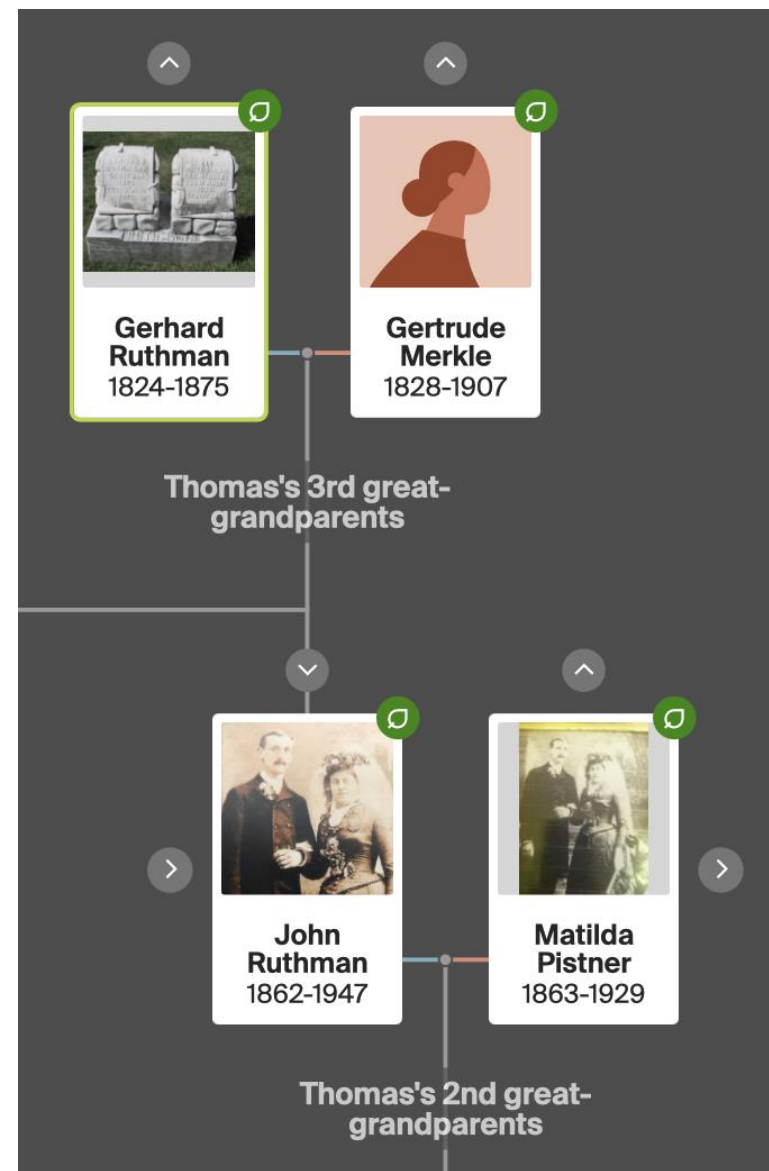


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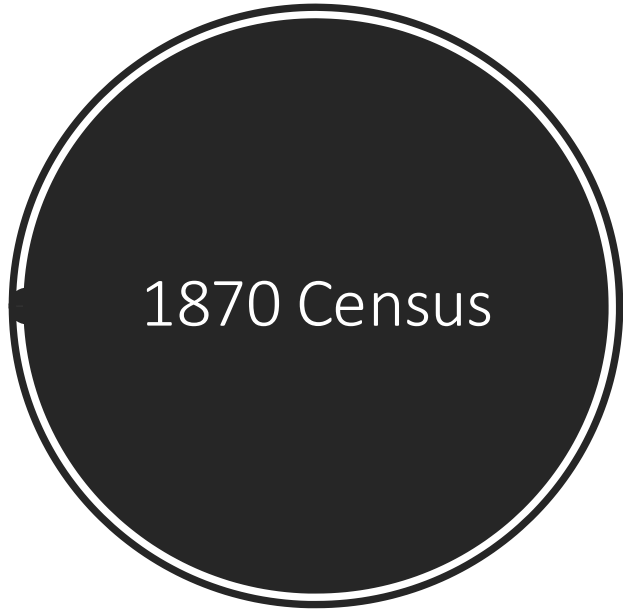


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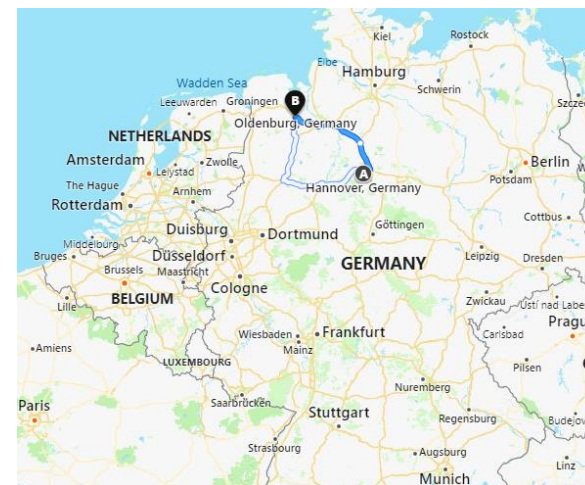


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BURIAL	<a href="#">Saint John Cemetery</a> Saint Bernard, Hamilton County, Ohio, USA
PLOT	Block 7, Lot 2
MEMORIAL ID	107600175 · <a href="#">View Source</a>

Ed was oldest.  
Born 1889.

1908 graduate of  
OMI

Ed's story of the  
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## OMI Gives 2 Special Honors

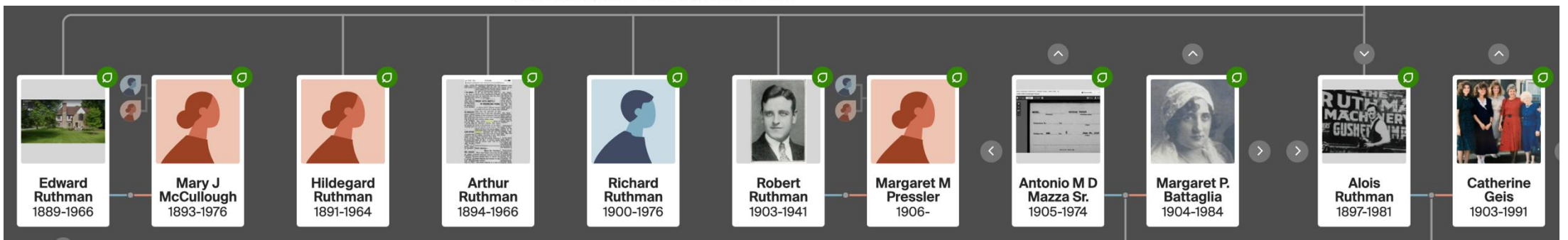
Two men who long have been associated with the Ohio College of Applied Science-Ohio Mechanics Institute received special recognition at the college's 134th annual commencement exercises last night.

The men are Edward J. Ruthman, president of the Ruthman Machinery Co., and Paul K. Johnston, dean emeritus of the college.

A 1908 graduate of OMI, Mr. Ruthman received the John T. Faig Alumni Award given annually to an outstanding alumnus. Mr. Johnston, still active on the faculty, received a special citation for 43 years of service with the institution.

The Ruthman Machinery Co., prior to incorporation in the year 1919, was owned by E.J. Ruthman from its inception in June 1913 when he started it.

E.J. Ruthman was an accomplished engineer in 1913, an expert draughtman, a mathematician, a skilful operator of all machine tools, a builder of machine tools, a possessor of the manual skill in the use of scrapers and red lead and mental adroitness guided straight edges, try squares, aligning bars, trams, test indicators to bring about the final fits and alignments of slides and spindles to enable the machine tool to turn out work to a split thousand of an inch. He also had full knowledge of wood and metal pattern work and foundry work. He was familiar all metals and their alloys and heat treatments and the proper specification for use in the parts of machinery. E.J. Ruthman as he worked as an ordinary workman learned much of what is in the average industrial employee's mind. This enabled to place men after interview at the right task subordinate or leadership. In other words an expert director of personal.



1917. 216 E 2<sup>nd</sup> street building condemned.

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Alois (now 20 years old in 2017...."should have been" ...)

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A bright midafternoon sun was shining in

1913 Major Flood

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# The Tragic Demise of V.E. Shields, Whiskey Man



On Friday, May 7, 1915, during World War One, a German U-Boat torpedoed the Cunard ocean liner RMS Lusitania eleven miles off the coast of Ireland. The vessel caught fire and sank in eighteen minutes. Only 723 passengers and crew survived. Killed were 1,198 passengers and crew, including 128 Americans. Among them was Victor E. Shields, a prominent Cincinnati liquor dealer, and his wife Retta.

Shown here is the passport photo of Shields as he prepared to board the Lusitania in New York. He gave his occupation as "merchant" never mentioning liquor and said his purpose was "commercial business" with his destinations being England, France and Italy. In truth, it was also a pleasure trip with his wife of 19 years. It was the first time either had ever seen Europe and traveling there first class in one of world's most luxurious liners must have been exciting and full of anticipation for the couple. They were just hours from docking in England when disaster struck.



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THE BICKFORD DRILL AND TOOL CO.

Front and Pike Streets.

John Flynn was the proprietor. He was in his early seventies and had inherited the business from his grandfather who had lived to be ninety years old. The building was an immense unheated warehouse with 15 ft. ceilings. A room 8x8x12 built of used wainscoting and nondescript glass occupied a front corner on the first floor, was the office. The 5 stories were loaded with all kinds of machinery, some recent, some old enough to vote and some that must have played an important part in winning the civil war.

John Flynn knew of no place that I could move to, so I walked a couple hundred feet toward Broadway into Smith Machinery Co.

Dick Smith was the proprietor, a man in his late forties, 6 ft. tall heavy built, ruddy face, amiable disposition, he wore an ecru mohair suit, pongee shirt, soft silk hand tied bow tie, highly polished oversize brown shoes, and a large rim Panama hat. Believe it or not Dick Smith could neither read nor write. However, he had a prodigious memory. He said that he had bought 117 machine tools from the Packard Motor Co. on an average of 500 dollars each. These he said were in good condition and only a few years old. These were sold to so as to make room for new machine tools to manufacture Liberty Motors for the United States Government. He said that if I needed any of these tools I could have them at my own terms of payment with no interest. I did take a four spindle high speed ball bearing drill press and a surface grinder with a large magnetic chuck, which were very useful in our production. He said that I could have any other tool that he liked my record and reputation, and would give me \$10,000 credit on my own purchase terms.

Dick Smith then told me that Bossert from Peters and Bossert was negotiating for a planer and said something about vacating the fourth floor at Front & Pike sts. This was ~~down~~ the old Bickford Tool Co Building. So I hurried down to Front and Pike just up the 4 flights of stairs, just in time to prevent young Peters from taking down the line shafting. He called up dad who said I could have the line shaft,



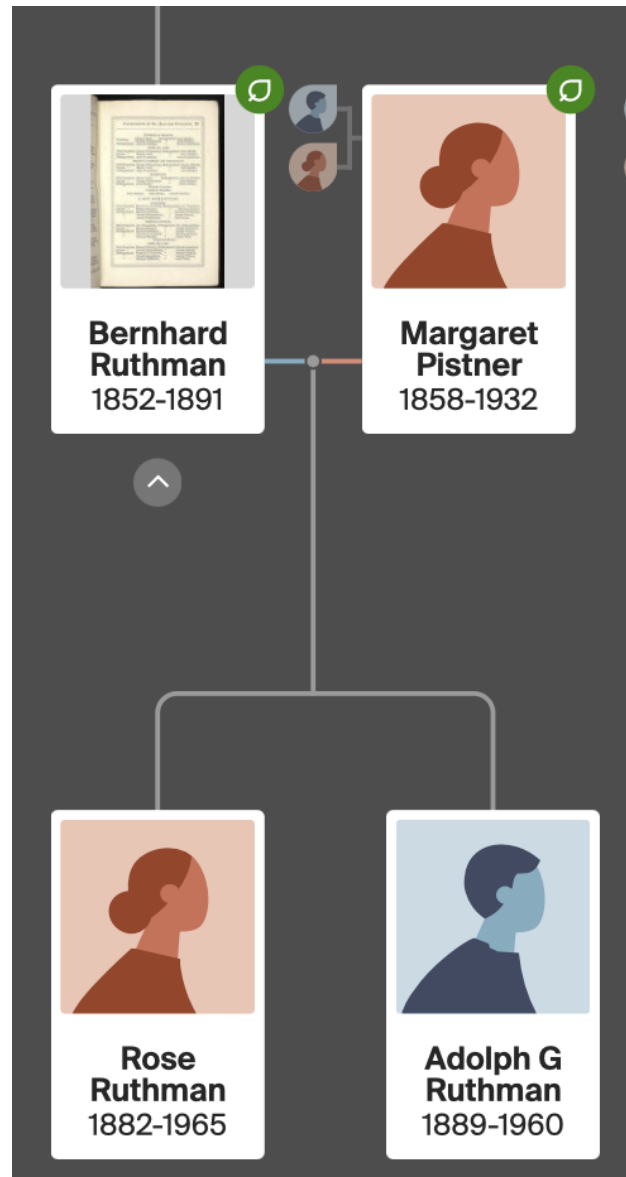


May I add, this, after investigating the truth about uncle Ben through interviews with contemporary and surviving relatives.

Grandpa Gehard Ruthman was a blacksmith and wagon maker and had his own shop at the North end of Race St. His son Ben in his early childhood climbed to the seat of a high brewery wagon and fell striking his hip on some iron object that was left on the floor. This injury ~~became~~ became tubercular leaving one of his legs ~~shrunken~~ shrunken and four inches shorter as he grew into manhood. He struggled about with a cane and a four inch lift in one shoe. Finally, the poisons through his blood stream disturbed the other healthy functions of the body, and he became emaciated and listless. He discarded his cane and used crutches. Every physical effort brought beads of cold clammy perspiration to his ashen face. An ounce or so of whiskey seemed to strengthen him in his bad spells and enabled him to carry on. Alcohol, like narcotics, maintain ~~their~~ their sedative effect only in ever increasing dosage. Uncle Ben finally became bed ridden and was consuming quite a lot of alcohol,, until death put an end to his ~~miseries~~ suffering. His ~~disease~~ disease was slowly progressive, his days were numbered, & death came by increments, exacting its full measure of pain, each in its turn, from every nerve and fibre of his body. If you and I could imagine ourselves in Uncle Ben's place, at what point would we call for the physicians' hypodermic, or resort to alcohol, and who would call us dope fiends or drunks. Uncle Ben married my mother's sister, two brother's married to two sisters, That makes Uncle Ben's children my double cousins. There were three, Gustave who died as an infant, Rose and Adolph who is very close to my age. When uncle Ben died his widow aunt Margaret was left his debts which consumed the money she inherited from her mother, and the inheritance that was ~~was~~ to come down to the children from ~~their~~ grandpa Ruthman estate was so depleted by claims from the other heirs even down to the difference in school money that was spent on uncle Ben, w



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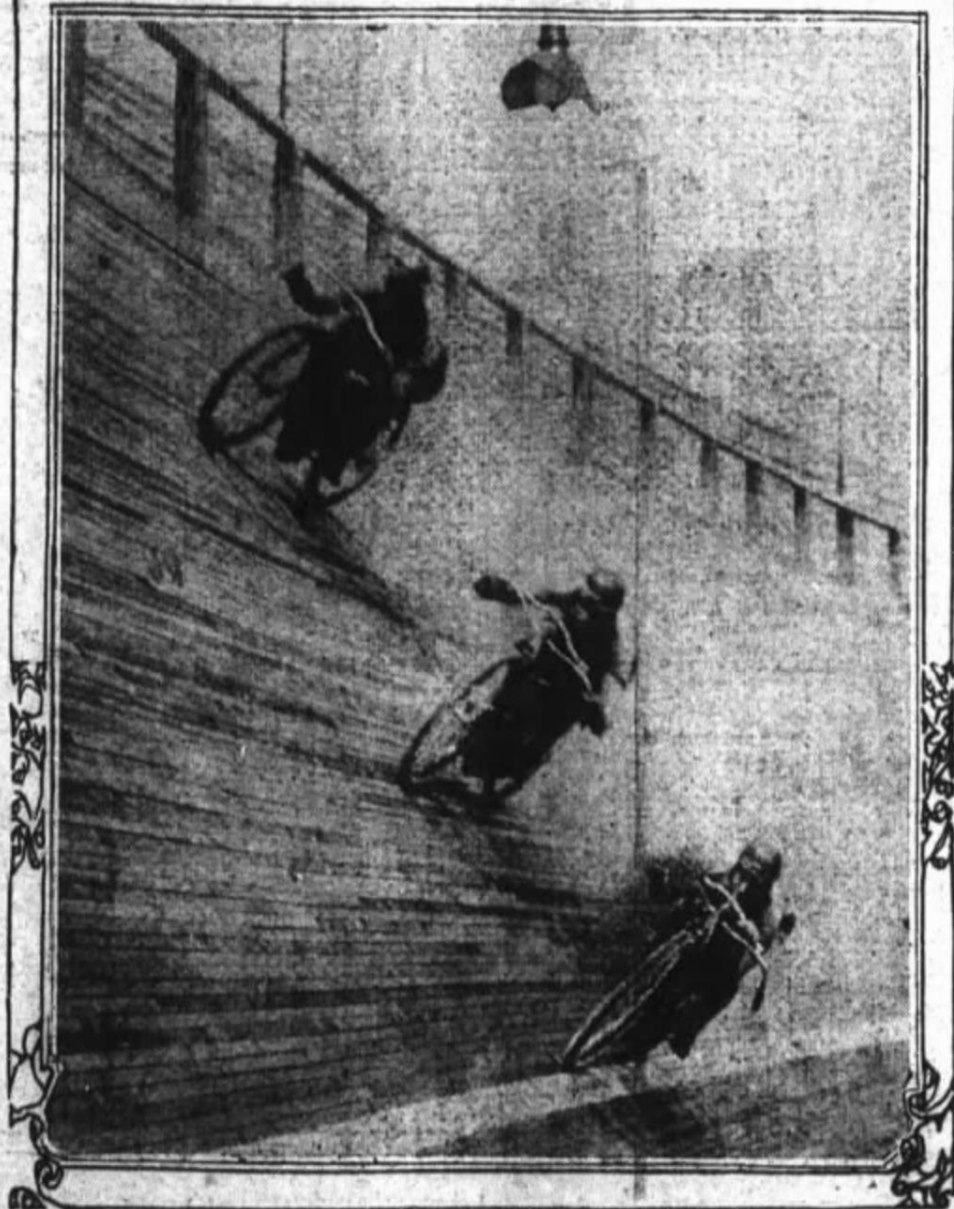


that she was practically a pauper. In contrast the other heirs sported an extra brick house each ~~apiece~~ through the final reckoning. Aunt Margaret was compelled to rent two rooms on the fourth floor of a tenement on Green street, and take in sewing work at a mere pittance from the overflow work from a sweet-shop, to feed her children till their teens when they could go out to work. The rest of the heirs ~~arranged~~ ignored her with arrogance when she call on them and she was told to be satisfied to lie in the bed of her selection, and in one instant had a cup of coffee thrown in her face. This attitude soured her disposition, and she lived up to the name they finally called her, "Sour Puss Maggie". Her daughter Rose started ~~as a dish washer in the cafeteria of Procter & Gamble~~ work in the soap coupon redeeming department of the Procter & Gamble, which was discontinued, then transferred to the cafeteria. This is where Rose shined, as her home-life taught her to prepare attractive appetizing nourishing meals at a low cost. She fit in the picture perfectly and soon became the manager of the cafeteria at a substantial salary. Rose reinvested her salary in Procter & Gamble stock and now together with her pension is comfortably retired. She never married and travels about to her own pleasure.

Adolph worked himself in to advertising and now has his own ~~business~~ business in New York. He raised three fine boys and has sent them through college

Daredevil  
Charles Hayes

Ludlow Lagoon  
Motor Cycle  
Racing Dome



ALBRIGHT CHAPPLE AND GUTTERMAN "SNAPPED AT SPEED" AT MOTOR DROME.

Before the largest crowd that has yet visited the Stadium Motordrome at Brighton Beach, Arthur Chapple, the New York sensation, defeated "Johnny" Albright, of Denver, in straight heats in the feature event, travelling the four mile heats in 2:52 1-5 and 2:54 1-5 respectively. In the first heat Albright got off to a good start and led Chapple for two miles. Then the New York man took the lead and won by twenty feet. In the second heat they rode wheel to wheel for three miles, with Chapple holding the Denver rider to the pole. Chapple won by two feet in an exciting finish.

disheartened  
The next morning I got up bright and early after a fitful sleep with a plan to move the shop from 216 E. second St. to the new location at Front & Pike Sts. After intense deliberation, I decided to confer with several professional riggers or machinery movers to get prices. They all agreed that it was a dangerous job and expensive to move machinery out of a condemned building and that their insurance rates on their men would be high, that the building would have to be partly torn down and that the braces and shored to the joint satisfaction of the building safety inspectors and insurance companies. They said they would have to spend roughly two thousand dollars on the building before they started to move the machinery. I could readily see that was out for me, so I told them I could not give them the job immediately as it would take me about 30 days to get the money together to finance it, and I would let them know. I was trying to get rid of them before I attracted any more attention from the building or safety inspectors, as I intended to move the machinery without their knowledge.

I decided to move the machinery by myself with the aid of another man. So I sent for Clarence Hayes who had been working for me for about two years. He was a young man in his middle twenties, born in Kentucky, long lean lanky, thick jointed, six foot tall, a head that pitched slightly forward on a long neck with a protruding adam's apple, a ruddy weather beaten face with high cheek bones and roman nose, a half smiling mien that never reflected his emotions, strong as an ox, liked hard work and preferred to follow implicit instructions than to plan for himself.

As for bravery he had it in full measure. In fact at the time he drove a motor cycle in the Ludlow Ky. Lagoon motor cycle racing dome, on Saturday and Sunday nights. He gave me a complimentary ticket and I saw him race one night.





1912

Co-founded by brothers Alois and Edward Ruthman, Ruthman Companies began in the year 1912 as the “Ruthman Machinery Company.” Based in Cincinnati, the company serviced the steamboats that traveled the Ohio River.

In 1924, Alois conceived the first sealless centrifugal pump, coining the term ‘coolant pump’ to describe it. The brothers gave this new pump the name “Gusher,” giving birth to what is now Ruthman Companies’ flagship brand, Gusher Pumps.

Alois’ son Thomas R. Ruthman joined the family business in 1949 with a drive to create a worldwide presence and grow the business—both through organic growth and the acquisition of complementary pump technologies.



Company Founder, Alois Ruthman

Matilda  
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Feb 8, 1929

## RUTHMAN RITES SET

Mass To Be Sung Monday for Wife  
of Lazarus Co. Treasurer

Funeral services for Mrs. Mathilda Pistner Ruthman, 65, wife of John Ruthman, treasurer of the Joseph Lazarus Co., will be held at her home, 687 Gholson-av, Monday morning with solemn requiem high mass at St. Andrew's Church. Mrs. Ruthman died suddenly of apoplexy Thursday.

She was active in Catholic work. Besides her husband, she leaves five children, Edward Ruthman, president of the Ruthman Machine Co.; Rev. Arthur Ruthman, assistant pastor of St. Martin's Church, Cheviot; Alois and Robert Ruthman, and Sister Mary Hildegard of the Sisters of Mercy. Two granddaughters, Mary and Rose Ruthman, also survive.

Ruthman -- March 6, 1930

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

Robert A. Ruthman

Advertiser and Instructor  
Reaches 27th Year

Robert A. Ruthman, vice president of John Bunker, Inc., advertising agency, Schmidt Building,



celebrated his 27th birthday Thursday. He was born in Cincinnati and attended St. Xavier College and the University of Cincinnati.

He was married Jan. 31, 1928 to Miss Margaret Mary Pressler, daughter of Mrs. Clara M. Pressler.

ROUTHMAN

Ruthman is secretary of the Cincinnati Junior Chamber of Commerce, instructor in advertising at St. Xavier College, and a director of the Ruthman Machinery Co. He lives at 605 Rose Hill-av, Avondale.

# Philomena Ruthman Thuman

Nov 24, 1930

## PHILOMENA THUMAN SERVICES WEDNESDAY

**Mother of Concert Manager Dies of  
Heart Affliction**

Requiem high mass for Mrs. Philomena Thuman, 71, of 324 Dixmyth-av. who died late Saturday of a heart affliction after only a week's illness, will be held at 9 a. m. Wednesday at the Church of the Annunciation. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery.

The widow of the late J. H. Thuman, former Cincinnati merchant, Mrs. Thuman is survived by two sons, J. Herman, concert manager and business manager of the Cincinnati May Festival, and Robert J. Thuman; a daughter, Mrs. Clifford Berry; two granddaughters, Misses Edith and Callista Kuhlmann; a brother, John Ruthman, and a sister, Mrs. Emma Geisler.

Apr 26, 1941

CINCINNATI POST

**Robert A. Ruthman,**

## Executive of Ad Firm, Dies at 38

Succumbs Of  
Pneumonia; Funerals  
Set for Tuesday

**Robert A. Ruthman**, vice president of John Bunker, Inc., advertising agency, and lecturer at the University of Cincinnati, died Saturday of pneumonia. After being ill several days, he was taken to the Good Samaritan Hospital Wednesday.

A native of Cincinnati, Mr. **Ruthman**, who was 38, was graduated from **Xavier** University in 1926. After being associated with the Schulte & Cappel Co., he assumed his position with the advertising firm, in which he served 15 years.

He formerly served for a time as publicity director and secretary of the Junior Chamber of Commerce and also taught at Mt. St. Joseph College. He lived at 4580 Reading road.

He leaves his wife, Mrs. Ellen Castell **Ruthman**; his father, John **Ruthman**, treasurer of the Joseph Lazarus Co.; a sister, Mary Hildergarde **Ruthman**, Sister of Mercy, instructor at Our Lady of Cincinnati College, and three brothers, the Rev. Arthur **Ruthman**, New Richmond, O., and Edward J. **Ruthman**, president, and Alois H. **Ruthman**, vice president, both of the **Ruthman** Machinery Co.

Requiem High Mass will be intoned at 10 a. m. Tuesday in St. Andrew Church. Frank T. Corken funeral home is in charge of arrangements.

July 23, 1941

## Pump Makers Increase Output 25 Pct. in July

### Ruthman Co. Moves To New Quarters On Reading Road

BY STANLEY KOCH  
*Post Business Reporter*

Defense production of the **Ruthman Machinery Co.** has been stepped up 25 per cent during July and will be increased 40 per cent in August as the result of its recent move into a new factory, A. H. Ruthman, vice president, announced Wednesday.

The **Ruthman Co.** in the bottoms area since its founding more than 30 years ago by E. J. Ruthman, president, recently moved into its new plant and office at 1819 Reading road. The plant was at 363 E. Front street.

The company is one of the world's outstanding manufacturers of coolant pumps, a centrifugal pump used on nearly all machine tools to ply a constant stream of coolant soluble on the work to keep it cool during the cutting or chipping process.

#### Floor Space Ample

About 100 per cent of its production is going into defense work, officials of the firm reported.

The main building of the new Reading road factory is a two-story, reinforced concrete and brick structure with large windows. The 15,000 square feet of floor space in the building allow ample room for the installation of the newest machine equipment, in addition to that brought from the old plant in the bottoms.

The new plant fronts 150 feet on Reading road, just south of Florence avenue. The depth is 150 feet. There is a reinforced concrete ramp leading to the shipping rooms in the rear. The entire building is equipped with fluorescent lighting.

#### Offices Are Modern

The latest type air blowers and ventilators have been installed. Also for the benefit of employees, modern, up-to-date washrooms, including multiple showers and wash basins are available.

The office building next door is easily accessible and efficiently arranged. There are 500 square feet of floor space with the executive offices being done in modern and attractive design.

With its new facilities the company can produce about 2000 gusher coolant pumps a month.

# April 11, 1942

## A Factory in a Showroom



Once an automobile show room, this Reading road building now is the modern production plant of the **Ruthman Machinery Co.**



This "shop in a show room" has ample work area and excellent lighting to speed the firm's vital war production work.

## War Forces Firm to Leave Quarters Used 27 Years

Change Enables Company to Double Output in Short Time, Officer Says

BY STANLEY KOCH  
Post Business Reporter

Many odd or abandoned plants which have been pressed into service for war production are providing a vital link in Uncle Sam's drive to increase output of armaments and mechanical equipment for the nation's armed forces.

One of Cincinnati's odd plants, the factory in a showroom on Reading road, already has more than doubled its output since moving into the converted factory building last July.

It is operated by the **Ruthman Machinery Co.**, manufacturers of centrifugal, motor driven pumps for machine tools, which now occupies a former auto showroom at 1809 Reading road.

The company, which started in business here in 1913, had been situated at Front and Pike streets for 27 years prior to moving to the Reading road address.

In the changeover to the new factory the **Ruthman Co.**, through more efficient methods of operation, has been able vastly to increase its monthly output with a

comparably small increase in labor.

The plant operates on a two-shift basis, the day shift working 59 hours a week and the night shift 57 hours. The night shift is a skeleton crew engaged in relieving bottlenecks.

E. J. **Ruthman**, president, and his brother, A. H. **Ruthman**, vice president, are high in their praise of E. J. Lehnhoff, factory superintendent, who played a major role in turning the auto showroom into a plant so efficient that production was increased 100 per cent above that in the old quarters with only 33 per cent increase in manpower.

Part of the production increase is attributed to new daylight lighting system in the new factory.

Sept 29, 1947

**RUTHMAN**—John, beloved husband of the late Matilda **Ruthman** (nee Pistner), beloved father of Edward J. **Ruthman**, Sister Mary Hildegarde, S. M. Rev. Arthur G., Alois H. and the late Robert A. **Ruthman**, Saturday, September 27, 1947, at the residence, 687 Gholson-av. Funeral from the Frank T. Corken Funeral Home, 2821 Reading-rd, near Oak-st. Solemn Requiem High Mass at St. Andrew Church Wednesday, October 1, at 10 30 a. m. Friends please call Tuesday after 2 p. m.

# June 8, 1962

OMI, Ohio Mechanics Institute circa 1920. Notice the canal where Central Parkway is now located. This later became Ohio College of Applied Science, OCAS.



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Cincinnati, Fri., June 8, 1962

## OMI Gives 2 Special Honors

Two men who long have been associated with the Ohio College of Applied Science—Ohio Mechanics Institute received special recognition at the college's 134th annual commencement exercises last night.

The men are Edward J. **Ruthman**, president of the **Ruthman Machinery Co.**, and Paul K. Johnston, dean emeritus of the college.

A 1908 graduate of OMI, Mr. **Ruthman** received the John T. Faig Alumni Award given annually to an outstanding alumnus. Mr. Johnston, still active on the faculty, received a special citation for 43 years of service with the institution

Oct 5, 1964

## Head of OLC Speech Dept. Dies at 73

Sister Hildegarde  
At College Since  
Founding in '35

Sister Mary Hildegarde, 73, chairman of the speech and drama department at Our Lady of Cincinnati College, died today at the Sisters of Mercy Convent on the college grounds. She had been under treatment for a heart ailment.

She was a native of Cincinnati, had been a member of the Religious Sisters of Mercy for 47 years and had been at the college since it opened in 1935. Previously she taught at the Mother of Mercy Academy in Westwood and at Mercy Academy on Freeman avenue.

Sister Mary Hildegard was educated in Cincinnati and had a masters degree from Catholic University in Washington, D. C., where she majored in dramatic arts.

She leaves three brothers, the Rev. Arthur G. Rushman, chaplain at Girls Town; Alois H. **Rushman**, president of **Rushman Machinery Co.**, and Edward J. **Rushman** of Glendale.

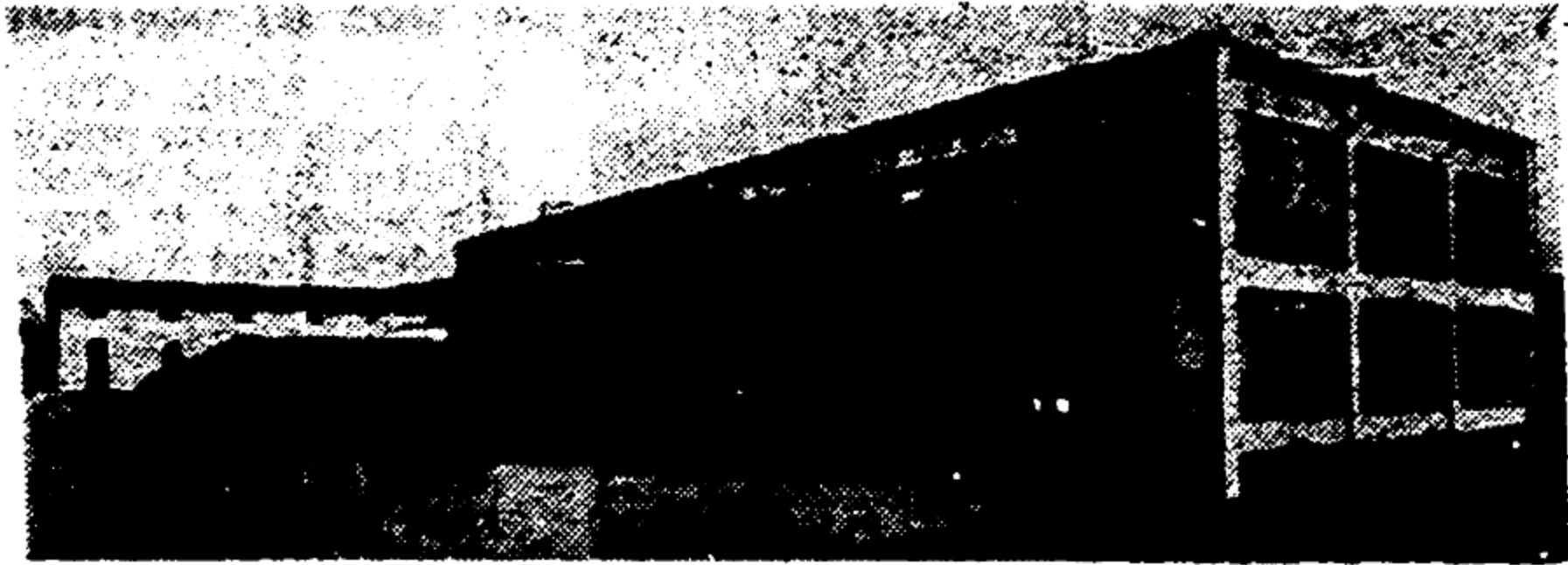
Requiem High Mass will be at 9 a. m. Wednesday at Our Lady of Cincinnati chapel. Friends may call all day Tuesday at the Alumnae Lounge in Sullivan Hall.

## SISTER MARY HILDEGARD R.S.M.

(nee Hilda **Rushman**), beloved sister of Alois H., Edward J. and the Rev. Arthur **Rushman**, Monday, October 5, 1964, at Our Lady of Cincinnati College. Funeral from the college Wednesday, October 7. Requiem High Mass at Our Lady of Cincinnati Chapel at 9 a. m. Friends may call at the college throughout Tuesday.

Nov 13, 1964

## **Machinery Plant**



**COMPANY MOVES**—Ruthman **Machinery** Co., manufacturer of Gusher machine tool coolant pumps, has moved its operations from 1809 Reading road, in the path of the Northeast Expressway, to this two-story, 40,000-square-foot plant and auxiliary building on Streng street at the south end of Ludlow avenue viaduct. The structure formerly was a warehouse for Bavarian Brewery.

May 13, 1977

**William C. Geis**

ST. LEON—Funeral Mass for William C. Geis, 67, of St. Leon, will be at 11 a.m. tomorrow at St. John Church, Dover, Ind.

Mr. Geis died Wednesday at Holmes Hospital, Cincinnati.

He leaves his wife, Loretto; three sons, William, Carroll and Ralph; two daughters, Mrs. Loretta Gartenman, and Mrs. Adeline Kubel; seven sisters, Sister Georgette and Sister Cecile of Mt. St. Joseph, Mrs. Clara Metz, Mrs. Catherine Ruthman, Mrs. Rose Guck, Mrs. Florentine Creimer and Mrs. Frances Ripperger.

Visitation will be from 5 to 9 p.m. today at Andres-Wuestefeld Funeral Home, Dover.

Aug 20, 1966

Rev. **Ruthman**

High Mass

Tuesday

Father Has Been  
Chaplain 24 Years  
At Girls' Town

Pontifical High Mass for the Rev. Arthur G. **Ruthman**, chaplain of the Good Shepherd Convent, Girls' Town, will be at 10:30 a. m. Tuesday at the convent.

Father **Ruthman** died this morning in the parish house, 565 W. North Bend road after a two-year illness.

He formerly was assistant pastor of Holy Family Church in Dayton and St. Martin's Church, Cheviot, before he was made chaplain in 1942.

He leaves two brothers, Edward J. **Ruthman** of Wyoming, O., and Alois H. **Ruthman**, president of the **Ruthman Machinery** Co., Cincinnati. He was also the brother of the late Sister Mary Hildegard, instructor at Our Lady of Cincinnati College.

The body will lie in state in the convent chapel from 4 to 9 p. m. Monday.

Aug 4, 1980

**METZ**

Clara K. (nee **Geis**), beloved mother of Rita Sohmer, dear grandmother of Mary Jacaruso, Paul Sohmer, Christine Kief, Rita, Janet, and Lisa Sohmer, dear sister of Sr. Georgette **Geis**, Sr. Cecile Miriam **Geis**, Mrs. **Catherine Ruthman**, Mrs. Rose Guck, Mrs. Frances Ripperger, Mrs. Florentine Kreimer, Joseph and Bernard **Geis**. August 3, 1980. Age 84 years. Friends may call at the Vitt & Stermer Funeral Home, 4619 Delhi Rd. at Robben Ln., Delhi Twp., Monday evening from 7 to 9 P.M. Funeral Mass Tuesday morning at St. Dominic Church at 11:00 A.M.

Sept 12, 1981

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## Alois H. Ruthman

Mass for Alois H. Ruthman, 84, one of the founders and former president of the Ruthman Machinery Co., Winton Place, will be at 12:30 p.m. Monday at Our Lady of Victory Church, Delhi Township.

Mr. Ruthman, who lived in Delhi Township, died Thursday at Good Samaritan Hospital.

Mr. Ruthman and his brother, Edward, who died in 1966, started the machinery company, which makes centrifugal pumps, in 1913. The company now is headed by Mr. Ruthman's son, Thomas.

Mr. Ruthman also leaves his wife, Catherine Geis Ruthman; two other sons, Jerome and James; two daughters, Kay Mazza and Anita Gadbury; and 22 grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to noon Monday at the Harry Meyer-Geiser Funeral Home, 4989 Glenway Ave., Price Hill.

Oct 27, 1982

## GUCK

Rose (nee Geis), beloved wife of the late Fred Guck, dear mother of Mrs. Ervin (Shirley) Fedesmann, Mrs. Frank (Marlene) Angst and Fred Guck, also 14 grandchildren, dear sister of Sr. Georgette S.C., Sr. Cecile Marian S.C. and Joseph Geis, Catherine **Ruthman**, Frances Ripperger, Florentine Kreimer and the late Clara and Bertha Metz, Harry, Aloysius, Carl, Robb, William and Bernard **Geis**. Tuesday October 26, 1982. Age 77. Friends may call at the Rebold Funeral Home, 3700 Glenmore Avenue at Mozart, Cheviot, Thursday 7 to 9 P.M. and Friday 9:30 to 10:30 A.M. Funeral mass St. Aloysius Gonzaga Church 11 A.M.

Nov 6, 1990

## Deaths

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### Sr. Geis, educator

Sister Cecile Miriam Geis of Delhi Township died Saturday.

Sister Cecile's 36-year career with the Sisters of Charity as a teacher was spent in and around Cincinnati in elementary parochial schools. Later, she directed food service at Holy Cross in Mt. Adams and convent services at St. Jude. In 1973 she came to the Motherhouse at Mount St. Joseph in Delhi Township to work in the arts and crafts department in Mother Margaret Hall, where she lived until the time of her death.

Survivors include sisters Catherine Rushman, Florentine Kreimer and Frances Ripperger, and a brother, Joseph Geis.

Mass was Monday at the Motherhouse.