

CURATOR'S REPORT
THE BERLIN AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

SEPTEMBER 13, 2022



**LONG-TIME FARM HOME OF
ROBERT & GRACE (SWEARMAN)
HAY**

**BLUE LICK VALLEY FARM
BROTHERSVALLEY TOWNSHIP**

LARRY SHOBER IS NAMED COOP. POWER USE ADVISOR



LARRY W. SHOBER

Appointment of Larry W. Shober of 505 North St., Berlin, as Power Use Advisor has been announced by Earl L. Miller, manager. Mr. Shober joined the cooperative staff on Monday, April 6.

A native of Berlin R.D. 4, he was a 1958 graduate of Berlin-Brothersvalley High School. There he was enrolled in the college preparatory course, served as president of his senior class and was active in basketball and baseball.

Following high school, Shober was employed for less than two years as a part-time aid with the Soil Conservation Service. He later joined the R. E. Uptegraff Transformer Company, where he worked in production for 10 years, prior to joining the cooperative.

During this period he was a registered representative for mutual funds with Seaboard Planning Corporation, and did parttime work with an electrical contractor.

The son of Mrs. Margaret Shober, and the late late Jack Shober, Larry is married to the former Sandra Lee Stahl, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Stahl of Berlin. They are the parents of two sons; Braden, aged 2½ years, and Bryan, 9 months.

With a family background in sheep raising, Larry is presently involved in the hobby of raising purebred Hampshire Sheep on the family farm with his brother-in-law Tom Calvert. He is also a member of the Somerset Sheep and Wool Growers' Association.

Community activities include membership and vice president of the Berlin Volunteer Fire Department, driver and attendant for the Berlin Ambulance Association, member and chairman of the water committee of Berlin Borough Council and membership in Valley Grange 878.

As power use advisor, Mr. Shober is engaged primarily in activities dealing with electric heat installations, appliance, water heater and farm sales activities.

A WORLD WAR II PICTURE OF HENRY HANKINSON OF NEW BALTIMORE



Larry and Sheila Varchetti donated the above picture of Henry Hankinson in his WW II uniform. Henry was a well-known merchant in New Baltimore and was also Sheila's maternal grandfather.

Sheila Varchetti also donated a series of photos taken when the turnpike was originally being built through the New Baltimore community.



**JOSEPH AND ANNA (BANAS)
GONDEK WITH THEIR 3
CHILDREN:
JOSEH JR., MARY GOOD, AND
ANNA NOVAK**



**WEDDING PICTURE OF
JOSEPH GONDEK AND
ANNA (BANAS) GONDEK**

**THE ABOVE PICTURES AND FRAMES WERE DONATED BY TOM AND
JoANNE (GONDEK) SMITH. THEY ARE CURRENTLY ON DISPLAY IN
OUR HERITAGE HAUS.**

ADDITIONAL DONATIONS:

Paul Droutz shared Schiller/Hartge pictures. Dorothy (Athey) Shultz donated a Surge belt buckle and a Vanyo Supoly Company fob. **Michael Merrill** donated a Philson National Bank bag. The **Class of 1967 at Shanksville Stonycreek High School** donated \$25.00 after enjoying a tour of the Glade-one-room school house. **Barry Landis** donated recipe books, two student chairs for the Glade one-room school house, and a punch bowl given away during BAHS's annual banquet. **Robert Faidley** donated the book, "Berlin 1777-1977." **Richard Berkley** donated five reprints of Platt family photos.



THERE IS ALWAYS A LITTLE TIME TO 'SQUEEZE IN' A LITTLE FUN ON OUR VOLUNTEER DAYS AT THE BERLIN AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY!

LEFT TO RIGHT: THIERY DRENNING, DAVID HAY, JOHN LONG ON HIS BIKE, GARY ESTNICK, AND ROBERT PLATT



THANK YOU TO OUR INVENTORY LADIES! (L RO R): KAREN BITTNER, LAVERNE COSLIC, SHIRLEY GARY, AND LEANNA COUGHENOUR

For the **FIRST TIME** in this Community!
WE PROUDLY PRESENT

"Waves of Green"

WED. JAN. 17

8:00 P. M.

Shanksville—Stonycreek Joint School Auditorium

The Great Technicolor Motion Picture of the Story of
Farm Progress in America!

You and your friends are cordially invited to join with us as "We Salute American Agriculture" . . . and to be among our guests as we present the great Technicolor motion picture Waves of Green for the first time in this community. This is the thrilling story of how farmers, farm industries, farm scientists and farm educators in our Land-Grant Colleges have worked side-by-side to make this land of our the greatest agricultural nation on earth! Although the tickets are complimentary, all seats are reserved. To obtain your own complimentary ticket, just call us on the telephone, write us a letter or postcard—best of all—stop in.

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FORD TRACTORS AND DEARBORN FARM EQUIPMENT

ADDITIONAL DONATIONS:

Terry DePhillips donated a Philson Bank bag. **Sally (Merrill) Ancona** donated \$100.00. **Max Young** fixed two white chairs that are outside our barn and his daughter, **Ann King** painted them. **Christine Blubaugh** donated a Berlin Mercantile souvenir glass and Philson Bank and First National Bank pouches. **Mary Carol (Coughenour) Lehman** donated a 1937 memorial service program.

REMEMBER THOSE SUNDAY AFTERNOON DRIVES

When I was a kid, it was a frequent thing for my siblings and me to pile into our family's 1946 Nash and later our 1957 Buick automobiles and enjoy a leisurely Sunday afternoon car ride with our parents.

THE SUNDAY DRIVE

Families don't take Sunday drives anymore,
But when I was a freckled-faced kid,
We'd pile in the car, hit the road, and explore—
It was something that folks back then did.
The point was to go for a leisurely ride,
No hurry, no real destination.
We might stop for ice cream or Cokes from inside
Some OPEN, screen-doored filling station.
Way out in the sticks with our Dad at the wheel,
We'd take in the scenery we passed.
Those afternoon outings would make us all feel
Going nowhere is really a blast!

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Our dad enjoyed looking at the other farmer's crops and enjoying the beautiful scenery here in Somerset County. Dad explored various areas in the county. Frequent drives passed through the mountains of Northampton and Allegheny Townships.

I especially remember the narrow dirt one-lane roadway down over the "Packsaddle" below Johnsburg. Generally we were only a mile or two down the road when one of us kids had a call from Mother Nature or one of us kids were involved in a scuffle with someone sitting too closely to them. One of us kids sometimes fell sleep and another may have uttered, "Are we there yet?"

A stop was generally made at a small country store or service station for an ice cream treat, and sometimes a bottle of pop and a bag of chips.

I credit these family Sunday afternoon drives with developing my interest in learning about the rural areas and small villages here in Somerset County.

To this day, when I'm headed out to a destination, I often chose an alternate route that takes me sightseeing along a less-traveled highway.

David R. Hay

THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS!

We appreciate our volunteers and the many things they do to help with the work load at the Berlin Area Historical Society. Your knowledge and donations of time are so important to our daily operations.

David R. Hay, Curator