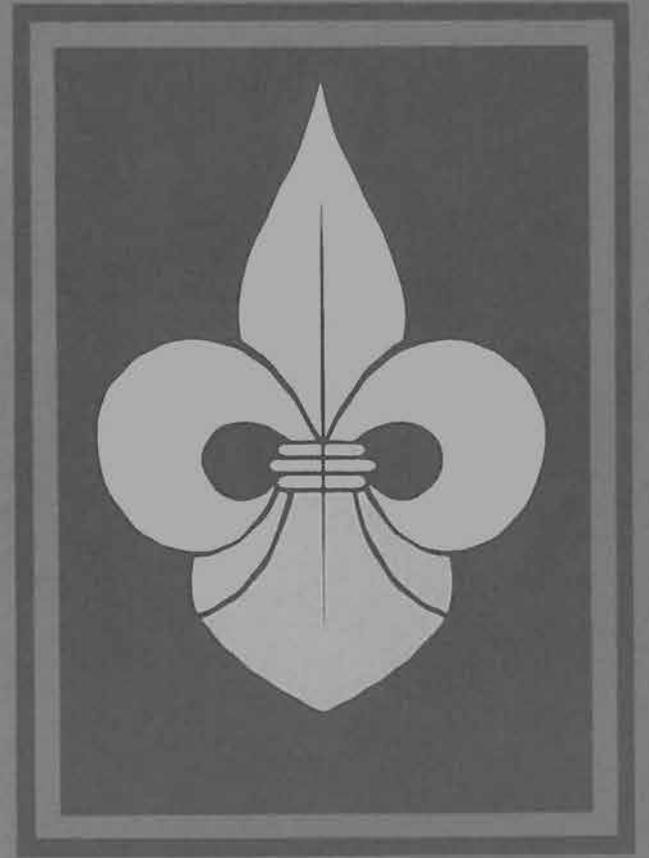


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HALL OF FAME

THE  
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HALL OF FAME

NOVEMBER 5, 1982



## GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE



## DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

It is with a special sense of pride and satisfaction that I join you in honoring the outstanding Ohioans who will join the Senior Citizens Hall of Fame today.

As I read over the accomplishments of these distinguished men and women who continue to share their unique skills and abilities above and beyond what has ever been required of them, I am again amazed by their diversity, their boundless energy and their willingness to give freely of their time and special talents. Not one has ever hesitated to lend a helping hand when it was needed or tackle a seemingly insurmountable challenge. Many of our lives have been touched and enriched by their efforts.

At today's ceremony, I also pause to reflect on the 62 individuals previously enshrined in the Hall of Fame — all so different and yet all sharing that special drive that leads them forward to new and higher goals, no matter what their chosen fields and against any odds.

Age may be the common denominator that has brought these people together today for this ceremony, but age is not the important issue here. The contributions of these inductees, both past and present, transcend the boundaries of years, race, religion and politics.

As I leave office this year, it is with the hope that our new governor will carry on this tradition and continue to honor the many outstanding Ohioans who are so deserving of this recognition.

Today we meet again to honor those older persons who have earned a place of honor in Ohio's Senior Citizens Hall of Fame

In the years since the Ohio Commission on Aging established the Senior Citizens Hall of Fame, with the encouragement of Governor Rhodes, it has brought me a great deal of satisfaction to join in these annual proceedings. It is always inspiring to have the opportunity to listen to the records of service read at each induction ceremony and to meet these individuals who have given so much of themselves.

In the same vein, it has also been very rewarding during my years as director to have participated in the daily awards ceremonies at the Ohio State Fair which began eight years ago. Each year in each county the outstanding senior citizen is selected and presented with an award at the Fair. In addition, a community service award is presented to an organization or individual from each of our twelve area agency offices. Thus, a total of 800 such awards have been presented at the State Fair during the last eight years. Add to this number our 62 past and this year's inductees into the Ohio Senior Citizens Hall of Fame and you can understand my sense of appreciation for this most unusual opportunity. But there are many more to be honored, and I join Governor Rhodes in his hope that all these awards will be continued in the years ahead.

The example set by today's inductees, as well as by those of previous years, is one in which we can all take great pride. More important, however, is the fact that opportunities to serve are available to each one of us, and therefore, although we may not all compile a record similar to those we read about today, we still can do something that will be of help or benefit to mankind.

For in the final analysis, the most meaningful work we can do, whether in a profession, in some important position in government, industry or commerce, or in any role, is to be of service to our fellow man. And so, as we honor these 1982 inductees, let us renew our commitment to carry on our own unique service to others.



## PROGRAM



## HISTORY

<b>WELCOME</b>	Jim Alexander, Assistant Director Ohio Commission on Aging
<b>INVOCATION</b>	The Rev. Calvin T. Risch, Member Ohio Commission on Aging
<b>THE NATIONAL ANTHEM</b>	Kirk Lawson The Ohio State University
<b>REMARKS</b>	Governor James A. Rhodes
<b>BIOGRAPHIES</b>	Jim Alexander
<b>INDUCTIONS</b>	Martin A. Janis, Director Ohio Commission on Aging
<b>CLOSING REMARKS</b>	Martin Janis
<b>BENEDICTION</b>	The Rev. Calvin Risch

The Ohio Senior Citizens Hall of Fame was established by Governor James A. Rhodes to fulfill a two-fold purpose: to emphasize the vital role played by men and women, 60 years of age and older, in their communities, state and nation; and to promote the productivity and enjoyment that should be a part of every person's retirement years.

This year 11 individuals join the distinguished ranks of the Senior Citizens Hall of Fame. Their selection is based on contributions they have made for the benefit of mankind after age 60, or for a continuation of efforts begun before that age.

Each of those enshrined receives a plaque with their portrait and a brief biography, and a lapel pin engraved with the Hall of Fame symbol. An identical plaque is on permanent display in the Hall of Fame Foyer in the Martin Janis Senior Center, Ohio State Fairgrounds, Columbus.

Nominees for the Hall of Fame must be native-born Ohioans or residents of Ohio for at least ten years. Any individual or organization may submit a nomination by completing an application and returning it to the Ohio Commission on Aging, Special Events Section, 50 West Broad Street/9th Floor, Columbus, OH 43215, by July 1 of each year. Induction ceremonies are held annually in the fall.

Following the program, refreshments will be served in the lobby outside the auditorium. At that time, you'll have a chance to congratulate this year's honored guests. You are also welcome to visit the Hall of Fame Foyer upstairs to view the plaques awarded to the 1982 and previous years' inductees.



# MEMBERS

## Charter

- Muriel M. Allen Bertsch
- \*Ernest J. Bohn
- Anna V. Brown
- Milton Caniff
- W. Fred Cottrell
- Nelson H. Cruikshank
- Arthur S. Flemming
- Zelma Watson George
- \*Richard Gosser
- Leslie Townes (Bob) Hope
- Martin A. Janis
- James C. (Jesse) Owens
- Sidney L. Pressey
- Albert B. Sabin, M.D.
- Louis B. Seltzer
- Dr. Julius & Mrs. Helen Weil
- Aaron M. Wiesen

## 1978

- I.W. Abel
- John W. Bricker
- B. Bernard Caplan, M.D.
- John W. Galbreath
- Wayne W. (Woody) Hayes
- Frank J. Lausche
- Rose L. Papier
- Theodosia Sochasky
- Ella P. Stewart
- Lowell Thomas

## 1979

- Paul E. Brown
- Phyllis Diller
- Gertrude W. Donahey
- Joseph W. Fichter
- Lillian Gish
- Edwin C. Heinke
- Sister M. Henrietta, C.S.A.
- William O. Walker
- Stella Walsh
- Floyd E. Wenger

## 1980

- James T. Flood
- Sherman L. (Jack) Frost
- Edward D. Kuekes
- Edward C. Haaf
- Dominick Labino
- Helen G. McClelland
- The Mills Brothers  
(Herbert, Harry, Donald)
- Elijah Pierce
- William Presser
- Donald B. Robinson
- David Rubinoff
- Murtis H. Taylor-Mills

## 1981

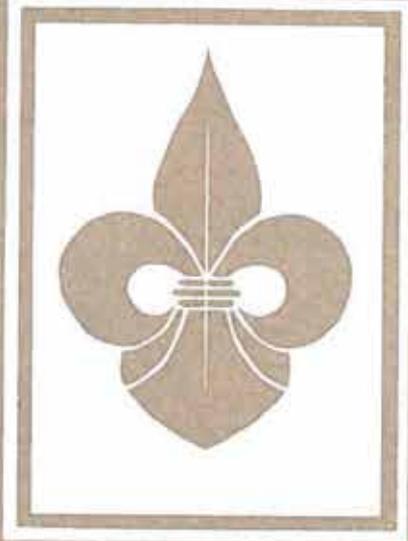
- Alfred A. Antenucci
- Jessie Z. Bartlett
- Anthony J. Celebrezze
- Beulah Fawcett
- Carl F. Graf
- Walter E. Havighurst
- Charles D. Hill
- Charles Y. Lazarus
- Larry W. Pelton
- \*(Russell) Games Slayter

## 1982

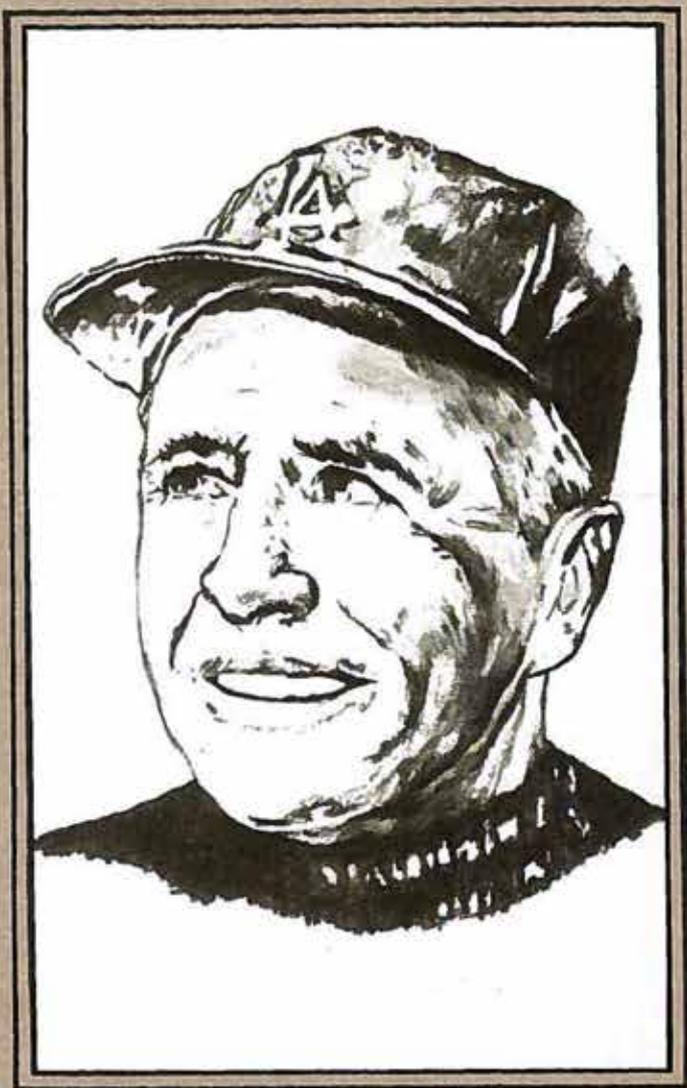
- Walter E. Alston
- \*Clarence H. Borgelt
- \*John B. Conard
- Helen W. Evans
- Dorothy Fuldheim
- Ruth Lyons
- C. Stanley Mechem
- Capt. H. Mowrey
- Norman Vincent Peale
- William A. Pepper
- James A. Rhodes

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# INDUCTEES



WALTER E. ALSTON

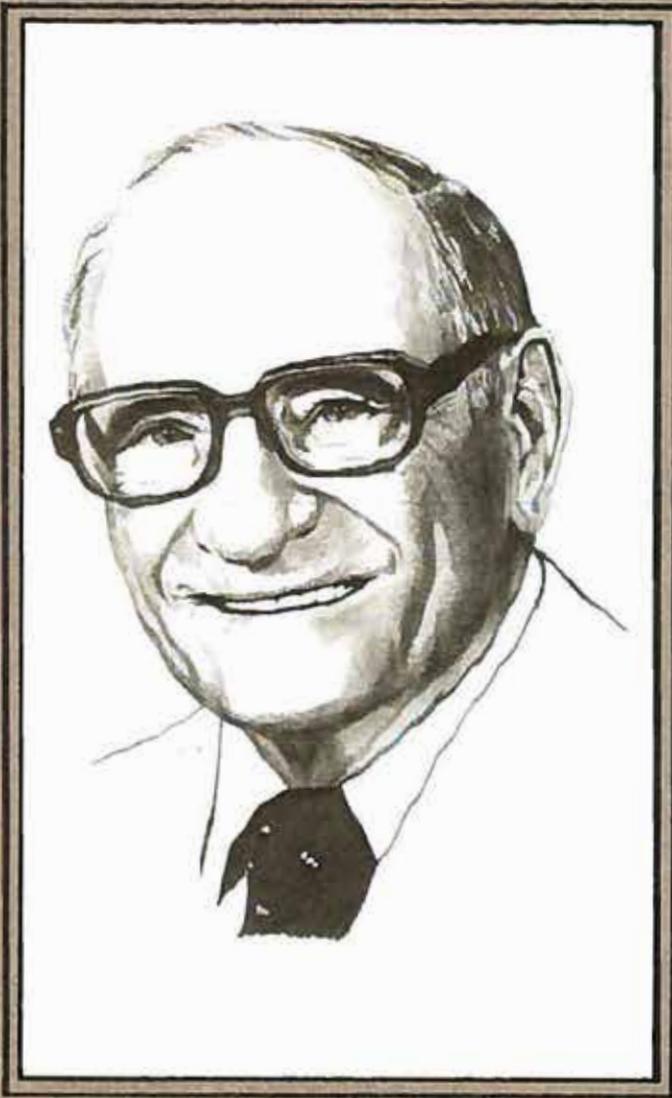
To baseball fans from coast to coast, Walter Alston ranks high on the list of that sport's all-time outstanding managers.

During his 23-year tenure as manager of the Brooklyn (later the Los Angeles) Dodgers, that team claimed seven pennants and four World Championships.

A quiet, reserved man, yet a firm disciplinarian, Walter Alston's superior management style earned him the lasting respect of many players, including baseball greats such as Jackie Robinson, Sandy Koufax, Duke Snyder and Roy Campanella, all of whom played under his direction.

A schoolteacher by training, Walter Alston managed to pursue a career in both education and baseball for many years. Following his graduation from Miami University of Ohio, the Butler County native took a teaching job, but his summer months were always devoted to baseball. From 1935-1947, his outstanding performances in that sport earned him the title of Top Minor League Player every year. In 1940, he took on the role of manager in the minors in addition to playing, and he developed many players who went on to star in the major leagues.

In 1954, he was hired to manage the Brooklyn Dodgers, and the rest is baseball history. Though formally retired in 1975, the Dodgers continue to seek his advice as a special consultant to the team.



CLARENCE H. BORGELT

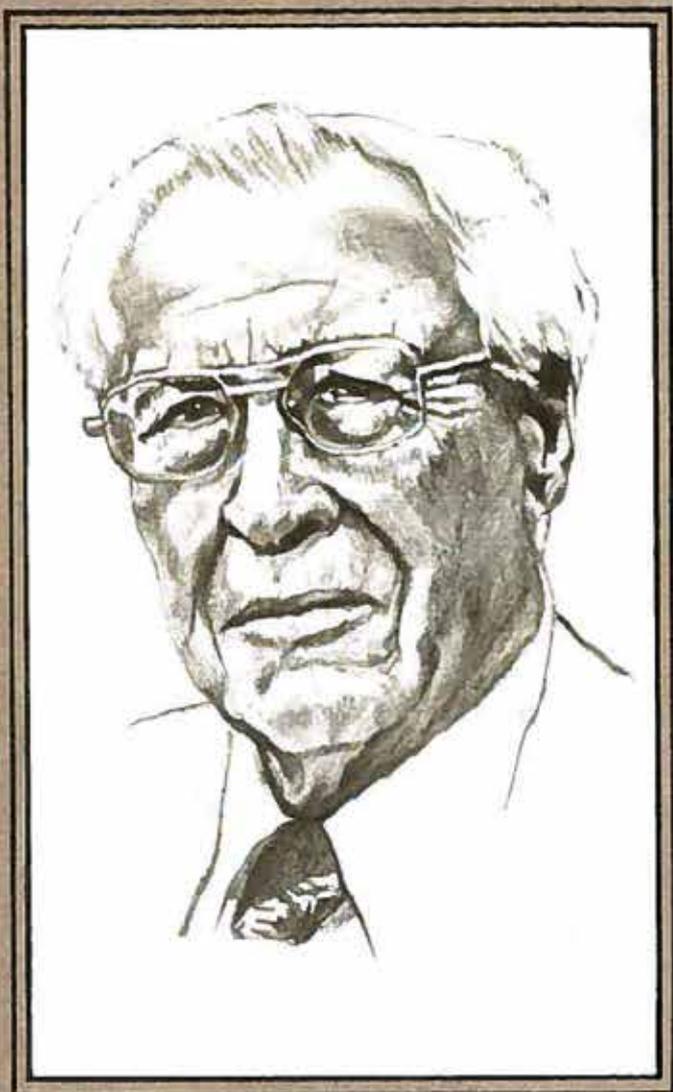
A man of principle who never hesitated to step in and lend a helping hand when it was needed, Clarence Borgelt was a man who believed in working hard for the benefit of his fellow Ohioans.

Many people may belong to as many organizations as Clarence Borgelt did, but few give as much and as freely of their time and efforts as he was always willing to give. More than just a joiner in these organizations, he was eager to assume a leadership role and spur others on to action.

In every endeavor — from his work with the UAW Retiree Clubs to the many and varied civic groups to which he belonged in his hometown of Toledo — Clarence Borgelt could be counted on to do the best job possible for those causes in which he believed.

Though service to others was a lifetime concern to Clarence Borgelt, his retirement years offered him additional time to devote to his many interests.

An outspoken advocate for Ohio's senior citizens, his work with the UAW Retirees and his history of public service earned him an appointment as one of the original members of the Ohio Commission on Aging, a position in which he served three terms. A longtime member of the National & Ohio Councils of Senior Citizens, he also held offices within both these organizations, and in 1981, served as a delegate to the national White House Conference on Aging.



**JOHN B. CONARD**

Few people have earned more admiration and respect from their fellow citizens than John B. Conard did in his lifetime and few were more deserving of such devotion and gratitude.

The third generation to carry on the family tradition of brick manufacturing, John Conard took great pride in building the Richland Brick Company into one of the area's leading businesses. With the same ambition and good judgment that made his business endeavors such a success, he provided the people of his community with his service and gifts too numerous to mention.

With that vision for the future that sets a great man apart from the crowd, he used his personal resources to develop lasting, living gifts to the people of Mansfield and the surrounding area.

Long before he himself joined the ranks of senior citizens, John Conard became sensitive to their needs, and in 1959, he purchased a large home and remodeled it at his own expense for senior citizens to use as their center. In the years that followed, he continued to purchase additional and larger facilities and expand current ones as the need for more space and new services for older persons grew.

In addition to his generous gifts to the older citizens of Richland County, John Conard demonstrated his keen interest in educational programs and facilities for youth by his many gifts and ongoing support of Ashland College and the Ohio State University's Mansfield campus.



HELEN W. EVANS

A modern day trailblazer, Helen W. Evans has surmounted obstacles that would have stopped a lesser person and set an outstanding example for others to follow.

As director of the Ohio Department of Industrial Relations, Helen Evans holds the distinct honor of being the only black woman in the nation to sit on a Governor's Cabinet.

In almost six decades of public service to Ohioans, she has worked her way from caseworker in the welfare department to one of the state's highest-ranking positions, at each step displaying the same leadership qualities, dedication and enthusiasm that others soon learned they could expect from her.

By her example and by her service on various committees throughout her career, she has helped improve the status of women in government and politics, of minorities and of the aging. Since 1938, she has been active in countless organizations and campaigns. She was one of the founders of the Ohio Republican Council, an alternate and delegate to two Republican National Conventions, and a national delegate to the 1981 White House Conference on Aging.

As a testimony to her achievements, her name can be found among those of other distinguished Americans in volumes such as *Who's Who in American Politics*, *Who's Who in Government*, *Who's Who Among Black Americans* and *Who's Who in Labor*.



**DOROTHY FULDHEIM**

Long considered the “grand dame” of Cleveland television, Dorothy Fuldheim’s myriad accomplishments have earned her a permanent place of honor among broadcasting’s great names.

As an elementary schoolteacher, actress, lecturer, author, and radio and television commentator, Dorothy Fuldheim’s special combination of talents has led her to success in every medium she has tackled.

As a protegee of Jane Addams, one of the great social reformers of this century, Dorothy Fuldheim learned early in her life to speak out strongly and articulately on important social issues. Since then, she has never hesitated to take a stand or offer a controversial opinion, a quality her followers have always respected and welcomed, whether they agreed with her or not.

From the most noteworthy public figure to the unknown, from major news events to everyday occurrences, her colorful style and lively interviews have kept viewers in touch with the times and offered them a unique perspective on the events of the day. Among the cast of characters she has interviewed over the years are some of this century’s most famous individuals, including the Duke of Windsor, President John F. Kennedy, Adolf Hitler, Albert Einstein and Martin Luther King.

Though most widely known as a talk show hostess and news commentator for Cleveland station WEWS-TV since 1947, she has also authored several books and has traveled widely as a free-lance lecturer.



RUTH LYONS



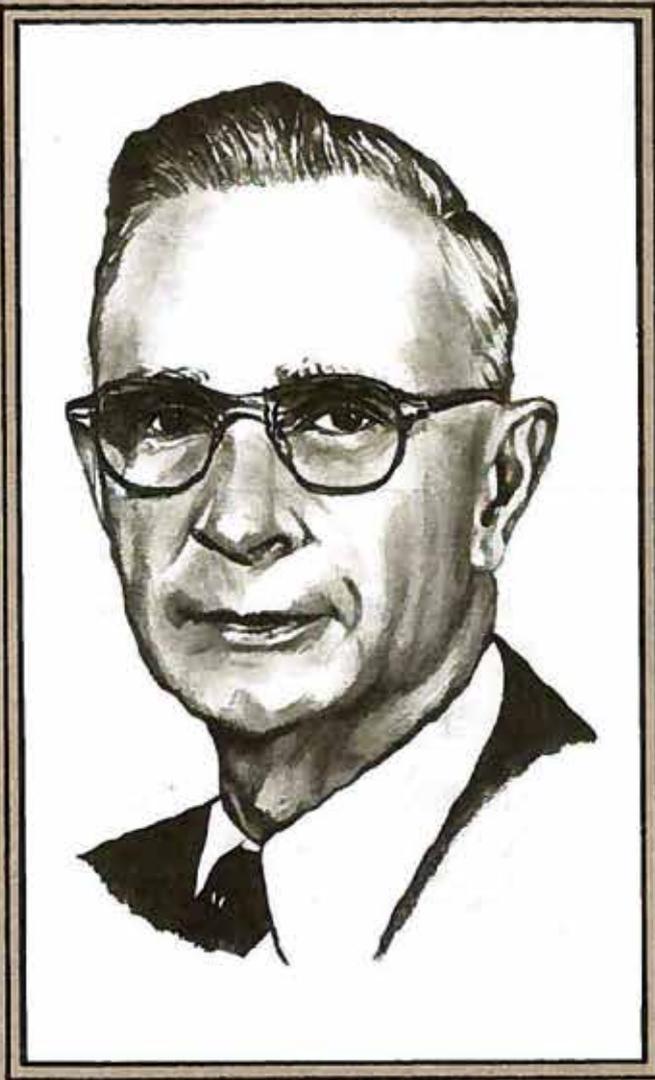
For many faithful viewers of the "50-50 Club," joining Ruth Lyons for 90 minutes a day was more like sitting down with a good friend than watching a TV talk show.

In her 38 years of work on the air, in both radio and television, this dynamic woman blazed a trail for other women to follow in the broadcasting profession.

Ruth Lyons' career began in 1929 as a pianist, organist and music librarian at Cincinnati radio station WKRC. Before long, she was hosting two full hours a day, amazing management with her natural talent for ad-libbing and quickly winning the hearts of her listeners.

Over the next few years, Ruth Lyons became a well-known name around her hometown of Cincinnati. In 1942, she joined WLW radio and became an immediate success on several other shows, and by 1946, she had won the mistress of ceremonies spot on the now-legendary "50-50 Club." Three years later, the show was extended to television and in 1957, became Ohio's first regularly scheduled colorcast, televised in Cincinnati, Dayton, Columbus and Indianapolis.

Though she retired from daily broadcasting in 1967, Ruth Lyons' legacy lives on through her annual Christmas Fund. This fund, which she started in 1939, has raised millions of dollars to buy gifts, toys and equipment for hospitalized children at Christmas and at other important holidays throughout the year.



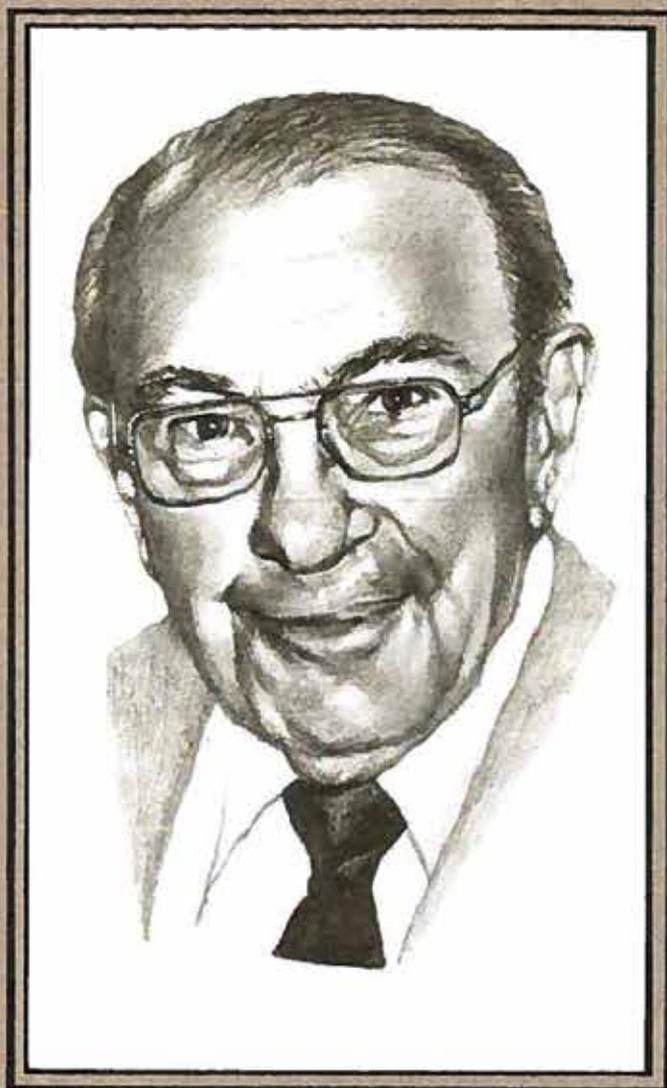
C. STANLEY MECHEM

When C. Stanley Mechem was elected to the Ohio Senate in 1942 — his first and only political office — few suspected the shoe merchant from Nelsonville would become one of the most powerful leaders the Senate would ever know.

Returned to office eleven times by his constituency, Stan Mechem led his fellow senators with a quiet yet unquestionable authority. No one ever doubted the influence Stan Mechem could wield nor questioned his knowledge of upcoming legislation.

While the voters of his district might have been the first to discover the special qualities that made their senator excel at his job, others soon discovered that here was a man who would not long remain in the background. His political savvy and leadership abilities, mixed with his down-to-earth, witty, “Will Rogers” kind of style, quickly earned him the lasting friendship and respect of his colleagues in the Senate, even those whose views differed sharply from his.

In 1951 and 1952, he chaired the Senate Finance Committee, and by 1953, had been elected president pro tem to serve in the absence of the lieutenant governor. From 1953 until his retirement in 1964, he was the undisputed leader of the Republican Party in the legislature, serving as majority leader from 1953-1958 and 1961-1964 and minority leader in 1959-1960.



CAPT. H. MOWREY

From the age of ten, when he took his first job for \$1 a week at a local grocery, to the present, Capt. H. Mowrey has thrived on long hours and hard work.

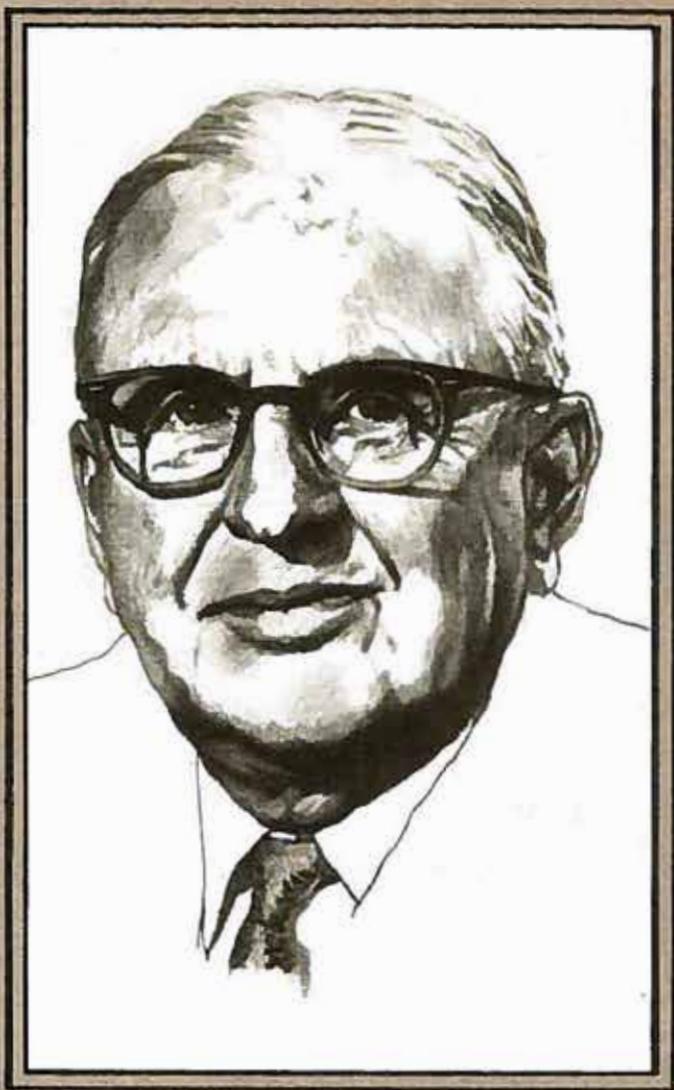
Left without a father as a young boy, Capt. Mowrey learned the meaning of responsibility early in life. To help his mother pay the rent and feed the other children, the young boy willingly took on a variety of jobs to support his family.

A job as a printer's apprentice introduced him to the newspaper business where he quickly gained the skills necessary to become a reporter. In 1917, however, the U.S. went to war and Capt. Mowrey enlisted in the Army. Following four years of distinguished service, during which he attained the rank of captain, he moved to Columbus and returned to newspaper work, serving as state, city and managing editor of the *Ohio State Journal*.

In 1933, a new career beckoned, and he went to work for the Ohio Hotel and Motel Association (then known as the Ohio Hotels Association), and in 1964, became executive vice president of that organization.

During his half-century of service in that field, he founded and served as president of two other organizations, the Ohio Trade Association Executives, and the International Society of Hotel Association Executives.

In September 1982, his colleagues at the Ohio Hotel and Motel Association honored him for his contributions by naming him executive vice president emeritus of their organization.



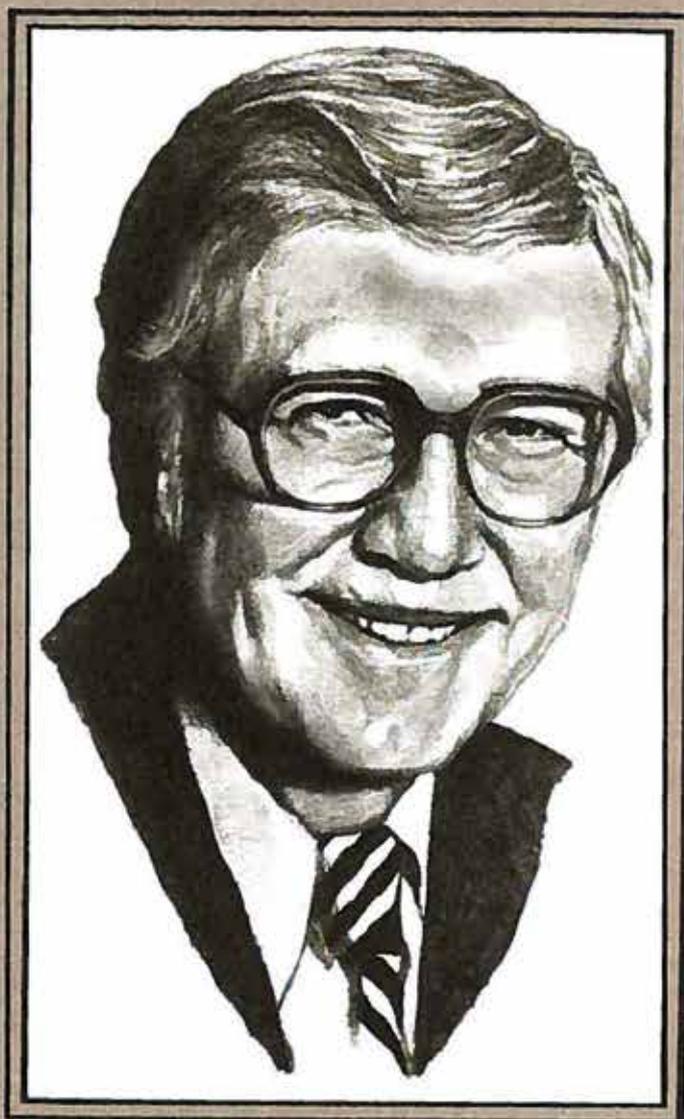
NORMAN VINCENT PEALE

No one will ever know how many lives Dr. Norman Vincent Peale has touched since his first sermon offered to a handful of listeners in a small New England church. From that tiny church to the pulpit of the Marble Collegiate Church in New York City, where he took over a dwindling congregation in 1932 and built it up into a membership of thousands, Dr. Peale's words have offered inspiration and encouragement to millions of people in this nation and overseas.

Few would have guessed the small and bashful boy from Bowersville, Ohio, would grow up to be an internationally-known writer, minister and public speaker. Following his graduation from Ohio Wesleyan University, he began his career as a newspaper reporter, learning early in life the valuable lesson of writing clearly and simply for all to understand — a skill that would serve him well in the years to come.

The author of 29 books, of which *The Power of Positive Thinking* is probably the best known, Dr. Peale's philosophy has helped millions learn to make the most of their lives and opportunities.

Dr. Peale and his wife also co-edit and publish the inspirational monthly magazine, *Guideposts*, in addition to other printed messages and booklets mailed annually to millions of readers. Hundreds of radio stations from coast to coast broadcast daily and weekly messages from Dr. Peale, and a weekly syndicated column on "Positive Thinking" appears in many leading daily newspapers.



WILLIAM A. PEPPER



In a business where reporters seem to come and go overnight, Bill Pepper's long career and fine reputation are a lasting tribute to careful and accurate reporting and a genuine concern for getting important information to his fellow citizens.

Bill Pepper arrived in Columbus at WBNS-TV with 14 years of broadcasting experience behind him as announcer, actor, singer and salesman for radio station WPAY in his hometown of Portsmouth.

From his first job as chief announcer at WBNS in 1949, the year the station began broadcasting, and throughout the next 23 years of newscasting, Bill Pepper became a well-known figure in central Ohio households.

In 1974, he left the anchor spot, and in the years which followed, he researched, wrote and broadcast the innovative "Senior Life" reports, an on-going information series for and about older persons in central Ohio. Through his "Senior Life" reports, Bill Pepper provided important facts about upcoming events and programs for senior citizens, about the issues which affect their daily lives and about older persons who play an important role in central Ohio. His careful research and sensitive handling of important issues, so typical of his style, earned him three awards in 1979 for his reports on mental health, nursing homes and crime prevention.



JAMES A. RHODES

In January 1979, James A. Rhodes began his fourth four-year term as governor of the State of Ohio — the first man in Ohio history ever to achieve that high honor.

As Ohio's "first" senior citizen, Governor Rhodes has been a valuable ally to the older citizens of this state.

In his four administrations, the governor has developed some of the finest, most innovative programs for senior citizens in the nation. It was during his first term in 1965 that Ohio's Administration on Aging, forerunner of the Ohio Commission on Aging, was established.

Under his leadership, Ohio has always gone beyond simply providing the social services required by federal law for senior citizens. With his support, programs such as the Governor's Senior Citizens Art Show, Sale and Auction, the annual statewide observance of Senior Citizens Day, the Senior Citizens Hall of Fame, and others which highlight the talents of older persons, have flourished. Perhaps one of the best-known and most visible of those programs was the development of the Golden Buckeye Card Discount Program, the first of its kind in the nation.

The governor has also encouraged the construction of multipurpose senior citizens centers in every Ohio county. In 1979, he fulfilled another promise to Ohio's older citizens with the opening of the Martin Janis Senior Center on the Ohio State Fairgrounds.

Equally concerned with the development of Ohio's youth as the leaders of tomorrow, Governor Rhodes has also established many programs for young people, and he is recognized as a national leader in the field of vocational education.

Ohio's first programs for senior citizens began in 1965 with the creation of the Administration on Aging by Martin A. Janis as a division of the then Department of Mental Hygiene and Correction. From these initial programs, the 110th General Assembly saw the need to establish a separate government unit to serve Ohio's older citizens, and the Ohio Commission on Aging was officially established in November 1973. As the state's agency for the 1.7 million Ohioans age 60 and over, the OCoA is charged with:

- allocating grants under the federal Older Americans Act and state subsidies;
- providing technical assistance;
- serving as a clearinghouse for information on Ohio's older people;
- developing and coordinating statewide services and activities such as the Golden Buckeye Card discount program, Governor's Conference on Aging, Senior Citizens Day, Hall of Fame and State Fair programs;
- representing Ohio's older population as an advocate;
- coordinating with other federal and state agencies operating aging programs;
- providing services at Ohio's two Golden Age Villages.

Martin Janis was appointed director of the Ohio Commission on Aging on July 1, 1975, by Governor James A. Rhodes. James F. Alexander and Kenneth M. Mahan serve as assistant directors with supervision over all the commission's divisions.

The members of the Ohio Commission on Aging are appointed by the governor. Current members are:

Joseph W. Fichter, Chairman, Oxford  
 Muriel M. Bertsch, Hamilton  
 James E. Carnes, Barnesville  
 Howard Chesler, University Heights  
 The Rev. Lyman W. Liggins, Toledo  
 The Rev. Calvin T. Risch, Columbus  
 Fred Robbins, Dayton  
 Grace Slicer, Columbus  
 Guy R. Taylor, Canton  
 Mary Tecca, Warren  
 Floyd E. Wenger, Bluffton

Martin A. Janis	Director
Jim Alexander	Assistant Director & Division Chief — Statewide Events
Ken Mahan	Assistant Director & Division Chief — Senior Facilities
Mark Artzner	Planning, Evaluation Research & Training
Jack Fox	Health Rights & Benefits
Ken Gilbert	Fiscal Management
M.L. Johnson	Title III Program Coordination
Lee Matson	Senior Employment
George McMillen	General Administration



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