

# CURATOR'S REPORT

## THE BERLIN AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

APRIL 8, 2014

### BERLIN FIFE AND DRUM CORPS DONATES ARCHIVAL COLLECTION!



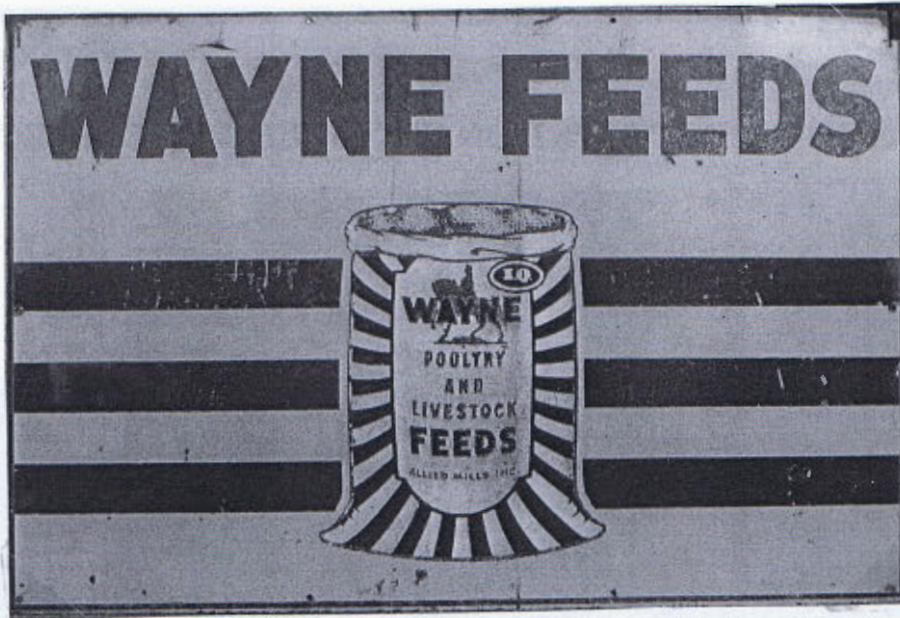
Members of the Berlin Fife and Drum Corps performed at Hershey's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2003. Here 16 members gather around former Governor Ed Rendell. From left to right are: Gary Chalk, Mike Fogle, Greg Gardner, Andy "Gus" Pribelsky, Jim Darr, Nathan Fochtman, Seth Hobson, John Landis, Governor Ed Rendell, Bill Slifco, Floyd Averages, Eric Ankeny, Ronald Fochtman, Edward Slifco, Bruce "Chip" Landis, Roland Fogle, and Kerry Landis. Greg Gardner and other members have interesting memories of that event when they presented an honorary membership to the Fife and Drum Corps to Governor Ed Rendell.

At our March meeting, the BAHS Board agreed to allot display space at the Berlin Area Historical Society for the Berlin Fife and Drum Corps to display and store historical artifacts and a tote containing many pictures, newspaper items, and other memorabilia. They are donating the items to BAHS with the understanding that they may borrow or use items from their collection. Jim and Jean Darr delivered a tote containing pictures and other mementoes in March. Our volunteers have spent time organizing pictures into a notebook and continue obtaining identifications for various pictures. Greg Gardner stopped at BAHS on April 2 to help identify the persons in the above picture.

### A VARIETY OF OTHER DONATIONS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED:

**Bill Keller** has donated written history on the New Baltimore Sportsmen's Club. **Katie Bell** donated a historical wheelchair while **Justin Gerber** donated mining tags and a stirrup. **Nancy Miller** has donated a collection of older area obituaries while **Barbara Miller** donated a history booklet pertaining to Trinity United Church of Christ. **Carl and Fay Walker**, a Summit Township couple who perform genealogy research at our facilities, donated a ream of copy paper. **Lynn Brant** donated a picture of his grandmother, Laura (Bridigum) Brant, who was the first wife of Charles M. Brant. She died in the early 1930s leaving four children. **Ellen Peachey** donated an old time picture believed to have been taken in Berlin.

## WAYNE FEED STORE SIGN FROM THE FORMER BERLIN FEED COMPANY!



Berlin Feed Company was originally started by Robert Hillegass and John M. Glessner. John M. Glessner later owned and operated the business for many years before selling the establishment to the late Roy Naugle of the Hooversville area. Our board member, Larry Pritts has interesting stories to share from the time of his employment with the Berlin Feed Company.

## US TIRES SIGN DONATED BY BILL AND MIKE MERRILL



### JOSEPH SHEETZ FAMILY

Paul Jackson Coleman of Honolulu, Hawaii called to express his appreciation to those who assist with each issue of Memos. He was particularly interested in the Joseph Sheetz house that formerly stood where the Berlin Brethren Church is located today. Jack remembers his parents, John W. and Mary Coleman being friends with the Sheetz family. Their son, Eli Sheetz went on to live in the Washington, D.C. area where he was prominently known for the manufacturing and sales of the Martha Washington candies. Eli was also greatly interested in the Berlin Fife and Drum Corps and liked them to put on a performance for him and his family on occasions went he revisited his home town of Berlin. Jack also believes that Eli Sheetz started a fife and drum corps in the Washington, D.C. area that was modeled after the Berlin group.