



## A Busy Miss Indiana



Elkhart Truth Photo by Fred Flury

In the months since that event, the position in the Miss America competition has not required much of her time, although it gave her notoriety on a national scale. Her title as Miss Indiana, on the other hand, has kept her very busy with the life of a celebrity. Shelli has a full time job this year making seven to nine appearances per week throughout Indiana. At these appearances to civic groups, school gatherings, etc., she often sings and speaks on a platform dealing with self esteem, nutrition and eating disorders.

Mixed in with that schedule are appearances for Miles Laboratories promoting their "One-A-Day" nutrition plan. She also does the occasional television commercial for large automobile dealerships. That work has netted her the use of a 1993 Ford, along with a good deal on a 1993 Honda.

Although she has been accepted at Illinois's Northwestern University, her recent celebrity status has opened a few doors of opportunity so that (apart from wedding plans next January) her immediate future after the end of her reign on June 1, 1993 is not certain.

Shelli's father, Roger Yoder, told us that while at the Miss America Pageant he learned that the mother of Miss Delaware had been a Yoder, and that grandparents of Miss Iowa had been a Yoder-Schrock union.

(Miss Iowa, Catherine Ann Lemkau of Muscatine, won first runner-up!)

For those wishing to check how closely they are related, Shelli's "AAMG" number is YR2344338132.

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for a related article on Miss Indiana, see page 5  
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### Coverage of Casselman Yoder Session

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Courtesy of the Oakland Republican

## Shelli Yoder of Shipshe Snags Second Runner-up

by John W. Yoder

High Quality genes from the Yoder blood lines have manifested themselves quite nicely in this year's Miss Indiana, and Miss America second runner-up Shelli R. Yoder of Shipshewana, Ind. Many of us saw her perform in the Miss America pageant televised nationally from Atlantic City, N.J. last September.

Easily one of the most beautiful young ladies in the contest, she survived preliminary competition during the week and remained to take third position out of fifty in Saturday night's pageant. In the audience, of course, were her very proud parents, and a couple of bus loads of family, friends and supporters mostly from the Shipshewana area.

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TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY YEARS of American Amish Yoder's history were celebrated recently at the Maple Glen Mennonite Church, Grantsville. The reunion delved deeply into Yoder genealogy, tracing the family from its origins in Switzerland to their migration north through Germany and on to America. Various speakers at the church included nationally noted writer, Rachel Kreider, pictured above during one of her lectures. The celebration continued for two days. (Photo by Craig Speicher/The Republican)  
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LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Through the YNL I have connected with some long lost cousins, and have been able to meet a couple and fill out some branches on the family tree.

One of them is Edward Yoder of Murraysville, PA, a second cousin whom I had never met until a couple of week ago. He was visiting his mother in West Leesport, Berks Co., about sixty miles from here. We arranged to get together at a mid point, my alma mater, Ursinus College, Colledgeville, PA., to talk about a reunion.

As a result, we are planning one, and would appreciate your putting a notice in the next YNL, if possible.

Sincerely, Morris L. Yoder Havertown,PA

(Editors note- see the Frederick Yoder Reunion notice elsewhere in this edition of the YNL)

"I greatly appreciate your Yoder Newsletter. It always has a lot of good research and news in it."

-Dr. Delbert Gratz, Bluffton, OH

DIARY IN NEVADA CITES PENNSYLVANIA YODER

"Dear Editor:

"I was pleased to discover that a Yoder Newsletter is in existance because, though I have no Yoder connections, there is a Yoder referred to in my g-grandmother's diaries and I felt it was a shame that I had no way to share this.

"These diaries were written by ELIZABETH LARIMER TORRANCE, born 1814 & died 1886, from her farm at Crabtree, Westmoreland Co., PA. She had 5 daughters but no husband to help her; the work was done by her brother and a hired man and friend of whom the family seemed very fond- Charles T Yoder. I don't know more about Charles but think he lived in Pittsburg after his marriage.

"1859, Sept.22- Charles T Yoder drove Cherry out to Latrobe.

"1860, Jun 4- Mrs. Yoder and her little daughter Francis came here.

"1860, June 18- Mrs. Yoder and Francis started for home.

"1861, Sept.13- Charles T Yoder and D.L. Crawford started to join the army.

"1867, Mar.26- Charley was married today in Washington City- to Miss Annie E. Warder a Washington lady.

"1867, Mar.27- Charlies' marriage published in this evenings Herald.

"If one of your readers knows "my Charles Yoder" I would very much like to learn more about him. I too have become fond of him."

--Mrs. Lee Whitehouse, 1007 Woodacre Dr, Boulder City, NV 89005

EDITORS NOTE: We were very pleased to introduce Mrs. Whitehouse to the feature article about this gentleman in YNL #18. Also sent copies of her input to three of CTY's descendants. The YNL is continually being quite happily surprised by what the mail brings us!

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The Yoder Newsletter- Founded 1983 by Ben F Yoder (1913-1992); Chris Yoder & Rachel Kreider

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CORRECTION- In YNL #20 we reported (pg 4) that Eve Best Yoder's will had been found in Clinton Co.,PA. It was really the Auditors Report (Book A, page 198).

PHONEY YODER ITEMS... WHERE'S THE BEEF???

Just after the last YNL was put to bed, we received a copy of an ad by Halbert's in Bath, OH. YNL Readers may recall that we have warned several times about "Yoder Books" by this and similar firms which are little more than telephone book listings. This ad announced sweatshirts with a family name and "Yoder Coat of Arms".

Be very careful of such ads.. most coat of arms offered by companies like this are fake ones with no historical connection to the family named. If you haven't seen a coat of arms in a past YNL, then it is probably not a true one.

WITH ALL THE YODER BUSINESSES IN THE U.S., LET'S HEAR FROM SOME OF YOU ALL WHO HAVE REAL YODER ITEMS FOR SALE TO FAMILY MEMBERS!!! We know there are stores and other firms which have had shirts, buckets, or other items with our family name on them. The YNL will gladly announce these for our readers! Please send detailed descriptions, and full information about cost (to include postage and handling) to: Chris Yoder, Unit 61306 Box 56, APO AE 09803-1306 for the next edition.

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A SEARCH FOR FAMILY DATA PAYS OFF  
A LINE OF YODERS IN IOWA

by Hubert A. Yoder

In 1966, my cousin Fred Roy Yoder (author of the History of the Yoder Family in North Carolina) told me about the Albert Henry Yoder papers. He had visited Albert Henry in 1939 in Seattle, Washington and learned that AHY had been collecting data on the line of Jacob Yoder (a son of Conrad Yoder of North Carolina who moved to Indiana) and saw the trunk which was filled with papers on this research. Fred did not look through these papers but was to go back and copy them. In the meantime, WWII came along and Fred served two years. When Fred did go back after the war he found the Yoder home closed and a For Sale sign out front. None of the neighbors knew where Mrs. Yoder had gone, but they did tell Fred that Mr. Yoder had died several years previously. Here begins the story of the elusive Yoder papers.

Fred knew that AHY had children, but he didn't know who they were so here he had more or less let a trunk full of the Jacob Yoder papers get away from him. Fred continued to collect data for his Yoder book and he decided to include only the first two sons of Conrad by his first marriage (leaving out Jacob, the third son). We discussed this at the Yoder reunion in 1966 and I said that I would see if I could locate the children of AHY.

I located Miriam Yoder Lander, Grand Forks, ND, by placing an ad in the paper there. I wrote her how much we would like to include the Jacob line in the book and that we knew her father had done years of research. I asked her if she would please let us know what had happened to the trunk and if it would be possible for either Fred or I to check the papers. She sent my letter to her brother in Washington, D.C. He answered that his brother who lived in Chicago had been given the papers and he would contact him and see if he still had them. That was the last we heard, although Fred and I both wrote several more times. Time went on and Fred decided he would publish the book without the Jacob line.

All these years I wondered what in the world they did with that trunk of papers. In the summer of 1987, I noticed a lady in Colorado in the Yoder Newsletter who was interested in the Jacob Yoder line. I called her. In talking with her she also mentioned the papers in the trunk and said that she had just learned that they were in the library at the University of North Dakota, but she was not sure if this was true.

In the next 5 minutes, I called the University and they said they were there and had been given to them by one of AHY's sons. This just about set me on fire, because I had wanted to see the papers all these years and now they were available.

I went in October of 1987 and stayed on campus. When they rolled those files out to me I couldn't believe that at long last I was to see the Albert Henry Yoder Papers. I sat for 8 hours straight the first day because I was so glad to finally see what Albert Henry had done. Many of the papers did not pertain to the Jacob line. Albert Henry had done so much ancestral research much of it was on his non-Yoder lines.

I had thought that probably most of the Jacob line would be there and maybe information on the two brothers of Jacob (half-brothers) Elias and Daniel. All three of them had left N.C. by wagon train in the early 1800's and gone to Clark Co., Indiana... Jacob later going to Monroe Co., Ind. and dying there. Albert Henry had only researched his immediate line from Jacob down to him. There was nothing on the brothers or on the other children of

Jacob, just the Henry from whom Albert Henry descends. It was a bit of a disappointment, but I was glad to get what I did. I expect that the most exciting part was the autobiography that Albert Henry did of himself. It really gives you an idea of what they faced going west in those early days. They must have liked it though, because they would keep moving on about every 25 years to a new place and start over.

I was later able, again with the help of the YNL and its readers, to discover information about the half-brothers Elias (see YNL #10) and Daniel (YNL #16), but it was a particular thrill to locate this information which had been found and then "lost" to my branch of the family for almost 50 years.

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ELECTION 1992- WINNERS AND LOSERS  
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ELECTION ENDS POLITICAL NEWSLETTER

Jeffery Yoder and his wife Deborah Werksman, of Bridgeport, CT, began a satirical newsletter three years ago called the "Quayle Quarterly". The magazine, styled as "The Watchful Eye on the Vice Presidency" was dedicated to lampooning the Vice Presidents public mistatements. According to the Associated Press, the newsletter had built up a circulation of 12,000 with subscribers in all 50 states.

With the results of the 1992 election, Mr. Yoder indicates they will cease publication. He says, however, they may do a couple issues when the 1996 campaign starts up, if Quayle starts running.

(Thank goodness the YNL is not seasonally dependant!)

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## Yoder clinches Republican win for state Senate

By JILL SHADICK  
Journal Staff Writer

CHARLES TOWN — The third election was the charm for Harpers Ferry attorney John Yoder.

In his third try for political office, Yoder clinched the Eastern Panhandle's new state Senate seat in Tuesday's general election, upping the number of Republicans in the state Senate from one to two.

Yoder defeated Democratic nominee and Charles Town resident Curtis E. Brannon in Berkeley, Jefferson and Morgan counties.

Yoder received 51.3 percent of the votes in Jefferson County while Brannon received 48.7 percent. In Berkeley County, Yoder received 56.17 percent of the votes while Brannon received 43.8 percent.

In Morgan County, almost 63 percent of the votes were cast for Yoder while about 37 percent went to Brannon.

Yoder's win followed two unsuccessful races he waged in the last few years. He lost in the 1990 race against U.S. Sen. Jay Rockefeller, D-W.Va. In 1988, he ran against Sen. Tom Hawsc, D-Hardy, then an incumbent in the House of Delegates.

Yoder, a Harpers Ferry attorney and businessman, will join Donna Boley of Pleasants County as the second Republican in the state Senate.



JOHN YODER  
Eyeing Judiciary Committee

State Senate 16th District	
John Yoder (R)	. . . 17,828
Curtis Brannon (D)	. . . 14,392
Terry Harden (W)	. . . NA
■ One seat	
■ Incomplete, unofficial returns	

# Pennsylvania Land Warrants and Patent Index

compiled by Richard H. Yoder

This information was obtained from 10 rolls of microfilm belonging to the Berks County Genealogical Society library located in the Albright College Library, Reading, PA.

I checked through the letters I,J and Y for the various Yoder spellings. In these records I only used the surname if it was spelled OTHER than "Y-O-D-E-R".

To purchase land, an oral or written request was submitted to the secretary of the Land Office, along with a partial or full payment for the tract. The application stated the applicants name, the amount of

land requested, and usually the location. When the application was approved, the secretary completed a warrant (an order to survey). When the surveying was completed, the drawings were sent to the Surveyor General who filed it with the warrant. When the purchaser paid the balance in full, a return of survey was sent to the Land Office. It then prepared a Patent, which was the final deed passing all rights to the land to the individual owner. The original patent went to the new owner, and a copy was bound in the patent book.

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#	Name of Warrantee	type	qunty	date warrant	date return	location	acres ret.	name of patentee	recorded	copied
VOLUME 1										
York County (formed Aug. 19, 1749 from Lancaster County)										
7	John Yoder	S	100A	7 May 1767	23 Jun 1772	Reading	3A 140P	John Yoder	AA13-167	D9-233
29	Christian Yoder Jr	S	50A	-----		-----	no entries	----		-----
VOLUME 2- None										
VOLUME 3										
Cambria County (Formed Mar. 26, 1804 from parts of Bedford, Huntington, and Somerset Co)										
1	Christian Yoder	S	89A	27 Mar 1826		(See Somerset County)				
2	David Yoder Jr	S	50A	16 Dec 1833	16 Dec 1835		59A 102P	David Yoder	H35-257	D2-24
3	David Yoder Jr	S	30A	16 Dec 1836	16 Dec 1836		32A 20P	David Yoder	H36-12	D2-35
4	Joseph Yoder	S	60A	9 Mar 1849	24 Aug 1866		65A 112P	Joseph Yoder	H61-325	D20-55
Somerset County (formed Apr. 17, 1795 from Bedford County)										
18	Joseph J. Joder	S	23A	5 Jan 1844	11 Mar 1844	Stony Creek	23A	Joseph J.Joder	H45-145	C105-141
2	Jacob Yoder	S	104A	20 Mar 1797	3 Jul 1800	" "	104A 40P	Jacob Yoder	P43-208	A62-300
3	David Yoder	S	200A	20 Mar 1797	19 Jun 1798	" "	199A	David Yoder	P34-137	A35-113
4	Christian Yoder	S	225A	9 Mar 1809	18 Oct 1810	" "	233A 80P	Christian Yoder	H5-124	D9-287
5	Joseph Yoder	S	40A	13 Mar 1811	2 Apr 1821	" "	35A	Joseph Yoder	H18-82	D22-27
6	Jonathan Yoder	S	100A	30 Apr 1811	23 Dec 1811	" "	108A 120P	Jonathan Yoder	H6-464	D22-11
7	Christian Yoder Jr	S	50A	25 Nov 1812	7 Feb 1816	" "	52A 56P	Christian Yoder Jr	H11-384	D22-8
8	Christian Yoder	S	89A	29 Mar 1826	19 Dec 1826	" "	61A 40P	Christian Yoder	H24-105	A66-57
11	Joseph Yoder	S	198A	7 Mar 1842	13 Jul 1842	Conemaugh	198A	Jospeh Yoder	H44-235	D2-5
16	David C. Yoder	S	5A 80P	29 Nov 1853	6 Jun 1854	Stony Creek	5A 131P	David C. Yoder	H51-177	D20-14
20	Moses W. Yoder		150A	23 Sep 1869	29 Oct 1869	---	86A 27P	Moses W. Yoder	H64-222	D20-22
22	Moses W. Yoder & Theo.F.Zimmerman	S	6A	7 Aug 1880	12 Dec 1880	Turkeyfest	3A 91P	Moses Yoder et al	H74-231	D20-82
VOLUME 4- None										
VOLUME 5										
Bedford County (formed Mar. 9, 1771 from Cumberland County)										
5	Christian Yoder	S	300A	2 Dec 1775	3 Nov 1786	Brthrs Vly	300A 120P	Christian Yoder	P6-544	A66-56
15	Jacob Yoder	S	360A	4 Feb 1785	12 Oct 1804	" "	328.5A	Jacob Yoder	P55-97	D9-285
16	John Yoder	S	210A	4 Feb 1785	2 May 1793	" "	205.5A	John Yoder	P19-305	D9-246
17	Christian Yoder Jr	S	150A	1 Jun 1785	3 Nov 1786	Quemahorning	155A	Christian Yoder Jr	P6-543	A66-55
19	Yost Yoder	S	300A	18 Oct 1785	28 Jul 1809	"	366A 120P	Jacob & John Yoder	H1-277-279	A54-170
20	David Yoder	S	200A	21 Oct 1785	3 Jul 1800	"	105A	David Yoder	P45-207	A62-299
25	Christian Yoder	S	200A	20 Aug 1789	23 Mar 1808	"	201A	John Blough	P61-470	A57-75
47	Jonathan Yoder	S	150A	7 Sep 1793	23 Dec 1811	"	152A	Jonathan Yoder	H6-464	D22-11
69	Christian Yoder	S	400A	4 Apr 1794	---	" --	----	-- --		
70	David Yoder	S	400A	4 Apr 1794	---	" --	----	-- --		
71	Jacob Yoder	S	400A	4 Apr 1794	---	" --	----	-- --		
VOLUME 6										
Berks County ((formed Mar. 11, 1752 from Philadelphia, Chester and Lancaster Counties)										
37	Daniel Joter	S	40A	26 Oct 1805	14 Feb 1872	Richmond	40A 86P	Daniel P Angstadt et al	H71-229	L46-
2d 3	Michael Yoder	S	25A	9 May 1755	---	Bern	---	----	--	--
3d 3	Christian Yoder	S	25A	9 May 1755	30 May 1810	Bern	29A	John Blatt	H4-113	A33-164
4t 3	Christian Yoder	S	100A	27 Oct 1755	3 May 1810	Bern	158A	John Blatt	H4-115	A33-165
7	Christian Yoder	A	44A 80P	26 Nov 1766	26 Nov 1766	Bern	44A 80P	Christian Yoder	AA8-148	D9-214
14	John Yoder	S	150A	24 Nov 1784	21 Dec 1784	Bern	178A 38P	John Yoder	P3-173	B2-152
15	Daniel Yutter	S	40A	9 Feb 1787	1 Nov 1864	Rockland	83A 48P	Ann Fox	H57-218	C22-280
31	Abraham Yoder	S	300A	19 Mar 1806	18 Feb 1811	Mahantango	322A 140P	Abraham Yoder	H5-381	D9-288
33	Daniel Yoder	A	237A 80P	10 Aug 1809	4 Oct 1809	Brunswick	237A 80P	Daniel Yoder	H4-100	B4-6
34	Peter Yoder	A	32A 73P	13 Jun 1810	18 Jun 1810	District	32A 73P	Peter Yoder	H3-619	D9-300
Schuylkill County (formed Mar. 1, 1811 from Berks and Northampton Counties)										
2	George Yoder	S	63A	31 May 1816	20 Feb 1818	Mahantango	69A 20P	George Yoder Jr	H15-332	D22-26
12	Andrew Yoder	S	100A	5 Jan 1875	22 May 1875	Barry	55A 6P	Andrew Yoder	H73-237	D20-90
VOLUME 7- None										
VOLUME 8- None										
VOLUME 9- None										
VOLUME 10										
Luzerne County (formed Sep.25, 1786 from Northumberland County)										
40	David Yothers	S	96A	9 Jul 1861	5 Feb 1864	Blakely?	96A 111.2P	David Yothers	H54-713	D20-20
41	David Yothers	S	83A	1 Feb 1865	28 Jun 1865	Dunsmore	79A 100P	David Yothers	H58-412	D20-52

VOLUME 11

Centre County (formed Feb. 13, 1800 from parts of Mifflin, Northumberland, Lycoming and Huntington Counties)

1	Joseph Yoder Jr	S	55A	14 May 1816	8 Mar 1839	Halfmoon	59A 97P	Joseph Yoder Jr	H40-439	A31-90
4	Daniel Yothers	S	80A	31 Jan 1834	30 Apr 1838	Boggs	80A 71A	Daniel Yothers	H39-464	D2-34

VOLUME 12

Cumberland County (formed Jan. 27, 1750 from Cumberland County)

2	Jacob Yoder	S	50A	6 Sep 1755	17 Jun 1817	Middle Creek	93A 2P	Christian, George & John Glass	H14-670	A31-148
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VOLUME 13- None

VOLUME 14

Juniata County (formed Mar. 2, 1831 from Mifflin County)

4	Christian Yoder	S	1.5A	13 Dec 1841	10 Mar 1842	Turbett	1A 69P	Christian Yoder	H44-14	D2-1
5	Jacob Yoder	A	19A 35P	8 Mar 1842	11 Mar 1842	"	19A 35P	Christian Yoder	H44-16	D2-11
6	Christian Yoder	A	29A 145P	8 Mar 1842	11 Mar 1842	"	29A 145P	Christian Yoder	H44-17	A31-96
9	Benjamin Yoder	S	140A	10 Apr 1849	21 Mar 1855	"	135A 36P	Benjamin Yoder	H51-388	D20-15
10	Joseph Yoder(guardian)	S	44A	25 May 1853	2 Jan 1854	"	43A 40P	Joseph Yoder	H50-630	D20-13

Mifflin County (formed Sep. 19, 1789 from Cumberland and Northumberland Counties)

4	Michael Yothers	S	100A	4 Feb 1794	18 Apr 1844	Union	101A 70P	Peter & Gideon Yoder	H45-183	D2-16
18	Christian Yoder	A	46A 87P	28 Apr 1804	30 Apr 1804	"	46A 87P	Christian Yoder	P54-178	D9-283,Q-3
19	Jacob Yoder	A	72A 36P	28 Apr 1804	30 Apr 1804	"	72A 36P	Jacob Yoder	P54-179	A22-165
22	John Yoder	A	57A 11P	12 Aug 1811	12 Aug 1811	Armaugh	57A 11P	John Yoder	H4-630	D22-23
24	John Yoder	A	68A 154P	7 Aug 1815	8 Aug 1815	"	68A 154P	John Yoder	H11-332	D22-6
25	Jacob Yoder	S	2.5A	31 Mar 1817	10 Jun 1817	Union	2A 104P	Jacob Yoder	H14-636	D22-40

(Warrant and Patent Info. to be continued in the next issue of the Yoder Newsletter) (including Huntington, Lancaster, Northampton, Philadelphia, Chester and Bucks Counties)

\*\*\*\*\* AN INTERVIEW WITH SHELLI BEFORE HER STATE VICTORY \*\*\*\*\*

# Miss Elkhart County Shelli Yoder Hopes Third Time's Charmed As State Pageant Opens Tonight



Miss Elkhart County Shelli Yoder, at home in Shipshewana. (News Photo by Deb J. Stack)

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**By DEB J. STACK**  
 Last year's disappointment has become this year's building block for Miss Elkhart County Shelli Yoder of Shipshewana. Tonight, six years after her first steps on a pageant stage, she begins preliminary competition in Michigan City in an all-out, last-chance effort to become Miss Indiana. Some say the third time's charmed. If the saying holds true, this third attempt at the state crown may just mean it's Shelli's year.

Back in 1986, at 17, she entered and won the Miss Limberlost (see related story on this page) pageant. A year ago, wearing that crown for the second time, she came in as first runner-up to Miss Indiana 1991. Last month, she won the 1992 Elkhart County title.

Since the age limit for participating in Miss America pageantry changes next year from 26 to 24, Shelli — who'll be 24 at the end of August — will be ineligible to try again for the Limberlost title. Regulations allowed her to participate in the nearest preliminary, which was in Elkhart County.

Settling on the couch at her parents' home in Shipshewana last week, Shelli talked about the recent win, her work over the past year, and the changing nature of Miss America pageantry.

"I really believe in the program," she said of her long association with Miss America pageants. "The program really pushes young women to further their education. It pushes them to improve their talents — and to utilize them — and I really believe in that."

Issue platforms and community service are now crucial parts of competition, according to Shelli. That means keeping abreast of current events and formulating opinions about various topics in an ongoing exercise to prepare for interviewing with a panel of judges.

Organizers are "trying to remove that plastic image of Miss America," Shelli explained. Abbreviating the swimsuit competition and adding the emphasis on platforms are both parts of that changing focus.

An informed, articulate response to onstage questions asked during evening gown competition is another critical element. While there is no strict point value assigned to that part of the pageant, it is nonetheless important.

"It's not just a talent competition anymore," Shelli said. "If you look beautiful and you bomb your question, maybe the judges will think they need to look a little more."

### Recent Win

"I was careful because I didn't want anybody to know that I had been first runner-up to Miss Indiana," Shelli said of the Elkhart pageant, held at the end of May. "They found out that I was in it, but I didn't want them to know that I was first runner-up because I don't play those intimidation games. It's not fair, I don't believe in them, and the name of the game is not to make other people scared of you. If you do that, you're missing the boat."

"If you do that and win," she added, "no one's going to want to crown you. No one's going to want you to be representing them. What use is it to be a queen if nobody's proud of you?"

Such tactics also blunt the edge of competition, and that's no good either, according to Shelli. "I don't like to compete against anyone who isn't doing their best," she said. "I wanted a run for the money, and it certainly was. We had a good strong group of girls."

### Rebound Year

The Elkhart County pageant was the first step in what will be, one way or another, Shelli's final competitive walk on the pageant stage. She's been working, planning and preparing for that walk

— whatever it may hold — since leaving last year's Michigan City stage in second place.

"Last year I did do my best, but coming away from it, I knew there was a reason that I didn't become Miss Indiana," she said. "God did not have it in my plan at that time, and I was at peace with that. And I knew that I was the lucky one because if I wanted to go back, I had a whole 'nother year to prepare."

In the months since, Shelli's pushed herself on several levels, using the drive she's needed since starting school as a child both young and small among her classmates. "Athletically, I just could not compete," she said, "but vocally, I found my niche and that's where I was able to use my talents."

Voice lessons and continued physical workouts have been part of Shelli's year of preparation, but perhaps the most striking thing she brought back with her from Michigan City was a desire to tell others — especially kids — that coming up short of a goal does not need to be the end of their world. As a result, she designed a presentation called Rebound Bound, and has taken it to elementary and middle school students.

"I really felt like I wanted to share with the kids that... you may have your goals set, but sometimes you're going to fall short of them, and what are you going to do about it?" Shelli explained. The focus is on defining success as one's personal best.

"Rebound Bound is just turning defeats into successes," Shelli said. "You're never a failure until you stop trying. Keep that positive attitude and realize that sometimes along the way you have to change goals, because that's life."

She has the same attitude concerning the state pageant with preliminaries tonight and Friday, and Saturday's crowning of Miss Indiana. "I just may have to change my goal," she said matter-of-factly. "And that's OK because I did my best and I can do something else and do my best again. If Miss Indiana is in my plan, it's going to be a great puzzle piece. But if it's not, there'll be something bigger and better waiting for me."

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### CASSELMAN HISTORIANS FEATURE YODERS

-contributed by John W Yoder

In recognition of the 250th anniversary of the arrival of the Amish Yoder line, the Casselman River Amish and Mennonite Historians featured the Yoders with programs last September at the Maple Glenn Church near Grantsville, MD.

The programs were held Friday evening and Saturday, Sept. 4 and 5. After a business meeting, the show began with an excellent slide presentation by Virgil Yoder of Natrona Heights, PA. The slides concentrated mainly on European sites very significant to Anabaptism and the Yoder name along with a narration of history and music.



Moderator Kenneth L. Yoder of Grantsville, MD

Saturday morning there were two early meetings proposing projects in the Grantsville area. One concerned the restoration of the Beachy-Miller Cemetery, and the other proposed to build at Penn Alps a Yoder (information) house constructed of stones collected from old Yoder homesteads in the area.

The first order of the Saturday program was more slides by Virgil Yoder followed by a short presentation on the Yoder Newsletter and the YNL Family Information on computer discs by John W. Yoder of Middlebury, IN. Before lunch, Kenneth L. Yoder of Grantsville spoke about the surprisingly numerous places named Yoder. Kenneth Yoder was also the moderator of the entire event.



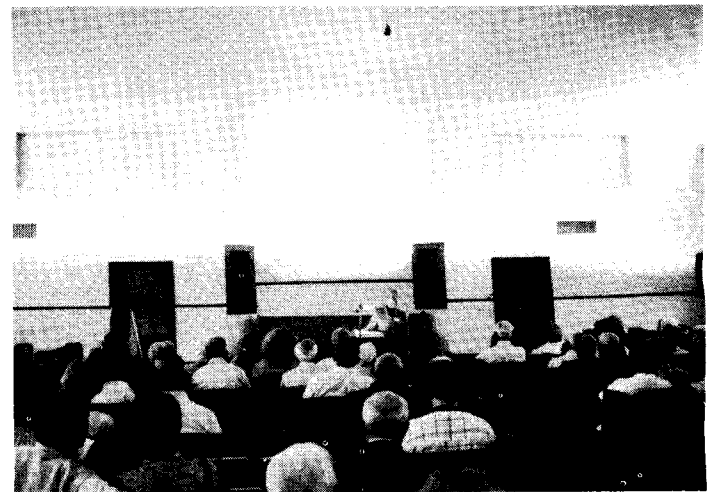
Rachel Kreider and Leroy Beachy, Historian from Holmes County, OH., discuss a point of familial research

After lunch, Senior YNL Contributing Editor Rachel Kreider discussed early Yoder genealogies. Rachel is the co-author (with Dr. Hugh Gingerich) of the landmark work Amish and Amish Mennonite Genealogies (Pequea Publishers, Gordonville, PA. (C) 1986). She went into some detail on their findings and the justification for the conclusions in their book. Before leaving the podium, Rachel invited Leroy Beachy (a Holmes County, Ohio historian and author) up to discuss his theory on the name of the husband of the "Widow Barbara" Yoder.



Ted M. Yoder, Hickory NC, Historian of the NC Yoders

Also present were eight members of the North Carolina Yoders, descendants of Conrad Yoder who settled there in the late 1700s. Speakers from this group were Ted M. Yoder of Hickory, NC and Hubert A. Yoder of Charlotte, NC. They did a fine job of telling who they were and what's in their past. (see the separate article by Hubert in this edition.)



The Audience (from the back-- recognize anyone?)

The YNL helped to promote the event by handling the mailing of announcements to our list of subscribers. Approximately 75 to 100 people attended the activities. It was a great chance to connect with others of similar interests.

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NEW PRINT - EASIER TO READ,  
But Allows Less DATA. Like it?  
Yes? No? Write Chris Yoder.

\*\*\*\*\*QUERIES\*\*\*\*\*

The YNL will publish Yoder related inquiries or exchanges at no charge. Please limit to 30 or so words plus a full return address. All inquiries are checked against our own records to see if we can help too. Send to: Chris Yoder, Unit 61306 Box 56, APO AE 09803-1306.

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TWO FOR ONE- Would like information on ANNIE YODER who married Jacob C. Kolb on 6/29/1768. Her parents were Caspar Yoder and Barbara \_\_\_\_, and grandparents Hans Yoder who married to Anna. Reply to (both): Sharon Smith, 612 Shady Retreat #56, Doylestown, PA 18901; and Mrs. Ellen Chestnutt, 718 Pioneer Lane, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80904

Note: The YNL would like to thank H. Walter (Harry) Yoder, of Grand Rapids, Michigan for continuing to refer Yoder queries to the YNL. We've been able to help many of his correspondents (like these above from the Mennonite Line (Annie =YB22) and others have helped the YNL with Yoder "missing links".

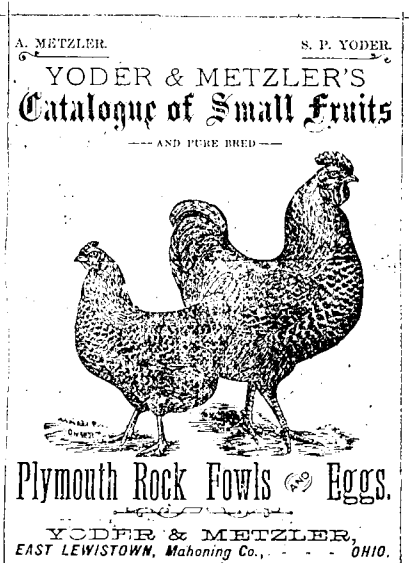
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What were the origins of LOUISA/LOUISE YODER, born May 1835, who married Henson Bright and resided around Alton, Illinois. Supposedly her father was a "Franklin Yoder". Please reply to: Rebecca Hogan, 2130 West Dell Drive, Alton, IL 62002-6944.

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Information wanted on DANIEL YOTHERS of Centre Co, PA. His daughter Mary (1793-1875) m. William Mullhollan (1792-1839). Their daughter Rececca married Thomas Bowles and resided in Caldwell County, MO. Reply to: Mrs. Margaret H. Beltz, RR 2, Haven, KS 67543

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Thanks to Mabel V. Brunk of Goshen, IN for sharing this sales catalog of her grandfather, S.P. Yoder of East Lewistown, OH. S.P. (Simon Peter) was the son of Jacob Yoder (YRB111) who married Anna Yoder (YR25142). He moved with his parents from Juniata Co., PA to Mahoning Co., OH in 1854. On 10/4/1880 he married Mary Metzler. This catalog is for a business he was in with his brother-in-law.

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HOUSE OF YODER STONE

A group of volunteers with common Yoder heritage in common have decided to build a "Yoder House" among other houses in a grouping called the Spruce Forrest Artisan Village, adjacent to Penn Alps in Grantsville, MD. The structure may serve as an information center, and perhaps a museum and repository of local Yoder materials. Bird carvings of local artisan Gary Yoder will likely also be displayed.

A similar structure known as the "Miller House" is already there... a log house likely built by area Miller patriarchs in about 1836 which was moved there and restored by volunteers.

The "Yoder House" is to be built primarily of "Yoder Stones"... stones collected from the foundations of old Yoder homesteads in the area and perhaps other stones with Yoder significance which may be donated by people from other parts of the country.

The planning began at an initial meeting Sep.5, 1992, in conjunction with the Yoder programs by the Casselman River Area Historians. Kenneth L. Yoder has since been appointed chairman of a design committee. The group is seeking donations and volunteers, and a ground breaking is hoped for in the spring of 1993.

Those wishing to make donations make them payable to Spruce Forrest Artisan Village, Rt.2, Box 5A, Grantsville, MD 21536, attention Esther Yoder. Please specify the use of your donation for the "Yoder Stone House". The group has Federal status as a non-profit, 503C organization.

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BIBLE COLLECTOR SEEKS YODER DESCENDANTS

"MICHIANA ROOTS" a genealogical column by Carol Collins which appears in the South Bend Tribune, on 1/10/93 featured a story of Mr. John Yuhasz, 202 E 16th St., Mishawaka, Ind 46544. Mr. Yuhasz has been collecting old Bibles for about 20 years from the Northern Indiana area. He'd now like to put them back into the hands of any family members he can find for the cost of shipping.

Three of these Bibles have Yoder relationships:

1) Cornelius M. Hockstetler 1859-1941; Manasses H. Hockstetler b 1828, m. Fanny Yoder b. 1828. Bible belonged to Levi and Lizzie Hochstetler of Nappanee in the 1960s. (Fanny Yoder was the daughter of Daniel Yoder (YR1253) and Barbara Yoder (YR2361)).

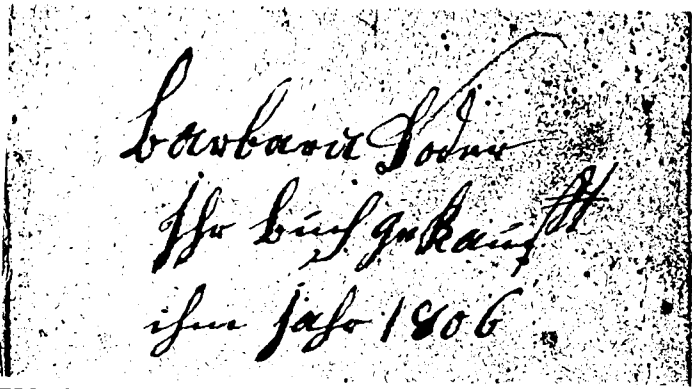
2) Joseph Eshleman, m1. 1855 Joliet, Ill., Sarah Shreffler, m2. 1859 Wayne Co, OH, to Barbary Yoder. (Barbary was the daughter of Joseph Yoder (YR23b3) and Mary Farmwald. Children were born in Ill., Ohio and Marshall County, Ind.

3) Joseph C Ullery (1827-1875) m Julia Ann \_\_\_? (1833-1913). Descendants included Jaquith, Patterson, Sheets, Johnson, Yoder and Whiteman family members). Yoder not identified.

The YNL has passed this information along to several readers with known relationship to these line.. anyone else, please contact Mr. Yuhasz.

(Thanks to F C Yoder, Goshen for spotting the article)

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WHO IS THIS BARBARA JODER?? Richard H Yoder provided this inscription which appears in a catechism and song book now resting with the Boyertown PA Historical Society. At the lower part of the fly leaf is added "Mary Ann G. Fegley, New Berlin, June 10, 1859. Presented to her by her grandfather." Can any of our readers identify this Barbara?????

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JACOB HOCHSTETLER FAMILY GATHERING  
JULY 24, 1993

The second quinquennial national Hochstetler- Hostetler- Hochstedler Family gathering will be held July 24, 1993 at Central High School, Kidron, Ohio. Many Yoders of Amish descent are also descended from the Jacob Hochstetler of the Indian attack fame. At the last session in 1988, over 1200 descendants gathered in Goshen, Indiana. A full program of events is scheduled. Additional info. may be obtained from the H/H/H Family Association (219) 533-7819; Pauline Yoder (216) 877-3341; or Jr. Bitikofer (216) 852-2672.

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YODER RELATED BOOK: "Heinrich Weidner 1717-1792, Catherine Mull Weidner 1733-1804 of Lincoln Co., NC Through Four Generations". Price \$66.00. 6x9 Smyth sewn linen cover, four-color dust jacket, 1103 pages, acid free paper. 28,071 names indexed by full name. Includes the story of Weidner's granddaughter Catherine (Dellinger) Yoder (1782-1863) and her husband Jacob Yoder (1767-1843) who migrated to Indiana, their children and grandchildren. Order from; Anne Williams McAllister, P.O. Box 579, Lenoir, N.C. 28645.

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REUNION - DESCENDANTS OF  
FREDERICK YODER AND MARIA SHARTLE

Descendants of Frederick and Maria Shartle Yoer of Berks Co., PA (children: Alfred, Cyrus, Wellington, Jacob, Amelia, Mary and Valeria) and others interested, at Sallem (Belleman's) Union Church, Belleman's Church Road, Mohrsville, Berks County, PA.:

SATURDAY JUNE 19, 1993

Picnic lunch provided (\$5). Bring family records, memorabilia. Visit Frederick's home, church, grave. Reservations by June 1, to Edward Yoder, 5028 Northlawn Dr., Murraysville, PA. 15668 (phone 412-327-7646) or Morris L. Yoder, 149 Decatur Rd., Havertown, PA 19083 (phone 215-446-4131).

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REUNIONS- Announce them and then give the results in the YNL... don't forget to get the word in promptly!

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WHO CAN TOP THIS?

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson G. Yoder of Boyertown, PA celebrate their 70th Wedding Anniversary! Nelson is a great grandson of Christian Yoder (YB1395 of the Mennonite Yoder line) who was born 11/2/1829, married 7/6/1851 Catherine Brinker and died 9/21/1854. He is the great-great grandson of Jacob Yoder who married Elizabeth Meyer and who is buried in Coopersburg Cemetery.

Can any of our readers equal or top this lengthy union? Thanks to Richard H. Yoder for bringing this to the attention of the YNL!

THE BOYERTOWN AREA TIMES — FEBRUARY 11, 199



Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Yoder

Yoder anniversary noted

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson G. Yoder, of Boyertown, celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary.

Mrs. Yoder is the former Agnes R. Reiter.

The couple was married on December 28, 1922 by Bishop Warren Bean of Creamery.

Their children hosted a dinner in their honor at Christopher's Restaurant, Boyertown.

Attending were their children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and friends.

A video was shown of a few grandchildren who were absent. Piano and accordion music were presented after the dinner.

Nelson is retired from Knolls, East Greenville in 1973.

They have two sons, Jesse, of Gilbertsville and Carl of Boyertown. They also have four daughters, Bernice, wife of George Zeiset, Bechtelsville; Esther Mae Rittenhouse, Souderton; Mary Ann, wife of Sam King, Telford; and Dorothy, wife of Milt Stoltzfus of Delaware.

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Richard H Yoder, R D 2 Box 374, Bechtelsville, PA 19505- Would like partners to help in researching the branches of the Oley Valley Yoders. This includes Yoder lines in BERKS, SCHUYLKILL, NORTHUMBERLAND, COLUMBIA and neighboring counties in Pennsylvania. Any volunteers to assist in a team effort? (Note by YNL: Richard, a YNL co-editor, has been doing a real service to us all through his investigations).

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