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NEW BREMEN HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

A major portion of this issue is being devoted to early N.B.H.S. football. Even though you may not be interested in sports (I'm not, either), I hope you will enjoy reading about and seeing pictures of the early teams. This is the first time an effort has been made to document New Bremen athletics, except for the publication "65 Years of Cardinal Basketball" put together by Jerry Brown in 1980. This issue deals mostly with football and was initiated after we received an old-time nose-guard worn by Herbert Garmhausen, who was on the football team all four years of high school (1905-1908). This item was recently donated to the N.B.H.A. by Mr. Garmhausen's great-nephew, Paul Opperman.

New Bremen High School was organized in 1879 with a three year course of study. This was after the Central School on South Franklin Street had been completed in 1878. The first graduation was in 1882, with only one graduate, Charles Mesloh. The next two years also showed only one person to graduate each year - in 1884, it was Albert C. Buss, who I have written about before (*January, 1999 issue*). The number gradually increased to 3, 4, 5, 6, with 5 years of no graduates at all. By 1897, there were 9 graduates, 7 of them boys, including Charles Steinebrey and Theodore Tangeman. Mr. Tangeman was the first recorded N.B.H.S. football coach - for the 1902 team. He graduated from Ohio State University and became an attorney in New Bremen in August, 1902. Charles Steinebrey served as a football umpire in 1901.

In 1899, a four year course of study was instituted. It is probably around this time that high school athletics were also begun. This issue presents information gathered from *The New Bremen Sun*, 1909, 1913, 1972 "Mirage" yearbooks, pictures & information previously published by N.B. historian Ralph May in *The New Bremen Sun* and *The Evening Leader*, and from relatives of some of the early athletes.

I would like to thank Jerry Brown for his assistance in researching this subject and for his thoughts and personal memories about the return of football to New Bremen in 1971 when he was the H.S. Principal & Athletic Director.



"ATHLETIC CLUB"

The N.B. Athletic Club pictured here around 1900-1901 was also a musical club with members shown playing 3 guitars, 3 mandolins, 2 fiddles, and 2 banjos.

On the floor in front of the group are 3 Indian clubs, 2 sets of boxing gloves, a punching bag, and 4 dumbbells.

(written by Ralph May)
(N.B.Sun-10/18/1951)

On October 22, 1951, a letter was written to Ralph May by ♦Charles Lanfersieck in response to this picture and Ralph's article in the previous week's paper:

[Photo courtesy of Sue (Schmidt) Schmackers, granddaughter of Adolph Pape]

BACK: Wm. Patterson, Arthur Finke, Lawrence Hoffman, ♦Charles Lanfersieck, Jake Schlesselman, Darwin Thompson.

MIDDLE: John Poppenhagen (fiddle), Warner Slutz (Schultz?), Adolph Pape, Harry Koeper, Tony Schwieterman.

FRONT: Emil ("Dip") Schneider, Gustave ("Itzie") Sunderman (& mascot), Joe Brucken, William Martz, Joe Lanfersieck.

♦"We young men always knew where to go to spend the evening and always enjoyed ourselves. Darwin Thompson was the only married man amongst us. He taught me how to play the guitar. Warner Slutz/Schultz, who played the violin, was an oil pumper in the vicinity of New Bremen. When he left New Bremen in September, 1901 for his home in Mount Hope, the club gave him a grand farewell party, which included a trip down the canal to Minster on the old gasoline launch, "Theodore."

♦"One Saturday evening, Darwin Thompson brought up to the club house a prize fighter from the southern part of the state and he punched the bag for us and boxed with us. His name was Andy Wernor. He was on his way to Lima, Ohio to fight. When he punched the bag, the rope broke right away. It happened a little late at night and the whole building shook below us. It was a tin store and the pots & pans and the tin cups tumbled from the shelving. The night watchman woke up and came up and wanted to know what was going on. Well, he saw it for himself! The boxer fixed the rope before he left."

♦Charles Lanfersieck
(right photo/Grover Wissman collection)



ATHLETIC / BOXING CLUB, ca 1902: #1-FRONT: Landry Koeper, #1-BACK: Grover Wissman?, #4-BACK: Theodore Tangeman?, OTHERS? (Please help!)

NEW BREMEN HIGH SCHOOL'S 1902 FOOTBALL TEAM



BACK: (l. to r.)
 Albert Boesel (senior)
 Cornelius Geib (senior)
 Theo. Tangeman (coach)
 Irwin Boesel (sophomore)
 Bernard Halsema (senior)

MIDDLE:
 Oscar Grewe (sophomore)
 Harry Hoberg (senior)
 Walter Boesel (senior)
 *Grover Wissman (age 16)
 *Alvin Broerman (age 15)

FRONT:
 *Herman Bienz (age 18)
 Irvin Pohlman (junior)
 Landry Koeper (senior)
 Felix Kuenzel (senior)

*These three boys did not graduate from N.B.H.S.

Football in New Bremen High School was organized in the early 1900s. The first mention of a N.B. football game in *The New Bremen Sun* was on 11/29/1901. The 1901 team was basically the same as the 1902 team above, except that in 1902, 18-year old Herman Bienz, Irvin Pohlman (a junior), and 15-year old Alvin Broerman replaced outgoing senior Ernest Fischer, _____ Goll, and _____ Flack. The 1902 coach was an 1897 N.B.H.S. graduate, Attorney Theodore Tangeman, who had played football at Ohio State University. According to New Bremen historian, Ralph May (1910 graduate), the only protective gear the team used were shin guards and rubber nose guards gripped by the teeth (see picture↑). They played at the Tri-County Fairgrounds 1 mile east of town (St. Rt. 274 & Kettler Rd.).

New Bremen Sun: 11/15/1901

◆There seems to be quite an interest taken among the school children in regard to the game of football. If they would pay as much attention to the saving of their shoes and clothes and the studying of their lessons, there might be some chance of some of them becoming president of a big trust in the future.

◆Messrs. Charles Steinebrey, Felix Kuenzel, Walter Boesel, Albert Boesel, Bernard S. Halsema, Eusebius J. Halsema, John C. Halsema, H.G. Barienbrock, wife & daughter Mabel, the Misses Bessie Stone, Dora Greiwe and Lizzie Fischer went to Columbus last Saturday via the excursion and were witnesses of the football game there between the O.S.U. team and the Michigan team.

N.B.H.S. FOOTBALL ~ 1901 Thanksgiving Afternoon Enlivened by Interesting 20-6 Contest

The New Bremen High School gratified the public by defeating the plucky little St. Marys football team by a well-earned score of 20-6 at the Fairgrounds here yesterday afternoon. This was a rare treat for New Bremen, since it was the last and best game of the

season. Touchdowns for N. B. were made by Walter Boesel (1), _____ Flack (1), and Landry Koeper (2). Halves were 20 and 15 minutes long. Umpires were Otto J. Boesel and Charles Steinebrey. Referee was Halsema. Timekeepers were Huenke and Snyder (Schneider?).

Previous to the arrival of the St. Marys team, the spectators managed to keep warm by engaging in old-time sports such as pole-vaulting, hop-step-and-jump, standing jump, running, etc. This afforded ample amusement for all. It was a sort of field day for New Bremen.

(N.B. Sun - 11/29/1901)

N.B.H.S. FOOTBALL ~ 1902 New Bremen Triumphs Over St. Marys 10-0 In a Contest Lasting an Hour

The football contest between St. Marys High School and New Bremen High School here Saturday afternoon (9/27/1902) resulted in favor of the New Bremen team by a score of 10-0, with Landry Koeper scoring 1 touchdown in the 1st half and Walter Boesel scoring 1 touchdown in the 2nd half. The halves were 20 minutes in length.

It was a wet, rainy afternoon almost enough to dampen the enthusiasm of the most ardent lover of the sport, but

the teams were arrayed and the contest was held, whether it was to be on land or water. Water stood in pools on the gridiron, and the way the players waded through when on the errand of an "end run," was a caution. Ever and anon, runners lost their footing on the slippery ground and went sprawling in the mud and slush. All of the players looked as though they had gone through a cyclone of mud and water. The crowd of on-lookers was slim, but those that were present had ample protection from the friendly umbrella. (N.B. Sun - 10/3/1902)

New Bremen 6 ~~~ St. Marys 0

The St. Marys football team was handsomely defeated by the N.B.H.S. team at the grounds of the latter last Friday afternoon. Our boys were entirely too much for the eleven from the north. Only one half of the game was played as the visitors could not be on hand at the appointed hour. The score was 6-0. One of the home boys played with the St. Marys eleven, and had it not been for him, another touchdown would have been scored by New Bremen. (N.B. Sun - 10/31/1902)

The Athletics of this city (St. Marys) went to New Bremen Saturday afternoon to play a practice game with the team of that place. (St. Marys Argus)

Indeed? A practice game! Well, the Athletics came down with blood in their eyes and were going to wipe the earth with the New Bremens. The result took the feathers out of their caps and they now try to make light of the game. Well, if the Athletics want to practice with N.B., the boys are right willing to show them how to play the game. St. Marys isn't in it with N.B. The coach of the N.B. team is Theodore Tangeman, formerly of the O.S.U. team. Under his direction the New Bremens are doing wonderful work and are causing considerable enthusiasm among the lovers of the game. Come again, if you want another practice game. (N.B. Sun - 10/31/1902)

New Bremen 76 ~~~ Celina 6

Interest in football increases as the game is being better understood. There was a very enthusiastic crowd at the fairgrounds last Saturday afternoon, when the N.B.H.S. team won another decided victory of 76-6 over the Celina High School team. (N.B. Sun - 11/14/1902)

GOOD REASONS WHY FOOTBALL SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED IN THE SCHOOLS

One of our neighboring exchanges recently made the following argument against the playing of football by the schools:

"This is the first time I knew that football was to be taken into our schools and encouraged by the teachers, allowing the boys to leave school to become all excited in that which will be of no use to them, but a detriment through life. This is a time when their minds should fully rest upon their studies, looking forward to the great benefit an education will be to them when they will be our business men; ambitious, honest, careful, using the

means provided for them today by their parents. This opportunity will not last long, so they had better improve their time."

We believe this argument is not well founded. Football playing is invigorating to the physique, and the more vigorous the body possesses the more is the mind able to prosecute the studies at school. President Roosevelt encourages football by the schools. If conducted along scientific lines, football is not a brutal or vulgar game, but a game where brawn and brain counts. It should not be discouraged. We have heard a Professor say that the school work is much better in a class whose members belong to a football team than one whose members don't, and there are sufficient reasons for giving credence to the statement. (N.B. Sun - 11/28/1902)

N.B.H.S. FOOTBALL ~ 1903

The first football game of the season will be played at the Fairgrounds here next Saturday afternoon between the St. Marys & the local High School teams. Game called at 2 p.m. ~ Admission 25¢. Children 15¢

The first football game of the 1903 season was played on **Saturday, October 10th** at the Fairgrounds, between St. Marys High School and the local eleven. The game came to a sudden halt, however, in the first half when a St. Marys player, Ralph Ferris, sustained a fracture of the right leg below the knee. Young Ferris was at once taken care of by his fellow players who conveyed him to town in a rig and from there he was put on a Western Ohio car which took him to his home in St. Marys where Dr. Noble administered medical attention.

Such is football, a seemingly rough and unpleasant sport in many respects, but in spite of the danger connected with it, when one gets injured, there are a dozen ready and anxious to take his place. Those who are in a position to know say that the sport is no more dangerous than many other games that are indulged in by young people, provided that one has gone through the necessary training and taken other protective measures in hardening his body to any attacks and assaults that might be made during the progress of a game.

That the St. Marys boys lacked even second class training was evident from the manner in which several of them were exhausted as soon as three or four plays had been made. As it was, the substitute was not allowed to take Ferris's place, and the game had to be declared off before one half of the first half of the game had been played. Chances are, had the St. Marys boys been thoroughly trained, this deplorable event would not have taken place. (N.B. Sun - 10/16/1903)

SEEN RECENTLY IN THE DAYTON DAILY NEWS:
The football huddle was started in 1896. Numbered jerseys came along in 1913. Both were started at the University of Chicago by Coach Amos Alonzo Stagg.

The second football game of the season will be called at 2 p.m. tomorrow, **Saturday, October 24, 1903.** Admission as usual ~~~ Adults 25¢; Children 15¢ **LADIES FREE!**

Once more the N.B.H.S. team has succeeded in booking a game of football at the Fairgrounds. The opposing team this time will be the Y.M.A.C. (Young Men's Athletic Club?) team of St. Marys and the lovers of the sport may this time look forward to a more scientific presentation of the game than the one two weeks ago. It is claimed that the Y.M.A.C. boys are a set of fellows that understand more of the football sport and have had a season of thorough training and drilling, thus fitting them better to go through such a contest than a team that looks upon the sport as baby's play.

An editorial from the *Cincinnati Post* says: "Now it's football. The young fellow bushy as to hair and clothed in armor not unlike that of the middle ages, besides other harness, has the call from this time on to Thanksgiving Day. Though strenuous, football is fine sport. The football player must have a well-developed body capable of quick movements and long endurance. His mind must be alert. His soul must be full of enthusiasm and loyalty to his team and all these qualities of his being must be trained to instant obedience. His discipline is as severe as that of a soldier. The rules of 1903 provide for more open work and less mass plays. It is those same mass plays that usually do the mischief. You cannot pile flesh and bones into a wriggling pyramid without the chance of bruising flesh or breaking bones." (N.B. Sun-10/23/1903)

N.B. HIGH SCHOOL 27 ~ ST. MARYS Y.M.A.C. 0

TOUCHDOWNS: Jung - 4; Bienz - 1 ~~~ GOAL KICKS - 2

REFEREE: Tangeman ~~~ UMPIRE: Giddings

Score at end of 1st half: New Bremen 15, St. Marys 0

NEW BREMEN	POSITION	ST. MARYS
Wittenbrink	Center	Weiser
Fischer	R. Guard	Good
Flack	R. Tackle	Reising
Beachler	R. End	Swartz
Boesel	L. Guard	Griffith
Broerman	L. Tackle	Stearns
Kettler	L. End	Lanager
Jung	Quarterback	McCray
Bienz	R. Halfback	McDonald
Pohlman	L. Halfback	Lawrence
Schroeder	Fullback	Long
(10/24/1903)	Subs	McKee, White

In spite of the fact that the St. Marys fellows were several years in advance of the local boys and weighed on the average about 10 lbs. more than they did, the boys of our High School met their antagonists last Saturday with a remarkable supply of courage. The Y.M.A.C.s brought with them a goodly supply of rooters, however there never was an opening for the display of that gift on their part. since their boys went down to inglorious defeat.

The St. Marys boys seemed to understand the principles and the technicalities of the game, but they lacked quickness of decision and unity of purpose, thereby frequently losing the ball to the opposing side.

According to the writer's viewpoint, the secret of the seemingly inexhaustible strength and vitality of our H.S. boys lies in just two things - long and fierce practice, and strict adherence to the rule of temperance and the non-indulgence in vicious habits such as the use of intoxicating liquor and tobacco, both of which are prohibited. The reason for their inglorious defeat became clear to the visitors when the game was over and the majority of the visiting team left the grounds either smoking cigarettes or pipes. A person who cannot restrain himself in his habits need not attempt to partake in such a strenuous game as football. (N.B. Sun-10/30/1903)

CELINA CITY TEAM 11 ~~~ N.B. HIGH SCHOOL 0 Friday, November 27, 1903

A season of nothing but success for the local H.S. football team ended last Friday afternoon in defeat. However, considering the fact that the two teams were so unevenly matched, our students played remarkably. Having heretofore met none but their equals in weight, our boys gathered an unusual amount of confidence in their own ability. Finding that the teams of other High Schools in the neighborhood could not summon enough courage for a contest, the boys boldly accepted a challenge from the Celina City team, an aggregation of all grownup men, at least according to appearances.

As soon as the Celina boys had donned their moleskins and appeared on the field, it was plain to everyone that there would be a terrific battle. Not only did the Celinas average 25-35 pounds more in weight than our High School boys, but they resorted to tactics to which local football enthusiasts were not accustomed at all. One of the main features was slugging and foul tackling, for which they were taken harshly to account by the umpire and others. It soon developed, however, that they either did not understand the game properly, or they did not wish to play according to adopted rules. Taking the latter for granted, the home boys decided that they would have to adopt the same weapons for defense that the enemy used for offense, and the consequence was that as soon as this method was adopted, the Celinas ceased scoring altogether. Had this method been adopted from the start instead of at the beginning of the second half, chances are the score would have been reversed. As it was, Celina scored 11 in the first half and New Bremen nothing, while neither team scored in the second half.

(N.B. Sun -12/4/1903)

N.B.H.S. FOOTBALL ~ 1904 NEW BREMEN HIGH SCHOOL 18 ~~~ ELIDA 0

For the second time in two years, the Elida and New Bremen football teams met in combat on the local gridiron. It was generally claimed that the Elida boys of 1902 were but a small percentage High School boys, and

the same could be said this time. However, the two teams were more evenly matched in weight than they were then, even though our boys were reinforced by other than High School students. In 1902, New Bremen went down in inglorious defeat, with a score of 6-0 in favor of the visitors. Yesterday the score was reversed and multiplied by three. Had it not been for a fat and chunky lad who acted as referee for Elida and was a far better "rag chewer" than he was a referee, it is quite probable that the local team would have even doubled the score.

New Bremen scored twice in the first half, making two touchdowns and kicking goal twice. Many suspected that Elida had possibly acted 'possum in the first half and would bring all their latent energy into play in the second half, however Elida did not have the power of endurance that our boys have, and at no time did they even get into the neighborhood of their goal. New Bremen, however, made continual gains, and when the second half was a trifle over half over, they made another touchdown and kicked one more goal, making the score 18-0. Jung made two touchdowns and Bienz made one. (N.B. Sun-10/25/1904)

N.B.H.S. FOOTBALL ~ 1905

(from a newspaper article and picture published in the 12/15/1967 issue of "The Evening Leader" by Ralph May.)

"It has been a long time since N.B.H.S. has had a football team, but the memory of the old games and the players is not easily forgotten. I am indebted to Herbert Garmhausen for the picture of the team of 1905, with Herbert, the youngest on the team, looking more like a mascot. The team, as pictured, consists of:

FRONT: Emil Heitman (Sophomore), Theodore Brinkmeyer (Senior), Herman Bienz, Harry Wittenbrink (Senior), Herbert Garmhausen (Freshman)

MIDDLE: _____ Jenkins, Leroy Beachler (Senior), Leroy Jung (Senior), Alvin Broerman, Jacob A. Meckstroth (Sr.)

BACK: Dr. George Haveman (coach), Wesley Meckstroth (Sophomore), Stephen Boesel (Junior), _____ McDermitt, Max Berend (Senior), Ervin Garmhausen (Junior)."

EDITOR'S NOTE: Unfortunately the only picture we have of this team is a blurred newspaper copy. If anyone has a clear original photograph or other information, please let me know and we will print it at a later date.)

N.B.H.S. FOOTBALL ~ 1906

NEW BREMEN HIGH SCHOOL 55 ~~~ CELINA 0

The only information we have found about the 1906 N.B.H.S. football team is a faded newspaper photo of the team in play at the fairgrounds - no other information. The players were randomly identified by Ralph May as:

PAST GRADUATES (1906): Theodore Brinkmeyer, Harry Wittenbrink, Leroy Beachler, Leroy Jung, Jacob A. Meckstroth, Max Berend

SENIORS: Stephen Boesel, Ervin Garmhausen, Edward Gobrecht

JUNIORS: Emil Heitman, Wesley Meckstroth

N.B.H.S. FOOTBALL ~ 1907

October 12, 1907

NEW BREMEN 6 ~~~ LIMA HIGH SCHOOL 0

The first game of the season was played at the Fairgrounds last Saturday afternoon between the Lima High School and the N.B. High School. A touchdown by (Walter?) Weinberg and a goal-kick by (Leonard?) Schmidt in the first half gave New Bremen six while the Lima boys, who were very evenly matched with their opponents, labored through both halves, constantly resorting to forward passes which had not been sufficiently practiced, and they did not score once. New Bremen's strength lay in quarterback and end runs and frequently mass plays were resorted to with excellent effect.

The severest criticism to be offered on Saturday's game is the frequent profanity indulged in by the visiting team. Often they became so loud and vociferous in their anger or excitement, whatever it may have been, that oaths could be heard on the sidelines. Repetitions of such action will undoubtedly cause the attendance to dwindle down to such an extent that football games will be losing ventures every time financially - and they ought to!

(N.B. Sun - 10/18/1907)

NEW BREMEN 0 ~~~ SPENCERVILLE 0

October 26, 1907

The N.B.H.S. football team journeyed to Spencerville last Saturday and played the High School team of that place. The teams were about evenly matched, however repeated fumbling and penalties inflicted for off-side playing, tackling of players, signaling for a fair catch, etc., undoubtedly prevented our team from defeating Spencerville. Spencerville received the first kick-off and lost the ball on downs soon after. New Bremen, by a series of end-runs and scrape-tackle plays, carried the ball down the field, being repeatedly fined, but making the distance fine, until "Little Garmy" crossed the Spencerville goal line for a touchdown after a 40-yard run. The touchdown failed to count, however, the umpire penalizing New Bremen for an off-side play. On another play, Spencerville attempted to punt on a third down, but "Doc" Schmidt broke through their line and threw their fullback over his own goal for a touch-back. The game ended without either team scoring.

On **Saturday, November 9th**, the team plays Spencerville at the Fairgrounds. This game should draw a good crowd as our boys are anxious to get Spencerville's scalp after playing in such tough luck at Spencerville.

The New Bremen High School team needs money and should not be forced to beg for it either. **Should you be asked to subscribe a small sum, do it cheerfully. It takes money to bring teams from Piqua, Lima, Spencerville, etc. and the gate receipts fall far short of being enough.**

Should New Bremen play Piqua, it would be for the championship of Northwestern Ohio. (N.B. Sun - 11/1/1907)

"RALPH MAY REMEMBERS"

Back in New Bremen, football games were played on Saturday afternoons at the Tri-County Fairgrounds about a mile east of town, where two goal posts would be erected in the open grassy field inside the race track. There were no public conveyances, so except for the players, most everyone walked the distance. Spectators stood on the sidelines as there were no bleacher seats to sit on.

I played during the 1908-1909 school year. I recall those happy days when we practiced after school in Vogelsang's field, a lovely thick grassy area between South Main St. and the canal towpath, which today (1971) is the Lions' Club Park; with coach Dr. George A. Havemann giving of his time in an effort to make us a winning team. We changed into our playing clothes at home or in the basement of the nearby Central School building under first grade, where the uniforms were kept from one year to the next. What a variety of color we had to our uniforms then - some of the shoulder pads almost equaled the size of a small buttock.

How my grandmother, who I lived with after my parents' death, was against my playing football. The blood flowed freely from my usually banged-up nose and I did remarkably well if I could hold out for the entire game. Considering how rough it was in our day, it was a wonder that more of us were not hurt.

The one game I remember so well is our first game in the fall of 1908 when we went to Spencerville. It was on a rainy, misty day. That game gave us a ride on the interurban to St. Marys, from where we traveled in two hacks along the scenic old canal route to Spencerville. Arriving in Spencerville near the noon hour, we were put up in a room near a restaurant, where we had our dinner, which was all paid for. Coming home after losing the game, the darkness was so intense that we could hardly see the road ahead or the canal which dropped far below us at one point along the highway. There was some fear that we might get off the road and go headlong down into the chasm of the Deep Cut of the old Miami-Erie Canal, but we arrived back in St. Marys in time to get the last streetcar home.

Ralph May

N.B.H.S. has been noted in years gone by for turning out a good football team. The high school team had not been beaten since 1903. This gave the team of 1908 too much confidence in itself and led some of the players to think they could play without practice. Therefore the team



1908 N.B.H.S. FOOTBALL TEAM

BACK: Theodore Gieseke, R.G. (Soph.), Herbert Kettler (Sr.), Allen Dicke (Sr.), Leonard Schmidt, R.T. (Jr.), Earl Solms (Jr.), Grover ("Rusty") Oberwitte, C. (Sr.), Dr. George A. Havemann (coach)

MIDDLE: Edward Kattman, L.G. (Jr.), Ralph May, L.T. (Jr.), Herbert Garmhausen (Capt.), R.H.B. (Sr.), Henry Feldwisch, F.B. (Jr.), William Rabe (Mgr.), L.H.B. (Sr.), Fredric Hengen, L.E. (Sr.), Edward Gieseke, R.E. (Sr.)

FRONT: Edgar? Schroeder (Jr.) or Clarence? Schroeder (Soph.), George/Todd Taylor, Q.B. (Jr.), Lorenz Heitman (Soph.)

(1909 "Mirage")

The noseguard hanging around the neck of Herbert Garmhausen was recently donated to the N.B.H.A. by Paul Opperman, great-nephew of Mr. Garmhausen.

was in very poor training when it played (and lost) its first scheduled game with Spencerville.

Having found out that a team cannot play well without practice, it worked hard for a few weeks under the direction of coach Dr. George A. Havemann and then beat St. Marys 22-0. When another game was scheduled with Spencerville, the same line-up that beat St. Marys was used, with few exceptions. New Bremen won 5-0.

by Herbert Garmhausen (1909 "Mirage")

N.B.H.S. FOOTBALL ~ 1909

November 13, 1909

This was the day that was to decide the championship between the players of N.B.H.S. and Spencerville High School. Twice before, the two opposing teams had met in combat without either one gaining a point over the other one, both games having been draws. Due to the absence of left tackle "Buck" Kattman, the final score of the game was 17-0 in favor of Spencerville. (N.B. Sun - 11/19/1909)

November 27, 1909

The local line-up for this game with the St. Marys City team will be composed of Alumni and High School players and Steve Boesel, a regular member of the Ohio State University Eleven. If we are not mistaken, he will give a good account of himself. (N.B. Sun - 11/26/1909)

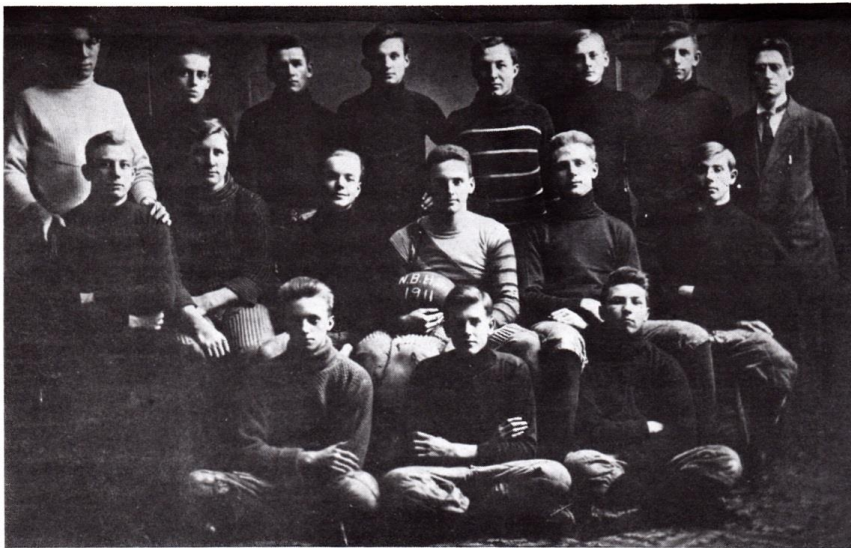


1910 N.B.H.S. FOOTBALL TEAM

STANDING: Vernon Neuman (Sr.), Richard Boesel (Jr.), Clarence Schroeder (Sr.), Hunter Kuenzel (Sr.), Dr. Irwin Boesel (Coach)

SEATED: Reuben Boesel (Fr.), Elmer Roettger (Jr.), William Laut, Albert ("Mack") Huenke (Sr.), Curt Ihle (Jr.), Lewis Poppe (Jr.), Lorenz Heitman (Sr.)

[Photos published in 1971 by Ralph May, courtesy of Mrs. Emil Koenig]



1911 N.B.H.S. FOOTBALL TEAM

BACK: Felix Jung (Jr.), Alfred Rabe (Sr.), Franklin Grothaus, Clifford James Gast (Jr.), Lewis Poppe (Sr.), Irwin Koeper? or Emil Koenig? (Sr.), Homer Buss (Sr.), Coach Woods.

MIDDLE: Herbert Garmhausen (Coach), #2 _____, Reuben Boesel (Soph.), Richard Boesel (Sr.), Chester Kunning (Jr.), Curt Ihle (Sr.)

FRONT: Leonard Nieter (Jr.), Elmer Roettger (Sr.), Fred Speckman (Fr.)

1912 FOOTBALL TEAM→

N.B.H.S. has been noted in previous years for its wonderful success in athletics. Many visiting teams have left our gridiron and diamond with sore defeat. Although 1912's football team played but a few games, they were hard-fought battles and defeat was taken good-naturedly. The Sidney game was the first of the season and was played on Louis Huenke's new White Mountain Park gridiron west of town. New Bremen lost 32-0. The second game was played here with St. Marys. Some of the New Bremen boys, being too sure of victory, didn't think it necessary to practice and so the result was a tie, 6-6. The third and last game was at St. Marys. Some of the boys put up a good game and also a good scrap on account of St. Marys having so many coaches and spectators on the inside field who interfered with the game. The score was St. Marys 17, New Bremen 7.

Members of the 1912

1912 football team were:

SENIORS: Fred Vogelsang, Leonard Nieter, Chester Kunning, Felix Jung, Clifford (James) Gast.

JUNIORS: Waldo Boesel, Reuben Boesel, Charles Grothaus, William Schlueter, William Langhorst.

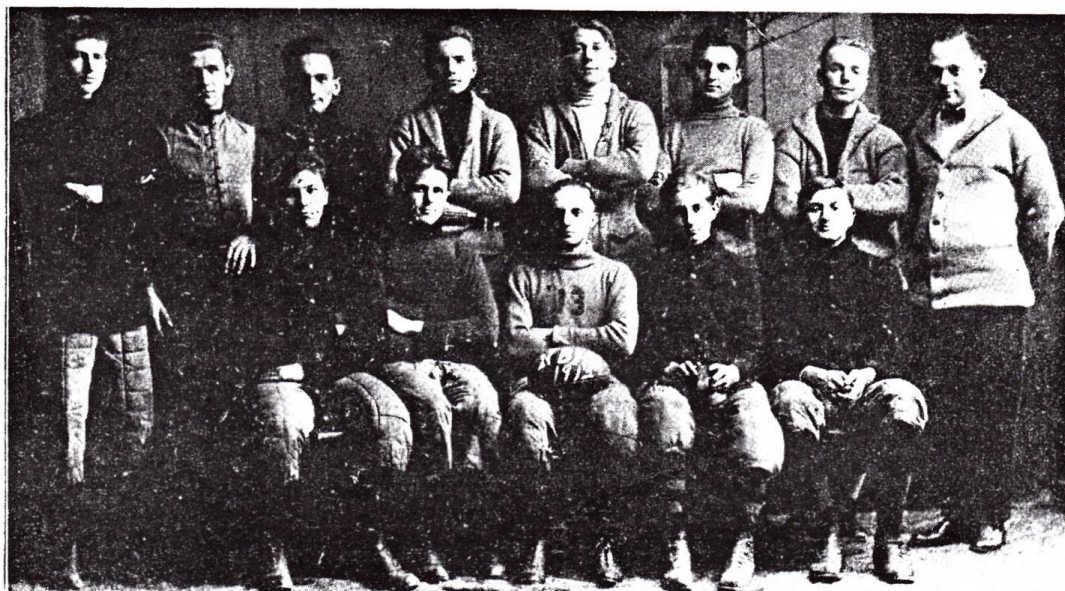
SOPHOMORES: Fred Speckman, Paul Kunning.

FRESHMAN: Jake Maurer.

Also on the team was Leonard Speckman, who did not graduate from N.B.H.S.

Mr. Sullivan, assistant principal, was out during football practice and Mr. Ruhlman coached during the two games played here. The football team of 1913 has already been organized and as a start has one game booked with Sidney, with Dr. George A. Havemann as coach.

(1913 "Mirage")



1912 N.B.H.S. FOOTBALL TEAM

BACK: #1 _____, Chester Kunning? (Sr.), Charles Grothaus? (Jr.), #4 _____,
Felix Jung? (Sr.), #6 _____, Reuben Boesel (Jr.), Coach Raymond Sullivan
FRONT: Fred Speckman? (Soph.), #2 _____, Leonard Nieter? (Sr.), #4 _____,
#5 _____ (1913 "Mirage")

[NOTE: These are my best guesses. If you can identify more of these players, please let me know.]

⚡ [See the names of the rest of the players on page at left.]

N.B.H.S. FOOTBALL ~ 1913

October 4, 1913

Sidney 6 ~~~ New Bremen 0

New Bremen went to Sidney Saturday to measure strength and skill with the Sidney team, but with advantage on neither side, suffered defeat. The game was reported as a very spirited one, Sidney succeeding to score only by the very hardest work and a trifle of blind luck on their side.

New Bremen plays St. Marys at the White Mountain Park on Friday, October 10th. This being the first game of the season on the local gridiron, they are determined to demonstrate great possibilities in store until Thanksgiving.

N.B. Sun - 10/10/1913

November 1, 1913

The New Bremen High School football team has arranged for a classy game tomorrow afternoon with the Sidney High at the local White Mountain Park. Several weeks ago, the N.B. boys migrated to Sidney and put up a really good fight, but willingly submitted to defeat. Since then, however, the locals have had considerable more training under their coach, Dr. George A. Havemann, and relying on their recent good training, together with a liberal public patronage, they already foresee victory coming their way.

N.B. Sun - 10/31/1913

November 27, 1913

Tippecanoe City 3 ~~~ New Bremen 0

The N.B.H.S. football team went over to Tippecanoe City on the 10:12 car yesterday morning with high expectations of winning another victory, only to be defeated. Nevertheless, the locals have done excellent work this season and displayed a thorough training. It was their last game of the season.

N.B. Sun - 11/28/1913

N.B.H.S. FOOTBALL ~ 1914

October 2, 1914

Troy 52 ~~~ New Bremen 6

The corresponding editor of the *Troy Daily News* wrote about the football game played Friday afternoon, October 2, 1914 between New Bremen High School and Troy High School at Troy's Highland Park Field in typical war news language, calling New Bremen "the invading Germans" and Troy, "the Allies", this shortly after the beginning of World War I on July 28, 1914. He stated that "the German forces" finally retired from the field, thoroughly overwhelmed and defeated by "the Allies" in the first gridiron contest, by a score of 52-6.

N.B. Sun - 10/9/1914



1971 N.B.H.S. FOOTBALL TEAM

FRONT: Fred Fryberger (Asst. Coach), David Heinfeld ('72-Mgr.), #28-Steve Hartwig ('75), #76-Pat Homan (died before graduating), #26-Steven Bruns ('75), #16-Guy Waterman ('74), Randy Schott ('75-Mgr.), Gene Brindise (Head Coach).

ROW 2: #68-Scott Kuenning ('75), #30-Rick Hagens ('73), #40-Darby Dicke ('73), #60-Eric Kuenning ('75), #___-Glen McCune ('73), #___-Tim Youngs ('75), #10-Ron Philipot ('74), #50-Mark Kitzmiller ('74).

ROW 3: #70-Tom Quellhorst ('74), #56-Larry Opperman ('74), #54-Tom Philipot ('73), #65-Robert Schmiesing ('73), #27-Robert Luedeke ('73), #44-Robert Staton ('75), #62-Tom McKibans ('73), #64-Marty McDermitt ('74), #66-Todd Chiles ('74).

BACK: #84-Mark Kuenning ('73), #78-Mark Homan ('74), #35-Randy Houseworth ('74), #82-Lonny Nedderman ('73), #80-Craig Schnelle ('73), #32-Dean Hartwig ('73), #72-John Ouwerkerk ('75), #86-Jay Youngs ('73), #48-Werner Schwartz ('73).

NOT PICTURED: #___-Robert Joyce ('73) (1972 "Mirage")

RETURN OF FOOTBALL TO NEW BREMEN

On Saturday, September 18, 1971, after an absence of many years, football returned to New Bremen with the dedication of New Bremen's new football field across from the High School. Ralph May of Piqua, a member of one of N.B.H.S.'s early football teams (1908), was invited by High School Principal and Athletic Director, Jerry Brown, to take part in the festivities of N.B.'s first home game, between New Bremen's Varsity team and Minster's Junior Varsity, by introducing himself and seven other old-time players who were in attendance. (see picture below)

"THE OLD TIMERS" 1971

Levi/Lafe Egbert (1913?)

Alvin Pape (1907?)

Homer Buss

Franklin Grothaus

Grover Wissman

Ralph May

Lewis Poppe

Dr. Leonard Schmidt

(1972 "Mirage")



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1999 was the last year of the millennium and it has also been an exciting year for the New Bremen Historic Association. We have seen many things take place over the past year.

The Annual Dinner, held on March 15th, was presided over by out-going president, Doug Harrod. The dinner at Faith Alliance Church was well attended by about 118 people. Mrs. Ruth Krieg cooked a delicious meal which was served by the youth of the church. The speaker was Glenna Meckstroth from New Knoxville who wrote the book, "Tales from Great-Grandpa's Trunk." At the end of the program, the new officers were introduced.

In June, we sponsored what was called our "First Annual New Bremen Historic Association Community Picnic." Despite the long name it was a fun day. We had bean soup cooked outdoors, sandwiches, and other things to eat, as well as various displays by some local residents for people to look at. Entertainment was provided by the Miami-Erie Boys. Despite the extremely hot weather for early June, it was a good day.

During Bremenfest weekend in August, we had the Museum open with early New Bremen pictures from the Jim Cooper collection on display. We entered a float in the Bremenfest parade which won first prize in the "Best Theme" category. Also in August we lent some of our school memorabilia to the Auglaize County Historical Society for their display at the Auglaize County Fair.

The first weekend of December, we held our 25th annual Christmas Tree Festival. The theme this year was "Silver Bells - Our 25th Year." The weather was warm and rainy (after a summer and fall of extremely dry weather) but the turnout was very good. Approximately 200 people observed the "silver" displays and trees and partook of the cookies and drinks served in the summer kitchen. The children enjoyed visiting with Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus and each one was given a candy cane. It was a wonderful cap to a full year.

During the year some improvements were made at the Museum. New spouting was put on the house and garage, the yard on the north side was leveled a bit and sodded thanks to Crown Equipment, new steps were installed leading to the cellar basement by Charlie Garman, and the water was again turned on to the garage. This had been turned off for a number of years and turning it back on made it easier for the gardeners to water the flowers and new grass, especially for Lowell Francis who kept everything growing all summer. There were also many little repair jobs both inside and out that were taken care of by our Trustees.

We acquired some new artifacts this past year. We received many items from the Alton ("Butch") and Alvera Schelper estate and the Dorothy Harlamert estate. We thank both of those families for their generous donations. New Bremen High School's music department gave us

several old band uniforms. Also received from James Melchert of Oakland, California, were a number of old pictures of St. Paul's Church confirmation classes. His father was Rev. John Melchert, minister of St. Paul's from 1922 to 1947. Other items were also received which are too numerous to list individually. Please visit our Museum next summer to see the new displays which are being planned. The Museum will be open every Sunday afternoon in June, July and August from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

This past year has brought changes in the Association staff as well. Vernita Scheer, who for many years has done an excellent job as Curator, asked to be replaced. Joyce Holdren and Dolores Stienecker agreed to fill the spot as co-curators. Vernita will remain until Joyce and Dolores are trained and Bea Young, our other Curator, will remain as an advisor to them. We thank Vernita for her years of service and look forward to Joyce and Dolores serving on our staff.

During 1999 we offered some new items for sale. Along with the John Dickman book, "Taste of Tradition", the "New Bremen Marriages" book, the "Ralph May Remembers" book, the High School medallions and trinket boxes, we now have for sale some new items depicting the old Central School - medallions, paperweights, and pencil cups. [See the last issue of "The Towpath" for pictures of both school medallions.] These should be of interest to anyone who attended New Bremen's schools in years past. Also being offered are beige mugs with a picture of our Museum on both sides.

The Towpath has been an excellent outreach to our members. Lucille Francis does a great job in helping us learn about New Bremen from years past. Our membership now numbers over 700. We are grateful to each one of you for your interest and support of our organization.

The success of any organization lies in the people who belong to it. The same is true of the Historic Association. People are always needed to help at functions, to bake cookies, and to participate in activities. We hope you, as members, will participate in as many things as you can. We also hope that if you are called to help in some capacity, you will say a hearty "YES." I especially want to thank the Trustees and other Committee members for this past year. Your help and encouragement have been a great benefit to me.

We look forward to the year 2000 with anticipation and expectation. Visit us at the Museum this next summer and participate in our activities. We hope to see each one of you at one time or another.

Dru Meyer, President

ANNUAL DINNER - MONDAY, MARCH 20, 2000

Speaker: Ronda Shelby

SUBJECT: "OUTHOUSES"

New Bremen Historic Association

Annual Financial Report for 1999

Thomas Braun, Treasurer

ASSETS AS OF JAN. 1	1998	1999
CHECKING ACCT.	\$3,849.74	\$2,471.08
CERT. OF DEPOSIT / PROM. NOTE	\$9,212.97	\$10,867.66
TOTAL ASSETS	\$13,062.71	\$13,338.74
INCOME	1998	1999
MEMBERSHIP: Regular yearly dues	2,777.00	3,054.00
Life Memberships	3,800.00	2,525.00
Membership Donations	868.00	667.00
MEMORIAL Donations	905.00	495.00
DONATIONS: Misc. (Visitors, etc.)	210.50	205.05
GRANTS (County Commissioners & PPG)	850.00	800.00
INTEREST (includes accrued C.D. interest)	634.09	696.35
ANNUAL DINNER (ticket sales @ 8.00/ea.)	(230) 1,840.00	(118) 944.00
COMM. PICNIC (Food & Ice Cream Sales)	0.00	616.50
CHRISTMAS RAFFLE (ticket sales)	673.00	704.00
S/H charged on mail orders of mdse.	no record	23.95
MERCHANDISE SALES	('98-\$3,034.00)	('99-\$1,124.15)
N.B. School Commemoratives	866.75	809.80
Cookbook, Marriages, Ralph May	1,741.95	184.75
Miscellaneous sales (incl. Mugs*)	425.30	*129.60
TOTAL YEARLY INCOME	\$15,591.59	\$11,855.00
EXPENSES	1998	1999
UTILITIES: Electric (N.B. Utilities)	500.14	250.85
Water (N.B. Utilities)	0.00	19.00
Gas (D.P. & L.)	380.05	682.82
INSURANCE & Treasurer's Bond	454.00	444.00
MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENTS:		
Buildings & Grounds (incl. mowing)	474.95	431.14
Fence, Weatherstripping, Spouting	317.59	400.00
Summer kitchen restoration* & maint.	*1995.00	62.56
Installation of central air conditioning	3872.00	0.00
MUSEUM: Display materials, etc.	983.15	304.48
TOWPATH: Printing, Envelopes, Labels	2006.50	1871.43
Postage & Bulk Permit	466.54	536.61
*Research Advance & Office Expenses	*172.19	16.90
OFFICE EXPENSE: P.O. Box Rent	58.00	64.00
Other Office & Misc. Expenses	180.81	208.64
Promotional material (brochures)	163.29	0.00
ANNUAL DINNER expenses	1242.48	576.81
COMMUNITY PICNIC expenses	0.00	377.75
CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL expenses	95.36	175.94
GENEALOGY expenses (obit. files, etc.)	109.95	0.00
MERCHANDISE purchased for resale	1779.81	1219.71
Postage on mailed mdse. sales	63.75	10.98
TOTAL YEARLY EXPENSES:	\$15,315.56	\$7,653.62
ASSETS AS OF DEC. 31	1998	1999
CHECKING ACCT.	\$2,471.08	\$3,429.20
CERT. OF DEPOSIT / PROM. NOTE	\$10,867.66	\$14,110.92
TOTAL ASSETS	\$13,338.74	\$17,540.12

MEMORIAL FUND DONATIONS

An engraved brass plate will be added to our Memorial Plaque in memory of **Marjorie (Gieseke/Conradi) Lietz**. We gratefully acknowledge Memorial contributions received from the following donors:

Gene & Kathleen (Schroer) Aufderhaar, Lewis & Rita Bertke, Steve & Diane Bertke & family, Amelia Conradi, Don & Doris Cook, James & Janet Cooper, Howard & Sally Fark, Lowell & Lucille Francis, Bill & Edythe (Conradi) Henschen, Merlin & Susie Hirschfeld, Mary Belle (Block) Jordan, Dan & Sheri Kah, Marjorie (Luedeke) Kuck, Fred & Dorothy Luedeke, Amelia Malik, Wesley & Mary Maurer, David & Carolyn Pape, Allen & Mary Paul, Tim & Karen Paul, Stan & Rosie Quellhorst, Roger & Vernita Scheer, Curtis, Betty & Dwight Schroer, Robert Staley, R. Jay & Carol Stauffer.

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## CLASS OF 1939 REUNION

For a number of years, the N.B.H.S. class of 1939 has held an annual class reunion, but 1999's was special in that we celebrated our 60th anniversary. From a total of 33 graduates, we are sad to say that 14 have passed away, but 19 of us are still around.

On Bremenfest Saturday, August 14, 1999, the class had brunch at The Grille in New Bremen at 1:00 p.m., after which arrangements had been made to tour the new high school. We had an excellent guide in school board member, Steve McDermitt. After the tour, the class was invited to the home of Jim and Pat Moeller to continue to reminisce about our school days. The previous year (1998) we were hosted by John and LaRue Dicke with them treating us with fish they had caught in Lake St. Marys. They also gave us a tour of the lake on their pontoon. Every year's reunion has been an enjoyable event, and 1999's was no exception.

*by Jim Moeller (9/29/1999)*



## From the Mailbox....

Dear Lucille,

(10/6/1999)

I was surprised and pleased to get your letter of September 25th and I can certainly help you with your George/Todd Taylor question. He was the youngest of my father's family and his given name was George; however, as long as I knew him, he was called "Todd" by everyone. Naturally, I called him "Uncle Todd" and my mother and father called him "Todd" too. I was quite young when he died.

He had two children, Mary Jane and Jack. Mary Jane died quite a few years ago and Jack and I are the only living first cousins of that family.

I was reading the April, 1999 issue of *The Towpath* again, and looking at the picture of the Pythian Sisters on page 5. When I first saw that issue, I felt that I knew #4 in the back row and this time it came to me that she is Mrs. Rose Brockie, mother of John Brockie (mentioned in Bob Heinfeld's article about radios in the October, 1999 issue).

Bonnie Schulenberg and I were at Schulenberg's Store the last night the streetcar went to Minster. The conductor came in and told Cade (Schulenberg) and Dad (Jim Taylor) that they should let Bonnie and me take the ride since it was the last one, so we went with him. I don't remember how old we were or what year that happened. I know they tore up the tracks soon after that. [Editor's note: The last trip on the streetcar/interurban was on Saturday, January 16, 1932. Look for more about this subject in the next issue of "The Towpath."]

Thank you again for writing to me and if I can ever be of help to you, please let me know. I guess I'm one of the older generation now who could possibly remember things that happened in New Bremen back when!!!

Mary Ellen (Taylor/Belton) Patton - Talbott, Tenn.

Thank you for the complimentary copies of your publication, *The Towpath*. I enjoyed them very much. I'm sending a check for future issues. I retired from music just three years ago. We are now living in Troy, and are members of the Waco Historical Association. Thanks so much for everything.

Your new subscriber, Don F. Isem

Thank you for the complimentary copy of the October, 1999 issue of *The Towpath*. I really enjoyed reading it. Enclosed please find a check for a year's membership.

Lucille (Harjehausen) Draving - Covington, Ohio

Dear Lucille,

(11/8/1999)

Thank you so much for sending me the complimentary copy of the October, 1999 issue of *The Towpath*. I was surprised and delighted to find the picture (on the back page) of your float in the Bremenfest parade this past summer showing my Dad, Fred Luedeke, pulling the float with his faithful Farmall Cub tractor and my brother, Dr. Jamie, walking alongside - also my (distant) cousin, Dru Meyer, who is included in this memorable picture!

I have thoroughly enjoyed my visits to the New Bremen Historical Museum. Thanks for all your work to keep us all in touch with our heritage. I'm enclosing a check for my subscription to *The Towpath*. Thank you again for thinking of me and sending this special issue!

Kathleen (Luedeke) Mascaro - Nyack, N.Y.

Hello New Bremen,

(11/18/1999)

Enclosed is my check for next year. Best wishes for your 25th Holiday Open House.

I am still at the Hunter Drug Store in Greensburg, Kansas, mainly at the fountain. I'm still waiting for more New Bremen friends to stop in. I've been here since October 1, 1952 and have served people from N.B., St. Marys, Celina and Lima. I enjoyed the fountain cokes at David Schwieterman's Drug Store in the 1950s. They served them for 5¢ a drink.

I went to the Central School (pictured on your new medallions) for 1 year, 1935-1936. My older brother Edison went to both schools, including 2 years of high school. James is my younger brother. Our parents were Oscar Huckriede and Alma Fark. George Fark was my uncle. I've been wanting to get some of our genealogy together back to New Bremen.

I enjoyed the story about radios in the October, 1999 issue of *The Towpath*, also the one in the April issue about Theodore Braun, etc. We used to visit the Wilson Brauns on trips back to New Bremen.

I keep looking for Ohio cars at our tourist attraction, "The World's Largest Hand-Dug Well", completed in 1888. It was dug 109' deep and 32' in diameter and cost \$45,000. We also have a 1000-pound meteorite on display at the Big Well.

Richard Huckriede - Greensburg, Kansas

### DID YOU KNOW???

New Bremen also has an interesting meteorite - a large pink rounded stone with lighter-colored "veins" over it, located on the Edward J. & Sophia Boesel lot in German Protestant Cemetery. It fell on the Boesel's farm and was later used as a one-of-a-kind monument. (ca. 1939-1947)





### HEADED FOR THE WOOD SHED

This cartoon in silhouette was drawn by Howard G. ("Bud") Kettler, cartoonist for "The Crimson & Gold" school newspaper when he was a junior and senior in New Bremen High School. It was published in the 2/21/1936 issue of *The New Bremen Sun*.

In December, 1947, Bud resigned his post-war job as postal clerk at the N.B. Post Office and effective 1/1/1948, through the purchase of the majority stock of the company owned by Fridolin Purpus and Emil G. Conradi since the early 1900s, he took over management of The Home Printing Company, publishers of *The New Bremen Sun*. He became the business manager of the job printing plant and also of *The Sun*, with Mr. Conradi staying on as editor until 3/4/1948, when Ray Kruger from South Bend, Indiana became the editor and also wrote a sports column called "Sportopics." The *Sun* was then located at 36 S. Washington St., having been moved there from 1-3 North Main St. in January, 1934.

On 7/15/1948, the name was changed to The Sun Printing Co. On 9/15/1949, Bud himself was listed as Editor of the paper, followed in July, 1950 by Carl Schrage. Bud built a new concrete block building at the corner of 1st & Walnut Streets, where he conducted the printing business from 9/21/1950 until 10/1/1952 when he sold the business to L.T. Stanley of Cincinnati. On May 6, 1954, L.T. Stanley sold the printing business to Charles & Eugene Bielefield of New Knoxville who later moved the business to the basement of the theater building on West Monroe St. In 1956-1957, the building at 1st & Walnut was sold for \$12,000 to the Auglaize School for the Retarded by Allen Dicke who had purchased it from Bud Kettler for \$10,000.

When Bud Kettler sold the *Sun* in October, 1952, he accepted a position as type designer with IBM in Troughkepsie, New York, having the type and font knowledge that IBM was looking for. In 1955, Bud designed the Courier type style (see sample in note) for the type bar typewriter and later, when the IBM Selectric

typewriter was created, Courier was adapted for the type ball used in this style typewriter. He also designed the Advocate type style for the Selectric. Of the many type styles Bud designed, he was most proud of designing the Braille font for the IBM Braille Writer, which embossed the paper so that a blind person could feel the typed image and read it. He traveled the world for IBM and also worked closely with the FBI and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police on confidential efforts.

One story related by Bud's brother, Bob Kettler, is that IBM designed a typewriter with a 36-inch carriage which typed letters 1 inch high. This typewriter was used to make "prompt cards" for President Eisenhower. Later another such typewriter was made for an official from India after this gentleman saw the one made for President Eisenhower. As an employee of IBM, Bud Kettler was involved in this project.

When asked what he was going to do after retirement, Bud replied, "The first thing I have planned is to design my own headstone in a new typestyle." When asked what it would say, he replied, "You'll have to come visit me to find out!" Howard G. ("Bud") Kettler passed away on September 13, 1999 in Lexington, Kentucky, just three days after his 80th birthday.

### A PREDICTION OF THE FUTURE??



As one of Bud Kettler's co-workers remembers him:

"His usual accessories were the pipe, which he seldom lit, and the little alpine hat he wore in winter. These along with his reddish complexion and the sheepish smile made him look like a beloved leprechaun."

This cartoon was also drawn by Bud Kettler as a junior in High School and was published in "The Crimson & Gold" in the 1/31/1936 issue of *The N.B. Sun*.

(Thanks to Bob Kettler & Tom Braun  
for their help in researching this article. ~ LMF)

**NOTE:** If you would like to read more about Howard ("Bud") Kettler, as written by former co-workers, it may be found at  
**WWW.GRAPHOS.ORG**



## *In Memoriam*

### **MARJORIE L. LIETZ (1918-1999)**

It is with much sorrow that we report the death on November 24, 1999, the day before Thanksgiving, of Marjorie L. (Gieseke/Conradi) Lietz. As many of you know, Marge was the Editor of *The Towpath* for many years - from October, 1987 through January, 1996, after which she was no longer able to continue due to Paul's and her own illnesses. Even after Paul's death on August 7, 1996, however, Marge continued to serve as a mentor whenever there were questions.

Marge was a Charter Member of the New Bremen Historic Association and later also became a Lifetime Member. She always looked forward to the Historic Association's annual Christmas Tree Festival and this year was no exception. The last time I talked to her on the phone, she was trying to come up with an idea for a unique display for this year's event. She thought that everybody would have 25 silver bells on a Christmas tree to represent our theme - "Silver Bells - our 25th Year" so she wanted to do something different. (I don't know if anybody actually had that specific design.)

Marge was born on January 4, 1918 to Arnold C. Gieseke and Elsie Jane Awrey. On June 15, 1935, she married Carl L. Conradi and they had two children, Dr. Edward C. and Genevieve. Carl died of a cerebral hemorrhage on March 18, 1944 and Marge was left to raise her two young children alone. On April 3, 1975, she married Paul Lietz.

Marge and Paul spent many happy hours together taking pictures, putting together slide and video programs, and taking them "on the road" to show them to various organizations and also to the school children, thereby providing all of us with much entertainment and a better knowledge of our home town, New Bremen. They also took up polka dancing. In her eulogy, Marge's granddaughter, Dr. Elaine (Conradi) Eustis, said that she pictures Marge and Paul together again, going polka dancing. My image of them is together again, "doing alleys" as they called it, both with cameras around their necks, looking for some new and unusual photo opportunity.

Our sympathies go to Marge's family - Drs. Ed & Sandy, Genevieve, five granddaughters, six great-grandchildren, and to her two sisters, Dorothy Kah and Evelyn Warner.

*(Lucille M. Francis)*

### **NEW MEMBERS THIS QUARTER (THRU 12/24/99)**

10/14/99 Brown, Molly (Kunning)-Powell, Ohio (Rejoined)  
10/05/99 Burris, Douglas - St. Marys  
10/01/99 Davis, William L., III - New Bremen  
10/14/99 Draving, Lucille (Harjehausen) - Covington, Ohio  
10/11/99 Glass, Christine (Richey) - St. Marys, Ohio  
10/08/99 Isern, Don F. - Troy, Ohio  
09/16/99 Kettler, Mrs. Howard - Lexington, Kentucky (TR)  
11/15/99 Laakso, Connie (Dickman)(LM) - Bellingham, WA  
10/01/99 Luedeke, Richard (LM)-Ft. Wayne, IN (Rejoined)  
11/11/99 Mascaro, Kathleen (Luedeke) - Nyack, New York  
10/13/99 McCollum, Audrey (Lampert) - New Bremen  
09/29/99 Meyer, Lucille (Hirschfeld) - Botkins, Ohio  
12/04/99 Nagel, Tony - New Bremen  
12/01/99 Nedderman, Kathy (Schmieder) - New Bremen  
09/14/99 Poling, Marilyn (Swartz) - Worthington, Ohio  
10/16/99 Quellhorst, Ralph - Powell, Ohio  
10/11/99 Reynolds, Janice (Richey) - Elida, Ohio  
10/21/99 Rohrbach, Kathryn (Westerbeck) - San Jose, CA  
10/21/99 Schnelle, Thomas - New Bremen  
10/02/99 Schroer, James - New Bremen  
10/14/99 Schulte, Leo - Piqua, Ohio  
10/03/99 Seyfried, Margaret - New Bremen (Rejoined)  
12/24/99 Walters, David - Hendersonville, North Carolina  
10/01/99 Wilson, Carol (Hittepole) - New Bremen  
10/07/99 Wilson, Joe - New Bremen

### **ADDITIONS TO LIFE MEMBERSHIP PLAQUE**

10/06/99 Boesel, Jacob J.  
12/05/99 Laakso, Connie (Dickman)(new)  
11/10/99 Loffer, Alberta (Ahlers)  
10/01/99 Luedeke, Richard  
12/04/99 Meyer, Drusilla (Luedeke)  
12/01/99 Nedderman, Kathy (Schmieder)(new)

### **MEMBER DEATHS THIS QUARTER**

09/16/99 Kettler, Howard (died 9/13/99)  
11/24/99 Lietz, Marjorie (Gieseke/Conradi)(CMLM)(11/24)  
11/01/99 Meckstroth, Earl (CM)(died 10/31/99)  
11/10/99 Vick, Edna (Dicke)(LM)(died 11/10/99)

### **TOTAL MEMBERSHIP AS OF 12/24/99 = 726**

726 = 89 CMs + 15 CMLMs + 239 LMs + 383 Yearly



"We hope you have enjoyed the photos of some of the happenings in New Bremen the last fifty years. We have enjoyed sharing them with you." **Paul & Marjorie Lietz**  
*(from the 1983 Sesquicentennial book)*