

Changes

The next issue will have a new look. What that will be, I do not know at this time.

• I plan to retire from the St. Petersburg Times in mid-May after seven years. That event will be the primary reason for the new look. No longer will I have the computer and it's associated programs that allow me to produce this letter. I do have a lesser computer at home but without the programs that allow me to format the current look. While it will look a bit different, it will have basically the same content. I would ask that any photos submitted after this issue be sent as attachments to email as I do not know what scanning capabilities I will have.

• In conjunction with my retirement, my email will no longer be fhunter@sptimes.com. Please begin to use samgabe@earthlink.net at this time. If it comes back to you, it will be because of my spam blocker but I will retrieve it and unblock any further emails from you.

• Another change is my new business already underway. Please go to www.mytravelhunter.com and compare with travelocity, priceline, etc. I would appreciate your booking any travel on my site.

• And maybe... even a much bigger change in my life which I will later share with you.

Frank.

Ann Charles shows no signs of quitting

By FRANK LEWIS, PDT Staff Writer

On the heels of her announcement she is retiring as principal of Portsmouth High School, Ann Charles shows no signs of quitting.

"I don't think I am ready to just completely retire. I don't see myself not working someplace. I still enjoy it. I'm also looking at principal openings, and applying for them. I may continue to work."

Charles said her decision didn't come easy. "I struggled with it because I enjoy my job. Once you pass 35 years with our state teachers' retirement, the way it's set up, you're better off retiring."

Charles graduated from Portsmouth High School, and attended Ohio University and Marshall University before taking the plunge into teaching and educational administration. She has spent her entire 36-year career in education, all of those years in the Portsmouth City School System.

"I started out at Garfield, and when Garfield closed, I went to Lincoln. Then, when there was an opening at Roosevelt, I requested and went to Roosevelt. From there, I went to East. Then, I became the principal at Harding. After a month-and-a-half, I was made principal at McKinley." She explained she then went to Grant.

"When we combined the two schools and put the seventh and eighth grades at Grant, I went to Grant. Then I moved to the high school, and I've been here six years," she said.

"My dad, Walter Burns, was a well-known elementary educator in the Portsmouth City Schools. He was in the district 46 years. He was a teacher and a principal. He was at North Moreland. He was at the old Massie School, and

Old Phrases

"I'll just give this a lick and a promise", my mother said as she quickly mopped up a spill on the floor without moving any of the furniture. "Whatis that supposed to mean", I asked as in my young mind I envisioned someone licking the floor with his or her tongue. "It means that I'm in a hurry and I'm busy canning tomatoes so I am going to just give it a lick with the mop and promise to come back and do the job right later.

"A lick and a promise" was just one of the many old phrases that I remember my mother, grandmother, and others using that they probably heard from the generations before them. With the passing of time, many old phrases become obsolete or even disappear. This is unfortunate because some of them are very appropriate and humorous. Here is a list that I came up with that I remember my parents and grandparents using that we don't hear much anymore.

A Bone to Pick: (someone who wants to discuss a disagreement)

At sea: (lost or not understanding something)

Barking at a knot: (your efforts were as useless as a dog barking at a knot.)

Bee in your bonnet: (To have an idea that won't let loose)

Between hay & grass: (Not a child or adult)

Blinky: (Between sweet and sour as in milk)

Take down a notch or two: (like notches in a belt -- usually a young person who thinks too highly of himself and needs a lesson)

Pretty is as pretty does: (your actions are more important than your looks)

Sparking: (courting) Stringing around, gallivanting around, or

piddling: (Not doing anything of value)

Sunday go to meetin' dress: (The best dress you had)

Under the weather: (not feeling well this term came from going below deck on ships due to sea sickness thus you go below or under the weather)

You ain't the only duck in the pond: (It's not all about you)



The Laroy Theater as we once knew it.

Portsmouth schools may buy both stadiums for one dollar

City councilman Howard Baughman said the school system would be able to restore historic property that the city doesn't have the wherewithal to do. □□ Spartan Stadium was the home of the Portsmouth Spartans, who later became the NFL's Detroit Lions. The stadium is believed to have been the scene of the NFL's first night game. □□ Portsmouth High School and Notre Dame High School now use the stadium.

Baughman said Notre Dame would be given all considerations when councilman Jerrold Albrecht asked if the school could still use the stadium. □□ City Service Director Chris Murphy is responsible for the upkeep of the two stadiums. He was livid when Baughman made the announcement, and immediately asked to address the council. □□ "I'm sort of in shock to hear this," Murphy said. "It's bad enough I heard on the radio on a Friday night that the school system wanted to build a new stadium. Now I'm getting backdoored by my own City Council by selling what I manage." □□ He said he was concerned about the stadium's historic value. "I don't like to see it turned over to just anybody," Murphy said. □□ Engineering director Bill Beaumont urged Baughman to make sure all the terms of the potential agreement are in writing. □□ City Council will give the proposal a first reading at its Dec. 26 meeting. It also could pass the measure then. □□ Councilmen Bob Mollette and David Malone voted against preparing the legislation because they wanted time to get more information about it. □□ Vice President Marty Mohr said he was "flabbergasted and excited" about the plan. □□ "This would give us a ball park(s) that is second-to-none not only in Portsmouth, but statewide," he said. "And we'll be preserving a historic building(s). I'm almost out of words." □□ Mohr said the plan would allow the city to keep land near Portsmouth High School for retail development. However, Mayor Jim Kalb quickly corrected him and told him of the plans for the smaller complex in addition to renovating the stadiums. □□ Councilman Mike Mearan said the issue came up after a conversation with attorney Clayton Johnson. Mearan said Johnson is in charge of the \$10 million donation. □□ Mearan then called Baughman, who met with schools superintendent Jan Broughton on Monday.

A Note from Jackie Brown

My brother Roger was in the hospital for a week with three different, serious medical problems. He got to come home several days ago and is doing well now. One day after Rog got home, my very dear friend, Molly Harrison (Deanie's Mom) fell and broke her ankle. Her home address is 282 Chatham Road, Cols., OH 43214 and her home phone number is (614)262-6872. Jackie

Class of 1950 Website

Check out the PHS class of 1950 web site at: <http://www.phstrojans1950.com/>

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Portsmouth May Lose Football Team

Franchise in League Season of 14 games Ends With \$16,949 Deficit

The Portsmouth Times in its issue of this afternoon is carrying an article headlined "Portsmouth May Lose Football Team and Franchise" in which Harry M. Snyder, owner of Universal Stadium and principal director of the club, is quoted as saying that the team is facing a deficit of \$16,949 for the 14 games played so far this season and unless Portsmouth fans come to the rescue, sale of the team is imminent.

A meeting of the stockholders was held at the chamber of commerce rooms Wednesday night, with 18 of the 44 stockholders in attendance, at which the financial plight of the club was explained. Many of the stockholders agreed to double their stock in the club but it is learned that these were mostly stockholders who had \$100 or \$200 shares and that the amount made up by doubling their subscriptions would not go far toward covering the deficit.

The Times reports that while the team had a gallant and successful year on the gridiron its financial bark has sailed a rough sea. Portsmouth lost money on 12 of the 14 games played and the only two on which it broke even or made any money were the games with New York and Chicago, played at those places. The club lost money on every game it played at home. Most of the \$16,949 deficit, it is understood, is owed the players for salaries and part is owed as a guarantee to another club for its appearance at Portsmouth.

At press time this afternoon another meeting of the stockholders was in progress in a final effort to save the team for Portsmouth but those in touch with the situation were pessimistic regarding the success of any plan that might be devised. The Portsmouth Times article says that the news of the financial plight of the club came as a bomb shell to most of the fans, as it was believed in view of the crowds that attended the home games that the club was at least breaking even if not actually making money. It is understood that Portsmouth lost \$18,000 last year, the final year the Tanks were in the game and with this year's deficit it would seem the city has lost approximately \$35,000 in two years in an attempt to maintain professional football. The meeting this afternoon was expected to determine the fate of the team. Green Bay, it is understood, has refused to carry out its agreement for another game with the Spartans. If Green Bay loses next Sunday and then lost to the Spartans they would be tied with the Portsmouth club for the league championship and it seems they are unwilling to take this risk and are refusing to play the game.

Source: *Ironton Evening Tribune Dec. 3, 1931*

Trojan Legend Dies

By JOSH HICKLE

Wednesday, March 21, 2007 PDT Sports Writer

George Heller, former basketball coach at PHS, died Wednesday at age 87.

Heller coached the 1961 Trojans to the AA State Championship, defeating Urbana 50-44. Coaching from 1952 to 1968, Heller amassed a career record of 269-114, good for a .702 winning percentage, and 10 district titles. He also won five Greater Ohio League titles, which featured teams such as Lima, Middletown, Springfield and Hamilton and one regional crown.

"Coach Heller was the ultimate Trojan," said Portsmouth athletic director Tom Grashel, noting the team's GOL schedule put Portsmouth on the map. "He was a great teacher and a great coach. Of course, everyone remembers the state title in 1961, and he was still active in supporting the Trojans. He came to many home games last year, and the kids and staff really enjoyed seeing him there. He will truly be missed."

Dick Spencer was a guard on that 1961 team, and said that Heller was a legend in the area, and not just because of his coaching. "He was the type of person that would help with various needs," he said. "He was the type of coach that

Class of 1955 Picnic

Gene has scheduled the PHS Class of 1955 annual picnic for noon on 9-22-07 at the Portsmouth Shrine Club shelter on Rt. 52 west. The class will furnish the food as usual (Fried chicken, baked beans, potatoe salad, rolls and soft drinks). Local residents are to bring a covered dish or desert. The picnic is free. We do take up a donation to cover some of the cost.

There will be a football game the night before (Friday) the picnic. We plan to have a get together after the game at the Brewery Arcade on Second Street for drinks and snacks.

NEWSLETTER DUES!

Please notify all subscribers to the Newsletter that dues are due by June 1, 2007 for everyone except those who have already paid or have paid ahead.. Due to rising costs for postage and printing it is necessary to raise the dues to \$7.00 per year.



Historic Branch Rickey Park today

if you needed a pair of shoes, he would try to help you in getting them. He helped a lot of people. He would go out of his way to do things off the court as well as on the court.

"As a coach, he was like a father in many ways. You respected him, and he got the best out of a player, and had the ability to get the best out of his players. He was honest and sincere, and was a special person."

In addition to his basketball coaching duties, Heller was also an assistant football coach and head baseball coach. His 1951 baseball team was the first team from Portsmouth to reach the state semifinals. He was also an official in football, volleyball and basketball, attended Temple Baptist Church, was a Kentucky Colonel and was active in the Elks, Masonic Lodge and the American Legion. He was also inducted into the Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Association in 1992.

For Spencer and Grashel, it was Heller's warm nature that they will remember the most.

"He was a people person and everybody loved him," said Grashel. "He knew how to treat people and he always had a smile on his face. He always had a funny story or joke to tell."



Bud Stockham and Flip Phillips



Chillicothe Stree as we knew it

The Day Satchel Came to Town

On Tuesday, June 8, 1954, just as my Junior year at PHS had ended, the citizens of Portsmouth got a rare opportunity to see a baseball legend in action at Riverside Park, just down the James Street hill from my house on Charles Street.

Long, lean Leroy “Satchel” Paige—the black pitcher with the whipsnake arm, blinding speed, and superb control—brought his Harlem Globetrotters baseball team to Portsmouth as part of an extended barnstorming tour through the South and Middle West. Paige, who was only one year removed from his last full major league season, was the Globetrotters’ marquee attraction. The Globetrotters, baseball counterparts of the famous basketball team of the same name, were slated to play the equally-famous, bewhiskered House of David nine, who were in their fortieth season as a traveling unit.

The Globetrotters easily bested the House of David 16 to 8 in a hard-hitting game that began at 6:15 p.m. They took a two-game lead in the cross-country series and breezed to their seventh victory in twelve starts before some 1,500 Portsmouth fans.

Paige, baseball’s pitching patriarch, had his name embossed on the front of his uniform so that even those who knew nothing about baseball would know who he was. He gave the fans a look at his famous (and controversial) “hesitation pitch” in his warmup session along the sidelines and on the mound during the game. The pitch had been a source of contention ever since he first unleashed it in front of a major-league audience in 1948 when he helped the Cleveland Indians win the American League pennant and the World Series. Paige explained to a reporter from the Portsmouth Times, “They never did say it was illegal, exactly. I don’t believe they have ever been able to make a ruling on it.” He went on to say, “The trouble about it came up when I first appeared in the major leagues. I had those sluggers striking at the ball before I pitched it. I’d wind up, hesitate, and then throw. The hitters would start swinging when I’d hesitate and their bats was all the way around before I let the ball go. That’s when they’d get mad and start hollerin’ like the dickens.”

Satchel Paige, whose age was estimated variously between 50 and 60, had been pitching for more than thirty years and was still going strong. He had pitched in more than 2,000 games almost every day in the week and every week of the year, except when he was in the major leagues, and more people had seen him perform than any other baseballer in history to that time. The ageless hurler received a round of applause every time he struck out a batter.

After the game, Satchel obligingly gave out autographs for a long, long while to all who requested them. He signed programs, scorecards, autograph books, and scraps of paper thrust at him through the window of his pink Cadillac parked outside Riverside Park. What a different time that was!

Blaine Bierley

Portsmouth Only Second Best in 2004

Think you could name some of the best cities in which to live and work in the U.S.? Is Portsmouth, Ohio on your list? How about Rock Island, Illinois? Well they should be. They may be unlikely candidates because they don’t have the same allure of the glamorous cities like New York or L.A. But when judged on their salaries and cost of living, they are among the top 5 metro areas out of more than 300 across the U.S. analyzed recently by Salary.com. They are also not the only midwestern cities that fared well. According to our analysis, many of the best cities were in the Midwest while the worst were on the coasts.

The more likely candidates for your top 5 would probably be the more well-known, fast paced cities of California or the historic business hubs of the Northeast, correct? Surprisingly, however, these don’t even show up in the top 30, but instead are heavily present in the worst. Nine out of the top 10 worst metro areas for your paycheck are located in the West or Northeast. The map below shows the distribution of the top 5 best and worst metro areas to live and work in across the country. Our Methodology

To determine the top 5 best and worst metro regions we looked at the cost of living and the cost of wage of 317 metro areas in the United States. Cost of living is defined as how much it would cost to live in a given city, based on the prices of various goods and services including: housing, food, clothing, taxes, healthcare, etc. Cost of wage measures how much employers typically pay as compared to the national average. Taking into account these two measures simultaneously you can identify cities in which your dollars will go farther; namely cities with a low cost of living and a high cost of wage, due to the fact that employers typically pay more there, and goods would typically cost you less. On the other hand, an area with a high cost of living and a lower cost of wage would easily be identified as an area where your dollar would not go as far.

Worst Metro Areas to Live and Work In

Ever dream of living in New York City? Strolling down Madison Avenue, catching a Broadway show? Well if you’re a stickler for making ends meet, you might want to rethink that dream. New York is the least affordable metro area when we calculate both its average salaries and cost of living and compare those to our national average indexes. But you make more money in New York, right? Well, yes and no. On paper your salary may be higher, but does that really mean it’s more? Employers in New York typically pay 15.5% higher than the national average, BUT the cost of living in New York is 94% higher. This means that an average worker currently earning \$50,000/yr in the average U.S. city would have to earn approximately \$37,000 more a year in New York to maintain his or her

standard of living. A \$37,000 dollar raise is a hard thing to come by, even in the Big Apple.

Stamford, CT, San Francisco, San Jose, and San Diego, California all join New York as the top 5 worst cities to spend your salary in the U.S.

Best Metro Areas to Live and Work In

So New York and a whole lot of California are no longer cities among your top choices, but then what is? How about Saginaw, Michigan? Picture yourself strolling along the banks of the Tittabawassee River or watching Fourth of July fireworks from the best seat in the house on Ojibway Island. If Saginaw still doesn’t sound like the city for you, consider this: of the cities we studied, it has the lowest cost of housing in the nation. In fact a lot of things cost less in Saginaw, not just the housing. The cost of living in Saginaw, Michigan is 14% below the national average and the cost of wage is 2% above. Therefore working and living in Saginaw you would most likely see an increase in pay, and a decrease in the dollar amount spent on the services and goods to maintain your standard of living. Maybe Saginaw is moving up on your list.

Portsmouth, OH, Fairbanks, AK, Rock Island, IL, and Corpus Christi, TX are also among the top 5 best places to earn and spend your paycheck in the country.

The chart below reports the 5 best and worst metro areas based on each area’s cost of living and cost of wage as compared to the national average.

	Salary vs Nat avg	Cost of Living vs Nat avg
BEST		
Saginaw MI	3.0%	-14%
Portsmouth OH	0.4%	-15%
Fairbanks AK	24.0%	-13%
Rock Island IL	2.0%	-9%
Corpus Christi TX	-3.0%	-13%
WORST		
New York NY	16%	94%
San Francisco CA	17%	83%
Stamford CT	12%	56%
San Diego CA	16%	52%
San Jose CA	5.0%	41%

Realty Check

Fairbanks, Alaska may be one of the best places to get the most bang for your buck, but living in Alaska also requires adjusting to the fact that more than 4 hours of daylight on New Year’s Day is cause for celebration. The reality is that how much money you will save, or spend, are major concerns, but there are also many other factors to consider before choosing the best place for you, and your paycheck. To find out how changing cities could affect the money in your wallet, visit Salary.com’s Cost of Living Wizard at <http://costoflivingwizard.salary.com/>

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A Note From Peter Harries-Jones

Thanks for sending me the 1955 Trojan Alumni Prints together with my own piece in it. What a surprise! It reminds me howliterate all of us were in Miss Schwartz journalism class. I managed to see her again, in her retirement home in Portsmouth at the 30th year reunion, a truly memorable reminder of the past.

Her journalism class stood me in good stead. Subsequently I worked as a journalist in South Africa in one of the few daily newspapers that was totally against apartheid. As a result I got to know the father of the present President of South Africa - no, not Mandela but the present President is Thabo Mbeki and his father was Govan Mbeki, who was eventually imprisoned on Robben Island with Mandela.

The journalism stint enabled me to work my way through university in South Africa, and subsequently, I became a journalist in Britain with the same idea in mind. I also started the very first magazine that published for and on behalf of OXFAM while I was at Oxford University. After that I did social research in Zambia and, at the same time became an Assistant Editor of the the Financial Times of Zambia. Today, Zambia has few finances; it is one of the poorest countries in the world with an overwhelming AIDS problem.

I eventually decided to work as an academic, although I received several invitations to continue working as a specialist reporter for London newspapers, covering the continent of Africa.

Still, I kept up my journalism flair while being a full academic by publishing in-house journals for one interest or another, mostly trade union interests within the university system, and, of course have edited academic journals. The most recent editing task (unpaid of course) was an on-line journal from 2000-2005 that was concerned with a totally new science called Biosemiotics. If you haven’t heard of it, then you are in the 99.99 percentile, but The Times of London is about to do a major piece on it.

Keep up the good work. I appreciate it.

Peter Harries-Jones



Test

1. After the Lone Ranger saved the day and rode off into the sunset, the grateful citizens would ask, Who was that masked man? Invariably, someone would answer, I don’t know, but he left this behind. What did he leave behind?
2. When the Beatles first came to the U.S.in early 1964, we all watched them on The _____ Show.
3. “Get your kicks, _____.”
04. “The story you are about to see is true. The names have been changed_____.”
5. “In the jungle, the mighty jungle, _____”
6. After the Twist, The Mashed Potato, and the Watusi, we “danced” under a stick that was loweredas low as we could go in a dance called the “_____.”
7. “N_E_S_T_I_E_S,” Nestle’s makes the very best _____.”
8. Satchmo was America’s “Ambassador of Goodwill.” Our parents shared this great jazz trumpet player with us. His name was _____.
9. What takes a licking and keeps on ticking?
10. Red Skelton’s hobo character was named _____ and Red always ended his television show by saying, “Good Night, and “_____.”
11. Some Americans who protested the Vietnam War did so by burning their_____.
12. The cute little car with the engine in the back and the trunk in the front was called the VW. What other names did it go by? _____ & _____.
13. In 1971, singer Don MacLean sang a song about, “the day the music died.” This was a tribute to _____.
14. We can remember the first satellite placed into orbit. The Russians did it. It was called _____.
15. One of the big fads of the late 50’s and 60’s was a large plastic ring that we twirled around our waist. It was called the _____.

Lew Rayburn

- ANSWERS:
01. The Lone Ranger left behind a silver bullet.
 02. The Ed Sullivan Show.
 03. On Route 66.
 04. To protect the innocent.
 05. The Lion sleeps tonight.
 06. The limbo.
 07. Chocolate.
 08. Louis Armstrong.
 09. The Timex watch.
 10. Freddy, The Freeloader, and “Good Night, and may God Bless.”
 11. Draft cards. (bras were also burned.)
 12. Beetle or Bug.
 13. Buddy Holly.
 14. Sputnik.



PHS Time Capsule

From the Portsmouth Times Apr. 10, 1954: Girls At PHS In Badminton Teams Selected For Spring Schedule

Girls for Portsmouth High School have paired off for their badminton games for spring competition for the Girls’ Athletic Association.

Order of play will be announced next week by Miss Ruth Ann Peake, girls’ athletic director director at PHS and sponsor of girls’ intramural sports.

Freshman couples which will compete are Melissa Hartley and Virginia Adams, Velda McFann and Sandra Sexton, Carless Lewis and Etis Allen, Paula Chapman and Gypsy Crabtree, Betty Redman and Donna O’Brien.

Sophomore and junior couples are Kay Hannum and Emma Lou Spears, Mary Bowser and Shirley Carter, Dottie Englebrecht and Mary Sue Schroeder, Anita Vance and Linda Henson, Pat Noel and Deanna Dempsey.

Mary Jo parker and Doris Allen, Augusta Chapman and Jean Hisle, Shirley Morrow and Janet Morrow, Esther Thurman and Nancy Rammel.

PHS girls play these sports so that they may gain points and be eligible for GAA.

From the Portsmouth Times Apr. 12, 1954: Berthe, Green First In State PHS, East Win Top Honors For Music

Joe Berthe and Jim Green, Portsmouth High School students, took first ratings in the state finals music competition Saturday at Washington Court House.

Berthe, a junior, won for a trombone solo and Green, a senior, for a baritone solo.

Students winning second ratings were Jane Dever, mezzo soprano; Katherine Davis, Connie Smith and Ted Cooper, clarinet trio, all from PHS.

Eleanor Torges, clarinet and Tom Beisley, saxophone, from East High, also took second ratings. Alex Davidson, from PHS, took third for flute solo.

The groups attending the finals were members of their respective high school marching and concert bands and high school choirs.

To win a rating, the music students must compete successfully against a set standard of excellence made by school music authorities throughout the state.

A first rating ranks the student among the top in his field in the state.



The jail from the viaduct (the old N&W Station)