



Wayne Faust at the grave of Captain Conrad Minnich



Brian Lengle (second from right) and Randy Moyer (third from right) were the recipients of the Pro Deo Patria emblems at St. John's Lutheran Church, Friedensburg. The Pro Deo et Patria (For God and Country) is a religious growth program which is intended to foster in scouts a deepening understanding of the relevance of their Christian faith. Mrs. Robert Lengle, and Mrs. Raymond Moyer, are pictured with their sons, along with Pastor Richard A. Olson II, Arlin Fidler, Troop 151 scoutmaster and Robert Lengle.

The Troop continued, having various different leaders through the years. From 1953 through 1960 Norman A. Knapp was Scout Master. From 1960 through 1962 Joseph Hummel was Scout Master. Paul A. Snyder took the reins and acted as Master from 1962 to 1964. From 1964 to 1966 interest waned and the troop was dropped. However, Scouting was not forgotten, and the Troop was again started in 1966 when Carl W. Brown served as Scout Master. He acted as leader to the boys teaching the principles of good citizenship until 1970 when Harry Shirey acted as leader for a few months, after which Rev. James Seifert took over.

From 1971 until 1972 Harvey Lengel kept scouting alive and acted as Scout Master for the Troop. In 1972 Ashley Brown led the boys until 1975. In 1975 Raymond Moyer acted as Institutional Representative with Lloyd Fidler appointed as Scout Master. Stanley Fidler and Daniel Faust are members of the Scout committee.

Troop 151 was recently honored at an Indian Run District Meeting, as being the first troop to complete a Bi-Centennial Project. A short time ago, the St. Peter's Church Cemetery in Wayne Township was covered with dense overgrowth of bushes and trees. Today, the area is cleared and various old tombstones including that of Captain Conrad Minnich, who served as a leader in the Revolutionary War, and that of his wife Elizabeth Zerbe Minnich, are clearly visible.

The transformation of this area is due to the efforts of the boys and leaders of Troop 151, who accepted the challenge of the Mahantengo Chapter of the DAR, in helping to restore this ancient landmark so that historical recognition might be given to those who served so courageously to settle this area. Leland Wessner suggested the activity to the DAR as a possible one for the Boy Scouts. The boys served with enthusiasm, and spent many nights clearing away the brush.

Recently, the Office of Historic Preservation of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has placed the cemetery on the Pennsylvania Inventory of Historic Sites.

Of course, Scouting has not been all work for the boys through the years. They have spent enjoyable days and weekends camping at such area sites as Camp Bashore, Camp Nisatin, Swatara Lake and Hidden Valley. They are self-sufficient in earning money in such projects as a broom sale, and conduct a soda stand each summer at the Friedensburg Lutheran Sunday School picnic.

On November 30, 1975, the first two boys were presented with a coveted award, "Pro Deo Et Patria" and presented with emblems signifying their having fulfilled the requirements necessary. This award is given to "foster in Scouts a deepening understanding of the reverence of the Christian faith. It is administered nationally by the Office of National Youth Agency Relationships of the Lutheran Council in the United States. Randy Moyer, and Brian Lengle were the boys who earned this coveted award.

FRIEDENSBURG FISH AND GAME ASSOCIATION

After many years of planning and studying as to how the sportsmen of our area could work with Pennsylvania Game Commission to protect wild life, a small group of interested sportsmen took it upon themselves to form an organization for this purpose.

In 1935 this group of 12 or 15 men met in Weidner's gas station and started formulating plans to organize a sportsmen's organization.

The first project was to purchase rabbits from the western states for restocking areas that were open to public hunting.

As the membership increased there was need for a larger room for meeting purposes. Charles Roeder, the proprietor of Roeder's Hotel, Friedensburg, provided a room free of charge in which monthly meetings were held. Many committee meetings were also held there.

With increased interest by the sportsmen from the area a resolution was passed to appoint a committee to purchase property to continue this endeavor of providing a better habitat for wild life as well as promoting open areas for public hunting. In 1939 this committee purchased the former Clinton Cooper farm from the executors at public sale.

The farm contains 112 acres and is situated between the Stone Mountain and the Sweet Arrow Lake road. About one half of the farm is timber land. The first project here was to convert the first floor of the farm house into a meeting room and a room for social affairs.

With the purchase of property came the need to be incorporated. In 1939 the organization was incorporated as the Friedensburg Fish and Game Association.

As the activities of the group expanded a new 30 ft. by 40 ft. recreation room was added to the club house. Some years later still another addition was made for recreational purposes. The organization sponsored a quoit team which became a member of the Schuylkill County Quoit League. This team possesses many championship trophies which are displayed in a trophy case.

Social activities at the club house are annual hoedowns, dances and venison roasts. The club facilities are also rented to private groups for wedding receptions and parties.

Additional acreage has been added to the original property. The entire area has become a game refuge which is posted against hunting in order to preserve game and wild life. Much of the acreage has been planted with seedlings of pine, spruce, walnut, locust, and chestnut trees. Approximately 12,000 spruce and pine seedlings alone have been planted.

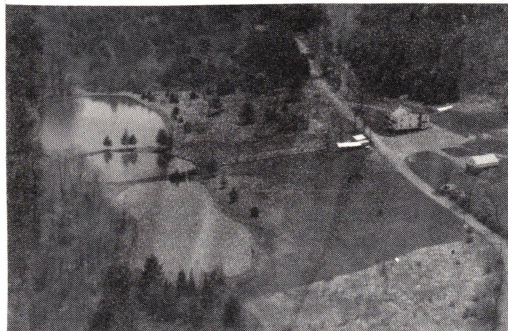
In former years 100 or more rabbits were trapped during the winter months and then released on open hunting grounds in the area. More recently the organization has been raising ringneck pheasants received as day old poults from the Pennsylvania Game Commission. Over the past 15 years 200 to 250 pheasants have been raised and then released on open hunting grounds each year. During each of the last 5 years approximately 50 wild turkeys have been purchased and then released on the Second Mountain. Breeding turkeys are also kept in a holding pen on the club grounds. Here turkey poults are incubated from the eggs and are released after 12 weeks. The Friedensburg organization in cooperation with the Roedersville Fish and Game organization has been responsible for the return of wild turkeys to our area.

Another undertaking of the group has been the building of three dams which cover three acres. These are stocked with trout, bass, and cat fish and are open only to members for fishing. Fishing rodeos for children are also conducted several times each year.

The organization has consistently contributed to youth organizations over the years by supporting groups such as Boy Scouts and Little League. Each year one or two boys are sponsored for attendance at a conservation training camp.

The policy of the Friedensburg Fish and Game Association has been and will continue to be to support all clean sportsmanship wherever the need may be and to support worthy charitable needs.

The organization has grown to a membership of over 300. There are presently 20 members who have attained the age requirements to become life members.



FRIEDENSBURG REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S COUNCIL

1976, our nation's Bicentennial year, is the 30th anniversary of the founding of the Friedensburg Republican Women's Council. A group of women met at Roeder's Hotel, Friedensburg, on December 5, 1946 and under the guidance of Mabel Moyer, Pine Grove, and Adele Leib Higgins, Pottsville, organized a Republican Women's Club.

Officers elected were Ada Schopp, president; Ruth Laubentine, vice-president; Raydelle Heffner, recording secretary; Norma Lengle, corresponding secretary; Grace Rehr, treasurer; Edith Nunemacher, Emma Heffner, and Alice Heffner, directors.

One of the first actions of the club was to become affiliated with the Pennsylvania Council of Republican Women. Later the group also became affiliated with the National Federation of Republican Women. A stated objective of the Republican women's groups is "to strengthen women in political knowledge and political activity and to promote honest government and unselfish patriotism." The Friedensburg Council has always directed its activities towards the fulfillment of this objective by participation in conferences, seminars, and conventions and by actively participating in political campaigns.

From the early beginnings of the Council, the women have engaged in numerous fund raising activities such as bake sales, merchandise clubs, card parties, sub sales, bus trips, and birthday socials. Proceeds of these activities have been used in carrying out the Council objectives. Each year the council sent delegates to the state convention. One of the highlights of the council's activities was a trip of Washington, D.C., April 15, 1969 to participate in the convention of the National Federation of Republican Women. As delegates to this convention a number of Friedensburg and Schuylkill County women were invited to a reception held in the East Room of the White House where Mrs. Richard Nixon was the hostess. In 1975 the president, Hilda Kilmer, again represented the Council at the national convention in Dallas, Texas.

While the main objectives of the Council have been political, there have been many social and fun activities as well. For a number of years the women observed Pennsylvania Week by taking a bus trip to a historic Pennsylvania site. There have been summer picnics and in recent years summer theatre trips. During 1964-65 several trips were made to the New York World's Fair.

The Council has also established the custom of sponsoring a Bi-Annual banquet honoring its newly elected officers. Since officers are chosen in even numbered years, these dinners have always coincided with general election campaigns and provide interesting evenings, both socially and politically. Persons who have served as president of the Friedensburg Republican Women's Council are Ada Schopp, Grace Fehr, Florence Manbeck, Ardith Kull, Verna Fehr, and Hilda Kilmer. Present officers are Hilda Kilmer, president; Verna Fehr, vice-president; Hazel Minnich, recording secretary; Ruth Liddle, corresponding secretary; Ruth Kredovskie, treasurer; Helen Moyer, Fern Roeder, and Twila Nagle, directors.

In 1976, as we look back over thirty years, we note with pride that many charter members of the organization remain active in its membership today. We believe deeply in the future of our nation and believe also that our goal of promoting "honest government and unselfish patriotism" is a challenge worthy of the efforts of all Americans.



Left to right; Hazel Minnich, Verna Fehr, Hilda Kilmer, Ruth Kredovskie and Ruth Liddle

P. T. A.

P.T.A. is organized within each individual school, with membership consisting of parents of children attending the school and teachers at the school. Co-operation between members, and discussion of child-education problems, and general child study are all part of P.T.A.'s functions.

Wayne Township P.T.A. was organized in March 1936 and ran till September 1936. It consisted of 28 members and they were led by Mrs. Mary Staller. First thing purchased by P.T.A. was a piano at a cost of \$20.

In March 1944 attempts to reorganize P.T.A. in the Wayne Township school were successful. Mrs. Julia Freed was elected president and did a fantastic job because P.T.A. is still going strong in our school today.

In 1953 by-laws were presented and adopted.

In 1957 Wayne Township school moved into its new building. The P.T.A. was there and donated \$1000. for cafeteria equipment. 1958 Founder's Day was the first meeting of P.T.A. to be held in the new building.

1965-66 was the first year Wayne had a kindergarten class. The P.T.A. presented a program with Mrs. Fern Bittle, who was to be the kindergarten teacher as speaker.

Over the years the P.T.A. has assisted in various school activities such as medical examinations, write-in legislation campaigns, riding the kindergarten buses and open house.

P.T.A. membership in 1975-76 is 291. We have set up a library fund to purchase books, visual aids, etc. for the proposed new library.

Some important things sponsored or bought by P.T.A. over the years.

Various musical instruments	Commencement awards
Health and teaching aids	Wiring
School milk program	Screens
Brownie troupes	Tissues for each room
Safety patrol	Sinks for all 7 rooms
Blinker lights	Television, projector and movie screen
Parties, treats and picnics	Carpet for Kindergarten room
Study aids, encyclopedias and dictionaries	Bulletin cork strips for halls
Scholarship awards	Record players

SOUTH SCHUYLKILL GARDEN CLUB

The South Schuylkill Garden Club was organized by a small group of women interested in improving the surroundings of their homes and communities. Sponsored by the County Extension Office in Pottsville, Nell Stauskinas was helpful in planning programs, bus trips and flower shows.

The first meeting of the club was held March 6, 1940 at the Lutheran Church in Friedensburg. The program was entitled "Spring Pruning and How to Force Shrubs." Officers were Mrs. Harry Bowen, president, Mrs. Willard Laubenstein, vice president; Edna Kutz, secretary; Mrs. Arthur Fehr, treasurer. August 6 at the Lutheran Church in Friedensburg was the date and place for the club's first flower show. This was the beginning of a very active garden club.

During the war years, as was the custom with most clubs, activities ceased. Then in April of 1950 the club reorganized, meeting at Reedsville Social Hall with 35 members listed. Mrs. Norman Heffner served as president; Mrs. Charles Luckenbill, vice president; Mrs. Henry Reed, recording secretary; Mrs. Harold Laubenstein, corresponding secretary and Mrs. Lewis Dietz, treasurer.

In September 1958 the club began meeting at the Wayne Twp. School and in January 1974 changed their meeting place to the Friedensburg Fire Hall. Today the club membership exceeds 100 and includes women of Pine Grove, Deer Lake, Pottsville, Llewellyn, Summit Station, Cressona, Auburn, Sch. Haven and Friedensburg.

Four of the original members, Mrs. Paul Schwartz, Mrs. Norman Heffner, Mrs. Arthur Fehr and Mrs. John Ditzler continued to be members of the club.

The club doesn't confine its interests to gardening alone but also gives its attention to young people. In the early years the club sponsored a 4-H Club. Daughters and granddaughters are welcome guests at special meetings. In conjunction with the annual Flower Show, poster contests for the young people have been held. The club also participated in the County Sparky Program and awarded certificates to students at Wayne Twp. School completing specified requirements. The club also provided litter bags used in this program. Several of the Flower Shows have categories for young people with ribbons awarded the winners.

Other annual events are the bus trip to the Philadelphia Flower show as well as trips to gardens, museums or areas interesting because of their concern to gardeners.

Other club highlights are the Spring Banquet and Christmas Party, featuring attractively decorated tables. In May a plant exchange or a plant auction is held. The main event is the annual Flower Show held in August, attended by club members and county residents.

The South Schuylkill Garden Club is also a member of the Schuylkill County Garden Club and is well represented at the County Garden Day held in Spring and at the County Christmas Show. Members of the club serve as chairmen and active members of the committees, making favors for some of the County Garden Club events.

Although prices are constantly on the rise, the dues of the South Schuylkill Garden Club continue to be \$1 for the year. Club members feel they receive value many times over their investment of yearly dues.

The 1976 Club officers are: Hilda Hinkle, president; Margaret Hughes, first vice-president; Mary Zimmerman, second vice-president; Betty Challenger, recording secretary; Fay Sausser, corresponding secretary; Blanche Moyer, treasurer and Flornece Hamilton, chaplain.

WAYNE TOWNSHIP LIONS CLUB

On May 10, 1972 an organization meeting was held for the purpose of establishing a new Lions Club in Wayne Township.

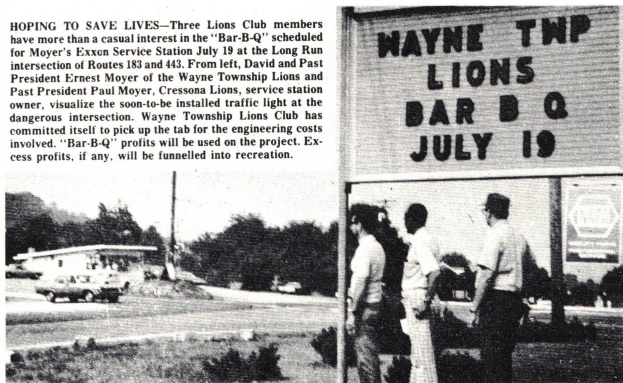
The proposed new club was sponsored by the Schuylkill Haven Lions Club, Sterling R. Moyer, President. The Schuylkill Haven Club was represented by Harold D. Sausser, Vice President.

District 14-K was represented by John D. W. Reiley, District Governor.
 Lions International was represented by Donald P. Myers, Extension Representative.
 The Club charter was received on May 23, 1972.
 There were 30 charter members.
 The club is a part of Lions International District 14-K Region 5 Zone A.
 Charter night was held on July 28, 1972 at Friedensburg Fire Co. with John W. Beecher as Chairman.

The first officers of the new club were:

President	Kenneth F. Potts
First Vice President	Wilbert C. Staller
Second Vice President	Ernest L. Moyer
Third Vice President	Charles T. Rairdon
Secretary-Treasurer	Donald E. Roeder
Lion Tamer	Ernest E. Freeman
Tail Twister	Miles M. Minnich
Directors	Richard R. Luckenbill
	Russell H. Fidler
	Donald D. Myers
	John W. Beecher

HOPING TO SAVE LIVES—Three Lions Club members have more than a casual interest in the "Bar-B-Q" scheduled for Moyer's Exxon Service Station July 19 at the Long Run intersection of Routes 183 and 443. From left, David and Past President Ernest Moyer of the Wayne Township Lions and Past President Paul Moyer, Cressona Lions, service station owner, visualize the soon-to-be installed traffic light at the dangerous intersection. Wayne Township Lions Club has committed itself to pick up the tab for the engineering costs involved. "Bar-B-Q" profits will be used on the project. Excess profits, if any, will be funnelled into recreation.



A Lions Club is a service organization oriented to assist with sight conservation, locally and throughout the world. Clubs also assist with all manner of civic and humanitarian activities in the communities where they are located.

The Wayne Township Lions Club has furnished glasses and other aids for several local people and has contributed regularly to Pennsylvania Lions Sight Conservation and Eye Research, Beacon Lodge for the Blind, Leader Dog for the Blind and Northeast Lions Eye Bank. They also collect used eyeglasses for Lions International.

The club regularly distributes food baskets to needy persons at Christmas.

A local project completed, in which the Lions Club contributed organizational help and paid for engineering expense, was the installation of a traffic light at the intersection of State Highway Routes Nos. 183 and 443.

The club is presently working in conjunction with the Wayne Township Board of Supervisors, The Blue Mountain Recreational District and the Blue Mountain School District to establish recreational facilities in Wayne Township.

As a special Bi-Centennial Project the club is in the process of planning the restoration of St. Peters Cemetery where a Revolutionary soldier is buried.

The present officers of the club with terms expiring on June 30, 1976 are:

President	Charles T. Rairdon
First Vice President	Ernest E. Freeman
Second Vice President	Merlin M. Sandler
Third Vice President	Richard R. Luckenbill
Recording Secretary	George J. Clark
Financial Secretary	John W. Beecher
Treasurer	Russell H. Fidler
Tail Twister	Karl E. Bohm
Directors	James C. Cook
	Edward S. Heydt
	Miles M. Minnich
	Donald E. Roeder

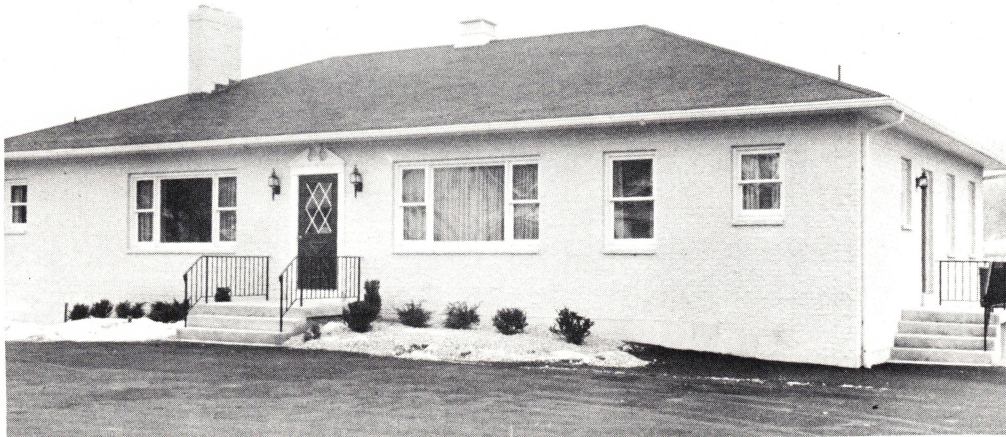
The membership as of March 31, 1976 is the following:

WAYNE TOWNSHIP LIONS CLUB MEMBERSHIP AS OF MARCH 31, 1976

Bahnsen, Richard A.	Holmes, Donald W.	X #	Potts, Kenneth F.
X Beecher, John W.	Lewis, Eugene R.	X ##	Rairdon, Charles T.
X Bohm, Karl E.	X Luckenbill, Richard R.	X	Roeder, Donald E.
Clark, George J.	Masley, George	X	Sandler, Marlin M.
Cook, James C.	X Minnich, Miles M.	X	Schneck, Marlin, W.
X Fidler, Russell H.	X # Moyer, Ernest L.	X #	Staller, Wilbert C.
X Freeman, Ernest E.	X Moyer, David	X	Sweitzer, Frank S.
Haslem, John T.	Moyer, Raymond W.	X	Trumbo, Henry L. Jr.
Heydt, Edward S.	Nunemacher, Robert L.		

X Charter member
Past President
President

TODAYS BUSINESSES



American General

The Pottsville district sales office of the American General Life Insurance Company serves more than 20,000 policy owners with \$37.9 million of life insurance in force in the Pottsville-Schuylkill Haven area, according to Howard McFadden, District Sales Manager.

"District representatives have been providing professional insurance services to the area for more than 30 years. Our office is located at R.D. #2, Route 443, East of Friedensburg. Residents and policyowners are invited to visit our office or call 739-4433 for information on their insurance program," McFadden said.

The district sales manager, four associate sales managers and 24 agents of the Pottsville District have been honored for outstanding sales accomplishments and service to policyowners.

BALSIS ROADSIDE MARKET

Here is a country market that is located at a most advantageous spot for a nature fancier. For those who want to landscape their homes, here they can find nursery plants, shrubs, trees, ornaments and a complete line of garden supplies. A home gardener will find a vast selection of vegetable plants such as tomato, cabbage and pepper plants. Many of their patrons are tourists coming a long way, while others come from next door returning each year for early plants.

This market has been a favorite "hunting ground" for antiques and collectable items that link us to ties that extend from the present back to our earlier settlers.

In the summer months fresh produce and vegetables are sold and later with the changing of the season, pumpkins and Indian corn are available. In former years Christmas trees and trimmings were sold.