

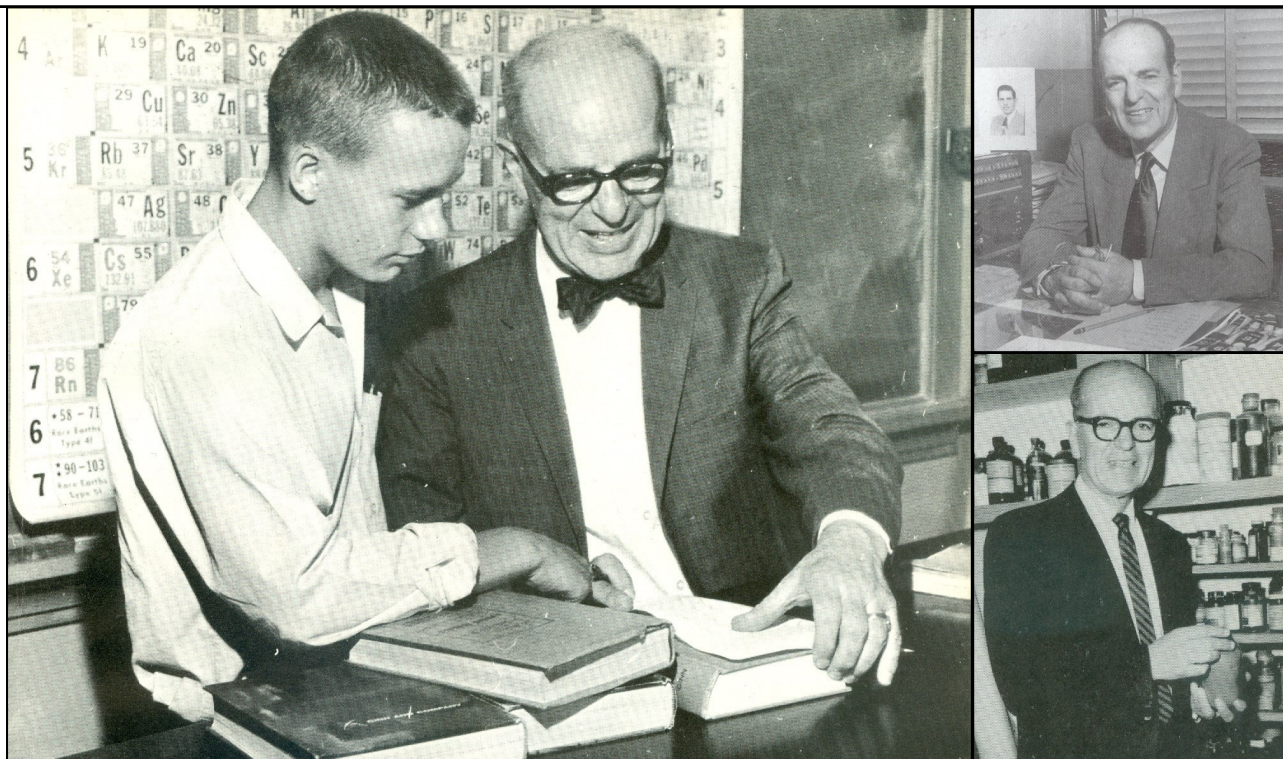
# Roy Monroe Pugh

Roy Monroe Pugh was born on April 14, 1893 in Beallsville, Ohio to Ewart and Lucinda *Brown* Pugh. He served in World War I and then attended college at Ohio Northern University (later received his masters from Ohio State University). In 1920, he was made principal of Bath High School while also continuing to teach at the school for most of the years he was there. Serving in that capacity, he did many tremendous things for his students and faculty including adding art Music and Art to the curriculum in the early 1930s and introducing National Forensic League in 1935.

When Richfield and Bath school districts consolidated in 1951-1952, he continued to be the Bath Principal while serving as the “official” principal of Revere High School (even though the school didn’t exist and the students were spending half their days at Bath and the other half at Richfield). The whole time he had also been the unofficial superintendent from 1950 to 1952 (officially the County Superintendent served in that capacity until the new school district elected their own school board rather than the county appointed school board overseeing the initial consolidation).

In 1952-1953 he was officially selected as the first superintendent of the new school district. He retired from that position in 1954 but returned to teach at Revere in 1958 and taught chemistry and physics at the high school until 1963.

He and his wife, Ruth *Alexander* Pugh, lived on Cleveland-Massillon Road. They owned and operated an antique store (Pugh’s Old Store) at Hammond’s Corners (current location of Aqua Pools) which was right next to their house. He was active in church, Goodtime Club, and Bath Township Historical Society. He is remembered as a dynamic leader. He passed away [June 22, 1978](#) and is buried in Bath Center Cemetery along with his wife who passed in 1986.





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In Memoriam:  
Roy M. Pugh

1893-1978

Roy and Ruth Pugh  
at the  
Sesquicentennial  
festivities in 1968.



The years since then have been full. Many students sought his talents as a tutor. He found an opportunity to operate "Pugh's Old Store", set up as an old-fashioned general store in the front and filled with antiques. He painted many local scenes including the Everett Road covered bridge. He had a continuing interest in the affairs of the Bath Historical Society and the Akron Toastmasters Club and was a member of the steering committee when Bath celebrated its Sesquicentennial in 1968. After twenty-nine years of teaching the college and young adult Sunday school class at Bath church, he enjoyed the activities of the Good Time Club.

Ruth and Roy Pugh were honored as Bath's Bicentennial couple at the Bath ball held at the Colesium in June, 1976. On that occasion, Mr. Pugh's speech reminded all of those present of his power as a public speaker.

All of the pews in Bath Church were filled with family, former students and their parents and his friends for his funeral on June 24. They had come to pay tribute to a man who had influenced their lives and whose place will always be vacant.

When Roy M. Pugh passed away on June 22, he left behind a place in the community that will never again be filled. Teacher, school administrator, artist, musician, public speaker, antique collector, he was an unusual man who influenced people of all ages in Bath for more than fifty years.

Roy Pugh was born in 1893 in Monroe County, Ohio, the son of a dedicated teacher and school administrator. Mr. Pugh decided to follow in his father's footsteps and worked his way through Ohio Northern University at Ada by playing the piano for the silent movies and teaching in a one room school. Following service in World War I, he arrived in Bath in 1920 to teach in the first Bath high school building which stood on the site of the Town Hall parking lot. It was here that he met his wife Ruth Alexander, a member of his first senior class.

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By 1923 the new brick building, designed to house all twelve grades, was ready for occupancy. As teacher of chemistry and physics, principal and superintendent, Roy Pugh worked from early in the morning until late at night. He and his teachers demanded academic excellence and led many students to seek honors and scholarships on a state and national level. The little high school which seldom exceeded 100 students had an active extra curricular program which included football and basketball teams, chorus, band, an award-winning school paper which published on a regular basis, and dramatic productions. Mr. Pugh helped and encouraged all of these activities. He put a high value on the art of public speaking and founded a chapter of the National Forensic League in the early 1930's. Under the leadership of Mr. Pugh and this organization, speakers from Bath and later Revere high school were district, state and national champions in debate, extemporaneous speaking, oratory and humorous and dramatic declamation.

Roy Pugh led the Bath school district through the consolidation with the Richfield school district and served as the first executive head of what is now the Revere district. He retired in 1954 looking forward to running the antique shop that he and Mrs. Pugh had built next to their century home in Bath. At that time, the faculty and former students conspired to surprise him with a "This is your life" program in the old gymnasium at Bath School. Much of Roy Pugh's life lay ahead of him on that night.

The dedicated teacher in him could not retire. He went to Warwood High School in Wheeling, West Virginia, where he taught chemistry for four years and commuted back to Bath for weekends. During these years, he resumed an interest in painting dormant since his college days and took organ lessons. In 1968, he returned to Revere High School where he taught chemistry for four years and retired for the last time in 1963.



The Roy M. Pugh Home

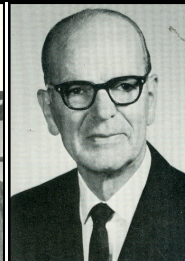
PUGH, ROY M. (Wife, Ruth Alexander) Their love of antiques led Roy and Ruth Pugh to open, a few years ago, Pugh's Old Store adjacent to their home at 1990 N. Cleveland-Massillon Road. Ruth, a life resident of the township, finds time for a good deal of church work, library, reading for the blind, and numerous clubs. Together they enjoy antiquing, all sorts of art, and Toastmasters' Club. Roy, who has lived here for forty-seven years, had a lengthy career as teacher and administrator before he retired as Executive Head of the Bath-Richfield school system.



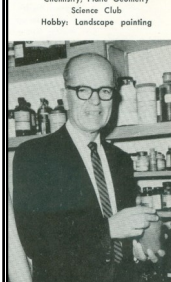
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B.A. Ohio Northern; M.A., Ohio State  
University  
Plane Geometry  
Chemistry



ROY PUGH  
Chemistry, Plane Geometry  
Science Club  
Hobby: Landscape painting



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Pet Peeve: Chewing Gum



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