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Chairperson's Report

By Bernadine Schwartzentruber

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Website/Facebook www.mennoniteheritagefarm.com As 2021 comes to a close, a review of activities and events for the year are in order. It was a very difficult decision to postpone the Zwanzigstein Fest; but as more time has passed, the committee feels more certain it was the right move.

The AMHA Board is looking to fill a vacant position. We are specifically seeking a person with accounting and QuickBooks skills. For more information, please call Bernadine Schwartzentruber at 315-376-2792.

Events and Facility Upgrades - 2021

The work at the Heritage Farm continues in spite of fewer public events. Completed projects include the following:

- A textile table in the archival area.
- House roof replaced.
- Gravel parking for 80 vehicles.
- Nature/hiking trail posts and markers placed.
- Shelving in barn loom room for assorted spinning wheels, flax wheels, etc.
- Tarp placed on garage roof to stop leakage.

Projects still in progress include adding more fill to create a driveway in front of the barn to the road and placing a sign at the corner in Kirschnerville.

Events include the chicken barbecue and bake sale in July, children's faires (fine and fiber arts with a total of 49 students participating) in August, one onsite field trip (60 - BRCS 1st graders) in October, and planning for a ham loaf sale in December. Orders for the 2 lb. ham loaf with glaze may be emailed to <u>info@mennoniteheritagefarm.com</u> and or/call 315-376-7822 by Wednesday, December 1.

Appreciation for Volunteers

Archival work "behind the scenes" is keeping several ladies busy. Thanks to Caroline Virkler who is working on assigned projects from the curator, "Find a Grave," etc., and Geneva Virkler and Lois Zehr for their ongoing work in sorting through Arlene Yousey's notebook binders (news clippings and notes). They are checking for duplications and inclusion from other family scrapbooks. With the accompanying extensive index files, graciously donated by Arlene Yousey, each item in the notebooks is noted on an individual (typed) index card that is filed by last name and/or subject matter. In addition, the notebooks are upgraded to new paper and archival transparencies. Diane Beller also continues to scan archival material.

Thanks also to Paul and Lisa Schamback and Sam Gingerich for scraping and restaining the clapboards on the front house porch. In addition, Alton Virkler does artifact wooden restoration/construction for the archival office.

The Naumburg Mennonite Church youth recently helped to clear tree limbs on the nature trail. This work was coordinated with the efforts of Neil Keib.

The board is very appreciative of this volunteer work and also the cleaners (Erin Holmes, Loretta Moser, Susan Moser, Karen Moshier, Isabel Norris, Diane Steria, and Berneda Zehr) and gardener (Marie Swartzentruber).

Looking Ahead

The board is excited to announce that the next Heritage Farm project in 2022 is to renovate the granary. This will include replacing the wood siding, windows, and the door to the main floor.

To support our various funds such as Endowment, Partnership, 20 for 10, and granary upgrades, please call Don Roggie, treasurer (315-376-3076). A reminder that the "20 for 10" fund replaces the bake sales and establishes a support base committed to help offset heat, utilities, and insurance.

We thank you for your prayers and financial support during 2021. Your generous giving has made it possible that the house roof and parking lot to be nearly paid. Thank you!

New AMHA Members

Benjamin and Stephanie Fouse, Lowville Bernice Lehman Hostetler, Kansas Jim Lehman, Indiana Virginia Lehman Ostuni, Baldwinsville Gladys Lyndaker Schweitzer, California

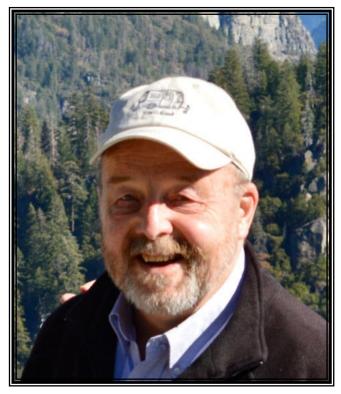
New Board Member - Sam Gingerich

I am a retired professor of chemistry/university administrator who worked in South Dakota, Colorado, Mississippi, and Alaska. Early in my career I taught at Bethany Christian High School (Goshen, IN) and Freeman Academy/Freeman Junior College (Freeman, SD). I am still engaged with some projects in higher education and enjoy cooking, traveling, hiking, photography, reading, and playing golf.

I have had a range of the following board experiences: United Way in SD and CO, South Dakota State Library, the Colorado National Monument Association, and the Right Turn which provided alternative education for youth and adults in Pierre, SD. In addition, I've worked with a number of local, state, and regional groups established to promote leadership and educational opportunities.

My wife, Erin Holmes, recently retired from University of Alaska Anchorage. We have two sons. Daniel is a faculty member at the Ohio State University, and Matthew works for the Human Services Department in Lewis County.

I believe my experiences with planning and grant writing will benefit AMHA. In addition, I bring a passion for the history and experiences of Mennonites in Northern NY.



(Sam is the youngest son of the late Beryl and Marion Jantzi Gingerich.)

Curator's Note of Appreciation

Anonymous donors came forth to offset the expenses for an engineered/constructed textile table that has been on the curator's wish list for a long time. The ease of having a padded, muslin cloth cherry table (72" x 96") of this size will accommodate many purposes in handling textiles of any size, especially comforters and quilts. Thanks to Norm Moshier and Mose Beiler for the fold-up table that is placed against an archival wall. Thank you, donors!

Parking Lot Becomes a Reality

By Neil Keib

Ever since the first Zwanzigstein Fest on July 4, 1991, it has been the wish of AMHA to have an all-weather parking lot. In the past years, an adjacent hay field has been used for parking. However, during a wet year, the hay field was unusable and those attending our event had to park on the roadside, which caused a safety hazard to both attendees and vehicle traffic on the roadway. During the few times that we had a wet year and the hay field was used for parking, the result was a "sea of mud." Cars would be mired in the mud and had to be pushed or pulled out to the highway. The hay lot became a mess.

After the 2017 Zwanzigstein Fest, the AMHA Board decided that the time had come to design and construct an all-weather parking lot. A "Parking Lot Fund" drive was started and donations were received. At the same time, another pressing issue before the Board was replacing the house roof, so another fund drive was started. The parking lot project had to be delayed yet another year (2020) due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the cost increase for the materials to construct the project.

In midyear 2021, the board decided to move ahead with the parking lot at a reduced scale. The parking lot was reduced to an 80-car parking with the option to expand it in the future to the 104-car capacity. The parking lot was completed in mid-August and will be fine graded in early November. The AMHA Board wishes to express its sincere appreciation to all those who donated to the Parking Lot Fund so that this worthwhile project could become a reality.



House Roof Project

By Norman Moshier

A sound roof and a sound mind share the same dwelling. In August, a project that has been anticipated for some time was completed. The work was carried out by Cedarcrest Construction and included new roofing, fascia, and also clapboards at the interface of the roof and side walls. The face boards of the north entry and the front porch were repainted. The front (west) soffit, clapboards, and window trim were restored and painted. This was done retaining nearly all of the old fabric. Finally, the asphalt shingles were removed and a new 24-guage standing seam roof was installed. This product is made locally by Adirondack Steel Works, Inc. Its 16" wide panels have a good traditional look.

This is at least the fifth roof on the circa 1846 house. The evidence we have observed indicates an original split cedar shake roof, a 1920s sawn cedar shingle roof, a circa 1950s "tile-effect" asphalt shingle roof, and a circa 2005 asphalt shingle roof. There was most likely another cedar shingle roof between the original and the 1920s roof since the typical life of cedar shingles is about 40 years.

Thanks to all who contributed to support this necessary project.

Hiking Trail Update

By Neil Keib

Upon the death of Perry C. Steria in February 2014, his wife Beth established a fund in memory of Perry C. Steria for the purpose of constructing a hiking/wagon trail in the woods at the Mennonite Heritage Farm. Perry and Beth enjoyed many hours hiking on trails and cross-country skiing over the years. For those who like to walk and enjoy God's beauty, the trail is for you to explore too.

First, a wagon trail was cleared around the perimeter of the woods and has been used for several years to provide horse and wagon rides for our visitors during our annual Zwanzigstein Fest. In the following years, two hiking trails were marked and cleared and in service with the exception of permanent, intermediate trail markers. Most recently a third trail has been marked and is partially cleared; permanent, intermediate trail markers will soon be installed.

It is hoped that within the next year or two the remaining interconnecting hiking trails can be marked, cleared, and intermediate trail markers installed. It should be noted here that the present trails have been cleared by efforts of volunteers from several church youth groups. If it was not for their work, there would be no hiking trails. It is our hope that the trail system can be completed in 2022. If your church youth group is looking for a community-related work project, please contact AMHA, and we will gladly accept your offer.

Once the trail is completed (approximately 2.5 miles), a TRAIL MAP will be published and will be available in the gift shop (free of charge). It is also planned to use the trails for cross-country skiing.





Cemetery Project – Part I

By Janet Zehr

As we near the end of our cemetery project, I reflect on the countless hours that all those connected with this project gave toward its completion. Many thanks go to Arlene and late Ellen Yousey, Matthew Moser (grave digger and record keeper), Rosanna Moser, Sharon Moser Garber, Caroline Roes Virkler, Geneva Lehman Virkler, late Edward Widrick, Fred Zehr, and Janet Zehr. All contributed in some way either with the examination of written records and map, visual viewing of tombstones, computer input (spreadsheet and Find a Grave), and many hours of research on the computer, telephone, and church and public records. We are so thankful for each person's interest, time, and dedication to this project.

The loss of existing church records for the Kirschnerville Cemetery located on the Erie Canal Road instilled the Mennonite Heritage Farm archival office personnel the need for a complete listing of accurate detailed information of our Mennonite cemeteries. I doubt if any of us realized the extent of time it would take to gather all the information available and transfer it to a permanent record that will be available at the Mennonite Heritage Farm and also to the area Mennonite church cemetery committees. Though it has been a time-consuming task, it was an educational experience. We have learned a lot of history about people we have known throughout our lifetime and before who are gone from this earth. As we worked through the process, it seemed as though we shared in the sorrow of the families that buried a longed for child who was not destined to live beyond birth, or in the loss of a beloved wife, husband, father or mother taken too early (in our mind) from this earth.

This project began in 2019 on the largest cemetery with the review of the donated ledgers from Arlene and Ellen Yousey for the Croghan Mennonite Cemetery. The detailed records were compared with the official map and written record of same cemetery kept by Matt Moser. It was interesting to see that the official map is drawn on a vinyl window shade, which was no doubt the largest item available at the time. (Arlene and Ellen Yousey also donated a ledger that entailed a listing of burials for the Kirschnerville Cemetery that they compiled.) Next came the viewing of the actual stones on the cemetery and comparing them with the other records. Sharon Garber did the computer input, which was then checked with the handwritten records, corrections made, and then checked again. Much research was done to make the records as correct and detailed as possible, such as adding parents' names and cause of death.

Our work expanded to other Mennonite cemeteries, that is, Naumburg, Crystal Light, Denmark (formerly Hope), and First Mennonite Church New Bremen. Research also continues to build an electronic database of bodies cremated/buried on private grounds.

To date, there remains some information on several earlier burials that we have been unable to obtain, but research continues. Some graves do not have stones, although some information is available from the church map and book. We are fortunate in the age of computers to be able to find information that would not have been so readily available in the past.

From the Mennonite Heritage Farm website (<u>www.mennoniteheritagefarm.com</u>) on the **Home** page, you may click on "Find a Grave," which takes you to a listing of the Mennonite church cemeteries and other cemeteries where members of the Mennonite community are buried. After you search by first and last name, you will find a photo(s) of the grave marker (if one present) and other information such as obituary, photo, spouse and deceased family member links, and location in the cemetery. You can also go to the **Resources** from the **Home** page and scroll to the "Find a Grave" listing of the cemeteries. If you have any questions and/or information to provide, please email <u>info@mennoniteheritagefarm.com</u> or call the curator.

Story from the Past

By Arlene Yousey

Chris Moser had an eye for good alignment. The children usually brought the bundles of oats to him in the field and he did the stooking. Several neighbors noted one shock was off just a hair in alignment but said nothing. By the next time they went by, Chris had discovered it and had reshocked it in perfect alignment. - By Menno Moser, 1987 and Lyle Moser, 1993

Congratulations, Tom and Beulah Beller!

By Joan Beller Widrick

Seventy years is a long time, but they say, "Where has the time gone? We have been blessed to still have each other." Tom and Beulah Roggie Beller were united in marriage on August 23, 1951, but before that...

Tom was born to Andrew and Martha Beller on May 26, 1931. He attended school in Castorland. Sitting in a classroom was not what he wanted to do, so after completing 8th grade at the age of 16 (started school at age 7 and repeated first grade after attending four different school districts that year), he quit school and started working at Climax (partly to help with the household budget). Jerry Schweitzer and he were coworkers at Climax. He quit working at Climax because there was no future for him working in a mill and took up employment on the farm of Perry & Hazel Virkler in Deer River (first farm on right off Depot Station Road). He worked at the Virkler farm until purchasing his own farm in Spring 1952 after they were married, which Tom considered the ideal occupation.

Beulah was born to John and Ione Noftsier Roggie on March 7, 1930. She graduated from Carthage High School; she did not excel academically, but she persevered! After graduation she worked for Charles J. Reeder in Carthage. Reeders did not have a daughter, so Mrs. Reeder took Beulah under her wing and taught her housekeeping from a well-to-do family's perspective. Beulah lived with them and was responsible for laundry, cleaning, harvesting, preserving, and preparing garden produce. She continued working there until she and Tom purchased their farm.

One night after Sunday evening church service, Jerry Schweitzer suggested Tom ask to take a girl home, and they do a double date. At the time, Jerry was dating Gladys Lyndaker. Gladys and Beulah were good friends, so Beulah seemed to be the obvious choice. Before dating, Tom "needed" a suitable vehicle to court in. His dad had a red Chevy truck, but Tom couldn't "ask a girl to go out in that." In 1948, he purchased a '48 Pontiac car and had enough cash to pay for half the car. After that first date, Tom asked a second time and third, and he continued to court her! Tom was 18 and Beulah was 19 at the time.

Tom had a sister Evelyn, who needed transportation to church activities. Beulah had a sister Arlene, who also needed transportation. Most of Tom and Beulah's dates included a couple of giggling girls in the back seat. "Those were the best times!," they both say. They courted until Beulah was "of age" at 21.

It was a warm summer day when they responded "yes" to "til death do us part." Dad and Mom Roggie's home on the Martin Street Road across from the Carthage Central School had been a flurry of activity for several weeks. The house was well-cleaned and repaired in preparation to hosting the wedding receptions in



the afternoon and evening. A menu was planned, guests invited, and cooks and waiters/waitresses were asked. A seamstress in Carthage was hired, and the wedding cake was ordered. A pig was butchered for the afternoon reception, and a cow was made into bologna for the evening reception. They remembered their parents being very generous with the wedding preparations.

On the morning of August 23, Tom with Elton Roggie, brother-inlaw, and Richard Zehr, cousin, were in one anteroom at the Dadville Mennonite Church prior to the start of the 10:30 service. Tom wore a new straight-cut black suit. Beulah wore a yellow cape dress and was in the anteroom with Arlene Roggie (Widrick), sister, and Tom's sister, Evelyn Beller (Virkler). Arlene and Evelyn wore mint green dresses. The seamstress was Mrs. White from Carthage. They stayed in the anterooms until the ministers came to get them and invite them out for the ceremony.

Rev. Lloyd Boshart officiated, and Tom's Uncle Emanuel Swartzendruber, minister, from Pigeon, Michigan, gave the wedding sermon. It was 11:48 a.m. when Rev. Boshart pronounced them "husband and wife." Elmer Lehman Jr., cousin, was the chorister, and Rosemary Martin (Wagler) was at the guest book. After they said "I do," the aunts, uncles, and special guests made their way to the Roggie home outside of Carthage. During the ceremony, several couples (Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Widrick, Mr. & Mrs. Simon Gingerich Sr., Mr. & Mrs. Victor Lyndaker, Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Mayer, Mr. & Mrs. Alvin Lyndaker) had been busy preparing the food for the reception. Tom and Beulah's aunts had also helped with food prep and dropped off their dishes prior to attending the wedding. As they recall, the menu included but was not limited to scalloped potatoes and ham, baked beans, rolls, cabbage and jello salads, as well as pickles for the afternoon reception. Any food left over was served along with bologna and cheese for the evening youth reception. Both of their mothers were very skilled with bread making, so the rolls were made by them. The two meals included desserts! The wedding cake was a nut cake, rather tall, but too small for serving all their guests. Pies and cakes along with the purchased wedding cake were served. Ice cream was added to the menu for the evening reception. Tom and Beulah remember the house being overfull; their afternoon reception was attended by 200 guests and 175 in the evening.

Unmarried youth were asked to serve the seated guests; the girls were provided white cotton bibbed aprons, which they kept as a memento of the wedding. Following the afternoon reception, the bridal party went to Hurd's Studio in Lowville for their wedding photos. The evening reception was again held at the Roggie home for the youth and relatives who desired to return. Beulah changed into a white dress, which had also been sewn by Mrs. White. The white dress had originally been planned for the wedding ceremony, but she was discouraged from wearing it by the ministry to stay within the guidelines set by church leadership.

The first destination for the two-week honeymoon was Virginia and then Michigan to visit Tom's relatives (Menno and Anna Zehr and Emanuel and Katherine Swartzendruber). On the way home, they stopped at Niagara Falls. After their return to their home on the Deer River Road, they opened their wedding gifts and settled in to married life.



When asked what words of wisdom they would share from 70 years of experience, they quickly gave three thoughts:

- 1. Keep the Lord number one in your relationship; making church attendance the basic building foundation.
- 2. Stay out of debt.
- 3. If a job needs "doing," just do it! Don't wait for your spouse to do it.

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The archival office lists the following nine couples married in 1951 within the Lewis County Mennonite community:

Thomas and Beulah (Roggie) Beller Simon and Lena (Widrick) Gingerich Ralph and Margie (Lehman) Lyndaker Arthur and Mary (Lehman) Mathys Derwood and Ruth (Moser) Widrick Aaron and Loretta (Widrick) Widrick Clarence and Beulah (Yancey) Widrick Norman and LeEtta (Lyndaker) Widrick Kenneth and Belva (Lyndaker) Zehr

The Virkler Lettuce Grows Again

By Camilla Ammirati (Canton, NY)

Over the past year, it's been a privilege to work on the Grow and Tell Project for the "Folk to Table" traditional foodways program at TAUNY (Traditional Arts in Upstate New York, Canton). Much has come out of the project so far, but perhaps the most wonderful and rewarding of all has been the opportunity to learn about and help make connections around the "Virkler lettuce," a special variety that shows just how powerfully a particular food can connect people to their heritage and traditions.

The Virkler family brought this Buttercrunch-like variety of lettuce to the North Country when they first immigrated from Alsace-Lorraine, France, in 1834. The lettuce was then grown by many over generations, but was largely lost from the community in more recent years. Marilyn Schamback recently shared with the Adirondack Mennonite Heritage Farm her recollections of this lettuce, which her mother Lois Virkler Schamback used to grow in her Beaver Falls garden every year, and to which no other lettuce "comes close...for juiciness, tenderness, or flavor." Among other things, she remembers it paired with vine-ripened tomatoes on BLTs the kids "didn't consider 'good' unless the juice ran off our elbows as we ate the sandwich."

Marilyn is far from alone in her fond recollections of this special lettuce variety. This past spring while working on this project, I noticed a request on a Facebook gardening group for help finding seeds to plant the Virkler lettuce. Charmaine Virkler Campany and others quickly responded with their own interest and knowledge that the seed had been shared with the Seed Savers Exchange in past years, but it wasn't currently available that way and no one had been able to find a source recently.

Working with our project partners, Flip Filippi and Bob Washo at littleGrasse Community Farm here in Canton, I let them know about the lettuce, its significance, and community members' difficulty obtaining it at this point. I was thrilled this past spring when Bob told me he'd sleuthed a source through his own connections



with the Seed Savers Exchange, and that littleGrasse would try to grow a crop of it in hopes of producing enough seeds to both continue to grow and preserve the variety on their farm, and to share seeds back with the Adirondack Mennonite Heritage Farm and community members who were looking for it.

Thankfully, the crop came along beautifully, and those hopes have come to fruition, with plans to continue growing the Virkler lettuce in coming seasons as well. A highlight of this past summer was getting to invite Rosanna Moser and friends to the farm to see the lettuce growing, have a taste, and make plans for receiving the seeds once ready. It has been truly an honor to be at all involved in helping make these connections, and we at TAUNY, along with the farmers at littleGrasse, hope that going forward community members will once again be able to regularly eat, grow, and propagate this delicious and meaningful food, and that a new generation of kids will soon be enjoying the perfect crunch of that lettuce in BLTs with the juice running off their elbows.

(Camilla Ammirati is a folklorist and the Folk to Table Project Director at TAUNY. The Grow and Tell Project, part of TAUNY's Folk to Table initiative, is a 2021 partnership between TAUNY and littleGrasse Community Farm highlighting the local food and food traditions that help sustain us, through a series of garden tours, kitchen demonstrations, video and digital features, and more.)

NOTE: The Virkler lettuce seed is available at the AMHA gift shop on a donation basis. You may email info@mennoniteheritagefarm.com or call 315-376-7822 to make arrangements.

Part II - 1918 Influenza

By Diane Kipfer Beller, granddaughter of John Z. Lehman

Information below is either quoted or summarized from John Z. Lehman's diary (See Part I in Spring 2021 newsletter):

...Then came October, and a worldwide outbreak of Spanish Influenza, wreaking havoc in this community and affecting Johnny (Lehman) personally and tragically. It spread across Asia and war-ravaged Europe to the Americas. The epidemic eventually killed 20-40 million people, including 500,000 Americans. In the midst of perfect health, in a circumscribed community, the first case of influenza would occur, and then within the next few hours or days a large proportion and occasionally every single individual of that community would be stricken down with the same type of febrile illness. [1]

That's when Johnny's brother, Michael (Lehman), received a notice to report for his draft physical. When he arrived, all the doctors were out of the office due to the influenza epidemic. After he returned home, he also fell ill. His mother was helping with the delivery of sister Mabel's (m. Ben Martin) child.

The sequence of local events follows in October 1918:

- 8th "[I] was sick all p.m. but worked just the same. Aunt Mary (m. Joseph Z. Lehman) took sick this a.m."
- 9th "Was at bed all day sick. Had Spanish influenza."
- 10th "To bed all day. Had the doctor, Jones. Mr. Foote died today downtown." Johnny was sick for the next three days before improving.
- 16th "Anna Lehman came after Uncle John. Pete (Zehr) had a bad spell. I went down with her to see Pete. I tended to [brother] Mike during the night."
- 17th "Tended to Mike. The doctor was there tonight 12:30."
- 18th "Sam (Lehman) came home. He was up at Bro. Ben (Lehman) doing chores. They were sick. Moved Mike downstairs this p.m. in Pa & Ma's (Christian and Mary Zehr Lehman) bedroom. Had a hard night all night."
- 19th "Seen some change with Mike. The doctor came at 9:30, said Mike would not get better again. Was up with him all night. He died at 3:45 this morning [20th], in the new time. George Martin little girl got buried today."

During all this devastating tumult, Mabel's expected child decided to make an entrance into this world. Michael died during his twin sister's labor for her second born. She was able to look down from her room through the hole where a chimney had been to see him in his casket. As one close to Mabel's heart, with a connection that only a twin could understand, took his last breath, she brought forth a new life from her womb who took his first.

- 20th "Sam went over & got Ray F. to go over to Weller's to get Mabel & Ben (Martin). I went down to get Alvin S. to get Ben & Emma (Lehman). Stopped at Croghan; sent telegram, 3 of them. Uncle Ben helped. Company day & eve."
- 21st "Pa & I went to Croghan to look at caskets. Sam & Dan went down to see Pete. Ben M. got C. Schulz to take over at Weller's. Ben & Emma stayed all night. Phillip Moser died this morning at 7. Mrs. Joel Widrick died this morn 7:30. Emma Moyer. Cousin Peter L. Zehr passed away at 4:15 this p.m. at Arthur England's; brought him home this eve."
- 22nd "Ben M., Ben L., Sam & I went down to see Pete, to get benches in a.m. Michael funeral this p.m. at the house only. Wouldn't let us take him to the church on account of influenza. Was at 1:00. Dan J., Ben M., Sam & I were bearers. Stopped to see Phil Moser on way back. Went over to Peter in eve. Took Aaron back. All sick."
- 23rd "Joel Widrick funeral 9:00. David G., Nick Gascho, John R., Aaron J., Sam & I carried. An auto procession. Pa went to Phillip Moser funeral 10:00."
- 24th "Pete funeral -10:00 Sam & I carried. Only at house with all funerals. No churches open."
- 25th "There were 64 deaths in the Journal today."
- 28th "Started working again."

^{[1] -} Dr. Herbert French to the British Ministry of Health (Hoehling, 18)

B ook Discounts

The gift shop is offering discount prices on the following books:

Strangers and Pilgrims—History of Lewis County Mennonites by Arlene Yousey Purchase 3 or more books at \$30.00 each. Regular price is \$40.00 each

Jacob and Catherine Zehr Roggie History and Genealogy by Arletha Zehr Bender Yoder . Purchase 3 or more books at \$28.00 each; Regular price is \$30.00 each.

Special arrangements can be made for the purchase of the above-mentioned books if desired to use as Christmas gifts. (The archival office will be closed after Wednesday, November 17.) Other books/DVDs are available for your review at the website: mennoniteheritagefarm.com and go to the **Books** section. Please email info@mennoniteheritagefarm.com or call 315-376-7822.



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