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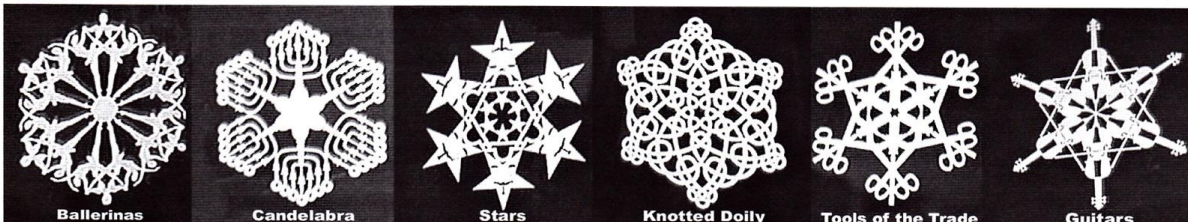
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Some of the artwork displayed by Dr. Snowflake in our museum the past few months

ANNUAL DINNER - MARCH 19, 2007

The N.B.H.A. met for our annual dinner and program at 6:30 p.m. Monday, March 19th at Faith Alliance Church. A roast beef dinner was prepared by Ruth Krieg and her girls and the Faith Alliance youth group served drinks and cleaned up tables. Flowers from Wagner's IGA adorned the tables. President Larry Dicke presided, introducing the officers and appointees. Two new trustees were named to replace Mary Paul and Ned Dammeyer, they being Diane Paul and Jim Bruns. After this short business meeting, Larry introduced the speaker, Johann Klein, who told about his young life in Rumania.



Johann Klein & his wife, Mary (Brueggeman) present a copy of Johann's book "My Lost Home" to N.B.H.A. curator, Delores Stienecker, at the 2005 Community Picnic on 6/5/05.

Johann Klein was born March 22, 1927 in the little German village of Ober-Eidisch, Transylvania, Rumania, to Johann and Katharina (Emrich) Klein and was educated in the Ober-Eidisch school.

Johann worked on the family's farm until September 1944, when one day during W.W.II, the Russian troops moved into the village, bombing and burning homes. The German Air Force evacuated all the German residents and the Kleins became refugees, taking only the clothes on their backs. They were taken by trucks to Hungary, Austria and Germany, and for 2 months, they passed through air raids, bombed railroads and cities, hunting food along the way.

The Klein family was separated, not knowing the whereabouts of each other. Johann was taken to a farm in Germany where he worked until March 1945, after which he then worked in Lening, Ober Austria until March 1952.

As displaced persons, Johann, his sister Katharina (who later married Allen Sandkuhl - they now live in St. Marys), and his parents applied to come to America. They sailed on the General Sturgiss Army ship for 11 days until it reached the harbor at New York City. Their sponsor, Church World Service, brought the family from NYC to St. Marys, Ohio on March 16, 1952. Johann found work at the St. Marys foundry for 2 years, then worked at Stamco in New Bremen for 25 years.

In November 1953, Johann married Mary Brueggeman and they settled on the ancestral Brueggeman farm where they raised 4 children: Robert, Carol (Deeg), Donald and Joyce (Evers). (All of their family attended the dinner/program and sat at the speaker's table with their parents.)



Johann Klein, Sr. worked at Stamco until his death in January 1969. Katharina became a member of the Senior Citizens' organization when they formed and was a familiar sight dancing in her German garb at Bremenfest picnics, etc. She passed away in March 1986.

In 1965, Johann and Katharina took their first air flight back to their homeland for a 3-week visit with Mrs. Klein's 79-year-old mother, sister, brothers and many of their former neighbors and friends. While there, they were honored with a reception and dance. They enjoyed their visit, but they were glad to get back to the "good old USA".

Johann and Mary keep in touch with people the Klein family lived with in Austria, and also with relatives and friends who left Austria. Some of the refugees now live in Canada, some in Michigan and some in Indiana.

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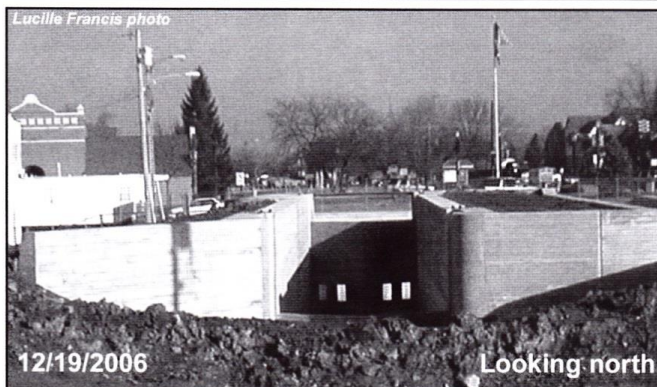
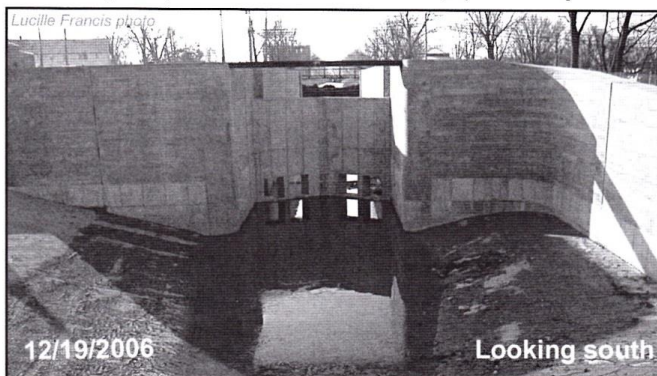
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LOCK ONE PROJECT UPDATE

[From past N.B.H.A. minutes & newspaper articles]



All cement has been poured and the metal gates are yet to be put into place - also the landscaping. Lighting along the towpath is being looked into. Plans are being considered to build a lockkeeper's house along the canal to replicate the old one, often referred to as the "Thompson house" after one of the lock-keepers who lived there. The house would contain a museum & restrooms as well as a meeting room, and would be protected by a security system. Cost is estimated to be about \$450,000. A transportation enhancement grant is being sought from the state.

Another project that is being considered is to have a lifesize bronze statue created of a muleskinner and his mule. Cost for that project is estimated to be about \$90,000. We have already received a small donation towards that project!

N.B.H.A. BARN RENOVATION

[From past N.B.H.A. minutes]

The barn project is now finished except for the entrance. The whole project was done with Carl Roediger doing most of the work or overseeing the whole project at no expense to the Historic Association. Doug Roediger also helped his father by doing some of the work.

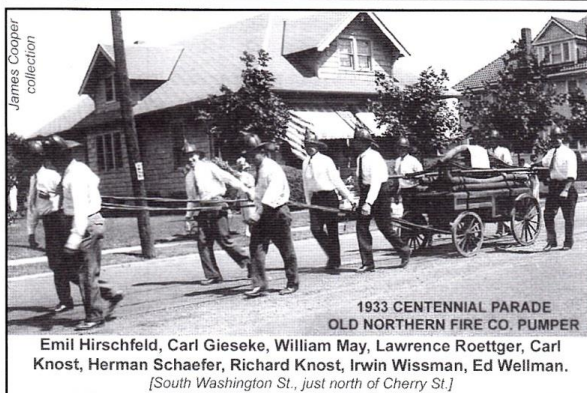
Electrical work was contracted by Don Applegate. Electrical conduit was installed between the new ceiling and the OSB board with about 8 lights to be put into place and electric heaters to be installed near the ceiling. Susie Hirschfeld and Mary Moeller volunteered to paint the inside of the barn. A new roof is also yet to be put on the barn.



FIRE DEPARTMENT SESQUICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

June 9th and June 20th will mark 150 years since the founding of the Northern & OberBremen-Cataract Fire Departments (see last issue of "The Towpath"). A book about the history of the various Fire Departments and a celebration are being planned for sometime in June.

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DO YOU REMEMBER? (*West Du Noch?*)

[by Fernando W. Bruns - N.B. Sun, 10/22/1942]

YE OLD TIMERS - Do you remember when the blanket mill of the Backhaus and Kuenzel firm was gutted by fire? 'Twas in March of 1889 (*N.B. Sun* - 3/22/1889) around the hour of 11:00 a.m. when the bells in the Cataract and Northern Fire Co. fire houses sounded the alarm.

This penciler well remembers the occasion. Looking from a window on the north side of the grade school building on South Franklin St., which at that time also housed the high school, a pall of smoke was seen pouring forth from the upper windows of the building. The fire originated in the picker room in the 3rd story, and after the heat had shattered the windows, the 2 upper stories of the building became a seething furnace, the flames bursting on all 4 sides and then down to the lower floor.

Daring feats were performed by the firemen to keep the fire from spreading to adjoining property. One noteworthy act by Ben Schulenberg, one of the nozzle men of the Cataract Fire Co., was when he climbed a ladder up to the 3rd story and stood up on the south side brick wall and directed his nozzle from this position. We can still see him standing there, and when one takes into consideration that we did not have a "Hook and Ladder" truck at that time, it was surely a daring feat. The Minster Fire Dept. responded upon request for help and after several hours fighting by the Cataract, Northern and the Minster companies, the flames were brought under control.

And do you remember when the "Conrad Drug Store" was set on fire by an incendiary? The store was located in Herman Laut's building on South Washington St., now owned and operated by Ferd G. Wint as a restaurant.

Mr. Conrad hailed from Toledo, Ohio, where a lot of safe blowers and other bad men made their headquarters at that time. Soon after Conrad had acquired a lease on this business room for a term of years from Herman Laut, he shipped a carload of drugs and other merchandise here and had arranged and advertised a grand opening week.

The fire occurred on Saturday evening when the Republicans of New Bremen & German Township were in mass convention, putting the finishing touch to a ticket to be placed in the field that spring, when the alarm was sounded from the tower of the Cataract Fire Co., then located on Front St., which was followed by an alarm of fire from the tower of the Northern Fire Co. on North Main St., an incident which, of course, broke up the G.O.P. meeting in the 2nd story of the fire house, which at that time was also the Village Council chamber. Both the Cataract and Northern fire companies responded promptly with their fire fighting apparatus, and though the fire had gained a good headway, it was brought under control an hour later.

The origin of the fire was attributed to numerous causes for a day or two. However, when someone took an axe and broke the staves of numerous charred barrels and discovered the contents to be just plain water instead of wine and liquid drugs, an investigation was started by an adjuster of the old Cooper Fire Insurance Co. of Dayton, at that time represented by Edward Purpus, local agent, and it was discovered that the barrels really contained water, and a number of pasteboard boxes had contents of no value whatsoever. The insurance company then started a real investigation which was brought to the attention of the Auglaize County Common Pleas Court.

After an airing of several days, Mr. Conrad failed to put in his appearance one morning, and inquiry revealed that he had left for parts unknown. His failure to return was accepted as silent evidence that someone had applied the torch, and then the case was brought to a close.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

[by Fernando W. Bruns - N.B. Sun, 2/13/1947]

Located on what was the municipal market place was New Bremen's village government building which served as such until the village dads ordered the removal of their meeting place to the newer city building on South Washington St., while in more recent years a second-story room in the Grothaus block on West Monroe St. at the corner of Main St. has become the official council meeting place.

In addition to transacting the town's business at monthly council meetings in the hall of the old Main St. "Engine House", the street level room housed the Northern Fire Co.'s hand fire engine and hose cart and the "Alert Hook and Ladder" truck for many years. The village prison, or calaboose, also was contained in this building and during the early village history was principally used to sober up just plain drunks after wedding and holiday dances. The Village Marshal would call for his overnight charge on the following morning and hail him before the Mayor when a fine of \$5.00 and costs was assessed. Upon payment of same, the overnight prisoner was freed and admonished to not repeat "until the next time."



This picture first appeared in the April 1996 issue of "The Towpath".

It was submitted by Dave Hemmert of Wapakoneta, Ohio. He purchased the jail around 1981 when the museum of Harry Fischbach of Kettlersville was sold.

Harry Fischbach had taken the jail when the N.B.F.D. needed the space for their fire trucks.

From the Mailbox

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Thank you so much for the complimentary copy of the January 2007 issue of "The Towpath". I am sending my membership for 2007.

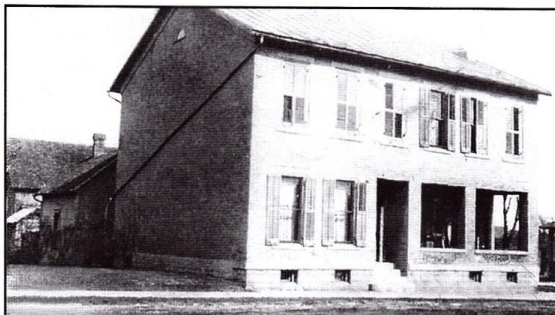
My mother, Marie (Hoffman) Schmehl, was born in New Bremen July 2, 1901. Her parents were Philip Hoffman, Jr. and Katherine Dinkel. (I think Katherine's parents owned a butcher shop in New Bremen.) (see "The Towpath" - April 2003, page 10.) Philip and Katherine had 3 children: Margaret (Buckingham), Marie (Schmehl), and Theodore Hoffman, all now deceased.



Philip & Katherine (Dinkel) Hoffman, Jr. with their children
Margaret, Theodore & Marie Hoffman



Margaret (b. 4/29/1900), Marie (b. 7/2/1901), Theodore (b. 11/10/1902)
(children of Philip Hoffman, Jr.)
Other 3 children unknown - may be Hoffman cousins.



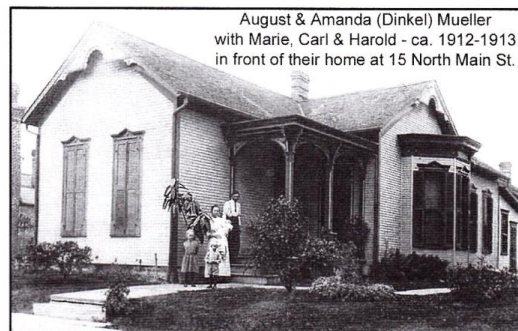
The home of Philip & Katherine (Dinkel) Hoffman, Jr.
101 North Water St. - New Bremen, Ohio
(Philip Hoffman remodeled this house in September 1907)

Philip Hoffman, Jr. was the eldest of 6 boys. His brothers were Frederick, Henry, Herman (who died at the age of 8), Konrad and Daniel. Frederick and Konrad were both ministers.

Mother's aunt and uncle, August & Amanda (Dinkel) Mueller, were part owners of Mueller Brothers Clothing Store on the corner of Main and Monroe Streets. They lived at 15 North Main St., catty-corner from the store. The home is still there, but it was completely remodeled and updated in later years. The Muellers had 3 children: Marie, Carl and Harold. Marie's mother, Amanda, played the organ at church and Marie and her father sang in the choir for many years. They were all very musically talented. In 1970, Marie and her mother moved to West Milton where Marie taught music for many years.

(see "The Towpath" - April 1996, October 2000)

I am donating an old book of piano music that was given to me in 1994 by Mom's cousin, Marie Mueller, along with letters she wrote to me about the book. It is called "Golden Circle", was published in 1873 and contains marches, waltzes, polkas and other dance music. The title page was lettered by my grandmother, "Miss Katie Dinkle", in alternating colored pencils when it was given to her by her parents for her 6th birthday (1877). Marie wanted the book to go to "someone who loved antiques and valued the significance of old tattered articles formerly used by family members". I cannot now think of a better place for this very old book than the New Bremen Historic Association.



August & Amanda (Dinkel) Mueller
with Marie, Carl & Harold - ca. 1912-1913
in front of their home at 15 North Main St.



These are photocopies of the
Hoffman and Mueller families, their
homes, and my grandparents'
automobile. There is also one of the
"Interurban on Main St." (which is being
sold by the NBHA as a color print.)

My parents, Louis and Marie (Hoffman) Schmehl, lived in St. Marys all their married life. They had 2 daughters, Martha and Carol, when, in November 1927, they bought a small farm east of St. Marys on what is now Route 33A. I and 5 more siblings were all born there - there were a total of 7 girls and 1 boy. All are still living. My father lived there until his death in January 1991 at the age of 91. My mother passed away in 1984 at 83.

I have good memories of New Bremen, but not many, as my grandparents died in their mid-50s (1926 & 1927) - before I was born. My great-grandmother, Maria Anna (Bissantz) Hoffman, died January 16, 1928, 11 days before I was born. My great-grandfather, Philip Hoffman Sr., died in 1920.

Thanks again for sending me the complimentary copy of the January 2007 issue of "The Towpath" at the request of Selma (Hoffman) Geib.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Virgil (Marjorie Schmehl) Stienecker
St. Marys, Ohio

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40	BRAUN	DALE	115	DICKE	LODEMA	190	FRIITZ	JANET
41	BRAUN	REV FLOYD P	116	DICKE	LOUISE	191	FRONING	DR JACOB F
42	BRAUN	JOHN	117	DICKE	NICHOLAS	192	FRONING	RICHARD
43	BRAUN	RICHARD W	118	DICKE	PAUL A	193	FURRY	ERIC A
44	BRAUN	ROBERT W	119	DICKE	ROGER	194	GAERKE	MARK
45	BRAUN	THOMAS W	120	DICKE	DR THOMAS E	195	GAGEL	DONALD & JANICE
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49	BROWN	STEVEN A	124	DIETRICH	RALPH	199	GARMAN	CHARLES & ERLINE
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53	BRUCKEN	ROBERT	128	DODD	JANET	203	GERLING	LEON & ROSEMARY
54	BRUNS	JAMES H	129	DOENGES	HELEN	204	GIESEKE	E CLARK
55	BRUNS	WILLIAM G	130	DOENGES	VERNON	205	GILBERG	JOHN & JOYCE
56	BRUSSELL	GERALD	131	DONNERBERG	JAMES	206	GILBERG	ROBERT C
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242	HEGEMIER	DUANE F	317	KETTLER	JAMES	392	MACKENBACH	FRED W & JO ANN D
243	HEGEMIER	REV GENE & JUNE	318	KETTLER	ROBERT & BETTY	393	MAICH	WALTER
244	HEIL	VIRGINIA	319	KITTEL	KARL & DELORES	394	MANLEY	MOLLY LOU
245	HEINFELD	BLAINE	320	KITTLE	EVELYN	395	MARLEY	ROBERT
246	HEINFELD	DUANE	321	KLEIN	DONALD	396	MARSHALL	ROBERT E
247	HEINFELD	EVELYN M	322	KLEIN	JOHANN & MARY	397	MARTIN	ANITA J
248	HEINFELD	JULITTA	323	KLEIN	ROBERT & BRENDA	398	MASCARO	KATHLEEN
249	HEINFELD	MARK	324	KLIER	JOAN	399	MAURER	ARTHUR W
250	HEINFELD	ROBERT G	325	KLINGER	DARRIN & CHRISTINA	400	MAURER	DAVID & CHRISTINE
251	HEINFELDT	DAVID L	326	KLINGLER	DENNIS & EDITH	401	MAURER	MARY
252	HEITKAMP	ARNOLD & NANCY	327	KNAPKE	DR GENE	402	MAURER	SHIRLEY
253	HEITKAMP	DALE P	328	KNOST	JACK W	403	MAURER	VICTOR L & VIRGINIA
254	HEITKAMP	DENNIS W	329	KOENIG	BETSY	404	MAURER	WALTER P
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256	HELLWARTH	DONALD	331	KOENIG	DARYL	406	MAXSON	JERRY & SUE
257	HELZER	GAIL	332	KOENIG	DOROTHY	407	MAY	JILL
258	HENKE	LUCILLE	333	KOENIG	PAUL & JANET	408	MAY	LOIS
259	HENRY	JUDITH A	334	KOENIG	ROGER	409	MAY	MARTHA
260	HENSCHEN	EDYTHE	335	KOENIG	SHIRLEY A	410	MAZE	MARY KATHRYN
261	HERRING	MARGARET E	336	KOENIG	WILLIAM J	411	MC CLURE	WALTER & DORIS
262	HERTENSTEIN	STANLEY & DOROTHY	337	KOEPEL	BARBARA	412	MC COLLUM	WILLIAM C
263	HEYNE	NANCY	338	KOEPEL	DOROTHY	413	MC CUNE	LOIS A
264	HIRSCHFELD	CARMAN	339	KOEPEL	JOHN	414	MC DANIEL	SUSAN
265	HIRSCHFELD	CRAIG	340	KOHLER	DARLENE	415	MC DERMITT	LINDA
266	HIRSCHFELD	DALE	341	KRAMER	DAVID	416	MC GOWAN	BETTY W
267	HIRSCHFELD	EUGENE	342	KRAMER	MARY E	417	MC KAY	RUTH E
268	HIRSCHFELD	FAYE	343	KRIEG	RUTH	418	MECKSTROTH	JUDY A
269	HIRSCHFELD	GERALD	344	KRITES	SUZANNE	419	MECKSTROTH	NORMAN
270	HIRSCHFELD	LYNN	345	KUCK	DAVID E	420	MECKSTROTH	RAY E
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272	HIRSCHFELD	STANLEY E	347	KUCK	KAREN	422	MECKSTROTH	SALLY
273	HIRSCHFELD	SUSIE	348	KUCK	LEE	423	MELCHERT	JAMES
274	HIRSCHFELD	VERLIN & ENOLA	349	KUCK	LLOYD	424	MESLOH	E DOUGLAS
275	HIRSCHFELD	VIRGIL	350	KUCK	MARY L	425	MESLOH	FREDERICK M
276	HIRSCHFELD	WALLACE	351	KUCK	ROBERT D	426	MESLOH	JANINE LOUISE
277	HITTEPOLE	MARLENE	352	KUCK	RUTH	427	MESLOH	KARL & ETHEL
278	HIXSON	ANNE S	353	KUCK	WILLIAM	428	MESLOH	KARL E
279	HOBROCK	MARIE	354	KUCK	WILLIAM H	429	MESLOH	NICHOLAS H
280	HOFFMAN	CHANDRA	355	KUENNING	DORIS	430	MESLOH	WILLIAM N
281	HOFFMAN	CRAIG	356	KUENNING	FRANKLIN	431	METZ	DAVID
282	HOFFMAN	JOHN P	357	KUENNING	SCOTT	432	METZGER	MARY
283	HOFFNER	FRANCES	358	KUENNING	STANLEY & DONA MAE	433	MEYER	GARY K
284	HOGENKAMP	PINA	359	KUENNING	B/G THOMAS E	434	MEYER	JAMES
285	HOLCOMB	NORMAN	360	KUENNING	TIM	435	MEYER	JOHN
286	HOLDREN	TOM & JOYCE	361	KUENNING	TRUDY	436	MEYER	LUCILLE
287	HOLDREN	TONY	362	KUENNING	VIRGINIA	437	MEYER	MICHAEL J & DRUSILLA
288	HOLLEMAN	STEPHANIE E	363	KUEST	ALMA E	438	MEYER	ROSANNE
289	HOLMER	REV LAWRENCE T	364	KUETHER	VERONICA E	439	MEYER	TONY
290	HOMAN	DONALD	365	KUHLHORST	WALTER	440	MEYERS	DAVID W
291	HOTCHKISS	HOLLIE	366	KUHN	LARRY L	441	MILLER	VIRGINIA B
292	HOWARD	CHRISTINA	367	KURTZMAN	MARY ELLEN	442	MOEHLENKAMP	DOROTHY A
293	HOWELL	RICHARD	368	LAAKSO	CONNIE	443	MOELLER	FRED
294	HUCKRIEDE	EARL R	369	LAMPERT	JOANN	444	MOELLER	FREDA
295	HUCKRIEDE	RICHARD	370	LAMPERT	SHARON	445	MOELLER	JACK
296	HUDSON	ANNA MAE	371	LANCE	JENNEY	446	MOELLER	JAMES
297	HUNTER	BETSY	372	LANE	DONNA R	447	MOELLER	KIMBERLY S
298	HUNTER	ROBERT	373	LAUT	LLOYD J	448	MOELLER	LOIS
299	HURTER	BECKY	374	LEAR	KOHNEITA	449	MOELLER	MARY E
300	HUWER	DOROTHY	375	LEFFEL	ROSE	450	MOELLER	ROBERT & LISA

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451	MOELLER	RONALD L	526	QUELLHORST	MERVIN & JEANNETTE	601	SCHROER	DWIGHT
452	MOELLER	SUSAN	527	QUELLHORST	PAUL & DOROTHY	602	SCHROER	JAMES
453	MOELLER	TODD W	528	QUELLHORST	REV RALPH	603	SCHROER	JANICE
454	MOHRMAN	GORDON	529	QUELLHORST	STANLEY	604	SCHROER	JOHANNA
455	MOORE	JAMES E	530	RABE	ANDY	605	SCHROER	KENNETH
456	MOORE	THOMAS H & BARBARA	531	RABE	VALENTIN	606	SCHROER	MARILYN
457	MOORE	WILLIAM J & JANE	532	RABLEY	LOIS	607	SCHROER	RICHARD A
458	MOWERY	HENRIETTA	533	RAMMEL	JEAN	608	SCHROER	STANLEY
459	MUELLER	JERRY G	534	RANYAK	MARK	609	SCHROER	STEVEN
460	MUELLER	ROGER	535	RATCHFORD	THELMA	610	SCHULENBERG	JOHN T & JANET B
461	MUELLER	RONALD E	536	REED	DR ALEXANDER C & MARY	611	SCHULENBERG	MARGARET
462	MUNYER	MARIANNA J	537	REESE	CAREN	612	SCHULENBERG	SUE
463	MURRAY	PATSY	538	REESE	FRANCES L	613	SCHULENBERG	WILLIAM E
464	NAGEL	CHARLES J, JR.	539	REICHELDERFER	BETTY J	614	SCHULTE	LEO
465	NAGEL	DAN	540	REINEKE	VERONA	615	SCHWARTZ	DIANNE
466	NAGEL	JOHN	541	REISNER	EMILY	616	SCHWARTZ	LOUIS
467	NAGEL	ROBERT S	542	REMPE	JAMES H & MARY ANN	617	SCHWEISSGUTH	JOANN
468	NAGEL	TONY	543	REMPE	PAUL C	618	SCHWEPE	JOHN J
469	NEARGARDER	GEORGE	544	RICHEY	HERBERT	619	SCHWIETERMAN	DAVID & RUTH ANN
470	NEDDERMAN	BERNARD & BARBARA	545	RIEBEL	DR RONALD L	620	SCHWIETERMAN	DR DONALD
471	NEDDERMAN	FORREST H	546	RINDLER	SHARON	621	SETTLAGE	HELEN
472	NEDDERMAN	KATHY	547	RINEHART	JOHN C	622	SEYFRIED-CLEMMONS	MARY ANN
473	NEDDERMAN	LOREE	548	RITTER	RUTH	623	SHAFFER	MARTHA
474	NEDDERMAN	ROBERT	549	ROBERTS	BEVERLY	624	SHAPIRO	KAY
475	NEUMAN	LARRY	550	ROEDIGER	CARL	625	SHARP	JAY
476	NEWMAN	CINDY	551	ROEDIGER	DOUGLAS	626	SHAW	VIRGINIA
477	NIEKAMP	JOE	552	ROEDIGER	GENE	627	SHELBY	MIKE
478	NIETER	C FRED	553	ROEDIGER	LA ROSE	628	SHELBY	WILMA
479	NOBLE	KATHLEEN K	554	ROEDIGER	RICHARD	629	SHERMAN	MARTHA
480	OEHRTMAN	TERRY	555	ROETTGER	EDWARD H	630	SHOCKNEY	SUE
481	OLDING	MARY ANN	556	ROETTGER	LARRY	631	SHUPP	DENNIS
482	OLSON	GLORIA	557	ROETTGER	LOWELL J	632	SIEFRING	BRENDA
483	OPPERMAN	BETTY J	558	ROHRBACH	KATHRYN	633	SIEGEL	DONALD L
484	OPPERMAN	HAL	559	ROHRBAUGH	MARIAN	634	SIKORA	LYNN
485	OPPERMAN	JAMES	560	ROWLAND	J BRIAN	635	SILLS	JEANNE
486	OTTING	DOROTHY	561	RUEDEBUSCH	JOYCE	636	SINK	MARY D
487	OVERLEY	KATHI	562	RUESE	DONALD & CAROL	637	SKINNER	STERLING E
488	OVERTON	JANICE	563	RUESE	TIM	638	SLADE	ROLF & JUNE
489	PALMER	JENNIFER	564	RUMP	EDWARD & MAMIE	639	SLATTERY	CALVIN
490	PALMER	PHYLLIS J	565	RUMP	VILMA	640	SLATTERY	DANA
491	PAPE	CAROLYN	566	RUMPF	LUCILLE	641	SMITH	CAROLYN
492	PAPE	DON E	567	SAMPSON	MARY ANN	642	SMITH	ELDEN
493	PAPE	JAMES & MARY LOU	568	SAUERLAND	ELIZABETH	643	SMITH	STEVE & TERESA
494	PAPE	JOHN	569	SCHAEFER	DALE	644	SOLLMAN	ELODIE
495	PAPSDORF	ROBERT A	570	SCHAEFER	VERDELLA	645	SOLLMANN	EARL
496	PARROTT	GREGORY A & LINDA	571	SCHEER	AMY	646	SOLMS	CARL R
497	PARSONS	NANCY	572	SCHEER	DAVID	647	SOMMER	MARILYN
498	PATTERSON	STEVE	573	SCHEER	DELBERT H	648	STAAS	DILLON W, JR.
499	PATTON	MARY ELLEN	574	SCHEER	JAMES H & LUCILLE	649	STAFFORD	JIM & VERA
500	PAUL	ALLEN & MARY	575	SCHEER	JERRY G	650	STAGGS	IRENE I L
501	PAUL	CAROL	576	SCHEER	LAVERTA	651	STAMMEN	HAROLD A
502	PAUL	DIANE	577	SCHEER	NED C	652	STAMMEN	LOIS E
503	PERL	ROGER D & A JEANIE	578	SCHEER	STAN	653	STATON	MICHAEL S
504	PETITJEAN	LORI	579	SCHIB	NAN	654	STAUFFER	R JAY & CAROL
505	PHILIPOT	EDWIN	580	SCHelper	COL SHIRLEY A	655	STAUFFER	ROBERT
506	PHILIPOT	ERNEST	581	SCHMACKERS	SUE M	656	STAUFFER	RONALD
507	PHILIPOT	RON	582	SCHMIDT	BARBARA	657	STEGALL	DR VICTOR J
508	PHILIPOT	TOM & BRENDA	583	SCHMIDT	MARJORY	658	STEINER	DR DAVID
509	PHILIPOT	WILLIAM	584	SCHMIDT	MARK	659	STEINKE	LUCILLE R
510	PLATTNER	BEVERLY	585	SCHMIDT	VERA	660	STIENECKER	DELORES
511	PLATTNER	MARTHA	586	SCHMIDT	WALLACE	661	STIENECKER	MARJORIE
512	PLEIMAN	EMMA C	587	SCHMIEDER	KATHERINE	662	STIENECKER	MARK
513	POLING	MARILYN	588	SCHMIESING	WERNER	663	STIENECKER	RICK
514	POPPE	BEVERLY	589	SCHMITMEYER	GARY	664	STOVLBECK	THOMAS
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516	POPPE	JOHN A & ELAINE	591	SCHNEIDER	VICTOR W	666	SUCHLAND	JAMES
517	POPPE	PAUL	592	SCHNELLE	JACK D	667	SUDMAN	KENNETH
518	POULSON	DAVID	593	SCHORTGEN	ESTHER	668	SUDMANN	WILLIS
519	PRICE	NANCY	594	SCHOTT	CHRISTINE	669	SUNDERMAN	DR DUANE & JOAN
520	PULLINS	LOUISE	595	SCHOTT	PAUL & JUNE	670	SWANK	JOYCE
521	PULSKAMP	KATHLEEN	596	SCHOTT	RAY, JR.	671	SWARTZ	CHARLES
522	PURPUS	THEODORE	597	SCHROEDER	BERNARD T	672	SWARTZ	JANET
523	QUELLHORST	BETTY	598	SCHROEDER	DAVID H	673	SWEIGART	VIRGINIA
524	QUELLHORST	BRIAN	599	SCHROEDER	JOHN G	674	TALAN	JANE
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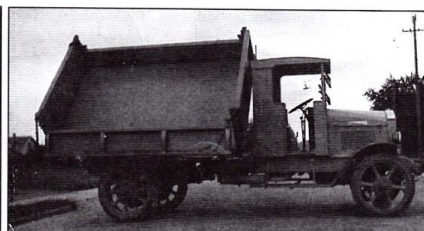
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676	TANGEMAN	LEOLA	715	WAGNER	ANNABEL	754	WISSMAN	CARL
677	TANGEMAN	MARK	716	WAGNER	HARRY H	755	WISSMAN	EDITH
678	TANGEMAN	ROBERT	717	WALTERS	DAVID	756	WISSMAN	HELEN
679	THIEMAN	TOM	718	WARD	REV THOMAS N	757	WISSMAN	JACK
680	THIS	JASON & LORI	719	WARNER	DAVID & DONNA	758	WISSMAN	JAMES
681	THOMPSON	J LYNNE	720	WARNER	EVELYN M	759	WISSMAN	JEROME A
682	TOMHAFF	JOHN H	721	WARNER	RUTH	760	WISSMAN	LEE
683	TONTRUP	EDNA	722	WARNER	THOMAS	761	WITTENBRINK	EDWIN
684	TONTRUP	JIM & THIEDA	723	WARNER	WILBUR W	762	WITTENBRINK	THOMAS
685	TOPP	ANGELA	724	WATERMAN	ALICE	763	WOEHRMYER	BILL
686	TOPP	ANNA MAE	725	WATERMAN	BRAD & KIM	764	WOLFE	CAROLYN
687	TOPP	DOUG	726	WATERMAN	JEAN K	765	WOLFE	F SCOTT
688	TOPP	EUGENE	727	WATKINS	DONNA	766	WOURMS	PATRICIA A
689	TOPP	GENE & ELLEN	728	WATSON	JANE	767	WUEBBENHORST	MARILOU
690	TOPP	DR HERBERT C	729	WEIGANDT	LISA	768	YOCUM	MILDRED
691	TOPP	KATHLEEN L	730	WEIR	REV RICHARD	769	YOUNG	BEATRICE C
692	TOPP	MARVIN	731	WELLMAN	VERNITA	770	YOUNG	JOANN
693	TOPP	ROBERT	732	WENDEL	JOHN	771	YOUNG	THOMAS H
694	TOPP	RUTH A	733	WENNING	EVELYN	772	YOUNG	WILLIAM A
695	TOPP	SHEREE	734	WENTE	THOMAS	773	ZERBE	JULIA E
696	TOPP	STAN & JANE	735	WENTE	WILLIAM	774	ZIEGENBUSCH	DR KENNETH & KITTY-HUNT
697	TOSTRICK	REV JOHN W & KAREN	736	WESSEL	ALFRIEDA L	775	ZIEGENBUSCH	JULIE
698	TOSTRICK	WILLIAM	737	WESTBAY	VERNON V	776	ZIEGENBUSCH	LOWELL & BARBARA
699	TREGO	BRYAN	738	WESTERHEIDE	DR DONALD	777	ZIEGENBUSCH	WAYNE
700	TURNER	JOHN A & CAROL	739	WHITTEN	GLEN	778	ALLEN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY	
701	UETRECHT	JAMES	740	WHITTEN	REBEKKAH	779	AMERICAN BUDGET CO	
702	URSIN SMITH	JANICE C	741	WIDNER	DR GEORGE H	780	BUBECK CHEVROLET INC	
703	VALENTINE	JOHN C	742	WIERWILLE	ERIC A	781	CROWN EQUIPMENT CORP	
704	VESSELY	PATRICIA A	743	WIERWILLE	JOHN C	782	FIRST NATIONAL BANK	
705	VOGELSANG	MARY JO	744	WIERWILLE	ROBERT & DIXIE	783	GAGEL PLUMBING & HEATING	
706	VOGLEWEDE	JANICE	745	WILLIAMS	JOANN P	784	GILBERG FURNITURE INC	
707	VOISARD	MARY ANN	746	WILLIAMS	ROSEMARY	785	GILBERG HARTWIG FUNERAL HOME	
708	VONDENHUEVEL	WALTER	747	WILSON	CAROL	786	GLORY REAL ESTATE	
709	VORESS	JOHN	748	WILSON	JAMES E	787	JTD MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	
710	VORESS	JUDITH K	749	WILSON	JOE	788	MINSTER BANK	
711	VORESS	KAREN	750	WILT	BEVERLY	789	NB MACHINE & TOOL CO	
712	VORNHOLT	CHARLES	751	WINT	FERD C	790	NB WOMEN'S CLUB	
713	VOSLER	ESTHER	752	WINT	MARY	791	THIEMAN STAMPING CO INC	
714	WAESCH	JUDY	753	WIRTZ	DONNA MAE			



Eddie Wehrman's 3-way dump truck - 1927
(mfd. by Wehrman Machine Shop - New Bremen, Ohio)



Edward Frederick William Wehrman (10/27/1904-8/8/1946) was the son of Fred & Anna (Wuebbeling) Wehrman and husband of Mary (Connaughton) Wehrman (see page 10). He was an expert machinist and electrician and was the proprietor of Wehrman Machine Shop on North Jefferson St., later the location of Norbert Roettger's Machine Shop. His services were much in demand over a wide area.

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Dear Friends:

3/6/2007

I regret to inform you that my aunt, Opal L. Wiessinger, died on February 13, 2007 at the age of 93. Opal L. Baumgardner and my dad's brother, Arlington E. Wiessinger, were married in 1935 and Arlie preceded her in death in 1996.

Opal and Arlie lived in New Bremen for many years and ran the Arcade store in downtown New Bremen. Their last home in New Bremen was the large Victorian home north of town (*see next page*) that had the barn turned into a carryout called "Barn 66" (later called the "Tastee Scoop" ice cream shop, the former Julius Boesel carriage house burned down on July 22, 1998 – see the October 1998 issue of "The Towpath").



I fondly remember visiting Arlie and Opal and playing with toys in the upstairs of the Arcade, also having family gatherings in the yard to the side of the wonderful spacious home. They eventually moved to Lima, then to Indian Lake – to a home previously owned by Opal's parents, Walter and Bertha Baumgardner of Sidney.

Sometime in the 1980s, Arlie and Opal moved to Florida and lived in various places here until settling in Sun City Center. When Opal's health declined, she moved to Largo, Florida, so that I could care for her in her last days. Just prior to her death, Opal received the 75-year pin for her membership in the Pleiades chapter of Eastern Star, an honor of which she was justly proud and pleased.

Thanks for the wonderful "Towpath". Nice to see good German names of persons I have heard Opal and Arlie talk about for years.

I have a minimal connection to New Bremen as well. The company for whom I worked for 35 years, the Reuter Organ Co. of Lawrence, Kansas, built the pipe organ in the St. Paul United Church of Christ there (*in 1956*). I understand it has been added to recently and is still working just fine.

Cordially yours,

R. Joseph Wiessinger (Pipe Organ Builder) – Belleair, Florida



ARCADE UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

With the beginning of the new year (1946), the Arcade Dept. Store, one of the oldest and largest mercantile establishments of New Bremen and contiguous territory, has entered upon a new era of business under the personal management of A.E. Wiessinger, former merchant of Sidney, and more recently, accountant for the Streine Tool & Mfg. Co. of New Bremen.

The change of management took place January 2nd when Wilson Vornholt withdrew as active head of the enterprise after having filled the office temporarily for several years in a highly satisfactory manner.

Mr. Wiessinger is a native of Sidney, where he grew up in the grocery business of his father. After graduation from the International Business College at Fort Wayne, he assumed positions with Sidney finance companies and also for several years conducted the Wiessinger Electrical Appliance Co. in Sidney. When war conditions made it necessary to discontinue this business a couple of years ago, he moved to New Bremen where he took over the accounting department of Stamco until he acquired financial interest in the Arcade. He and Mrs. Wiessinger are now residing on South Franklin St.

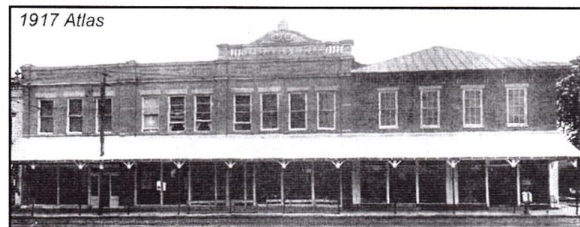
There will be some remodeling in the business rooms, but the most marked change will be the introduction of an electrical appliance department, selling electric refrigerators, ranges, washers, mangles and radios. It is the intention to equip a complete electric kitchen right in the store. There will also be electric wiring and a complete service department.

(N.B. Sun – 1/3/1946)



ARCADE TO BE MODERNIZED

The Arcade this week launched one of the most ambitious modernization programs ever undertaken by any institution of its kind in this area.



To begin with, the full-length canopy, long a familiar distinguishing mark and under which several generations have sought shelter against sun and rain, already is disappearing. It is being torn down to make way for a small one over the only front entrance the building will have after its face-lifting operation.

Strictly modern in appearance and done in (yellow and maroon) porcelain-enamel and glass, the new entrance will include a smaller door on the north for the business offices on the 2nd floor. Appropriately enough, the company name will appear above the center entrance and will be topped by an attractive 19' perpendicular sign carrying the Arcade name on both sides in letters 24" high. The sign, in matching (maroon) porcelain-enamel, will be brightly outlined at night by a battery of hidden lights.



The Arcade Department Store Co. buildings on South Washington St. were purchased by Crown Controls, Inc. (The Sidney Daily News - "50 Years Ago" - October 29, 1953)

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Like the canopy, the old-style display windows will have to go, to be replaced by new visual windows giving an unobstructed view of the interior. Excavation directly beneath the building will add a large basement. As conceived now, it will be used by 2 departments – houseware and paints. On the main floor, the grocery and meat department will be enlarged to more than twice its present size. Other changes and innovations will convert it into a supermarket.

The building's interior will be redecorated in individual color schemes for the various departments and equipped with the latest in modern furniture and fixtures. In the dry goods department, there will be light birch fixtures; in the men's clothing department, there will be limed oak; and so on through the store.

October 15, 1950 is the date tentatively set for completion. After that date, New Bremen will be the home of one of the best and most modern department stores to be found in communities many times its size.

Incorporated early in 1903, the Arcade probably has had its share of ups and downs the same as other business ventures that have weathered the test of time. It resulted from a merger of 4 firms – Rabe's Cheap Store, Speckman & Nieter, Faehl & Nieter and Fred Wiemeyer's Cash Clothing Store. The late Theodore Rabe generally was recognized as heading the merger. August Faehl, East Monroe St., is the last surviving member of the original organizers. (He died 12/31/1951.)

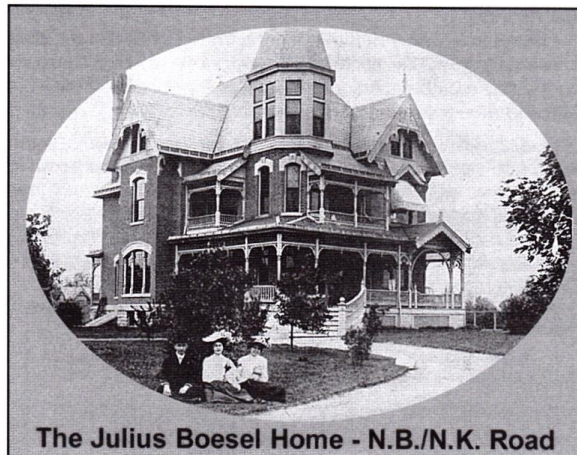
The current expansion-improvement program is a direct tribute to the far-sightedness and merchandising ability of A.E. Wiessinger, president and general manager. (N.B. Sun – 7/27/1950)

According to information I was given, Arcade employees Malinda Hehr, Ollie Inman and Hazel Hespe worked in the basement; Jeanette Rump, Tillie Grothaus, Marguerite Warner, Grace Donnerberg and Alma Reiselt worked in the dry goods department; Anna Rump and Opal Wiessinger worked in the office; Nancy Looker, Mary Wehrman, Laverta Hittepole, Glen Moeller & Milton Gieseke worked in the grocery; Marge Conradi worked in menswear; and Elwin Hespe worked as the janitor.



ARCADE EMPLOYEES' PICNIC

Opal Wiessinger (standing), Marguerite Warner, Anna Rump, Jeanette Rump, Malinda Hehr, Mrs. Ed (Mary) Wehrman, Ollie Inman, Laverta Hittepole, Marge Conradi, Matilda ("Tillie") Grothaus (Irene Ekermeier took picture at Arlie & Opal Wiessinger's house)



The Julius Boesel Home - N.B./N.K. Road

The later home of Arlie & Opal Wiessinger
(shown in the picnic photos below)

Arcade Opens New Snack Bar

Free ice cream is promised for the opening on Saturday, March 10, 1951 of the newly completed Arcade Snack Bar. The offer is for 1 pint to be given each purchaser of a quart of Meadow Gold on opening day. Installed in the grocery department, the snack bar promises to become very popular. (N.B. Sun – 3/8/1951)



Arcade Buildings Sold to Crown Controls, Inc. – 1953

See picture on preceding page.

A.E. Wiessinger Named Division Mgr. For Waddell & Reed, Inc.

A.E. Wiessinger has been district manager of the Lima office of Waddell & Reed, Inc. for some time and has now been appointed divisional manager for the northern part of Ohio. Mr. Wiessinger also maintains an office on West Monroe St. in New Bremen for the convenience of his local clients. Waddell & Reed, Inc. is the national underwriter for United Funds, Inc., a mutual fund investment company. (N.B. Sun – 7/26/1956)



PICNIC OF ARCADE EMPLOYEES & FAMILIES

STANDING: Ollie Inman, Irene Ekermeier, Verlin Hirschfeld, Frieda? _____, Irene Wellemeyer (behind), Marguerite Warner, Enola Hirschfeld, Jeanette Rump, Mrs. Ed Nieter, Winnie Fledderjohn, Opal Wiessinger, Nancy Looker, Ed Nieter, Walter Rump, Arlie Wiessinger.

SITTING: Fred Wellemeyer, Bob Fledderjohn, Ron Hittepole
FRONT: Dale Fledderjohn

1950s photos courtesy of Joyce (Inman) Holdren

GERMAN OBITUARIES TRANSLATED

This is to let you know that I have completed translations of the German obituaries that appeared in New Bremen's German newspaper, "*The Stern des Westlichen Ohio*" before there was a "*New Bremen Sun*". This covers the period of April 2, 1885 thru March 22, 1888. There may also be 20 or so obits for the 1900s, but they are hit and miss. Many times these German obits give more information than their English counterparts.

These obituaries have been placed in a large 3-ring binder in the New Bremen library near the microfilm reader and microfilms, next to the obituary files, and contain both the German version and the translated version. Thank you for including this information in your next issue of "*The Towpath*".
Darla Lee – New Knoxville, Ohio (3/7/2007)

Stern des Westlichen Ohio (Star of Western Ohio)

The first newspaper established at New Bremen was the weekly *Stern des Westlichen Ohio*, a German language paper, which was started in 1873-74 in Minster by school teacher John V. Schiffer. On December 1, 1879, Theodore Purpus bought the paper and moved the business to New Bremen. In May, 1900, he sold it to his nephew, Fridolin T. Purpus, and Emil G. Conradi (brothers-in-law), who operated under the firm name of Purpus & Conradi in the Ed Purpus building (former IGA building) for three years. In April 1903, they took over *The New Bremen Sun* and published both papers across the street in the Grothaus building. In 1905 the Home Printing Co. was organized, with E.G. Conradi serving as President and F.T. Purpus serving as Treasurer. They continued to publish the *Stern des Westlichen Ohio* until 3/8/1923, when there was no longer enough interest to continue a German newspaper.

[EDITOR'S NOTE: If you are interested in looking for material in the German papers, there are 8 reels of microfilm for "*The Stern des Westlichen Ohio*". The first reel covers the period of 4/2/1885-3/22/1888. The other 7 reels cover the time period of 5/29/1902-3/8/1923.]

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New Bremen Records (copied by Grace Scheer)

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An Ordinance to prevent interment within the limits of the Corporation of New Bremen.

1 – If any person or persons bury any person on the burying ground within the limits of the Corporation of New Bremen, he shall be fined in the sum not exceeding \$50 nor less than \$25.

2 – That if any person or persons bury any body on the burying ground within the limits of the Corporation of New Bremen, the Marshal of this village is hereby empowered and shall cause any body entered contrary to such prohibition to be taken up and buried outside of the limits of the Corporation at the expense of the party so doing.

3 – The foregoing ordinance shall be in effect from the date of the passage of this ordinance.

C.Schmidt, Recorder
J.A.Kuenzel, Mayor

NEW MEMBERS THIS PERIOD (THRU 3/23/07)

[^Spousal Memberships @ \$6.00 or \$60.00/LM]

7/11/2006	Coffin, Jean (Fischbach)(LM) – New Bremen
3/7/2007	Dill, Barbara (Kuck) – Alexandria, Virginia
3/23/2007	Fark, Verneda (Schwaberow)(Transfer)
3/7/2007	Girtz, Pamela (Miller?) – Little Falls, Minnesota
3/23/2007	Hay, James M. – Celina, Ohio
2/24/2007	Hay, John – Covington, Ohio
3/7/2007	Hoffman, Chandra (Miller?) – Beavercreek, OH
3/16/2007	Lutterbeck, Jerry – Quincy, Michigan (rejoined)
3/7/2007	Miller, Virginia B. (Buddemeyer) – Cincinnati, OH
2/23/2007	Nagel, Dan – Sarasota, Florida
2/14/2007	Paul, Diane (Headapohl) – New Bremen
3/22/2007	Schmidt, Mark – Minster, Ohio (LM)
7/11/2006	Schortgen, Esther (Rempe) – Paulding, Ohio
3/15/2007	^Smith, Teresa (Kemper) – New Bremen (rejoined)
3/12/2007	Stienecker, Marjorie (Schmehl) – St. Marys, OH
9/30/2006	Suchland, James – New Bremen
2/26/2007	^This, Lori (Dwenger) – New Bremen
3/10/2007	^Tontrup, Thieda (Honn) – New Bremen (LM)
2/27/2007	Wittenbrink, Thomas – Wapakoneta, Ohio
2/4/2007	Wolfe, F. Scott – Franklin, Ohio

ADDITIONS TO LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

7/11/2006	Coffin, Jean (Fischbach)(new)
3/12/2007	Deeg, Carol (Klein)
3/12/2007	Dicke, Louise (Huenke)
3/13/2007	Ferguson, Carole (Dicke)
3/19/2007	Lunz, Deborah K. (Meyer)
3/19/2007	Maurer, Wayne O.
3/15/2007	Meyer, Gary K.
3/22/2007	Schmidt, Mark (new)
3/10/2007	^Tontrup, Thieda (Honn)(new)
3/3/2007	Wilt, Beverly (Moeller)

MEMBER DEATHS THIS PERIOD

2/11/2007	Berning, Irene (Fark)(d. 2/11/07)
3/23/2007	Fark, Vernon (d. 10/24/06)
3/12/2007	Hildebrand, Jean (Moeller)(d. 3/12/07)
2/27/2007	Hirschfeld, Robert (d. 2/27/07)
2/24/2007	Quellhorst, Chester (d. 2/24/07)
2/17/2007	Tontrup, Annabelle (Jung)(LM)(d. 2/17/07)
2/13/2007	Wiessinger, Opal (Baumgardner)(LM)(d. 2/13/07)

MEMORIAL / HONORARY DONATIONS

The following donations have been received this period:

In memory of Rosella (Oldiges) Schaefer
by Carolyn (Schaefer) Wolfe

In memory of Esther (Fogt) Slattery
by Kim (Slattery) Dougherty

In memory of Thomas H. Dicke
by Carole (Dicke) Ferguson

In memory of James J. Halsema
by Alice C. Halsema

MEMORIAL / HONORARY DONATIONS

Donations to memorialize the deceased or to honor the living are welcomed in any amount. When donations in memory of or in honor of any one person or couple have reached \$100.00, a brass plate engraved with their name(s) is attached to the Memorial Plaque.

UPCOMING EVENT

SUMMER PICNIC

Sunday, June 3, 2007
11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Come after church & Have Lunch!

We're having shredded beef & shredded chicken sandwiches - Also our popular cabbage roll casserole, along with liquid refreshments, Ice Cream, and **HOME MADE PIE!**

For information about entering our **PIE CONTEST**, Call Delores Stienecker at 419-629-2685.

There will be musical entertainment for you to enjoy while visiting with your relatives, friends and neighbors.

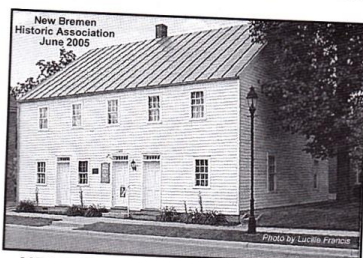
Auctioneer Tim Eiting will be on hand to conduct an
"ANTIQUES ROAD SHOW"

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P.O. Box 73
New Bremen, Ohio 45869-0073



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Then and Now (Village Pictures)
A Journey Through Time (Miami-Erie Canal)
CANAL Board Game (related to book)
Recipes and Reminiscence (by John Dickman)
A Military Memoir of W.W.II (by Katy Gilbert)
Ralph May Remembers New Bremen
New Bremen Marriages (genealogy)

SCHOOL COMMEMORATIVES:

Central School: Paperweights, Pencil Caddies
1929 High School: Trinket Boxes
BOTH: Medallions (make nice tree ornaments)

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS:

"Interurban on Main St." print
"Monroe St." print
N.B.H.A. Shirts & Caps
N.B.H.A. Mugs & Pencils
N.B.H.A. Christmas Ornaments
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