

CURATOR'S REPORT

THE BERLIN AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

JANUARY 10, 2023



JEREMY BRICK

ART WORK ON HIS STORAGE BARN!

VILLAGE OF JOHNSBURG

GOODTOWN

SOME 70 YEARS AGO!



**CAROL (OHLER) BAUGHMAN
GRACE (NICHOLSON) PRITTS
JOANN (OHLER) BURATTY**



**GOODTOWN NEIGHBORS
AND FRIENDS:**

**JOANN (OHLER), WIFE OF
JAY BURATTY
GRACE (NICHOLSON),
WIFE OF LARRY PRITTS
CAROL (OHLER), WIFE
OF LARRY BAUGHMAN**

PHOTOS FROM GRACE AND LARRY PRITTS

ROBERT VAN METER'S 5 & 10 CENT STORE

**507 MAIN STREET
BERLIN**

Robert G. Van Meter was a former merchant in Berlin. He operated Van Meter's 5 & 10 Cent Store from 1926 to 1931. Adolph G. Weyand originally opened the same store in 1924 with Robert G. Van Meter as store manager.

By 1926, Van Meter took over the store and operated it approximately five years longer. The store was located on Berlin's lower diamond in what today is the Lutheran House. Many will remember when the same building was the location of Berlin's A&P Grocery and later the Western Auto.

After 1931, Robert Van Meter and his wife, Nellie re-located to Winchester, Virginia where they were active with the Presbyterian Church. Robert Van Meter passed away on January 25, 1946 at the age of 62 at the Winchester Memorial Hospital.

Karl Brick owns the below pictured Advertising Knife sharpener from Van Meter's 5 & 10 cent store.

ROBERT VAN METER

Robert G. Van Meter, 62, former Berlin businessman, died January 25 at the Winchester, Va., Memorial hospital. He had been in failing health since early in December.

For a brief period during the '20's, Mr. Van Meter operated a five-and-ten cent store on Berlin's lower diamond. He then moved to Winchester, where he was elected an elder of Loudoun street Presbyterian church. He also occupied a similar position of trust at Cedar Cliff Presbyterian church, where he taught a Sunday school class. He was elected delegate from the latter church to attend annual meetings of the Winchester Presbytery.

Surviving in addition to his wife, Mrs. Nellie (Dinges) Van Meter, Winchester, are two children: William, law student in George Washington university, Washington, D. C. and Mrs. Catherine Pederson, also of Washington.

1946



BENJAMIN JOHNSTON BOWMAN

**BERLIN UNDERTAKER, POSTMASTER
AND FURNITURE STORE OPERATOR**



BENJAMIN J. BOWMAN

Benjamin J. Bowman was granted a license on April 10, 1906 to practice undertaking in Pennsylvania.

**B. J. BOWMAN,
UNDERTAKER**

JOHN H. ZORN,

Manager and Embalmer of the B. J. Bowman undertaking establishment, has moved headquarters to Mr. Zorn's home on Diamond St., opposite Musser's blacksmith shop, where all calls, night or day, will be given prompt attention.

**ECONOMY
PHONE 36**

BERLIN, PA.

June 24, 1910

Benjamin J. Bowman was the Operator of a furniture store Along Main Street in Berlin in the early 1900s. He had the post office in the store and served two different periods as Berlin Postmaster

Ben Bowman was married to the former Minnie Stahl, a native of Pine Hill.

Save Money

Every household should have a refrigerator in which to keep meats, milk, butter and perishable food.

We have a good sized assortment of these useful articles to select from. Solidly built with sheet iron lined ice chest and large sized cupboard.

We ask you to come and see them even if you do not wish to buy.

Aug 1902

Carpet and Wall papers.

No other stock in town can come anywhere near matching ours. Samples by the dozen to select from.

B. J. BOWMAN,

GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE

On January 5, 1933 construction began on the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco. Work was completed four years later.

A Nice Clean Shave

or neat haircut improves anyone's appearance. We have three chairs going. Do not need to wait.

Dudley's Shaving Parlor

Main St., Below Hotel Berlin.

June 24, 1910

DONATIONS:

Donna Hendershot has donated recipes for consideration in a BAHS recipe book. **Cup of Soul in Berlin, Maria Craig and Susan Walker** donated \$200.00 as a thank you for the ghost information that was provided for their hayride around Berlin.

Photographer Robert Brant donated a pulley that was made by his Grandpa Franklin Zorn. **Grace and Larry Pritts** allowed us to copy three 1950's photos of Goodtown girls.

Douglas Bell donated an A&P Store ruler; an August 1945 Somerset American with the heading "It's Over. Japs Quit. Peace"; and the Nov. 23, 1963 edition: "President JFK shot/died in Dallas, TX"; and an October 26, 1950 Meyersdale Republican. Doug also donated samples of glass made in Calligan's Glass Factory in Berlin. Roy A. Calligan, Jr. was the owner of the stained glass factory, which operated in G. E. Fogle's former cigar factory (once Berlin High School).

Our office was closed between Christmas and New Year's. We opened again on January 4, 2023 and look forward to an exciting new year.

David R. Hay, Curator

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