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WASHINGTON STREET NOW OPEN!

Those were welcome words on Monday, October 2, 2000 after a summer of detours due to the road construction and repaving of South Washington St. (State Route 66).

Shortly after the reconstruction began last summer, I received a call asking if I could find out when the previous brick street had been completed. In doing the research to try to find the answer, I found other interesting information concerning the early paving of New Bremen's streets.

Printed in the 2/1/1907 issue of the *New Bremen Sun* was Ordinance No. 501 "to levy special assessments for the construction of a sewer along Washington St., from the south side of South St. to the north end of Washington St., thence northwest to a creek." This project had been approved by the Village Council on 11/17/1906. A list of the lot owners and their assessments was included in this ordinance (see next page.)

Ordinance No. 512, passed 6/11/1907, ordained that Washington St. be improved "from the south line of First St. south to the south line of Cherry St. - by grading, setting curbing, and paving with vitrified or other hard burned brick." Ordinance No. 516, passed 6/25/1907, ordained that bonds be issued in the amount of \$5500 to create a fund for this purpose.

T.J. Mulligan of Lima was the lowest bidder on the project of paving Washington St., West Monroe St. (from the west side of Franklin St. to the east rail of the L.E. & W. Railroad), and First St. (from the east side of the M. & E. Canal bridge to the east side of Walnut St.) Logan block (brick) was to be used, along with gravel concrete for foundation, Berea sandstone for curbing, and cement filler. On 12/16/1907, the Village Council reported that the final costs were: Washington St. - \$20,180.50; West Monroe St. - \$4352.15; and First St. - \$2722.00 for a total of \$27,254.65 (plus a little over \$50.00 for extra labor.) The town received over \$750.00 for sand and gravel. Mr. Mulligan was commended for his "unusual fairness and liberality." Property holders were urged to pay their assessments as soon as possible to save the town the necessity of issuing a large amount of bonds.

On Wednesday morning, the entire bunch of Macedonians, who had been employed on the street paving job for several weeks, boarded the 8:12 car at the corner of Main & First Sts., each one with a heavy bundle containing all of his world's belongings, destined for their temporary home in Indianapolis. They wound up their stay here Tuesday evening by a hoe-down, with music, dancing and liquor. (N.B. Sun - 12/13/1907)

STREET AFIRE!

WORKMEN HAVE NARROW ESCAPE

Fire Hose & Bucket Brigade Needed to Extinguish Flames

A rare spectacle was witnessed on South Washington Street last Tuesday afternoon when it was necessary to bring out the fire hose, and a bucket brigade was drafted into service in order to put out the street which had been set on fire. Only by the combined efforts of about a dozen men were the flames extinguished and traffic could again be opened up.

This may sound somewhat ridiculous to those who were not eye-witnesses, but what transpired was so real that several of the working men engaged on the street paving will long remember the close call they had from being seriously injured.

The large machine plow which is used in plowing up the street and which is drawn by a powerful traction engine, had caught one of the service lines of the Gas Company and had broken it so that the full force of the gas was wasted in the loose surface made by the plow.

Unthinkingly the machine was reversed and once more traversed the space where the gas was oozing out of the ground. No sooner had the engine advanced so far that the fire box was above the leak, when a terrific sheet of fire shot up, completely enveloping the two men who were operating the machine.

Reflex action, however, caused the men to jump simultaneously with the explosion, and both escaped with but slight singeing of hands and faces. The traction engine stood immediately above the flames, and with difficulty did the men succeed in starting it again to remove it from the dangerous place. In the excitement the front wheels of the machine struck some obstacles in the road in such a manner that the axle broke, and only after about a half hour's work was the immense obstruction moved from the

ORDINANCE NO. 501

Assessments for the improvement of Washington Street
from The New Bremen Sun - February 1, 1907

LOT OWNER	LOT NO.	ASS.	LOT OWNER	LOT NO.	ASS.
Wagner Brewing Co.	29	45.00	Grothaus, Elizabeth	295	\$57.00
Boesche, Louise	29 S	\$75.00	Grothaus, Elizabeth	296	60.00
Bakhaus & Kuenzel	30	168.75	Goll, Catharine	297	57.00
Bakhaus & Kuenzel Co.	31 OL	37.50	Rabe Mfg. Co. (The)	298	75.00
Rabe, Wm.	32 N-OL	3.75	Rabe Mfg. Co. (The)	299	75.00
J.A. Long & Co.	32 S-OL	15.00	Rabe Mfg. Co. (The)	300	75.00
Speckman, Fred Sr.	33 N-OL	7.50	Rabe Mfg. Co. (The)	301	75.00
Grothaus, Ed.	33 C-OL	3.75	Behm, Fred	302	75.00
Star Brewing Co. (The)	33 S-OL	7.50	Kamman, Fred	303	75.00
Rairdon, W.H.	67	37.50	Kamman, Fred	304	60.00
Steineman, Charles	85	22.37	Newman, H.L.	305	75.00
Steineman, Charles	86	22.37	Rabe, Aug.	306	75.00
Dierker, Henry	91	32.92	Paul, Ed	307	75.00
Dierker, Henry	92	21.67	Brune, B.	308	67.50
Dierker, Henry	93	7.43	Brune, B.	309	60.00
Lanfersieck-Grothaus Co.	94	17.25	Kettler, Louis	310	12.75
Lanfersieck-Grothaus Co.	95	16.50	Kettler, Louis	311	9.00
Lanfersieck-Grothaus Co.	96	33.75	Kettler, Louis	312	6.75
Bruns, F.W.	98 W(pt.)	38.63	Kettler, Louis	313	5.25
Gilberg, Ida	98 W(pt.)	22.84	Gobrecht, Amelia	314	5.62
Williams, C.M.	99 W	60.00	Gobrecht, Amelia	315	5.63
Kellermeyer, Anna	100 W	60.00	Thiesing, Caroline	316	10.50
Laut, Dorothea	101 W	60.00	Thiesing, Fred	317	12.75
Hoffman, J.L.	102 W	60.00	Thiesing, Fred	318	13.50
Rabe, Aug.	268	7.50	Goll, Charles	326	42.75
Rabe, Aug.	269	3.75	Hermesmeyer, G.	327	40.50
Rabe, Aug.	270	1.88	Everist, F.W.	328	40.50
Nolte, Hy.	271	1.88	Everist, F.W.	329	48.00
Nolte, Hy.	272	1.88	Hermesmeyer, H.	330	48.00
Nolte, Hy.	273	1.88	Gilberg, Julius	331	48.00
Rabe Mfg. Co. (The)	276	15.00	Rabe, Wm.	332	48.00
Rabe Mfg. Co. (The)	277	15.00	Flack, M.F.	333	48.00
Rabe Mfg. Co. (The)	278	15.00	Grothaus, Hy.	334	48.00
Rabe Mfg. Co. (The)	279	15.00	Rabe, Wm.	336	51.00
Grothaus, Ed.	280	15.00	Rabe, Wm.	337	51.00
Grothaus, Ed.	281	15.00	Ekeremeyer, Martha	338	51.00
Grothaus, Ed.	282	15.00	Finke, Louise	339	51.00
Schroeder, Eliza	284	11.25	Knost, Martin	340 N	25.50
Schroeder, Eliza	285	9.00	Wiemeyer, Malinda	341	51.00
Schroeder, Eliza	286	7.50	Kuenzel, Gottfried	342	51.00
Thiesing, John	287	67.50	Nieter Co. (The)	343	69.75
Thiesing, George	288	67.50	Nieter Co. (The)	344 S	53.25
Boesel's Bank	289 S	41.25	Rabe, Theo.	344 N	15.45
Thompson, George	289 N	35.25	Rabe, Theo.	345 S	1.13
Gast, Gregore	290	63.75	Rabe, Theo.	345 C	47.25
Nieter, M.S.	291	57.00	Village of N.B.	346 C	33.75
Grothaus, Ed.	292	60.00	Lanfersieck, J.F.	346 NC	61.13
Grothaus, Ed.	293	57.00	Koeper, John A.	346 NC	52.50
Grothaus, William	294	57.00	Dierker, Henry	346 N	70.50

track to allow the cars to pass and traffic to be again resumed.

How to extinguish the gas flames without shutting off the service of the entire town was a question that puzzled even the gas men for some time. However, several sections of fire hose and about a half dozen men with buckets soon succeeded in throwing such an amount of water on the leak that the flames were smothered and everybody returned serenely to work again.
(N.B. Sun - 9/6/1907)



BARBERS OF NEW BREMEN - ca. 1922?

The barber in the center has been identified as Grover ("Dooley") Wissman, father of Paul Wissman, the donor of this picture. The barber on the left (with the dog) is thought possibly to be William ("Patty") Patterson or Ernest Tomhafe. No clues about the barber on the right. The building behind the barbers is thought to be the Schulenberg building at 7 West Monroe St. where William Patterson & Grover Wissman were in business together from about 1915-1925. This building was later occupied by Purpus & Boesel Insurance Agency, and is now part of the Bicycle Museum. Notice the board sidewalk - a "plank pavement" was put down in front of this building (their stopping place) in 1902 by the Western Ohio Railway (Interurban) Co. as an accommodation for their patrons (*N.B. Sun* - 10/31/1902). With very good lighting and a magnifying glass, it is possible to see a calendar hanging on the wall just inside the door at the right. It appears to say March, with the 31st falling on a Friday. Using a perpetual calendar, the year of 1922 would seem to be appropriate.

GROVER WISSMAN

Grover William ("Dooley") Wissman was born 1/2/1886, the son of Frederick Carl and Louise Katharine (Tostrick) Wissman. He died 1/5/1977. He was married 4/16/1914 to Amanda M. Deitemeyer. They had one son, Paul Wissman.

Mr. Wissman started to learn the barber trade in 1900 while still going to school. He served his apprenticeship (about 3 years) with William B. Patterson, whose shop was then located at 108 W. Monroe St. (later Mel Laut's and then Bill and Jane Jackson's Jewelry Store.)

In 1915, Mr. Patterson closed this shop. Also in 1915, Grover Wissman purchased Gottlieb Laut's barber shop (next to the Hotel) when Gottlieb disposed of his business in N.B. to move to Columbus to open a shop in partnership with his son, Ben Laut. "Dooley" Wissman and "Patty" Patterson then formed a partnership which lasted 10 years, after which Mr. Wissman sold his share of the business to Mr. Patterson and "Dooley" purchased the shop owned by Joe Lanfersieck at 16 S. Washington

St. (later the home of The American Budget.) "Dooley" was known for his habit of giving "good" little boys a shiny new penny if they sat still while getting a haircut.

In March, 1958, after 56 years in the barber business, Grover Wissman retired (*N.B. Sun* - 3/27/1958.) His business was taken over by John Schmitmeyer, who had been employed in Dayton for the previous 3 years. A year later, in 1959, John sold the business to his brother, Walt Schmitmeyer, & John moved to St. Marys where he is still in business in the South Wayne St. Barber Shop. Walt continued to barber in this location until 1974, when he moved to 320 W. Monroe St., to the building that had been built by Marian Bassler (wife of Rev. Emil Bassler) about 1961 as a beauty shop and had most recently been used as a barber shop by Jim Tonttrup, who quit the barber business to go to work at Crown Controls.

Today, there are only two barbers operating in New Bremen - Walt Schmitmeyer and Ernie Philpot, who opened his first shop at 38 S. Washington St. in October, 1951, then moved next door to 36 S. Washington St., and later to his residence at 106 West First St.

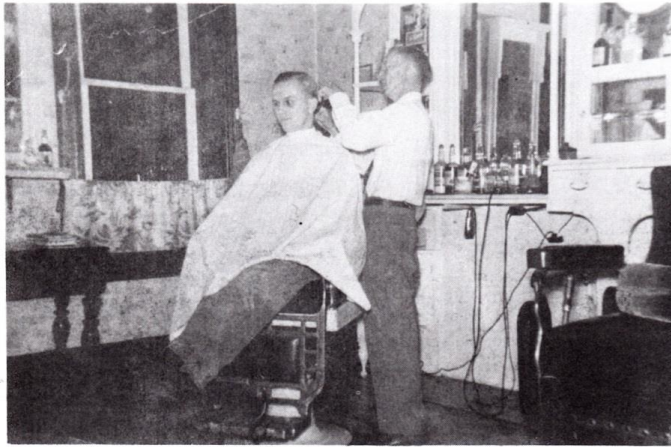


photo provided by Jerry Brown

JOHN BROWN'S BARBER SHOP

214 N. Main St. - New Bremen, Ohio

John Brown cutting Robert G. Heinfeld's hair in
February, 1948

John Brown, who moved to New Bremen in October, 1936, with his wife, Ora (Fox), and 4-year-old son, Jerry, to take over Tony Rupert's Barbershop, had been a farmer in eastern Auglaize County for about 20 years, until he developed heart problems and couldn't handle the hard work any more. He quit farming, attended barber school in Cincinnati in 1928, and after finishing his barber training, started a barber shop in Uniopolis, Ohio, which he ran until 1936. He and his wife and youngest child (Jerry) lived in New Bremen from 1936 until April, 1955, when he and his wife moved to Cridersville, Ohio to start a new barbershop there. He ran this shop until he retired. His son, Jerry, graduated from New Bremen High School in 1950 (see the April, 2000 issue of "The Towpath" - page 14) and later served as New Bremen's high school principal from 1969-1984. (The Browns had 3 older children - 2 girls, Jessie Katterheinrich and Beulah Carter, and another son, Carl Brown.)

J.W. Brown of St. Marys this week acquired the Tony Rupert Barber Shop on North Main St. The Brown family will make its home in the Schwerts residence in which the barber shop is located.

Mr. Rupert & daughters, Cathryn Margaret & Nova Faye, left N.B. Monday to join Mrs. Rupert in Jacksonville, Florida where they will establish their future home. (N.B. Sun - 9/4/1936)

Barbershops in the 1930s, 1940s, and 1950s were quite different from those of today. There were no appointments, so customers would go to the shop and sit and wait for their turn to get a haircut or a shave. There might be as many as 6 people waiting, so there was a lot of conversation among customers and a lot of stories were told, especially fishing stories, as John Brown was an avid fisherman and everyone knew it. John usually went fishing on his days off, which weren't many. The shop was open every day from 8 a.m. until 9 p.m. except Sundays, Monday mornings, and Thursday afternoons & evenings.

John Brown had his barber shop in the front room of the family's residence, which he purchased from the Schwerts heirs in September, 1937. [In April, 1955, the house was purchased by Richard & Annabelle (Jung) Tontrup, who sold it to the present owners, Thomas & Ruth (Wilker) Keller, in May, 1973.] The 200 block of North Main St. was a small business district in New Bremen. There were at least 8 businesses operating in this 1/2-block area during this time period, and most were small family-owned businesses, with just a few employees.

Just south of the barbershop, at 212 N. Main St., was Gieseke's Grocery Store, purchased by Milton & Mabel (Schwepe) Gieseke in September, 1937, also from the Schwerts heirs. It was later (1942-1952) called "The Little Store" by the next owners, Virgil & Fern Hirschfeld. [Virgil says that the reason he and Fern called it "The Little Store" is that when he was a little boy, his grandmother, Mrs. Fred Quellhorst, who lived on the north end of the street (314 N. Main), would ask him to run up to the "little store" to purchase some items for her.] The building was purchased by Richard & Annabelle Tontrup in September, 1957 and they sold it to the Kellers in May, 1973. This building was demolished in 1982 and a garage was added to the south side of the brick house formerly owned by Barber Brown at 214 N. Main.



photo provided by Virgil Hirschfeld

Brown's Barber Shop on the left & Hirschfeld's "Little Store" on the right in the spring of the year - notice the seed racks on the right (about 1943?). The young boy on the scooter has been identified as Jerry Brown.

South of "The Little Store" (formerly Gieseke's Grocery) was a brick building (shown on the N.B. map in the 1880 Atlas of Auglaize County) which had been used as a blacksmith shop by Christ Aue and his sons, Henry & August (until about 1929-1932?), an auto repair shop, and as a storage garage for state highway department trucks by Arlie Schwepe (a brother to Mabel Gieseke), who worked for the State Highway Dept. for 30 years.



Photo provided by Virgil Hirschfeld

**Gieseke's Grocery ("The Little Store") on the left
Aue's Blacksmith Shop / State Hwy. garage on right
Extreme right - house at 206 N. Main St.**



N.B. Historic Assoc. photo

Hegemier house at 206 N. Main St. - ca. 1977-1978

South of the brick building, at 206 N. Main St., was a small frame house (also shown on the 1880 map), originally owned by Christ Aue, then his son, August Aue (1898), purchased in August, 1932 by Rosina (Dickman) Heinfeld and in April, 1954 by Arnold & Viola (Heinfeld) Hegemier. In April, 1979, both of these buildings (west ½ of lot #53) were sold by Arnold & Viola Hegemier to Adrian Kinninger, who had a machine shop in the building on the corner. He subsequently tore down both buildings and the entire west ½ of lot #53 has been turned into a parking lot.

At the end of the block, at 202 N. Main, is a large 2-story stucco building which housed Leo Huenke's Tavern, Jim & Lucille Scheer's Cafe (1951-52), and later Bolly's Restaurant, formerly operated by Paul ("Bolly") Moeller, now operated by Brian Trego. The north side of the building once housed Leo Huenke's Garage, which sold & repaired automobiles and sold gas. (see picture in the April, 1998 issue of "The Towpath"). It was purchased

by Adrian Kinninger in February, 1962 from Lola (Huenke) Dietrich and used by him as a machine shop, more recently by Jim Brining, and since June, 1998, Jack Slife (Century Machine & Tool Co.) is the owner of the entire west ½ of lots #53 & #54.)

Across from Leo's Place / Bolly's, on the northwest corner of Main and Second Streets, at 201 N. Main (presently the site of Precision Reflex), sat a frame building which had been used by several businesses, the last being offices for Arnold Poppe's Bremco Mills. In the spring of 1948, this building was purchased by Holy Redeemer Catholic Church and was moved in December, 1949 to the corner of Pearl & North Herman Street (440 N. Herman.) (See the July, 1998 issue of "The Towpath"). It is now owned and inhabited by Jamie and Sheila Kuhn. (After the building was removed, the site was used as a used car dealership by several people - Allen Kuenning, Rasneor Motor Sales (1952), Brandon Sales & Service (1953).

Across the street from the barbershop, at 213 N. Main St., was Henry Block's Plumbing Shop, now the home of Daryl Dammeyer, Henry's grandson. (Daryl and his wife, Wanda, started their picture-framing business, "The Artist's Touch", at this location. Their business grew, and they eventually moved to the "mall" at the south end of town.)

Two doors north of Block's Plumbing, at 219 N. Main, was Hoffman's Paint Store (now Hoffman Decorating) which has been in the Hoffman family for 5 generations. The business was started in 1875 by Philip Hoffman Sr., followed by his sons, Henry & Philip Jr., then by grandson Paul (Henry's son), and now by great-grandson, John, and his son, Craig. Henry's daughter, Selma (Mrs. Webster Geib) also operated Selma's Beauty Shop at this location.

Back to the east side of the street, across from Hoffman's and 3 doors north of the barbershop, at 222-224 N. Main, was Leo Kuhlhorst's egg-packing plant (ca. 1924-1949.) (Prior to the egg-packing plant, the building had been used as a pork-packing plant, owned by Henry Schmidt, and a general store owned by Adam Bruggeman.) The large vacant brick building with double front doors is still standing and was most recently used for storage.

North Main Street is one of the oldest streets in New Bremen, being part of the original plat of 1833, and has some of New Bremen's oldest buildings, including the Luelleman house (the present New Bremen Historical Museum at 120-122 N. Main), believed to be the oldest structure still in existence in New Bremen.

by Jerry Brown

(A Meyers & Schwerts Brewery is shown on the 1880 map of New Bremen as being located on Lot #52, the lot later occupied by John Brown's Barber Shop at 214 N. Main St. and the Frank & Lois McCune house at 209 N. Water St., however no other information has been found to verify its existence.)

✂✂✂ MORE BARBER "CLIPPINGS" ✂✂✂

WILLIAM B. PATTERSON

William Baker Patterson was born 5/9/1874 on a farm near Covington, Ohio, the son of Thomas and Salome (Hess) Patterson. On 4/12/1903, he married Katherine L. Lanfersieck and they lived at 14 N. Water St.

He was apprenticed in the barber trade at an early age and came to New Bremen to accept employment in a shop conducted by his brother, John Patterson. Eventually he owned and operated his own shop. When he retired, he disposed of his barber business to Howard Scheer.

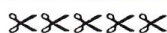
Proud of his Irish ancestry, "Patty" was known for his wit and humor. He was "Patty" to young and old alike, and easily made friends with each succeeding generation.

On 3/15/1937, William Patterson died suddenly while attending the funeral service of his neighbor, Ed Hoepfer, in the Hoepfer home at 104 N. Water St. He was survived by his brother, John Patterson, of Greentown, Indiana and a sister, Mrs. Otis Upton, of Piqua, Ohio.

N.B. SUN - 5/12/1899: John Patterson sold his barber shop to F.C. Wissman (father of Grover Wissman) and put it in charge of his nephew, Lafayette Stork.

N.B. SUN - 3/16/1900: Henry Schelper, bartender, purchased the barber business of Lefe Stork.

N.B. SUN - 6/29/1900: Henry Schelper sold his barber shop to William ("Patty") Patterson.



ERNEST TOMHAFF

Ernest Frederick Tomhaff was born in New Bremen 3/5/1869, the son of Peter and Dorothea (Kuhlhorst) Tomhaff. At an early age he was apprenticed as a cigar maker, but later became a barber. In 1892, he established his own shop on South Washington St. and continued to operate it until a few months before his death on 6/12/1932. In point of service, he was the oldest business man in New Bremen.

Mr. Tomhaff possessed unusual artistic talent and many of his sketches and wood carvings were prized possessions in New Bremen homes. Notable among these were two which he presented to the Knights of Pythias Lodge, of which he was a charter member. (see "The Towpath" - April, 1999).

Mr. Tomhaff was married on 9/14/1899 to Dora Meyer, daughter of William and Sophia (Backhaus) Meyer. Two children who grew to adulthood were a daughter, Eva Tomhaff, and a son, Paul. Paul was also a barber and also possessed his father's artistic talent of wood carving. (One of my family's "treasures" is a thermometer that was hand carved by Paul Tomhaff in 1919.)

Ernest Tomhaff was survived by a brother, John Tomhaff, of Oakland, California and 2 sisters of New Bremen - Mrs. William Koeper and Mrs. Ewald Dickman.

JOSEPH W. LANFERSIECK

Joseph Lanfersieck was born 4/5/1880 at Sandusky, Ohio, the son of August & Amanda (Hutter) Lanfersieck. His father at that time was engaged as a plow manufacturer at Sandusky in partnership with Herman Klaboecker. Joseph's mother died when he was a small boy and he was reared in New Bremen in the home of his uncle and aunt, J(ohn) F(rederick) and Mary (Wellemeier) Lanfersieck. His father later re-married, to Cora Behm, and Joseph had 2 step-brothers, Fred & Roscoe Lanfersieck.

On 1/25/1912, Joseph married Josephine Bruns, who had conducted a hat shop at 109 S. Washington St. for about 12 years (see "The Towpath" - April, 1998). They had one daughter, Elodie Lanfersieck, who is married to Lendor Sollman.

Joseph Lanfersieck operated a barber shop at 16 S. Washington St. (then known as the J.F. Lanfersieck building) for many years. Upon his retirement from that business due to ill health, he established a successful insurance agency and also operated a real estate office. He served as New Bremen's treasurer from 1931 until his death on 4/4/1934, and also was appointed deputy registrar of motor vehicles for the N.B. area.

N.B. SUN - 3/17/1899: Joseph Lanfersieck has opened a barber shop in the former gas office.

N.B. SUN - 3/15/1901: Emil Schneider has leased Joe Lanfersieck's Barber Shop. Mr. Lanfersieck retired due to sickness.

N.B. SUN - 9/27/1901: Louie Roettger has leased the barber shop operated by Emil Schneider.



EMIL SCHNEIDER

Emil J. Schneider was born in 1878. On 10/4/1906, he married Clara S. Wissman, a sister of Grover Wissman. A daughter, Ruth, was born in 1909 and a son, Ralph, was born in 1912. Both Emil & Clara died in 1921 at a young age. Emil barbered in several locations in New Bremen.

An electric massage machine is one of the latest improvements in Joe Lanfersieck's barber shop on Washington St. This is a machine of very peculiar structure, the motive power being electricity and the parts coming in contact with the human body being rubber disks and teeth. These perform the massage proper and it is claimed that it thoroughly cleans the inactive pores of the skin and in cases of rheumatism and neuralgia, much relief is afforded the patient. Joe proposes to still further improve his shop by the installation of a cash register.

(N.B. Sun - 7/19/1907)

New Bremen will have to continue with only two barbers. Charles Block, DeGraff barber, today canceled arrangements for moving to N.B. Instead, he and his son, Charles, Jr. are opening a new shop in Bellefontaine.

(N.B. Sun - 9/13/1951)

THE BLOODY BARN BATTLE NEAR NEW BREMEN, OHIO

Howard Burba, Dayton Daily News - 1935

On November 26, 1879, the day before Thanksgiving, sales in the stores of the little town of New Bremen, Ohio had been unusually heavy as the citizens prepared for a holiday of feasting and rejoicing. Thanksgiving day dawned crisp and bright and the streets echoed with laughter and greetings as the church bells pealed forth their call to a service of thanksgiving.

Among those citizens walking in the streets was an employee of the Speckman and Nieter General Store at the corner of South Washington Street and Front Street (later to become a part of the Arcade Department Store.) Entering the store on a trivial errand before proceeding to the union thanksgiving service, the employee discovered the store's strong-box door standing ajar. A moment later he discovered evidence of a burglary. Goods were in disarray, merchandise was scattered about, and papers, hastily jerked from the safe, lay scattered on the floor.

The clerk sought out the Town Marshal, Franz Lindenberg, and told him of the discovery. Along with Constable August ("Stuff") Wehrman, the three men entered the store. The proprietors were notified and upon their arrival, a search of the safe revealed that \$80 had been removed, along with some valuable papers and negotiable bonds. In the main part of the store, articles of hardware, cigars, etc. were also discovered missing.

No trace of the robbers could be found. Inquiries made of near-by residents did not develop any clues, since most people in those days of coal-oil lamps had retired early the evening before and had not noticed any strangers or suspicious characters on the streets.

In the afternoon of Thanksgiving day, Henry Mueller, a farmer living 1 mile east of town, came to the home of Marshal Lindenberg, bearing a leather bag containing a complete set

of burglary tools. He told Marshal Lindenberg that he had found it at the edge of a straw pile adjacent to his barn. Apparently it had been hidden in the straw pile and his cattle, while feeding there in the morning, must have pulled it from its hiding place.

Mr. Mueller did not at the time know about the robbery of the previous evening, but when told, everyone agreed that the bag had a bearing on the burglary. It was thought that the burglars were probably still in close proximity to the spot where the bag had been found. A posse was immediately organized to visit the Mueller farm and make a complete search of the barn and outbuildings. It was decided, however, to wait until nightfall, since the barn was out in the open and could not be approached without detection during the daylight hours.

Shortly after dusk, Marshal Lindenberg, Constable Wehrman, businessman J.H. Boesche, and Dr. W.F. Wood, all heavily armed, proceeded to the Mueller farm, being joined there by Mr. Mueller and his oldest son, Henry, Jr., age 16. The two younger Mueller sons, John F., 12, and August W., 10, positioned themselves further from the barn to observe any attempts to escape, in which case they were to sound an alarm to the searchers inside the barn.

The search was started in the haymow, with Marshal Lindenberg carrying a solitary tin lantern. No sooner had they reached the interior of the barn, however, than a shot from the haymow extinguished the candle's dim light. The only light left was the bright moonlight streaking through the crevices in the walls, enabling the men to detect any movement that might be made.

Moments after the extinguishing of the lantern, other shots were directed at the posse, whereupon two of the men in the posse grabbed pitchforks and began plunging them into the straw in the mow. A cry from Marshal Lindenberg announced that he had been shot and he made his way to the house with a bullet in his abdomen. More pitchforks were used

as two of the posse's revolvers failed to operate. The sound of the incessant firing rang out on the still night air and quickly brought neighboring farmers to the scene.

Three men were seen, at various intervals, making their way from the barn, firing shots as they went. As one of them climbed a rail fence, he was shot by Dr. Wood. The other two escaped into a nearby woods and were never found.

Constable Wehrman was also wounded by a shot in his arm. Young Henry Mueller, Jr. received a laceration of an index finger. The others escaped unscathed.

The burglar who had been shot by Dr. Wood was found to have been killed almost instantly. A search of his body failed to produce any identification.

Marshal Lindenberg was removed to his home at 17 East Vine Street, where he died on December 1, 1879. He was buried in German Protestant Cemetery on the Carl Geib lot. (His wife was Phillipine Geib. She remarried, on January 27, 1881, to Jacob Billing.) Mr. Lindenberg's funeral was one of the largest ever held and was the first to be conducted by the Masonic fraternity which had been organized in 1870. (see *The Towpath* - July, 1999)

The unidentified burglar was also buried in German Protestant Cemetery in an unmarked grave, undoubtedly in Potter's Field. (A picture in Howard Burba's 1935 account in the *Dayton Daily News* shows an "X" marking the burial site "under an old cedar tree in the northwest corner of the cemetery." This location appears to be at the northeast corner of Potter's Field, presently near a maple tree.)

At dawn on the day after Thanksgiving, search parties went out in all directions in the hope of apprehending the two fleeing gunmen. Neighboring towns had been informed of the affair and officers in every section of Ohio, eastern Indiana, and lower Michigan joined in the manhunt.

Several weeks later, two men with criminal records were arrested in Toledo, with neither being able to furnish an alibi for Thanksgiving Day or the preceding evening when the burglary occurred. The suspects were taken to Wapakoneta for trial, however since there was only circumstantial evidence, the jury refused to convict them.

The trial set a new record for interest shown, with hundreds of New Bremen residents leaving their work for days at a time to crowd the little Auglaize County courtroom and all the streets surrounding it.

Two of the principal witnesses at the trial were young John and August Mueller, who in later years became the proprietors of the Mueller Brothers Clothing Store at the corner of Monroe and Main Streets. They testified that, on the day after the shooting, they had made a thorough search and had found a baking

powder can filled with pennies stuffed into the side of the same straw stack.

Almost a year later, while hauling manure from the barnyard, the boys discovered a cigar box hidden under the sill of the cattle stalls. It was half full of cigars which were believed to have been part of the loot taken during the robbery.

The log house which served as a refuge to Marshal Lindenberg and Constable Wehrman was replaced with a frame residence. (In 1935, when this article was written, it was tenanted by the Silas Fledderjohn family. Later, it became the home of the Alton Schaefer family.)

The log barn was covered with weather-board some years after the gunfight. Later pictures of it show a "Curlee Clothes" advertisement on the end, advertising the Mueller Bros. Store. The barn was struck by lightning when the Alton Schaefer

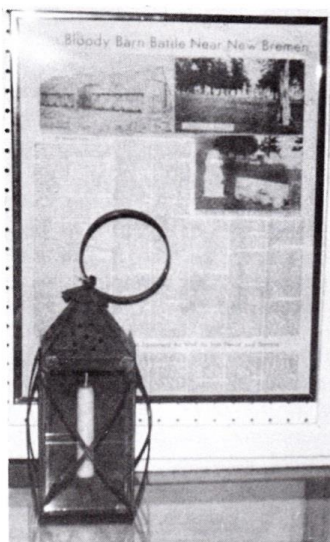
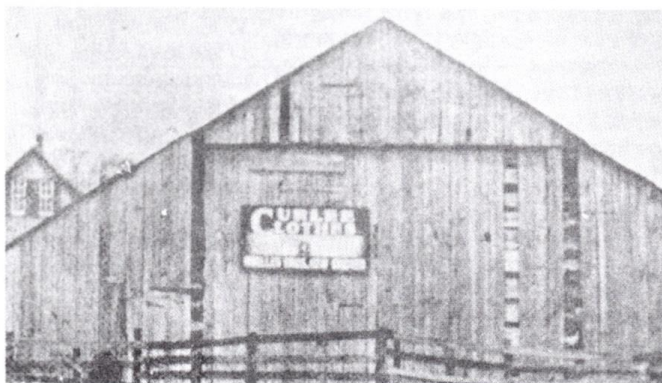
family lived there and burned down on July 2, 1950.

The Lindenberg house at 17 East Vine St. is now the home of Charles & Erlene (Topp) Garman.

One of Constable August Wehrman's children was Clarence, ("Molly"), who served as N.B.'s Village Marshal for nearly 20 years.

The lantern used by Marshal Lindenberg stayed in the Mueller family and was donated (along with Howard Burba's 1935 *Dayton Daily News* article) in 1996 to the New Bremen Historic Association by Mr. & Mrs. Theophil ("Tafe") Mueller. Tafe was a son of John Mueller. Marie Mueller (see pg. 11) was a daughter of August Mueller.

(When Howard Burba wrote this story in 1935 for the *Dayton Daily News*, he got his information from the two surviving witnesses to the affair, John & August Mueller - also from old newspaper files.)



And now.....

The Rest of the Story

Whatever happened to the rest of the participants in the "Bloody Barn Battle" of November 27, 1879?

J.H. Boesche

John Henry Boesche was one of the most prominent businessmen of New Bremen, conducting the large dry goods and grocery store at the corner of Monroe and Washington Streets (later the home of the First National Bank.) He also conducted an extensive grain and pork business.

Around 1911, Mr. Boesche and his wife, the former Marie Louise Nieter(t), whom he married April 3, 1856, moved out west to spend their declining days with their children - first in Kansas, then Spokane, Washington, and finally in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Mrs. Boesche died June 15, 1917, at the age of 78 and was buried in Willow Grove Cemetery. Mr. Boesche died two years later, on October 29, 1919, at the home of his son, Lafe Boesche, in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He was 88 years old.

(N.B. Sun - 6/15/1917 & 10/31/1919)

Dr. W.F. Wood

Dr. Wm. Francis Wood was born December 15, 1839 in Cincinnati, Ohio. On December 3, 1861, he married Olivia Pritchard of St. Marys and began the study of medicine, graduating from both the Cincinnati and Columbus medical colleges.

His first practice was at Kossuth, Ohio in 1864. After 18 months, he moved to Jessup, Iowa and 18 months later, back to Ohio, locating at New Bremen, where he had a lucrative business for over 18 years. While in New Bremen, the family lived at 5 S. Walnut St. (presently the Marie Schrolucke property.) Other doctors who lived & practiced at this location were Drs. C.N. Potts (1889), J.A. Kussman (1892), E.M. Phelps (1903), George A. Haveman (1908).

In May, 1885, 5½ years after "The Bloody Barn Battle", the Wood family moved to Sidney, Ohio.

On Saturday, April 14, 1888, Dr. Wood met with his own tragic death due to a freak accident. As he was returning from a professional call in the country, he overtook his neighbor, Samuel Stephenson, on the top of the hill on North Ohio St. in Sidney. He stopped his horse and asked Mr. Stephenson to ride along. Mr. Stephenson placed a basket of carpenter's tools in the buggy and had just gotten one foot upon the steps, when the horse, frightened at the clatter of the tools, made a sudden spring and dashed down the street at a furious rate, throwing Mr. Stephenson down.

Dr. Wood got a good hold of the reins, however, and when partly down the hill, was getting the horse under control, when a saw flew out of the basket and caught in the hind wheel of the buggy. The sharp clatter frightened the horse even more and he then flew like the wind. Dr. Wood, probably fearing that he would be thrown from the careening buggy at the railway crossing or dashed against the iron bridge, made the fatal jump when opposite the broom factory, striking the ground with great force and plunging upon his head, while the horse ran down to the stable of its former owner, Perry Wharton, on South Ohio St.

Dr. Wood was taken to his home on South Ohio St. where physicians gathered to minister to his needs. His injuries were so severe, however, that he soon sank into a stupor and died with hardly a struggle early on Sunday morning. He was survived by his wife and four children: Dr. Horatio F. Wood, Harry N. Wood, Lockhart Wood, and Daisy Wood.

(N.B. Sun - 4/27/1888)

Dr. Wood's Horse

Dr. J.A. Kussman had a mishap while returning home from a patient in the country Wednesday night. It was at 11:00 p.m. on the St. Marys Pike near Cornelius Koop's farm that his horse "Judge" shied by the sudden move of a man who had not seen the horse until he was right close. The horse, which is of nervous temper, jumped to the side and the sleigh touched his feet. This set "Judge" afire and he sped down the road pell-meli. He became unmanageable and the Doctor, who knew that a bridge had been torn out on the road, chose to jump. He crawled out, placing his feet on the runners, but the great momentum overcame him and he rolled over into the snow, dislocating and fracturing his right thumb. He walked on towards town and when he came to the open bridge, he found "Judge" with his sleigh, standing unharmed. The Doctor had to drive around by the Lock Two Road to get home. "Judge" has quite a runaway record. He is the one that caused the death of Dr. W.F. Wood, formerly of this place, on April 14, 1888.

(New Bremen Sun - 1/21/1893)

Dr. Kussman had his old gray horse "Judge" killed yesterday. This was once upon a time a splendid horse. He was formerly owned by Dr. Wood, who lost his life in a runaway accident with him in Sidney. Later Dr. Potts owned him and he too figured in one or two runaways. This horse was high-strung and sensitive, but could travel with lightning-like speed. The last year or so, he showed distinctive signs of fagging out and for some months prior to his death was of no account at all.

(N.B. Sun - 7/28/1899)

MARSHAL FRANZ LINDENBERG HONORED

About 10 years ago (ca. 1990), Marshal Franz Lindenberg's name was included in those inscribed on the National Police Officers' Memorial in Washington, D.C. In May, 2000, his name was included in the new Ohio Police Officers' Memorial on the grounds of the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation in London, Ohio. This is an honor given all police officers who have been killed in the line of duty.

(Doug Harrod, N.B. Chief of Police)

From the Mailbox....

Dear New Bremen friends, 6/16/2000

I meant to send my check for a membership much earlier, but misplaced it. So, here it is - better late than never. You are providing a very important task in keeping the history of New Bremen alive. Thank you for that. I will always carry New Bremen with me. It is still my hometown.

Sincerely, Fred Fryberger

EDITOR'S NOTE: Fred and his family lived in N.B. in the 1970s. Fred was a teacher and the assistant coach of the revived (1971) N.B. football team. (See "The Towpath" - January, 2000)

Dear Mrs. Francis, 7/22/2000

We wanted to tell you how much we enjoy *The Towpath*. It is a pleasant reminder of our days in New Bremen. We have moved a few miles and have built a new house on Greg's parents' family farm. Greg designed the house, patterning it after a 1½-story cottage built by Pierre Menard, the first Lieutenant Governor of Illinois. The home has ample space for our married daughters to come home for holidays and recreation space for our 16-year old son. (new address included)

Greg & Linda Parrott - Robinson, Illinois

EDITOR'S NOTE: Greg & Linda and their family also lived in N.B. in the 1970s. Greg was a history teacher and served as the first curator of the New Bremen Historic Assoc.

To: New Bremen Historic Assoc. 6/30/2000

Thank you for another excellent edition of *The Towpath* - April, 2000, about the interurban. Wilson Ahlers and Gottlieb Laut, both mentioned in that issue, were relatives of my parents, Leonard C. and Wilhelmine (Laut) Jordan. Enclosed is a contribution to be used where most needed.

Sincerely,

Eugene L. Jordan - Plymouth, Michigan

Jerry Brown, President: 6/30/2000

My father, DeLoss Jordan, was born in N.B. in 1920 and graduated from N.B.H.S. in 1937. His parents were Omer Jordan from N.B. & Anna Hinker from Minster.

In past years he received *The Towpath*, but has moved somewhat and somehow the newsletter didn't catch up with him. He currently lives in a rest home in Southern California and would very much like to receive *The Towpath* again. He always enjoys keeping up with news from his hometown and especially enjoys stories about the "old times in N.B." Could you please send these newsletters to him again? (2000 dues enclosed)

Linda M. (Jordan) Wackenthaler - Middletown, Ohio

Dear Lucille, 8/7/2000

I'm enclosing payment for my brother, Gene Ahlers, who has been reading my *Towpaths* and enjoys them so much that he wants a subscription too. I also talked to my mailman, Dick Meckstroth, and he was glad to get the complimentary copy I asked you to send him.

Thank you, Alberta (Ahlers) Loffer (LM) - St. Marys, OH

I received my July copy of *The Towpath* the other day and was delighted to see that my brother, Jake Boesel, had donated our Grandfather Michael Stone's Civil War sword to the N.B. Historic Association. Could you please send me a dozen copies of *The Towpath*?

Sincerely, Kenneth S. Boesel (6/30/2000)

Dear Lucille Francis, Editor: 7/7/2000

Thank you so much for the complimentary copies of the July, 2000 issue of *The Towpath* which you sent me last week. I plan to send one to each of my relatives whom I know will be interested in our (Stone/Boesel) family genealogy and New Bremen.

My father, Otto Boesel, was the attorney for the N.B. Council back around 1920 when we lived in Wapakoneta. Once in a while he would let me go with him when he attended Council meetings. I was only about 6 or 8 at the time, so I would stay with my Grandmother Mary Stone, or our friend, Esther Fearing, and sleep all the way home - 17 miles. Esther had been a baby-sitter for my older brother, Paul, and me when we lived in the corner house across the street from Leon Stroeyer and Esther and her mother. (see "*The Towpath*" - April, 1999).

I'm enclosing a check for a brass plate on the Memorial Plaque in memory of Capt./Dr. Michael & Mary Stone. Thanks for the prompt attention to my request for copies of *The Towpath*.

Sincerely, Kenneth S. Boesel - Verona, Pennsylvania

Dear Lucille, 8/8/2000

Enclosed is a check for a lifetime membership in the N.B.H.A. I understand the membership fees are on a "per person" basis. Nonetheless, I trust that my wife, Janet, will be permitted to read *The Towpath* over my shoulder - ☺. She is the one most responsible for my late-blooming interest in my ancestry and my parents' hometown.

During a May visit to N.B. to attend a memorial service for my sister, Jean (Schulenberg) Dunbrook, formerly of Nokomis, Florida, we took the occasion to tour the town and revisit some sites that I remembered from the 1930s when I would visit N.B. and stay with my grandparents for a week or two each summer. We also began delving into the genealogy of the Schulenberg and Vornholt families from whence I have sprung. We had the opportunity to benefit from the assistance of Tom Braun. He gave freely of his time and steered us to many historical records of interest. Equally helpful were his comments and memories which seemed to draw from an unlimited reservoir of knowledge about the history and people of New Bremen.

We picked up a copy of *The Towpath* during our visit and were impressed by the variety of interesting topics. The complimentary copy which you sent in July was equally interesting - actually more so, since it contained quite a few references to the Schulenberg family line. Keep up the good work, as we look forward to future editions. Sincerely, Ted Schulenberg - Kerrville, Texas

Dear Lucille,

8/14/2000

A year or two ago you gave me Marie Mueller's address. I wrote to her, but didn't receive a reply. The enclosed letter explains why.

Dear Friends of Marie Mueller,

We got your name and address from mail received by my Aunt Marie within the last few years.

Aunt Marie died April 1, 2000. She died peacefully and determined to go to a heavenly home where she would be able to see again, walk again and where she could again be useful and free of pain. These were some of the things she had told us.

We thank you for all the cards and letters.

Sincerely, Jerry G. Mueller, nephew - Williamsburg, Ohio

I am sure many others will remember Miss Mueller as our piano teacher many years ago in New Bremen. I don't remember seeing her listed under member deaths, but maybe she wasn't a member anymore.

Miss Mueller always encouraged my young girl's dream of becoming a concert pianist and playing with an orchestra. She said, "If you practice real hard, someday I'll arrange an audition for you at the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music!" That sounded so exciting then, but I never made it.

This summer - fifty some years later - I found myself there for a harp conference (I've traded the piano for a harp!) and remembered her words to me. So I said to myself, and to her, "Well, Miss Mueller, I finally made it to the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music!"

I think she's probably teaching piano lessons up in Heaven, don't you?

Carolyn (Dammeyer) Cook - Friendswood, Texas

EDITOR'S NOTE: Marie Mueller's membership had indeed lapsed. That is why her death was not previously mentioned in *The Towpath*. In the April, 1996 issue, we printed a letter we had received from Marie, part of which I am reprinting here:

"I was born and raised in New Bremen. My home was at 15 N. Main St. from 1905 until 1970, when I took my mother with me to West Milton, where I was teaching then. Just across the street was Mueller Brothers Store, which was operated by my father, August Mueller, and my uncle, John Mueller. They were in the men's clothing business there for many years while I was growing up. I graduated from N.B.H.S. (in the old Opera House), in 1923."

Yours truly, Marie Mueller

After receiving the above letter from Carolyn Cook, I wrote to Jerry Mueller, nephew of Marie, asking if he might have a picture and obituary of his aunt that we could print to bring back more memories to Marie's former students. He sent several pictures - the one I have chosen to print is from the early 1970s, about the time Marie left New Bremen. He also sent a biography put together by him and his wife, Barbara, which was read at Marie's funeral, along with several newspaper articles.

Dear Ms. Francis:

9/4/2000

We were thrilled to get your letter. We visited your city recently and did not realize you had a historical association or we would have tried to connect with you. We did not realize there were those who remembered Marie and my grandparents in New Bremen. I have fond memories of the years I spent there with my grandparents. Thank you again for your interest in my aunt.

Sincerely, Jerry G. Mueller



Marie Mueller

Marie Elizabeth Mueller was born 5/1/1905 in New Bremen, Ohio to August & Amanda (Dinkel) Mueller. She died 4/1/2000, 1 month before her 95th birthday. She had two younger brothers, Carl & Harold. She was survived by three nieces and a nephew, Jerry.

Marie's parents were both musically talented. Her mother

played the organ in St. Peter's Church (ca. 1900-1904) and her father (and 2 uncles - Henry, Jr. & John) played in many bands. August Mueller played the coronet and/or clarinet. A granddaughter has three of his clarinets.

Marie wanted to be a teacher since she was in the 4th grade and found music class fascinating. She attended Bowling Green College for 2 years, but finished her education at Miami University. Some of the schools where she taught were in Anna, Ansonia, Columbus, Pemberville, Perrysburg, and West Milton, where she ended her career in 1974, after completing 47 years as a music teacher, 16 of those in West Milton. She taught band, elementary and every other combination of subjects the schools needed. When not in school, she gave piano lessons and led church choirs. Some of this included private piano lessons even after she retired.

Marie loved gardening and traveling and took trips to Alaska, England and other exciting places. She enjoyed the opera and concerts in Dayton. She touched many lives with the music talent she possessed and gave to others.

Marie's philosophy of teaching included high expectations from her students. "I expect a lot more from each child than I used to because I have learned that the more you expect the more they do. At the same time, I've grown more tolerant with the children who do not perform well. They get just as much enjoyment out of singing as those who sing well." Because she was a strict teacher, those who took piano lessons from her remember her insistence and repetitive scolding. Former students who came to her funeral were those who took her warnings seriously and ended up learning the right principles.

After falling on the ice and breaking her hip in 1993, Marie went to live with a niece in Middletown. After a stroke in 1996, it became necessary to live the rest of her life in a nursing home.

by Jerry G. & Barbara Mueller - Williamsburg, Ohio
(edited for space)

Dear Sir or Madam:

8/13/2000

Please find enclosed a check for \$75.00 for a life-long membership in the N.B.H.A. My grandparents, Elton H. & Mildred (Vornholt) Schulenberg, both grew up in N.B. Although I have only been to N.B. twice, both the occasions of funerals, I was charmed by the town itself and eager to see and learn more about the places of my heritage. I have recently been given two books about New Bremen - *Ralph May Remembers* and *New Bremen* - which I have avidly read. I wish you the best of luck in your efforts.

Sincerely, Margaret Schulenberg - Austin, Texas
(daughter of Ted & Janet Schulenberg - see page 10)

EDITOR'S NOTE: The two books mentioned in the previous letter can still be purchased.

There are still a limited number of *Ralph May Remembers* available from either the N.B. Historic Association or at the New Bremen Public Library for \$7.00 (include \$2.00 S/H, if mail order.)

For information about *New Bremen*, by Mark Bernstein, published in 1999, contact The Crown Store at 629-9201 or 1-800-298-4708.

Lucille Francis,

8/1/2000

Please send *The Towpath* to my aunt, Delores (Luedeke) Fogt, in Racine, Wisconsin. Her husband, Harold Fogt, was the youngest brother of my father, Clifford Fogt. She is 92 years old, and was a frequent visitor to N.B. for many years. I sent her the article on Harry Ludeka from the July, 2000 issue. He was a cousin of hers and also of my mother, Frieda (Luedeke) Fogt. I'm sure she will enjoy reading about N.B.'s early days.

Thanks, David C. Fogt - Houston, Texas

CHRISTMAS GIFT SUGGESTIONS

As you can see, we have been receiving requests and subscriptions/dues for gifts of *The Towpath* to family members and friends. If you know of someone who does not get *The Towpath*, perhaps you would like to give them a subscription/membership as a Christmas gift. We can send them a notification that you have done so, along with a copy of our most recent issue, if desired.

Also, don't forget that we still have both High School and Grade School commemoratives for sale (see the April, 2000 issue of *The Towpath* for a picture and prices.

PICTURE CLARIFICATION

A phone call from former New Bremenite, Jim Cooper, now living in Ponca City, Oklahoma, informed me that I had mis-identified the building in the 1912 picture of the Civil War veterans at the top of page 6 in the July, 2000 issue of *The Towpath*. He says that they were standing in front of the Schulenberg building at 7 West Monroe, the same one pictured in this issue on page 3.

"To confess a fault freely is the next thing to being innocent of it." *Publilius Syrus*

NEW MEMBERS THIS QUARTER (THRU 9/30/00)

06/19/00 Fryberger, Fred - Vermilion, Ohio
07/08/00 Jordan, DeLoss - Montclair, California (Re-joined)
07/29/00 Swank, Joyce (Braun) - Piqua, Ohio
08/04/00 Fogt, Delores (Luedeke) - Racine, Wisconsin
08/07/00 Ahlers, Eugene - St. Marys
08/11/00 Schulenberg, John (Ted) - Kerrville, Texas (LM)
08/18/00 Schulenberg, Margaret - Austin, Texas (LM)
09/29/00 Hoffman, Sam - Townsend, Massachusetts (TR)

MEMBER DEATHS THIS QUARTER

07/03/00 Fledderjohn, Bernadine (Luedeke)(LM)(d. 7/3/00)
08/13/00 Thiesing, Reuben (LM)(died 8/13/00)
09/29/00 Hoffman, Edith (Bertram)(died 9/29/00)

ADDITIONS TO LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

08/11/00 Schulenberg, John (Ted)
08/18/00 Schulenberg, Margaret

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

The following memorial donations have been received this quarter:

in memory of Capt./Dr. Michael & Mary Stone

by Kenneth S. Boesel (grandson).

in memory of Roger B. Schaefer

by Dale & Shirley Schaefer; Craig, Brenda & Lauren Siefiring; Gary, Donna & Amy Schmitmeyer.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL AND OPEN HOUSE

The New Bremen Historic Association will hold its 26th annual Christmas Tree Festival on Saturday and Sunday, December 2nd & 3rd. This year's theme will be "Christmas Through the Centuries — Past, Present, Future."

Anyone wishing to decorate a tree for the museum or donate a raffle or door prize may do so by calling Dru Meyer at 629-3495.

The museum will be open to the public to view the trees and various displays on Saturday from 6:00-9:00 p.m. and on Sunday from 11:30 am.-6:00 p.m.

Please support the museum with your decorations, raffle prizes and door prizes. If you have any questions about this event, or for more information, please call 629-3495.

Dru Meyer, Special Events Chairman

ST. PAUL CHURCH REPLICA

The St. Paul Church Capsule (Ladies' Organization) is selling hand painted, miniature ceramic replicas of the church for \$30.00 each. They come with a light bulb and cord. They make excellent gifts and/or keepsakes for anyone with a present or past interest in New Bremen's first church, established in 1833. For more information, or to place an order, contact:

Lori Micheal, Capsule chairperson (419-629-3005)