

CURATOR'S REPORT
THE BERLIN AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MARCH 8, 2022



**FORMER HOWARD & MYRTLE (GROFT)
HOSTETLER FARM HOME**

**OWNED BY MARTIN & EMELINE
(COLEMAN) DIEHL**

ALLEGHENY TOWNSHIP

FILLING NEW POSITIONS AT THE BERLIN AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY



CHARLENE (HOPPERT) NORRIS
ELECTED TO THE ENDOWMENT
FUND as a replacement for
Jim Suder



ROBERT G. PLATT
Elected to BAHS's Board of Directors
To complete the term of the late
Jim Suder.

**WHY DO SHIPMENTS GO BY CAR AND CARGO
GOES BY SHIP?"**

**FILLING A NEW POSITION AT THE
BERLIN AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY**



CINDY (GEARY) FLAMM

**ELECTED AS ASSISTANT TREASURER OF THE
BERLIN AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY.**

**HARRY GLESSNER AND NORA
ELIZABETH (SHUMAKER) SUDER**



**PICTURE DONATED BY THEIR DAUGHTER,
LAVERNE (SUDER) COSLIC**

**FOR DISPLAY WITH THE EARLY TELEVISION
THE FAMILY DONATED IN THE PAST.**

**OLD GRAVE DIGGERS NEVER DIE; THEY JUST
SPADE AWAY!**

BERLIN VOLUNTEER FIREMEN HONORED FOR YEARS OF SERVICE!



On January 29, 2022 at Berlin Fire Department and Ladies Auxiliary Officer Installation Banquet, a number of volunteer firemen were honored with citations from State Representative Carl Walker Metzgar for their 50 and more years of membership with the fire department. Seated on the front row from left to right were Dale Leydig, 50 years; Jay Engleka, Ray Engleka and Ira "Bunk" Hardin,, 55 years. Not pictured were: Roland Fogle, 50 years; Jim Chonko, 55 years and Paul Petro, 60 years. Back row from the left: Bill Miller, Chief; Tim Rhoads, Vice President, and Carl Walker Metzgar, State Representative.

NORTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP – REMEMBER WHEN:

Remember the years when a drive through the Ponfeigh Farm area of Northampton Township provided an opportunity to admire the herd of Ayrshire dairy cows grazing in the pasture field? That was certainly a sight to behold with the red-and-white colored cattle sported their long horns. During that time the Charlie and Mabel McCurdy family resided in the main farm house and operated the farm for the Merrill family. An older house sat vacant in the meadow.

The three McCurdy children included Donna (Deaner); Darlene (Knepper) and Charlie Keith, all graduates of the Berlin Brothersvalley High School.

A scenic drive past the Ponfeigh Farm in recent years often affords travelers the enjoyment of viewing the bison owned by Max Merrill grazing in the pasture fields.

LADIES MOVING FORWARD WITH OUR INVENTORY!



LAVERNE & SHIRLEY AT WORK! LAVERNE COSLIC AND SHIRLEY GARY TAKING INVENTORY OF BOOKS IN OUR SCHOOL ROOM!



**LEANNA COUGHENOUR WORKING IN OUR RECEIVING ROOM!
Thank you ladies for your dedicated services!**

REMINISCING ABOUT FAIRHOPE!



JOHN AND DOROTHY McCOY

It was a delightful experience to have John and Dorothy (Emerick) McCoy of Hyndman visit with us during the morning of March 2, 2022. Along with enjoying a tour provided by Gary Estnick, there was time to discuss the village of Fairhope as well as the personal lives and relatives of John and Dorothy. John began his life in the Cook's Mill area not far from Hyndman while Dorothy's roots include the interesting village of Fairhope.

Dorothy reminisced about attending the one-room school in the heart of Fairhope – a building that now serves as the voting precinct for Fairhope Township. Dorothy went on to attend high school in Hyndman, being transported to and from school by the same man who delivered mail to the Fairhope post office. He returned later in the day to pick up the outgoing mail and to deliver the kids back home to Fairhope.

Dorothy is a daughter of Roy Ellis Emerick (1914-1997), who was a retired trackman for the B&O Railroad. Her mother was Belma M. (Baer) Emerick. Dorothy's paternal grandparents were George V. and Pearl V. (Clites) Emerick. Her grandma Pearl V. Emerick, who lived in the heart of Fairhope, was the well-known midwife, who traveled out to many homes to help deliver babies into the world. In more recent years, Dorothy's Uncle Fred W. Emerick retired from the Baltimore, Maryland area and returned to live in the family home across from the Fairhope Community Church.

Prior to the Covid pandemic, Fairhope natives, residents, and friends gathered annually for a reunion at the camp grounds outside of Hyndman. Hopefully it can resume!

REGULATOR WALL CLOCK

ON LOAN FROM THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK AT HERMITAGE. REMOVED FROM THE BERLIN BRANCH OFFICE IN BERLIN IN 2019 WHEN IT WAS CLOSED. EARLIER IT HAS BEEN DISPLAYED IN THE PHILSON NATIONAL BANK!



BOB PLATT AND GARY ESTNICK, BAHS BOARD MEMBERS, ADMIRE THE NEWLY INTALLED REGULAR CLOCK ON FEBRUARY 23, 2022.

The above pictured clock was delivered and set up during the morning of February 23, 2022 by Richard Randolph and John Winogrodzski of Johnstown. They are part of the maintenance crew for First National Bank. When the Berlin branch was closed in 2019, the clock and other things were transferred to headquarters in Hermitage, Pa where it was placed in storage until it was transferred to Johnstown. **The clock is not in running order! The clock is on loan to us at the Berlin Area Historical Society.**



SAYLOR'S HILLSIDE SUPERETTE – CUMBERLAND STREET IN BERLIN



Calendar was donated by Joyce (Leydig) Knotts, former owner of Joyce's Restaurant, across from Berlin Brothersvalley High School in Berlin

DONATIONS:

Joyce Knotts donated an elementary school book entitled "My Little Red Story Book"; Berlin advertising calendars: Don's Service Station for 1973 and 1974; a Saylor's Hillside Superette calendar for 1974 and miscellaneous other items. **Judy Cook** has performed typing and filing. **Tammy Rohrs** has performed sorting duties in our vault.

Thank you to our volunteers for all the time and services you provide!



DAVID R. HAY, CURATOR

SUMER IS THE SEASON THAT BUGS US!