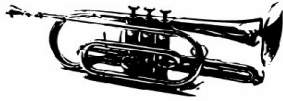
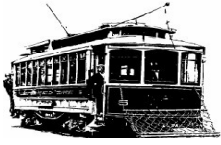


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Lester Glowner – WW I Veteran

Submitted by Brian Frankhouser

One hundred years ago, in the summer of 1918, America was fighting the enemy and influenza in Europe (more soldiers died from influenza and pneumonia than were killed in battle). Information came back from the front, and the progress was read by millions in our country's newspapers.

New Holland was privileged to have a native son serving in France who was a first rate writer, and frequently sent correspondence to his hometown. Lester Diffenderfer Glowner was born in 1889 and grew up next to the Roseboro Carriage Works on the east side of Railroad Avenue (his father was a painter at Roseboro's). He went to school in the middle of town and was the only boy in the first New Holland High School graduation ceremonies in 1905. He later served as president of the Alumni Association for NHHS. Glowner developed a love for baseball and played shortstop for the town teams after graduation. He began working for the Clarion in 1905 and helped in a wide spectrum of responsibilities, even filling the position of sports editor prior to being drafted. Following are some excerpts from letters written by Lester that were published in the Clarion:

1. Sent from Camp Meade on March 19, 1918, and discussing how the military dealt with prevention of disease: "Our barracks must be kept absolutely clean, well ventilated, at all times, and we sleep alternately, one man's head at the next one's foot. This eliminates the possibility of breathing into the face of the next man."
2. Sent from France on July 27, 1918, and describing his diet: "Corned beef, jam, canned tomatoes, the always reliable army pork and beans, and last of allhardtack. This latter is some stuff. It is nothing more than a hard biscuit and it is a severe test for the teeth."
3. Sent from France on September 2, 1918, and writing about life and leadership: "We suffer no hardship whatever and this company is ably guided by a corps of most excellent officers, I am glad to state. They really seem more like fathers than officers and I am sure that if their words of counsel and advice are adhered to, our safe return to home and loved ones will only be a matter of a short time." World War I ended on November 11, 1918.

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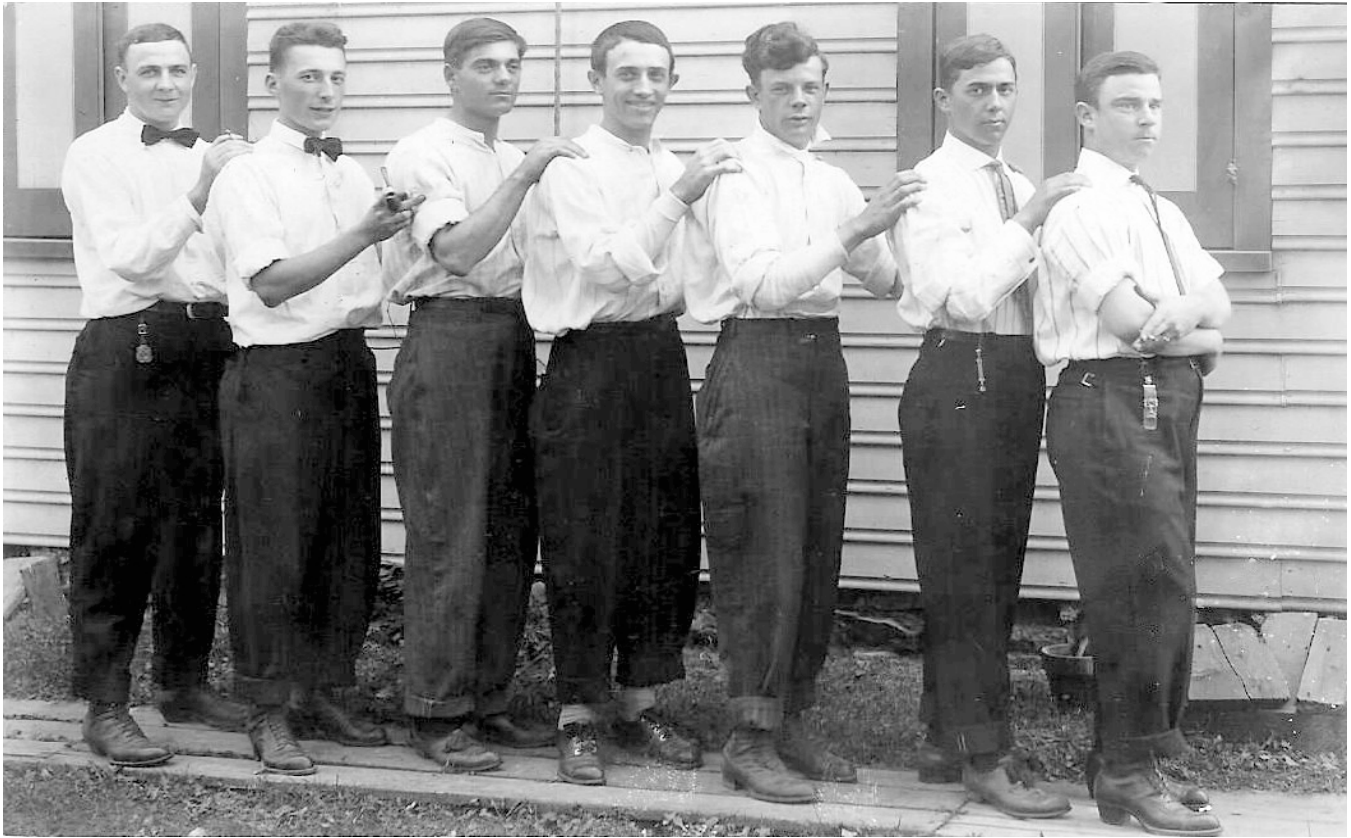
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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the New Holland Area Historical Society is to collect, organize, and preserve information and historical materials that give insight to understanding the life and times of the New Holland area and to share these findings with others through Museum exhibits, lectures, and educational outreach programs.

New Holland's celebration and anticipation of the return of their hometown boys was tempered by shock and grief when a telegram arrived on November 21 stating that Lester Glowner died from pneumonia on October 21 in France.



Lester, shown at far right, posing with his buddies, dressed up in white shirts and black pants.



Lester, shown on right, wearing his baseball uniform for the New Holland team about 1909. Note that in both photos, Butch Varnes is the fellow on the far left.

Volunteers Recognized

Submitted by Wilbur Horning

Volunteers are the life blood of every non-profit organization and the New Holland Area Historical Society is certainly no exception, in fact, we are fortunate to have many talented volunteers who devote their spare time to the numerous tasks required to run a successful museum. We recognized a few of these folks on Thursday June 14 with a party in the museum: ***Shaun Seymour*** was honored for his service on our Board of Trustees, serving since 2010. He has retired from active duty and will join Bill Seitzinger as a Director Emeritus. Shaun was instrumental in the renovation of the second floor of the historical Kauffman Building serving as project manager. His skills in the area of building codes and the trades is truly remarkable. Thank you, Shaun!

Mary and Gene Lowry were also recognized for their seven years of service to the Society serving in the capacity of accession, cataloging and storage of pictures, articles and other objects that are donated to the society. They performed their work with attention to detail and accuracy and are greatly appreciated.

Pete Lockwood was thanked for his beautiful restoration of the ticket shredding machine that once graced the Ritz Theater in New Holland. He will receive further recognition in a future newsletter.



Gene and Mary Lowry



June 14, 2018 Volunteer recognition party in our beautiful Museum

NHAHS BUSINESS PARTNERS ALLIANCE

HERITAGE PARTNER **George and Nancy Weaver**

CASE NEW HOLLAND – M & T Bank – Garden Spot Village

Ranck Family Heritage Society – New Holland American Legion Post 662

Chester County Solid Waste Authority

BUSINESS PARTNER **Goodville Mutual Casualty Company**

BENEFACTORS **Gene and Mary Lowry, Charles and Jane Zimmerman**

If you would like to become a Partner, please contact one of the Trustees. Thanks!

NEW HOLLAND MACHINE ½ HORSE HIT & MISS ENGINE

Submitted by Don Horning

Many residents both new to our area and even some long time, think that the New Holland Machine Company started with their famed balers. Not so of course! It started in 1895 by Abe Zimmerman on North Railroad Ave., casting and assembling all sorts of farm related machinery (but not the baler). One such item was the famous New Holland Hit & Miss engine. (So named as it did not fire on an every cycle.) While this engine is historic, the Museum did not have one for display. This all changed when Jonathon Reiff, a friend of our Museum, offered to loan his engine for display. His comment, “The New Holland Museum should have a New Holland Hit & Miss on display”. We are grateful for his generosity which can be seen up close and personal in the New Holland Machine Exhibit area.



A variety of models were available with the unique “hog trough” design of the water jacket used to cool the piston. You could purchase a ½, 1 ½, 2, 3, 4, 5 horsepower version of this engine

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GEORGE DELP'S STRAW HAT- This hat was George's favorite and was last seen in use on the head of the former mayor when he was being paraded at the N.H. Farm Show. Fond stories of Mr. Delp's years at the Machine Company continue to emerge. It seems Mr. Delp's driving habits were something like point A to point B as fast as possible. It's been said that if you traveled route 23 at certain times you might want to pull over when George was headed home. Pictures of

Mr. Delp and his trade-mark horned rim glasses are located in the continuously popular New Holland Machine Company Exhibit area.

The New Holland Area Historical Society Museum is available for your class get together, baby shower, wedding shower or other similar event! It is a great venue with lots of ambience in the historic 18th century Kauffman's Hardware building. Contact Wilbur Horning for more information 717-575-3148 or by e-mail whorning118@Comcast.net

SOCIETY MEETINGS - 2018

Historical Society Meetings are held in the Chapel of Garden Spot Village **3rd Thursday** of the month at **7:00 p.m.** Here is the list of the upcoming dates:

July, August, November, December – no program

September 20, 2018 – “Local trolley system Eden to Terre Hill” A presentation by Herbert Fisher documenting the trolley as it traveled from Eden to New Holland and on to Terre Hill.

October 18, 2018 – “Mysterious, Melancholy, and Macabre: Strange stories from early Lancaster County” An “All Hallows Eve” treat as newspapers from the 1700s offer true and unusual stories from Lancaster County presented by Michael Showalter, curator from the Ephrata Cloister.

The Museum is open weekly, Thursday, Friday, Saturday 10 AM-2 PM. 207 E. Main St