

CURATOR'S REPORT
THE BERLIN AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

SEPTEMBER 10, 2024



**VINTAGE CARS 2008 AT
DEANER'S FUNERAL HOME**

BERLIN

DONATIONS FROM CHRISTINE (TRENT) BLUBAUGH



A SOUVENIR BERLIN PITCHER AND CHRIS DISPLAYING THE PICTURE OF THE 1881 ST. MICHAEL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH IN PINE HILL.

Chris Blubaugh donated numerous one-of-a kind local items that included the above two items; a 1910 Pleasant Valley School souvenir when Grace G. Dickey (Haer) was the teacher; a Berlin Reformed Church post card; a Glencoe 1912 train wreck postcard; two green ceramic pitchers (1837-1987) created by Jack Coleman. Also a miniature cup (souvenir of Berlin) with a small saucer; a deck of cards advertising Landis and Lafferty Chevrolet; an ice scraper and a bottle opener advertising Maust Brothers' Garage. Also a souvenir booklet (1906) of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church's Sunday School class when W. H. Dively was the teacher; a 1928 Redpath Chautauqua program; a ruler advertising Berlin Feed Co.; two advertising rulers from Janice Dickey's Dress Shop in Stoystown; a written instruction: "Where to go and what to do in the event of a nuclear attack, plus other miscellaneous items.



RONALD TRENCH DISPLAYS THE WW II "BLACKOUT WARNING" POSTER HE DONATED!



THE JOHN S. ENGLE DESK (ONCE IN USE IN THE ALTFATHER GRIST MILL) HAS BEEN MOVED INTO THE OFFICE AT BAHS. OVERHEAD IS THE ALTFATHER MILL PICTURE.

DONATIONS:

Susan (Gnegy) Coughenour donated an old, tiny set of dishes and some little trays. Chris Bankowski of the Grasser Road area in nearby Bedford County visited, shared interesting knowledge about his property and joined the society. Darla Delancy donated a post card invitation from the 101st reunion of the Felker, Knepp, and Tressler clan's reunion held June 30, 2024. An appointed committee was working in September locating and adding items to the interior of the "Humble Log House" dating to 1860 or earlier. Open house and dedication is slated for 2 p.m. on October 12, 2024 with an invitation extended to the public, society members and the many persons who helped with the construction of the log dwelling.



THIS PINE HILL POST CARD WAS DONATED BY CHRISTINE (TRENT) BLUBAUGH. THE ORIGINAL WAS LIKELY SOLD IN THE HENRY GUMBERT STORE THAT SERVE THE CROSSROADS COUNTRY STORE AND POST OFFICE.

POORBAUGH FAMILY GENEALOGY

In August 2024, Richard "Dick" Poorbaugh (a member of the class of 1960 at the Berlin Brothersvalley High School) delivered ten volumes of background documentation, references, pictures and anecdotal information supplementing and support the information in the book, **"The Poorbaugh Family in America" and its 1988 supplement.** Genealogist James Monroe Poorbaugh of Cedar Rapids, Iowa donated these ten notebooks to the Berlin Area Historical Society.

Jim Poorbaugh has been the genealogist for the Poorbaugh/Purbaugh Association from about 2015 until 2024. Three additional volumes include notes and pictures recorded by Fae (Keidel) Hetrick as historian for the association from 1987 to 1995.



**ROMAINE (SMITH) AND CLYDE
“POTTY” IMHOFF OF BERLIN.
CLYDE WAS MANAGING OWNER OF
MODERN DAIRY AND A PARTNER
WITH ELKINS DEETER.**

ROHRBACH FAMILY VISIT

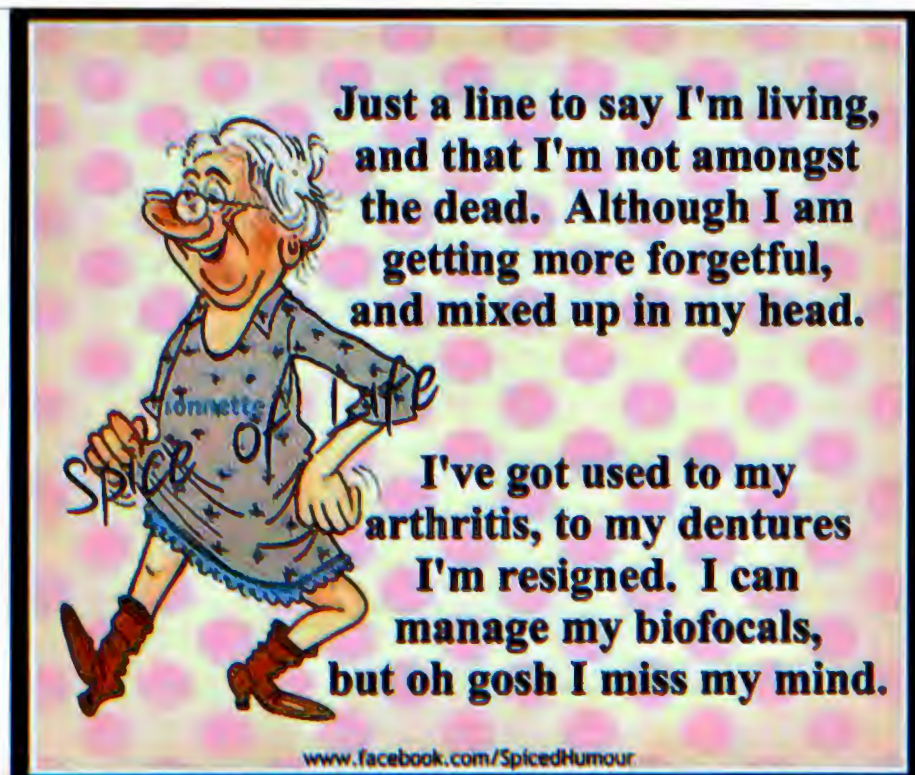
On August 9, 2024, John and Jane (Zellem) Rohrbach of Virginia and their two grown sons, Josh and Jared, visited. They especially enjoyed our Modern Dairy display of milk bottles and numerous advertising items given by the owners to their customers through the years.

Jane is a granddaughter of Clyde “Potty” and Romaine (Smith) Imhoff, long-time residents of Berlin. Romaine is remembered as a former school teacher in Berlin. “Potty” and Elkins Deeter were partners in the dairy operations between 1939 and the mid-1960s when the dairy was sold to John Edward and Dorothy Hay of “Highmanor Farm”.

Even the family was interested in how the name “Potty” came about being Clyde’s nickname.



RALPH AND SUE (ELLIS) GLESSNER CAME TO BERLIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY IN THEIR BUICK CONVERTIBLE ON AUGUST 12, 2024



THE WAY IT WAS – BEFORE 1960



**BERLIN BROTHERSVALLEY HIGH SCHOOL. PICTURE
DONATED BY KAY ANN (LICHVAR) COBER**

DONATIONS:

KAY ANN (LICHVAR) COBER donated sports memorabilia, a Berlin sports scrapbook, and a collection of Mountaineer newspapers from the Berlin Brothersvalley High School. **Edward Landis** donated a New National Hotel shirt and an Engleka's Garage key chain. **Christine Blubaugh** placed on loan a Civil War sword believed to be from the Warren Pugh family. **Debbie Mack** donated a frame group picture taken at the Michael Slifco family reunion in August. **Perry Yoder** donated poetry books published by Howard Phillips and post cards.

The family of **Mary Jane (Bishop) Harding** donated a newspaper story on the former Berlin East End band that once performed in numerous parades while John "Jack" Harding owned the East End Hotel. **Robert Miller** donated a newspaper story on the New Baltimore community and a Swank Hardware paint stirrer. **Joan Darr** donated New Baltimore photos.

Berlin Wants Pictures It Was Given

Remember the gala celebration that took place in Berlin in 1937 during the week of July 25?

Remember the cablegram that E. D. Baldwin, burgess at that time received from the chief mayor of Berlin, Germany, Dr. Lippert?

The cablegram read: "The imperial city of Berlin which will celebrate its 700th anniversary in August extends to assist your city, heartiest greetings for the 100th anniversary and wishes for continued prosperity. Dr. Lippert".

Remember the three German people who visited the growing town of Berlin during its celebration-

Remember the pictures that were given to the citizens of Berlin by these German people?

Do you also remember that these pictures were to be placed in the schools in Berlin?

But they are not there. They are at present in the possession of John O. Ream who resides in Berlin.

Very few people have seen these pictures. Dr. E. C. Saylor, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob B. Schrock, and Miss Mildred Garmen all of Berlin are among the few. Dr. Saylor reports that they are almost square, and are scenes of Berlin, Germany. One that he remembers is a scene of the Berlin opera house in Germany. This picture would be of great value because if the opera house is standing, there is very little of it there, due to the fact of the bombings during the war.

Given To Berlin

"They were given to the town of Berlin for the purpose of hanging them in the schools," said George Dively, principal of the Berlin grade school.

Harry Landis, a member of the school board at the time the pictures were given to the schools, said: "They wanted to hang the pictures in the schools and because of public opinion incident to the war they were not placed there."

Supervising Principal of the Berlin-Brothersvalley High School, James M. Cassel, said: "With the approval of the school board I would be glad to hang them in our school, now."

Sherman Berkley, who is president of the school board, and was a member of the board in 1937 spoke his wishes: "I recall about the pictures being given to the school and now that you brought the subject up just why aren't the pictures in the school?"

Oct 19, 1949

OUR GERMAN PICTURES

Estate of WILHELMINA H. GARMAN, Deceased
Late of Berlin Borough, Somerset County, Pa.

Letters Testamentary on the above estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to the said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims or demands against the estate to make the same known, without delay to

MAY G. O'DWYER,
LORENE H. GARMAN,
Executrices,
Berlin, Penna.

Uhl & Uhl,
Attorneys.

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BBHS Nips Bruce For 3rd Straight

John Lichyar's undefeated Berlin-Brothersvalley Mountaineers came from behind in the final period to notch their third win with a 41-34 decision over Bruce High of Westernport, Md on the Berlin hardwood.

The Mountaineers copped the first period nine to six but the Maryland foe found the range in the second stanza and took a 17-13 lead at half time. The visitors increased their lead in the third quarter 14-12 to carry a 31-25 lead into the final lap.

The Mountaineers scored 16 points in a do-or-die effort in the final period and held the visitors to three to cart off a thrilling finish.

Jim Ferner, sharp-shooting Mountaineer pivot, twisted the nets with five double deakers and three fouls for 13 points. Teammates Queer and Gindesperger, were close behind with 12 and 10 markers respectively.

Moran, lanky Bruce center, led the losers scoring with 12 points.

Harry Speicher's Mountaineer junior varsity lose a thrilling 19-17 decision to the Bruce jayvees in the preliminary. The varsity summary:

	FG	F	Pts.
Gindesperger, f	4	2	10
Popovich, f	0	0	0
Ferner, c	5	3	13
Webreck, g	2	1	5
Donner, g	0	1	1
Queer	3	6	12
Diest	0	0	0
Deem	0	0	0
Totals	14	13	41

	FG	F	Pts.
BRUCE			
DeVore, f	3	4	10
McKenzie, f	1	1	3
Moran, c	5	2	12
Wilson, g	0	1	1
Davidson, g	1	1	3
Chin	2	1	5
Neff	1	1	3
Totals	12	10	34

	Score by Quarters			
Berlin	9	4	12	16-41
Bruce	6	11	14	3-34

Referees—Lehman and Morocco.

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CLEARANCE

— SALE —

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Now in Progress

DRESSES, COATS
SKIRTS, SWEATERS

MYRTLE M. WALKER'S

Style Shop

OPP. P. O. BERLIN, PA.

MISS RHODAMER, BRIDE OF GLENN J. BERKLEY

At a single ring ceremony in the Church of the Brethren parsonage at 6 p.m., Saturday, Miss April May Rhodamer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rhodamer of Somerset, R.D., became the bride of Glenn Jay Berkley of Listle. The Rev. Galen R. Blough officiated.

A powder blue suit, white accessories and a corsage of white roses were worn by the bride. There were no attendants.

JUNE 47

JUNE 1947 WEDDING OF APRIL MAY RHODAMER AND GLENN JAY BERKLEY IN BROTHERTON.

PARENTS OF BOARD MEMBER RICHARD BERKLEY

PUBLIC SALE

258 ACRE FARM, 205 ACRES OF VALUABLE PROP AND SAW TIMBER, 40 ACRES under high state of cultivation to be sold at auction sale due to retirement of owner. Known as the I. G. Carver Farm, Located 6 miles northeast of Berlin, in Stonycreek Twp. Somerset Co., Pa.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1949

Commencing Promptly At 10:00 A.M. 8 Room house equipped with Electric, heat, never failing spring water, large barn, implement shed, Antique Log cabin, summer house, ideal location for summer home or hunting camp due to the large acreage of valuable timber. Must be seen to be appreciated.

Also personal property—household goods, antiques, corner cupboard, Grandfathers clock, doughtray, rainbow carpet, lot of antique glass and china dishes, muzzle loader rifle, sinks, and every thing imaginable, farm machinery, 3 good cows, 2 fat butcher hogs, laying hens and many other articles. This will be a real old fashioned country sale you will enjoy lots of antiques.

Term: Day of Sale!

Lunch Available

I. G. CARVER

Owner

R. D. BERLIN, Pa. Phone 3723
Col. Johnson, Auc^r

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IRA G. CARVER FARM AUCTION OCTOBER 27, 1949 IN STONYCREEK TOWNSHIP.