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SUGAR GROVE NEIGHBORHOOD IN
BROTHERSVALLEY TOWNSHIP

Berlin High Wins 59-24 Over Faculty

Taking the entire first quarter to warm up, Coach John Lichvar's Berlin-Brothersvalley High Mountaineers got off to a winning start in the current cage season by handing their High School Faculty a 59-24 upset in a game played on the high school court yesterday afternoon.

The schoolboys were trailing 7-4 at the end of the initial frame. They then scored 22 markers in the second period to take a 26-9 command at half-time, which they widened to 45-15 at the finish of the third stanza.

The schoolboy attack was sparked by a combination of Bender, Berkley, Glessner, and Saylor. This quartet tallied 46 of the varsity's scoring.

Bender led the Blue and White with seven fielders for 14 tallies with Berkley coming in second high with 12 points on five double-deckers and two free throws. Glessner accounted for four two-pointers and two conversions, while Saylor tallied five field goals.

Coach Lichvar was credited with three field goals and two charity shots for eight markers to lead the Faculty attack, while his assistant, Harry

Speicher, garnered seven points, on two buckets and three conversions for second high laurels. Center Hay was next in line with two fielders.

The varsity quint completed five of 12 free throw tries, compared to six of 14 for the collegiates.

The summary:

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BERLIN-59				
Pos.		G	F	T
F-Gindlesperger	1	0	2
F-Glessner	4	2	10
C-Bender	7	0	14
G-Saylor	5	0	10
G-Berkley	.....	5	2	12
Monahan	.....	2	1	5
Simmons	.....	1	0	2
Popovich	.....	1	0	2
Ferner	.....	1	0	2
R. Webreck	.....	0	0	0
B. Webreck	.....	0	0	0
Deem	.....	0	0	0
Totals	.....	27	5	59

FACULTY-24				
Pos.		G	F	T
F-Lichvar	.....	3	2	8
F-Smith	.....	1	0	2
C-Hay	.....	2	0	4
G-Gerber	.....	0	1	1
G-Speicher	.....	2	3	7
Miller	.....	0	0	0
Raupach	.....	1	0	2
Schrock	.....	0	0	0
Totals	.....	9	6	24

Score By Quarters					
Berlin	4	22	19	14-59
Faculty	7	2	6	9-24

Referee: Imhoff. Timer: Hittle.

Alumni Ekes 31-29 Win From Berlin

Coming up before one of the toughest Alumni quints ever, Coach John Lichvar's Berlin-Brothersvalley High School Mountaineers suffered their initial defeat last night when the graduates handed the Blue and White a 31-29 trimming in a nip-and-tuck battle staged on the B. B. H. S. hardwood.

The game was somewhat of a rough-house affair, as a total of 43 personal fouls were called against the two teams. The varsity made a poor showing at the free throw line, converting only nine times of 28 chances. The Alumni outfit were somewhat more impressive at the free throw line, sinking seven of 15 tries. A better mark at the pay-dirt line would have been a sure victory for the schoolboys.

The graduates took a 12-5 advantage at the end of the opening frame, and increased their lead to 25-14 at half-time. Although outscored, eight to four in the third frame, the Alumni still held a 29-22 command at the close of that period. The schoolboys again outscored the Alumni seven to two, but their last-minute onslaught wasn't enough to overcome the lead the graduates had built up during the first half.

Bob Monahan, going forward, capped the individual scoring laurels of the thrilling game, swishing the nets for six fielders, and then stepping up to the pay-dirt line to sink four free tosses.

A three-way tie developed for top scoring laurels of the winners with Hummel, Mays, and Pensiero polling six markers. Hummel and Mays each spllled three double-deckers, while Pensiero collected one fielder and four free throws.

Ken Saylor took second-place honors for the high school team when he chalked up two two-pointers and one free shot for five tallies.

The summary:

ALUMNI-31				
Pos.		G	F	T
F-Hummel	.....	3	0	6
F-Mays	.....	3	0	6
C-Tipton	.....	0	0	0
G-Sarver	.....	2	0	4
G-Cober	.....	1	0	2
G-Popovich	.....	2	0	4
Engleka	.....	0	2	2
Pensiero	.....	1	4	6
Zorn	.....	0	1	1
M. Popovich	.....	0	0	0
D. Hay	.....	0	0	0
Totals	.....	12	7	31

BERLIN-29				
Pos.		G	F	T
F-Glessner	.....	0	1	1
F-Monahan	.....	6	4	16
C-Bender	.....	1	0	2
G-Berkley	.....	1	2	4
G-Saylor	.....	2	1	5
Gindlesperger	.....	0	1	1
Ferner	.....	0	0	0
Totals	.....	10	9	29

Score By Quarters

Alumni	.....	12	13	4	2-31
Berlin	.....	5	9	8	7-29

Referees: Lehman, Imhoff. Dec 47



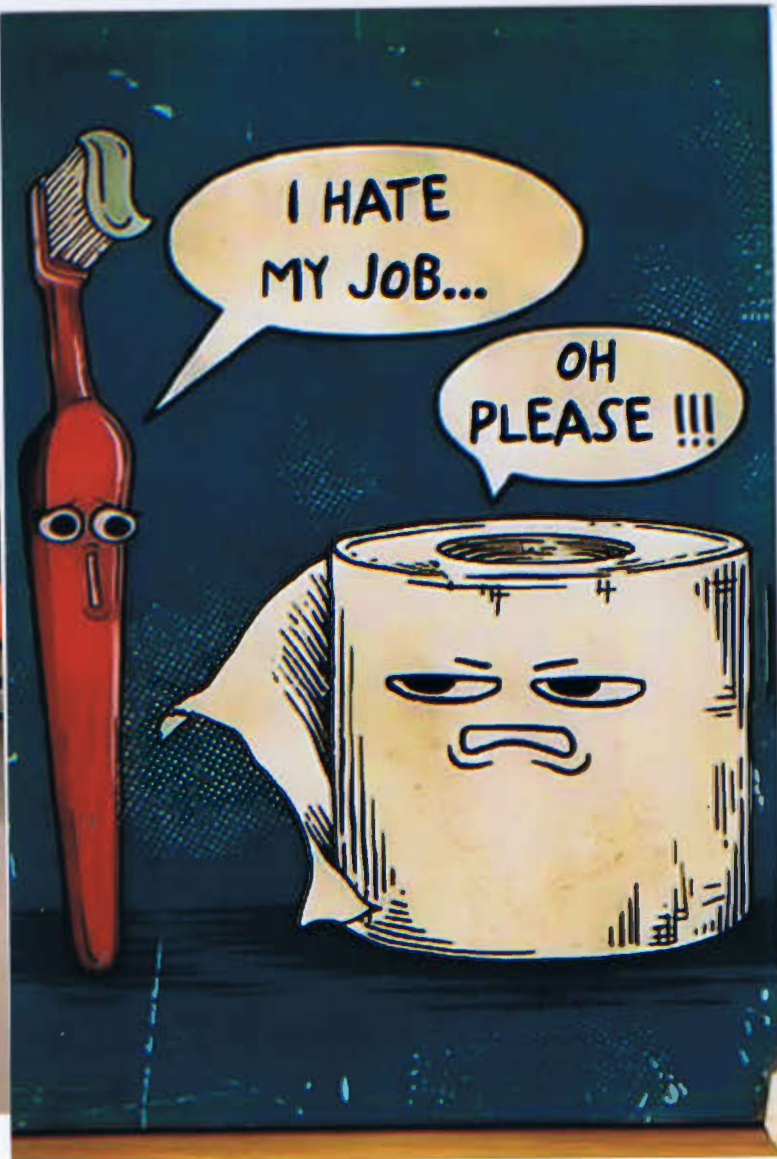
YESTERYEAR IN GOODTOWN



LARRY PRITTS donated several pictures of Goodtown including some mining pictures. His wife, Grace (Nicholson) Pritts grew up in this former mining community.



ELMER ALTFATHER displays the frame he constructed for the July 1909 Camp Hunt picture (Somerset) featuring the 10th PA National Guard (before Company C.)



MARK AND MISSY KNOPSNYDER donated the above pictured wrestling warm-up jacket that Mark wore during his years at the Berlin Brothersvalley High School.

CONNIE SLOPE donated a variety of organization badges, Berlin parade pictures, Macdonaldton and Berlin Fife and Drum Corp memorabilia, a war ration booklet, and confirmation certificates for both of her parents, the late Myron "Mike" and Mary (McQuade) Landis.

TERRY DePHILLIPS donated Roger Whittaker and Englebert Humperdink souvenir booklets.

Thank you to **Carolyn Payne, Karen Bittner, and Leanna Coughenour** for inventory and other display work.

We're happy that volunteer and treasurer of BAHS, **Stewart Saylor** is on the mend! Thank you to all of our volunteers for your many contributions.

David R. Hay, Curator

IN APRIL 2027 THE LADIES AUXILIARY OF THE BERLIN FIREMAN WILL BE 100 YEARS OLD. THEY WOULD LIKE FOLKS WITH PICTURES OR OTHER MEMERABILIA PERTAINING TO THE AUXILIARY TO LOAN OR DISPLAY THESE ITEMS DURING THEIR ANNIVERSARY.



**RUTH E. (CLARK)
KRATER**

BORN: MAY 13, 1940

DIED: NOVEMBER 17, 2019

DIED at 79 years of age while living in Pueblo, Colorado.

Ruth Clark graduated in 1959 from the Berlin Brothersvalley High School where she was in the Business Class. Not much is known about Ruth other than she was living along

the Mud Pike in Brothersvalley Township in the home of George Aaron and Edna (Brant) Stahl at the time of her graduation.

According to her obituary, Ruth married Leo Krater one week after escaping Pennsylvania. Leo was a quadriplegic, kind hearted, and always thought the best of others. Ruth cared for him for 58 years and her comment was always, "I wouldn't change a thing." Leo preceded her in death. They had no children.

Ruth worked at JC Penney in Pueblo, Colorado for 30 years in the accounting department.

It was difficult to learn where Ruth was making her home at the time of graduation. She was likely a foster child of the Stahl family with a foster sister being Shirley (Stahl) wife of Floyd Airesman. Laverne (Suder) Coslic remembered riding the same school bus and Ruth boarding the bus at the George A. Stahl farm house. Laverne recalls another girl by the name of Betty also getting on the school bus at the Stahl farm.

Ruth's classmate Carol (Miller) Leydig remembers Ruth being a quiet girl and having something to do with the Airesman family. Detective work led to learning that Ruth lived with the George and Edna Stahl family.

Stonycreek Twp. Wins County, B League, Crown

Trounces Friedens

61-21 Mar 1948

Jed Curzi's Stonycreek Township Vikings turned closely fought first half into a second half shellacking as they walloped Vernon Lease's Somerset township passers 61-21 in a class B county playoff staged on the Somerset high school hardwood before a full house.

The Vikings will travel to Bedford Thursday night to battle the Everett high school eagles for the District Five title.

The game started out fast with both teams trying hard to put their team in the winning column. The Vikings scored first on a foul by Musser. The Vikings took the first period 14-10. The second period found both teams matching shots with the Vikings taking a slim 8-7 edge to increase their lead to 22-17 at half time. The second half was all Vikings as their smooth passing and brilliant shooting shellacked Friedens as they threw wild passes that mostly went out of bounds. Friedens lost Eddie Trent in the beginning of third period on fouls whom they missed. The last period saw the Vikings dump in 21 points while the Friedens passers were held scoreless.

John Grenke sparked the Vikings scoring attack with 14 points of which 13 came in the second half. Ken Lowry and Don Baltzer also played brilliant ball and each finished second on the scoring list with 12 marker each.

Ronald Pile tallied seven points for the losers' best offensive scorer.

FIRST QUARTER

Stonycreek gets the tap with both teams starting out fast. Musser makes a foul which was followed by Baltzer's field goal for a early 3-0 lead. Lowry adds a foul, Lowry fouled again and makes both good, Vikings' lead 6-1. Musser dumps in his first fielder, Pile makes two conversions and a field goal, Urban adds a foul to make score 8-6. Baltzer, Musser, and Baltzer add three quick baskets. Pile and Svonavec sink fouls, Svonavec adds long shot to make score 14-10 Vikings at the end of the first period.

SECOND QUARTER

Grenke make foul attempt good, Urban makes lay-up shot, Trent adds a foul and basket to tie score at 15-15. Lowry and Baltzer both miss fouls, Lowry makes next attempt good, Gohn flips in fielder, Miller and Lowry follow with two pointers, score Vikings leading 22-15. Jim Urban and Svonavec make fouls to raise score to 22-17 at the first half ends.

THIRD QUARTER

Baltzer starts scoring with a double-decker, also a foul, Svonavec sinks long shot, Grenke makes stationary shot followed by Lowry's twin-counter. Pile sinks fielder-score 28-21. Miller adds basket, score 30-21. Trent leaves game on fouls. The rest of the game the Vikings did all the scoring. Baltzer adds foul, Lowry sinks two pointer, Musser tosses in basket, Lowry adds a goal and foul, Baltzer sinks one handed long shot, score 39-21.

FOURTH QUARTER

Lowry misses two shots at the free throw line, Grenke sinks two point, Pile misses foul, Grenke tosses in double decker to make score 43-21. Friedens tries many shots and none good. Mull misses foul, Musser tosses in fielder, Grenke follows, Baltzer sinks long shot, Grenke adds two charity tosses, Miller and Grenke toss in fielders. John Grenke makes sixth straight foul shot. Donner and Ted Grenke, subs each dump in double-deckers before the game ends.

The lineup:

STONYCREEK	G	F	P
Lowry, f	3	6	12
Musser, f	4	1	9
J. Grenke, c	4	6	14
Baltzer, g	5	2	12
Addleman, g	0	0	0
Gohn	2	0	4
Miller	3	0	6
T. Grenke	1	0	2
Donner	1	0	2
Totals	23	15	61

SOMERSET TWP.	G	F	P
Trent, f	1	1	3
B. Urban, f	1	2	4
Pile, c	2	3	7
Svonavec, g	2	2	6
Lafferty, g	0	0	0
J. Urban	0	0	0
Mull	0	0	0
Claycomb	0	0	0
Woy	0	0	0
Albright	0	0	0
Antenucci	0	0	0
Totals	6	8	21

Score by quarters:	1	2	3	4	Total
Stonycreek	14	8	17	21	61
Somerset Twp.	10	7	4	0	21

When you're young, you play with them.



When you get older, you start losing them.

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