

# **CURATOR'S REPORT**

## **THE BERLIN AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

MARCH 8, 2016

**IT'S TIME TO SAY GOODBYE TO WINTER!**



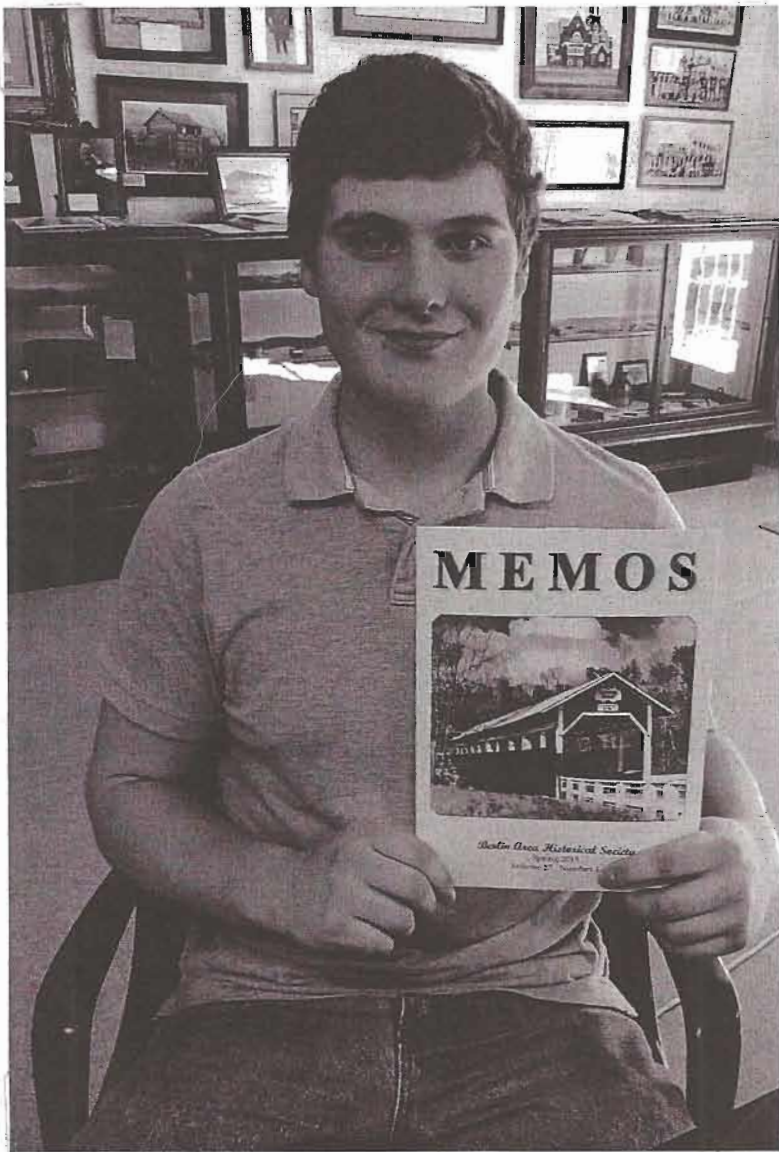
**BERLIN – INCLUDING THE STRUCTURES AT 427, 429, & 437 MAIN STREET**

Jim Campbell, a cousin of Anna May Weighley, donated the above winter photo and a number of other old time pictures of the Berlin area in February. Jim was a grandson of long-ago Berlin Chief of Police Jim Campbell.

Donner's Restaurant – owned by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Donner – operated at 429 Main Street until 1928. Later Willkow's Café and Newsstand operated out of the same building, which is no longer in existence.



## LOGAN KING PLANS TO EARN HIS EAGLE SCOUT AWARD BY MAKING IMPROVEMENTS TO THE BLOUGH CEMETERY!



**LOGAN KING**

**Logan King**, a sophomore at the Berlin Brothersvalley High School, hopes to begin making improvements to the historical Blough Cemetery in Brothersvalley Township this spring and summer as his Eagle Scout Project. The cemetery is located near the home of Ken and Debbie Baker along Wills Church Road. Logan is a member of Berlin Boys' Scout Troop 135 and is the son of Stanley and Ann (Young) King, who reside along the Brotherton

Road in what was earlier known as the former Grover and Ivy Glessner residence.

Logan needed a sponsor for his endeavors and asked if the Berlin Area Historical Society would sign papers sponsoring him in his historical preservation endeavors. Your curator agreed to serve in this capacity and shared the information at BAHS's February meeting.

### **DONATIONS:**

**Roland Fogle** (representing the Berlin IOOF Cemetery Association) presented a listing of burials and cremains that took place in the Berlin IOOF Cemetery during 2015. Also presented was a cemetery map with an up-to-date listing of cemetery lot owners and a booklet listing many names and dates of persons who are buried there.

**David Brocklebank** donated photos of a "fractur" with the name of Oliver Chorpenning lettered on the art work. He also donated information on the art of fracturs. Oliver Chorpenning of the Somerset area died in 1853 of consumption and is buried in the Union Cemetery in Somerset.

**Thierry Drenning** became a new member of BAHS and took charge of snow removal on sidewalks in front of our Heritage Haus and our genealogical building.

**Larry Pritts** donated a Senior Night program for Berlin Basketball 2016. We appreciate donated items relating to sporting events from both Berlin and Shanksville Schools for our sports archives.

**Bob Platt** donated a US Postal Service candy jar! Bob and Stew Saylor have been busy during many volunteer days working on genealogy updates and preparing pedigree charts from their computerized records.

We sent out **158 postcards** in early February to members whose dues for 2016 hadn't been paid. A good percentage of those persons have since paid their dues in preparation for mailing the spring issues of Memos later in March.

# ARE YOU READY FOR THE WINTER?

If not Why not get ready before  
it gets cold?

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Dress Goods, Silks  
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such as Underwear, Wrappers,  
Wool and Silk Waists and Dress-  
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Everything new in Capes and Coats  
also Furs and Tailor-made Suits

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buying elsewhere

# PILE'S

POORBAUGH CORNER

439 MAIN STREET  
BERLIN

## POORBAUGH CORNER

*Berlin's Main Street*

A century ago in Berlin the northwest corner of the lower diamond was referred to as Poorbaugh Corner. This was in honor of the Josiah Poorbaugh family that operated a dry goods store at 439 Main Street while residing along with his wife, Margaret and children in the adjoining residence at 435 and 437 Main Street.

Many of us middle aged persons remember when Tipton's Jewelry Store and Keystone Shoe Repair (Peter Bongiovanni, owner) operated in likely the same storeroom. Later Appleyard's T.V. Repair operated out of the same corner building. The Poorbaugh home was later owned by Dr. Irving C. and Violet Miller before passing into the ownership of George and Luella Brick. We believe that Dennis McQuade is currently the owner of both structures, which are now serving as rental apartments.

Poorbaugh Corner was located below Donner's Restaurant and Willkow's Café pictured in the winter scene on the front page of this Curator's Report. Josiah Poorbaugh was a merchant in the dry goods profession for approximately 50 years before his death in 1901. Could he have constructed the building for his salesroom? After Poorbaugh's retirement, L. Rosenbloom & Brother (with another store in Windber) also operated a store at Poorbaugh Corner. We have an advertisement from 1901 listing that firm. Then in the fall of 1902 C. E. Pile was operating his store at Poorbaugh Corner.

A story for an upcoming issue of Memos has been written by Curator Dave. It features a more detailed history about Josiah and Margaret Poorbaugh, their family, and the operations of the J. Poorbaugh & Son Dry Goods Store.

A special thank you to all our volunteers for all of your services. Together we make a good team!  
**DAVID R. HAY, CURATOR**

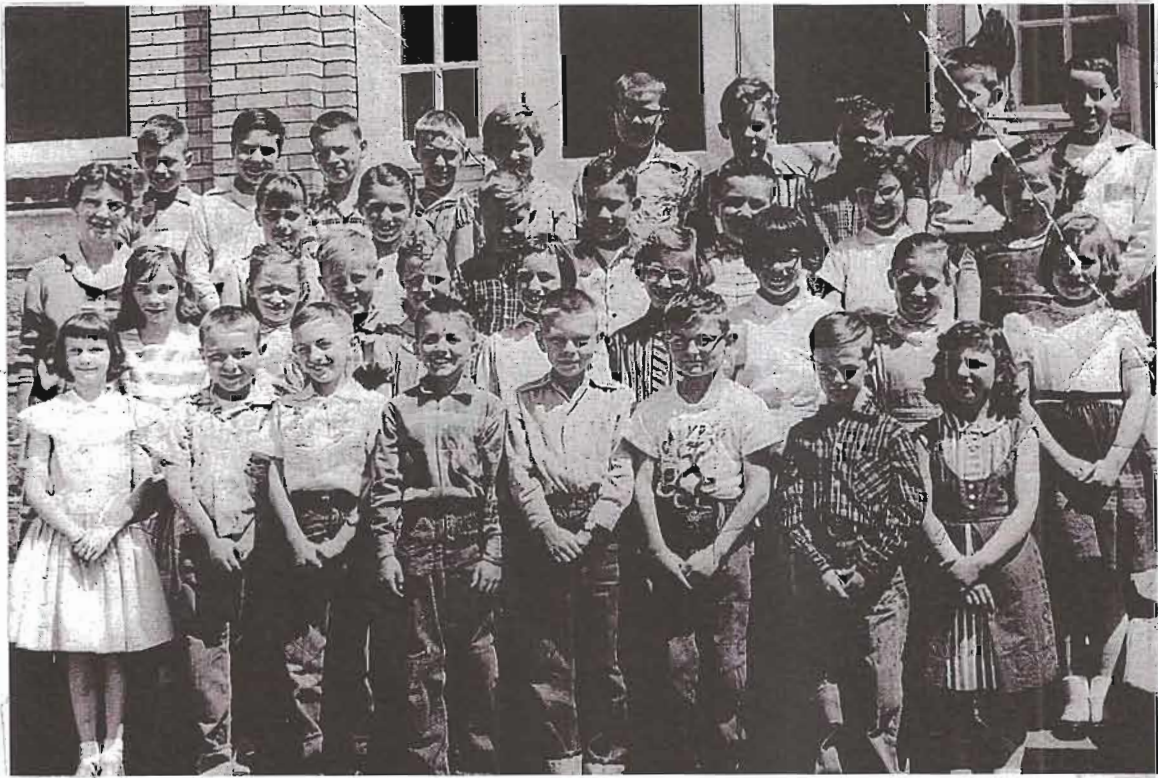


# **FOURTH GRADE STUDENTS**

**1956 - 1957**

**BERLIN BROTHERSVALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**MAUDE S. PUGH - TEACHER**



**Front row (left to right): Donna Imgrund, Dale Miller, Simon Beachley, Tom Bush, Barron Zimmers, Bill Schaefer, Dale Deist, and Judy Maust. Second row (left to right): Kathleen Barrett, Carole Ickes, David Bridigum, Bonnie Ingrodi, Darlene Chaney, Kathryn Hay, Sally Merrill, Emily Engleka and Nancy Athey. Third row (left to right): Mrs. Maude Pugh, 4<sup>th</sup> grade homeroom teacher, Linda Shaulis, Linda Riehl, Clifford Cook, Jack Roberts, Garland Solt, Barbara Marteeny, and Demis Stewart. Fourth row (left to right): James K. Will, David H. Hay, Donald Golby, J. William Smith, Nancy Krause, Victor Robert Maust, Terry Saylor, William Scurfield, Gary Estnick, and David McQuade.**

**This photo has been donated by Gary Estnick!**