



William F. Maag Jr. Class of 1901

High school journalism in the Mahoning Valley was born in 1899 when sophomore William F. Maag, Jr. class of 1901, produced the first copy of *The Rayen Record*, a monthly magazine for Rayen School. He was **the Record's first editor.**

He was one of the honor students of his class, and was influenced by his teachers, Sarah Jane Peterson, Lida Baldwin, Philippina Kerwer and his advisor Mr. Jewett. After graduation, he returned to school and in a post-graduate year, again was editor. The next year he went to Harvard and was graduated in 1905, taking honors.

After "cutting his journalistic teeth" at Rayen, Maag, Jr. took a position in the editorial department of the "Vindicator. He then went on to publish *The Vindicator* until his death in 1968.

In recent years, Rayen journalism students learned about William F. Maag, Jr. and the history of our school newspaper, which continued to be published through 2007. Rayen journalism students felt a sense of pride to know that a Rayen grad published *The Vindicator*. They were surprised and proud to know that the call letters WFMJ are the initials of a Rayen grad, and they believed that it was no accident that **Vindicator cars and trucks were painted orange because of Maag's loyalty to the Rayen Tigers.**

In 1968, Esther Hamilton, *The Vindicator's* much-loved columnist for many years, devoted a column to Maag, Jr. on his death. She described him as the "wisest editor I ever worked for, a compassionate man, so sure of himself he never needed to let people know who he was or what he stood for, an example to lesser folks."

Years later when she was a member of the staff, she recalls "Mr. Maag could out write anybody on his paper. His editorials were pungent, forceful and elegant in style, yet the common fellow could understand every word".

In a personal correspondence to his boyhood friend James Wick, he wrote, *"For me, life has been an incessant round of work – always beginning tomorrow's task before today's has been finished – but I feel I have played my part to the best of my ability and that you and I together have worked to give Youngstown a better school system than it would have had without us – not to forget Mrs. Peterson and Lida Baldwin!"* His teachers would agree; Mrs. Sarah Jane Peterson said he was **"brilliant, modest, and unassuming."**

It was the Maag family that later donated the land that was to become Boardman Park.



Dr. Ernest Carroll Moore
Class of 1889



GROUND-BREAKING CEREMONIES, WESTWOOD CAMPUS
Dr. Ernest Carroll Moore, then Director of the University of California at Los Angeles, turned the first shovel-ful of earth on the new campus on September 21, 1927. Prominent persons who witnessed the ceremony included Dean Charles H. Baber, James R. Martin, Mrs. Joseph F. Sartori, Edward A. Dickson, Harold Jans, Dr. Edwin Jans, and Robert M. Underhill.

Dr. Ernest Carroll Moore,
breaks ground for California's UCLA.

The story of U. C. L. A. 's rise and the story of Dr. Ernest Carroll Moore, go hand in hand. Moore was Director, and then Provost and Vice-President until his retirement from administrative duties in 1936.

In 1917 there occurred a memorable meeting of two men – Dr. Ernest Carroll Moore and Edward A. Dickson where they planned the establishment of a great university in California, designed to provide the southern portion of the state the same opportunities enjoyed in the north, initially titled the University of California, Southern Branch. Two years later their dream was realized and with the acquisition of the Los Angeles State Normal School in 1927, it officially became the University of California at Los Angeles.

He studied with Sarah Jane Peterson during her early years at Rayen, becoming an authority on education. When Mrs. Peterson died Dr. Moore replied; *"No city ever had a more useful citizen. Bless her."*

He was Superintendent of Schools in Los Angeles, Head of the Department of Education at Yale, teaching at both Harvard and Yale. He wrote many books on the subject of education.



Ross Wales class 1965

Princeton University coach, Bob Clotworthy, guided Ross through his college career winning two National AAU 100y butterfly championships (1966, 1969) and the 1967 NCAA National Championship in the 100y butterfly (50.26).

At the 1967 Pan American Games of Winnepeg, Ross won the silver medal behind Mark Spitz. The next year, at the 1968 Olympic games, he won the bronze medal at the Olympic debut of the 100m butterfly event.

As a talented rising attorney, he was a very influential catalyst in shaping what is now USA Swimming from the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) and building on those endeavors. He was the main influence in orchestrating the compromise among the aquatic disciplines whereby they all joined a single entity, United States Aquatic Sports, Inc., which became the U. S. member of FINA in 1980.



Senior Ross Wales at start of his record-breaking 100-yard national interscholastic butterfly race held by Don Schollander

Ross served as President of United States Aquatic Sports, Inc. He was also a member of the U.S. Olympic Committee Executive Board (1985-1989) and President of the National Swimming Foundation (1984-1987). He served four years as the secretary to the Technical Swimming Committee of FINA, 1984-1988 and was responsible for editing and publishing the *FINA Handbook* and *FINA News*.

In 1999, Ross's son Dod, captain of the Stanford Swimming Team, won the NCAA National 100y butterfly (45.89), joining his father as the only father/son duo to win NCAA National Championships in the same event.



Russell McKay Class of 1907

Russell McKay graduated from Rayen School in the famous class of 1907. He was the captain of the 1906 – 1907 football team that did not lose a game, and also was captain of the basketball team. Rayen had no gymnasium at the time so the team had to practice at the YMCA.

He was on the debating team and made the honor roll in a time when participation meant meeting the requirements of the famous teachers of that day. To stay on the team a boy had to acquit himself well in the classroom. Wells L. Griswold, widely known educator of that time, was principal.

McKay went on to Brown University where he made Phi Beta Kappa in scholarship. He was chosen by Walter Camp as an All American and one of the all time greats at Brown University. *The Providence Journal* quoted the great Brown coach **Dr. Marvel, who said "Russell McKay was one of the greatest football players to ever play for Brown. There wasn't a thing he couldn't do in football with the finesse of a champion."** All of his playing was on what was considered as Brown's "big time" team that beat Yale.

Mr. McKay received his degree from Harvard Law School where he passed the bar examination at the head of his class. He returned to Youngstown and began working at the Home Savings and Loan. He later served as vice-president in 1936, and president in 1944. During his tenure Youngstown had its greatest growth; **he was responsible for a major share of the Youngstown area's development.**



Dr. Robert L. Pegues Jr., Class of 1954

He attended the Wood Street School, Hayes Junior High School, The Rayen School, Youngstown State University, U.S. Army, Westminster College, and Kent State University. Teacher at Lincoln School, grades 6 & 7, Federal Project Director, Adult Basic Education, Principal, Tod Elementary School, 1966-68, Administrative Assistant for Urban Affairs, 1968-69, Assistant Superintendent, 1970-72, Superintendent, 1972-78.

The Pegues family, from Robert L. Pegues Sr., the first to graduate in 1933, through Victoria Autumn Williams, the last to graduate in 2007, a total of 28 family members have graduated from The Rayen School. Raised in Smokey Hollow, they attended the old Wood Street Elementary School, the same school that spawned the **first wave of students to attend the "new" Rayen School on Wick Avenue in 1866.**

There were 10 in the first generation to graduate from Rayen, Robert Sr. being the oldest. He had nine children, all graduating from Rayen. From his son Winston came three children to graduate from Rayen and from his daughter Chillita were five to graduate from Rayen. Her daughter Joy saw Autumn graduate in 2007. Four generations in all.

As Superintendent Pegues remembers that one of his more pleasant duties was to place a diploma in the hands of his brother Jeffery upon his graduation from Rayen in 1973. His honors and awards, over 23, and his affiliation and experience with Educational Organizations, and local and national agencies, 38 of them, is extensive. Among the many are Child Guidance Board and the Ohio Advisory Committee on Special Education, the George A. Bowman Fellowship Award, Outstanding Administrator, Kent State University, and The Rayen School Hall of Fame. One of the first fellow students he met when he went from Hayes to Rayen was Mel Catsoules. In later years they marveled that they both graduated from Rayen and Mel succeeding Robert as Superintendent.

When asked about his experience as a student at Rayen, Dr. Pegues, without hesitation responded, **"What impressed me the most as a student were the teachers.** They were excellent, caring, sincere, conscientious, and friendly. I have fond memories of Ruth Whittington, Howland, Seeger, Dorshuck, Rogers, Russ, Simpson, Smith, Cotton and Nisch. They were so good that I used them as models for teachers in every school, when I became Superintendent.."

They were good because many of them were products of The Rayen School system themselves. **They carried forth the tradition of excellence".**

He still fondly recalls his dad's picture on the wall at Rayen. "He was a great football player for Rayen. One day the students asked me if that was me. Well, I never let think otherwise."



Dom Rosselli Class of 1935

Dom Rosselli's career in athletics was truly phenomenal. At age 92, Dom was asked about his days at Rayen School -

"When I was a kid I would sneak into the Rayen Stadium just to watch the football games. I didn't live in the Rayen School area but I wanted so much to go to Rayen and be a Rayenite that when the time came to attend high school, I enrolled myself as a freshman at Rayen. Rayen did wonders for me. It was not a building of bricks and mortar but a place of learning, a place of family. The teachers were wonderful and that's what Rayen was all about. I am so proud to have graduated from Rayen School."

The following text is a reprint from the YSU sports web site.

After a stellar performance as quarterback for Rayen, he went on to Geneva College as a great football and basketball player.

*He began his YSU coaching career in 1940 after graduating from Geneva College in 1939. He coached the Penguins for two seasons before World War II duty as a Captain in the U.S. Air Force took him off the court and overseas. In his 39 years **as the men's basketball coach at Youngstown State University, Dom Rosselli** coached in 977 basketball games and won an impressive 60 percent of those contests. **But besides coaching on the hardwood, he was also the Penguins' baseball coach for 27 years and was an assistant football coach for almost 20 years.***

*His main success was on the basketball court where he finished his tenure on the YSU sideline with an overall record of 589-388. He was an assistant coach on the football team before the war and when he returned in 1946 he returned to his **assistant's position until 1963. He took over the Penguin baseball program and was the coach from 1948-50. In 1958, he was back with the Penguin baseball team and for the next 24 years was a fixture in the dugout. His YSU baseball coaching record was 418-219, including two NAIA District Championships and three appearances in the NCAA Playoffs.***

All totaled as a head basketball and baseball coach Rosselli had a 1,007-607 record.

Basketball was Dom's passion. In his 39 years, YSU had eight 20-win seasons, 26 winning seasons, won 19 postseason games, appeared in four NAIA National Tournaments and nine NCAA Regional Tournaments. Rosselli earned accolades for his efforts as well begin named the NCAA Division IV Coach of the Year, Ohio College Coach of the Year in 1957 and 1964.



Charles P. Henderson class of 1928

Excerpt from an article in the Vindicator, January 6, 1946.

Mr. Charles P. Henderson, Rayen class of 1928, new Rayen Hi-Y advisor, related his army experiences to the Rayen Hi-Y, Tuesday, at the Youth Center.

Relieved from active duty with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, Mr. Henderson has now resumed his law practice.

For time awhile in service he headed the section of counter intelligence that weeded out Nazi sympathizers in the army. He declared that through intensive counter-espionage the counter-intelligence corps succeeded in keeping the army free from subversive activities.

In the summer of 1944, Mr. Henderson joined the Judge Advocate General's Department and subsequently became attached to the Office of Strategic Services.

As a council for OSS, he was sent overseas to India serving for six months. He also served in Burma and China.

He recounted to the Hi-Y students his many experiences in these theaters of operation with pictures and stories of the people. Charles P. Henderson was later elected Mayor of Youngstown where he served with distinction.



Edmund M. Morgan, Class of 1897

Edmund M. Morgan, was the subject of an article in the weekly Harvard Law School Record. Here is a short excerpt from that article written in 1949.

*Professor Edmund M. Morgan, currently occupying the chair of Royall professor, who has twice served as acting dean of Harvard Law School: 1936-37 and 1942-45, **was recently written about for his work as Chairman of the Secretary of Defense's special committee studying military justice. The committee, appointed by James V. Forrestal, has just presented to Congress a plan for drafting a unified court for all armed forces.***

The New York County Lawyers Association 'were shocked to learn that the same official was empowered to accuse, to draft and direct the charges, to select the prosecutor and defense council from the officers under his command, to choose the members of the court, to review an alter their decision, and to change any sentence imposed. Many of the judges, prosecutors and defense council were neither lawyers nor trained in the law.'

The new code of military justice would cover both the substantive and the procedural law governing military justice and its uniform administration in all the armed forces. It provided many of the protections of the civilian courts

Morgan was the first Youngstown man to win the Phi Beta Kappa key at Harvard and was co-author of a number of outstanding legal volumes. He is now a member of the advisory committee assisting the United States Supreme Court in the preparation of a unified system of general rules for cases in equity actions at law in federal courts.

*Professor Morgan also wrote a book on the Sacco-Vanzetti case, stating how the council for the defense hopelessly mismanaged their case, that the prosecutor was **guilty of monstrous misconduct, that the trial judge 'stupid' and prejudiced, and that the jurors rendered a verdict contrary to the great weight of evidence.***



Billy Evans Class of 1901

Evans' obituary appeared in The New York Times on January 24, 1956....

Billy Evans Dies in Miami at 71; Major League Umpire 22 Years

*Evans, born in Chicago, relocated with his family to Youngstown after his father accepted a management position at a Carnegie Steel plant. Evans proved to be a standout athlete at Youngstown's Rayen School and went on to play football and baseball at Cornell. After two years, his law studies and college sports career came to a halt, however, with the sudden death of his father. Evans returned to Ohio and accepted a job as a sports reporter at the Youngstown Vindicator. In 1904, while covering a baseball game, Evans was approached by the manager of a local club, ex-major leaguer Marty Hogan, and asked to fill an umpire vacancy. His performance earned him a spot as a full-time league umpire. The following year, Evans received a spectacular career boost from another Youngstownner, ex-ballplayer Jimmy McAleer, who was so impressed with the young man's ability that he recommended Evans to American League president Ban Johnson. At 22 years of age, Evans was the youngest umpire in major league history; furthermore, he was among those very rare umpires who broke into the major leagues with no prior professional experience. He was an umpire for six World Series: 1909, 12, 15, 17, 19, and 23. Working in an era during which most major league games used no more than two umpires (and sometimes only one), Evans single-handedly umpired seven double-headers in eight days during the 1907 season. He was the base umpire for **Charlie Robinson's perfect game on April 30, 1922.** Unlike many umpires, Evans never made claims to infallibility. "I missed a lot of decisions", he once said. "At the time of making such a decision there was no doubt in my mind as to its correctness. However, a second or two later I felt that I erred and wished I could change my original ruling". Evans retired from umpiring following the 1927 season to become the general manager of the Cleveland Indians. According to the Baseball Almanac, Evans was the first front-office executive of a major league team to be officially called a "general manager."*

From the *Baseball Library: the Home of Baseball History.*

*Although he was a diplomat, Evans once fought Ty Cobb under the grandstand after Cobb challenged Evans over two close out calls at the plate. Al Schacht, baseball's "Clown Prince," described the fight: "When the game ended they both went under the grandstand while the members of both teams became spectators. Billy posed like a real fighter while Ty stalked him like a Tiger and then suddenly hit him in the jaw. Down went Evans with Ty on top of him. With his knee on Evans' chest, Ty held Billy by the throat and tried to choke him. We finally got him off Billy and that was the end of the fight." Evans continued his writing career, authoring many articles and a book: *Umpiring from the Inside*. From 1920 to 1927 he wrote a syndicated column, "Billy Evans Says." In later years Evans served as GM for Cleveland (1927-36) and Detroit (1947-51), farm director for Boston (1936-40), GM of the NFL's Cleveland Rams (1941), and president of the Southern Association (1942-46). In 1973 he was elected to baseball's Hall of Fame.*