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Back Row : Councilman Roy Stockwell, Supervisor, Ross Iannello, Councilman Rodger Foote — **Front Row:** Pat Gifford, Carol Kohland, Town Clerk, Bonnie Jean Bauer, Senator James Seward.

At a recent visit to the New Berlin area, Senator James Seward stopped by the Town Hall where this picture was taken. He and Councilman Roy Stockwell also visited the Unadilla Valley Railway Society and Museum. Senator Seward was impressed with our efforts to keep railroading alive for the generations to follow. He is a Republican and was elected to the 50th district in 1986, now he is representing the 51st district. see map on page 2. Born in Oneonta he received a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science degree from Hartwick College where he was also presented an Honorary Doctor of Law degree in 1999...page 2

William Young Remembered

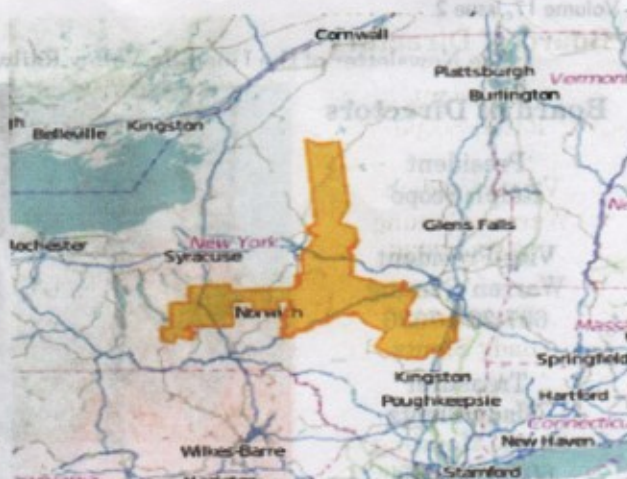
William Simrell Young died peacefully at Barnes Kasson in Susquehanna early on August 8th, 2012. William was a life time member of the UVR-Society & Museum. He was our guest speaker many times over the past 16 years. We won't forget his earnest 1945 ride on a single speed bike from Starrucca, PA to New Berlin in pursuit of his dreams, writing and revising several railroad histories, to include his book about our Unadilla Valley Railroad. ***"UV The Life and Times of a Small Railroad."*** A complete obituary will be in our next Pendragon.

October 20 Guest Speaker Meeting at United Methodist Church

Please mark your calendar now and plan on attending the meeting on Saturday the 20th of October. Our guest speakers are Susan Ackerman, President of Pittsfield, NY. Historical Society and Kayrl Turner, Town of Pittsfield Historian. This is sure to be an interesting and informative meeting. Refreshments and visiting follows so bring your friends. Check page 2 for time and address of this first meeting at United Methodist Church.



Peter Warren donating lights for Museum. George Wolfangle is assisting the move from Peter's truck. The 6 large lights are like new and we are grateful for the donation..



Senator Seward's District #51>>>

- Senator James Seward lives in Milford with his wife, Cynthia and has two children. Above is a map of his District # 51. We are in his district. He has far too many accomplishments for us to list the following are a few of them; Chairman of the Senate Energy and Telecommunications committee, he won enactment of the "Power for Jobs" program. In 1999 he became chairman of the Senate Standing committee on Insurance, he is sponsoring several other insurance-related legislation in 2011-2012 to include amendments to the New York Insurance Law, active in "NCOIL", Chairman of the Senate Majority Task Force on Volunteer Emergency Services, among the many services it includes this year sponsoring legislation that would exempt both commercial and voluntary ambulance services from paying tolls on the New York State Thruway; help to permit young people who hold junior drivers licenses to drive at night to participate in volunteer fire and ambulance activities and help with rates that allow providers to recoup ambulance transportation costs. He also sponsored the STAR school tax relief program. Senator Seward has been recognized for his advocacy and responsiveness by the Farm Bureau, the United Mine Workers; local chambers of Commerce and many community organizations. In January 2012, Seward announced he had been appointed to the newly created Senate Select Committee on Libraries. Senator Seward is a former Milford Town Justice and former chairman of the Otsego County Republican Committee, Director of Wilber National Bank, trustee of Glimmerglass Opera, serves on the board of directors of Pathfinder Village and the Catskill Symphony and is a member of the Milford United Methodist Church. Thank you Senator Seward for your interest in the UVR & Museum.

Calendar for 2012-2013

October 20th	Guest Speakers 2 pm	United Methodist Church 51 South Main St New Berlin
November 17th	Guest Speaker is Julie Kupris 2 pm	United Methodist Church
December 15th	Guest Speaker Sam Senn, Election of Officers	United Methodist Church
December 22nd	CHRISTMAS PARTY 2 pm	Alan Fairbrother's County Route 13
January 19th	Guest Speaker Meeting 2 pm	United Methodist Church
February 16th	Guest Speaker Meeting 2 pm	United Methodist Church
March 16th	Guest Speaker Meeting 2 pm	United Methodist Church
April 20th	Guest Speaker Meeting at 2pm	United Methodist Church
May 18th	Guest Speaker Meeting at 2 pm	UVR Museum Depot 3 Railroad Street
June 15th	rain date 22nd at 10 am to 1 pm	UVR Museum Depot 3 Railroad Street
Road Tour details in Spring Pendragon		
July ??	New Berlin Days Celebration	All Day at UVR Museum Depot 3 Railroad Street
See details in Spring Pendragon		
August	see Summer Pendragon for details of	Otsego County Fair and Youth Days
September 14th	Annual Picnic at	Alan Fairbrother home Route 13, New Berlin-Morris Road



This is an extremely rare glimpse of this Upper New York State shortline and its equipment that was gone by 1960. This New Berlin yard shows the train on the East side of our depot, you can see the feed store just beyond it and to the right in the back the square brick building is on Genesee Street. It is the last large building not far from the bridge crossing into Hoboken or Pittsfield.

Notice the large yard on the right side, wonder if some still belongs to our Unadilla Valley Railway Museum?

Russell Plow

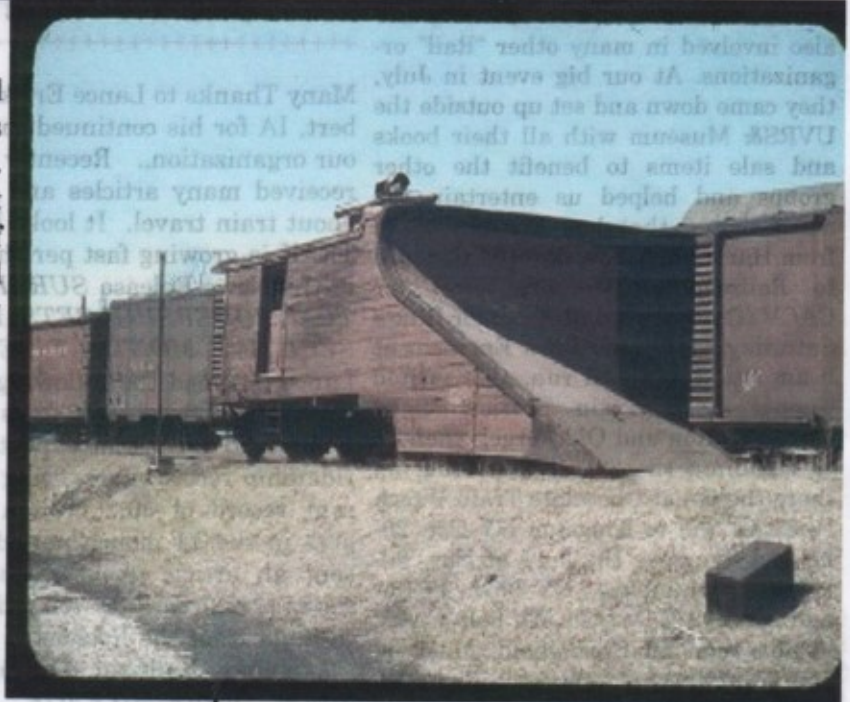
The Unadilla Valley Railway's Russell Plow is seen here in New Berlin. Perhaps it was in operation somewhere until 1956. I found it listed as scrapped in 1956 but very little details on this could I find. If anyone knows more about the Russell Plow please write to the Unadilla Valley Railway, Box 751, New Berlin, NY 13411.

THE LAST WHISTLE

Obituaries of Elrena Clemens, Tom Trencansky and William Young will be published in the next Pendragon.

Members of the Unadilla Valley Railway Society & Museum attended the open house on Sept. 15th in PA. Wm Young's family did a wonderful job displaying all his books and many interest. He passed away on 8-8-2012 Attending were Pat Gifford, Mike Holdridge, Hezekiah Welch and Laurie Hotaling.

Octoberfest at Cooperstown & Charlotte Valley Railroad in Milford, NY 10-6-2012 @ 6 pm. Contact 607-432-2429 or go to website: www.lrhs.com German Food, Beer and Dancing to Live German music by Empire Keystone Brass Band. This one is very special, call today before sold out!



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Miscellany up and down the tracks by Pat

The Utica Picnic was Friday August 10th at 5:30. We met at the track side at Union Station in Utica. Grills set up for the hamburger, sausage and hot dogs were furnished by the Utica-Mohawk group. George Wolfangle, Warren Genung, Hezekiah Welch, Dorothy Pierce, Louie Kupris, Marie Dunkel, Sam Senn and Pat Gifford from our Unadilla Valley Railway group went and all had a great time. We decided to make it a yearly event. For the last 4 years our guest speakers, Mark and Harla Lazur have greeted us there and really made us feel apart of the Utica Mohawk group. Mark and Harla, members of our Museum are also involved in many other "Rail" organizations. At our big event in July, they came down and set up outside the UVR& Museum with all their books and sale items to benefit the other groups and helped us entertain the many visitors that day. Recent e-mails from Harla show how devoted they are to Railroading..."We are Crew for CACV (Cooperstown-Milford) for Blue's Saturday Night and Guest Engineer at 9 am and 1 pm Fall run. We visited Tupper Lake Train Station, Lake Placid Station and Old Forge, then on to Hamilton the 29th with setting up there (the Great Chocolate Train Wreck Festival) and to Kingston NY Oct. 20-21 and Syracuse the 3-4th of Nov, followed by Hamburg, NY Nov. 17-18th and Albany on Dec. 1st. We help CACV in Jan then for Springfield, Mass on Jan 26-27". Thanks for keeping us informed Harla!. All these dates are train event for more information call PatGifford @ 607-847-9484.

The 2012 Great Chocolate Train Wreck Festival will be in Hamilton on Saturday September 29th. This year's festival will feature a full day of live music on the Village green and we are anticipating several thousand families to attend. We at UVR& have missed the deadline to sign up to have a 10'x10' spot where we can set up a tent, etc.

but we should all try to attend so we can make plans on attending the annual event and for us to participate maybe next year. Various chapters set up their items for sale and they have food & Crafts & farmer Market vendors. The day includes the train coming in and spilling pounds of chocolate. For more details contact Dominick Pangallo, Partnership for community Development Marketing Coordination at PO Box 37, 11 Payne Street, Hamilton, NY 13346 or call 315-825-3537.

On Oct. 6th Columbus Community Day is being planned at Norton Park from 10 am to 4 pm. They will have crafters, farmers market type vendors as well as not for profit groups that wish to join for the day. Free to the public any interested please send an email to dhanderson@frontiernet.net or call 607-847-6362.

Many Thanks to Lance Erickson, Gilbert, IA for his continued interest in our organization.. Recently we have received many articles and booklets about train travel. It looks like AMTRAK is growing fast per the article in the News Release *SURGING AMTRAK RIDERSHIP SETS 11 CONSECUTIVE MONTHLY RECORDS*. Lance outlined the following --When the current fiscal year ends on September 30th, Amtrak expects a new ridership record surpassing the current record of 30.2 million passengers in the 11 month period.. Lance sent an article about *Rochester receives \$15.0 Million toward a New Station*, from the Rochester & Genesee Valley Railroad Museum. The article, *RARE-MILEAGE PUBLIC FAN TRIP OCT. 27th*, tells that the Museum will be sponsoring a rare-mileage public fan trip and fundraiser over the Livonia, Avon & Lakeville Railroad. You won't want to miss this trip, one of the first public passenger excursions operated end to end over the LA & L in recent memory! Very nice job, thanks Lance for sharing all the interesting articles. If anyone wants more information on this trip see in our files at the

depot or at Pat's home or call 607-847-9484.

The Pylinski family that live in the Meadow Lane Trailer Park have continued to keep the Engine House for the Unadilla Valley Railway under surveillance and have mowed the parts of the lawn that they can and keep it looking so nice. We thank you and feel good when we go by and see how nice it looks and appreciate the volunteer work. Thank you again.

September 15th Alan Fairbrother hosted the annual picnic at his most interesting home. We all had a great time playing games, singing and eating. Alan sure knows how to host a super interesting and fun picnic. Alan's Curry was again a big hit with all. Thank You! Next annual picnic is 9-14-2013 so mark your calendar..

Thank you Robert Schwab for the donation of the 4 Pratt & Whitney Railroad wheel train gauges; The WHEEL TREAD WORN HOLLOW GAUGE; CONTOUR WORN LIMIT GAGE D&E COUPLERS (1937); WHEEL DEFECT WORN COUPLER JOURNAL COLLAR AND JOURNAL FILLET GAGE 1928 MODEL; and the GAGE FOR WORN THROUGH CHILL AND OUT OF ROUND FOR 33 INCH WHEELS.

Thanks go to Russell Nelson, Potsdam, NY for a cash donation sent to the Museum after having a tour recently.

Special thanks to Life Member Herman Carney, San Diego, CA for his generous donation. We certainly do appreciate your part in keeping the Unadilla Valley Railway Museum alive for our future generations to enjoy.

Thanks to the Sage family for Charles' Obituary and hundreds of Railroad magazines and some books.

If you have been a guest at our Museum these past few weeks you will have seen our newest award on our wall with other past trophies. This is held proudly by Edward Hendrick, who rode again this year on the winning float. Alan Fairbrother, our Parade Director/Engineer was in charge of designing and building this winning float. Edward, a friend and neighbor of Alan's watched him build the float and the last several floats that Alan designed.



THE LAST WHISTLE

Four Members are no longer with us. Charles Sage, William Young, Elrena Clemens, and Tom Trencansky.

Charles Sage, 87 of Oneonta passed away March 8, 2012 following months of illness. He was buried in the Greene/Sage burial plot at The historic Evergreen Cemetery at White Store. Charles was born in Holmesville and from an early age was fascinated with trains. His father was a conductor on the Unadilla Valley Line until he slipped on the ice and fell under the train, losing a leg. The family lived in New Berlin at the time, then moved to Norwich and on to Oneonta where they had a wholesale newspaper business. Charles graduated from Oneonta High and served in the US Navy during WWII. He married and had a daughter and son. He was employed at the Oneonta Sales Company (a Ford dealership) in the parts department. After his father died, he and his brother Robert and his sister-in-law Karyl continued the family newspaper business, with each having another full time job for 10 years. He worked part time for the Oneonta Police Force and Hartwick College Security. He lived alone with his beloved pets until his health began to fail. His brother and wife cared for him until his death. He collected train books and magazines and items relating to trains. He was able to make a trip to Steam town, PA..

**Note we have items donated by his family, Bob and Karyl Sage.

Did you know we need a new Roof?? The two estimates are at \$20,000.00 Caring donators for the ROOF PROJECT are: Dakin Funeral Home, Ed Holbert, Tammy Bishop, Sam Senn, Laurie Hotaling, Bud, Leo, Dorothy Pierce, Gladys Slentz, Pat Gifford, Hezekiah Welch, Marie Dunkel, Dawson Robinson, Harry Blum, Kenny Kinch, David Eckert, Peter Warren, Ron Hanson, Vincent Bauer, Bonnie Jean Bauer, Evan Mendoza, Isabel Mendoza, Tucker Cattanch, Brodie Cattanch, The Canney's, Danielle Cattanch, Patrick Cattanch, Makenna Sue Newberry, Mike Holdridge, The Belanger Family, Heidi Slentz, Hilda Christian, M. K. Behnke, Holly Worden, Heather Worden, Stanley, Steve, Alice, Barry Pennington, Richard and Susan Ackerman, Thomas & Colleen Ackerman. Thank you all for the donations. Each donation received we put a paper shingle on the display at the Depot.

Dear Fellow Unadilla Valley Railway Museum Members, Here's hoping you had a good summer. Now it is time to reflect on the past months and count our blessings. We had a total of 31 visitors at the Depot on Saturday afternoons this summer and all were given a tour by our Executive Advisor and Tour Guide Chairman, George Wolfangle. A recent check came in the mail from visitors from Potsdam, NY who enjoyed the tour. George needs to be thanked for his many years of devotion each Saturday afternoon since 1996. The months of January thru April we were hosted by St. Andrew's Episcopal Church after many of us enjoyed lunch at Chit-Chat & Chew. Holding both our Board of Directors meeting and Guest Speaker meetings this made winter travel easier. May thru now we have been meeting at the Depot, this month, October we are happy to announce we will be at the United Methodist Church, 51 South Main Street. Our New Berlin and Youth Days were well attended and we won first prize in the parade again this year. On the sad side is the loss of 4 members this year. Now looking ahead we have exciting things scheduled for the coming months. Looking forward to seeing you all on October 20th at our new location, United Methodist Church. Lots more to discuss but, as my father would put it "30" Translation: "end of paper or no more room".

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