

CURATOR'S REPORT
THE BERLIN AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

OCTOBER 10, 2023



**RENTAL HOME OF CECIL AND
RAYMOND NORRIS**

ACROSS FROM THE FAIRHOPE POST OFFICE

FAIRHOPE

BAHS ANNUAL BANQUET

We sold 250 turkey dinners for our annual banquet on September at the Berlin Area Community Building. It was a great evening for visiting with new and old friends. Although our speakers Richard Schroeder and Frank Feyock, both licensed guides at the Gettysburg Battlefield, we enjoyed good food and fellowship along with reports.

Some of the winners of our raffle tickets included:

- The quilt – Bob Platt of Ohio
- Jean Ogburn's braided rug – Sue Gumbert
- Berlin painting by Linda Coddington – Donna Hoppert
- Maple basket from the Hillegas sugar camp – Stanton Woods
- Felted Wool Painting by Laura Logsdon – Marcie Zorn
- Wooden coat rack by John Long – Linda Coddington

There were framed photos of the St. Louis Arch, the Casselman Bridge, and a cow that were donated by j. Arthur Seitz as well as copies of his autobiography entitled "Snooks".

LOG HOUSE CONSTRUCTION

Crews were busy in September working on the rebuilding of the log house. **Robert Brant**, long-time photographer, was busy photographing the activities. He donated photos to us. **Ruth Alice (Lehman) Saylor** is providing funds for the log house construction in memory of her husband, Terry Saylor



OLD BERLIN LODGE BADGES DONATED BY CONNIE (LANDIS) SLOPE FROM THE COLLECTION OF HER FATHER, THE LATE MYRON "MIKE" LANDIS

DONATIONS:

LaVerne Coslic donated Chnicahonian yearbooks from 1945-1954 and a felted wool picture. **The Berlin Brothersvalley High School** donated a copy of their 2023 Bervalon. On September 5 and 6, **two loads of logs** from the Huntingdon area arrived and were stored at the northern end of our barn. Crews worked at pulling nails and getting the logs ready to be used again in the building of our log cabin.



**JEFFREY AND LINDA (HOYMAN) CODDINGTON
WITH LINDA'S PAINTING OF BROADWAY IN
BERLIN**



**DONNA HOPPERT WON THE BERLIN PAINTING CREATED
BY LINDA CODDINGTON**

**SHAFFER COUPLES OF NAPIER TOWNSHIP IN
BEDFORD COUNTY VISIT BERLIN AREA HISTORICAL
SOCIETY OCTOBER 2, 2023**



LEFT TO RIGHT: HEDY (IMLER) AND HUSBAND PAUL SHAFFER, RANDY AND TONIA (MITCHELL) SHAFFER. PAUL AND RANDY ARE BROTHERS, WHO GREW UP IN THEIR PARENTS' LOG HOUSE.

It was a treat to have Randy and Tonia Shaffer as well as Randy's brother and sister-in-law Paul and Hedy (Imler) Shaffer of Schellsburg visit us at the Berlin Area Historical Society and to tour our log house that is being reconstructed on the Croner family's lot in Berlin. Randy and Paul were raised in what is the second log house that BAHS has obtained for usage in rebuilding our log house.

Randy and Tonia Shaffer brought along old deeds that they found in the attic of the log house before it was dismantled. The current owners were Randy and Tonia's daughter and son-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Seth R. Price for the log house that formerly stood at 508 Miller Road, (Napier Township) Schellsburg. This couple purchased the log home and about four surrounding acres in 2021 from what was once a 187-acre Shaffer family farm. The Price family plans to construct a new home on the same premises where the log house stood.

Paul and Randy Shaffer's parents, Lewis E. and Jean I Shaffer, owned the log house and farm acreage from 1957-2021. Earlier Lewis E. Shaffer's parents, Lewis and Rita Shaffer owned

the log house and farm from 1925-1957. Earlier deeds show the log house and farm date back to 1870 or earlier in the family's ancestry.

Paul and Randy Shaffer have constructed new homes on the farm along Miller Road in Napier Township. While Paul and Hedy have relocated into Schellsburg, Randy and Tonia continue to live at 548 Miller Road, Schellsburg. Also of interest in the fact that another daughter of Randy and Tonia is Ashley, wife of Nick Cotter, who is an English teacher in the Berlin High School. Nick is a son of Keith and Karen (Shipley) Cotter of Northampton Township.

Tonia Shaffer is the tax collector for Napier Township so she retains interesting knowledge of other Berlin area natives who have settled in Napier Township.



The right side of the former Lewis and Jean Shaffer farmhouse is the log construction to the home. Additions to the left were added on to the home. Seth R. Price and his wife plan to build a new structure at 508 Miller Road, Schellsburg, on the site where the log house formerly stood.

Interesting to note is the fact that the first of the two log homes that BAHS has purchased came from the Huntingdon, PA area. It was sold to us by Tim Brown and Judy while still standing above Raystown Lake in Juniata Township, several miles from Huntingdon. After being dismantled, the logs were moved to Berlin where crews got busy pulling nails and getting the logs ready in September for rebuilding on the lot that the Gregory Croner family donated to the Berlin Area Historical Society.



THE INTERIOR OF THE LOG HOUSE WITH ITS FIRE PLACE

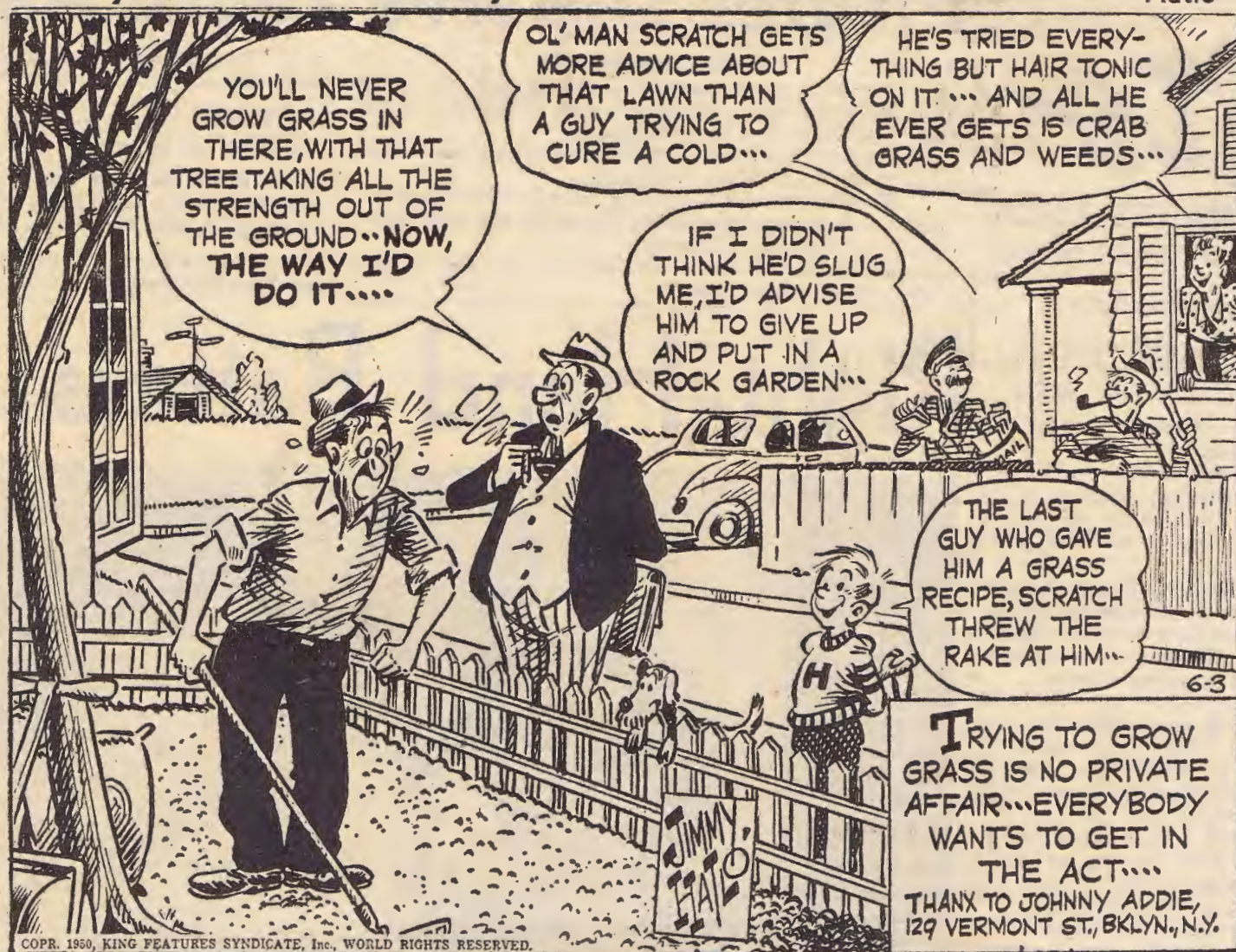


**FAE
(KEIDEL)
HETRICK
AT HER
99TH
BIRTHDAY
PARTY**

**SEPT. 19,
2023**

They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo



June 1950

OUR LOG HOUSE AS OF OCTOBER 2, 2023.

THE WORK OF MANY VOLUNTEERS





**LIFTING A LOG TO THE
SECOND FLOOR OF THE
LOG CABIN ON
SEPTEMBER 20, 2023**



**ALLEN LONG LAYING THE BLOCKS
FOR THE CHIMNEY TO BE ADDED
TO THE LOG HOUSE.
OCTOBER 2, 2023**

ADDITIONAL DONATIONS

Edward Landis donated a pipe fitter, a small pulley, and an inker. **Richard Berkley** donated a 2023 Berlin Brothersvalley Fair premium booklet. **Rick Berkley and Larry Pritts** donated program booklets from the Somerset County Sportsmen's League Banquet on September 20, 2023. Rick Berkley serves as the Sportsmen's League President.

ASSISTING WITH THE INVENTORY AND OTHER PROJECTS

We appreciate our inventory persons during September that include Leanna Coughenour and Karen Bittner. Appreciation is extended to Carolyn Payne and Leanne Calvert for organizational jobs as well as to Stew Saylor and Robert Platt for genealogical research and assistance. Thank you to all our volunteers for the continual work you provide for our society.

David R. Hay, Curator