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AUGLAIZE COUNTY HISTORY BOOK

A Celebration In Story

We have been advised by the Auglaize County Sesquicentennial Committee that the deadline for ordering these books at the reduced rate of \$35.00 +\$2.28 tax +\$5.00 shipping has been extended to August 9, 1998. After this date, the price of the book will be \$45.00 +\$2.93 tax. The publication date is now scheduled for October 1st. You can save shipping costs if you plan to pick up your book at one of the distribution points to be made available.

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HAVE YOU VISITED OUR MUSEUM YET THIS SUMMER

to check out Donna Warner's newly-arranged displays?

We are planning several "special" extended days when the hours will be from 1:00-5:00 p.m.

◆Sunday, July 19th (1:00-5:00) - Former Auglaize County auditor Vernon Doenges and Tom Fledderjohann will be on hand to display their postcard collections. This event is being co-sponsored by the Friends of the New Bremen Library. Refreshments will be served.

◆SATURDAY, August 15th (1:00-5:00) - Former New Bremen resident, Dr. John T. Dickman, will be at the Museum to autograph his booklets, "*A Taste of Tradition - New Bremen Memories From the Kitchen*", recently published by the Historic Association, and to answer questions and compare memories. If you have already purchased a book, bring it in and John will autograph it.

◆Sunday, August 16th (1:00 to 5:00) - These two days (August 15 & 16) are Bremenfest weekend. We now have air-conditioning, so for you festival-goers and class-reunion folks who want a place to get out of the heat, come and spend some time at the museum.

☛The annual Firemen's Picnic will be held in the Jaycee Park with the Lions Club serving barbecued chicken at 4:30. Also, other food and refreshments will be available. The N.B.H.S. band will play at 7:00 p.m. There will be bingo, games, and other entertainment.

☛These are the raffle tickets being sold this year for the "75th" Annual Firemen's Picnic, however the FIRST Firemen's Picnic was held on June 7, 1922. See page 10 for a list of prizes and donors for the 1922 and 1923 picnics.

75th Annual New Bremen Volunteer FIREMEN'S PICNIC

July 25, 1998

1st PRIZE —	\$500.00
2nd, 3rd —	\$100.00
4th, 5th —	\$50.00
6th to 9th —	\$25.00
10th to 24th —	\$10.00

DONATION

Per Chance — \$1.00
6 Tickets for \$5.00



8th GRADE - CENTRAL GRADE SCHOOL (1916-1917)

(l. to r.) Felix Speckman, Mildred Garmhausen, Vernon Behm (front), Lester Wissman, Walter Kuck, Lloyd Laut, Leroy Fledderjohn, Harry Grothaus (front), Mr. Vogel (teacher), Paul Tomhafe (left), Lillian Lent, (unknown in between at back), Orlando ("Put") Gilberg, Nora Kettler, Leo ("Smiley") Wehrman (front), Alfred M. Steinebrey (teacher), Harriet (Kuenzel) Jordan (face hidden at right), Walter Roediger (left), Carl Dicke, Edna (Langhorst) Schoonover, Lola (Hirschfeld) Busse, Felix Neuman (back), Arlie Dicke, Selma (Speckman) Briggs, Theodore Hoffman (small), (unknown behind), Garnet Jordan, Harold Speckman (front), Leon Stroefer, Helen Stroefer, Eleanor (Purpus) Dickman, Wilbur Garmhausen (front), (unknown boy), Malinda (Gieseke) Horn, Marion Boesel, Ray Koenig, Wallace Grothaus ("the best basketball player in N.B.")

This picture was obtained from Lloyd Laut. Lloyd said that he and Eleanor Purpus were the only two students who went through all 12 years of school together. (*Eleanor is the mother of John Dickman, author of "A Taste of Tradition" - see page 12.*)

A CLOSE CALL

(N.B. Sun - 2/10/1911)

A fatal accident in which Lloyd Laut, little 8 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Laut, played the principal role was narrowly averted Wednesday afternoon by the presence of mind of the motorman on the electric car which is due here at 3:26 in the afternoon. It was the time when the little ones are homeward bound from the public schools and in so doing, a large number of them are required to traverse Main and Monroe Streets, the corner of Main and Monroe being for many the parting of the ways where farewell is said until the following day. The motormen are often required to exercise special caution on this corner when the little ones are crossing back and forth, some inadvertently, but others again, of course, to display boldness; but at no time was a serious accident so narrowly averted as Wednesday afternoon.

Just how it all occurred can hardly be explained even by eye-witnesses of the scene. At any rate, just as the car was making the curve, Lloyd either

inattentively or perhaps in fear because of the near proximity of the car when he saw it, came so close that the front guard knocked him over, and he was caught and his little body dragged along to within an inch of the wheels. In the twinkling of an eye life would have been crushed out, but the motorman threw off the power and simultaneously put on the emergency brake, bringing the car to a sudden stop, thus rescuing the little boy from a horrible death. Perhaps other little boys who have been in the habit

of displaying what they consider bravery in crossing the tracks and remaining on the road instead of the sidewalk when a car approaches, will learn a lesson from this accident and remain on the sidewalks, where not only little boys but little girls and men and women also belong when it is not necessary to cross the streets.

You can hear Lloyd tell this story in his own words by listening to one of the audiotapes of our 1997 annual dinner program, "Tales of Yesteryear." They are available at the museum for \$6.00. Also on these tapes are the memories of Les & "Toots" Blanke, Harry Ludeka and Stan Kuenning.

N.B.H.S. CLASS OF 1928



On Tuesday, June 9, 1998, 4 members of the N.B.H.S. Class of 1928 met for lunch at the K-Village Inn in Kettlersville to celebrate the 70th anniversary of their graduation. After lunch, the foursome drove to The St. Marys Living Center to visit another of their classmates, Irene (Kuest) Quellhorst.

LEFT TO RIGHT:
Helen (Wehrman) Froning
Dorothy (Geib) Harlamert
Elvira (Dicke) Schilling
Orville Ruedebusch

(Photo by Lucille Francis)

The Class of 1928 had 28 graduates - 14 boys and 14 girls. There are still 11 living members. In addition to the above-mentioned are Lydia Dietze of Dayton, Orville Gruebmeier of Columbus, Arnold Hoffman of Durham, North Carolina, Myron Jordan of Leesburg, Florida, Irene (Neuman) Moeller of Rockford, and Earl Roettger of Toledo.

Those members who are deceased are: Orleena (Becker) Jung, Wilbur Dicke, Annabel (Dickman) Scheer, Wilfred Dickman, Lilly (Gilberg) Stovlbeck, Clarence Heinfeld, Irene (Kettler) Blanke/Ruedebusch, Leander Landwehr, Mary Laut, Lester Neuman, Corrine (Scheer) Dicke, Louis Stegeman, Calvin Steinebrey, Wilson Thieman, Walter Topp, Helen (Vogelsang) Ellis, and Opal (Wissman) Jagoditz.



ROW 1 (Front)

1 Wilbur Knost, 2 Louis Stegeman, 3 Arnold Hoffman, 4 Wilson Braun ROW 2 1 Calvin Steinebre 2-x, 3 Wilfred Dickman, 4 Lewis Speckman, 5-x, 6 Wilson Tostrick, 7 Carl Tangeman, 8 Wilson Thieman, 9 Harold Mohrman, 10 Walter Topp? ROW 3 -1 Myron Jordan, 2-x, 3 Orville Ruedebusch?, 4 Leander Landwehr 5 Helen Wehrman, 6 Opal Wissman, 7-x, 8 Irene Kuest, 9 Alferd Sudman, 10-x, **TEACHER ?**

ROW 4 1 Irene Kettler, 2 Annabel Dickman, 3 Irene Neuman, 4-x, 5 Helen Vogelsang, 6 Mary Laut, 7 Corrine Scheer, 8 Jeannette Laut, 9 Lilly Gilberg. *(Photo & I.D.'s from Tom Braun)*



N.B.H.S. CLASS OF 1938

60th Anniversary Reunion - 6/12/98

BACK: Willis Sudman, Henrietta (Luedeke) Mowery, Kathleen (Kuck) Noble, Louise (Moeller) Hay, Elois (Dicke) Wierwille, Thomas Kuenning, Frederick Huckriede, Richard Luelleman.

FRONT: Rachel (Poppe) Olin, Marjory (Westerbeck) Schmidt, Julia (Dammeyer) Fark, Louis Fark, Arthur Maurer.

On Friday, June 12, 1998, the N.B.H.S. Class of 1938 met at the Chalet Restaurant in Wapakoneta to celebrate the 60th anniversary of their graduation. Joining the graduates was Arthur Maurer, who attended New Bremen Schools through his Junior year. Also, 8th grade teacher, Les Blanke, and his wife, "Toots", were invited to join the class. Les reminisced about his school-teaching days. On Saturday morning, some of the class met again at the Orchard Tree Restaurant in St. Marys for breakfast. Of the 27 graduates, 9* are deceased.

ROW 1 (reading down): Louis Fark, Louise Moeller, Marjory Westerbeck, Marie Althoff*, Henrietta Luedeke, Julia Dammeyer

ROW 2: Nina Heitman*, Elois Dicke, Willis Sudman, George Knost*, Leila Tangeman, John Zahn* (killed in W.W.II)

ROW 3: Helen Wuebbenhorst, Hazel Garmhausen (teacher), Charles Hormell, Jr. (teacher), Ben Vornholt (janitor)

ROW 4: Thomas Kuenning, Frieda Dierker (school nurse), Delbert Bendure (Superintendent), James Middleton (teacher), Alvina Burk (Principal)

ROW 5: Rachel Poppe, Rhea LaMotte (teacher), Frank Kelley (teacher), Joseph Dupere (band instructor)

ROW 6: June Scheer, Dorothy Fogt*, Richard Luelleman, Herbert Bendure, Anna Mae Griner, David Koenig* (killed in W.W.II)

ROW 7: Frederick Huckriede, Agnes Jung*, Mariada Heisler*, Marguerite Wittenbrink*, Jeanne Garmhausen, Kathleen Kuck

(Pictures courtesy of Julia Fark)



N.B.H.S. CLASS OF 1948

50th Anniversary Reunion

On Saturday, June 13, 1998, the Class of 1948 met to celebrate the 50th anniversary of their graduation. They met at 1:00 PM in the Lion's Club Park just west of Lock One and then took a tour to see the restored 1897 Fire Station, the restored fire engine, and other historic Crown restorations.

They returned to Monroe Street and Dee Fledderjohn then showed them through the Bicycle Museum of America which opened in July, 1997. From there, they went next door to The Grille Restaurant (part of the former hotel) where they congregated in the back room for dinner and socialization.

Classmates attending the reunion were: Ruth (Block) Johns of Del City, Oklahoma; Dale Braun of Rowlett, Texas; Marjorie (Braun) Belton of Lima; Vernita (Brockman) Wellman; Esther (Fogt) Slattery; Donna (Greber) Conradi; Donna Mae (Holdren) Wirtz of West

Carrollton; James McDermitt; Gloria (Quellhorst) Goodwin; Donald Rump of Fort Loramie/Sidney; Charles Schmidt of Phoenix, Arizona; Betty (Schroer) Bupp of St. Marys; and Donna (Topp) Harmeyer of St. Marys. Former classmates attending were Robert Topp and James Donnerberg. Invited, but unable to attend due to being on a trip to Holland, was former classmate, James Melchert, of Oakland, California.

Other classmates who were unable to attend were: Vesta (Fritz) Parmelee of Roswell, Georgia; Lois (Hegemier) Maze of Monroe, Wisconsin; Gloria (Kettler) Gross of St. Marys; Paul Poppe of Edmonds, Washington; and Susan (Schulenberg) Rabe of Geneseo, New York.

Members who are deceased are: Eileen (Hehr) Campbell, James Hirschfeld, Vernita (Jung) Fisher, Jack McCollum, and William Schneider.



THE CLASS OF '48

BACK: Donna (Topp) Harmeyer, Donna Mae (Holdren) Wirtz (face hidden), Donna (Greber) Conradi, Gloria (Quellhorst) Goodwin (partially hidden), Dale Braun, James McDermitt, former classmate Robert Topp.

FRONT: Vernita (Brockman) Wellman, Marjorie (Braun) Belton, Esther (Fogt) Slattery, Donald Rump, Betty (Schroer) Bupp, Ruth (Block) Johns, former classmate James Donnerberg.

ALMOST TOO LATE FOR THE PICTURE!: Charles Schmidt (Photo courtesy of Donna Conradi)



HOLY REDEEMER CHURCH

Celebrates 50th Anniversary

On Sunday, June 28, 1998, Holy Redeemer Catholic Church celebrated the 50th anniversary of its founding. In addition to special commemorative services, a full course roast beef and chicken dinner was catered by Lock 16 Caterers of Ottoville, Ohio and served under a large tent. This was followed by local entertainment, with Dave Schwieterman serving as emcee. A large crowd was in attendance despite the 90°+ weather.

The following is a brief history as researched from old *New Bremen Suns* and other sources. (L.Francis)

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CATHOLIC MISSION FOUNDED HERE

76 YEARS AGO

(*New Bremen Sun* - September 16, 1948)

An interesting history of the Most Precious Blood Church, a Catholic mission church once existing in New Bremen, has been resurrected by Father Leo H. Boeke, pastor of Holy Redeemer Church, after seeking information from some of the older citizens who attended the church as children, or whose parents were members of the church:

The original subscription list and charter members of the parish have been found. The following represented the committee who organized and obtained the necessary funds to start the building of a church: M. Knob, M. German, H. Gaucksterdt, J. Hausfeld, L. Dorfer, B. Thieman, F. Thieman, F. Otting, W. Storck, J. Worst. A large number of citizens of New Bremen, of all faiths, are listed among the subscribers and contributors to the church.

The original property of four lots was bought in 1871 on what is now called South Walnut St. This was held in the names of the following trustees: M. German, H. Knob, W. Storck, and Bishop Purcell. Rev. Andrew Kunkler, C.P.P.S., who was then pastor of St. Augustine Church, Minster, Ohio, organized the congregation.

A brick church was built in 1872 at the cost of \$3000 on the southernmost lot (#400.) More than two-thirds of this amount was contributed by non-Catholics of New Bremen. (*The other three lots to*

the north (#401-403 were sold in 1928 to the New Bremen School District for \$1500, and the High School was built there in 1929-30.)

The church had one mass one Sunday a month, said by circuit-riding priests who were quartered at St. Augustine Church in Minster. The pastors, as far as could be obtained, were the Reverends Mathias Kreusch, (1872), Andrew Stiefvater (1873), Mathias Kenk (1875), Ignatius Selb (1876), Herman Pohl (1887), and Alphonse Gruse (1893).

The church began with a membership of 20 families in 1872 and when it was closed about 1894, had only three families left. The organizers had died and the younger generation married and moved into neighboring villages and cities. The survivors then worshiped with St. Augustine's congregation in Minster.

Since the debt of the church had not been cleared, Bernard and Frank Thieman assumed the remaining debt in order to hold the property and church in the hope that eventually it would revive with more Catholic families settling in New Bremen.

In July, 1907, the congregation of Christ Church sought to purchase the property and church. Since there was no prospect for an increase of Catholics in New Bremen, Archbishop Elder consented to sell the property and church to the newly formed Christ Church congregation for \$2000, after which a tower and vestibule were added.

In the spring of 1948 (*New Bremen Sun* - 3/25/48), announcement was made of the establishment of a new Catholic church in New Bremen. Rev. Leo Boeke, assistant priest at Holy Rosary Church in St. Marys, was appointed to be the first resident pastor and he began to make preparations for the establishment of a permanent parish.

A house and 2.85 acres was purchased at Pearl and Herman Streets (218 Pearl St.) with 110' frontage on Pearl and 240' along Herman. In 1880 (*Auglaize County Atlas*), this land and house was owned by William E. Hilgemann. In 1929, harness-maker Frank P. Jung and his family lived here. The property was later purchased by Harry V. and Esther (Brockman) Schroer who rented it to the Elza



& Opal Moots family. The property was subsequently sold (in the mid '40s?) to Walter and Elnor (Hirschfeld) Daniel. Today it is owned by Steve and Diana (Elking) Hartwig.

The Bremco Mills office building at the northwest corner of North Main and Second Streets (201 N. Main), opposite Leo Huenke's garage and restaurant, was purchased from Arnold Poppe for \$10,000. Bremco vacated the property on Monday, June 7, and the congregation worshiped there from Sunday, June 27, 1948, until the building was removed to Herman Street beginning on Wednesday, December 7, 1949 by the Wagner Moving Co. of Sidney (*N.B. Sun* - 12/8/1949.) A full basement had been dug by Clarence Ley, his crew, and volunteer parishioners. (*N.B. Sun* - 11/17/1949) Clarence had also placed a cross on the roof of the building. The cross was constructed by John Stueve.

On Sunday, June 27, 1948, 2500 persons inspected the church at its location on Main St. Approximately 5000 people attended an afternoon and evening reception at the Herman & Pearl St. location. (A severe windstorm on Saturday evening blew down one of the smaller tents to be used for the reception.) The church was expected to seat approximately 200 after pews were installed.

This building on the south half of corner lot #43 was built by Henry F. Dickman in the summer of 1898. Henry had purchased the lot for \$450 and contracted with Vornholt & Fristoe to build a building for \$704 to be used as a grocery store and queensware business. On November 1, 1910, the business was taken over by Edwin & Adelia (Dammeyer) Nieter. Their daughter, Leota Nieter, recalls that her parents ran this store until 1928. They sold the building to undertaker A.H. Albert who used it for a while to store caskets. (*The Towpath* - April, 1993) (Photo courtesy of Marge Lietz)



At the time of the establishment of Holy Redeemer Parish in 1948, there were 100 families, consisting of 175 adults and 116 children. Three fourths of the families were young married couples who had settled in New Bremen within the past ten years.

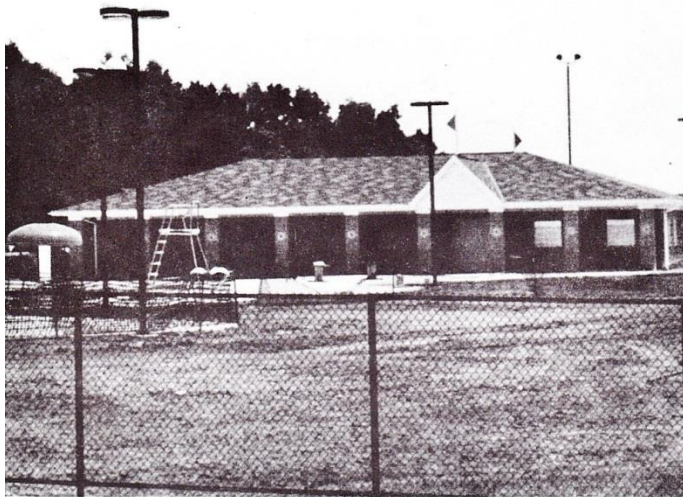


(Photo courtesy of Holy Redeemer)

Rev. Boeke was replaced by Rev. Bernard Felix (1957), Rev. William Buchheit (1959), and Rev. Carl Will (February, 1964). Father Will was succeeded by Rev. William Schwartz (June, 1981), Rev. James Trick (June, 1984), and Rev. Dan Conlon (August, 1996).

Father Will oversaw the purchase of the present rectory at 21 S. Main St. in July, 1965, the purchase in 1968 of the Lampert property, the construction there of the present church in 1969 (at 120 S. Eastmoor Dr.), and of the parish center in 1976. In 1991, the two buildings were joined by a connector which houses offices and conference rooms. At this time, the church entrance was changed and an entrance and restroom were added for the handicapped. In the summer of 1992, landscaping was added. (see picture at top of page)

The rectory at 21 S. Main St. was to be built in 1910 by Frank Komminsk (*N.B. Sun* - 4/22/1910). He purchased the vacant lot located south of the Fred Vogelsang residence (*Ritter Apts.*) in December, 1909 from August Dierker who had purchased it from the Vogelsang heirs (*N.B. Sun* - 12/17/1909) after the death of Mrs. Vogelsang in October, 1909. Frank paid \$567 for the lot. In November, 1910 he married Flossie Huenke. Later, Harry and Gertrude (Huenke) Komminsk and their family lived here. After that the house was owned by Ed and Artie Kiefer. This house was almost identical to the house built by Clifford and Martha (Dierker) Huenke around 1908 at 327 West Monroe St.



(Photo by Lucille Francis)

OUR (new) NEW BREMEN COMMUNITY POOL

On July 3, 1998 at a little after 10:00 am, New Bremen's new swimming pool located in Bremenfest Park was officially opened and dedicated. Mayor Robert Klein welcomed a sizable group of people and then read an official proclamation after which he cut the red ribbon to officially open the pool. The crowd was allowed in the pool area to observe the winners of the "firsts" contests as they entered the pool, after which everyone was ushered back outside so that those who had purchased tickets could be properly admitted.

First to enter the pool was winner Christine Schwartz, daughter of Dale & Sandy Schwartz. She walked in, hand in hand with Don Dicke, who has been declared to be the first to enter the old pool as a 4-year old by virtue of being pushed in (while wearing a wool suit! Unlike this year, when the temperature was in the mid-80s, opening day on May 30, 1940 was a cool rainy day. In fact, the dedication program had to be moved to the high school where approximately 300 chairs were set up in less than ten minutes by custodian George Gensler, teachers, board members, council members, and even Mayor Dickman.)

Other "first" contest winners were: Matthew McCollum, son of Gregg & Jean McCollum (high dive), Shaun Imwalle, son of Steven & Kris Imwalle (low dive), Elizabeth Winner, daughter of Mark & Lori Winner (big slide), and Anthony Moeder, son of Gary & Helen Moeder (Froggy slide).

1998 season ticket prices for the pool are: Family - \$75, Adult - \$40, Student (K-12) - \$30. Daily ticket prices are \$2.50 for adults, \$2.00 for students, and \$1.00 for preschool children. The pool manager is Jeanette Staton. Assistant manager is Becky Nerderman. Over 20 lifeguards will be overseeing activities in the pool area.

Realization of the 1998 pool, much like the 1938-1940 pool, was somewhat slow in coming due to bureaucratic and weather delays. A 10-member citizen committee was appointed in February, 1996 to make recommendations on a site for a new swimming pool and undertake some planning for the facility. Construction was begun in late 1997 and was completed in June, 1998, with the pool being filled with water beginning June 23rd.

The idea of a WPA project for the construction of the "1938" pool was first presented at a public meeting held on September 21, 1936 in the American Legion rooms (then on South Washington St.) by then Mayor Frank D. Kuenning where plans for the proposed pool were outlined by a Dayton architect sent by state officials. At a special election, the \$5000 bond issue was passed by a 6 to 1 margin (606 votes for, 157 votes against). The government was to assume the 80% balance of \$18,000. The 1998 pool was built by J.P. Finnegan Construction of Shelby, Ohio at a total cost of about \$1.3 million (per Mayor Robert Klein).

Land for the proposed pool was donated by Mrs. J. Henry (Emilie Vogelsang) Grothaus and her sons, Alvin and Walter. This was several lots along the west side of the Miami-Erie Canal and north of Plum St. which measured approximately 150' x 400'.

Ground was finally broken in June, 1938 by then Mayor Reuben H. Dickman. (Mayor Frank Kuenning had died in August, 1937.) What was to have been a one year project ended up taking nearly two years. The pool, when completed, measured 45' x 105' and held 40,000 gallons of water. The bath house measured 26' x 65'. The baby pool was 20' x 45'.

QUESTION: When was the 1938-1940 pool remodeled and changed from having a flat roof to having a peaked roof? 1985? See pictures at right.

New Bremen Sun

Thursday, May 23, 1940

NOW READY

SWIMMING POOL TO OPEN DECORATION DAY AFTERNOON WITH EXERCISES

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Grounds Have Been Beautified Officials Seeking Public Support

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After waiting what seemed an eternity, the municipal swimming pool will be opened for public use Decoration Day afternoon. The pool was well worth waiting for as it is another beauty spot of which the citizens of New Bremen might well be proud. Mayor R.H. Dickman, along with the village council have spent many long hours over questions pertaining to the pool, and their efforts have now borne fruit.

Arrangements are being made for the formal dedication ceremonies to be held on the opening day, with Congressman Robert F. Jones as the speaker. An interesting program has been arranged for the entertainment and instruction of the public, and village officials and the Park Commission desire that many turn out for the occasion.

After the official dedication, the pool is to be at the service of whoever desires to become a patron, immaterial whether a citizen of New Bremen or any neighboring municipality or rural district.

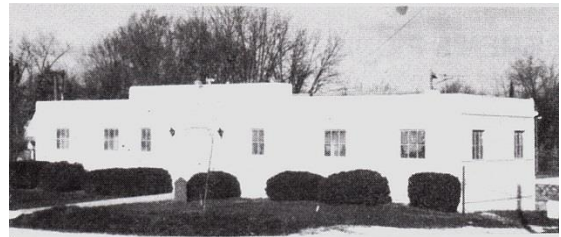
The Park Commission, recently appointed by the mayor, has been active in securing the things necessary to make the pool as attractive as possible as well as convenient for the bathers. Just north of the pool, a small park has been laid out, trees have been planted, and picnic tables and ovens have been secured for the use of the public. Water was turned into the pool for the first time yesterday forenoon, and the precision with which everything clicked exceeded even the expectations of the optimists.

The Commission has launched a campaign for the sale of season tickets. A family season ticket is being offered at \$8.00, adult tickets at \$5.00, and children's tickets at \$3.00. Single admissions are to be \$.25 for adults, and \$.10 for children. A family season ticket may be used by father, mother, and all children of school age, at any time during the open season. The pool is for the enjoyment of any and all.



*Top Photo -
Pool Dedicated
in 1940*

*Bottom - As it
looks in 1998,
with a new
roof*



Swimming Pool Dedication Program

Memorial Day, May 30, 1940

BAND CONCERT—1:30 to 2:00 p.m., New Bremen H. S. Band

"AMERICA"—Audience with Band accompaniment, Mr. Middleton,

Supervisor of Music of New Bremen Schools, Director

INVOCATION—Theodore G. Papsdorf, St. Peter's Church

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS—Herman J. Laut, Chairman
Municipal Park Commission

Introduction of Mayors of neighboring communities:

Mayor Albert Koch, St. Marys

Mayor Edmund Morsey, Minster

Mayor Oscar Beickman, New

Knoxville

Mayor Wm. H. Quinlin, Ft. Loramie

Mayor Henry Rengers, Chickasaw

Mayor Orrin D. Harlamert,

Kettlersville

Introduction of Village Councilmen:

Herman J. Laut, Mrs. Clifford F. Huenke, Walter Grothaus

Introduction of Park Commission

Introduction of Swimming Pool Supt: William Richcreek

Introduction of Life Guards:

Don Fledderjohn, James Sunderman

Introduction of Woman Attendant: Betty Behm

PRESENTATION OF SWIMMING POOL—Wm. B. Schmuhl,

Director Works Progress Administration

ACCEPTANCE—Mayor Reuben H. Dickman

SELECTION—High School Band

ADDRESS—Congressman Robert F. Jones

PUBLIC INSPECTION OF SWIMMING POOL PLANT

For one hour after the ceremonies.

Inspection directed by members American Legion and Boy Scouts.

BAND SELECTIONS

FIREMEN'S PICNIC

(New Bremen Sun - 6/9/1922)

Members of the united fire companies of New Bremen are exceptionally well pleased with the results of their **FIRST** picnic held at the city park on North Main St. Wednesday evening, **June 7, 1922**. A huge crowd remained at the park all evening and thoroughly enjoyed itself, spending freely for eats and drinks and trying to ring some of the prizes.

After all bills were paid, a neat balance was added to the treasuries of the companies. The firemen are especially anxious to express their gratitude to merchants and other busi-nessmen for the following donations offered:

Ed Schaefer (Ford lens)
Wm. Grothaus (2 lvs. bread)
Ben Strasburg (box cigars)
Wm. Weinberg (\$2.00 cash)
Oscar Moeller (½ gal. Germo)
Elmer Fritz (sack flour)
Henry Hegemier (1# butter)
F. Dicke (pipe)
Arcade (1# coffee)
White Mt. Creamery (broom)
Val. Nieter (½ gal. Germo)
Wm. Kuck (2 loaves bread)
Wm. Patterson
(transmission bands)
R. Mohrman (½ doz. pr.
shoe strings)
Joe Klanke (electric toaster)
F. Lanfersieck
(2 loaves bread, 1# butter)
C. Vornholt (broom)
Ivan Koeper (dinner set)
Advance Implement Co.
(box coffee)
F. May (1# coffee)
Emma Wiehe
(bottle toilet water)
J. Kettler
(box cigars, 1# butter)
Gust Fritz (wash basin)
G. Thieman (flashlight)
Mrs. W. Weinberg (1# coffee)
Henry Vanderhorst
(alarm clock)

Viola Mueller (hammer)

Leo Sunderman (suitcase)
J. Mesenbrink (1# butter)
Emil Fricke (1# coffee)
H. Kettler
(ladies' bedroom slippers)
R. May (1 doz. \$5 photos)
Chas. Fark (box candy)
Harry Kamman (box cigars)
H. Brinkmeyer (buggy whip)
Joe Brucken (boot black)
Mrs. L.W. Kellermeyer
(jar cream)
Aug. Fuelling (piece bacon)
Jerry Dietrich (inner tube)
C. Ahlers (music roll)
F. May (box coffee)
E. Kuck (1# coffee)
R.J. Tangeman (electric iron)
Gust Aue (potted plant)
Oscar Hirschfeld (blankets)
John Scheer (case pop)
J. Fritz (basket groceries)
Melville Laut (broom)
Advance Impl. Co. (broom)
Oscar Schneider (broom)
Wm. Combs (1# coffee)
Wm. Patterson (1# butter)
Harry Rempe (kitchen table)
Ed Wuebbenhorst
(1# coffee)
Clarence Heil (box cigars)
Ivan Koeper (broom)
Irvin Neuman
(2 loaves bread)
W. Nieter (1# coffee)
Leo Huenke (1# butter)
K. Heinfeld (box colorine)
Gust Greiwe (bottle tonic)
Knost Shoe Store
(wash basin)
K. Heinfeld (½ doz. pr.
shoe strings)
H.W. Fricke (\$1.00 cash)
Theo. Polster (box choline)
James Collins (alarm clock)
George Rump
(basket groceries)
Alfred Rabe (cake set)
H.F. Bienz (inner tube)
H.F. Bienz (stop light)
Milford Dickman
(icy-hot bottle)
George Gobrecht (broom)
Geo. Gobrecht (sack flour)
White Mt. Creamery (\$1.00)
Clarence Heil (broom)
Mrs. Adolph Pape (1# butter)

FIREMEN'S PICNIC

(New Bremen Sun -

6/14/1923)

Local merchants have responded wonderfully to the appeal of the volunteer fire companies for support of the (2nd) ANNUAL firemen's picnic at the city park on Wed. evening, June 20, 1923. A complete list of the contributors and contributions follows:

Kuenzel Mills Co. (bbl. flour)
Kuenzel Mills Co.
(pr. all-wool blankets)
White Mountain Creamery
(25# creamery butter)
Augaize Furniture Co.
(kitchen table/ironing board)
Arcade (\$10 purch. order)
First Nat. Bank (\$5 gold pc.)
First City Bank (\$5.00 cash)
Streine Tool & Mfg. (\$5.00)
Aug. Hoist & Body Co. (\$5)
N.B. Bridge Co. (\$5.00 cash)
New Bremen Broom Co.
(½ doz. brooms)
J.H. Grothaus
(double shovel plow)
Klanke & Co. (book blocks)
J. Halsema (clock)
N.B. Hdwe. & Supply Co.
(aluminum ware - \$2.50)
Lewis Poppe (\$1.75 trade)
A.H. Albert (flower basket)
Advance Auto & Implement
(stop light)
Wm. Schelper (\$3 bacon)
Loy-Ludwig Music Co.
(piano roll or phono. record)
Knost Shoe Store (\$3 trade)
Schulenberg Brothers
(canned heat cooking outfit)
Patterson & Wissman
(1 bottle hair dresser)
Laut Brothers (cigar case)
F.G. Hollingsworth (\$2 cash)
August Dierker
(enamel coffee can)
Dr. F.F. Fledderjohann (\$2)
Huenke Garage
(motor meter)
E.H. Nieter (10# coffee)
A.J. Friemering
(basket of groceries)
Mueller Bros. (traveling bag)
Jake Fritz (\$2.00 cash)
Melville Laut (alarm clock)
Erhardt Dry Goods Store
(bungalow apon & girdlers)

N.B. Auto Livery
(1 set spark plugs)
Leo Kuhlhorst (\$1.00 cash)
Herm. Blanke (\$1 milk tkts.)
Ben Brockman (\$1.00 cash)
Herman Heinfeld (\$1 cash)
Henry Block (nickle-plated
tumbler holder)
Jerry Dietrich (\$1.50 cash)
Chas. Block (case beverage)
James Taylor (½ doz. photos)
Heitman Brothers
(double socket twinlite)
Home Printing Co.
(1 yr. subscription to SUN)
J.A. Long Co. (2 fowls)
Gast Implement Co.
(2 - \$1.25 spark plugs)
The Rabe Mfg. Co.
(electric sad iron)
H.J. Laut (box cigars)
R. Busse Meat Market (ham)
Ferd Wint (box cigars)
J.M. Brucken (box cigars)
Mrs. Haines (\$3 purch. order)
Blase & Gieseke
(basket groceries)
Theo. Doenges (inner tube)
Lilly White Oil Co.
(5# cup grease)
H.W. Rairdon (\$3 pur. order)
U.J. Schwieterman
(traveler's set)
Dr. H.J. Rawers (\$2 cash)
F.P. Jung (whip)
Burden & Solms (load wood)
Wyen & Stueve (\$2 cash)
Tony Schwieterman (\$1.00)
J.W. Lanfersieck
(bottle face cream)
Home Bakery (3 cakes)
Ernest Tomhafa
(bottle hair dresser)
Kellermeyer & Rabe
(pair house slippers)
Dr. Vordermark (\$1.00 cash)
Dr. Briggs (\$1.00 cash)
Rabe Mfg. Co.
(40 bundles kindling)
Dr. Stappe (inner tube)
Dr. Everist (\$1.00 cash)
Ernst Eschmeyer (1 rug)
Ivan Koeper (soles & heels)
Wm. Combs (2 boxes bev.)
Henry Schwaberow
(aluminum tea kettle)
Superior Broom Co.
(½ doz. Broom)

GREAT OHIO BICYCLE ADVENTURE

NEW ITEM!

On Sunday morning, June 21, 1998, New Bremen was a busy place as more than 3000 bicyclists came through town on a week-long tour which started in Celina on Sunday, went on to Oxford, and ended back in Celina on the following Saturday. The first stop was in New Bremen, where the bicyclists took a rest and snack break at the lunch stands which had been set up by the Band Boosters and others. Many of them also visited the Bicycle Museum of America which opened at the break of dawn to get ready for the day. We're told that 1,134 people visited the Museum on Sunday morning, and approximately 100 more returned the next weekend in order to enjoy a more leisurely visit.

A report from the Band Boosters stated that they made \$1500 profit which they turned in for the sports complex being built in conjunction with the new high school. They also raffled off a New Bremen coverlet (from the Crown Store) which depicts seven historic New Bremen buildings. The coverlet was won by Frank Mis of the Cleveland area.

Bikers of all ages took part in the tour, from babies being pulled in screen-covered "buggies" to 80 years old. From New Bremen, they went to Fort Loramie where they stopped for lunch and then on to Sidney where they spent their first night.

Downtown New Bremen was a bustling, interesting place to be on Sunday morning with bicyclists riding in at a steady pace from the north down Main St. and then down Monroe St. to Lock One Park and the Lions' Club Park.

LUCK is waiting for something to turn up.
LABOR, with keen eyes and stong will,
will turn up something.
LUCK lies in bed and wishes the postman
would bring him news of a legacy.
LABOR turns out at 6 a.m.,
and with busy pen and ringing hammer,
lays the foundation of a competency.
LUCK whines; LABOR whistles.
LUCK goes to the poorhouse;
LABOR to independence.
(New Bremen Sun - 7/19/1889)

ROUND PORCELAIN MEDALLIONS
3-3/8" Diameter, 1/8" Thick

EDGED IN 22 KARAT GOLD
(With a Gold Braid Hanger)

PRICE: \$10.00 each*
(A 6" brass-finish holder is also available for
\$2.50*)
(*Mailing costs have not yet been determined.)

These would make nice commemorative gifts, especially for anyone who attended this High School from 1930 to 1956.
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MEMORIAL DONATIONS

Memorial donations were given this past quarter in memory of **Irene Wellemeyer** by Catherine (Schroeder) Graf, Mary Ellen (Taylor/Belton) Patton, and the New Bremen Historic Association. Thanks to the memorial donations of the past, we were able to install air-conditioning in our museum this past month. This should help to alleviate the mildew and mustiness problems we have been plagued with in the past and also make it more comfortable for those of you who will be visiting us this summer. We thank you for these and other donations.

HOLY REDEEMER BOOKS

If you are interested in reading more about Holy Redeemer's growth from its beginning in 1948 to the present time, and some of the recollections of the early parishioners, a book has been published called *Recollections of Holy Redeemer - the Church, the Family*. A copy can be obtained by contacting the church office at P.O. Box 67 - Phone: 419-629-2543.

NOW AVAILABLE

"A Taste of Tradition"

In the April issue, we told you about an 86-page book we were publishing that was written by Dr. John Dickman of Columbus, Ohio, in which he recalls his youth in New Bremen in the '30s & '40s. **This book is now available for \$5.00 + \$1.25 S/H, if mailed.** You may also get a copy by visiting our Museum on a Sunday afternoon this summer or by contacting any officer listed on the front page of *The Towpath*. It is also available at the New Bremen Public Library.

◆ John includes the recipe for one of his favorite breakfast memories - peanut butter rolls. These are the same rolls that Irvin Fark used to bake and sell in his bakery on North Main St. ◆ Another of John's favorite memories is about his and brother Chuck's weekend excursion with Grandpa Fridolin Purpus to see the Cincinnati Reds. While in Cincinnati, they went to the Wheel Cafe on Walnut Street to get apple cake and chocolate milkshakes for the boys and a cold glass of beer for Grandpa Purpus. ◆ Other memories are Sunday dinners, Saturday night lunches, etc.....

John and Charles (Chuck) Dickman are the sons of Reuben Dickman and Eleanor Purpus. The Dickmans moved to New Bremen in 1933 after the death of their grandmother, Alma (Boesel) Purpus, and moved into the Purpus home at 114 South Franklin St. Reuben Dickman was serving as Mayor of New Bremen at the time our first swimming pool was built and opened (1938-1940).



Dru (Luedeke) Meyer holding her peanut butter roll and John Dickman holding the gooseberry pie he baked for Dru in exchange. (Photo dated February, 1998, provided by John Dickman.)

NEW MEMBERS THIS QUARTER (THRU 6/30/98)

06/30/98 Belton, Marjorie (Braun) – Lima, Ohio

04/03/98 Black, Shirley (Fogt)- New Bremen

04/28/98 Dammeyer, Mrs. Ned (Carol) (LM) –New Bremen

05/04/98 Dunham, Pauline (Moeller)-Lansing, Michigan

04/28/98 Gruebmeier, Jane (Moore)-New Bremen

06/29/98 Miller, David V.-Trotwood, Ohio

06/08/98 Murtaugh, Phyllis (Nussmeyer)-Palm Harbor, FL

05/27/98 Neuman, Marie (Roettger)-Sidney, Ohio

06/29/98 Pape, Don E.-Harrison, Ohio

05/27/98 Schrolucke, Shirley (Weinberg)-New Knoxville

05/04/98 Seyfried-Clemmons, Mary Ann (LM) Richmond, VA

05/20/98 Schockney, Sue (McCollum)-Winston-Salem, NC

05/4/98 Topp, Patricia (McCollum)-New Bremen

04/15/98 Williams, Rosemary (Schneider)-St. Marys

ADDITIONS TO LIFE MEMBERSHIP PLAQUE

04/28/98 Dammeyer, Mrs. Ned (Carol) (new)

04/15/98 Fledderjohn, Dolores (Mohrman)

05/04/98 Parrott, Greg (CM)

05/04/98 Seyfried-Clemmons, Mary Ann (new)

MEMBER DEATHS THIS QUARTER

05/18/98 Bruns, Elton (Pitt) (LM)

04/28/98 Hirschfeld, Nevin (LM)

02/ /98 Klein, David (CM)

05/11/98 Wellemeyer, Irene (CM)

✂ LETTERS FROM READERS ✂

◆ Please send me a copy of John Dickman's "A Taste of Tradition." My sister Dorothy and I babysat John at one time. His father would send us all to the Sunday afternoon movie. They lived near us on Franklin St. As John grew older I believe he took piano lessons and we could hear him play "Moonlight Sonata." I enjoy receiving *The Towpath* and read it from cover to cover. New Bremen will always be my "hometown."

Marian (Frey) Engle
Crozet, Virginia

◆ Enclosed please find my check for membership. I thoroughly enjoyed my "first edition" of *The Towpath*. It took me back more years than I care to admit. I was a member of the class of 1933 which was the first to attend all four years in the new 1929 high school. The class pictures brought back a wealth of pleasant memories. I commend you for your tireless efforts in the publication. I was a part of a printing venture for over forty years. For that reason, I have a deep sense of appreciation for your efforts.

Phyllis (Nussmeyer) Murtaugh
Palm Harbor, Florida