



Mr. Kirby Hill and his 23 pupils pose for their classroom photograph in 1952. This school was known as the Dreibelbis School. It was located at the juncture of Fry Road and Walnuttown Road in Ruscombmanor Township. Note the silhouettes of Presidents Washington and Lincoln on the classroom windows, a timely and common decoration during the month of February in many classrooms. Representing grade levels one through eight, the students on the left, starting in the back and going to the front, from left to right, include Irwin Williams, Gary Gieringer, Robert Keller, William Fraser, Larry Breidegam, Sara Link, David Silverman, Robin Frey, Carol Hughes, and Kathy Seyler. On the right side of the room, the students seated somewhat left to right, starting in the back and going front, include Richard Heister, Roger Readinger, Joanne Link, Sylvia Seyler, Leon Mull, Allen Levan, Betty Levan, Judy Frey, Thomas Silverman, Ann Levan, Ruth Ann Gieringer, Christie Barnhart and Myrtle Seibert. Mrs. Alice Trout was the teacher when the school closed in 1962. *Courtesy of William Fraser*



Forty-six students pose with their teacher Mr. Anthony Rabena on the steps of the Alsace Township School in the late 1940's. This entryway was eliminated during a later renovation. The school still stands at 17 Basket Road and is presently being used as an alternative school by the Berks County Intermediate Unit. *Courtesy of Clair Williams*



Clarence B. Yerger is shown at his desk on his last day as postmaster. The post office was located in the general store on the street level of the Odd Fellows Lodge Building at the traffic light in Pleasantville. After he purchased the property from Odella Heist, widow of Walter Heist, Clarence Yerger operated the general store from 1935 to 1972 for a period of 37 years. Everything from barrel molasses and string beans to brooms and shovels could be purchased at C. B. Yerger's General Store. Open from 8 A.M. to 9 P.M. six days a week, the store was a place for local men to gather at night to discuss current issues. The Pleasantville Hotel is visible in the background. Also note the vintage postal boxes and the milk glass lampshade. After Mr. Yerger completely retired, the business was purchased and conducted by the Urbanski family, until the store closed, at which time the existing stock and fixtures were sold at public auction. The contents and store fixtures were passed from one owner to the next and included many items from the late-1800's. *Courtesy of Alan Yerger*