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The newsletter of the Unadilla Valley Railway Society & Museum, PO Box 751, New Berlin NY 13411

# Successful Boy Scout Program on May 6th

On May 6th, our museum was one stop on the new "New Berlin Historic Trail" for a group of Boy Scouts . We hosted between 40 and 50 boys and their chaperones in groups of 8 or 10 at a time. Paul Straney explained to them the history of the building and railroads in New Berlin. The boys had lots of questions and seemed to really get into the railroad topic. Our thanks go out to Kevin Phillips, local scout leader, for inviting us to participate and the following folks who

helped us prepare and pull it off: Paul Straney, Edna Straney, Tom DeForest, Alan Fairbrother, Sandy Kilmer, Bob Baker and Sally Baker. At the right is a picture of the patch which was given out to all participants. Notice that UV Locomotive #1 is displayed prominently.



# Successful Open House on June 17th

The board voted to hold an open house to coincide with the Village Garage Sale Day on Saturday, June 17th. We hosted between 80 and 100 people who stopped by to see what we were about. A number of folks, even local folks, said they didn't know we were there. Many said they would stop back during one of the regular 2nd and 4th Saturdays to spend more time there. We collected over \$100 in donations! At 1:00, Paul Straney gave a presentation about the O&W Depot building layout and history. Our thanks go out to the volunteers who helped us make this happen: Paul Straney, Edna Straney, Alan Fairbrother, Bob Baker, Sally Baker and Tom DeForest.

# The N-Gauge Model Train is now Up and Running

As part of the open house, we invited Jim Tregaskis, donor of the N-Gauge Model Train layout, up to New Berlin to see the layout in action. Jim donated the layout a couple of years ago. Paul Straney built a new frame for it for display at our museum and has been working to get everything working on it again, with some (but not total) success. We were glad to host Jim, his grandson Collin (for whom the Collinsville Scenic Railroad is named) and Jim's daughter and spouse, to the unveiling. Jim and Paul spent some time considering problems that we were still having with it. Thank to Jim Tregaskis of Endicott NY for donating the layout. Thanks to Paul for getting it installed and working in our museum. The layout, with (L to R) Collin, Jim and Paul is shown on the back cover of this Pendragon.

# **Up and Down the Tracks**

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\*\*\*\* WANTED: PUBLICITY PERSON for the Unadilla Valley Railway Society & Museum. Responsibilities include developing a publicity strategy for our organization which would use free and low cost resources to promote our events and be the driving force in its implementation. Requirements include e-mail, internet and FaceBook access and some proficiency in using each. Previous experience doing publicity is helpful but not required. Being located in the New Berlin area is helpful but not required. With some knowledge of New Berlin and vicinity, most of this work can be done remotely with occasional help from a local assistant. This is an unpaid volunteer position. If you'd be willing, please send us an email to uvrs@stny.rr.com.

\*\*\* Welcome to new our members: Bob and Sally Baker of Sidney, Lyle Smith of Morrisville MO and Elden Lindsay of New Berlin.

\*\*\* If you could change ONE thing in the Pendragon to improve it, what would it be? Send us an email.

\*\*\* Talk to us: send email to uvrs@stny.rr.com .

\*\*\* Be safe as you maneuver up & down the tracks this summer.

On the Back Cover: Jim Tregaskis (center), his grandson, Collin (left) and Paul Straney (right) discuss the newly installed N-gauge model train layout shown in the foreground. Jim donated the layout. Paul built a new frame for it and got it working for us. Stop by and see it one of the 2nd or 4th Saturdays from 1:00 to 3:00 that we're open.

# **ZOOM MEETINGS CONTINUE**

Starting in 2021, we have held our monthly program meetings via ZOOM. It is an easy-to-use on-line meeting facility in which participants can see and hear a presentation and each other. Our meetings are scheduled for the 3rd Saturday of each month at 1:00 PM (Eastern time). You may join us from anywhere in the country. Email us at uvrs@stny.rr.com with questions or to get started.

We had some technical problems with the Zoom connection for the June 17th presentation. We'll plan to do that one again, perhaps without an onsite connection, for the non-local folks who would like to see it. Look for it on July 15th at 1:00 PM. Thanks to those who tried to get in on June 17th.

# Timetable — Schedule of Upcoming Events

Thu	Jul 6	1:00	Board Meeting	Conf Call
Sat	Jul 8	1-3	Museum open for visitors	UVRS&M
Sat	Jul 15	1:00	The Layout and History of the O&W	ZOOM
			Depot in NB, by Paul Straney	
Sat	Jul 22	1-3	Museum open for visitors	UVRS&M
Thu	Aug 3	1:00	Board Meeting	Conf Call
Sat	Aug 12	1-3	Museum open for visitors	UVRS&M
Sat	Aug 19	1:00	Program Meeting	ZOOM
			Topic and speaker TBA	
Sat	Aug 26	1-3	Museum open for visitors	UVRS&M
Thu	Sep 7	1:00	Board Meeting	Conf Call
Sat	Sep 9	11-3	Museum open for visitors	UVRS&M
Sat	Sep 16	1:00	Program Meeting	ZOOM
			Topic and speaker TBA	
Sat	Sep 23	1-3	Museum open for visitors	UVRS&M
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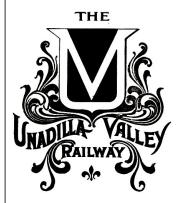
UVRS&M: UVRS&M Museum, 10 Railroad St, New Berlin NY 13411
TBA: to be announced, see the web site.

To participate in ZOOM meetings or Conference Calls, send a request by email to uvrs@stny.rr.com

Check our web site at www.uvrs.org for meeting details and late changes.

# **Leaders & \*Board Members**

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We have something new and different for you in this issue: obituaries of interesting UV People. See how many of the names you recognize.

# Hollum Langworthy — 1939-1929

Hollum Langworthy, 90, one of this village's [Hamilton] most distinguished citizens, died Saturday night [May 11, 1929] at his home from the infirmities of age. He had failed rapidly for the last two weeks. His wife, who died at the age of 82 in 1927, and he observed their 64th wedding anniversary a short time before her death. For the last 20 years he had lived a retired life.

Hollum Langworthy was born in West Edmeston, Otsego county, April 17, 1839. He was brought up there and obtained a common school education. Then he went to the New York Central College, an abolition school which flourished for a time at McGrawville, and later he attended Cazenovia Seminary. From his childhood he was brought up as a farmer and was guite successful.



He was one of those who in 1878 formed the Unadilla Valley Stock Breeders' Association. The business of this company is the importation and breeding of Holstein-Friesian cattle. Mr. Langworthy was manager of the company and for about 10 years in which he occupied the position he conducted the affairs very successfully. The association imported about 150 head of cattle, Mr. Langworthy going to Holland to select and purchase them. Mr. Langworthy also carried on the business of dairy farming, having 40 or 50 cows, and on his farm he raised and sold thoroughbred and grade cattle.

He was best known, however, in the Unadilla Valley, where he was born and reared and where substantially the whole of his life was spent. He rendered this valley signal service by the part which he took in the project of putting a railroad through it. Mr. Langworthy and Orson Champlin, also of West Edmeston, took the first steps toward the formation of the Unadilla Valley Railroad Club. The purpose of this club was agitation and the promotion of the project, the idea being to interest railroad men and capitalists in the enterprise.

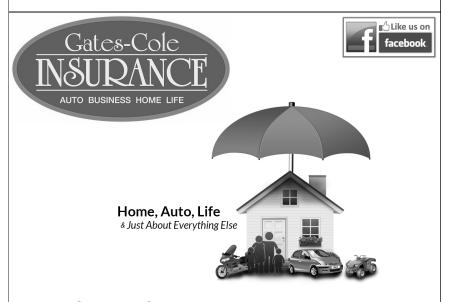
In politics Mr. Langworthy was Republican and represented the town of Edmeston in the Board of Supervisors in the years 1894 and 1895. Previous to that time he served as road commissioner for two terms. As a young man he was a member of the state militia when it camped at Oneonta. Mr. Langworthy was a member of the Free Baptist Church at Columbus Quarter. He was a teacher in its Bible class for many years and served it as deacon since 1872. He was a man of high character, of genial address and of warm and kindly heart, who made friends wherever he went and who deserved as he received, the highest esteem of all. The Unadilla Valley Stock Breeders' Association had over 1,500 acres of land in Minnesota which it devoted to grain and stock raising and Mr. Langworthy was also interested in the management of this.



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October 2, 1860, Mr. Langworthy married Rosina Pope of Columbus, who died May 18, 1927. His children are Prof. William Franklin Langworthy, a graduate of Colgate University of 1887 and who is now a professor of Colgate University; Dr. O. S. Langworthy, Hamilton; Rose P. Fullerton, Columbus, Ohio, whose husband is assistant superintendent of schools there; Floy P. Rathbone, Newark, N. J., whose husband is professor of journalism at New York University; and Claire E. Anderson, Utica, whose husband, Rev. F. D. Anderson, is pastor of Calvary Baptist Church. He also leaves a brother, Morgan, of Los Angeles, Calif.

### Rufus D. Perkins — 1852-1932

Rufus D. Perkins, 79, a highly esteemed resident of New Berlin for many years, passed away at his home on Cushman street Monday, March 14, 1932, at about 10:30 p.m. Mr. Perkins was ill only four days of pleuro-pneumonia. He was exceptionally active for his advanced age and until stricken with his fatal illness last week, he was out every day.

Mr. Perkins was born on Sept. 8, 1852, in the town of Columbus, N. Y., only son of Daniel and Susan Daggett Perkins. His early childhood was spent in this town where he attended school. In 1872 he went to Unadilla Forks where he became the D. L. & W. station agent at Hackley street, which at that time was one of the busiest



stations on the branch. When the Unadilla Valley Railroad was built he accepted a position as station agent at Leonardsville, and in 1895 returned to New Berlin as station agent for the company here. This position he held for about six years and then he became the superintendent of the road. In 1917 he retired from an active and very successful career on the railroad. He was held in highest esteem by his employees and was untiring in his efforts to serve the public and the railroad company he represented. During the following nine years he had charge of the shipping room in the Phenlx Cheese Company plant, South Edmeston, but for the past few years had not been actively engaged in any work. Mr. Perkins was especially interested in sports and during his lifetime had followed with interest all the news concerning the big baseball leagues and players. It had been his pleasure to attend many of the world's series games.

On January 27, 1875, Mr. Perkins was united in marriage with Miss Flora A. Popple, whose death occurred on March 2, 1920. He is survived by a son, Byron R. Perkins, and two grandsons, Ruso and Rufus Perkins. He had made his home with Mr. and Mrs. Byron Perkins and family during his declining years. Mr. Perkins was a member of Western Star Lodge, No. 15, Bridgewater, having been affiliated with that organization for the past 58 years.

A Masonic service will he held at the home at 2:30 p. m., this Thursday afternoon. The body will be put in the vault here, with interment later, at Unadilla Forks.

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## Dr. Lewis R. Morris — 1861-1936

Dr. Lewis Rutherford Morris, 74, of Morris and New York, philanthropist and physician, died of cerebral hemorrhage at 5:45 yesterday morning [December 9, 1936] at his apartment in New York city. Funeral services will be held at St. Thomas church in New York at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning and the committal will be made on his estate, Morris Manor, sometime tomorrow afternoon following brief services at All Saints' chapel which his father helped to build with his own hands.

Dr. Morris was widely known for his generous gifts not only in Morris which was named for his family, but in Oneonta, to which he donated Neahwa park, and Norwich, where he contributed largely to the remodeling of the hospital there. The central school



at Morris, which bears his name, was made possible by the generosity of Dr. and Mrs. Morris who contributed half of the original cost.

Dr. Morris had spent the past summer, as usual, at the Manor house in Morris except for a few weeks in Canada fishing for salmon in the Ristigouche River. He and Mrs. Morris returned to New York shortly after election day, and intended to pass the cold months at their winter home, Pleasant Hill plantation, at Harnett, S. C.

About five years ago, Dr. Morris underwent a serious operation and his health had never been robust since, although in his uncomplaining way he called himself well. On his arrival in New York, he took a turn for the worse and the southern trip was cancelled that he might have expert medical attention. His reserve strength had been spent and this time he failed to respond to skillful ministrations

Born in Morris 75 years ago September 27 [1862], he was the third and youngest child of James Rutherford and Ellen Elizabeth (Howe). The other two children were daughters who now reside in California. They are Mrs. Anna (Morris) Pomeroy and Mrs. Laura (Morris) Hartmann.

The family was one of rare culture, and all its members were leaders in their communities. They were noted also for their exceptional memories. Dr. Morris was named for his ancestor, Lewis Morris, a signer of the Declaration of Independence from the colony of New York.

In his early and middle life, Dr. Morris was a well known physician of exceptional ability in New York city, and his list of patients included members of the most prominent families of the city. He had traveled widely about this country and abroad, and was an interesting conversationalist.

He married Miss Katherine Clark, a daughter of the late Senator William H. Clark of Montana and New York. To them was born one daughter, Katherine Elizabeth Clark Morris, now the wife of John Hudson Hall, Jr., of Scarsdale.

Dr. Morris was a man of strong convictions and attachments. He was devoted to his home and family, including his three grandchildren, who were his especial love and pride. He was loyal to his God, his country and his friends. People



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whom he had helped were legion.

In addition to aiding in the building of the Lewis Rutherford Morris central school at Morris, Dr. and Mrs. Morris made many gifts to Zion Episcopal church at Morris and All Saints' chapel on the Manor estate. He was a member and vestryman of Zion church. With his wife, he also contributed to the erection of the chapel at South New Berlin as well as the remodeling of the hospital at Norwich. In giving Neahwa park to the city In 1908 and 1909, Dr. Morris vetoed the suggestion that it be named Morris park, and asked that Willard Yager, noted Indian authority, select a name. He offered Neahwa, which means "meadows by the river." Dr. Morris wanted no elaborate reminder of his gift and asked that only a simple marker be placed at the gateway. The right hand pillar there now bears the inscription, "Presented to the city of Oneonta by Dr. and Mrs. Lewis R. Morris of Morris N. Y." and on the left it says simply "Neahwa park."

In addition to Dr. Morris' many local beneficiaries he extended much help to students. His generosity to the Salvation Army, Red Cross and to churches, hospitals and schools in New York and elsewhere were known only to Dr. and Mrs. Morris' intimate friends.

A trustee of the Corcoran art gallery in Washington, D. C., he had many other interests, but loved his native Butternut valley and often said that in all his travels, no place could be found that held a greater appeal of beauty. He had attended services many times in the little Chapel by the roadside between Morris and Gilbertsville which was built in part by his father's own hands.

The loving sympathy of hundreds of friends will be extended to the devoted wife, and daughter in their grief. —Oneonta Star, Thursday.

[Dr. Morris owned the UV railroad from 1904 until his death in 1936].

# Albert LaGrand Edwards — 1879-1939

Mr. Albert Lagrand Edwards passed away at his home in this village [New Berlin] on Wednesday, December 6, 1939, after a serious illness of about four months.

The funeral, conducted by the Rev. Nelson F. Parke, was held from the Dakin home Saturday afternoon, with interment in St. Andrew's cemetery.

Mr. Edwards was born at Morris, N.Y., on May 10, 1879, son of Leroy C. and Maryett Harrington Edwards and spent his youth there. On January 21, 1915, he married Bertha C. Bard, who survives with one son, Charles L., of this village. He is also survived by a brother, Frank Edwards, of Columbus, two sisters, Mrs. Mary Carver and Mrs. Minnie Pendleton of New Berlin, also several nieces and nephews.



Mr. Edwards was a respected citizen of the community, living here for many years. He followed the occupation of farming for some time, later was employed by the U. V. Railway Co. He was a member of the New Berlin fire department.

[Mr. Edwards was the engineer of the freight train involved with the UV head-on collision with the Brill car].



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# Harry E. Salzberg — 1878-1948

Harry E. Salzberg, 70, chairman of the boards of the Queens-Nassau Transit Lines, the Queensboro Bridge Railway Company and The Steinway Omnibus Corporation died yesterday [July 6, 1948] in the Doctor's hospital, Manhattan.

He lived at 565 West End Avenue, Manhatttan.

Mr. Salzherg was also board chairman of the H. E. Salzberg Company, electric and railway equipment dealers, and the Southern New York Railway Company, the Unadilla Valley Railway Company and several other corporations.

He was a member of the Lone Star Boat Club.

Surviving are his wife, the former Celia Port; a son, Murray M. Salzberg, who is president of most of the companies of which his father was board chairman; two daughters, Mrs. Jessie S. Pinsly and Mrs. Deborah Snerson; a brother, Max Salzberg; a sister, Mrs. Bessie Kudisch, and three grandchildren.

[The H. E. Salzberg Company owned the UV from 1938 until it closed in 1960].

# Harry A. Brome — 1876-1949

Mr. Harry A. Brome, 73, passed away at his home on South Main street in this village [New Berlin] on Monday, February 21, 1949, of cardiac disease, following several years of ill health.

The funeral will be held at his late home in this village Thursday, February 24, at 11 a. m. The Reverend Bradford H. Tite, rector of St. Andrew's Episcopal church, will officiate and burial will be made in St. Andrew's cemetery.

Harry Alexander Brome was born on February 8, 1876, in Brooklyn, N.Y., the son of Robert Franklin and Annie Wesley Brome and he spent his early life in New York and vicinity.

Mr. Brome began his railroad career with the D. L. & W. in the Hoboken, N. J., terminal, later being transferred to the Pennsylvania R. R. in New York city. He returned to the D. L. & W. in 1904 and in 1911 left to become general manager of Rapid City, Black Hills & Western Ry., with headquarters in Rapid City, S. D. In 1913 he returned east to the general managership of the U. V. Railway and moved the general offices of the company from New York city to New Berlin. He retired from active duty in 1939.

Mr. Brome helped form the American Short Line R. R. Association and was its vice-president for several years. He was instrumental in establishing many laws regulating railroad traffic and tariffs and was often consulted by short line managers from all over the U. S. and Canada.

On April 28, 1897, Mr. Brome married Jessie Turnbull, who died here on February 28, 1922. Surviving him are a son, Robert L. Brome of Waterville; two daughters, Miss Mildred Brome at home and Mrs. Clarence (Elsie) Jenkins of New Berlin; also five grandchildren, William Ennis of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., Jessie and Deborah Brome of Waterville and Margaret and Ronald Brome Jenkins of New Berlin. A daughter, Mrs. Jessie Ennis, passed away in 1933.

Mr. Brome was a member of St. Andrew's Episcopal church, Phoebus Lodge No. 82, F. & A. M., and the Order of Elks. He was a former vestryman of St. Andrew's and served on the school board.

# Bruce C. Harshbarger, Sr. — 1898-1970

Mr. Bruce C. Harshbarger, 72, died June 30, 1970, at the M.I.B. Hospital, Cooperstown, following one year of illness. He was born March, 1898, at Milroy, Pennsylvania, son of William and Francina (Henry) Harshbarger.

On March 24, 1920, he married Laura A. Deeg at Harrisburg, Pa., who survives.

Other survivors include two daughters: Mrs. John (Mary) Hoxie of New Berlin and Mrs. John (Margaret) Barnett of Wellsville, N.Y.; one son, Bruce Harshbarger, Jr.; 12 grandchildren; 10 great grandchildren; one brother, Clarence H. Harshbarger of Belleville, Pa.; two sisters: Mrs. Bertha Young and Mrs. Helen Treaster of Belleville, Pa.; several nieces and nephews.



Mr. Harshbarger was a member of the Lutheran Church of Belleville, Pa.; honorary member of the New Berlin Rotary Club; Phoebus Lodge F.& A.M., New Berlin; Yahnundahsis Bodies Mohawk Valley Consistory; Ziyara Temple of the Shrine, Utica; member of Chenango County Law Enforcement Officers Association; Fire Warden and Instructor in N.R.A. training program of N.Y.S. Conservation Department; Pinkerton Security Agent for eight years.

Over forty years Mr. Harshbarger worked in railroad service in Pennsylvania and New York. He was employed for twenty years as an engineer by the Unadilla Valley Railway of New Berlin.

Funeral services will be held Friday, July 3, at 2:00 p. m. from the Dakin Funeral Home, New Berlin, with Rev. George Whitman, pastor of the Berean Baptist Church in New Berlin, officiating. Burial will be made in Fairview Cemetery, New Berlin.

# **Lawrence L. Schomo — 1884-1970**

Mr. Lawrence L. Schomo, 86, of Oneonta, well known railroad man in New Berlin, died unexpectedly October 27 at the Fox Hospital, Oneonta.

Mr. Schomo worked for the Unadilla Valley Railroad and was a resident here for many years.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, October 29 from the Lewis Funeral Home in Oneonta at 2:00 p. m.

### John D. Hoxie — 1911-1971

Mr. John D. Hoxie, 60, New Berlin, died October 18, 1971, in the Chenango Memorial Hospital, Norwich, following a long illness. He was born July 31, 1911,

at Highmore, South Dakota, son of Carl and Margaret (Millard) Hoxie.

Surviving are: his wife, Mary (Harshbarger) Hoxie; five children: Dennie Hoxie of New Berlin, John Hoxie of Buffalo, Michael Hoxie of New Berlin, Mrs. Paul (Jean) Van Warner of South New Berlin and one foster son, Harold Smith of Big Flats; ten grandchildren; one brother, Carl Hoxie of Montour Falls; three sisters: Mrs. Laura Learn of Buffalo, Mrs. Maud Butler of Buffalo and Mrs. Jennie Crandall of Pine City; one aunt, Mrs. Hazel Hughes, New Berlin. Mr. Hoxie worked as a brakeman and conductor on the U. V. Railroad for 24 years; for two years he owned and operated the former Walker's Restaurant and was later employed by TACO until his retirement.



Funeral services will be held Thursday, October 21, at 2:00 p. m.. from the Dakin Funeral Home in New Berlin with Rev. George Whitman, pastor of the Berean Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be made in Fairview Cemetery, New Berlin.

Military services will be held by Frank H. Arnold Post, American Legion. Mr. Hoxie was a veteran of World War II.

# Murray M. Salzberg — 1915-1984

Murray M. Salzberg, the owner of two bus companies in Queens and short-line railroads in various parts of the country, died Sunday [July 29, 1984] at his home in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. He was 69 years old.

"He was one of the last remaining mass-transportation entrepreneurs in the country," said Ron Shafran, a spokesman for the two bus companies — the Queens Transit Corporation and the Steinway Transit Corporation. Together they operate 300 buses within Queens and between Queens and Manhattan.

"He took junkyard railroad operations that others would sell for salvage and created railroad companies and made them work against all odds," Mr. Shafran said.

Mr. Salzberg's father, Harry, founded H. E. Salzberg Company, a scrap materials concern, in the 1890s. The company bought up trolley services and short-line railroads in Maine, Kansas, Arkansas and upstate New York, among other places.

Mr. Salzberg owned and operated the Des Moines and Southern Railroad, the Johnsbury County Railroad in Arkansas, the Arkansas and Ozark Railroad, and many others.

At his death, he was the principal owner and president of the Louisiana and Northwest Railroad Company, which operates a freight railroad between Louisiana and Arkansas.

The trolley fleets that were the forerunners of the Queens and Steinway companies were purchased in 1933. The last trolley crossed the Queensboro Bridge in 1957, and Mr. Salzberg's companies converted their operations to the bus

fleets.

In the 1970s, Mr. Salzberg was a participant in the reorganization plan for the Central Railroad of New Jersey that resulted in the creation of Central Jersey Industries. Mr. Salzberg was chairman of the board of Central Jersey from 1979 until his death.

Mr. Salzberg, a graduate of Syracuse University, in 1948 established the Harry E. Salzberg Transportation Award, which is given each year to a leader in transportation. Mr. Salzberg also helped develop the Salzberg Transportation Institute at the university.

He is survived by a son, Harry E., of Madison, Wis.; two daughters, Heddi M. Norris, of Atlanta and Dana S. Colley of Hartford, and a grandchild.

# Howard H. Cadwell — 1910-1986

Howard H. Cadwell, 75, of 27 Green St., New Berlin, died Friday, May 2, at his home.

He was born Aug. 13, 1910, in West Edmeston, the son of Frank and Mattie (Wilder) Cadwell. He married Sally Price, who survives, on Oct. 17, 1931, in West Edmeston.

A lifelong area resident, he was a conductor for 30 years for the former Unadilla Valley Railroad, and later worked for 17 years as assistant manager of the former Dairymen's League plant in New Berlin. He was a member of the Berean Baptist Church, New Berlin.

Surviving, besides his wife, are two daughters: Mrs. Arthur (Elizabeth) Kiingler of Edmeston and Mrs. Charles (Sally) Welch of Vernon Center; one son, James R. Cadwell of

New Jersey; 14 grandchildren, eight great grandchildren, one niece and one nephew.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, May 7, at the Dakin Funeral Home, New Berlin, with Pastor Dwight Kenyon of the Berean Baptist Church, New Berlin, officiating. Burial was made in Scribner Cemetery, New Berlin.

Contributions may be made to the Berean Baptist Church, New Berlin, or the New Berlin Emergency Squad.

# Roy T. Reidenbach — 1901-1986

Roy T. Reidenbach, 85, of New Berlin and Port Charlotte, FL, died Sunday, August 11, at his home in New Berlin, following a long illness.

He was born February 5, 1901, in Scranton, PA, the son of Agusta and Carolina Hartman Reidenbach.

He married Fannie Johnson, who survives, on August 22, 1925. His son, Roy C. Reidenbach lives in New Berlin, and a second son, William D.



Reidenbach, lives in Port Charlotte, FL. He had six grandchildren and nine greatgrandchildren.

Mr. Reidenbach was a member of the United Methodist Church, New Berlin, and a former Trustee of Phoebus Lodge #82 F.&A.M., New Berlin, and a life member of the New Berlin Rotary.

He was a retired general manager of the former Unadilla Valley Railroad.

The funeral is at the Dakin Funeral Home on August 14, at 2:00 PM. The Reverend Jerry Halbert, Pastor of the United Methodist Church, officiating. Interment will be at Fairview Cemetery, New Berlin.

Memorial contributions may be made to the United Methodist Church or the N.B. Emergency Squad.

### Pat Gifford — 1939-2016

Pat Gifford, AKA: Patricia Burke, Welch: 78 years old of New Berlin, N.Y., passed away on July 1, 2016, at Strong Memorial Hospital, Rochester, NY.

Patricia was born on May 25, 1938, in Deposit, NY, the daughter of Christopher and Ruth Burke. Her childhood was spent in New Berlin, NY. She was a 1956 graduate of New Berlin Central School and a 1959 graduate of RIT in Rochester, NY, where she held the honor of being the first female to receive a printing degree.

Pat was employed at Sears in Oneonta, NY, for 10 years and at A.O. Fox Memorial Hospital, Oneonta, for 5 years. She was the owner and operator of "A Sunshine Home" which catered to Alzheimer's



patients for more than 15 years. Pat became a Christian as a young adult and faithfully attended a church wherever she lived throughout her life helping in many ways and holding many roles within the church. She was currently a member of the First United Methodist Church in New Berlin. Through the years she has been a member of the DAR, the executive director of the Unadilla Valley Railroad Society, chairman of the New Berlin Town Planning Committee, a board member of the New Berlin Art Forum, a Girl Scout Leader, a member of the Nifty Club and was very active in the 60+ Club.

She shared her writing talent with many of these organizations. She was also noted for her generosity and hospitality. Pat turned her personal challenges with her health into an opportunity to help others by establishing the Ostomy Association of Oneonta, NY. This became the Central NY Ostomy Network that reached out to individuals all across NYS and beyond who were fraught with similar challenges.

Pat is survived by her children: Kristina "Kitty" Behnke of Sidney and adopted children; John Welch of Mount Vision, NY; Hezekiah Welch of New Berlin, NY; Michael Welch of Reno, NV; and Kevin Welch of Florida; as well as her sister: Susan Jane Webb of Towanda, PA.; grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews and cousins. She was predeceased by her parents and her brother;

Christopher Burke, Jr.

A funeral service will be held on Friday, July 8, 2016, at the First United Methodist Church in New Berlin NY with Pastor Lyle Linder officiating. Calling hours will be held at the church starting at 9am, a service celebrating her life will be at 11 am. The interment will be in the Riverside Cemetery, South New Berlin, NY. Following this will be a "PotLuck" at the Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. Donations can be made in her name to the Unadilla Valley Railroad Society, New Berlin, NY 13411

# George R. Wolfangle — 1933-2020

George Robert Wolfangle, 87 years old, of New Berlin, NY, passed away on November 26, 2020, at Bassett Hospital, Cooperstown, NY.

George was born on June 6, 1933, in Bayonne, NJ, the son of George J. & Gertrude (Olsen) Wolfangle.

Between 1948 & 1949 his family moved to County Hwy 13 in New Berlin. He was a graduate of New Berlin High School and was drafted at the age of 21 during the Korean Conflict. His basic training was at Sampson Air Base in NY. He moved from there to Chaunute Air Base near Chicago, IL, then to George Air Force Base in CA and finally to Texas where he became a jet air mechanic. After completing four years of service to his country, he went



on to the Baptist Seminary in Texas earning a pastoral degree.

After his father passed away, George and his mother moved back to Bayonne where he became a P.A.T.H. conductor in NJ for 25 years. Following his retirement, he returned to New Berlin where his love for trains inspired him to open the Unadilla Valley Railroad Museum in the New Berlin Depot. George became the founder of the U.V.R.R. Museum, bringing with him items from many railroad sources including P.A.T.H. Co-founders with George were, William Fliedner II, Carl Carpenter & Floyd Reeser, the original writer for/of the UVRR's Pendragon News Letter.

George attended Bible Baptist Church in Norwich, NY, officiated by Pastor Frayer with his wife Bev.

Surviving George are his loving wife of 21½ years, Beverly, her son & daughter from a previous marriage and their children. Also surviving is his sister Carol Wheeler of Virginia Beach and her children Glenn & Denise as well as a host of family and friends.

George will be interred in St. Andrew's Cemetery, New Berlin, NY, with his parents. The graveside service will be held at the convenience of the family.

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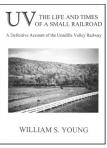
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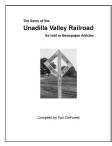
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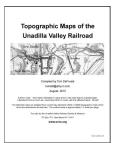
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