



Emmaus Historical Society

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President's Message

Dear Members,

This month brings back memories of a program the Emmaus Historical Society held last year in honor of the WWII veterans from Emmaus. With this newsletter and in recognition of Veterans Day, we would like to pay a more detailed tribute to two heroes from that program last year. We have recently received a few treasured donations from the family of Alfred Broadman, one of the 20 men from Emmaus who lost their lives in WWII, and whose story we wanted to tell.

We also received some personal anecdotes from the daughter of Dr. John Hennemuth who demonstrated the ultimate example of service to his fellow man throughout his life, in Emmaus as well as in war, both WWI and WWII.



Dr. John Hennemuth



Alfred Broadman

Like many of you, I will be missing all of the normal Christmas festivities. Christmas was and always has been my favorite time of year with all of the beautiful music. Being a choral singer, I have missed singing in choirs so much this year. The Emmaus Moravian Church choir has sung at the Emmaus Historical Society on Friday evening of Old-Fashioned Christmas for the past three years. This year will be a little different since we will not be open. We will be decorating the outside of the museum and will have the Quarantettes, a newly formed vocal group, singing Christmas carols on December 4 from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m. on the front porch, but with masks and social distancing being practiced. Please stop by for a few minutes of carols.

We will miss so many of you during the holiday season since this has always been one of the busiest times of year for visitors to the Museum. We will miss seeing Santa



The Quarantettes in action!

and Mrs. Claus giving out chocolate and an orange to the children. We will also miss our members' annual Christmas dinner program.

There are no immediate plans to reopen the Museum. The Board of Directors is reviewing re-opening possibilities for the future. When it is safe for visitors and Museum volunteers, we will announce the re-opening and look forward to visiting with everyone again.

In the meantime, we are still setting up individual appointments for the genealogy library as well as for memorabilia donation drop offs for our collection and items for the Spring 2021 yard sale. All items previously donated for the cancelled May 2020 yard sale are in storage for next year. Please call us at (610) 966-6591 for appointments.

We should all continue to be safe until the vaccine may be available next year. We will continue to give you Historical Society collection photos on Facebook and Instagram and will update our website with our latest news. Please remain positive and keep your spirits up. We hope for the best and stay optimistic for the new year.

You all remain in our thoughts. Stay safe and continue to follow Covid-19 guidelines for a healthy new year. We will see you as soon as we can. ☺

Jeane



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Celebrating New Acquisitions

Honoring a WWII Hero, Alfred Broadman

By Andrew Kerstetter

Alfred Francis Broadman was born on January 26, 1924 in Emaus, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania to Alfred & Mary Catherine (Sponheimer) Broadman of 525 Minor Street, Emaus, the second of three children, having an older sister Mary and a younger brother Robert. Through the Sponheimer family, he was descended from an early Emmaus Moravian family and was baptized at the Emmaus Moravian Church by Rev. Schulz in 1924.

Alfred attended the local elementary schools and graduated from Emmaus High School with the class of 1943, having joined the United States Army on March 13, 1943 while still at Emmaus High School.

Broadman was sent for basic training at Camp Polk, LA and later to Camp Boyd, TX where he attained the rank of Private. After completing his training, he was sent overseas to England and later to France, Belgium and Germany where he participated in battle action in all places. Private Broadman was killed in action near Aachen, Germany on October 9, 1944 and originally buried in France. Special memorial services were held in his honor at the Emmaus Moravian Church on Sunday, December 10, 1944 led by Rev. Henry A. Kuehl and attended by the Emmaus Boy Scouts who sounded taps, and the Charles Henry Schaeffer American Legion Post # 191 of Emmaus who also participated in the memorial.

On Wednesday, September 1, 1948 the casket bearing the remains of Private Broadman arrived in Philadelphia and was removed to the Ritter and Buzby Funeral Home at 36-38 S. Fifth Street, Emmaus later that afternoon where hundreds of people viewed the flag-draped coffin on Thursday, September 2nd with a military guard of honor in place. On Saturday, September 4th, military funeral rites were conducted at the

funeral home after which burial took place at the Emmaus Moravian Cemetery officiated by Rev. Henry A. Kuehl, former pastor of the Emmaus Moravian Church, who had conducted Broadman's 1944 memorial service. Pallbearers Carlton Gruber, Carson Wagner, Jerald Neetz, Ralph Englert, Frank Steiner and Ralph Leh were all high school classmates of Broadman's and represented the Emmaus VFW, Legion and Catholic War Veterans. Howard Neitz performed taps on his bugle

at the gravesite and the firing squad consisted of Joseph Semancik, Stanley Schaeffer and Andrew Yanochko.



Mary (Broadman) Wanamaker, sister of Alfred Broadman and the last lineal member of the Broadman family to survive, died in Allentown in July 2020, leaving no survivors. The person left in charge of her affairs found the funeral flag, letter to the family of his death, purple heart and certificate as

well as photographs relating to Alfred Broadman and his military service. All items were donated to the Emmaus Historical Society for preservation. We remember and pay tribute to Alfred Broadman and the other 19 sons Emmaus lost during WWII. ☀



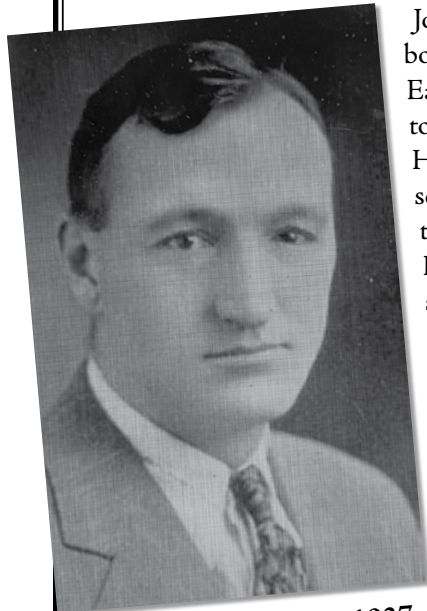
Alfred Broadman



The Life of Service of Dr. John H. Hennemuth

By Jeanne Harakal

In our last newsletter, one of the town doctors that I mentioned was John H. Hennemuth, M.D. His family was so proud that he was mentioned and I later received a few anecdotes about her father from his daughter, Dorris Shaffer. After reading what she wrote and reviewing some items that were in the collection at the Emmaus Historical Society, I thought more people should hear about how many ways Dr. Hennemuth served his community and his country.



Dr. Hennemuth - circa 1937

John (Jake) Hennemuth was born on December 18, 1895 in East Grand Forks, Minnesota to Henry and Amelia Hennemuth, the sixth of seven children. He attended the University of North Dakota beginning medical school before serving in the U.S. Army Medical Corps in WWI from 1917 to 1919 attaining the rank of sergeant. After his service in WWI, he then attended medical school at Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia, PA where graduated in 1922. He interned at Pottsville

Hospital and had a successful practice in Robertsdale, Hunterdon County, Pa before being recruited by Donaldson Ironworks in Emaus to become a new town physician. He lived in Emmaus from 1929 until his death in 1955. He became not only a family doctor but also the school doctor where he went to all of the schools' health offices to check the students. He also treated the sports teams for their injuries. On a personal note, he examined my uncle Vernon for a baseball injury and discovered he had cancer.

Later he was the examining physician at the Lehigh County Draft Board located in Emmaus and Deputy Coroner of Lehigh County as well. He also was Chief of Orthopedic Surgery at Allentown Hospital. He became one of the leading physicians in the surrounding areas and was President of the Medical Association of Lehigh County. In the 1950s, he received an award from the American Medical Association for Best Diagnostician. Apart from his numerous medical duties, his interest in the welfare and civic affairs of his community elevated him to the position of chairman of Emmaus Borough Council and later Burgess of Emmaus. He was also a member of

Emmaus Burgess Commissioned Captain in Army

Dr. John H. Hennemuth to Report Monday to Hospital at Hot Springs, Ark.

Dr. John H. Hennemuth, Burgess of Emmaus and a veteran of World War I, has been commissioned as a captain in the U. S. Army and will report to the Army and Navy General hospital at Hot Springs, Ark., next week. He will leave Emmaus Monday and make the trip by rail.

This is the third time Dr. Hennemuth has been in the Army service.



CAPTAIN U. HENNEMUTH, M.D.

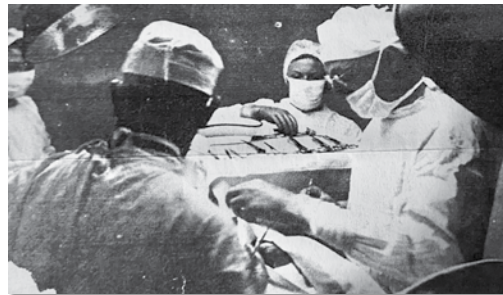
the American Legion and the Rotary.

In August of 1942, Dr. Hennemuth left for Little Rock, Arkansas for training and while there was commissioned a Captain in the U.S. Army Medical Corps. He was then sent to Skagway, Alaska for additional training. While in Skagway, he was given emergency medical leave to return home to see his 13-year-old son, Henry, who had been diagnosed with a brain tumor. Henry had surgery but died in May of 1943 at which time, Dr. Hennemuth returned to Skagway, Alaska for further training as well as to operate on wounded soldiers transferred there for orthopedic surgery.

After Skagway, Dr. Hennemuth was transferred to the Aleutian Islands off the coast of Alaska, where he saw action for nine months. He was

sent to the island of Attu where the Japanese were located and where the medical unit was located on the beach. The army hadn't established a beachhead and the medical unit was there without protection. The Japanese attacked them and the unit was wiped out except for a nurse and Dr.

Hennemuth.



He was wounded by a bayonet on the left side of his heart. He was awarded a Purple Heart for his bravery on Attu. He was sent to Seattle, Washington where he recuperated from his life-threatening injuries.



He was then given limited service and was sent to England where the 94th General Hospital base was

located. At that time, they were preparing for D-Day. While on duty at the 94th General Hospital, he was walking through the ward and he heard a patient calling, "Doc, oh, Doc". He walked over to the bed and there he found a wounded soldier he knew! It was Sgt. Joseph Estojak from Emmaus. Dr. Hennemuth was his family's physician. Such a small world!

While performing surgery in England, a patient had a severe leg wound. The other doctor

wanted to amputate but Dr. Hennemuth said they should try maggots. Maggots eat putrid flesh and nothing else. The soldier's leg was saved and a write-up about the use of maggots was published in the Stars and Stripes, the American military newspaper.

He was later sent to France, Belgium and Germany where he served on the Western front. He was in the European theater for 16 months. Dr. Hennemuth continued to serve until January of 1946.

Dr. Hennemuth returned to Emmaus to continue serving the community as one of the town doctors as well as to share his leadership and knowledge in the medical community. He passed away on March 30, 1955 at the age of 59 of heart issues possibly related to his WWII chest injuries on Attu.

A special thank you to Dorris Shaffer for sharing some of her memories and stories about her hero of a father. ☞



The World War II Experience of Claude A. Schultz, Jr.

By Jean Schultz Ross

My father, Claude A. Schultz, Jr., grew up as a child of the Depression. But first, a little background about his father. Claude, Sr. served in WWI in the Merchant Marine, shoveling coal into the ship's boiler, and developed hernias which continued to bother him over the years, requiring several surgeries. After the war, he bought a farm in Old Zionsville where he mainly grew strawberries and asparagus.

In a few years, it failed due to the economics of the Depression, so he moved the family to Emmaus, where he worked at Merritt Lumber Company.

Upon being laid off from there, he got a job as a traveling salesman, selling hardware and housewares for a company in Allentown. They had no job openings, unless he would create his own route. So he traveled all over eastern Pennsylvania. When merchandise was no longer available due to the war, my grandfather went to Bethlehem Steel, grinding shells for the Navy, often to the point of exhaustion, working double shifts.

As a kid, my dad, Claude Jr., wanted to join the Boy Scout Troop at St. John's Reformed (now UCC) Church, so he got a paper route to be able to pay his scout dues and to help out the family financially. All the in-town routes were taken so he delivered to the outlying customers on his bicycle. After he graduated from high school, a neighbor tipped him off to a job in Allentown, as a delivery boy for an optical company, which supplied lenses for glasses to optometrists in Allentown. Again, he used his bike. After a time, the company taught him how to grind lenses in addition to delivering them.

When the war came and he was called up, there was an eye test at the recruiting station as part of the physical. The doctor administering the test may have known my dad from his delivery job, and asked my dad, who wore glasses, "How much do you want to go? If you don't, walk up until you can see the big E." My dad would later comment, "And did I walk!" An uncle of Dad's had given him a \$5 bill as a gift, in anticipation of him going to war. So when my dad tried to give it back, saying that he wasn't going, the uncle said, "You keep it, you will be going soon enough."

After awhile, Dad saw a recruiting poster for skilled men, including opticians. He thought this was a good opportunity and he may as well take it. After basic training at Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland, where coincidentally my son now works. Then in Mississippi, he was sent by train to California.



Sketch by Grandson Robert Deegan



100 Years Ago Collection The collection taken at the Christmas festival of the Moravian Sunday school on Friday evening amounted to \$172. This collection will go to the suffering Armenians. The Morning Call, Monday, December 27, 1920.

He was stationed at Santa Anita Racetrack, which the army used as a base. He made lenses for guns, and models for the troops to train for street fighting.

As a perk, he saw some Hollywood movie stars doing benefit shows for the soldiers.

After the attack on Pearl Harbor, he was stationed there. When the war was over, he returned home, without ever having seen actual combat. When he spoke of his war experiences, he would say that the best thing that ever came out of it for him was the GI Bill of Rights.

It enabled him to get a college education, and become an optometrist himself. He never would have had the finances to do that otherwise.

He was discharged from the Army in January, 1946. After his arrival back home in Emmaus, an attractive neighbor girl, Mae Deischer, caught his eye. She taught at Central School, and walked by the Schultzes' home to and from school every day. They got married in November of 1946 and the rest is history – my history! ☞

Membership

Our membership meetings and programs are open to the public and held the third Wednesday of the month (except January, Lenten Wednesdays, June, July and August) at 7 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church Parish Hall, 5th & Chestnut Streets in Emmaus. An annual membership picnic is held the third Wednesday in June at Emmaus Community Park, where guests are welcome to become members with payment of membership dues. However, Covid – 19 cancelled most of our activities for 2020. We hope 2021 will bring better times.

Our members include individuals (local and from afar), as well as Emmaus-area businesses and organizations.

Annual Membership

Individual	\$15.00
Family	\$25.00
Junior (Under 18 – No vote)	\$ 3.00
Business	\$40.00
Charitable Civic Org.	\$25.00



Life Membership

Individual	\$200.00
Family	\$350.00
Business	\$300.00
Charitable Civic Org.	\$100.00

Welcome to our New Members - Thank you for Supporting Us!

Thomas and Carol Gable

Elizabeth Groscup

Deceased Members - We extend our condolences to the families of:

Russell Bender: February 27, 2020

Arlan Diehl: July 4, 2020

Mary Fehnel: July 4, 2020

Harry Wetherhold: July 5, 2020

Doris Heim: July 8, 2020

Leon Neimeyer: July 12, 2020

Betty Flamisch: August 11, 2020

Geraldine Fenstermaker: August 13, 2020

Ruth Grohol: September 2, 2020

Frank Ballo: September 3, 2020

James Roth, Sr.: September 11, 2020

Stuart Cox: September 11, 2020

Please call the office at 610-966-6591 if you are aware of any member to whom we should send a Get Well, Sympathy or Thinking of You Card.

In Search Of

'The Emmaus Historical Society cannot thank our historic memorabilia donors enough for so many surprising treasures from the past that are still being discovered. In the Society's newsletter of Summer 2018, we highlighted an amazing find with this photo of Private Niles Stahler, who was one of seven from Emmaus killed in action during WWI. It was the only photo missing of the seven in the WWI tribute program souvenir booklet of the 1919 Homecoming Celebration. Niles had mailed the photo to a friend who preserved it as did his friend's survivors. Hard to believe it was 99 years later that it arrived at the Emmaus Historical Society. It is believed to be the only photo of Niles in existence.' ☞



The Emmaus Historical Society is currently searching for original photographs of WWI veterans from Emmaus who served. Scans and copies of any kind will not be accepted. We are attempting to create an archive of our WWI heroes for future exhibits and preservation. WWI memorabilia associated with any of these men will also be greatly appreciated. Please contact the Emmaus Historical Society at 610-966-6591 if you have any photos of any of our WWI veterans or with any questions.

Contributions to our Capital and General Funds

We acknowledge and offer our sincere thanks to everyone who has generously contributed to the *Emmaus Historical Society* during the period July 1, 2020 through September 30, 2020. Capital Fund contributions fund those major projects that are necessary to maintain and preserve our beautiful building and property, as well as our mortgage. We would like to sincerely acknowledge the generosity of our donors at this time. The Capital project completed during the first half of 2020 was repair, restoration and painting of the exterior of the garage. With the Capital funds received this year, we were also able to pay down a portion of our mortgage. If all stays on track, we will be able to complete the payment of a 30-year mortgage in 12 years by 2026. Contributions to our General Fund support our operating expenses, programs, and special events. Our General Fund provides for the expenses related to running the Museum as well as funding activities and this newsletter.

Capital Fund

Diamond Jubilee - \$5000.00 or more

The Emmaus Historical Society and its Board of Directors would like to gratefully acknowledge the *Charles H Hoch Foundation* for its donation to the Capital Fund with the specified purpose of the restoration and reparation of the property garage located to the rear of 218 Main Street.

Historian - \$50.00 to \$99.00

Gerrienne Keiser in memory of Stuart Cox

General Fund

The Triangle - \$1000.00 to \$4999.00

The Emmaus Historical Society and its Board of Directors would like to gratefully acknowledge the *Harry C Trexler Trust* for their generous donation for operating expenses related to the printing and mailing of this quarterly newsletter in 2020.

Heritage - \$100.00 to \$249.00

Stephen Martin in memory of Harry Wetherhold, Helen Kohler in memory of Harry Wetherhold, Ronal Stauffer in memory of Harry Wetherhold, Colleen Gardner in memory of Harry Wetherhold, Lynette Wailer in memory of Harry Wetherhold, James Schwar in memory of Stuart Cox, Neil and Shirley Polster in memory of Fay and Stuart Cox, Ronald Neimeyer in memory of "Dee"

Historian - \$50.00 to \$99.00

Elaine Ruch, Mary Miller in memory of Harry Wetherhold, Kathy Fogel in memory of Harry Wetherhold, Charles and Barbara Rothermel in memory of Harry Wetherhold, Bruce and Linda Savitz in memory of Arlan Diehl, Gabriele Weida in memory of Betty Flamisch, William and Eleanor Reichard in memory of Betty Flamisch, Maryann Aten in memory of Stuart Cox

Friends – up to \$49.00

Michael and Laurie Flynn, Joan Matura, Dean Romig, Janice Lambert, Jessee DeEsch in memory of Harry Wetherhold, Fern Feather in memory of Harry Wetherhold, Andrew Kertstetter in memory of Harry Wetherhold, Jeanne Harakal in memory of Harry Wetherhold, Shirley Bowers in memory of Harry Wetherhold, William and Mary Parsell in memory of Betty Flamisch, Andrew Kerstetter in memory of Betty Flamisch, Mary Miller in memory of Stuart Cox, Andrew Kerstetter in memory of Stuart Cox, Jeanne Harakal in memory of Stuart Cox, Air Products Co-workers of Barbara Cope in memory of Betty Flamisch

100 Years Ago

The Emaus National Bank
announces

That the checks to members of its Christmas Savings Club were mailed December 10. The Club for 1921 is now open for membership. Everybody joins. No fees. No fines. The Morning Call, Saturday, December 11, 1920.

Remember the Emmaus Historical Society
when shopping on Amazon!



While shopping safely from home you have an opportunity to contribute to our fundraising efforts without spending additional money. We are now participating with Amazon Smile. If you purchase anything on Amazon, you can sign in through smile.amazon.com and choose the Emmaus Historical Society as the non-profit organization you would like to support. In return, Amazon will contribute 1/2 percent of each purchase to the Emmaus Historical Society.

Stay safe while supporting the Emmaus Historical Society!

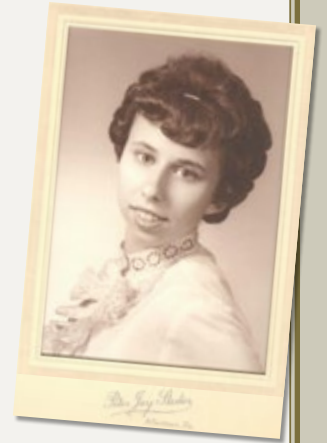


Mystery Photos

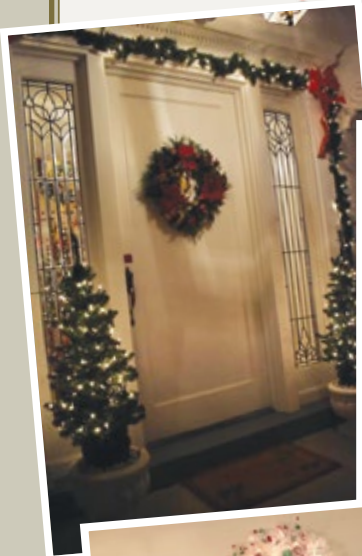


Can you help us with these photos?

If you know anything about these photographs, please contact us at emmaushist@ptd.net or at (610) 966-6591.



We received no updates on the four mystery photos we ran in our last newsletter.



"Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night!"

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Museum Hours

Closed through 12/31/2020

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

The mission of the Emmaus Historical Society is to collect, preserve and exhibit Emmaus artifacts, documents, histories, photographs and genealogy for displays and research and to offer educational programs and events throughout the year.

100 Years Ago

Social The Senior class of the Emaus High school will hold a New Year's Eve social in the social rooms of the Jefferson school building. The Morning Call, Wednesday, December 22, 1920.



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