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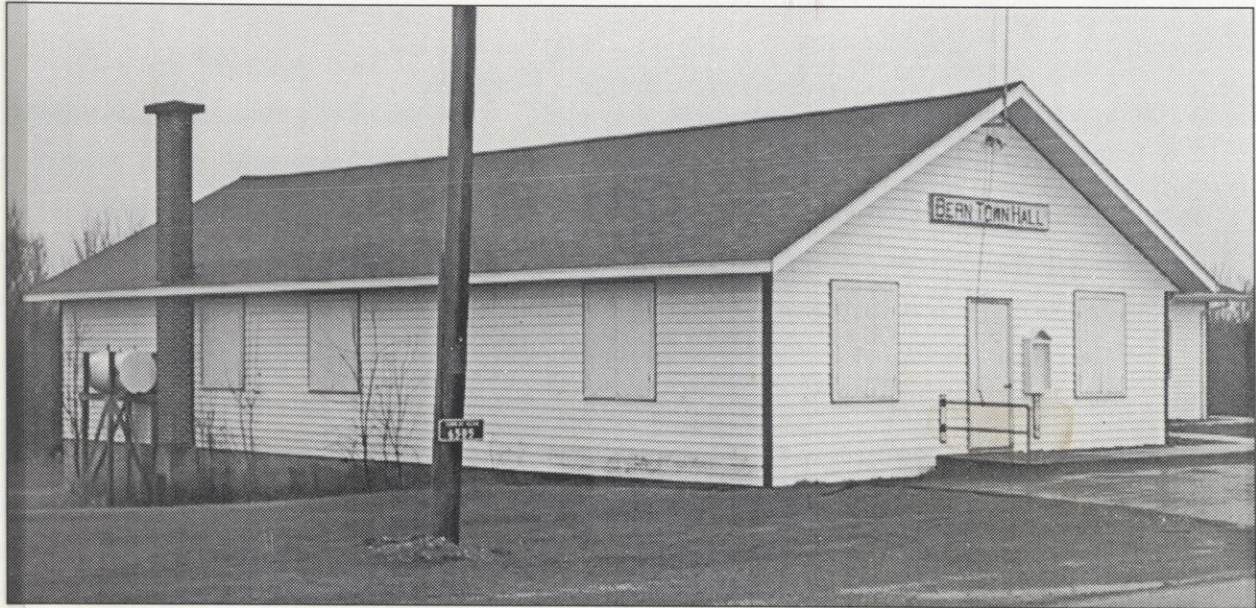
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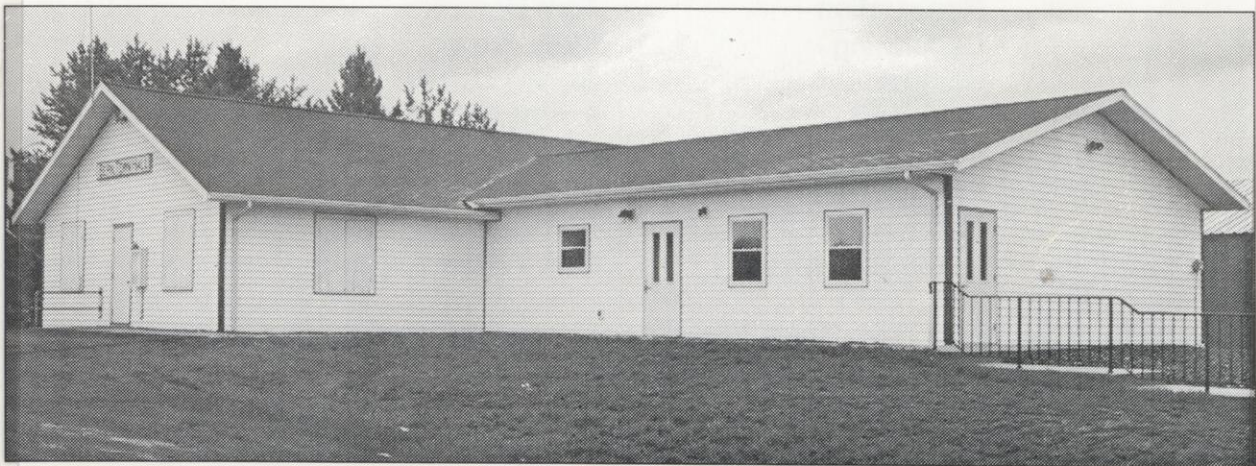
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Bern Centennial **1902 ~ 2002**



Town Hall ~ 1930



New Addition ~ 2001

TOWN OF BERN CENTENNIAL

1902-2002

September 8, 2002
Town Bern Hall – Highway M

10:00 – 2:00
Activities – Dinner – Program

1:30
Program
Speakers:

Senator Russ Decker & Marathon Co. Board Chairman, Keith Langenhahn

Music:
Athens Old Timers Band

2002 Bern Town Board

Chairman	John Krueger
Supervisor	Tom Boneske
Supervisor	LeRoy Klimpke
Treasurer	Sharon Weiler
Clerk	Jeanette Daniels
Assessor	Better Auner
Road Commissioner	Andy Lotter

Committees

Advertising	Jeanette Daniels
Lunch	Sharon Weiler
Registration	Tom Boneske
Decorating	Betty Auner
Booklet	Shirley Daniels
	Arnold Schroeder
Parking	Mark Schreiner
Fair Parade	Rick Kuck
Fair Booth	Nathlie Kuck
Heritage Display	Dick Weiler

We wish to thank the Bern Town Board for their service and the committees for their work on the Centennial.

We also thank all others who helped prepare and serve the meal, all contributing with articles and pictures for the booklet, and all involved any way in making our Centennial a success.

DEDICATION

In celebrating the 100th Centennial of the Town of Bern, we commemorate our forefathers. This book is dedicated to the Swiss, German, and Mid-European immigrants who settled our township.

Some of the first settlers were the Swiss who settled on "Schweizer Road." They came from Bern, Switzerland; thereby our town received its name. The Swiss, Germans, and Mid-Europeans kept expanding farther and farther into the wilderness.

These were the men, women, and children who left their homes and countries and came to America with courage and determination. They came to escape poverty and religious persecution in their homelands and gain freedom in ours. They faced severe hardships and perils and overcame many obstacles to improve the living conditions of their families.

In doing so, these first settlers left us their legacy of faith, freedom, hard work, and opportunity that we, the people of the Town of Bern, enjoy in abundance today.



TOWN OF BERN RESIDENTS

Helen Bergmann	1979 Bergmann Road	Athens, WI 54411
Sister Margaret Hollibush	1999 Bergman Road	Athens, WI 54411
Karl Schreiner	2166 Bergmann Road	Athens, WI 54411
Keith Plockelman	2200 Bergmann Road	Athens, WI 54411
Galen Schlaiss	2423 County Rd C	Medford, WI 54451
David Beachy	1522 County Rd F	Athens, WI 54411
Elmer Schowalter	1524 County Rd F	Athens, WI 54411
Cherie Boneske	1553 County Rd F	Athens, WI 54411
Thomas Lavicka	1554 County Rd F	Athens, WI 54411
Lorna Rietz	1583 County Rd F	Athens, WI 54411
Adam Rietz	1587 County Rd F	Athens, WI 54411
Kathleen Wagner	1634 County Rd F	Athens, WI 54411
Robert Rausch	1668 County Rd F	Athens, WI 54411
Bernard Weiler	1732 County Rd F	Athens, WI 54411
John Krueger	1851 County Rd F	Athens, WI 54411
Keith Weiler	1993 County Rd F	Athens, WI 54411
Jack Hartwig	2018 County Rd F	Athens, WI 54411
Dean Redmann	2069 County Rd F	Athens, WI 54411
Kenneth Boneske	2072 County Rd F	Athens, WI 54411
Lyle Sackman	2138 County Rd F	Athens, WI 54411
Lloyd Franz	2207 County Rd F	Athens, WI 54411
Michael Gunderson	2224 County Rd F	Athens, WI 54411
Tim Richling	2291 County Rd F	Athens, WI 54411
Bernard Barkow	1402 County Rd M	Athens, WI 54411
Dale Barkow	1416 County Rd M	Athens, WI 54411
Leroy Klempke	1430 County Rd M	Athens, WI 54411
Edward Stencil Jr	1496 County Rd M	Athens, WI 54411
James Pearce	1534 County Rd M	Athens, WI 54411
Randy Boneske	1552 County Rd M	Athens, WI 54411
Thomas Mueller	1614 County Rd M	Athens, WI 54411
Philip Cook	1658 County Rd M	Athens, WI 54411
Claude Kreft	1721 County Rd M	Athens, WI 54411
Donald Taves	1768 County Rd M	Athens, WI 54411
Leonard Frahm Sr	1818 County Rd M	Athens, WI 54411
Jeff Frahm	1822 County Rd M	Athens, WI 54411
Calvin Frahm Sr	1837 County Rd M	Athens, WI 54411
Robert Boor	1847 County Rd M	Athens, WI 54411
Donald Romang	6131 County Rd M	Athens, WI 54411
Barb Dwyer	6137 County Rd M	Athens, WI 54411
Virgil Auner	6159 County Rd M	Athens, WI 54411
Randy Auner	6159 County Rd M	Athens, WI 54411
Todd Barkow	6210 County Rd M	Athens, WI 54411
Matt Flory	6250 County Rd M	Athens, WI 54411
John Berry	6334 County Rd M	Athens, WI 54411
Kurt Schreiner	6359 County Rd M	Athens, WI 54411
Thomas Schreiner	6388 County Rd M	Athens, WI 54411
Wayne Taves	6401 County Rd M	Athens, WI 54411
Stanley Grzybowski	6510 County Rd M	Athens, WI 54411
Michael Schreiner	6511 County Rd M	Athens, WI 54411
Neil Bergmann	6603 County Rd M	Athens, WI 54411
Larry Hoffman	6191 Dawson Road	Athens, WI 54411
Jacob Stoltzfus	6308 Doering Road	Athens, WI 54411
Mary Jo Kingsbury	6369 Doering Road	Athens, WI 54411
Orville Wickman	6379 Doering Road	Athens, WI 54411
Kevin Passehl	1961 Frahm Road	Athens, WI 54411
Pat Schreiner	1944 Frahm Road	Athens, WI 54411
Gordon Bennett	2021 Frahm Road	Athens, WI 54411
Jim Schreiner	2052 Frahm Road	Athens, WI 54411
Harold Frahm	2130 Frahm Road	Athens, WI 54411

Rodney Frahm	2132 Frahm Road	Athens, WI 54411
Joe Heier	2240 Frahm Road	Athens, WI 54411
Paul Hoffman	2256 Frahm Road	Athens, WI 54411
Wayne Hoffman	2268 Frahm Road	Athens, WI 54411
Dale Kraegenbrink	7075 Gad Road	Medford, WI 54451
Brian Gallistel	7205 Gad Road	Medford, WI 54451
Loren Albrecht	7229 Gad Road	Medford, WI 54451
Joseph Tomandl 3rd	7234 Gad Road	Medford, WI 54451
Michael Kloth	7297 Gad Road	Medford, WI 54451
John Beiler	6244 Hay Marsh Road	Athens, WI 54411
Daniel & David Beiler	6245 Hay Marsh Road	Athens, WI 54411
Jim Nowacki	6536 Hay Marsh Road	Athens, WI 54411
Tom Weiler	6618 Hay Marsh Road	Athens, WI 54411
William Hartwig	6619 Hay Marsh Road	Athens, WI 54411
Merle Martin	6182 Iron Bridge Road	Athens, WI 54411
David Jahnke	6201 Iron Bridge Road	Athens, WI 54411
George Dvorak	6232 Iron Bridge Road	Athens, WI 54411
Imelda Dvorak	6248 Iron Bridge Road	Athens, WI 54411
Gene Miller	6338 Iron Bridge Road	Athens, WI 54411
Paul Martin	6381 Iron Bridge Road	Athens, WI 54411
Andrew Daniels	6384 Iron Bridge Road	Athens, WI 54411
Clifton Stauffer	6402 Iron Bridge Road	Athens, WI 54411
Bradley Bahler	6428 Iron Bridge Road	Athens, WI 54411
Lester Nowacki	6466 Iron Bridge Road	Athens, WI 54411
Thomas Boneske	6578 Iron Bridge Road	Athens, WI 54411
Clyde Meschefske	6793 Lekie Drive	Stettsonville, WI 54480
Carl Thomsen	6845 Lekie Drive	Stettsonville, WI 54480
Ruth Thomsen	6857 Lekie Drive	Stettsonville, WI 54480
Jerry Brink	7085 Lekie Drive	Medford, WI 54451
Gordon Rietz	7177 Lekie Drive	Medford, WI 54451
Richard Weiler	6606 Lovers Lane	Athens, WI 54411
Frank Schreiner	6793 Lovers Lane	Athens, WI 54411
Ray Kremsreiter	6814 Lovers Lane	Athens, WI 54411
Robert Schreiner	6824 Lovers Lane	Athens, WI 54411
Shannon Frahm	6851 Lovers Lane	Athens, WI 54411
Linus Risch	6806 Rangeline Road	Athens, WI 54411
Jeff Zenner	6938 Rangeline Road	Athens, WI 54411
Edwin Schultz Jr	7002 Rangeline Road	Athens, WI 54411
Ed Fink	7116 Rangeline Road	Athens, WI 54411
Tony Niewolny	7132 Rangeline Road	Athens, WI 54411
David Nowacki	7152 Rangeline Road	Athens, WI 54411
Harland Westfall	7174 Rangeline Road	Athens, WI 54411
Lenard Becker	7286 Rangeline Road	Athens, WI 54411
James Bollech	1318 Schweizer Road	Athens, WI 54411
Thomas Swarey	1377 Schweizer Road	Athens, WI 54411
Lori Magnus	1387 Schweizer Road	Athens, WI 54411
Roger Nowacki	1432 Schweizer Road	Athens, WI 54411
Mike Parkhurst	1438 Schweizer Road	Athens, WI 54411
John Daniels	1463 Schweizer Road	Athens, WI 54411
Robert Nowacki	1474 Schweizer Road	Athens, WI 54411
Benjamin Swarey	6326 State Road 97	Athens, WI 54411
Clarence Brunke	6382 State Road 97	Athens, WI 54411
Donald Weiler	6452 State Road 97	Athens, WI 54411
Denis Flory	6512 State Road 97	Athens, WI 54411
Joseph Kepner	6711 State Road 97	Athens, WI 54411
Montie Szydel	6719 State Road 97	Athens, WI 54411
Edwin Root	6728 State Road 97	Athens, WI 54411
Joseph Weiler	6745 State Road 97	Athens, WI 54411
Ben Diller	6746 State Road 97	Athens, WI 54411
William Bohn	6754 State Road 97	Athens, WI 54411

George Solberg	6777 State Road 97	Athens, WI 54411
Robert Framke	6817 State Road 97	Athens, WI 54411
Raymond Weiss	6858 State Road 97	Athens, WI 54411
Ronald Martin	6865 State Road 97	Athens, WI 54411
Roy Boneske	6912 State Road 97	Athens, WI 54411
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Keith Boneske	6944 State Road 97	Athens, WI 54411
Lee Rufner	6947 State Road 97	Athens, WI 54411
Robert Erdman	7020 State Road 97	Athens, WI 54411
Reinhart Wiese	7054 State Road 97	Athens, WI 54411
Grant Hopperdietzel	7075 State Road 97	Athens, WI 54411
Rick Venzke	7118 State Road 97	Athens, WI 54411
George Boxrucker	7154 State Road 97	Athens, WI 54411
Darrel Brodziski	7220 State Road 97	Athens, WI 54411
Herbert Dahl	7228 State Road 97	Athens, WI 54411
Gary Maldonis	7253 State Road 97	Athens, WI 54411
Todd Pomrening	1752 W Townline Road	Athens, WI 54411
David R Kulas Jr	1996 W Townline Road	Athens, WI 54411
David Kulas	2006 W Townline Road	Athens, WI 54411
Scott Trimner	2056 W Townline Road	Athens, WI 54411
James Blazel	2106 W Townline Road	Athens, WI 54411
Harvey Bornheimer	2158 W Townline Road	Athens, WI 54411
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Ray Halligan	1519 Willow Avenue	Medford, WI 54451
Roland Bergmann	1689 Willow Avenue	Medford, WI 54451
Sara Sandley	1777 Willow Avenue	Medford, WI 54451
Georgia Shupe	1885 Willow Avenue	Medford, WI 54451
Terry Robinson	1935 Willow Avenue	Medford, WI 54451
Ramon Judnik	2023 Willow Avenue	Medford, WI 54451
Richard Dassow	2105 Willow Avenue	Medford, WI 54451
Larry Albrecht	2193 Willow Avenue	Medford, WI 54451
Daren Horton	2205 Willow Avenue	Medford, WI 54451
James Faber	2257 Willow Avenue	Medford, WI 54451
Dorothy Hrdina	2373 Willow Avenue	Medford, WI 54451
Lucille Rausch	1322 Windfall Hill Road	Athens, WI 54411
Harlon Kremsreiter	1379 Windfall Hill Road	Athens, WI 54411
Bruce Radloff	1411 Windfall Hill Road	Athens, WI 54411
Randall Kuck	1420 Windfall Hill Road	Athens, WI 54411
Dennis Fladvid	1428 Windfall Hill Road	Athens, WI 54411
Nila Kuck	1442 Windfall Hill Road	Athens, WI 54411
Allan Rothenberger	1455 Windfall Hill Road	Athens, WI 54411
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Dennis Weiler	1701 Windfall Hill Road	Athens, WI 54411
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Mark Schreiner	1855 Windfall Hill Road	Athens, WI 54411

PROCEEDINGS OF TOWN MEETINGS

Ordinance

The County Board of Supervisors of Marathon County
do ordain as follows:

Section I All of Township 30 North of Range 3 east
excepting the East $\frac{1}{2}$ of the East $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 36 in said Town-
ship and Range is hereby detached from the Town of Halsey
and all of the territory so detached as aforesaid, consisting
of the whole of Township 30 North of Range 3 East excepting
the East $\frac{1}{2}$ of the East $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 36 in said Township and
Range is hereby organized and formed into a new Town
to be named Bern

Section II The first annual meeting of said Town of
Bern so organized, shall be held at the time
fixed by Law for the holding of annual Town meetings,
next after the taking effect of this ordinance,
at the school house situated in the northwest corner
of Section 27 Township 30 North of Range 3 East in
said Town

Section III It is hereby determined that the indebted-
ness legally incurred by the Town of Halsey is hereby
apportioned to the portions so detached to form such
new town as follows: That part of said new town
detached from the said Town of Halsey, shall pay such
portion of the existing legal indebtedness of the said Town
of Halsey as the taxable property of such detached
portion bears to the taxable property of the entire
Town of Halsey according to the last assessment roll
of said Town of Halsey

Section IV Said Town of Bern shall be and is entit-
led to receive from said Town of Halsey such
portion of the taxes credits and moneys of said Town
of Halsey, as the taxable property in the portion so
detached, shall bear to the entire taxable property of said
Town of Halsey

Section V After the complete organization of the Town
of Bern, a town meeting shall be held between the

PROCEEDINGS OF TOWN MEETINGS

town board of the town of Bern and the town board of the town of Halsey, from which said territory is detached by this ordinance, for the purpose of computing the amount of said indebtedness, if any, to be borne by said town of Bern and ascertaining the proportion of the taxes collected or money on hand or credits belonging to said town of Bern. The joint meeting for the purposes aforesaid may be called by either of the town boards interested, by giving notice of the time and place of such meeting to the other town board.

And in case of disagreement they may submit the matter to an arbitrator or commission or take such other legal remedy as is given by law.

Section IV This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Attest: W. J. Kregel
County Clerk

Christ Franzen
Chairman

The above ordinance was passed by the County Board of Marathon County on the 9th day of January 1902 and recorded here this 19th day of May 1902.

By J. Brammaldie

Town Clerk

PROCEEDINGS OF TOWN MEETINGS

Annual Meeting held April 1st 1902

To this was the first meeting of the town a chairman had to be elected and John C. Searing was chosen for chairman for this meeting and J. Brammwalder as Clerk

The meeting was called to order by John C. Searing at 1 o'clock p.m. and as there were presented three petitions it was acted upon as follows

A petition signed by 24 residents and freeholder applied for laying out a highway between Sections 21 & 16 T 30 N of R 3 E and asked for an appropriation of \$ (300⁰⁰) Three hundred Dollars on above said road. A motion was made seconded and carried to grant the amount asked for said purpose

A petition signed by 18 voters asked for a sum of \$ 200⁰⁰ Two hundred Dollars to be applied to a road between Sections 9 and 16 T 30 N of R 3 E. On motion carried said petition was adopted

An application signed by 9 residents and voters of the town of Bern Harbathon County and of the town of Browning Taylor County asked for a sum of \$ 100⁰⁰ One hundred Dollars to be applied between Sections 33 T 31 N of R 3 E and section 2 T 30 N of R 3 E on motion carried it was adopted

On motion carried there was raised a sum of \$ 50⁰⁰ fifty Dollars to be applied on the Rangeline between town of Halsey and town of Bern

On motion carried was raised a sum of \$ 100 for Record Books and Stationery one hundred Dollars

On motion carried was raised a sum of \$ 250⁰⁰ Two hundred fifty Dollars for current expenses

On motion carried was raised a sum of \$ 50⁰⁰ Fifty Dollars for Poor

On motion carried was raised a sum of 10 mills for Roads on the taxable property of the Town

On motion carried it was allowed \$ 75 for Clerk's salary

On motion carried it was allowed \$ 50 for Assessor's salary

PROCEEDINGS OF TOWN MEETINGS

On motion carried the meeting was adjourned sine die
J. Braunnwalder
Town Clerk

Annual Meeting Town of Bern held April 7th 1903

The annual meeting of the town of Bern was held
at the schoolhouse Section 27 in said town on Tuesday being the
7th day of April 1903 at one o'clock P.m.

The meeting was called to order by Chas Schlais Chairman
and the financial report was read and accepted

On recommendation of the town board it was voted to raise
for Current Expenses \$ 350. —

.. Support of the Poor " 50. —

To buy gravel land was denied

but it was voted to buy 2 Wheel scrapers and raised " 70. —

for Incidental Expenses 50. —

Upon a petition there was raised to be applied " 100. —
to the road between Sections 16-21 in said town

Upon a petition there was raised to be applied " 100. —
to the road between Sections 9-16 in said town

Upon a petition there was raised to be applied " 175. —
to the road on County line north Section 2 in said town

Upon a petition there was raised to be applied " 200. —
to the road between Sections 1 & 2 and 11 & 12 in said town

Motion was made, seconded and carried to raise 3 mills
road tax on the assessed valuation for road purposes

Motion was made, seconded and carried to build
a shed for to keep in the Road machine Wheel scrapers etc
and it was raised for this purpose " 50. —

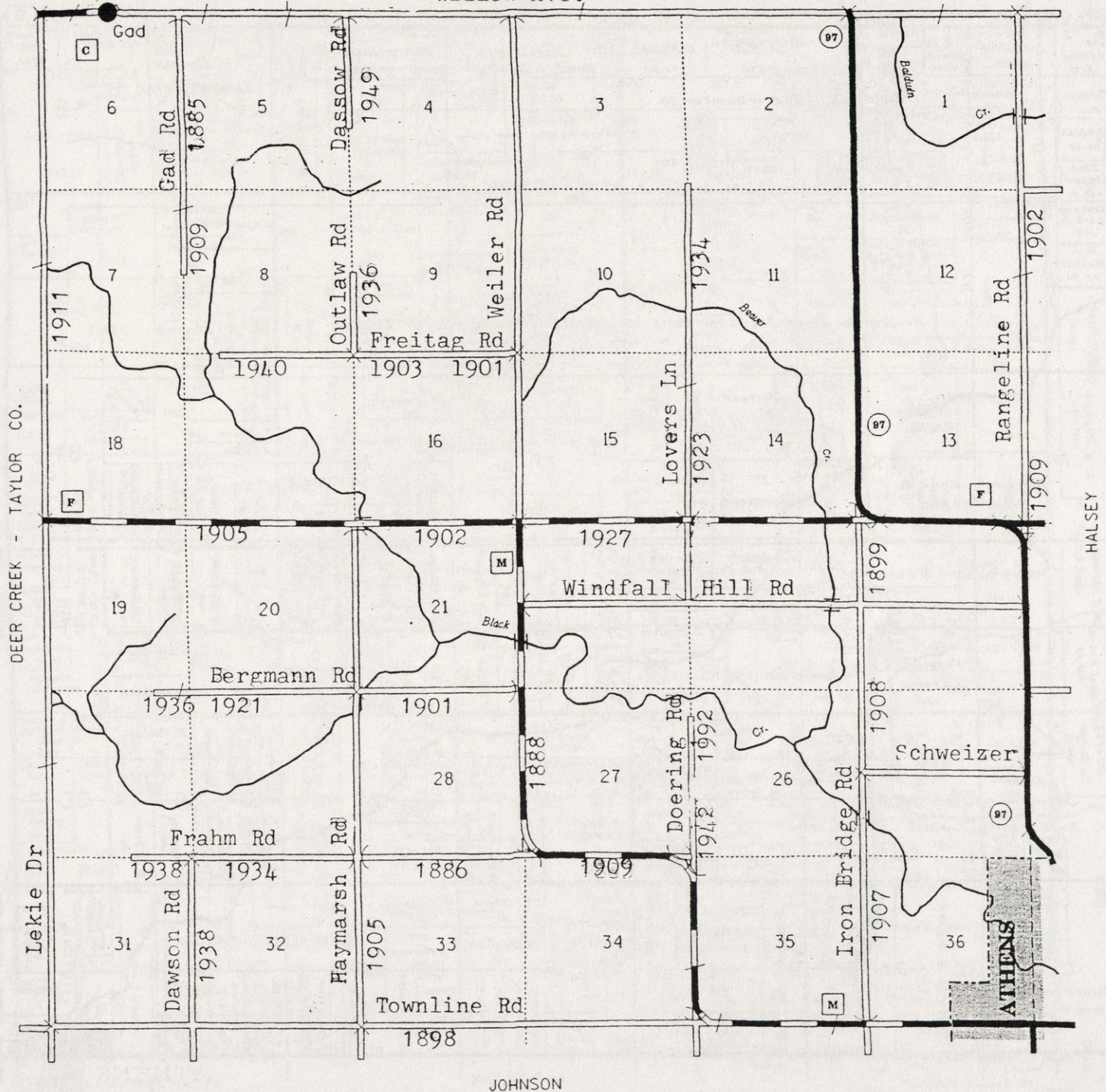
After a Motion made, seconded and carried the meeting was
adjourned sine die at 2 o'clock p.m.

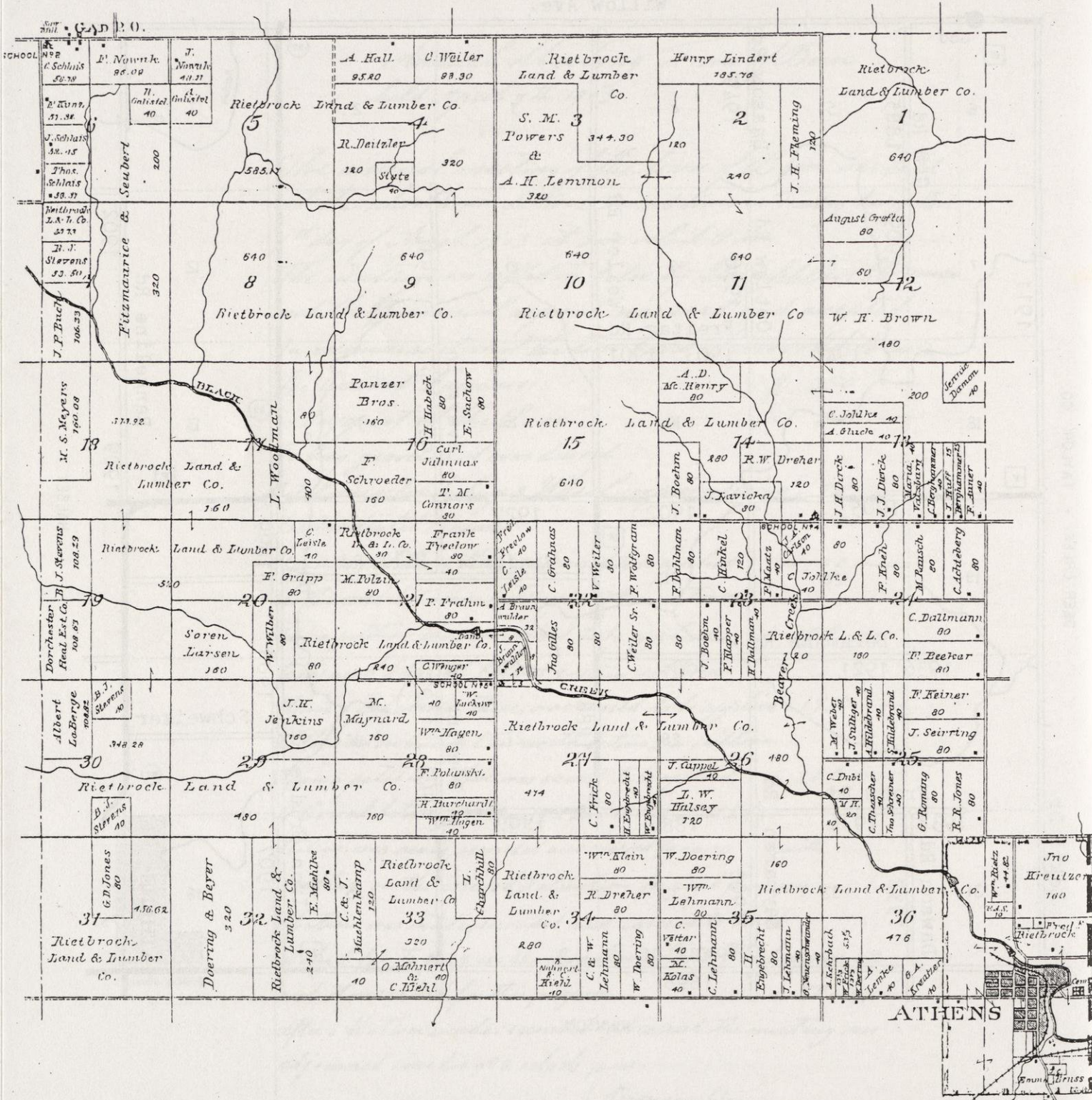
J. Braunnwalder
Town Clerk

R. 03 E.

BROWNING - TAYLOR CO.

GOODRICH - TAYLOR CO.
Willow Ave.



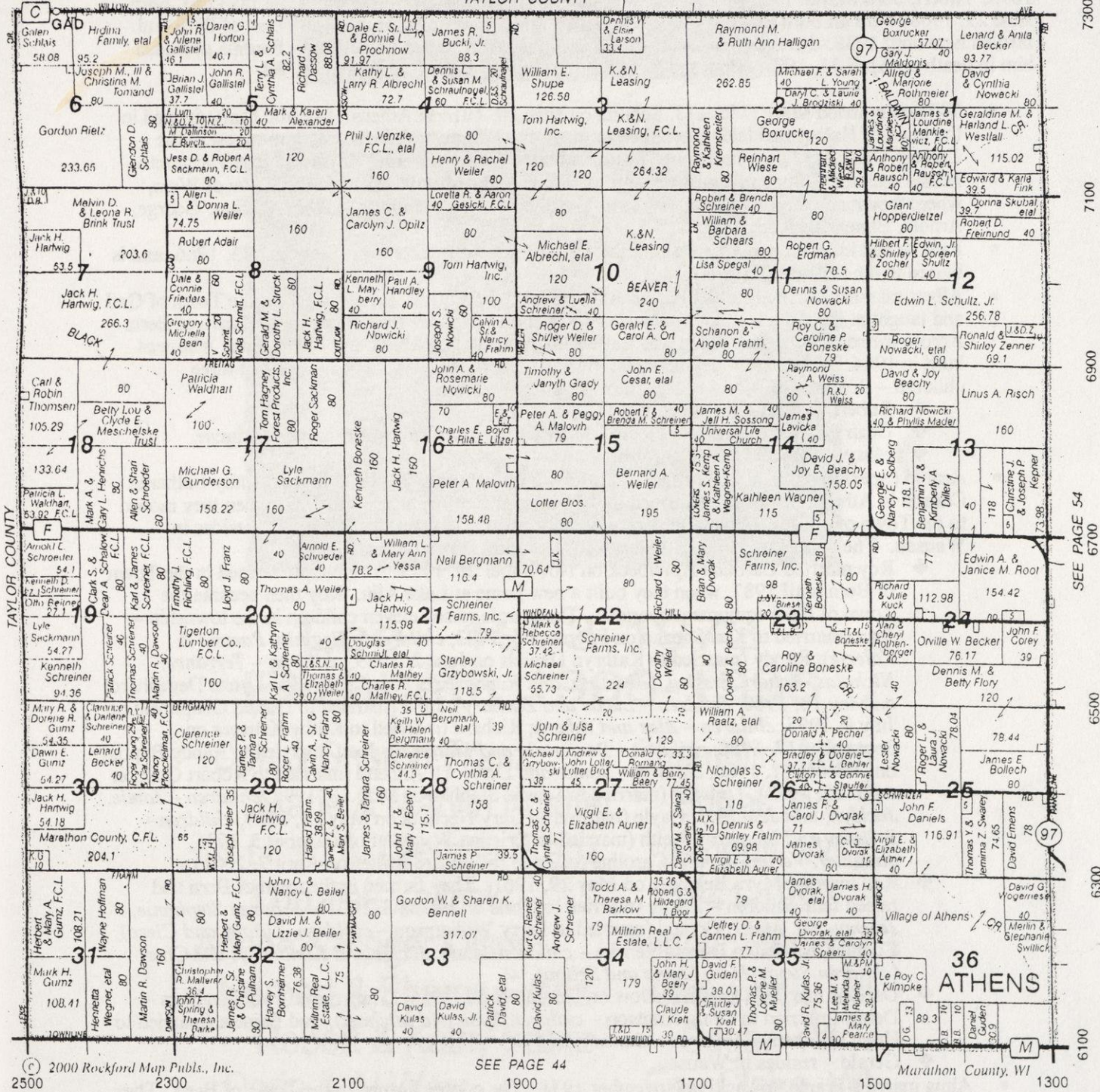


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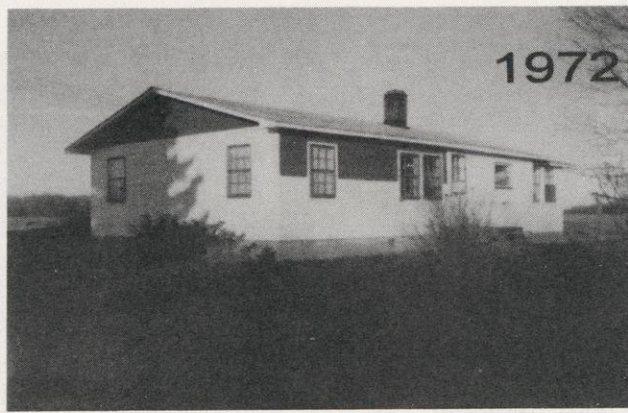
TAYLOR COUNTY



The Boneske Family

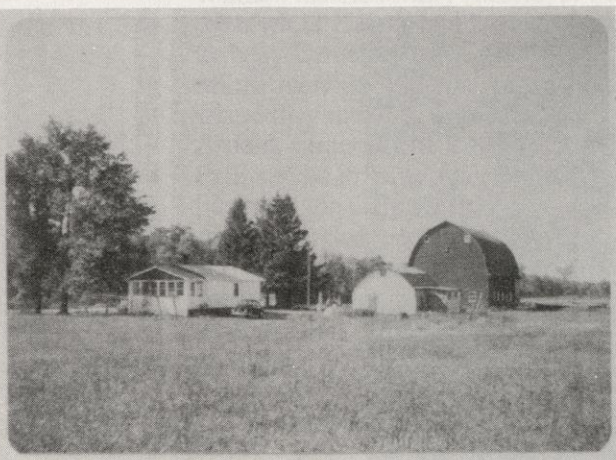
Otto Albert Boneske was born on December 9, 1861 in Germany. Otto married Paulina Albertina Boelter in 1890. Otto and Pauline had three of their six children while living in Oshkosh, WI. They were William (Wilhelm) H., born September 1, 1891; Minna B., born June 8, 1893; and Paul, born June 14, 1895. Albert, born March 17, 1902; Arnold Herman, born August 19, 1905; and Alma Ida Olga, born June 29, 1908; were all born in the town of Wein. In 1920, Otto bought land in the Town of Bern and farmed here until 1938. He then lived with Albert until his death on March 4, 1944. Paulina preceded him in death on April 11, 1927. Both are buried in the Calvery Cemetery in Athens, WI.

- William married Mary (Maria) J. Schultz on June 10, 1914 in Athens. Bill and Mary farmed in the town of Halsey and later made their home in the Village of Athens. Both now rest in the Calvery Cemetery. The couple had four children – Walter, George, Raymond, and Margareth.
- Minna married Wilhelm August Erdich Loeffel on September 17, 1914 in the Town of Wein, where they made their home and farmed. The couple had six children – Alma, Arthur, George, Arnold, Elmer and Ruth.
- Paul served in WWI and after leaving the service became a drifter. He died July 23, 1966, and is buried in the Calvery Cemetery.
- Albert married Lucille Mai Schlais on June 16, 1926 in Athens. Lucy was from the Town of Gad and taught at the Athens school system. Albert and Lucy made their home in the Town of Bern. Across the road from their home was Lake Allu, named after Albert and Lucy. Lake Allu was built in 1964. Albert and Lucy now rest in the Calvery Cemetery. The couple had three children – Robert, Dean, and Mary, all of which moved from the area.
 - ❖ Robert – resides in Necedah, WI
 - ❖ Dean married to Barbara Flodin. Their children are James, Lori, and Marianne.
 - ❖ Mary – she resided in California
- Arnold (Sparky) married Margaret Clara Merwin on February 24, 1932 in the Trinity Lutheran Church in Athens. The couple farmed in the Town of Bern from 1938 to 1967 when they moved to the Town of Halsey. Arnold now rests in the Calvery Cemetery and Margaret resides in Wausau. The couple had four children – Roy, Kenneth, Darlene, and Gerald.
 - ❖ Roy married Caroline Apfelbeck on November 26, 1953. The couple farmed in the Town of Bern until 1987, when they built a new home at Lake Allu. Roy then became the Town of Bern equipment operator. The couple raised eleven children in the township – Jean (married to Ken Soczka on February 6, 1982, *children - Virginia, Pamela & Valerie*); Randy (married to Kathryn Daniels on June 2, 1979, *children – Terrance, Nicholas, Robert, Jessica, Christina, and Randy Jr.*); Tom (married to Lynne Degenhardt on May 10, 1980, *children – Lucas and Zachary*); Julia (married to Gerald Chaplinski on July 9, 1995, *children – Alex and Adam*); Richard (married to Kathy Krueger on September 17, 1988, *children – Benjermin and Matthew*); Joan (married to Randy Baptist on October 11, 1980, *children - Jamie and Derrick*); Annette (married to Robert Gust on April 25, 1992); Timothy (married to Laurie Stanhke on May 10, 1991, *children – Jamie, Jacklyn, and Jennifer*); Gayle (married to Gary Nechuta on May 13, 1989, *children - Brittney and Meagan*); Keith (married to Kristina Westphal on October 5, 1996, *daughter, Veronica*); and Caroline (married to Richard Miller on April 7, 2001).
 - ❖ Ken married Myra Belanger on May 29, 1961. They farmed in the town of Bern and raised four children – Randy (married to Chris on March 8, 1974 – *children Stephanie, Jeremy and, Matt*); Crystal (married to Perry Williamson – *children, Tiffany and Ciera*); Connie (married to Dennis Venzke – *children Jessie, Jackie and Kimberly*), and Cheri (*children Stevie-Jean, Shane and Selina*).
 - ❖ Darlene married Donald Zietlow on December 22, 1956. They raised two daughters – Debra (married to Craig Knutson – *children Ryan and Michael*); and Pamela (married to Hugh Gresham – *David and Kyle*).
 - ❖ Gerald – resides in Wausau.
- Alma married Frank Nowacki in November 1931. The couple farmed in the Town of Bern. They now rest in the Calvery Cemetery. They had two sons, Lester (Delores Heldt) and Bernard (Bernice Roskoph).



Leo 1903-1972
Elizabeth 1906-1996

Don & Sharon Franz	Champlin, Minn
Marie & Marvin Knetter	Edgar, WI
Lloyd & Theresa Franz	Athens, WI
Lorraine Zelinski	1941-1992
Arlene & Roger Olson	Atlantic Beach, FL
Norbert & Sherrie Franz	Ladysmith, WI
Robert & Kathy Franz	Edgar, WI
Doris & Al Weix	Eau Claire, WI
Bettie & Dick Hartwig	Medford, WI



Leo & Elizabeth Franz Family Farm

Leo and Elizabeth Franz, along with their family moved to the Town of Bern November, 1945. They farmed there until 1972, when Leo was forced to retire due to his health. Leo also worked in the woods and did mason work on the side. They also made maple syrup every spring.

Elizabeth sold the farm and moved to Wausau in December 1973 .

Franz Family in 1956

L to R
Back Row:

Lloyd, Donald, Arlene
Marie (Bride), Lorraine,
Elizabeth ,Leo

Front Row:

Robert, Norbert
Doris, Elizabeth (Bettie)





**Leo and Bettie
1951**



**Don
1955**

**Marie
by 1941 Ford**

**Leo using a
McCulloch chain saw early 1950's**



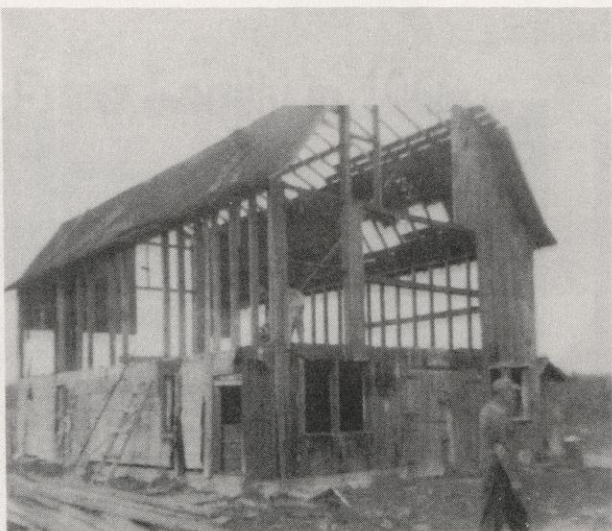


**Norbert
Winter of 1955**



**Lloyd, Doris & Bettie
1956**

**Tearing down old barn
1957**



**Leo
1955**



FRANZ SUGARBUSH

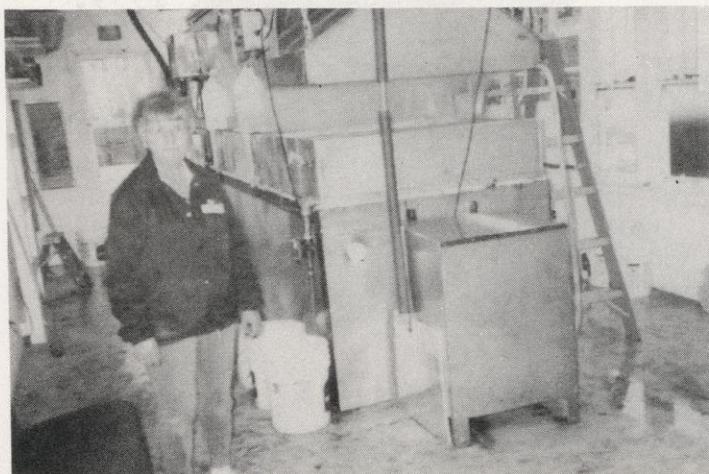


Lloyd & Theresa Franz Home



Evaporator House

Theresa by the evaporator

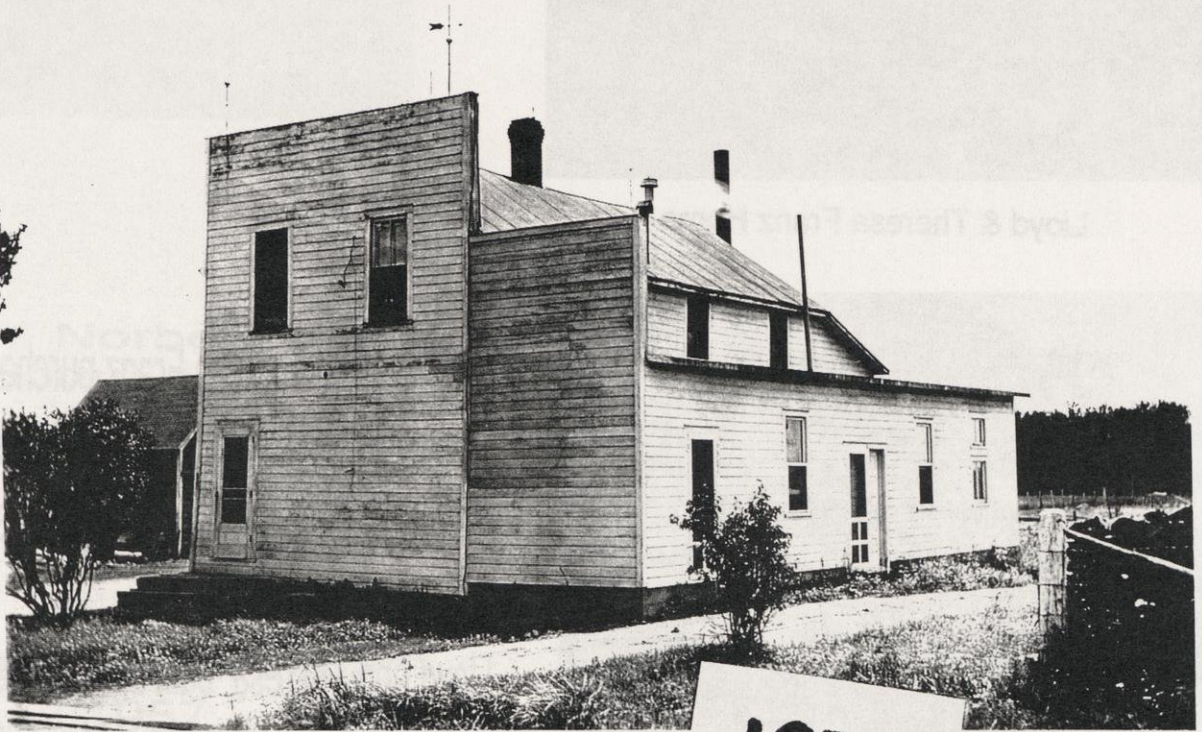


Lloyd and Theresa Franz purchased their property in 1961, and have produced maple syrup every year since then.

Lloyd and Theresa built their house and moved to the property in May 1993.

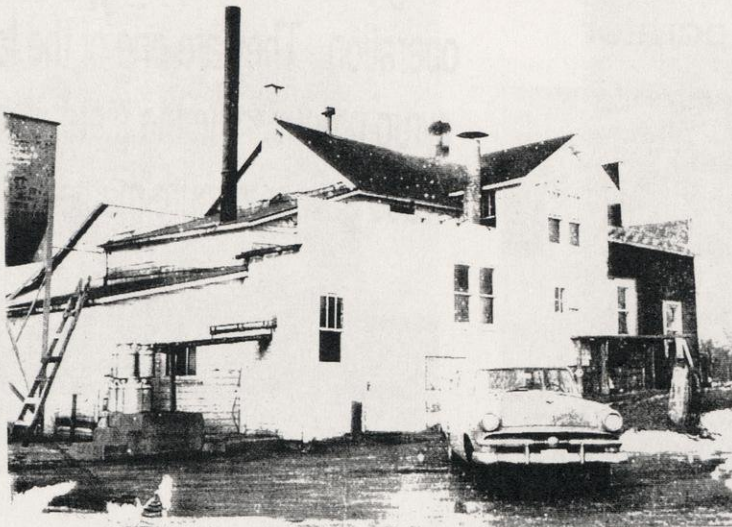
In 1974, they began using an evaporator on a large scale and expanded to a commercial operation. They are one of the largest maple syrup producers in the state, producing over 1000 gallons of pure maple syrup per year.

GAD CHEESE INC..



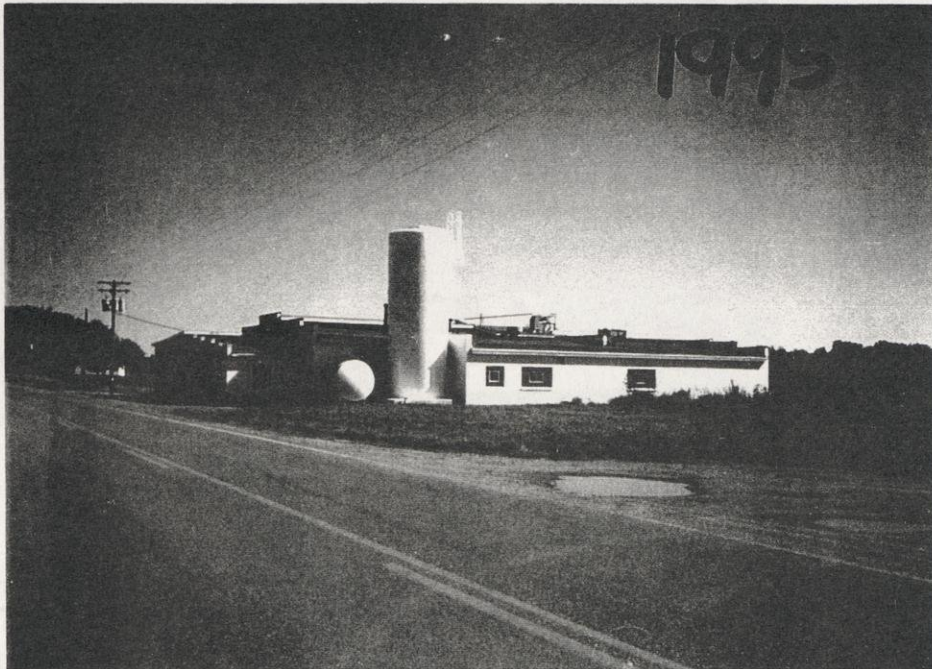
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Gad Cheese was purchased in 1929 by Arthur J. Albrecht..

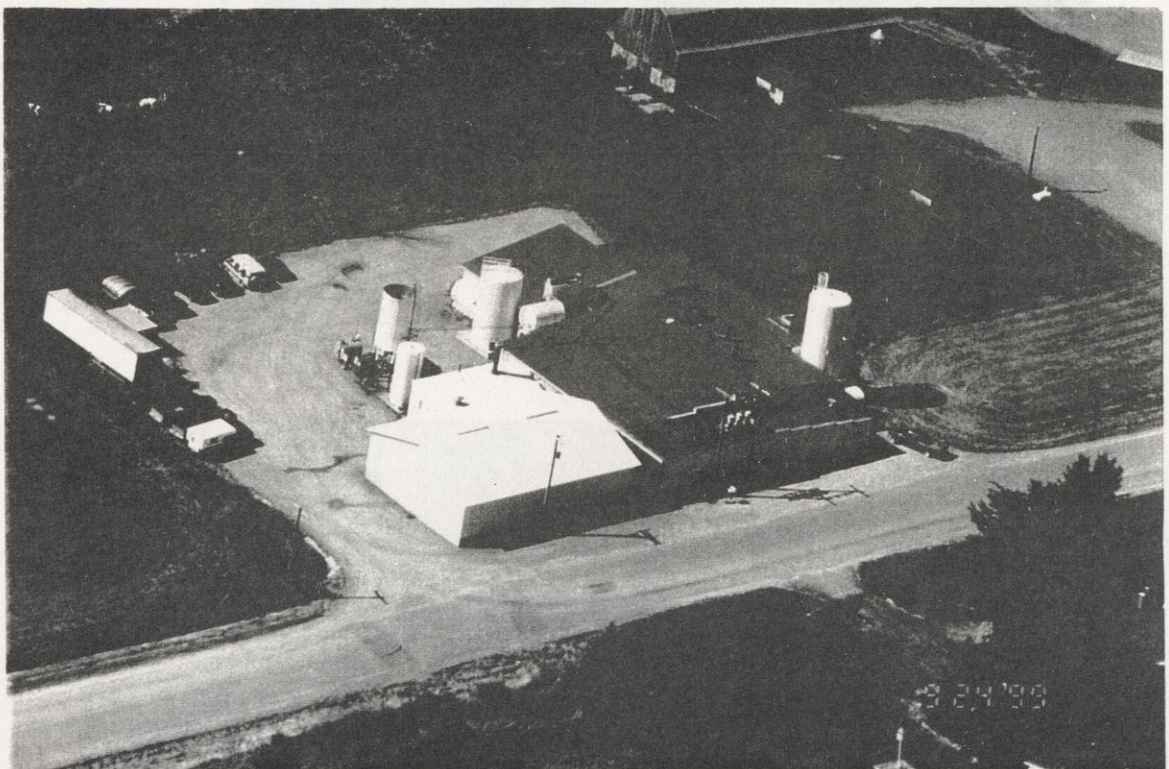


Gad Cheese back
side about 1959.

Owned by Arthur and
son Lorin Albrecht.



Gad Cheese Inc. 1995 (above) Area view 1999 (below)

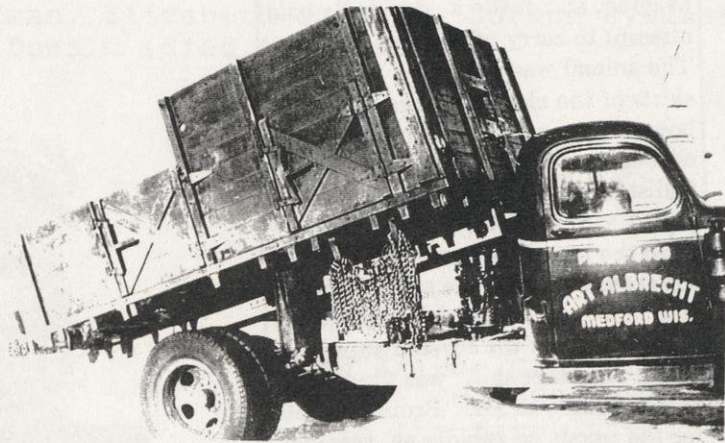




Gad Cheese Inc. is presently owned and operated by Bruce and Diane Albrecht since 1994 to present date of 2002.



Gad Cheese can milk trucks 1942 Arthur Albrecht.



Lorin and Leona Albrecht
owned Gad Cheese from
1959 till 1984.



article from the Star News
in Medford Aug. 7, 1897

A very large black bear called at the farm of Anton Galistel, about ten miles east of the city, last Wednesday evening, and made a decidedly bold attempt to carry off a yearling heifer. The animal was pasturing in the outskirts of the clearing when the bear bounced upon it. The noise of the encounter reached the ears of Mr. Galistel, who proceeded to the scene, armed with his rifle. When he arrived the bear had much the best of the argument, and one shot from the rifle failed to divert his bearship's attention from the coveted supply of meat. Another shot was fired with better results, as Mr. Bruin started for the woods as rapidly as possible. The heifer was badly shook up, and the farmer does not expect it will survive the terrible ordeal for any length of time.

The GALLISTEL family

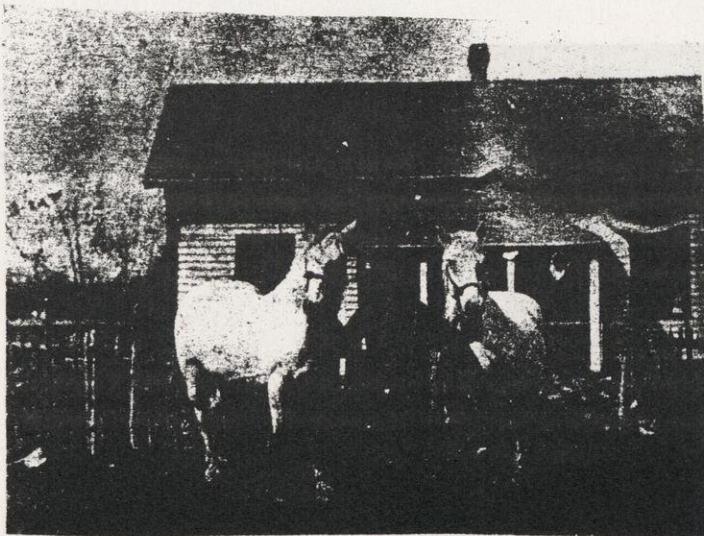
Anton and Johanna (nee Bemish) immigrated to America in 1881, with three children. They settled the farm southeast of Gad in 1886.

A good trout stream ran through the nearby haymarsh.

Their son Rudolph married Anna Wilczek in 1900 and they farmed until 1935. They built a retirement house across the road. Their grandson John spent much time with them and remembers them well.



Rudolph and Anna with Anton. Their other children were Rudolph Jr., Ann Rhyner, Max, Frances Kaufman, Mary Rhyner, Eleanor married Ed Belz the Athens postmaster. Janet Storch was the youngest.



Rudolph in front of
their log house.

Anton and Elizabeth Gallistel family, farmed 1935-1962



1980 picture: Jim, Mary Grant, John, Donna Faber, Robert
bottom- Jeanne Hoffman, Elizabeth & Anton, Norene Cywinski
not pictured: Donald (died in infancy)



(left) 1955 load of hay
with Anton standing and
Bob on the old Fordson.

John and Arlene Gallistel
farmed 1962 to 1998 when
they sold the farm. Their
son Brian still lives on
some of the original land.

(below) John and Arlene
with family (Jan. 2002):
Kevin, John, Mary Swope
with sons Michael and Alex,
and Brian Gallistel.



The Forth-Generation Janke, Schreiner Families Fifth-Generation with the Gilles Family

In 1923 Alfred and Freda Janke purchased 164 acres, mostly woods, along the Black Creek in the center of the Town of Bern east of the Bern Cheese Factory and Tavern. The barn was new and Alfred and his brothers built a new house in 1927. They had five children, Herbert, Clara, Esther, Dorothy, and Mildred. A lot of land had to be cleared of beautiful maple and hardwood trees. Alfred passed away from pneumonia in 1928. Herbert, the only son married Mary Gresl from Athens on June 17, 1930. Herb and Mary bought the farm from Freda in 1938. This is the 2nd generation. They had seven children, James, Jerome, Luella, Marilyn, Theresa, Joan and Russell. They farmed and worked with their neighbors, and Herb worked out too. In 1936 he was a foreman for the WPA, he was a charter board member of the REA, and was instrumental in getting electric power to a lot of farms in the area. He was also an officer for the Farmers Union. Herb ran the grader for the Town of Bern for several years. About 1948 son Jim bought a truck and that was to be the beginning of Janke Construction. Herb Jerry and Russ and many men from the town of Bern worked with him on jobs all over the state. At one time Janke Construction Co. was one of the largest contractors in Wisconsin.

Mary was a member of the Van Buren Homemakers, and later the WWT. She was a leader for the Bern 4-H Club she was a good neighbor, loved flowers and gardening, and painted beautiful oil paintings.

In 1961 they sold the farm to their son-in-law and daughter Andy and Lolly Schreiner. So it was then Schreiner Farms, and the 3rd generation. There are eleven children in this family. Lynnette, David, Sharon, Marianne, Mark, Joseph, John, Michael, Nicolas, Janet, and Richard. Andy continued to work with Janke Construction until the fall of 1971.

Andy, his dad and brothers and sons Dave and Mark all logged every winter. This was the beginning of Schreiner Trucking and Schreiner Forestry, that continues today with Andy, Mark, Joe, Mike, and Rick and their crew. Andy also served on the Town Board for 15 years. The children were all very active in school, sports, and 4-H. They were officers in different clubs such as FFA, and FHA, FBLA and others. They all really worked very hard on the farm too. A while after Herb passed on, Mary married Lawrence Johnas, a 70-year resident of the Town of Bern. Lawrence asked Andy to purchase his farm, as it was right across the road. So the farm grew.

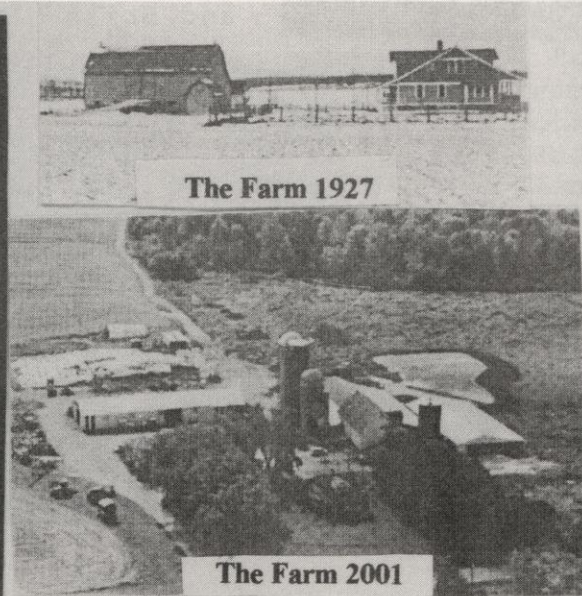
In 1995 Andy and Lolly moved to Athens and Nick and Nicole and their three children Mariah, Austin, and Madison are now the 4th generation on this farm. The farm has grown to over 260 cows, and lots of acres. On Dec. 3rd 1999, there was a tragic accident when the 8 ton of silage shot off the bunker silo and buried Nick, Thankfully he was dug out immediately by his brother Mike, Chad Roesler, Brad Zettler, and Joe Weidman. But the damage was done, His neck was broke, and his arm, wrist, and leg and jaw were all broken. His spinal cord was severed. He was in the hospital for about 6 months. He is now a quadriplegic. But he is determined to manage this farm from his wheel chair and he and his wife, dad, brothers, nephews, and crew are really doing an excellent job.

Actually, this is really the 5th generation of the Schreiner family to own this farm. Maggie Gilles, Andy's grandmother lived there from 1888 until 1904 when she married Sebastian Weiler. The 1st wedding in St Anthony's.

Besides Nike, at this time, Mark, Mike, and Janet and their spouses and families also live in the town of Bern.



Alfred & Freda Janke
1917



The Farm 1927

The Farm 2001

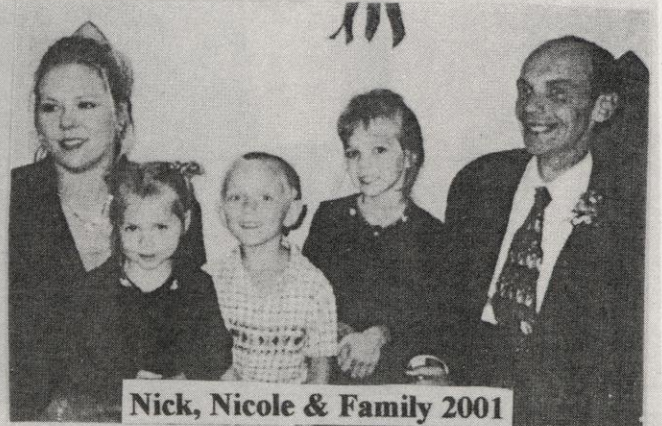


Herb & Mary Janke
June 17, 1930

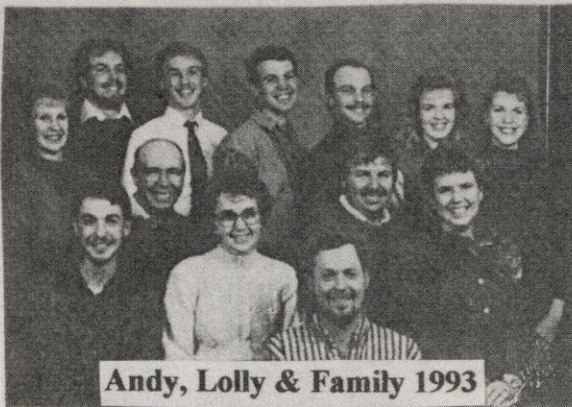
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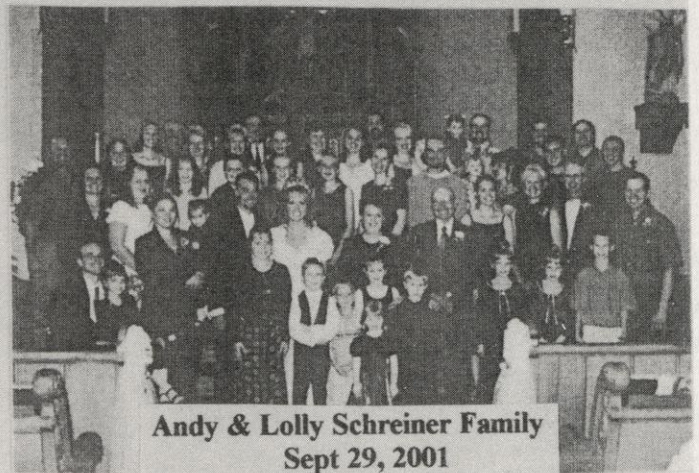
Herb, Mary & Family 1978



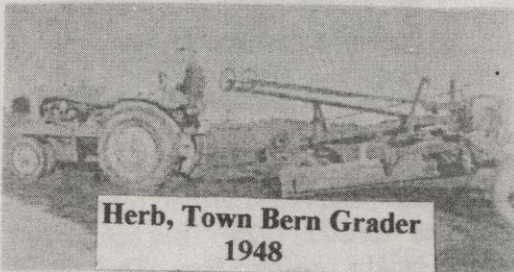
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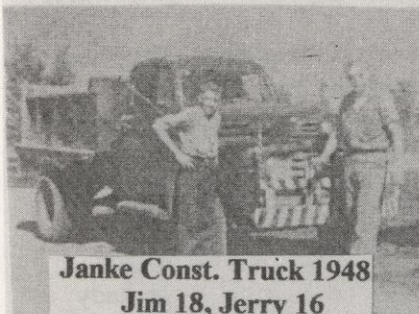
Andy, Lolly & Family 1993



Andy & Lolly Schreiner Family
Sept 29, 2001



Herb, Town Bern Grader
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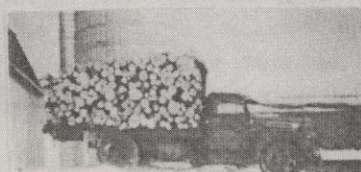
Janke Const. Truck 1948
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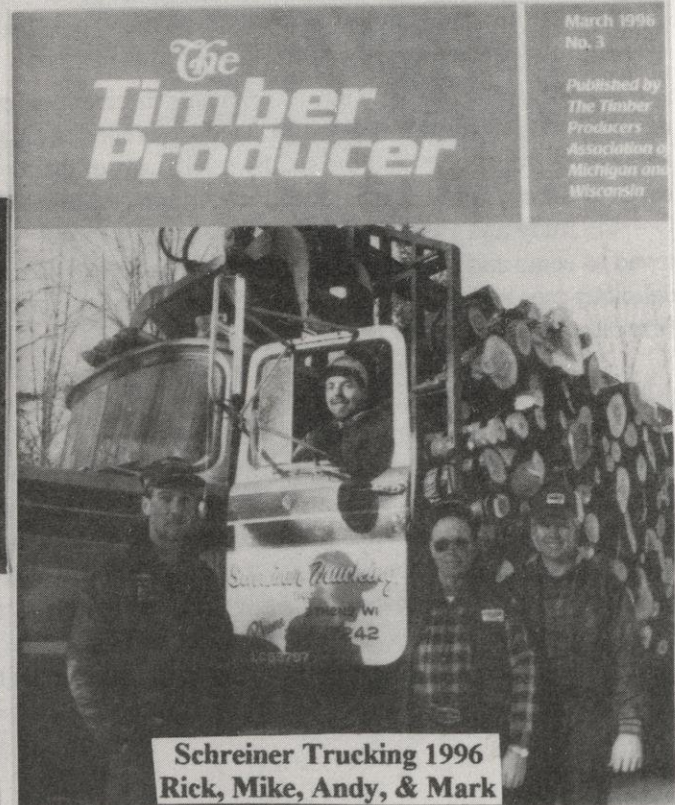
Maggie Gilles 1904



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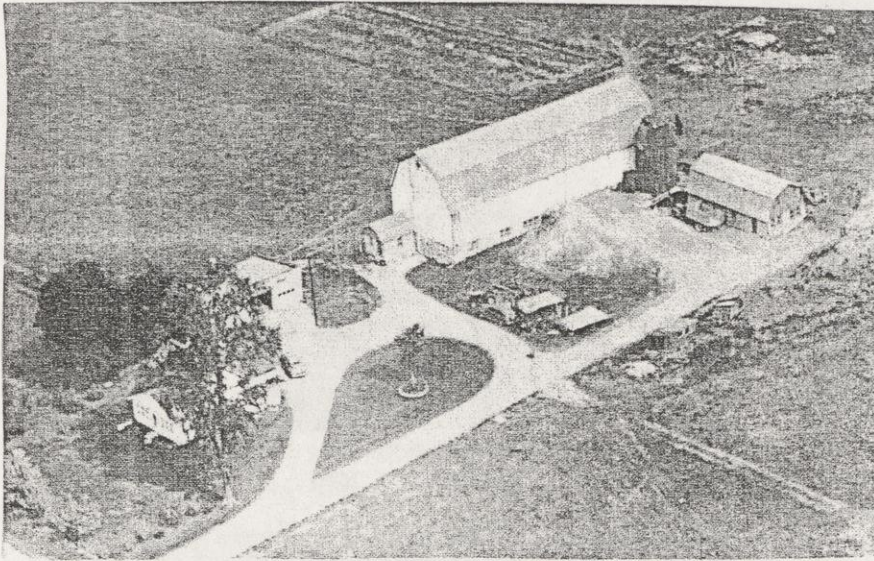
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Schreiner Trucking 1996
Rick, Mike, Andy, & Mark

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The Rudy and Helen Schreiner Family



Frank Schreiner 1940

Rudolph, son of John and Francis Schreiner homesteaders in the town of Bern, and Helen Weiler, oldest daughter of Sebastian and Margaret (Gillis) Weiler of the town of Bern, married on April 22, 1925. They bought 80 acres of mostly woods and the southwestern part of the township and cleared it to build a very nice farm. They raised seven children: Frank, Marie, Kathryn, Andrew, Cecilia, Clarence, and Gloria.

Rudy and Helen and their family were very well known in the area and were very good neighbors. Neighbors loved to come and thrash oats at their farm because Helen would always serve an exceptionally good meal with delicious pies and all the trimmings. She was also a charter member of the Western Sunset Homemakers Club, whose first meeting was at their house.

This picture was taken at St. Anthony School in May of 1977 when Helen was awarded for being "Mother of the Year." Frank was absent at the time.

They farmed for 33 years. They all worked hard: the cleared land, built buildings, and had a good herd of Holstein cows. Their farm was lovely to see with all the beautiful flowers. August and Dorothy Linse bought Rudy and Helen's farm, which by now had grown to 240 acres, in 1958.

After moving to Athens for a few years, Rudy and Helen came back to the town of Bern so Rudy could have some place to plant gardens and grow raspberries. He also loved to help his sons do field work and work in the woods, skidding with a horse. Helen made a lot of pretty rag rugs and sewed lovely quilts.

As of now, Frank and Iris Schreiner and 13 of Rudy and Helen's grandchildren have homes in the town of Bern. Also, Andy and Clarence Schreiner have land in the town of Bern.

Back in the Kuck Family's "Hay Days"



Left – The Kuck kids making hay in 1929. Pictured from left to right are Eddie, Alvin, Carl, Marion, and Arnold.

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Left – Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kuck.



Right – The Kuck family pose with their friends and neighbors. From left to right in the back row are Mr. and Mrs. Paul Becker, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kuck, and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Gauerke. Front row from left to right include Elroy Becker, Arnold Kuck, Marion Kuck, Myra, Harold and Nelda Becker, and Phyllis, Erna and Laura Gauerke.

KILLED IN ACTION—Pfc. Alvin F. Kuck, 27, (above), town of Bern infantryman, was killed in action in Luxembourg December 24. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kuck. Pfc. Kuck, who had been overseas since April, 1942, had been wounded in action in France last July 27 and returned to active duty November 1 after being hospitalized in England.

Pfc. Alvin Kuck Killed in Action

Pfc. Alvin F. Kuck, 27, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kuck, town of Bern, was killed in action in Luxembourg December 24, the war department has notified the soldier's parents in a telegram from Washington, D. C.

The town of Bern soldier was wounded in action last July 27 in France and was hospitalized in England for three months. He received the Purple Heart decoration and returned to active duty November 1.

Inducted into the army April 6, 1941, Pfc. Kuck received his infantry training at Ft. Custer, Mich. He left for overseas April 6, 1942, and served 16 months in Iceland, nine months in North Ireland, and five months in England, arriving in France soon after the allied invasion last June 6.

Born August 7, 1917, in the town of Bern, Pfc. Kuck is survived by his parents; four brothers, Ph.M 3/C William Kuck, St. Albans, N. Y., Edwin Kuck, town of Bern, and Carl and Arnold Kuck, at home, and a sister, Mrs. Ervin Oldenhoff, Milwaukee.

PFC Alvin Kuck Rites Set for Thursday Here

Rites Set Thursday



PFC ALVIN F. KUCK

Reburial services for PFC Alvin F. Kuck have been set for Thursday, Jan. 6, at 2 p. m. at the Trinity Lutheran church.

Notice of the arrival of the body was received by N. W. Gilles Thursday afternoon from Lt. Col. R. D. Blankenhorn, in command of the escort. The body is scheduled to arrive at Edgar on board a Chicago Northwestern train next Wednesday at 6:33 a. m.

All Athens business places will be closed during the time of the funeral.

Full military rites are planned with both the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars taking part.

Representing the VFW will be Sylvester and Lawrence Heier as color bearers; George Kunder and Fred Borke as color guards, Chester Knab, Barney Schmidt, Pete Wanke and Lloyd McDonald as firing squad and Hilbert Borchardt and George Sutter as honorary pall bearers.

From the Legion will be Robert Schremp and James Braun as colorbearers, Cliff Berres and Anthony Kosky as guards, Hubert Behrendt, Dale Johnson, George Hopperdietzel and Herman Neitzel as firing squad and Phillip La Fontaine and Ed Dietrich as honorary pallbearers.

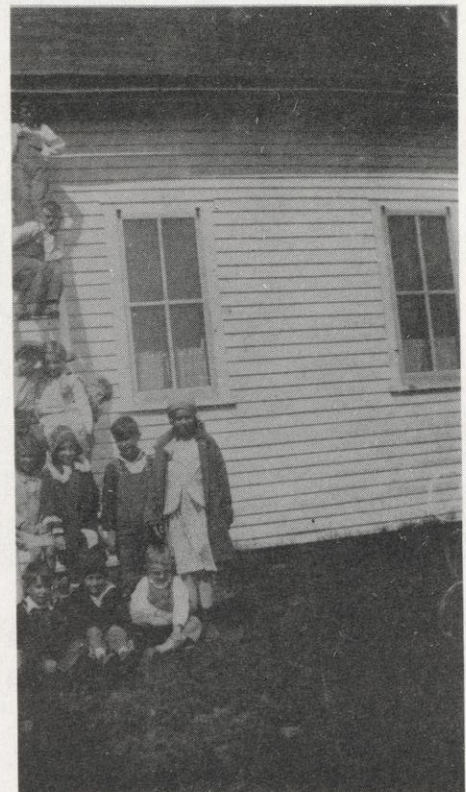


Left — Alvin Kuck at Camp Custer Michigan in 1942.

Beaver Creek School 1



Right – Some students pose for a photo on the steps of the Beaver Creek School. From left to right on the top row are Elroy Becker, Dicky Weiss, Arnold Kuck, and Raywood Weiler. First row down are Frank Weiss, Harold Becker, Fred Gluch, and George Gluch. Second row down are Marion Kuck, Imelda Johnas, Naomi Scherz, and Myra Becker.



Right – Some Beaver Creek students playing on a ladder in 1933. From the top: George Gluch, Fritz Gluch, Naomi Scherz, Marion Kuck, Nadine Scherz, Imelda Johnas, Frank Weiss, Bernice Weiler, Dicky Weiss, Joseph Weiler, and Elroy Becker.

"Those were the good ol' days. . ." – Beaver Creek School



Left – Pictured from left to right in 1933 are Harold Becker, Raywood Weiler, Arnold Kuck, Dicky Weiss, Joseph Weiler, Elroy Becker, Nadine Scherz, Imelda Johnas, Marion Kuck, Myra Becker, Bernice Weiler, Naomi Scherz, George Gluch, Frank Weiss, and Fred Gluch.



Above – Pictured from the front left to right in 1934 are Imelda Johnas, Marion Kuck, Naomi Scherz, Raywood Weiler,, Arnold Kuck, George Gluch, and Fritz Gluch.



Above – The June 10th, 1936, wedding of Miss Theilig to Fred Suckow. Miss Theilig was a teacher at Beaver Creek School for seven years.



W.W.T. Club Stunt Night – “The Gay Nineties.”

Pictured above from left to right are Martha Blanke, Mayme Gluch, Emma Weiler, Sophie Weiler, Lorna Rietz, and Lucille Boneske.



W.W.T. “Stunt Night”

Pictured above from left to right are Martha Blanke, Sophie Weiler, Charles Weiler, Shirley Gluch, Betty Rausch, Dorothy Weiler, Lorna Rietz, and Fred Blanke.

"We Work Together" (W.W.T. Club)



Left to Right Standing-
Louise Wiese, Mrs. Yorge,
Mrs. Scherz, Emma Weiler,
Minnie Rietz, Mrs. Walters,
Katie Olah, Mayme Weiler,
Dorothy Lavicka, Mrs.
Tony Weiler, Elenore Rietz,
Mrs. Nowacki and Bernard.
Kneeling - Hilda Quade,
Mrs. Louis Esselman,
Mayme Gluch, Mrs. Lotter
and Lester Nowacki.



Left - W.W.T. Club
picnic at Mondeaux Dam.
Pictured left to right are
Katie Olah, Shirley Gluch,
Mayme Gluch, Lucille
Boneske, and Patty Gluch.



Left - Shirley Gluch and Lorna Rietz
demonstrating in the W.W.T. club
booth at the Athens Fair.

KUCK FAMILY.....Town of Bern.....100 years

My paternal great-grandparents, Ferdinand and Wilhelmina Kuck and their two children, Herman and Charles immigrated to America from Germany, arriving in Baltimore, Maryland in 1890. They settled in Chicago where my great grandfather found work as a stableman and horse groom for the city of Chicago's horse drawn streetcar system. He worked 12 hours a day, six days a week.

Some years later they were informed by the Johlke family, (Mrs. Johlke was my great-grandmother's sister) who was living in the Town of Bern near a small town named Black Creek Falls, that a choice 80 acre parcel of fully wooded land adjoining theirs was for sale for \$640.00. The Johlkes' invited the Kucks to settle next to them and offered to share their small log home with them until they could clear a patch of land on which to build their own log house. The offer was accepted and the move from Chicago to the Town of Bern became a reality in 1896.

Clearing land of trees so that a few buildings could be built and hay and grain grown was backbreaking work. Trees were mostly hardwood for which there was no marketable demand except for use as firewood. The wood of choice for construction of buildings was pine and hemlock. Hardwood trees were cut down and dragged and lifted onto piles and set on fire to get rid of them, and burning green trees was indeed a formidable task. The ashes were worked into the already fertile soil between the tree stumps and crops grew very well. Hay was cut with a scythe and spread to dry, some on tree stumps. A horse and harness were bought to drag trees to be burned and to plow the ground. A log barn was built to shelter the horse, a couple of cows, pigs, and a few chickens.

By 1905 the small farm had prospered to where a four-bedroom frame house was built, which is still in use. In 1910 a dairy barn was built, which also is still in use today.

In 1913 the farm was sold to my newly married grandfather Charles and his wife, Emma. In about 1920 they bought a 40 acre tract of land a quarter mile east of their 80 acre farm. A 20 by 40 foot frame barn on the 40 was moved intact to the home farm for use as machine shed atop a basement hog and sheep barn.

During the drought years of the early 1930's, the need for additional pasture land for the growing herd of dairy cattle became apparent and an 80 acre piece of land one and one half miles to the northeast was purchased. Around 1938 public electricity became available.

In 1946 the farm now comprising 200 acres was sold to my newly married father Carl and his wife, Nila. In 1949 the farmhouse was remodeled to include indoor plumbing.

Eighty acres of land was purchased in 1957 directly across the highway from the home farm. The land, which included a house and barn, was bought from the Walter Gauerke family.

It was decided in 1963 to sell 80 acres of land on Rangeline Road due to the distance it was from the home farm. Another tract of land was added in 1967 with the purchase of 37 acres with the dispersal of the Arnold Boneske farm that joined the home farm.

Land now totaled 237 acres, continued improvements, including three concrete silos and two new machine sheds, plus upgrading other buildings, including a pipeline milker.

In 1976 two acres of land was given to my sister Nathalie and her husband Dennis Fladvid on Windfall Hill Road on the back side of the home 80 acres to build a new home. In 1978, my wife, Kathleen and I rented the farm from my Dad & Mom, living in the house across the road from the main family farm. Dad & Mom built a new home also on Windfall Hill Road in 1979 and in 1980, Kathy and I purchased the family farm.

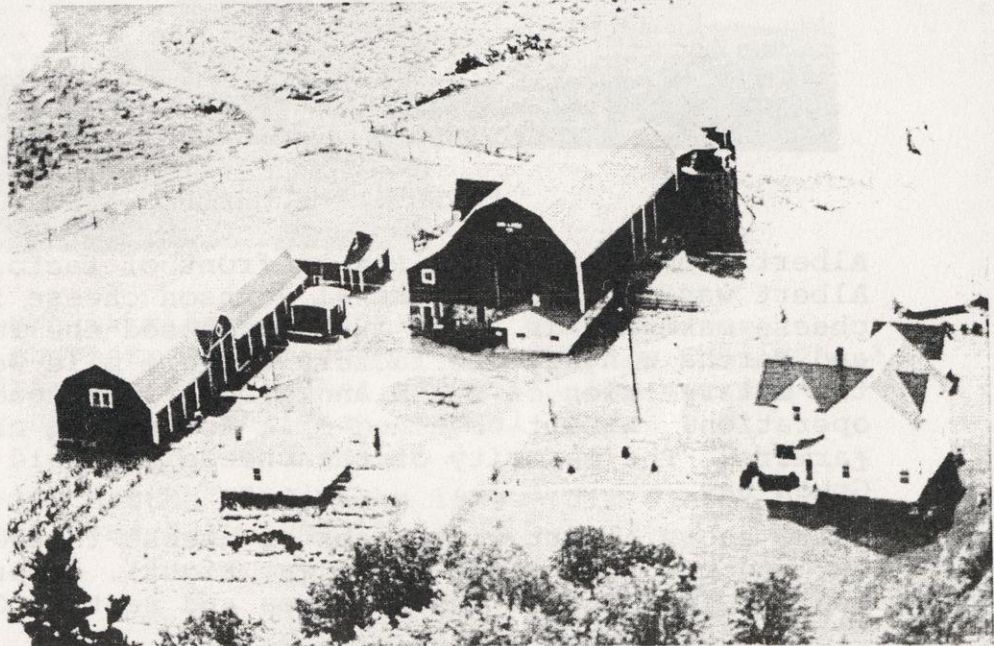
Dad always had a vision of a pond in the low marshy land in the middle of the back forty acres. In 1987 excavating began and "Lake Carl" was born. It's spring fed about two acres in size, stocked with fish, it's become the family fishing hole for children, grandchildren and now the great-grandchildren!!

My brother Richard and his wife Julie purchased land totaling 40 acres from Raymond Weiss that adjoined the family farm in 1990, they built a new home and raise Belgium horses for show and work.

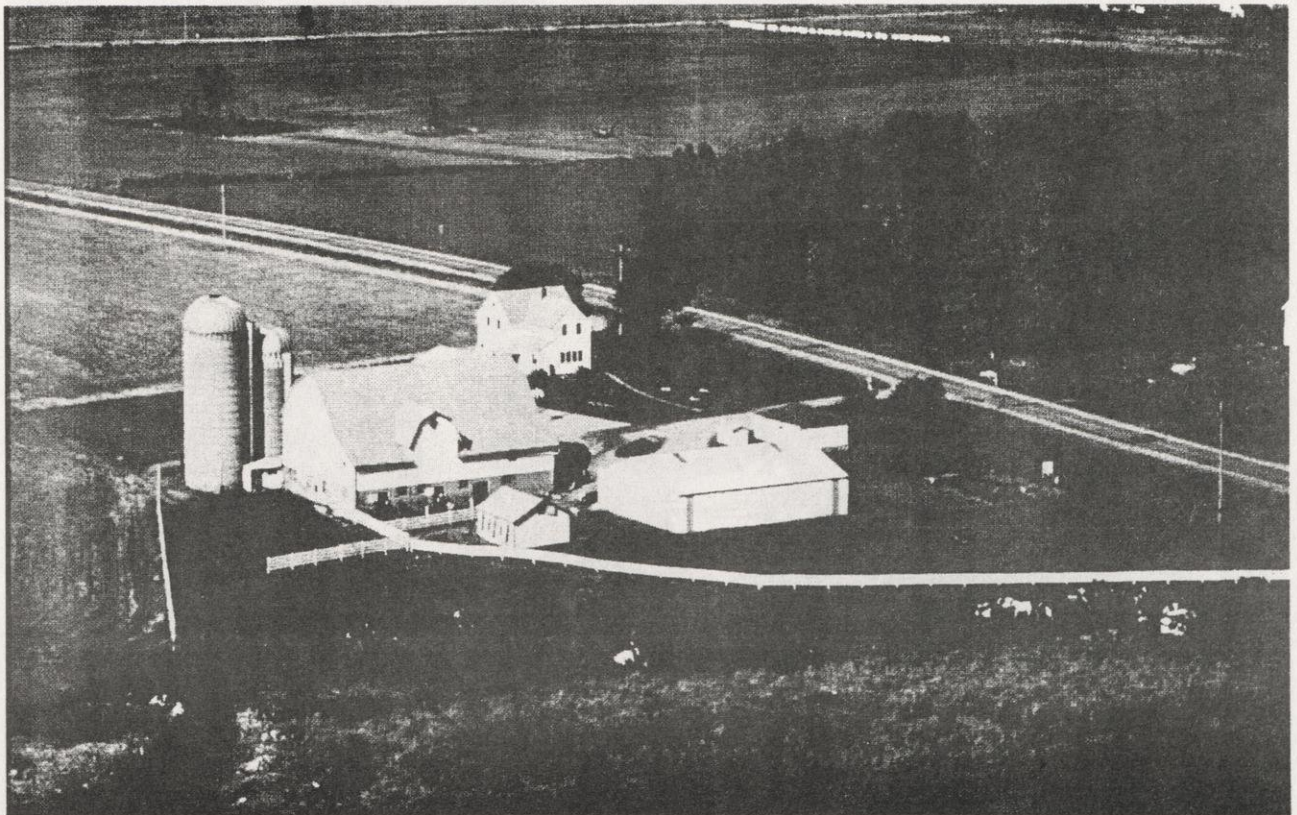
In August of 1995, both the County Fair in Wausau and the State Fair in West Allis recognized us as a century farm. This was a great honor as not many families have achieved this milestone. In December 1995, Dad died of a massive heart attack.

In the fall of 1999, my wife and I decided to discontinue farming. We sold the farm to Benjamin and Kimberly Diller, but retained the back 40 with "Lake Carl" and built a new home, which we moved into in May 2000 on Windfall Hill Road.

Picture at right
Farm in 1950's



Picture below
Farm in 1990's



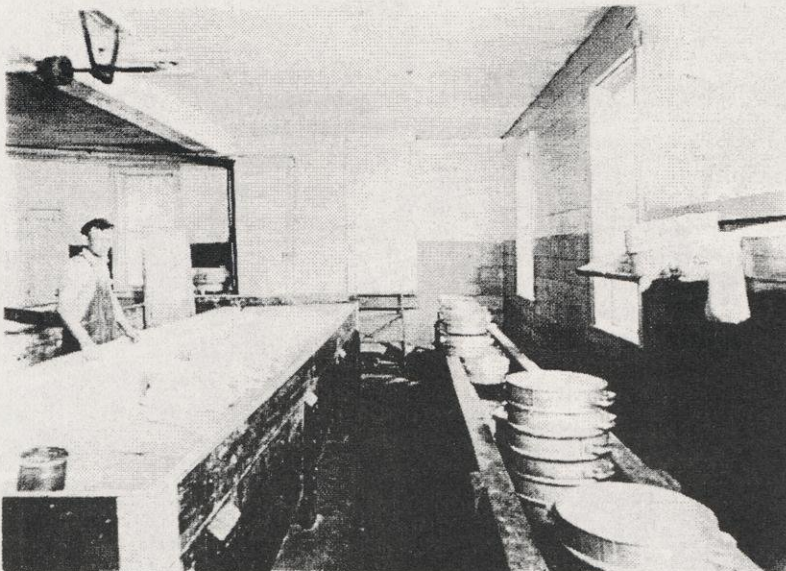


FOREST HOME CHEESE FACTORY

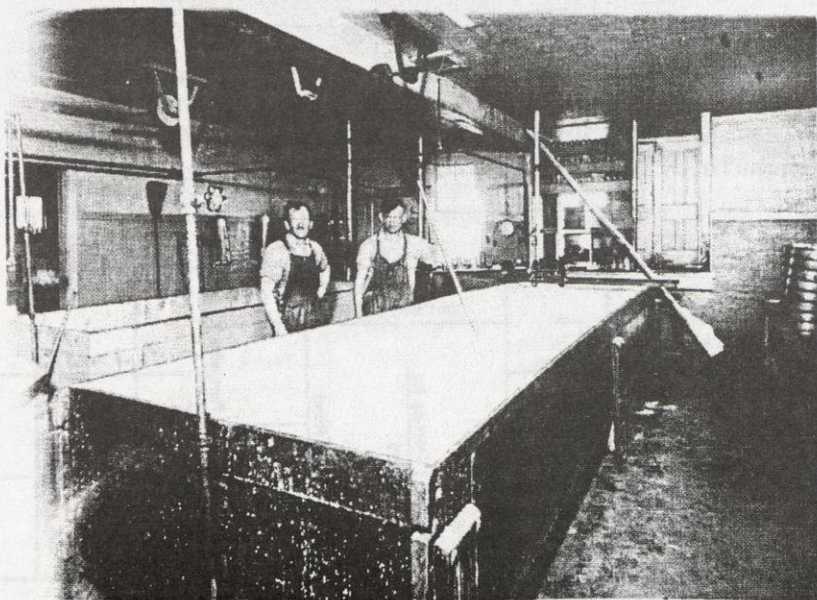
Albert Lehman and Henry Rux in front of factory in early 1920's. Albert was employed at the Al Johnson cheese factory, became a cheese maker and in April 1927 purchased the factory from William and Martha Winger. The factory was one mile west of Athens at the intersection of Hy. M and Iron Bridge Road. It was a one man operation. Albert obtained milk for making cheese from local farmers. The majority of the cheese was sold to Pauley Cheese in Green Bay.

Below shows Albert with slabs of cheese in the vat which will be cut and put into metal hoops (at right), compressed, then removed and put into wooden cheese boxes and sent to Green Bay.

Albert discontinued making cheese in 1945.



Martha, Albert and
Claudine in 1950



Albert Lehman and
Henry Rux inside
the factory

In November 1930 Albert married Martha Maier. They had one daughter, Claudine, she married Jim Janke, also of the Town of Bern. Jim and Claudine had one daughter, Bonnie. She married David Guden and they had three children, Daniel, Sadie and Christopher.

Albert died July 1971. Martha died March 1989. Jim died November 1990. Bonnie died July 1995.



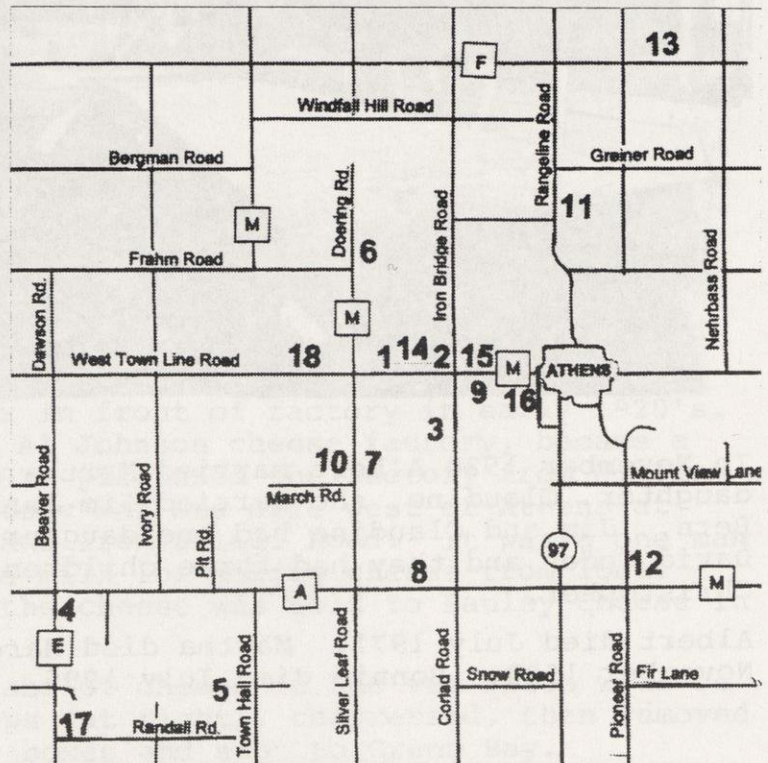
David, Bonnie, Sadie, Daniel
and Christopher Guden 1989



Jim and Claudine Janke 1986

LEHMANN FAMILY FARMS NEAR ATHENS

1- Wilhelm Lehmann original farm purchased in 1882. Home farm for son Charles B. Lehmann and his family from 1891-1946, then for daughter and son-in-law Alice and Wilmer Speers from 1946-1988.
 2-Property purchased by Wilhelm Lehmann in 1882. Home farm for son Julius Lehmann's family from 1884-1915; for the William J. Lehmann family from 1915 to 1957 and for William's son from 1957-1969.
 3- Gustav and Anna Engebrecht, 1890-1901. 4-Paul and Margaret Klimpke, 1904-1910. 5-Sam and Ida Zarling, 1906 to about 1954. 6- William and Augusta Lehmann, 1907-1930. 7- William and Anna Klimpke, 1908-1940. 8- Otto and Augusta Lehmann, 1909-1917. 9- Paul and Margaret Klimpke, 1910-1950s. The property remains in the family to 1998. 10- Charles and Anna Lehmann, 1910-1950. 11- Paul and Mary Lehmann, 1910-1937. 12- Fred and Rose Heilman, 1911-1919. 13- George and Helen Lehman, 1919-1921. 14-Charles and Ella Remus, 1919-1935. 15 - Albert and Martha Lehman, home 1927 -1971 and Forest Home Cheese Factory from 1927 to about 1950. 16 - William and Augusta Lehmann 1930-1945. 17 - Ray and Lyda Miller, 1930s. 18- Gustav and Martha Lehman, 1938-1943.



Lehmann. ... Minnie Lehmann reserves the right to herself that she is to have free access to the Dwelling and on the entire Premises and also to the Cellar."

Minna lived upstairs on the Lehmann farm for seventeen years. She kept a separate household and visited with friends and family in the community. A social note in *The Athens Record* on March 4, 1920, reported that Grandma Lehman had taken care of the Zarling family, her daughter Ida's family, the past week because of the flu. Another note in September 1926 reported that she had just spent a week with the Zarling family.

Two of her younger grandchildren who lived nearby remember being frightened to visit Grandma Minna in the late 1920s. They remember her as being especially stern and uncompromising. A language barrier may have contributed to the problem. Minna spoke only German, and her grandchildren in this period were living in an English-speaking world.

Memorandum of Sale.

D. H. JOHNSON, FRED. RIETBROCK and L. W. HALSEY agree to sell to William
Lehmann of Germany Post Office Address Dorchester
 the following Land in Marathon County, Wisconsin E 1/4 of S 24 34-3
 being Eighty acres at \$ 7.50 per acre, amounting to \$ 600.00
 \$ Nothing has been this day paid thereof.
 \$ 600.00 is to be paid in one year from date.
 \$ _____ is to be paid in _____ years from date.
 \$ _____ is to be paid in _____ years from date.
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 \$ _____ is to be paid in _____ years from date.

All with annual interest at the rate of seven per cent. per annum; interest at the rate of eight per cent. per annum on all sums that remain unpaid after five years from date. A regular land contract is to be executed between the parties hereto within thirty days. Upon full payment, a warranty deed is to be given. All pine timber is reserved.

And the said William Lehmann hereby agrees to purchase said land for the price and upon the terms aforesaid.

Time is hereby made of the essence of this agreement.

In witness whereof, these presents have been executed this 3rd day of April 188 2

In presence of
Fredrick and Strupp Wilhelm Lehmann

Memorandum of Sale for the Wilhelm Lehmann family farm, 1882. The property remained in the family until 1988. The line over the "N" on Wilhelm's signature is the German way to indicate a double letter "NN."

land for churches and community facilities. Fred Rietbrock had his own farm near the village, and he took an active interest in promoting successful agricultural techniques in the area.

Wilhelm Lehmann signed an agreement to purchase land near Black Creek Falls from Johnson, Rietbrock, and Halsey on April 3, 1882, only one week after he and his family had disembarked from the ship *Elbe* in New York City. The *Memorandum of Sale* is for eighty acres in section 35 of what is now the Town of Bern³. The purchaser is "Wilhelm Lehmann, P.O. Dorchester." Apparently the family had found temporary lodgings in Dorchester. The price was \$7.50 an acre, for a total of \$600.00. The formal deed for the sale of the property was drawn up two months later on June 2, 1882. There is a provision in this deed that appears in all of the deeds for property that Rietbrock sold that contained mature trees. The described property became the property of the buyer "excepting and reserving therefrom all the pine timber standing and growing thereon and the privilege of entering upon said land, cutting and hauling away said pine timber." The timber rights remained with Johnson,

³The Town of Bern was established in 1902. This area was the western half of the Town of Halsey between 1881 and 1902.



The Leisle Family

This is the homestead of Charles and Annie Leisle in the early 1900's. It is located just across the road to the north of the Bern Town Hall. There were four children in the Leisle family. Ed, Elmer, Dan and Irma Leisle (Schneveis). Dan and Irma are still living. Dan is 96 and Irma is 92.



This picture was taken on their front porch.

(Back Row) – Charles, Ed, Dan and Elmer Leisle.

(Front Row) – Irma Leisle and cousin Annie Leisle (sitting).



Charles and Annie
Leisle farm – early
1900's – sold to John
and Dorothy Krueger
in 1947.



The Leisle house was
remodeled in the
1960's by John and
Dorothy Krueger.
The Krueger's sold
the farm to their
daughter Karen and
her husband Neil
Bergmann in 1973.



John and Dorothy had
four children. From
left to right – Doug,
Karen, Tim and Kurt.
John has been a Town
Official for 37 years
and Dorothy has been
a Janitor for 50 years.

The Rietz Family

George L. Rietz was born in Athens in 1885, the son of William and Elizabeth Rietz. In 1910 he married Minnie Dallman. The same year they purchased a farm in the Town of Bern. They raised registered guernsey cattle which they exhibited at local fairs. The first years, he would walk his cattle to Wausau to show them at the fair.

He and his Dad, William, were instrumental in organizing the Athens Fair in 1904 and the first fair held in 1905. He continued to take part in the Athens Fair until health became a problem.

He was also a self-educated veterinary and was always called, night or day, if anyone had a sick cow in the surrounding area. He did a lot of logging, also.

They had five sons, William, Lawrence, Fred, George W. and Donald.

George W. and his wife, Lorna (Mattheisen) purchased the farm from his Dad in 1939. They continued to farm and participate in the fairs. They went from showing cattle to Registered Belgian Horses. They showed the horses at state and local fairs. George also judged horses at different fairs.

He was a 4-H leader for 15 years for the "Bern 4-H", of which their sons, Gordon and Gary, were members and who also continued to show at fairs. He also served as secretary of the Athens Fair.

George and Lorna took part in the "Great Circus Parade" for many years and were participants in the 1976 Bicentennial Covered Wagon pilgrimages. They traveled from Marshfield to Portage with their teams of horses and covered wagon. They also represented the Town of Bern in the Wausau Bicentennial parade.

On December 27, 1967, they lost their barn in a fire along with 10 of their horses, one pony, and 11 heifers plus their faithful Dalmatian dog, who always stayed with the horses. They rebuilt their barn the following spring and also their herd of horses.

In 1979 they sold the farm, but kept two acres and built a home. They have two sons, Gordon and Gary. Gordon still lives in the Town of Bern (Gad area) and Gary lives in Fifield. They have four grandchildren and three great grandsons.

George W. was a resident of the Town of Bern for 83 years living on the farm or a part of it the entire time.



ATHENS FAIR PRESIDENT A WORKER—George L. Rietz, town of Bern farmer who is president of the Athens Fair association, is shown above leading Count Mascot, senior first prize and champion Guernsey bull of the Wisconsin Valley Fair and Exposition, into the exhibition barn at the Athens village park yesterday. The animal is owned by his son, Donald, who showed it at the 4-H club exhibit at the recent fair here.



Left — A wagon ride for Mr. And Mrs. George L. Rietz on their 63rd wedding anniversary. The wagon is driven by their son, George W. Rietz, along with his wife, Lorna at the 1973 Athens Fair Parade.



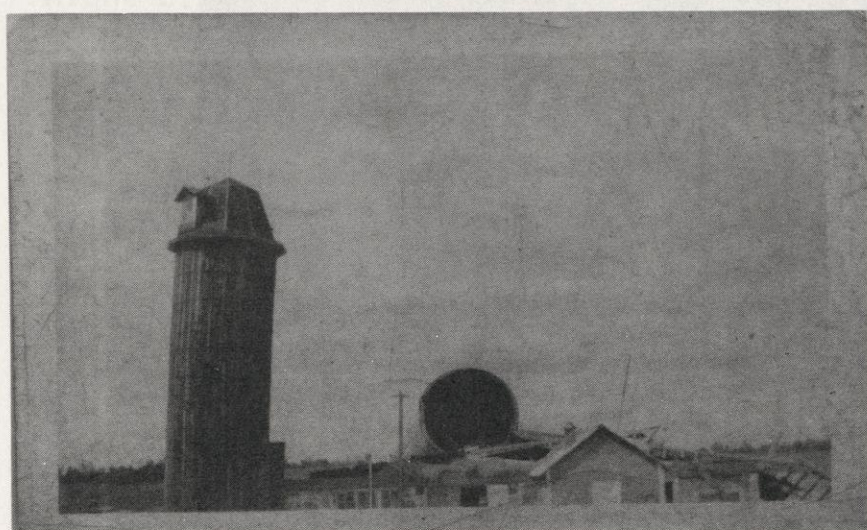
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Left - George Rietz's barn in 1930.



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Left - Another photo of the Rietz's barn.



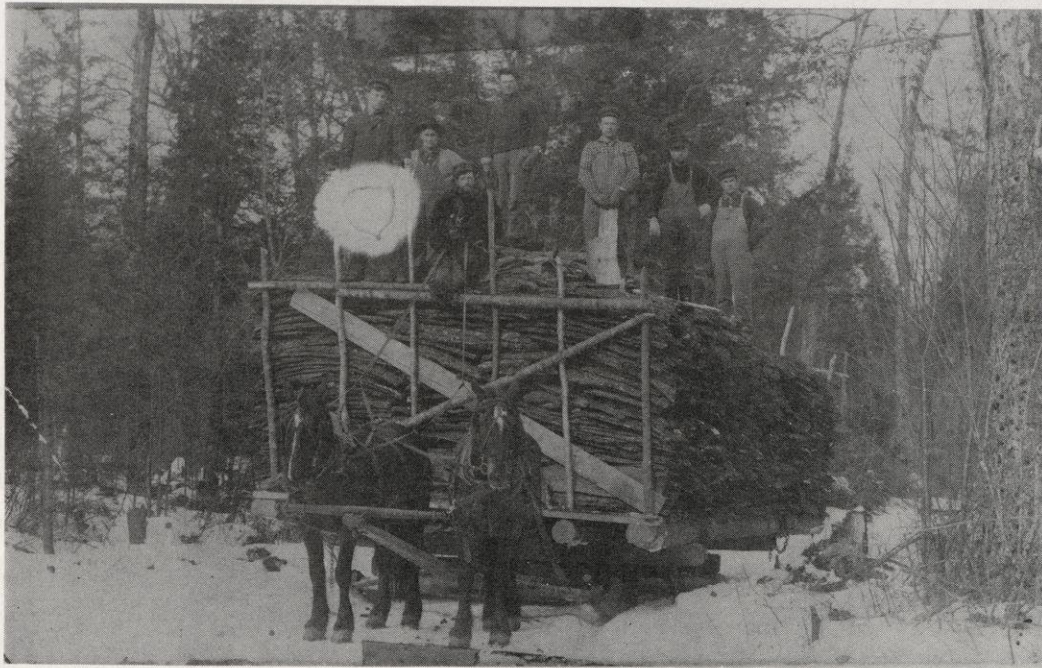
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Left - The George L. Rietz's barn after being destroyed by a tornado. Their son, William Rietz, is pictured in the right-hand corner.



Above – A group of loggers proudly display a load of hemlock bark used for tanning.



Above – Loggers take a break from their work along the Black Creek Logging Road.



Left - Logging near Athens, WI. Pictured first from the left is George L. Rietz.



Left - A group photo of the Beaver Creek School. Pictured are Lawrence and William Rietz.



Left - A Beaver Creek School P.T.A. Halloween party. Pictured from left to right are Martha Blanke, Kathryn Romang, and Dorothy Weiler.



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Two big barrels act as storage tanks



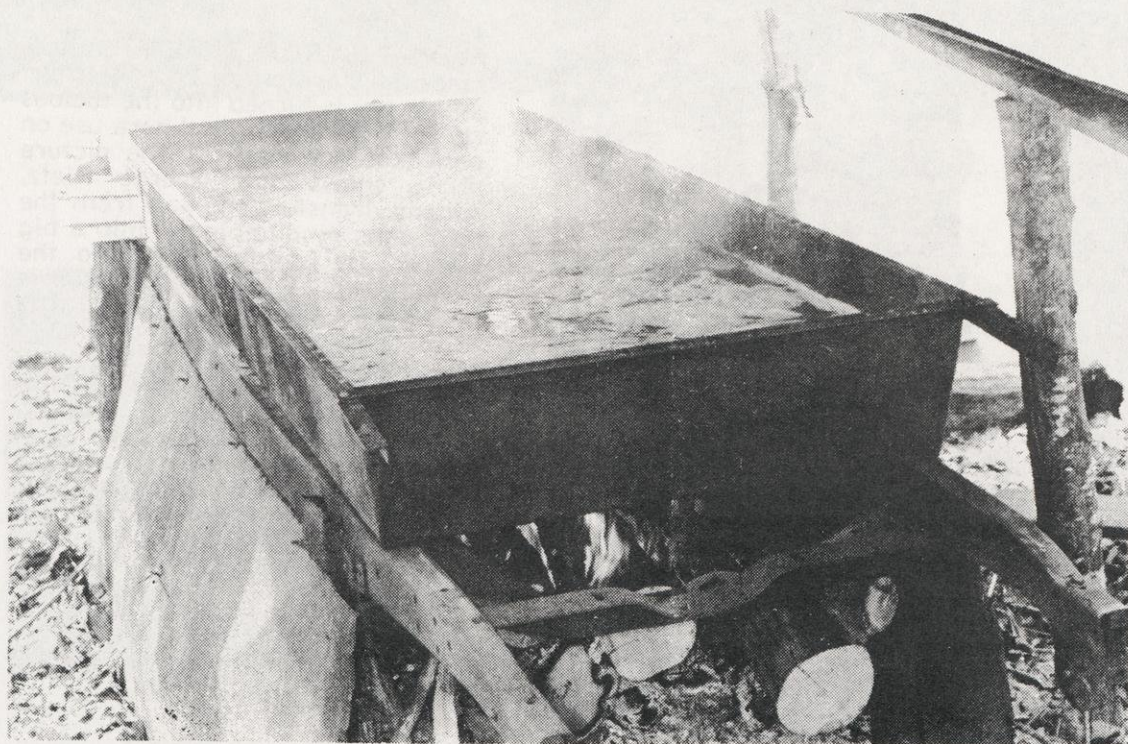
MAPLE SYRUP TIME—The pictures tell the story of how the clear maple sap is turned into the delicious syrup that folks around here use on pancakes and waffles. The picture above shows how George Rietz, Athens, transfers the sap from the milk cans by dumping it into a big bucket. He empties this into the cooker, right, and there the sap is cooked on a 24-hour basis until it is thick. The cooker is a homemade and very old-fashioned one, according to Rietz, who cuts his own wood in the area to fire the cooker. He sometimes camps all night with his cooker just to keep things going. The sap runs much faster than the cooker can take care of it.

Pictured is George W. Reitz.



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Above – George W. Rietz getting a pull from his able and trusty assistant, King.



Left –
“Cooking the
sap.”

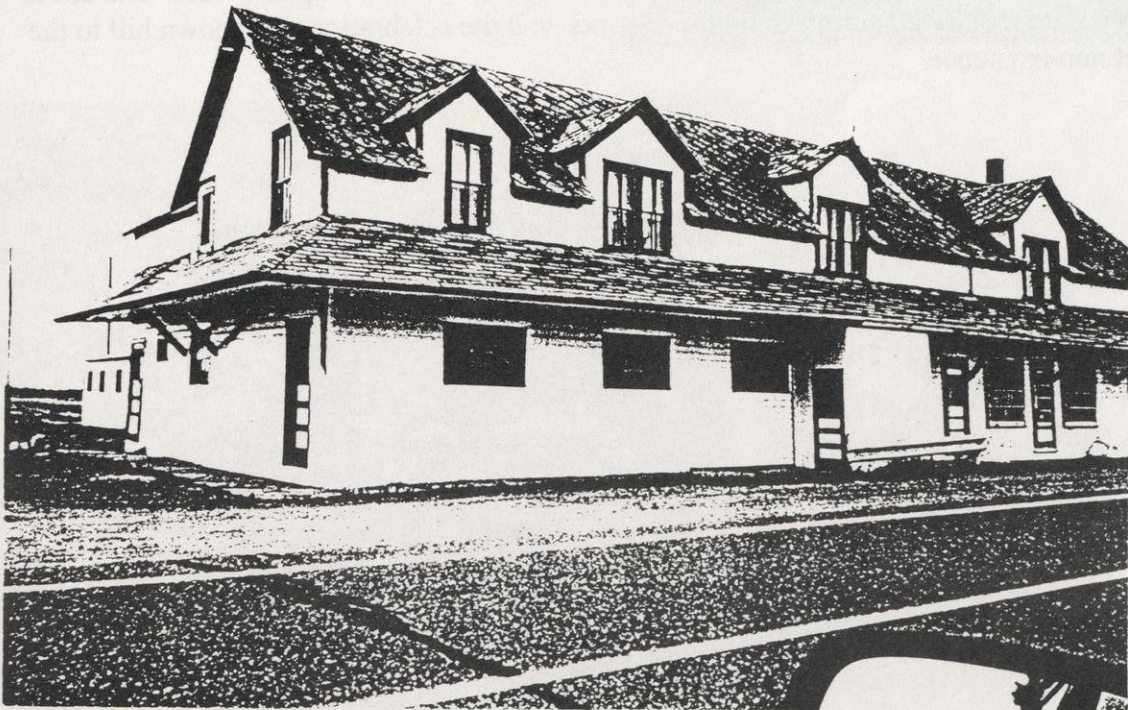
Still behind the bar



Rob Orcutt/Wausau Daily Herald

Galen Schlais talks about baseball and Gad.

Tiny Gad survives



Old dance hall in Gad

Tiny Gad Survives

GAD - For a town that doesn't even appear on the Wisconsin state road map, this place has a lot: a lot of history, a lot of family, a lot of pride. The estimated population of this unincorporated community hovers around 17, depending on what time of day it is. Once upon a time, Gad's spot in the extreme northwest corner of Marathon County in the Town of Bern was on the map. In those days, it had a lumber mill and even a post office. Now it features two businesses: a cheese factory and a combination bar-ballroom. Galen Schlais, proprietor of Schlais' Tavern, has helped keep his family-owned business running consistently since 1921. Business is merely "stable" now, but when he bought out his father in 1960, business was booming. "From 1960 through 1975, business was really up," Schlais said. "At that time we had the tavern, the ballroom, the store and the ball park." The versatile business - now minus groceries in the general store - still features the tavern, with its four-station, U-shaped service bar. Put in during a major renovation in the late 1940's, the U-bar is used in conjunction with the ballroom. The ballroom gets rare use now, from wedding receptions to miscellaneous parties. A small hardware shop is all that remains of the general store, a victim of competition from larger supermarkets in nearby communities. Out back is the ball diamond, a Gad landmark that Schlais said dates back to the early 1900's. It was used as the home park for Gad's team in the Dairyland League, of which Galen was president. As head of the league for 30 years, Schlais said he can't remember when baseball wasn't a big part of Gad. "I'm 77 and there was baseball here when I was a boy." For the past eleven years they have had Gad Little League teams using the ball park. This takes in about 80 youth ranging from age 5 through 16. The tavern is now the staple business for the Schlais family, life-long members in this community of Bohemian heritage. Schlais' great-grandfather, Antonne, homesteaded the Gad area about 1875, he said. Emil Paur, a native of the Gad area, said that once some men were digging a well and found gold on his grandfather's farm about a mile away. They tried mining the shaft for about 2 years, but it was more costly than it was worth so they folded. Although that happened nearly 120 years ago, the story remains alive in Gad through the oral history of all who grew up there. At one time Gad also had a Brass Band, and a very good one. In the earlier 1900's Gad was the center of attention every Fourth of July, with fireworks, boxing, ball games and plane rides. But about 1950, the state required a permit to light fireworks, and the celebration went down hill to the point of non-existence.

John & Frances Schreiner Family



Settled in the Town of Bern 1901 - Originally from Bavaria, Germany

Children - Frank, Joseph, John, Rudolph (born in Germany), Rose, Elizabeth (born in Leroy, WI), Mary, Charles, Edwin, (born in the Town of Bern). children in order of age. Photo taken 1929.



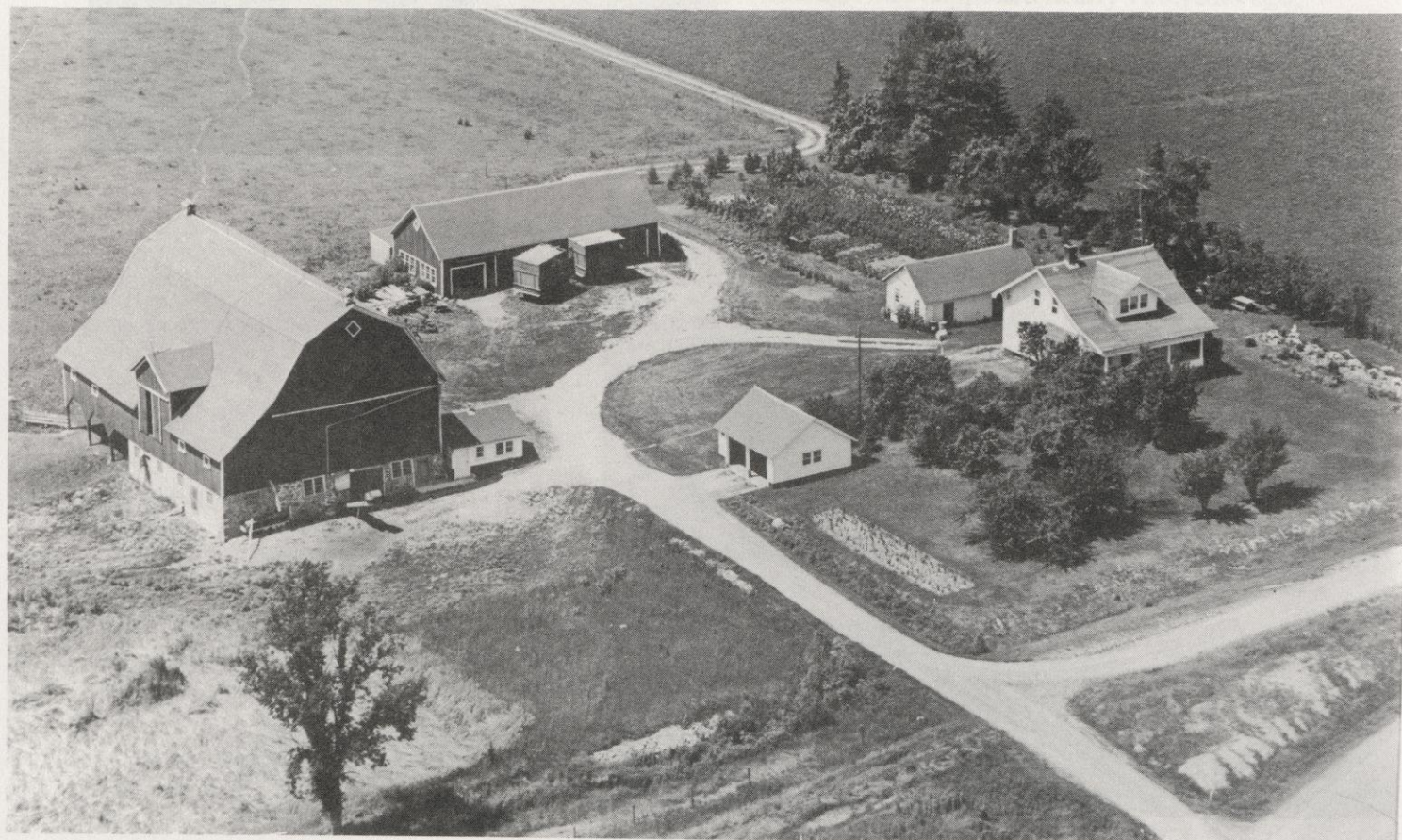
Original house on homestead burned down from a chimney fire.

Edwin and Esther Schreiner



Edwin Schreiner was born on the Schreiner homestead on June 19, 1909. His dad John died January 25, 1910, in a logging accident when Ed was 7 months old. Ed was raised by his mother Frances who continued farming with the help of her children. Ed married Esther (Rogstad) on June 15, 1932, and took over the farm. They raised five children - Myron, Jeanette, Clyde, Shirley, and Ronald. Ronald and his wife Donna (Berghammer) bought the farm in 1970 and farmed until 1978 when the farm was sold out of the family. Ed and Esther moved to Somo Lake, Tomahawk, Wi. and returned to the Athens area in 1992.

Ed and Esthers' farm in the 1960's

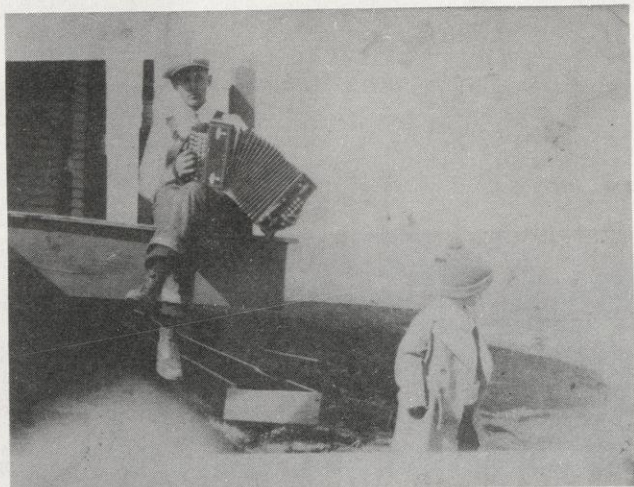


Recreation in Past Years



Ed Schreiner & Leonard Bollech after a day of fox hunting

Ed Schreiner and Ed Decker with a days catch of fish



Ed Schreiner playing his push button accordion. Ed often played for granary, schoolhouse and home dances

Logging Days



Load of logs on
the ice road

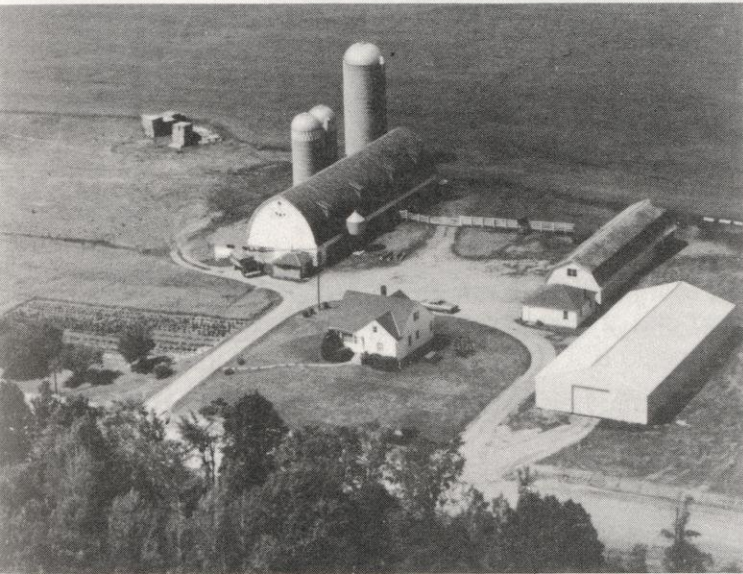
"Beaver Shanty"
by Black Creek
John Schreiner - cook



Otto Hoge on logs
by Black Creek

The Schultz Farm

Edwin Schultz Sr. and Dorothy Schultz were married in 1941 and began establishing a brand new farm in the Town of Bern in 1948. They started clearing land and picking lots of stones. First they built a shed and garage. They lived in the garage while a new house was being constructed. A 50 cow milking barn was added in 1959. With the help of their seven daughters and one son, they managed a very attractive and productive dairy.



The Schultz Farm in 1976. The Schultz family: Back row: Carol Meier, Karen Jaeger, Gerry Faude, Judy Howard, Middle row: Dolly Faulkner, Eileen Krenz, June Gempler, Front row: Edwin Schultz, Jr., Edwin Schultz, Sr., Dorothy Schultz

2001: Ben, Ed, Dana, Tony, and Doreen Schultz. Edwin Schultz, Jr. bought the farm in 1976 and Ed and Dorothy built their retirement home a mile away in the Town of Halsey. Ed married Doreen Weiler in 1978 and they continued to milk cows with their three children on Stoney Acres Dairy until 1997. Ed also produces lumber and maple syrup. Our family farm provided a wonderful place to raise a family. We enjoyed great fun while skiing, hunting, building tree houses, holding barn dances, and playing ball right at home.





Van Buren Homemaker Club 1954

(Back Row) – Dorothy Krueger, Ann Decker, Marge Kafka, Katherine Kreft, Elsie Scheffler, Delores Frahm, Mary Rodman, Edna Decker and Della Auner.

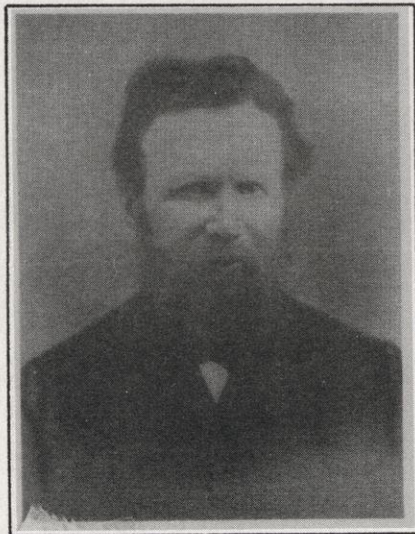
(Front Row) – Helen Schroeder, Mary Suckow, Annie Leisle, Otilie Burger and Gert Doerling.



Oldest former residents of Town of Bern

Irma Leisle (Schneveis) age 92 and brother Dan Leisle 96.
This picture was taken in October 2001.

Homestead of Clemens and Agatha Weiler



Clemens Weiler
(Dec 17, 1838 - Mar 16, 1905)



Agatha (Roos)
(Mar 3, 1842 - Jan 24, 1916)

Recollections by Anton & Agatha Stute (Son of Agatha Weiler)

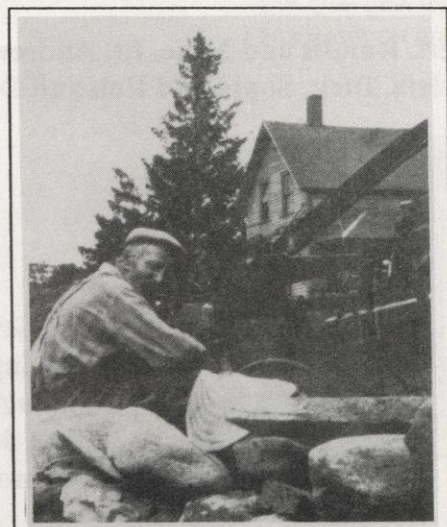
When the parents, Clemens and Agatha arrived, they had \$2000 cash with them, a great sum of money in those days. He had been a teacher in Germany and came to America because he was so disgusted with the military system. They had planned to settle in Milwaukee but when they arrived at the port, timber barons met the boat and eventually sold them eighty acres of land in Marathon County for \$1000.

They thought they were going to a city and all along the way, Agatha kept looking for church spires and continually mistook tall trees for them. It must have been a terrible disappointment for them to reach their journey's end and find a small log cabin for their new home. Life was difficult because of the continuous shortage of meat. One morning, Clemens spotted a deer while he was looking outside his bedroom window, and he shot it before he put his trousers on! Even in those day deer meat was better than woodchuck.

Agatha used to tell that her brother Clemens once carried a fifty pound bag of flour from Wausau to west of Athens, thirty miles. [The real story is that it was a fifty pound bag of sugar to be used for some fine Weiler moonshine.]

Peter Weiler (Everybody's Uncle Pete) purchased the farm in 1911 for \$200. From 1965 to 1970 the farm was owned by his niece Dolores and Emery Henrichs. Lawrence and Dorothy Weiler purchased the farm in 1970.

The Weiler Centennial was held in August 1983 to celebrate 100 years in America. About 700 relatives of the estimated 1400 descendants of the original Clemens and Agatha family gathered for dancing, feasting and reacquainting.



Dick & Sylvia Weiler

Centennial Farm - 1902-2002

In February 1902, Clemens and Agatha Weiler purchased the property across the road from their homestead for \$560, rocks included. They sold it to Anton and Emma (Lavicka), their son and his wife for \$1000 in September 1908. Lawrence and Dorothy Weiler bought the farm in April 1946 for \$5000. In March 1970, the farm was sold for \$28,000 to Dick and Sylvia Weiler (Son to son to son).



Lawrence, Anne, Emma with Edward, Peter with Katherine, Anton (Tony), and Anton. Photo circa 1920.



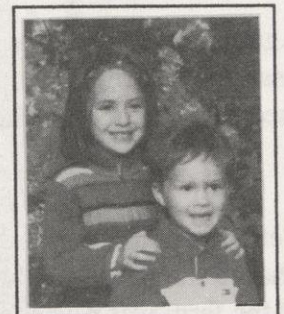
Emma & Anton



Lawrence & Dorothy, Dick, Sue, Dennis, Doreen, Dan, Linda, Ken, Kitty, and John.



Teri, Kandis and Mike, Lt. Andrew J., Sylvia, Dick, Sonja and Rob and Doug



Michaela & Mikey



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Great Grampa somehow managed to find a lot of good fishing within 35 miles of all those rocks. Naturally, even though a good day of rock picking never was as satisfying as a bad day of fishing, each remain an important part of our memories and life.

SEBASTIAN SR. and MARGARET WEILER HOMESTEAD



Sebastian Sr. Margaret, children, Helen, Sebastian Jr., Charles and Rose.

At the age of six Sebastain came to America in 1885 from Germany with his parents Clements and Agatha Weiler. The Weilers settled in the Town of Bern on the farm now owned by Dennis Weiler. Margaret Gilles family came to Wisconsin from Minnesota. When Sebastian and Margaret married in 1904, they were the first couple married in St. Anthony's Catholic Church. Seb. and Margaret purchased a parcel of land in Town of Bern, now owned by Pete and Betty Malovrh.

The Weilers raised eleven children, Helen, Sebastian Jr., Charles, Rose, Dorothy, Nick, Henry, William, Theresa, Mary, and Clarence, and a granddaughter, Sally.

Sebastian was a farmer and a woodsman. He was an avid hunter and fisherman. He also enjoyed playing card and the accordion. Margaret was a true farm wife, helping in the barn and field and a full time housewife.

The Weilers lived on the farm until they moved to Milan where they lived until death, Sebastian in 1971 and Margaret In 1975.

At the time of their death, the the Weilers were survived by 11 children, 85 grandchildren 258 great grandchildren and 26 great-great grandchildren.



Original Weiler Homestead

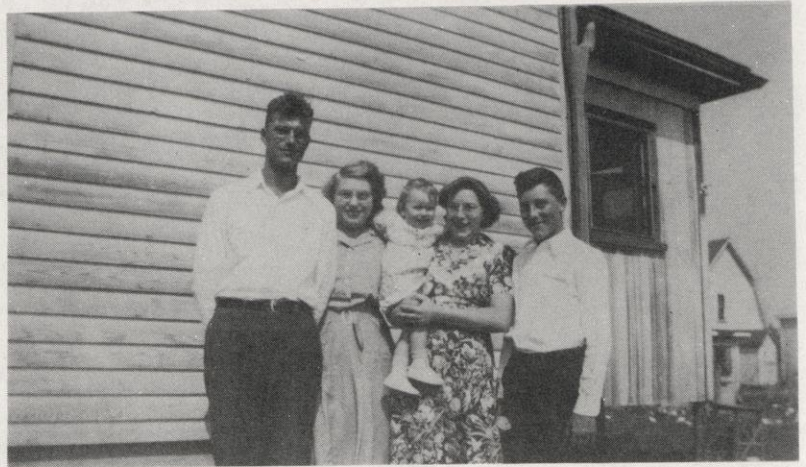


Sebastian Sr. and Margaret on their 60th. wedding anniversary

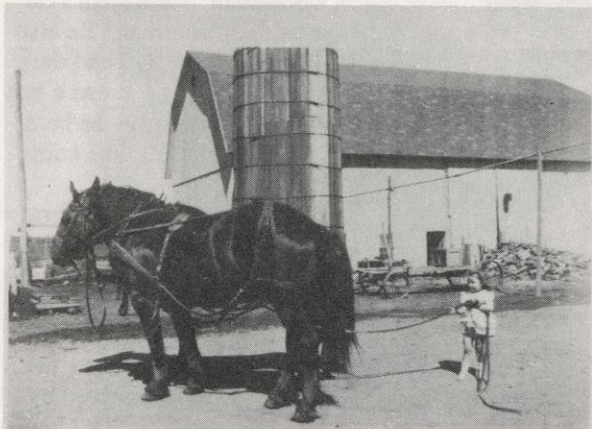
CYRIL J. and CATHERINE KREFT HOMESTEAD



Cyril and Catherine's wedding



Donald, Rita, Vivian,
Jerome and Joyce Ann



Barn, Joyce Ann with
the team of horses



Kref't farm house

Cyril was born July 4, 1893 in Athens. He attended St Anthony's Catholic School and Athens High School. After high school he worked as a cook in a lumber camp in Northern Michigan. Cyril enlisted in the army July 14, 1918 and went to camp Grant III. He served in France. After his discharge in 1919, he worked in the wheat and corn fields of So. Dakota.

While in So. Dakota he met Catherine Schmidt. Catherine was working as a waitress in Seneca, So. Dakota. Cyril and Catherine were married July 26, 1921 in Seneca, So. Dakota. They then moved back to Athens.

Cyril worked for Athens Electric Company until Sept. 1926, at which time Cyril and Catherine purchased A 40 acres farm in the Town of Bern from Matt Searing. Cyril also worked as a meat cutter for Karl Karow at the IGA and Krueger and Bushe. Catherine was a full time housewife and helped with the farm work.

Cyril and Catherine had five children: Donald, Rita, Vivian, Jerome and Joyce Ann.

They farmed until 1950 when the farm was sold to Jerome and Sally Kref't. Jerome and Sally had three son's, Claude, Glen and Gary. The farm was later sold to Gary. It is presently owned by Phil and Betty Cook.

Cyril died in 1954 and Catherine in 2001.

"Three Generations"
Victor Weiler Jr. Homestead

The earliest notation of land records that would eventually become the Victor Weiler Jr. homestead, was recorded in the U.S. Land Office on July 15, 1857. Assigned to John Marlott by the United States, was eighty acres of land in Sec. 15, ($NE\frac{1}{4}SE\frac{1}{4}$ and $SE\frac{1}{4}SE\frac{1}{4}$), in what would become known as Bern Township in 1902. The document also stated "Made pursuant to the Act of Congress approved March 3, 1855, entitled An Act in addition to certain Acts granting Bounty Land to certain Officers and Soldiers who have been engaged in the Military Service of the United States."

On Dec. 1, 1905, the Rietbrock Land & Lumber Co., purchased the above eighty acres along with an additional eighty, from the Wis. Central Railroad ($NW\frac{1}{4}SE\frac{1}{4}$ and $SW\frac{1}{4}SE\frac{1}{4}$) in Sec. 15, now owning the entire 160 acres of the $SE\frac{1}{4}$.

In the year of 1883, at the age of 12 years, Victor Weiler Sr., along with his parents, five brothers and one sister, arrived on American soil from Andernach, Germany. The family built their home in Town Bern on what would eventually become their daughter Elizabeth (Betty) and Andrew Lotters farm. At age 25 years, Victor Sr., married Helena (Gilles) in Athens on July 13, 1897. They were to be parents of sixteen children, the second oldest being Victor Jr.

On March 30, 1925, Victor Sr. purchased one hundred sixty acres of land (previously described) from Rietbrock Land & Lumber Co. with these conditions; "Reserving to the party of the first part (Rietbrock Land & Lumber) all of the hardwood timber thereon suitable for saw logs and heading as determined by party of the first part, together with the right to enter upon said land, cut and remove said timber."

First Generation - Victor Weiler, Jr.

Born in Town Bern on Jan. 15, 1900. Victor Jr. married Mary (Lavicka) on June 16, 1925, she was the daughter of Joseph and Anna (Ebel) Lavicka, who also resided in Town Bern. For the first two or three years of their marriage, they lived with "Uncle Pete" Weiler (eventually the home of Lawrence and Dorothy Weiler), where the first two of their seven children were born, Joseph and George. On April 1, 1927, the couple bought eighty acres from Victor Sr. in Sec. 15, ($S\frac{1}{2}SE\frac{1}{4}$). The land was cleared as well as a road which would eventually become County Rd. F. The new barn was built in 1928, with a capacity to house 12 head of cattle and 2 horses. The house was completed in 1929, where Eleanore, Irene, Bernard, Helene and Virginia were to be born. The electrical lines came through in 1938. The first tractor bought was a new John Deere H, in 1941. An addition to the existing barn of 64', was built in 1952. The couple retired from farming in 1968 and moved to Athens where they purchased the home of Edward Lavicka, Mary's brother. Victor Jr. was deceased on August 14, 1971, and Mary on January 24, 2001, five months before her 100th birthday.

Victor Weiler Jr. & Mary



Third Generation (cont'd)

Second Generation - Bernard Weiler and Sharon

On March 1, 1971, Bernard purchased the "home farm" from his parents, Victor Jr., and Mary. The move to the farm was made July 4, 1971, with four children ranging in age from ten years to five years - Mark, Bruce, Russell and Patricia. Bernard Jr., would be born in 1975.

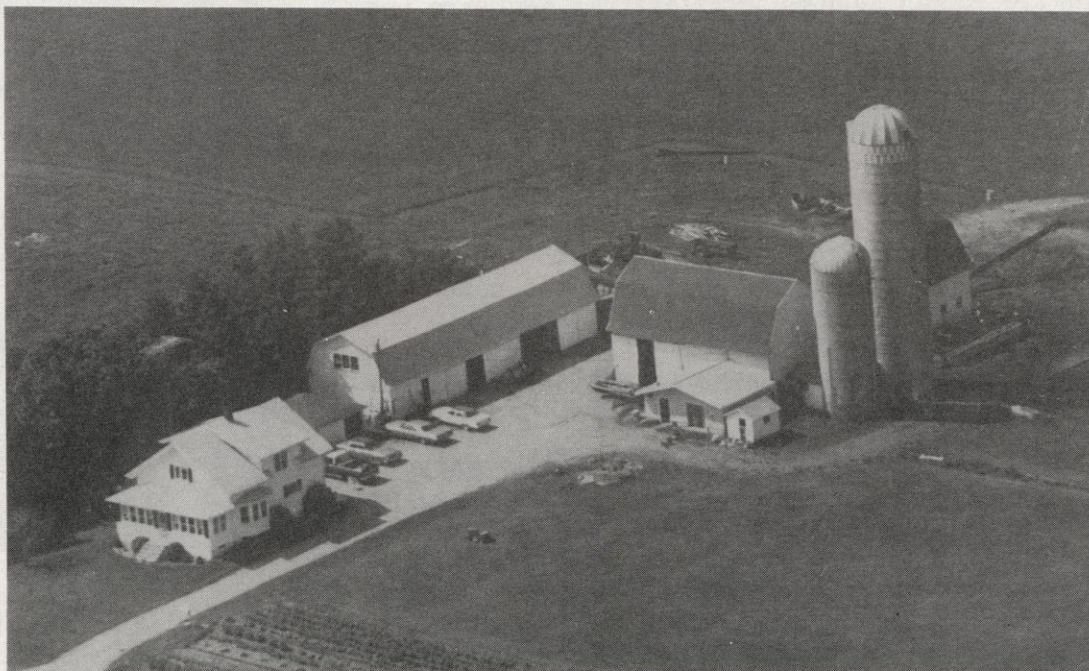
An additional one hundred fifteen acres was bought in the future, total acreage to date is one hundred ninety-five -(one hundred five under plow and ninety in woodland.) A pipeline milking system was installed in 1972. Other improvements included the 16x70ft. silo, bunk feeder, new milk house and three car garage.

Third Generation - Russell Weiler and Naoma

March 1, 2001, Russell (son of Bernard and Sharon) moved to Athens from Beach Park, Illinois. As of May 1, 2001, They have purchased the herd and are renting the farm for time being.



1936



1981

The Bern 4-H Club Some Early History

The Bern 4-H Club started in the spring of 1948. The first meetings were held in the old Van Buren School House. Initially there were about twenty members and Mrs. Henry Deidrich was the general leader, and a great leader she was. Other leaders at the beginning were Mrs. Harold Scheffler, Mrs. Herbert Janke, Mrs. Jack Krueger, Mrs. Emil Pempek, George Reitz, and Ervin Schmidt. Some of the projects they taught were gardening, clothing, baking, canning, woodworking, dairy, swine, and tractor maintenance. The 4-H Club was a really good time for the young people of the Town of Bern. Almost every family belonged, everyone learned a lot from their projects, by working on them and taking their items or cattle to the fair in Athens and in Wausau. Then they could socialize every month after the meeting, or at the fair or different 4-H camps and trips.

The 4-H clubs all had a softball team too. In 1953 the Bern 4-H Club took 1st place in the Marathon County for the 2nd year in a row. Members of the team were (back row) Gordon Reitz, Dale Deidrich, Clarence Schreiner, Andy Schreiner, Floyd Rodman and Gilbert Schmidt, (front row) Irma Becker, unknown, Lolly Janke, Marie Franz, Ceil Schreiner, and Delores Schmidt. This picture was taken at the County Fairgrounds.

The boys in 4-H were interested in tractor maintenance. Elmer Romang taught classes in Athens, Andy Schreiner took 1st place in Athens, then again in Wausau five years in a row. He also took 1st place at the State Fair in Milwaukee in 1951. When they had a national contest in St Louis, in 1955, he was unable to attend, but Roger Fust won that contest. Roger is the contestant that Andy beat five times in Marathon Co. So he had gone as an alternate to St Louis. So its fair to say Andy would have won at the National level too.

Another contest that the 4-H members competed in was the Fair Queen for the Athens Fair. The girl that sold the most tickets by a certain date would be a candidate for the club. In 1951 Lolly Janke became the candidate, and the Bern 4-H Club sold the most tickets of seven area 4-H clubs, so she was elected queen of the Athens Fair. This was the second time that Athens had a Fair Queen.

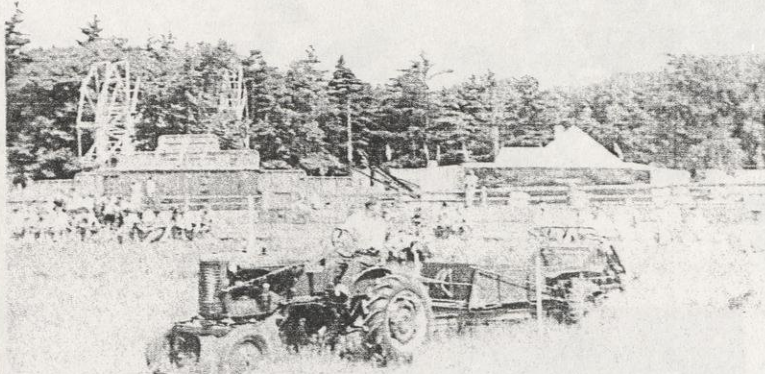


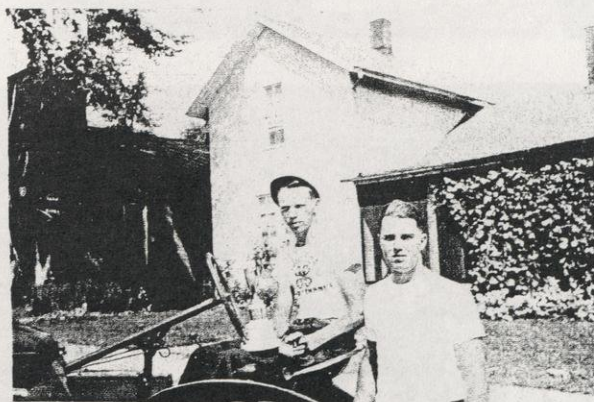
Photo 1, Bern 4-H championship team 2nd year in a row names are above.

Photo 2, Andy Schreiner hitting a home run that won the game.

Photo 3, Lolly Janke Bern 4-H 1951 Athens Fair Queen.

Photo 4, Andy Schreiner winning the tractor-driving contest.

Photo 5, Andy, with Elmer Romange and the trophy from the Milw. State Fair.



Some Town of Bern Homemakers Club Pictures



#1 Van Buren: Tanta Leisle, seated, Helen Schroeder, Mary Rodman, Eva Sackman, Mrs. George Frahm, & Gert Doering.

#2 Van Buren: Irma Schnevies, Annabelle Decker, unknown, Eunice Diedrich, Elsie Scheffler, and Gert Doering.

#3 Van Buren: Dorothy Krueger, Gert Doering, Tanta Leisle, and Cathrene Kreft.

#4 Van Buren Helen Schroder, Mary Janke, Mrs. Auner, & Marge Kafka

#5 Van Buren: Stunt Night

#6 Van Buren: Picnic

#7 Van Buren: Stunt Night

#8 Western Sunset: Card Party, after meeting



Whiton School, Jt. 3, Tns. of Bern and Johnson School year of 1925 – 1926.

Students and teacher pictured are:

(Back Row) – Andrew Hoff, Clarence Gumz, Clarence Kunz,
Teacher – Elmer Krei, Laura Hiebl, Esther Albrecht.

(Second Row) – Frank Gumz, Raymond Gumz, Elroy Groth, Agnes Albrecht,
Catherine (Suennen) Joers, Dorothy Albrecht, Dorothy (Marquardt) Schultz.

(Front Row) – Helen (Suennen) Bergmann, Arthur Mayer, Lloyd Mayer
and Donald Marquardt.



Notes from the Bern 4-H Record Book, 1954

Leaders then were:

Eunice Diedrich ~ General Leader
Shirley Gluch ~ Assistant Leader

Adult Project Leaders were:

George Rietz, Jr. ~ Dairying
Mrs. Harold Scheffler ~ Music and Gardening
Mrs. Emil Pempek ~ Food Preservation
Mrs. Herbert Janke ~ Home Furnishing / Foods and Nutrition

Junior Project Leaders were:

Luella Janke ~ Clothing
Cecelia Schreiner ~ Foods and Nutrition
Marie Franz ~ Food Preservation

Members on Standing Committees were:

Cecelia Schreiner, Andrew Schreiner, Gordon Reitz, Dale Diedrich,
Delores Schmidt, Clarence Schreiner, Dianne Rodman, Jerome Pempek,
Joyce Kreft and Lorraine Franz.

There were 29 members enrolled that year. Meetings were held in the Beaver Creek School – but were moved to the Bern Town Hall in April 1954, and were held there until the club disbanded.

Adult 4-H Leaders pictured here in 1963:

Shirley Gluch, George Rietz, Jr., Eunice Diedrich and Ruth Pederson.



4-H Meeting at Original Town Hall



Quips and Quotes
From Clerk's Minutes and Town Annual Meetings

January 4, 1902

County Board created Town of Bern in detaching the area from the Town of Halsey. The first annual meeting was held on April 1, 1902.

April 1, 1902

The annual meeting met at the Van Buren School House. John Searing was chosen to be chairman for this meeting and J. Braunwalder as clerk. The meeting was called to order by Searing. A petition signed by 24 residents and freeholders applied for laying out a highway between section 16 and 21 and asked for an appointment of \$1300 for the highway. A motion was made and seconded and was carried to grant the amount asked for.

April 3, 1902

Town Clerk -- \$150 per year

Town Assessor -- \$75 per year

Road Work (men) -- \$.30 per hour

Road Work (man and team) -- \$.60 per hour

Motion was made to tear down the old Machine Shed and build a new one on town property.

May 12, 1902

\$278.58 was received from the township of Halsey. Among other money received was \$65 for a tavern license from Charles Schlais, and \$850 borrowed from the Bank of Athens.

June 3, 1902

Road bids were awarded 20 rods of road, 3 rods wide, cleared stumps, roots and stones, and ditch to be 16.5 feet from center. All bids for 20 rods were between \$23 and \$27.

Budget for year 1903

Expenses -- \$350

Support for Poor -- \$50

Buying gravel land -- \$100

Buying one wheel Scraper -- \$35

For other expenses -- \$50

Total -- \$585

Paid a bill of \$10 for damage in laying out a road.

July 1903

Charles Schlais paid \$100 for an application of a liquor license to keep a salon.

August 18, 1903

Borrowed \$600 to build a shed for the road scraper (18' by 26') 10' high and 8' high (8' by 8's for foundation).

Town Budget Expense for 1904

Expense -- \$350

Support of Poor -- \$50

New bridge over Beaver Creek -- \$350

Expense -- \$50

Total -- \$800

Raised 3 mills road tax.

April 4, 1904

Paid \$80 for wheel scrapers.

June 27, 1904

Received a fine of \$5 plus damages for letting a stallion or bull loose.

April 18, 1905

Bought a compass with staff for laying out roads for \$10.85.

November 18, 1905

George Lindert got a tavern license for the "Hell Hole."

June 14, 1906

Paid \$125 to Victor Safe & Lock Co.

May 25, 1907

Iron Bridge contracts Illinois Bridge Co. for \$588 for the steel.

Chas Freitag receives \$277 for abutments to bridge.

Chas Lindert receives \$93 for filling the approach.

January 4, 1907

Paid fee of \$4 for constable work to August Schroeder.

June 17, 1907

Chas Schlais and Gus Lindert apply to keep a saloon and it is granted.

June 15, 1908

Goodrich Telephone Co. is granted a permit to put up a line.

April 21, 1909

Road mill tax is raised to 4 mills for 1 year.

\$200 is borrowed.

April 1912

Clerk's Salary -- \$75 for year
Assessor's Salary -- \$50 for year

March 26, 1912

The first mention of State aid for roads occurs.
(Side light comments) wagons for hauling gravel should have side boards high enough so a decent load can be hauled.

June 25, 1912

John Kornack receives \$52 for road work.

December 5, 1912

\$150 is borrowed from C. Johlke at 6% interest rate.

May 3, 1913

The board met at Decker's Cheese Factory.

1915

Suckows Bridge (known as Braunwalders Bridge).
Woodchuck bounty -- \$2.25

March 8, 1918

Bounty on Sparrows -- \$1.38

June 6, 1918

A bill was paid for \$72 for tuition to Athens High School for Esther Doering and Pauline Weiss.

June 27, 1918

Woodchuck bounty -- \$1.25
Last bounty paid on November 27, 1918.

June 4, 1921

Boundaries for school districts of surrounding towns were set.

April 4, 1924

A motion was made to raise \$500 for a building fund.

January 16, 1926

High school tuition was paid by the Town of Bern.

April 5, 1927

A motion was made to enter high school tuition on tax roll.

November 30, 1927

A permit was issued to Lake Superior.
District Power Co. was asked to build a pole line in the Town of Bern.

March 31, 1931

Post Road Weighs 4500 lbs.

1931

Assessor paid \$50.00 per year

1932- 1937

Assessor paid \$103

July 1 and 24, 1933

Carl Stargardt did cement work on the Town Hall.

August 4, 1933

The Old Town Hall was sold to Seb. Weiler for \$25.

September 5, 1933

The building Committee discussed the New Town Hall Building.

Looks like there were four road districts each with a chairman and tax money was divided or appropriated to each one with the chairman responsible for getting the roads built.

April 4, 1933

Motion to build New Town Hall ½ mile North from the old one. The motion was lost. Five men were elected for the building committee:

Chas Bartelt
Henry Frick
Gust Doering
Clem Weiler Sr.
Aug. Lenhard

A letter was received from County Agent Bill Rogan about a grasshopper threat.

April 3, 1934

A motion was made to buy 5,000 feet of snow fence. Town hall was probably built in 1933 or 1934. No motion was recorded as John Kornack was hired as janitor for the hall at \$1.00 an hour. A motion was also made to get a wood box for the town hall. Two cords of wood were bought at \$3.

April 7, 1936

A motion was made to build a bridge north of Albert Lehman's cheese factory and to place a stop sign on the north and south road at the Lehman Cheese Factory corner.

August 30, 1937

Taylor County Electric Co-op was granted permission to construct and operate electric lines in the township.

April 5, 1938

A motion was made to charge \$2 for outsiders to use the town hall for one night.

May 23, 1938

Roads are still being built.

February 13, 1940

Bill for poor relief undertaker was \$5 and Athens for grave \$1.

For opening a grave, they asked for \$12, and it was too much, so he got \$10!!

August 2, 1940

A bill of \$12.80 was paid for the W.P.A. Project.

February 10, 1941

Poor relief—Bill of Dr. Fisher of Wausau to operate was \$60 for an appendix, but he agreed to settle for \$37.50!!

August 29, 1942

Gravel job was given to Gust Amelong of Edgar.

Loading gravel was \$.10 per yard for hauling \$.09 per mile for first two miles, \$.08 per yard per mile for over a two mile haul.

November 3, 1943

A motion was made to buy new stove for the town hall.

April 3, 1945

A motion was made to give Otto Glutch a rising vote of thanks for the 21 years he served as town treasurer.

July 2, 1945

Road patrolman was paid \$.50 per hour and \$1.05 per hour for his tractor.

April 6, 1948

A motion was made to lay out and open a road between section 4 and 5 from the county line running South for about 180 rods.

September 5, 1949

A motion was made that Martin Eder Bus Service transport high school students of the Town of Bern for seven dollars per month and carry insurance and pay for it.

April 4, 1950

A motion was made to join the Wisconsin Townships Association.

April 3, 1951

A motion was made to buy a patrol grader.
A motion was made to buy a piano for \$45.

April 5, 1955

Labor -- \$.75 per hour for month
Tractor -- \$1.25 per hour for month

Clerk -- \$225
Treasurer -- \$200 (Yearly)
Assessor -- \$200

A motion was made to buy chairs and tables for the Town Hall.

April 5, 1957

John. W. Krueger was elected town clerk.

Town Bern

Labor -- \$1.00 per hour (1960's)
Town Expenses -- \$2,000 (1960's)
Approved buying a fire truck with four other townships (1962)
Bern Township a member of Fire Commission (1973)
November 18, 1974 (looking for grader)
Relief payments to Wood County
 1968
 1971
 1973-1975
Town Shed Completed (1987)
Iron Bridge Replaced for \$200,000 (1982)

Various Schools, Cheese Factories, Logging Camps, Etc.

1. 1900's (early) – Barrel Factory at Gad
2. 1900's (early) – Rietbrock Camp at Schneider Farm
3. 1900's (early) – Rietbrock Rollway
4. 1907 – Rietbrock Beaver Logging Shanty at corner of M and Iron Bridge
5. 1907 – Athens Central Park Association started at "Schuetzen" Park; a picnic and target park in a grove 1-2 miles north of Athens in the Town of Bern
6. 1918 – Gad School
7. 1933 – Beaver Creek School (formerly Johlke School) on corner of 97 and F
8. 1937 – Van Buren School (formerly Braunwalder School) on end of Bergmann Road
9. 1920's – Forest Home Cheese Factory at Lehman's
10. Marquardt Cheese Factory
11. Decker Cheese Factory
12. Gad Cheese Factory (still going)
13. 1939 – Anton Rausch Threshing Machine

Town of Bern Officials - April 1, 1902 Elections

Chairman	Charles Schlais
Supervisor	John Boehm
Supervisor	William Klein
Clerk	J. Braunwalder
Treasurer	William Suckow
Assessor	William Lohmann
Assessor - successor to Wm. Lehmann	Julius Lehmann
Justice of the Peace	Herman Habeck
Justice of the Peace	J. Braunwalder
Constable	Ferdinand Polenske
Board of Health - appointed	Charles Schlais
Board of Health - appointed	John Boehm
Board of Health - appointed	William Klein

April 7, 1903 Elections

Chairman	John Searing
Supervisor	John Boehm
Supervisor	William Klein
Clerk	J. Braunwalder
Treasurer	William Suckow
Assessor	William Lehmann
Justice of the Peace	Charles Schlais
Justice of the Peace	Charles Lehmann
Constable	Ferdinand Polenske
Board of Health - appointed	William Klein
Board of Health - appointed	Ferdinand Polenske
Board of Health - appointed	Victor Weiler
Weed Commissioner - appointed	Herman Habeck

April 5, 1904 Elections

Chairman	John Searing
Supervisor	John Boehm
Supervisor	William Klein
Clerk	J. Braunwalder
Treasurer	William Suckow
Assessor	William Lehmann
Justice of the Peace	J. Braunwalder
Constable	Ferdinand Polenske
Board of Health - appointed	William Klein
Board of Health - appointed	Victor Weiler
Board of Health - appointed	J. Braunwalder
Weed Commissioner - appointed	Clemens Weiler Jr.

Town of Bern Officials - April 4, 1905 Elections

Chairman	John Searing
Supervisor	John Boehm
Supervisor	William Klein
Clerk	J. Braunwalder
Treasurer	William Suckow
Assessor	William Lehmann
Justice of the Peace	Charles Lehmann
Constable	Ferdinand Polenske
Board of Health - appointed chairman	John Searing
Board of Health - appointed clerk	William Klein
Board of Health - " health officer	J. Braunwalder

April 3, 1906 Elections

Chairman	John Searing
Supervisor	John Boehm
Supervisor	Karl Johnass
Clerk	J. Braunwalder
Treasurer	William Suckow
Assessor	William Lehmann
Justice of the Peace	J. Braunwalder
Justice of the Peace	Charles Schlais
Constable	August Schroeder
Board of Health - appointed chairman	John Searing
Board of Health - appointed clerk	John Boehm
Board of Health - " health officer	J. Braunwalder

April 2, 1907 Elections

Chairman	Clemens Weiler
Supervisor	John Boehm
Supervisor	Karl Johnass
Clerk	J. Braunwalder
Treasurer	William Suckow
Assessor	William Lehmann
Constable	August Schroeder
Board of Health - appointed chairman	John Boehm
Board of Health - appointed clerk	Karl Johnass
Board of Health - " health officer	J. Braunwalder

April 7, 1908 Elections

Chairman	Clemens Weilwe
Supervisor	Frank Lotter
Supervisor	Gustav Doering
Clerk	J. Braunwalder
Treasurer	William Suckow
Assessor	William Lehmann
Justice of the Peace	J. Braunwalder
Justice of the Peace	Charles Johnass Jr.
Constable	August Schroeder
Constable	Joe Schlais

April 7, 1908 cont.

Board of Health - appointed chairman	Frank Lotter
Board of Health - appointed clerk	Gustav Doering
Board of Health - " health officer	J. Braunwalder

April 6, 1909 Elections

Chairman	Charles Schlais
Supervisor	Gustav Doering
Supervisor	William Klein
Clerk	J. Braunwalder
Treasurer	William Suckow
Assessor	William Lehmann
Justice of the Peace	Charles Johnass
Constable	Joe Schlais
Board of Health - appointed chairman	Gustav Doering
Board of Health - appointed clerk	Charles Schlais
Board of Health - " health officer	J. Braunwalder

April 5, 1910 Elections

Chairman	Gustav Doering
Supervisor	Henry Engebrecht
Supervisor	Carl Johlke
Clerk	J. Braunwalder
Treasurer	William Suckow
Assessor	William Lehmann
Justice of the Peace	J. Braunwalder
Justice of the Peace	Charles Schlais
Constable	Joe Schlais
Board of Health - appointed chairman	Carl Johlke
Board of Health - appointed clerk	Gustav Doering
Board of Health - " health officer	J. Braunwalder

April 4, 1911 Elections

Chairman	Gustav Doering
Supervisor	Henry Engebrecht
Supervisor	Carl Johlke
Clerk	J. Braunwalder
Treasurer	William Suckow
Assessor	William Lehmann
Constable	Joe Schlais
Board of Health- appointed chairman	Carl Johlke
Board of Health - appointed clerk	Gustav Doering
Board of Health - " health officer	J. Braunwalder
Fire Warden - appointed Road District 3	Carl Hinkel
Fire Warden - appointed Road District 9	Ferdinand Polenske
Fire Warden - appointed Road District 1	Fran Lotter
Fire Warden - appointed	Gustav Doering
Fire Warden - appointed Road District 2	Joe Schlais

Town of Bern Officials - April 2, 1912 Elections

Chairman	Gustav Doering
Supervisor	Henry Engebrecht
Supervisor	Carl Johlke
Clerk	J. Braunwalder
Treasurer	Willian Suckow
Assessor	William Lehmann
Justice of the Peace	J. Braunwalder
Justice of the Peace	Charles Schlais
Constable	Joe Schlais
Board of Health - appointed chairman	Gustav Doering
Board of Health - appointed clerk	Carl Johlke
Board of Health - " health officer	J. Braunwalder
Justice of the Peace - appointed	Clemens Weiler (till elections)

April 1, 1913 Elections

Chairman	Gustav Doering
Supervisor	Ferdinand Polenske
Supervisor	Carl Johlke
Clerk	Clemens Weiler
Treasurer	William Suckow
Assessor	William Lehmann
Justice of the Peace	Clemens Weiler
Justice of the Peace	Gustav Doering
Justice of the Peace	Clem Hinkel
Constable	Joe Schlais
Board of Health - appointed chairman	Gustav Doering
Board of Health - appointed clerk	Ferdinand Polenske
Board of Health - " health officer	Clemens Weiler

April 1, 1914 Elections

Chairman	Gustav Doering
Supervisor	Carl Johlke
Supervisor	Ferdinand Polenske
Clerk	Clemens Weiler
Treasurer	William Suckow
Assessor	Dan Cameron
Justice of the Peace	Charles Schlais
Board of Health - appointed chairman	Gustav Doering
Board of Health - appointed clerk	Ferdinand Polenske
Board of Health - " health officer	Clemens Weiler
Superintendent of Hwys. District 2	R. Gallistel
Superintendent of Hwys. District 3	August Boehm
Superintendent of Highways	August Gluch
Superintendent of Highways	William Lehmann

Town of Bern Officials - April 6, 1915 Elections

Chairman	Gustav Doering
Supervisor	Carl Johlke
Supervisor	Ferdinand Polenske
Clerk	Clemens Weiler
Treasurer	William Suckow
Assessor	Dan Cameron
Justice of the Peace	Gustav Doering
Justice of the Peace	Clemens Weiler
Constable	Charles Schroeder
Board of Health - appointed chairman	Gustav Doering
Board of Health - appointed clerk	Ferdinand Polenske
Board of Health - " health officer	Clemens Weiler
Superintendent of Hwys. - appointed	Sebastian Weiler

April 4, 1916 Elections

Chairman	Gustav Doering
Supervisor	Carl Johlke
Supervisor	Louis Winger
Clerk	Clemens Weiler
Treasurer	William Suckow
Assessor	Dan Cameron
Constable	Charles Schroeder
Bpard of Health - appointed chairman	Gustav Doering
Board of Health - appointed clerk	Carl Johlke
Board of Health " health officer	Clemens Weiler

April 3, 1917 Elections

Chairman	Gustav Doering
Supervisor	Carl Johlke
Supervisor	Louis Winger
Clerk	Clemens Weiler
Treasurer	William Suckow
Assessor	Dan Cameron
Justice of the Peace	Gustav Doering
Board of Health - appointed chairman	Gustav Doering
Board of Health - appointed clerk	Louis Winger
Board of Health - " health officer	Clemens Weiler
Super'of Hwys. & Fire Warden -appointed	Charles Schroeder
Super'of Hwys. & Fire Warden -appointed	Ben Gauerke
Super'of Hwys, & Fire Warden -appointed	Rudolf Gallistel
Super'of Hwys. & Fire Warden -appointed	William Lehmann

Town of Bern Officials - April 6, 1918 Elections

Chairman	Gustav Doering
Supervisor	George Rietz
Supervisor	Henry Sigmund
Clerk	Clemens Weiler
Treasurer	William Suckow
Assessor	Dan Cameron
Justice of the Peace	William Decker
Board of Health - appointed chairman	Gustav Doering
Board of Health - appointed clerk	George Rietz
Board of Health - " health officer	Gustav Doering
Super'of Hwys. & Fire Warden - appointed	Charles Balson

April 5, 1919 Elections

Chairman	Gustav Doering
Supervisor	George Rietz
Supervisor	Henry Sigmund
Clerk	Clemens Weiler
Treasurer	William Suckow
Assessor	Charles Johnas Jr.
Justice of the Peace	Gustav Doering
Constable	George Klein
Board of Health - appointed chairman	Gustav Doering
Board of Health - appointed clerk	George Rietz
Board of Health - " health officer	Charles B. Lehman

April 9, 1920 Elections

Chairman	Gustav Doering
Supervisor	George Rietz
Supervisor	Charles B. Lehman
Clerk	Clemens Weiler
Treasurer	William Suckow
Assessor	Charles Johnas
Justice of the Peace	William J. Decker
Constable	Frank Bollech
Board of Health - appointed chairman	Gustav Doering
Board of Health - appointed clerk	Charles B. Lehman
Board of Health - " health officer	Clemens Weiler
Road Commissioner - appointed	William Lehman

April 9, 1921 Elections

Supervisor	Ben Gauerke
Clerk	Clemens Weiler
Treasurer	William Suckow
Assessor	Charles Johnas
Justice of the Peace	Gustav Doering
Constable	August Romang
Fire Warden	Gustav Doering
Board of Health - appointed chairman	Gustav Doering
Board of Health - appointed clerk	George Rietz

April 9, 1921 cont'

Board of Health - appt' health officer	Clemens Weiler
Road Commissioner appointed	William Lehmann
Weed Commissioner - appointed	William Lehmann

April 8, 1922 Elections

Supervisor	George Rietz
Clerk	Clemens Weiler
Treasurer	William Suckow
Assessor	Charles Johnas
Constable	August Romang
Constable	Peter Weiler
Board of Health - appointed chairman	Gustav Doering
Board of Health - appointed clerk	George Rietz
Board of Health - " health officer	Clemens Weiler

April 5, 1923 Elections

Chairman	Gustav Doering
Supervisor	George Rietz
Clerk	Clemens Weiler
Treasurer	William Suckow
Assessor	Charles Johnas
Justice of the Peace	William J. Decker
Justice of the Peace	Gustav Doering

April 4, 1924 Elections

Chairman	Gustav Doering
Supervisor	August Boehm
Supervisor	Ben Gauerke
Clerk	August Lenhard
Treasurer	Otto Gluch
Assessor	Charles Johnas
Justice of the Peace	William J. Decker
Constable	August Boehm
Constable	George Rietz
Board of Health - appointed chairman	Gustav Doering
Board of Health - appointed clerk	August Boehm
Board of Health - " health officer	August Lenhard

April 11, 1925 Elections

Chairman	Gustave Doering
Supervisor	August Boehm
Supervisor	Ben Gauerke
Clerk	August Lenhard
Treasurer	Otto Gluch
Assessor	Charles Johnas
Justice of the Peace	Gustav Doering

April 11, 1925 Elections cont'

Constable	Charles Kuck
Constable	George Rietz
Board of Health - appointed chairman	Gustave Doering
Board of Health - appointed clerk	August Boehm
Board of Health - " health officer	August Lenhard
Road Superindendent appointed	Rudolf Gallistel
Road Superindendent appointed	John Kornack
Road Superindendent appointed	George Rietz
Road Superintendent appointed	Frank Bollech
Road Superintendent appointed	William Decker

April 10, 1926 Elections

Chairman	Gustav Doering
Supervisor	August Boehm
Supervisor	Ben Gauerke
Clerk	August Lenhard
Treasurer	Otto Gluch
Assessor	Charles Balson
Justice of the Peace	William J. Decker
Constable	Julius Schultz Jr.
Constable	Henry Frick
Road Superintendent - appointed	Rudolf Gallistel
Road Superintendent - appointed	John Kornack
Road Superintendent - appointed	Anton Weiler
Road Superintendent - appointed	Frank Bollech
Road Superintendent - appointed	George Frahm
Board of Health - appointed chairman	Gustav Doering
Board of Health - appointed clerk	August Boehm
Board of Health - " health officer	August Lenhard

April 7, 1927 Elections

Chairman	Gustav Doering
Supervisor	August Boehm
Supervisor	Ben Gauerke
Clerk	August Lenhard
Treasurer	Otto Gluch
Assesor	William J. Decker
Justice of the Peace	Gustave Doering
Constable	Henry Frick
Constable	Victor Weiler
Board of Health - appointed chairman	Gustav Doering
Board of Health - appointed clerk	August Boehm
Board of Health - " health officer	August Lenhard

April 7, 1928 Elections

Chairman	Gustav Doering
Supervisor	August Boehm
Supervisor	Ben Gauerke
Clerk	August Lenhard
Treasurer	Otto Gluch
Assessor	Wm. J. Decker

April 7, 1928 Elections cont.

Justice of the Peace	William J. Decker
Constable	John Kornack
Constable	Henry Frick
Board of Health - appointed chairman	Gustav Doering
Board of Health - appointed - clerk	August Boehm
Board of Health - " health officer	August Lenhard

April 6, 1929 Elections

Chairman	Gustav Doering
Supervisor	August Boehm
Supervisor	Ben Gauerke
Clerk	August Lenhard
Treasurer	Otto Gluch
Assessor	William J. Decker
Justice of the Peace	Gustav Doering
Constable	John Kornack
Constable	Cyril Kreft
Board of Health - appointed chairman	Gustav Doering
Board of Health - appointed clerk	Ben Gauerke
Board of Health - " health officer	August Boehm

April 4, 1930 Elections

Chairman	Gustav Doering
Supervisor	August Boehm
Supervisor	Ben Gauerke
Clerk	August Lenhard
Treasurer	Otto Gluch
Assessor	William J. Decker
Justice of the Peace	William J. Decker
Constable	John Kornack
Constable	Cyril Kreft
Board of Health - appointed chairman	Gustav Doering
Board of Health - appointed clerk	August Lenhard
Board of Health - " health officer	August Boehm

April 10, 1931 Elections

Chairman	Gustav Doering
Supervisor	August Boehm
Supervisor	Charles Kuck
Clerk	August Lenhard
Treasurer	Otto Gluch
Assessor	Emil Schroeder
Justice of the Peace	Gustav Doering
Constable	John Kornack
Constable	Cyril Kreft
Board of Health - appointed chairman	Gustav Doering
Board of Health - appointed clerk	Charles Kuck
Board of Health - " health officer	August Boehm
Road Superintendent- appointed	John Kornack

April 10, 1931 Elections cont.

Road Superintendent - appointed
Road Superintendent - appointed
Road Superintendent - appointed
Road Superintendent - appointed

Anton Weiler
Frank Bollech
Fred Marquardt
Cyril Kreft

April 5, 1932 Elections

Chairman
Supervisor
Supervisor
Clerk
Treasurer
Assessor
Justice of the Peace
Constable
Constable
Board of Health - appointed chairman
Board of Health - Appointed clerk
Road Superintendent
Road Superintendent
Road Superintendent
Road Superintendent
Road Superintendent
Road Superintendent
Road Superintendent

Gustav Doering
Charles Johnas
Clemens A. Weiler
August Lenhard
Otto Gluch
Emil Schroeder
William J. Decker
John Kornack
Dan Leisle
Gustave Doering
Charles Johnas
Yaro Schlaiss
John Kornack
Anton Weiler, Sr.
Frank Bollech
Fred Marquardt
William Decker
Dan Leisle

April 7, 1933 Elections

Chairman
Supervisor
Supervisor
Clerk
Treasurer
Assessor
Justice of the Peace
Constable
Constable
Board of Health - appointed chairman
Board of Health - appointed clerk
Board of Health - appointed Health officer
Road Superintendent
Road Superintendent
Road Superintendent
Road Superintendent
Road Superintendent

August Boehm
Clem A. Weiler
Fred Marquardt
August Lenhard
Otto Gluch
Emil Schroeder
Ed Romang
John Kornack
Emanuel Romang Sr.
August Boehm
Fred Marquardt
Clem A. Weiler
Yaro Schlaiss
John Kornack
Anton Weiler, Sr.
Frank Bollech
George Frahm

April 6, 1934 Elections

Chairman
Supervisor
Supervisor
Clerk
Treasurer
Assessor

August Boehm
Fred Marquardt
Clem A. Weiler
August Lenhard
Otto Gluch
Emil Schroeder

April 6, 1934 Elections cont.

Justice of the Peace	William J. Decker
Constable	John Kornack
Constable	Emanuel Romang Sr.
Board of Health - appointed chairman	August Boehm
Board of Health - appointed clerk	Fred Marquardt
Board of Health - " health officer	Clem Weiler
Road Superintendent-appointed	Carl Kretchmer

April 5, 1935 Elections

Chairman	Charles Johnas
Supervisor	Fred Marquardt
Supervisor	Clem A. Weiler
Clerk	August Lenhard
Treasurer	Otto Gluch
Assessor	Emil Schroeder
Justice of the Peace	Ralph Ames
Constable	John Kornack
Constable	Walter Doering
Board of Health Chairman	Charles Johnas
Board of Health Clerk	Fred Marquardt
Board of Health Health Officer	Clem A. Weiler

April 9, 1936 Elections

Chairman	Charles Johnas
Supervisor	Fred Marquardt
Supervisor	Clem A. Weiler
Clerk	August Lenhard
Treasurer	Otto Gluch
Assessor	Emil Schroeder
Justice of the Peace	Walter Doering
Constable	John Kornack
Constable	Dan Leisle

April 8, 1937 Elections

Chairman	Charles Johnas
Supervisor	Fred Marquardt
Supervisor	Clem A. Weiler
Clerk	August Lenhard
Treasurer	Otto Gluch
Assessor	Emil Schroeder
Justice of the Peace	Emanuel Romang, Sr.
Constable	John Kornack
Constable	Victor Weiler, Jr.

April 8, 1938 Elections

Chairman	Charles Johnas
Supervisor	Fred Marquardt
Supervisor	John Yorgey
Clerk	August Lenhard
Treasurer	Otto Gluch
Assessor	Emil Schroeder

April 8, 1938 Elections cont.

Justice of the Peace
Constable
Constable
Board of Health Chairman
Board of Health Clerk
Board of Health Health Officer

Walter Doering
John Kornack
Carl Kretschmer
Charles Johnas
Fred Marquardt
John Yorgey

April 7, 1939 Elections

Chairman
Supervisor
Supervisor
Clerk
Treasurer
Assessor
Justice of the Peace
Constable
Constable

Charles Johnas
Clem A. Weiler
Fred Marquardt
August Lenhard
Otto Gluch
Emil Schroeder
Emil Suckow
John Kornack
Carl Kretschmer

April 5, 1940 Elections

Chairman
Supervisor
Supervisor
Clerk
Treasurer
Assessor
Justice of the Peace
Constable
Constable

Christ Scherz
Clem A. Weiler
Fred Marquardt
August Lenhard
Otto Gluch
Emil Schroeder
Roland Esselman
John Kornack
Anton Gallistel

April 4, 1941 Elections

Chairman
Supervisor
Supervisor
Clerk
Treasurer
Assessor
Justice of the Peace
Constable
Constable

Christ Scherz
Clem A. Weiler
Fred Marquardt
August Lenhard
Otto Gluch
Emil Schroeder
Emil Suckow
John Kornack
Louis Esselman

April 10, 1942 Elections

Chairman
Supervisor
Supervisor
Clerk
Treasurer
Assessor

Christ Scherz
Clem A. Weiler
Fred Marquardt
August Lenhard
Otto Gluch
Emil Schroeder

April 10, 1942 Elections cont.

Justice of the Peace	Emanuel Romang, Sr.
Constable	John Kornack
Constable	Louis Esselman
Board of Health Chairman	Christ Schera
Board of Health Clerk	Clem A. Weiler
Board of Health Health Officer	Fred Marquardt
Road Boss & Weed Commissioner	appointed George Frahm Sr.
Road Boss & Weed Commissioner	appointed Edwin Schreiner
Road Boss & Weed Commissioner	appointed Anton Weiler, Sr.
Road Boss & Weed Commissioner	appointed John Kornack
Road Boss & Weed Commissioner	appointed Emil Bartelt

April 9, 1943 Elections

Chairman	Christ Scherz
Supervisor	Fred Marquardt
Supervisor	Walter Doering
Clerk	August Lenhard
Treasurer	Otto Gluch
Assessor	Emil Schroeder
Justice of the Peace	Herb Janke
Constable	John Kornack
Constable	Louis Esselman
Board of Health Chairman	Christ Scherz
Board of Health Clerk	Walter Doering
Board of Health Health Officer	Fred Marquardt
Road Boss & Weed Commissioner	appointed George Frahm Sr.
Road Boss & Weed Commissioner	appointed Edwin Schreiner
Road Boss & Weed Commissioner	appointed Anron Weiler, Sr.
Road Boss & Weed Commissioner	appointed John Kornack
Road Boss & Weed Commissioner	appointed Charles Weiler

April 7, 1944 Elections

Chairman	Christ Scherz
Supervisor	Walter Doering
Supervisor	Fred Marquardt
Clerk	August Lenhard
Treasurer	Otto Gluch
Assessor	Emil Schroeder
Justice of the Peace	Art Brown
Constable	John Kornack
Constable	Louis Esselman

April 5, 1945 Elections

Chairman	Christ Scherz
Supervisor	Walter Doering
Supervispr	William Weiss
Clerk	August Lenhard
Treasurer	George M. Lavicka
Justice of the Peace	George W. Rietz
Constable	John Kornack
Constable	Emil Pempek

April 5, 1945 Elections cont.

Board of Health appointed chairman	Christ Scherz
Board of Health appointed clerk	William Weiss
Board of Health appointed health officer	Walter Doering

April 4, 1947

Chairman	Christ Scherz
Supervisor	Walter Doering
Supervisor	Emil Schroeder
Clerk	August Lenhard
Treasurer	George Lavicka
Assessor	William Weiss
Justice of the peace	Frank Hughes
Constable	Emil Pempek
Board of Health appointed chairman	Christ Scherz
Board of Health appointed clerk	Emil Schroeder
Board of Health health Officer	Walter Doering

April 8, 1949

Chairman	Walter Doering
Supervisor	George Rietz
Supervisor	Albert Boneske
Clerk	August Lenhard
Treasurer	George Lavicka
Assesor	William Weiss
Justice of the Peace	Frank Hughes
Constable	Emil Pempek
Constable	Leo Franz
Board of Health appointed chairman	Walter Doering
Board of Health appointed clerk	Albert Boneske
Board of Health appointed health officer	George Rietz
Road Boss & Weed Commissioner - appointed	Herb Janke

April 6, 1951 Elections

Chairman	Walter Doering
Supervisor	George Rietz
Supervisor	Albert Boneske
Clerk	August Lenhard
Treasurer	George Lavicka
Assessor	William Weiss
Justice of the Peace	Herman Punke
Constable	Emanuel Romang, Jr.
Constable	Emil Pempek
Board of Health - appointed chairman	Walter Doering
Board of Health - appointed clerk	George Rietz
Board of Health - appointed health officer	Albert Boneske

April 8, 1953 Elections

Chairman	Walter Doering
Supervisor	Henry Diedrich
Supervisor	Albert Boneske
Clerk	August Lenhard
Treasurer	George Lavicka
Assessor	Ed Romang
Justice of the Peace	Charles Hinds
Constable	Art Suckow
Constable	Emil Pempek
Board of Health - appointed chairman	Walter Doering
Board of Health - appointed clerk	Henry Diedrich
Board of Health - " health officer	Albert Boneske

April 9, 1955 Elections

Chairman	Walter Doering
Supervisor	Henry Diedrich
Supervisor	Albert Boneske
Clerk	August Lenhard
Treasurer	George Lavicka
Assessor	Ed Romang
Justice of the Peace	Emanuel Romang Sr.
Constable	Emil Pempek
Constable	Ervin Schmidt
Board of Health - appointed chairman	Walter Doering
Board of Health - appointed clerk	Henry Diedrich
Board of Health - " health officer	Albert Boneske

April 2, 1957 Elections

Chairman	Walter Doering
Supervisor	Henry Diedrich
Supervisor	Albert Boneske
Clerk	John W. Krueger
Treasurer	George Lavicka
Assessor	Ed Romang
Justice of the Peace	Andrew Lotter
Constable	Harold Scheffler
Comstable	Ervin Schmidt
Board of Health - appointed chairman	Walter Doering
Board of Health - appointed clerk	Henry Diedrich
Board of Health - " health officer	Albert Boneske
Road Boss & Weed Commissioner appointed	William Weiss

April 13, 1959 Elections

Chairman	Walter Doering
Supervisor	Henry Diedrich
Supervisor	Albert Boneske
Clerk	John W. Krueger
Treasurer	George Lavicka
Assessor	Ed Romang
Justice of the Peace	Emanuel Romang Jr.
Constable	Arnold Decker
Constable	Henry Weix
Road Boss & Weed Commissioner-appointed	William Weiss

April 4, 1961 Town of Bern Elections

Chairman	Walter Doering
1st Supervisor	Henry Diedrich
2nd Supervisor	Ervin Schmidt
Clerk	John W. Krueger
Treasurer	George Lavicka
Assessor	Ed Romang
Constable	Alfred Kretchmer
Constable	Bernard Barkow
Road Boss & Weed Commissioner - appointed	William Weiss (1960,1961,1962)

April 5, 1963 Town of Bern Elections

Chairman	Walter Doering
1st Supervisor	Henry Diedrich
2nd Supervisor	Albert Boneske
Treasurer	George Lavicke
Clerk	Jphn W. Krueger
Assessor	Ed Romang
Constable	Bernard Barkow
Constable	Alfred Kretchmer

April 7, 1965 Town of Bern Elections

Chairman	Walter Doering
1st Supervisor	Henry Diedrich
2nd Supervisor	Ervin Schmidt
Clerk	John W. Krueger
Treasurer	George Lavicka
Assessor	Ed Romand
Constable	Bernard Barkow

April 4, 1967 Town of Bern Elections

Chairman	Walter Doering
1st Supervisor	Henry Diedrich
2nd Supervisor	Ervin Schmidt
Clerk	Helen Bergmann
Treasurer	George Lavicka
Assessor	Ed Romang
Constable	Bernard Barkow

April 1, 1969 Town of Bern Elections

Chairman	Walter Doering
1st Supervisor	Henry Diedrich
2nd Supervisor	Ervin Schmidt
Clerk	Helen Bergmann
Treasurer	George Lavicka
Assessor	Henry M. Weix
Constable	Bernard Barkow

April 6, 1971 Town of Bern Elections

Chairman	Walter E. Doering
1st Supervisor	Virgil Auner
2nd Supervisor	Ervin R. Schmidt
Clerk	Helen Bergmann
Treasurer	George Lavicka
Assessor	Henry M. Weix
Constable	Bernard Barkow

April 3, 1973 Town of Bern Elections

Chairman	Walter E. Doering
1st Supervisor	Richard Weiler
2nd Supervisor	Ervin R. Schmidt
Clerk	Helen Bergmann
Treasurer	George Lavicka
Assessor - appointed	Gordon Rietz
Constable	Bernard Barkow

April 2, 1975 Town of Bern Elections

Chairman	John W. Krueger
1st Supervisor	Richard Weiler
2nd Supervisor	Ervin R. Schmidt
Clerk	Helen Bergmann
Treasurer	George Lavicka
Assessor - appointed	Betty Auner

April 5, 1977 Town of Bern Elections

Chairman	John W. Krueger
1st Supervisor	Gordon Rietz
2nd Supervisor	Ervin R. Schmidt
Clerk	Helen Bergmann
Treasurer	George Lavicka
Assessor - appointed	Betty Auner

April 5, 1979 Town of Bern Elections

Chairman	John W. Krueger
1st Supervisor	Richard Weiler
2nd Supervisor	Andrew Schreiner
Clerk	Helen Bergmann
Treasurer	George Lavicka
Assessor - appointed	Betty Auner

April 8, 1981 Town of Bern Elections

Chairman	John W. Krueger
1st Supervisor	Richard Weiler
2nd Supervisor	Andrew Schreiner
Clerk	Helen Bergmann
Treasurer	George Lavicka
Assessor - appointed	Betty Auner

April 6, 1983 Town of Bern Elections

Chairman	John W. Krueger
1st Supervisor	Richard Weiler
2nd Supervisor	Andrew Schreiner
Clerk	Helen Bergmann
Treasurer	George Lavicka
Assessor - appointed	Betty Auner

April, 1985 Town of Bern Elections

Chairman	Joh W. Krueger
1st Supervisor	John Gallistel
2nd Supervisor	Andrew Schreiner
Clerk	Helen Bergmann
Treasurer	Sharon Weiler
Assessor - appointed	Betty Auner

April, 1987 Town of Bern Elections

Chairman	John W. Krueger
1st Supervisor	John Gallistel
2nd Supervisor	Andrew Schreiner
Clerk	Helen Bergmann
Treasurer	Sharon Weiler
Assessor - appointed	Betty Auner

April, 1989 Town of Bern Elections

Chairman	John W. Krueger
1st Supervisor	Andrew Schreiner
2nd Supervisor	Dale Barkow
Clerk	Jeanette Daniels
Treasurer	Sharon Weiler
Assessor - appointed	Betty Auner

April, 1991 Town of Bern Elections

Chairman	John W. Krueger
1st Supervisor	Andrew Schreiner
2nd Supervisor	Dale Barkow
Clerk	Jeanette Daniels
Treasurer	Sharon Weiler
Assessor - appointed	Betty Auner
Road Supervisor - appointed	John W. Krueger

April, 1993 Town of Bern Elections

Chairman	John W. Krueger
1st Supervisor	Dale Barkow
2nd Supervisor	John Gallistel
Clerk	Jeanette Daniels
Treasurer	Sharon Weiler
Assessor - appointed	Betty Auner
Road Supervisor - appointed	John W. Krueger

April, 1995 Town of Bern Elections

Chairman
1st Supervisor
2nd Supervisor
Clerk
Treasurer
Assessor - appointed

John W. Krueger
Dale Barkow
John Gallistel
Jeanette Daniels
Sharon Weiler
Betty Auner

April, 1997 Town of Bern Elections

Chairman
1st Supervisor
2nd Supervisor
Clerk - appointed
Treasurer
Assessor - appointed

John W. Krueger
LeRoy Klimpke
Tom Boneske
Jeanette Daniels
Sharon Weiler
Betty Auner

April, 1999 Town of Bern Elections

Chairman
1st Supervisor
2nd Supervisor
Clerk - appointed
Treasurer
Assessor - appointed

John W. Krueger
LeRoy Klimpke
Thomas Boneske
Jeanette Daniels
Sharon Weiler
Betty Auner

April, 2001 Town of Bern Elections

Chairman
1st Supervisor
2nd Supervisor
Clerk - appointed
Treasurer
Assessor - appointed

John W. Krueger
LeRoy Klimpke
Thomas Boneske
Jeanette Daniels
Sharon Weiler
Betty Auner

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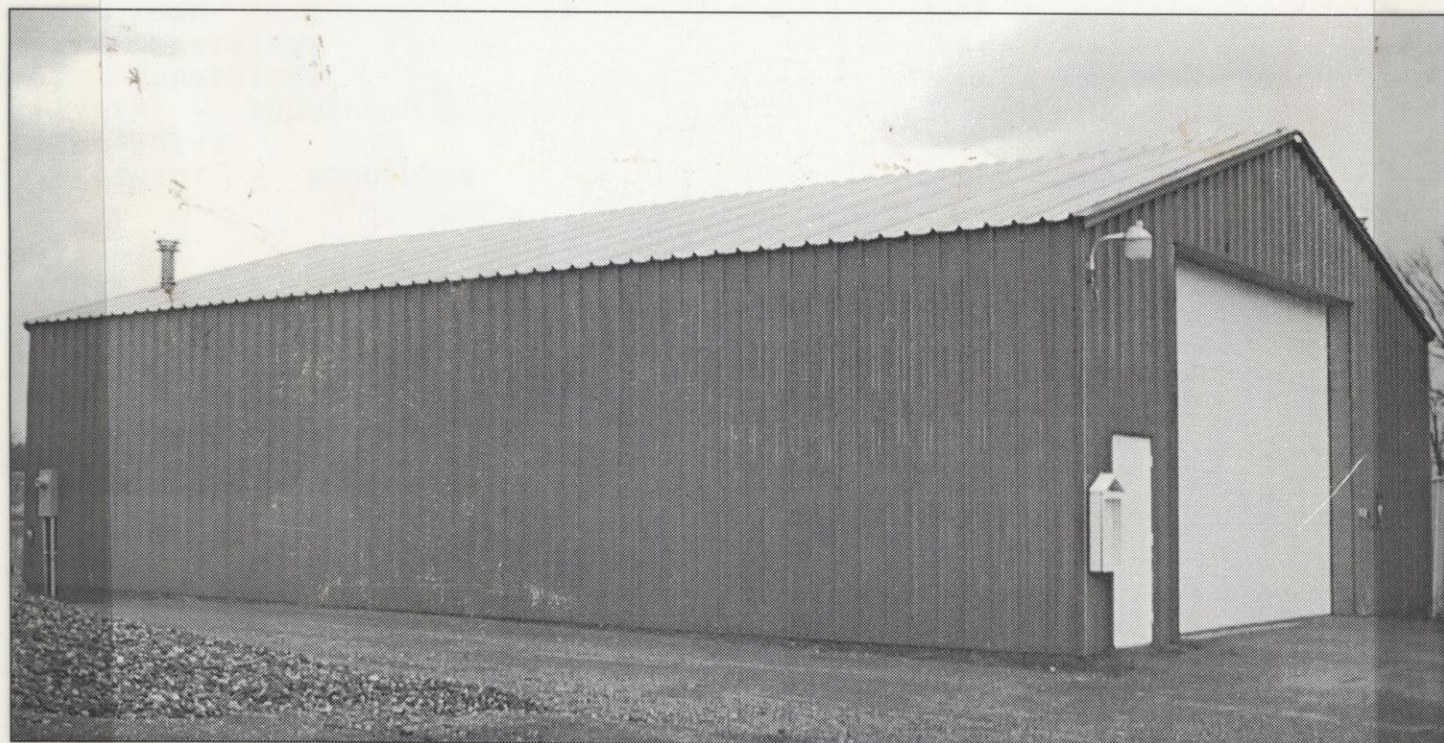
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