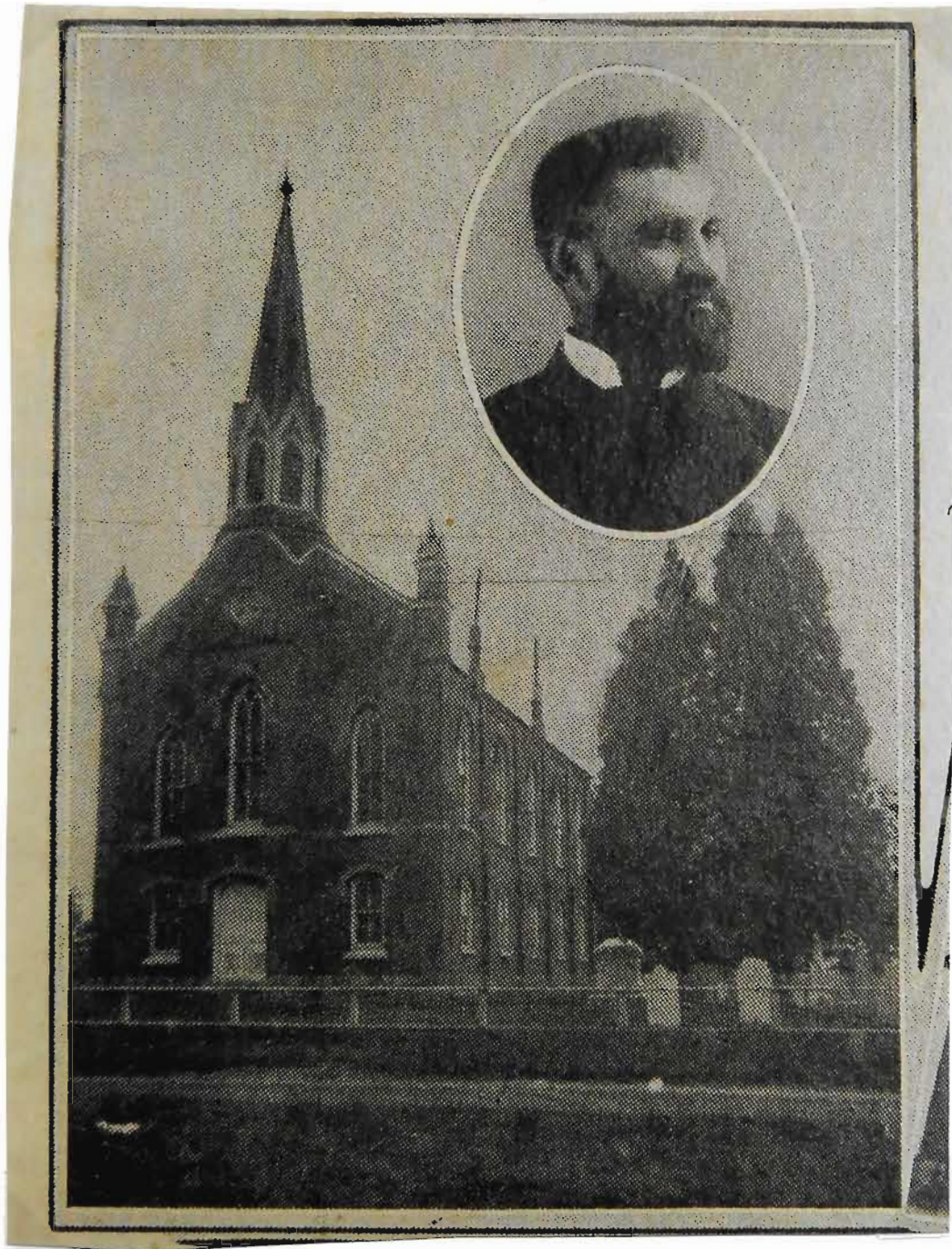


# CURATOR'S REPORT

## THE BERLIN AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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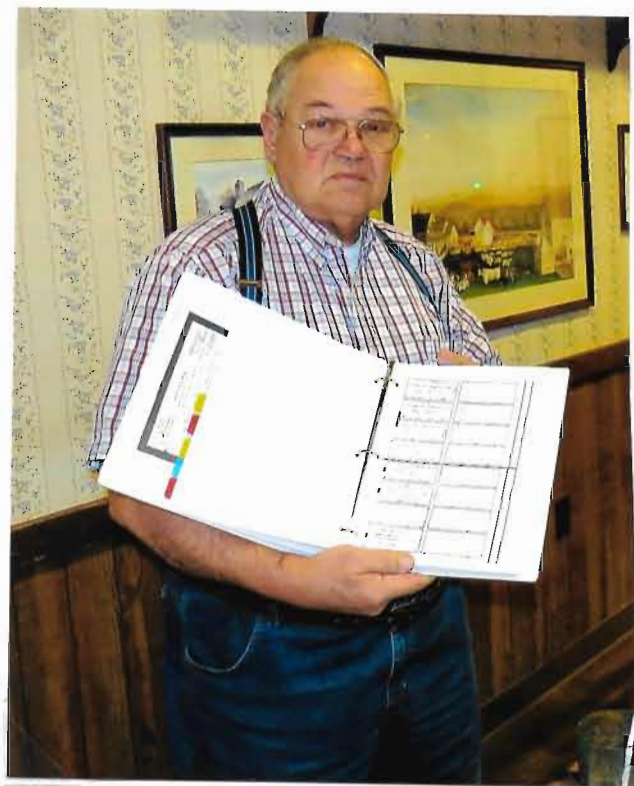


### FORMER ST. PAUL'S (FRITZ) LUTHERAN CHURCH BROTHERSVALLEY TOWNSHIP

Organized 1843 Erected 1874 Dismantled 1966  
Rev. M. L. Young, Ph.D., Pastor, 1884-1900



**UPDATED RECORDS FOR THE  
ST. PAUL'S (FRITZ) LUTHERAN  
CHURCH CEMETERY IN  
BROTHERSVALLEY  
TOWNSHIP!**



**CARL WALKER WITH  
CEMETERY RECORDS**

The St. Paul's (Fritz) Lutheran Church Cemetery Board has presented the Berlin Area Historical Society with an updated record of burials in the cemetery. The cataloging was completed by Denver Walker Philip. F. Carl Walker also added genealogy research to the project. Both are members of the Fritz Cemetery Association. F. Carl Walker made the presentation on March 8, 2017.

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**HALEY ELAINE LUCAS OF  
BBHS, A DAUGHTER OF TINA  
AND JEREMY LUCAS, SERVED AS  
SECOND RUNNER-UP TO QUEEN  
MAPLE MAEVE**

**QUEEN MAPLE LXX  
MAEVE KREINBROOK**



**Maeve Kreinbrook was crowned Pennsylvania Queen Maple LXX on March 25, 2017 at special ceremonies held at the Meyersdale Area High School during the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Pennsylvania Maple Festival.**

**Maeve is the daughter of Andrea and Homer Kreinbrook, Jr. of Berlin and is a senior at the Somerset Area High School. Her future plans include college.**

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**PAST ROYALTY OF MAPLE QUEENS AND MAPLE  
PRINCESSES FROM THE BERLIN  
BROTHERSVALLEY AND SHANKSVILLE  
STONYCREEK HIGH SCHOOLS**



Among the many past Pennsylvania Maple Queens and Princesses in attendance at the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration and crowning of Maple Queen LXX Maeve Kreinbrook were the following BBHS graduates pictured above. From the left: Queens Deborah (McClintock) Boyer, (1978), Gale (Romesberg) Hay (1967), Pamela (Gnagey) Surgeoner, (1969), Michelle Walters, (1980) and Princesses Leanne (Shober) Calvert (1962) and Elaine (Baker) Landis (1968).

Former Berlin Maple Queen Rachel Elder (2010) and Eileen (Labute) Zeplin (1958) were also in attendance as were Shanksville's Janalee (Addleman) Zimmerman (1977). Shanksville Stonycreek High School senior Madison Walker, a daughter of Barbara and Gregory Walker, served as a Maple Princess in Maeve Kreinbrook's court.

Other former Maple Queens include: Florabelle (Walker) Lichty (1954, Berlin); Mona Lea (Hillegass) Herrell (1955, Shanksville); Kayla (Schrock) See (2004 Berlin), Catelyn (Hillegass) Herman (2008, Berlin) and Ranita Bowers-Thomas (2013, Berlin).

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**QUEEN MAPLE XI EILEEN  
(LABUTE) ZEPLIN AND QUEEN  
MAPLE LXX MAEVE  
KREINBROOK**



**EILEEN (LABUTE) ZEPLIN** and her husband, Bill, reside in Barrington Hills, Illinois. Eileen was the 1958 Maple Queen while a senior at the Berlin Brothersvalley High School. She was the earliest former Maple Queen returning to the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration in Meyersdale. Her sister, Nancy Custer resides in Berlin.

**DONATIONS FROM THE  
DOROTHY (HITTIE) BITTNER  
ESTATE:**



**DOROTHY (HITTIE) BITTNER'S** estate donations include: the above pictured badge that belonged to Dorothy's father, William Hittie (Berlin Council No. 59 Jr. O.U.A.M.) Also a Modern Dairy letter opener, Civil Air Patrol Group photo; helmet from the Auxiliary Police, and Berlin Fife and Drum Corps memorabilia.



## **JOHN L. KNEPPER, BROTHERSVALLEY TOWNSHIP DAIRY FARMER, USING HIS CATEPILLER!**

The above two photos were copied from photo albums owned by the late Paul L. and Louise (Knepper) Long of Bedford. Their son and daughter-in-law John D. and Muriel Long of Leicester, England allowed us to copy these pictures while visiting in March to work on settling the estate of John's parents, who were former long-time dairy farmers in the Centerville area and later beef farmers in the Dutch Corner area, both in Bedford County.

John L. Knepper was born on January 15, 1898 and died on May 31, 1956. He and his younger sister, Mary Elizabeth, the long-time wife of Calvin M. Will, were The children of Edward M. "Bob" and Mary (Landis) Knepper of Brothersvalley Township.

John and his wife, the former Ruth Grace (Cupp) Knepper raised their three children while living on and operating their dairy farm enterprises on what is currently known as "Bervalon Farm" in Brothersvalley Township. Their grandsons, Jeff, Joel, and Jonathan Smiley currently operate the same farm. John and Ruth Knepper's three children (all deceased) were Louise Long, Leon J. Knepper, and Edward C. Knepper.



**AMONG THE DONATIONS FROM CATHY (SARVER) WEBRECK WERE MANY PHOTOS OF PERSONNEL AND THE PICTURES ON THIS PAGE OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BERLIN AND ITS SUCESSORS!**



**THE SHANKSVILLE BRANCH OF THE NATIONAL BANK OF WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA**



## DONATIONS RECEIVED IN RECENT WEEKS:

**Deborah (McClintock) Boyer**, former Maple Queen (1978) donated the maple leaf vase presented to her during her year-long reign as Maple Queen. **Joyce Knotts** donated a 1998 framed poster from Snyder's of Berlin that includes pictures of various employees. The poster advertised extra crunchy kettle-style original potato chips.

**Cathy Webreck** donated a collection of pictorial histories from Holy Trinity Lutheran Church that belonged to her mother, Florence Sarver. She also donated a collection of photos and memorabilia pertaining to the former First National Bank and its successors. She plans to share a written history that relates the banks history, growth, and the various mergers and name changes. Her donations include copies of The Teller and Banker Babble publications of the bank, and the Mountie Basketball 1987 Year in Review.

**Jack E. Shoher**, Jacksonville, FL, donated the book, "From Sugar Camps to Star Barns".

**Amy Kimmel** donated an identified photo of pupils from the Sandy Hollow one-room school house.

With the assistance of our volunteers we labeled and sent out 132 post cards to members informing them that their 2017 dues were overdue. Many of them are currently sending in their payments to insure that their Memos arrive in their mailboxes.

A hearty **thank-you** to our faithful volunteers for all they do to assist in the day-to-day work load at the Berlin Area Historical Society.

**David R. Hay, Curator**

**WHO CAN PROVIDE INFORMATION  
ON THE GEORGE VANG COMPANY  
AND WHAT JOB THEY WERE  
INVOLVED IN PERFORMING IN THE  
SPRING OF 1944 NEAR GLENCOE?**

# MEN WANTED

FOR GLENCOE JOB

## Good Wages Paid

APPLY TO

# GEORGE VANG, Inc.

GLENCOE, PA.

Or Meyersdale Office

DIA BUILDING

Transportation Furnished Daily To and  
From Work From Meyersdale

## LABORERS WANTED

A Full Week's Work Will Net

# \$46.90

All WMC Rulings Must Be Observed

**IN MEMORY OF CALVIN M. WILL,  
PAST PRESIDENT OF THE BERLIN  
AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

Calvin passed on March 11, 2017 at the age of 92. He was the seventh of the nine presidents who have served the Berlin Area Historical Society from 1975 -2017. Our deepest sympathy to Mary Elizabeth and their family!



# SHANKSVILLE STONYCREEK CLASS OF 1958

## EARLY 1950'S



**Front: (l to r): Richard Walker, Charles Nibert, Orie Dupstadt, Wilson Sorber holding the dog, Larry Pritts, Terry Young, and John Sarver.**

**Second row: Virginia Stull, Betty Smith, Eleanor Kerzinsky, Terry Hillegass, Calvin Fulton, Barbara Emert, Fay Walker, Olive Weyant, Elwood Zimmerman, Sally Glessner, Elsie Fritz, Nancy Glessner and Betty Burk.**

**Third row: Clyde O. Long, teacher; Velma Custer, Ruth Kimmel, Shelby Hillegass, Audrey Baughman, Esther Walker, Richard Dupstadt, Connie Sarver, Sandra Livengood, Philip Hostetler, Mary Keller, Mary Spangler, George Webb, Donna Ross, Bonnie Miller, Dorothy Spangler and Miss Helen Daugherty, teacher.**

**Fourth row: Larry Collingwood, Ken Manges, Carol Escherich, Barbara Glessner, Carolyn Miller, Jane Wetzell, Sandra Whitacre, Jane Mostoller, Nancy Zerfoss, Arthur Becker, and Leon Zerfoss.**

**Picture loaned from Larry R. Pritts and copied!**