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**Fire of Unknown Origin Levels Ace Cleaning Plant**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-February 12, 1953 Edition**

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## FIRE OF UNKNOWN ORIGIN LEVELS ACE CLEANING PLANT



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Burgess Robert Canning and Ermil Caleffie, partners in the Ace Cleaning and Reconditioning plant look over the ruins of their Langeloth plant which was destroyed by fire early Monday morning. Athletic equipment from 25 Western Pennsylvania high schools, in the plant for reconditioning was destroyed in the fire.

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# Business zooms while concerts blast

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August Alexy, owner and operator of Alexy's BP on Route 18 in Burgettstown, has felt Star Lake's impact. And it's more than just soundwaves.

Alexy opened the gas station and convenience store in September 1989 and admits Star Lake's planned arrival played a part in his decision to relocate his business along Route 18.

"We thought it'd be a great opportunity," Alexy said. Business increases by as much as 30 percent on days of sellout shows.

Star Lake also has a fuel account at Alexy's BP, and maintenance and other work crews fuel their vehicles at the station, Alexy said.

In September, an attached mechanic's garage was replaced with a DiCarlo's Pizza franchise. The franchise regularly delivers food to Star Lake, Alexy said.

The positive economic impact on the local economy is notable.

Star Lake and subcontractors employ more than 900 people and also host job fairs prior to the start of each concert season, said Star

Lake executive director Lance Jones.

In 1999, the amphitheater underwent \$500,000 in improvements, Jones said. The improvements were completed, in part, by local companies, including M&M Equipment, Hanover Printing and Graphics, Harry Pappas Home Center, Iannetti's Garden Center, Stroud Welding Service and Alvarez Refrigeration Service and Air Conditioning.

But among local business owners, nothing can compare to the last Grateful Dead show a few years back, when concertgoers emptied the shelves in the convenience store.

"They cleaned the place out," Alexy said.

And as a result of that same concert, Burgettstown Auto Parts, just north of Alexy's on Route 18, nearly sold out of its Volkswagen parts.

"We sold a lot of parts. The majority of them there (at the concert) had Volkswagens. That's all they drive," said an employee at the store who declined to give his name.

The store generally does more business during the concert season.



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August Alexy stands in front of the BP station he operates on Route 18. "We thought it'd be a great opportunity," he said.

"They're sitting in traffic for a period of time," the employee said. "Their cars will overheat. An old hose will blow out. The thermostat will stick."

Burgettstown Auto Parts often gets referrals from Greens Road and Towing Service Inc., whose garage is on Route 18, Burgettstown. Green's, the local towing contractor for AAA, also runs an auto repair business.

"It keeps us stepping. It definitely has made an impact," owner Mary Ann Green said. "They've had to work overtime

just to get some of these people back on the road again."

Just across Route 18 from Alexy's BP is Louder's Restaurant, a Burgettstown mainstay, which, in 1994, underwent a remodeling.

"We get a lot of traffic from it," said Charles Louder, owner and third in a generation of Louders to manage the restaurant opened in 1937 by his grandparents, Tony and Mary Louder.

"It's not a great surge, but any business helps," Louder said.

Country music concerts generally tend to bring more of a crowd

from West Virginia and Ohio, and many concertgoers will stop at the restaurant, known for its fish sandwiches.

The restaurant also is popular among limousine drivers who have several hours to kill during concerts, Louder said.

Trish O'Hara, an employee at Fuller Distributing, just off Route 18 in Burgettstown, said the company gets more business from May to October.

"It's something to look forward to because you see different faces," she said.



**R.M. Allison Hardware & Farmers Supplies, Before 1910-Hickory, PA**  
L-R: Willard Allison, Russell Miller Allison (Father) and A. Blaine McKane. When the store became Denny & Allison, the business out of this building in 1915. The store on the right was Colwes Barber Shop.

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Burgettstown Enterprise-November 1, 1978 Edition





Allison Gas Station- Main Street, Burgettstown, PA

**Burgettstown, PA  
Corner of Main Street and Shady Avenue**



**Early view of Allison's Gas Station**

#### **ALLISON'S SERVICE STATION**

Allison's Service Station on Main Street dates back to about 60 years ago when Dr. McCullough opened a filling station on the site and rented the second floor. He employed his tenant, Duncan Allison, in the business. Soon after, the late Charlie Tope, purchased the station and Ellsworth Allison, Duncan's brother, was hired to deliver gasoline to small stations in nearby towns. During the Twenties the original building caught fire and burned. About 1930 Standard Oil purchased the present building and placed E. Allison in charge of the pumps and providing services to the customers. Barr Russell was employed to handle the wholesale end of the business. When Ellsworth Allison retired in 1957 his son, Willard, took over the business.

### **Installs New Equipment.**

E. Allison has recently installed in his service station garage on Main street new equipment consisting of hydraulic lifts and the latest type of greasing devices. Mr. Allison is now specializng in greasing all makes of cars.

**E. Allison Installs New Equipment**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-October 3, 1935 Edition**

Both local and out-of-town drivers will greatly miss much of the service which Allison's Service Station on Main Street has provided for over 50 years. Willard Allison, owner and well-known local resident, recently decided to eliminate all services except the selling of gasoline and oil and to increase the number of hours for making these sales. No longer will one be able to have tires repaired, lubrication and oil jobs performed, tune-ups or brake work done or filters changed. Filling station attendants, however, will be on the job from 7 a.m. till 9 p.m. each week day and part time on Sunday.

Allisons will continue their contract with Exxon and will purchase additional gasoline from other sources.

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At one point Mr. Allison left for a period of about six months and worked at an Atlantic Station at the Fredericks Building where the present taxis are housed. This was about the time the bridge at Petrucci's was being replaced. Owing to the construction Mr. Allison was a little fearful of losing business so when Standard Oil asked him to return he agreed and made a contract to rent the building. He continued to do so until 1957 when he purchased it.

Meanwhile Willard Allison, son of E. Allison, was growing up. When he was in seventh grade he began helping at the station on Saturdays, Sundays and during the summers. Willard graduated from Union High School in 1938 and then served in the Army Air Force as a mechanic from 1942-1945. Before leaving for service he married Grace Cowen of Burgettstown. The

couple have had three children: Donna (Mrs. Warren DuBois), of Manassas, Virginia; Dean, of Burgettstown; and Joyce, at home. In addition to raising her family Mrs. Willard Allison has assisted her husband in doing the book work at the station.

When E. Allison finally retired in 1957 after long years of hard work at the station, his son took over the business. Willard says he has enjoyed it in spite of the long hours, hard work and pressure. He has arranged to help his son, Dean, at Allison's Feed Store on Center Avenue. Willard will assist with the sales and servicing of garden tractors and at the same time continue to be in charge of the attendants, Tony Stevenson, Douglas Barton and Anthony Longo, at the service station.

Mr. and Mrs. Allison and daughter Joyce spent the Easter weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Warren DuBois at Manassas.

## History of Allison Service Station Goes Back Sixty Years

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## ZINC PLANT DISMISSES 100 MEN ON JULY 1 AS PLANS GET UNDERWAY TO CLOSE OPERATIONS AND DISMANTLE THE PLANT. POTTERY MEN GO FIRST.

R. H. Meisenhelder, General Superintendent of the American Zinc and Chemical Company announced today that 100 men were dropped from the company's payrolls on July 1st in the first move to curtail operation at the hilltop plant, following a "closing order" reported in the Enterprise Extra last Thursday.

Dismissal begins in the pottery where retorts are made. The Superintendent stated that about two months' supply of retorts are on hand, which will mean about two months' operation at the plant, after which dismantling will begin, if, the intention of the Company, as announced last Thursday is followed through.

On Monday morning, members of the negotiating committee of Smelters' Union No. 95 met with officials of the company and extended the present wage agreement and contract until December 31, 1947. The extended contract was signed by R. H. Meisenhelder for the company and by the following union members: Charles Abate, President; Thomas Schilinski, George Yaksic, Joseph Plate, Albert Sella, Joseph Montequin, D. F. Malone, and George Nicksick.

The contract remains in effect the same with the following exceptions:

The American Zinc and Chemical Company will assume the entire cost of surgical and hospital service for employes and their immediate families for the duration of employment.

Vacations for employes of two years or less than three years' seniority are extended to 7 days, over 6 1-2 days. For employes from 3 to 5 years to 9 days over 6 1-2 days.

Shift differentials change from 4 to 6 cents an hour and from 5 to 10c an hour.

Severance pay for employes as they are dismissed is being worked in accordance with the schedule published in last Thursday's extra.

Members of the negotiating committee in company with Mr. Meisenhelder, Charles Mester, Plant Superintendent and Donald Hershey Personell director flew to New York City on Monday evening and met with Ben Zimmer, President on Tuesday. The Assembly met in special session last Friday night, on the heels of the closing order and in a last minute tried to work out a plan whereby the plant could be saved. The meeting of the committee with Mr. Zimmer was arranged as a result.

**Zinc Plant Dismisses 100 Men on July 1 as Plans get Underway to Close Operations and Dismantle the Plant. Pottery Men go First.  
Burgettstown Enterprise-July 3, 1947 Edition**

DRY RESERVOIR  
REDUCES OPERATION  
AT LANGELOTH PLANT

For the first time in a great many years, operations at the American Zinc and Chemical Company, particularly in the furnace departments were almost at a standstill because of the drought. The company's reservoir, which services the plant was empty and hundreds of fish died before the week-end rains came. The plant however, was able to resume full schedule after an auxiliary pipe line was run from the Climax reservoir, which is serviced by West Penn Water company.

The week-end rains filled the Avella reservoir which was also dry and caused great hardship to residents in that district because of lack of water. Water was trucked in from Washington. Avella schools resumed on Monday after being closed for one week because of the water shortage.

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To: Clara Filippini

AMERICAN ZINC & CHEMICAL COMPANY

61 Broadway, New York

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Works at Langeloth, Pa.

June 24, 1947

To the Salaried Employees of the  
American Zinc & Chemical Company,  
Langeloth, Pa.

Gentlemen:

You have been advised frequently over the last few years by both the local management and the writer that the operations of our Langeloth plant were on a precarious basis and that we could not guarantee a continuation for any definite period.

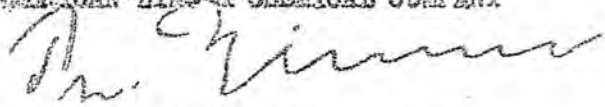
The Board of Directors of the Company has again reviewed the situation from every possible angle and has come to the conclusion that conditions force us to shut down our operations after working up present available supplies.

We shall, of course, aim to bring about this shutdown with the least possible hardship to our employees and arrangements will be made with all the members of the salaried staff for severance pay on basis of individual services rendered, once the operations cease.

The Company deeply regrets that this step has become necessary but under the circumstances confronting it there is no choice.

Yours very truly,

AMERICAN ZINC & CHEMICAL COMPANY



President

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Kneeling, L-R: LaVerne Wos, and Clara Filipponi Giacomelli.

Standing, L-R: Juliette Medved, Mrytle Reed, Nora Moore, Robbie Wakefield Verdin, Pauline Trinone McClain, Betty Riddle, and Alune Heist.

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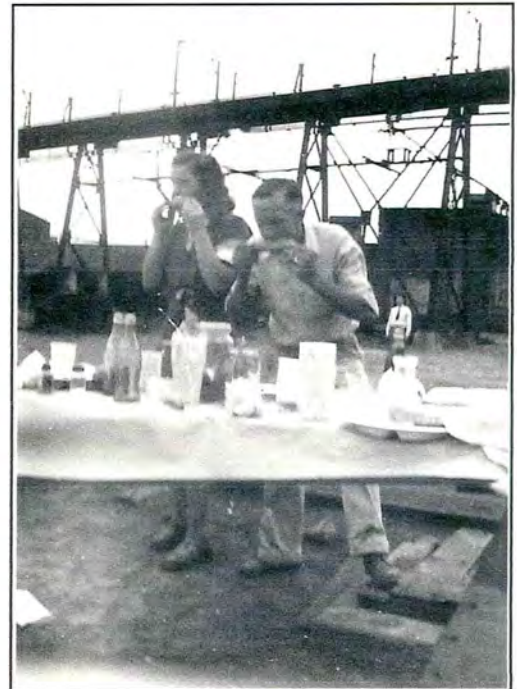
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**I**N the 1980s, plant closures are major news, but the story itself is not new. Out in the rural landscape of Western Pennsylvania, the remnants of many bygone industries tell tales of changed fortunes. For more than 15 years, we have been exploring these sites on foot, trying to understand the industrial culture created in the late nineteenth century, and ebbing now in the late twentieth.

We came upon Langeloth by surprise.

On a May afternoon, we parked our car in Burgettstown, 30 miles west of Pittsburgh, and started walking. Our immediate objective was a deserted mine site along the Conrail tracks a couple of miles west of town.

It was not pleasant walking. It was hot (October through April is the best season for hikers), and the railbed had been recently renewed with large-cut gravel — hard on the feet, even through vibram-soled boots. When we finally got there, we found that the mine site indicated on our topographic map was not only abandoned, it was obliterated. All that remained was a small brick building and a barren landscape recontoured by a bulldozer.

We swung up the hill, away from the tracks. On the other side, we found a huge pile of slate: the best visible evidence left of the mine we'd originally set out for. We circled the mound for a few minutes, taking pictures, then followed a country road for a mile or so, past farms and modest suburban homes, and climbed the hill into the little village of Langeloth.

So far the walk had been unspectacular and disappointing, though we paused to examine a deserted company store in Langeloth, and to admire, briefly, a modern hilltop plant that makes molybdenum, a metal used to harden steel.

From Langeloth, we headed down again, past a row of old-fashioned company houses (with the usual barrage of barking dogs) into the next hollow, where we knew there *had* to be an old mine. Still we couldn't find anything much — some coal dust and evidence of a few building foundations, but mostly weeds.

It was after we climbed the abutment of a railroad trestle and started east along the tracks that our "discovery" began.

The tracks were old but clearly still used occasionally. As we moved along, we could see a modern tippie and coal-sorter to our right: perhaps another small company processing the tailings of a mine. Up to our left were increasingly large slate dumps from an earlier operation.

We moved off the tracks and began to climb through the dumps. Gradually the panorama unfolded: first a set of concrete ruins, the foundations of a small building, then a series of concrete piers advancing up the hillside. Around us was a vast expanse of heaped slate, the remnants, we felt, of a large mining operation. The glare of the sun, now low on the horizon, made the piles incredibly black.

But we were still below the hillcrest. When we reached the top, we were on a plateau. The scene that stretched out before us, two dozen acres across, looked like a capital city devastated in some ancient war. Or was a more apt image a German industrial site, circa 1945?

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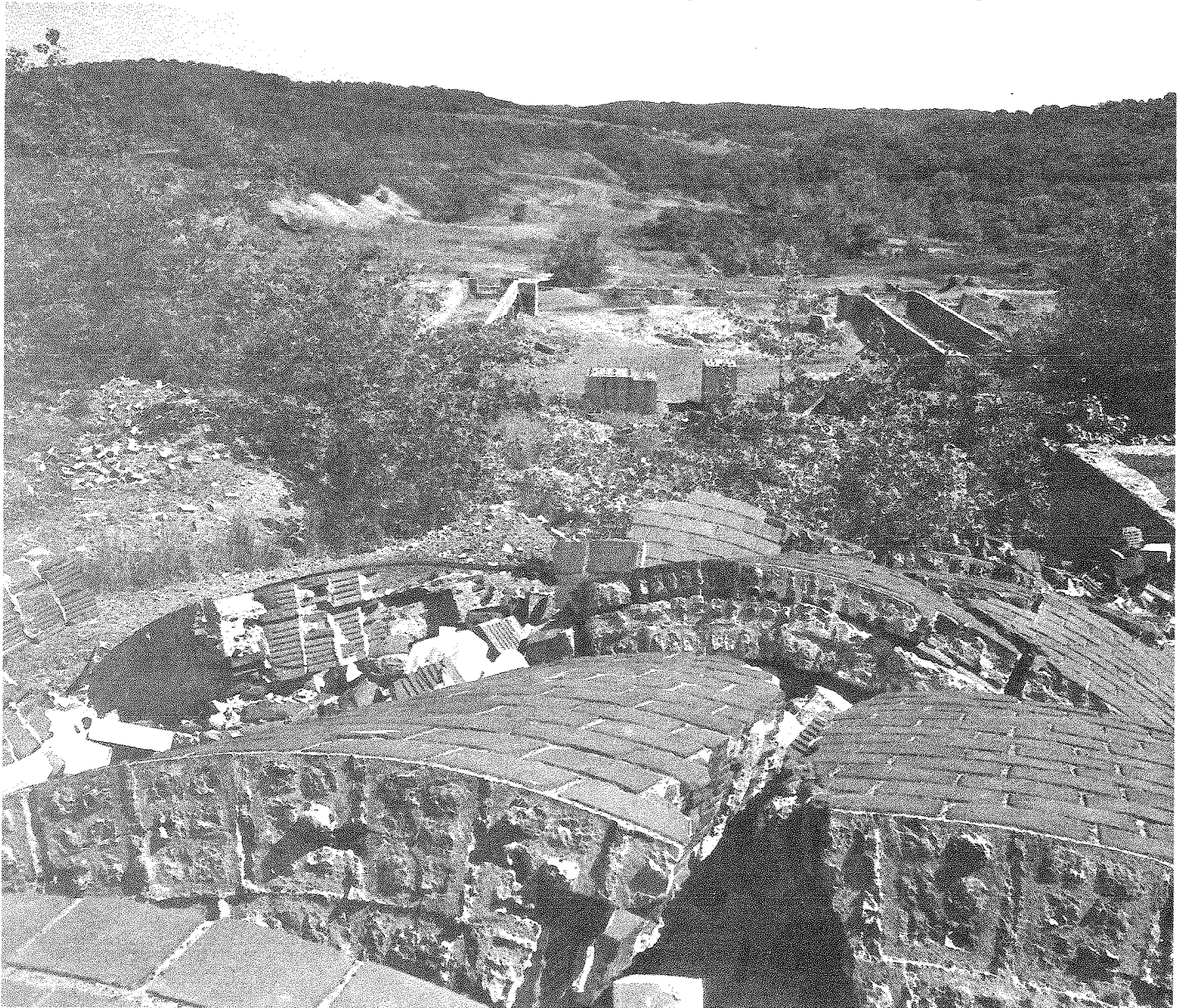
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## **Remnants of an Industrial Landscape**

**By David Demarest and Eugene Levy**

**Pittsburgh History, A Magazine of the City and Its Region-Fall 1989**

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Industrial Ruins, Langeloth, PA 1989

Strewn out ahead of us were house-sized chunks of concrete, mounds of brick and steel rails, steel beams tossed here and there. In a hillside to our left several tunnels, clogged with rubble, were dripping water. Two hundred yards straight ahead were the hulks of buildings: ragged roofs, broken windows, large saplings grown up through gaps in the walls.

Our assumption that this was a mine site quickly changed as we examined the rubble. The tunnels were too small and numerous to be mine entries. A series of large, rectangular concrete pits (now filled with water) evidently had been part of a yardrail system for unloading materials, but they had only slight resemblance to arrangements we'd seen at mines.

The most intriguing feature was a set of oven-like structures concentrated at the far side of the site, built into the rim of a man-made cliff. The ovens looked like broken towers. Circular window-like openings near their tops were ringed with decorative brick. Tunnel entries at their bases seemed designed, perhaps, for fuel. Around the ovens was debris of brick and broken ceramic materials glazed over from intense heat.

As we looked back across the bulldozed open stretches of the site (toward the towering smokestack of the modern molybdenum plant half a mile away), the desolation was complete — and, we could see, deliberate. Not only a bulldozer had done its work; dynamite had been applied to many of the structures. Three immense tanks sat smashed, like a row of hats hit on the crowns by a giant fist.

It was a weekday, during working hours, but no one was working here — not anymore.

The date we could find on ruined rail tracks, 1920, confirmed our sense that here was an industrial site that had had its heyday more than half a century ago. But what had it been?

We left the row of ovens and headed toward the town of Slovan in the hollow below, climbing through the rubble of huge concrete stanchions blasted down the hillside. At the foot of the hill we noted a small mine entry with "1914" pressed into the concrete above the portal. We crossed a right-of-way laid out for two sets of tracks. Rusted rails trailed off toward Burgettstown.

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Later we learned that the industrial bones we had stumbled across that warm spring day in 1980 were the remains of a zinc plant which had prospered in its time, then ceased to be, quickly and finally. *Zinc* in Western Pennsylvania? Not steel, not coal?

As we began to investigate, it grew clear that the forces that brought this strange monument to zinc into being and caused its end were the same forces that produced similar histories elsewhere in Western Pennsylvania, and more broadly throughout industrial America.

#### THE NEW ZINC SMELTERY AT LANGELOTH

A new zinc-smelting works near Pittsburgh, Penn. is about to be put in operation. The plant is right over a coal mine which supplies the fuel. The gas producers, roasting furnaces and smelting furnaces are of the Hegeler type. The methods of handling materials in the works are chiefly mechanical. — *Engineering and Mining Journal*, Dec. 5, 1914

EXTRA —  
ZINC PLANT TO CLOSE  
STOP ORDER HERE TODAY

—*Burgettstown Enterprise*  
June 26, 1947

The American Zinc and Chemical Co., a subsidiary of American Metal (now Amax), came into being in 1914 for several reasons. It was accessible to a prime

zinc market. Only 30 miles from Pittsburgh, the new plant was even closer to the steel mills of the Ohio River Valley, which would use its product to galvanize steel. Transportation was convenient. The main trunk of the Pennsylvania Railroad passed through Burgettstown, just two miles away, and spur lines could be extended around the plant site to bring zinc ore in from Missouri mines and carry off finished slabs.

Most important, beneath the leveled hilltops on which the plant was built lay large coal deposits, the famous Pittsburgh seam: cheap fuel for the retort furnaces. The Langeloth works honored a basic axiom of heavy industry: Get as close to the energy source as possible.

Finally, there was the region's cheap immigrant labor, mostly Eastern and Southern Europeans, though, for particular historic reasons, zinc smelting also attracted Spaniards. On an adjoining hillcrest, American Zinc would build "Langeloth," a company town (named after Jacob Langeloth, chairman of American Metal) to house its workers.

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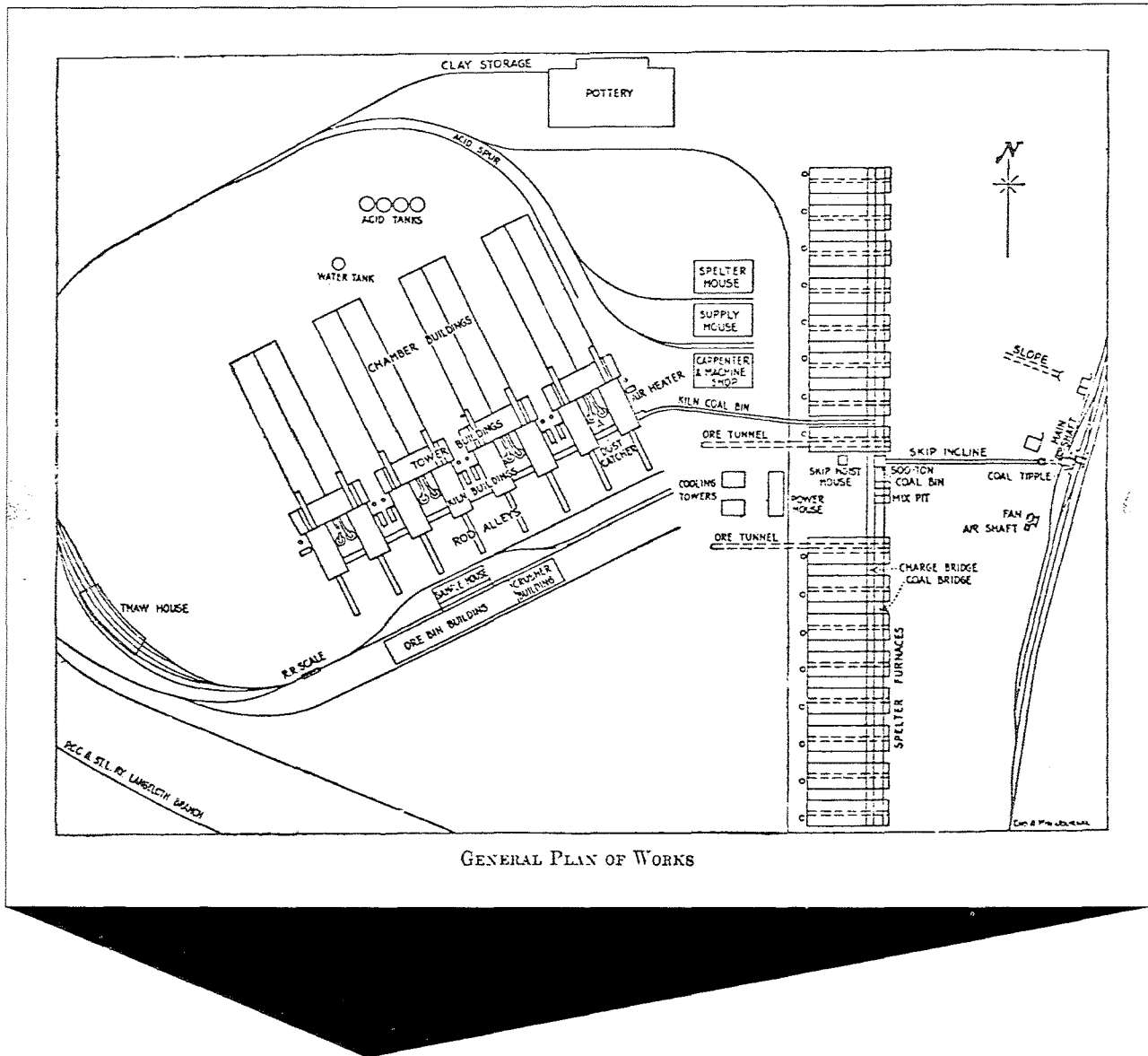
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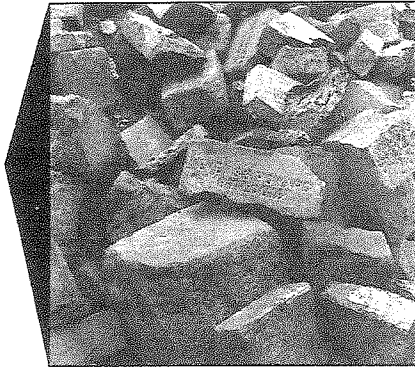
On our first visit, we had entered the plant site at its southwest corner. The plant's rail tracks seemed to begin where we were standing, and to move east. In fact, we were at the spot where zinc ore entered the site, shipped from the Midwest and later from South America via Baltimore. The roofs over the ore storage bins are now gone; some are filled with water; others are clogged by rubbish.

To extract the sulfur content, the ore was moved by conveyor belts across the plant yard to two roasting furnaces. Perhaps 70 feet high, these were composed of seven large hearths (each 6 feet by 80 feet) stacked one above the other. It was an "extraordinarily massive construction," according to a 1914 article in *Engineering and Mining Journal*.

Today, only the foundations, with their under-tunnels, exist. Imagining the massive roasters is an intellectual exercise. The three giant battered tanks we observed on our first visit were the sole remains of the operation that transformed the sulfur dioxide freed from the ore into sulfuric acid, the plant's most important by-product. Since the process used large lead-lined chambers, American Metal dismantled Langeloth's acid plant with particular thoroughness to salvage the lead. Today, even the tanks are gone, "victims" of soaring scrap prices.

The ore itself, reduced to zinc oxide, was moved from the roaster, by hopper

car, 100 yards farther east, then hoisted to a set of tracks that ran across the tops of Langeloth's eight distilling furnaces. For us, exploring the plant in the 1980s, it was this climactic step, the smelting itself, that most engaged us. Starting with our first visit we were intrigued by the architecture of the furnace area. The rubble of four wall-like structures stretches out from east to west, each about 90 feet long, about 100 feet between them. In the best preserved spots along the heat-scarred walls, the butt ends of large ceramic retorts are set on shelf-like ridges. The debris piled nearby is a blend of broken ceramics and hundreds of bricks, with a variety of names set in them, "St. Louis,"



"Laclede," "Phoenix."

We learned that the charred walls were the center walls of the furnaces. Ceramic retorts, about 5 feet long and 8 inches in diameter, were anchored in rows to both sides of these walls, suspended horizontally in a slight down-tilt, and supported at their front ends by a brick facade, where a conical ceramic condenser was attached during the smelting. On each side of the center wall, the retorts, stacked several rows high, were enclosed at the top by an arched brick roof. In effect, the furnace was a long tunnel.

At Langeloth, the smelting furnaces were located at the hilltop edge nearest the coal mine in the hollow below.

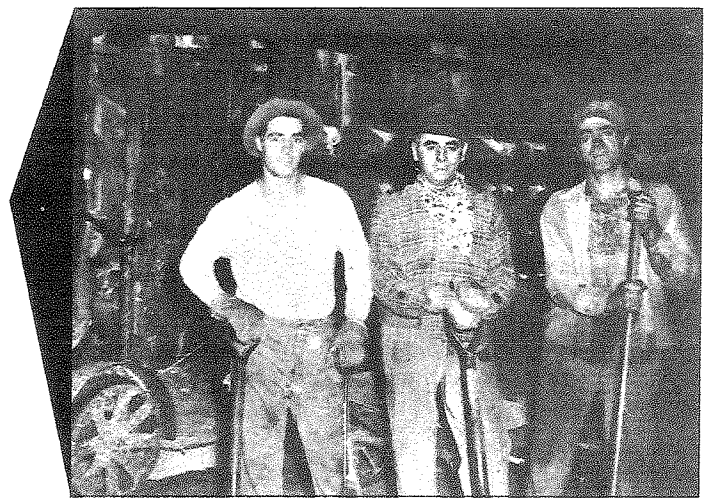
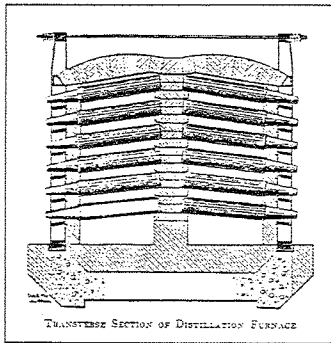
Hoisted on an incline several hundred feet long, the coal was converted into gas, combusted, and blown by fans down the length of the distilling furnaces. At either end of the units, tower-like structures (which we'd first thought of as ovens) were part of a continuous flue system that drove the ignited gas.

Much of the appeal of the site, for us, was aesthetic. We were struck by the beauty of the brick, whether strewn about in a rubble of many colors, or still set carefully in structures. Brick, an ancient building material, was the architectural staple of the industrial era. Brick is human sized, laid by individual workers. It suggests skill and craftsmanship. Even as we began to "read" the meaning of the furnace ruins, the statement made by the architecture stayed vividly in mind: Here was a technology intimately dependent on the activity of human workers.

According to ex-workers we talked to, the dozen or so men per shift who ran each furnace moved the materials by hand; they monitored the process — the temperature level, the readiness of the zinc for drawing — by eyesight, from experience. The tools they used were startlingly simple, designed with long handles to let the men stand back a few feet from the intense heat. Tools had graphic names: "charging scoop," "blow out hose," "connie boy's bumper."

The work was heavy, hot and dirty, potentially dangerous. Emissions of sulfur and particulate made it, to some unmeasured degree, unhealthy. The zinc plant in Donora, some 40 miles away, built in 1916 and dismantled in the early 1960s, used the same technology as Langeloth and was a notorious polluter, but it was located in a river valley. Langeloth's hilltop site, open to the winds, may have helped, though nearby slopes still show the scars of chemical fallout.

Cacsar Prado, a young man when he worked on the furnaces, recalled his rapid heartbeat and the heaviness of his lungs at the end of the shift. He also



remembered running the half mile home from work, and feeling fine by the time he got there.

As the workers sweated through their clothes, they took off their shirts and hung them on pipes in the furnace shed. Prado told us that in hot weather, when they were finished for the day, the men would strip naked before walking across the plant yard to the shower building.



**CAESAR PRADO AND JOE ABATE** — “The beautiful part about the work up there...”

*Abate worked in the zinc plant from the early 1930s to its closing. Prado was an officer of the local union until the final months.*

*Prado:* The beautiful part about the work up there — those were the “good young days” for us — was that you had to be there at 4 o’clock....

*Abate:* That’s 4 o’clock in the morning — right after midnight: *that* 4 o’clock!

*Prado:* Right, because that’s when it was cool. Those furnaces were one solid damn wall of red hot fire. Five minutes after you started work, water was squishing in your shoes. You were soaked (that kept you from burning up too, which was good). The whistle would blow at 5, and we’d get the furnace ready to draw — tear it down, clean it out, and charge it back up. We’d do that in three and a half hours, and then we’d go home. So in effect we got paid for eight hours of work, and we worked maybe four hours. That wasn’t simply because the workers wanted it that way. It benefited the company. It gave them a longer smelting period. It was a 24-hour schedule, and if we took eight hours to charge the furnaces, let’s face it, they’d have only 16 hours to smelt that ore. They’d have to burn a helluva a lot of it, instead of taking it easy, cooking it. So it actually benefited them to have us finish in four hours: they’d have 20 hours in which to smelt that ore.

*Abate:* Most of the work was what we'd call piece work. It was "Do your job, and then get the hell out of here and go home, you're done." It would be nothing for four men to unload 200 ton of ore out of the boxcars, starting at 7, and be done by 11 or 12 o'clock in the morning. It would be nothing for the zinc loaders to load 200 or 300 ton of zinc from 5 o'clock in the morning till 10 o'clock. It was a good system, it worked.

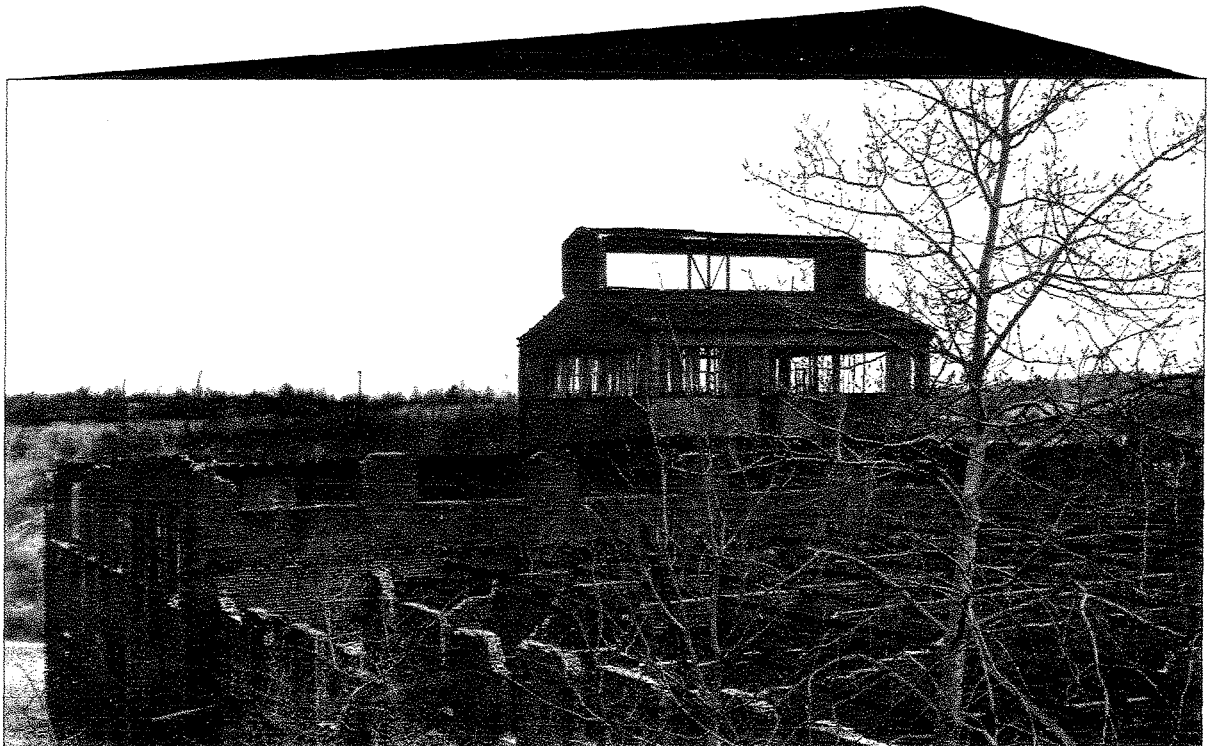
After the plant went down, four of us went down to Koppers in Monaca. We needed a job. I'll never forget it. They gave us, four of us, a 50 ton car of rock salt to unload. What did we know? It was our first day on the job. So we took our shovels, and at 10 o'clock we were done! They'd never seen anything like that. "Are you people crazy? This is a two-day job!" What did we know? So after the first wave went down there, they couldn't hire enough people from up here. After we worked there a little while, they had ways of slowing you down.



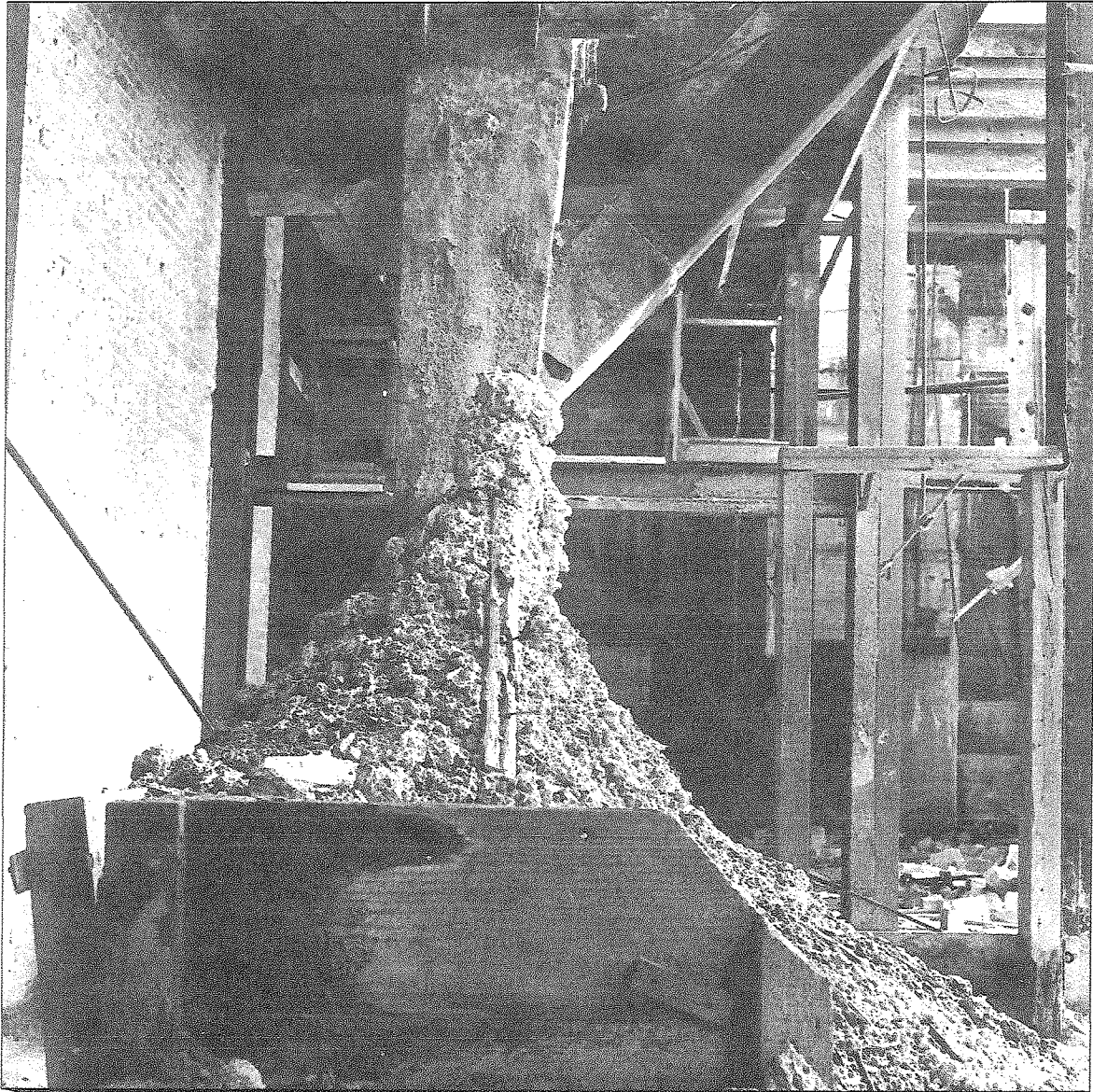
We returned to Langeloth a number of times, in all seasons. Once in January, with Caesar Prado as guide, we hiked the site during a heavy snow squall.

Weeks later, with a scattering of snow still on the ground, we explored for the first time the pottery, a now roofless brick structure, many of its floors fallen in — some of it (in 1989) partially torn down. The building's central space had evidently housed the ceramics workshop, where retorts and condensers were fashioned. On either side, in flanking wings, were storage chambers.

One spring in the early 1980s, we approached across the blue-green slag dump of the operating molybdenum plant and examined the pottery's innards at leisure. It had that strange look of suspended animation we'd seen at other abandoned plants and mines in Western Pennsylvania — as though work had stopped in the middle of a shift, and people had simply walked away.







A mound of clay stood under a chute, like a stalagmite. Nearby lay the bit of a large machine, used for boring out the retorts. In one of the side chambers, hundreds of finished condensers were heaped, some broken, where they had fallen when a floor above had given way. The pottery, showing the prominence of ceramics in the whole zinc smelting process, seemed to summarize the Langeloth operation. In a quite literal sense, it was *basic* industry: earthy, primary.

We also visited the village of Langeloth. Located on the hill ridge one-half mile north of the plant, it had been intended as a “model town” by founder Jacob Langeloth. During the zinc era, the company built the houses, supplied electricity from the plant, ran the water works, and supported the elementary school. Residents we spoke to recall the services as better than those in nearby towns. They remember the low rents and the company’s free supply of home improvement materials.

Langeloth’s neighborhoods divided ethnically. “English,” or “Americans” — the managers — had homes along the hill ridge on the north side of the main

street. "Biscuit shooters," workers who had migrated from Appalachia, lived across the street; next to them were a couple of blocks of Spaniards. Down the hill were Italians, Greeks and some Mexicans. Caesar Prado said there was a good deal of kidding between the groups, but they got along "like one big family."

The only retail outlet in Langeloth was the company store. The town was dry. There was a Protestant church; Catholics, the majority group, traveled to Burgettstown, two miles away. Workers who wished to buy or build homes lived in Slovan, in the hollow just east of the plant, where the population became predominantly Eastern European. Judging by the storefronts (some now closed) along its main street, Slovan was a more characteristic mill town than Langeloth. One old-timer told us, "It was like a frontier town. There were taverns up and down the street. It was open all night."

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The zinc works at Langeloth operated for 33 years. Creating in mind's eye its technology, we had come to see it as typical of the Pittsburgh region's historic industries: labor intensive, and thus dependent on cheap labor; built literally on coal as the energy source.

On June 24, 1947, American Zinc and Chemical announced it was shutting down, and in the plant's closing, we found another typical story. Labor cost was one obvious element. The plant was unionized in the 1930s, and like workers in most of America's unionized industries, members of the Smeltersmen's Local 95 started a post-war push to improve wages and benefits. The company took the line that new wage demands and strikes would spell the end. When union and management could not agree on a contract in the spring of 1947, the company made its decision. Those who wished to blame the union for the Langeloth shutdown could, and did. One industry analyst summed up:

An example of the end result of super-unionism and low worker productivity is evidenced by the case of the zinc smelter located at Langeloth, Pennsylvania, which shut down operations permanently in December 1947. The damaging effect of compounded labor inefficiency had increased the cost of producing zinc to such an extent that this smelter could no longer sell its product at a competitive price. — C.M. Cotterill, "Technology and Logistics of Zinc Smelting," *Industrial Plant Location*, 1950.

But other factors may have been more decisive. The plant needed new investment for repairs, particularly in the acid facility, which had been badly damaged by use. More fundamentally, such evidence as we found (in the absence of detailed financial statements) suggests that the plant was never particularly profitable. It may never have achieved the market projected by its developers. The Depression went on for nearly one-third of the plant's life, and during that time the plant operated at only a fraction of capacity. Ex-workers recall how zinc slabs were stockpiled in nearby hollows until they loomed above the level of the plant itself, and then were sold immediately at the start of World War II. An ex-manager of American Metal, Erwin Weil, suggested to us in a phone interview that if not for the war, the plant would have been shut down sooner.

Langeloth's horizontal retort technology, developed in the 1870s, was also obsolescent. An electrothermic vertical retort furnace, offering better labor efficiencies, was installed by another company in nearby Monaca in the 1930s. By the 1940s, new plants built in America were using an electrolytic process. Situated in the northwestern states, these facilities could capitalize on cheap hydroelectricity. In the Southwest, even the old horizontal retort technology profited from cheap natural gas. Coal had lost its comparative advantage as a fuel. Moreover, in the West, the industry could often employ cheaper non-union labor.

In a front page editorial on June 26, 1947, the *Burgettstown Enterprise*

lamented the plant's closing in terms that have become familiar in northeastern America:

The die is cast! The dire threat that has been stifling trade and progress in this Community for a quarter of a century today becomes a fact.

When the powers that be of the American Zinc and Chemical Company announced to the salaried employees and members of the Langeloth Smeltermen's Union this morning at 10 o'clock that operations at the hill plant will be stopped and the plant dismantled ("in an orderly fashion, it is hoped") a blow was hurled at this community that it will be hard to recover from.

Pulling our biggest industry, employing a thousand men, and cessation of a payroll that ran well into the millions of dollars simply is verification of "scare" rumours that have stifled the community many, many years.

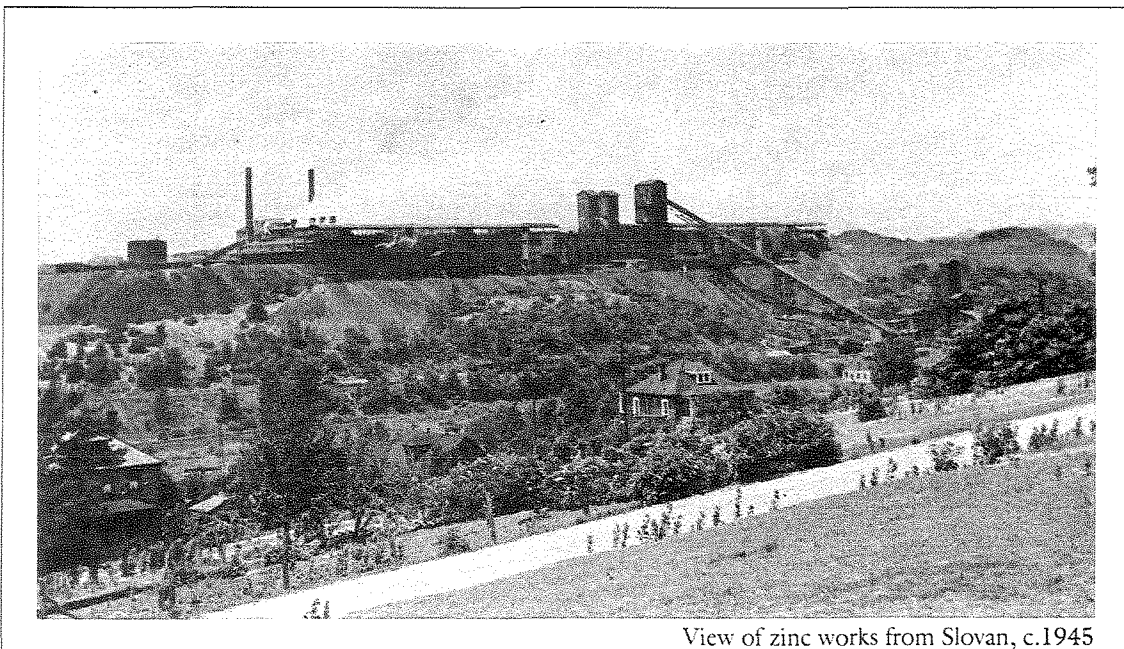
Today the bitterness seems gone. "It was a good company to work for" was the summary comment offered to us most often.

Langeloth still has the look of a rural village. The houses on its hill ridge, managers' homes in the zinc era, are well kept. The street grid slopes off into an undeveloped hollow — a railroad station was once there — then resumes on the hill to the south: Miners Hill, where the zinc plant's coal miners lived. Some of the houses on the lower slope and on Miners Hill are in disrepair, but in general the town is clean and pleasant.

Across from Climax Molybdenum, on the crest of the hill, is the house of Gus Barbush, the former operator of the company store. With the demise of American Zinc and Chemical, Barbush bought the Langeloth Townsite Co. and eventually sold off the former company houses to local residents. His own home, decorated in red, was once the residence of the zinc plant's superintendent. Barbush, a Greek immigrant who settled in Langeloth by 1920, died in Spring 1989, at age 90.

Caesar Prado and Joe Abate — our major sources of first-hand information — still live nearby. Retired from his own Burgettstown appliance business, Prado has a suburban home just outside of Langeloth. Abate, who managed the Robinson Township Municipal Authority for many years, is also retired and lives in a small house in Slovan — in fact, the house he was raised in.

Both men enjoy talking about the zinc works. ■



View of zinc works from Slovan, c.1945

**ZINC WORKERS GET  
80c DAY PAY RAISE**

Officials of the American Zinc and Chemical company announced this week that approximately seven hundred employees of the plant at Langeloth have been granted an eighty cents a day pay raise. This raise is effective from May 16.

Smeltermen received news of the raise from President Celestine Marino at a meeting of the Union held Monday evening in the new community hall, recently built for the workers by the company.

Superintendent Illig is receiving congratulations this week on the occasion of the date of his twenty-fifth anniversary with the local plant. Mr. Illig began work here 25 years ago and during the years worked in various departments of the plant, until several years ago when he was made General Superintendent. Langeloth, contributing its share to the National Defense program, is now working full time, three shifts every 24 hours and employs about 700 men full time.

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# **Zinc Manufacture in the Pittsburgh District**

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# Zinc Manufacture in the Pittsburgh District

The Plant of the American Zinc & Chemical Company at Langeloth, Pa.—Employees' Houses with Special Features of Construction

In April, 1913, through the efforts of Ralph Cooke, industrial agent of the Pennsylvania Lines West, the American Zinc & Chemical Company, an identified interest of the American Metal Company, New York, secured about 900 acres of ground two miles south of Burgettstown, Pa., on the main line of the Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis Railroad. Of this, 400 acres located on the crest of a hill and admirably adapted for the purpose, was set aside for a plant for the manufacture of spelter and its by-products, sulphuric acid, while about 500 acres located just west of the plant site were reserved for the building of a new town for employees to be named Langeloth, in honor of a chairman of the board of the American Metal Company, who died less than a year ago.

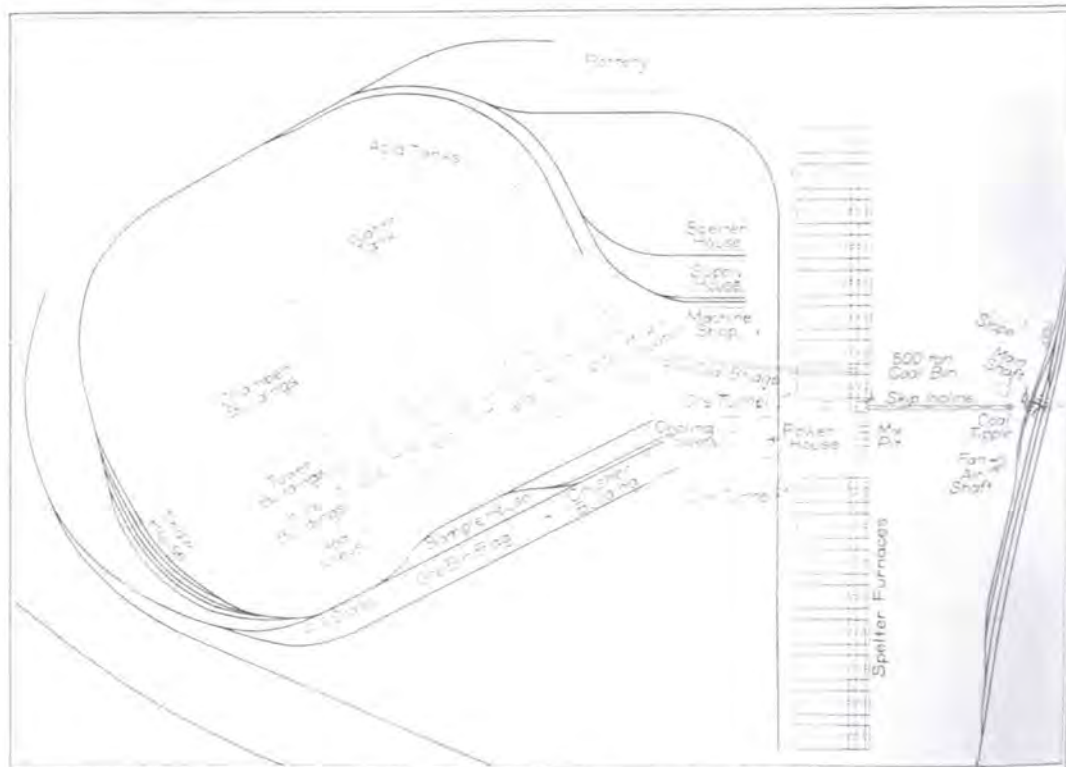
Active work on the plant was started in June, 1913, and in a little more than a year the first unit was finished and put in operation. The ground plan, as shown in an illustration, gives an idea of the general layout of the plant, but it should be



Ore Bin and Crusher Building

Tower Building  
Roasting Furnaces

noted that only one unit has been completed. The three units to the left are prospective, while that to the extreme right is finished and in operation. There are direct sidings from the main line of the Pennsylvania Railroad, also from a branch line



A General Map of the New Spelter Plant at Langeloth, Pa.

of that road, running from Burgettstown to Paterson mills, while the company itself has built a main service standard gauge line, which completely encircles its plant and also numerous switches connecting different departments.

In order to obtain a supply of pure water essential to its purposes, the company built a concrete dam just south of its works on its own property. This has a capacity for storing 15,000,000 gal., the reservoir being supplied by natural water sheds and springs. From this reservoir the water is pumped by centrifugal and plunger pumps through a 12-in. cast-iron pipe water line to a steel tank, built by the Des Moines Bridge & Iron Works,

pany. The mine is located near the smelter and the coal is delivered from the tippie to a steel incline, the cars being electrically hauled up this incline to a 500-ton steel storage bin. From a bridge under this bin, the cars are loaded by gravity and hauled by electric motors over steel bridges to bins located in different parts of the works. All the coal mining is done by machines, and in addition to the main hoisting shaft there is a slope entrance built of concrete, 8 ft. high, leading into the mines through which all supplies are taken and which is also used by the miners in going to and returning from work. The company has a supply of coal amply sufficient to meet its needs, when the four units of its plant

have been built, for many years to come. The company intends to market the lump coal and use its slack for smelting purposes.

The smelting plant is located on high ground, with a view to having better working conditions for the men. This necessitated a large amount of excavating and concrete work.

The different departments are so laid out that three additional units can be constructed without cramping or disturbing the operation of the present one. The present plant comprises a sample house, ore bin and crusher building; two roasting furnaces and their respective



Power House      Distillation Furnaces

Coal Tippie

with a capacity of 250,000 gal., and from this tank water is taken to all departments of the plant through 12-in. mains.

The coal supply is obtained from about 2500 acres of Pittsburgh seam coal owned by the com-



The Upper Picture Shows the Concrete Ore Bins and Ore Crusher Building. In the Lower Are Shown the Roasting Furnaces with the Chamber Acid Plant to the Left

sulphuric acid systems; four distillation furnaces; carpenter and machine shop; supply house; coal mines and pottery. Very economical methods are used to receive, handle and store the ores used in the manufacture of zinc, and which come almost entirely from Missouri and Wisconsin. The ore is received in 50-ton capacity steel cars, which are delivered to the ore bins by a switching engine. The cars are weighed and the ore is unloaded into deep concrete bins. These ore bins are 22 ft. high, 20 ft. wide and 70 ft. long, there being seven of them with room for 13 more, each having a storage capacity of 2000 tons. The building is equipped with a 10-ton Shaw traveling crane with grab bucket. The latter distributes and carries the ore to the mill, which is equipped for handling coarse and fine ores.

The ores are dumped on a grizzly, the fines passing through and the coarse going to a jaw crusher. They then enter a Ruggles-Coles cylindrical drier. From the drier the ore is elevated to the screens, with the oversize returning to the rolls. The drier gases are passed through a steel dust collector, and then discharged into the chim-

ney. Connected with the ore bin building is a sample room, in which samples of ore are taken from each car and treated by the regular processes in order to obtain a good average sample of the ore for assay purposes.



The Pottery Building

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The roasting furnaces are of the Hegeler type, 20 x 80 ft., with modern improvements in both the furnaces proper and their machinery. Each furnace is double, seven hearths high, the dimensions of each hearth being 6 ft. x 20 ft., making about 6800 sq. ft. of hearth area. The large lower hearths are muffled. The interior arches have considerable spring and are built of tongue and grooved brick. A special brick is laid above each row of skewbacks to carry the weight of the rabble, which keeps it off the hearth, the latter can then rise and fall with the arches. The rakes are the usual style used in this class of roaster. An improvement in the rake rods is that they are jointed in sections thus allowing easy replacement of any part. The rods are drawn through the furnace by endless chains.

Each furnace is provided with a 9 x 15 gas producer with water cooled boshes, the fire gases being burned under the three lower ore hearths. Sirocco fans are used for furnishing air to the gas hearth and to the ore muffles. The waste heat gases pass through an air heater, which is composed of cast-iron "U" pipes, cold air flowing through in an opposite direction to the fire gases. The temperature of the fire gases entering the heater is about 800 deg. C. and hot air leaves at 400 deg. C. The hot air then passes through flues and enters the muffles through the middle wall. The use of pre-

#### THE SULPHURIC ACID DEPARTMENT

heated air gives good results in the matter of fuel economy. Fifty-five tons of ore are roasted per day, or 16 lb. per sq. ft. of hearth area, with a coal consumption of seven tons. The gases run 4 per cent. SO<sub>2</sub> by volume and reach the Glover tower at 380 deg. C.

Two buildings contain the sulphuric acid department, one known as the Tower building, 95 x 220 ft., and the other the chamber building, 138 x 440 ft., the former being all steel and brick and the latter steel construction. The roast furnace gases on leaving the furnace pass through a centrifugal dust chamber, 30 ft. in height and 20 ft. in diameter. The chamber has a hopper bottom so that dust can be drawn out into cars in an ore tunnel running underneath the roasting furnaces. The gases pass on to the Glover tower, which is 14 x 14 x 40 ft. in height and thence through 10 lead chambers, which have a space of 360,000 cu. ft. From the chambers the gases pass through three Gay Lussac towers which are 14 x 14 x 40 ft. All towers are packed with special chemical brick. Two hard lead fans are

used for forcing the gases through the towers and chambers. The acid is pumped to the tops of towers by means of acid eggs and compressed air. Large steel storage tanks are located convenient to railroad, and acid is loaded by gravity into tank cars.

There are four distillation furnaces, all of the Hegeler type, each containing 864 retorts of 8-in. inside diameter. The smelting capacity of each furnace is 20 tons. An improved Hegeler type of gas producer, 9½ x 22 ft., furnishes the necessary gas. The furnaces are placed parallel at 100 ft. centers, each building having a width of 70 ft., thus allowing ample space between furnaces for light and air. The building having been substantially built of steel, a sheet steel hood surrounds each furnace, thus affording extremely good ventilation for the workers. Counterweighted doors are used between hood and working floor after the campaign has been completed. The waste gases from the furnace pass through a 588 hp. Rust vertical tube boiler and thence to a Radial brick stack, 125 ft. high, built by the Heine Chimney Company of Chicago, with an inside diameter of 6 ft. at the top. Each boiler is equipped with a firebox for direct firing, in case of the shut down of a furnace.

Retort annealing kilns are placed at the end of furnaces. Down-draft kilns are used with flues connecting with the large radial stack. Each furnace is equipped with a No. 6 Sirocco fan of 27,000 cu. ft. capacity against a pressure of 5 in. of water. An air main extends longitudinally over the furnace with branch pipes leading to both sides of furnace, ports being between each section of 24 retorts. A particular feature of the furnace is the flat roof



arch laid at the same slope as the retorts. The buckstaves are connected with tie rods through springs, thus allowing for the usual expansion. The bottom of the buckstaves have ball and socket joints, allowing movement in any direction. Another variation from the usual custom is that a large pocket is directly under the furnace, allowing room for the accumulation of several days' residue. A tunnel under this pocket allows the easy removal of residue. This arrangement of tunnel and pocket eliminates all possibility of up-draft in front of the furnaces. Each gas producer has a massive reinforced concrete bin over it, capable of holding a 15-days' supply of coal, which is fed by gravity into the producer.

#### THE POWER PLANT AND POTTERY

The power plant is contained in a steel and brick building, 43½ x 120 ft., and is equipped with a General Electric 2000 kw. turbine and also with two Ingersoll-Rand air compressors. Alternating current is used throughout the plant. Steam for the power plant is supplied by waste heat boilers by an overhead line. The machine shop is a brick and steel building, 90 x 160 ft., to which special attention was paid in order to secure maximum light and ventilation. There are windows on all four sides of the machine shop building and also in the roof. The machine shop is equipped with a full line of iron working tools and at one end are located complete carpenter and pattern shops.

The pottery is a substantial brick and steel structure, 60 x 142 ft., conveniently arranged for building material. The drying rooms are located on both sides of a main alleyway. Another alleyway is at each end of the rooms, the latter being used for loading retorts and condensers into cars. The rooms are heated by steam pipes under grated floors, air being driven by a large Sirocco fan. The air from the rooms is taken out through galvanized air ducts. The clay is worked through the usual dry and wet pans. A Wettengel pug mill and hydraulic press are used for retort making and a Garrison machine is used for condenser making.

The company makes only two products, zinc and sulphuric acid, having a capacity of about 50 tons of zinc per day and about 100 tons of sulphuric acid. Its entire product is sold to domestic consumers but the company has made a few foreign shipments. The entire works were designed and built by N. L. Heinz, general manager. Mr. Heinz is also the designer and erector of the huge acid plant of the Duckton Sulphur, Copper & Iron Company, Ltd., of Isabella, Tenn., where blast-furnace gases are used. Archibald Jones is general superintendent and J. W. Geib, assistant superintendent.

#### THE TOWN FOR EMPLOYEES

When the works at Langeloth were established they were built on farm land and there was no means of taking care of employees of the company except in building houses for them. This was done, and the company has established, just west of the factory site, a new town known as Langeloth, where some 60 to 70 houses have been built and are occupied by its employees. Some new ideas in construction in the building of these houses were carried out. They are built of different designs so that there is no monotony in their appearance. A new feature in the detail of their construction is the use of sheet zinc placed outside the sheathing, instead of paper, thus affording a lasting material, which is windproof, vermin proof and damp proof. Tinning strips are nailed on the studding over the zinc sheets and metal lath outside of this, on which is

placed concrete stucco plaster. The houses are roofed with red slate imbedded and shingles which add much to their appearance. Some of the houses are five rooms and others seven rooms, and they are neat and equipped with modern appliances. Water is furnished from the company's own supply, and natural gas and coal are used for fuel. It is probable the company will build a large number of houses as soon as contemplated plant additions have been made.

#### Practical Co-operation in Foundry Work

The Philadelphia Foundrymen's Association held its monthly meeting at the Manufacturers' Club, in that city, Wednesday evening, May 5, having as its special guests the officers and members of the Associated Foundry Foremen of Philadelphia and vicinity. Paul E. Poindexter, of the reorganization committee of the Greater Chamber of Commerce of Philadelphia, addressed the meeting and after explaining the plans under which the new organization proposed to operate urged the foundrymen to become members.

William H. Barr, president of the Lumen Bearing Company, Buffalo, who is president of the National Founders' Association, made an interesting address on "Co-operation in the Foundry." It behooves every foundryman, he said, to devote time and energy to the betterment of working conditions. Something must be done to stimulate foundry labor, both skilled and unskilled. Manufacturers will have to deal in the next few years with a shortage of unskilled labor. The influx of foreign labor, following the war abroad, will be smaller. Foundrymen should look forward to this condition and prepare in advance. Methods and machinery should be installed to bring out maximum production with a minimum of labor. The installation of modern foundry equipment will go a long way toward solving the problem. Team work in daily foundry operation, not only in the individual organization, but also with associated foundrymen, will do much.

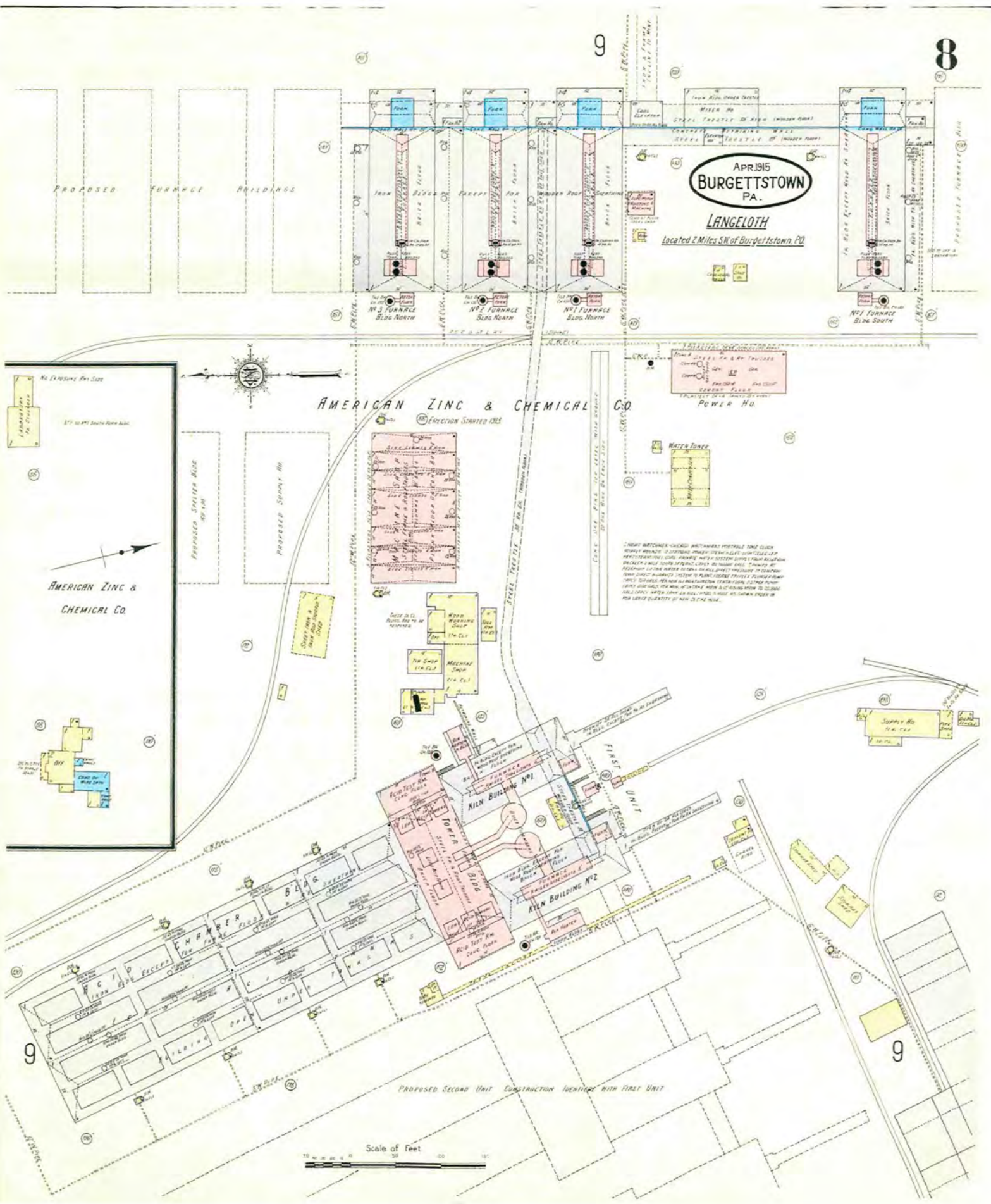
Reference was made to the constructive work of the National Founders' Association, particularly on lines of safety and sanitation. Hazards have been reduced, and the work has been made more agreeable. The standardization of goggles, leggings, foundry shoes, safety guards on machinery, etc., has aided materially in minimizing foundry accidents.

The treatment and education of apprentices were touched upon; also uniform legislation relating to the conduct of the foundry, maintenance of order in and about the foundry, the foundry store and scrap castings. Mr. Barr recommended closer co-operation between the shop foremen and the sales forces. Much can be accomplished by meetings of the department heads and sales forces. The game should be studied from all angles, so as to get out of the old low-capacity rut and build up a clean, profitable business on a sound basis.

Following the meeting a planked shad luncheon was served, at which informal addresses were made by various members and guests.

The Jeffrey Mfg. Company, Columbus, Ohio, announces the removal of its New York branch from 77 Warren street to 50 Dey street, adjoining the Hudson Terminal. In its new quarters the company proposes to carry the largest combined stock of its kind in New York City, consisting of power transmission machinery and elevating and conveying appliances. A large engineering and sales force will be maintained with ample facilities for handling promptly inquiries and orders. George H. Mueller, assistant sales manager of the Jeffrey Company, is the manager in charge of this office.

The steel plant of the International High Speed Steel Company at Rockaway, N. J., is nearing completion, and it is expected it will be in operation by the latter part of June. The product will be tool steels, alloy steels, high speed steels of various shapes, solid octagon and cruciform and hollow hexagon and round rock drill steels under the Bulldog brand.



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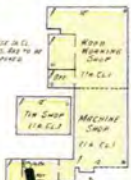
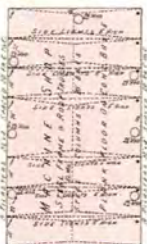
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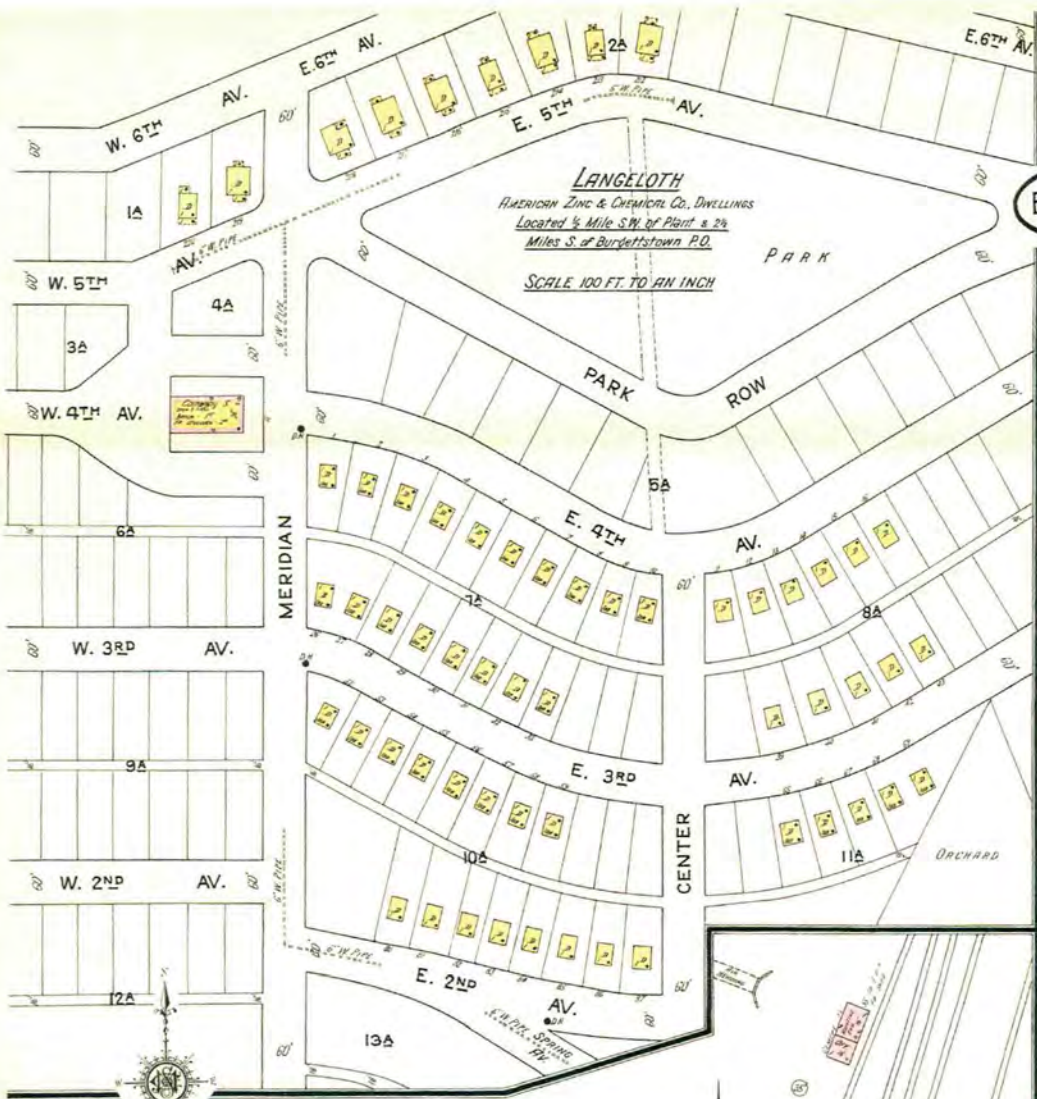
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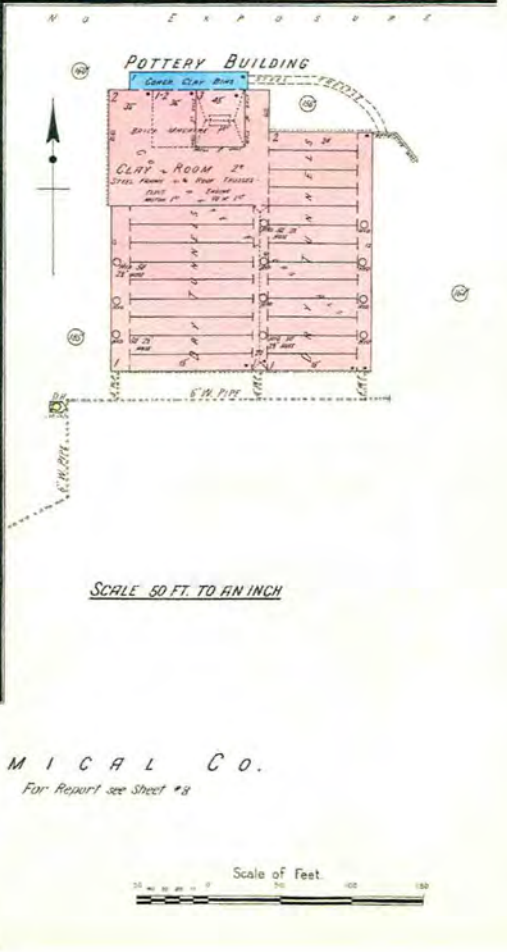
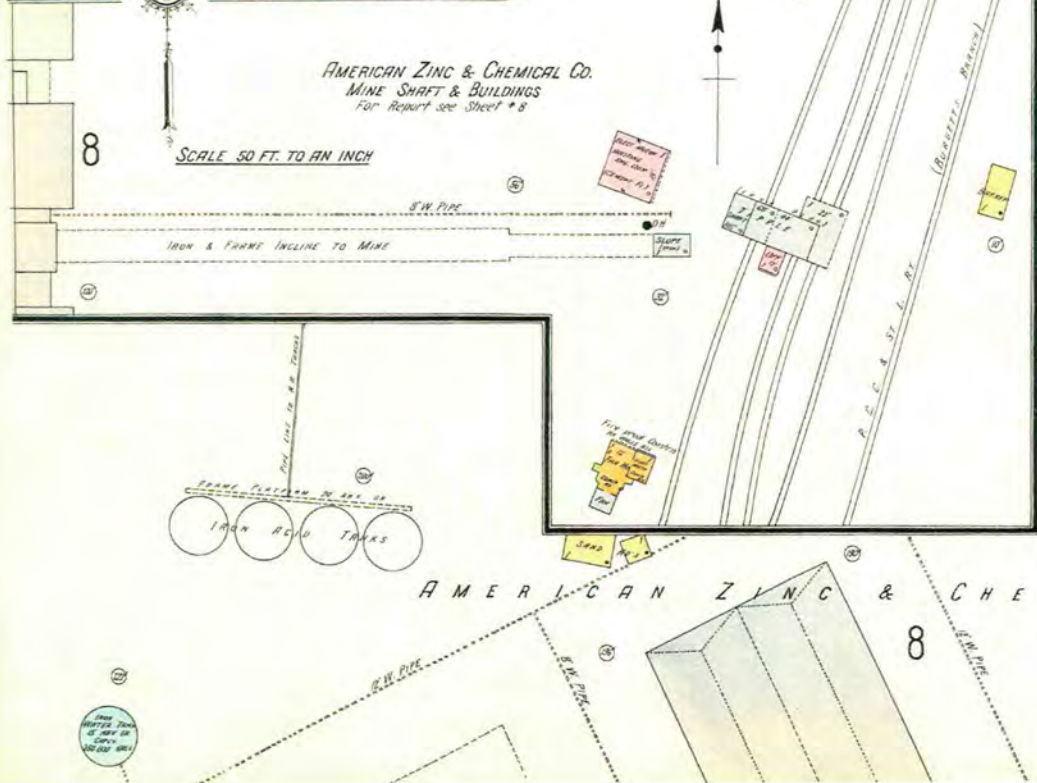


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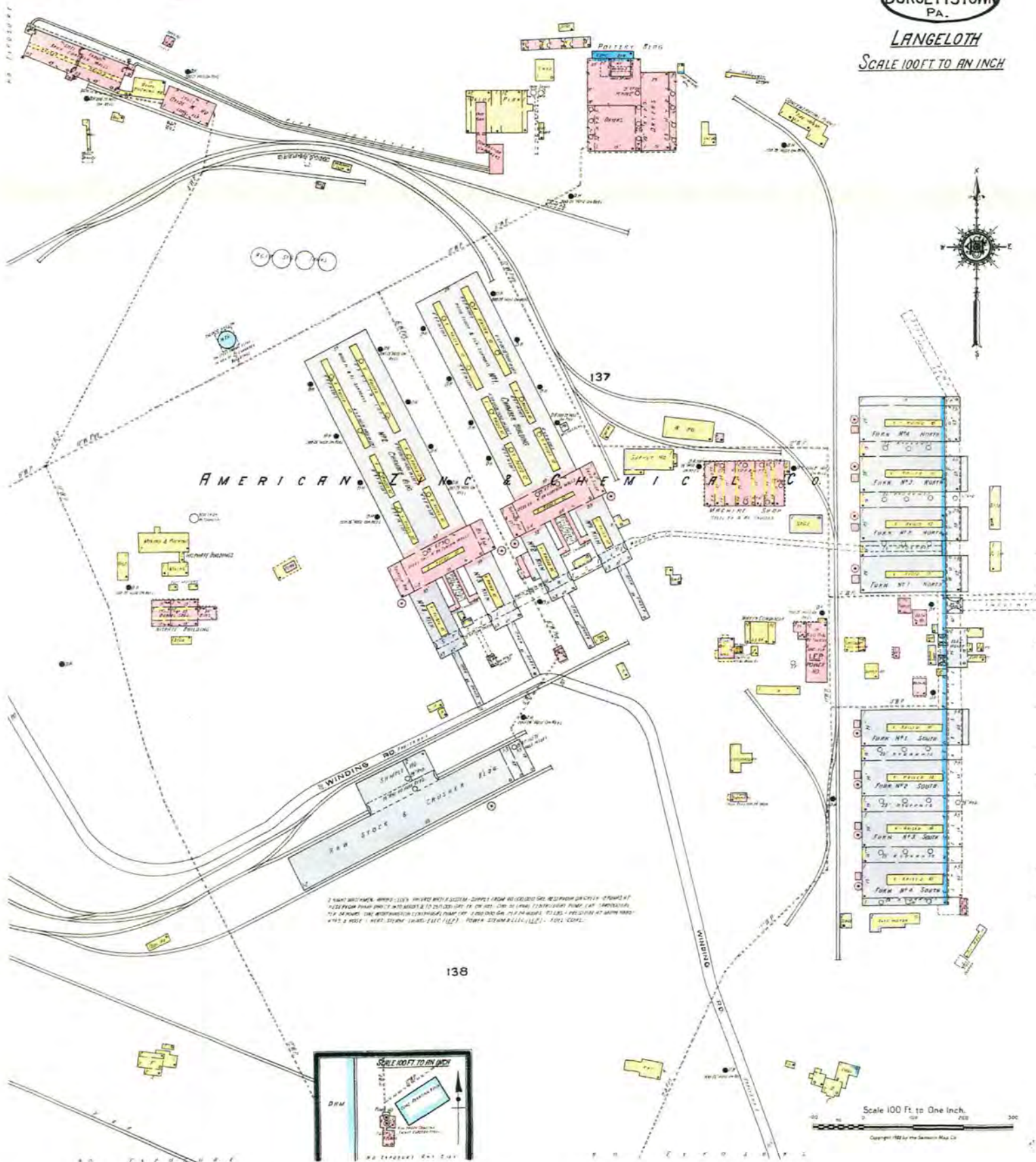


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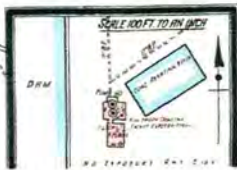
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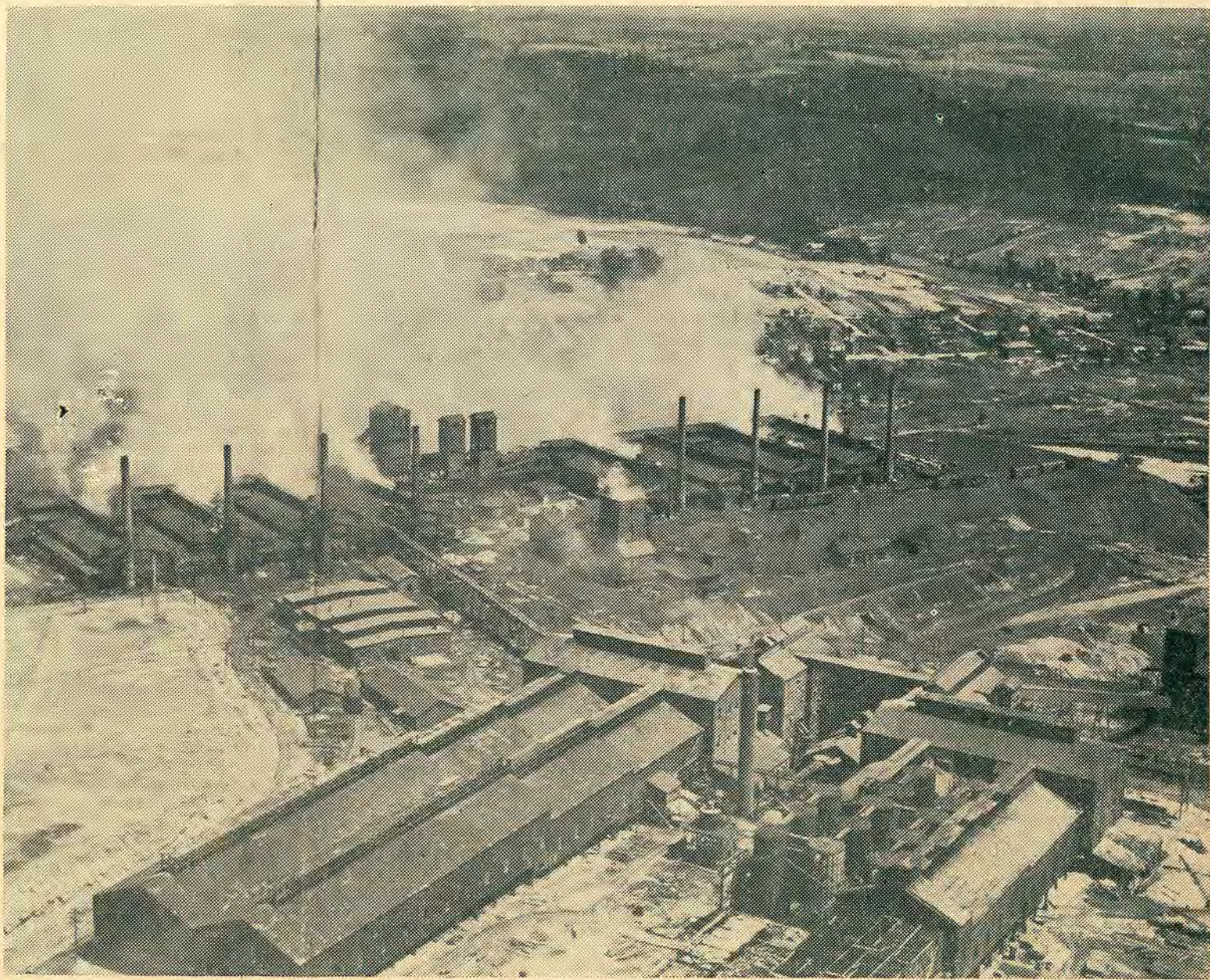
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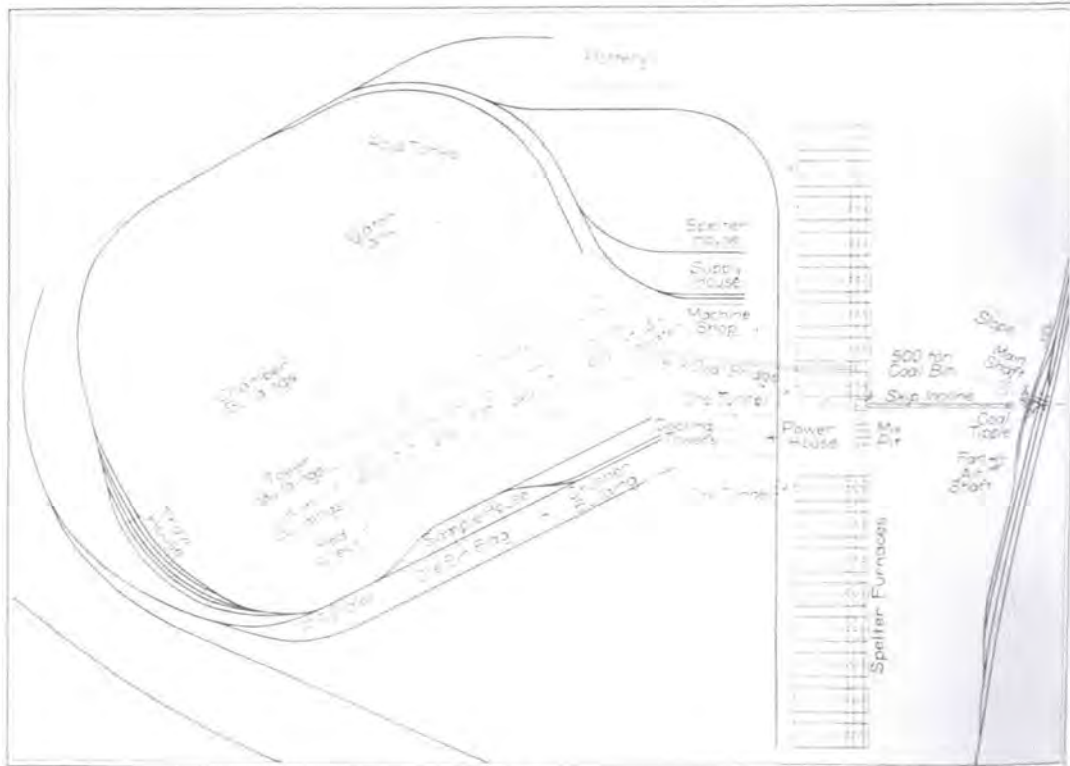
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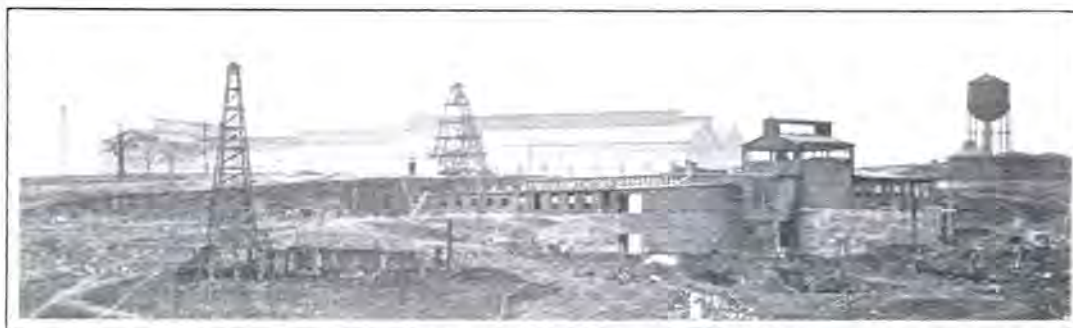
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#### THE TOWN FOR EMPLOYEES

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#### Practical Co-operation in Foundry Work

The Philadelphia Foundrymen's Association held its monthly meeting at the Manufacturers' Club, in that city, Wednesday evening, May 5, having as its special guests the officers and members of the Associated Foundry Foremen of Philadelphia and vicinity. Paul E. Poindexter, of the reorganization committee of the Greater Chamber of Commerce of Philadelphia, addressed the meeting and after explaining the plans under which the new organization proposed to operate urged the foundrymen to become members.

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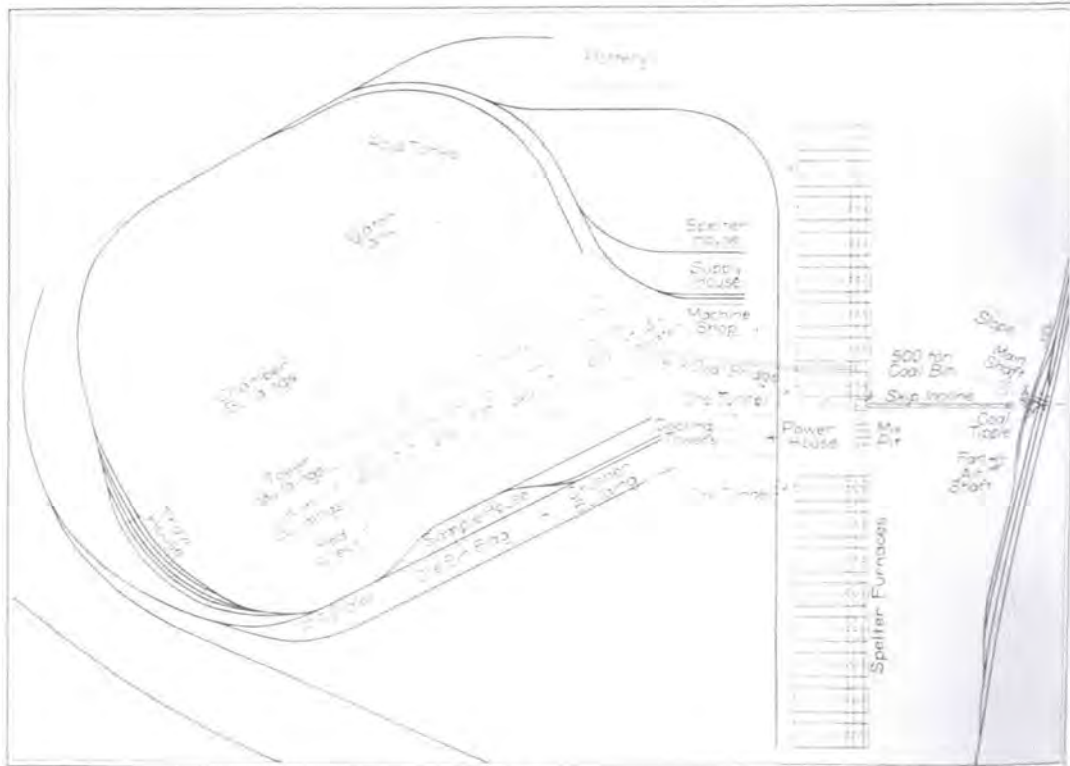
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The power plant is contained in a steel and brick building, 43½ x 120 ft., and is equipped with a General Electric 2000 kw. turbine and also with two Ingersoll-Rand air compressors. Alternating current is used throughout the plant. Steam for the power plant is supplied by waste heat boilers by an overhead line. The machine shop is a brick and steel building, 90 x 160 ft., to which special attention was paid in order to secure maximum light and ventilation. There are windows on all four sides of the machine shop building and also in the roof. The machine shop is equipped with a full line of iron working tools and at one end are located complete carpenter and pattern shops.

The pottery is a substantial brick and steel structure, 60 x 142 ft., conveniently arranged for building material. The drying rooms are located on both sides of a main alleyway. Another alleyway is at each end of the rooms, the latter being used for loading retorts and condensers into cars. The rooms are heated by steam pipes under grated floors, air being driven by a large Sirocco fan. The air from the rooms is taken out through galvanized air ducts. The clay is worked through the usual dry and wet pans. A Wettengel pug mill and hydraulic press are used for retort making and a Garrison machine is used for condenser making.

The company makes only two products, zinc and sulphuric acid, having a capacity of about 50 tons of zinc per day and about 100 tons of sulphuric acid. Its entire product is sold to domestic consumers but the company has made a few foreign shipments. The entire works were designed and built by N. L. Heinz, general manager. Mr. Heinz is also the designer and erector of the huge acid plant of the Duckton Sulphur, Copper & Iron Company, Ltd., of Isabella, Tenn., where blast-furnace gases are used. Archibald Jones is general superintendent and J. W. Geib, assistant superintendent.

#### THE TOWN FOR EMPLOYEES

When the works at Langeloth were established they were built on farm land and there was no means of taking care of employees of the company except in building houses for them. This was done, and the company has established, just west of the factory site, a new town known as Langeloth, where some 60 to 70 houses have been built and are occupied by its employees. Some new ideas in construction in the building of these houses were carried out. They are built of different designs so that there is no monotony in their appearance. A new feature in the detail of their construction is the use of sheet zinc placed outside the sheathing, instead of paper, thus affording a lasting material, which is windproof, vermin proof and damp proof. Tinning strips are nailed on the studding over the zinc sheets and metal lath outside of this, on which is

placed concrete stucco plaster. The houses are roofed with red slate imbedded and shingles which add much to their appearance. Some of the houses are five rooms and others seven rooms, and they are neat and equipped with modern appliances. Water is furnished from the company's own supply, and natural gas and coal are used for fuel. It is probable the company will build a large number of houses as soon as contemplated plant additions have been made.

#### Practical Co-operation in Foundry Work

The Philadelphia Foundrymen's Association held its monthly meeting at the Manufacturers' Club, in that city, Wednesday evening, May 5, having as its special guests the officers and members of the Associated Foundry Foremen of Philadelphia and vicinity. Paul E. Poindexter, of the reorganization committee of the Greater Chamber of Commerce of Philadelphia, addressed the meeting and after explaining the plans under which the new organization proposed to operate urged the foundrymen to become members.

William H. Barr, president of the Lumen Bearing Company, Buffalo, who is president of the National Founders' Association, made an interesting address on "Co-operation in the Foundry." It behooves every foundryman, he said, to devote time and energy to the betterment of working conditions. Something must be done to stimulate foundry labor, both skilled and unskilled. Manufacturers will have to deal in the next few years with a shortage of unskilled labor. The influx of foreign labor, following the war abroad, will be smaller. Foundrymen should look forward to this condition and prepare in advance. Methods and machinery should be installed to bring out maximum production with a minimum of labor. The installation of modern foundry equipment will go a long way toward solving the problem. Team work in daily foundry operation, not only in the individual organization, but also with associated foundrymen, will do much.

Reference was made to the constructive work of the National Founders' Association, particularly on lines of safety and sanitation. Hazards have been reduced, and the work has been made more agreeable. The standardization of goggles, leggings, foundry shoes, safety guards on machinery, etc., has aided materially in minimizing foundry accidents.

The treatment and education of apprentices were touched upon; also uniform legislation relating to the conduct of the foundry, maintenance of order in and about the foundry, the foundry store and scrap castings. Mr. Barr recommended closer co-operation between the shop foremen and the sales forces. Much can be accomplished by meetings of the department heads and sales forces. The game should be studied from all angles, so as to get out of the old low-capacity rut and build up a clean, profitable business on a sound basis.

Following the meeting a planked shad luncheon was served, at which informal addresses were made by various members and guests.

The Jeffrey Mfg. Company, Columbus, Ohio, announces the removal of its New York branch from 77 Warren street to 50 Dey street, adjoining the Hudson Terminal. In its new quarters the company proposes to carry the largest combined stock of its kind in New York City, consisting of power transmission machinery and elevating and conveying appliances. A large engineering and sales force will be maintained with ample facilities for handling promptly inquiries and orders. George H. Mueller, assistant sales manager of the Jeffrey Company, is the manager in charge of this office.

The steel plant of the International High Speed Steel Company at Rockaway, N. J., is nearing completion, and it is expected it will be in operation by the latter part of June. The product will be tool steels, alloy steels, high speed steels of various shapes, solid octagon and cruciform and hollow hexagon and round rock drill steels under the Bulldog brand.



## ZINC PLANT EMPLOYS FULL-TIME NURSE

For the first time in nearly 25 years American Zinc and Chemical company employees will have the benefit of a complete nursing service. Miss Aleene Heist of Butler, Pa., has been employed by the Company to render nurse service to employes of the Company and reported for duty on Monday Jan. 10. Miss Heist is a graduate of Butler High school and of the Presbyterian Hospital, Pittsburgh, with the class of 1935. She has previously been employed at private duty nursing.

# Large Candy Canes Available Here



How would you like to find a candy peppermint cane such as this in the top of your Christmas stocking? Andy Mizenko, of Bavington, holds what is probably the largest such cane in the Tri-State area, and what is more, he made it himself!

The cane is made of sugar, glucose, and honey, weighs 24 1/2 pounds, and measures 5 feet 8 1/2 inches tall, and is 3 1/2 inches in diameter.

"Andy's Candies", a cozy little candy shop on Route 22 near Bavington, is stocked to the brim with the usual variety of Christ-

mas candy, plus many other feature attractions for the holiday season. Andy has on hand many flavors of hard tack, filled candies, molded figures, and attractive ribbon candy, as well as maples, fudges, caramels, and other tasty delicacies.

Andy, assisted by his wife and son, Barry, makes all varieties of candy, and specializes in the various holiday goodies. Christmas is one of his favorite seasons, when he places his homemade specialties, such as the giant candy canes, on display.

# **ANGELA'S DRESS SHOP**

**Announces**

## **New Store Hours**

**Open 9:30 til 5:00**

**Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs. & Sat.**

**Open til 8:00 P.M.**

**FRIDAY'S**



**BIG CROWD TURNS OUT  
FOR SATURDAY MATINEE**

The free Saturday matinee at the Arco Theatre, sponsored by the business interests of Burgettstown, brought out a crowd that taxed the capacity of the big theatre building last Saturday afternoon. In spite of the fact that a great deal of garden-making was going on due to the fine weather of the greater part of the day, farming tools were laid aside and young and old joined in the throng as the guests of the merchants and professional people of the town.

Large numbers were present from the surrounding villages and towns and from the rural sections as far away as Clinton and Hickory. Every available bit of parking space around the borough was pressed into service, and in many places the parked vehicles gave the impression that there was a celebration of some sort in progress.

The free matinees will be continued by the business men each Saturday afternoon for some time. Folks from out of town will now have a special incentive to come to Burgettstown on Saturday afternoons, and at such times will have an opportunity of visiting the town's business places and getting acquainted with a bunch of friendly merchants.

**THEATRE MAKES ADDITION  
OF NEW SOUND EQUIPMENT**

The management of the Arco Theatre is working on the installation of new "sound on film" equipment to be used in future at this playhouse, and the new apparatus will be used for the first time at the Labor Day performance, next Monday. Formerly the sound units were separate from the picture projection, and while this mode was satisfactory, the sound as projected by the picture itself is greatly superior, as absolute synchronization is thereby secured, and sound is more distinct and understandable.

The new installation has cost the Arco management a large sum of money, the expenditure of which they feel is justified in providing better entertainment. People of the entire area of the Enterprise circulation will find a visit to the Arco at Burgettstown will be as profitable in the way of good entertainment as a visit to the larger cities.

**Arco Theatre Makes Addition of New Sound Equipment  
Burgettstown Enterprise-September 3, 1931 Edition**

## ARA Grant Approval At \$550,000

It's now official! The Area Redevelopment Administration announced Saturday approval of a \$550,000 public facility grant to the Smith Township Municipal Water Authority for improvement of the water system.

The water distribution system will be extended into the communities of Cherry Valley, Raccoon, Bulger and Erie Mine and the present plant will be improved. Possible expansion of several industrial plants in the area may also be a result of the grant.

Formal announcement of the grant was received early this week by Steve Dugas, past president of the Water Authority. In a letter from Daniel L. Goldy, Acting Administrator of the Area Redevelopment Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce, Washington 25, D. C., Dugas was informed:

"I have this day authorized the Community Facilities Administration to extend grant assistance to the Municipal Authority to the extent of \$550,000 for the improvement and enlargement of the existing water facilities.

"I trust this assistance will make it possible to increase the industrial activity and promote the economic betterment of the community."

The letter was dated Saturday, April 21, 1962.

# Area sewerage targeted for June 1997

By Jim Dallara  
Editor

If a schedule presented by engineers holds true to form, construction of a wastewater treatment system for Burgettstown and Smith Township will be completed in June 1997.

That's the information members of the joint sewerage authority received from BCM Engineers of Pittsburgh at a meeting held in the Borough Building last Tuesday night.

A financial commitment from the fed-

eral Farmers Home Administration is expected by April or May of this year, BCM said, with design work to begin immediately following.

The estimated \$18 million project is projected for partial funding from grants or loans from FmHa and the state PENNVEST Authority.

Already approved by PENNVEST is a \$350,000 low interest loan that will be used for preliminary engineering.

In addition to Burgettstown, the communities of Atlasburg, Slovan, Langeloth, Francis Mine, Harmon Creek, Joffre, Bonnymeade, Cherry Valley and Bulger

are expected to be sewered when work is completed.

Following is the current schedule as presented by BCM Engineers:

- Receive financial commitment from FmHa. April-May 1995
- Start design. April-May 1995
- Submit Part II construction permit and planning modules to Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources. March 1996
- Complete design. April 1996
- Receive DER construction permit. May

1996

- Advertise for bids. May 1996
- Award contract. July 1996
- Issue notice to proceed. August 1996
- Complete start-up, put system on line. March 1997
- Complete construction. June 1997
- Final certification. March 1998.

At its meeting last week, the authority voted to refer a proposed option for 14 acres of ground as a possible plant site to Solicitor Robert N. Clarke. The location is

the Mercer Lime and Stone Company property between Burgettstown and Joffre.

Members of the Smith Township Planning Commission will be invited to the authority's February meeting to discuss plans for installation of sewage facilities.

The board tabled action to purchase a used trailer for the purpose of conducting official business.

George E. Martin presided at the authority meeting, also attended by Charles Cunningham, Ron Diaz, Thomas Repole and George Zibritosky.

Area Sewage targeted for June 1997  
The Enterprise-February 1, 1995 Edition

**Atlantic  
Refining Company  
Photos  
Burgettstown, PA**

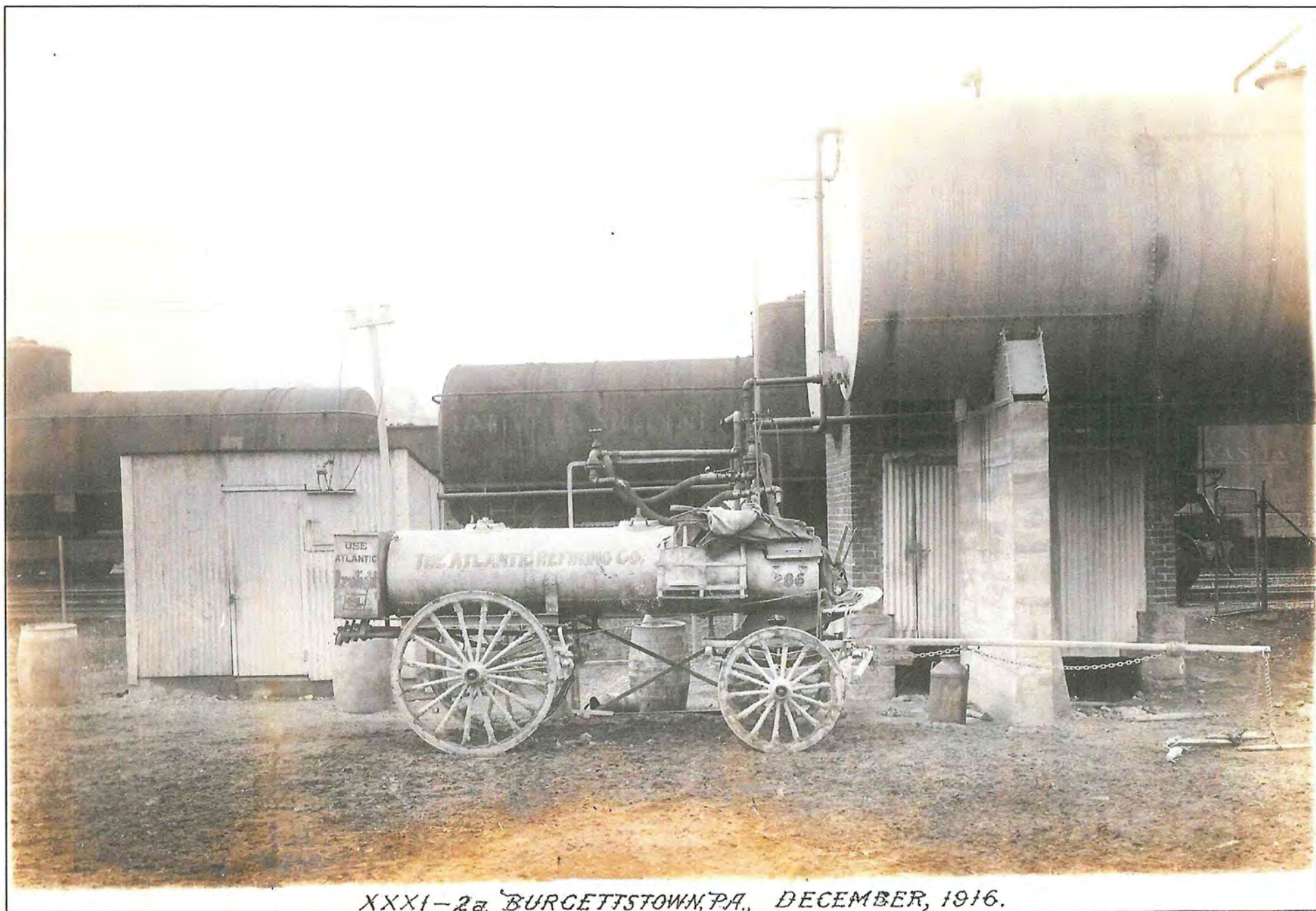
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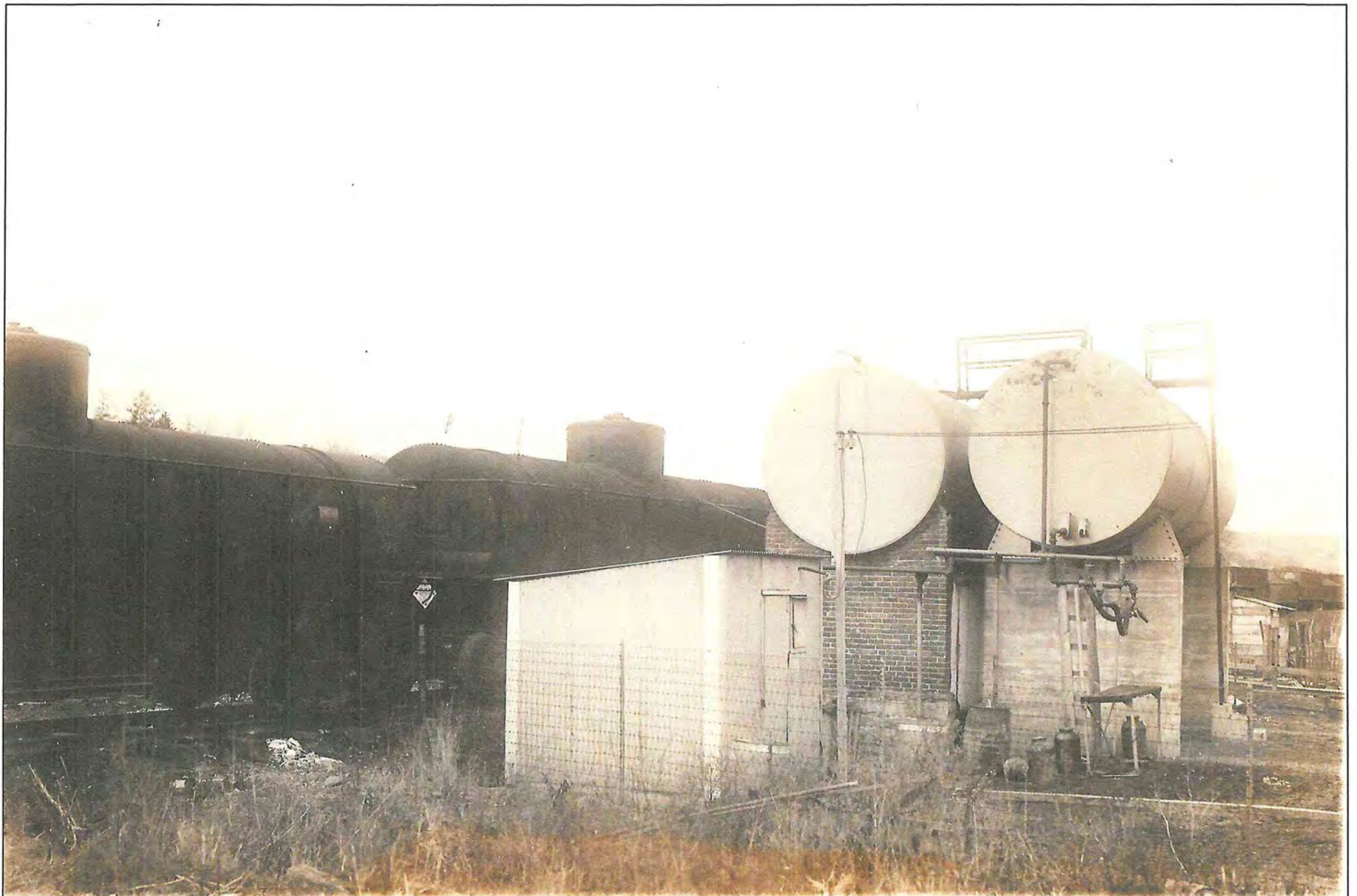
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*Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society*



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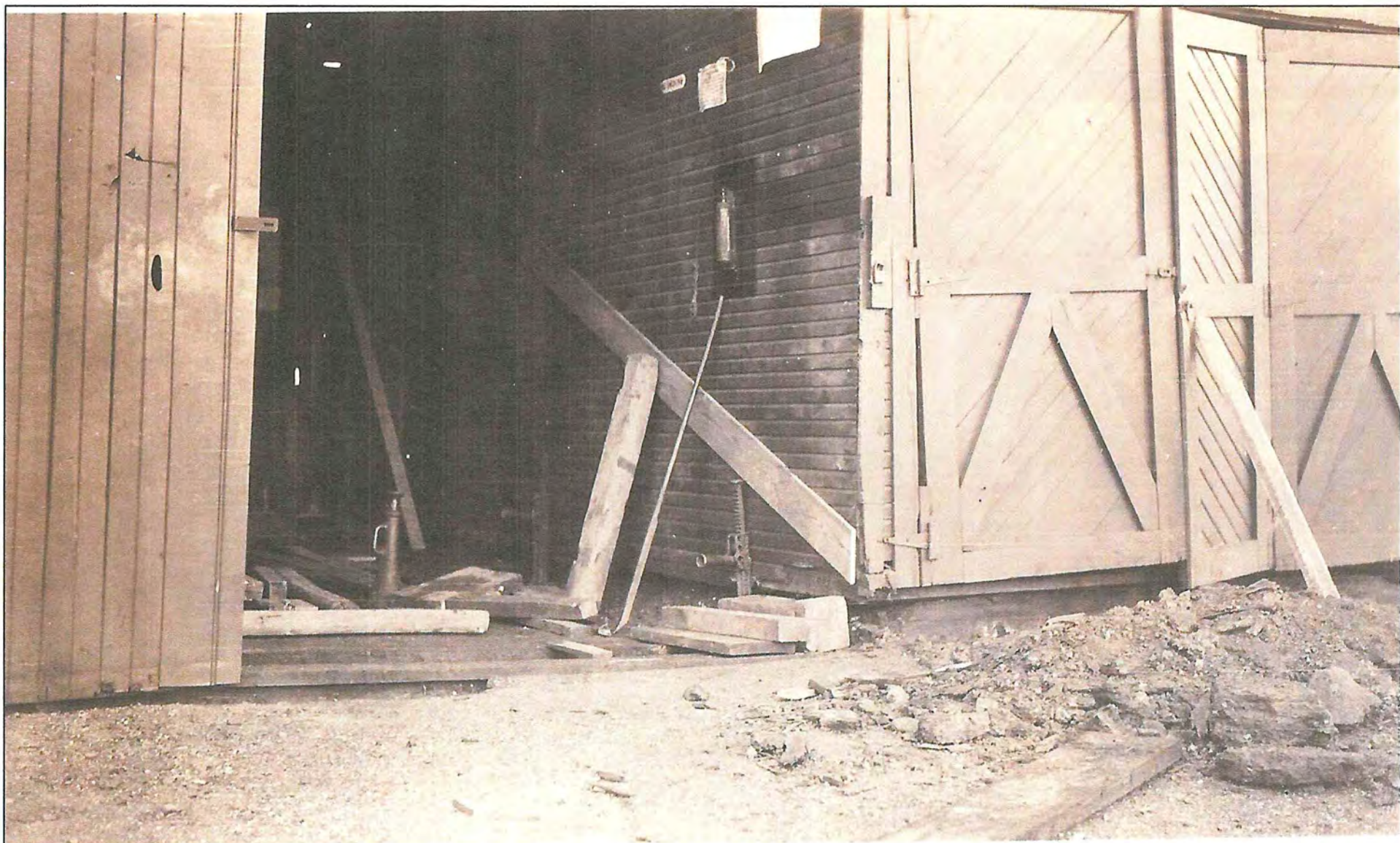
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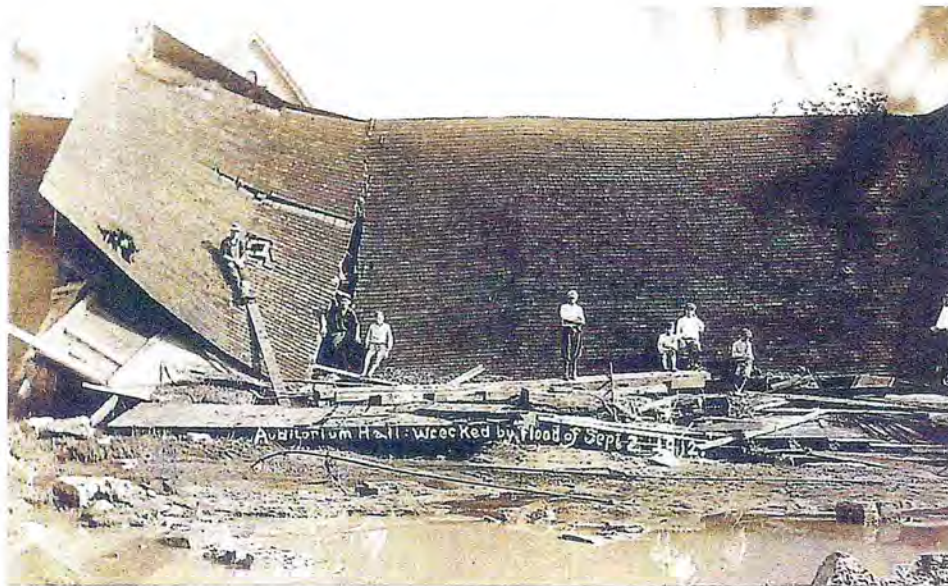
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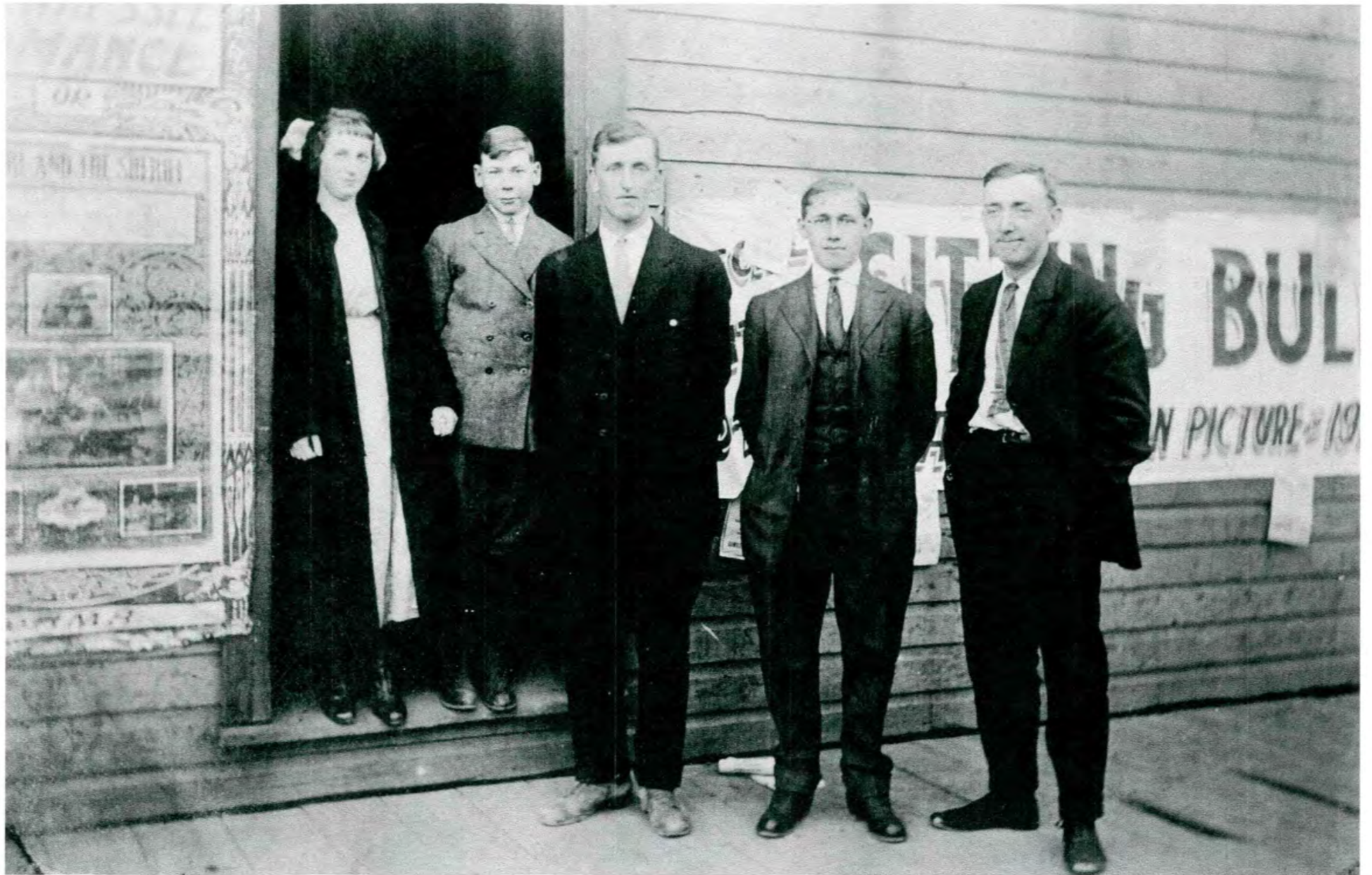
## Auditorium Hall

Built in 1845, the hall was first used as a church. The original building was located inside the cemetery lot on the hill on East Pittsburgh Street. The original size was 52 x 45 feet in size and cost \$1300. The church was enlarged in 1860 and again in 1868. The building was used as a church until 1874, when Hillcrest Church was built.

In 1875, after the completion of the new church, the old frame building was moved in its entirety to the present day site across from Petrucci's IGA and Family Dollar.

The building was used as an auditorium and town hall. Other businesses included a dance hall and auto-motion picture shows.

The building was destroyed in the flood of September 2, 1912.



**Auditorium Hall**  
Destroyed in the 1912 Flood.



# Facts-Auditorium Hall

The building was first used as a church. Built in 1845, it was located inside the cemetery lot on the hill on East Pittsburgh Street, Burgettstown, PA. The original size was 52 x 45 feet in size and cost approximately \$1300.00. The church was enlarged in 1860 and again in 1868. The building was used until 1874, when Hillcrest Church was built.

In 1875, after the completion of the new church, the old frame building was moved in its entirety and relocated on Main Street, Burgettstown, PA.

It was used as an auditorium and town hall.

It was located where the Mary Ann Theater was later built. Today's location would be at the by-pass across from Petrucci's IGA and Family Dollar.

Other uses:

May 1908-Dance Hall

September 1910-Auto-Motion Picture

September 7, 1910-Ed McFarland purchased the Auditorium Hall from J. G. Marquis

September 12, 1912-Washed away by flood

## CASHIER IS ARRESTED IN AVELLA BANK CASE

Former Official of Defunct Lincoln  
Bank is Held for Court on  
Embezzlement Charge

Charged with embezzlement in an information preferred by County Detective William B. Dinsmore, L. M. Irwin, former cashier of the Lincoln National Bank of Avella, was held at Washington in default of bail of \$25,000.

Irwin, who was cashier of the bank which closed its doors February 26th, last, for a score of years or more and prominent in the affairs of the community, was arrested Saturday evening in the Fort Pitt Hotel, Pittsburgh, where he has been living.

He was arraigned on 10 major counts, each of which is stated in four separate charges of unlawful conversion, for a total of 40 charges of embezzlement.

The charges are brought by the Board of Road Supervisors of Cross Creek Township, of which body Irwin was secretary and treasurer, claiming defalcations totaling \$25,650. This amount is alleged to have been fraudulently converted to his own use by Irwin. It is alleged, the sum, in various amounts, was withdrawn without true entries of the withdrawals being placed on the books of the township.

The specific amounts and the dates on which they are alleged to have been withdrawn follow: July 27, 1928, \$1,200; Dec. 7, 1928, \$10,000; June 28, 1929, \$3,000; June 9, 1930, \$1,500; June 20, 1930, \$1,000; July 19, 1930, \$700; Oct. 2, 1930, \$500; Dec. 23, 1930, \$2,750; Feb. 9, 1931, \$3,000; Feb. 16, 1931, \$2,000.

Harry G. Wilson, receiver for the Lincoln National Bank, is suing the Cross Creek Township supervisors in Federal Court for \$55,000 and the Washington Trust Company has entered suit against the same body for \$15,000.

The supervisors deny they, or the township, are liable for the sums.

**Cashier is Arrested in Avella Bank Case**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-October 29, 1931 Edition**

**CROSS CREEK IS SUED  
BY RECEIVER OF BANK**

Harry G. Wilson, receiver for the Lincoln National Bank of Avella has filed two suits totaling \$55,000 against Cross Creek township in the Federal court at Pittsburgh.

The suits are an attempt to collect two loans to the township made, Wilson alleges, after supervisors of the township authorized the loans.

The bank closed February 26, 1931, on orders from the board of directors. Wilson was appointed receiver by the Comptroller of Currency.

Wilson named the supervisors as J. E. Ranft, J. W. Gillespie and J. E. Adamson. He claims the bank made two loans to the township, one July 2, 1930, for \$35,000 and another December 1, 1930, for \$20,000. Wilson claims the supervisors authorized the loans after the bank closed. Wilson charges he attempted to collect the loans and payment was refused.

**Cross Creek Twp. Is Sued by Receiver of Avella Lincoln Bank  
Burgettstown Enterprise-September 10, 1931 Edition**

**GRAND JURY INDICTS  
MEN OF LOCAL AREA**

L. M. Irwin, former cashier of the Lincoln National Bank of Avella, which closed its doors several months ago, was indicted by the Washington county grand jury on a charge of embezzlement on Thursday of last week.

The indictment contained 39 counts. The charges were brought against the former banker by the road supervisors of Cross Creek township. Irwin had been the treasurer of the township board at one time. His trial is set for the February term of court.

**Bank Cashier Paroled.**

L. M. Irwin, cashier of the Lincoln National Bank, of Avella, when it closed its doors in 1931, and who has been serving a sentence in the County jail on a charge of embezzlement, has been released on parole for the remainder of his sentence. Irwin was sentenced by Judge Howard W. Hughes on June 23, 1934, to serve not less than a year and a half and not more than three years in the County jail, the sentence to date from April 12, 1934. Irwin was specifically charged with the embezzlement of funds of the Township of Cross Creek, of which he was the treasurer.

**Bank Cashier Paroled**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-May 1, 1935 Edition**

## AVELLA BANK TO PAY FIRST CASH DIVIDEND

Payment of 15 Per Cent to be Made  
by Receiver Wilson on  
September 15th

The Lincoln National Bank of Avella will pay its first dividend of 15 per cent on or about September 15th at the bank. This has been announced by the receiver, Harry G. Wilson. Those who will receive the dividend are the ones who have filed their claims with Mr. Wilson before August 29th.

The total amount of the dividend is \$119,495.48, which will go to the 1,461 creditors who filed claims. The people who filed their claims after August 29th will be required to wait until another dividend is paid unless sufficient number file to warrant the payment of a supplemental dividend.

The checks are not expected back from the Comptroller of the Currency office for distribution to the creditors before September 15th. Mr. Wilson, the receiver, requests that depositors do not call before that date.

The bank was closed by the board of directors on February 26th of this year, and Examiner A. A. Clarke took charge of the bank that afternoon. He was in charge until the Comptroller of the Currency appointed Harry G. Wilson receiver.



**Avella Lincoln National Bank**  
**The building also included the Telephone Office and apartments.**

*Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society*

**Building Nearing Completion.**

The fine new office and warehouse under process of construction for B. B. Figley & Son on Center avenue is rapidly nearing completion. This new structure will be one of the most complete of the kind in the country, and will greatly enhance property values in its vicinity.

**B.B. Figley Building Nearing Completion**  
**The Burgettstown Enterprise-November 27, 1935 Edition**



**Figleys in New Building.**

B. B. Figley & Son are now occupying their new building on Center avenue, and are in a position to handle much larger stocks of grain and other commodities in their line more efficiently and with an improved service to their patrons. The new building comprises an office and warehouse, with every convenience for the handling of a large and constantly increasing business. The structure is of steel and concrete, and is rat-proof, rain-proof and practically fire-proof. It is one of the most complete business places in the community, as well as one of imposing appearance. The removal of the old wooden landmark which served the Figleys for many years has vastly changed the vista along Center avenue, and much for the better.



**B. B. Figley & Sons**  
Hay Shed-Center Avenue, Burgettstown, PA  
*Fort Vance Historical Society*

## NEW FIGLEY BUILDING HOUSES OLD CONCERN

Feed Business Established in 1849  
Becomes Leading Local Trading  
Center in Recent Years

When B. B. Figley & Son moved their office and waerhouse facilities into their new building on Center avenue about the first of December of the year 1935, they celebrated almost 90 years of a continuation of the same business enterprise. J. C. Fulton, grandfather of the present senior member of the firm, established the business in the year 1849, in a small frame building near where the present Broida department store building now stands.

The business was continued there until 1906, when a new commodious frame structure was erected on the site of the new building. This building gradually outlived its usefulness, and is now replaced by a splendid structure of steel and stone-faced concrete, 50 by 70 feet, of two stories and fitted up in model style.

Both floors are used for storage, but on the street floor many large bins have been instaleld to handle loose grain of various varieties. The office is 17 by 17 feet, floored with inlaid linoleum and walls and ceiling are of decorative fire-and sound-proof material of pleasing appearance. Heat is supplied by a new invention in the way of heaters, which operates with water and natural gas. A small room next the office is equipped with complete toilet facilities.

A noticeable feature of the building is the perfect cleanliness of the entire interior. The place is well lighted and ventilated, and numerous large doors provide means of receiving stocks from railroad cars and for delivery to cars and motor trucks. In every respect the building is fully capable of handling a large trade. The firm handles grains, flour, feed, sugar, land lime and fertilizer, and wool during the season.

B. B. Figley has been connected with the business since childhood, and acquired full ownership in 1925. Two years ago his son John was taken into full partnership. John devotes his entire time to office work and the selling to retail trade throughout the district.

As an evidence of how the business has developed in the past 86 years, the books of the firm disclose that in 1849 a gross business of \$25,000 was done; in 1928 it amounted to \$141,000, which was the best year in history up to 1935, when the firm grossed slightly more than \$160,000.

**New Figley Building Houses Old Concern**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-January 1, 1936 Edition**

## **THIEVES LOOT SAFE AT FIGLEY'S STORE**

Thieves broke a door window in the basement of B. B. Figley & Son's Feed Store early Wednesday morning, Jan. 27, unlocked the door and removed approximately \$235 in cash and an amount of stocks and bonds from the safe.

The theft was discovered when John Figley arrived at work about 7:30 that morning. Local police were summoned and are conducting an investigation with state police and county detective Joseph Sobansky. The safe showed no signs of being tampered with. Mr. Figley told police he assumed that the safe was locked the night before, but it may have been left open, accidentally.

**Thieves Loot Safe at Figley's Store**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-February 4, 1954 Edition**

# Discussing beginnings of Burgettstown banks

Mellon Bank, Burgettstown Office, had its beginnings as Washington National Bank in 1903. A one-room, one-story building was constructed on Main Street where the Burgettstown Hardware now stands.

Around 1910 to 1912, additions had been made and it became a three-story brick building with lodge rooms and offices.

The present building was started in 1920 and occupied in 1921.

It operated as Washington National until November, 1947. In 1948, it became the Burgettstown office of Mellon Bank, the late John M. Scott being president for a number of years.

Lee R. McKinney worked up



**KATHRYN SLASOR**

to manager from the humble beginning of working for six months without pay at the age of 18.

Mrs. McKinney, who was also employed at the bank, recalled for many years moving from the old quarters to the new bank. Others associated

with the bank in former years included J.C. Wolfe and Glenn Newman.

In the accompanying photo, shown atop the building at left, is James Martin, brick layer and stone mason, who built many buildings in Burgettstown.

Perhaps the first attempt at banking in Burgettstown came in the year 1872.

Several men with a capital of \$10,000 opened the Burgettstown Savings Bank with the secretary and the treasurer using a desk behind the front door in a grocery store on the corner near the depot. A.S. Berryhill operated the store.

The Burgettstown National Bank is another story.

*(Slasor is a columnist for the Pennsylvania Focus.)*

## GEORGE KOONTZ IS PROMOTED BY BELL TELEPHONE CO.

George M. Koontz, manager for the Bell Telephone Company at McKeesport, has been named district manager for the territory embracing the Carnegie, Charleroi, McKeesport and Washington sub-district offices.

Mr. Koontz replaces John S. Finley who had been district manager at McKeesport since 1924 and who before that time was local manager for 12 years. Mr. Finley retired on a company pension January 1, after 41 years of service.

With headquarters in McKeesport, Mr. Koontz will take charge of the second largest district in the Western Pennsylvania division of the Bell Telephone Company — an area in which there are 63,925 telephones.

Mr. Koontz entered Bell Company service in 1923 as a commercial representative in Washington, Pa., his home town, and after four years was made manager of a suburban sub-district in Pittsburgh.

In 1932 he was transferred to the Ohio Valley office as manager and in March, 1941, to McKeesport as manager.



GEORGE M. KOONTZ

Mr. Koontz's promotion set in motion other appointments.

Into the position he left, manager of the McKeesport sub-district, steps Joseph E. McLaughlin, from the managerial post of a Pittsburgh sub-district.

Mr. McLaughlin became a Bell employee in 1929 in eastern Pittsburgh and his 13 years experience has been entirely in the Pittsburgh area.

Into Mr. McLaughlin's position in Pittsburgh will move Robert S. Simpson, from the New Kensington office where he has been manager since 1930.

Mr. Simpson joined the company in 1926 as a commercial representative and four years later was appointed to the New Kensington post.

David H. Evans, who was sales manager in Pittsburgh, steps into the spot vacated by Mr. Simpson.

Mr. Evans had been connected with the Bell Company's Pittsburgh commercial office since 1921.

**George Koontz is Promoted by Bell Telephone Co  
Burgettstown Enterprise-January 15, 1942 Edition**

## **Nation Wide Dialing For Area In Sept.**

The Bell Telephone Company of Pennsylvania announced this week that nation-wide dialing and a new numbering system for Burgettstown, Imperial, Oakdale and McDonald will take place here September 16.

Direct distance dialing, one of the marvels of telephony, will enable you to make quick, easy, voice-to-voice contacts with friends across the street or across the country with just a few turns of the dial.

All number dialing, a new concept in telephone numbering to make local and long-distance dialing easier, will also be introduced at that time. This system, which eliminates central office names, uses telephone numbers consisting of seven numerals.

**Nation Wide Dialing for Area in September  
Burgettstown Enterprise-July 19, 1962 Edition**

## NEW TELEPHONE BOOKS

Distribution of the new telephone directory will begin Saturday, July 5. Charles A. Gularski, manager for the Bell Telephone Company, said the books would be distributed to subscribers in this and eight other nearby exchange areas.

Approximately 13,800 new books will be delivered. Alphabetical listings in the new directory total 14,600, a gain of 650 over the previous issue. The cover color will be gray.

Mr. Gularski said that on May 1, 1941, there were 899 telephones in service in the Burgettstown exchange area, compared with a total of 812 in service on May 1, 1940. During May, 1941, the number of calls made each day in this exchange area averaged 4,798, an increase of nearly 800 over a year ago.



## **NO MORE TELEPHONES**

No new telephone installations can be made for the general public in the Burgettstown exchange because the capacity of the local telephone system has been reached, Charles A. Gularski manager of the Bell Telephone Company, announced today.

"The company can only install new telephones required for direct defense or for public health, welfare or security, as defined by the War Production Board, except as future disconnection makes additional service available for the public," Mr. Gularski said.

"In normal times adequate telephone office additions would have been made to handle new installations," he explained, "but the War Production Board, in order to conserve critical war materials, has set a limit to the number of telephones that may be connected to a central office. That limit has been reached in the Burgettstown exchange area.

"The telephone company sincerely regrets any inconvenience the restrictions on new installations may cause but I am confident the public will agree that war needs must come first."

## Quarter Million Dollar Telephone Service Project Nears Completion in Burgettstown



This will be the new and completed installation here.

The Bell Telephone Company of Pennsylvania is nearing the completion of a quarter million dollar service improvement project here in Burgettstown.

According to Bill Morrell, Bell's local manager, the project included an addition to the local central office building along with the installation of additional dial switching equipment to increase the capacity of the Burgettstown office by 200 lines.

In addition, the company has installed a new 30 KW diesel engine to provide essential AC power in the event of a commercial power failure. Morrell said that this reserve power will insure the continuity of the telephone service for Burgettstown customers in the event of power failures, or natural disasters, which may affect commercial power service.

The project got under way last year when ground was broken for the building addition. The installation work on the new dial switching equipment began in June of this year and should be completed by the end of Oc-

tober.

Morrell said "the decision to expand our facilities in Burgettstown was made when it became apparent that our present facilities would not be sufficient to maintain good service levels through the end of 1976."

"Our Burgettstown exchange has been growing steadily. In the last three years, we have added nearly 1,000 telephones and based on our projected estimates, this growth will continue for some time," he added.

Local telephone service has come a long way, since being established in 1903. At that time there were seven customers, and the office was located in the rear of the Washington National Bank building. Construction was begun on the present office in 1938, and one year later, on July 11, 1939, dial service was placed in service for 700 Burgettstown customers. The Whitney exchange was established in 1954, and 947 - All Number Calling was introduced in 1965.

Main telephone service has

grown on an average of 25% every ten years and long distance calling has increased at the average of 10% a year. Today, there are an average of 3,000 local and long distance calls placed on an average business day by telephone customers here in Burgettstown. There are presently 3,500 main telephone stations in service here, and another 2000 extension telephones.

Morrell added that a portion of the service improvement project is directed to providing additional facilities for long distance calling through the installation of "carrier" equipment.

This sophisticated equipment makes it possible to increase the capacity of existing, long distance facilities to provide more long distance circuits for

local customers.

Morrell said that this project of \$240,000 is only a portion of the company's investment in Burgettstown to keep pace with the present demands and to provide facilities for future use.

Major outside cable installation projects have been going on for the past five years to provide local telephone facilities for residence and business installations.

According to Morrell, "we have placed cable facilities throughout the entire Burgettstown exchange area to keep pace with rapid expansion of residence telephone demand and provide adequate facilities to provide our local customers with the quality and quantity of telephone service they request."



This was the very first telephone office in Burgettstown. The office was located in the rear of the Washington National Bank, in the first floor. This building now houses the Roberts Hardware and TV.



Testing the new T-1 carrier equipment here are Deane L. Bertrand, left, switchman for the Burgettstown office, and William

Shine, Chief Switchman for Stepper Offices, Washington Sub-District.

## BELL REDUCES TELEPHONE RATES

Telephone rate reductions, effective March 1, which will save telephone users in Pennsylvania \$1,400,000 annually, were announced today by the Bell Telephone Company with the filing of revised tariffs with the Public Utility Commission at Harrisburg.

A total of more than 530,000 subscribers, or nearly 57 per cent of all telephone subscribers throughout the state, will benefit. Rate reductions applicable to the Burgettstown exchange area follow:

**Business telephone rate reductions:** Individual line from \$4.50 to \$4.00 a month. 2-party line from \$4.00 to \$3.50 a month. As the reduced rate for 2-party business service will be the same as the existing rate for 4-party business service, this latter class of service is withdrawn. Multi-party from \$3.50 to \$3.00.

**Semi-public (coin-box) telephones:** Daily guarantee reduced from 13c to 10c (from \$3.90 for thirty days to \$3.00 for thirty days).

**Extension telephone rate reductions:** residence extensions, from 75c to 60c a month. Business extensions from \$1.00 to 90c a month.

**Service connection charges:** residence main telephones from \$2.50 to \$2.00. Residence extension telephones, from \$2.00 to \$1.00. Business main telephones, from \$4.00 to \$3.00. Business and private branch exchange extension telephones from \$2.00 to \$1.00. Reconnection of existing facilities from \$1.50 to \$1.00. Relocation on premises from \$2.00 to \$1.00; change of instrument from \$1.50 to \$1.00.

**Miscellaneous —** Reductions have been made in charges for certain services such as short haul collect calls and temporary suspension of service.

The rate reductions effective March 1 will bring to a total of \$7,273,000 the annual savings in telephone charges made available to subscribers in Pennsylvania in the last seven years beginning with 1935, including a reduction in most rates for residence service in 1937.

**Bell Reduces Telephone Rates**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-February 13, 1941 Edition**

## BELL TELEPHONE TO DEMONSTRATE AIR RAID SIGNALS

A graphic demonstration of what happens before, during and after an air raid, including the new "blue" signals will be presented before local civilian defense workers and the public at a meeting to be held at 8 p. m., Wednesday, May 5, in the auditorium of the High School, Burgettstown.

The showing is being sponsored by the local civilian defense council and was arranged for by W. W. Lyon, sector warden.

The demonstration was developed by the Bell Telephone Company and will be presented by Robert H. Junk, telephone company representative. It shows how the activities of the various civilian defense groups are coordinated with military defense plans in the event of an air raid.

Flashing light, accompanied by sound effects on a 10 by 18 foot panel, show the work by civilian defense workers from the time the first spotter hears the sound of approaching enemy planes until the last bit of damage has been taken care of by emergency squads.

The demonstration starts with the first sound of approaching planes showing how the spotter gives the "army flash" telephone call to the nearest filter board, where the information is plotted and passed on to the information center.

As the details are gathered, warning signals are sent out and the telephone wires are busy as key civilian defense leaders are warned of approaching danger so they may be ready to swing into action without delay.

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### **DIAL SYSTEM FOR TELEPHONES GOES INTO EFFECT**

Telephone calls in Burgettstown are now being made over the new dial system which was placed in service at 12:30 P. M. Tuesday. A public inspection of the new telephone central office will be offered residents of this community in September, said Charles A. Gularski, manager for the Bell Telephone Company.

"We are anxious for everyone in Burgettstown and vicinity to go behind the scenes of our new building to watch how telephone calls go through," Mr. Gularski explained.

The hand-generator type of telephone instruments formerly used here will shortly be removed from subscribers' premises. Mr. Gularski called attention to the new telephone directory delivered last week which contains the new numbers of all Burgettstown subscribers. He urged everyone to refer to the pages of the new book before placing local calls.

**Dial System for Telephones goes into Effect  
Burgettstown Enterprise-July 13, 1939 Edition**

**TELEPHONE GIRLS  
HOLD FAREWELL PARTY**

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Members of the Burgettstown Bell Telephone Exchange, which was disbanded this week with installation of the dial system held a farewell party on Tuesday evening. They motored to Pittsburgh, had dinner at McCanns and then attended the Alvin Theatre.

Members of the party were Gladys Columbia, Mary and Stella Danek, Libby Tidball, Rose Vajentic, Helen Case, Grace Petrucci, and Zela Mortrey of Burgettstown and Marie Hampson of McDonald.

Miss Tidball has been transferred to the Pittsburgh exchange and Miss Mortrey and Miss Case will work at the McDonald exchange.

**Burgettstown Bell Telephone Exchange Farewell Party  
Burgettstown Enterprise-July 13, 1939 Edition**



**Ben Repole Groceries and Dry Goods**  
**Clair Repole and dog standing in the front of the store, 1922**

### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Hanover Township Zoning Hearing Board will conduct a public hearing at 7:30 p.m. on July 28, 1992, in the Hanover Township Municipal Building Old Route 22, Florence, Pa., on the following case. David Stillwagon % Robert Bennett, P.O. Box 69, Midway, PA 15060, is requesting interpretation of the Zoning Ordinance, Article 2, table 201. Mr. Bennett wishes to establish six recreational vehicle pads as commercial recreation at Bennett acres, one mile north of Florence, Pa., off State Route 18. All interested parties are welcome and may testify if they desire.

**Sarah M. Gilliam, Secretary  
Hanover Township  
Zoning Hearing Board**

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**THIEVES RAID BERNOLA  
RESTAURANT FRIDAY**

A 23 cubic foot deep freeze was completely empty when "Monk" Bernola opened his restaurant Friday morning, Oct. 3.

Thieves, believed to have numbered three, broke into a rear door about 3 or 4 a.m., and got away with quite a lot, including two turkeys, 25 or 30 chickens, 60 lb. of hamburger, about 70 lb. of steak, 12 lb. of cheese, fish, hams, salami, capicola, beef and pork roast and canned foods. A camera, silverware, dishware, candy, bananas, wax paper and a pair of girl's roller skates was also missing. They forced open a cigarette and music box machine and took the money.

Chief of Police Henry Vega is investigating the robbery and has notified State Police.

**Thieves Raid Bernola Restaurant Friday  
Burgettstown Enterprise-October 9, 1952 Edition**

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**Bernola's Reliable Dry Cleaners  
Main Street, Burgettstown, PA**

**Torn down the summer of 1974 to make addition parking for Petrucci's Market**

NOTICE  
IN THE COURT OF COMMON  
PLEAS OF WASHINGTON  
COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA  
NO: 68 FEBRUARY TERM,  
1978, A.D.

TO: BERTHA COAL COMPANY and its Successors and Assigns, BERTHA CONSUMER COMPANY, and its Successors and Assigns, and to all other persons having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the real estate hereinafter described.

TAKE NOTICE THAT ON FEBRUARY 10, 1978, BURG - ETTSTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT, Successors to the School District of Jefferson Township, Washington County, Pennsylvania, has filed their Complaint in Action to Quiet Title against you, averring that they are the owners of:

erson Township, Washington County, Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows; to wit:

BEGINNING at a stone, bearing by true meridian course and horizontal distance, North 82 degrees 26 minutes West (N 82 degrees 26 minutes W) 917.00 feet from a stone and original corner to Woodside, Richmond and Ward tracts; thence with line of school lot South 39 degrees 30 minutes West (S 39 degrees 30 minutes W) 100.00 feet to a stake, the Southwest corner; thence North 50 degrees 30 minutes West (N 50 degrees 30 minutes W) 75.00 feet to a stake; thence North 39 degrees 30 minutes East (N 39 degrees 30 minutes E) 100.00 feet to a stake; thence South 50 degrees 30 minutes East (S 50 degrees 30 minutes E) 75.00 feet to a stone; the place of beginning. CONTAINING - 0.17 acres more or less.

That the Plaintiff ask in their complaint that their title to said realty be declared valid and indefeasible as to all rights and claims whatsoever by you.

WHEREUPON the Court on February 10, 1978, did order that notice of said facts be served by publication upon you, BERTHA COAL COMPANY and its Successors and assigns, BERTHA CONSUMER COMPANY, and its Successors and Assigns, requiring you to file an answer to said Complaint on or before March 20, 1978, by 3:00 P.M. E.S.T., otherwise the Court will grant an appropriate relief to the Plaintiffs, BURG - TOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT, Successors to the School District of Jefferson Township, Washington County, Pennsylvania, and direct judgment to be entered against you.

You have been sued in Court. If you wish to defend against the claims set forth in the following pages, you must take action within twenty (20) days after this Complaint and notice are served, by entering a written appearance personally or by attorney and filing in writing with the Court your defenses or objections to the claims set forth against you. You are warned that if you fail to do so the case may proceed without you and a judgment may be entered against you by the Court without further notice for any money claimed in the Complaint or for any other claim or relief requested by the Plaintiff. You may lose money or property or other rights important to you.

YOU SHOULD TAKE THIS PAPER TO YOUR LAWYER AT ONCE. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A LAWYER, CONTACT:

Lawyer Referral Service, 523 Washington Trust Building, Washington, PA 15301. Telephone Number 225-6710.

IF YOU CANNOT AFFORD A LAWYER, CONTACT:

Southwestern Pennsylvania Legal Aid Society, 80 East Beau Street, Washington, PA 15301. Telephone Number 225-6170.

--HANNA, MITCHELL AND MITCHELL: GEORGE K. HANNA, ESQUIRE; 148 North Main Street, Washington, PA. 15301.

**Bertha Coal Company and Successors**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-February 22, 1978 Edition**

*Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society*

#### NEW HIGH FOR CROSLY

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A new high record for shipments of Crosley refrigerators was established during the first four months of 1941, according to word just received by Joseph Bertovich of Burgettstown, R.D. 3, local distributor for Crosley products from Robert I. Petrie, vice-president and general sales manager of the Crosley Corporation.

.Refrigerator shipments during the first one-third of 1941 were 107 percent greater than for the same period last year, Mr. Petrie reported to Mr. Bertovich. This exceeds the last previous record established during January and February, 1941, when shipments were ahead of last year by 102 per cent.

**Joseph Bertovich, Local Distributor for Crosley  
Burgettstown Enterprise-June 5, 1941 Edition**

#### Hotel Improvement.

Extensive improvement has been made by Biddle's Hotel by the construction of a new room of commodious size which will be used as a meeting place for clubs and private parties. The room is adequately arranged and furnished to provide for the comfort of large groups and will fill a community need for a gathering place in the center of town.

# **BILL'S RADIO & TV**



*Bring In Your Portables*

**HOUSE CALLS MADE**

We Service All Makes



**74 MAIN ST., BURGETTSTOWN**

**947-2300**

OR

**NOBLESTOWN RD., STURGEON**

**926-8281**



**Bill's Tire Center and Coll Tire Building**  
**Main Street, Burgettstown, PA**  
The location is now the Rite Aid parking lot.



# More than 2.5 million pizzas a year

BY BYRON SMIALEK  
THE OBSERVER-REPORTER

Sixty times a minute — once every second — a Billy Boy's pizza comes off the line of the Panhandle Foods Co. plant in Slovan.

That's a lot of pizzas, more than 2.5 million a year.

It takes a lot to make 50,000 pizzas every week. Such as:

- ▶ 3 tons of pepperoni
- ▶ 5 tons of cheese
- ▶ 300 gallons of tomato paste
- ▶ 50,000 pizza shells
- ▶ 50 pizza-loving employees

"Our people love pizza," said Dave Dugas, vice president and production manager and son of Bill Dugas Sr., who founded the company 31 years ago. "They eat pizza for lunch. Nobody tires of it. I know I don't. Even my children eat pizza."

Dugas Sr., who is chairman of the board of Panhandle Food Sales Inc. and still lives in Burgettstown, began making pizzas in 1964 in the garage at his home in Burgettstown for distribution to bars and taverns and grocery stores.

He made all the sales calls and deliveries himself but had help from his wife and children assembling and packaging the pizzas.

Dugas revolutionized the pre-made pizza business in 1965 with the introduction of the pizza kit — the pizza shell and separate packets of cheese, sauce and pepperoni all in one package.

His pizza kit pizza — named "Billy Boy's" in 1965 in honor of his son, Bill Jr., then 11 and now 42 and president of Panhandle Food Sales Inc. — was a sensation.

"Ours was the first pizza that you could buy in a supermarket that was fresh, not frozen," Dave Dugas said. "We made it easy for the people to enjoy fresh-baked pizza at home."

That concept of fresh, not frozen pizza still holds with Billy Boy's, although the pizza kit accounts for only about 25 percent of all Billy Boy's brand pizzas that come off the line daily.

"Most of what we make now are complete pizzas," Dugas said, "and most of those, at least 80 percent,



are pepperoni pizzas."

About 15 percent of Panhandle Foods' pizza production is for institutional use (schools, hospitals, prisons) 10 percent for fundraising (by churches, schools, scout groups), and another 15 per-

cent under private labels (for distribution in supermarkets in eastern Pennsylvania).

Two 12-inch Billy Boy's pizzas, which are found in supermarket meat departments, sell for \$4.69. They can be found throughout



CHRISTIE CAMPBELL / THE OBSERVER-REPORTER

Pizzas on the conveyor line move along to Nancy Griffith who wraps them.

western Pennsylvania in Giant Eagle, Foodland, Shop 'n Save, Riverside/BiLo, and Sam's Clubs, and in Ohio and West Virginia at Kroger, Foodland, Convenient

Marts and Giant Eagle.

Dugas said Panhandle Foods, which buys its pizza shells from four different bakeries, is exploring the possibility of baking its own shells "for better, closer control over our products."

Such a move, which in all likelihood would not occur within the next two years, would result in the addition of 15 jobs.

Dugas said Panhandle Foods is working to bring a Tex-Mex style pizza on the market, and continues to search for a microwaveable pizza.

"That one is tough," he said. "You just can't get the crust to come out right in the microwave."

Because the work force is made up residents of the Burgettstown, Slovan, Cross Creek area, local sales of Billy Boy's pizza have a direct impact.

"One of the things that we're most proud of is how well our pizzas sell locally in cities such as Washington and in Canonsburg and throughout Washington County," Dugas said. "You know, with all the fine pizza shops in Washington, combined, we still hold our own in sales locally."



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Sondro Pordoli, left, and Linda Calhoun package the pizzas as they come off the conveyor line.

▶ **MADE HERE** will regularly feature goods and products manufactured by local people in plants in Washington and Greene counties.

**Billy Boy's Pizza-Panhandle Foods Company-Slovan, PA**  
**Observer-Reporter-February 12, 1995 Edition**



**Billy Clelland's Store-Florence, PA**

**Bingula's General Store**  
**Operated by Mr. and Mrs. Marko Bingula, 1905-1969**



**Built in 1905.**



**Side door view and upstairs where Catholic Church services were held.**

**Bingula's General Store  
Operated by Mr. and Mrs. Marko Bingula**



**Front view of the store coming up Erie Mine Road.**



**Entrance to store with double doors.**

**Bingula's General Store  
Operated by Mr. and Mrs. Marko Bingula, 1905-1969**



**Upstairs of the building was the scene of many weddings and dances.**



**January 1973, building was torn down and the lumber was used to make a hunting camp.**

**PETER BINY CREATED  
BURGETTSTOWN HISTORY  
WITH HIS CAMERA**

Peter Biny (Bartoletti) took his mother's maiden name, Biny, when he came to the United States. It was easier for people who were not Italian to remember it.

Peter came originally from Pistoria province near Florence, Italy, where he had worked in a foundry. Having arrived in New York City in 1895, he managed to acquire a bicycle which he pedaled all the way to Pittsburgh. There he worked for a time in a foundry again. Language was a great barrier. He drifted to Brownsville where he worked in the mines of that neighborhood and studied photography.

Between 1905-1910, he came to Burgettstown. Meanwhile, he had brought his mother and four brothers to the United States. Two sisters remained in Italy.

In Burgettstown, Peter set up a studio above a pool room run by Louie DeLuca's grandfather next to what is now Peppy's Restaurant on Railroad Street. Later, he moved to a building on North Main Street near the junk yard.

Peter married Olive Bonan and they had five children, two of which are still living, Sereno and John. Both boys worked in the local mines and did trucking.

In 1932, Mrs. Bartoletti died and Peter lived on for another 20 years making a living from his pictures which today often give us a glimpse of what Burgettstown was like years ago. Peter liked to invent machines, and he received patents, two for rotary engines on October 10, 1905, and October 31, 1905; also one on January 16, 1906, for a rotary explosive engine. Very early, on June 30, 1896, he received a patent for a press, probably of a type used in a foundry.

On February 22, 1952, Peter Biny died. His sons, Sereno and John, continue to live in Burgettstown, one on Walnut Street and the other on Bell Avenue.

Sereno and his wife, Mary, have three children, one son and two daughters, six grandchildren and two step grandchildren.

John, whose wife is also named Mary, had four boys and two girls. They also have seven grandchildren.



Peter Biny, of North Main Street, local photographer, at age 82. The picture was taken July 23, 1950.

**Peter Biny Created Burgettstown History with his Camera  
Burgettstown Enterprise-Centennial Edition, May 20, 1981**



Peter Biny's home and Photo Shop, North Main Street. Notice DeLuca's home is not in picture.

**Peter Biny's Home and Photo Shop**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-Centennial Edition, May 20, 1981**

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## **George Blehi To Open Photo Studio**

George Blehi, former resident of Burgettstown, now residing in Langeloth, announced this week his plans to open a photography studio in Burgettstown. Blehi plans to open his studio April 1 in the old bank building, in the space formerly occupied by Jennie's Beauty Shop, North Main street.

He will specialize in portraits, both candid and formal, for schools, groups and weddings, and will be assisted in the operation of the studio by his wife, the former Kathryn Zernich.

**George Blehi to Open Photo Studio  
1962**



#### Store Anniversary.

The Bloom Department Store in the old National Bank building, will celebrate another anniversary on April 1st. Charles Bloom started business in Burgettstown 41 years ago, in the Wise building on South Main street, near the grade school building. After the move the store was located in the bank building where Bloom's has been carried on for 35 years. During all these years Mr. Bloom has been almost constantly in personal charge of the business, and is one of the best known business men throughout the Burgettstown district. Mrs. Bloom, also, has been a familiar figure around the store during the years. The Bloom's came here from Steubenville and resided in the town up to a couple of years ago, when they moved to Washington to make a home for their sons, I. C. and George I. Bloom, prominent attorneys of Washington. The Bloom store has enjoyed a large trade during the 41 years of its service in the community.

**Bloom Dept. Store Celebrates 41 Years of Business  
Burgettstown Enterprise-March 27, 1935 Edition**

#### PASSING OF A LANDMARK

Bloom's department store is rapidly becoming, under the expert salesmanship of Isadore Shapira, just another empty store room. The "quitting business sale," which Mr. Shapira has been for several weeks conducting for Mr. Bloom nears an end, and the old landmark is about to be obliterated.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bloom came to Burgettstown many years ago and established a business that stood the vicissitudes of time and stress up to the day when Mr. Bloom reluctantly was forced to retire by illness.

For many years Mr. and Mrs. Bloom were highly esteemed residents of the town. Here their two boys, I. C. and George L., now prominent attorneys at Washington, were born, reared and received their early education. About two years ago Mr. and Mrs. Bloom moved to Washington where they now make their home.

Burgettstown misses the Blooms, and will miss their old dependable store, which in truth stood for a long time a community landmark.



**Blue's Fruit Market-Atlasburg**

#### HEALTH BOARD ELECTS

The Board of Health held a re-organization meeting on Monday evening and elected the following officers: President, Rev. Father W. J. McCashin; vice president, Ellis Foster and secretary and health officer, Samuel DeWalt.

The secretary was instructed to see that the banks adjoining Raccoon Creek within the Borough limits are cleaned up and kept clean. He was ordered to enforce the Borough ordinance concerning the ban on dumping rubbish along the creek bed, and to prosecute if necessary to enforce this ordinance.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that BOLOGNA MINING COMPANY has made application to the Department of Environmental Resources, Box 2063, 7th Floor, Fulton Building, Harrisburg, PA 17120, for a Mine Drainage Permit to discharge treated water into Burgetts Fork from a surface mine operation located in Burgettstown Boro and Smith Twp., Washington County. This application for permit is made under the provisions of the Act of June 22, 1937, P.L. 1987, as amended.

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**Bologna Mining Company-Public Notice**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-February 22, 1978 Edition**

*Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society*



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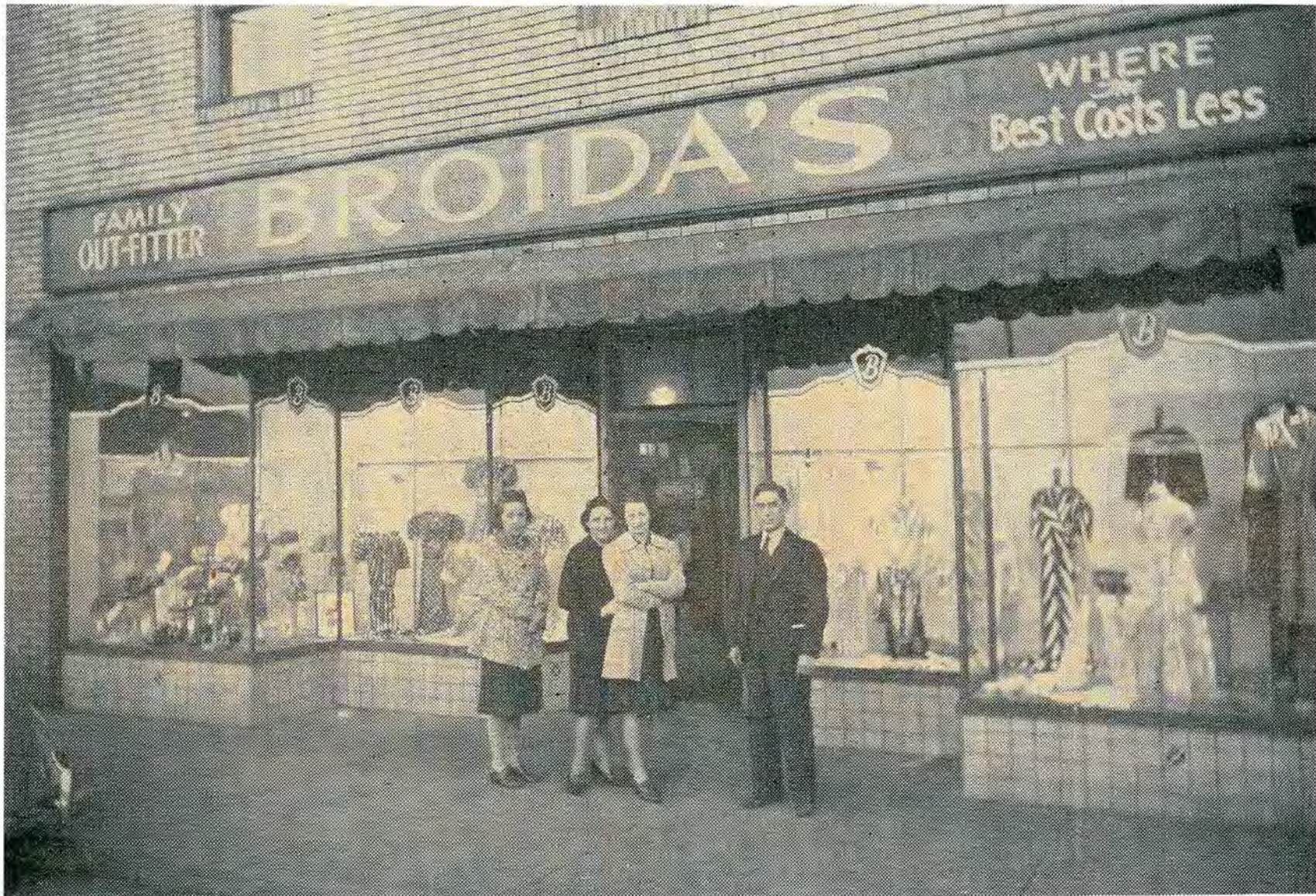
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**"MARTINIZING"**  
the most in DRY CLEANING

142 S. MAIN  
**947-3401**

**Boni's Dry Cleaner's**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-May 2, 1979 Edition**

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Reading from Left to right, Margaret Kochey, Bertha Phillips, Sara Freville and Sam Broida, Proprietor. Establish as a style center of the Burgettstown Community in 1912, Broida's Department store has taken pride in maintaining this reputation for 28 years. The Christmas Shopping Season this year finds Broida's better prepared than ever to serve with dependable merchandise at the right prices. Our sales force, which through the years, you have come to know as friends will serve you with that same courtesy that has made our store the friendly pace-setter in this area. Come and see our Christmas displays, at your leisure.

**Broida's**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-November 30, 1939 Edition**

*Fort Vance Historical Society*

#### Avella Theater Burned.

Fire of unknown origin resulted in \$3,000 damage at the Brozier Theater in Avella, early Wednesday morning of last week. The blaze, which started under the stage was discovered by the owner, Phillip Brozier, who roused members of his family, residing on the second floor. They fled from the building in night clothing. Avella firemen confined the blaze to the interior of the theater. The fire burned through the stage and destroyed sound equipment under the stage, and damaged the screen. The interior of the building, a two-story brick structure, was damaged badly by water and smoke.





## Great boss award

Bulger Postmaster Pat Fratini, second from left, receives a U.S. Postal Service "Great Boss Award" from Lawrence McClain, left, district manager, Pittsburgh District; James Tartar, director of postal operations; and Kathleen Johnston, manager, postal operations. Presented in Pittsburgh Nov. 8, the award cited Ms. Fratini for outstanding dedication and performance as "a model manager who exhibits excellence in communications; values employees' opinions and ideas; seeks input before decision-making; treats individuals with respect and dignity; and is a team player who encourages teamwork by others at all levels." She was also the recipient of a gift certificate for dinner at Quicksilver Golf Club.

**Pat Fratini-Great Boss Award**  
**The Enterprise-November 24, 1993 Edition**

# Grist mill changes sewer plans

BY JIM DALLARA  
FOR THE OBSERVER-REPORTER

BURGETTSTOWN — An archaeological study has uncovered the site of the historic Burgett grist mill near the present Race Street, forcing the local authority to change preliminary plans for providing sewer lines to the area.

According to the study recently completed by Christine E. Davis Consultants of Pittsburgh, the mill was located on the east side of Race Street abutting West Pittsburgh Street.

Davis said the site of the grist mill, one of the earliest in the county, was determined through the use of archaeological units and a 1925 map prepared by the Sanborn Insurance Co.

The book, "A Century of Education," by William E. Melvin says the Burgett flouring mill, owned by Sebastian Burgett, was completed in 1783. Burgett died six years later. George Burgett, administrator of the estate, laid out a town called West Boston on Jan. 27, 1795. The town was later named Burgettstown.

"We generally try to avoid disturbing areas of such importance as the founding of a town," Davis said after presenting a report to the Burgettstown-Smith Township Joint Sewerage Authority on Wednesday.

She said another mill site was identified between Joffre and Cherry Valley.

The archaeological study is required before state or federal funding are approved for wastewater systems.

JUNE 11, 1994

# A trip back in time to Burgettstown's beginnings

Burgettstown was named for the German immigrant, Sebastian Burgett, who came here about 1780 and took up land patented to members of his family in two tracts, West Boston, 329 acres and Radius, 297 acres.

The Burgett mill was located where West Pittsburgh Street crosses Little Raccoon Creek, (near today's Pappas Lumber Company).

Sebastian Burgett was killed in an accident on Sept. 4, 1789. He was bringing a load of castings from Pittsburgh. The wagon on which they were loaded upset in crossing a log and he was crushed beneath it. A fort also had been built on Burgett Land, and a graveyard on the hill overlooking Burgettstown was used for members of the family and a few neighbors.

The town was laid out by George Burgett and was called West Boston. It grew slowly until the Panhandle Railroad went through in 1865. It then expanded north and south, businesses opened and it boomed into a thriving town. The Burgettstown Call was started in 1879. The editor was M. R. Allen, who published the weekly newspaper. The subscription rate was 50 cents a year, in advance. The following are some of the businesses in Burgettstown as early as 1884:



**KATHRYN SLASOR**

"W. W. Latham, Auctioneer. All kinds of property. Charges reasonable. Patronage solicited. Burgettstown."

"O. O. Bow, Barber. Shaving and hairdressing done in the best of style. Next door to Central Hotel. Burgettstown."

"Exchange Hotel. Near Depot. Wm. Cole, Proprietor. Burgettstown. Stabling for horses."

"Wilson's Family Sugar Cured Hams. Whole or sliced to suit customers. Leaf lard a specialty. Near depot. John Falconer."

"Burgettstown Hotel. Has been newly furnished. Boarding and lodging by the day, week or meal. Charges moderate. Levi Caldwell, Burgettstown."

"Steam Dentistry. All nervous persons should take Dr. Harper's Anaesthetic. There is no pain and no nervous shock. Teeth filled.



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**TURN OF CENTURY** - Here's a shot of Main Street early in the 20th century.

Artificial ones inserted of the best material. Office days Monday, Friday and Saturday. J. T. Harper, Burgettstown."

"New livery stable. We would respectfully inform the citizens of Burgettstown and vicinity that we have opened at Burgettstown in the J. B. Tenan building a new livery, feed and sale stable.

The entire outfit of barouches, carriages, horses, harness, saddles and bridles are new.

Double and single driving teams and saddle horses. Light and heavy draught. Yours respectfully, T. A. Miller and T. J. Boyd."

S. S. Perrine, dealer in groceries, confectionery, provisions, vegetables, etc. Creamery butter on hand. Burgettstown."

"Wm. Brinner has a large assortment of dry goods, notions, groceries, provisions, confectionery, glassware, Queensware and school books. Near depot."

"R. H. Black and Bro. granite and marble monumental works. Wheeling. J. J. Ranking, Burgettstown agent."



Contributed

**DECADES PAST** - A&A Men's Shop, Shaffer's Drugs and Burgettstown Hardware were just a few of the businesses that lined Main Street in decades past, when a dozen eggs sold for 55 cents.

aurora australis.

The government astronomers of Australia thought it was the presence of aqueous vapors in the higher strata of the atmosphere.

Meteoric dust was another explanation. Another theory was that it was volcanic dust in the upper atmosphere, thrown out in the great eruptions in Java and elsewhere the previous August.

Whether this unusual crimson glow was ever explained or not, is not known to this writer. Various accounts say it was visible for several months. Further research on the "Cloud Glow" reveals the following:

"The theory which finds the most acceptance is that of the volcanic dust in the upper atmosphere, thrown out in the great eruptions in Java. So great was the mass of matter that intense darkness covered the land and sea at noonday for many miles around. Krakatao is a volcanic island situ-

ated in Sunday Strait halfway between Sumatra and Java, two of the Indonesian Islands. One of the world's worst disasters occurred in August 1883 when this volcano erupted.

Much of the island was blown away, and a huge tidal wave washed over the shores of the nearby islands.

This caused the death of about 36,000 people. For a year afterward, volcanic dust floated about this region.

The reflection of the sun on this dust could be seen as far away as London; and the dust in the upper atmosphere traveled around the world many times before it settled."

(Part of the above information is taken from the World Book Encyclopedia. Slasor is a special correspondent for the Pennsylvania Focus. She also wrote the story below about the oldest businesses in Burgettstown.)

## A Turn Of Century

# Cardville Was Once Thriving Area Town

Today, it seems few people realize a populous, thriving town by the name of Cardville existed less than a century ago in Smith township, Washington County.

Maps of the area directly after the Civil War disclose Cardville was a large-lettered post office at that time. It abounded with flourishing businesses and was surrounded by well-kept and prosperous farms.

Cardville was established shortly after the beginning of the 19th century. It was a prominent stop on the Pan Handle Railroad.

One of Washington County's prominent bankers of that early day had his place of business in Cardville. He was J. L. Patterson, who came to Cardville in 1824. He was active in Washington County politics and served as a justice-of-the-peace in addition to his banking business.

The Exchange Hotel in Cardville was one of the area's widely known hosteleries and enjoyed a large trade from travelers on the Pan Handle Railroad.

Cardville had another widely known hostelry. It was the Starr Hotel, of which William McNary was the proprietor. It too benefited considerably from travelers on the railroad.

A large mercantile establishment was maintained here by W. S. Fulton and associates who handled a comprehensive line which extended from groceries, hardware and clothing to lumber and builders supplies, and was rated as one of Washington County's prominent business firms of the period.

W. S. Lee operated a large livery stable and sales barn, dealing extensively in selling and trading horses.

A jewelry store was operated by J. H. Sterling — a name that was especially adapted to the jewelry trade!

One of the town's principal manufacturing industries — and one which offered the principal opportunities for employment of local labor — was the carriage and wagon manufacturing establishment of McClintock & McBride. The firm specialized in manufacturing high quality buggies, phaetons, wagons and other horse-drawn conveyances.

Excellent shipping facilities afforded by the Pan Handle Railroad made it possible for the McClintock & McBride firm to ship products of their manufacture to customers far and wide. At the time, the nameplate of this firm on any conveyance they manufactured was regarded as a hallmark of quality.

Today, old buggies and horse-drawn phaetons are much sought after by collectors of Americana — and when one is found bearing the trademark of McClintock & McBride, the excellence of its original craftsmanship is evident.

Brick manufacture was an important industry in Cardville. Here, too, the Pan Handle Railroad offered shipping facilities close at hand, enabling the Hays Brick Works to woo customers among the contractors and builders in distant places as well as the local and near local trade.

Cardville was a center for buying and shipping wool. It was a thriving business, for

thousands of sheep were raised and sheared on surrounding farms. Robert Neely was a dealer in wool and acted as buying agent for manufacturers. He also conducted an extensive real estate business.

There were many other smaller businesses in Cardville in the days when soldiers returned to their homes from fighting in the Civil War.

It seems odd that a town so well established and prominent in the economic life of Washington County as Cardville was less than a century ago, should today be so largely forgotten. — By S. M. HOUSE

**Cardville Was Once Thriving Area Town  
(Later known as Burgettstown)  
Unknown Newspaper Account**

**Labor Day Observed.**

Practically all business houses in the borough were closed on Monday on account of the holiday. Many persons were out of town attending picnics or other gatherings, visiting friends or otherwise enjoying the fine day in various places along the concrete. In the town there were no evidences of any excitement, and even automobile traffic on the streets was very light.



### **Main Street, Burgettstown, PA**

*1927, Progress was starting to appear in the new Business Section of Burgettstown. The two private homes were removed to build the Keith Theatre. Iron work for the theatre can be seen in the background. The Keith Theatre building later known as McCoy's Furniture Store.*

**Main Street, Burgettstown about the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.**



**This photo was taken looking down from the railroad. The two houses at the end were the homes of Mrs. Margaret Hayden, the mother of the late Mrs. Charles F. Barr, and that of Mrs. Elizabeth Bradley whose only son was killed in the Civil War. In his memory, the bell in Hillcrest Presbyterian Church was purchased and his name, William S. Bradley, the Burgettstown Sons of the Veterans Camp No. 96.**

## WHAT DO YOU REMEMBER?

January 2, 1946

To the Editor  
Burgettstown Enterprise  
Burgettstown, Pennsylvania

Recently published letters by Reverend Walter Kennedy (we called him "Deacon") and C. H. Russell, under your "What do you remember?" column have stirred recollections to the point of submitting my contribution.

The reference to Isaac Fleming's liberality with candy reminds me of the assortment of penny candies that were displayed in and on the showcase that occupied the space immediately to the left, after passing through the entrance to Henry McMurray's drug store. On top of the show case there were fish bowl jars of small licorice (cylindrical shapes about 1-8 x 12) and red drops, served in little glass cylinders, hardly large enough to hold an English walnut; also Boston Baked Beans (small peanuts covered with a glaze of brown candy) served from a receptacle shaped like a bean pot; then a jar of mixed (peppermint) and pink (wintergreen) lozengers. The last mentioned was the candy which my father always carried in the coat tail pocket of his Sunday coat, and stealthily distributed to the family during church service, sometime before the benediction - pink to the women and children, and tongue-stinging peppermint to the men.

Inside the drug store case there were: "chicken feed" (buttercorn); licorice "shoe lace"; coconut drops (3 for a cent); marshmallow bananas; nigger babies, and larger chocolate covered cream dolls, in whose "tummy" you might find a penny carefully wrapped in wax paper - and get your money back!

How hard these pennies were to earn! For an empty pint bottle, if immaculately clean, Mr. McMurray would pay three cents. Many such bottles we retrieved from spots like the narrow space between "Math Scott's furniture and "Pat" Vance's hardware stores, and if of old vintage perhaps, painstakingly cleaned with water, soap, and shot.

Mr. Russell's mention of the whittled box (honor seat over the cellar door) in front of the drug store, recreated that object very vividly in my memory; also the steps outside the building, to the room upstairs where Annie Vance for a time taught Number 1 Grade

Our class (1905 - graduating Estelle Patterson, Jennie Pettibone, Clara Hill, Clara Johnson, Shirley Bruce, Bill Fitzgibbon, and myself) witnessed from Grade 2 of the old school building, which faced south and occupied the north half of the present campus, the completion of the new building (present grade school). The front of the new and the east side of the old were naturally in very close proximity for a while, before the old was finally removed. From my desk in Room 2, there was the ever present distraction of watching through the windows, the carpenters at work, and I well recall the day Bill Smith (the "Cabbage" of Mr. Russell's list of nicknames) returned my smile with a "wink". Then in that old building, upstairs in Mr. Baker's room, after classes had been dismissed for the day, I had the satisfaction of seeing the red-headed Shirley boy (the "Copper" of Mr. Russell's list) receive retribution for the black eye he gave me in settling my quarrel with brother Clark Shipley.

Reverting to the box in front of the drug store, I am reminded of the old building across the street, which housed the "walking machine," and the spot where Bill Nesbit (deceased) and I found an old mowing machine which we sold to a junk dealer for the astounding price of \$1.00. Can anyone tell us what that building housed and furnish the details of the "walking machine" story? My information is that the principles of that invention now find a counterpart in the latest designs of mining shovels and dredges.

Respectfully yours,  
Paul W. "Grinnie" Lyon  
8 Bae Mar Place  
Wheeling, West Virginia.

**What do you remember?**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-January 2, 1946**



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## Burgettstown Auto Dealers Rank High in Sale Campaign

Scott Service Co. Takes Excellent  
Rank Among Big Sellers of  
Chevrolet Automobiles

H. A. Scott, of the Scott Service Co., has been elected a "district committeeman" in the sales forces of the Chevrolet Motor Co., in a "First Choice of the Nation" election recently held, and as such was the guest of the automobile company and their zone officials at an entertainment held in Pittsburgh, Saturday afternoon and evening of last week. The entertainment included attendance at the Pitt-Tech football game, dinner and entertainment at a leading city cafe and an evening theater party.

In a letter to Mr. Scott from Chas. L. Milliken, zone manager of Pittsburgh, under recent date, the writer says: "I congratulate you on your fine performance on new car sales against quota for the months of September and October in the 'First Choice of the Nation' election in which you were elected 'district committeeman.' In accordance with a promise made to you at the meeting during the boat trip on September 6th, the Chevrolet Motor Co. has set aside November 19th as the date when the 'district committeemen' will be entertained in Pittsburgh. Will you please come to the zone office at 1 p. m., November 19th and meet with the winners from other divisions and attend an entertainment function."

The history of the Scott Service Co. in Burgettstown during the long period of depression has been an interesting one from many points of view. During these years Mr. Scott has persisted in almost lavish advertising in all forms of publicity, including constant use of the Burgettstown Enterprise. For a long time half-page and full-page advertisements were carried in this paper. Only in recent months, when money was at its highest premium, were these advertisements reduced to alternate weeks.

In addition, the sales forces of the Scott Service Co. continued unabated efforts to create new business with the result that the agency is credited with making more sales than all other agencies in the territory combined.

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### LOCAL AUTO DEALERS

#### RANK HIGH IN SALES

(Continued from page 1)

In addition to the large announcements of the Chevrolet Co., Mr. Scott consistently has kept his business before the eyes of the people with used car offerings running every week in the Enterprise.

The Scott Service Co. demonstrates conclusively by successful business in bad times that advertising is a big factor in prosperity. This concern keeps a step ahead of the times.



**Burgettstown Auto Parts-South Main Street**

## RAY SIMPSON IS NEW HEAD OF BUSINESS MEN

Ray Simpson, manager of Thomas's Men's Shop, was elected president of the Burgettstown Business Men's Association at a re-organization meeting held following a dinner at Pompe's restaurant last Thursday evening. Thirty business men were present and unanimously agreed to observe a daylight saving time schedule, in obedience to the Proclamation issued by Burgess Bender and a motion passed by Borough Council.

Retiring president, Thomas Linn, appointed a nominating committee as follows: George Wagner, Ralph Lee, W. R. Shiner, Eugene Tucci and Ralph Fulton. Upon recommendation of this committee, the following officers were elected: President, Ray Simpson; vice president, Steve Dugas; treasurer, George Wagner; secretary, Dwight Cook and directors, Ray Simpson, Steve Dugas, George Wagner, Eugene Tucci and Ralph Fulton.

The members voted to meet regularly on the second Thursday of each month.

President Simpson announced the appointment of the following committees: By-laws, E. H. Vosburg, Ralph Fulton, Earl Petrucci and Sam Broida.

Membership: Eugene Tucci, Ralph Lee and Eugene Petrucci.

Refreshments: Dan Capozzoli, Keith Chambers and George Wagner.

Speakers for the meeting were Fred S. Marshall, president of the Washington Chamber of Commerce and Ray C. Provost, secretary of that group. Mr. Provost read a detailed report of the activities of the County Seat group for the year 1940. This organization has a membership of 200 and is actively engaged in promoting good will for the business interests of the city.

**Ray Simpson is New Head in Business Men  
Burgettstown Enterprise-May 15, 1941 Edition**

GRADISON AUTO BUS COMPANY

**special bus schedule to and from**  
**BURGETTSTOWN COMMUNITY PARK**  
 MONDAYS THROUGH FRIDAYS

LEAVE		LEAVE PARK	
Langeloth (Eddies)	11:30	To Slovan, Atlasburg	
Atlasburg (Blues)	11:50	and Langeloth	4:20
Slovan (P. & G. Market)	11:55		
Slovan (Yadricks)	12:00	To Raccoon, Bulger and	
Burgettstown (Pompes)	12:05	Cherry Valley	5:10
Burgettstown Bus Station	12:10		
Arrive at Park	12:20		
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LEAVE		FARES	
Bulger (Pratas)	11:45		one round
Cherry Valley corner	12:00		way trip
Raccoon (Delieres)	12:15	Atlasburg	20c 25c
Arrive at Park	12:30	Slovan	15c 20c
		Langeloth	15c 20c
		Burgettstown	10c 15c
		Raccoon	15c 20c
		Bulger	20c 25c
		Cherry Valley	20c 25c

## Council Appoints Committee To Consider Extending Borough Limits; May Include Harmon Creek and Land Near Hindman Avenue 7-10-47

The enthusiasm of Burgettstown business men who have aligned themselves to promote a "Greater Burgettstown Community" swept through the Burgettstown borough council chamber Monday evening when Property Owner Charles Scott and Borough Solicitor Edward Sciamanna made suggestions for extending Burgettstown lines to include not only the Harmon Creek district, for some time under discussion, but also land southeast of town beyond Hindman avenue.

Councilmen, eager to go along with the new movement to make Burgettstown a thriving community, were of the opinion that a project to extend borough limits should begin immediately. A motion made by Wayne Culley and seconded by Jame Longo provided that a committee begin work on the project at once.

The tentative plan is to make the future line run on the north side of town from the Harmon Creek residential section, which would be included in the borough to Center avenue, near the Wray property up the hill toward the water tank, there to join a line running eastward from the south to include land beyond Hindman avenue extension.

But the future of the Burgettstown community lies not only in an extension of the borough's boundaries, councilmen realize. The present community must be made attractive to industry and to possible future residents.

One of the greatest problems facing Burgettstown council is the question of sewage disposal. At present councilmen believe that present the quantity of acid emptied into Raccoon Creek from the American Zinc and Chemical Company insures the sanitary condition of the water. With the acid flow stopped, an acute problem in sanitation will have to be met at once by borough council and Smith township supervisors. Councilmen agreed at the Monday evening meeting that a special session should be held in the near future with Smith township supervisors to discuss the future conditions of Raccoon Creek.

### Sewer Report Heard

Particular problems concerning sewers in the borough were discussed. The sewer committee reported that Paul Heitzenrater, investigator for the state, had recommended that a storm sewer be placed on Shady avenue to service property owners living beyond the Friday property to Stella street. The sewer committee together with property owners is meeting sometime this week for laying necessary arrangements for laying the sewer.

J. O. Fredericks was again present at the Monday evening meeting to urge that some action be taken to eliminate the sewage hazard near his property.

Running from the Frederick's property to the creek is a sewer which has been closed by the filling in of the creek near the Cappazzoli garage. The State Department of Forests and Streams was notified by council of the sewage menace, but to date no action has been taken to eliminate the condition. A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Culley to run levels from the end of the existing sanitary sewer at the Tope and Mungello properties so that some method may be devised for the laying of a new sewer to eradicate the menace. Council also agreed to write the Department of Forests and Streams for information concerning its action.

Bids were submitted by the Black Top Paving Company at Donora and the Russell Supply Company at Bridgeville for oiling the unpaved streets in Burgettstown. Black Top Paving Company was granted the bid at 10.5 cents per gallon.

At the suggestion of the Borough Solicitor Edward Sciamanna the borough fathers voted to investigate the possibilities of taking out public liability insurance. Wayne Culley W. P. Miller and Harold Malone were appointed to do the investigating.

Council agreed to accept a simplified accounting system prepared for Burgettstown Borough by the Economy League. Representatives Gibson, Fox and Mawhinney of the Economy League were present at the July 7 meeting to explain the system.

The burgess reported collecting \$120. from those fined for drunkenness, disorderly conduct and illegal parking. A similar report was made by Chief of Police Sam Powell but included an additional \$15.00 collected at Square Whalen's office.

# Going Strong Since 1878

## HAS BEEN IN HANDS OF FIVE OWNERS

### Depressions Have Come and Gone With Only Slight Effect On Pioneer Paper

The Burgettstown Enterprise, one of the oldest weekly newspapers in Western Pennsylvania, today celebrates the 55th anniversary of its founding, its origin having been under inauspicious circumstances in the year 1878, and its birthplace South Burgettstown, now, and for many years a part of the borough of Burgettstown.

The founder was J. Peter Donan, a son of Dr. William Donan, the second medical practitioner to locate in Burgettstown. Mr. Donan conducted the publication until late in 1882, when he sold the newspaper and equipment to Riddle Allen, who for a short time had operated another newspaper in the town, the Burgettstown Call, and the papers were combined under the name of the Call. In 1889 Mr. Allen sold out to J. Howard Cramer. Mr. Cramer changed the name of the paper back to its original title, the Enterprise. The plant was destroyed by fire in 1889, and at that time the present brick building in which the paper is published, was erected. In 1908 Mr. Cramer sold out to a stock company, the Enterprise Publishing Co.

In 1914 the stock company was dissolved and the business was acquired by Lewellan H. Fullerton, who had been an employee in the organization of the stock company. Mr. Fullerton sold the paper, plant and real estate to the Maureys in February, 1931. E. B. Maurey taking charge as editor and manager. Mr. Maurey came to Burgettstown from Coraopolis where he had held an editorial position with the Coraopolis Record for six years. Previous to that he had been in the newspaper business in various parts of the country for many years.

Insofar as records are available, it appears the Enterprise, under one name or another, has been published without interruption every week since August, 1878. The paper has never suspended or missed an issue, according to records which are incomplete on account of files having been burned in the fire of 1889.

Evidence abounds tending to show

that at various periods during the past 55 years the old paper has been "hard put" to keep going in the face of panics and depressions, which have been many, particularly prior to 1890. But, the storms have been weathered, somehow, and in the past three years, when the difficulties have been greater than ever, and business has been at a low ebb, the resources of the publication have not been particularly strained, and the paper has been able to carry on without more difficulty than inability to provide much work for men of the printing craft.

The people of the Burgettstown district have liberally supported the Enterprise. Many subscribers remain on the lists who began with the first issue, 55 years ago. Many subscriptions are paid in advance away into the next 10 or 12 years. Very few subscribers are delinquent for more than a fraction of a year. The business interests of the town and countryside also have been liberal with advertising and printing patronage. There have been numerous times when nine or 10 people were employed in the mechanical department. The paper has been largely patronized by the agriculturists of the surrounding area, and the present and former owners of the paper have always taken much interest in the affairs of the farmers and made every effort to advance the best interests of the farmers and dairymen of the district.

The present owners of the Enterprise are gratified to be connected with an institution of such age and of such excellent reputation. The paper has been kept clean through all the years and at no time has sensationalism in any form been permitted. There has been some opposition and a little competition at various times, but the Enterprise always has been able to keep on going strong.

The management thanks the people of Burgettstown for splendid co-operation and support during the past two years. It is hoped, however that the next two years may be better.

**Burgettstown Enterprise 55 Years Old Today**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-March 2, 1933 Edition**

## **Facts about the Burgettstown Enterprise**

- First paper was published in 1878, located in South Burgettstown
- At one time, one of the oldest Weekly Newspapers in Western PA
- J. Peter Donan, founder. Owner from 1878-1882
- In late 1882, Donan sold newspaper and equipment to Riddle Allen, who owned another newspaper in town, the Burgettstown Call. The papers were combined under the name of the Call.
- In 1889, Riddle Allen sold the newspaper to J. Howard Cramer. Mr. Cramer changed the name back to its original title, the Enterprise Publishing Company.
- In 1889, the plant was destroyed by fire. At that time, the present brick building was erected.
- In 1914, the stock company was dissolved and the business was acquired by Lewellan H. Fullerton, who had been an employee of the company.
- In February 1931, Lewellan H. Fullerton sold the paper, plant, and real estate to E.B. Maurey.
- According to records available, the Enterprise, under one name or another, has been published without interruption every week since August 1878. The paper has never missed or suspended or missed an issue, according to the records that are incomplete. Records are incomplete on account of files having been burned in the fire of 1889.
- There were numerous times when 9 or 10 people were employed in the mechanical Department.

**Burgettstown Enterprise is 55 Years Old Today  
Burgettstown Enterprise-March 2, 1933 Edition**

# Volume 67 No. 1

The Burgettstown Enterprise this week enters its sixty-seventh year of continuous publication. Sixty-six years of continuous publication marks another milestone in the history and progress of the Greater Burgettstown Community.

The Enterprise, known as one of the more progressive weekly newspapers in Western Pennsylvania has served this Community well for many years and today renews a pledge to continue to work for the betterment and progress of the GREATER BURGETTSTOWN COMMUNITY.

There have been several changes in ownership of your home town newspaper through the years, but the fact remains that your home town newspaper is not solely the property of one individual or one family. It belongs to the Community. It is your newspaper and it is your voice. Through its columns you have always had the right to express yourself.

Eight years ago the Vosburgs obtained the right to publish your newspaper. Pledged to the best interests of this community, regardless of race, color or creed, we have tried to the best of our ability to give you a newspaper, worthy of your support and indicative of a growing and progressive community.

Your response to our efforts has been highly gratifying. Again and again we have felt that we have enjoyed the finest reader response of any newspaper of similar size in the United States. Hundreds of letters have come to us from all parts of the world and these letters not only make us feel more deeply our responsibility as public servants, but also give us a great feeling of satisfaction that we are helping to bind the boys and girls on world wide battle fronts to their home Community. Letters which read, 'I am proud to be a member of the Burgettstown Community' point to sign posts on the highway of the future. These boys and girls are coming home some day and having kept in touch with the home front through the columns of the BURGETTSTOWN ENTERPRISE, they will come prepared to take their places as 'forward looking' members of our Community.

As the ENTERPRISE begins its sixty-seventh year, it will crusade for many improvements that are urgently needed in this district, if we are to keep pace with other towns of like size.

First and foremost, this Community needs a post-war program. It needs a home front army of Burgettstown men and women, enough interested in their homes and places of business to devote time and thought to the way of life that is just around the corner. Burgettstown is desperately in need of more adequate housing facilities. Many families annually leave this district because there are no houses to live in. Burgettstown needs a planned municipal development. Burgettstown needs a Municipal Water System. We need more paved streets. We could do with a city-manager form of government. We need stricter regulation and enforcement of sanitary ordinances. We need Raccoon Creek purged. We need a municipal garbage disposal system. We should have a Youth Center, where teen agers could find leisure time diversion with proper supervision. Last, but not least we need more pews filled every Sunday in our churches.

Why not get on the band wagon now and use these columns to voice your opinion of a post war program for Burgettstown? Why not tell the world through the Enterprise what Burgettstown needs? Don't ever forget what Burgettstown makes, Makes Burgettstown-mlv.

**Burgettstown Enterprise's 67 Year of Continuous Publication**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-1945**



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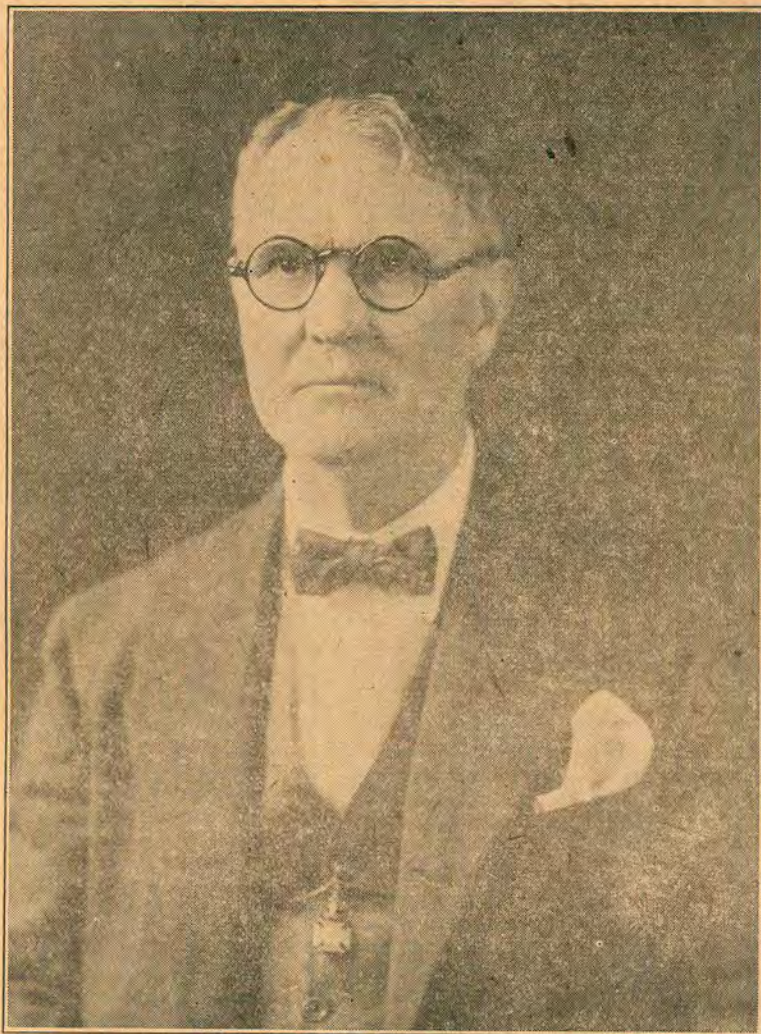
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**BURGETTSTOWN, PA.**

## New Publisher of Enterprise



Edward B. Maurey

## SALE OF ENTERPRISE IS MADE THIS WEEK

Plant and Real Estate Bought by  
Former Newspaper Man  
of Coraopolis

The entire plant equipment, rights, title and good-will of the Burgettstown Enterprise has been sold by L. H. Fullerton to E. B. Maurey, recently for a number of years a member of the editorial force of the Coraopolis Record. The sale included the ground and brick building located on Main street, in the heart of the local business section. Mr. Maurey is assisting in the work of the publication this week and will take over full management of the newspaper and printing department on Monday of next week. He has located in the town with his family and is occupying the brick dwelling on Main street owned by Jacob Rotta.

Mr. Fullerton will remain with the new management in the capacity of foreman of the mechanical department a sufficient time that the business may be continued without interruptions and confusion which sometimes attend the change of ownership in newspaper projects. It is the hope of the new owner that but little change will be necessary in the policies which have been adopted by Mr. Fullerton.

Mr. Fullerton became connected with the Enterprise in 1910. It is somewhat amusing to note that he came here originally to work a week in place of a young man who was about to be married. When the week was up he was engaged permanently and in the course of three or four years he acquired the property by purchase.

The new proprietor is a man of broad newspaper experience, with a knowledge of all branches of the printing trade and the ethics of journalism. He has written a number of historical books and engaged largely in literary work and general news reporting.

**Edward B. Maurey-New Publisher of Enterprise  
Burgettstown Enterprise-February 26, 1931 Edition**

## The Burgettstown Enterprise History By Katherine Pyle

The printing business apparently began in Burgettstown with D. M. Pry and J. P. Donnan under the firm name Pry and Donnan, September 11, 1872.

Mr. Pry was a merchant, a justice of the peace, and a Republican. Donnan had been a pension attorney in Steubenville, Ohio,

The building used was known as the Wilson Building, Pry had a store in the first floor. The room overhead was used for job printing. Equipment was purchased for job printing. The equipment was purchased in Collier and Holiday's Cove.

In 1873, Donnan bought out Pry and moved his office to rooms in the Hood Hotel Row near the junction of Main and Pittsburgh Streets. In 1878, Donnan turned out a small business sheet he called **The Businessman**.

In the following year, 1879 Donnan entered into an agreement with C. Knepper of Mansfield (Carnegie) to print a monthly newspaper which he (Donnan) would manage and edit. On May 1, 189 **The Burgettstown Enterprise** first appeared.

In an editorial Donnan stated, "It (the Enterprise) will be neutral and independent. Its columns will be open to the people for the discussion of such subjects as shall most conduce the welfare of the town."

The paper was well received, writes William Melvin in an issue of **The Enterprise** on October 7, 1896, but people clamored for a weekly publication.

Donnan continued as editor for about a year, and then tiring of the job, he sold his share of the stock to M. R. Allen.

Knepper, hearing of the transaction, sold hi part of the business together with type to start a small office to J. Howard Cramer who was employed in his Mansfield office.

Cramer hurriedly put out a paper on August 2, 1881 which he called **The Call**. A day later, August 3, 1881 Allen's paper, **The Enterprise** was issued as a weekly paper.

Burgettstown now had two weekly newspapers, and competition was great.

In 1887, Allen was elected County Recorder so he sold **The Enterprise** to his opponent, J. Howard Cramer on December 19, 1887.

Cramer immediately consolidated the two papers under the name **The Enterprise Call** and moved the equipment of both papers to the second floor of the McClure Bros.

Hardware Store in what is now "downtown Burgettstown." He also consolidated the two lists of subscribers so he had what might well be called "a flourishing business."

On November 29, 1895 a huge fire broke out in Burgettstown's Downtown section and the McClure building was completely destroyed including Cramer's newspaper office. Undismayed Cramer, omitting only one week of publication continued to produce The Enterprise but now dropped the work Call, a new building was constructed on land purchased from William Cole. The Enterprise was moved into this building, which is still used as the Enterprise office, September 6, 1896.

From 1896 until 1937 the history of The Burgettstown Enterprise is very spotty for there was no William Melvin to its records in print, and no files of the newspaper were kept.

What information we has been gleamed from scattered copies of The Enterprise that have been preserved from that 40 year period. In the decade following the "1896 Souvenir Edition".

In 1907, the Burgettstown Enterprise was being published by Burgettstown Publishing Company that was owned by J. Howard. In that year Walter G. Cramer, who had learned his trade, was acting as editor. In 1908 the Burgettstown Publishing Company was composed of L. H. Fullerton, President; D. S. Taylor, Secretary-Treasurer and B.M. Talbot. Talbot who served as editor and manager until 1910.

In 1912, L. H. Fullerton had become editor and apparently continued in this capacity until the newspaper was sold in the late twenties to E. B. Maurey.

Meanwhile, Walter G. Cramer who had been editor of The Enterprise in 1907, produced two different newspaper in Burgettstown; The Burgettstown Herald and The Call. These appeared during the second decade of the century.

E.B. Maurey published and edited The Burgettstown Enterprise until 1937 when he sold it to Eugene and Mary L. Vosburg. Mrs. Vosburg immediately began keeping files of the newspaper so that Burgettstown's history is since well recorded.

Following the death of E. H. Vosburg, May 9, 1960, and the retirement of his wife, December 31, 1960. Eugene Vosburg II and his wife Eleanor McClay Vosburg become publishers in 1960. James Dellara was appointed editor.

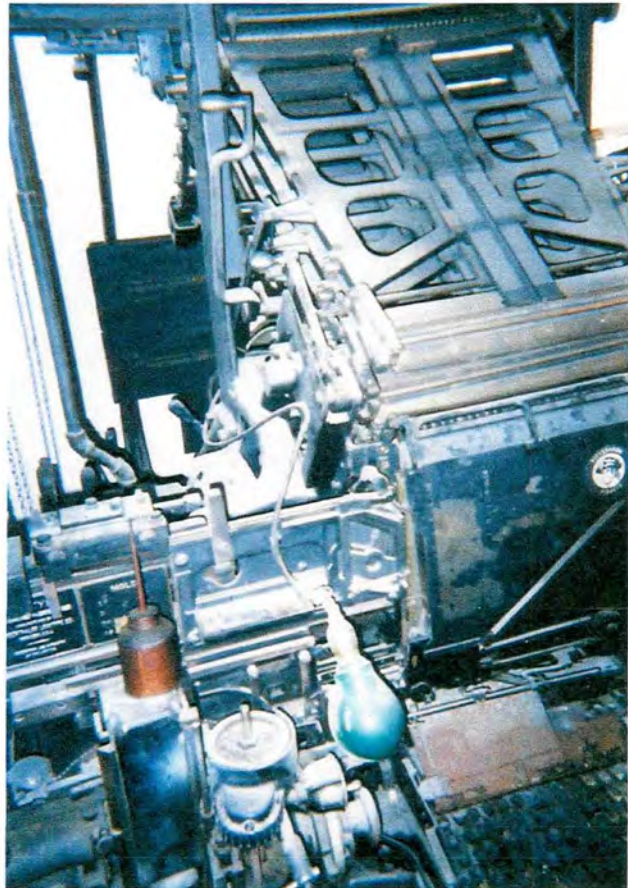
**NEW MACHINE INSTALLED  
IN ENTERPRISE OFFICE**

A new typesetting machine has been installed in the office of the Enterprise during the past week, and part of the production of last week's paper was made with type from the new unit. The machine, just purchased, is called the "Linograph," and came from the factory at Davenport, Iowa. It was erected by Edgar Prout of Indianapolis, Indiana, who dismantled and shipped out of town the machine which had been in use the past dozen years or more. This new unit is the fourth that has been in use in this office in the past 25 years.

The Linograph is much simpler in construction and takes up less floor space than other line casting machines, while performing every function of any high grade unit. Due to contemplated changes in the interior of the Enterprise office rooms it became necessary to procure a machine lighter than most machines on the market. The Linograph meets this need and is an ideal proposition for present uses.

The publisher of the Enterprise has owned other Linograph machines, and is entirely familiar with their construction, so that delays on account of minor troubles will now be minimized. Since the death of Mr. Fullerton, former owner of the paper, the maintenance of the old machine has been a real hardship and very expensive, skilled mechanics from a distance having been needed frequently to make repairs.

**New Typesetting Machine Installed in Enterprise Office  
Burgettstown Enterprise-December 11, 1935 Edition**



**Linotype Machine  
Burgettstown Enterprise**

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E. B. MAUREY .....	1916-1937
EUGENE H. VOSBURG, SR. ....	1937-1960
EUGENE H. VOSBURG, JR. ....	1960-1980
ELEANOR L. VOSBURG, .....	1980-1986

**Burgettstown Enterprise Past Publishers**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-January 20, 1988 Edition**

## Burgettstown Enterprise offers readers better, faster service

By EUGENE H. VOSBURG JR.  
Publisher

Burgettstown Enterprise

Change to the offset printing process was made by the Burgettstown Enterprise to offer better, faster news and news picture service to residents of the Burgettstown Area and northwestern Washington County.

Staff members of the newspaper underwent a rugged training period for two months. They were instructed in offset paste-up, offset composition, camera operation for line and halftone negatives and platemaking. Other instruction included elementary presswork and operation of the folder-collator.

Other offset newspaper plants were visited in order to obtain helpful hints in producing the new offset Enterprise.

### News composition

News composition is set on Frieden electric Justewriter typewriters. The face is called 9 pt. Galvin on about a 10 pt. body. It is a large face but reproduces well.

The only change in personnel occurred in straight matter composition. A linotype operator who retired in September, was replaced by a 1962 high school graduate. The Justewriter operator was turning out better than two galleys of corrected type per hour after two weeks' experience.

Ad composition, heads, classified ads and church listings are set either on the linotypes or Ludlow and proofed. We believe these machines are just as fast as the cold-type machines. However, a Headliner machine will be brought into the shop on a trial basis.

Components of each page are then stored on a waxed sheet of poster board. Wax is used as the adhesive for paste-ups and is applied on a Shaffer wax machine.

It is important to keep order in straight matter proofs and heads so that they are readily available when paste-up begins. Sticking them to pre-waxed pos-

terboard sheets 7" x 22" keeps everything together and speeds up the paste-up time.

Before paste-up begins all national ads, standing ads and local are spotted on a half-size layout sheet. Feature stories including picture features, are also spotted-in on this layout sheet.

### Paste-up

Paste-up then begins on pre-printed layout sheets which have the columns lined out and horizontal lines every quarter of an inch. Drawing boards 18" x 24" were found to be the best and

cheapest work surface. Most straight matter and heads can be pasted on the page without the use of a T-square. The T-square and drawing pens are used for rules and cut-offs.

Page paste-ups are then taken to the darkroom where they are shot on a Kenro "24" vertical camera. The Kenro camera has a vacuum back and density modulator. Maximum size is 18" x 24". The camera can reduce 50 per cent and enlarge 200 per cent. Halftones are shot on this camera using an 85-line magenta contact screen. Halftone exposures are calculated by using the Kodak grey scale-calculator method.

The camera, developing sink, photographic enlarger and film processing equipment are all located in the darkroom. A Polymicro processor is used for rapid developing and fixing of 8" x 10" photographs. The processor

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CHARLES LAWSON, mechanical foreman, Burgettstown Enterprise, inspects a two-page "flat", which was stripped into a paper mask, and will be applied to an aluminum printing plate, exposed and developed prior to the Press run.



## WORDS OF KINDNESS FOR NEW ENTERPRISE

Old Friends in Newspaper Field  
Extend Felicitations  
East to West

During the past two or three weeks the new publisher has received many letters from old friends of the newspaper profession and from many who have been readers of his work for years. It happens that the new enterprise in which the present owner is adventuring is The Enterprise, and syntax becomes somewhat involved in the combination.

While it would be impossible to even list the names of the many who have sent in words of greeting and encouragement, occasion is taken to mention James B. Borland, managing editor of the Franklin-Oil City News-Herald, dean of Western Pennsylvania newspaper men, poet and famous author of nature stories. Mr. Borland is wintering at Harlingen, Texas, whence comes a long letter of splendid sentiment.

C. O. Graham, editor of the Ligonier Echo, a good friend of many years, writes in his paper in part, as follows:

"Mr. Maurey lived in Ligonier for a number of years and was employed by the Ligonier Valley Railroad as train dispatcher. About six years ago he accepted a position with the Coraopolis Record, which he held prior to purchasing the Burgettstown Enterprise. Mr. and Mrs. Maurey have moved to their new home at Burgettstown, where they will be at home to their many friends. Their Ligonier friends and "The Ligonier Echo" wish them success in their new Enterprise."

Then, from Osceola, Iowa, the country of wild jackasses, shirttail rebellions, two-necked jugs and cold-nosed vipers, comes this, taken from the editorial page of Dudley A. Reid's Osceola Tribune, one of the most unique and best newspapers published in America.

"After a long silence, Ed. B. Maurey has been located down at Burgettstown, Pa., where he recently purchased the "Burgettstown Enterprise."

"His "Rootin' Around" department appears on the front page, and is as full of pep and interest as ever.

"Indeed, the entire paper is newsy and entertaining—and it looks like Ed has fallen in good pastures.

"Anyhow, the people of Burgettstown are to be congratulated, as newspaper men of the stamp and genius of Ed. Maurey are few and far between.

"P. S. And the boys here in the "reservation" had better be lookin' out, too—as there are two of us now, and no lowdown son-of-a-gun, can run over both of us."

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**Burgettstown Enterprise-October 7, 1896 Edition**

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**Burgettstown Enterprise Building-2015**  
**Main Street, Burgettstown, PA**

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**Burgettstown Enterprise Building-2018**  
**Main Street, Burgettstown, PA**

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#### **Remodeling Hardware Store.**

Work is under way in the remodeling of the new store room in the Haines building to be occupied by the Burgettstown Hardware Co. Floors are to be lowered, new fixtures are to be installed and when completed the store will be one of the most modernly equipped of any hardware store in Western Pennsylvania. The changes in the building provide work for a number of local men who have been for some time unemployed.

# The Burgettstown Hotel!

Has been newly furnished. Boarding and  
lodging by the day, week, or meal.

Charges Moderate

**Levi Caldwell,**

BURGETTSTOWN, PA

**The Burgettstown Hotel**  
**The Burgettstown Call-May 24, 1883 Edition**

## **AUTO DEALER IS SUED FOR INJURY DAMAGES**

**Atlasburg Man Brings Action Against  
Local Automobile Dealer for  
Large Sum of Money**

For injuries alleged to have been received when struck by a wrecked automobile being towed by the defendant's wrecking car, Joseph Cerutti, of Atlasburg has brought suit against Walter M. Fulton, of Burgettstown, individually and trading as the Burgettstown Motor Company, to recover \$15,000.

The facts as set forth in the statement of claim are rather unusual. The accident occurred July 6, 1931, in the vicinity of the gasoline station near the intersection of the Burgettstown-Hickory road with the Cross Creek-Avella road. At the time of the accident the plaintiff claims he was walking on the reddog to the right of the concrete on the Burgettstown-Hickory road and was going in the direction of Hickory when he was struck by a Chandler sedan being towed by the defendant's wrecking car from Burgettstown to Wellsburg, W. Va.

Cerutti received a fracture of the right arm near the elbow, a concussion of the brain, while the muscles of the right shoulder were torn and the left hip joint injured.

The wrecking car was being driven by George Pappas, and the wrecked sedan in charge of Angelo Deluca. This car was owned by Ernest Bowery, of Wellsburg, W. Va.

The case represents some phases which are out of the ordinary.



## Main Street Building Provides 87 Years Of History

by Katherine Pyle

There is something intriguing about an old building. You may pass it regularly oblivious of its architecture or history; then one day you pause wondering, how long has it been there? Who built it? Why? What's inside? What used to be there? Who owns it? Could the ghosts of departed people who crossed its doorstep still lurk behind its walls?

Buildings right here in Burgettstown can captivate the imagination. One of them is "the old bank building" on the corner of Main Street where Attorney and Representative John L. Brunner has his office and where Roberts' Dress Shop is located.

I think I was first conscious of the date over its doorway when I was a little girl getting a tooth filled in Dr. Clark's office on the second floor of the Enterprise Building. By turning my head slightly to the right, I could gaze out a side window and read the inscription, "National Bank A.D. 1890."

Architecture meant little to me in those days, but now I know that the "old bank" is typical of the buildings constructed in the decade before the turn of the century. The massive brick and stone edifice with its arched doorways, brick detail about the roof and down the side, and its original iron balconies, now removed, belong to the age of magnificence when people in fast growing America were charmed by elegance and size. It was indeed built for a bank and gave the appearance of the utmost security.

Its story begins in March, 1872, when a group of enterprising citizens organized the Burgettstown Savings Bank. The men were J.L. Proudfoot, president; J.L. Patterson, secretary-treasurer; A.S. Berryhill, John P. Wood and Dr. T.W. Bradley.

Business began in a section of Berryhill's Grocery Store located where Peppy's Restaurant is now. But by 1874, a bank building was erected on Railroad Street near the Berryhill Grocery.

The Burgettstown Savings Bank continued there until 1879, when it was reorganized under the name Burgettstown National Bank. The capital stock at that time was \$50,000 and in about six months afterward was increased to \$80,000. Eventually plans were made for another banking house to be located on land owned by T.T. Shipley at the corner of Main Street. The bank purchased this property from Mr. Shipley October 7, 1889, and in 1891, offices were moved into the new three story structure.

In 1917, the Burgettstown Call reported that the Burgettstown National Bank had made improvements amounting to \$16,000. These "improvements" involved the construction of an addition at the rear of the building to increase floor space, the installation of vaults and a safe, as well as individual cages for tellers and bookkeepers. The late James and Joseph Martin, well known bricklayers of Burgettstown, contracted to do the work. New mahogany furniture was also purchased at this time, and the Call reported on February 1, 1917, that the improvement to the bank "now makes it one of the up-to-date institutions of the county."

The paper further stated, "This bank is capitalized at \$100,000 and has a surplus and individual profit fund of \$105,394.26 or more than the capital stock."

So the Burgettstown National Bank continued in operation until a dark day, May 12, 1925, when after a "run" of two weeks and the resignation of John A. Bell as president, it closed its doors to a bewildered and frightened public.

The Washington Observer in its lead story that morning commented, "Considerable excitement was created here (Burgettstown) by the closing of this bank, and it is feared that the results will be disastrous to the town."

Those of us who recall this bleak event are aware of the disastrous results; however in time, eighty percent of the deposits were repaid, but stockholders, of course, lost heavily, and some were completely wiped out financially.

Immediately after the bank's failure R.W. Byers, national bank examiner, was in charge. Later B.L. Rosenbloom and Lloyd Littrell served as receivers.

Only two years afterward, in 1927, the doors of the "old bank building" were reopened to a new firm known as the People's National Bank. One of the principal stockholders was Thomas B. Brown, of Madison, Pa. From 1927 until 1932, during a period of national depression, the People's Bank endeavored to carry on business at the corner of Main Street. Eventually it, too, closed but was fortunately able to refund one hundred percent of the deposits. On July 31, 1943, E. Denny Brown, agent for the shareholders of People's National Bank, sold the building to Benjamin Kobe and his wife, Isabel.

Following his purchase, Mr. Kobe made some improvements to the building including the replacing of copper pipes and some wiring. It was then rented for both offices and apartments. But on December 19, 1972, the property again changed hands, John and Frances Brunner and Eugene Povero bought it from Mr. Kobe.

The new owners immediately plunged into making renovations amounting to \$40,000. A new gas heating unit was installed; new wiring and light fixtures were added; and offices and apartments were completely remodeled to include panelling and carpeting. As a final touch the entire exterior was given a coat of grey paint.

Through the years numerous businesses besides the two banks have operated in the building. A few of us will recall Charlie Bloom's Men's Clothing Store. Others will remember Dwight Cook's Hardware Store. Both of these were where Roberts' Dress Shop is now. Other businesses at one time or another "out front" were Dante Marcucci's Appliances, McFarland's Insurance Agency; and Squire W.J. (Bush) Whalen's office.

From 1937 to 1961 a beauty shop managed by Jennie Donovich drew many a customer to the side door. Doctors W. E. Dickson and Barnes each had dental offices in the building. Dr. Angelo Spanogians began his practice there, and for a short time Dr. Hindman's office was "upstairs." Other businesses were Betty Wade's Dress Shop, Earl Farner's Electric Supply Store, Tony Fazio's and Johnny Carnali's Barber Shops, George Blehi's Studio of Photography and Andy Latso's Radio Shop. Offices were at various times occupied by Denny Brown, Samuel Goldfarb, Bill Andrews, Attorney George Hanna, Attorney Walter Gregory and the Medical Center.

Today, besides Attorney Brunner's office and Roberts' Dress Shop, the "old bank" contains Rita's Beauty Salon under the management of Rita Panconi Strongosky, Kennedy Music Store, Faessels Busy Hands Arts and Crafts Center and headquarters for the Washington County Homes for Youth, Inc.

In 87 years dozens of people have climbed the long stairway to the second and third floor apartments. I could never name them all, but probably Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bloom and Mr. and Mrs. James McCabe resided there longest. Some other tenants have been A.H. Kerr and his daughter Grace (Mr. Kerr was cashier of the Burgettstown National Bank), Bill Gillingham, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Wade whose daughter Betty was born in the bank building, Mr. and Mrs. Denny Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Kobe, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Terry, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Malone, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Wagner, Mr. and Mrs. Bruno Sandri, Mr. and Mrs. George Swanik, Albert Tony, and presently Mrs. Jane Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Andrews and Mrs. Ann Cunningham Filcorn and her sons.

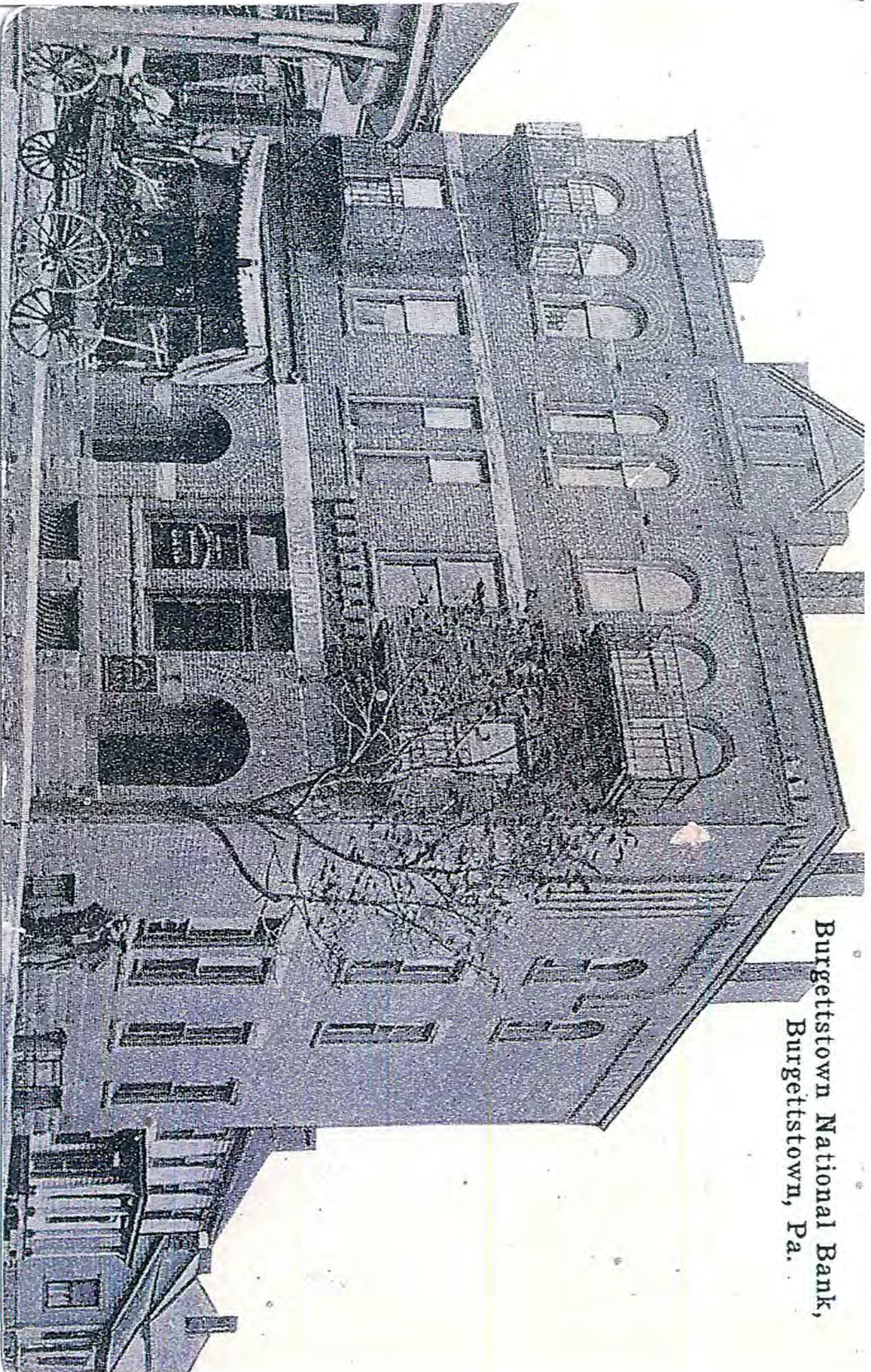
Is the building itself haunted? Likely not, but it's strangely moving to reflect on the "old bank" that has housed so many people with stories of worry and pain, loneliness and despair, hope and joy, fulfillment and peace.

## Main Street Building Provides 87 Years of History

Former Burgettstown National Bank

Burgettstown Enterprise-June 15, 1977 Edition

Burgettstown National Bank,  
Burgettstown, Pa.

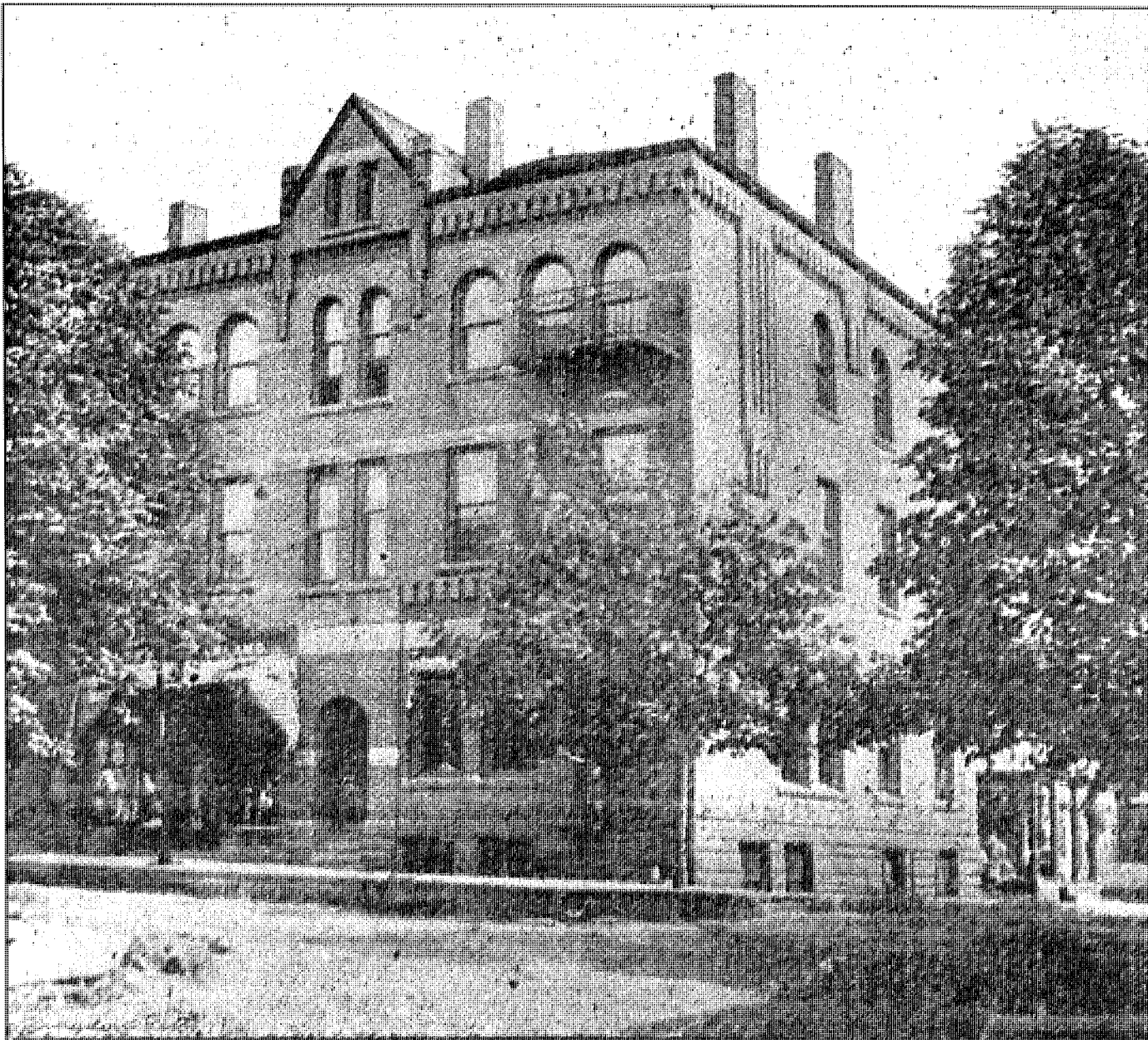




### **Burgettstown National Bank**

Main floor of the building housed various businesses and the bank. The upper floors were mainly apartments and a meeting room. This photo was taken before a rear addition was added.

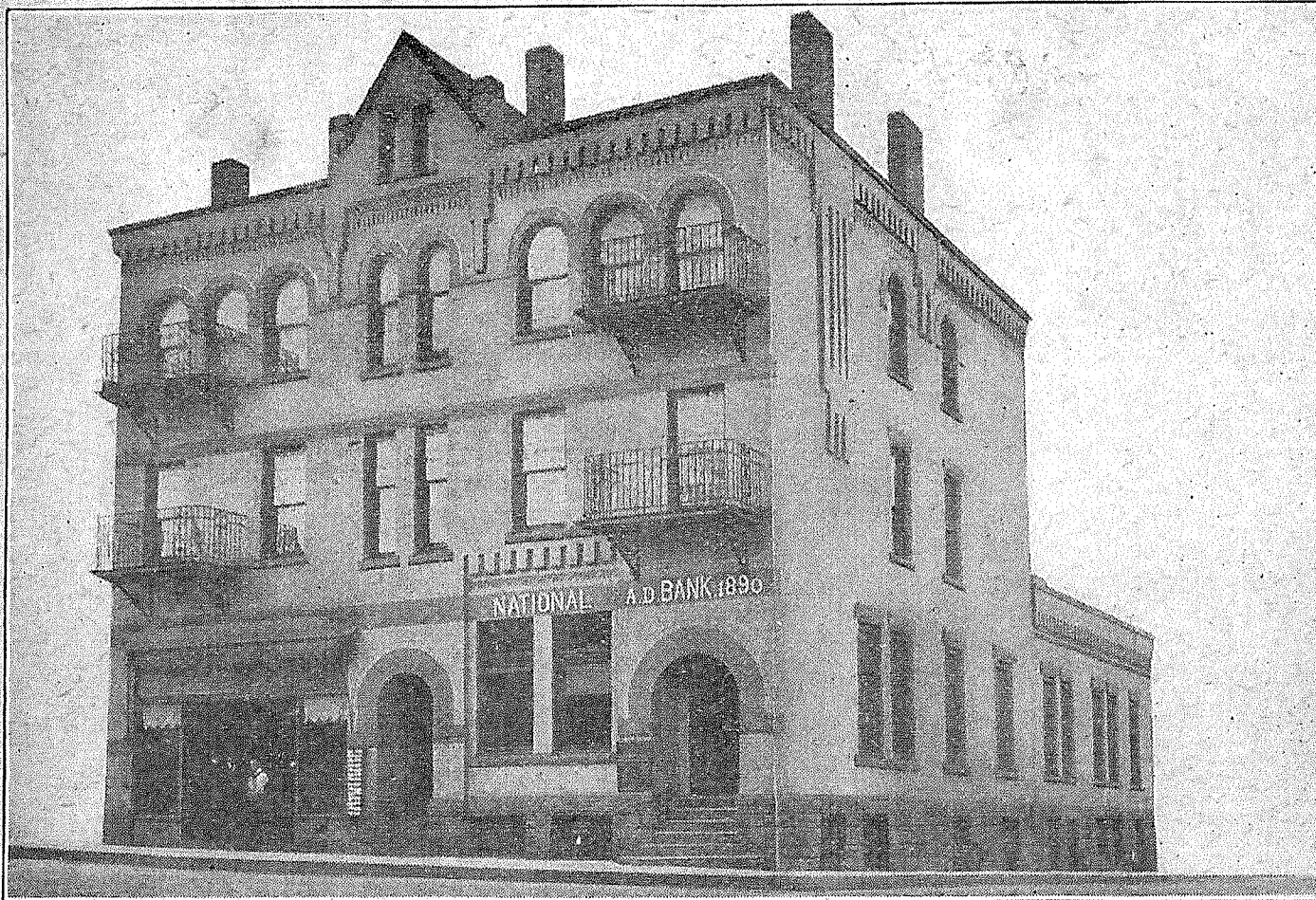
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BURGETTSTOWN NATIONAL BANK.

**View of the Burgettstown National Bank-The Enterprise-October 7, 1896 Edition**

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Burgettstown  
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Early post card of the Burgettstown National Bank.

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**REPORT**  
OF THE CONDITION OF  
**Burgettstown National Bank**

at Burgettstown, in the State of Pennsylvania,  
at the close of business March 4, 1914:

**RESOURCES**

Loans and Discounts.....	\$ 773,577.41	
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured.....	104.29	
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	100,000.00	
Other Bonds to secure Postal Savings.....	1,011.25	
Bonds, Securities, etc.....	183,912.00	
Banking house furniture and fixtures.....	18,000.00	
Other Real Estate owned.....	24,304.52	
Due from State and Private Banks and Bankers, Trust Companies and Savings Banks.....	70,004.66	
Due from approved Reserve Agents.....	109,240.57	
Checks and other Cash Items.....	419.90	
Notes of other National Banks.....	2,335.00	
Fractional Paper Currency, Nickels and Cents.....	244.58	
<b>LAWFUL MONEY RESERVE IN BANK, VIZ.:</b>		
Specie.....	\$63,767.50	
Legal-tender Notes.....	3,120.00	66,887.50
Redemption Fund with U. S. Treasurer (5% of circulation)		5,000.00
<b>Total.....</b>		<b>\$1,361,061.68</b>

**LIABILITIES**

Capital Stock paid in.....	\$ 100,000.00	
Surplus Fund.....	60,000.00	
Undivided Profits, less Expenses and Taxes paid.....	35,752.93	
National Bank Notes outstanding	100,000.00	
Dividends Unpaid.....	1,032.00	
Individual Deposits subject to check.....	850,342.79	
Demand Certificates of Deposit.....	3,500.00	
Time Certificates of Deposit.....	206,420.62	
Cashier's Checks outstanding.....	4,013.34	
<b>Total.....</b>		<b>\$1,361,061.68</b>

State of Pennsylvania, County of Washington, ss:

I, A. H. Kerr, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

A. H. KERR, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of March, 1914.

R. C. CASHDY, Notary Public.

CORRECT—Attest:

J. P. LINN  
W. G. SHILLITO.  
W. E. MCCURDY.  
Directors.

**Report of the Condition of  
Burgettstown National Bank  
The Burgettstown Call—March 11, 1914 Edition**

# 150th BIRTHDAY CAKE



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**Post Office Celebrates 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday Cake**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-January 12, 1961 Edition**

*Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society*



REPORT OF  
**The Burgettstown Trust Company**  
**February 16, 1904.**

RESOURCES.

Due from Banks and Bankers.....	\$107,623.23
Call loans upon collateral.....	227,900.00
Time loans upon collateral....	30,800.00
Bills purchased.....	12,488.11
Stocks, bonds, etc.....	161,250.00
Cash on hand.....	7,003.96
	\$547,065.30

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock.....	\$200,000.00
Dividends unpaid.....	390.00
Deposits.....	340,120.05
Undivided profits.....	6,555.25
	\$547,065.30

**Dividends Paid Since Organization,**

July 3, 1903.....	\$6,000.00
January 2, 1904.....	6,000.00

# Burg, Smith officials expect development with sewers

By Bridgette B. Nofsinger

The Record-Enterprise

Republican and Democrat officials temporarily put aside their political differences and agreed about at least one thing on July 30.

"When you build it, they will come," was the attitude they shared at the Burgettstown-Smith Township Joint Sewage Authority ground breaking ceremony.

Approximately 50 people gathered for the occasion at an old railroad station located just off of Route 18. The property is owned by Jim Bongiorno and construction crews have already begun work on the area's first sewer lines.

Residents and business owners who have been channeling sewage into septic tanks and Raccoon Creek will soon benefit from a public sewage system.

Sewage authority manager, Chuck Cunningham, said construction will be scattered to make the transition as smooth as possible.

"If everything goes well, the project should be complete in one year," he said.

Cheryl Cook and Dick Mansfield from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, as well as State Sen. J. Barry Stout, state Rep. Victor Lescovitz and Washington County commissioners Diana Irely and J. Bracken Burns each took a turn at the podium to address the crowd.

Burns rallied the group with statistics showing a consistent stream of growth in Washington County. He said the sewage project was a positive economic indicator that new businesses and home buyers will come into the area.

"The sun is shining," he said. "The economic decline is over."

An air of optimism wafted through the crowd during the ceremony as forecasts of economic development and prosperity continued.

The 42-mile sewer line will cost sewage recipients \$800 to tap into. The cost of the project, estimated at \$20 million, has been offset by grants and loans from the Rural Utilities Service.

The authority will repay RUS over a 40-year span with a 4.5 percent interest rate.

The RUS will help people in financial distress to pay for their tap-in fees.

Lescovitz urged taxpayers to focus on the future of what the system will bring to the area rather than dwell on what it costs in the present.

He also congratulated George Martin for his persistence on the sewage authority for almost 30 years.

Martin, who has served as the president of the Burgettstown-Smith Township Joint Sewage Authority for 15 years and has been a member of the board since its inception in 1972, is largely responsible for its success today.

"This is a big day for the eight towns and villages that make up this area," Martin said.

He thanked each of the current authority members as well as recognized those whose eyes did not live to see their work come to fruition.



**BURGETTSTOWN-SMITH TOWNSHIP** Joint Sewage Authority held a ground breaking ceremony on July 30 at an old Railroad Station now owned by Jim Bongiorno.

**Burgettstown and Smith Twp. Officials Expect Development with Sewers**  
Record-Enterprise-August 5, 1998 Edition

## **Business Houses And Stores Will Close For Three Hours On Good Friday. Union Service At Westminster; 3 Hour Service At Lourdes**

Merchants and business men in Burgettstown Community, as has been the custom for the past 10 years will observe Good Friday by closing their doors from 12 noon until three o'clock in order that those who care to may attend the Good Friday services.

Protestant ministers from the Greater Burgettstown Community will unite for a union Good Friday service in the Westminster Presbyterian church, Burgettstown on Friday, March 26 from 12 noon until 3 p. m. Members of the congregations in this district will attend.

Rev. W. J. McCashin, announces that special Holy week services will be held in Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic church Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings. Holy Thursday services will begin with a procession of the children to the church at nine a. m., with high mass and perpetual adoration all day Thursday, Holy Thursday adoration by the men all night Thursday night until 12 noon, Friday, when the three hour passion service will be held from noon until 3 p. m.

The program is being arranged with intervals of silence between the seven parts, so that those who desire may attend any or part of the service. Seven ministers will discuss the seven sayings of the Cross.

Congregations from this area who will attend the service include the Burgettstown churches, also Cross Creek, Langeloth, Slovan, Eldersville, Florence and Robinson township.

The program for the three hour Passion service is being arranged by Rev. J. C. Ruble, pastor of the First Presbyterian church and Rev. R. C. Sutton, pastor of the First United Presbyterian church, assisted by Rev. Robert Shane, pastor of the Cross Creek Presbyterian church and moderator for the Westminster congregation, in the absence of a regular pastor.

**BUSINESS HOUSES TO  
CLOSE ON GOOD FRIDAY  
FROM 12 TO 3 O'CLOCK**

Members of the Burgettstown Business Men's Association, under the leadership of their president, Thomas Linn, this week, went on record as favoring the closing of stores and business houses from 12 o'clock noon until 3 p. m. on Friday, March 22.

Burgettstown Business men have taken this step in cooperation with local ministers who will hold special worship services on Holy Friday. Employees in the various business houses will be free from duty during this period to attend the church of their choice.

**Business Houses to Close on Good Friday from 12 to 3 O'clock  
Burgettstown Enterprise-March 14, 1940 Edition**

# BUSINESS MEN GATHER FOR DINNER AND TALK

## Representative Group of Business Men of Town Meet to Discuss Problems of Times

Local business was well represented at a banquet held in Biddle's Hotel on Tuesday evening. The purpose of the sponsors of the function was to bring the merchants and other business men of Burgettstown together for a discussion of ways and means to meet present emergencies and to endeavor to assist in a revival of the good old days of the community.

Upward of fifty men gathered at the hotel where an excellent chicken dinner was efficiently served at 7:30 o'clock. The repast was bountiful and the appetites of the men were keen. Those who prepared and served the dinner were given direct evidence that their work was eminently satisfactory by the manner in which the platters were "cleaned up."

The dinner project had not been looked upon entirely with favor by some of the members of the association who feared that the response would be discouraging. Up until the final requests for reservations were received it was felt that if 20 or 25 attended but few more could be expected. It therefore was a gratifying surprise when it developed such a large turn out could be expected.

From the various speeches delivered following the dinner it became clearly evident that an organization of business men such as contemplated by the present association is desired in Burgettstown, this desire being stimulated both by business and social needs. The men feel that frequent gatherings of the kind will be advantageous to the business men and to the town.

In the course of numerous short, but most excellent, talks it was seen the town needs a course of healthy, constructive criticism. It was brought out that the town could be made more attractive along various lines and that some place could once more with a little effort be made the great trading center it was in former days. Suggestions for many improvements and promises of help were made by a number of speakers.

Through the courtesy of the president of the association, C. W. Davidson, the office of toastmaster was delegated to the editor of the Enterprise who had some part in the organization of the present association of business men. The toastmaster had no prepared program except such as was improvised for the moment, but every man he called upon responded heartily, some merely acknowledged the invitation to speak, others delivering splendid impromptu speeches.

In addition to remarks by the toastmaster and the president, the following spoke: Dr. A. O. Hindman, Squire W. B. Culley, F. H. Illig, the Rev. R. C. Sutton, S. J. McCalmont, W. E. McCurdy, Postmaster W. M. Culley, the Rev. R. E. Carmen, D. J. Coulter, J. A. Gibson, Lee R. McKinney, H. A. Scott, Dr. R. E. Davidson, Prof. C. F. Barr, A. Reed, Dr. W. E. Dickson, E. J. Hamilton, W. R. Shiner, G. E. Thomsen, John Linn, I. B. Sacks, Thomas Linn, C. S. McCormick, J. O. Fredericks, J. M. Scott and Secretary J. F. Reed.

An orchestra composed of William Brida, violin; Harold Murphy, banjoist; Pete Colpo, accordionist, and Bill Andrews, harmonica and vocalist, played a program of excellent music during the dinner period.

## **GEO. WAGNER AND L. H. MITCHELL OPEN 2ND STORE**

George Wagner and L. H. Mitchell, who have been partners in the Main street Butler Store announced this week the opening of a second complete food and meat market in the Longo Building on North Main street, formerly occupied by the Paul Longanecker Grocery Store.

Messrs Wagner and Mitchell by advertisement on page five in today's Enterprise calls your attention to a list of specials in groceries, green goods, fruits and meats for their Grand Opening of the North Main street store. The new market will be opened to the public on Friday, February 23.

**George Wagner and L. H. Mitchell Open 2<sup>nd</sup> Store  
Burgettstown Enterprise-February 22, 1940 Edition**

## BUY ACROSS THE COUNTER IN BURGETTSTOWN

When you buy across the counter in the stores of Burgettstown, you are using good business judgment. Why? There are many good reasons, but the following are the most important:

You can actually see the goods with your own eyes, feel them with your fingers, and know that the goods are just what you require before accepting.

You can buy what you want at the price you want to pay. You are not obliged to accept "something just as good," for you are in a position to compare values and make your own selections first hand.

When you trade in Burgettstown you are helping your friends to help you. And there is no finer thing in life than neighborly cooperation. It always pays—in happiness and satisfaction as well as in dollars and cents.

Decide today that in the future you will give the home business man at least the first chance to serve you in your requirements; and thus help to keep your dollar circulating in Burgettstown, where it will do the most good.

Every business man whose advertisement appears in the Enterprise today is extending his personal invitation to have you take advantage of his particular service.

Read the ads, even to the smallest, and note that every necessity for comfort and happiness may be had without leaving the gates of Burgettstown.

**Buy Across the Counter**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-May 28, 1931 Edition**

### GRAND OPENING

Camille's Beauty Shop will open for business on Thursday, January 11 in the Filipponi building, Main street, Burgettstown. Grand Opening specials: Shampoo and Finger Wave, both for 50c on Mondays and Tuesdays; Kerotonic Halliwell Permanent Wave, special for \$4.50. For appointment call Burg. 3911.

**Grand Opening of Camille's Beauty Shop  
Burgettstown Enterprise-January 1940 Edition**



## **"PEPPY OPERATES Capitol Restaurant**

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph "Peppy" Farulli announce this week that they have purchased the Capitol Restaurant from Ralph Ciabattari. Peppy, well known local chef who has been in the restaurant business here for 24 years will continue to operate the Capitol on a 24 hour basis and will serve complete meals, also lunches and provide fountain service. The restaurant will specialize in the serving of Spaghetti and Ravioli and other well known favorite dishes.

The Farullis plan a complete renovation of the restaurant. They will continue to handle police and fire calls.

**"Peppy" Operates Capitol Restaurant  
Burgettstown Enterprise-August 26, 1948 Edition**

REQUEST FOR SMALL  
OPERATOR EXEMPTION

R. W. Casey Contracting Co.,  
Box 361, Burgettstown, PA 15021  
plans to submit an application  
for a small operator exemption  
for a surface coal mining oper-  
ation located in Hanover Town-  
ship, Washington County, to the  
Office of Surface Mining Recla-  
mation and Enforcement, Wash-  
ington, D. C. This application,  
if granted, would exempt the  
company from certain environ-  
mental protection provisions of  
the Surface Mining Control and  
Reclamation Act of 1977 until  
December 31, 1978.

Public comments on this re-  
quest may be submitted to:  
Director, Office of Surface Mi-  
ning Reclamation and Enforce-  
ment, Washington, D. C. 20240.

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**R.W. Casey Contracting Company-Public Notice**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-February 22, 1978 Edition**

*Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society*

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

June 1, 1955

Dear Editor:

During the past year a remarkable change can be observed in the attitude of our community. In stead of ruminating thoughts of the "good old days", we are beginning to face the problems of the present and the prospects of a better future. From the Memorial Day address by the Burgess to the conversation on the corner, there is a growing concern for the redevelopment of the Raccoon Valley Community. It is generally agreed that a major step toward solving the problem would be the attraction of new industries to the area. For this purpose a Chamber of Commerce has been organized. They, in turn, invited a representative from Ellwood City to tell us how his city solved a similar problem.

Among other things, he suggested that we "clean up" the town, by which he meant a thorough "face-lifting". Undoubtedly, this is good, but it certainly is not good enough. To be satisfied with an external cleansing is to treat the symptom rather than the disease, the corrupt fruit rather than the defective root. Jesus once called the Pharisees foolish for this error in the words, "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess. Thou blind Pharisee, cleanse first that which is within the cup and platter that the outside of them may be clean also." (Matt. 23:25, 26)

In order to attract new industry, the Burgettstown community must not only "accentuate the positive", but also "eliminate the negative". To be specific, it is extremely doubtful that in this day of enlightenment a major and substantial industry would be inclined to settle in this area so long as Burgettstown is an alcoholic's paradise. With nine public bars and four clubs, Burgettstown has more than five times as many retail liquor sellers as the present quota law in Pennsylvania allows. Adjacent Slovan is just as bad with five bars and three clubs. Alcoholism is a serious problem in industrial economics. Progressive industrialists know that the liquor business causes broken homes, employee discontent, absenteeism, and poor workmanship. It cuts down on efficiency and productivity. It means a higher production cost and yet an inferior product.

The organizational structure of the Chamber of Commerce is self-defeating on this level, since its membership is open to all business men of the area. It is not disposed to enact policies that militate against its paying members. We find ourselves facing on a smaller scale an analogous situation in the United Nations. Briefly stated their problem is, "How can an international organization solve the problem of world peace when it has as its members those who are inciting the problem?" As a result, for ten years the U.N. has been stymied on central issues and has made progress only on superficial and "neutral" levels. One step toward resolving this impasse was the organization of the Western Alliance of the free nations who are in agreement on basic principles. By working through both groups some hope for the future is seen.

Perhaps that is suggestive of what needs to be done here. The Chamber of Commerce is the largest and most cosmopolitan organization functioning for community betterment. It should be encouraged and supported in every progressive movement. But, by its very constitution, it is self-limiting in the ethical sphere. It would seem wise, therefore, to have another group organized whose aim would be not only economic but ethical, not only material but cultural rehabilitation. The group would be interested not only in material prosperity but in an ethico-cultural heritage. For, after all, what does it profit a community if it gain the whole world and lose its own soul?

E. Alan Richardson

Pastor, First U. P. Church

**Letter to the Editor**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-June 9, 1955 Edition**

## C. of C. Nears Goal Of \$18,000

William Sausser, Secretary of the Greater Raccoon Valley Chamber of Commerce reported today that pledges to the amount of \$17,032 have been subscribed for the purpose of hiring a full-time secretary for the Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Sausser said that members of the board of directors met Monday evening and totaled up the seventeen thousand dollar figure. Mr. Sausser said "We are confident the other thousand dollars in pledges will come in."

Chamber of Commerce President Earl Petrucci told the Enterprise this week that an applicant for the secretary job will be interviewed Saturday. Said Mr. Petrucci, "the men and women of this community have done a marvelous job in helping make the full-time secretary possible. With the cooperation shown these last several weeks, our goal of bringing new industry to Greater Raccoon Valley should not be too far away."

(Editor's Note: A complete list of subscribers to the C. of C. secretary fund will be published in next week's Enterprise)

**Chamber of Commerce Nears Goal of \$18,000**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-April 7, 1955 Edition**

R. T. CHETTLE,  
BURGETTSTOWN, PA.,  
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INN**

**DEC. - JAN. - FEB. - MAR.**

*Details to follow  
in coming issues  
of  
The Enterprise.*

Cherry Hills Inn  
Burgettstown Enterprise-November 1, 1978 Edition

## **Cindrich's Food Store Expands, To Serve Meals**

Cindrich's Food Store at Main and Market Street has completed a remodelling program which includes considerable re-arrangement of its floor space, the installation of equipment for new departments, and the opening of a grill and a food system planned by the West Penn Power Company.

The Cindrich's have put maple flooring and a celotex ceiling into their store room and made double entrances on Main Street. Inside is a refrigerated fruit and vegetable department; a self service dairy counter, refrigerated counter service for fresh meat, frozen food self service counter and a department for baked goods from the Midway Bakery.

Meals, which may include hamburgers cooked in 20 seconds, steaks prepared in one to three minutes, or chicken in 13 minutes, are now being served from 7 a. m. to 10 p. m. daily except Sunday. A refrigerated salad bar and ice cream bar have also been installed. Food is served over a 24 foot counter with every piece of cooking equipment in sight.

**Cindrich's Food Store Expands, To Serve Meals**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-August 26, 1948 Edition**



OBSERVER-REPORTER

Clothing styles and the library, itself, have changed a lot since Citizens opened in the 1960s.



JIM McNULTY/OBSERVER-REPORTER

Computer stations, a main component of today's libraries, are busy in the center of Citizens Library Monday.

## Citizens Library celebrates 50 years in current building in Washington

By KAREN MANSFIELD  
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In the 1960s, libraries across the United States were undergoing an architectural renaissance of sorts: exteriors dominated by large expanses of glass and aluminum were trendy.

But a committee appointed by Washington City Council to build a new library settled on a Colonial-style building that was "more appropriate to this community's cultural traditions" and "likely to remain in good taste as long as the building stands."

On April 25, 1965, Citizens Library, situated at South College and East Wheeling streets, opened its doors.

Fifty years later, the library's exterior remains tastefully traditional,

but its offerings have evolved with the digital age to meet the changing needs of the library's patrons.

"Even though the formats and technologies have changed, the public library's main mission of meeting the information needs of the community has remained the same," said Melinda Tanner, district consultant librarian and assistant librarian at Citizens Library. "In the past 50 years, the library has remained a constant in the community, a resource for any and all."

Since 1962, Citizens Library has served as the district center for Washington, Greene and Fayette



JIM McNULTY/OBSERVER-REPORTER

Marjorie King, a volunteer at Citizens Library, scans a book back into circulation at the front desk. The mural in the background has been in the library since it was built in 1965.

counties. As the district center, Citizens provides library consulting, training and online services to district member libraries in the three counties. It also acts as an intermediary between the libraries and state.

In addition, Citizens is the system headquarters library for the Washington County Library System, which includes 14 member libraries.

Recently, the library received a \$250,000 local share grant to add all Washington County member libraries to the system's WAGGIN network, an online catalog that makes it easier for libraries to share resources and enables patrons to use one card to access materials at participating libraries.

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# Library

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Washington's first library was the Washington Public Library, founded in 1811 by Thomas H. Baird, an attorney and later a judge. He opened the library in his home on West Maiden Street.

Citizens Library was founded in 1870 by Dr. Francis LeMoyné and was housed in the Town Hall, between the city police and fire departments.

Of historical significance, in 1869, President Ulysses S. Grant laid the cornerstone for the Town Hall building.

But by the 1950s, Citizens Library had outgrown its quarters.

Designed to accommodate a population of 3,500 nearly a century before, Citizens Library found itself serving as the public library for a metropolitan area of about 50,000 people.

Library officials pleaded to the city planning commission for a new library, and a Public Library Building Study Committee appointed by the planning commission concluded the city should construct a new library building.

The library cost \$973,000 to



**Durk Pebley of Washington relaxes in Citizens Library while reading the Observer-Reporter Monday.**

construct in 1965, and it contained 20,700 feet on the main floor and the same amount of space on the lower floor.

Today, Citizens Library –

following renovations over the years that included a new roof and updated HVAC system, a handicapped-accessible entrance and restrooms, and a

new elevator – holds more than 140,950 hard copy books, audios and DVDs, 4,234 e-books, and 614 audio e-books.

The library is home to a generously sized children's room and meeting rooms, computer and technology stations, and the Dorothea and Henry H. Hood Local History Center.

Dedicated in 2012, Hood History Center averages 3,400 online genealogy searches each month and hosts visitors who travel across the country to research family history.

The library also offers a variety of adult, young adult and children's programs (offerings range from yoga, chess club and book clubs, to Medicare information seminars and SAT practice tests), and several career, professional and home-work e-resources.

Visitors to Citizens Library should take note of two artistic gems: murals by local artists Malcolm Parcell and Brody Burroughs.

The 18-by-5 1/2-foot Parcell mural, called "Books are Many Lives," was commissioned by T.S. Fitch and his wife in memory of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Colin McFarquhar Reed. It is located on the wall behind the circulation desk.

The Burroughs mural, "Learning Never Ends," was commissioned by Margaret Thompson of Washington, in honor of her husband, the late Robert Thompson, a longtime supporter of the library. The mural, about 6-foot by 4-foot, is located near the Children's Room.

The Friends of the Library also played a role in the library's growth.

Formed in 1945, the Friends have contributed nearly \$100,000 of items to the library, including furniture, new carpeting for the children's department, and an outside book depository. It also sponsors the library's MANGO online language courses.

The Friends manage and staff Citibooks, which sells used books and CDs. In the four years since Citibooks has been in existence, it has raised nearly \$70,000, and proceeds go directly to the library.

Among the most popular programs organized by the Friends is Lunch With Friends Speaker Series, a monthly event featuring local and national authors.

Diane Rigby, a member of Friends of the Library, is a former preschool teacher a director of a small library in

Westmoreland County.

"When I walked into Citizens, it was 'Wow!' It was very big, and I am used to my small library. The library is an asset to the community. It's a wonderful place for the community," said Rigby. "We appreciate the help the staff gives to the Friends."

On June 19, Citizens Library will host its seventh annual Summer Wine Tasting, where it will celebrate its 50th year at its current location.

And gear up for its next 50 years.

"This library will continue to adapt to the changing technologies and changing demographics of the community," said Diane Ambrose, director of Citizens Library, "and provide the best quality services that we can."

*The library's Summer Wine Tasting fundraiser, featuring local and handpicked wine, will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. June 19 at Citizens Library, 55 S. College St., Washington. Cost is \$25 and includes a light selection of gourmet food by Angelo's Restaurant. Tickets are available at the library and A&M Wine Supply. For more information, call 222-2400 extension 222.*

**'A Constant in the Community' (pg. 2)  
Observer-Reporter-June 7, 2015 Edition**

## **CLAIR THEATRE INSTALLS NEW SEATS**

Come Thanksgiving, patrons of the Clair Theatre have much to be thankful for. First of all, George Clair, manager has just finished a thorough renovation job on the theatre and has made many improvements that mark this popular movie house as one of the most modern and attractive in Washington County.

The interior and exterior of the Theatre has been re-painted and the acoustics of the auditorium have been considerably improved by the hanging of 30 foot velour drapes. A new Vitaphone has been installed.

A color scheme of blue and maroon, with touches of gold and green has been worked out with artistic effect. New, comfortable blue velour upholstered seats have been installed and Maroon rugs used for floor covering.

Thanksgiving Day's program will begin with a matinee at 3 o'clock and continuous program thereafter, featuring the double bill, "Under the Big Top" and "Illegal Traffic". An interesting film, that has received much favorable comment from the critics comes Friday in "Arkansas Traveler", the story of an itinerant printer, featuring Bob Burns.

**Clair Theatre Installs New Seats**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-November 24, 1938 Edition**

## Clark Hotel Is Guttled By Disastrous Fire, Saturday Afternoon Believe Blaze Was Started At Rear Of Building By Burning Rubbish



Reporter Photo

Burning of rubbish at the rear of the building, is believed to have started a disastrous fire in the heart of the Burgettstown business section last Saturday afternoon that completely gutted the 14 room Clark hotel. Joseph Ranovich, owner estimates his loss at nearly \$25,000.00 which is covered by less than \$14,000 fire insurance, and Angelo Nardo, proprietor of the hotel and lessee from Mr. Ranovich estimates his loss of equipment at \$20,000.

Quick response to the fire alarm, which summoned Burgettstown, Slovan, Midway and McDonald Volunteer companies and efficient work by the fire fighters held the blaze to the hotel building's three floors and prevented it from spreading to other frame business establishments, adjacent, which could have destroyed the whole block.

The only occupant of a bed room Bud Crosby, Aliquippa mill worker, crawled to safety over an adjoining roof. The other bed rooms were unoccupied at the time of the fire.

Fire Chief Phil Gray directed activities of the fire companies. Eight streams of water were used on the fire and traffic was halted and rerouted by Chief of Police Henry Vega, assisted by State Police from the Washington barracks.

Mr. Gray reported that the fire evidently started from a burning pile of rubbish at the rear of the building and was not discovered until 2:30 p.m., when it had spread through the rear portion to the roof.

Two rooms, second floor front were the only rooms to escape fire damage and the remainder of the building was entirely gutted by the fire, including the tap room

operated by Nardos, which, recently remodeled, runs the full length of the building on the first floor.

Mr. Ranovich, the owner, it is reported, had recently cancelled insurance policies which would have helped to cover his big loss. He is undecided at the present time as to whether he will rebuild the structure.

The Clark Hotel was remodeled this past summer, and the old wood front made way for a new stone facing. Other improvements were made to the building, to accommodate transient travelers in this area. The Clark hotel, one of the older buildings in the main business section of Burgettstown had been operated as a hotel for nearly half a century. It was formerly owned and operated by Dr. Clark, well known dentist who retired several years ago and now lives in California.

**Clark Hotel is Guttled by Disastrous Fire**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-October 30, 1952 Edition**

**PAUL TUCCI OPENS  
RESTAURANT AND BAR  
IN CLARK HOTEL**

Spaghetti with meat balls, ravioli, sea foods and steaks are features of the dinner menu at the new Clark hotel grill on Main street opened this week under the management of Paul Tucci, former Burgettstown barber.

Breakfast, lunches and full course dinners are now being served in the redecorated left wing and rear right section equipped with tables, booths and bar. Accommodations are provided for over sixty patrons. Within the next six weeks, Mr. Tucci hopes to open the right front section as a special dining room. Present hours are from 7 a. m., to 2 p. m. except Saturdays when closing hours are at 12 mid-night.

Mr. Tucci came to Burgettstown 24 years ago from Monongahela and worked as an employee of Filippone's furniture store. For 17 years he was a barber on Main street. He and his wife, the former Nella Marsili of Burgettstown, have three children, Zelinda, 13, Jean, 11, and Paula, 20 months. They reside over Bender's drug store.

# Mrs. Ruth Trenary Wins First Place In Coll Electric Supply Contest

CHOOSES SIX PIECE DINNETTE  
AS HER AWARD



Mrs. Ruth Trenary of Langeloth (shown at the left) chats with Arvella Powell of Coll Electric Supply after having been notified that she had won first prize in Coll Electric Supply's essay contest. Her Award, a beautiful six-piece dinette is shown in the foreground.

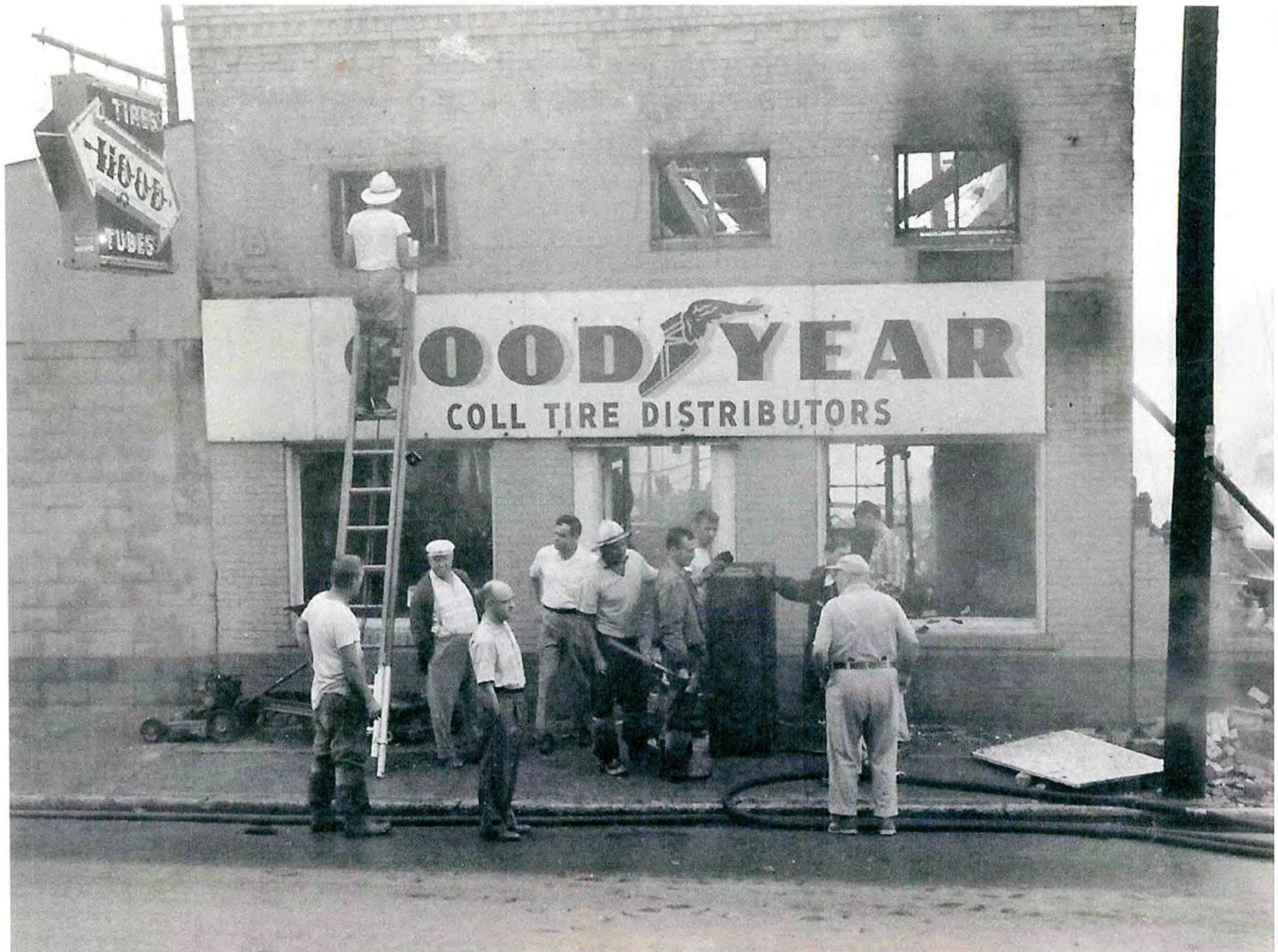
## MRS. TRENARY'S PRIZE-WINNING ESSAY

"I would like to own a new 1957 G. E. Electric Range because three generations of our family have never bought any other brand appliance, which is proof enough of their quality, beauty, and value."

**Mrs. Ruth Trenary Wins First Place in Coll Electric Supply Contest**  
**Arvella Pyle, salesperson**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-March 14, 1957 Edition**



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Burgettstown Enterprise-March 14, 1957 Edition**



**Volunteer Firemen Work Quickly & Expertly; Five Companies Battle Disastrous Fire  
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Burgettstown Enterprise-July 30, 1959 Edition**

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**Smoldering Ruins all that's Left of Coll Tire Plant  
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# SMOULDERING RUINS ALL THAT'S LEFT OF COLL TIRE PLANT



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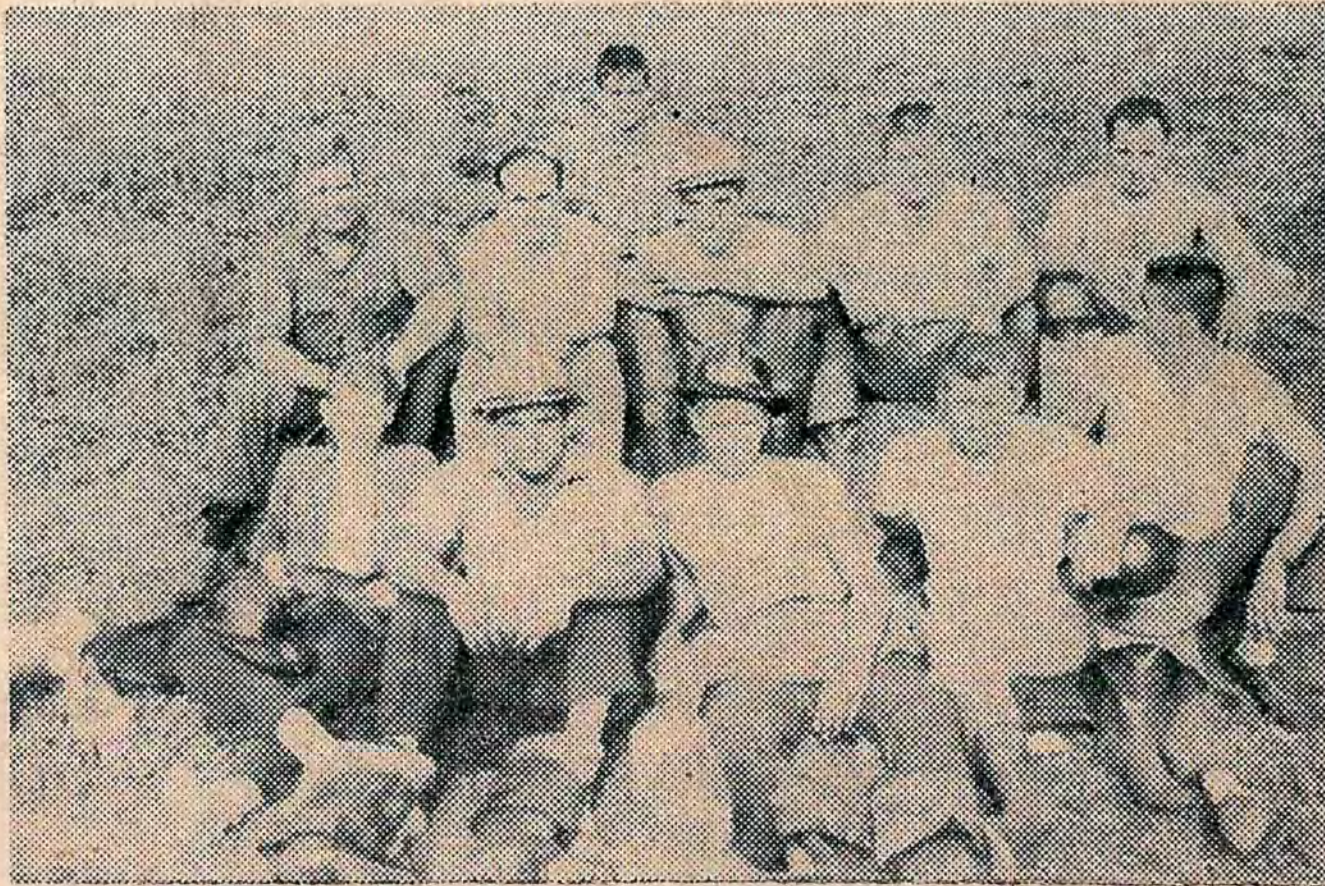


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Mr. Coll assembled his associates at an emergency meeting on Tuesday afternoon and plans were immediately drafted to continue the business in temporary quarters until new buildings can be erected. A crane moved in Wednesday morning to begin clearing out the debris, in preparation for rebuilding.

Temporary quarters were established Wednesday in the Coll Annex across from the furniture store on North Main street where the records of the company, which were saved from the fire were installed. Telephones and business machines were set in so that the office routine of the plant may continue uninterrupted. Mr. Coll has also rented the ice house on Market street, and the Boni building on Main street where retail phases of the business will be carried on.

Coll, largest tire re-capping business in the tri-state district supplied more than 450 district agents. Business associates of Mr. Coll have offered their facilities to continue the re-capping phase of the business until new buildings and machines can be put into use.

Fire broke out in the plant at 12:20 Tuesday, shortly after the midnight shift had taken over. It is said to have been caused when a can of solvents was spilt. The liquid tire cleaning fluid seeped into the basement, splashing against a hot water tank and ignited. Employees were unable to snuff this blaze, and in seconds the whole plant was a holocaust of fire, which burned steadily for several hours.

Five fire companies answered the call within minutes, Burgettstown, Slovan, Avella, Hickory and McDonald, with more than 100 firemen reporting for duty.

The county fire radio network, recently installed was instrumental in bringing quick aid by the fire companies. A six man detachment of state police was put on duty, who worked throughout the night rerouting route 18 traffic.

Great credit and praise was heaped upon the volunteer firemen who worked unstintingly to stop the fire. They were successful in confining the flames to the Coll buildings, saving a nearby garage and Robinson Pop buildings, adjacent. The Coll plant was reduced

to rubble, and all buildings and equipment are said to be a total loss. The fire broke out again, at 6 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, requiring a return of the Burgettstown fire company. The ruins were still smoldering on Wednesday. The firemen were again recalled Wednesday morning to stop another outburst.

The new Coll addition, recently completed was also destroyed by the intense heat.

Tim Vincent, a Coll employee suffered leg and foot burns; Harry Pappas, volunteer fireman ran a nail through his hand; Chuck Neil suffered burns of the hands and Tom Vajentic was bruised when a timber fell on his ankle.

Fire Chief Walter Farnier directed operations at the scene of the fire and was loud in praise of the valiant efforts of the fire crews.

Coll Tire Distributors was founded by Mr. Coll's father, the late James Coll, during World War II, when rubber, vitally necessary to the war effort, was placed first on priority lists. Mr. Coll set up a tire re-capping operation in a small building on North Main st., in 1938 to manufacture re-capped tires. James Coll later came into the business with his father and through the years has expanded and developed the plant, until it is one of the most staple industries in Raccoon Valley.

He kept increasing his crew until his payroll today includes sixty employees. He has further spread out into the retail business and conducts a furniture store in Burgettstown, a retail outlet at the plant, and is the owner of the Mac Brown store in Aliquippa. His fleet of trucks, loaded with re-capped and new tires, making deliveries at 450 branch agents, is a familiar sight in the tri-state area.

A recent innovation in the Coll industry was its entry into the industrial field, where all types of new and re-capped tires were marketed to large industries.

Mr. Coll stated Tuesday that his loss was partially covered by insurance.

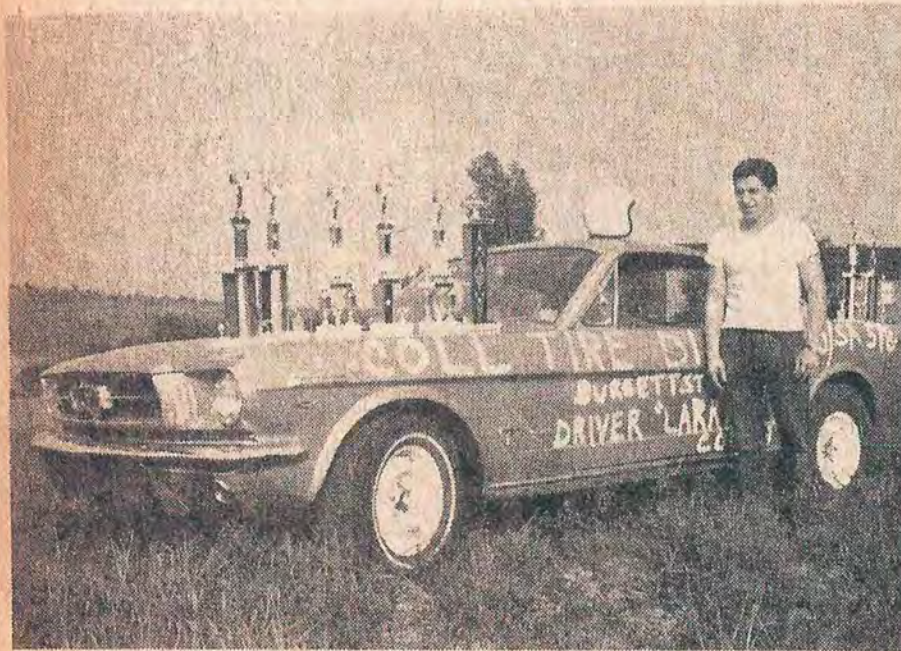
"Pepe" Farulli, owner of Pepe's Restaurant supplied the firemen with coffee and doughnuts, as they worked to put out the fire.

## Coll Tire Distributors Begin Re-Building of Burned Plant Burgettstown Enterprise-July 30, 1959 Edition



**Coll Tire Distributors- Main Street, Burgettstown, PA**

## Local Driver Wins Drag Race Awards



This is Larry Couch, local driver who has won number of awards and trophies at the Pittsburgh International Dragway.

He is pictured with a 1965 Ford Mustang that is equipped with a 289 cubic inch and 200 horsepower engine.

Couch is sponsored by Coll Tire Distributors, Inc., of Burgettstown.

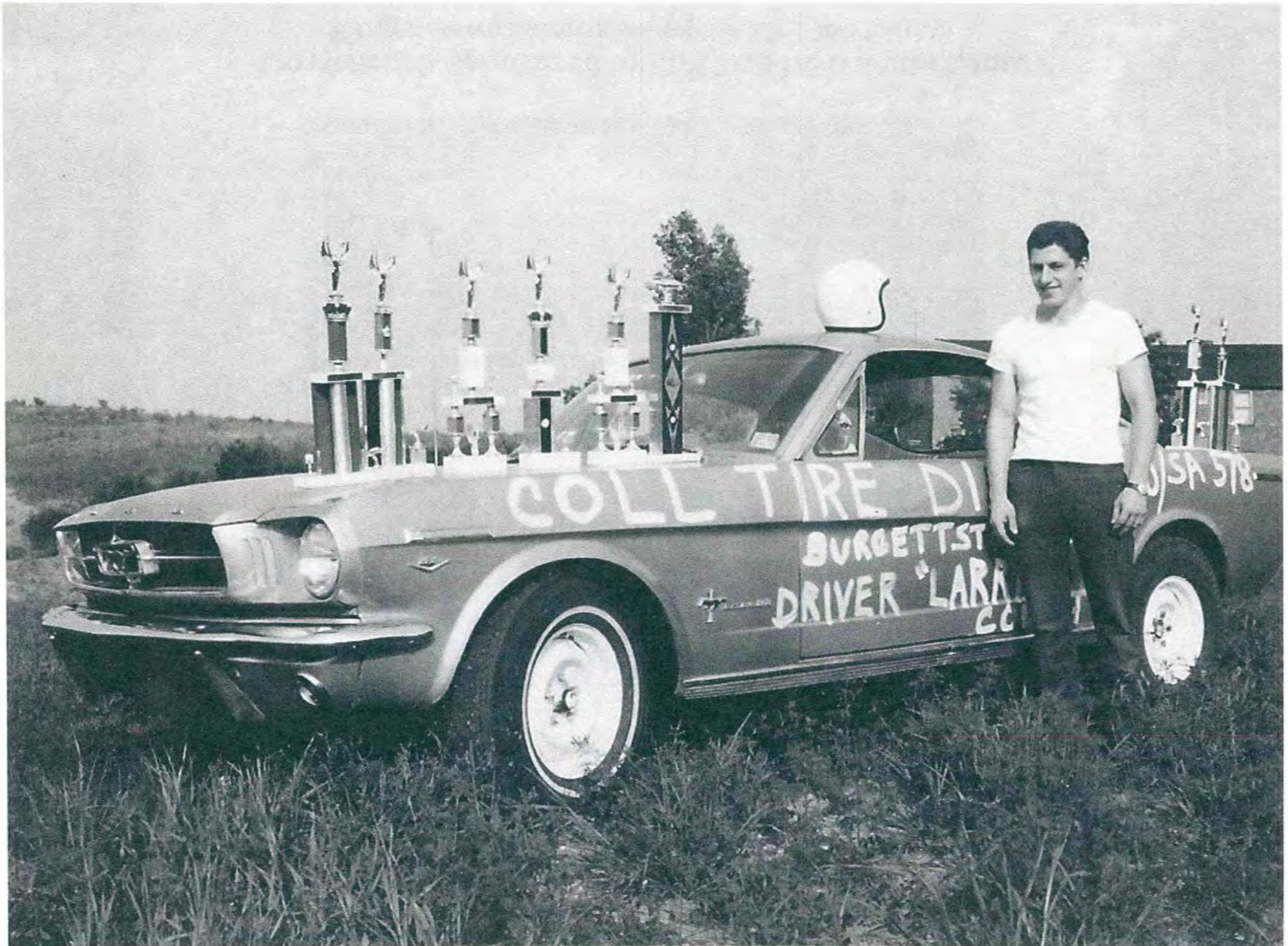
Although this is only the first year of drag racing

competition for him, Larry has so far won eight class races and has received trophies for each.

On Saturday evenings, he races in Class "J" and on Sunday afternoons he competes in Class "J/S."

Couch has also won the top eliminator competition on one occasion and finished second in another. He has received trophies for each of these finishes.

**Larry Couch, sponsored by Coll Tire Distributors, Inc.  
Burgettstown Enterprise-August 28, 1968 Edition**



**Larry Couch, sponsored by Coll Tire Distributors, Inc.  
Burgettstown Enterprise-August 28, 1968 Edition**



#### County Banks Suspend.

Five banks in Washington county suspended business on Monday, three of the institutions being state organizations, one a private concern and one a National bank. The failure of the banks were caused by heavy calls for money and insufficient deposits. The banks were the Washington Trust Co., state bank, of Washington; Union Trust Co., state bank, Washington; Alexander & Co., private bank, Monongahela; Monongahela City Trust Co., state bank, Monongahela; Farmers and Miners National Bank, Bentleyville. The failure of these banks do not necessarily imply that any other banks in the county are in poor condition. Practically all the banks now functioning are able to meet all demands and no alarm is being felt by depositors.

**County Banks Closing**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-October 8, 1931 Edition**

**May Vote on Sunday Movies.**

The County Commissioners announce that resolutions from borough councils and boards of township supervisors, or petitions of electors with the required number of signatures, asking for submission of the voters of the question of approval or otherwise of Sunday movies will be received by them until Monday, October 21st, and printed on the ballot of the district thus petitioning, for the decision of the voters of the district.

**May Vote on Sunday Movies**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise—October 9, 1935 Edition**



Walter G. Cramer was editor of three different newspapers that marked events in Burgettstown and found their way into many local homes during the first three decades of this century. At various times Mr. Cramer edited the Burgettstown Herald, the Burgettstown Call and the Burgettstown Enterprise.

He had a natural flair for writing and a sense of humor that filtered through many of his columns and editorials. A series of articles called "Uncle Zeke" appeared in the Call over a period of several months and was finally collected into a paper backed edition. The author, calling himself "Uncle Zeke," reveled in the experiences of men about town and shared them with his readers with a somewhat sly homespun good humor. We are reprinting two of the "Uncle Zeke" articles in this issue as a tribute to a former editor who made a special mark on Burgettstown's history.

Walter G. Cramer died in Harrisburg July 27, 1959, at the age of 82. He had been born in Cherry Tree, Indiana, but came to Burgettstown when he was only 15. He engaged in the printing business for many years, at one time having an office in the basement of the old bank building. He and his wife, Hester McCabe Cramer, had two sons, Herbert W. and John S. After leaving the newspaper business Walter Cramer went to Harrisburg where he and his son, John, worked for the state of Pennsylvania at the Capitol building. A grandson, Walter S. Cramer, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Cramer, of Burgettstown, lives now in Harrisburg.

## "UNCLE ZEKE"

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UNCLE ZEKE

### BASSO STRIKES LOW NOTE

Because of the many threats that have been hurled against us for publishing amusing incidents on our readers, we have almost lost our taste for them, but here is one on our well-known merchant, W. F. Scott, we are going to tell if we have to serve time for it.

As is well known in this community, Mr. Scott is not only an elder and active worker in all departments of the First United Presbyterian Church, but on Sabbaths he appears in the role of Profundo Basso in the church choir. On last Sunday morning, while occupying his customary position in the second row of singers, he found that his view of the minister was extremely limited because of the new fall styles in woman's headgear, and as he arose to join in the singing of them, he took occasion to push his chair into what he considered would be a better position. The anthem being finished, Mr. Scott, forgetful of the events preceding and of the fact that he had changed the location of his chair, sat down. We use the word DOWN advisedly. The only thing between him and the floor was the cuspidor, which had been slightly used, and in order to keep it from contaminating his Palm Beach trousers, Finley pulled off some stunts that would make some of these high class contortionists turn green with envy. Our informant tells us that his act was well received, and that everyone (with the possible exception of Finley) seemed to enjoy it. There didn't seem to be any of the so-called long-faced Christians out that day, for everyone wore a smile.

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### CASSIDY APPOINTED POSTMASTER

We believe it will be news to most of our readers that R. C. Cassidy, of Burgettstown, has been appointed postmaster for the new town of Langeloth. Mr. Cassidy received notice last Thursday of his appointment, but his innate modesty has kept him from noising it around. The Call got next to it just a little too late for mention in the last issue, and having one of his old daguerretypes lying around the office, deems it fitting and proper to make especial mention in this issue, since no extra expense will be involved. A close observer will note that the picture is an old one, having been snapped before Mr. Cassidy had attained his second crop of luxuriant tressie; it is also larger than we would have preferred, but we guess it will answer for the purpose.

Robert C. Cassidy (we have no idea what the "C." is for) is one of the very biggest men in Burgettstown from the avoidupois standpoint. He was born at a very early age at Patterson's Mills, and is said to have been a pretty child, but he soon outgrew it. He stayed on the farm until he had attained his growth, and then immigrated to Burgettstown. That was more than a quarter of a century ago. For ten years he was engaged in the grocery business here, and we have heard his friends boast that he had more sand than any man in town. Then his passion for handling big money got away with him, and he spent the next ten years behind the bars of the Burgettstown National Bank. To this day Mr. Cassidy holds that the present flourishing condition of that institution is due to his untiring efforts while there. At the expiration of the second ten years Mr. Cassidy conceived the notion of putting the Pittsburg Life Insurance Company on an even more substantial footing, and enlisted as a supervisor of agents. To hear Robert tell about it he has been wonderfully successful; so far as we know the company neither denies or affirms the statement.

Oh, yes, we almost forgot to say that Mr. Cassidy has held quite a number of offices from time to time, and is still hanging on to some of them. For about ten years (that mystic ten again) he has been a member of our board of education (we understand he went in with a great deal of opposition and will probably go out without any). He is also secretary of Richard Vaux Lodge, No. 454, F. & A. M., which office he has held for many years, and is treasurer of Burgettstown Lodge, No. 1145, I. O. O. F. He is a member of the Burgettstown Grange, has attained the mystic of the Grand Orient, and holds an appointment as notary public. In his youth he was baptized in the Presbyterian faith, but, as the little kid said, "it didn't seem to take."

On the whole, Cassidy isn't a bad sort of a fellow, and it's surprising how many friends he has. Every one of them, while congratulating him and commending the judgment of those who made the appointment, are wondering how he broke into a Democratic administration on a Republican and Bull Moose record.

**Walter G. Cramer-Editor**

**Burgettstown Enterprise-Centennial Edition, May 20, 1981**

# Crescent Roller Mill



## Railroad Street - 1902



CULLEY BROTHERS established their merchant tailoring business in 1902 when Wilmon B. Culley bought the business of C. M. Elder. He and his brother, Charles L. Culley formed a partnership under the trade name, "Culley Brothers, Merchant Tailors."

A new building on Railroad Street served as their place of business until 1957, a period of 55 years. The business ceased operation following the death of Charles L. Culley.



**Culley Brothers-1902**  
**Railroad Street, Burgettstown, PA**

**CULLEYS BUILD  
TAILOR SHOP ON  
RAILROAD STREET**

Wilmon B. Culley, usually referred to as "Squire" Culley since he served in that capacity in Burgettstown for 35 years, bought out C.M. Elder's tailor shop in 1902. Charles L. Culley, brother of the "Squire", joined him in business, their advertisement reading "Culley Brothers, Merchant Tailors."

W. B. Culley built two buildings on Railroad Street, the one on the corner now housing Gilson's Paint Store and the one beside it where Magistrate Thomas McGraw has his office. The latter building was used for the tailoring business which continued for 55 years until 1957 when Charles L. Culley died.

W. B. Culley married Jessie B. Shaughency. Her death occurred in 1952. Wilmon Culley died December 7, 1950.

Charles Culley's wife was the former Katherine Morgan. She passed away in 1942. Their children were Lucille, Wayne, John, Robert, Elizabeth, Wilmon and Charles.

During the late Teens and early Twenties, Lucille (Mrs. Wilbert Welch) taught in the Burgettstown Grade School. Wayne became postmaster at the Burgettstown Post Office on Railroad Street, continuing as such after the post office was moved to its present location. Later, he was in the sporting goods business for 33 years. John became a rural carrier out of the Burgettstown office in 1926, serving until his retirement in 1962. Robert worked in the local bank before moving to Washington and accepting a job with the Columbia Gas Company. Elizabeth (Mrs. Paul Erber) taught, before her marriage, in Smith Township Schools. Wilmon and Charles moved from the area to live in Washington and Mesa, Arizona respectively. Mrs. Welch and Charles Culley are the only surviving members of the Charles L. Culley family.

**Culley's Build Tailor Shop on Railroad Street**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-Centennial Edition, May 20, 1981**

## Culley

The Culley Brothers established their Merchant Tailoring business in 1902 when Wilmon B. Culley bought the business from C. M. Elder. He and his brother, Charles L. Culley, formed a partnership under the trade name of "Culley Brothers, Merchant Tailors."

A new building on Railroad Street served as their place of business until 1957, a period of 55 years. The business ceased with the death of Charles L. Culley.

Every since its founding, Burgettstown has always had a wide variety of businesses.

**Building Painted.**

The Culley building on Railroad street which houses the postoffice, the Culley Bros. tailoring establishment, the office of Justice of the Peace W. B. Culley and the second floor living apartments, has been much improved by an excellent job of painting over the entire structure.





Enterprise photo

The Cunningham Machine Co. building as it appeared following a fire in March 1988.

## **Former Cunningham Machine Shop Purchased By G & D Contracting; Future Plans Include Employing 12**

Announcement was made Friday, July 27, by 22-West Progress Group Inc. (formerly NEED Inc.) and Mellon Bank's Burgettstown branch that G & D General Contracting, Southview, has purchased property that was the site of the former Cunningham Machine Co. on Main Street, Burgettstown.

Gary D. Manges is president of G & D Contracting.

J. William Hemphill, executive director of 22-West Progress Group, said, "G & D General Contracting plans to house its contracting business at the Main Street site and to employ approximately 12 people. Future plans include the construction of an office complex and a fabricating shop."

The Cunningham building has been vacant since a fire gutted it on Tuesday, March 29, 1988.

Mellon Bank held the mortgage on the vacant property and agreed to assign its liens to the 22-West Progress Group in March of this year. The 22-West Progress Group, a non-profit organization formed to encourage employment and economic develop-

ment in northwestern Washington County, was then in a position to acquire the property through the Washington County Tax Claim Bureau. The progress group turned the property over to G & D after receiving Tax Bureau approval recently.

According to Hemphill, "22-West Progress Group has been working on putting the Cunningham Machine Co. building back on the tax rolls for several years. The property had become a public health hazard and eyesore, and we are very pleased to be involved with Mellon Bank and the

Washington County Tax Claim Bureau in putting the site into productive use. In addition to cleaning up an unsightly and dangerous situation, this will help create some new employment in the region."

Mary Pettit, manager of Mellon Bank's Burgettstown branch office, said, "This is an ideal opportunity to revitalize the vacant property and to encourage economic development in our community. We are pleased an agreement was reached between the Tax Bureau, 22-West Progress Group and G & D General Contracting."

**Former Cunningham Machine Shop Purchased by G & D Contracting;  
Future Plans Include Employing 12  
Burgettstown Enterprise-August 1, 1990 Edition**



Head table at Cunningham firm's 50th Anniversary celebration.

## Firm Celebrates 50th Anniversary

Over 300 employees and guests of the Cunningham Welding and Machine Service, Inc., Burgettstown, attended a 50th anniversary dinner-dance of the company in George Washington Hotel here.

The company, which specializes in rebuilding sub-surface mining equipment, was started on December 5, 1920, by the late Charles Cunningham Sr. at its present location in Burgettstown. The business is being continued by two sons, Colin Cunningham, president of the firm, and Charles N. Cunningham Jr., vice president, and a daughter, Ella Cunningham, secretary-treasurer.

Jack Wheeler, Pittsburgh, was the speaker at the anniversary dinner in George Washington Hotel. The invocation was asked by the Rev. Edward R. DeLair, pastor of

Trinity United Presbyterian Church, McDonald. Special music was furnished by The Tune Toppers.

Many congratulatory messages and floral displays were received during the evening's event, President Colin Cunningham said. "We are grateful to employees of the company who presented us a bronze plaque recognizing our 50 years of service to the mining industry," he added.

Back in 1920, company founder Charles Cunningham Sr. was in charge of equipment maintenance for three mines of Ford Collieries Company located at Curtisville. He foresaw the possibility of building a firm devoted entirely to renewing component mining equipment parts to their original specifications through a welding and machining process.

With a minimal amount of equipment and finances and an abundance of determination and dedication, Cunningham opened his shop in Burgettstown and the business prospered and grew. With the advent of mechanical mining in the 1930s, new demands appeared in the mine equipment rebuilding

business which were readily met by the company and are being carried out to the present day.

Cunningham Welding and Machine Service, Inc., has continued to grow year after year and is now considered one of

the leaders in its field. The firm has as its major clients the subsidized coal operations of leading steel companies and electric power producers as well as large coal operations. The company currently employs 32.

**Cunningham Machine Shop  
Observer Reporter  
December 15, 1970**

**DARRAS FAMILIES OPERATE  
GARAGE**

Louis L. Darras and Jules A. Darras were partners in the automobile business in Burgettstown selling Durants and Stars, beginning in 1919. They were the sons of Jules and Virginia Prevost Darras, natives of France. Jules Darras, Sr., erected the building on Main Street, now occupied by Cunninghams' Machine Shop but owned since 1972 by James W. Ward, Jr., of Pittsburgh. The Darras Brothers were in business for a number of years and their families occupied apartments in the garage building. Louis Darras died in 1964, Jules very recently in March, 1981.

### **Razing Old Building.**

The old tile building on Main street near the Cunningham machine shop, which has been unoccupied for a number of years is being torn down. The structure was the property of Mrs. J. L. Darras of Bulger and has been used for various purposes. W E. Inglefield & Son, plumbers, were located in the building some years ago.

**Building to be Razed, Darras Property-Former Inglefield & Sons Business  
Burgettstown Enterprise-October 15, 1931 Edition**

# DOLLS - DOLLS - DOLLS - DOLLS

*With Turn-of-the-Century Dress*

*Old World Charm*



*Dolls By Pauline®*

For Each Doll Purchased,  
An Entry Will Be Made For  
A Free Doll To Be Awarded  
For Christmas.  
Winner's Choice.

**New Little Boy and Girl Dolls To Choose From**

*Three Different Styles Doll Clothes*

*Our Doll Family Is Growing!*

Charming little sisters, Susanne and Sabrina, have been added to the family of "Dolls By Pauline," the pride and joy of Debbie Vraninin, who has transformed one cozy nook of her Ladies' and Children's Shop into a little folks' paradise.

Another newcomer, Elizabeth, who is daintily attired in red or blue checked gingham frock with white apron, joins the boy-and-girl sets of Charles and Cecile, Alexander and Alexandra, and Christopher and Christina, as well as other unique and cuddly personalities.

Some of this remarkable group of collectible dolls have eyes that close. Some have lovely rooted hair, others have yarn hair, painted faces, cloth bodies, and other distinctive features. But all have personality and Old World Charm.

Debbie also has doll clothing that is becoming to each little character. All dolls are from 17" to 20" tall, and may be enjoyed by anyone of any age.

Let your little girl tell Santa her preference on Debbie's exclusive letter to the jolly old gentleman.

## DEBBIE VRANININ

Main Street Burgettstown (412) 947-2811

**Debbie's Dress Shop**

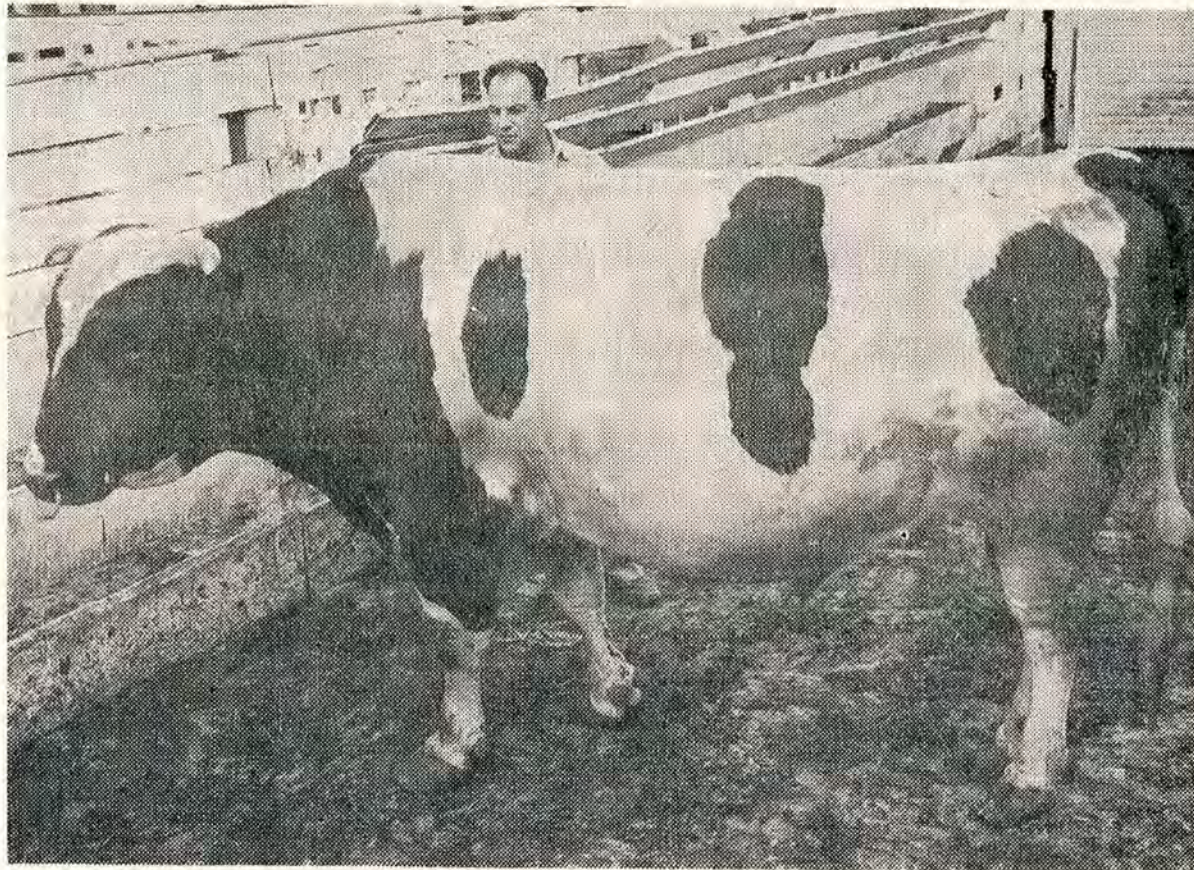
**Kathryn Slasor's Leaves-October 18, 1980 Edition**



**Delfrate Packing Co. - Jim Bongiorno, Cattle Buyer**  
**The Burgettstown Enterprise-May 23, 1957 Edition**

*Fort Vance Historical Society*

## "WIENIES FROM HERE TO PITTSBURGH"



A lotta bull, 2,680 pounds in fact, is shown in this Enterprise photo. The gentleman shown behind this Holstein four-year old bull is James Bongiorno. Jim, who is the cattle buyer for the Delfrate Packing Co., and a candidate

for Washington County sheriff, said that this is one of the largest bulls that has ever been in this part of the country. He purchased it at the Damascus, Ohio, sale barn. John Delfrate, president of Delfrate Packing Co., stated,

"This bull is the largest I have ever seen or bought during my 30 years in the meat packing business. We'll make wienies out of him and if they were stretched end-to-end they'd probably reach from Burgettstown to Pittsburgh."

**Delfrate Packing Co. - Jim Bongiorno, Cattle Buyer**  
**The Burgettstown Enterprise-May 23, 1957 Edition**

*Fort Vance Historical Society*

## Delfrate Packing Company Business Sold To American Foods, Inc., Of Washington



Mr. and Mrs. John Delfrate of Slovan have announced the sale of the Delfrate Packing Company to American Foods, Inc., of Washington, Pa.

James O. Herring is President of American Foods, which operates a wholesale meat and poultry warehouse in Washington. Michael Hartman will be retained as plant manager at the Delfrate plant, and Frank O'Marra will be the office manager. Mrs. Delfrate will continue with the firm as a consultant.

The Delfrate Packing Company, which employs 38 men, including four salesmen and four truck drivers, supplies approximately 500 retail outlets within a 60-mile radius of Slovan. The firm will continue to be known as the Delfrate Packing Company, and its products will be tagged with the present "Delmar Brand," label.

Mr. Delfrate started the business in 1925 during the horse and buggy days, and drew his first customers from the immediate Burgettstown and Slovan areas. An addition to the plant was necessitated in 1940, and a second addition was built in 1946.

The Delfrates are the parents of three daughters: Mrs. Michael Hartman of Burgettstown, and Mrs. John Behulak and Mrs. Robert Torboli of Slovan.

They have sold their home in Slovan to their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Torboli, and plan to leave Thursday for Florida where they will make their winter home at 2712 Shannon Road in Orlando. During the summer months they plan to operate their tourist home, Twin Birches, at Geneva-on-the-Lake.

(Cindrich photo)

**Delfrate Packing Company Business Sold to American Foods, Inc  
Burgettstown Enterprise - January 25, 1962 Edition**



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**PACKING COMPANY EMPLOYEES  
ARE GUESTS AT PARTY**

Mr. and Mrs. John Delfrate entertained employes of the Delfrate Packing company at a dinner party in Pompe's restaurant on Saturday evening. The party was given in appreciation for the fine spirit of cooperation shown by the Delfrate employes during the illness of Mr. Delfrate, who recently spent six weeks at Hot Springs, Ark., because of ill health. Twenty-five employes were present and spent the evening playing cards.

**Delfrate Packing Company  
Burgettstown Enterprise-May 24, 1945 Edition**



**Jim Dellaria Lincoln-Mercury-1966 Remodeling  
Main Street, Burgettstown, PA**

*Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society*



**Jim Dellaria Lincoln-Mercury-Ford**  
**Main Street, Burgettstown, PA**

*Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society*



**Star Lake Ford**  
**Formerly Dellaria Lincoln-Mercury-Ford**  
**Main Street, Burgettstown, PA**  
*Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society*



**Delfrate Meats  
John and Mary Delfrate**

**BASS SEASON JULY 10  
AT DINSMORE DAM**

The opening day of bass season at Dinsmore Reservoir will be July 10 beginning at 8 a.m. D.S.T. Following, the hours will be 4 a. m., until 11 p.m. D.S.T., unless scheduled otherwise, in which case notices will be posted indicating the change.

A limited number of permits will be available, and applications should be made at the Langeloth Water Company's filtration plant located near Bertha Station on the Burgettstown-Hanlin road. In order to avoid disappointment, it has been suggested not to delay making application until the last day before the opening of the season.

**Bass Season at Dinsmore Dam  
Burgettstown Enterprise-July 1, 1948**

# Disco Plant At Imperial Nearing Completion

Pittsburgh, Pa.—It's full speed ahead in the construction of the new \$3,000,000 Disco plant for the production of a smokeless fuel sold under the registered trademark "Disco". All seven carbonizers are now in place, the drive machinery has been partially installed and the steel framing of the main structure is soon to be erected.

Delayed several months by a strike at the old Disco plant, the company is making every effort to have the plant completed in time to meet some of Pittsburgh's peak winter demand for smokeless fuel. According to C. E. Leshner, president of the Disco Company, partial operation of the new plant is expected to begin in January.

The new installation will be the first commercial size plant for the production of "Disco," and it will have an estimated annual production of 300,000 tons. This product is a distilled coal, a smokeless solid fuel in ball form produced from coal fines by a patented, continuous process. The by-products include a tar of special value because it is rich in tar acids used in the plastics industry.

The plant is located just beyond Imperial, Pa., 19 miles west of Pittsburgh. Nestled in a valley south of Route 22, the plant is ideally located to receive its raw material from the adjacent Champion Cleaning Plant of Pittsburgh Coal Company and to ship its product to the Pittsburgh consuming area. The Disco Company is a subsidiary of Pittsburgh Consolidation Coal Company.

**Disco Plant at Imperial Nearing Completion**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-September 2, 1948 Edition**

## THE LONG AGO

Events of Other Times From  
Various Sources of Local  
History and Old Legends

The following items are taken from the Enterprise, issue of November 17, 1909—22 years ago:

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Thaddeus S. Danley, aged 38 years, died at his home at Cherry Valley.

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Mrs. Marie Furniss, aged 63 years, wife of Thomas M. Furniss, died at her home at South Burgettstown.

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The Men's Brotherhood of the First Presbyterian church had as speakers the Rev. W. M. Hays, W. M. McMurray, James Leith and Richard Hill. R. C. Cassidy had charge of the meeting.

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On the complaints of Supervisors S. C. Cunningham, James W. Gillespie and J. H. Murchland of Jefferson township, the Washington county court granted a writ commanding John A. Berry, Thomas Hill and W. J. Smith, County Commissioners, to rebuild a bridge over Cross Creek, between Jefferson and Independence townships to replace a structure that had been carried away by floods in July, 1907.

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The Pittsburgh-Buffalo Coal Co. is constructing a large dam on the Dinsmore farm, opposite the Dinsmore railroad station. It will be the largest project of the kind in Washington county. A reinforced concrete wall, seven feet thick, 14 feet high and 235 feet long forms the breastworks of the dam. The estimated capacity of the reservoir is 10,000,000 gallons of water.

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Taxable property in Burgettstown is valued at \$601,580, according to the triennial report of the assessor. In Burgettstown taxable property rose in value \$62,610 in three years. There are 482 taxables in the borough and the value of real estate is placed at \$505,625.

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The Burgettstown high school and the Oakdale high school footballists clashed on the local field, Oakdale winning by a score of 29 to nothing. The Oakdale players depended largely upon their illegal mode of playing and argument to win.

## The Long Ago

Events of Other Times from Various Sources of History and Local Legends  
Enterprise- November 17, 1909 Edition



Announcing The Opening Of  
**Dot and Tena's**  
**Beauty Shop**

For Your Convenience

**At CHERRY VALLEY**

On The Atlasburg Road

Latest hair styles from the Virginia Farrell Hair  
Styling School Of Detroit

**For Appointments Telephone WH 7-5647**

**Dot and Tena's Beauty Shop**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-March 8, 1956 Edition**

Dr. Clark, after more than a quarter of a century's office residence in the Enterprise Building, announces that after August 4th he will receive patients at his new location in the Clark hotel.

**Jottings**  
**Dr. Clark Moves to new Location**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-July 31, 1941 Edition**

**DR. E. E. DAVIDSON DENTIST OF  
THREE DECADES HERE**

Dr. Ralph E. Davidson, dentist, located in Burgettstown about 1922. He enlisted in World War I in October, 1918, during which time he was in training at the camp at the University of Pittsburgh. A native of Hickory, he was the son of Samuel A. and Anna M. Davidson. Dr. Davidson practiced his profession in Burgettstown until he died in 1949. He was a member of the Richard Vaux Lodge, the Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias and the Presbyterian Church.

**Baseball Fans!**

**Enjoy the World Series on Television**

Starting Wednesday, October 4 at 1 p.m.

at

**Dugas Tavern**

Langeloth - Eldersville Road

**Dugas Tavern**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-October 5, 1950 Edition**



KEYSTONE GARAGE at Slovan, circa 1930, owned by Steve Dugas. Pictured, [l-r] Unknown, Joe Dugas, Lou Dugas, Steve Dugas, Sr., Mr. Pascoe. The three youngsters in the front row are Al Dugas, Bill Dugas and Ed Dugas.

**Dugas, Keystone Garage**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise, Centennial Edition-July 5, 1978 Edition**

Announcing the  
**GRAND OPENING FRIDAY, JANUARY 11**

of the

**ELDERSVILLE AUCTION COMPANY**

Roy E. Meadows, Manager

in the

**GOLDEN HORSESHOE BARN**

Follow the signs— $\frac{1}{4}$  Mile Off the  
Eldersville-Follansbee Road

**NEW and USED MERCHANDISE**  
**FURNITURE — TOYS — APPLIANCES**

*We sell on consignment*

Auction Sale Every Friday Night — 7 to 12

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**Eldersville Auction Company**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-January 3, 1957 Edition**

**ANYONE WISHING  
TO SUBMIT NEWS  
OF THEIR COMMUNITY**

**CALL EITHER  
KATHERINE PYLE  
947-5600 or  
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**By 10 AM Thursday or  
Drop Off At the  
ENTERPRISE BY  
NOON THURSDAY**

## Farms to Buy!

The undersigned can dispose of several farms containing from 60 to 100 acres each, at fair prices. Persons having farms of the above-mentioned size for sale will please call on or address,

J. B. EWING,  
Real Estate & Insurance Agent,  
BURGETTSTOWN, PA.

**J. B. Ewing-Real Estate & Insurance Agent**  
**The Burgettstown Call-May 24, 1883 Edition**



## **The Exchange Hotel**

**It was built by David Smiley. I have no document or proof. My Earliest recollection of Mr. Smiley was when he built one of the finest homes in Northern Washington County on land adjoining the first property of Captain John Bavington.**

**J. Orr Lee was the first landlord I can remember, that was in 1874. There was an old print showing a big sign 'Lee & Fulton'. Mrs. Lee was Cynthia Fulton, it may have been the two families. Orr Lee sold out to William Cole and Mr. Cole sold to the Smiths.**

**Recollections of Thomas R. Bremner  
Imperial, PA-August 6, 1953**

*Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society*

# EXCHANGE LIVERY STABLES

MORGAN & EWING, Proprietors.

(Successors to W. A. Purdy)

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PRICES VERY REASONABLE.

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Near Exchange Hotel Corner, Burgettstown, Pa.

## TIME OF TRAINS

Leaving Burgettstown Station. Railroad  
time. Schedule in effect Nov. 24, 1901:

EASTBOUND.	WESTBOUND.
5:39 a. m.	7:04 a. m.
7:36 a. m.	9:41 a. m.
7:56 a. m.	1:01 p. m.
11:26 a. m.	3:49 p. m.
2:47 p. m.	5:29 p. m.
4:06 p. m.	7:08 p. m.
5:43 p. m.	11:41 p. m.
SUNDAY.	SUNDAY.
7:33 a. m.	7:04 a. m.
2:47 p. m.	9:16 a. m.
4:06 p. m.	12:52 p. m.

## DISTANCE CARD

From BURGETTSTOWN to

Eldersville.....	6 miles
Crosscreek.....	5 "
West Middletown.....	12 "
Independence.....	12 "
Hickory.....	8 "
Canonsburg.....	18 "
Washington.....	18 "
Florence.....	4 "
Frankfort Springs.....	10 "
Paris.....	9 "
Bavington.....	4 "
Murdocksville.....	9 "
Candor.....	5 "
Clinton.....	12 "
Imperial.....	12 "

**Exchange Livery Stables-November 24, 1901 Train Schedule**

*Fort Vance Historical Society*



**EZ Picken's-Home of the Gus Burger  
Florence, PA**

NO. 113

\$1000

# Fairview Cemetery Association.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That the Fairview Cemetery, in consideration of One Thousand Dollars, paid to them by J. L. Patterson of Burgesstown, Pa the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, do hereby grant, bargain, sell and convey to the said J. L. Patterson his heirs and assigns, the lot of land in the Cemetery of the said corporation called "The Fairview Cemetery," situate in Smith township, Washington county, and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, which lots are delineated and laid down on the map or plan of the said Cemetery, as laid out by R. L. McCully, Esq., in the possession of the said corporation, and are therein designated by the number 37-38-39-40 containing 10 1/4 superficial feet. To have and to hold the hereinabove granted premises to the said J. L. Patterson his heirs and assigns, forever; subject, however, to the conditions and limitations, and with the privileges specified in the rules and regulations of said corporation. And the said The Fairview Cemetery do hereby covenant to and with the said J. L. Patterson and his heirs and assigns, that they are lawfully seized of the hereinabove granted premises in fee simple; that they have a right to sell and convey the same for the purposes above expressed; that the said premises are free and clear of all charges and incumbrances; and that they will warrant and defend the same unto the said J. L. Patterson and his heirs and assigns, forever.

In testimony whereof, the said The Fairview Cemetery have caused this instrument to be signed by their President, and their common seal to be hereunto affixed, the first day of October in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and 99.

*Countersigned and registered.*  
J. L. Patterson Secretary. J. C. Nesbit President.

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this 1st day of October A. D. / 1898, before me, the undersigned, J. K. M. Farland, Notary Public in and for Washington County, Pennsylvania, personally came J. C. Nesbit and J. L. Patterson, President and Secretary for Fairview Cemetery Association, who are to me personally known to be the same persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument of writing as parties thereto, and they acknowledged the same to be their act and deed for the purpose therein mentioned.

J. K. M. Farland  
 NOTARY PUBLIC.



Partners, L-R: George Diacopoulos, Gus Cassionis, and Mike Schooles  
**Farm Restaurant Open new Hickory Room**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-Unknown 1966 Edition**

## Farm Restaurant Opens New Hickory Room



Farm Restaurant partners George Diacopoulos, Gus Cassionis and Mike Schooles have announced the opening of an all-new "Hickory Dining Room" at their restaurant near Florence on U.S. Route 22.

Grand Opening for the Hickory Room was held Sunday.

The new room will enable the restaurant to accommodate groups of up to 100 persons, for activities including business men's luncheons and dinners,

meeting, sports banquets, card parties, wedding and anniversary dinners, birthday and reunion dinners and social club dinner meetings.

**Farm Restaurant Open new Hickory Room  
Burgettstown Enterprise-Unknown 1966 Edition**



**Farm Restaurant-Florence, PA**



**Farm Restaurant – Florence, PA**  
**Owners-George Diacopolis, Gus Cassionis, and Mike Schooles**

*Fort Vance Historical Society*



# Farm Team Wins Washington Tournament



A team of local youth, coached by Mike Schooles of the Farm Restaurant, walked away with the championship in a Gold Medal Basketball Tournament last week at Immaculate Conception high school in Washington.

The team, pictured in the above Enterprise photo are: 1st

row, left to right-J. Tidball, mgr. , Don Neil, Carl Yanek, Howard Young, George Swanik, Tom Cunningham and mgr. Ray Simpson. 2nd row, left to right-Richard Ward, Ted Mervosh, Bob Delamontagne, Jim Muscaro, Bob Bednarzik, Al Sella, Coach Richard Zelenko and Coach Mike Schooles.

The Farm won three games to take the championship. In the first game they beat Patsch Brothers team 38-21. They then beat the Avella Merchants 48 to 25 and in the final game dropped the Bulldogs 39-38.

Jim Muscaro was honored as the tourney's outstanding player.

**Farm Team Walked away with Gold Medal Basketball Tournament  
Burgettstown Enterprise-Unknown 1961 Edition**

#### **OFFICERS NAMED**

**By the Directors of Farmers National Bank of Hickory.**

Hickory, Jan. 12.—At the meeting of the directors of the Farmers' National bank of Hickory officers were named as follows: President, R. R. Hays; vice presidents, R. M. Wilson and P. O. Elder; cashier, H. W. Denny.

The directors of the bank named this year are W. H. McPeake, T. M. Johnson, W. G. Simpson, Charles Alrutz, Sr., T. M. Berryhill, P. O. Elder, R. M. Wilson, A. M. Carlisle and R. R. Hays. Mr. Alrutz is the only new member of the board, he being named to succeed Samuel Willson, one of the organizers of the bank who died recently.

# All in the family



Jim McNUTT / OBSERVER-REPORTER

Brandon, daughter Bristol, 2, and wife Leslie Farner stand beside one of the many trucks used by their company, Farnier Fire, in Hanover Township Tuesday.

## *Business seeks to extinguish customer mail misfire*

By RICK SHRUM  
Business writer  
rshrum@observer-reporter.com

Brandon Farner is a man of letters. The kind that are written and mailed.

Unfortunately for him, and his Hanover Township business, some did not reach the intended recipient or were simply unread. And it is costing him customers.

Last winter, Farner sent notes to two sets of clients he had just acquired: those of Farnier Fire Extinguishers, a company his father, Walter Jr., owned; and those who purchased extinguishers at C. Bennett Auto Supply, a longtime Washington business that was closing.

"We have over 500 customers in Washington County and I sent everybody a letter," Brandon Farner said Monday.

But when a few Bennett clients who were unaware of the switchover found out the

auto store shut down May 11, they figured they had to go elsewhere for extinguisher service. And they did.

Farner said that number is small - "There are two or three people I lost" - but he wants to limit the defections. So instead of distributing another letter, he accentuates the point that his company now has the extinguisher end of the former Bennett enterprise, which operated for 54 years.

According to farnierfire.com, the company is "a certified fire extinguisher company that services Western Pennsylvania and the northern panhandle of WV." It sells new and used fire extinguishers and other safety products, and offers restaurant fire system services and restaurant hood and filter cleaning.

Items also may be purchased online.

Farner Fire's main office and warehouse - for those

with GPS - are at 1299 Pennsylvania 18, Burgettstown, PA 15021, about two miles north of First Niagara Pavilion.

For Brandon, 28, this is akin to expanding a business he launched in 2007. He started Brandon Farner Fire Extinguishers, also in Hanover, separate from his father's Farnier Fire Extinguishers.

When Walter Farner retired during the winter, the son picked up the father's clients, along with those from Bennett, and tweaked the name to Farnier Fire.

He, in essence, is a third-generation owner of this business. His late grandfather, Buzz, longtime fire chief in Burgettstown, started it in 1960.

Brandon, of Hanover, is the owner and his wife, Leslie, essentially runs the office. There are three full-time certified employees and several working part time.

## NEW FIGLEY BUILDING HOUSES OLD CONCERN

Feed Business Established in 1849  
Becomes Leading Local Trading  
Center in Recent Years

When B. B. Figley & Son moved their office and waerhouse facilities into their new building on Center avenue about the first of December of the year 1935, they celebrated almost 90 years of a continuation of the same business enterprise. J. C. Fulton, grandfather of the present senior member of the firm, established the business in the year 1849, in a small frame building near where the present Broida department store building now stands.

The business was continued there until 1906, when a new commodious frame structure was erected on the site of the new building. This building gradually outlived its usefulness, and is now replaced by a splendid structure of steel and stone-faced concrete, 50 by 70 feet, of two stories and fitted up in model style.

Both floors are used for storage, but on the street floor many large bins have been instaleld to handle loose grain of various varieties. The office is 17 by 17 feet, floored with inlaid linoleum and walls and ceiling are of decorative fire-and sound-proof material of pleasing appearance. Heat is supplied by a new invention in the way of heaters, which operates with water and natural gas. A small room next the office is equipped with complete toilet facilities.

A noticeable feature of the building is the perfect cleanliness of the entire interior. The place is well lighted and ventilated, and numerous large doors provide means of receiving stocks from railroad cars and for delivery to cars and motor trucks. In every respect the building is fully capable of handling a large trade. The firm handles grains, flour, feed, sugar, land lime and fertilizer, and wool during the season.

B. B. Figley has been connected with the business since childhood, and acquired full ownership in 1925. Two years ago his son John was taken into full partnership. John devotes his entire time to office work and the selling to retail trade throughout the district.

As an evidence of how the business has developed in the past 86 years, the books of the firm disclose that in 1849 a gross business of \$25,000 was done; in 1928 it amounted to \$141,000, which was the best year in history up to 1935, when the firm grossed slightly more than \$160,000.

**New Figley Building Houses Old Concern**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-January 1, 1936 Edition**



**Anthony Filipponi's Furniture Store.**

Located adjacent to the Washington National Bank, Anthony Filipponi built the building on 1921.

*Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society*

# RALPH FILIPPONI

GENERAL MERCHANDISE AND MEAT MARKET

Bell Phone 234 Burgettstown

P. O. Box F

Slovan, Pa., ..... 193.....

Mr. & Mrs. ....

SAVE YOUR SLIPS

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Forwarded

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**Ralph Filipponi General Merchandise and Meat Market  
1930's-Handwritten Receipt**

*Fort Vance Historical Society*

## Slovan Grocery To Celebrate Anniversary



### Filipponi's Plan Two-Week Event

The Ralph Filipponi and Sons Quality Grocery Store, Slovan, is celebrating 52 years of business the next two weeks with a barrage of sales in store for its patrons.

Located on Main street in Slovan, Filipponi's will climax the two-week event on Saturday, August 27, with the awarding of a host of prizes at 7 p.m. Among the prizes are a portable television set and a 26-inch boys' bike.

The business was found-

ed by four Filipponi brothers in August of 1914. Mrs. Albina Filipponi has been active in the store and at the age of 77 continues to do her share of work in the business.

Two daughters, Mary Di-Orio and Dina Filipponi, work with brothers Bill and Dante Filipponi, along with Mrs. Josephine Latella, Eugene Tomassi and Mario Borio.

According to Dante, "It has always been a family store and now the grandchildren are assisting. Our reputation has been built by our satisfied customers, and we're still big enough to serve your every need and small enough to care."

This was the scene in 1914, when Filipponi Bros. Grocery Store opened in Slovan. Now Ralph Filipponi and Sons Quality Grocery Store, the firm will celebrate 52 years of business the next two weeks.

### **Big Furniture Sale.**

The February furniture sale now going on at the A. Filipponi store, Main street, Burgettstown, marks an important epoch in the furniture business. Unheard of bargains are available to early shoppers, and with spring just around the corner this great clearance sale will prove of the greatest advantage to buyers of new goods in the furniture line. Readers are urged to attend the sale and provide themselves with needed articles of household goods while the opportunity to save large sums of money is offered. Furniture prices will go considerably higher with the return of more prosperous times. The time to buy is while prices are away down. They will not go lower.

**Big Furniture Sale at A. Filipponi Store  
Burgettstown Enterprise-February 11, 1932 Edition**



## FILIPPONI SUPERETTE ADDS AIR CONDITIONING & NEW EQUIPMENT TO MODERN MARKET

A success story that could happen nowhere but in these United States is the progress made by Quentin (Queenie) Filippini and his wife Edith in less than five years.

Starting in the old store building formerly occupied by Lewis Leopold, they have completely remodeled and re-conditioned the entire building and equipment. The building, which is one of the oldest mercantile establishments in Burgettstown, housed the South Burgettstown post office under John Pry, who ran a general store in conjunction with the post office, up to the year 1905.

This site has been occupied by a grocery and general store for more than 60 years. Purchased in 1905 by Lewis Leopold who conducted a general store and bakery until his death in 1948, the property was then sold to Queenie and Edith Filippini.

The old "cracker barrel" and pot belly stove are a far cry from the new, modern grocery and meat market. The old fixtures are completely gone, nothing remains of the old general store.

New equipment includes a large walk-in cooler, meat display case, dairy case, vegetable and deep freeze case, Biro meat cutter. The latest piece of equipment is airconditioning, just installed for the comfort of their many friends and customers.

Queenie comes from a long line of food merchants who have served the people of this community for three generations. His father, Rudolph, was associated with his brothers Anthony and Ralph, in the original Filippini Brothers Market in Slovan.

After this building burned down, Queenie worked for his uncle, Ralph Filippini, in Slovan until he started his own business.

Established in 1948 as the "Q Filippini Superette", these partners, Queenie and Edith, have increased their business seven-fold until today they operate one of the finest modern small markets in the Panhandle district.



Enterprise Photo  
Shown above are Queenie and Edith Filippini, their daughter Rudelle and Patricia Brosky, viewing the newest addition to the Superette Market, a modern air conditioning system. Not pictured, other employees of the store are: Agnes Donati and Carrie Craker.

**Filliponi Superette Adds Air Conditioning & New Equipment to Modern Market  
Burgettstown Enterprise-March 26, 1953 Edition**

#### Banks May Reopen.

Representatives of the stockholders of the First Bank and Trust Company of Washington are working for the re-opening of the institution—the oldest in the county. Ever since the bank failed to open its doors on May 4, individuals have been at work seeking a solution of the problem which temporarily embarrassed the bank. They are bringing this individual effort into something like tangible form and it is the belief of many that they will be able to re-open the bank in a comparatively short time. The same effort is being made at Hickory and it is the opinion of those in position to know that if the Washington bank can be reopened the Hickory bank can be rehabilitated in a similar manner. The closing of the Hickory bank was largely a psychological repercussion to the Washington situation and it is believed that it can be restored in the same manner.

**First Bank and Trust Company of Washington May Reopen  
Burgettstown Enterprise-June 4, 1931 Edition**

## OLD BANK OF COUNTY IS CLOSED BY STATE

Institution Established in Year 1836  
Closed at Request of  
Bank Officials

The First National Bank & Trust Company of Washington, founded in 1836, closed its doors on Monday. A notice on the building announced that the State Department of Banking was checking resources and liabilities of the institution, the oldest and one of the largest in Washington county. The Banking Department's action was taken at the request of the board of directors. Heavy withdrawals have been made since closing of the Lincoln National Bank at Avella and of the First National Bank at Millsboro.

The last bank statement, as of December 31st, showed deposits of \$5,370,190, resources of \$6,983,355, and surplus and profits of \$712,336. In 1930 dividends totaling \$72,000 were paid on \$600,000 capital stock.

Founded as the First National Bank, 95 years ago, the institution became the First National Bank & Trust Company following a merger with the Real Estate Trust Company March 15, 1927.

Robert R. Hays is president, J. D. Bigger, vice president, John Rodda secretary-treasurer and Harry E. Pollock, trust officer.

Directors of the bank were in session until midnight when the decision was made to ask the State Banking Department to take charge for the protection of small depositors. Officials expressed the belief Monday that all depositors will be paid in full.

The directors last midnight passed this resolution:

On account of persistent rumors resulting in heavy withdrawals, and after making every effort to keep the institution open, the board of directors, believing in their judgment that it is for the best interests and protection of the depositors that the bank be closed, resolves that the bank be, and is hereby closed, and requests the Department of Banking of Pennsylvania to take possession.

**First National Bank of Washington Closed by State  
Burgettstown Enterprise-May 7, 1931 Edition**

# CIRCULAR AND PREMIUM LIST.

ISSUED BY THE

## FLORENCE MUTUAL AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION,

FLORENCE, WASHINGTON COUNTY, PENN'A., AUG. 1, 1865.

### THE SIXTH EXHIBITION OF THE FLORENCE MUTUAL AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION

Will be held in FLORENCE, Washington County, Pa., on Thursday and Friday, Oct. 12, & 13, 1865.

It affords us pleasure in presenting to a discriminating public the annexed List of Premiums which will be awarded to the successful competitors at this Sixth Exhibition of the Association. It is submitted to the public with the belief that it is as good if not better than any offered in the county.

We are sensible of the fact that it is quite impossible to arrange a list which would meet the views of all. In the present one, however, the Managers have endeavored to distribute the premiums impartially to the different interests and branches likely to be represented.

Profiting by past experience, we have been able to correct some errors and oversights which were apparent in our list and rules and regulations of our former Exhibitions. And encouraged by our past successes, we would say that an excellent opportunity is now given to make this the best exhibition we have ever had. That while civil war has been desolating and blighting the hopes of many in our beloved land by destroying the crops and leaving them in a state of utter destitution, a kind

providence has smiled upon our section of country. He has secured to us the privilege of cultivating the soil. He has given the early and later rains in their season, and the result is that our barns have been filled with plenty and our presses burst with wine, and the trees are laden with rich and delicious fruits.

To the ladies, we would just say here, without whose aid and countenance it would be useless, and worse than useless, for us to risk the success of an exhibition, owing to the varied and extensive character of their contributions we may not have enumerated all the articles that would come in their line, but will assure them that the committee on the *Discretionary Department* will make generous awards to all articles of merit.

Presuming that the successful character of our exhibition heretofore will be a sufficient guarantee for the future, we will only say, in conclusion, that every effort on the part of the officers will be made to render satisfaction to all who may favor us with their presence.

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# **FLORENCE OIL CO.**

## **947-3666**

(Corner of Rt. 18 & Old 22, Florence, Pa.)

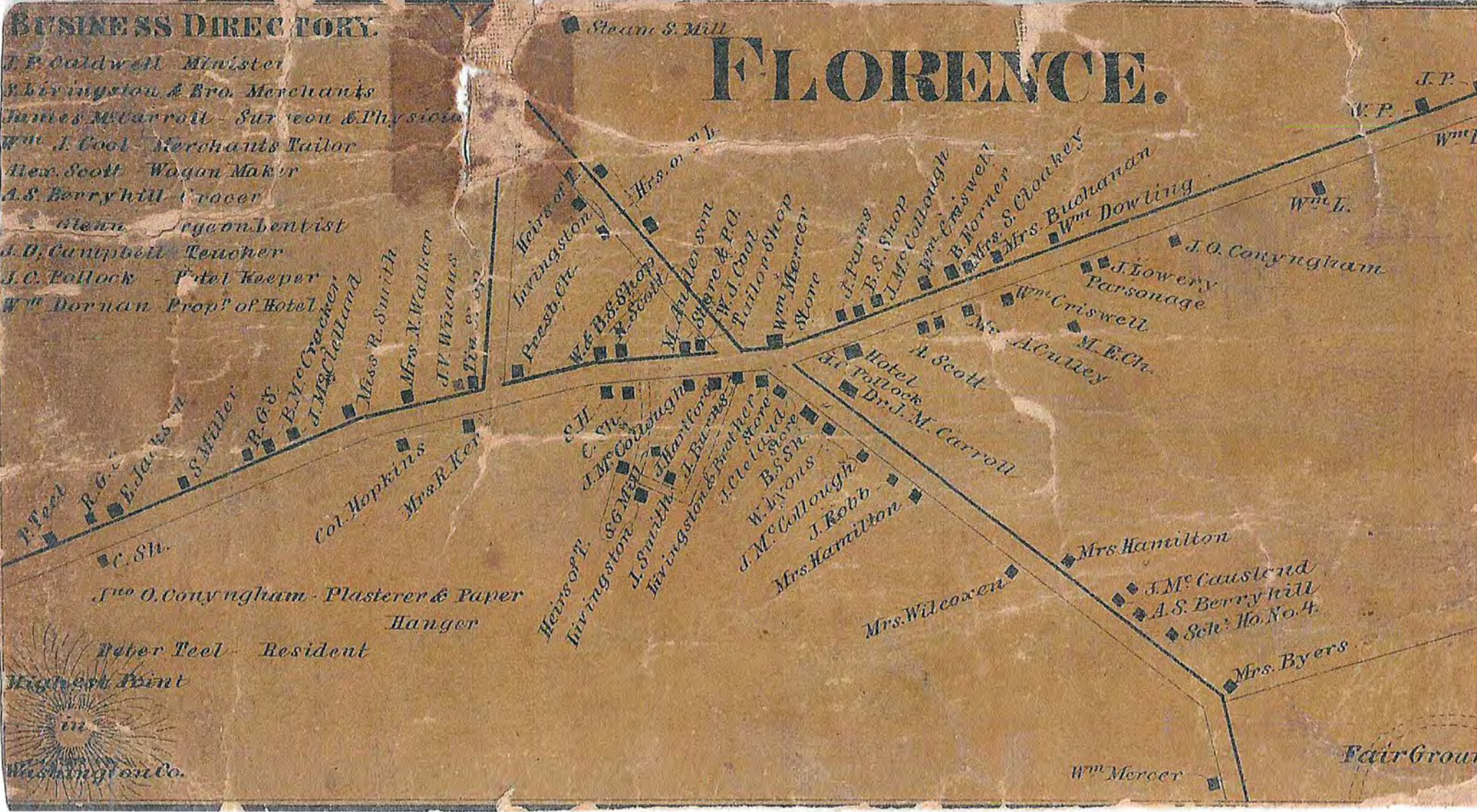
### **FOR ALL YOUR FUEL NEEDS:**

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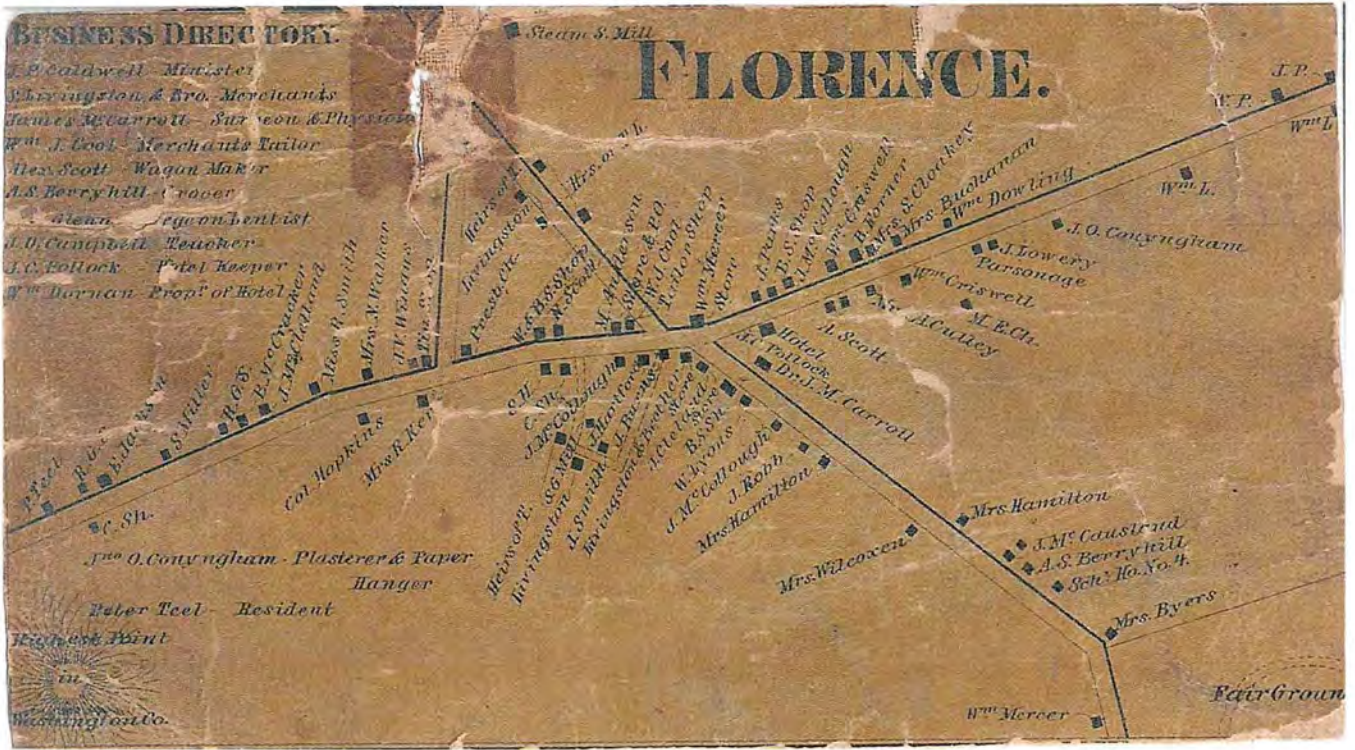
**BUSINESS DIRECTORY.**

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 Wm. J. Cool - Merchants Tailor  
 Alex. Scott - Wagon Maker  
 A.S. Berryhill - Grocer  
 Glenn - Eye and Dentist  
 J.D. Campbell - Teacher  
 J.C. Follock - Hotel Keeper  
 Wm. Dornan - Prop<sup>r</sup> of Hotel

# FLORENCE.



**Florence, PA  
Business Directory**



# Florence Business Directory

(Believed to be from 1861)

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| <b>J. P. Caldwell</b>            | <b>Minister</b>                |
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| <b>Wm. J. Cook</b>               | <b>Merchant Tailor</b>         |
| <b>Alex Scott</b>                | <b>Wagon Maker</b>             |
| <b>A.S. Berryhill</b>            | <b>Grocer</b>                  |
| <b>Wm. &amp; R. S. Glenn</b>     | <b>Surgeon &amp; Dentist</b>   |
| <b>J. D. Campbell</b>            | <b>Teacher</b>                 |
| <b>J. C. Pollock</b>             | <b>Hotel Keeper</b>            |
| <b>Wm. Dornan</b>                | <b>Prop. Of Hotel</b>          |

## **Early Days of Florence, PA About 1909-1910**

The streets, of course, were unpaved, but one road leading from Burgettstown was made of crushed stone and was called "The Stone Road". Another road that circled by several farms was called the "Hill Road." The third road was sometimes known as the "Linn Road" as it passed the Linn property and was connected in some way with the Bavington Road. The Stone Road was the popular one.

Florence had two churches; the Presbyterian was well attended at the Sunday morning services and was preceded by Sunday School. Also on Wednesday evening was Prayer Meeting. That church burned some years ago and was replaced by the present one across the highway. The minister in 1909-10 was Rev. Alexander, very eloquent and fiery in his speech. His wife would not attend his services with their three small children because of his pacing back and forth across the platform and loud speeches. They were afraid of their own father then. In fact, one day I saw him detach his cuffs and throw them on a chair with the remark, "The man who invented cuffs ought never to have been born!" But he was a good preacher and well liked!

The general store was owned by "Billy" Cleland and sold yard goods, men's work shirts, etc. as well as groceries. A popular item was lamp wicks and chimney for this was before the days of gas lights. Every home had several oil lamps. Electric lights were sometime after 1910.

The school house had an upper room and a lower room. The lower room taught all children from first through fifth grade. My teacher was Mrs. Vena Cain. Her daughter was Miss Anna Cain and taught in Smith Township at the same time. The upper room had all pupils from sixth grade to High School age. High School students came to Burgettstown and attended in the same building that housed the elementary school recently made into apartments.

The post office was housed in a small building east of the church. One postmaster was a Mr. Hanlin. He would not hand out a post card until he read



it. My Mother was very incensed at him one day as he kept her standing there waiting while he read her card. Postage on cards was 1 cent then.

An old abandoned building falling into ruin was at the junction of the Bavington Florence Road. It had once been a station on the stagecoach line. I understand it had been a popular lunch stop during stage coach days. An Esso station stands there now.

The town had a blacksmith shop near the corner opposite the post office. The Smithys name was J.G. Lyons. His daughter, Sara Gloss, lives in Washington, PA. We sometimes stopped to watch him work but had to be careful to stay a safe distance away as the fire was hot and horses could be restless.

The Fullertons, Henry, and Owings, owned a threshing machine and lived on adjoining farms between Florence and Frankfort. They traveled from farm to farm and with the help of the neighboring men did the threshing of the grain while the women of the house usually had a friend or two help prepare noon "feast" the workers enjoyed.

Most farmers had telephones that were on party lines. My aunt and uncle who lived near Paris, PA were on such a line. She could play the organ and he was a fiddler. They would sometimes leave the receiver off, then put on a concert for any neighbors who wanted to listen on the party line. No, I don't know what happened for any person who really wanted to make a real call. This was an evening diversion.

Our home was a small house at the top of the Pollack Hill. It is no longer there. This was the beginning of a long gradual sled-riding track in proper season. Only a few horse drawn sleds or vehicles and no trucks then.

Our nearest neighbor was a Mrs. Hannah Seibert who was a Seventh Day Adventist. She had her religious day on Saturday, but on Sunday morning usually had her washing hanging on the line. That disturbed my Mother!

The Presbyterian Cemetery was just across the highway from our home. One of the tombstones was the usual size but made of glass. This would glisten in the sunlight, also in the moonlight and had been known to frighten the superstitious. The birth dates on some stones extended back to the 17 hundreds.

The annual chicken supper at the church was a special once a year event and well attended. The fancy work booth well stocked with aprons, etc. was a financial success. Jams, jellies and other goodies were always for sale too.

The church had a small library with books to lend at no charge. There was no other library in town but fortunately the church library did not many books suitable for children's reading. There were no clubs or lodges in Florence. I think the men gathered around the stove at the grocery store and the women belonged to the church groups or the missionary society.

I remember attending a spelling bee at the schoolhouse. All persons of all ages could take part. Of course the children were soon spelled down and eliminated, but some of the older people knew their words. Finally, Mrs. Owings Fullerton was the winner on the word daguerreotype. (What is a daguerreotype? An old fashion tin-type picture.)

These are some of my early recollections of Florence, its activities and people.

Nell Duncan (Blaine) Barrett

# Site of old village now houses fast food

One cold, long ago day in January, a small scattered group of men, clad in warm but bulky clothing, slowly trudged their way through snow-covered fields toward a narrow deep-rutted road. Upon reaching it, they walked until they reached a huge old white oak tree, where they stopped and chattered among themselves.

After a while, a vehicle approached. The driver distributed an assortment of papers among the men. He then deposited the remainder in a clapboard box that had been nailed to the tree. After an exchange of greetings, the vehicle moved on. The men departed, going their separate ways, happily clutching their treasures.

The year was 1811. The place was Bricelands Crossroads, later to become known as Florence, Pa.

The narrow road with the deep ruts was the present Route 18, the ruts having been made by the Conestoga wagons and the horses. The road forming the "crossroad" later became known as Old Route 22.

Among these early pioneer settlers could have been your great-grandfather and mine. They had just made their twice-weekly trip to the "Post Office" where the postman, on his way from Georgetown to Washington, deposited the scant supply of mail for the small communi-

Florence was first known as Mount Bethel, plotted in 1814 by James Proudfit, from his patent, "Guadeloupe."

Nearby was Samuel Johnston's tract. He was probably the earliest landholder in the neighborhood.

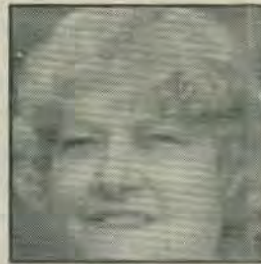
An adjoining tract was that of James Briceland, who, in 1813, opened a tavern at the "crossroads." Mount Bethel and Briceland's Crossroads merged in 1823 to become Florence, so named by Thomas Livingston, due to his admiration for Italy and the city there by the same name.

This Thomas Livingston was a son of the original Thomas Livingston who crossed the Allegheny Mountains in the 1790s.

The Livingston families owned five farms at one time, averaging 160 acres each. They established a store in about 1811 or 1812, so that emigrants going west could "stock up," promising to return later and make payment. Most of them never returned.

The farmers, wool growers and gristmill operators did a flourishing business at Briceland's Crossroads. Wool was hauled in Conestoga wagons to Boston, the wool market of the country. Wool was also shipped to New Orleans by flatboat, then on to England.

Florence boasted a store, a tannery, a silver plating estab-



**KATHRYN SLASOR**

The post office opened in 1818, with the clapboard box nailed to the old oak tree serving for a number of years.

Florence also had a newspaper beginning in 1845. The village held a country fair at one time.

Today, the little country village has again returned to just that — a little country village.

The days of the Conestoga wagons have gone.

The ruts over which they ran are now hard-surfaced highways, crossing at the same spot where James Briceland was such a familiar figure.

And instead of a tannery and a silver plating business, are a modern Stop-and-Go market on one corner, and the modest little drive-in restaurant, E-Z Pickins, across the way.

The proprietor of this delightful little eating establishment is Bernie Ramsey. Bernie is the nephew of



Chuck Sau

**DRIVE-IN DIRECTIONS** — E-Z Pickins is the place to stop for hamburgers, hot dogs — and local directions.

1959.

Gus was a leading citizen of the Burgettstown area, having first-operated Repole Bros. Furniture and Appliance Store on Main Street.

Active in community and civic affairs, Gus was deeply mourned at his passing in August 1970.

Bernie became owner upon the death of his uncle, for

age of 12. Bernie's brother, Jerry, works for him in the business.

His mother, Jennie Repole Ramsey, may also be seen behind the little window where customers stop to buy their hamburgers, fries, hot dogs and soft drinks.

Travelers "passing through" will remember not only the luscious food treats, but the cour-

tions. Standing as it does at the crossroads, it is the logical spot to stop for directions.

Motorists will ask, "Which way to Mountaineer Park?" "How do we get to Meadowcroft Village?" or "Do you know anything about the local covered bridges?" And they usually do.

(Slasor is a special correspondent for the Pennsylvania

## Florence, PA Timeline and Businesses

Florence was known as "Briceland Cross Roads" before the town was laid out

Mt. Bethel-1814

Florence-1823-1824

Florence was in Smith Twp. Prior to 1830

1799-Cross Road, Presbyterian Church (*Check Cummine's History*)

1818-Post Office (*Box on a tree on Georgetown Road*)

1832-Rural Female Seminary

1833-Florence Academy

1845-Florence Enterprise (*Short Lived*) James Robb & Co.

1858-Florence Agriculture Association, First fair

Fairgrounds were on Rt. 18 where Exit of Rt. 22 comes on Rt. 18.

1883-M.E. Church

Name change Mt. Bethel to Florence possibly to get post office. There is another Mt. Bethel in PA

About 1918-1920 First garage-Curtis Criss

Gasoline Plant on Burgettstown Road (*south of town*)

Presbyterian Missionary hall was located below the present Presbyterian Church. Some plays were held here and dinners.

Later, moved to Frankfort, now Grange Hall

## Business Directory over the years

- 1814 First store-Mr. Andrews  
Second- Wm. Mercer  
James Briceland-Hotel/Stage Coach stop  
Wm. Robb-Saddle Shop  
Wm. Criswell-Hattery  
Wm. Nash-Undertaker  
Andrew Crawford-Boots and Shoes  
James Allison-Tannery  
Benjamin Kendricks-Silver Plating  
James Hoffman-General Store  
Robert Scott/later Lee Shields-Queens ?  
James Cleland/later Wm. Cleland-  
E.B. Awmiller-Drugs and Confections (*Patent Medicine*)  
Later David Martin/Harry Plotts

### Flour Mill

- Clifford Robertson                      Rig builder-also ran a Cider Mill  
*Assembled one of the first power lawn mowers, consisted of a regular hand mower powered by a Maytag washer motor.*  
Blacksmith-Oliver Cunningham/later Gail Lyon  
Harry Adams-Grocer in early 20's
- 1825 Dr. Days-First doctor  
Dr. Criss-last doctor about 1920  
*Several others in between*
- 1861 Wm. Conn Shoemaker/Merchant  
James Pollack-Hotel Keeper  
Oliver Shields-Merchant/later Lee Shields in Robert Scott bldg.

### Gasoline Plant-Early 20's

#### ***On Burgettstown Road on Old Fairgrounds***

1. *South Penn Oil Co. (Five Points Company Town)*
2. *Niagara Oil Company, formerly W.C. Kennedy Company*
3. *Several small companies*  
Roustabouts & Pumpas (*Top job*)

Brattleboro, Vt.—Carl G. Fodor, Burgettstown, recently acquired a registered Holstein-Friesian bull from the herd of Albert B. Craig, Sewickley.

Charge of ownership for this animal, Craola Ormsby Bessie Josire, has been officially recorded by The Holstein-Friesian Association of America.

The Association issued 37,033 registry and transfer certificates to Pennsylvania breeders during 1952.

**Carl G. Fodor Purchases Registered Holstein-Friesian  
Burgettstown Enterprise-January 7, 1954 Edition**



**Frankfort Springs Hotel, late 1890's  
Frankfort Springs, PA**

GUERNSEY IS SOLD  
TO C. R. FULLERTON

Huntington, N. Y.—The American Guernsey Cattle Club, Peterborough, N. H. reports that a registered Guernsey bull has been sold by The Caumsett Corporation to C. R. Fullerton of Burgettstown, Pa. This animal is Caumsett Danish Count 281137.

**Guernsey is Sold to C. R. Fullerton**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-February 15, 1940 Edition**





**G.C. Hemphill Trucking**

# Here's Good News! The New and Modern



## Opens Saturday August 29th

SATURDAY, the latest addition to Burgettstown's Business Center, The G. C. MURPHY COMPANY 5c and 10c STORE, opens its doors for the first time. Shoppers of this district have many surprises in store for them. A large, roomy store with spacious aisles and strictly modern equipment! One of the finest stores in Burgettstown . . . and the ONLY 5c and 10c STORE IN THE ENTIRE DISTRICT!

Many unusual opening day specials have been arranged, each presenting a real opportunity to SAVE! A few of the offerings are listed on this page. Read every one! You can shop in your New Store with complete confidence in the quality and the value of the merchandise you buy. You are guaranteed satisfaction at MURPHY'S!

### Saturday Will be a Gala Day in Burgettstown!

**Opening Day Special!**  
Galvanized  
Water Pails  
**10c**

Heavy Galvanized Pails — 10-quart size—strong handle. Be sure to get one of these.

**Opening Day Special!**  
Corn Straw  
Floor Brooms  
**25c**

Good quality brooms with red stained handles. Closely selected for sure service.

**Opening Day Special!**  
Celebrated  
P. & G. Soap  
**2 for 5c**

The nationally known "P. & G." Soap . . . sold everywhere at 5c. A new special at 2 for 5c.

**Opening Day Special!**  
Green  
Enamelware  
**25c**

Triple coated Green Enamelware looking like china. Large assortment. Your choice at 25c.

**Opening Day Special!**  
Men's Socks . . . **10c**

Durable socks in a good assortment of the leading colors. Complete range of sizes. 10c a pair.

**Opening Day Special!**  
Crochery . . . **10c**

Plates, Cups and Saucers and Dishes of all kinds. Good quality and serviceable.

**Opening Day Special!**  
Towels . . . . . **10c**

Heavy Turkish Towels of good size and finished with attractive colored borders. A big value!

**Opening Day Special!**  
Women's  
Rayon Undies  
**25c**

Panies, Bloomers and Step-ins. Real quality garments; choice of many styles.

**Opening Day Special!**  
Large  
Bath Towels  
**25c**

A marvelous value! Heavy weight Turkish Towels with colored borders. Large Size.

**Opening Day Special!**  
Galvanized  
Foot Tubs  
**25c**

A heavy tub of heavy quality galvanized metal with strong side handles.

**Opening Day Special!**  
Mahogany  
End Tables  
**\$1.00**

Attractive End Tables finished in mahogany. Flamingo style. Heavy construction.

G.C. Murphy Co.  
Burgettstown Enterprise-August 27, 1931 Edition

## The Murphy Girls in Their New Costumes



Front row: Catherine Stevenson, Helen Spontak, Marge Maropis, Georgia Thomas, Ann Rinella, Laura Jancart, Helen Diamond, Betty Houghton, and Rose Marie Rago. Second row: Martha Moore, Ruth Nice, Pauline Roman, Pauline Sedlak, Florence Salvadori, Emma Terle, Lucille Barish, Emma Salvadori, and Doris Taylor.

Not pictured: Edith Pradetto, Rose Mary Neil, Josephine and Rene Comis.

This is not a choral group ready to hit the high note, but a picture of the G.C. Murphy girls in their new attire. As a step forward in modern merchandising, and a practice generally employed by only the large department stores, the Murphy girls voted to follow the practice of the G.C. Murphy Company and all wear black skirts and white blouses. Granted this gives them a rather angelic look as they have the appearance in the group of a vested choir, they also will take your dimes and quarters and return your merchandise and change with a smile.

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**G.C. Murphy Store-Burgettstown, PA**  
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By August 10 the G.C. Murphy Company will be ready to extend its present floor space to include the building now be vacated by the A. and P. Store. The plans for this development provide two arches and ramp to connect with the adjoining building. The A. & P. Super-Market will be installed later this month in the building previously occupied by Mr. Broida's Department Store on the north side of the railroad.

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**G.C. Hemphill Trucking**  
**John Bartoletti, driver leaving the Climax plant in Langeloth**

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Sandy Kaminski, Frances Boni; 2nd row, Paul-  
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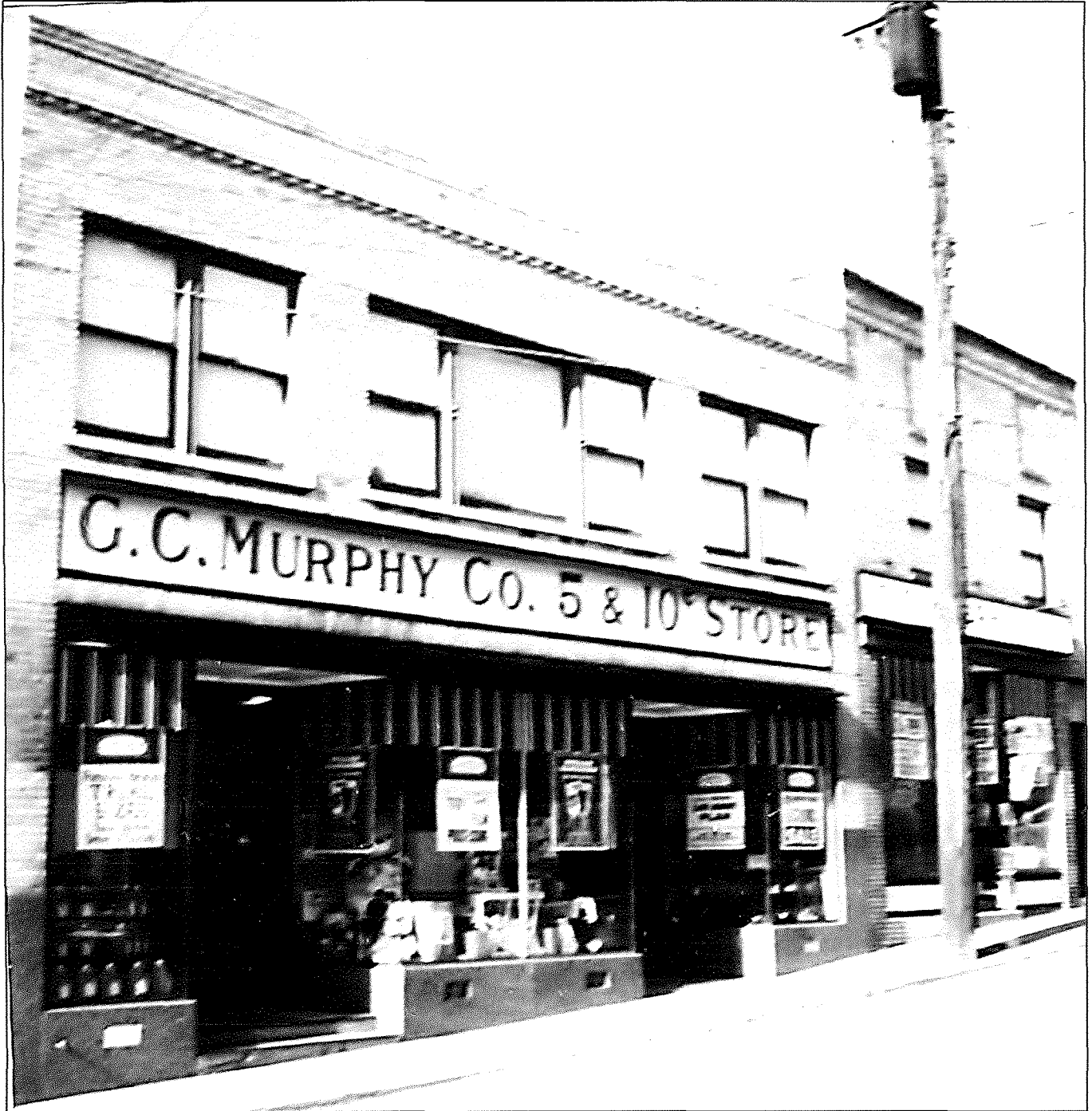
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**G.C. Murphy Advertisement**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-November 6, 1968 Edition**

*Fort Vance Historical Society*



**G.C. Murphy & Co. -Closing Signs in Window**

*Fort Vance Historical Society*

### Court Appoints Viewers.

Upon the petition of John P. Donnan and others the court has submitted a panel of viewers to ascertain the damage occasioned the petitioners by the laying of a ten-inch pipe line across their farm in Smith township by the Western Pennsylvania Gas Co. The panel from which viewers will be selected on October 18, is composed as follows:

James Myers, John Z. Beck, South Strabane; Edward McDonald, Jerry Berry, McDonald; W. B. Chambers, John L. McClelland, Howard Cockins, Cannonsburg; John G. Paxton, Houston; George S. Hanlin, Hanlin Station; W. Craig Lee, Cross Creek; John P. Linn, John W. Pry, Burgettstown; Edward Tope, Cecil township; Frank McClay, Canton; D. M. Donehoo, Washington.

## **GEO. WAGNER AND L. H. MITCHELL OPEN 2ND STORE**

George Wagner and L.H. Mitchell, who have been partners in the Main street Butler Store announced this week the opening of a second complete food and meat market in the Longo Building on North Main street, formerly occupied by the Paul Longanecker Grocery Store.

Messrs Wagner and Mitchell by advertisement on page five in today's Enterprise calls your attention to a list of specials in groceries, green goods, fruits and meats for their Grand Opening of the North Main street store. The new market will be opened to the public on Friday, February 23.

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**Burgettstown Enterprise-May 2, 1979 Edition**

*Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society*

## **WE'RE IN THIS THING TOGETHER**

It couldn't happen anywhere else in the world today but America, and it did happen in Burgettstown Monday night.

Stunned by the announcement made last Thursday in a special "extra" edition of the Burgettstown Enterprise, that the "bread and butter" industry of the Burgettstown Community was to be abandoned and the plant dismantled, leading, citizens have taken a deep breath, girded themselves with determination and have set about to save the Langeloth plant of the American Zinc and Chemical Company. If such is not possible they will seek new industry that will provide livelihood for those who become jobless in the course decided upon by the New York office of the Zinc company.

A sober air of determination pervaded a meeting of district citizens on Monday night when the Greater Burgettstown Community Association was born. Speaking by action louder than their words, this group of men gave \$1500, a fund to finance a plan for new industry. They mean business, and today invite you and you and you to contribute not only your time and effort but also your money.

"Sell Burgettstown" must become a common phrase in every household in the immediate days ahead of us. "What Burgettstown makes, makes Burgettstown," and we'll sink or swim together. We're in this, we mean business, and we need the help of every man and woman.

The story of Burgettstown, as the new Association will tell it should interest small business. The goal will be small, diversified industry. Since the trend is away from metropolitan centers and toward a parcelling out of "big business" the odds are in our favor.

Burgettstown, on the asset side of the ledger has many attractive inducements.

This is a small community of homes.

This Community has a modern, well developed program of recreation and facilities to back it up, second to none in the Commonwealth. Our Burgettstown park, with pool and wholesome outdoor recreational facilities heads the list of inducements.

The new Hillman ball park is another big factor in recreational inducements.

The new Raccoon lake which is soon to be developed should prove a big center of interest to working men who turn to rod and reel in their leisure time.

The Langeloth plant, soon to be abandoned offers splendid possibility to industry for sites for new plants; it has a railroad siding; 275 company houses; a reservoir; power; coal, and endless facilities for production.

*"What Burgettstown Makes,  
makes Burgettstown."*

Let's go—mlv.

**The Greater Burgettstown Community Association is Organized to  
Promote Industrial Development Here  
Burgettstown Enterprise-July 3, 1947 Edition**



## EXECUTIVE BOARD TO REPORT AT MEETING MONDAY EVENING, JULY 7

7-3-47

The Greater Burgettstown Community Association was organized at a meeting of district business men in the Borough building on Monday night, when a representative group met to plan a campaign to keep industry here and to bring new industry into the area.

The meeting was called by Charles Amdur, former president of the Burgettstown Business Men's Association, which group was merged with the new association.

A round table discussion of ways and means to aid Langeloth Smeltermen's Union No. 95 in its efforts to save the Langeloth plant was followed by suggestions for a plan to encourage new industry to come here.

Business men present, representing Burgettstown, Langeloth, Slovan, Cherry Valley, Joffre and other adjoining communities contributed \$1500 as the nucleus of a fund to finance a campaign for new industry.

Officers chosen by unanimous vote are: Charles Amdur, President; Geno Tucci, first vice-president; Avenear Christy, second vice-president, W. J. Whalen, Jr., Secretary and Charles Scott, treasurer.

Officers were given full authority, by motion of E. H. Vosburg, Publisher of the Enterprise to name a committee that will immediately prepare a prospectus of "assets" in this community to encourage new industry.

Telegrams were sent to Charles Abate, President of Langeloth Union 95, now in New York in a last effort to persuade the American Zinc and Chemical Company to continue operation of the plant. The telegram read as follows:

"Charles Abate-The Greater Burgettstown Community Association by unanimous vote tonight extends to you and your committee their full support and cooperation in your efforts in behalf of the Langeloth plant. Please feel free to call upon us in any manner in which we can be of help-Signed-Charles Amdur, President."

A telegram to zinc plant officials was sent as follows: R. H. Meisenhelder, Superintendent, Charles Mester, Plant Superintendent and Donald Hershey, Personnell-

"The Greater Burgettstown Community Association deeply regrets the announcement of plant closing made last Thursday and by unanimous vote of assembly tonight pledge full cooperation and assistance to you in your efforts to save this industry for our community. The Association expresses deep appreciation for the benefits accruing from the company in past years and sincerely hopes that some means may be found to continue operation of the plant-Signed Charles Amdur, President."

The meeting was adjourned with benediction by Rev. W. J. McCashin, pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church. Rev. McCashin expressed a prayer that the new association may in some way be able to serve this community for the benefit of those who live here.

Mr. Amdur has called a special meeting of the association for Monday evening at 8 o'clock in the Borough Building. Out of town speakers will be present. A large attendance of business men is desired.

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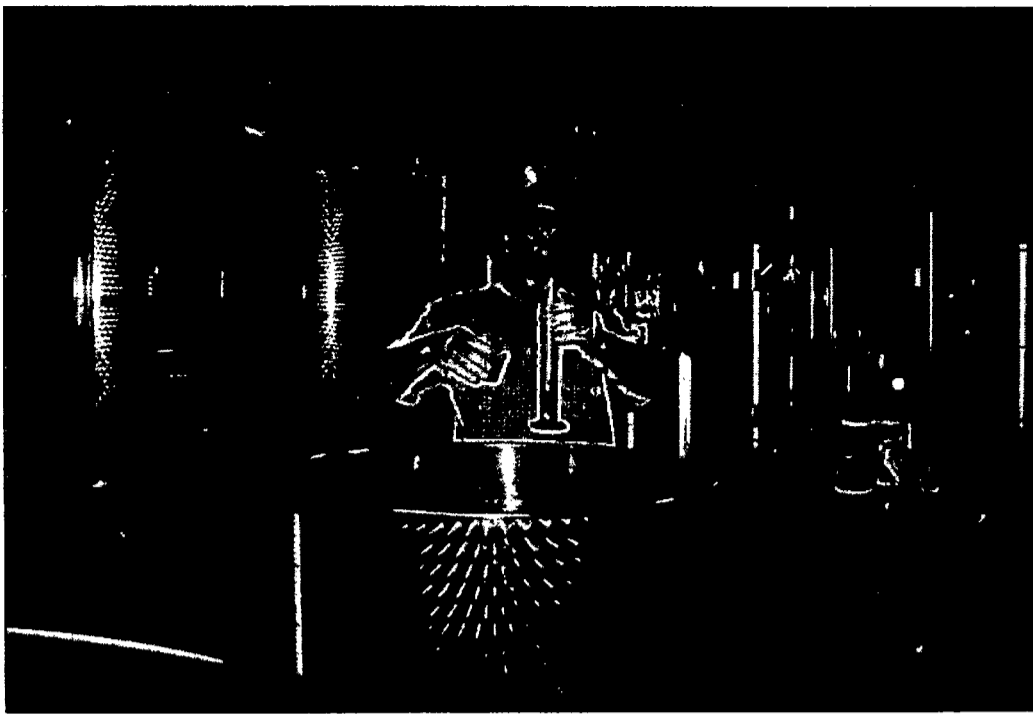
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**GREATER PITTSBURGH SPEEDWAY**

CLINTON, PA.

**Greater Pittsburgh Speedway  
Burgettstown Enterprise-September 2, 1961 Edition**



JOE NAPSHA | TRIBUNE-REVIEW

Gregory M. Hazuza checks on grape juice that is fermenting into wine in his Sewickley Township garage.

## Winery has \$1M growing pains

*Too big for garage, it seeks special exception to zoning*

BY JOE NAPSHA

Gregory M. Hazuza has a \$1 million plan to construct a building where he can make the wine he now produces in a garage on his Sewickley Township property and another building outside Rillton where he can host parties and wedding receptions.

"We're really excited about it," said Hazuza, who hopes to begin construction on the project in April and complete it by August.

Greenhouse Winery LLC needs the extra space because it has outgrown the tasting room at the family-owned

Hazuza's Greenhouse, Hazuza said in his application to the Sewickley Township Zoning Hearing Board.

He is planning a climate-controlled facility for his winery. But first he needs a special exception to the zoning ordinance to construct the buildings on a 29.7-acre parcel that is zoned for agriculture use. A hearing is scheduled for 7 p.m. Wednesday.

"It should be good for the township — bringing in jobs and tax revenue," Hazuza said. The 50-year-old Hazuza anticipates adding between 12 and 15 jobs, from landscaping to customer service positions, with the expanded winery operation.

His operation is part of the state's \$2 billion wine industry and one of the state's more than 200 wineries,

according to Jennifer Eckinger, executive director of the Pennsylvania Winery Association, a trade organization based in Harrisburg.

The expansion has been in the plans for about three years, said Hazuza, who is listed with Cynthia M. Helinsla as a co-owner of Greenhouse Winery on the state Corporations Bureau website.

"A lot of the clientele has been asking for this for years," he said.

Hazuza is planning to build a 72- by 76-foot structure to house retail sales where customers can taste his wine, as well as buy it. The structure will hold a 30- by 72-foot banquet hall.

A 3,200-square-foot wine production building will allow Greenhouse to

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## Hobby turns into a business

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increase production, Hazuza said. He produced 11,000 gallons in 2013 and anticipates expanding production to 14,000 gallons this year.

His limited winery license from the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board permits him to produce no more than 200,000 gallons of wine a year — capacity that he calls an "unreachable number."

Hazuza has been in the wine production business for six years, but he is following in the footsteps of his grandfather and great-grandfather, both of whom made wine, he said.

"It's a hobby that grew into a business," said Hazuza, who devotes about 80 percent of his working hours to the winery, with the remaining 20 percent at the family's greenhouse, where he has worked for 30 years.

It was his partner, Cynthia Helinsla, who encouraged

him to turn the hobby into a business.

"I'm the wine maker, and she does all the other aspects of the business," Hazuza said.

Greenhouse Winery sells its wine at the family's greenhouse along the Rillton-Guffey Road, at stores on Route 30 in North Huntingdon and on Route 51 in Brentwood and at a kiosk in the Westmoreland Mall in Hempfield.

Hazuza is permitted to sell his wine to the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board, but he said he has opted not to do that.

He has one of two limited wineries in Sewickley Township and five in Westmoreland County, according to the Liquor Control Board.

The region's late spring frosts and high humidity in the summer are not conducive to growing grapes for large-scale wine production, Hazuza said.

To produce 35 varieties of wine, he said he buys juices

in bulk pressed from 15 varieties of grapes from a vineyard in North East, a community along Lake Erie that is home to several wineries.

"To try to grow grapes commercially would not be (economically) feasible," Hazuza said.

He ferments the wine in tanks ranging in size from 200 to 1,000 gallons. It takes the juice four months to ferment into sweet wine and eight to 12 months for dry wine, he said.

"You are sitting on a lot of inventory for an extended time," Hazuza said, referring to the wine fermentation.

His wine has been good enough to win medals at county fairs. Hazuza's Traminette wine, a semi-dry white wine, won best of show for hybrid wines at the recently concluded Pennsylvania Farm Show.

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**Winery has \$1M Growing Pains**  
**Observer Reporter-January 16, 2014 Edition**

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**Burgettstown Enterprise-April 17, 1968 Edition**

# IT'S BEEN SOLD TO Ex-Dishwasher

## Langeloth People Look to Gus Barbush to Prevent Loss of Jobs and Homes

By Walter Lister Jr.

LANGELOTH, Pa., April 4.—Gus Barbush, who parlayed \$7. hard work, luck and friendship into a succession of booming enterprises, remains the most universally liked man in this town today, although he owns virtually all of it.

Sale of this 390-acre community came about last week after the American Zinc and Chemical Company, which built the town for its employees thirty-five years ago, decided to close its huge zinc and sulphuric-acid plant near by.

Purchaser of the town was Mr. Barbush, a most unlikely capitalist who has lived in Langeloth since 1918 and managed the town's general store for the last sixteen years. His bid, estimated at \$350,000 to \$500,000, was the lowest of several, but the company picked him as the best man.

"The company was very interested in this town," Mr. Barbush explained. "They know I'll take care of community affairs. They like me, too."

### Buys 261 Houses

For his money, \$200,000 of which was lent by a local bank, Mr. Barbush got 261 houses—one having fifteen rooms, others ranging from sturdy brick homes to sagging shanties—a Presbyterian church, the Langeloth Water Company, a boy scout hut, the Glory Barn community hall, a sportsmen's clubhouse and a small park.

The only properties not owned by Mr. Barbush are a school, an apartment house and a dozen homes which tenants bought from the zinc company years ago.

Some apprehension persists among the 900 residents of Langeloth. Men have had to find employment farther away at longer working hours. Now they look forward to higher rents and a charge for the water they used to get free.

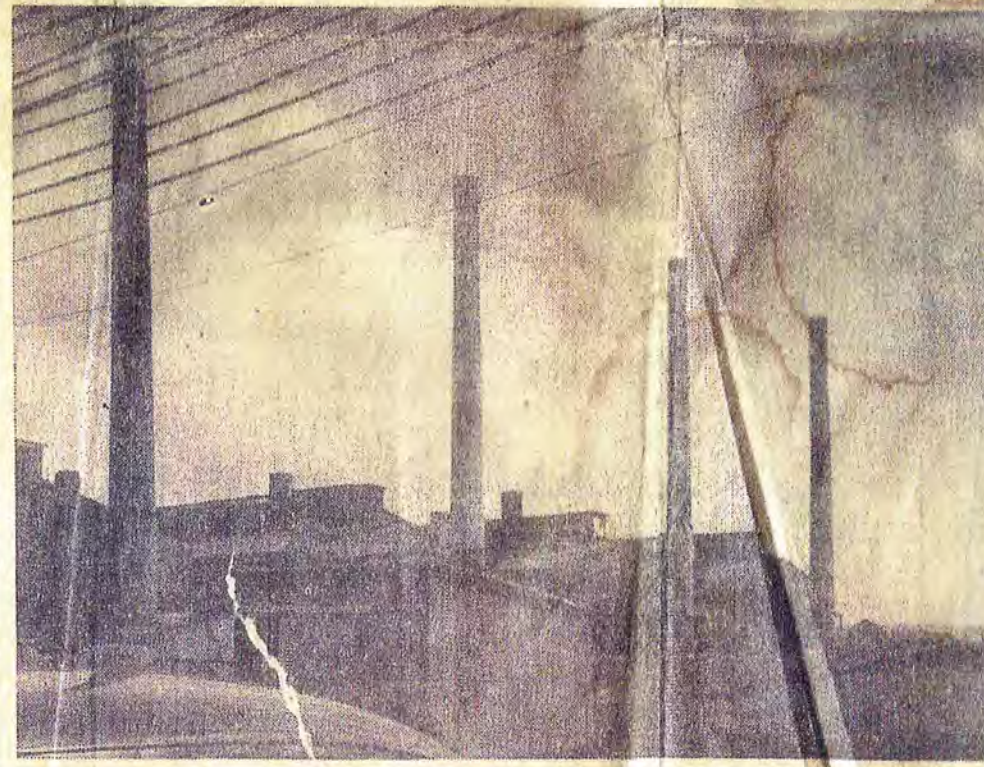
But the people have faith in their friend Gus. While news of his purchase surprised most of them, it has had a stabilizing ef-



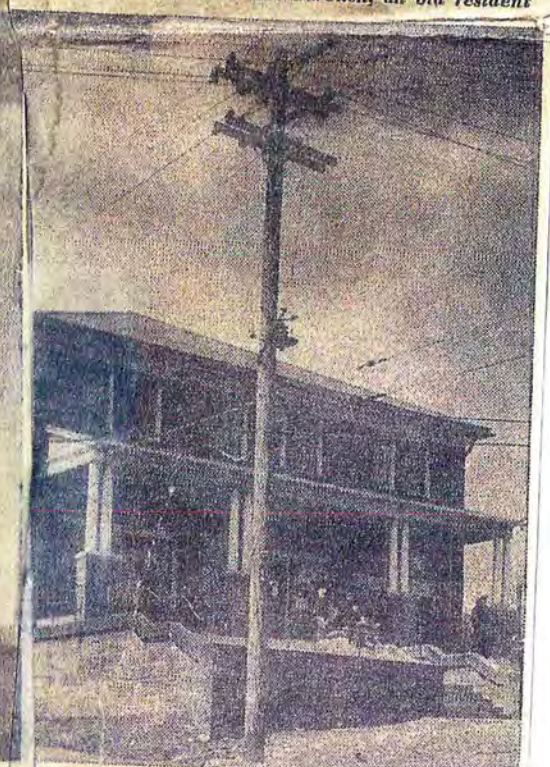
Gus Barbush



Langeloth, a 390-acre town built by the American Zinc and Chemical Company. Last week it was sold to Mr. Barbush, an old resident



Smokestacks of the company's sprawling zinc and sulphuric acid plant, which has been closed down since Mr. Barbush started as a butcher in 1918



Gus Barbush and His Town in Pennsylvania (pg.1)  
New York Herald Tribune-April 5, 1948 Edition

### Invested His Money

With his money, he made more. "I would always invest," he said. "I never like to keep it in banks. I made some money on gas wells. Sometimes you have to be lucky, but it takes work."

Mr. Barbush worked eighteen and twenty hours a day to get ahead. He still puts in a full day at his store, where everything is sold from steak to fur coats. He started as butcher in the company's store in 1918, became manager ten years later and in 1932, when the zinc company was saddled with labor troubles and a depression, Gus took over the store.

Today the general store has several thousand customers in the heart of the soft coal area and does \$450,000 business annually. He also owns a prosperous restaurant, The Farms, on the Steubenville Pike, near Florence, Pa., and the Biddle Hotel building in Burgettstown.

Long in doubt, the future of Langeloth is still uncertain, but with Gus in charge the prospects are brighter than they have been since World War I, when the zinc company was one of the world's largest producers of that metal.

A war baby, the company nearly closed during the depression, but enjoyed a new life when World War II came. With peace came skyrocketing production costs, more labor trouble and an inability to compete with more modern methods of extracting zinc.

Almost all of its 800 employees have been discharged, and within two weeks its small sulphuric-acid operations will be concluded. This is a salvage job now, and one of the most important aspects is the good will of the townspeople.

If dissatisfied with what happens to Langeloth, named after a former president of American

vestment. The company ran Langeloth at a loss. Monthly rents range from \$8 for a four-room house up to \$30 for some six and seven room homes.

He expects an upward adjustment after he talks with the Washington County Tax Commissioner.

Typical residents are Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Lauderback and their four children. They have lived in their \$20-a-month brick house for seventeen years. Mr. Lauderback is now a day laborer in Coapolis, Pa., twenty-five miles northeast of Langeloth.

"It came as a shock," Mrs. Lauderback said, "when we didn't have a chance to buy the house. If rents were raised and we had to pay for the water—that would be terrible. But if a real estate company came in, that might be worse. I don't know. If I was to lose this place I believe it would break my heart."

Most palatial home in Langeloth is occupied by the superintendent of the zinc company, Ray Meisenhelder, and his wife. They and a half-dozen other families expect to move out, but the rank and file of the workers can't afford to move. They hope they can afford to stay.

Their best hope, of course, is that some large manufacturing company will locate in the 200 acres now occupied by the decaying zinc plant. Letters to Mr. Barbush in the last few days have included offers to establish an airplane factory, a toy industry, a giant potato farm and a wire mill.

Mrs. Concetta Lillo, who owns the three-story apartment building and was Mr. Barbush's landlady until he moved into rooms on the upper floor of his store, has an opinion of him that is echoed all over town.

"He's a good man," she said. "Too bad he hasn't a wife."

uneasy for about fifteen years.

In the town's one beer parlor yesterday a worker asked, "Did Gus ever do anything wrong around this community?" The men standing around shook their heads and testified to Mr. Barbush's good heart. "You got to give the guy credit," one declared.

### Letters From Women

Hundreds of letters have poured in since the town's sale was announced. Some were from cranks, some from business men interested in starting a new industry to replace the idle zinc factory and a few were from women wishing to meet Mr. Barbush, who is a confirmed bachelor.

Mr. Barbush has a sister in Weirton, W. Va., and two other sisters and three brothers "down in Greece." He owns a new Cadillac, but does not dress up to his income. His normal attire is an open shirt, gray sweater and baggy pants.

He is forty-nine. His name was spelled Burbakis when at the age of thirteen he arrived from Greece to visit his uncle, Harry Barbush, owner of a restaurant twenty-six miles west of Pittsburgh, in Burgettstown, Pa. That same year, 1912, the American Zinc and Chemical Company, a subsidiary of American Metals, Inc., in New York, started to break ground two miles south of Burgettstown.

Gus had \$7 in his pocket. He spent six weeks in school, then became a dishwasher for his uncle.

From dishwashing he became a grocery clerk in Cleveland and learned a butcher's trade. In 1916, the year the zinc plant began actual operations, Gus was making "pretty good money" trading in livestock. He was naturalized in 1917.

Metals, the union, a local of the United Mine Mill and Smelter Workers, affiliated with the Congress of Industrial Organizations, is believed capable of action against American Metals' operations elsewhere.

That certainly is one of the reasons the town was sold to Mr. Barbush. He, the company and members of the Greater Burgettstown Community Association are now looking for a new industry to provide jobs nearby for the former zinc workers.

Most of them are now employed thirty-five miles away in Aliquippa, Pa., at the Jones and Laughlin steel mill. Besides having a three-hour round trip, the Langeloth men must now work a full eight-hour shift. As zinc employees, they worked only three or four hours for eight hours pay—a condition peculiar to the zinc industry.

Mr. Barbush said he first thought of buying the town three weeks ago. He tells it this way: "I went to New York. They didn't tell me how much they want. I told them how much I got. They said, 'Not enough.' I went to my friend at the bank. Then when I went back to New York and told them what I had, they talked. Now the people feel good. Have a big celebration some day on account of this."

The loan was the largest ever made to an individual by the Citizens' National Bank in Washington, Pa. When Mr. Barbush—titleless as usual—parked his Cadillac outside the bank he didn't have a nickel for the parking meter.

Mr. Barbush has no immediate plans for the town. First, he wants to find out if it will be a good in-

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Burgettstown Enterprise-March 13, 1985 Edition



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# Hanover residents express concern



EMILY PETSKO / OBSERVER-REPORTER

Pam Chappell of Hanover Township points to the site on Steubenville Pike where an access road would be constructed if township officials approve a conditional-use application by Hydro Recovery to construct a facility to recycle frack water. At right, Chappell put a sign in her front yard to appeal to supervisors to vote down a proposed facility for recycling frack water.

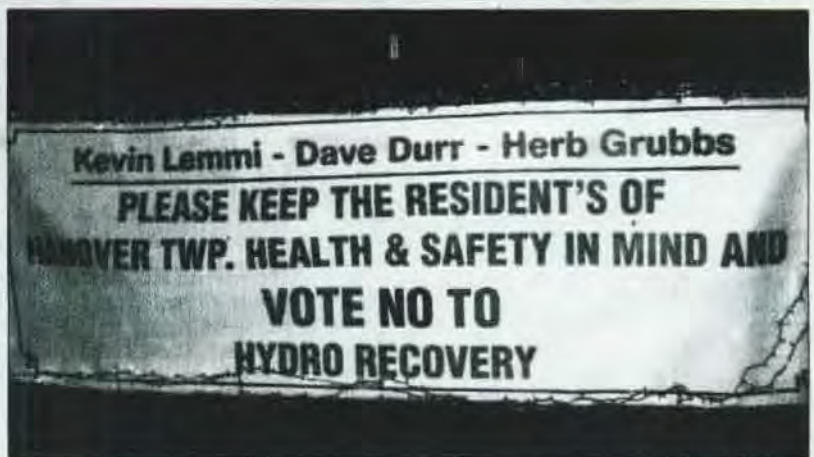


PHOTO COURTESY OF PAM CHAPPELL

## Possible frack water-treatment facility raises alarm for locals

By EMILY PETSKO  
Staff writer  
epetsko@observer-reporter.com

FLORENCE—Five hundred seventy-eight yards. That's the distance from Pam Chappell's home in Florence, Hanover Township, to the site of a proposed tank farm that would process and recycle frack water.

Step by step, Chappell measured the distance with a rangefinder— from her picnic table to her grape arbor and from there to Golfland on

Route 22, which Chappell said is roughly 200 yards from the proposed industrial site.

Chappell and a dozen of her neighbors said the short distance from the proposed water-treatment facility to their homes and township park is cause for concern.

Township supervisors could vote to approve or deny the site application as early as Feb. 20 after a public hearing is held at 6:30 p.m. at the municipal building.

Hydro Recovery LP, based in Blossburg, needs township approval to construct six double-containment tanks capable of storing as much as 12 million gallons of liquid waste altogether.

The company has a sales agreement for 20 acres of industrial-zoned land between Old Steubenville Pike and Route 22 that is currently owned by The Buncher Co., a Pittsburgh real estate group.

If the site application is

approved, Hydro Recovery truck drivers would transport flowback and produced water from gas well pads to the Hanover Township facility. The facility would then treat and recycle the water, and it would be transported back to well sites to use in the hydraulic fracturing process.

The liquid waste also could contain frack sand, boring fluids from pipeline construction and stormwater collected in

an operator's secondary containment, according to information provided by Hydro Recovery.

The company would construct a new 2,500-foot access road about 100 feet east of the existing Golfland entrance, which would be widened by about 60 feet.

Hydro Recovery estimates it would bring in an average of 150 trucks per day, operating around the clock.

Please see Frack, Page A2

# Frack

Continued from Page One

The site would include six truck bays, with secondary containment to load and unload liquid waste, at the south end of the property between the facility and Route 22.

Teresa Irvin McCurdy, Hydro Recovery government and public relations manager, said trucks could come into Hanover Township from any distance, but "economically we found most of the trucking will be within 60 miles to reduce trucking cost."

Chappell said increased truck traffic would be her greatest fear. She said Pittsburgh doctors told her her father, a truck driver, died from environmental cancer caused by diesel exhaust fumes.

"I feel like I'm basically being pushed out of my home that my parents left me," Chappell said. "I'm 44 years old. I was raised here."

Chappell mailed letters to township residents urging them to speak out and attend the upcoming public hearing, which was continued from a hearing last month.

She also posted a large, lighted sign in her front yard addressed to township supervisors Kevin Lemmi, David Duerr and Herb Grubbs, calling on them to "vote no to Hydro Recovery."

Some residents have questioned why the company isn't considering land in the Starpointe Business Park, which is farther from residential properties.

Grubbs, Ted Shiska and Brian Beyerbach, members of the township planning commission, agreed at last month's meeting that the water-treatment facility should be located at Starpointe.

However, they also recommended seven conditions for supervisors to impose if they approve the facility at the Florence site.

These included stipulations on the access road entrance; updating signs and traffic signals in Florence; ensuring plans are reviewed and approved by the township engineer and Hanover fire department; and ensuring the township receives inspection reports from the state Department of Environmental Protection.

Grubbs, who is both a supervisor and planning commission member, said Tuesday "there's been a lot of stuff tossed around, but nothing solid."

He said supervisors will listen to residents' concerns at the public hearing and consider setting rea-



The access road for a proposed frack water recycling facility in Hanover Township would be across from Hanover Acre Apartments on Steubenville Pike, which are owned by Cyndy Triebisch of Smith Township.

**"I FEEL LIKE I'M BASICALLY BEING PUSHED OUT OF MY HOME THAT MY PARENTS LEFT ME. I'M 44 YEARS OLD. I WAS RAISED HERE."**  
PAM CHAPPELL,  
HANOVER TWP. RESIDENT

sonable conditions.

McCurdy said Hydro Recovery still has an open dialogue with Starpointe, but the company "would have to access Starpointe by way of the Steubenville Pike; therefore, the same trucking issues may still arise."

She said the topography at Starpointe would also create challenges because more earthwork would need to be done.

Dan Reitz, executive director of the Washington County Council on Economic Development, said Hydro Recovery is still participating in discussions regarding the potential site at Starpointe.

"We put together a site toward the back of the (industrial) park away from residential areas," Reitz said, adding that from that location, residents would "never even know it's there."

Reitz said the land is already zoned for special use, and he doesn't envision it would be difficult to have the company's application approved for Starpointe.

McCurdy said Hydro Recovery previously applied for a zoning variance on a lot across from First Niagara Pavilion, which "would have eliminated the trucking problem by keeping trucks on Route 18," but it was denied by the township.

The proposed access road



Hanover Township residents Dawn Paden, left, and Barbara Zianni are shown at Pam Chappell's home, where they recently discussed their opposition to the proposed Hydro Recovery facility.

to the Florence facility would be across from Hanover Acres, a 16-unit apartment development owned by Smith Township resident Cyndy Triebisch.

Triebisch said she would worry about the safety and health of her tenants if the facility is approved.

"The layout of the land is not conducive to this type of business," Triebisch said. "The safety and health primarily are the key right there."

"The noise, the smell... the toxins that are being brought in, the continuous running of the company... With all those trucks, I'm so concerned because it's near the entrance to our apartments, and I'm concerned for everybody's safety."

Hydro Recovery officials said the water treatment process does not produce vibration, noise or smells, and would not adversely affect the wetlands near the proposed site.

Company representatives also stated the tanks would be

designed to hold 110 percent of the largest tank's capacity in the event of a spill.

McCurdy said about 20 jobs would be created a full operation of the facility. The company operated two facilities since 2011 in Tioga County, where it stored 10 million gallons of untreated and treated brine water.

Hydro Recovery "has met and exceeds state Department of Environmental Protection requirements," according to the company.

Township resident Dawn Paden said she and her neighbors are not opposed to development, but she wants supervisors to consider another location for the Hydro Recovery facility.

"We're going to have activity, and we understand that, we do," Paden said. "Just don't believe the site they've chosen is going to be safe for us... We want to be safe in our neighborhood. Everybody has that right, and I believe that company is going to take that away from us."

Emily Petro / Observer-Reporter

Emily Petro / Observer-Reporter

## **Win Allison, Harmon Creek Forester Accepts 1st Prize, Nationwide 'Plant America' Contest**

Winfield Allison, forester for the Harmon Creek Coal Company, accompanied by his assistant Wade Van Kirk was in York, Pa. this week to accept a "Plant America" trophy in behalf of James F. Hillman, President of the Harmon Creek Coal Company. The trophy, a distinct honor for the district, was awarded by the American Association of Nursery men and was presented at a dinner in the York hotel on Tuesday evening, attended by Pennsylvania Nurserymen. The trophy is the first prize award in the general industries class of a nationwide landscaping contest and recognizes the reclamation and replanting of thousands of acres of stripped coal lands in Hanover and Smith townships.

Mr. Hillman, who spearheaded the Harmon Creek reclamation project several years ago is recognized as the foremost conservationist in the Keystone state today. Mr. Allison, who actually planted and supervised the land operation, has planted a half million trees in this area, which today are taking shape in the form of a re-forestation program that ranks first in Pennsylvania.

**Win Allison, Harmon Creek Forester Accepts 1<sup>st</sup> Prize,  
Nationwide 'Plant America' Contest  
Burgettstown Enterprise-February 10, 1955 Edition**

## Harmon Creek Reclamation Receives Nation Wide Recognition



York, Pa., February 9, 1955—Winfield R. Allison, Director of Reclamation, Harmon Creek Coal Corporation, receiving from Valteau Curtis (left), Director, American Association of Nurserymen, the association's National "Plant America" Award, at the Pennsylvania Nurserymen's Association annual banquet here. The award is given "for achievement in industrial landscaping and beautification contributing to employee and civic pride in our American heritage."

**Harmon Creek Reclamation Receives Nation Wide Recognition**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-February 17, 1955 Edition**



Remember Harp's? It was a popular spot for teen-agers in the Forties. It was located where Charles Pappas Jr. Remodeling is today. The bride in the picture is Clara Kowalski Martinez, whose wedding day was Aug. 28, 1946.

**South Main Street, Burgettstown, PA**

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## **G.C. Hemphill Trucking**

A truck load of molybdenum product leaving Langeloth's Climax plant. The driver is John Bartoletti from G.C. Hemphill Trucking. The photo was taken December 23, 1954.

*Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society*



### **Hickory Auto Bus Line**

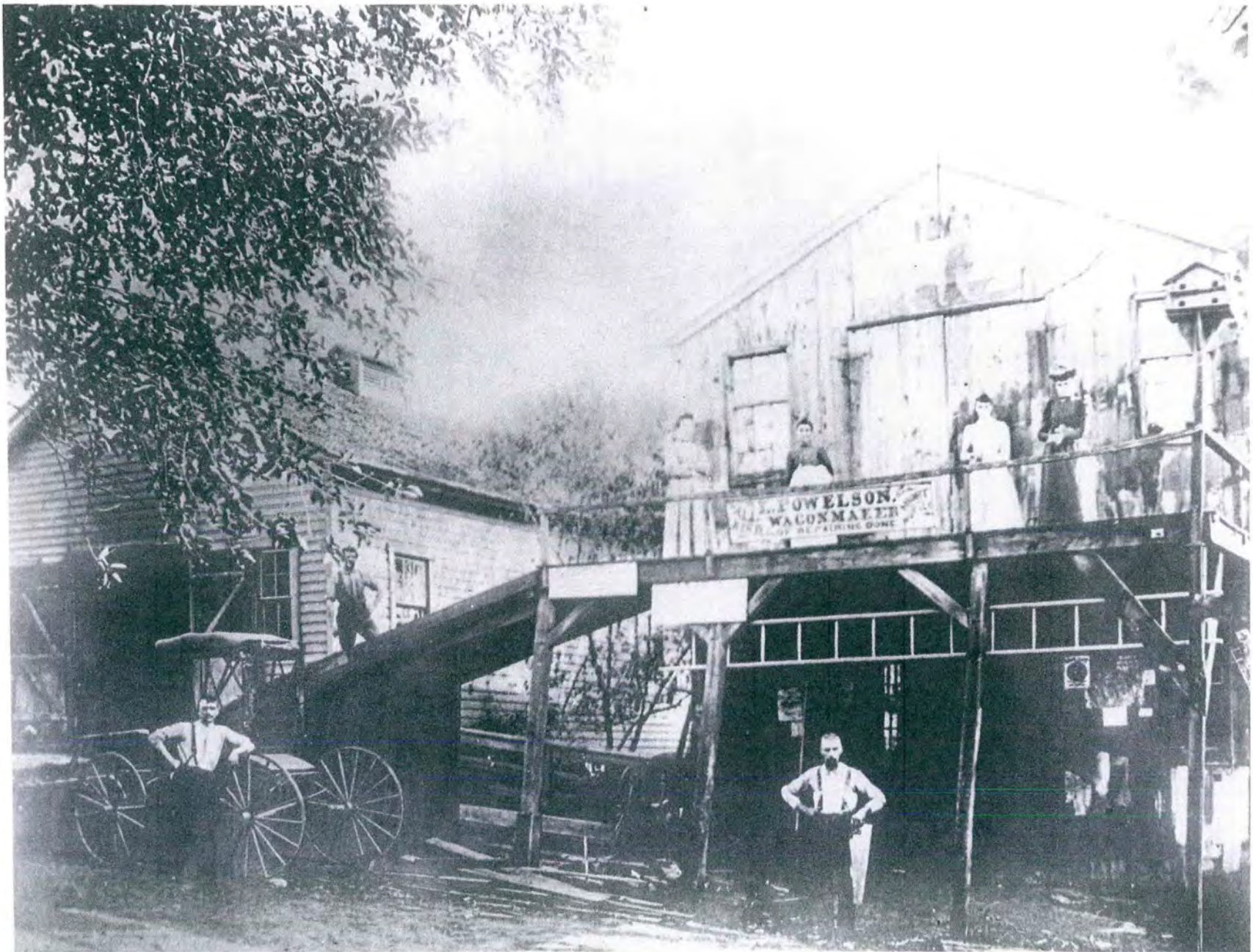
An automobile bus transportation company, known as the Patch Auto-Bus company, has been incorporated at Harrisburg, and the papers just filed on record in the recorder's office. It will run a line of automobile busses from Canonsburg to Midland and Hickory.

The routes will start at Canonsburg and go direct to Houston, where they will diverge, one going to Midland No. 1, and the other to Hickory by way of McConnells Mills and Westland. It has secured a charter from the state and a certificate of public convenience from the public service commission.

The headquarters of the company will be at Houston, and it is to exist perpetually. The stockholders are Isaac C. Patsch, Albert B. Patsch, Clark W. Patsch and Glenn Patsch, each of whom owns 25 shares of the stock.

The amount of the capital stock is \$5,000, divided into 100 shares of the par value of \$50 each. Isaac C. Patsch is the treasurer.

**Hickory Auto Bus Line**  
**The Burgettstown Call-March 1, 1917 Edition**



**In 1865, Thomas Hindman opened the Hindman Blacksmith Shop, located on the left. Mr. Hindman is pictured by the wagon. Lewis Powelson is pictured in front of his Wagon Maker Shop. He operated the wagon shop in Cross Creek, PA for over 30 years.**

*Fort Vance Historical Society*

# MRS BATHGATE WILL CONDUCT COOKING SCHOOL

POPULAR LECTURER TO  
PRESENT THREE CLASSES  
ON COOKING & EQUIPMENT

Mark these dates on your calendar in red pencil—Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, February 5, 6, and 7. They're the dates of the Enterprise's free, three-day Homemaking School—an occasion every housewife in Burgettstown is waiting for. The Union High School has been chosen as the scene of the school, due to its convenient location and ample accommodations. Classes will start promptly



each afternoon at 2 o'clock, although the doors will be open earlier to allow the audience plenty of time to assemble.

The Enterprise has been fortunate in securing a popular lecturer, Mrs. Dorothy Bathgate, to conduct this year's classes. She will be remembered for her entertaining and helpful programs two years ago.

Mrs. Bathgate, one of Western Pennsylvania's foremost cooking authorities, is bringing with her scores of new recipes that have all been tested in her kitchen-laboratory. She'll prepare all these dishes during her three classes, and the recipes will be on the printed programs to take home and try for yourself. All the foods prepared will be given away at the close of class, along with other valuable gifts from cooperating merchants.

The cooking school kitchen has been given a gay, new color scheme, Mrs. Bathgate tells us, and she'll have all new equipment and gadgets. If you are planning to renovate your kitchen you'll find lots of new "wrinkles" at cooking class. And speaking of wrinkles—you won't find them on Mrs. Bathgate's forehead or her trim kitchen frocks as she shows her audience how to perform the most difficult cooking jobs with neatness and dispatch.

Nor will there be any "wrinkles" in your budget if you follow Mrs. Bathgate's suggestions for preparing low-cost foods in an economical manner. Her methods of cooking mean economy of both money and time.

Watch this newspaper for further details on this helpful, three-day course in household economics.

**Mrs. Bathgate will Conduct Cooking School  
Burgettstown Enterprise-January 16, 1941 Edition**

#### MODEL AIRPLANE DISPLAY

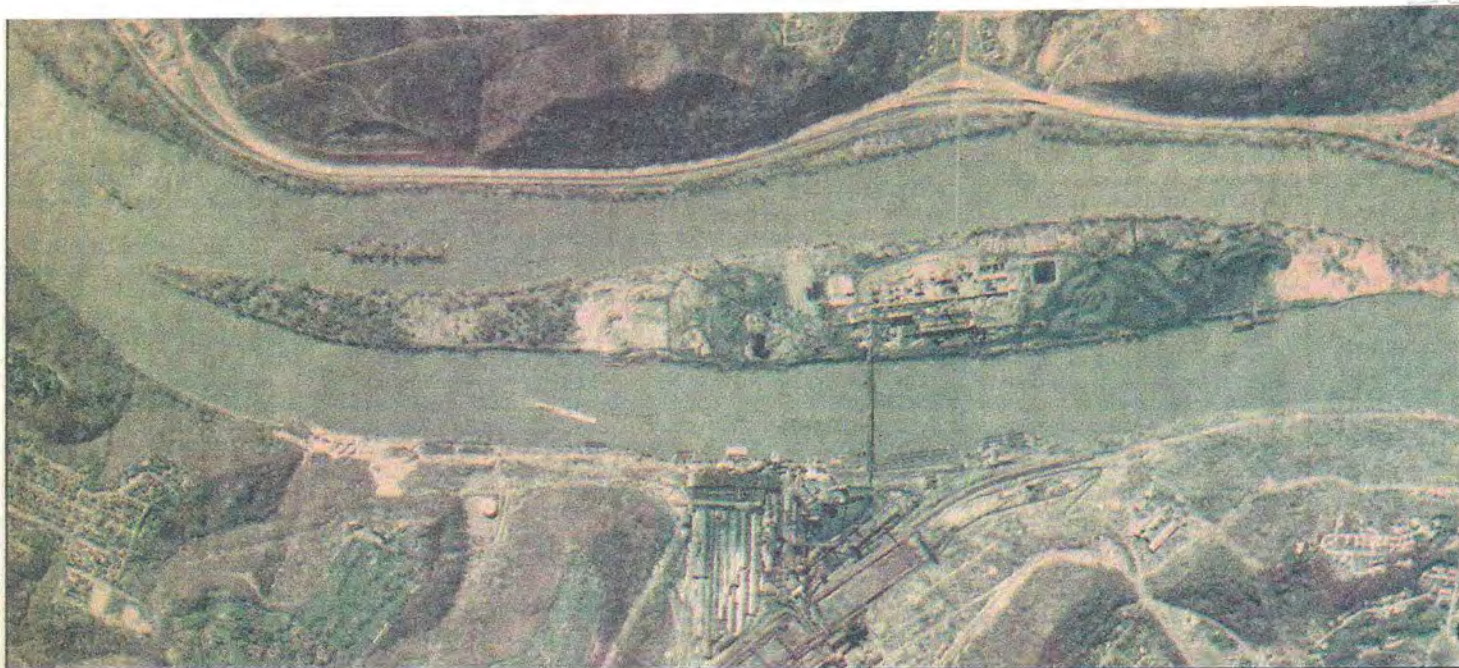
In connection with their drive to raise funds now underway, members of the "Fly Hi Club" aero modelers of Slovan, have placed their handicraft on display in the windows of Horovitz' Department Store, Nov. 18-24. Boasting a growing membership of 30 young boys from the community, the club meet regularly in the Slovan school house where they build model planes under the guidance of adult leaders. Tickets are being sold for two hand made planes which will be awarded Saturday, Dec. 6.

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**ISG CLEANUP** – Browns Island, the former site of the Weirton Steel Coke Plant, recently was transferred to Tecumseh Redevelopment Inc., a subsidiary of the International Steel Group. Tecumseh specializes in realty management and industrial site clean-up.

## ISG transfers Browns Island to subsidiary

By **AARON COVEY**  
Staff writer

*June 2004*

On May 4, Browns Island was formally transferred from Weirton Steel Corp. to Tecumseh Redevelopment Group, a subsidiary of the International Steel Group.

Tecumseh serves in a land management and clean-up capacity. ISG uses the subsidiary to detoxify lands damaged by industrial waste that could harm humans through physical contact or groundwater exposure.

Tecumseh was responsible for cleaning up a former Bethlehem Steel Corp. site in Williamsport, Pa., that had been the site of a

wire rope and stand producing facility. Underneath the facility was sludge left over from the plant's waste water facility.

Browns Island is the former site of the Weirton Steel Coke Plant. Coke ovens historically are known for their high toxicity. Tecumseh likely will begin detoxifying the land once all of the proper permits are obtained.

Neither ISG-Weirton Plant Manager Bill McKenzie nor officials at ISG's main office in Richfield, Ohio, were immediately available for comment this morning.

Several options have been considered for the island in recent months, including a new coke plant, a power plant, a port, or some form

of light industry.

Independent Steelworkers Union President Mark Glyptis said his membership would love to see construction of a coke plant on the island, but the company has given no indications any such plans exist.

"ISG has a great deal of interest in Browns Island," Glyptis said. "The ISU feels it would be a great location for a coke plant. We also realize there are other potential opportunities for Browns Island that could be a major benefit to the local economy. I have always seen ISG as an opportunity for not just the workers but for all the people of the Upper Ohio Valley."

**ISG Transfers Browns Island to Subsidiary**  
**Weirton Daily Times-June 2004 Edition**

## LOCAL PLANTS AWAIT ECONOMIC TIDE TURN

Industries are in Readiness for Full  
Resumption at Earliest  
Sign of Revival

For a number of years local industry has provided lucrative employment for a large number of men, not alone residents of the borough of Burgettstown, but many from the surrounding area and from towns and cities far and wide. No part of the country at large is better equipped with plant facilities than is Burgettstown, and in no part of the country can the various commodities produced here be made and transported more efficiently or economically. Those who are inclined to view present depressed business conditions with alarm are reminded that the plants are still here; fully equipped and in running order, ready at a moment's notice to resume operations on a large scale.

The dullness of the trade in which Burgettstown is interested, for the past few months has been general all over the civilized world. In Europe conditions are about the same as in America, and in some parts much worse. Trade between the various countries has fallen to low levels and there is much sparring for world business, under somewhat reconstructed ideas of values.

While the world awaits the outcome of negotiations for the placing of the world's business upon more equitable and stable bases Burgettstown, with many other good industrial centers, is forced to mark time while markets are in process of reorganization, with many large projects being held in abeyance awaiting the outcome of old world strife and general conditions of uncertainty.

It is a mistake for any one to imagine that Burgettstown industrialists are sitting idly by waiting for something to turn up. The plants are working along with reduced forces and with shortened time but herculean efforts are being made to increase sales and keep constantly in readiness to take advantage of any opportunity that may arise whereby greater activity might follow. The management of the various industrial plants lies in competent hands, and in the hands of those whose one aim is to keep Burgettstown in the front ranks of prosperous communities.

Older residents of Burgettstown are quite familiar with panics. The town has weathered many serious economic storms, some of which have been in very recent years. Hard times come, sometimes from causes which even the most expert economists are unable satisfactorily to explain, but they pass, and the people forget all about them once prosperous days return.

Many forces are at work in Burgettstown to ease up the labor situation. Work is being provided sufficient to prevent any suffering and the resources of the town will not fail. Burgettstown was about the last place in the country to be hit by the slump, and will be among the first to recover.

# J.C. Penney to shutter 33 stores

## Washington Mall to lose anchor tenant

by ALEX NIXON

The status of the Washington Mall in South Strabane was thrown into doubt by the retail center's last anchor tenant announcing that it is pulling out.

J.C. Penney said on Wednesday that it will close its Washington Mall store,

part of a restructuring that will shutter 33 underperforming stores and cut 2,000 jobs. About 100 employees of the South Strabane J.C. Penney will lose their jobs, the struggling retailer said.

"It's always, of course, disappointing when a major retailer decides to close a store, not

only for the economic impact but also for the employees," said Jeff Kotula, president of the Washington County Chamber of Commerce.

Kotula, who noted that he worked at the mall years ago when it was thriving, said the loss of J.C. Penney was "especially disappointing be-

cause of the slow decline of that mall." With only a Toys R Us and a couple of smaller stores left, he said, "things don't bode well" for the mall.

Officials with Oxford Development Co., which lists the mall among its properties for lease, could not be reached for comment. A message left with the mall's management office was not returned.

The news was disappointing for Catherine Giles, 47, of

Canonsburg, who was shopping in the South Strabane store on Wednesday evening.

"I am very upset the store is closing," said Giles, who said she has been a customer of the store for 10 years. "I shop here twice a week, and I always find great deals."

J.C. Penney made the announcement a week after the Plano, Texas-based retailer

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# J.C. Penney to shut 33 stores

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said it is pleased with holiday sales results but declined to give specific sales figures. A strong November and December is crucial to retailers since it can account for up to 40 percent of annual sales.

The cuts should save more than \$65 million annually. The company will take \$26 million in charges in the third quarter and \$17 million afterward. Penney has 116,000 employees. All the job cuts are related to the store closings, which should be completed by early May.

The company has nine other stores in the Pittsburgh region that will remain open.

Penney is trying to recover from huge losses and plummeting sales drops that occurred under former CEO Ron Johnson, who was ousted in April after being on the job for 17 months. The company then brought back former

CEO Mike Ullman.

Penney has since reinstated the frequent sales events that Johnson ditched. It has restored basic merchandise, particularly store brands like St. John's Bay, which were either phased out or eliminated in a bid to attract younger, more affluent shoppers.

The retailer had been releasing sales figures over the last few months, which had showed some improvement. Sales at stores open at least a year edged up 0.9 percent in October — the first increase since December 2011. That's a key indicator of a retailer's health. Last month, the company said revenue at stores opened at least a year jumped 10.1 percent in November, helped by a strong start to the holiday season.

But on Jan. 8, it offered no figures regarding December sales when it came out with a brief release to update in-

vestors on its holiday performance. It said that it was "pleased with its performance for the holiday period," and that the holiday season showed "continued progress in its turnaround efforts." It also reaffirmed its outlook for the fourth quarter first announced in late November. At that time, it said Penney's revenue at stores opened at least a year and gross profit margin will likely improve "sequentially."

Penney's shares fell 8 cents to \$6.93 in after-hours trading Wednesday when Penney made the announcement, after gaining 8 cents to close regular trading at \$7.01. The shares have lost 84 percent of their value since February 2012 when investor enthusiasm was high over Penney's transformation plan.

*Freelance writer Chasity M. Capasso and The Associated Press contributed to this report. Alex Nixon is a Trib Total Media staff writer.*

**J.C. Penney to shutter 33 stores**  
**Observer-Reporter-January 30, 2014 Edition**



### **Driver of Tea Wagon Injured**

Al. Simmons, who covers the territory in this vicinity for the Jewell Tea company, was badly injured Saturday when the king bolt in the wagon he was driving broke and pitched him forward. Simmons suffered a cut on the head which it required five stitches to close. After receiving medical attention he was taken to his home in Canonsburg. A brother was with him at the time of the accident, but he escaped with few bruises.

Mr. Simmons returned to Burgettstown yesterday and took up his work here.

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**Driver of Jewell Tea Wagon Injured**  
**The Burgettstown Call-February 18, 1915 Edition**



**Jim Gibson Filling Station**

**Located at the corner of Rt. 18S and Rt. 22 E**

*At the right of the photo, behind the big tree is where EZ Pickens would eventually be built.*

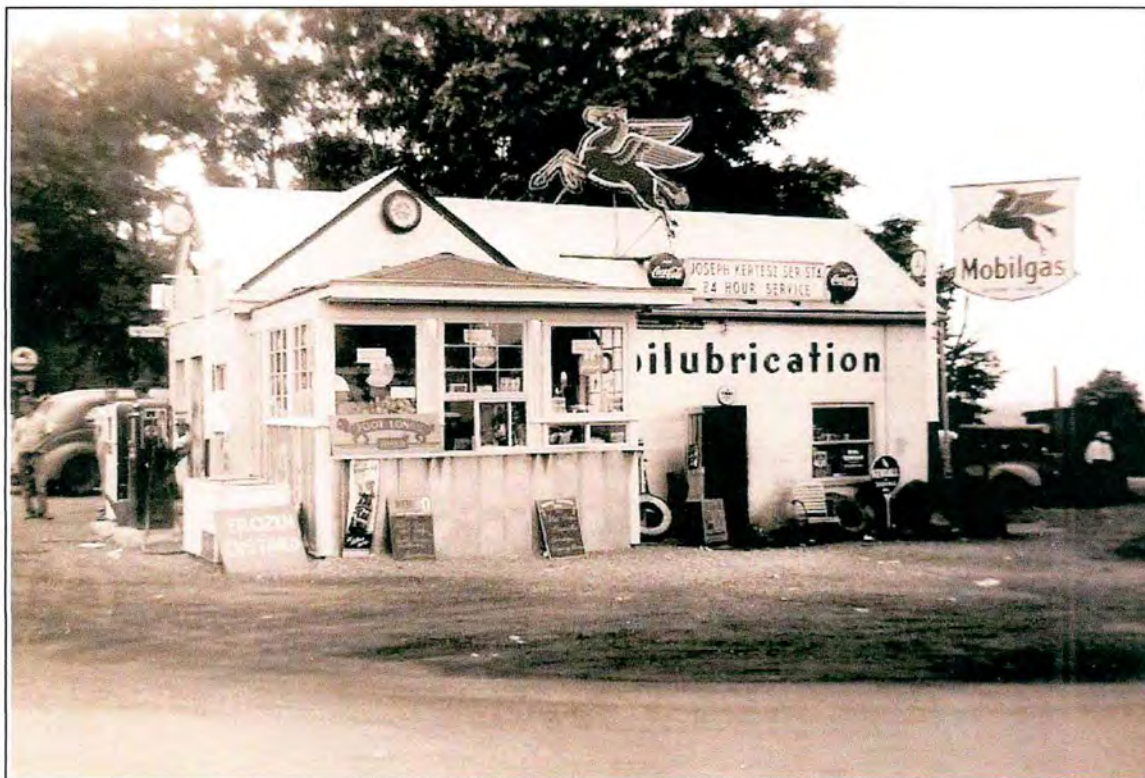
**Florence, PA-Summer of 1928-1929**



Steam shovel in operation at the corner of Rt. 18 South and Rt. 22 East  
Looking towards Rt. 22W (upper left) and Rt. 18N (upper right)



**Jim Gibson, Owner of the Filling Station  
Florence, PA-Summer of 1928 or 1929**



Joseph Kertesz Service Station  
Neon Pegasus sign to attract customers for MobilGas



Sid Themojoman Grubbs' 1937 Ford. Chuck Boustead is walking.  
Dave Stromat is waving from the doorway.

*Photo Shared by of Sid Themojam Grubbs*

**Mobile Gas Station-Florence, PA**

*Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society*

## **KAYDA'S OPEN FUNERAL HOME**

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Kayda announce the opening of the Kayda Funeral Home at 57 Main street. Mr. Kayda mortician, is assisted by his wife, Mrs. Julia Kayda. They have completely remodeled the building at 57 Main street and invite the inspection of patrons and friends of their new, completely modern funeral chapel. They will provide ambulance service day or night and will provide a modern singing chapel hearse for funerals. The Kayda Funeral home provides a reception room, office, chapel and preparing room.

Mr. Kayda, who is a graduate of the Eckles College of Embalming, comes to Burgettstown from Donora, where he had previously conducted a Funeral Home for 18 years. He recently completed a course in Plastic Surgery in the Eckles College of Embalming in Philadelphia. Mr. Kayda is a member of the Polish National Alliance, Croatian Fraternal Order, American Legion and Catholic Sokols of Donora.

The Kaydas have built a five room apartment in the basement of the Funeral home, where they will reside. Their son, Alexander, 17, will attend Union High school as a member of the Junior class.

## **Community Kiddies To Receive Movies Treat From Vets**

Children of the Greater Burgettstown Community will be treated to a free movie at the Keith and Mary Ann theatres in Burgettstown, Wednesday, December 29 at 1:30 p.m. The treat is sponsored by the Kucher Saska Post 6955 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and arrangements are being made by Commander William Craig and Mike Kranak. The same movie will be shown in both theatres. All children from the Greater Burgettstown area will be admitted free.

**Community Kiddies to receive Movies Treat from Vets  
Burgettstown Enterprise-December 23, 1948 Edition**

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9:28.

**Keith Theatre**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-October 5, 1950 Edition**

## **Amateur Night At Keith Theatre**

The first Amateur Night in a series to be held this month at the Keith Theatre and sponsored by Langeloth Parent-Teacher's association is scheduled for Wednesday evening, Nov. 1 at 8:30 o'clock. Seven acts will feature singing, dancing and specialities, selected from the Saturday morning auditions that were held for local talent on previous Saturday mornings. There will be three winners at each Wednesday night show and the winners of each week will appear in the final show in competition for the grand prize.

The Langeloth PTA will share in the proceeds, the money to be used for their school projects.



Children from Greater Burgettstown Community are guests of Sam Broida at Birthday Matinee last Saturday afternoon.



**Children from Greater Burgettstown Community are  
Guests of Sam Broida at Birthday Matinee  
Burgettstown Enterprise-April 1, 1943 Edition**

# Giant Amateur Show

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Giant Amateur Show  
Burgettstown Enterprise-October 5, 1950 Edition

## Keith Theatre Main Street, Burgettstown, PA

One of the largest semi-fire proof structures in town, the Keith Theatre has seating for 500 people. It was 40 by 100 feet in size and stands on the site what was the town pump at the turn of the century and later the home of Dr. Thomas Webster Bradley family.

It was originally built in 1925-1927 by Joe Romano, a contractor. Romano operated the theatre for a number of years and then sold it to George Clair who continued to it as the Clair Theatre. Later, Clair sold the theatre to Squire Culley.

Frank (Butch) DiOrio assumed complete management of the Keith Theatre on August 1, 1945, having purchased the building from Squire Culley and the theatre business from Keith Chambers. "Mitch" Vuksanovich has been hired as a licensed operator. For 10 years, DiOrio has owned and operated a combined pool-room and bowling alley in the theatre building. Tommy Mica has leased the DiOrio bowling alleys. DiOrio plans extensive improvements to the building and business as soon as priorities release material.

It changed hands again to Charles Augustine and James Morosco. During this period, it was operated under Charles Augustine's management. In 1952, Alex Vellis purchased the building and after one year sold the building to John K. and Louise E. McCoy.

The Burgettstown Enterprise announced the sale to DiOrio in the August 2, 1945 edition.

The Burgettstown Enterprise announced the sale to McCoy in the July 16, 1953 edition.

Children from Greater Burgettstown Community are guests of Sam Broida at Birthday Matinee last Saturday afternoon.



*Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society*

## Attorney McCoy Buys Keith Theatre Bldg.

An important real estate transaction was consummated this week when Attorney John K. McCoy and his wife, Louise E. McCoy purchased the Keith Theatre building from Alex L. Vellis of Pittsburgh. Consideration involved in the transaction was not made public but it is known that this brick structure, built many years ago for a theatre, is one of the largest and most valuable pieces of real estate in Burgettstown.

The McCoy's, residents of Grundy, W. Va., have spent the past several weeks in Burgettstown. Mrs. Louise McCoy is also a half owner of the McCoy Furniture Co.

The new owners may continue to operate the Keith as a movie theatre, but future plans are indefinite. The building was purchased last year by Mr. Vellis from Charles Argentine and James Morosco of Washington, who had previously operated it under Mr. Argentine's management. It was originally built by Joe Romano, a contractor about 1925. He operated it for a number of years and then sold to George Clair who continued it as the Clair Theatre. In late years it was acquired by the late Squire Culley who sold it to the late Frank DiOrio. Mr. DiOrio sold it to Argentine and Morosco. The Argentines, former residents are now living in Fontana, Cal.

One of the largest semi-fire proof structures in town, the Keith theatre has a seating capacity for 500 persons. It is 40 by 100 feet in size and stands on the site of what was the town pump at the turn of the century, before Main street threaded it's paved way as Route 18 to the boundaries of Burgettstown.

**Attorney McCoy Buys Keith Building  
Burgettstown Enterprise-July 16, 1953 Edition**

**"MONK" BERNOLA WANTS  
ALL TO SEE THE FILM  
"HITLER'S CHILDREN"**

Keith Chambers, manager of the Keith Theatre is in receipt of a letter from Elmo Bernola, a local boy who is serving with Uncle Sam's forces at Atlanta, Ga., in which he urges all persons who can to see "Hitler's Children," the attraction at the Keith Theatre this Friday, Saturday and Sunday. This film based on Gregor Ziemer's book, "Education for Death" is a daring expose of conditions imposed upon German youth by the Nazi Regime.

Elmo in his letter says, "Hello Keith—As you know, I am a Motion Picture Projectionist in one of the

War Department's Theatres at this post (Atlanta Ordnance Motor Base.) I am enjoying my work as much as I did in civilian life, if not more. I'm writing this letter to tell you to advertise "HITLER'S CHILDREN" ONE HUNDRED PER CENT. In this picture you see and hear why every American citizen should strain a point to buy as many UNITED STATES SAVINGS BONDS AND STAMPS AS THEY POSSIBLY CAN I have run this picture at camp and the thousands of service men who have seen the picture, insist that everyone on the home front should see it too. I sincerely hope that every one in Burgettstown will see the picture.

Elmo (Monk) Bernola.

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**"PRISON MUTINY"**

**Keith Theatre-Hitler's Children**  
Burgettstown Enterprise-May 13, 1943 Edition

### **Keith Patrons Contribute \$192.73 to March of Dimes**

Charles Argentine, manager of the Keith Theatre has forwarded a check for \$192.73 to the Motion Picture Division 1947 March of Dimes for the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. Mr. Argentine reports that this sum was received in contributions at eight performances taken by Burgettstown Girl Scouts, from January 26 to February 1.

**Keith Patrons Contribute \$192.72 to March of Dimes  
Burgettstown Enterprise-February 6, 1947 Edition**

**SAM BROIDA TO CELEBRATE  
BIRTHDAY BY GIVING MOVIE  
MATINEE FOR CHILDREN**

Sam Broida, for thirty-one years a merchant in Burgettstown, will celebrate his birthday Saturday afternoon by inviting all the children in Greater Burgettstown Community to attend a matinee at the Keith Theatre at 2:30 o'clock as his guests. A fine program of selected comedies, shorts and features has been chosen for the entertainment of the children, who will be admitted free of charge as guests of Mr. Broida.

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**Sam Broida to Celebrate Birthday by Giving Movie Matinee for Children  
Burgettstown Enterprise-March 25, 1943 Edition**

## Attorney McCoy Buys Keith Theatre Bldg.

An important real estate transaction was consummated this week when Attorney John K. McCoy and his wife, Louise E. McCoy purchased the Keith Theatre building from Alex L. Vellis of Pittsburgh. Consideration involved in the transaction was not made public but it is known that this brick structure, built many years ago for a theatre, is one of the largest and most valuable pieces of real estate in Burgettstown.

The McCoy's, residents of Grundy, W. Va., have spent the past several weeks in Burgettstown. Mrs. Louise McCoy is also a half owner of the McCoy Furniture Co.

The new owners may continue to operate the Keith as a movie theatre, but future plans are indefinite. The building was purchased last year by Mr. Vellis from Charles Argentine and James Morosco of Washington, who had previously operated it under Mr. Argentine's management. It was originally built by Joe Romano, a contractor about 1925. He operated it for a number of years and then sold to George Clair who continued it as the Clair Theatre. In late years it was acquired by the late Squire Culley who sold it to the late Frank DiOrio. Mr. DiOrio sold it to Argentine and Morosco. The Argentines, former residents are now living in Fontana, Cal.

One of the largest semi-fire proof structures in town, the Keith theatre has a seating capacity for 500 persons. It is 40 by 100 feet in size and stands on the site of what was the town pump at the turn of the century, before Main street threaded it's paved way as Route 18 to the boundaries of Burgettstown.

**Attorney McCoy Buys Keith Building  
Burgettstown Enterprise-July 16, 1953 Edition**



## KEITH THEATRE TO INSTALL NEW SOUND SYSTEM

Frank DiOrio, manager, who recently purchased the KEITH THEATRE is progressing rapidly with his plans to make this popular showhouse one of the finest in Western Pennsylvania. Extensive repairs and renovations are being carried out and nearing completion. By Christmas day the painters will complete the repainting of the interior of the theatre and plan to start on the Marquee next. The interior has been entirely repainted, cleaned, the drapes cleaned and the seats fumigated and painted. Mr. DiOrio has contracted for a monthly sanitary service that will insure patrons one of the cleanest and most sanitary playhouses in this district. The seats will be sprayed with disinfectants and the rest rooms will be thoroughly fumigated and cleaned by a commercial service.

Completion of the installation of the new E-7 Simplex projection machines guarantee a "no shimmy" screen, also there have been installed 220 rectifiers, all Simplex equipment, high intensity lamps and 220 amps which will provide more "see-ability" for the programs screened.

It is a matter of great pride to Mr. DiOrio, manager of the Keith theatre, that they will be the first in the Pan Handle District to install THE VOICE OF THE THEATRE. This new loud-speaker system has been hailed as "revolutionary" by sound engineers. It was designed by Altec Lansing Corporation, an organization that has been working hand-in-hand with the major motion picture studios in an effort to achieve perfection in sound recording.

Technically, the advantage of THE VOICE OF THE THEATRE, with its full color sound reproduction, is its ability to pick up the high & low frequency sounds previously lost on the sound track. "It will be possible now", explained Mr. DiOrio "for audiences to hear the show exactly as it was recorded in Hollywood." Furthermore, because of the unique construction of the speaker, sound will be evenly distributed to all parts of the theatre. This news should be a heartening note to late-comers who are usually stranded in the "dead seat" sections.

**Keith Theatre to Install New Sound System**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-December 27, 1945 Edition**



**Kidd's Mill**  
**Girls from Pittsburgh pose in front of hotel, circa 1900**

#### **DAIRY PLANS APPROVED**

Approved plans from the health department has been received by Kimberland's Dairy and the work of remodeling the dairy will be started in the near future.

Mr. Kimberland is planning to make an up to date milk plant.



# TROUT SEASON OPENS

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**King's Lakes-Trout Season Opens**  
Burgettstown Enterprise-March 8, 1956 Edition



**Kitty's Appliance  
Main Street, Burgettstown, PA**

## Kitty's Shop Open

A new business is making its debut in Burgettstown this week in the store room formerly occupied by Parker's wallpaper store. William Kittredge of Crafton, the proprietor calls his store "Kitty's" and expects to carry a complete line of wallpaper, paints, wall and floor coverings, furnitures and has the franchise for Philco Refrigerators, televisions and ranges, and will also display a complete line of electric table and floor lamps.

Mr Kittredge is no stranger in this district since he worked for two years as an agent for the Prudential Insurance company. He is a veteran of World War II and spent three years with the navy in the Pacific area. He is a graduate of German township high school near Uniontown, a member of St. Philip's Catholic church of Crafton, Knights of Columbus and the Crafton American Legion.



Langloth Factory and Mine  
Langloth Pa.

**American Zinc-Langeloth, PA**

# Langeloth Gives Plenty of Rent Trouble To Owner of Town With 250 Tenants



Sewage creeks run through town.



Langeloth children play on unmoved refuse.

## Former Company Village Is Chock Full of Problems

From the Post-Gazette Correspondent

LANGELOTH, April 2—"It's the big headache," the man who owns Langeloth, Pa., said—and many of the 250 families who live here feel the same way about him.

They're having rent troubles in this Barbush's Washington county community, a former "company" town.

The 50-year-old Greek immigrant bought Langeloth about a year ago when the American Inc. and Chemical Company ulled stakes and moved out west.

### Rents Start to Mount

He laid out a reported half-million dollars—mostly borrowed money. Then rents which had been kept amazingly low under company management, went up 10 per cent last July and now, he has another boost ready.

There are more than 250 small homes in Langeloth, three miles from Burgettstown, 35 miles from Pittsburgh.

Forty-five of them are small two-room affairs. About two dozen have more than five rooms.

### Plans for Renovation

The houses are run-down. Open ditches along unpaved streets carry away sewage. Some of the homes have bathrooms installed at the tenants' expense, others have outhouses.

Walls are rickety in many of



Gus' own "White House" shines out.



—Post-Gazette Photos  
Gus, himself.

the homes. The whole town needs a thorough renovation.

Gus says he'll get around to the repair and remodeling work when the town starts putting it self on a paying basis. That means rent increases, and most of the citizens say they won't pay larger rents until they start getting more for their money.

The citizens of Langeloth, most of whom have found employment 12 to 40 miles away, have formed a Tenants' Committee to block Gus' latest attempts to boost rents.

The committee members agree that Gus once was held in high regard throughout the town. But now, and Gus knows it, his tenants carry open resentment. As he drove visitors over Langeloth's rutty roads, the exuberant Gus spoke to people by their first names.

### Wants That Roof Fixed

Some replied, others didn't, and one man, Joe De Nuzzio,

yelled, "Hey Gus, when the hell you going to fix my roof. It's leaking through plenty and the whole damned thing's going to come down one of these days."

Citizens say garbage hasn't been moved in eight months.

Rent advances Gus proposes go something like this: a four-room brick that used to rent for \$14.50 went up \$2 last July, and now Gus wants \$18.50 for it.

Another four-room brick that once cost \$12.50 went to \$15.00, and now \$19.50. Neither have baths.

### Widow's Case Stirs Town

One case, which has towns-men aroused, involves a widow, Mrs. Caterina Foradori, and her three children. According to former company policy, widows of employees got their rent free.

Gus has billed her for \$16 a month rent. It's a three-room frame house; shoddy, but neat inside. Mrs. Foradori says she offered to pay Gus "all I could

afford," \$2 a month but he demanded more.

### Rent Demanded—or Else

Friends showed papers from Justice of Peace W. E. Whalen, Jr., Burgettstown, demanding payment of back rent; otherwise her furniture would be attached.

Gus denies issuing the paper, but his policy towards widows is, "that property should pay its own way."

"I'm paying \$1,500 a month interest for this, and I owe \$11,000 in back taxes. Right now, I can't pay 11 cents," Gus complains.

He says the houses have to return an average of \$24 a month, and even with his latest proposed rent increase, he'll be getting only \$21.

The rent situation in Langeloth has two aspects, one on paper, and the other as the town really is. The rents seem unjustifiably low until one inspects the houses.



#### Union Meeting Scheduled.

Prominent union leaders are scheduled to speak during the third annual picnic of Langeloth Union No. 95, of the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers, which will be held at Langeloth, July 11th and 12th. Thomas Kennedy, Lieutenant Governor of Pennsylvania and secretary of the United Mine Workers; Philip Murray, or another member of the steel organizing committee; Louis Leonard, secretary-treasurer of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers, and Russell Marino of Washington, legislative candidate, are scheduled as speakers for Sunday, July 12th.

## **Union Officers To Distribute Funds Left In Treasury**

Officers of the Langeloth Smeltermen's Union will meet Thursday evening at the Community House to make final arrangements for the distribution of funds remaining in the union treasury. From \$900 to \$1000 will be divided among the Infantile Paralysis Fund, the Association for the Blind, the Cancer Fund and the Tuberculosis League. The remaining portion of an approximate \$1800 will be used locally, financial secretary Joseph Romanoski announced this week.

## SMELTERMEN PLAN COMMUNITY EVENTS

The Langeloth Smeltermen's Union has recently appointed a Recreation Committee to plan for Community entertainment. The purpose of the committee is to plan community social events so that the funds realized from such affairs may be used for Community improvement. The \$100 donation of the Union to the dental clinic was made possible by proceeds from a recent dance held.

C. M. Marino, president of the Union has been instructed to work with the committee, E. Nunez, chairman and Louis Ceresa, secretary-treasurer.

The first event planned by the newly formed committee will be a dance in the Community hall at Langeloth on Saturday evening, February 15. Music will be furnished by the Venny Burton orchestra, which broadcasts from W.J.A.S. Pittsburgh each week day at 5:30 p. m. The organization is non-profit and the patronage of the public will be appreciated.

### Smeltermen Sponsor Birthday Ball For Polio Victims

A goal of \$1000 has been set by the Amusement Committee of the Langeloth Smeltermen's Union to aid Infantile Paralysis victims and President Roosevelt's Warm Springs, Ga., Foundation. The committee has engaged Lee Barrett and his ten piece orchestra with Russ Romer, vocalist to entertain at the Birthday Ball which will be held in the Langeloth Community Building on Wednesday, January 31, when the entire proceeds will be devoted to the above project.

The Amusement Committee has been sponsoring a series of benefit dances for their soldier gift fund, but because of the worthy cause, decided to devote the proceeds to the Polio Fight and to honor President Roosevelt by holding the dance on his birthday, in accordance with a nation wide custom of several years.

The dance will be semi-formal. To date the ticket sale has been reported very good. Persons who desire tickets may secure them from members of the Committee or from members of the American Legion or the Ladies' Auxiliary or at Petrucci News Store or members of the Cameo club in Slovan.

On pay day, January 25, tickets will be sold at Langeloth, Burgettstown and Francis Mine.

**Smeltermen Sponsor Birthday Ball for Polio Victims  
Burgettstown Enterprise-January 25, 1945 Edition**

GUS J. BARBUSH  
President

SAMUEL CAPLAN  
Secretary

LOUIS CAPLAN  
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**Langeloth Steel Company- 1952 Billing**

*Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society*

# LAWSON AND DELLARIA GIVEN MERCURY FRANCHISE IN AREA

An interesting announcement has come from automobile row, with the news William J. Lawson and James Dellaria, partners, former Hudson dealers have secured the franchise for Mercury Automobiles for the Greater Raccoon Valley. In addition to selling and servicing Mercury cars the Lawson and Dellaria firm will also retain their complete repair facilities for all makes of automobiles.

Mr. Lawson has been engaged in repair and sale of automobiles in this community since 1928 when he opened his first repair shop. In 1937 he accepted the Chrysler and Plymouth franchise and in 1945 became the local Hudson dealer.

He was born in Burgettstown, went to school here, and now resides at 603 South Main street with his wife, Cordelia S. Ransome Lawson and three of their children, Douglass and the twins, Sally A. and Willa B. Their son Mark resides at Atlasburg. Another son, James died several years ago.

The Lawsons are active members of the First United Presbyterian church and Mr. Lawson is a member of the American Legion.

Both partners are active and enthusiastic members of the Greater Raccoon Valley Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Dellaria lives at 602 South Main street with his wife, the former Pearl Roman and their two children, Jimmy Allen, 7, and Frank, 2½ years. He graduated from Union high school in 1941 and served in the U. S. army three years, with 2½ years' service overseas. He was discharged in 1946 and bought into the Lawson agency in 1949.

Mr. Dellaria is currently serving as commander of the American Legion Post 698 and is a member of the V. F. W. He attends Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic church and is a booster for the Chamber of Commerce. In addition to his many other civic duties Jim is serving as captain of the pumper crew for the Burgettstown Volunteer Fire Company.



BILL LAWSON & JIM DELLARIA pause for a minute before taking off in their new 1955 Montclair Mercury. Lawson and Dellaria assumed full dealership for Mercury the first of this month. Opening day for the partners was a huge success.

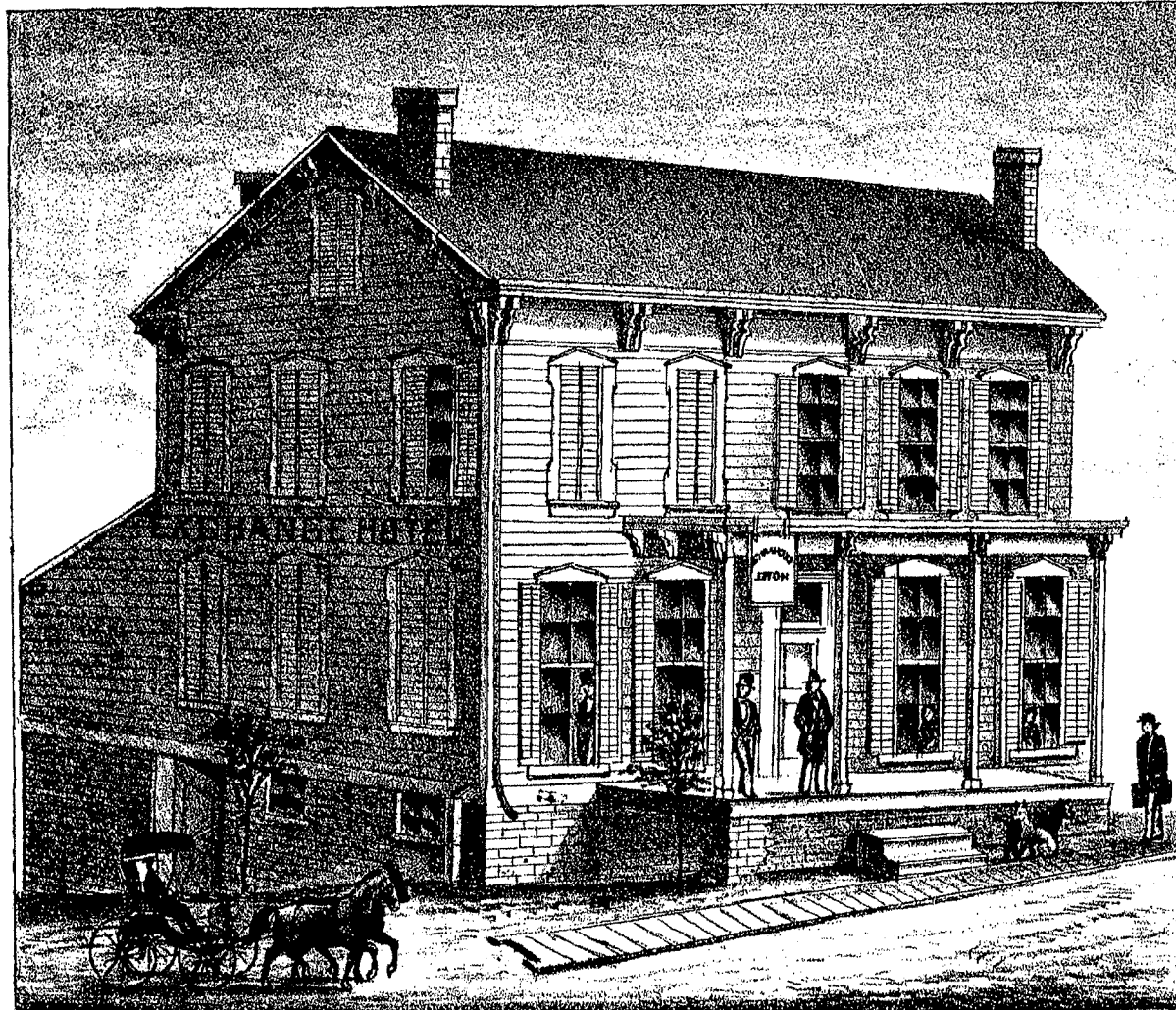
**Lawson and Dellaria Given Mercury Franchise in Area**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-July 28, 1955 Edition**

## **At Ford Auto Course**

Two Burgettstown Ford Motor Company dealership salesmen are attending a six-day course in retail selling in Wilkinsburg. They are Bogdan Nicksick, Lawson & Dellaria Sales & Service, and Anthony C. Louder, Louder and Bologna Ford Sales.

The course, which ends July 19, is being conducted by instructors from Ford's Detroit Marketing Institute. It is one of a number of classes offered to dealers, their personnel and Ford employees through the institute. The courses serve as clearing houses for the most effective methods employed at successful automobile dealerships.

**Lawson & Dellaria - Louder & Bologna Dealerships Attend Auto Course  
Burgettstown Enterprise-July 19, 1962 Edition**



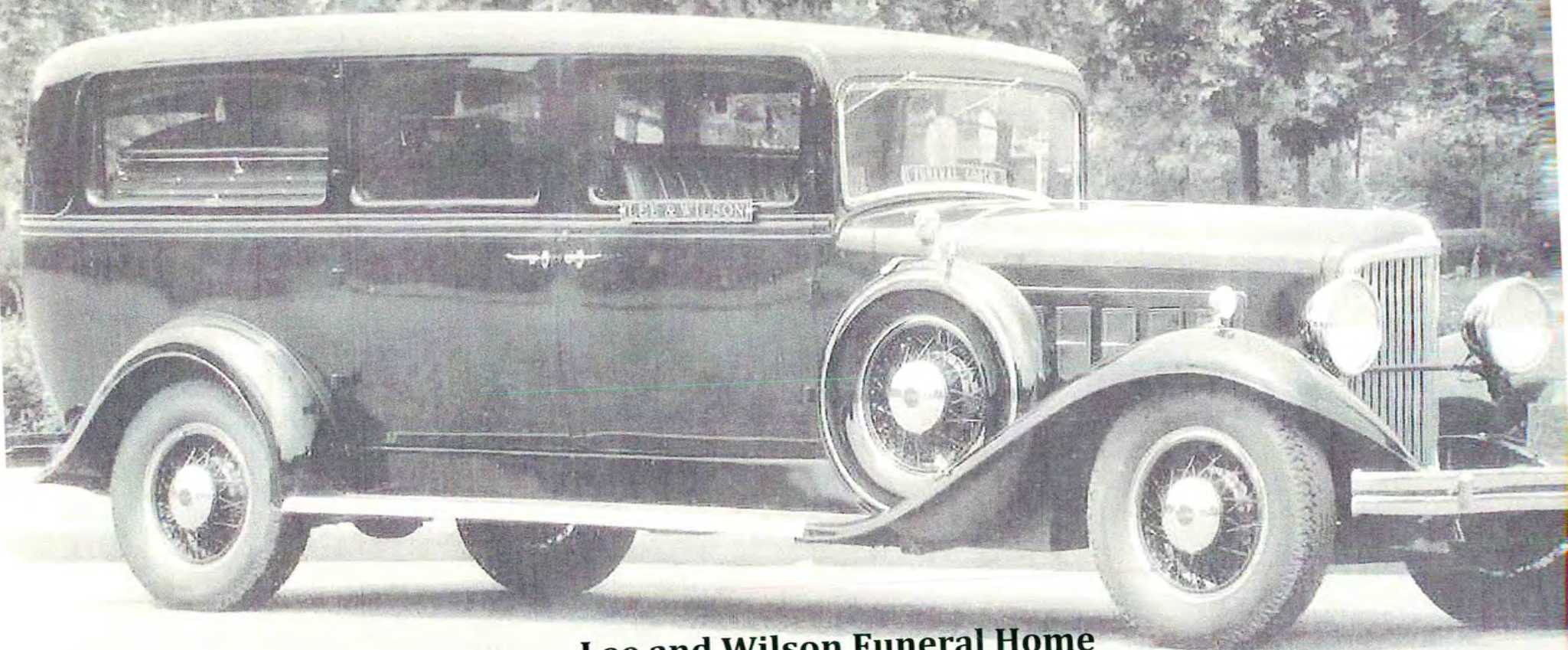
LEE & FULLTON. EXCHANGE HOTEL, BURGETTSTOWN STATION

**Lee and Fullton Exchange Hotel**

**Caldwell's Illustrated Combination Centennial Atlas of Washington County, PA.**

*Fort Vance Historical Society*





**Lee and Wilson Funeral Home**



**T.V. Lee & Company**  
**Funeral Home on Main Street, Burgettstown, PA**  
*Photo prior to 1949*

**To the Public.**

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Having this day sold my entire stock of Dry Goods, Groceries and Merchandise to S. L. COCHRAN, I extend thanks to my patrons and ask them to continue their generous patronage to my successor, who is the only person duly authorized to receive and receipt all book accounts due me.

Respectfully,

A. B. LEE.

Burgettstown, Pa., Oct. 24, '84.

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**A.B. Lee Sells Entire Stock to  
Dry Goods, Groceries and Merchandise to S. L. Cochran  
The Burgettstown Call- Vol. IV-No. 15- November 6, 1884 Edition**

### LEWIS LEOPOLD

It is with a little smile and a sense of nostalgia that one thinks of Lew Leopold and his general store and bakery on South Main Street. The store was so typical of old-time country ones with its barrels of rice, brown and white sugar and molasses; its bolts of yard goods, needles and thread; cookies in square glass-covered containers and penny candy kept in a showcase.

By a pot bellied stove, Lew's old father often sat with his cane and a tabby cat curled at his feet, a perfect model for a Norman Rockwell illustration.

For 42 years, Lew "kept store" in the building which now serves for the offices of Doctors Pendracky and Kucher. Most of these years Lew's wife, Annie, was his helpmate and companion. Lew married Annie Raab in July of 1908, six years after he went into business. Each day she was a bulwark of support, waiting on customers, keeping the records and tending the little box that served for a cash register.

Lew's ancestor, another Lewis Leopold, was an early resident, being a stonemason here as early as 1828. His descendant, Lew, attended the local public school but decided very early that he wanted to "keep store."

It was the day of the delivery wagon so Lew had a horse and wagon; then later a truck which he drove about town. He was a familiar sight in his broad-brimmed black hat with his market basket in one hand. A loaf of bread was never too little for Lew to deliver.

Sundays he and Annie, dressed in their best, drove from their residence at 400 South Main Street to attend the First Presbyterian Church. There Lew often took his place in the bass section of the choir.

He was never too proud to make lemonade at a church picnic; never too forgetful to bring a big gingerbread to a church social; nor too tired to do his duty as superintendent of the Sunday School.

When the depression years came, Lew "took care of folks" frequently long after their store bills had yellowed with age. Many of the bills were completely overlooked. Should one be paid, there was usually a "poke" of candy for the kids as a special treat.

When Annie died in 1935, Lew struggled on hiring help until the work got too much for him. Burgettstown folk saw Lew, who had always



LEW LEOPOLD



Carrie Craker, who worked in Lew's store, standing in front of the store window on South Main Street.

been heavy, becoming a little thinner, a little more weary, looking a little less hearty. He died August 17, 1948 and is buried in Mt.-Prospect Cemetery.

LINCOLN NAT. BANK  
AVELLA, PA. 1907-08

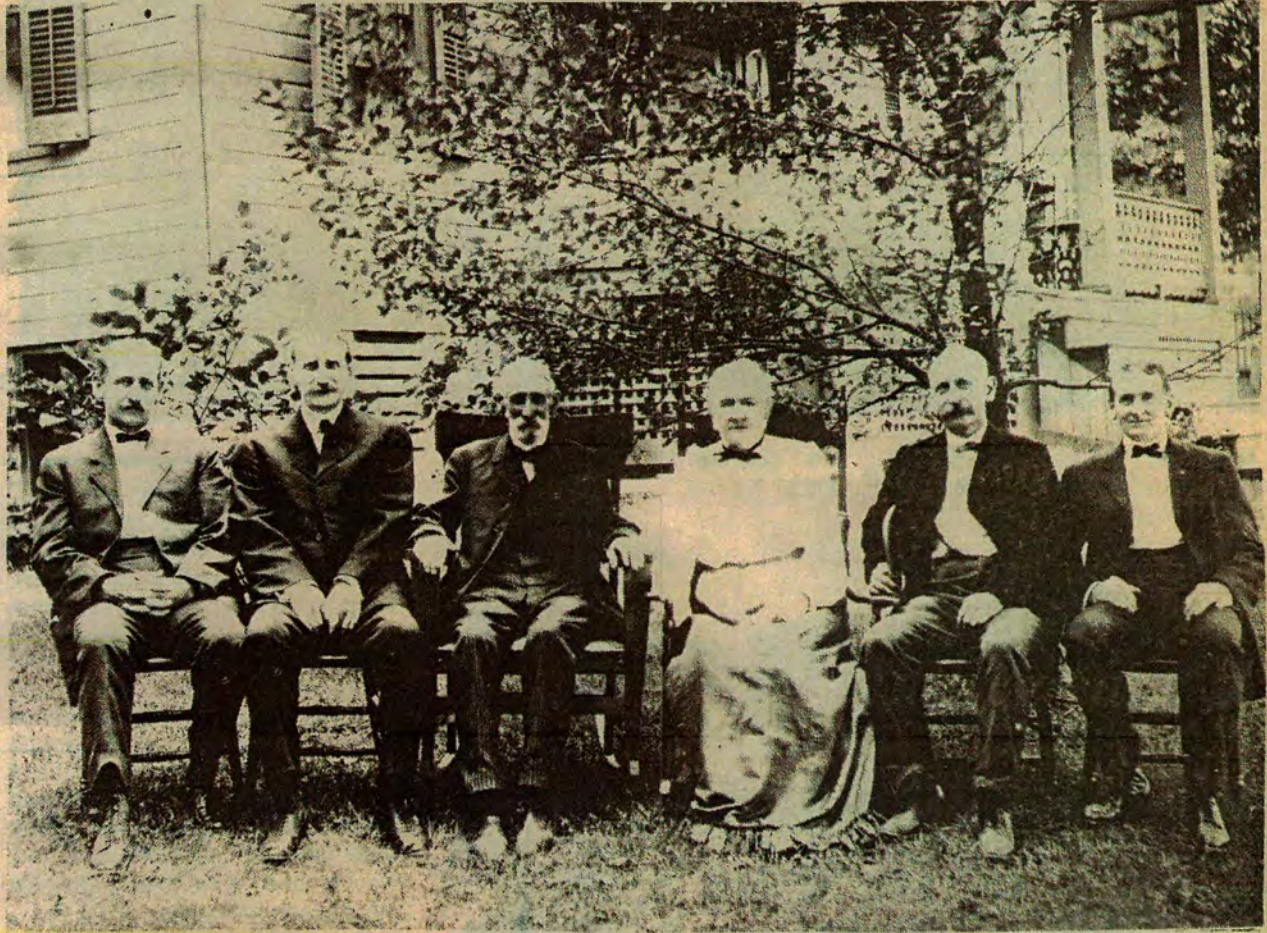


### **Avella Lincoln National Bank-Original Location**

**The bank was later moved to accommodate the new larger brick bank building. Behind the bank building, across the street, is the location of the Orville John Secrist Blacksmith Shop. Today's location of Avella VFD.**

*Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society*

## Linn Brothers Lumber Business Goes Back Before Turn Of Century



### THE LINN FAMILY AND THE LUMBER BUSINESS

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## Linn Bros. Lumber Co. Sale Announced

Announcement is made this week of the sale of Linn Bros. partnership to Frank Pappas & Sons Lumber Company of W. Pittsburgh Street.

The first member of the Linn family in this section to go into the lumber and builders' supplies business was John P. Linn, the father of two of the present members of the firm, Thomas and John W. Linn. John P. Linn in 1889 joined in a partnership with Ray Armour who was already established in the business on the lower side of Whitaker Avenue next to the Pennsylvania Railroad. The firm name was then Armour & Linn. Mr. Armour, being an elderly man at that time, soon sold out to William B. Linn, a brother of John P. Linn. Later, Robert F. Linn, the youngest brother also joined the partnership.

In 1920, John P. Linn died and Robert Linn earlier sold his share of the business to the older brothers. The members of John P. Linn family then joined in a partnership with their uncle, William, to continue the partnership.

In 1924, William B. Linn died and the John P. Linn descendants continued to carry on the operations until 1929 when a new firm was formed with a brother-in-law, Edward Hamilton, joining Tom and John Linn as three equal partners. This trio has comprised the membership up to the present time.

The members of the company sincerely appreciate the many friends and customers who have been so good to them through the years and who they have tried to serve well and faithfully.

To the present owners, they wish success in their new venture.

Linn Bros. has established a temporary office in the basement room of Mrs. Ben Repole's building across Main Street Extension from the large steel lumber storage building.

**Linn Bros. Lumber Co. Sale Announced  
Burgettstown Enterprise-August 16, 1962 Edition**



**LIQUOR LICENSE  
REFUNDS MAILED  
TO MUNICIPALITIES**

Payment of \$5,493,900 due more than 2100 municipalities of the Commonwealth in liquor license refunds scheduled in August 1940 and February of this year, and withheld by the Governor because of a shortage of funds, approved by Auditor General F. Clair Ross.

August payments, now one year overdue, amount of \$2,447,072; while February payments are \$3,046,828.

All payments represent a 100 percent refund to municipalities of liquor licenses paid by establishments within their bounds as required by law. Moneys so received go into general funds of the municipalities.

Amounts sent to boroughs and townships follow:

Burgettstown, \$1,750; McDonald, \$1,500; Midway, \$450; Cecil, \$2,600; Hanover, \$300; Mt. Pleasant, \$825; Robinson, \$400; mith, \$3,200.

**Liquor License Refunds Mailed to Municipalities  
Burgettstown Enterprise-August 14, 1941 Edition**

### **Louder Buys Tract In So. Burgettstown**

W. J. Whalen, Jr., realtor, reported a transfer of lots this week, which should prove of local interest. Tony Louder, proprietor of the Louder Restaurant has purchased from Mr. Campbell of Elizabeth a tract containing three lots at the rear of his restaurant and extending to Pittsburgh street and across Race street to the Creek and bridge. The deal includes the purchase of the building occupied by the Malone and Nicholls Machine Shop.



**Lounder's Restaurant-1949**  
**South Main Street, Burgettstown, PA**

*Fort Vance Historical Society*

# AT WORK: Luanne Hughes

## Why I like my job:

“ I enjoy watching students grow up and become amazing dancers along with becoming successful adults. I have developed many lasting friendships through the past 40 years that I will always treasure. ”



Luanne Hughes, Operator of Luanne's School of Dance

COMPANY NAME:	JOB TITLE:	PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT:	YEARS ON THE JOB:
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**Luanne Hughes**  
**Observer-Reporter-April 5, 2015 Edition**



### **Luanne's school of Dance**

L-R: Nora Seuhr, Trista Griffith, Sarah D'Urso, Shannon Mader, Kayla Seibel, Danielle Turkily, and Anna Seuhr.  
Front Row: Luanne Hughes.

*Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society*



## MAIN ST. PROPERTIES CHANGE HANDS. KEITH THEATRE SOLD TO DI ORIO. RANOVICH BUYS HOTEL

### Assessor Reports Many Houses Sold Sacks Buys Main Street Frontage "Flittings" Noted This Week

Important Main Street real estate in Burgettstown has changed hands suddenly within the past few days; the considerations involved amounts to many thousands of dollars. Several "flittings" were in progress this week as the sale of residence property became known. Borough Assessor C. K. Morrow reports that more than 100 real estate transactions have been recorded during the past year.

Frank (Butch) DiOrio of Florence Avenue assumed complete management of the Keith Theatre on August 1, having purchased the building from Squire W. B. Culley and the theater business from Keith Chambers.

"Mitch" Vuksanovich, who was recently given an honorable discharge from the army has been hired as a licensed operator. The new owner plans extensive improvements to the building and business as soon as priorities release materials.

Mr. DiOrio came from New Alexandria, Pa., to Slovan 22 years ago and later located in Burgettstown. For 10 years he has owned and operated a combined pool-room and bowling alley in the theater building which he recently purchased. He is married to Mary Filipponi DiOrio of Slovan, and the couple are the parents of two children, June, 10 and Reno, 5. They reside on Florence Avenue, "Butch" has many friends in Burgettstown and the surrounding communities, and he plans to devote his entire time to the operation of the new business.

Tommy Mica of Center Avenue has leased the DiOrio bowling alleys which he will operate in addition to his present job at the Climax.

A second unexpected transfer of Main Street business property occurred recently when Dr. W. S. Clark, dentist sold the Clark Hotel on Main Street to Joe Ranovich, a resident of Burgettstown and Slovan for the past 30 years. Mr. Ranovich plans to continue operation of the hotel while Dr. Clark will maintain his office at the present location. Dr. and Mrs. Clark will move in with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Allen of Center Avenue.

I. B. Sacks last week purchased the Main street house now occupied by the Yolton family from E. H. Vosburg. Mr. Vosburg retained the frontage next to the Enterprise building and plans to add to the floor space for the Burgettstown Enterprise as soon as priorities permit. Mr. Sacks expects to build a modern building on this new property in the near future.

News which will be heralded with interest by those who seek a good place to eat concerns a change of personnel at The Farm Restaurant on Route 22. Mrs. Virginia Smith, well known business woman in Burgettstown, has been appointed manager of the restaurant and gas station. The restaurant will continue to operate on a twenty-four hour basis; both full-course dinners and light lunches being served.

By August 10 the G. C. Murphy Company will be ready to extend its present floor space to include the building now being vacated by the A. and P. Store. The plans for this new development provide two arch ways and ramps to connect with the adjoining building. The A. and P. Super-Market will be installed later this month in the building previously occupied by Broida's Department Store on the north side of the railroad.

These developments in business will no doubt afford job opportunities to returning servicemen and young people of the community.

Several families began preparations for moving recently when Mrs. Leuta Stires sold her property to Joseph Goldbach of Shady Avenue and moved to Dresden, Ohio. Mrs. Stires was employed for a number of years in Haines Hardware Company now owned by Ralph Fulton.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Stewart will move this week into the house vacated by the Goldbachs which they recently purchased, and Dr. and Mrs. A. O. Hindman will move into the Stewart property on Lincoln Avenue as soon as renovations on this property which they have bought have been completed.



Dante, John, and Evelyn Marcucci





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**Mary Ann Theater**

### MARY ANN THEATRE CONDUCTS SEARCH FOR SCREEN TALENT

Glamour girls of Burgettstown will compete on the stage of the Mary Ann Theatre, Wednesday evening, August 13, for the title of "Miss Burgettstown, 1941". Winner of this title will receive a free professional screen test later to be shown at the Mary Ann. In addition she will attend the state contest to compete for the title of Miss Pennsylvania, with all expenses paid. Contestants will appear in evening dresses. An outstanding feature of the program will be the presentation of eight of the best vaudeville and amateur acts in the Community. Winner of first amateur act will also go to the state contest.

Little girls, 6 to 12, will form the Junior Queen Parade and will compete for the title, "Miss Burgettstown, Junior." Contestants in all events should register at the Mary Ann theatre at once. Mrs. Agnes Winslow, director of the show will interview contestants during evening shows. The search for screen talent contest will be a fast moving revue staged in professional manner. Rehearsals and auditions will be held next Tuesday afternoon at three o'clock at the theatre.

**Mary Ann Theatre Conducts Search for Screen Talent  
Burgettstown Enterprise-August 7, 1941 Edition**

### AMATEUR CONTESTS

Fifty amateurs from the Tri-State district have already entered the Major Bowes Amateur contest which the Mary Ann Theatre is sponsoring. First try-outs will be held on the Mary Ann stage on Wednesday evening, February 26 and will continue each Wednesday for six week. Danny Davis, M. C., will present the winners of auditions before Major Bowes in New York City this week, on the Mary Ann stage on February 26. Local winner of the contest will receive a free trip to New York city to audition before Major Bowes.

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**Major Bowes Amateur Contest at Mary Ann Theatre  
Burgettstown Enterprise-February 20, 1941 Edition**



**Mary Ann Theater-abt. 1971**  
**During preparation of being torn down for the John L. Brunner Memorial By-Pass**



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During preparation of being torn down for the John L. Brunner Memorial By-Pass



**Mary Ann Theatre and Central Lunch, later known as Pack's Restaurant  
1950 Flood**

*Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society*



# Profile on the Maryann Theater - Anthony Mungello

1999

## Images of picture show reeling in his memory

By David Pinchot  
The Record-Enterprise

Anthony Mungello often thinks fondly of his old friend Maryann.

She took care of him as a child, kept food on the table, kept him out of trouble and gave him a lifelong love of photography. Maryann is the name of the movie theater his father Tony Sr. owned in Burgettstown.

Mungello's family love of the theater began when his grandfather, Ralph, opened the Penn Theater in Slovan.

In 1926, 13 years before Anthony was born, his grandmother, Maryann, died of a heart attack while working in the ticket booth of the old theater. In 1936, Tony Sr. opened the Maryann Theater on Main Street in Burgettstown in her memory.

"The first movie was a Janet Gaynor movie," Mungello said, unable to remember the movie's title.

He does remember when he was 6-years-old he would sneak down to the theater to turn on the marquee.

"I thought it was a big thing to turn it

on," he laughed. "If my mother would have found out, oh boy!"

Mungello's first 'legitimate' job at his father's theater was in charge of pouring drinks into a cup. No bottles were allowed in the theater, and the empties were taken back to the distributor for a refund, he said.

Early on, he learned how to play the organ from Celestine Stevenhart. Before there was sound in the movies, she played the Wurlitzer organ in the theater, he said.

Mungello worked at many jobs in the

theater including usher, custodian, marquee changer, projectionist and manager. His fondest memories, however, are of the movies and the talent.

"My dad and I wouldn't always watch movies for the movies," he said. "We had a system. First time we would watch the overall piece, then we would watch for the cinematography, and then for the direction."

Watching Alfred Hitchcock movies with his father, they would challenge each other as to who would first find

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the legendary director in the film. Hitchcock always included himself as a cameo appearance in his films.

Mungello remembers fondly entertainers who would come in during intermission, including Patsy Cline, Hopalong Cassidy and the Cisco Kid.

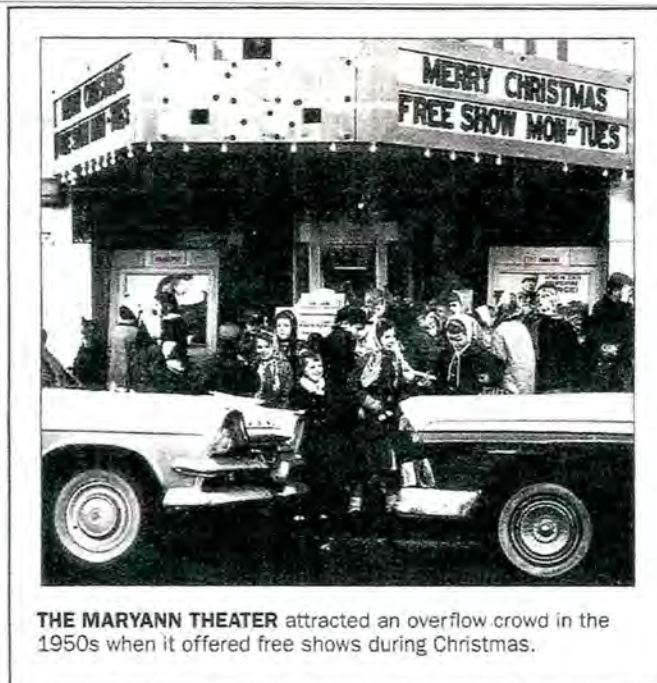
When the theater had 3-D movies, an intermission would be necessary every 20 minutes.

"A 3-D movie would require two projectors to run together and, since we only had two, and automatic changeovers hadn't been invented yet, we have to stop the movie often," Mungello said.

In 1953, a big change occurred in the theater when intermission shows ended and cinemascope was introduced. At the time, the theater had a 10-by-20-foot screen. Cinemascope was a new invention that improved visual and sound dynamics. The new screen was a 15 1/2-by-32-foot metallic material that included a surround sound system.

"My dad wouldn't let me clean the screen because it would bend and dent so easily," Mungello said. "People would come from all around because they thought the sound was so great."

Mungello said his father was hesitant to open the Tri-State Drive-In Theater in Slovan. The senior Mungello bought the drive-in so he could show first-run movies while still maintaining a variety at the indoor the-



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ater.

"He did it for economics," the younger Mungello said. "Movie companies would want us to run movies for 7 to 14 days but we couldn't afford it. We would have to run something else to make money."

"My father wouldn't run movies at the Maryann that had been shown at drive-ins. The hotter bulb would weaken the film and diminish the enjoyment of the movie."

Mungello's love of photography spilled into high school when he was photo editor of the 1957 yearbook and when he joined the Navy in 1963. He was involved in photography pro-

grams as well as motion picture production. He also served in photo reconnaissance and assisted in making military shorts where he discovered that making movies was not as much fun as watching them.

"We were filming 'The Making of a Marine' on Parris Island," he recalls. "We filmed over two hours and they cut it to 20 minutes for filler on TV."

He decided then he enjoyed still photography more. He planned on shooting weddings and portraits but economics turned him in another direction when he took a job at Chrysler in Ohio.

Mungello would, however,

return often to assist his father in running the theater.

One time, during the 60s, his dad refused to speak to him for a week. Nothing knowing the Beatles' "A Hard Days Night" had not drawn an expected crowd earlier, the younger Mungello ordered that movies, as well as "Help,"

"He ranted and raved," Mungello laughed. "He didn't want me in the house. When we ran it, every seat was full. Kids were sitting on the floor and we couldn't pop the popcorn fast enough. My father's desk was just mounting with change after the show."

Following the run of John Wayne's "The Trainrobbers" in 1975, the theater was demolished to make way for the Route 18 bypass through Burgettstown.

Mungello retired from Chrysler in 1996, returning to Burgettstown to care for his ailing mother, who died that year. His father passed away in 1994.

Mungello now lives in the house his father built in 1945 where he is embarking on a new journey. He has discovered numerous slides and 16 millimeter films his father had taken.

"There are films of Franklin D. Roosevelt's motorcade and Gene Autry and his wife at the airport," he said. "I have thousands of my father's slides that I have no idea who the people are in them."

He plans to transfer the films to video. He is also remodeling the home and plans to build a darkroom to continue his love of photography.

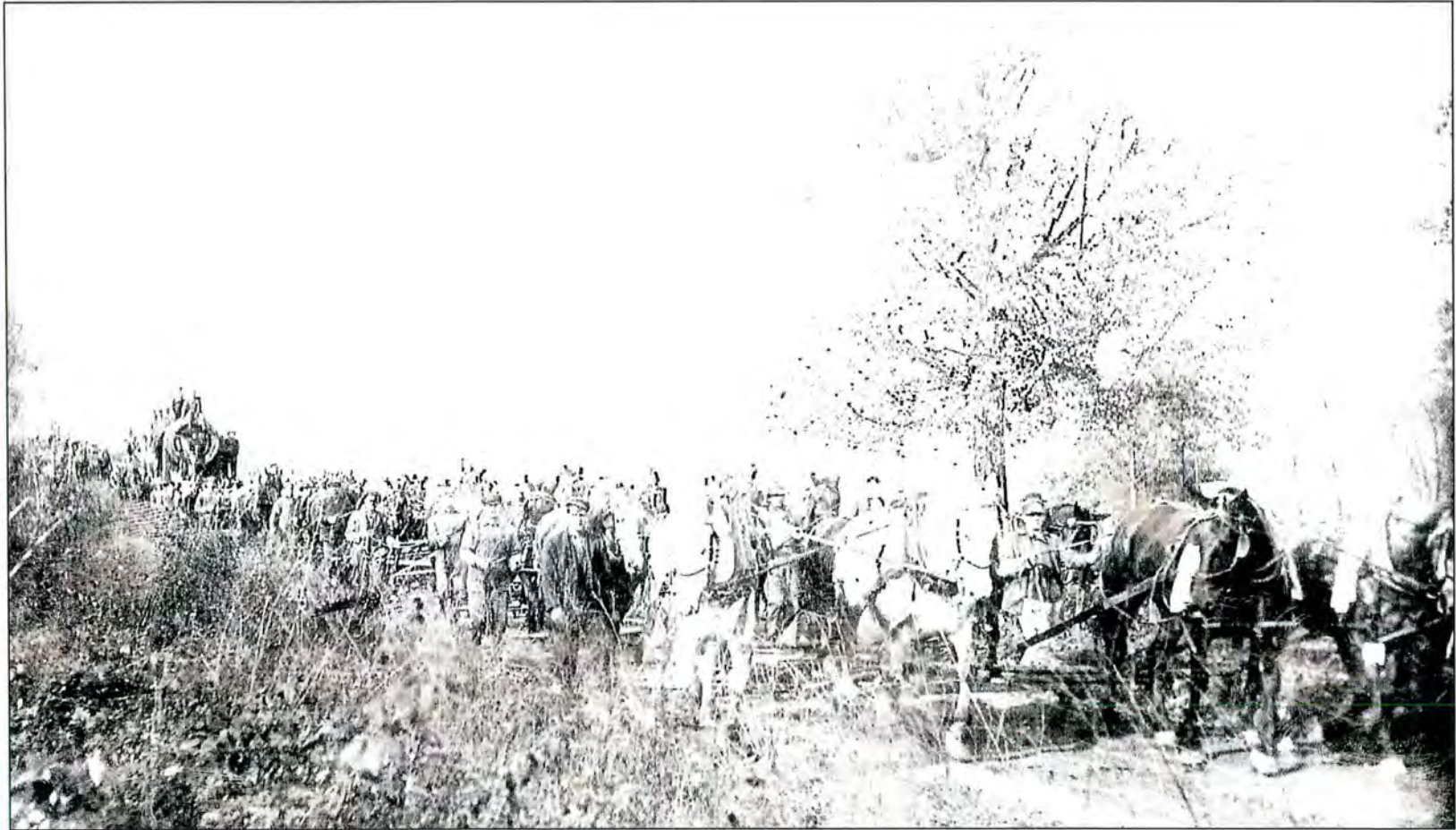
Anthony Mungello-Mary Ann Theatre Profile  
The Record-Enterprise-Unknown 1999 Edition

Fort Vance Historical Society



Mays, the florist out on the pike, is getting all set for a mammoth public auction at his place, near Florence, on Saturday, August 16. He and his Missus, now that their family has diminished, are building a smaller house on the Pike and also a new larger greenhouse. Mays is selling out his livestock and will devote his entire efforts to producing bigger and better flowers in his greenhouse.

**Mays Florist**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-July 31, 1941 Edition**



Moving big gas pump near Homer-McClauslin's (McCausland's) Mills-1913

*Fort Vance Historical Society*



**McConaghey's Pool Room and Ice Cream Parlor  
1915 Cherry Valley**

*Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society*

**Money Not Needed.**

The McCormick Motor Co. announces a sale of used cars and a plan whereby no down payment need be made. This method likely will be attractive to many who just at the time may be short of ready cash but otherwise are capable of assuming a small obligation.

**Crowds See Auto Show.**

The moving picture exhibit of a "Trip Through the Ford Factory," given at the McCormick Motor Co. garage Wednesday and Thursday of last week, attracted large crowds of people from the local and surrounding territory. The show was repeated at various times during the two days and evenings and at each showing good audiences were present. Keen interest in details of automobile construction was evinced by the people attending the exhibits.

**FREE MOVIES TO SHOW  
AT LOCAL FORD AGENCY**

A sound motion picture graphically portraying the story of the Ford Motor Co. and its widespread activities will be exhibited free of charge in a special Ford exhibit to be held at the McCormick Motor Co. garage, beginning September 23rd and continuing through September 24th. The show will be open to the public from 10 A. M. to 10 P. M.

The picture, entitled "A Tour Through the Ford factory" will show the gathering of raw materials, their arrival at the Rouge plant in Dearborn Mich., and the numerous interesting stages through which they pass in the process of making Ford cars and trucks. It is, in short, an education in the extent and meaning of modern volume production.

**Free Movies to Show at Local Ford Agency  
Burgettstown Enterprise-September 17, 1931 Edition**



Pictured at the Chicago Furniture Market are the A.L. McCoy's of Burgettstown, during their visit to the Restonic Bedding Center. L-R: Bunny Girl Ana Lizza, Nate Gross, vice president, Royal Bedding, Asa McCoy, Jay Lipp, sales counselor, and Mrs. McCoy. McCoy's Furniture has been awarded several recommendations for bedding displays, sales and customer service.

**McCoy's Attend National Furniture Market  
Burgettstown Enterprise-1966 Edition**

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### McCoy's See Latest Lines Of Furniture

Mr. and Mrs. Asa L. McCoy have just returned from the Chicago Furniture Market with new purchases and new ideas from the "World of New Furniture." The McCoy's have made it a custom to attend such markets with the view of always knowing what is new and practical for their customers.

The advancement in furniture styles is steady, particularly with such lines as Kroehler, Franklin, Artistic, Sweiger and other lines which McCoy's Furniture displays. Thin-line merchandise is becoming more and more prominent in living room groups.

There is a strong line of Italian and Mediterranean influence on practically all of the bedroom furniture manufacturers. This

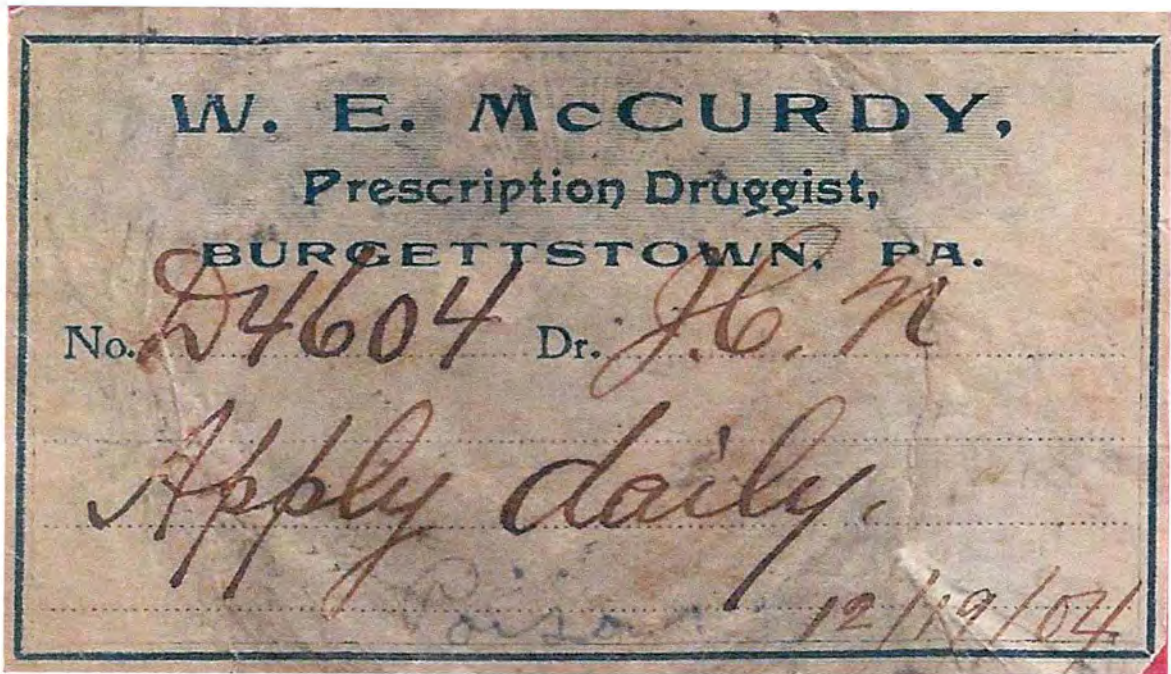
is evident in such lines as United, Vaugh-Bassett, American Furniture, Johnson-Carper, Kincaid, and many others sold by McCoy's.

The major mattress and bedding manufacturers are showing and selling more oversize bedding, commonly known as king-size and queen-size mattresses. At the same time the buying public is becoming highly conscious of better values in bedding. More people today are buying better quality of bedding than ever before. McCoy's feature Sealy, Restonic and Serta products and have won several awards for bedding sales and customer service.

Mr. McCoy states that is indeed essential for the progressive furniture dealer to keep abreast of the times, and it is also his responsibility to shop the markets to provide his clients with the best quality for the price.

**McCoy's Attend National Furniture Market  
Burgettstown Enterprise-1966 Edition**





W.E. McCurdy Prescription Label  
Dated December 19, 1904



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Mt. Pleasant Township Police Chief Louis McQuillan answers children's questions about the duties of a police officer.

## Learning about 'real heroes'

### Police officers visit McDonald children's library program

By JON ANDREASSI  
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MCDONALD - "What would happen if society didn't have rules or laws?" a visitor asked a group of children gathered recently at Heritage Public Library.

"The apocalypse!" rang out a small voice from among the youngsters participating in the library's summer reading program focused on everyday heroes in the community.

Mt. Pleasant Township Police Chief Louis McQuillan was on hand at a session several weeks ago to speak about what the duties of a police officer are, and what they do to enforce the law and keep citizens safe.

"It was nice to be invited down and deal with the kids to get the message across that police officers are good people and we're here to help them," McQuillan said.

McQuillan answered several questions after speaking, and finished by reading from a children's book. The response from the children was nothing if not enthusiastic.

"I grew up spending time in a library, and I still bring my kids to the library. So when you see kids that are willing to come here during their summer vacation and be excited about being in a library, excited about reading and also



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Robinson police officer Frank Bryan and his K-9 Sarik address the children participating in Heritage Public Library's summer reading program.

excited participating in the program... I think that's wonderful," McQuillan said.

The book McQuillan read from was called "Officer Buckle and Gloria," a story about a police dog that is perfectly obedient to her owner's commands, but often does silly things when he isn't looking. It served as a lead-in to the next guest, Robinson police officer Frank Bryan, who came with his K-9, Sarik.

He spoke about what the job of a police dog is, and even had Sarik demonstrate how he sniffs out drugs. For many kids, Sarik stole the show. Landen Snyder, an 8-year-old from Burgettstown, said Sarik was his favorite part of the day.

"He was soft and fuzzy," Snyder said.

Throughout the summer, more community heroes will read to the children, such as firefighters, members of the

military, and emergency medical professionals, according to the director of the library, Mary Duranti. Duranti was very pleased with the outcome of the day.

"The kids were really excited about meeting the K-9 officer, and I thought they were really well-behaved and very respectful," Duranti said. "They had a lot of good questions and understood why we need to have police officers, laws and rules."

### 25TH ANNIVERSARY

Edwin F. McFarland, local insurance agent, was today presented with a gold sign by the American Insurance Company of Newark, New Jersey, in recognition of his having faithfully represented that company for over a quarter of a century. The presentation was made by a home office representative of the company, who spoke highly of his ability in handling the company's interest.

Mr. McFarland has represented The American Insurance Company since August 12, 1915, and his many clients will doubtless join in wishing him continued success.

**Edwin McFarland**  
**25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

**Burgettstown Enterprise-August 15, 1940 Edition**

## **McMahon Buys Al Christy Agency**

George D. McMahon, local insurance broker, with offices in the Mellon Bank Building, has purchased the Alfred Christy Insurance Agency, effective August 1.

The acquisition of the Christy agency, according to McMahon, makes his agency one of the larger agencies in Washington County. All business activities of the combined agencies, he said, will be handled in the Mellon Bank office during the regular office hours, and appointments can and will be made where necessary.

McMahon stated that the facilities of his office are fully capable of extending the same service to his new clients as is enjoyed by his present clients.



**Future Site of the Medical Center**



**Architect Rendering of Community Medical Center-Burgettstown, PA**

## 2500 Attend Mellon "Open House"



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Glenn Newman, manager of the Burgettstown Office, played host to 1500 persons on Tuesday, February 13, when the public got its first look at the new premises. Another 1000 persons came for a "look-see" at the handsome interior during the remainder of the week.

All visitors were given a special guided tour of the remodeled bank, received souvenir gifts, and signed cards making them eligible to win ten valuable electric appliance door gifts.

Drawing for the door gifts was held after banking hours on Friday. The winners were: A. C. Panconi (radio), Jean Sartori (steam iron), Serge Sziminski (can opener), Donna

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The completely remodeled interior features new carpeting, drapes, teller areas, officer's platform, aluminum entrance doors, ceiling and furniture. The entire office was repainted, and a new lunch room was equipped on the mezzanine and new bookkeeping facilities were installed in the basement. The cost of renovation was about \$50,000.

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**Burgettstown Enterprise-February 22, 1962**

## Albert J. Allison Is Named Manager Of Burgettstown Branch To Mellon National Bank And Trust Co. McKinney To Retire

Albert J. Allison, Jr., has been appointed manager of the Burgettstown Office of Mellon National Bank and Trust Company, Frank R. Denton, Mellon Bank Vice Chairman, announced today.

Mr. Allison will succeed Lee R. McKinney, who joined the office as a clerk in 1906 when it was the Washington National Bank of Burgettstown, and has been manager since 1950.

Mr. Allison's appointment is effective August 1, when Mr. McKinney will retire. Most recently assistant manager of



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the Mellon Claysville Office, Mr. Allison has been in banking since 1925, when he joined the Citizens National Bank of Washington.

When the Citizens National Bank became a part of the Mellon National Bank and Trust Company in 1948, he was made an assistant trust officer of Mellon, and, one year later, was assigned to the Claysville Office.

Mr. Allison is secretary-treasurer of the Washington-Greene County Bankers Association, director of the Washington County Fire Insurance Company and secretary-treasurer and director of the George Washington Hotel.

His predecessor, Mr. McKinney, is widely-known in this area both for his banking and civic activities.

He had just graduated from Burgettstown High School in 1906 when he went into the Washington National Bank of Burgettstown to cash a milk check and was offered a job.

He accepted, worked the first three months without pay, and then was given a job in the bank at \$20 per month. Elected assistant cashier in 1910, he was made director in 1911 and cashier in 1934.

During Mr. McKinney's service, the bank became the Burgettstown Office of the Citizens National Bank of Washington, and, in 1948, that became part of Mellon Bank. At that time, Mr. McKinney was made assistant manager of the office and, in 1950, was elected manager.

A member of the First United Presbyterian Church of Burgettstown for the past 50 years and a member of the Session, Mr. McKinney was the first president of the Lions Club and has been treasurer of the Burgettstown Volunteer Company since its organization in 1922.

An active Mason, he is a past master of the Richard Vaux Lodge No. 454 F & AM and is a member of the Pittsburgh Consistory and of Syria Temple.

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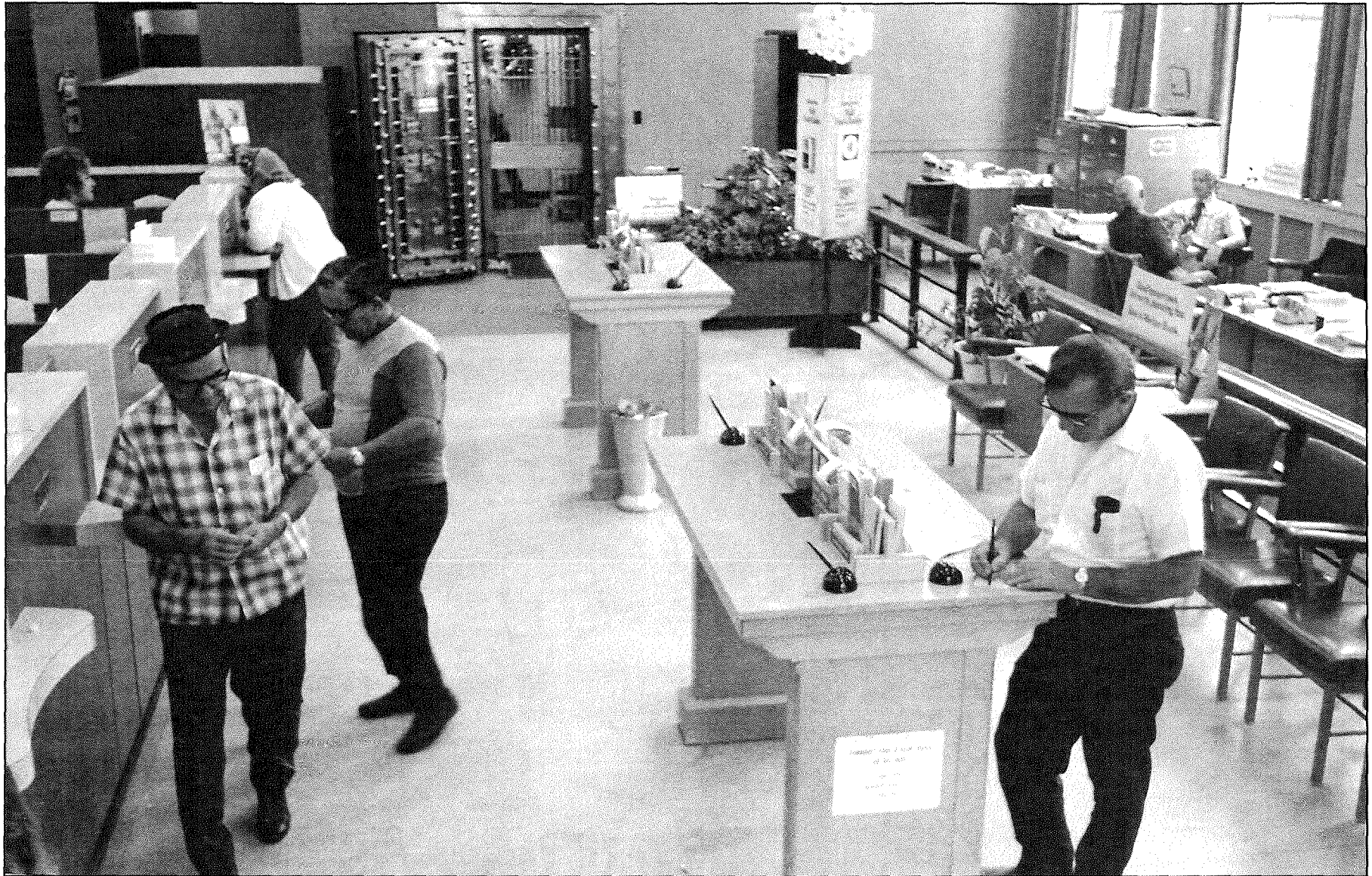
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### **Mellon Bank-Burgettstown, PA**

Transition of removing the marble from the original plan. The center area still has the marble customer service area in place. Other areas have been modernized.

*Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society*

## The Merchants' Carnival

**It Was a Success, Because the Business Men, the Teachers, the Scholars and the Citizens Joined Hand in Hand, and It Had to Be.**

There was a school in Dorgetstown,  
Where scholars all won great renown  
By advertising goods to sell—  
And did it well—  
At the Merchants' Carnival.

[P. S.—This poetry is a little shaky in the knees, but let it pass.]

Prof. Farrabee and his assistants can look with pride on the success of the Merchants' Carnival in the Auditorium last Friday evening. It was a success from every point of view, and the hall was crowded.

The evening's enjoyment opened with two selections by the Girls' Cornet Band and prayer was offered by Rev. Harry Nesbit, after which the school sang "Good Evening."

The business procession was headed by J. W. Pry, the dealer in dry goods and general merchandise, who made a neat exhibition, and the drum corps called attention to it by both word and deed, and this is no blow.

J. D. McCabe pushed a good thing along by sending in Dan Arnold with an Irishman's carriage gaily decorated and filled with groceries and good things to eat.

Alex. McClintock, the carriage builder, gave a representation by proxy of the making of a wheel on the stage.

Then W. F. Manson opened a meat market, and his temporary clerk called attention to the finest cuts and steaks after which "Fairy Moonlight" was sung by a quartet of girls.

A young man in full evening dress extolled the suits and pants that are made by Calley Bros., and announced in stentorian tones that Calley's styles were all the rage at the Bradley-Martin ball.

Stevenson & Scott, dry goods and notions, made a handsome exhibit, and their praises were sung by two pretty girls dressed for the occasion.

Sammel Lewis, the grocer, directed customers to his store with verses and a new lantern.

W. T. Reed, the carpenter and contractor, was represented by two girls and two boys, who told how to build a house. Then Charlie Curry gave a new version of "Lochinvar's Ride."

J. A. Russell, with his meat exhibit, made the hit of the evening by presenting the school board with a 30-pound turkey, which was sold at auction and bid in by the members at \$6.30, and was then presented to Prof. Farrabee. Even without this feature Mr. Russell's exhibit was good.

W. M. McMurray's general store exhibit was given by several girls and boys who called attention to his wares in verse. This was followed by a piano solo by Mary Botkin.

The next exhibitor was S. C. McGregor, general store, and the point of his ad. was that it don't require a headlight to see the bargains at his store.

Bloom Bros., the clothiers, were neatly done up in verse—a good ad.

Geo. Wilson believes in the realistic, and had a horse on the stage to represent his livery stable. Sadie Silverthorn and Nellie McMurray sang a solo and duet which was liberally applauded.

## The Merchant's Carnival Personal Scrapbook of Mary W. McCluskey, May 1, 1897

*Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society*

## MILK CONTROL BOARD READY TO PROSECUTE

Court Decisions Empower Board to  
Take Action Against Dealers  
Accused of Under-Paying

The decision of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania that the Milk Control Law is constitutional will mean restoration of money to farmers who have been underpaid by dealers in violation of the orders of the Milk Control Board, officials of the Board said in an exclusive release to weekly newspapers. More than 200 cases are ready for prosecution, the Board announced.

Dealers who have been prosecuted for improper payment of farmers had heretofore succeeded in blocking the Board by having their cases postponed by the courts until the Supreme Court passed on the constitutionality of the law.

The courts granted stay from prosecution to dozens of dealers who have been accused of violating the law. Such rulings affected not only these dealers, "but also set precedents to other dealers in the State who might otherwise have feared immediate prosecution," the Board said.

"Besides avoiding immediate payment of the full amount due the producers, these dealers also avoided revocation of their licenses and continued to operate without a license, all of which had a tendency to encourage a certain class of dealers not to respect the law, the Board or the Board's rulings.

"Farmers who have complained that their dealers are paying less than Board prices and are marking their checks, 'Payment on account pending determination of constitutionality of Milk Control Law by Supreme Court,' may now look to the Board for action against such dealers," the Board said.

The Board's trained staff of auditors have investigated hundreds of complaints from farmers of violation of the Board's orders during the past two years. As a result of these investigations, the Board has more than two hundred cases of underpayment in its files ready for prosecution. Producers who suspect underpayment for their milk are invited to send their milk statements and other evidence to the Milk Control Board, Telegraph Building, Harrisburg.

"We are ready to revoke licenses of several dealers unless they complete payments to farmers immediately. Settlement with producers out of court will be encouraged to save costs and unfavorable publicity. This should serve as a warning and as friendly advice to the dealers who may have doubts about our determination to enforce the law to the limit of our resources," an official of the Board said.

**Milk Control Board Ready to Prosecute**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-July 9, 1936 Edition**



EMILY PETSKO / OBSERVER-REPORTER

From left, newly appointed Mt. Pleasant supervisor Dencil Backus spoke with attorney Charles Means, who drafted the conditional-use application document for the township, and Range Resources attorney Shawn Gallagher after a special meeting Friday.

## Mt. Pleasant agrees to Marcellus pad

By EMILY PETSKO  
Staff writer  
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From freshwater impoundment to recycled wastewater tank farm, Range Resources can now make the conversion with Mt. Pleasant Township's approval.

After shooting down several proposals from the Marcellus Shale company in recent months, township officials reached an agreement regarding the Stewart impoundment during a special meeting Friday.

Supervisors Larry Grimm, Bryan Smith and Dencil Backus – who was recently appointed to the board after Arden McCartney resigned – unanimously voted to ap-

prove the conditional use application of an above-ground storage facility for recycled frack water with special conditions. The vote permits Range to convert the Stewart impoundment on Caldwell Road, which holds freshwater, into enclosed storage tanks capable of holding 10 million gallons of recycled water. The board rejected earlier Range proposals that also called for the closing of Carter impoundment and legal recognition of Cowden and Clingerman impoundments, all of which were contested by some residents.

Before making a motion to approve the Stewart tank pad, Backus addressed a formal

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## Agrees

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motion made by Range attorney Shawn Gallagher asking Backus to recuse himself and abstain from voting. Backus criticized previous proposals submitted by Range regarding four water impoundments in the township.

Backus cited Section 603 of the Second Class Township Code, which states that a board member shall not be disqualified from voting on an issue “solely because the member has previously expressed an opinion on the issue,” either officially or unofficially.

“In the past, I have indeed expressed, on a number of occasions, a series of opinions about gas and oil related issues, but I have never made those statements in an official capacity and certainly not as a supervisor,” Backus said. “I fully understand that a township supervisor needs to make judgements based upon fairness, based upon good, honest evidence and the examination of those.”

In response, Gallagher said he believed Backus should not be permitted to vote because Section 603 only pertains to legislative action, not quasi-judicial decisions.

Regardless, the vote proceeded and Range representative Jim Cannon said he

was pleased with the result. “This is a step in the right direction,” said Cannon, manager of local government relations. Cannon said the company would review the eight conditions for the Stewart tank pad and decide how to proceed.

The document, drafted by attorney Charles Means, outlined eight conditions with which Range must comply, including regulations on odor, the removal of debris and waste, and dust abatement on the proposed access road. The previous access road would no longer be used. A chain-link fence at least eight feet high must be constructed around the pad site, tanks must be painted a color that blends in with surroundings and Range must screen the facility from properties on Quarry Lane.

Range is expected to reimburse the township for all fees, and Range must provide the township with a written lease specifically defining the leased site location prior to beginning construction. Lastly, Range must obtain a grading permit “if applicable and unless preempted or superseded by state or federal law.”

Smith felt relieved that the board had reached a consensus with Range regarding the Stewart impoundment. Smith said he hoped the township would continue to

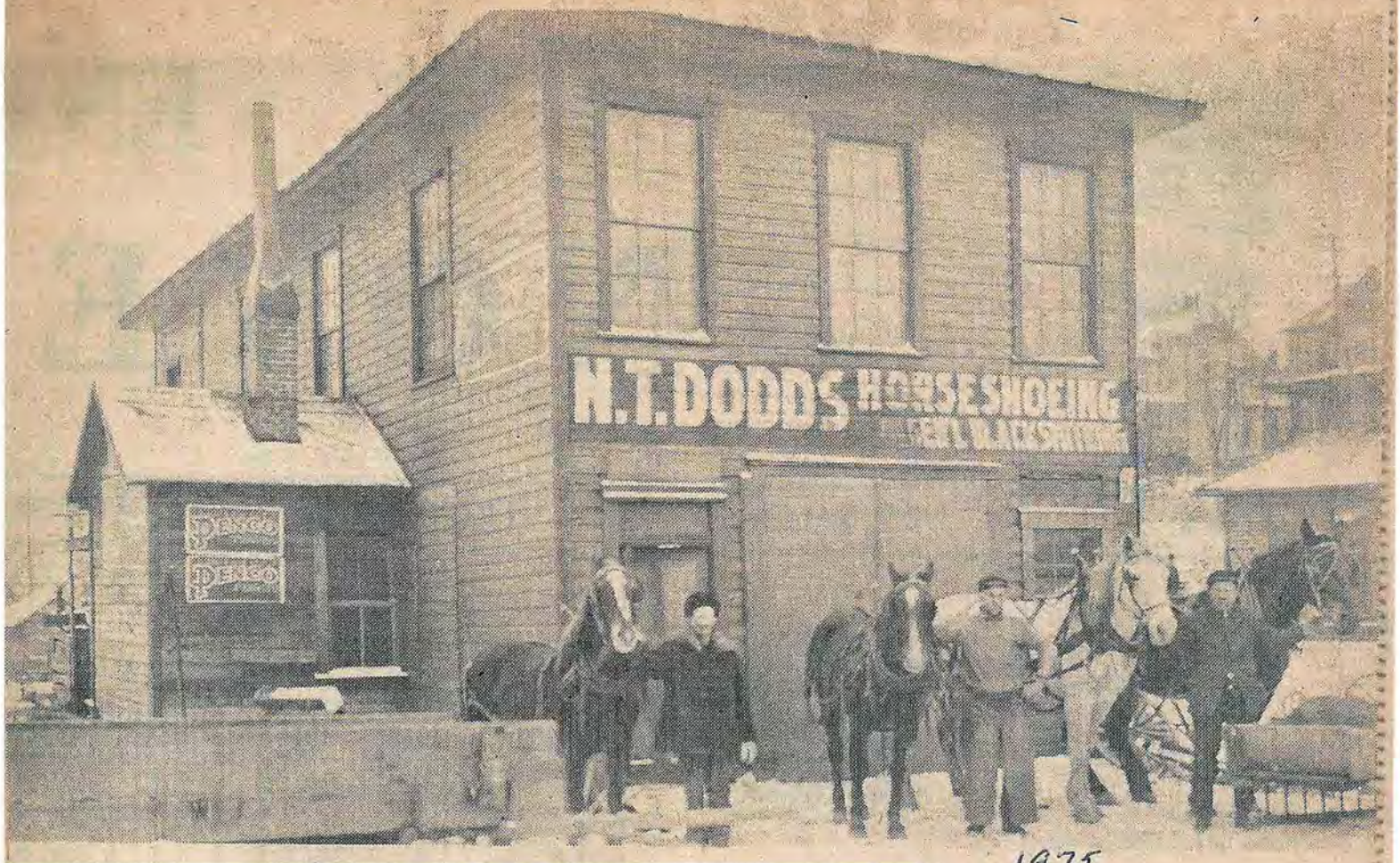
ing three impoundments. “I think we’ve spent a lot of time and a lot of thought and a lot of sleepless nights,” Smith said. “I think we’re confident in the decision we made. I have a few more gray hairs over this.”

From the start, a group of residents urged township supervisors not to approve any measures that would allow continued operations of Range’s four water impoundments. Representatives from ten legal and environmental organizations sent a letter to supervisors and zoning board members prior to Friday’s meeting, urging them to vote down the proposal. The group based their argument on health and environmental concerns, potential changes in state oil and gas waste management laws and Range’s alleged violation of township zoning laws.

“Pollution events and problems at Range Resource’s Carter and other nearby impoundments serve as a cautionary tale for the residents of Hickory,” the letter read. “They clearly also do for the township, which correctly rejected Range Resource’s attempted ‘quid pro quo’ swap of one large-scale waste facility in an agricultural and residential area for another.”

The vote on Stewart impoundment was taken nearly a month after supervisors held a conditional-use hearing on the

## THE OLD SMITHY OF 60 YEARS AGO



1975

It was over 60 years ago when this photograph was taken at a blacksmith shop in Burgettstown.

Perhaps you can recognize the building. Up to its final days, it was the residence of Albert Tony on Bridge Street.

But 'way back when, as you can tell by the sign, it was used for blacksmithing and horseshoeing.

The smith, pictured in the center, was N.T. Dodds, father of William Dodds, of Langeloth.

At the left is John Sylvan Brunner, who was a farmer in Jefferson Township. He is pictured with his sleigh and team of horses. Mr. Brunner was the grandfather of Rep. John L. Brunner, of Burgettstown.

The gentleman at the right is unidentified.

The Center Avenue railroad station is pictured at the right.

**Old Smithy of 60 years Ago**  
**N. T. Dodds-Horseshoeing and General Blacksmithing**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-1975**

**ROBERT NEELY,**  
**Wool Commission Merchant,**

AND  
 DEALER IN GENERAL MERCHANDISE,

Cardville, Washington Co., Pa. *Nov 29<sup>th</sup> 1872*

*Mr. Silas Dorman*  
*Recd of R. Neely*

1 Sustron Dress Pat	13 20
1 Breakfast Shawl	1 00
4 Yds Toweling 15	60
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Tobacco	1 55
Sundries & shoes	1 00
	5 75
2 1/2 yds Curving 45	1 12 1/2
To one hat	2 00
July 15	2 63 0
To 25 lbs coffee 26 cts	6 50
	2 00
To 1 1/2 yds shuling	3 48 0
July 15 one barrel flour	9 00
To 16 lbs sugar 12 1/2 cts	2 00
To 20 lbs coffee 28 cts	5 60
January 12 1871	1 60
To two hats 150 cts & 250	4 00
W. net 3/72 to coat & vest	4 00
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**Robert Neely-Wool Commission Merchant Receipt**  
**Cardville, Washington County, PA-November 29, 1872**

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

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# HEAVY LOSSES RESULT FROM LOCAL STORE FIRE

New York Bargain Store Building  
and Large Stocks Damaged  
in Sunday Night Fire

The three-story frame building on North Main street housing the New York Bargain Store, of which Sam Broida is the proprietor, was discovered on fire about 11:45 o'clock Sunday night by a passing freight train crew, the flames appearing in an upper floor. The railroad men gave the alarm and a prompt response was made by the local fire department.

Upon arrival of the firemen the fire was found to be progressing rapidly on the second floor, and it is believed that had the department been a few minutes later nothing would have saved the building from utter destruction.

The worst part of the conflagration was found to be on the North side of the building, and from that point the firemen directed their first efforts. After about two hours they had the flames under control and prevented spreading of the conflagration to the lower part of the building.

Large stocks of ladies' dresses, hats and clothing were stocked on the second floor, and loss from burning and water was very heavy. Practically the entire stock in the lower part of the building was considerably damaged by smoke and water.

It is estimated that the damage to the building and contents will amount to more than \$15,000. Mr. Broida has not been seen and the actual damage is a matter of conjecture. The cause of the fire has not been determined. Mr. Broida was at his home on Squirrel Hill, Pittsburgh, at the time and hastened to Burgettstown when advised by telephone of the fire.

Excellent service was performed by the firemen. By their prompt and efficient measures they saved great loss to the Broida building and prevented the fire from extending to other buildings in the neighborhood. At their request the power was shut off high tension lines passing the burning building and the town was in darkness for a short time. This action was taken to avoid the possibility of accident as the flames covered the wires and threatened breaks at any moment.

**Heavy Losses Result from Local Store Fire**  
**New York Bargain Store Building**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-July 7, 1932**



## Local Newspapers

### Burgettstown, Pa.

Enterprise, published monthly in 1879 by J.P. Donnan and C. Knepper. Weekly, in September, 1881, with J. Howard Cramer, editor. Now issued by the Burgettstown Publishing Company. B.M. Talbot, editor and manager.

The Call, founded by M.R. Allen, August 2, 1881, was the first newspaper printed in Burgettstown. Was consolidated with The Enterprise, December 31, 1887. J. Howard Cramer, June 1909.

### Florence, Pa.

Enterprise, published in 1845 by James Robb. Was short duration.

### Midway

News, established August, 1908, by August Dailly. Discontinued.

### McDonald

Budget, published a short time by Charles Knepper about 1882. Discontinued.

Argus, published by John Johnson about 1883. Sold to Fulton Phillips, who changed the name to Outlook in 1885. Now published by the Outlook Publishing Company.

Telephone, founded in 1893 by J.A. Smith and sold to W.H. Cramer in 1897, who changed the name to Record. About 1889 G.C. Kuehnert, the present editor, became the owner.

History of Washington County, Pennsylvania Volume I

By Earle R. Forrest, Published 1926

*Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society*

Denny Lucas, of Cross Creek, shared some old newspapers with the Enterprise staff last week. The papers are in extremely good condition for their age, and consist of one Burgettstown Enterprise, dated March 24, 1886, and three Enterprise Calls, dated August 27, 1890, September 24, 1890 and September 13, 1893.

Included in Mr. Lucas' old newspaper collections are four small papers related to the days of the Burgettstown Fair. One is named just that, Burgettstown Fair, dated October 5-7, 1886, "The Fair Daily," dated September 30, 1890, and two Union Fair Journals dated October 1 and 2, 1862, and October 2, 3 and 4, 1883.

Beginning with the oldest of the Union Fair Journals, the 1862 edition, an announcement was made on its front page that "The Union Agricultural Association will hold their Seventh Annual Fair at Burgettstown on Wednesday and Thursday, October 1 and 2, 1862." By simple mathematics, one can determine that the famed Burgettstown Fair had its beginnings in the year 1856.

The President in 1862 was James Donaldson; Secretary, William Melvin; and Treasurer, Finley Scott, Jr. Many yet familiar names are listed on the roster of vice presidents and board of directors.

The "Premium List" was nearly endless, with scores of classes in many categories that could be entered, from embroidered pillow slips to sets of carriage harness, from three acres of wheat to a thresher and separator, from a trio of geese to one half gallon maple molasses. Prizes ranged from eight dollars for the best stallion, down to twenty-five cents for the best vegetable pie.

The Journal contained rules, regulations and by-laws of the association.

The 1883 Journal lists D.S. Taylor, Jr., as President, C.C. Vance as Treasurer and William Melvin as Secretary. This paper also carried the lengthy list of premiums, etc.

The "Burgettstown Fair" of 1886 listed those names who were award winners at the thirty-first annual fair. The top prize for stallions was listed at ten dollars. Many names familiar in today's Burgettstown area can be recognized on this seemingly endless list.

"The Fair Daily" was a four-page tabloid that was apparently printed and distributed each day during the fair. It was issued from the Enterprise-Call office by J. Howard Cramer, editor and proprietor, with a daily circulation of 1,000 copies. This one issued in 1890 was the sixth annual edition, and contained advertising from local merchants as well as from Pittsburgh and Steubenville.

The premium list of the first fair (1856), the directory of Burgettstown of that year, the election, the schools and sketches and anecdotes of early days of the fair were all promised to be included on one of the "Fair Daily" papers.

In the paragraph on "Early Schools," wages for teachers were listed at \$20 a month.

Advertisements included one from D.M. Pry, "Just Opening" for clothing. Livery stables advertised their harness, saddles, bridles and blankets. McMurray and Scott advertised groceries, glassware and Queensware, as well as hats, boots and dress goods. The back page of the paper was blank.

The Enterprise of 1886 was a four-page weekly, but full size newspaper. It contained typical advertising of the day, as well as stories, news notes, anecdotes, and general "filler."

Among the "Local and County" notes are such items as: "Go to Cochran's for your flannels. Coffee, three pounds for twenty-five cents at S.L. Cochran's."

"You can leave the Studebaker Wagon out in the weather for two years and we warrant the tire not to get loose. B.F. McClure & Bros., Agents."

"Mr. Ken. Cooke, of Smith Township, while plowing on March 2nd., turned up several pieces of historic pottery, consisting of clay and shells. They were found on a piece of ground, judging from the extent and depth of the ash soil, which had long been used as a camping ground or home of some of the ancient occupants of this country. Mr. Cooke also found the bowl of a clay pipe and part of a deer's horn."

A column headed "Half-way Flashes" contained a number of personal items. "Rev. Willets is having a church built on the Bell lot in Midway."

Other personal columns were from Florence and McDonald.

The August 27, 1890, Enterprise Call contains a number of interesting articles in its four pages. Some of them are headed, "Good Books for Boys," (Ivanhoe, The Talisman, to name a few), "City Men as Farmers," "Last Days of the Moonshiner," and, "How Wild Animals Charge."

Morrow & Son, a clothing store "near the station" in Burgettstown, advertised "Ladies and children's shoes, 50 cents to \$1.50, men's fine shoes, \$1.00 and men's rubber boots, \$1.99."

A lengthy column of local news includes items such as: "The stone work on the new bank building has commenced."

"For 3 years, boarding has cost ladies at Franklin College, New Athens, Ohio, \$1.38 per week; furnished room 30¢; books (rented) 7¢; total \$1.75. Attendance quadrupled. Catalog free."

"Wednesday, the loaders at Laurel Hill, who had been working at 38 cents a ton, struck for 40 cents. Thursday morning their demand was acceded to, and they went to work. - Outlook."

The September 24, 1890 Enterprise Call also contains a variety of articles from many places. "Make Your Diamonds Sparkle," "The Burden of Big Houses," and "The Treasures of the Yosemite," are but a few.

In Local and County News - "A pheasant was discovered sitting on the top of G.D. Pyle's house in the borough on Friday morning. John Falconer shot it with a melon rind, but it was not fatal and the bird flew away."

"There were four carloads of stock snipped from this station on Monday."

In a column headed Clinton: "There is one speak-easy less in Canton."

"Dr. F.M. Cain, who has been practicing medicine here for more than a year, has, on account of his increasing practice, purchased another horse. He is the first young doctor who has made a success here the first year."

The Union Academy, English and Classical School in Burgettstown carried an advertisement stating "First term, 11 weeks, \$10; second term, 14 weeks, \$13; third term, 11 weeks, \$10. Languages extra, Latin or Greek, \$1.00; both \$1.50 per term."

Personal notes in the September 13, 1893, Enterprise Call include "There are 176 pupils enrolled in the Union school."

"C.T. Cosgrove has been appointed postmaster at Eldersville, this county."

"Thieves entered the springhouse of Winfield Work, near Candor, one night last week and freely helped themselves to butter, eggs and milk."

"Among the postal appointments on Monday morning was that of J. Kerr McFarland as postmaster at Burgettstown. Kerr will make a good postmaster."

"The thieves who robbed A.J. Russell's store at Bulger a few weeks ago were arrested in Pittsburgh last week."

An item from Independence stated "C.P. Waugh raised 56 bushels of Jones' Fife winter wheat on 1 1/4 acres. He has also dug 600 bushels of potatoes. C.P. is a hustler."

An Eldersville story gave details on this upcoming event: "The teachers of Jefferson Township will hold their first township institute at Miller's school on Saturday, September 30, 1893. All patrons and friends of education are cordially invited to be present and take part in the exercises. Opening Exercises, Anna Stephenson; How To Teach Arithmetic to Beginners, Chap Gardner; School Property - To What Extent Is The Teacher Responsible? The Directors; Penmanship - How To Teach It, Fannie Scott; The Educational Benefits of the World's Fair, Anna Criss; Methods of Teaching Geography, Nannie Gillespie; Township Institutes - Their Benefits, J.V. Sutherland."

## Papers Dating Back to 1886 Contain Much Interest to Readers Burgettstown Enterprise

**Dance at Orchard View.**

Another popular dance will be held at Orchard View Inn, on the Eldersville road on Saturday evening. Music will be supplied by the Black & White orchestra. Good crowds are attending these dances.



1953  
**PONTIAC**  
 Custom Catalina  
 LOADED  
**1295.00**  
 30 Day Guarantee

1953  
**Oldsmobile**  
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 4 DOOR - LOADED  
**1395.00**

PACE SPECIAL  
**1949 OLDSMOBILE Super 88**      **395.00**  
 4-DOOR -- RADIO And HEATER -- HYDRAMATIC -- TURN SIGNALS -- WINDSHIELD WASHERS -- 4 Like-New TIRES

1948  
**CHEVROLET**  
 2 DOOR SEDAN  
 RADIO and HEATER  
**100.00**

1951  
**CHEVROLET**  
**595.00**  
 2 DOOR DeLuxe - LOADED

**CARS From 1946 to 1949 as low as \$49.00**  
 NO DOWN PAYMENT ON ANY USED CAR  
**27 MORE LATE MODEL USED CARS TO CHOOSE FROM!**

**PACE & SONS**

Located On Route 22 Across From Farm  
 Telephone WHitney 7-5657      Hours: Daily 9 to 9, Sunday 10 to 8

# Family owned firm in Ohio a labor of love

*(Editor's note: The following article by Carol Wolf was taken from the Business Section of the Cleveland Plain Dealer and tells of the rise of Nancy Panzica, a former Burgettstown resident, in the construction business in northeastern Ohio. Panzica, who lives in Gates Mills, Ohio, is the son of the late Anthony and Mary Long Panzica. He and his wife, Rosemary, are the parents of two sons and two daughters, Anthony and Timothy, and Mary Beth and Laura. The Panzicas have 15 grandchildren.)*

Ignatius "Nacy" Panzica's recipe for success in the building industry isn't complicated.

Combine a strong dose of hard work with persistence and quality workmanship. Add two equally tenacious sons as business partners and stir until you've created a construction company that last year ranked in a *Crain's Cleveland Businesslist* as the area's third-largest general contractor. Then sprinkle with modesty.

"I don't have any talents to speak of," said the 67-year old Mr. Panzica, chairman of Panzica Construction Company in Mayfield Village. "What I am is persistent. I work hard, I love what I do and I don't give up."

Panzica's climb to the top of northeastern Ohio's building industry started in 1956 with a basement office next to his wife's laundry room and a 1948 Jeep station wagon.

"I used to drive down to the lumber yard and load the wood in the back of the station wagon myself," the native of Burgettstown, Pa., said.

The station wagon was big enough because the one-man company specialized in remodeling bathrooms and kitchens and in building family room additions. But Panzica had aspirations to work on bigger projects.

"I kept bidding on those bigger jobs but people would say to me 'Nacy this isn't for you, you're not ready for this yet!' or 'Nacy, you're a nice guy, but you don't have the experience for this job,'" he recalled.

But he continued to pursue bigger construction contracts. He attributed his competitive drive to his parents, who died in a car accident in 1950.

"I wish I could tell them about how much I learned from them and how much I owe them," he said.

After knocking on enough doors, Panzica said he was able to find customers who were willing to give him a chance on bigger jobs.

Panzica's first big break came in 1963 when he landed a \$37,000 contract for an addition of a chapel to



**FAMILY BUSINESS MEMBERS.** From left, Timothy, Nancy and Anthony Panzica.

the convent of St. Margaret Mary in South Euclid.

During the 1960's, he added to his list of references and his company continued to grow. Today, the phone rings constantly with invitations for Panzica Construction to bid on work.

"I still get the same rush today when I bid on a job as I did years ago," he said. "I love the challenge of it all, I still call home and say 'Honey, I got that big job.'"

Of his four children, his two sons have joined the company.

Anthony M. Panzica, 41, came to work in 1976 and became president in 1984. He said he has construction work in his blood. He started working as a laborer at age 12. He has a civil engineering degree from

Purdue.

Timothy I. Panzica, 39, is executive vice president. He has a degree in dentistry and was in private practice from 1979 to 1984 before selling his practice to join Panzica Construction.

Anthony Panzica said approximately 60 percent of the company's work is healthcare related, such as jobs for hospitals, nursing homes and retirement communities. The company also has constructed surgery rooms for the Cleveland Clinic and Meridia Health System.

Panzica Construction, which employs only union workers, has an average of about 80 on its payroll, but that number swells to about 120 during the busy summer months.

In 1993, Panzica's construction

volume was \$62 million. That number will probably fall to about \$50 million during 1994 because several of Panzica's larger projects came to an end last year.

Among those completed was the Kendall at Oberlin retirement community valued at \$24 million, Anthony Panzica said.

Jobs on the books for 1994 include a fire station for the city of Independence, another of the city of Mentor, a new city hall for the city of Solon, a service facility in Ashtabula for east Ohio Gas and a best Buy Electronics store in Mayfield Village.

But the company hasn't forgotten the small jobs that once kept it afloat; it recently accepted a \$6,000 local hospital project.

**Panzica Family owned firm in Ohio a labor of love**

**The Enterprise-January 4, 1995 Edition**

*Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society*



The Pappas Lumber fleet of delivery trucks as it existed in 1942. Left to right, Frank, Sr. with his Buick; Tony with the GMC and Charles with the Diamond T. The firm has increased its fleet to four large trucks in today's business.

**Pappas Lumber Company-1942**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-May 20, 1981 Centennial Edition**

## Pappas Lumber Company Destroyed By Tornado One Year Ago Today, Sept. 2 Has Re-Built To Handle Expanding Business



FRANK PAPPAS

Frank Pappas and Sons Lumber Company of Burgettstown announces today the completion of a new building to house their lumber materials, and to furnish office space for their expanding business.

Charles and Sophie Pappas are actively associated with their father in the lumber business.

The Pappas announcement recalls the destructive Tornado which struck Burgettstown Com-



CHARLES PAPPAS

munity just one year ago today, Sept. 2, 1947 and levelled many homes, orchards and business houses in the district.

The Pappas yards were completely destroyed and lumber covered many adjoining lots. The company has re-built, bigger and better, and is adequately equipped with modern facilities to handle the growing volume of business, which comes from the Tri-State district.

**Pappas Lumber Company Destroyed by Tornado one year ago Today, Sept. 2  
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Burgettstown Enterprise-September 2, 1948 Edition**

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### **Pappas Lumber Company**

This photo was used in an advertisement in the Burgettstown Enterprise in the mid 1960's. That summer, every local child's dreams were filled with their choice of a wagon or bicycle. Tim Pappas, a member of the Pappas Family, posed for the advertisement.

*Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society*



The Washington County Community Foundation recently presented trustee E. Alex Paris III with the Richard L. White Excellence Award for Board Service. Created by the WCCF board of trustees in 2012, the award recognizes an individual who serves as an exemplary member of the board, wholeheartedly sharing his or her time and talent to support the foundation and its mission. The award is named in honor of the founding trustee and former chairman of the board. Paris is president of Alex E. Paris Contracting. During the award presentation at the foundation's Legacy Celebration, White said, "When you are considering individuals in this community who are extraordinarily giving, it should be no surprise when the name Alex Paris comes to mind. ... Alex has served on numerous committees, including executive, development and personnel." Paris also served as project manager of the Brownlee House rehabilitation project. In April, the foundation relocated its offices to the historic Samuel T. Brownlee House in Eighty Four, which was donated to WCCF by William and Sandra Stout in 2013.

**E. Alex Paris III**  
**Observer-Reporter-June 20, 2015 Edition**

## "Peachie's News" Changes Hands



"Peachie's News" will now be known as "Theresa's Cards and News," following the change of ownership in Burgettstown's Variety Store last week. Mrs. Theresa Donavich, who has been with the store for the past ten years, has assumed ownership following the retirement of Earl "Peachie" Petrucci.

Peachie began in business with his father, the late Dominic Petrucci, when they opened a grocery store in 1927 in the Clark Hotel Building. In February, 1936, he opened the variety store in the old Smith Hotel Building. From there he moved to the store now occupied by William's Dry Cleaning, then to the present location.

He is married to the former Grace Pyle. They have a son, Earl, a teacher in Chartiers Valley School District, and a daughter, Sandra Gilbert, of the Burgettstown area. They also boast of six grandchildren.

Theresa was married to the late George Donavich, who managed Petrucci's Market for seven years prior to his death five years ago. She is the mother of two daughters, Ginger, a teacher of special education and for the mentally retarded in Mineral County School system at Keyser, West Virginia; and Debra, a senior majoring in speech pathology and audio at California State College. Theresa has been a resident of Burgettstown for nearly twenty

Earl "Peachie" Petrucci, owner of Petrucci's News Store on Main Street, Burgettstown, for the past forty-one years, hands over the keys of the business to the new owner as of April 1, Theresa Donavich.

## Earl "Peachie" Petrucci "Peachie's News" Changes Hands

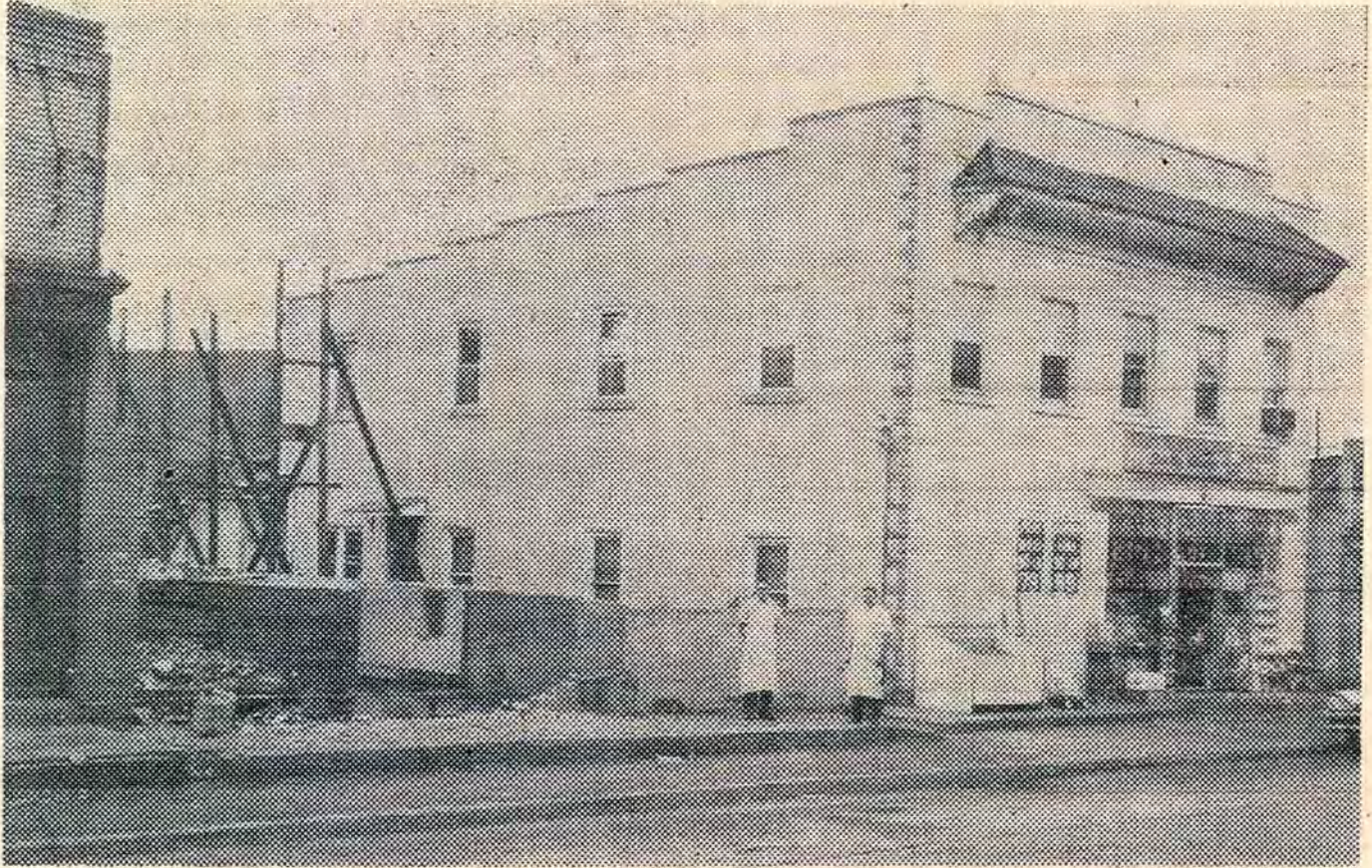


**Penn Theatre-Main Street Slovan**

**The building was razed in 1962 to make a larger parking lot for Ralph Filipponi and Sons Market.**

*Fort Vance Historical Society*

## Old Movie Building In Slovan To Be Razed



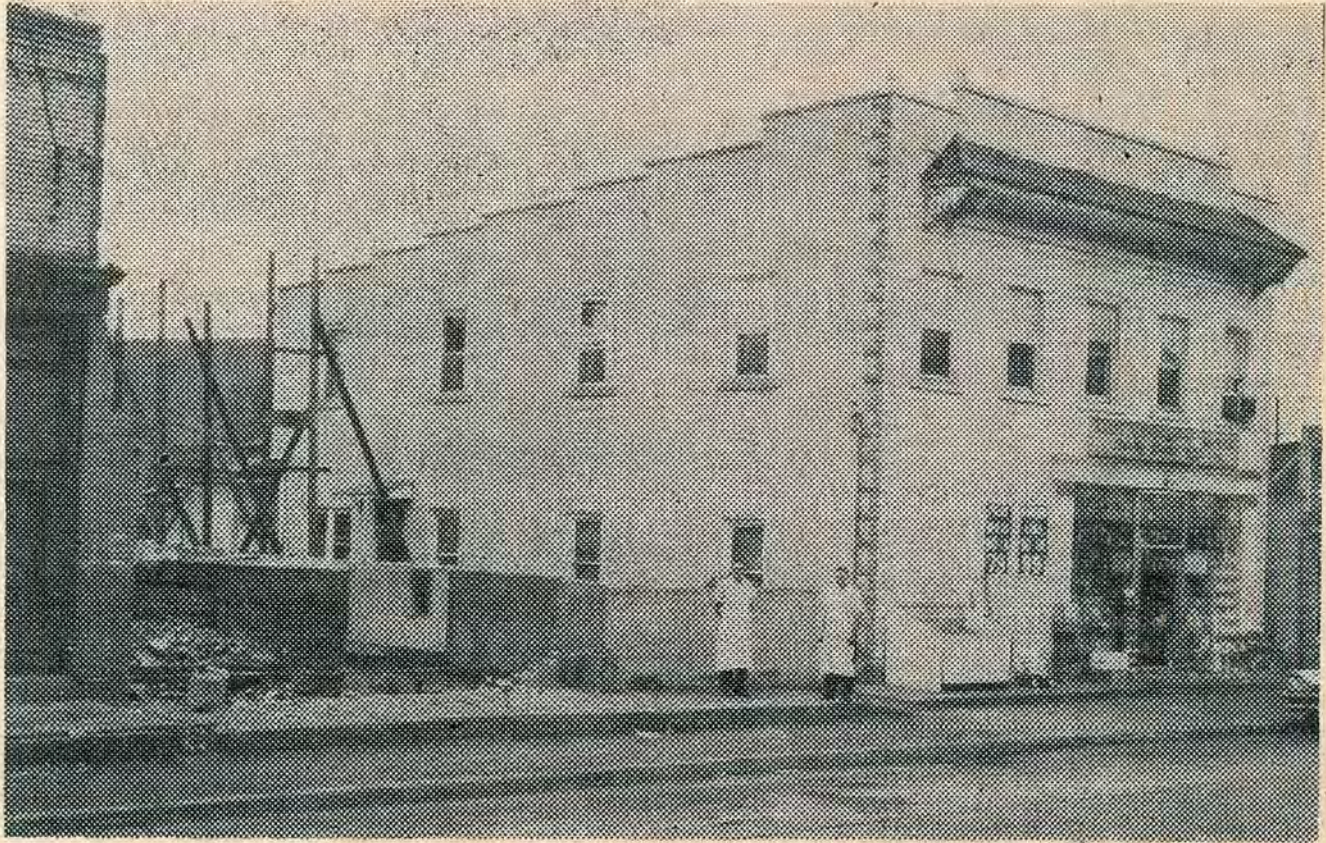
Bill and Dante Filipponi, co-owners of the Ralph Filipponi and Sons market, stand next to an old theater building they plan to tear down to provide more parking for their store on Main street, Slovan.

Located adjacent to the grocery store, this building was erected in 1918 as a theater by the father and mother of Donald D. and Anthony Mungello. The Filipponi's purchased it five years ago.

Filipponi's estimate that the space now occupied by the building will accommodate 25 cars. Access to another lot in the rear of the building will provide parking for another 50 cars. (Enterprise Photo)

**Penn Theatre Building in Slovan to be Razed**  
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## Old Movie Building In Slovan To Be Razed



Bill and Dante Filipponi, co-owners of the Ralph Filipponi and Sons market, stand next to an old theater building they plan to tear down to provide more parking for their store on Main street, Slovan.

Located adjacent to the grocery store, this building was erected in 1918 as a theater by the father and mother of Donald D. and Anthony Mungello. The Filipponi's purchased it five years ago.

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**FREE MATINEE SHOWS  
FOR SLOVAN THEATRE**

Beginning on Saturday afternoon, May 23rd, the management of the Slovan Theatre will turn the house over to the merchants and other business interests of Slovan, and on that day and succeeding Saturday afternoons until further notice, a free matinee will be given at 2:30 o'clock. The shows are being contributed by a number of business men of Slovan and are entirely free to the people of the entire community. Tickets of admission are required, but may be obtained from any sponsor of the matinees. Children under 16 years of age will not be admitted unless accompanied by an adult and no tickets will be given to children.

The sponsors of the movement for the Saturday afternoon free shows are as follows: A Horovitz Dept. Store, V. Testa, J. & M. Stebe, G. Sciamania & Sons, Serrini Barber Shop, L. Tomic, Fliton Barber Shop, Cappy Restaurant, John Kuntz, Philip Joseph & Bro., J. Cindrich & Son, Merved Barber Shop, G. Swanik, Borio Shoe Shop, J. Belosevic, Ralph Filipponi, Filipponi Bowling Alley, S. Horvatic, S. Zupan, S. Surba, Capozzoli Tri-State Produce Company, Tucci Garage, Sam. G. Milan Garage, Steve Dugas P. Raggi.



### **Penn Theater, Slovan, PA**

**The theatre was erected in 1913 and was torn down in 1962. The lot was used for addition parking for Filipponi's Grocery Store. Ralph Mungello was the owner of the Penn Theater.**



## **BANK ASKS FOR CHARTER.**

**Broadway National Applies—Flatbush Bank Gets Permit.**

*Special to The New York Times.*

WASHINGTON, Oct. 22.—The Controller of the Currency has received an application to organize from the Broadway National Bank of New York, capital \$1,000,000, through Charles C. Lockwood of 511 Fifth Avenue. He has approved an application to organize the People's National Bank of Burgettstown, Pa., capital \$50,000.

Charters have been issued to the Flatbush National Bank of Brooklyn, capital \$300,000, and the Oilfields National Bank of Brea, Cal., capital \$50,000.

**People's National Bank of Burgettstown Asks for Charter**  
New York Times-October 23, 1926 Edition

## Twice Told Tales

### From Enterprise Files

30 YEARS AGO — 1932

The Peoples National Bank of Burgettstown re-opened its doors after being closed because of heavy withdrawals. It was opened under the receivership of Harry G. Wilson, and patrons were permitted access to safety deposit boxes, and limited business was carried on.

Announcement was made that the free parking lot near the postoffice was well patronized, making more room on the streets for short time parking. Parking in the lot was permitted for as long as desired.

20 YEARS AGO — 1942

Music lovers of the area showed interest in 11-year-old Richard Henry Gerero, violinist from Weirton. The youthful musician appeared in a concert with the Slovan Volunteer Fire Department in UHS and with various music groups in the tri-state area.

Squire and Mrs. W. B. Culley observed their golden wedding anniversary.

Dr. and Mrs. Charles H. Beck, of Eldersville church were transferred to Westview, Pittsburgh.

The "Purl Harder" knitting club of Bulger was formed with 30 members, who would meet regularly to knit for the Red Cross.

10 YEARS AGO — 1952

A federal grant of \$296,000 was received by the area for flood control in Burgettstown and Smith township. Flood control committee were Joseph Cunningham, Edward Sciamanna and Owen McGivern.

## Twice Told Tales

From the Burgettstown Enterprise Files-1962 Edition

## Peppy's Restaurant, Apartments, Bar, Gutted By Early Thursday Morning Fire



### Arson Suspected In Local Blaze

Arson is suspected in a spectacular fire that gutted the Peppy's Restaurant building and an adjoining bar and apartment early Thursday morning.

The State Police Fire Marshal is investigating the circumstances of the blaze.

According to Walter "Buzz" Farner, Fire Chief of the Burgettstown Volunteer Fire Company, the fire was spotted at approximately 11:30 p.m. by his son, Walter Farner, Jr., at the same time the alarm was sounded by Burgettstown Police.

Firemen from Burgettstown and Slovan worked for hours battling the flames, and it was not until 3:00 p.m. that the fire was finally brought under control. The firemen finally left the scene at 5:00.

Farner said there was a "strong smell" of gasoline on the premises, giving rise to suspicion of arson.

No one was injured, he reported. Farner said the fire started in the back side of the roof of Peppy's Restaurant building.

The local fire chief, who estimated damage at "at least \$100,000," said the apartment above Peppy's was completely gutted. The downstairs portion, or restaurant, section of the building suffered heavy damages from smoke and water, and the ceiling collapsed early Thursday.

In the adjoining Ruth's Bar building, the upper story apartment was burned out, and the bottom floor also suffered heavy smoke and water damages.

Peppy's Restaurant was owned for many years by the late Ralph (Peppy) Farulli and his wife, Ann. Recently Mrs. Farulli sold the building and restaurant to Joseph Markus, of Hanlin Station. Markus operated the restaurant for approximately three months, closing it about a month ago.

Ruth's Bar was owned by Ruth Pierce, of Frankfort Springs. The building itself is owned by Mrs. John L. Brunner, of Burgettstown.

Peppy's Restaurant, Apartments, Bar Gutted by Early Fire  
Burgettstown Enterprise-August 17, 1983 Edition

# New concert venue cola war-free, owner says

## Pepsi Roadhouse an earshot from Coca-Cola Star Lake Amphitheater

BY JUDY CHESTNUTT  
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BURGETTSTOWN — Concertgoers soon will be able to make the choice of a new generation, as a Coraopolis man plans to open the Pepsi Roadhouse, a small indoor concert venue next to Coca-Cola Star Lake Amphitheater.

Owner Ray Bologna said Tuesday that the roadhouse will be an 800-seat, dinner-

concert hall on Route 18 in Hanover Township.

The roadhouse will be at the site of a former automobile dealership being remodeled by Bologna. While he owns 7.5 acres surrounding the building, he said his immediate plans call for just the indoor dinner and concert venue.

"We have the surrounding property. We're keeping our eyes on that," he said. "We'll see how things unfold."

Bologna said his venue will not be in

competition with Star Lake.

"We can't afford the types of bands that they afford," he said. "We're totally exclusive of each other. The thing that will help us is that people will know where to drive to get to our building."

The venue will employ 30 to 40 part-time workers and a full-time manager, Randy Brownlee.

An Aug. 21 performance by the Bobby Blue Band will be the roadhouse's first concert, and other acts include Billy Ray

Cyrus on Aug. 27 and the Oak Ridge Boys on Sept. 3, Bologna said.

The new venue will be unique in the Pittsburgh area because it will offer dinner, a concert and parking for one set price, Bologna said. The atmosphere will be casual. The package price will vary by concert, depending on the popularity of the artist.

"We want to have a place where people can listen to live music — a band that's big enough that it still tours — in a casual at-

mosphere and eat at the same time," Bologna said.

"It's open seating. Every seat in the house is a good seat. We wanted something where you're real close to the stage and performer."

Artists will be from across the entertainment spectrum, including country, jazz, funk, blues, comedians and children's entertainers.

Although there will be some non-dinner shows, most shows will offer a dinner that includes several menu items. And, of

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The Pepsi Roadhouse on Route 18 in Hanover Township will feature an 800-seat dinner and concert hall.

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course, all soft drinks will be Pepsi products.

"We talked to Coke and Pepsi, but Pepsi showed the interest," Bologna said. He would not say whether Pepsi was providing financial backing for the project. Pepsi officials did not return a call seeking comment.

Star Lake's executive director, Lance Jones, did not return a telephone call to his office Tuesday, but two employees said they had not heard of the Pepsi Roadhouse.

Bologna said initially the roadhouse will be open only on Fridays and Saturdays, but he is considering keeping it open for dinner on other nights.

"The Star Lake season is May through September, and we were thinking 'Should we be open for dinner?'" Bologna said. "That's not part of our core strategy, but it may evolve."

Bologna said he is not concerned with traffic problems that could be created when both venues offer concerts on the same night.

"They usually have their big, big acts during the week, and we're going to be open only on weekends," Bologna said.

Saturday afternoon programs geared toward children also are planned, such as an Aug. 28 performance by entertainer Frank Cappelli.

William Handick, chairman of the Hanover Township supervisors, said he is looking forward to the new business.

"It was a vacant building and an empty lot," Handick said. "He's turning it into something positive. There's no place you can go eat around here, so that's good."

Handick said he's not worried about the possibility of traffic problems.

"I don't think there will be that many cars at one time," he said.

**Pepsi Roadhouse-New Concert Venue Cola War-Free, Owners Says  
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## D. Petrucci Is In Who's Who

Dominick Petrucci, the "father" of Petrucci's Foodland is listed in the 1945 edition of the Italian-American "Who's Who" published by the Vigo Press of New York City. This volume gives biographical facts about Italian-American Leaders and Distinguished Italian Residents of the United States and the Dominion of Canada.

Who's Who says of Mr. Petrucci-

"PETRUCCI, Domenico  
Business man. Born in Viareggio, Lucca, Italy, August 19, 1881, the son of Eugenio and Rosa (Agostini) Petrucci. In America since 1904, U. S. Citizen, 1922. Married Maria Ciabattari, 1907. Three children: Ario, (in business for himself); Eugene, (Sergeant, U.S. Army, overseas); and Lido, (associated with father in business). From 1905 to 1915 was chef at the Fort Pitt hotel in Pittsburgh, Pa. Owner, since 1915, Petrucci's Complete Food Market. Is also engaged in manufacture of sausage and pickles. Venerable, since 1933, Cesare Battisti Lodge No. 920, Order Sons of Italy in America. Trustee Burgettstown Italian Club. Member Business Men's Association and Italian Mutual Aid Society, Slovan, Pa. Trustee, Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church, Burgettstown."

**Dominick Petrucci is In Who's Who  
Burgettstown Enterprise- September 23, 1948 Edition**

**Business Change.**

Earl C. Petrucci has purchased the news agency and book store of Kenneth Smith, and will take charge of the business on February 1st. Mr. Petrucci is a well known and progressive business man of the town and a former member of the firm of D. Petrucci & Son. He brings to the new venture a broad and successful business experience. Mr. Smith is arranging to move to Florida where he contemplates engaging in business.



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Lillie Ragnoli, left, of Bradenton, Fla., and her sister, Victoria Chuburko of Burgettstown, shop at Petrucci's IGA in Burgettstown Friday. The store, formerly Petrucci's Shop 'n Save, reopened this month after flooding caused it to close in 2004.

## Better together: Market, restaurant open

*Petrucci's, damaged after Hurricane Ivan, returns along with a McDonald's franchise*

BY CAROLINE SHANNON  
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Larry and Carlie Keating of Burgettstown are veterans of McDonald's restaurants.

But Carlie, 10, and her brother, 7, have never had one "so close to home," the pair said Friday during their first trip to the new Burgettstown location.

And the increased chances of convincing their mother to visit the restaurant after a "long" trip to the grocery store, Larry said, make shopping for produce a little bit easier.

Lucky for the Keating kids and the rest of the residents in Burgettstown, Petrucci's IGA and McDonald's joined together and opened a store Sunday, making shopping and dining more convenient for customers.

"I have never experienced so much enthusiasm from any community," said Ron Galiano, owner of the Burgettstown McDonald's and three other franchises in Washington County. "They are very grateful and we are grateful that they are having fun."

Petrucci's and McDonald's began forming the partnership shortly after the site of the former Petrucci's Shop 'n Save at 1412 Main St. was damaged by Hurricane Ivan flooding in September 2004.



JIM MCNUTT / OBSERVER-REPORTER

Petrucci's IGA, along with a McDonald's restaurant, opened in Burgettstown Sunday.

The partners broke ground on a new building at the Main Street site on Jan. 21.

"People are glad to see us open again," Petrucci's IGA co-owner Tom Petrucci said Friday. "They are really receptive to the new look and seemed to be surprised by the variety."

Leota Newman, 83, of Burgettstown, agreed with Petrucci, adding that she is also happy to have a McDonald's in the area.

"I came Sunday night just to check it out," Newman said. "It's kind of neat to have both things here."

Tom Petrucci said he and his brother, Jim, became co-owners of the family store in the 1980s. The brothers' un-

cle, Eugene Petrucci, and father, Lido Petrucci, are the original owners of the store, which opened in 1948 and was located in the same spot where the new market now stands.

The Petrucci brothers' commitment to the family tradition is evident in the old-time family photos that line the inside perimeter of the store.

Tom Petrucci said the market has about 35 employees and he is almost finished hiring new people.

"Now, it's just a matter of getting everybody comfortable and acclimated to the business," Tom Petrucci said.

The new 7,300-square-foot supermarket offers typical grocery items, such as pro-

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duce and deli products. But it also features a check-through system, allowing customers to place their McDonald's order while they are checking out.

The McDonald's has a drive-through window and dining room seating space for 45 people.



# Petrucci's Celebrate 50th Anniversary

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Co-owners Lido Petrucci and Eugene "Jimmy" Petrucci.



This picture was taken in 1925, and shows the interior of the first Pet-

rucci's store, located in the Clark building. Left to

Dominic Vajentic, Tony Louder and Dominic Petrucci.

## Eugene "Jimmy" Petrucci Elected To Head W. G. A.

Eugene Petrucci was elected President of the Washington Grocers' Association, at a meeting of the organization last Wednesday evening. Jimmy, as he is affectionately known to his many friends in the Burgettstown area, is co-owner of Petrucci's Market on Main Street.

The Washington Grocers' Association is an organization of approximately 114 independent merchants in Washington, Greene, and Fayette Counties. It is a cooperative group, buying and distributing groceries and related items at the manufacturer's level, to the Association membership. It strives to offer a personal touch, as well as prices and facilities competitive to the chain stores, to the consumer. With this goal in mind, a better understanding is reached with the public.

General offices and warehouses are in Meadowlands.

Jimmy has been a lifelong resident of Burgettstown, and has been in the grocery business almost as long as he can remember. His father, the late Dominick Petrucci, founded the store in 1927, with the first location in the Clark Building. From there, the business was moved to the Ben Kobe building, the McCoy Building, and then to the present location in 1948.



**Eugene "Jimmy" Petrucci Elected to Head W.G.A.  
Burgettstown Enterprise-August 8, 1963 Edition**

## **Petrucci Market Hit By Burglars**

Burglars entered Petrucci's Market sometime between 10:00 p.m. Thursday and 8 a.m. Friday, drilled open an office safe, and walked off with more than \$5,000 in cash.

Pennsylvania State Police, who are investigating the case along with local police officers, believe a professional gang of burglars were responsible for the theft, since the safe was opened with a special drill.

Police suspect someone hid in the compressor room at the rear of the store and admitted accomplices after the store was closed at 9:30. It is believed that at least two men and possibly three were involved in the burglary.

A set of footprints was found behind a soft drink storage building adjacent to the store, indicating someone had been lurking there and lending credence to the State Police theory.

**Petrucci's Market Hit by Buglars  
Burgettstown Enterprise-March 1962**

## **Petrucci Market To Build Warehouse**

PETRUCCI'S SUPER MARKET this week began construction of a large warehouse at the rear of their present store building near the Main street bridge. Eugene Petrucci, manager said that the new addition will be 35 by 50 feet and will be constructed of concrete block. In it will be installed a new 20 by 40 foot Hill storage cooler, to be used for storage of canned meats and fresh vegetables.

Installation of Carrier Air Conditioning in this modern self serve food store is progressing rapidly and is nearly completed. This will insure customers an even temperature and comfortable shopping at all times. Air conditioning will cover the 6000 foot floor space of the market.

Petruccis, after 35 years of progress are emerging as one of the leading and most highly patronized market in the tri-state area. They have endeavored to make shopping easy and pleasant for their many customers by keeping abreast of the times and by installing the very latest in food store equipment, beamed to help the customer help himself.

## Merry Christmas From All The Folks At Petrucci's



All your friends at Petrucci's wish you the happiest of Yuletide holidays. They are, first row, left to right-Pete Sergakis, Frank Tucci, Anne Durko, Carl Filipponi, Lido Petrucci and Jimmy Petrucci. Second row, Jim Sentipal, Joane Loncaric, Maxine Merman, Mary Dettore, Mary Ann

Gavatorta, Mae Kerekes and Sara Stewart. In the third row are Bill Daniels, Josephine Templeton, Anita Gavatorta, Helen Lombardi, Stella Kampian and Stella Rotta. Not shown were Laura White and Nell Christy.

Merry Christmas From All The Folks At Petrucci's  
Burgettstown Enterprise-December 24, 1959 Edition

## PETRUCCI'S WILL MOVE MARKET TO McCURDY BLDG.

Modernization of the McCurdy building on Main street was begun this week by Hardy and Rankin of Canonsburg, successful bidders for the contract for improvements. W. E. McCurdy, owner of this property, which was formerly occupied by the Sacks department store, estimates repairs and modernization of the building will cost about \$8,000.

Dominick Petrucci and Son, Grocers have leased the building on a long term lease and expect to move their Complete Food Market into this building about November 1st. When repairs are completed, the property will house one of the most up to date streamlined markets in Western Pennsylvania.

Plans call for dropping the floor to street level with a center walk-in entrance. The present center hallway is to be moved to the right, opposite the Biddle hotel building and will provide entrance for two upstairs apartments. The front of the building will be covered with a new style Carrara glass, in two colors, with center double door. New modern fluorescent lighting will be installed to harmonize with new modern fixtures which the Petrucci's will install. The interior is to be completely repainted and decorated.

## PETRUCCI'S TO OPEN NEW MARKET THURSDAY 6 P. M.

The long heralded and gala opening of Petrucci's New Food Market will take place this (Thursday) evening, when patrons of this long established business house are invited to visit the store room and inspect a market, the founder, Domenick Petrucci, believes to be one of the most modern and up-to-date Food stores in Western Pennsylvania. A feature of tonight's "grand opening" will be the drawing of numbers for 75 handbags of groceries, (value, \$2.25 each) that will be awarded to customers this week end. The drawing for numbers will take place at seven o'clock and they will then be posted throughout the store.

The new market fully equipped with streamlined fixtures, is housed in the McCurdy building, formerly occupied by the Sacks Department store. The room has been greatly enlarged and now contains 3600 square feet of floor space, with center street-level, walk-in entrance. The walls are a light buff with ivory ceiling. The woodwork is finished in natural oak. Visitors to the market will receive the benefits of a modern fluorescent lighting system, that provides a forty-foot candle power light over the entire store area. Twenty-five lighting fixtures, containing 84 light units furnish a balanced lighting system for the market.

Two local artisans are responsible for much of the fine workmanship that has gone into the building of the display cases and walls. Harry Pyle constructed the black and white marble tile wall that forms a background for the display of meat products, while Mike Kresko, an expert woodworker built the shelves and center gondola.

Petrucci's have spent thousands of dollars in new equipment, to insure their customers of the finest in refrigeration and storage for food of any market in this section.

A meat refrigeration room, 8 x 8 x 10 cubic feet has been installed and a meat refrigeration display unit 2 1/2 by 3 1/2 feet will afford customers adequate view of meat products. Hill Frigid Fresh controlled refrigeration cases have been installed for display of vegetables and fruits. Petrucci's have also added a complete line of Birds-eye Frosted Foods and a full line of White Rose canned fruits and vegetables.

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A series of food demonstrations, with samples for all, has been scheduled for Saturday in the new market. Firms who will demonstrate their products include Boscul Coffee, Washburn and Crosbie-Bisquick, Hormel Products and the Tri-State Biscuit

## A SALUTE TO D. PETRUCCI

One of the proudest and happiest men in Burgettstown today is our friend, Domenick Petrucci. The Burgettstown Enterprise takes this opportunity to extend congratulations and sincere good wishes to Mr. Petrucci on the occasion of the fulfillment of a dream he has long cherished.

Tonight, Petrucci's will welcome their customers at the gala opening of their new Food Market, said to be one of the most modern in Western Pennsylvania. The new Market is agleam with fresh bright paint, fluorescent lights, sparkling white meat cases, and equipment that is everything housewives of today demand.

Today's event marks the high spot in Mr. Petrucci's long career as a Burgettstown merchant. He was born at Viareggio, Italy and came to the United States when 31 years of age. His first job was a chef in the Fort Pitt Hotel, where he prepared meals for three presidents of the United States; President William McKinley, President Theodore Roosevelt, and President William Taft.

Twenty-five years ago he came to Burgettstown to engage in the grocery business in partnership with Mr. Panconi and ten years ago entered the field for himself in a location in the Bloom building. Mr. and Mrs. Petrucci are parents of three sons, Eugene and Lido, who are associated with their father in the Petrucci Market, and Earl, proprietor of the Petrucci News Store.

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### Petrucci's

Burgettstown Enterprise-December 5, 1940 Edition

## TWA Hostess Presents "Peachy Pet Pie" to Burgess Whalen



Miss Mary Lou Ransick, T. W. A. hostess from the Greater Pittsburgh airport is shown above as she appeared in Petrucci's Super Market last week to present a "Creamy Peach Pie" to Burgess W. J. Whalen, Jr. Also in the picture are Eugene Petrucci and Edward Huud, Pet Milk representative.

The pie was flown to Petrucci's via TWA from the Pet Milk kitchen in St. Louis. Miss Ransick will be at Petrucci's Market again this week on Friday, November 14 from 1 to 4 p. m. when she will pass out colored pictures of a TWA 4 motor plane to children and will also serve samples of the Creamy Peach Pie, pictured above to Petrucci customers.





**Petrucci's Shop n' Save-Burgettstown**  
**Observer-Reporter-September 21, 2004 Edition**

# Hot Shot:

The Shop 'N Save in Burgettstown was not left unscathed by the tail end of Hurricane Ivan. The storm left a sorry mess and gave new meaning to the expression, "Cleanup in Aisle 4."



**Petrucci's Shop n' Save-Burgettstown**  
Observer-Reporter-September 21, 2004 Edition

# Produce Terminal's fate receives new twist

BY MELISSA DANIELS

A Strip District landmark appears unlikely to win historic status from Pittsburgh City Council, an initial vote indicated on Wednesday, but that doesn't mean the developer who holds an option to buy it is free to demolish part of it as planned, officials said.

Council members voted preliminarily against giving

## Preliminary rejection of historic status opens way for discussions

the building historic designation, a status that would give the city more oversight in the renovation or demolition of the 1,500-foot-long Produce Terminal.

Strip District-based developer The Buncher Co. has an option to buy the building

from the city's Urban Redevelopment Authority for \$1.8 million.

Its plans involve razing a third of the building to gain access to its planned \$400 million retail, residential and office development at the edge of the Allegheny River.

Mayor Bill Peduto's chief of staff, Kevin Acklin, said the administration is interested in finding out whether joint ventures with other developers are possible.

"If we can save the entire building and do something creative with it — that would

revolutionize the district and maybe have some investment around Smallman Street as well — that's something we would like to see," he said. "The dollars and cents of who would do that, and how we're going to get it done, that's the discussion we're having."

Representatives from Buncher could not be reached for comment.

Council must sign off before the URA can sell the building to Buncher, said Councilman Corey O'Connor, who voted against historic designation. But leaving the designation off for now means more flexibility, he said.

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## Discussion of terminal site sought

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"When a new administration starts, they want to look at the project in even more detail," O'Connor said. "We don't want to lose that asset, but we want to be open to all possibilities."

A final vote could take place on Tuesday. The proposal needs six votes to pass. If the designation fails, five years must pass before a member of the public could call for historic designation again. Historic preservationists nominated the Produce Terminal last year to halt Buncher's plan to knock down part of the building to extend 17th Street toward the Allegheny River after Buncher applied for a demolition permit.

The building's owner — the URA — could ask for a designation at any time.

"This vote means we can move aggressively to dot the I's and cross the T's and come to a consensus on moving the larger, 55-acre project forward," said Sen. Jim Ferlo, D-Highland Park, a URA board member.

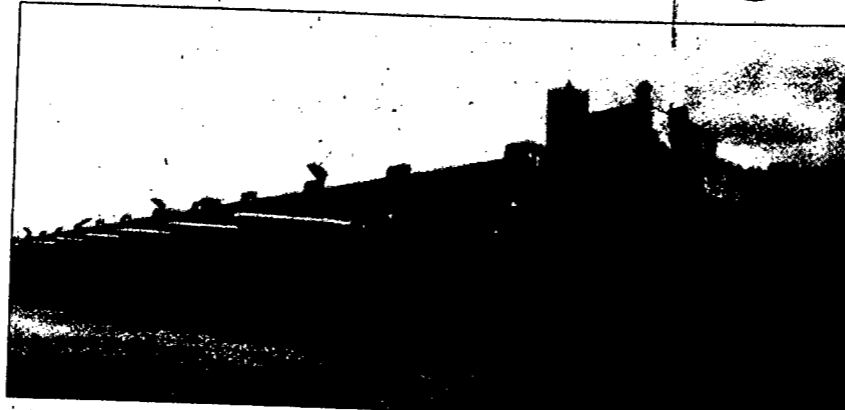
Ferlo said the URA won't move unilaterally to complete a sale of the Produce Terminal, acknowledging all URA sales must be approved by the mayor and council.

"We need to work together in a cooperative spirit," he said.

The five-member URA board is appointed by the mayor. Peduto on Wednesday called for his predecessor's appointees to resign, along with those of other city authorities. Ferlo said he will not resign.

Council members had delayed the vote for weeks, citing a desire to wait until Peduto took office on Jan. 6. Wednesday's initial vote was 4-3 with two abstentions.

Council member Deb Gross, who represents the Strip District, said she favors historic designation because of an "extra layer" of oversight and preservation it provides. But she said she's optimistic for a development plan while preserving the historic character of the area.



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The Buncher Co. wants to knock down part of the Produce Terminal Building in the Strip District to extend 17th Street toward the Allegheny River as part of its planned \$400 million retail, residential and office development.

### The vote

How City Council members voted on historic designation for the Produce Terminal.

**Yes:** Bruce Kraus, Natalia Rudiak, Deb Gross

**No:** Ricky Burgess, Theresa Kail-Smith, Daniel Lavelle, Corey O'Connor

**Abstain:** Darlene Harris, Dan Gilman

Pittsburgh City Council

"This is a new administration," she said. "There's actually talking that's going on between a visionary mayoral administration and the Buncher Co. A month ago that wasn't true."

Becky Rodgers, president of Neighbors in the Strip, said holding off on historic designation allows cost-effective, timely development. "If you have to appear in front of the Historic

Review Committee, that adds another aspect for any developer," she said.

She said her group was "comfortable" with the Buncher plan, though she's interested in alternative ideas to further restore the terminal.

"If you take off a portion of the building to save the rest, that's good," she said. "And if you're not using public money, that's even better."

In other action, City Council held off on voting on an early retirement buyout option for some longtime city employees. A public hearing is set for 1 p.m. Tuesday in City Council Chambers, Downtown.

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**Produce Terminal's Fate Receives new Twist**  
Pittsburgh Tribune-January 16, 2014 Edition

## **Abstracts of the Washington Reporter 1817-1820**

### **Monday, October 25, 1819**

**1203.** Public notice is hereby given to the stockholders in the Pittsburgh and Steubenville Turnpike Road Company, that an election will be held at the house of Alexander MCFARLAND, on Monday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of November next, at 10 o'clock, A. M. for the purpose of electing one president, one treasurer, and eight managers, to conduct the affairs of the company for the ensuing year. /s/ **James BRICELAND**, Treasurer. Oct. 22.

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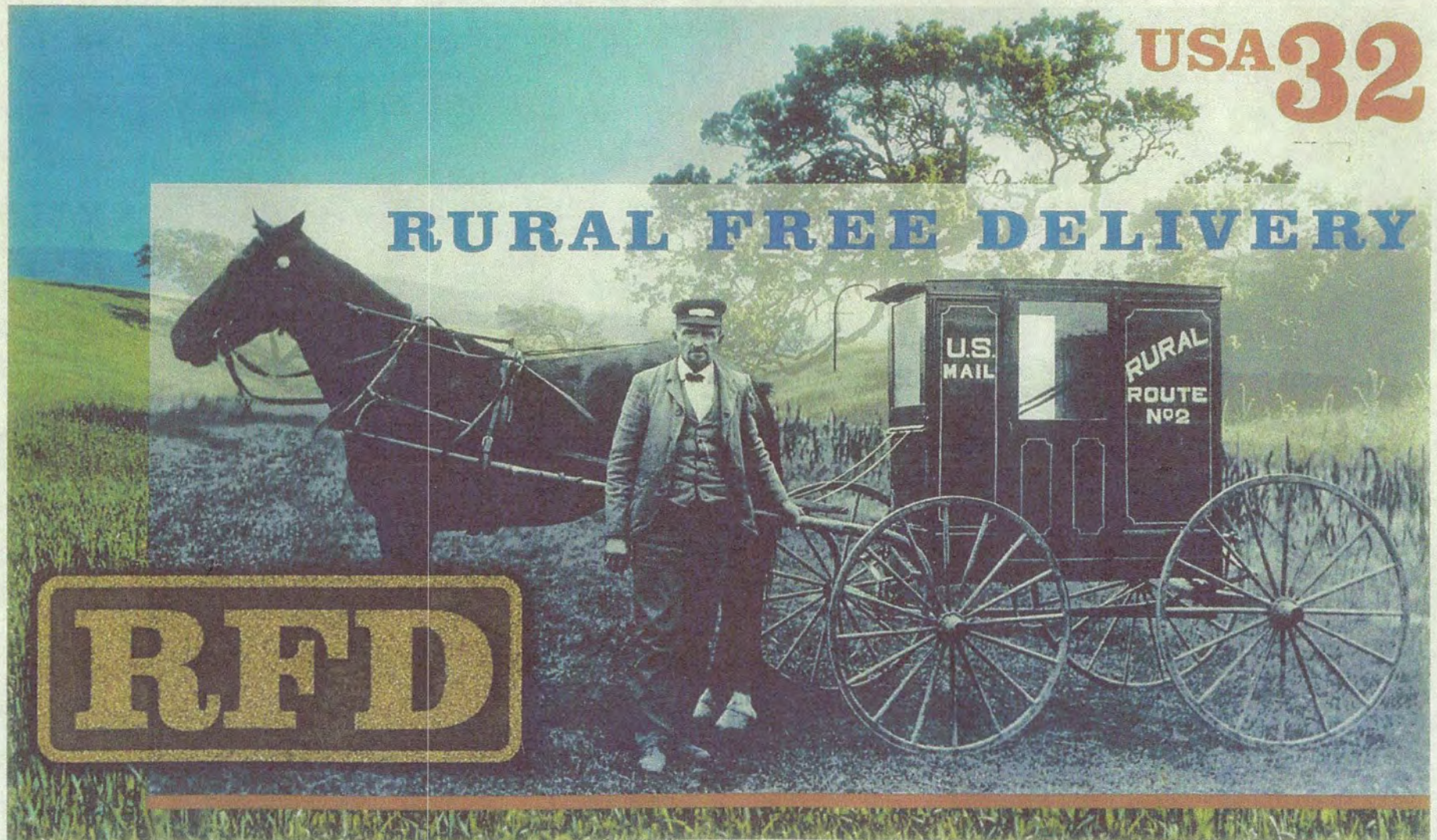
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Open Evenings

Poskin Pontiac  
Burgettstown Enterprise-March 6, 1956 Edition

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RURAL FREE DELIVERY



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1996 Rural Free Delivery Stamp depicts Burgettstown Mail Carrier on his route.

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Established on July 7, 1913

## Postmasters

William A. McBride

James McCune

Margaret E. Robinson

Jules V. Vanerscott

Miss Alice McCue

(name changed by marriage to

Mrs. Alice de Blander on

January 6, 1932.

Miss Jean E. McCue

## Appointment Dates Through September 30, 1971

July 7, 1913

February 21, 1917

August 28, 1920

February 6, 1924

June 7, 1926

June 1, 1934 (assumed charge)

June 14, 1934 (acting)

December 10, 1934 (confirmed)

The records give the postmasters' dates of appointment but not the actual periods of their service.



Observer-Reporter photo

### ***Somebody's Gotta Do It!***

John Marcucci, janitor at the Burgettstown Post Office, clears snow from the post office's driveway as more snow falls.

**John Marcucci-Somebody's Gotta Do It!**  
**The Burgettstown Enterprise-December 21, 1988 Edition**



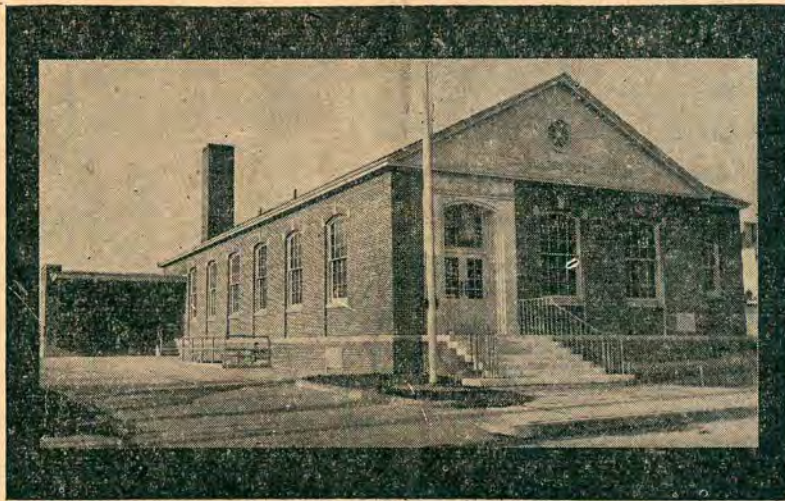


## Food drive surplus

Burgettstown Post Office letter carriers Bruce McNeil, left, and Paul Fritch show off some of the food collected during the May 9 National Association of Letter Carriers food drive. This is the largest food drive in the nation. McNeil and Fritch helped to gather more than 1000 units of non-perishable food from the citizens of Burgettstown and given to the local food bank.

**Burgettstown Post Office  
National Association of Letter Carriers Food Drive  
The Enterprise-May 20, 1998 Edition**

## Saturday Is Moving Day To New P O



Postmaster Ralph L. Bell announces that all equipment for the new postoffice has finally arrived and that moving day will be Saturday, December 27. Business will be carried on "as usual" in the new office Monday, December 29.

**Saturday is Moving Day to New P.O.**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-December 25, 1941 Edition**

**POSTOFFICE SELLS**

**\$52,800 BABY BONDS**

**DURING YEAR, 1939**

Postmaster Ralph Bell announces that Burgettstown Post office ranked 15th among second class postoffices in Pennsylvania in the sale of United States Savings Bonds from January 1, 1939 to December 31, 1939.

Sales of Savings Bonds in the local office were as follows: post office sales, \$51,375; mail order sales, \$1,425. Total sales, \$52,800.

McDonald placed 252nd on the list. Total sales for that office were \$4,668.75.

**Burgettstown Post Office  
Sells \$52, 800 Baby Bonds during the Year, 1939  
In today's dollar, that equals \$905,360.46**

*Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society*

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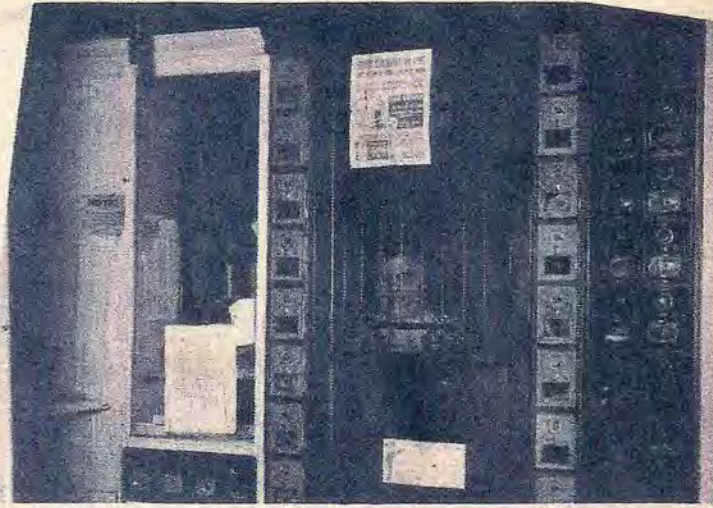
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**Post Office Sells \$52, 800 Baby Bonds During Year, 1939  
Burgettstown Enterprise-May 23, 1940 Edition**

## Hanlin Station Post Office to Close



Mrs. Mazie Fulton smiles for the Enterprise photographer from the window of the Hanlin Station Post Office, where she has served as Postmaster for nearly

twenty-five years. This Friday, she will close the window for the last time, with business being transacted in the future at the new Paris rural station.



This Enterprise photo shows the Hanlin Station Post Office as it stands today. Government business has been transacted in this tiny room for the past forty years.

The end of an era will come to tiny rural area of Hanlin Station, in Jefferson Township, on Friday evening, August 14, 1964. When Mrs. Mazie Fulton, Postmistress, closes the door to the Post Office for the last time. At the close of business on that day, the Hanlin Station Post Office will cease to exist as such, and will be re-located in Paris. The Hanlin route will be transferred to Burgettstown as a Rural Route 4.

With the closing of the office will also come the retirement of Mrs. Fulton, who has served as Post-mistress since February 1, 1940. She succeeded her father, F.M. Barber, who operated the Post Office for the previous fifteen years. For the past forty years, it has been located in the same building, now owned by Walter Jones. Prior to that time, it was located across the road near the railroad.

The tiny hamlet of Hanlin Station, where once local dairymen met the early morning train with horse drawn vehicles loaded with milk for shipment to Pittsburgh, where school teachers and other Pittsburgh-bound passengers boarded one of ten daily trains, is now quiet and inactive, with only an occasional train passing through, whose passengers and crew are unaware of its existence, as the train hurries on to Pittsburgh.

All mail is now delivered by truck, with two deliveries daily, at 8:15AM and 4:30 PM. The last pouch was hung in 1951.

Mrs. Fulton was born on the site where the post office now stands, and has lived all her life within a half mile of the location. She received her education at Hanlin, Burgettstown and Steubenville Business College, graduating from there in 1918. She is a member of the Eldersville Methodist Church, and Missionary Circle Two. She has seen many changes in both post office and in rural surroundings, during her years of service in the area.

When asked her plans for the future, after twenty-four years in the post office, Mrs. Fulton says she will be happy to have more time to spend at home with her husband, G.S. Fulton, and enjoy the company of their son, Bill, his wife Betty, and their six granddaughters, Cindy, Kathy, Mary Jo, Cheryl, Theresa, and Rita, and last, but not least, the long awaited grandson, Billy Jr.

**Holiday Postal Hours.**

On account of Thanksgiving day the local postoffice will be closed all day Thursday except the stamp window, which will be open in the morning until about 9 o'clock. There will be no town or rural deliveries during the day except of perishable matter.

# Post Office Mail Largest In History

## 400,000 Greetings

"We certainly appreciate people who have mailed out their Christmas cards and packages early, Postmaster Ralph Bell said this week amidst the piles of Yuletide mail in the Burgettstown post office.

Postmaster Bell's crew of 15 regular employees and three extra Christmas assistants report that they have been able to keep ahead of their largest Christmas season thus far. There has been a 40 per cent increase compared to mail handled in 1955's Christmas rush.

The post office will be open all day Saturday, December 22 and city deliveries will be made on Sunday. The mail men will continue their policy of delivering all Christmas packages on or before Christmas Postmaster Bell announced.

Of the 400,000 Christmas cards that local postal employees will handle approximately 8,000 will be undeliverable. Said Mr. Bell, "We feel bad about not being able to make deliveries of these cards but some people get in a hurry and don't take the time to correctly address their cards."

All third class mail, Christmas cards with two cent stamps on them, that are undeliverable are opened by the local mail men. This year these cards will be collected after they have been inspected and donated to the children of the Burgettstown-Smith Township School for Retarded Children.

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TRAVELING SANTAS of the post office, Willard Jackson, and Jack Culley, sort Christmas cards that they will deliver on their rural routes. Local carriers Howard Dunbar and Emile Kowalski and rural route carrier Sonny Simpson were busy at their sorting tables nearby.



PACKAGES, PACKAGES all 5,000 of them will be delivered in Burgettstown and on rural routes by local post office Santas. Post office personnel shown ready to process part of an early morning shipment of mail are (left to right): Postmaster Ralph Bell, Frank Taucher, Mrs. Lois Wagner, Joseph Kandray, Mrs. Ruth Melvin, George Nemeth and Harold Stewart

**Burgettstown Post Office-Holiday Mail Largest in its History**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-December 27, 1956 Edition**

Postmaster J. H. Galbraith received word Thursday morning that the site had been chosen for the new post office building to be erected in McDonald. The lot, 100 feet x 115 feet, is located at the rear of the Cook-Masonic building, and is bounded by Barr, South Station, and O'Hara streets, and is owned by Mrs. Adelaide M. Blick of Philadelphia, Horace J. Miller of Pittsburgh, and Messrs. Harman, Knapp, Ulman & Tucker of Baltimore, Md.

**McDonald Received Word of New Post Office  
Burgettstown Enterprise-October 17, 1934 Edition**



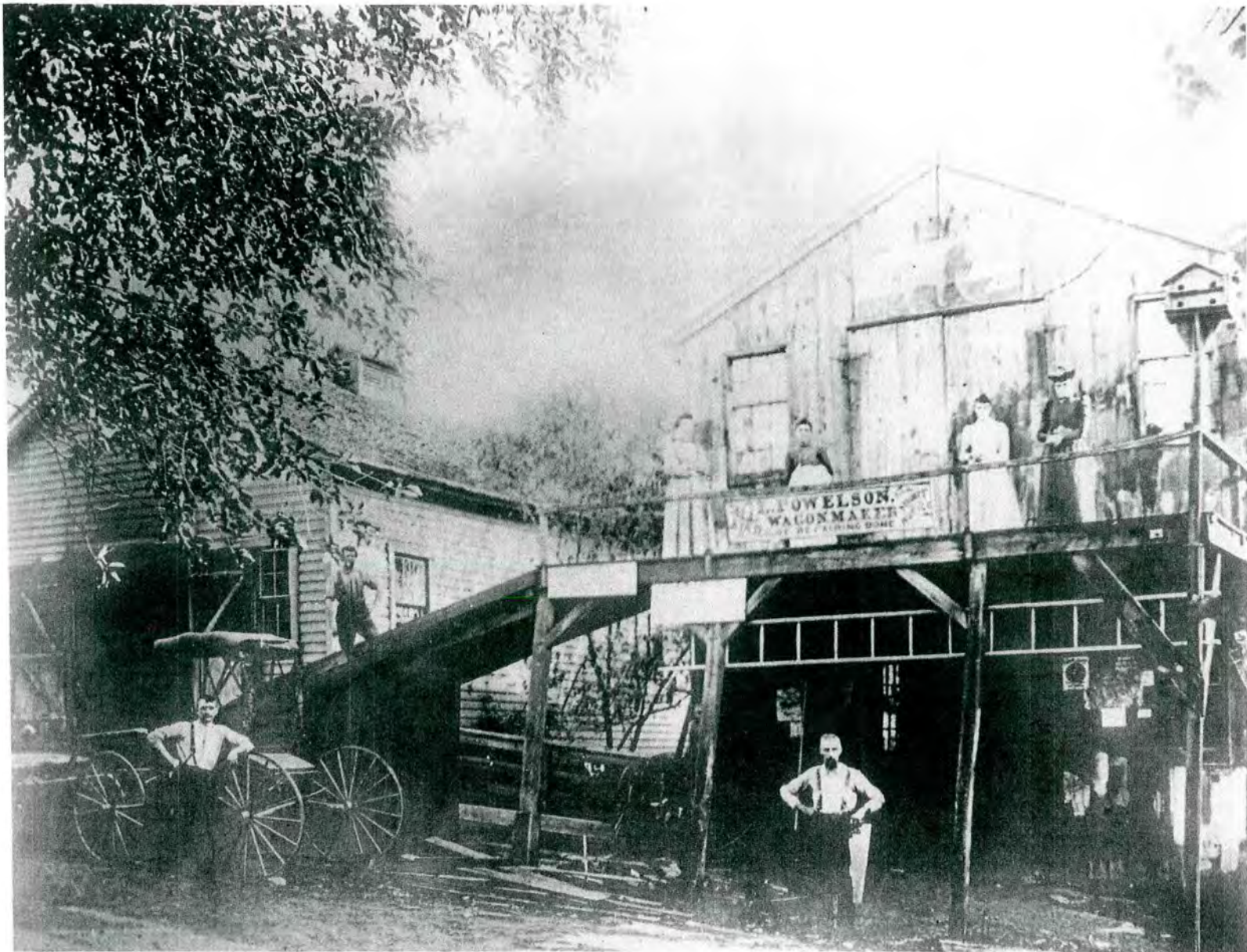


**Rural Delivery-Cross Creek, PA**

## Post Offices and Post Masters in Washington County.

The annexed list of postoffices and postmasters in Washington County has been prepared with considerable trouble and is believed to be entirely correct. The politics of the officers is indicated, and it will doubtless be a matter of surprise to some people to know how many of these offices have passed out of Republican and into Democratic hands. The list is as follows, the Presidential offices being in italics:

| Offices.               | Appoint's.                | Pol. | Offices.                 | Appoint's.               | Pol. |
|------------------------|---------------------------|------|--------------------------|--------------------------|------|
| Allenport .....        | Mrs. M. E. Fields.        | D    | Laboratory .....         | John Keeney.....         | D    |
| Amity .....            | D. E. McCollum.           | D    | Lagonda .....            | Morris R. Weir...        | D    |
| Arden .....            | J. C. Borland....         | D    | Lawrence .....           | James Camp.....          | D    |
| Aitchison .....        | Mitchell Smith...         | D    | Lindley's Mills...       | Oliver Wilson....        | D    |
| Avella .....           | Mrs. Wm. Tigner.          | D    | Lock No. 4.....          | S. T. Richardson.        | D    |
| Baidland .....         | Wm. Lamont.....           | D    | Lone Pine .....          | H. P. Weaver.....        | D    |
| Bancroft .....         |                           |      | M'Connell's Mills.       | Mrs. E. J. Paxton.       | D    |
| Bartholdi .....        | S. Montgomery...          | D    | McDonald .....           | P. Hoey.....             | D    |
| Bavington .....        | John McBride....          | D    | McGovern .....           | Jonathan Allison.        | R    |
| Beallsville .....      | Mrs. C. Keys.....         | D    | McMurray .....           | J. R. McMurray..         | D    |
| Beck's Mills .....     | W. Washabaugh..           | D    | Midway .....             | John S. McCarty..        | D    |
| Bentleysville.....     | Mrs. A. J. Newkirk.       | D    | Millsboro .....          | J. W. Porter.....        | D    |
| Bissell .....          | Morgan Martin..           | D    | <i>Monongahela City.</i> | <i>James H. Moore...</i> | D    |
| Bower Hill .....       | John Flack.....           | D    | Morganza .....           | J. B. Roberts.....       | D    |
| Breneman .....         | Geo. W. Coffey..          | D    | Murdoeksville...         | Jos. McLain.....         | R    |
| Buffalo .....          | W. T. McGill....          | P    | New Eagle.....           | John Jenkins....         | R    |
| Bulger .....           | A. J. Russell....         | R    | Odell .....              | Mrs. John Byers.         | D    |
| Burgettstown.....      | R. T. Stevenson..         | D    | Old Concord .....        | Geo. L. Minton..         | D    |
| California .....       | Charles McCain..          | D    | Paris.....               | Mrs. J. R. Hooker.       | R    |
| Candor .....           | Mrs. E. Matchett.         | D    | Patterson's Mills.       | George Weigman.          | R    |
| <i>Canonsburg.....</i> | <i>George Perritte...</i> | D    | Primrose.....            | John George.....         | R    |
| Cecil .....            | Presley G. Walker.        | D    | Prosperity .....         | J. A. Hanna.....         | D    |
| Claysville .....       | Caroline Scott...         | D    | Raccoon .....            | W. G. Graham....         | R    |
| Eighty-Four.....       | Wm. A. Barr.....          | D    | Roscoe .....             | W. A. Furlong...         | D    |
| Coal Bluff .....       | Wm. Conklin....           | D    | St. Cloud.....           | James Jones.....         | P    |
| Coal Center.....       | George Frantz...          | D    | Scenery Hill..           | Rachel Stanley...        | R    |
| Coon Island .....      | I. K. Porter.....         | D    | Shire Oaks .....         | John Townsend..          | D    |
| Courtney .....         | Henry Reitz....           | D    | Simpson's Store ..       | A. M. Hays.....          | D    |
| Cross Creek .....      | I. M. Reed.....           | D    | S. Burgettstown..        | W. F. Scott.....         | D    |
| Dinsmore .....         | Stewart W. Criss.         | D    | Strabane.....            | J. M. C. Reynolds.       | D    |
| Donley .....           | Sam'l Snodgrass..         | D    | Sparta .....             | Dr. S. L. Blachley.      | D    |
| Dunningsville ..       | J. S. Kammerer..          | D    | Speers .....             | O. P. Quay.....          | D    |
| Dunn's .....           | S. McDonough...           | D    | Sunset .....             | Joseph Hanna...          | R    |
| Dunnsfort .....        | John A. Smith...          | R    | Taylorstown.....         | John Knox.....           | D    |
| East Bethlehem..       | Mrs. E. E. Adams.         | D    | Ten Mile .....           | N. C. Horn.....          | D    |
| East Finley .....      | John S. Knox....          | R    | Thompsonville ..         | James Holland...         | D    |
| Eldersville .....      | Wm. Cosgrove...           | D    | Thomas .....             | Jas. M. Thomas..         | D    |
| England .....          | Geo. W. Ryan....          | D    | Toledo .....             | H. H. Clark.....         | R    |
| Fallowfield.....       | Alex. Snyder....          | D    | Topsail .....            | Jonathan Moore..         | D    |
| Finleyville .....      | Dr. J. W. Lank...         | D    | Van Buren.....           | Miss Lell Weir...        | D    |
| Florence .....         | M. B. Mercer....          | D    | Vanceville .....         | John Pangburn..          | R    |
| Fredericktown...       | Miss Mary Boyd..          | D    | Venetia .....            | J. H. Caesber...         | D    |
| Finneydale.....        | Mrs. E. B. Finney.        | D    | Venice .....             | C. R. Potter.....        | D    |
| Garwood .....          | James Aubrey...           | D    | <i>Washington .....</i>  | <i>James Brady.....</i>  | D    |
| Gastonville.....       | W. H. Curry.....          | D    | Wesco .....              | Solomon Stroup..         | D    |
| Good Intent.....       | C. Blaney.....            | D    | West Alexander..         | Wm. H. Frazier..         | D    |
| Hackney .....          | W. M. Swart....           | R    | West Brownsville.        | J. M. Fulton....         | D    |
| Hanlin Station..       | Andrew J. Smith.          | D    | West Finley .....        | W. L. Blayney...         | D    |
| Harmon's Creek ..      | Sam'l Cresswell..         | D    | West Middletown..        | Mrs. F. Bushfield.       | R    |
| Hickory .....          | Jos. Hemphill...          | D    | Wilna .....              | A. W. Bane.....          | D    |
| Houstonville .....     | G. A. Arnold....          | D    | Woodrow .....            | W. G. Jour.....          | R    |
| Independence.....      | C. M. Liggett...          | D    | Woods Run.....           | Thos. J. Woods..         | D    |
| Kammerer .....         | Jos. Kammerer..           | D    | Zollarsville .....       | Isaac T. Baker...        | R    |
| Kerr's Station...      | William Pees....          | D    |                          |                          |      |



### **Powelson Buggy Shop**

**This buggy shop stood on the property of Wayne Cook.**

The buggies were built on the bottom floor and then the buggies were moved up the ramp to be painted.

The building burned in 1906 or 1907.

**Balcony, L-R:** Laura Powelson (Pettit), Lib Scott, Maggie Rob, and Della Powelson.

**Ramp:** Thomas Hindman. **Front:** Lewis Powelson. **Near buggy:** Jim Crower.

*Fort Vance Historical Society*

**HENRY QUINET OPENS  
BEAUTY SHOP**

Henry Quinet, who for the past several years has been an associate of the American Shop at the Joseph Horne Co., announces in today's Enterprise that he will open a shop in his residence, 225 South Main street, opposite the Allison Esso Station on Monday, March 6. Mr. Quinet has had a wide experience in hair styling, cutting and permanent waving, which he will offer for the benefit of local clientele in his own shop here.

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# CANNING EXPOUNDS RACCOON VALLEY'S SOCIAL STANDARD

Following is the text of Burgess J. R. Canning's address given at the Memorial Day ceremony Monday afternoon at the Honor Roll and War Memorial, Main street:

"We are gathered here to honor Those Who Died, that we who live may do so in peace and in a Democratic way.

A year ago we gathered here for the same purpose, and a year hence we will repeat the operation. What do we do the other 364 days in the year to perpetuate the cause for which these men made the supreme sacrifice?

Lets take a brief inventory of what we have done in the past: Raccoon Valley composed of all the towns in Smith Twp., and Burgettstown has gone from a rich industrial area to one that is sick and feeble. We have only two industrial operations that employ more than 100 people each. Our rich source of labor supply is migrating rapidly to areas of employment. Store rooms, buildings and houses are standing empty. Business is on the downgrade and due to get worse. Our social standard is being lowered as our good stock of laboring people are moving nearer to their jobs. This is the picture of what we have done in the past to protect the very thing for which these men gave their life.

If they could see our situation as it is today, I doubt if they would be very proud of what we have done.

Now—what are we going to do to correct this situation in the future? Are we big enough to put our personal desires to the side, throw off our selfish attitudes and join hands in one solid block to do a job that will require the help of everyone and the criticism of none. It is time to eliminate the saying of "WHAT are THEY doing?" or "WHAT have THEY done?" Now is the time to say "What are WE doing" and "What are WE going to do?"

We have an organization which is in its first year of existence that has dedicated itself to this job. In its first year they have done a tremendous job, but they have only scratched the surface. The big job is in front of them. I am speaking of the Raccoon Valley Chamber of Commerce. I feel that if our district is to improve—this organization is our last hope.

They have secured pledges of \$20,000 over a 3 year period from people in this district who still have faith. This money along with the dues from Membership is to finance a full time office and man for Industrial Planning & Development.

The Committee has recommended a man for this position whom they feel will do the job. Now what does this mean to you? It means this—The Raccoon Valley Chamber of Commerce needs every gainfully employed person in the Raccoon Valley as a member. Individual Memberships are ten dollars per year—83 1/3c per month for a cause to improve and protect our very homes. How much of a sacrifice is this to you compared to the sacrifice of these men who died for their Raccoon Valley?

83 1/3c per month—compared to death. Will we do the job? Or have these men died in vain?"

**Canning Expounds Raccoon Valley's Social Standard  
Burgettstown Enterprise-June 2, 1955 Edition**



**Reliable Cleaners, former Bernola home.  
The building was torn down in the summer of 1974 to make additional parking for Petrucci's Shop N' Save.**

# Burgettstown Rite Aid now open for business

By MARY PASHKE  
Staff writer

BURGETTSTOWN — A new local pharmaceutical store is ready to do up Burgettstown's prescriptions "rite."

The Burgettstown Rite Aid opened its doors to the public yesterday and will hold its grand opening on Friday and Saturday.

The 8,000 square feet store located on Route 18 in Burgettstown will carry everything from pharmaceuticals to health care needs and beauty products but they will also be introducing a new Rite Aid feature to the public.

"We are trying out a new concept that will allow the Rite Aid chains to carry products normally sold in a convenient food section," Jeff Schilling, division manager, said. "The section will carry frozen foods, staple foods and ice cream products. this is the first of its kind in this area and we are anxious to see how the public will take to it."

Schilling explained that the newly developed idea is being tested in Rite Aid chains across the country and Burgettstown

was chosen for the test marketing.

"We are anxious to serve the residents of Burgettstown and this is just one other feature that will hopefully insure our success," he said.

The Rite Aid project began when the Burgettstown Pharmacy, located on Main Street, was bought out by the chain. The Rite Aid chain decided a larger store would better serve the area and the former Taste Freez property was purchased as the site for the new Rite Aid.

Frank Neely of Orion Development, Weirton, W. Va., oversaw the construction of the store and groundbreaking began Monday, Sept. 13.

Neely said he was involved in the project because he viewed it as just the beginning of an economic upswing in the Burgettstown area.

"The Rite Aid store is only the start of what is to come," he said. "Having a national corporation come to an area is like having a stamp of approval on a town. One national corporation leads to more realizing that there is a large potential for development in a particular area."

Schilling said he hopes that the store does its part to help bring about an upswing in the economic air of Burgettstown.

"We just want to succeed and provide a positive contribution to the community. We are here to serve," he said. "If the store really takes off, there may be more job positions."

At present, the development of the store has increased employee numbers from four to 10.

"All of our employees are from this area so that is a start in that direction," Schilling said.

Schilling said the employees and managers worked hard to ready the store for Burgettstown and the move from Main Street to Route 18 was conducted in one day after construction was complete.

"We are very anxious to start the store is the move went very quickly and very smoothly," he said.

the grand opening will feature some surprises and giveaways for visiting residents and KDKA will be on hand Friday.

Store hours will be 9 a.m.-9 p.m. on Mondays-Saturdays and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on Sundays.



Mary Pashke/Staff Photographer

The sign for the new Rite Aid store in Burgettstown was erected last week prior to the grand opening, which will be this Friday and Saturday.

**Burgettstown Rite Aid Now Open for Business**  
PA Focus-March 22, 1994 Edition

# **ZENITH** **SPECIAL** **PURCHASE VALUE**



## **Zenith** **19" Diagonal** **Chromacolor II TV**

We've made a fabulous special purchase from the distributor that lets us bring you a spectacular low price on a famous big screen Zenith Chromacolor II TV.

Model K1908C

### **Features all this:**

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- Uses Less Energy
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- Automatic Color Clarifier
- Automatic Fine-tuning Control

*Beautifully styled, dark brown polystyrene cabinet with metallic gold color trim.*

## **Roberts TV & Hardware**

**Main St. - Burgettstown, Pa.**

**Call (412)947-4259**

**Roberts TV & Hardware**

**Burgettstown Enterprise-May 2, 1979 Edition**

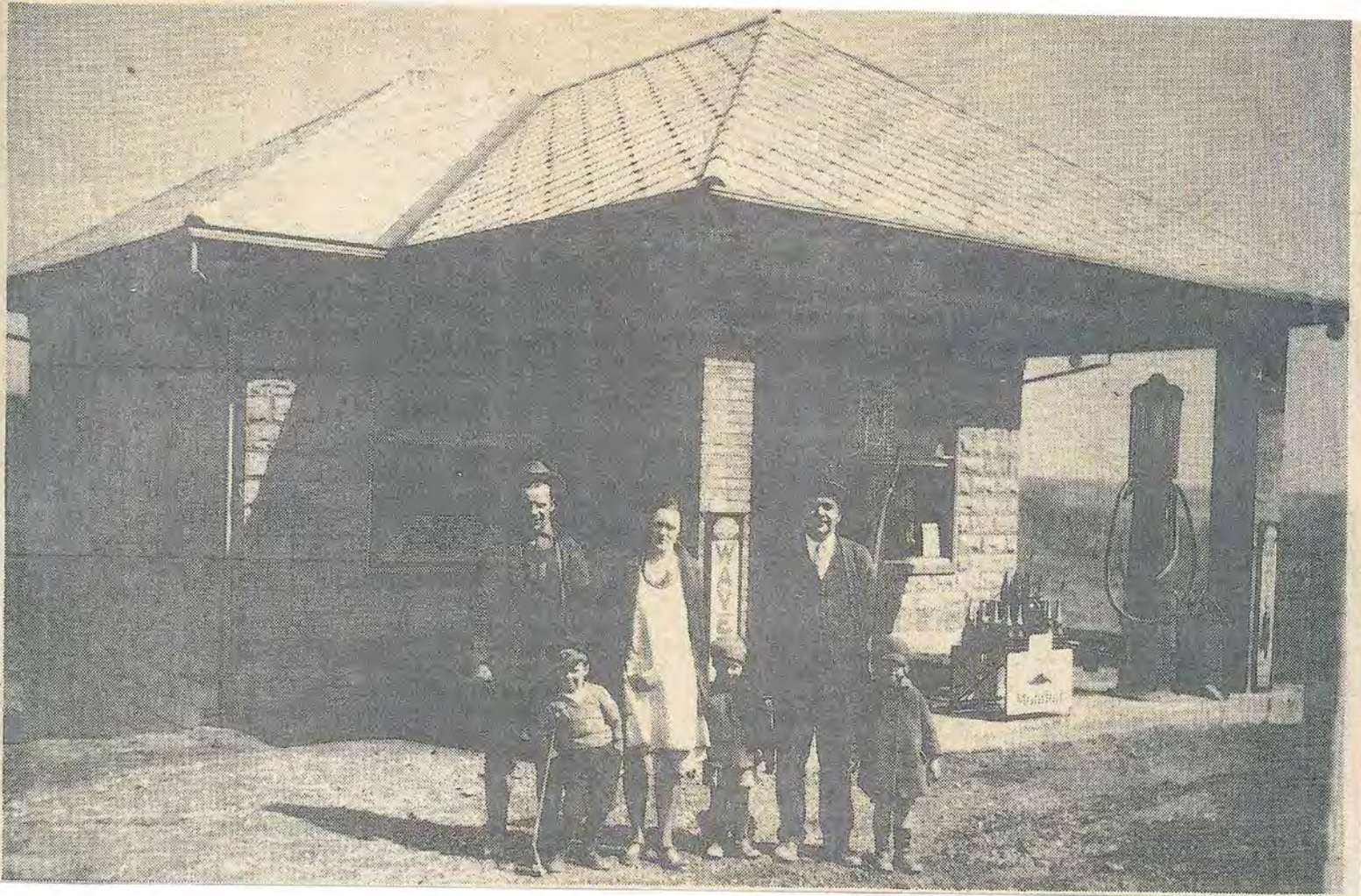
*Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society*





**Robertson Fruit Farm Delivery-Eldersville, PA.  
Michael Blaine, Driver**

*Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society*



This was the early days of the Robertson Fruit Farm on Eldersville Road, taken approximately 1930. Edward "Bud" Robertson, today owner of the business, and president of the Burgettstown Lions Club, can be seen leaning on the crutch in the front row between his mother and his late father. His grandfather, the late Alva Robertson, is on the right between Bud's cousins, Bill McCaffery and Mary McCaffery Rujak. The Robertson family began retailing apples around 1915, and built a small roadside stand in 1925 when the "new" road was laid from the West Virginia line to Burgettstown. The building shown in the picture is the second to be constructed, and has since been incorporated into the modern facility of today. (Loaned by Robertson Fruit Farm)

**Robertson Fruit Market**  
Eldersville, PA  
Abt. 1930

### Bottling Co. Installs Rare Secondary Water Treating Equipment

The Thomas Robinson Bottling Company last week put into operation new secondary water treating equipment, costing approximately \$4500, which will purify water to a near-perfect product.

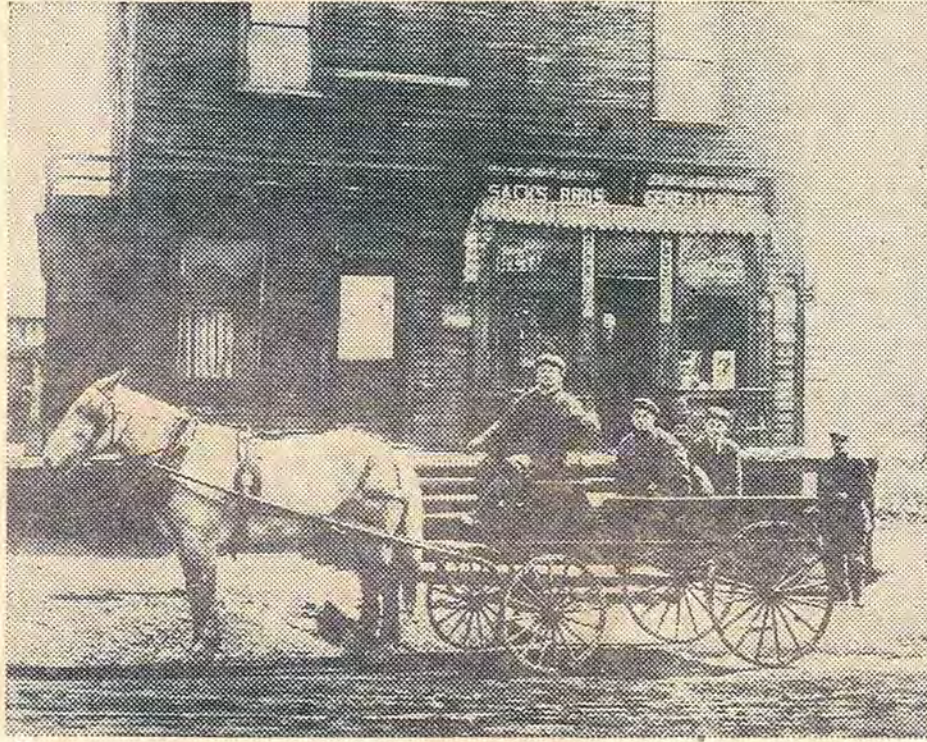
The device, only one of its kind in operation in this section of the country, contains a reserve tank with a 2,000 gallon capacity for treated water; sand, gravel and charcoal filters. It removes all bacteria and chlorine contained in the water.

The Bottling Company, whose plant is located at North Main street, produces a number of assorted flavors in pop, featuring Orange Crush and Suncrest.

**ADELMO ROSSI BUYS  
BROIDA BUILDING**

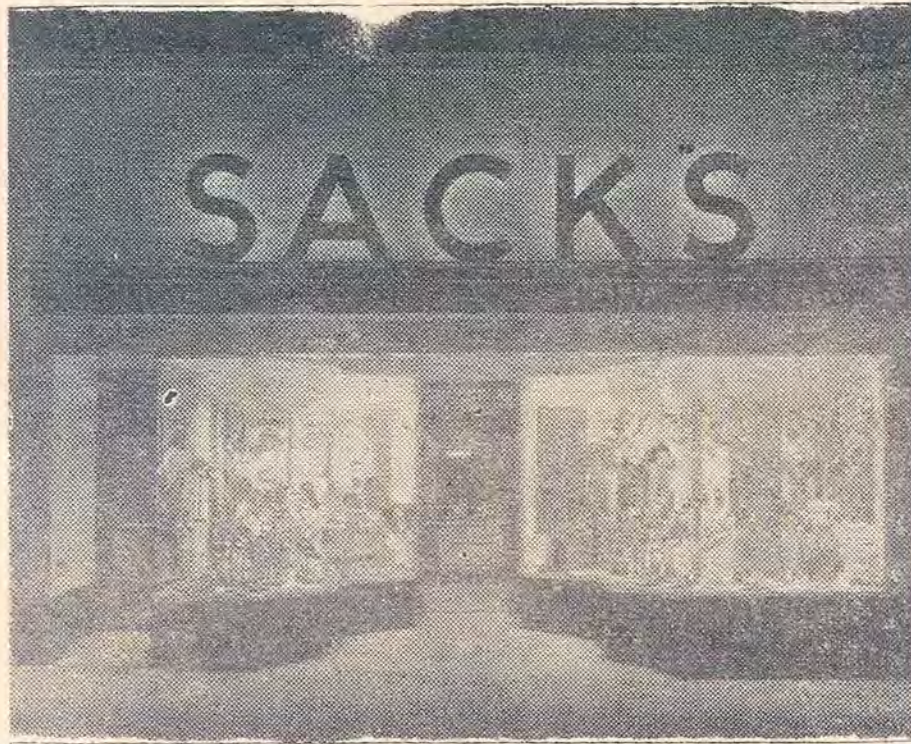
Adelmo Rossi of Main street, this week announced the purchase of the brick building formerly occupied by the Broida Department Store from Sam Broida, the consideration being \$16,000. The deal includes not only the brick building adjacent the Pennsylvania railroad station but also seven garages in the rear. The Broida building has been leased for 10 years to the A. and P. Co., and a Super Market is being installed.

**THIS IS US 40 YEARS AGO**



**Raccoon (Joffre), PA**

**OUR NEW & MODERN STORE TODAY**



**Sack's Department Store**

**Main Street, Burgettstown, PA**

**Burgettstown Enterprise-July 14, 1949 Edition**

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**Remodeling Store.**

Following the remodeling of the interior of the Sacks department store, Main street new fixtures are being installed and a largely increased area of floor and shelf room has been added. Fitting rooms and other accessories are provided in the remodeling of the store.

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**Thieves Loot Sacks Store of Clothing in Daring Robbery**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-October 23, 1941 Edition**

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**SAM BROIDA IN  
BUSINESS 37 YEARS  
IN BURGETTSTOWN**

One of the most popular clothing stores in the community was Sam Broida's which, during the teens, was apparently called "The New York Bargain Store." It stood across the Main Railroad tracks where McCoy's have a furniture storage building.

Sam Broida came to the Pittsburgh area from Lithuania in 1893 when he was just 14 years old. He married Elizabeth Ulmar and had four children, two sons, Fran and Julius, and two daughters, Mildred and Rachel. Mr. Broida was in business in Burgettstown for 37 years, retiring in 1948 to make his home in Pittsburgh. He died November 8, 1958.

**Sam Broida, Owner of "The New York Bargain Store" for 37 Years  
Burgettstown Enterprise-Centennial Edition, May 20, 1981**

#### **Garage Improvement.**

The Scott Service Co. has recently made considerable improvement about the garage property by the construction of concrete flooring and walls where cars are stored and where outside work is done. The Scott Service Co. handles the Chevrolet line of cars and deal largely in used cars.

## VALUE OF ADVERTISING RECOGNIZED BY SCOTT

Local Automobile Man Backs Sales  
Activities With Consistent  
Newspaper Advertising

Editorial comment inspired by the announcement of the Chevrolet Motor Co. that for the third consecutive year it is pushing ahead vigorously with its new annual program regardless of general conditions, so that its plants and workers may be kept continuously busy, has appeared in numerous publications throughout the country. Typical of many is the following leading editorial in *The Iron Age*, one of the nation's most authoritative business publications:

"Never has there been a keener necessity than at present for the manufacturer to sell his product intelligently if he desires to retain or further entrench his position. With competitors crowding upon him in an effort to secure a goodly slice of the available business, his success or failure is likely to depend on his ability to carry out a well-planned selling program based on a thorough knowledge of his market, on the conviction that he has a superior product and on the courage to go ahead at a time when others are hesitant.

"The Chevrolet Motor Co. has never once during the depression relaxed its sales effort. It has kept everlastingly at the job of selling Chevrolet cars, the result being that it is today in the most favorable comparative position in its 21-year history. In the past three years its plants have not closed for a continuous shutdown exceeding 30 days, and then only during the regular annual interval between closing out of old models and the introduction of new ones."

H. A. Scott, of the Scott Service Co., local Chevrolet distributors, states that a program calling for the manufacture of 50,000 new cars within the next few weeks has been announced. The company feels that satisfactory sales volume will reward any desirable product rightly priced and ably merchandised.

"Able merchandising" includes adequate advertising. This is a factor that the Scott Service Co. has long recognized, and their large business during dull times proves that advertising is profitable.

**Value of Advertising by Scott**



Gregg Scott's store on Center Avenue, now the home of Mr. and

Mrs. Gaylord Malone. Before and After.



#### THE SCOTTS AS BOROUGH MERCHANTS

To write Burgettstown history and not mention a Scott is an impossibility for the countryside and the Borough were filled with them. To write of them all would be to produce as many books as Sir Walter Scott completed in his lifetime. We will mention but three who were in business in the Borough during the 50 years after the town's incorporation. They were descendants of Abraham Scott, pioneer.

Matthew Scott, father of C. D. Scott, of Church Street, and nine other children, went into the furniture and wallpaper business about 1875 owning a store on Railroad Street east of the station on what was called the "wide boardwalk." He managed this store for 35 years selling in 1917 to L. E. Stewart, who in turn continued the business until 1925. (The Stewarts moved from a farm on the Burgettstown-Langeloth Road to a new home which they built in 1917-18 on Lincoln Avenue, now the home of the Tony Testa family.)

Matthew Scott and his wife and children lived near the end of Center Avenue on the site of the present Dvorsak apartment house. Surviving besides Carl Denny Scott are Wiley T. Scott, of Eighty Four, and Harry McKee Scott, of Los Angeles, California.

Matthew Scott's brother, Finley, was also a well-known figure in town, for he was the proprietor (along with Matthew Stevenson for a while) of a grocery store on Main Street, where Theresa's Cards and

News is now.

"Fin" Scott's store was typical of many in the late nineteenth century. He sold not only groceries but also yard goods, sewing supplies, shoes, underwear and other miscellaneous items. Those who recall his store probably have a memory of Miss Ella Hensler, an employee, pulling out little drawers of a spool cabinet behind the counter.

Mr. Scott, like other merchants of his day, delivered his groceries and it was almost a daily occurrence to see him buzzing by in a little Ford pick-up truck. Early in the century, "Fin" decided to build a house. The residence that he had constructed is now the Legion Home on Main Street. During the building, he lived in a smaller house at the rear of the lot. When he and his wife, the former Hannah May Lee, eventually moved to Highland Avenue into the house now owned by Mrs. Hugh Wilson, Finley Scott sold the Main Street house to Dr. A. O. Hindman.

The two daughters of "Fin" and Hannah May Scott married. Hazel became the wife of Paul Lyon; Meryl married Samuel Vincent. Both moved away from Burgettstown.

In 1932, Finley Scott sold his furniture business to his nephew, M. B. Scott, and George (Chub) Westlake. They had a grocery and a meat market in the building for 10 years selling out in 1942 to Earl Petrucci, who in turn sold his news and card business to Theresa Donavich.

The third Scott to be in business in the Borough during the early years of this century was Gregg

Scott, cousin of "Math" and "Fin" and son of Mr. and Mrs. James Scott, who resided in Smith Township near South Burgettstown. Gregg Scott and his wife, the former Bernice Beard, had two daughters and a son: Letitia, Ida and Kenneth. Letitia married Merrill Jones and their son became a secret service man to the President of the United States. Ida married Donald Woodrow, son of Thomas and Melissa Woodrow. When Mrs. Gregg Scott died, her husband remarried; his second wife being Nannie Stephenson Anderson.

About 1909, Gregg Scott opened a grocery store on Center Avenue which he managed for about five years. (The accompanying picture was taken about 1912). When he left the store business, he pursued several other kinds of work including the delivering of milk to customers in Burgettstown. The store building, which included apartments, was eventually sold to Gaylord Malone.

**SCOTT'S CHEVROLET  
ANNOUNCES AN "ALL OUT"  
USED CAR SALES EVENT**

With the prices in used automobiles tending toward sharp rises in the near future, Scott Motor Company, this week embarks upon an "all out" sales event, designed to clear every used car in their large stockroom. Used Car Manager Charles Scott, by advertisement in this issue, announces a sales event that should be of interest throughout the entire community. Used cars are listed at prices far below their value, and indications are the thrifty will take advantage of this event to save. The trend in used cars is definitely up and those purchased now will save the owner the price of many miles a month later.

Chevrolet dealers' continuance, during 1940, of used car sales gains evident since the factory's used car merchandising program was launched several years ago, assures still greater emphasis, in 1941, on the used car reconditioning system which from the standpoint of the buyer is the most vital feature of the program. W. E. Holler, general sales manager, and sponsor of the highly-successful operation, made this announcement here today.

"Besides leading the industry in car sales in 1940, for the ninth time in 10 years, Chevrolet dealers lengthened their lead in the used car end of the business," Mr. Holler said. "They sold 1,909,972 used cars, a figure substantially in excess of the huge 1930 total, and second only to the all-time peak year 1936. More used cars were sold—by some 340,000—than in the calendar year 1939.

"Such a sales record reflects a more and more widespread recognition on the part of the public that used cars obtained from a reliable source are sound transportation values. Chevrolet's effort for the last five years has been to elevate the quality of dealer's used car offerings, by means of basic improvements in the reconditioning system. It was felt that in the course of time, greater attention to that phase of used car operations would pay for it self by establishing the Chevrolet dealer, in the mind of the buyer, as a reliable source to go to when in need of a used car.

**Scott's Chevrolet Announces an "All Out" Used Car Event  
Burgettstown Enterprise-February 6, 1941 Edition**

## Shuble Brothers Start Body Shop



John and Andrew (Spider) Shuble are announcing the opening of their new body and repair shop this week. They have just completed building a new concrete building, 35 by 60 foot, adjacent to Nap Motor Sales and Service on Market street and the new business will be operated in conjunction with Nap Motors. The Shubles have installed new modern equipment and are prepared to handle all types of body rebuilding and repair and car re-finishing.

"Spider" Shuble served with the infantry for 39 months in World War Two and saw service in the European theater. He was formerly employed by Scott Service for 15 years, 10 years of which he served as shop foreman. John Shuble was formerly employed by Scott Service and by Yukevich Motors.

**John and Andrew (Spider) Shuble Start Body Shop**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-September 3, 1953 Edition**

# Meadow Lands start-up focuses on making photographs the original way

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**MEADOW LANDS** – In an age where digital photography is rapidly replacing film, and photos can be processed, stored and viewed on a computer, Barry Miller is taking the opposite path with his new photography business.

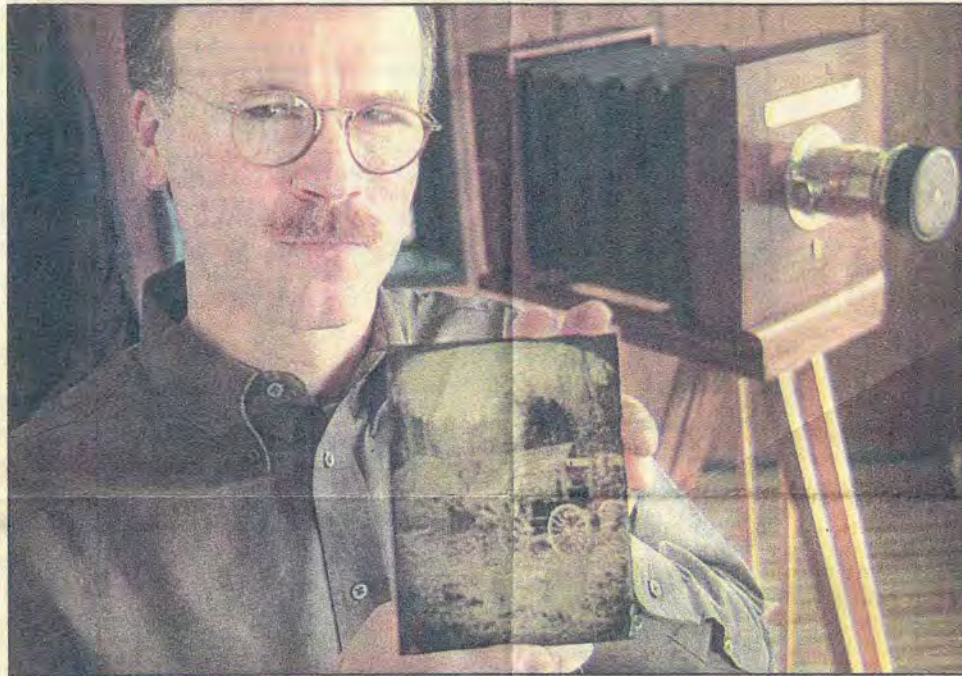
The Silver Sunbeam, which opened on Pike Street in Meadow Lands last month, takes photography back to its roots, specializing in creating one-of-a-kind photographs with the same cameras and chemical processes that were used during the Civil War era.

The business is a revival of “wet plate” photography, which includes making photographs on glass, known as ambrotypes, and ferrotypes, or photographs taken on sheet iron. All photographs are taken on a bellows-type camera from the Civil War era, designed to take landscapes and portraits.

Miller, 39, who also is a registered nurse, hopes to continue to tap the growing Civil War “reenactment” movement. Since learning the wet-plate process from a New York man two years ago, he’s been traveling to reenactment gatherings in the Northeast, taking photographs of the soldiers and civilians participating in the events.

Remaining faithful to history, Miller works in the same way photographers like famous Civil War photographer Matthew Brady did 140 years ago – using only natural light, as well the materials and the chemicals – that were used then.

“To do this, you have to be able to pour chemicals and gauge sunlight,” Miller said during an in-



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Barry Miller, owner of Silver Sunbeam displays one of his wet plate photographs at his business on Pike Street in the Meadow Lands.

terview at his studio at 506 Pike St. “It’s pure photography.”

He said he named the business after the title of a book written by a doctor in the 1860s. The book was intended to instruct the average person of the time in photography, teaching them how to make silver nitrate react with sunlight.

Miller noted that photography’s popularity grew rapidly during the Civil War, enabling soldiers to purchase photos of themselves to send to loved ones. Photographers of the day were mobile, traveling to sites near the battlefield where they could make pic-

tures on the spot using portable darkrooms.

But the process of making a picture then was far more time-consuming, with photographers doing everything from cutting the glass that would hold the image to mixing the chemicals, then using a small hourglass to time the developing process. They even made the intricate framed boxes that held the finished photos.

But Miller says the extra time and devotion to historic accuracy are worth the effort, and the photographs he’s made are difficult to tell from original photos from the

era. He noted that some antique dealers have complained that the photos often look so authentic that only a professionally trained eye could distinguish between one of his photographs and an original one.

A photo he made of his mentor, John A. Coffey, standing beside an antique hay wagon, looks to have been taken at some time in the 19th century.

About the only way Miller digresses from history is with his customer base. He recently used the wet-plate process to photograph people posing with their

Harley Davidson motorcycles and harness racers and their horses at the Meadows racetrack.

But he acknowledges that “the business isn’t a walk-in business.” For that reason, he plans to use a high-tech method of reaching his target audience by launching a Web page on the Internet to tap into the burgeoning Civil War reenactment market.

A member of the 9th Pennsylvania Infantry reenactment group based in Carnegie, Miller, a Greene County native, was earlier affiliated with a Waynesburg-based artillery reenactment group he joined in the 1970s.

Today, smaller reenactments draw from 1,500 to 2,000 participants, but a reenactment commemorating the 135th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg attracted more than 15,000 participants.

“‘Gettysburg,’ ‘Glory,’ movies like that have really propelled the interest in reenactments,” he said.

The business also has its risks, Miller said, admitting that great care must be taken in handling dangerous chemicals like potassium cyanide that he uses in remaining faithful to the old photographers.

While he has done as many as 30 portraits during a three-day reenactment, Miller said weather is also a direct factor in the bottom line.

“If it’s pouring rain, you’re out of luck,” he said.

► **THE SILVER SUNBEAM**, 506 Pike St., Meadow Lands, is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday.

**Meadow Lands Start-Up Focuses on Making Photographs the Original Way**  
**Observer-Reporter- Unknown Edition**

## **SLOGAN IS 'BUY NOW' TO BRING PROSPERITY**

**Much Money in Hiding Needs to be  
Brought out into Open  
To End Slump**

According to William Green, head of the American Federation of Labor, the most of the trouble in America is due to much money being held out of circulation by over-cautious persons who are afraid to draw money out of banks to purchase needed commodities. In consequence the wheels of industry all along the line clog.

Campaigns of "Buy Now" to end the slump so far have accomplished little, but the large amount of money being spent for advertising is doing a great deal to restore the confidence of the timid who are holding up business by holding needed money out of circulation.

Of the various types of advertising, and there are many, ranging from the highest form of the printer's art to the various semicharitable schemes that get the merchant's dollar under the guise of advertising, newspaper space is the most widely used and the amount of money spent for advertising in the columns of American newspapers is by far the greater part of the entire advertising appropriation.

The problem that confronts the merchant of Burgettstown is no different from that of his brother merchant in larger cities. Of course, there are not as many people to appeal to, but the essence of advertising is the coverage of the trade area and the Burgettstown Enterprise does that job here as well as any metropolitan newspaper does it.

The local merchant can hardly rely upon the presumption that everybody knows what he sells, because that is only one of the general purposes of advertising; the real, primary purpose of proper advertising is to make the reader buy.

**Slogan is "Buy Now" to Bring Prosperity  
Burgettstown Enterprise-June 4, 1931 Edition**





### **Joseph Slopek Brothers**

**Marie Slopek, woman sitting, Unknown, Julius Slopek, and Joseph Slopek, Unknown, and Unknown.  
Slopek Building-Slovan, PA**

## **AMUSEMENT COMMITTEE PLANS DANCE TO BENEFIT ANTI-POLIO CAMPAIGN**

Leo Wright, County chairman is assisting the local committee with plans for a Public Dance to be held in Illig Memorial Hall, Langeloth on Thursday evening, Feb. 13., all proceeds to be given to the National Foundation to fight Infantile Paralysis. Lee Barrett's orchestra will provide music.

The dance is being sponsored by the Amusement committee of the Langeloth Smeltermen's Association, No. 95. Members of the committee planning the affair are John Figley and Irmo Cal-  
effie, co-chairmen, Charles Abate, Isabel Carmichael, Dewey Russell, Vernon Critchlow, Hazel Hall, Wallace McCluskey, Mae Gonzalez, Anita Gonzalez, Brent Beaumont and Mrs. Clem Martinez.

Tickets have been placed on sale at Harps, Peachie's News, and Gonzalez Beauty Shop, or may be secured from committee members.

**Amusement Committee of Smeltermen's Association No. 95  
Plans Dance to Benefit Anti-Polio Campaign  
Burgettstown Enterprise-February 6, 1947 Edition**

## SMELTERMEN HOLD OPEN HOUSE AT NEW CENTER

A crowd, estimated at better than 3000 persons attended the dedication celebration of the Langeloth Community Center last week end. Recently completed at a cost of more than \$10,000, this fine new building will provide one of the most modern and complete Community Recreation centers in Western Pennsylvania. It was built by the American Zinc and Chemical Company for Community use.

The formal presentation address was delivered by Frederick H. Illig, general superintendent in behalf of the Zinc Company and the building was accepted in behalf of the Smeltermen's Union by Russell Marino.

C. M. Marino, president of the Smeltermen's Union was general chairman of arrangements. The celebration began with a community dance on Saturday evening, when several hundred couples danced on the new hard wood dance floor, said to be one of the finest in this section. On Sunday afternoon, thousands attended the formal dedication, including bus loads of Union members from Donora and Moundsville. Music for the occasion was furnished by the Union high school band. Louis Ceresa presided as master of ceremonies and addresses were made by Congressman Charles I. Faddis, Russell Marino, Stewart Stohlman and C. O. Williams.

## SEEK NEW PLANTS

C. M. Marino, president of the Langeloth Smeltersmen's Union announces that his group has called a meeting for 10 o'clock Sunday morning, November 30, in the Community Hall to organize a Committee for Industrial Expansion in Burgettstown Community. At a meeting of the Union on Monday evening a committee was appointed, composed of Marino, Manuel Nunez and John Fliton to meet with committees from the Slovan Miner's Union, Climax, Francis Mine Union and business and professional men of Burgettstown to select a committee to seek new industries for this Community.

Mr. Marino and Mr. Nunez, who spent several days in New York last week conferring with Mr. Zimmers, president of the American Metal Company reported on his trip to the Union Monday evening. Mr. Marino said that he had been given assurance that the Company was giving every consideration to the Union's request that Langeloth Zinc plant be modernized.

Surveys are being made at the Zinc plant to decide practicability of installing modern machinery to reclaim Zinc from the residue.

**Seeks New Plants-Langeloth Smeltersmen  
Burgettstown Enterprise-November 27, 1941 Edition**

## ORGANIZATIONS COOPERATE IN GALA PLANS FOR COMMUNITY'S FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION AT LANGELOTH

Celestine Marino, president of the Langeloth Smeltermen's Union, announces that he is securing one hundred per cent cooperation from Burgettstown Community in plans for a Patriotic Rally and Celebration on the Fourth of July. Local organizations in the district will march in a parade over the streets of Langeloth to the new Smeltermen's Community Hall where formal ceremonies will be held. The day's activities will start at seven a.m., with a Flag Raising ceremony. At two p.m., the parade will assemble at the Cinder road near the Climax plant and will proceed to the Hall. In the afternoon, Boy and Girl Scout Troops in this section have been invited to present a display of projects and to participate in contests, winners of such to be awarded fine prizes.

During the afternoon's program several prominent men from this section will be called upon. While plans for the speaking program are not completed, it is known that several speakers of merit will speak upon pertinent issues of local and national interest. At 7 p.m., the Flag will be lowered.

In the evening there will be a Community Dance for all, families are invited to attend the fete and to help make it a really Community affair. During the intermission, \$500 worth of Fireworks will be displayed. Contributions have been received by the Union from practically all the business men in this area to help finance the day.

On Saturday evening, June 28, the Union is sponsoring a dance in the hall with music by Stan Vinton. The proceeds will be added to the Community Swimming Pool Fund. The public is invited to attend.

**Organization Cooperation in Gala Plans for Community's  
Fourth of July Celebration at Langeloth  
Burgettstown Enterprise-June 26, 1941 Edition**



### **The Smith Family**

L-R: Mary L. Smith (1846-1928), Ebenezer Smith (1816-1881),  
Margaret Lyle Smith (1821-1886), Sarah Margareta "Gret" Smith (1850-1927).

Ebenezer Smith was the proprietor of the Smith General Store  
in Cherry Valley, Washington County, PA in the 1850, 1860, 1870, and 1880's.



**1914 Smith Hotel-Main Street, Burgettstown, PA**

W.G. (Bud) Shillito, seated (wearing a straw hat), R.C. Cassidy, standing on the right.

*Notice: the street is not paved, further up the street is Adam Katzenmeyer Jewelry Store. A shoe store and a barber shop.*

*Fort Vance Historical Society*



**1914 Smith Hotel-Main Street, Burgettstown, PA**

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# Remembering the Smith Hotel on Main Street

The blissful days of relaxing and chatting with neighbors on the veranda of the Smith Hotel in Burgettstown are gone.

The building was erected in 1874 by John Orr Lee and known as the Exchange Hotel until he sold it to William Cole in 1883, the latter to take possession on April 1 of that year.

James E. Smith, of the Eldersville area, became the proprietor on Sept. 5, 1906. By 1910, according to the newspapers of the day, the hotel corner was attracting much attention.

"S. B. Lyon is opening a restaurant in the basement of the Smith Hotel."

"A new brick crossing is being laid from the Burgettstown National Bank to the Smith Hotel."

"A team tied at McClure's Hardware took fright at an auto turning the corner" at Smith's Hotel, hit the curb and fell."

Many of today's residents of Burgettstown and the surrounding vicinity remember clearly the events of yesterday concerning one of the town's earliest landmarks.

"The Smith Hotel was a show-piece in 1929," Arlene Ellsworth Fritch said. "My Mom and Dad stayed in it overnight when we

moved from Illinois by mules and wagon. My Dad stabled the mules in the Livery Barn across the street."

Once settled in their room for the night, Arlene, as a little girl, could see through an opening from a door that was ajar.

She remembers the beautiful wide stairway that was an outstanding feature of the Smith Hotel. Arlene in later years operated a variety store in a part of the building. From 1961 to 1969, she and her husband sold jewelry, toys, gifts and automotive articles as well as a large assortment of other items.

One of Helen Wiegmann Martin's most vivid memories of the old hotel is also the stairway. "It was wide, like the ones you see in the big department stores," she recalls.

Helen was one of several teenagers from Eldersville to "stop in" at the hotel after a social function at the high school. The young people had gone by horseback from Hanlin and caught the train to Burgettstown.

"Uncle Jim Smith was so good to us," she remembers. "Come on over," he would tell us. "You can wait here for the train."



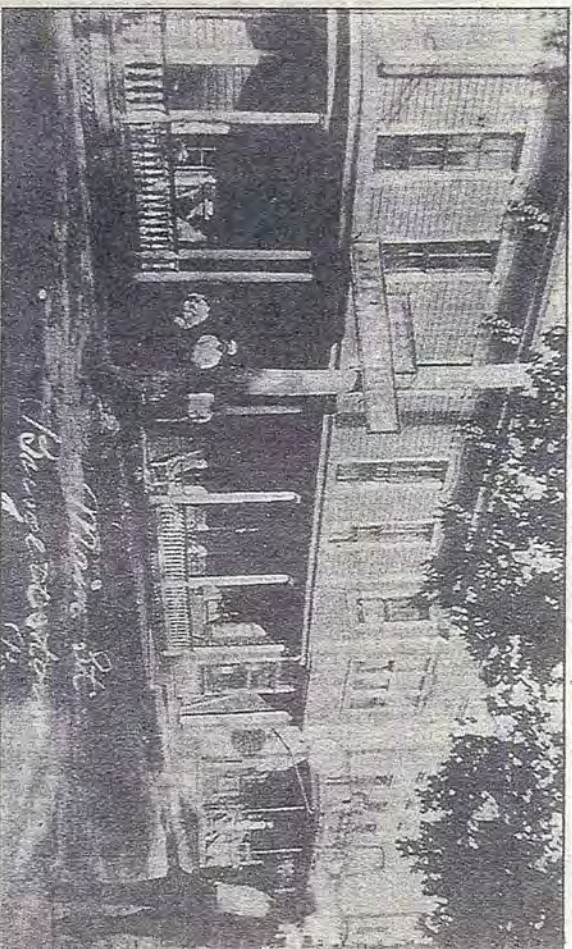
**KATHRYN SLASOR**

The train, in this case, was usually The Bummer, the last train to Hanlin Station that night. After the ride to Hanlin, the young folks picked up their horses from Grover Fulton's Livery Stable and headed up the long hill to Eldersville.

"We had lots of fun in those days," she said, smiling. "The Smith Hotel meant a lot to a lot of people."

Ann Mullen, from Midway, has some very pleasant memories of the Smith Hotel. "I was a waitress there for 12 or 13 years," she recalls.

"There was a big dining room on the first floor and a beautiful restaurant downstairs. It had a big kitchen and nice tables and chairs. People came in and ate. The waitresses and cooks



**GOOD OLD DAYS** - The Smith Hotel on Main Street, Burgettstown, in an undated photograph.

worked hard, but everyone was so kind."

Lido Petrucci recalls that his family's store was at one time next door to the Smith Hotel.

"It was a top-notch hotel,"

Lido says, "the Hilton of the day. The clientele was the best."

Other businesses located nearby.

"There was Shiner's Market, Trimmer's Drug Store, I.B.

Bloom on the other corner, and Squire Culley's tailor shop."

(Slasor is a special correspondent for the Pennsylvania Focus.)

Remembering the Smith Hotel  
 Pennsylvania Focus-October 9, 1999 Edition

# Smith Hotel thriving business at turn of century

Burgettstown's location on the Panhandle Railroad made it a busy place in early days. As soon as the railroad went through in 1865, businesses sprang up as close to the depot as possible.

Those who advertised in local newspapers, both before and after 1900, listed their locations as "near the depot." This was a big drawing card. Many businesses crowded together, their storefronts lining the dirt walkways between them and the depot.

The Smith Hotel, as it was last known, was one of the most thriving enterprises in town, and was located "near the depot." The big, rambling building was built by William S. Lee and operated by his brother, John Orr Lee and wife, Cynthia Ann Fulton. Some accounts say that it was built by John and not his brother. But they were both in charge of the business for more than 10 years.

It was known at that time as the Exchange Hotel, later to become Biddle, and later still, Smith, when Mrs. Biddle's nephew, John Ellsworth Smith, became manager.

James Ellsworth Smith was one of five sons of Alexander and Adeline Robertson Smith, of Jef-



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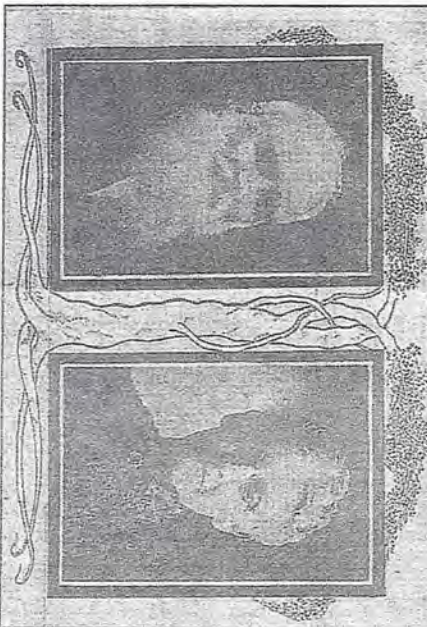
erson Township. They were married Nov. 4, 1858. This couple took up housekeeping near Eldersville on the James Clark tract, patented on a Virginia certificate in 1780.

It was here that their children were born and raised, where they celebrated their golden wedding anniversary, and where Mrs. Smith died in 1908.

This farm later was owned by the Wiegmann and the Swearingen families, among others. This was also the farm where Elizabeth Clark Gardner had a hair-raising experience with a band of Indians in earlier days.

Alexander Smith was also the father of one other son and two daughters by a former marriage. One of these daughters married

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Smith Celebrate the Fiftieth Anniversary of their Marriage



**GOLDEN YEARS** — The Smiths celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary way back when.

Cyrus Ferguson who, with an eye to the industrial future, bought the entire valley along the Ohio River where the great Werrton Steel factories eventually

Continued

Fulton. Mary, who married Frank Russell, from whom the Barr Russell family descends; Willa, who married Perry Biddle; James C., who married Mary E. Noble; later, Mary Mandell; Mabel, who married Jack Evans; and Thomas, who never married. James C. and Mary Noble Smith had one son, whom they named James Ellsworth Smith after his grandfather.

It was this James E. Smith who is still remembered fondly by families of today. He was the last owner of the Smith Hotel at the corner of "Main and Short Main," in Burgettstown. Known by his many friends as Jim, he is also remembered as a familiar face at Biddle's Restaurant along Old Route 22, east of Florence.

In a letter to this writer in 1993, Jim said, "My grandparents (James E. and Ada Wright Smith) moved from a farm around Eldersville called the Sankey place, and bought the hotel in Burgettstown, which they owned until his death. They were separated, and my grandmother, her youngest son and I lived in her home on Center Avenue until her death. I then lived between my Aunt Willa Biddle and my father and step-mother. My mother had died

when I was a year old.

"I am thrilled to hear that a possible move is on to restore the hotel building to its original condition. My earliest recollection was of a long, open porch around the outside which housed a barber shop (Tanners), a newsstand beyond, and farther up Main Street was Shimmers Market. "When my Aunt Willa took it over, she put in the restaurant at the south end and a bar in the basement."

Jim spent his last days with a lifelong friend in Altoona. John tells of many incidents concerning the Smiths, having known them for three generations.

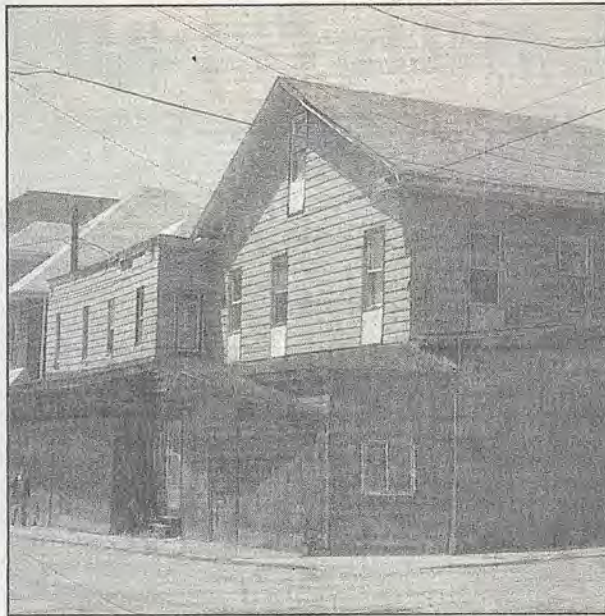
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(Slasor is a special correspondent to the Pennsylvania Focus.)

## Smith Hotel thriving Business at the Turn of the Century

Pennsylvania Focus-October 16, 1999 Edition





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**DAYS NUMBERED?**— The owner of this abandoned hotel has 30 days to remove or improve it before Burgettstown officials take legal action.

## Hotel owner given 30-day ultimatum

By **MIKE NAYLOR**  
Staff writer

The owner of an abandoned hotel in Burgettstown that was declared a public nuisance at the July borough meeting due to its poor condition will have 30 days to remove the hazard before legal action is taken.

Borough solicitor Bob Clarke said at the end of 30 days, legal action will proceed unless the owners are able to demonstrate significant visual improvements to the property.

At least one council member was opposed to the delay.

"I think we have waited long enough, and I don't think that anything can be done to rectify the condition of the building in 30 days," Council President Richard Alvarez said.

Alvarez said there has been ample opportunity to do rectify the problem, but nothing has been done.

"I just don't think the building could be repaired," he said.

The property owner, John Valente, was invited to attend the July meeting, but was unable to be there. Valente's building was condemned by the Department of Labor and Industry about five years ago. There are copies of the action still on record in the borough that state the structure is not fit for human activity within its confines, Alvarez said.

At last month's meeting, council was forced to take

action due to the condition of the property and complaints from an individual who said he was affected by its disrepair.

"I received a call from a local solicitor that said objects fell from the building onto the road in front of his car," Alvarez said.

Clarke said the borough had little choice, given the dilapidated condition of the building, as well as the hazard it poses for pedestrians and motorists.

"We really had no choice in the matter because if the building remains in the condition it's in now, somebody could get hurt," Alvarez said.

Now that the building has been declared a public nuisance, Clarke said if the owner does not voluntarily repair it, then it will be condemned.

If the borough is forced to tear the building down, then a lien would be placed against the property to recover the cost of demolishing it.

Clarke said the borough took action because it would be considered the second party if there was an incident.

As a second party, the borough would be held responsible if they failed to take action to remove the danger and the building's owner couldn't pay for injuries or damages.

By declaring the building a public nuisance, Clarke said the borough is protecting itself from any possible legal situations.



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## Smith Hotel

Main Street, Burgettstown, PA

Post card was sent to Mrs. J.F. Pollock by Mrs. Adam Katzenmeyer in 1914.

R.C. Cassidy on the left.

W.G. (Bud) Shillito, seated (wearing straw hat)

Note: the street is not paved.

Further up the street, Adam Kazenmeyer Jewelry Store.

The store has a large watch display sign.

Next door there is a shoe store and a barber pole.

Post card shared by Mary S. Core Watts, 1971

# Remembering the Smith Hotel on Main Street

The blissful days of relaxing and chatting with neighbors on the veranda of the Smith Hotel in Burgettstown are gone.

The building was erected in 1874 by John Orr Lee and known as the Exchange Hotel until he sold it to William Cole in 1883, the latter to take possession on April 1 of that year.

James E. Smith, of the Elderly area, became the proprietor on Sept. 5, 1906. By 1910, according to the newspapers of that day, the hotel corner was attracting much attention.

"S. B. Lyon is opening a restaurant in the basement of the Smith Hotel."

"A new brick crossing is being laid from the Burgettstown National Bank to the Smith Hotel."

"A team tied at McClure's hardware took fright at an auto turning the corner at Smith's Hotel, hit the curb and fell."

Many of today's residents of Burgettstown and the surrounding vicinity remember clearly the events of yesteryear concerning one of the town's early landmarks.

"The Smith Hotel was a showpiece in 1929," Arlene Ellsworth Lido said. "My Mom and Dad stayed in it overnight when we

moved from Illinois by mules and wagon. My Dad stabled the mules in the Livery Barn across the street."

Once settled in their room for the night, Arlene, as a little girl, could see through an opening from a door that was ajar.

She remembers the beautiful wide stairway that was an outstanding feature of the Smith Hotel. Arlene in later years operated a variety store in a part of the building. From 1961 to 1969, she and her husband sold jewelry, toys, gifts and automotive articles as well as a large assortment of other items.

One of Helen Wiegmann Martin's most vivid memories of the old hotel is also the stairway.

"It was wide, like the ones you see in the big department stores," she recalls.

Helen was one of several teenagers from Eldersville to "stop in" at the hotel after a social function at the high school. The young people had gone by horseback from Hanlin and caught the train to Burgettstown.

"Uncle Jim Smith was so good to us," she remembers. "Come on over," he would tell us. "You can wait here for the train."



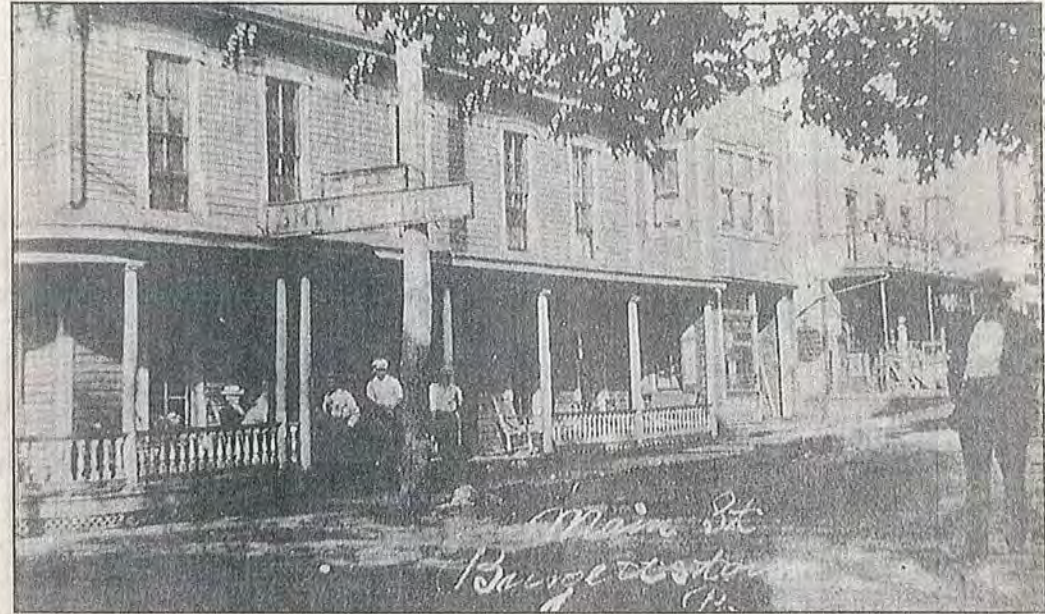
**KATHRYN SLASOR**

The train, in this case, was usually The Bummer, the last train to Hanlin Station that night. After the ride to Hanlin, the young folks picked up their horses from Grover Fulton's Livery Stable and headed up the long hill to Eldersville.

"We had lots of fun in those days," she said, smiling. "the Smith Hotel meant a lot to a lot of people."

Ann Mullen, from Midway, has some very pleasant memories of the Smith Hotel. "I was a waitress there for 12 or 13 years," she recalls.

"There was a big dining room on the first floor and a beautiful restaurant downstairs. It had a big kitchen and nice tables and chairs. People came in and ate. The waitresses and cooks



**GOOD OLD DAYS** – The Smith Hotel on Main Street, Burgettstown, in an undated photograph.

worked hard, but everyone was so kind."

Lido Petrucci recalls that his family's store was at one time next door to the Smith Hotel.

"It was a top-notch hotel,"

Lido says, "the Hilton of the day. The clientele was the best."

Other businesses located nearby.

"There was Shiner's Market, Trimmer's Drug Store, I.B.

Bloom on the other corner, and Squire Culley's tailor shop," Lido recalls.

(Slasor is a special correspondent for the Pennsylvania Focus.)

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# Smith Hotel thriving business at turn of century

Burgettstown's location on the Panhandle Railroad made it a busy place in early days. As soon as the railroad went through in 1865, businesses sprang up as close to the depot as possible.

Those who advertised in local newspapers, both before and after 1900, listed their locations "near the depot." This was a big drawing card. Many businesses crowded together, their storefronts lining the dirt walkways between them and the depot.

The Smith Hotel, as it was last known, was one of the most thriving enterprises in town, and as located "near the depot." The big, rambling building was built by William S. Lee and operated by his brother, John Orr Lee and wife, Cynthia Ann Fulton. Some accounts say that it was built by John and not his brother. But they were both in charge of the business for more than 10 years.

It was known at that time as the Exchange Hotel, later to become Biddle, and later still, Smith, when Mrs. Biddle's nephew, John Ellsworth Smith, became manager.

James Ellsworth Smith was one of five sons of Alexander and Delia Robertson Smith, of Jef-



**KATHRYN SLASOR**

erson Township. They were married Nov. 4, 1858. This couple took up housekeeping near Eldersville on the James Clark tract, patented on a Virginia certificate in 1780.

It was here that their children were born and raised, where they celebrated their golden wedding anniversary, and where Mrs. Smith died in 1908.

This farm later was owned by the Wiegmann and the Swearingen families, among others. This was also the farm where Elizabeth Clark Gardner had a hair-raising experience with a band of Indians in earlier days.

Alexander Smith was also the father of one other son and two daughters by a former marriage. One of these daughters married

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Smith Celebrate the Fiftieth Anniversary of their Marriage



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**GOLDEN YEARS** — The Smiths celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary way back when.

Cyrus Ferguson who, with an eye to the industrial future, bought the entire valley along the Ohio River where the great Weirton Steel factories eventual-

ly were built.

James Ellsworth Smith married Ada Wright and this couple became the parents of six children: Fred, who married Vay

Fulton; Mary, who married Frank Russell, from whom the Barr Russell family descends; Willa, who married Perry Biddle; James C., who married Mary E. Noble, later, Mary Mandell; Mabel, who married Jack Evans; and Thomas, who never married.

James C. and Mary Noble Smith had one son, whom they named James Ellsworth Smith after his grandfather.

It was this James E. Smith who is still remembered fondly by families of today. He was the last owner of the Smith Hotel at the corner of "Main and Short Main," in Burgettstown. Known by his many friends as Jim, he is also remembered as a familiar face at Biddle's Restaurant along Old Route 22, east of Florence.

In a letter to this writer in 1993, Jim said, "My grandparents (James E. and Ada Wright Smith) moved from a farm around Eldersville called the Sankey place, and bought the hotel in Burgettstown, which they owned until his death. They were separated, and my grandmother, her youngest son and I lived in her home on Center Avenue until her death. I then lived between my Aunt Willa Biddle and my father and stepmother. My mother had died

when I was a year old.

"I am thrilled to hear that a possible move is on to restore the hotel building to its original condition. My earliest recollection was of a long, open porch around the outside which housed a barber shop (Tanners), a newsstand beyond, and farther up Main Street was Shiners Market.

"When my Aunt Willa took it over, she put in the restaurant at the south end and a bar in the basement."

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#### **Hotel Nearing Completion**

Work on the rebuilding of portions of the Smith Hotel which was badly damaged by fire about five weeks ago, is progressing rapidly. It is expected completion will be reached and the building be ready for occupancy early next week.

## HONOR BANQUET HELD FOR TOWN HOTEL MAN

Landlord Smith Given Surprise  
by Group of Friends and  
Business Men

A large group of local friends of Landlord James E. Smith of the Smith Hotel, gathered at the newly rehabilitated hotel on Friday evening of last week to pay a tribute of friendship to the proprietor of the hostelry which recently was partially destroyed by fire. The function was in the form of a complimentary banquet and was a complete surprise to Mr. Smith. The testimonial was arranged by a number of friends as a token of esteem.

A total of 31 guests was registered. Among those were local business men and close personal friends. Dr. A. O. Hindman, Burgettstown medical practitioner, served in the capacity of toastmaster and filled his office with eminent satisfaction. Others present included: W. A. Reed, J. A. McKenzie, J. E. Smith, Burgess R. C. Cassidy, W. F. Scott, William Gillingham, L. H. Fullerton, R. M. Boyd, Isaac Stone of Weirton, Lloyd Davies, Elice Foster, Art Franz, John Duncan, Vance Hays, Frank Wray, Dr. R. F. Davidson of Hickory, C. W. Davidson, J. L. McGough, J. M. Pyle, F. G. Smith, D. J. Coulter, R. W. Stottlemeyer, Dr. W. S. Clark, John Scott, John Walker, Benny Kobe, John M. Scott, A. J. Cassidy, A. M. Carlisle and Clark Smith.

In the nature of an old time "house warming," the banquet proved a most enjoyable one, with the finest of fellowship prevailing. Entertainment was furnished by the grandchildren of Mr. Smith. Brief talks were made by most of those present, expressing their appreciation.

While his hotel was being repaired, Mr. Smith resided with his daughter, Mrs. Perry Biddle, of the Biddle Hotel Main street.

## Smith Twp. Authority Signs Contract For Water Lines In Slovan Francis Mine Atlasburg

Residents of Francis Mine, Slovan and Atlasburg, harassed for weeks in the prolonged dry spell, by a dwindling water supply from inadequate cisterns and wells, are one step nearer to having piped water into their homes as a result of the latest action of the Supervisors of Smith township and members of the Smith township Water Authority.

Attorney Edward V. Sciamanna and Steve Dugas, representing the Authority have returned from Philadelphia, where they met with bankers, engineers and representatives of the Bonding company to iron

out final details for the letting of the first contract. This contract in the sum of \$180,000 has been awarded to the Frank Manella Construction company of Pittsburgh, and provides for the laying of water lines in Francis Mine, Slovan and Atlasburg. The Authority expects to have this phase of the project completed within ninety days. The Authority is now working with the Smith township school board and property owners in the Raccoon-Cherry Valley section, to extend the project to that section, so that piped water can be made available to that area.

The entire project of the authority provides for the purchase of the Langeloth Water company from Gus Barbush, for the installation of water lines and meters to some 800 consumers and for the installation of a new 150,000 gallon water tank on Langeloth hill and for considerable improvements to the Langeloth water dam, source of supply for the Authority.

**Smith Twp. Authority Signs Contract for Water Lines  
in Slovan, Francis Mine, Atlasburg  
Burgettstown Enterprise-November 20, 1952 Edition**

## **Amazed At Way Water Authority Meeting Conducted**

Editor

The Enterprise

Being a past member of the Smith Twp. Water Authority, I attended the meeting that was held on May 19. I was amazed at the way the meeting was conducted. I went to the meeting to try to learn a little more of the situation the board is faced with — to sell or not to sell the water company. After I left the meeting, I was more confused than before I arrived. One of the things that confused me was the manager the board and the engineer all having conflicting figures on projected profits, operational cost and what financial condition the water authority is in at the present time. It sounded more like a bingo game than a financial report.

There was a motion passed to hold a public meeting. When this meeting is held, I sure hope that the chairman of the board has the board more organized than he did at the meeting of May 19. They should have facts and figures for the public to look at that won't leave them more confused after they attend the meeting than they were before.

I also heard some things at the meeting that should be given another look:

(1) Union Electric threatens to go to West Penn Water due to a poor quality of water they are being served by Smith Twp. Water Authority.

(2) Climax already going to West Penn due to the poor quality of water that Smith Twp. Authority was supplying them.

(3) The report that Mr. Hemphill (a representative of N.E.E.D.) presented to the board about the schools using Smith Twp. Water having to replace and repair the boilers (costing the taxpayers what was equal to 12 extra mills in taxes) and, the schools using West Penn Water needing no repairs in the last 25 years.

(4) Smith Twp. losing the cleaning company located in Langeloth to an area supplied by West Penn Water.

(5) A citizen complaining about having to replace hot water tanks and faucets on a regular basis and her mother using the same brand with West Penn Water and having them last many years longer.

I wish the board the best of luck in making the right decision for the majority of the citizens, instead of a few special interest groups or individuals, which is some time the end result.

—Harry Sabatasse; Burgettstown

**Amazed at Way Water Authority Meeting Conducted  
Burgettstown Enterprise-May 25, 1988 Edition**

# Smith OKs new power substation

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SLOVAN – Greater demand on the power grid has FirstEnergy installing a new substation at 385 Harmon Creek Road. Smith Township supervisors unanimously approved Friday a conditional-use application for Allegheny Line Co., a FirstEnergy subsidiary, to proceed with its plans to build a three-acre pad on the 22-acre property.

"It's a static var compensator. Basically, this infrastructure allows us to bring existing lines to the transmission line, and prevent the system from getting too hot or overloading," said FirstEnergy science engineer Richard Miller.

Spokesman Todd Meyers said the project, which will cost "tens of millions," will start in late summer and hopefully finish before the end of 2016.

"This is not a small project. There are some midstream natural gas production facilities in the area, and though gas is in a bit of slump right now, that won't last forever.

"So we're preparing for increased demand in the future, as well as reinforcing the grid for 40,000 customers in Washington and Allegheny counties, he said.

The stipulations of the conditional-use plan, which was discussed at a March 17 public hearing, had 11 provisions, including requirements of cameras, police access, noise and light restrictions, installation of culverts along the road and a road bond agreement, which supervisors said had not been settled.

In other energy news, supervisors said they have yet to advertise public hearings for the Revolution natural gas cryogenic plant, which received conditional-use approval in February, and a gas-drilling project near Cherry Valley.

**Smith Twp. OK's New Power Substation**  
**Observer-Reporter-April 30, 2016 Edition**

## Smith Township Named In Suit

Smith Township is the defendant in a suit to recover \$23,994.12 by the Smith Township Municipal Authority.

The sum is the amount allegedly owed the authority for installation and maintenance of 61 fire hydrants in Langeloth, Francis Mine, Slovan and Atlasburg.

According to the complaint, the township and the Authority entered into a contract which provided that the Authority would install and maintain 65 hydrants and maintain them for a 40-year period. The annual rental to be paid by the township to the Authority was set at \$203.85 per hydrant.

The Authority claims that 29 hydrants were installed by January 15, 1953, 12 more by August 24, 1953, 13 more by September 1, 1953, and 7 more by January 1, 1954.

The \$23,994.12 bill was based on the yearly rental of each hydrant from the time of installation.

**Smith Twp. Named in Suit**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-June 2, 1955 Edition**

# Future shows set at Star Lake

Star Lake Amphitheater officials announced tickets for folk singers Peter, Paul & Mary are now on sale. The group is scheduled to perform Friday, July 31, at 8 p.m.

Ticket prices are \$35 for gold circle seating; \$23.50 for pavilion seating and \$14 for lawn seating. Children under 12 will be admitted free to the lawn with each purchase of an adult reserved or lawn ticket.

Peter, Paul & Mary's legacy is musical, thanks to such timeless recordings as "Blowin' In The Wind," "If I Had A Hammer" and "Puff, The Magic Dragon."

## Clint Black concert postponed

Star Lake Amphitheater officials announced that the Clint Black concert scheduled for Sunday, July 12, has been postponed until Saturday, Sept. 5, at 7:30 p.m.

The on-sale ticket date, scheduled for Saturday, June 13, has been postponed until further announcement. Tickets purchased through the Route 18 Round Up subscription series will be honored.

According to amphitheater marketing director Lance Jones, the concert date was moved to coincide with the release of Clint Black's upcoming album.

"Black has postponed the first two weeks of his tour which unfortunately included his date at Star Lake Amphitheater, but we were able to immediately lock in a Saturday night show date," Jones said.

## Sounds of motion to fill the air

If you like songs of love, happiness and romantic heartbreak with the Motown sound, get ready for the Temptations and the Four Tops. As announced at 3Ws' Oldies Celebration Five at Three Rivers Stadium, the Temptations and the

Four Tops will perform at Star Lake Amphitheater Saturday, July 18, at 8 p.m.

Ticket prices are \$25 for gold circle seating, \$15 for pavilion seating and \$10 for lawn seating.

On behalf of 3WS Radio, a portion of every lawn ticket sold will be donated to the Aluminum Cans for Burned Children fund-raising organization.

During the 60's, the Temptations helped make the Motown sound a favorite with millions. The vocal and dance group had such classic hits as "My Girl," "It's Growing," "Since I Lost My Baby" and "Get Ready." Thirty-two years later, the group is still making hit music with the release of "Milestone" in 1991.

No other quartet has stayed together with original personnel intact for as long as the legendary Four Tops — 36 years. The group has a list of Top Ten Hits and number one singles to their credit including "Baby I Need Your Loving," "I Can't Help Myself (Sugarpie, Honeybunch)," "It's The Same Old Song," "Walk Away Renee" and "Shake Me, Wake Me." The Four Tops have recorded 36 albums that contain at least one classic.

## 'No More Tears Tour' sets appearance

That madman of hard rock, Ozzy Osbourne, will bring his "No More Tears Tour" to Star Lake Amphitheater on Sunday, July 19, at 7 p.m. Slaughter and Ugly Kid Joe are appearing with Osbourne.

Ticket prices are \$21 for pavilion seating and \$15 for lawn seating.

On "No More Tears," his sixth solo album, Osbourne delves into his personal life and the results are ballads that range from painful memories of childhood to excess

with drugs and alcohol. The album has produced two hit singles — the title track and "Mama, I'm Coming Home."

## Dan Fogelberg, Harry Connick tickets on sale

Amphitheater officials announce that singer and songwriter Dan Fogelberg will perform at the amphitheater Sunday, Aug. 23, at 8 p.m. with opening act Eliza Gilkyson.

Ticket prices are \$30 for gold circle seating, \$24.50 for pavilion seating and \$20 for lawn seating.

In nearly two decades of record-making, Fogelberg has produced such classic tunes as "The Power of Gold," "Longer," "Same Auld Lang Syne" and "Language of Love." Fogelberg's latest release, "Dan Fogelberg Live: Greetings From The West," includes songs from his early days to the present, along with three new, previously unreleased songs — all of which he is sure to perform.

Tickets for Harry Connick Jr., who is appearing Sunday, Aug. 2, at 8 p.m. are also on sale.

Prices are \$50 for gold circle seating, \$27.50 for pavilion seating and \$17 for lawn seating.

Connick's career has taken off since the 1989 film, "When Harry Met Sally," in which he sang memorable renditions of several American classics. His latest album, "Blue Light, Red Light," follows in the wake of his most successful year. Two Grammy awards, nominations for an Emmy, a Golden Globe, an Oscar and a world tour are only a few of the highlights.

Future Shows at Star Lake  
The Enterprise-June 24, 1992 Edition

## **For Just \$8,750, Star Lake Concertgoers Can Get The Best Seats In The House**

Want to avoid the hassle of standing in long lines at ticket outlets to purchase seats for concerts at Star Lake Amphitheatre?

For just \$8,750, you and three friends can have the best seats in the house for every summer concert.

That's the going rate for four metal chairs and a table at one of 32 VIP boxes at the amphitheater, which officially opened Sunday, June 17, in Hanover Township.

If you have too many friends, there are also a few six-seater boxes that rent for \$13,125 for the season.

The package deal includes — in addition to the prime seating — tickets to all of the concerts (about 40), invitations to some pre-concert parties, and a waitress that will come to your table to take food orders.

The food is not included in the price of the box.

And what do VIPs eat while watching concerts? Here's what's on the Star Lake menu at the VIP tables:

- Iced jumbo shrimp — \$20.
- Brownies, cookies and an apple pie — \$30
- Baby cheeses, sliced pepperoni, seasonal fruits — \$45.
- Antipasto hoagies, served with penne pasta salad, fresh fruit salad and brownies — \$55.

Most of the orders, which serve six, are delivered in picnic baskets.

VIPs with big appetites can opt for one other selection, a deluxe picnic basket that includes barbecued chicken, ribs, shrimp, red skin potato salad, sour dough bread, cheddar wedges, apple pie, strawberries and beer nuts. The check comes to \$90 — not including sales tax and tip.

Interested? Don't write any checks yet — all of the boxes are sold out for this season.

**Star Lake Concert Seats**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-June 27, 1990 Edition**



# Hanover Twp. Residents Have Change Of Heart About Star Lake

By Patrick Pontice

In just a little over a month, the popularity of Star Lake Amphitheatre has surged to the point where only a handful of Hanover Township residents are still giving it bad reviews.

Judging from the remarks of residents at Thursday night's meeting of the Hanover Township Board of Supervisors, Star Lake — warts and all — is the pride and joy of the community.

Sue Kennedy of Paris was cheered when, referring to the 375 youngsters employed at Star Lake, she said, "This is the first time in 31 summers that I've seen kids with money in their pockets and dignity on their faces. I've never seen that before."

Only a month ago, waves of angry Hanover residents descended on the supervisors to complain about an array of problems that were unleashed during the amphitheater's opening weekend: severe vehicular traffic congestion, dangerous pedestrian traffic, parking and noise, among other things.

Since then, it appears, operators of Star Lake have been able to remedy many of the initial problems. But while the majority of residents commended Star Lake for addressing these problems, several homeowners took the manager of the Pittsburgh area's largest showplace to task for allowing music and profanity to escape the boundaries and the amphitheater and invade their homes.

"My five children shouldn't have to listen to those words," said Rick Cumpston about foul language used by performers. "Why do my children have to listen to something that you wouldn't allow your children to hear?"

Wilson Rogers, general manager of Star Lake, responded by saying he was sympathetic to such concerns. However, he noted, it would be an infringement of performers' First Amendment rights to censor what they say. Rogers added he took personal exception to insinuations by some residents that because he cannot prohibit performers from using profanity, he has a lower standard of decency.

Cumpston said the solution to the profanity and noise problems can be solved simply: by turning the volume knob down.

Like the profanity issue, Rogers

explained, the solution to noise is not that simple. It's the performer who controls the volume knob, not the amphitheater, he said. And although the amphitheater is obligated under township law to limit volume levels to an average of 65 decibels at the home nearest the amphitheater, that requirement applies only when certain meteorological conditions are present.

Those conditions were not present the night of the Motley Crue concert, when the decibel reading hit 73 be-

cause of heat and high humidity, factors that allow sound to carry further.

The amphitheater has taken several measures costing a few thousand dollars to reduce the noise problem a bit, Rogers said. Redirecting speakers has helped temporarily, and a sound consultant is working on other measures.

Moreover, Star Lake will try to incorporate into its contracts with performers a provision calling for lower volume levels.

# Washington County sees storm damage

By EMILY PETSKO  
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Strong storms that swept through Western Pennsylvania early Thursday morning damaged a Burgettstown car dealership and are being blamed for an electrical fire inside a Hanover Township home.

A service shop that was being constructed at Star Lake Ford apparently was damaged by high winds when the roof and two walls collapsed.

Frank Dellaria, the car dealership's general manager, said the storm caused "pretty substantial damage" to the service department shop they were planning to open in September.

## Storm

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of the fire was a power surge. The owner of the home, Jerry Paulin, was inside when the fire started and called the fire department.

"He heard a crackling sound, and when he checked, he realized the room was on

Dellaria said they're waiting for more information from their insurance provider, but he estimates the opening date will be pushed back by six weeks.

Meanwhile, a house at 25 S. Kings Creek Road in Hanover Township caught fire when the line of storms moved through the area.

Township firefighters were dispatched at 1:39 a.m. Thursday, and they were able to contain the fire to the bedroom. The bed was burned, and the room had some smoke damage.

Initial reports indicated a lightning strike caused the blaze, but fire Chief Michael Morra now thinks the cause

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fire," Morra said.

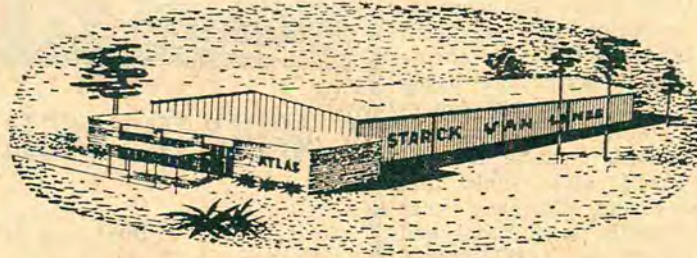
Paulin is staying with relatives.

Firefighter Joe Livada suffered a concussion when he fell six feet from a fire truck while retrieving a hose. He was taken by ambulance to Weirton Medical Center in West Virginia and was discharged later Thursday.

*Staff writer Mike Jones contributed to this story.*

**Star Lake Ford**  
**Washington County sees Storm Damage**  
**Observer-Reporter-June 14, 2013 Edition**

## New Building On Route 22



Edward J. Starck, President of Starck Van Lines, today announced the completion of the new Starck Van Lines central office building and warehouses located on a six-acre tract near U. S. Route 22 in Hanover Township, RD 1, Burgettstown.

Easily accessible with ample parking facilities, the present plant consists of an administration and warehouse building 100 feet by 175 feet in overall dimensions, sixteen feet high of permit double decking palletized storage. Completely fireproof, the main structure was erected by the Emanuel Katzman Stran Steel Company of Youngstown, Ohio.

In addition to the central offices and warehouse building a separate warehouse was recently completed embodying the most modern accommodations and warehousing facilities known to the industry. Completely insulated against sudden weather changes, these facilities make provision for rug storage, dust-proof containers for overstuffed furniture and hermetically sealed pallet boxes for all other items of furniture.

Palletized storage is the most modern method of warehouse handling. Its safety and storage advantages are legion. It practically eliminates ordinary losses in addition to greatly reducing handling costs. All furniture and materials destined for storage and padded and loaded carefully into the pallet boxes at the residence, with a minute inventory of each article stored. The pallet boxes are then sealed against the ravages of dust and insects.

The warehouses provide over 350,000 cu. ft. of storage space.

Modern in design, of grey stone exterior, the new administration building measures 30 feet by 100 feet and it, like the warehouses, is so constructed to provide for future expansion. Completely air-conditioned with inter-com and F. M. music throughout, Starck Van Lines have thoughtfully provided ward room facilities for their drivers, complete with showerroom and other comforts.

The firm of Starck Van Lines, Inc., was founded in 1922 by John Starck, father of Ed and Jim, the present owners.

**Starck Van Lines**

**Burgettstown Enterprise-July 26, 1962 Edition**

# WCCED caps year with SBA loans, Starpointe development

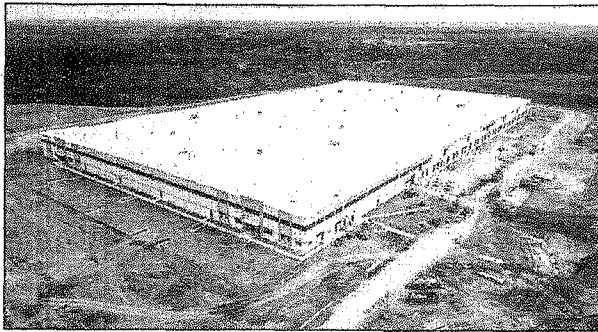
Washington County Council on Economic Development had its annual meeting Tuesday, and there were a number of interesting developments beyond executive director Dan Reitz stepping to the podium wearing a black wizard's hat.

The hat probably was appropriate, though, as some of the council's accomplishments were magically good. Reitz reported that in the

region comprising Western Pennsylvania and all of West Virginia, WCCED was first in the number and amount of microloans – 30 loans totaling \$1.356 million. The council had finished first before.

He added WCCED also was 19th of 144 Small Business Administration micro-lenders nationwide in money lent.

Reitz also said WCCED, developer of Starpointe Busi-



COURTESY OF ALLEN RICH

A drone captured this photo of the Scannell Properties in Starpointe Business Park.

**THE SCANNELL BUILDING IS A 90-BAY DISTRIBUTION AND TRUCKING DISPATCH OPERATION.**

ness Park in Hanover Township, added 550,000 square feet in the past year; that Scannell Properties built a 452,000-square-foot building; and Hormann-Flexon, which makes motorized doors, added 98,000 square feet onto its

64,000-square-foot structure. The Scannell building is a 90-bay distribution and trucking dispatch operation related to the Shell Chemical plant being built in nearby Potter Township, Beaver County.

**WCCED caps year with SBA loans, Starpointe development**  
**Observer-Reporter-November 2, 2018 Edition**

*Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society*

# Next Starpointe phase could coincide with cracker plant

BY MICHAEL BRADWELL  
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**MEADOW LANDS** – It was a problem with a kinked tube frequently occurring on a production line, a critical component in a piece of medical equipment, that taught Bob Stearns how out of touch organizations can become.

Stearns, who was guest speaker Friday at Washington County Council on Economic Development's annual luncheon at the DoubleTree hotel on Racetrack Road, was director of organizational development at Pittsburgh-based Medrad Inc. when he worked with employees to correct the production problem.

Finding the solution was the impetus toward his work on a new training program, helping the company realize a sales and profit growth and earn the Malcolm Baldrige Award in 2003.

"The manufacturers on the floor said the biggest issue they saw was that some of the connectors tubes they were producing would become kinked and would have to be thrown away. I asked them how often this happens and they told me about 400 times each month."

Stearns, who said the issue taught him "to ask stupid questions," said the answer to his next query was truly stupefying.

"When I asked them how long this had been going on," he said, "they told me for about 10 years."

Stearns, who today is CEO of Power Potential, a leadership and organizational development consulting and training company, said it was an employee who ultimately came up with a simple clamp design that eventually eliminated the kinking problem, helping Medrad save about

\$50 million by making process improvements as well as growing sales and profits by 15 percent a year.

The work earned Medrad the Baldrige Award, one of only 100 organizations to earn the honor in the 25 years of its existence.

The reason so few organizations hold the award, named for former Secretary of Commerce Malcolm Baldrige Jr. who championed government productivity and efficiency, is that it requires participants to focus on becoming a top performer in seven key areas: leadership; customer focus; measurement and analysis of key metrics; process management; business results; human resources; and strategic planning.

"Most companies are good at one or two of these," Stearns said. "Baldrige companies are good at all of them."

That's why, he said, Baldrige companies outperform the stock market by a ratio of 4 to 1.

For Medrad, he said, sales and profitability have improved an average of 15 percent every year for the past 20 years, while productivity is up 86 percent over that time.

While some of that performance predates the kinked tube challenge, Stearns said it proves that even highly successful companies are not always performing up to their highest potential.

When he observes processes at the companies with which he consults, Stearns said he is often asked, "Why can't we see the problems you're seeing?"

His answer, he said, is because he's looking at events with a different said of eyes that have been trained to look for "kinks" in the process.

"But you can train people to look for problems," he said.

WCCED was formed some 30 years ago when the area was looking for ways to help people who had lost their jobs from the collapse of the region's steel industry.

Today, according to Ray Vargo, a member of the council's executive committee, the organization is the largest U.S. Small Business micro-loan lender in Pennsylvania. Last year, it received 68 small business loan applications for \$2.75 million, closing on 30 of them for \$1.32 million.

The largest economic development project for WCCED is the Starpointe business park near Burgettstown, where the council is developing about 1,100 acres.

WCCED Executive Director Dan Reitz said all but one of 10 lots in the park's first phase have tenants.

Two buildings for HRP Holdings/Komal Foods are nearing completion at 30 Todd Drive, while plans have been received for a building for Keystone Containment, manufacturer of liners for retention ponds, in Phase 1-A.

Reitz said the park is receiving inquiries from several German companies because of the presence of Hörmann Flexön, a German manufacturer of industrial doors which began operations in the park several years ago.

Reitz said the council is also preparing to move about 1.8 million cubic yards of earth to create lots of between six and 39 acres for Phase 1-C.

"The Shell (ethane) cracker plant (in Beaver County) is only 19 miles from the park" in, Reitz said, adding that it is expected the massive project will take about three years to complete.

"We'd like to have (1-C) completed by the time Shell comes on line," he said.

**Next Starpointe Phase Could Coincide with Cracker Plant**  
**Observer-Reporter-October 29, 2016 Edition**

*Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society*



Mathew Stetar  
Erie Mine, Burgettstown, PA  
Right window-*Groceries-Miners Supplies*  
Wagon on the far left-*Free Delivery*  
1922 or 1923

**ONLY ONE TOWN VETOES  
SUNDAY MOVIE SHOWS**

McDonald was the only community in the county to defeat the Sunday movie referendum at the election on November 5th, official figures filed by the return board with the Prothonotary show.

In Bentleyville the movies won by three votes, in California by 60 and in Monongahela by 26. In all of the others of the 13 districts which voted on the question, Sunday movies won by substantial majorities. The official vote was as follows:

|                      | Yes   | No    |
|----------------------|-------|-------|
| Washington -----     | 5,291 | 4,584 |
| Bentleyville -----   | 476   | 473   |
| Canonsburg -----     | 1,748 | 1,424 |
| California -----     | 473   | 413   |
| Charleroi -----      | 2,461 | 1,313 |
| Chartiers -----      | 872   | 637   |
| Donora -----         | 1,887 | 1,019 |
| East Bethlehem ----- | 1,055 | 547   |
| Independence -----   | 403   | 298   |
| McDonald -----       | 380   | 678   |
| Monongahela -----    | 1,490 | 1,464 |
| Smith -----          | 1,238 | 356   |
| West Pike Run -----  | 617   | 315   |

# Sunoco fine to fund streambank work in Washington

By SCOTT BEVERIDGE  
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A multimillion dollar civil penalty the state levied on Sunoco for violations on a pipeline construction project will fund the restoration of two streams in Washington County, and correct problems on another in Rostraver Township.

The Western Pennsylvania Conservancy was awarded a \$99,800 grant from the \$12.6-million fine to stabilize 1,700 feet of Little Chartiers Creek in North Strabane Township. The conservancy also was awarded \$298,000 to stabilize an unnamed stream along Beagle Club Road in Nottingham Township, the state Department of Environmental Protection announced Tuesday.

"One thing that all of these projects have in common is that they will improve Pennsylvania's water - whether that is through reducing runoff pollution, restoring

The Sunoco Mariner East 2 pipeline runs through Pennsylvania.

watersheds or other means," DEP Secretary Patrick McDonnell stated in a news release.

In the Mon Valley, Rostra-

ver Township was awarded \$327,000 to reduce runoff pollution that has been impairing Cedar Creek and Pollock Run, the DEP said.

The DEP halted construction of the pipeline in early January, telling Sunoco to prevent spills of bentonite, a drilling mud, that had been

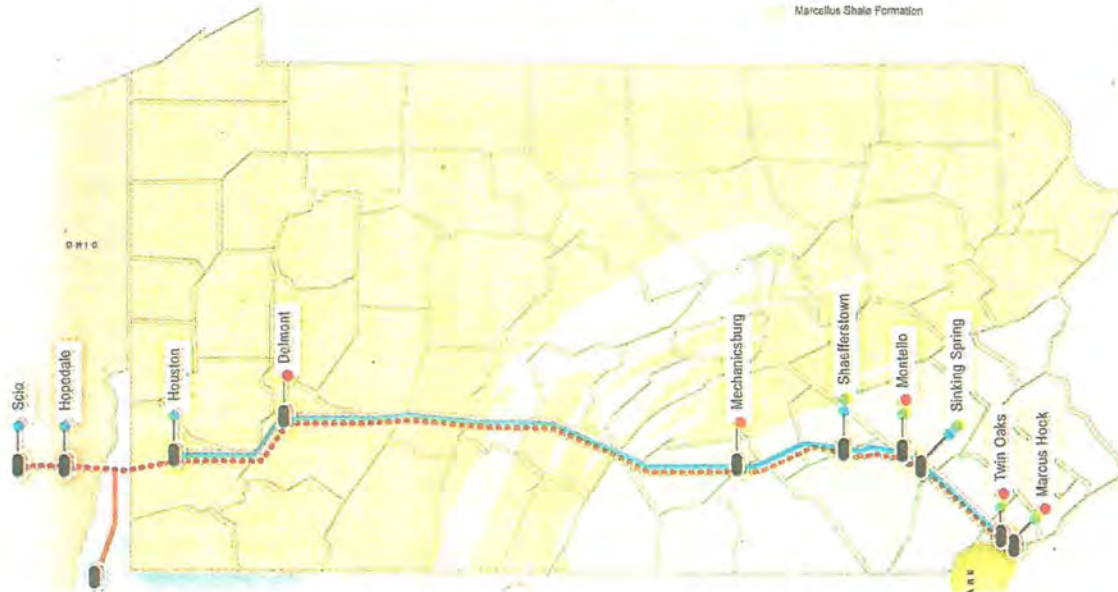
taking place for about a year at various locations.

The pipeline crosses through Washington County and the entire state to ship

Mariner East Pipeline Project



- Proposed ME2 Pipeline
- Existing Third Party Pipeline
- ME1 Pipeline
- SXL Terminal Facilities
- Third Party Facilities
- Propane Delivery Points
- Marcellus Shale Formation



**“ONE THING THAT ALL OF THESE PROJECTS HAVE IN COMMON IS THAT THEY WILL IMPROVE PENNSYLVANIA'S WATER...”**  
PATRICK MCDONNELL,  
DEP SECRETARY

Marcellus shale-related products labeled as oil to the Eastern Seaboard.

Sunoco denied the allegations, but agreed to pay the penalty rather than litigate the case. The DEP allowed the company to resume construction of the pipeline in early February.

The DEP issued the penalty in February and began accepting grant applications from the fund two months later.

The DEP selected 61 projects to receive money in 14 counties.

Sunoco fine to fund streambank work in Washington County  
Observer-Reporter-October 17, 2018 Edition

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society



— J. F. SUTHERLAND. —

Dealer in all kinds of

Coffins, Caskets, Robes and Trimmings.

FUNERALS PROMPTLY ATTENDED, ON SHORT NOTICE.

West Alexander, Pa. Aug 31 1917



Metalic Caskets Furnished  
When Desired.

Sold To \_\_\_\_\_

Prices Reasonable

For use of hearse  
Livery hire

Expence at grave

10 00

24 00

7 50

\$ 41.50

**William Martin McMurray**

Additional Funeral Expenses, Burgettstown resident's burial in West Alexander, Pa.

*Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society*

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West Alexander, Pa. May 31 1917 1897



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**Ariel View of Sutherland Lumber  
Burgettstown, PA**



**T.V. Lee & Company**  
**Funeral Home on Main Street, Burgettstown, PA**  
*Photo prior to 1949*

# Tastee Freez Scores



The Tastee Freez located at South Main Street has been serving the Burgettstown Community for 25 years. Monte and Lois Scott, who established this business in 1953, were among the first Tastee Freez franchise holders in the country. Prior to that time, parts of the original building were operated as a restaurant by the Ferbezar sisters.

In 1953 the business was acquired by Robert and Mary Bent, who remodeled the building. Inside service was added for the convenience of the public in 1974. The business continues to grow and attract a wide range of customers who find the Tastee Freez a good place to visit for fast food service and ice milk products.

Customers find a warm welcome waiting them from Manager Marge Grossi and her friendly crew: Carol Miller, Lisa Donaldson, Rose Couch, Susan Yesko, Linda Taucher, Rita Modic, Debra Stone, Penny Mancinelli and Marlan and Corey Bent.

**Burgettstown Tastee Freez**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-May 20, 1981 Edition**

# **Tavern Keepers**

**Washington County, PA**

**1797-1803**

*Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society*

TAVERN KEEPERS    1797-1803

by Ruth E. Renton

Quarter Sessions Book #3, April 1797-August 1803, Washington County, Pennsylvania has these "Tavern Keepers recommended to be licensed by the Court". Nearly all "paid fees and filed bonds" each year. A few did not, perhaps because they did not open for business, or possibly the court official neglected to make the "paid and filed" entry. Many of these would also have kept an Inn.

Joseph ALEXANDER    Frederick Town    1802, 1803  
 Josiah ALLEN        Smiths            1798-1803  
 John ARBUCKLE      Fallowfield      1798-1803  
 Jacob ARNOLD        Frederick Town    1799-1801  
 Joseph AYRES        Findley           1803

James BARCLAY      Peters            1797, 1798  
 Abner BEEDLE        (no place given) 1802  
 Samuel BLACK        Nottingham       1803  
 Adam BLAIR          Bethlehem         1803  
 Andrew BOGGS        Fallowfield      1797-1799  
 John BRADSHAW       Canton            1798-1800  
 John BUCHANNON      Middletown       1799-1801  
 Jonathan BUCHANAN   Middletown       1803  
 Robert BURKE        Canonsburgh      1797

Joshua CANNON       Cannonsburg      1801-1803  
 William CAROTHERS/CUROOTHERS Hopewell    1801-1803  
 Wm. CARTER          Amwell            1802,1803  
 Richard CHAPMAN     Chartiers         1797-1802  
 William CHIDESTER   (no place given) 1802  
 Thomas COOCH        Canton            1797  
 Ziba COOK           Amwell            1797-1801  
 William COOPER      Buffaloe          1803  
 Robert CORSON        Cross Creek       1802  
 Samuel COULTER      Chartiers         1798  
 John CROSSEN        (no place given) 1801

George DAY          Smiths            1797  
 John DAY            Smiths/Burgets Town 1798-1800  
 Brewer DECKER        Canton            1800-1802  
 John DEVORE          Donegall          1798-1801  
 Richard DONALDSON   Smiths            1797-1799  
 Richard DONALDSON   Chartiers          1800,1801  
 Michael DOLIN        Washington        1797,1798  
 Levi DUNGAN          Hanover           1798

William FERGUSON    WilliamsPort      1798  
 Charles FOX          Washington        1797-1803  
 William FRAZER       Washington        1797

John GARDNER        Cross Creek       1799,1801,1803  
 Neil/Neal GILLESPIE   East Bethlehem    1798-1802

TAVERN KEEPERS Continued

Jacob GOOD Washington 1803  
 Nehemiah GREEN Alexander 1799

Absalom HAWKINS Bethlehem 1803  
 Thomas HELMS/HELLEMS/HALLAM(S) Amwell 1798-1803  
 George HENDERSON Donegall 1798  
 Sidney HERRIOTT Williams Port 1797,1798  
 Thomas HILL Bethlehem 1797  
 John HOGE Chartiers 1797,1801  
 Andrew HOLL/HULL Bethlehem 1799-1803  
 Anthony HORSTMAN East Bethlehem/Fredericktown 1797-1800  
 Joseph HUSTON Washington 1797-1803

Francis IRWIN Can(n)onsburgh 1797-1803

Benjamin JAMES Frederick Town 1797  
 John JAMISON East Bethlehem 1803  
 Thomas JANNEY Washington 1797  
 Isaac JENKINSON Frederick Town 1801,1802  
 Jane JOHNSTON Washington 1797  
 John JOHNSTON Nottingham 1801,1802  
 Christian JOST East Bethlehem 1797-1803

Valentine KINDER Bethlehem 1803  
 William KNOX Buffaloe 1803

(John) Julius LeMOYNE Strabane/Washington 1797-1803  
 Juliana LOUGHMAN Frederick Town 1800  
 Michael LOUGHMAN Frederick Town 1799  
 Joseph LUDLOW Summerset 1798

James McCALL Cecil 1798  
 James McCALLISTER Fallowfield 1797  
 William McCAMMANT Washington 1800-1803  
 Ludwick McCARROLL Chartiers 1798  
 Michael McClUNEY Hopewell 1799  
 James McCONNEL Smiths 1797  
 William McCORMICK/McCORMACK Hopewell 1799-1803  
 Andrew McCOWN Chartiers 1801  
 Andrew McCOWN Mt. Pleasant 1802  
 John McCRAKIN Donegall 1797-1803  
 Andrew McCUNE Mt. Pleasant 1803  
 Rachel McGIFFIN Canonsburgh 1800  
 Thomas McGIFFIN Canonsburgh 1797-1799  
 Robert McGOWAN Canton 1799-1803  
 Alexander McKNIGHT Donegall 1798

William MARSHAL Chartiers 1802,1803  
 Charles MAYS/MAYES Alexandria 1799-1803  
 Forest MEEKER East Bethlehem 1800  
 Charity MEEKS Bethlehem 1799-1801  
 Samuel MEEKS Bethlehem 1797,1798  
 Wm. MEEKS Bethlehem 1802,1803  
 Philip MILCHSACK Washington 1797  
 Joseph MILLER Robeson 1797  
 Samuel MILLER Smiths/Burget's Town 1799-1803



TAVERN KEEPERS Continued

Andrew MOORE Middletown 1799,1800  
 David MORRIS Washington 1798-1803  
 Jesse MORRIS East Bethlehem 1803  
 Duncan MORRISON Donegal/Alexander 1799  
 William MORROW Cannonsburgh 1802  
 Abraham MOSSER Washington 1803  
 Matthias MOUNTZ Taylor's Town 1803  
 Andrew MUNRO(E) Can(n)onsburgh 1797-1802 [Esq.1802]

John NEAL (no place given) 1802  
 Eleanor NEIL West Bethlehem 1803

Thomas OFFICER Washington 1798-1803

Simon PANCOAST (no place given) 1801  
 Benjamin PARKESON Nottingham 1797,1798  
 James PARKESON Nottingham 1798  
 Joseph PARKESON/PARKINSON Nottingham/Williams Port 1797-1803  
 James PATTESON Cannonsburg 1803  
 Nathan PATTERSON Smiths 1801-1803  
 Isaac PETTIT Amity 1803  
 Nathaniel PORTER Fallowfield 1802,1803  
 John POTTS Middletown 1801  
 John PURSEL East Bethlehem 1797  
 John PURVIANCE Washington 1797-1802

John RAMSEY Straban 1801-1803  
 Nathaniel REDD Fallowfield/Somerset 1800-1803  
 James ROBESON Amwell 1802  
 James and/or Joseph ROBESON Canton 1798  
 Joseph ROBESON Canton 1799  
 Moses ROBESON (no place given) 1800  
 John ROBINSON East Bethlehem 1800-1803  
 Rowland ROGERS Burgets Town/Smiths 1800,1801

Abraham SCOTT Straban 1798  
 Abraham SCOTT Hopewell 1799  
 John SCOTT Washington 1797-1800  
 Moses SCOTT Williamsport 1803  
 Samuel SHEARER Hopewell 1797  
 Samuel SHENAN/SHANNON Washington 1797-1801  
 Daniel SHUSTER/SHASTER Amwell 1797-1803  
 William SLEMONS Hopewell 1797  
 William SLEMONS the elder Hopewell 1803  
 Christopher SMITH Robeson 1798,1803  
 Ludwick/Lodwick/Lodowick SMITH Straban(e) 1797-1803  
 Wm./William SMITH Donegal/Finley 1801-1803  
 Zachariah SMITH Bethlehem 1799,1800,1802,1803  
 Michael SOURS/SOWERS East/West Bethlehem 1798-1802  
 Galbre(a)th STUART/STEWART Hopewell/Middletown  
 1797,1798,1801-1803

James STUART Alexandria 1798  
 Robert STOCKTON, Jr. Donegall 1797

TAVERN KEEPERS Continued

Robert TAYLOR Donegall/New Brunswick 1798-1800,1803  
 David TIDBALL Peters 1798  
 Edward TODD Nottingham 1797,1798,1801  
 William TOLINS Chartiers 1801  
 George TOWNSLEY Amwell 1797,1798

Charles VALENTINE Washington 1797-1803

James G. WARD BurgettsTown 1803  
 Richard WARD Nottingham 1797,1798  
 Henry WESTBAY Can(n)onsburgh 1797-1803  
 Isaac WHITEMAN Amwell 1798  
 Henry WICK Amwell/Amity 1799-1802  
 Robert WILKIN Hopewell/Middletown 1797-1801  
 Leaven/Leavin WILLIAMS Donegall 1797,1798  
 David WILLIAMSON Washington 1799  
 David WILSON Hopewell 1802,1803  
 William WILSON Washington 1800,1801  
 John WOLF Donegall 1798  
 John WOLF(F) Buffalo 1799-1802  
 James WOODBURN Alexander 1797  
 John WOODBURN Alexander/Donegal 1798-1803  
 James WORKMAN Straban/Amwell 1797-1803

John YOUNG Taylor's Town/Buffaloe 1803

END TAVERN KEEPERS 1797-1803

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**THE AVELLA NEWS**

**DAVID F. PATTERSON**

**EDITOR**

**AVELLA, PA.**

**David F. Patterson-Editor  
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# The AVELLA NEWS

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### THEATERS

The theater business in Burgettstown began about World War I. Joe Romano and Joe Martin operated a small movie house across from the Enterprise. Romano then built the Arco theater where McCoy's Furniture is now. This building was bought by the George Clairs in 1924. They ran the theater until the Forties, when Keith Chambers managed it. The building was later sold to Frank DiOrio, then in 1953 to McCoy's.

The old auditorium hall across from the present Petrucci's Supermarket was also used for a moving picture theater during the Twenties. At different times, the Clairs and the Mungellos operated a theater in this building. When it was sold in 1934, the Mungellos tore the old building down and erected the Mary Ann Theater, the name Mary Ann being a memorial to Mrs. Mary Ann Mungello, who had operated moving picture houses in both Slovan and Langeloth before her death in 1926. When the new Route 18 bypass was constructed, the Mary Ann Theater disappeared.

## Theaters

### **THEATRES ANNOUNCE CHANGE IN PRICES**

Due to the fact that defense taxes on admission tickets are payable on 12 year olds, Managers Keith Chambers and Dominick Mungello of the local theatres announced today, that beginning Sunday, June 1, adults prices will be effective for all persons 12 years of age and over. There will be no change in the former adult admission of 30 cents per person. For all children under 12 years of age, the admission price will be 15 cents.



**Robbers Apprehended.**

Charged with the robbery of the George E. Thomassy clothing store on the night of February 10th, Thomas Crutcher and Benjamin McClinton, negroes of no known address, were arrested at Columbus, Ohio, on Monday of last week, and were taken to Washington and committed to jail in default of bail. Police reported the men admitted "spotting" the store when they were in Burgettstown shortly before the robbery. Seventeen suits of men's clothes and 17 pair of trousers, valued at \$301.75, were stolen. Police recovered 13 suits, some of the clothing having been found at pawn shops in Columbus.

**Thomassy Clothing Store Robbed**  
**The Burgettstown Enterprise-March 6, 1935 Edition**



# Conrad owned only Burgettstown tin shop

By **KATHRYN CAMPBELL SLASOR**

Special correspondent

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At one time, Burgettstown boasted of a tin shop. Henry Conrad was the proprietor of the only such shop in Burgettstown.

He was born Nov. 5, 1838, in Prussia, and was a son of Charles Conrad, whose father also was born and reared in that country.

He was married to a Miss Schules. Grandfather Conrad was a merchant and farmer, and both he and his wife died in Prussia.

Charles Conrad was born in 1798 in Prussia. In early manhood, he married Catherine Conrad, a member of another family of the same name. They had a fami-

ly of eight children.

In 1846, the family embarked in a sailing vessel for America. They landed at New York after a heavy storm, which lasted a day and a night. The crew and passengers thought every moment would be their last.

After arriving in New York, the family proceeded westward to Lock No. 17 Tuscarawas County, Ohio, where Mr. Conrad purchased a farm, on which he remained for 20 years. He then moved to Wabash County, Ind., and remained there the rest of his life.

Henry Conrad, a son of Charles and Catherine, lived with his parents until he was 16 years of age.

He then began learning the trade of tinner with John Luchenbough, of Canal Dover, Ohio. He served an apprenticeship for three and one-half years, then followed his trade in Zoar, Ohio. He spent a few years there, and later went to Pittsburgh.

A while later he went to New York for one year, then back to Pittsburgh. In 1873, he opened a tin shop in Burgettstown, where he remained for many years.

In 1876, he started a small greenhouse which increased to a magnificent collection of beautiful and varied vegetation. His son, George H. was educated in the Burgettstown schools. He also entered his father's tin shop at age 16. In 1892, he married Sadie Jones, of Midway.

Shackles  
Jim DeW

8-22-13

## Introduction

I've tried to write about the Tobacco War in and around Adams for the past 8-9 years. In this little book I've put together a collection of the articles and notes primarily centered on Adams. It would be impossible not to mention other communities in the Black Patch while writing about the Adams area.

I found several articles in the Springfield paper dated 1907 & 1908. One article dated May 1906, "**Tobacco Beds Destroyed**"

*"Friday night unknown parties visited the tobacco beds of Wash Fletcher, B. H. Sory and G. C. Lawrence, prominent farmers of the Seventeenth District, and totally destroyed them. It is the sincere hope of the entire community that the guilty will be found and punished."*

**Pesky Night Riders Again on Warpath**, "Adams Tenn. Aug 2. 1907 ---  
Night Riders ----"

**Near Sadlers**, *The tobacco plant bed of Henry Winters, one of the most prosperous and clever citizens of the 17<sup>th</sup> district, near Sadlers, was visited one night last week by vandals and salt enough to kill the plants was thrown on the bed. While circumstances lead many to believe that it is either the work of parties belonging to the Association or those on the outside, there is no positive proof of it being either. No matter upon which side of this great question, the vandals belong we hasten to say, and know we speak the sentiment of the management of the Association, that outrages of this kind will not be tolerated any longer and that any person or persons guilty of such, will be hunted down and given the greatest penalty that could be enforced by the law. May-1907*

There is little doubt that both sides scraped plant beds, burned barns and engaged in violence, however it becomes clear that in some cases neighbors were able to take revenge on other neighbors and blame it on the Night Riders or Hillbillies.

## Armed and Dangerous Civil War in the Tobacco Patch

**Dark Tobacco Barn Full of Tobacco-Written and compiled by Timothy R. Henison**  
*Wash Fletcher was the grandfather of Charles and Donald Fletcher (born in Langeloth, PA)*

**Trimmer Embellishes Windows.**

The large show windows of the Trimmer drug store, Main street, have been artistically embellished with new and informative lettering. The work was done by R. H. Culley, local sign and shocard painter.

**Trimmer Embellishes Windows.**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-October 1, 1931 Edition**

FICTITIOUS NAME NOTICE

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the Act of Assembly of May 24, 1945, P. L. 967, as amended, that on June 18, 1979, William S. Dugas and Rose Ann Dugas, his wife, of 112 Vian Drive, Burgettstown, Pennsylvania, will file in the Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the Prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas of Washington County, Pennsylvania, a certificate to carry or conduct business for the purpose of showing movies and films under the assumed or fictitious name of TRI-STATE DRIVE-IN, with its principal place of business at Route 18 Main Street, Slovan, Pennsylvania.

--JOHN L. BRUNNER, ESQ.; One North Main Street, Burgettstown, PA 15021.

**Tri-State Drive-In**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-June 6, 1979 Edition**

*Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society*

# The Dodge Boys have Dealer Fever!



Those Good Guys got the fever  
And they're not about to simmer down.  
You should see how all their prices  
Drive the bad guys out of town.



AUTHORIZED DODGE DEALERS  CHRYSLER  
PACIFIC CORPORATION

## '68 DODGE DART

So popular, America's made it its best selling compact. And this year, there's even more excitement packed into Dart. New styling touches, inside and out. A host of thoughtful options. And a big, quick energetic engine. As always, the best thing about this family-sized compact is its low, low compact price. Just another reminder from the Good Guys that they don't wear White Hats just for show.



The Dodge Boys are making great truck deals, too

### EUGENE TUCCI

MAIN STREET

- SLOVAN, PA.

Eugene Tucci-1968 Dodge Dart  
Burgettstown Enterprise-June 26, 1968 Edition

**LOCAL DODGE DEALER IN RECORD DRIVEAWAY**



Eugene Tucci of Eugene Tucci Garage, Slovan, receives the congratulations of Byron J. Nichols, general sales manager, Dodge Division of Chrysler Corporation, during a recent visit to Detroit where he participated in a record drivesway of new Dodge passenger cars to a four-state area. Mr. Tucci remained in Detroit June 13-15

**Tucci, Local Dodge Dealer in Record Driveaway**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-June 30, 1955 Edition**

Tucci Garage - Main Street - Slovan, PA – Photo taken in the early seventies.

Eugene Tucci became a Dodge-Plymouth dealer in 1933 after establishment of an automobile repair shop in Slovan in 1926 or 1927. The brick building to the left was built in 1937, the true „Tucci Garage“.

In 1960 Chrysler Corporation separated the two brands, assigning Plymouth to Chrysler dealers, much to the disgust of traditional Dodge-Plymouth agents. It may have been Eugene Tucci's frustration that led to simply painting over the Plymouth name at the bottom of the sign mounted to the right of the garage door. Years later this was replaced by a more modern Dodge sign similar in colors to the poster in the window below.

The building on the right was purchased later. It had a high front as there were two apartments on a second floor. In July 1965 a fire in the body shop damaged the rear of the building as well as many of the new and used cars stored in the area. A second fire the following night, maliciously caused, gutted the two apartments. At the suggestion of Nick Strongosky, a life-long friend of the family, the top part of the building was removed. The glassed in showroom was also added at one time or the other.

Home appliances, also sold by Eugene Tucci in a (non?) productive effort with Bill Bundy, can be seen in the window on the left.



## Local Auto Dealer Wins Honor



A Customer Care Award Certificate was presented to Eugene Tucci, of the Tucci Garage, Slovan, this week. The presentation was made by R.R. Colaluca, Dodge District Service Representative, and was accepted by Mr. Tucci on behalf of the dealership and employees.

The award, prepared by the Dodge Division of the Chrysler Corporation, is given to dealers for having established a continuous program of action designed to maintain a high level

of customer satisfaction. To qualify, in addition to meeting high standards in service and maintenance, a person must be designated as Custom Relations Manager in the dealership.

At the local dealership, Mr. Tucci took the position because "we feel that by letting the customer know there is someone in the dealership who is ready and willing to show a sincere interest after the initial sale, we can reduce many of the misunderstandings that occur."



## IDLE MEN PAY VISIT TO COUNTY OFFICIALS

Unemployed of the Local Industrial  
District Call upon County  
for Assistance

With demands for food, free house rent, free fuel, cash to pay debts and a money dole, about 60 men, claiming they represented about 2,500 unemployed workers of the Burgettstown, Slovan and Avella mining districts, and other sections of Washington county, met with the County Commissioners on Friday of last week. Their demands were outlined in a communication filed with the county officials.

The men were informed by Commissioners J. E. Johnston and W. A. Barnes that the Commissioners have no power to distribute funds, but that they would lay the matter before the Directors of the Poor and request an investigation to be made in the districts represented.

In order that this may be carried out, representatives from each district were to be named by the delegates, and they are to accompany the investigators of the Directors of the Poor among the families in need of help in the various localities.

The communication presented to the Commissioners was similar in detail to the one presented to the Burgettstown borough council about six weeks ago. The "demands" include payment by the county of \$10 per week for married men, and \$3 per week for each dependent, and \$8 per week to each single man. It is also demanded that a working day shall consist of seven hours, without reduction of pay. Also, a demand for unemployment insurance, to be paid by employers, was made.

The visitors also demanded that governmental "war funds" be turned over to a committee of unemployed, to be distributed by this committee. Complete explanation of just what is comprehended by "war funds" has not been made.

The delegates arrived in Washington by trucks and met the Commissioners in the afternoon. Earlier in the day two truck loads of representatives of unemployed from Canonsburg and Finleyville, the party numbering about 75, visited Washington for the same purpose, but did not wait for the delegation from Burgettstown.

The local delegates stated that their members are registered and that they represent about 1,500 unemployed in the district comprising Burgettstown, Slovan and Avella; also 100 from Hills Station and 800 from Centerville borough, which includes Denbo Heights, Walkerton and Driftwood.

**Idle Men Pay Visit to Officials**

**Burgettstown Enterprise- December 31 1931 Edition**

## Rumor of New Plant Seems Without Base

Report of Steel Company Purchasing  
Local Fair Grounds is Not  
Verified by Officials

Officials of the Union Agricultural Association state they know nothing of any deal whereby the Burgettstown fair grounds are to be sold to a steel company or other industrial organization, notwithstanding persistent rumor of the past two or three weeks to that effect.

The sale of the fair ground property would naturally mean the end of the old Burgettstown fair organization unless other grounds were procured and put in order. Many rumors were heard on the fair grounds last week that this year ended the Burgettstown fair after 76 years of success. The owner of the grounds died last February, which really terminated the lease. Rumors were to the effect a steel company has purchased the grounds, but executors of the Morgan estate said the grounds had not been sold nor had they any prospective purchasers. Under these conditions it is likely that the lease will be extended.

The association, which is a mutual one, has had a heavy debt hanging over it owing to bad weather for two or three years but with the good crowd this year and the cutting down of expenses to the very bone, the financial standing this year should be improved and with another successful year the debt will be almost wiped out.

**Union Agriculture Association  
Rumors of New Plant Seems Without Base  
Burgettstown Enterprise-October 8, 1931 Edition**

# Burgettstown Will Be Site Of Facility

## Union Electric Expanding Forging, Melting Operations

Union Electric Steel Corp. today announced plans to build a five-million-dollar plant in the Harmon Creek Industrial Park near Burgettstown.

The Pittsburgh firm makes forged hardened steel rolls for the steel and non-ferrous industries.

The plant will occupy a 25-acre site and house steel melting, forging and annealing facilities.

R. H. Gallagher, vice president of the firm, said hardening and machining operations will be continued at the firm's plants in Carnegie and Tessenlerlo, Belgium.

The new plant will include an electric furnace using new techniques to refine steel electrode material into high-purity ingots.

The forge shop will contain 3000-ton pull-down type forging press together with new forge and annealing furnaces, cranes and other equipment.

The plant site was selected through the efforts of James F. Hillman, president of the Harmon Creek Coal Corp., and the Area Development Department of West Penn Power Corp.

The site is on reclaimed strip-mined land restored by Harmon Creek. It is largely forested and contains ample recreation facilities, a factor which entered into the company's decision to locate there.

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**The Pittsburgh Press-January 12, 1965 Edition**

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The Pittsburgh Press-January 12, 1965 Edition**



**Union Electric and Harmon Creek Coal Tippie-1967**



**Union Electric Steel, Harmon Creek Industrial Park**  
Photo taken from haul road near the truck garage looking west.

*Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society*

## **Union Lunch Is Re-opened By Misses Ferbezar and Maggs**

Miss Jennie Ferbezar and Miss Esther Maggs have purchased the Union Lunch, opposite Union high school and opened for business this week in a completely newly re-decorated and re-painted room. Well known in restaurant circles here, these women plan to offer well cooked home-like food to the public in an attractive setting.

**Union Lunch is Re-Opened by Misses Ferbezar and Maggs  
Burgettstown Enterprise-August 26, 1948 Edition**

#### PETTY THIEVERY IN TOWN

Local and state police and County Detectives are investigating a series of petty thievery which occurred here last week.

Union Lunch restaurant, owned by Mary and Jennie Ferbezzar was robbed late Wednesday evening when thieves took money from pin ball and cigaret machines, canned goods, silverware and meat from the refrigerator. The robbery occurred after 10:30 p.m. when the restaurant was closed and was discovered when the owners reopened at 7 a.m., Thursday.

Friday evening, the Kucherska VFW was entered and cash taken from a "recreation fund" which was kept in a cigar box under the counter. The amount has not been determined.

Bernola's Restaurant was pilfered Oct. 3, and a large amount of food was taken from a 23 cubic foot deep freeze, also cash from vendor machines.

## Petty Thievery in Town

Burgettstown Enterprise-October 16, 1952 Edition



Announcing The Re-Opening Of The

# *Union Lunch*

under the management of

**ESTHER MAGGS and JENNIE FERBEZAR**

**MONDAY, AUGUST 23**

We will serve Breakfast, Lunch and Supper

Our Specialty: Homemade Pies and Cakes

Your Patronage is invited

Phone 9491

**Union Lunch-Advertisement  
Burgettstown Enterprise-August 19, 1948 Edition**

## UNION MOTOR SALES

Have inaugurated a new service to accommodate the people of Burgettstown and nearby Communities

For Car Owners who do not have time to take their cars to a Garage

For necessary repairs, State Inspections and service, we will call for and deliver your car between the hours of 9:00 A. M. and 5:00 P. M.

For those whose working hours make it difficult to have necessary work performed and to those who will need major repairs, we will gladly lend you a car until the necessary repairs are completed.

We have the latest scientific equipment and factory trained mechanics who can repair any make of car.

Our services include: COMPLETE FRONT END ALIGNMENT, Wheel Balancing, Engine Tune-Up, Carburetor Overhaul, Ignition and Electrical Repairs, Painting, Body & Fender Work, Glass Replacement, Radiator Repair, Washing, Greasing, Polishing, General Repairs and STATE INSPECTION. We also stock Batteries, Anti-Freeze, Tires, Tubes, Accessories and parts for most any make of car.

—Special for Climax Employees and Management—  
Just call us, we will pick up your car at the plant and return it before your shift is over.

No job is too large or small for our Service Department. — Easy Payments on overhauling and larger Repairs

For appointment or more information on this service call WH 7-9719 and ask for "Dom" or "Mike"

## UNION MOTOR SALES

Burgettstown, Pa.

Phone WH 7-9719

## URGENT NEED IS FELT FOR COMMUNITY HALL

Town Handicapped by Want of Place  
Where Public Assemblages  
May be Held

From time to time the Enterprise receives communications from residents regarding a town hall project, and the need of such a building has been particularly stressed during the past week. In a letter a citizen says there are a number of community activities which could be held during the coming winter season if a building were available. Among other things the communication states that the older people of the town would like to hold an occasional dance or get-together meeting of some sort.

It is quite true the churches have provided a place for many functions, but as the Enterprise correspondent points out, a church hardly would be the place for a dance, even under the most favorable conditions. Nor does a church very well suit for the "smokers" and other meetings occasionally held by men. The borough building is not well suited to indiscriminate gatherings, either. The building serves well for certain purposes, but it is essentially not a place that could be adapted to the needs of a community center.

Burgettstown is lame in this respect, there is no use denying. Other far less important towns have their community centers, Y. M. C. A. organizations or other havens for social and community activities. These social centers are big things in the affairs of the towns. Burgettstown should not be behind in the matter.

Recently the Auditorium Theatre property was placed on the market by Dr. A. O. Hindman, the owner. This building is approximately 60 by 100 feet in size and could be put in order at no great expense. It is unlikely that the price of the property would be prohibitive, and the good doctor is a public spirited citizen to whom it is believed a community center proposition would appeal strongly, and thereby bring the question of cost to a minimum.

There probably are other places that might be available for the purpose. The Enterprise is not fully advised as to what properties might be in line for consideration. But it seems a pity that a large and excellent building, which could be used as a town hall, a factory, a wholesale house or other paying enterprise, should remain vacant and of no benefit to the town.

Citizens again are urged to voice their sentiments in regard to the establishment of a community gathering place. There are many who would be glad to join in the movement to provide the people with quarters for town assemblies and activities.

**Urgent Need Felt for Community Hall**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-October 15, 1931 Edition**

# The gang's all here at Vallina's in Langeloth

Anyone who would like to hear discussions of today's world problems (and leave with most of those problems solved) should join the group at Vallina's Market in Langeloth each morning.

True, the accommodations are not the greatest: The meeting time — 6:30 a.m. — is not conducive to large audiences, and the space for the meeting — the small aisle behind the meat counter — leaves a lot to be desired. It could be said, however, that the seating arrangement has improved considerably during the last few years.

In the beginning, seats consisted of orange crates and an assortment of boxes that usually got kicked around. Then someone suggested that they each bring a chair. This worked for a while, until storekeeper Johnny Vallina decided that the group of hometown retired neighbors was here to stay, so he bought six folding chairs that he can store out of the way, at 7:30 a. m., after the jolly group of men has gone home for breakfast.

Johnny's wife, Shirley, makes the coffee, which they all devour eagerly. Then everybody wants to pay for everybody, but Johnny and Shirley believe that the friendship of these happy gentlemen is worth more to them than anything money could buy.

This group shares a common bond of friendship. They observe each other's birthdays and anniversaries and other high points in their lives, with a cake that Shirley has baked for the occasion. When one is missing temporarily from the gathering due to illness, or when one is called away by death, all share the sorrow, so close is their bond.

Occasionally, one of them is away for quite some time.

Even though Cris Maropis lives in Texas, he is considered a member of the group. He arrives home in Langeloth each summer in time for Community Day. Chris spent 25 years in the



**KATHRYN SLASOR**

Coast Guard, retiring as chief warrant officer in 1974. He was educated in a number of schools and universities.

Pat Maropis is another who does not answer "present" for much of the year; He will return home from Greece in September.

Pete Maropis is semi-retired. For 47 years he has been manager of the All American Co. in Langeloth, well-known for its work with sports equipment.

Dr. Angelo Spanoglians, educated at the University of Georgetown Medical School, became Pennsylvania licensed in 1940, retiring in 1992.

"He is always late," quipped one of the others when Doc still had not arrived by 7 a.m.

"But we let it go because he gives us free medical advice," laughed another.

The group celebrated Doc's 88th birthday on June 15.

Dante Filipponi is a retired grocer. His father, Ralph, started in business 78 years ago, and Dante has been part of the business since his high school days. He was with the PX group for 25 years. His years number 45 with WGA.

Elmer Gilson is a retired painter, and has worked with paint and wall covering for more than 40 years. The Gilson family has always been well-known for its paint and wallpaper business in Burgettstown.

Frank Sprando spent many years in Chicago. He has worked in metal mechanics for 27 years. Following retirement from metal works, he became



Contributed

**COFFEE HOUNDS** — The early morning coffee group is a familiar site at Vallina's Market in Langeloth. Pictured, from left, are (front) Elmer Gilson, Pete Maropis and Dr. Angelo Spanoglians, (rear) Frank Sprando, Bill Buxton, Cris Maropis and Dante Filipponi.

associated with the Brach Candy Co.

Bill Buxton wandered in a little late for the meeting, but the others excused him.

"He hasn't been voted in yet," someone remembered, teasing him.

Bill retired after 44 years at Wheeling-Pitt Steel Corp.. He then worked for 10 years for the late Glenn Conklin at the service station at Langeloth. Bill said their motto at the station was, "We grease to please."

The last to arrive was Pat McGraw, who, most of the time, the others say, does not attend at all. Or he arrives late — in this case, too late for the group picture.

He is also excused by the others due to the fact he occasionally provides them with a delicacy from his garden, a recipe or a sample of his cooking. Being grand knight of the Knights of Columbus, Pat promotes activities for the family, the church and the community. He has been with the local high school for 38 years in the athletics department. While in the service, he flew 30 missions with the Eighth Air Force.

The group is still mourning the loss of a "charter member," Charles Havelka, who passed away recently.

Last but not least is Johnny Vallina, who has been absent from the group for several weeks. Johnny has been seriously ill and hospitalized for long periods of time.

Johnny Vallina began working with the late Gus Barbush, owner of Langeloth Townsite, when he was 9 years old. Gus hired him to deliver groceries, then taught him the butchering trade. He has been in the meat and grocery business every since.

He bought his present building from Otis Wilgocki 12 years ago. He previously "kept store" in an adjoining building for a total of 39 years, in business for himself. The first building, which was later torn down, he rented from Gus. It was about this time when Gus closed the big "company store," which stands today, empty, across the parking lot.

On Valentine's Day, 1950, Johnny and Shirley were married. By Thanksgiving, the first of their six children was born. The year 1950 is infamous in weather history as being "the year of the big snow."

That was the time when the stork decided to make a call. But all turned out well with the help of friends, strangers and police. They have since added



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**HAPPY HOSTS** — Shirley and Johnny Vallina are the unofficial hosts of the early morning coffee group, which meets at an early hour in a small aisle in their store, Vallina's Market in Langeloth.

10 grandchildren to the brood.

Shirley carried on her own business for 10 years, along with the work in the store and raising the children.

Her dress shop in her basement attracted much attention. She went to the big cities as a buyer, coming home laden with the latest fashions for the ladies.

For six years she also worked with home interiors. She and her friends shared much fun and companionship during her buying sprees.

Johnny is well-known for his love of sports. He talks every type of sports language, his specialty being soccer, with softball running a close second.

Meanwhile, as Johnny recu-

perates, his "early morning coffee group" continues daily with chatter and discussion of myriad topics but their concern for their host and friend is very real.

"We are the Langeloth Aborigines," quipped one of the fellows just as a lively session was breaking up. "We hope to expand our situations, win the lottery, become rich, give money to everyone who needs it, help the world become a better place ...," his voice trailing off as his departing friends pushed back their chairs, echoed his sentiments and nodded in agreement.

(Slasor is a special correspondent with the Pennsylvania Focus.)

### **Buys Service Station.**

The Vance Acres Service Station, in the Bavington district, has been purchased by Joseph Longo of Burgettstown and John Pusateri of Pittsburgh, according to recent announcement.

VIMCO  
MACARONI  
PRODUCTS CO.  
CARNEGIE, PA.

Mr. & Mrs. SALVATORE VIVIANO invite the *Mothers of America*  
to a dinner in their home and a tour of the VIMCO FACTORY.  
MOTHERS judge VIMCO BEST FOR THEIR FAMILY

VIMCO MACARONI PRODUCTS CO.  
CARNEGIE, PA. MIAMI, FLORIDA  
AUGUST 13, 1958



### **Primrose service station**

This 1940s photograph shows The Vincenti Service Station on Johns Avenue in the village of Primrose, between McDonald and Midway. It was in operation from 1938 to 1982. There was also a small store inside. For many years, the service station also served as a polling

place on election day. The photograph was submitted by Mary Berger Vincenti, center. To her left is her husband, Joseph Vincenti, who died in 1983 and to her right is Mobile Oil representative Blair Hamilton. The building still stands today.

**Primrose Service Station**  
**Observer-Reporter-July 23, 1995 Edition**

## **Vosburg Heads Weekly Newspapers In State Association**

Eugene H. Vosburg, Publisher of the Burgettstown Enterprise and the Follansbee, W. Va., Review was elected Vice President of the Pennsylvania Newspaper Publishers Association at the annual meeting held in the Penn Harris Hotel, Harrisburg, Pa., on Friday, October 8. Mr. Vosburg as Vice President will head the weekly division of the Pennsylvania Press, 143 of which are members of the association.

Mr. Vosburg will serve with Robert E. Malick, editor and publisher of the Shamokin News-Dispatch, who was elected President of the Association. Malick succeeds John H. Biddle of the Huntington Daily News and will represent 121 daily newspapers in the state, who are affiliated with P.N.P.A.

William A. Helman, publisher of the Irwin Republican Standard (weekly) was re-elected Secretary-Treasurer and Len Anderson, publisher of the Oakmont Advance Leader (weekly) was named to the executive committee.

Accompanying Mr. Vosburg to Harrisburg was Mrs. Vosburg editor of the Burgettstown Enterprise and the Misses Katherine Pyle and Miriam Cassidy. Miss Pyle, staff writer for the Enterprise won honorable mention in a state wide news writing contest, sponsored by the Pennsylvania Women's Press Association. Miss Pyle's winning story was the feature on "Doc" McKee Day, published in the Burgettstown Enterprise.

**Vosburg Head Weekly Newspapers in State Association  
Burgettstown Enterprise-October 14, 1948 Edition**



Charter No. 6944.

Reserve District No. 4.  
Report of condition of the

### Washington National Bank of Burgettstown

In the State of Pennsylvania, at the  
close of business on March 4, 1936.  
(Published in response to call made  
by Comptroller of Currency, under  
Section 5211, U.S. Revised Statutes.)

#### ASSETS

|                                                                          |       |                      |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|----------------------|
| Loans and Discounts                                                      | ----- | \$ 429,728.87        |
| Overdrafts                                                               | ----- | .07                  |
| United States Government obligations, direct and/or fully guaranteed     | ----- | 710,484.74           |
| Other bonds, stocks, and securities                                      | ----- | 498,096.75           |
| Banking House, \$53,300.00                                               |       |                      |
| Furniture and fixtures                                                   | ----- | \$1,000.00 54,300.00 |
| Real Estate owned other than banking house                               | ----- | 2,250.00             |
| Reserve with Federal Reserve Bank                                        | ----- | 101,041.84           |
| Cash, balances with other banks, and cash items in process of collection | ----- | 291,310.34           |
| Other assets                                                             | ----- | 2,183.04             |
| Total Assets                                                             | ----- | \$2,089,395.65       |

#### LIABILITIES

|                                                                              |       |                |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|----------------|
| Demand Deposits                                                              | ----- | \$ 565,647.77  |
| Time Deposits                                                                | ----- | 1,171,815.29   |
| Public funds of States                                                       | ----- | 91,748.42      |
| U. S. Government and postal savings deposits                                 | ----- | 17,000.00      |
| Deposits of other banks including certified and cashiers' checks outstanding | ----- | 8,631.31       |
| Total of Items 14 to 18, inclusive:                                          |       |                |
| (a) Secured by pledge of loans and/or investments                            | ----- | \$71,606.15    |
| (b) Not secured by pledge of loans and/or investments                        | ----- | \$1,783,236.64 |
| (c) Total Deposits                                                           | ----- | \$1,854,842.79 |
| Capital account:                                                             |       |                |
| Common stock, 500 shares, par \$100.00 per share                             | ----- | \$50,000.00    |
| Surplus                                                                      | ----- | 150,000.00     |
| Undivided profits—net                                                        | ----- | 34,552.86      |
| Total Capital Account                                                        | ----- | 234,552.86     |
| Total Liabilities                                                            | ----- | \$2,089,395.65 |

#### MEMORANDUM: LOANS AND INVESTMENTS PLEDGED TO SECURE LIABILITIES

|                                                                      |       |              |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|--------------|
| United States Government obligations, direct and/or fully guaranteed | ----- | 135,000.00   |
| Total Pledged (excluding rediscounts)                                | ----- | 135,000.00   |
| Pledged:                                                             |       |              |
| (a) Against United States Government and postal savings deposits     | ----- | 50,000.00    |
| (b) Against State, county, and municipal deposits                    | ----- | 55,000.00    |
| (d) Against other deposits                                           | ----- | 30,000.00    |
| (h) Total Pledged                                                    | ----- | \$135,000.00 |

State of Pennsylvania, County of Washington, ss:

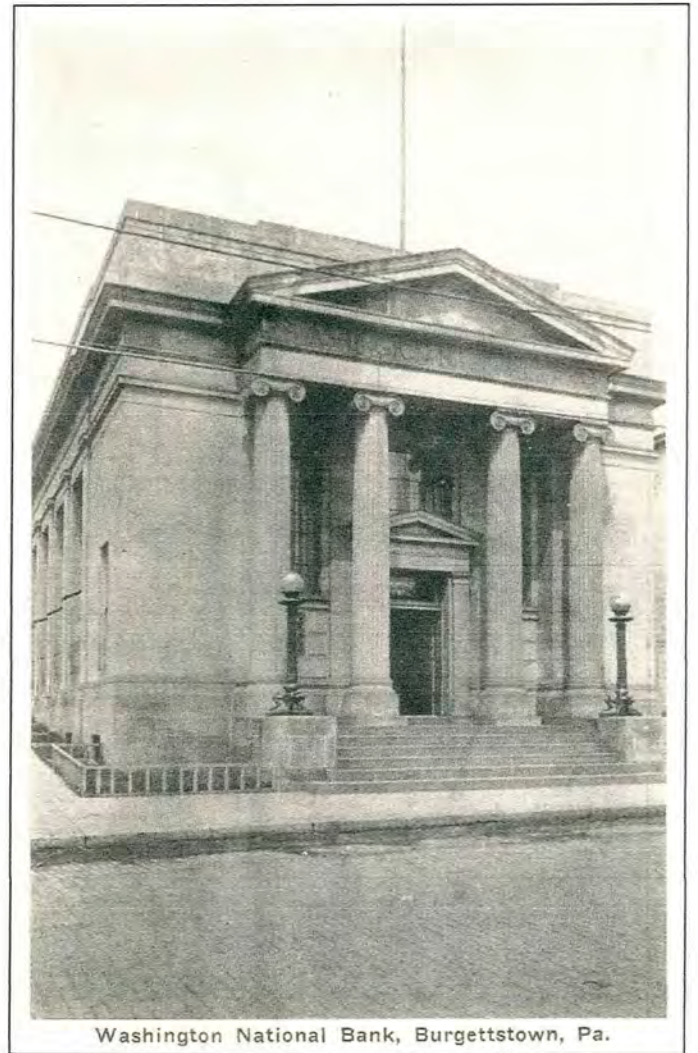
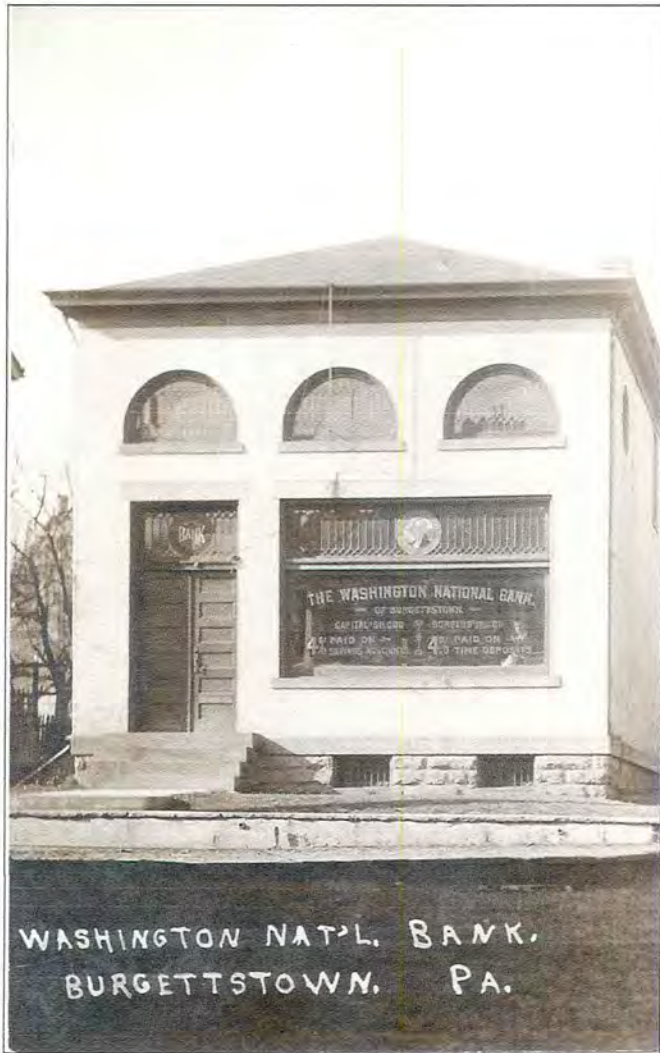
I, Leo R. McKinney, Cashier of the above-named bank do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

LEE R. MCKINNEY, Cashier  
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 19th day of March, 1936.

Robert C. Cassidy, Notary Public.  
My commission expires February 25, 1937

Correct—Attest:

D. J. Coulter,  
John M. Scott,  
H. R. Wilson,  
Directors.



### **Washington National Bank Main Street, Burgettstown, PA**

The building on the left, is the first building of the Washington National Bank, Now the Burgettstown Hardware. The one room building was built in 1903. In 1910 to 1912, additions were made, making it a three story brick structure with lodge rooms and offices. This building was used until the new bank building was built next to it and completed in 1921. The bank operated as Washington National Bank until November 1947, when it became Citizen's National Bank of Washington. In, 1948, it became known as the Burgettstown office of Mellon Bank. It is now operated as Citizen's Bank.

#### Bank Man Resigns Position.

Dwight N. Cook, for the past 11 years an employee of the Washington National Bank of Burgettstown, has resigned his position with the bank effective August 31st. Mr. Cook is arranging to establish a hardware business in the rooms of the Peoples Bank building formerly occupied by Bloom's department store. The new business will probably be ready to open about the middle or latter part of September. Mr. Cook has been a resident of the town for 15 years and is well known about the countryside. His experience should equip him with ability to successfully take care of an independent business venture.

## Washington National Bank Elects Officers

Directors and officers of the Washington National Bank held their annual meeting on Tuesday and re-organized as follows:

**OFFICERS**—John M. Scott, President; D. J. Coulter, Vice President; W. B. Culley, Vice President; Lee R. McKinney, Cashier; James C. Wolfe, Assistant Cashier, and E. F. Charlier Assistant Cashier.

**DIRECTORS**—D. J. Coulter, Lee R. McKinney, John M. Scott, W. B. Culley, H. A. Scott, H. R. Wilson, and J. R. Bell.

**Washington National Bank Elects Officers**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-January 14, 1943 Edition**



### **Washington National Bank 2018**

Photo was taken shortly after Citizens Bank moved to their new location. All Citizen bank signs were removed and the building was sold at auction. If you look closely you can see the name, Washington National Bank, the original name of the bank. The name was last seen in 1947.

*Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society*



**JOHN M. SCOTT**

For more than 40 years John M. Scott was a familiar figure in banks of Burgettstown. He began as a clerk at the Burgettstown National Bank in 1906 serving as an apprentice without pay. After five years he was offered a position as cashier at the Washington National Bank. This bank was sold outright to Citizens' Bank of Washington in 1947, one of the Mellon Interests. It later became Mellon Bank.

Two years after Mr. Scott entered the Washington National Bank he was given the position of director rather than cashier. In 1934 he became president. When the bank became a branch of Citizens' National Bank of Washington he was given the title of vice president.

Mr. Scott was married to Eula Gormly in 1911. They had a son, Stewart. When Mrs. Scott died, Mr. Scott, after several years, remarried, his second wife being Mrs. Carrie Rankin. The Scotts resided for many years on Dinsmore Avenue.

**John M. Scott**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-Centennial Edition, May 20, 1981**

Charter No. 6944.

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**ASSETS**

|                                                                          |         |                       |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|-----------------------|
| Loans and Discounts                                                      | -----\$ | 423,327.90            |
| Overdrafts                                                               | -----   | None                  |
| United States Government obligations, direct and/or fully guaranteed     | -----   | 757,865.50            |
| Other bonds, stocks and securities                                       | -----   | 555,805.50            |
| Banking House, 52,000.00                                                 |         |                       |
| Furniture and fixtures                                                   | -----   | \$1,000.00            |
| Reserve with Federal Reserve Bank                                        | -----   | 92,229.93             |
| Cash, balances with other banks, and cash items in process of collection | ---     | 335,348.02            |
| Other assets                                                             | -----   | 2,183.04              |
| <b>Total Assets</b>                                                      | -----   | <b>\$2,224,759.89</b> |

**LIABILITIES**

|                                                                              |         |                       |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|-----------------------|
| Demand Deposits                                                              | -----\$ | 592,974.16            |
| Time Deposits                                                                | -----   | 1,193,869.91          |
| State, county, and municipal deposits                                        | -----   | 129,014.33            |
| U. S. Government and postal savings deposits                                 | ---     | 37,176.53             |
| Deposits of other banks including certified and cashier's checks outstanding | -----   | 6,454.79              |
| <b>Total of Items 14 to 18, inclusive:</b>                                   |         |                       |
| (a) Secured by pledge of loans and/or investments                            | ---     | \$93,667.08           |
| (b) Not secured by pledge of loans and/or investments                        | ---     | \$1,865,822.64        |
| (c) <b>Total Deposits</b>                                                    | -----   | <b>\$1,959,489.72</b> |
| Capital account:                                                             |         |                       |
| Common stock, 500 shares, par \$100.00 per share                             | -----   | \$50,000.00           |
| Surplus                                                                      | ---     | 150,000.00            |
| Undivided profits—net                                                        | -----   | 65,270.17             |
| <b>Total Capital Account</b>                                                 | ---     | <b>265,270.17</b>     |

Total Liabilities ----- \$2,224,759.89

**MEMORANDUM: LOANS AND INVESTMENTS PLEDGED TO SECURE LIABILITIES**

|                                                                      |       |                   |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|-------------------|
| United States Government obligations, direct and/or fully guaranteed | ---   | 105,000.00        |
| <b>Total Pledged (excluding rediscounts)</b>                         | ----- | <b>105,000.00</b> |

**Pledged:**

|                                                                  |       |                     |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|---------------------|
| (a) Against United States Government and postal savings deposits | ----- | 50,000.00           |
| (b) Against State, county, and municipal deposits                | ----- | 55,000.00           |
| (h) <b>Total Pledged</b>                                         | ----- | <b>\$105,000.00</b> |

State of Pennsylvania, County of Washington, ss:

I, Lee R. McKinney, Cashier of the above-named bank do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

LEE R. McKINNEY, Cashier.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 8th day of July, 1936.

Robert C. Cassidy, Notary Public.  
My commission expires February 25, 1937.

Correct—Attest:

J. R. Bell,  
W. B. Culley,  
John M. Scott,  
Directors.

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF CLEVELAND

:: LICENSE ::

AMENDING THE LICENSE ISSUED PURSUANT  
TO THE EXECUTIVE ORDER OF  
MARCH 10, 1933.

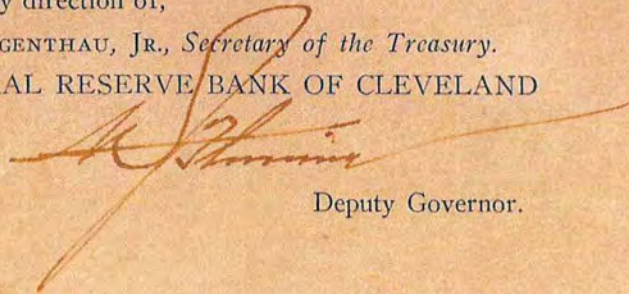
The License issued to.....WASHINGTON NATIONAL BANK.....  
of.....BURGETTSTOWN PENNA.....to perform its usual banking functions is hereby amended pursuant to the Executive Order of January 15, 1934, amending the Executive Order of March 10, 1933 and the Proclamation of December 30, 1933, concerning the operation of banks by eliminating the restriction imposed by the following portion of the extract from the Executive Order of March 10, 1933 appearing on such license: "nor to engage in any transaction in foreign exchange except such as may be undertaken for legitimate and normal business requirements, for reasonable traveling and other personal requirements, and for the fulfillment of contracts entered into prior to March 6, 1933."

The amendment of the Executive Order of March 10, 1933 and the Proclamation of December 30, 1933, and of the licenses issued pursuant to the Executive Order of March 10, 1933, shall not relieve any person from the obligation of complying with the terms of the Executive Order of January 15, 1934, relating to the export of coin or currency and transactions in foreign exchange, or the regulations or licenses issued thereunder or any other provision of law affecting transactions in foreign exchange.

This amendatory license may be amended or revoked in whole or in part by the Secretary of the Treasury at any time.

Issued by direction of,  
H. MORGENTHAU, JR., *Secretary of the Treasury.*  
FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF CLEVELAND

By



Deputy Governor.

**Washington National Bank-Burgettstown, Penna**  
**Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland License Issued March 10, 1933**



## THE LONG AGO

Events of Other Times From  
Various Sources of Local  
History and Old Legends

The following paragraphs are selected from the Enterprise of January 12, 1910—22 years ago:

\* \* \*

At the annual meeting of the stock holders of the Washington National Bank of Burgettstown, the following directors were elected for the year: J. A. Ray, R. K. Scott, David G. Jones, M. R. Stephenson, A. C. Wilson, F. M. Barber, J. W. Keys, R. C. Vance and J. Winfield Reed.

\* \* \*

A number of citizens met at Racoon and organized a Sabbath School which was to be held in the public school building. There were 25 persons present and the following officers were elected: Superintendent, Andrew Proudfit; secretary, Dr. H. E. Moore; treasurer, Mrs. H. E. Moore. Miss Lily Simpson was elected assistant superintendent.

\* \* \*

Cyrus W. Boles of Eldersville kept a record of the weather of the year 1909, and reported as follows: Rain, 144 days; snow, 34 days; cloudy, 73 days; partly cloudy, 41 days; clear, 15 days; thunder and lightning, 39 days; hours of rain, 295; hours of snow, 26½.

\* \* \*

The biggest gas strike in the local region so far reported was made in the Keener sand, on the T. M. Johnson farm, three miles south of the village of Cross Creek, in a well drilled by Kelly & Cooper. The production was estimated at about 5,000,000 cubic feet a day.

\* \* \*

A meeting was held in the office of T. M. Hunt by a group of farmers of the local district, and an organization effected by the election of the following officers: President, J. B. Henderson, Burgettstown; secretary-treasurer, B. K. McConnell, Cecil township.

\* \* \*

Deaths reported for the week were as follows: Mrs. J. W. English, wife of the Rev. J. W. English, a former pastor of the Robinson Run United Presbyterian Church, died at Riverside, California. She was 45 years of age. Mrs. Samantha Finnegan, aged 66 years, died at the home of her stepson, James A. Finnegan, at Frankfort Springs.

## The Long Ago

Events of other Times from Various Sources of Local History and Old Legends  
Enterprise- January 12, 1910

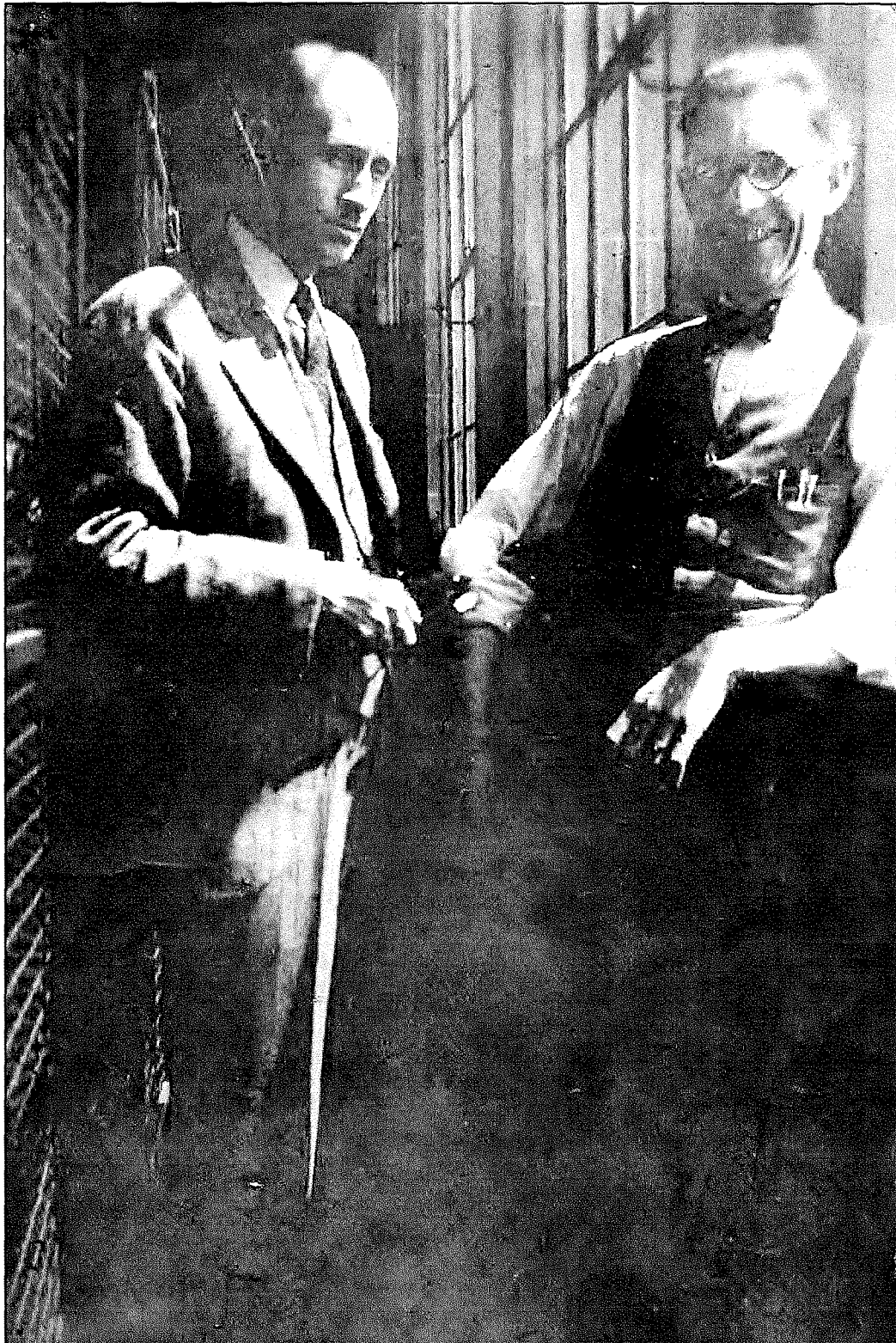


The Washington National Bank building is nearing completion in this picture, taken in 1920 or 1921.

Shown at the left atop the building is James Martin, who built "most of

the buildings in Burgettstown," as his proud daughters tell it.

**Washington National Bank nearing Completion**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-May 20, 1981 Centennial Edition**



**R.C. Cassidy II and Lee McKinney, Bank Manager  
Washington National Bank**

*Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society*

BURGETTSTOWN, PA., Feb. 1 - 1906

Twenty four days AFTER DATE, WE, OR EITHER OF US, PROMISE TO PAY

TO THE ORDER OF The Washington Natl. Bank Burgettstown Pa

Ninety and 00/100 DOLLARS, AT

**THE WASHINGTON NATIONAL BANK OF BURGETTSTOWN, PA.**

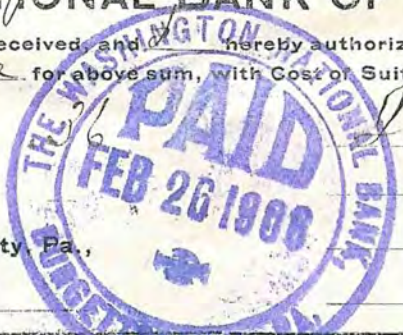
Without Defalcation, or Stay of Execution, Value Received, and we hereby authorize any Attorney of any Court of Record in this State or elsewhere to confess judgment against us for above sum, with Cost of Suit and Attorney's Commission; Waiving Inquisition and Exemption.

David J. Pettibon [SEAL]

P. O. \_\_\_\_\_ [SEAL]

County Pa., \_\_\_\_\_ [SEAL]

No. 756 Due Feb. 25-06 [SEAL]



**The Washington National Bank of Burgettstown, PA.  
 Note to David Pettibon, paid in full, February 26, 1906**

*Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society*

The following train schedule and list of merchants were taken from a handbook issued by the Washington

National Bank sometime in the 1920's. No date is marked. Note the interesting telephone numbers.

— INDEX AND —  
TELEPHONE DIRECTORY OF  
BURGETTSTOWN MERCHANTS

(X) No Phone

|                                |          |
|--------------------------------|----------|
| Allison Bros., Hickory         | 16       |
| American Zinc and Chemical Co. | 82       |
| Bender's Pharmacy              | 9-66     |
| Bella's Lunch                  | 9302     |
| Bingham, A. W.                 | 72-W     |
| Burgettstown Dairy Co.         | 320-J    |
| Barbush, Gust                  | X        |
| Bloom & Bloom, Attys.          | 301      |
| Bloom & Bloom, Wash.           | 1967     |
| Bloom, I. C.                   | 301      |
| Boice, J. M.                   | 13-J     |
| Brown, J. E., Hickory          | 4-R-5    |
| Burgettstown Motor Co.         | 330      |
| Bloom's Dept. Store            | 301-66-J |
| Burg. Overland Co.             | 142      |
| Burgettstown Hdw. Co.          | 5        |
| Burgettstown Produce Co.       | 28-R     |
| Carl, W. A.                    | 9081     |
| Capitol Restaurant             | 319      |
| Carlisle, A. M.                | 51-M     |
| Cassidy, R. C.                 | 339-R    |
| Clark, W. S.                   | 29       |
| Core, W. F.                    | 333      |
| Culley, W. B.                  | 210      |
| Cramer, W. G.                  | 8-M      |
| Carney, J. R.                  | 226      |
| Cross Creek Garage             | 117-R-11 |
| Culley Brothers                | 54-J     |

|                          |         |
|--------------------------|---------|
| DeWalt, Samuel H.        | 312     |
| Davidson, R. E.          | 72-R    |
| Donment, J. D.           | 17-R    |
| Dallmeyer, W. F.         | 177-R-3 |
| Dickson, W. E.           | 208     |
| Davidson, C. W.          | 26-W    |
| Dowden, D. C.            | X       |
| Enterprise Garage        | 126-J   |
| Evantz, Matt             | X       |
| Eldersville Motor Co.    | 228-R13 |
| Figley B. B.             | 50      |
| Filippini, A.            | 204     |
| Enterprise Printing      | 63      |
| Fredericks, J. O.        | 91      |
| Fullerton, L. H.         | 63      |
| Gilbert, P. H.           | 238     |
| Gradison Auto Bus        | 126-J   |
| Hindman, A. O.           | 102     |
| Horovitz Dept. Store     | 22-R    |
| Inglefield & Son         | 174     |
| Jackson Coal Co.         | 108-J   |
| Katzenmyer, A.           | X       |
| Keystone Garage          | 99      |
| Linn Bros.               | 53-J    |
| Liberty Meat Market      | 170     |
| Langeloth Mercantile Co. | 119     |
| Leopold, L. H.           | 64      |
| Lee & Wilson             | 27-R    |
| Langeloth Townsite Co.   | 56      |
| McCalmont, S. J.         | 118-M   |
| McCashin, W. J., Rev.    | 107     |
| McBurney, H. H.          | 102     |
| McCormick Motor Co.      | 114     |
| McGough, J. L.           | 146     |

|                              |       |
|------------------------------|-------|
| McIntyre, W. A.              | X     |
| McKenzie, J. A.              | 35    |
| McKee, G. L.                 | 311   |
| McFarland, Edwin             | 15-A  |
| Miller, A. R.                | 225   |
| Miner's Cash Meat Market     | X     |
| New York Bargain Store       | 307   |
| New York Restaurant          | 925   |
| Pappas, Frank                | 236   |
| Pyle, H. B.                  | 374   |
| Panhandle Petroleum Pro. Co. | 359   |
| Patsch, I. C. Houston, Pa.   | 968-A |
| Reed, James                  | 58-Y  |
| Penna. R. R. Freight Sta.    | 38    |
| Penna. R. R. Passenger Sta.  | 212-J |
| Panconi & Son                | 9171  |
| PeLucci & Son                | 213   |
| Penn Bus Line, Bridgeville   | 19    |
| Ritchie, S. M.               | 375   |
| Russell Motor Co.            | 25    |
| Russell Hotel                | 924   |
| Ro, J. Jacob                 | 17    |
| Repoie, Ben                  | X     |
| Sack's Dept. Store           | 220   |
| Sanitary Barber Shop         | 31-W  |
| Sansone Bros.                | X     |
| Scott, H. A.                 | 24    |
| Stool, H.                    | X     |
| Stottlemeyer, Robert         | X     |
| Slovan Motor Co.             | 159   |
| Shillito, W. G.              | 354   |
| Sloan, B. E.                 | 217   |
| Smith Hotel                  | 121   |
| Stype, H. A.                 | 218-M |

|                        |       |
|------------------------|-------|
| Thomas, Eugene         | 15    |
| Thomassy, G. E.        | 85    |
| Union Cash Meat Market | X     |
| Westlake, C. L.        | 70-J  |
| Victory Restaurant     | 9255  |
| Wilson, Geo. H.        | 27-J  |
| Wilson, H. R.          | 318-J |
| Wray's Cash Shoe Store | X     |
| Young, Thomas          | 239-W |

SMITH TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS

ROAD SUPERVISORS

L. C. Smiley, Sec., Phone 162-R-12  
Geo. Pate, Phone 176-R-3  
J. M. Aiken, Phone 16-R-12 Midway

SCHOOL DIRECTORS

C. A. Hamilton, Sec., Phone 229  
J. V. Stevenson, Sec., 20-R-2 Midway  
Dan John, Cherry Valley, Pa.  
Martin Russa, Raccoon, Pa.  
H. H. Dold, Langeloth, Pa.  
E. B. Smiley, Phone 16-R-14 Midway  
Henry Coulterbahn, Phone 162-R-5

If you have any thing to buy or sell call up **FRANK PAPPAS**, he buys and sells everything. Phone 236.

P. R. R. TRAIN SCHEDULE

| Burgettstown To Pittsburgh |       |       | Pittsburgh To Burgettstown |       |       |
|----------------------------|-------|-------|----------------------------|-------|-------|
| No.                        | Time  | Time  | No.                        | Time  | Time  |
| 600                        | 4:30  | 5:40  | 501                        | 5:45  | 6:35  |
| 610                        | 5:24  | 6:39  | 301                        | 6:32  | 7:55  |
| 400                        | 6:11  | 7:24  | 521                        | 7:50  | 8:44  |
| 500                        | 8:00  | 8:55  | 531                        | 9:45  | 10:37 |
| 300                        | 8:52  | 10:08 | 691                        | 11:25 | 12:38 |
| 520                        | 10:07 | 11:06 | 541                        | 12:50 | 1:53  |
| 420                        | 11:22 | 12:30 | 601                        | 2:05  | 3:11  |
| 690                        | 1:25  | 2:26  | 321                        | 3:10  | 4:21  |
| 530                        | 2:07  | 3:00  | 551                        | 4:00  | 4:54  |
| 620                        | 2:30  | 3:38  | 421                        | 4:15  | 5:32  |
| 550                        | 4:26  | 5:22  | 611                        | 5:15  | 6:32  |
| 320                        | 5:21  | 6:44  | 571                        | 8:05  | 9:05  |
| 1538                       | 8:32  | 9:25  | 621                        | 10:25 | 11:40 |

SUNDAY TRAINS

| No.  | Time  | Time  | No. | Time  | Time  |
|------|-------|-------|-----|-------|-------|
| 610  | 5:21  | 6:35  | 501 | 5:45  | 6:35  |
| 500  | 8:00  | 8:55  | 381 | 7:05  | 8:19  |
| 480  | 8:53  | 10:05 | 521 | 7:50  | 8:44  |
| 520  | 10:07 | 11:04 | 641 | 9:05  | 10:21 |
| 420  | 11:22 | 12:30 | 531 | 9:45  | 10:37 |
| 530  | 2:07  | 3:00  | 541 | 12:50 | 1:53  |
| 620  | 2:30  | 3:38  | 481 | 3:15  | 4:25  |
| 550  | 4:26  | 5:22  | 551 | 4:00  | 4:54  |
| 320  | 5:21  | 6:44  | 571 | 8:05  | 9:05  |
| 1538 | 8:32  | 9:25  | 621 | 10:25 | 11:40 |

Burgettstown Borough Council

Geo. I. McKee, President  
Phone 311  
B. E. Sloan, H. R. Wilson  
D. J. Coulter, D. C. Dowden  
A. R. Miller, S. J. McCalmont

Secretary of Council  
C. W. Davidson, Phone 26-W

Burgess  
Robert C. Cassidy, Phone 339-R

Borough Solicitor  
I. C. Bloom, Phone 301

Justices of the Peace  
W. B. Culley, W. G. Shillito

Borough Auditors  
Wert A. McIntyre, James J. Reed  
Robert Stottlemeyer

Chief of Police  
W. F. Core, Phone 333

Street Commissioner  
Alex Lathan

Board of Health  
Rev. W. J. McCashin, President  
A. M. Carlisle, Secretary  
J. L. McGough, Treasurer  
Dr. A. O. Hindman, P. H. Gilbert

## Train Schedule and Merchant List from Washington National Bank Handbook-1920's Burgettstown Centennial Edition May 20, 1981 Edition

## **BANK WILL PAY \$31,456 TO XMAS CLUB MEMBERS**

\$31,456.50 will be distributed to 600 Christmas Club members by the Washington National Bank of Burgettstown, according to an announcement made by Lee R. McKinney, Cashier of the local bank. The total distribution for 1941 is \$9,953.50 in excess of 1940, when 471 members received \$21,503.00.

129 additional accounts were opened this year and in many instances accounts were doubled over last year.

Local bankers expect an enrollment of 700 accounts in the new Christmas Club which begins on December 1, 1941, with an estimated total of \$40,000.00 for the Burgettstown Community in 1942.

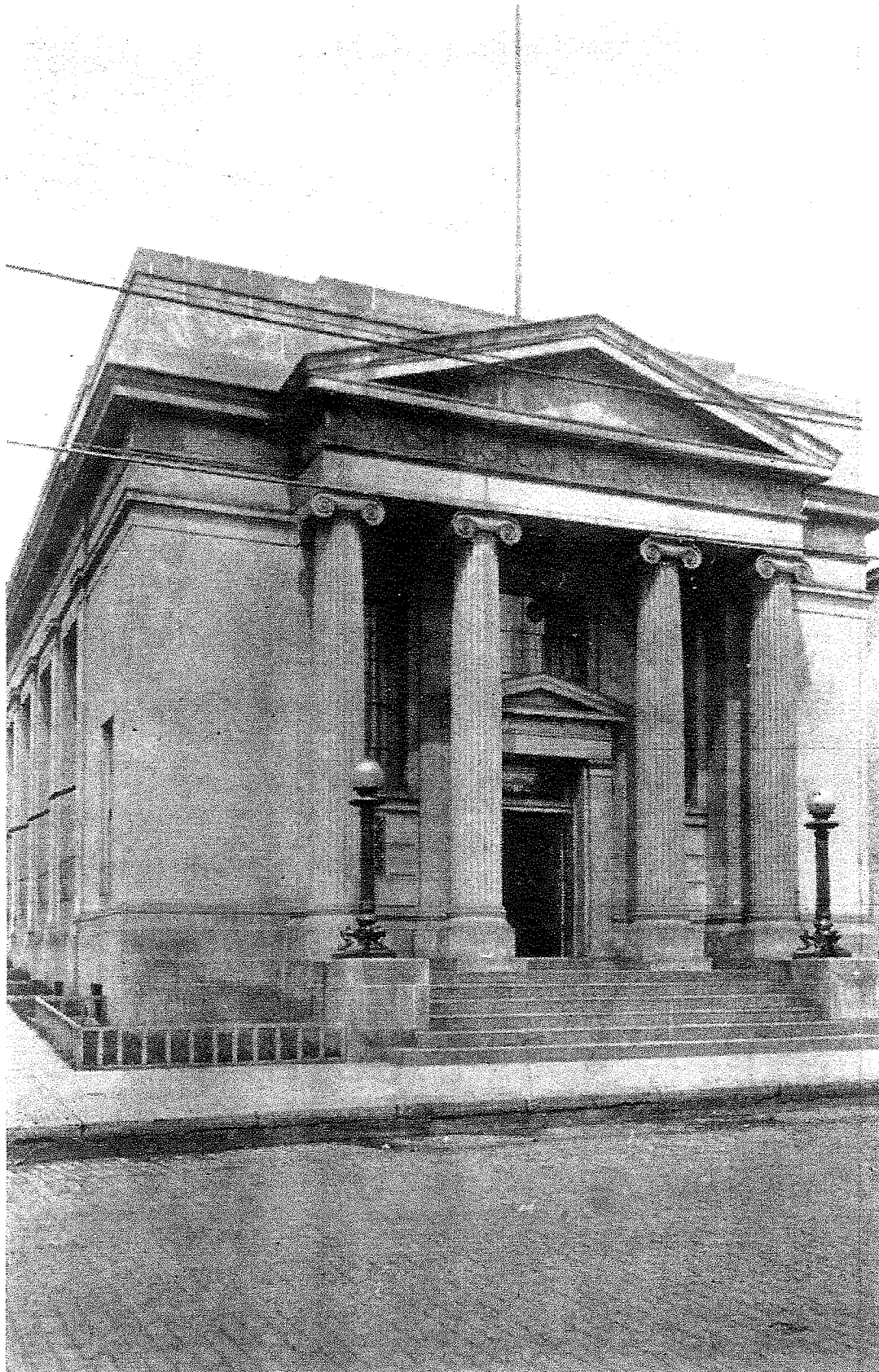
This year accounts were closed on November 15, and mailing of the checks will begin on December 1. The total amount saved, the number of participants, and the average per member accumulation and total number of members enrolled represents a new high for the bank since the Club was installed several years ago.

Nationally, it is estimated that \$460,000,000.00 will be distributed to 8,000,000 Club members by approximately 4800 banks in the country on December 1, 1941. The total distribution for 1941 is about 9 per cent ahead of 1940.

Analysis of Club accounts shows that the members will use their money approximately as follows:

Christmas purchases, 32.4 per cent; permanent savings, 26.7 per cent; year-end bills, 14 per cent; taxes, 9.7 per cent; insurance premiums, 9.3 per cent; education, travel and charity, 4.2 per cent; mortgage interest, 2.3 per cent; and miscellaneous, 1.4 per cent. At the present time, a large percentage of the savings may be used in the purchase of National Defense Securities.

**Bank Will Pay \$31, 456 to Christmas Club Members  
Burgettstown Enterprise-November 27, 1941 Edition**



Washington National Bank, Burgettstown, Pa.

**Washington National Bank-1938**  
**Now known as Citizens Bank**  
**Main Street, Burgettstown, PA**

**Legal Notices**  
**STATEMENT**

Charter No. 6944.  
Reserve District No. 4  
Report of condition of the  
**Washington National Bank**  
of Burgettstown

in the State of Pennsylvania, at the  
close of business on June 30, 1939.  
(Published in response to call made  
by Comptroller of the Currency, un-  
der Section 5211, U. S. Revised Sta-  
tutes.)

**ASSETS**

|                                                                                                              |                       |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Loans and discounts (in-<br>cluding \$ None over-<br>drafts) -----                                           | 363,156.37            |
| United States Government<br>obligations, direct and<br>guaranteed -----                                      | 1,011,870.31          |
| Obligations of States and<br>political subdivisions --                                                       | 20,843.24             |
| Other bonds, notes, and<br>debentures -----                                                                  | 320,847.50            |
| Corporate stocks, including<br>stock of Federal Reserve<br>bank -----                                        | 6,000.00              |
| Cash, balances with other<br>banks, including reserve<br>balance, and cash items<br>in process of collection | 546,461.32            |
| Bank premises owned<br>-----                                                                                 | \$48,000.00           |
| Furniture and fixtures<br>-----                                                                              | \$1,000.00 49,000.00  |
| Real estate owned other<br>than bank premises ---                                                            | 1,590.58              |
| Other assets -----                                                                                           | 765.22                |
| <b>Total Assets -----</b>                                                                                    | <b>\$2,320,534.54</b> |

**LIABILITIES**

|                                                                             |                       |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Demand deposits of indi-<br>viduals, partnerships,<br>and corporations ---- | \$ 539,548.24         |
| Time deposits of indi-<br>viduals, partnerships,<br>and corporations ----   | 1,316,384.80          |
| Deposits of United States<br>Government (including<br>postal savings) ----- | 38,577.54             |
| Deposits of States and<br>political subdivisions                            | 135,786.64            |
| Other deposits (certified<br>and cashier's checks,<br>etc.) -----           | 3,254.66              |
| <b>Total Deposits \$2,033,551.88</b>                                        |                       |
| <b>Total Liabilities ---</b>                                                | <b>\$2,033,551.88</b> |

**CAPITAL ACCOUNT**

|                                                                   |       |                       |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|-----------------------|
| Capital stock:                                                    |       |                       |
| (c) Common,-- total par                                           | ----- | \$50,000.00 50,000.00 |
| Surplus -----                                                     |       | 150,000.00            |
| Undivided profits -----                                           |       | 71,982.66             |
| Reserves (and retirement<br>account for preferred<br>stock) ----- |       | 15,000.00             |
| <b>Total Capital Accounts</b>                                     |       | <b>286,982.66</b>     |
| <b>Total Liabilities and<br/>Capital Accounts ---</b>             |       | <b>\$2,320,534.54</b> |

**MEMORANDA**

Pledged assets (and securi-  
ties loaned) (book value):

|                                                                                                                                |               |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| (a) United States Obl-<br>igations, direct and guar-<br>anteed, pledged to secure<br>deposits and other lia-<br>bilities ----- | 155,000.00    |
| (c) Total -----                                                                                                                | \$ 155,000.00 |

Secured liabilities:

|                                                                              |               |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| (a) Deposits secured by<br>pledged assets pursuant<br>to requirements of law | 106,002.48    |
| (d) Total -----                                                              | \$ 106,002.48 |

State of Pennsylvania, County of  
Washington, ss:

I, Lee R. McKinney, Cashier of the  
above-named bank do solemnly swear  
that the above statement is true to  
the best of my knowledge and be-  
lief.

LEE R. McKINNEY, Cashier.  
Sworn to and subscribed before me  
this 7th day of July, 1939.  
Robert C. Cassidy, Notary Public.  
My Commission expires February 25,  
1941.

Correct—Attest:

John M. Scott,  
H. R. Wilson,  
H. A. Scott,  
Directors.

(SEAL)

**Washington National Bank of Burgettstown, PA.-Condition Report**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-July 3, 1939 Edition**

*Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society*



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|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <p>\$..... No.....</p> <p>Date .....191....</p> <p>Paid .....191....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> | <p>Received payment in full on within note.</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">\$..... <i>Burgettstown, Pa.,</i>.....191....</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>On</i>.....191.... <i>I promise to pay to the order of</i> <b>J. Winfield Reed,</b> <i>at the</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Washington National Bank of Burgettstown,</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;">.....<sup>100</sup> <i>Dollars</i></p> <p>With interest after maturity; without defalcation or stay of execution, value received, and I hereby authorize any attorney of any Court of Record in the State of Pennsylvania, or elsewhere, to appear for me therein, and confess judgment against me for said sum with costs, and five per cent. attorney's commission if collected by process, waiving any benefit from inquisition, exemption or relief laws.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">..... [SEAL]</p> <p style="text-align: right;">..... [SEAL]</p> <p style="text-align: right;">..... [SEAL]</p> <p><i>No.</i>..... <i>Due</i>.....</p> |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

**Washington National Bank of Burgettstown**  
**Bank Receipt for use from time period, 1910-1919.**

*Courtesy Of Fort Vance Historical Society*



**Washington National Bank of Burgettstown.**

Upon the completion of the new bank building, now known as Citizen's Bank, this building was greatly enlarged. The main floor housed a hardware store for many years. The top floors became the home of the Pythian Sisters, Masonic Lodge, Dance Studios, and later apartments.

*Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society*

DEPOSITED IN THE  
**WASHINGTON NATIONAL BANK**  
 BURGETTSTOWN, PA.

BY Cross Creek Cemetery  
T. E. Johnston, Treas.

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In receiving items for deposit or collection, this Bank acts only as depositor's collecting agent and assumes no responsibility beyond the exercise of due care. All items are credited subject to final payment in cash or solvent credits. This Bank will not be liable for default or negligence of its duly selected correspondents nor for losses in transit, and each correspondent so selected shall not be liable except for its own negligence. This Bank or its correspondents may send items, directly or indirectly, to any bank including the payor, and accept its draft or credit as conditional payment in lieu of cash, it may charge back any item at any time before final payment, whether returned or not, also any item drawn on this Bank not good at close of business on day deposited.

|                                   | DOLLARS    | CENTS     |
|-----------------------------------|------------|-----------|
| CURRENCY _____                    |            |           |
| COIN _____                        |            |           |
| CHECKS AS FOLLOWS                 |            |           |
| <u>Tr. from Cross Creek Grave</u> |            |           |
| <u>Yard. T. E. Foster, Treas.</u> |            |           |
|                                   |            |           |
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|                                   |            |           |
|                                   |            |           |
|                                   |            |           |
| TOTAL \$                          | <u>303</u> | <u>17</u> |

SEE THAT ALL CHECKS AND DRAFTS ARE ENDORSED

**Cross Creek Cemetery Deposit Receipt-May 8, 1939**  
*Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society*

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF CLEVELAND

:: LICENSE ::

AMENDING THE LICENSE ISSUED PURSUANT  
TO THE EXECUTIVE ORDER OF  
MARCH 10, 1933.

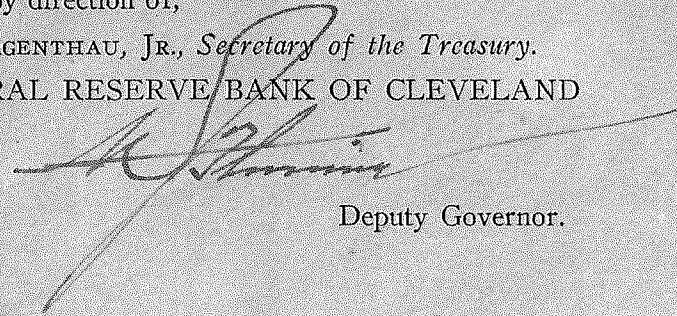
The License issued to.... WASHINGTON NATIONAL BANK.....  
of.... BURGETTSTOWN PENNA.....to perform its usual banking functions is hereby amended pursuant to the Executive Order of January 15, 1934, amending the Executive Order of March 10, 1933 and the Proclamation of December 30, 1933, concerning the operation of banks by eliminating the restriction imposed by the following portion of the extract from the Executive Order of March 10, 1933 appearing on such license: "nor to engage in any transaction in foreign exchange except such as may be undertaken for legitimate and normal business requirements, for reasonable traveling and other personal requirements, and for the fulfillment of contracts entered into prior to March 6, 1933."

The amendment of the Executive Order of March 10, 1933 and the Proclamation of December 30, 1933, and of the licenses issued pursuant to the Executive Order of March 10, 1933, shall not relieve any person from the obligation of complying with the terms of the Executive Order of January 15, 1934, relating to the export of coin or currency and transactions in foreign exchange, or the regulations or licenses issued thereunder or any other provision of law affecting transactions in foreign exchange.

This amendatory license may be amended or revoked in whole or in part by the Secretary of the Treasury at any time.

Issued by direction of,  
H. MORGENTHAU, JR., *Secretary of the Treasury.*  
FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF CLEVELAND

By



Deputy Governor.

## Original Members Of Water Board Pose For Camera



Members of the original Smith Township Water Authority board posed for this picture in the spring of 1950. Left to right are Owen McGivern, Gustave Leunis, James Bianchi, Attorney Edward V. Sciamanna, Steve Dugas, Alex Paris, William Filipponi, Robert E. Smith and Owen McGraw. McGivern and McGraw were members of the Smith Township Supervisors, and Smith was with the Capitol Engineering Company. Supervisor Michael Collins was not present for the picture.

**Original Members of Water Board Pose for Camera**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise -1962**

#### **WATER LINE PROMISED**

The West Penn Water Company reported to President Wayne Culley of the Burgettstown Borough Council recently that a water line would be installed from Shady avenue to the end of Stella street to accommodate residents living in the district. Persons living on Raymond and Olive street will be able to put in their own lines to the Stella street main. Possibly 30 or more new consumers will be added to those already supplied by the West Penn Water Company by the extension.

Best Wishes of

**W. W. WIEGMANN,**  
FUNERAL DIRECTOR AND EMBALMER.  
Also, dealer in Flour, Feed, Hay and Grain,  
AVELLA, PA.



| 1907                |      | JULY |      |                    |                       |                     | 1907 |
|---------------------|------|------|------|--------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|------|
| SUN·                | MON· | TUE· | WED· | THU·               | FRI·                  | SAT·                |      |
| Last Quar. 231<br>☾ | 1    | 2    | 3    | 4                  | 5                     | 6                   |      |
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| 21                  | 22   | 23   | 24   | 25                 | 26                    | 27                  |      |
| 28                  | 29   | 30   | 31   | New Moon 10th<br>☉ | First Quar. 18th<br>☽ | Full Moon 24th<br>☾ |      |

**W.W. Wiegmann-Funeral Director and Embalmer-Avella, PA**

Also, dealer in Flour, Feed, Hay and Grain

*Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society*



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## **12,000 AT WORK IN PLANTS AT WEIRTON**

Weirton, W. Va., Nov. 17—with 12,000 working in its plants at Weirton and Steubenville, O., the Weirton Steel Company claimed today it was the only steel firm working its plants 100 per cent capacity.

Firing of No. 12 open hearth furnace this week brought the operations of all departments to capacity for the first time since August, 1937. The October payroll was \$1,458,429, the highest since September, 1937.

## **Weirton Steel Earnings Rise During Second Quarter**

The Weirton Steel Corp. reported Tuesday, July 25, net income of \$6.4 million or 30 cents per share of common stock on shipments of 564,000 tons for 1990's second quarter.

These results compare with 1989's second quarter net income of \$4 million, or 2 cents per share, on shipments of 640,000 tons of flat rolled steel products.

Income increased from \$4.0 million in the first quarter, while shipments decreased from 587,000 tons.

This increase in income was primarily due to an improvement in operating costs associated with the newly installed equipment on the company's hot strip mill.

For the three-month period ended June 30, net sales were \$302.3 million, compared with \$341.9 million in the prior year's second quarter.

For the six months period ended June 30, Weirton reported income of \$10.4 million or \$.48 per share, on sales of \$614.2 million and shipments of 1,151,000 tons, vs. 1989's first half of income of \$6.5 million or \$.32 per share, on sales of \$705.7 million and shipments of 1,343,000 tons.

Herbert Elish, chairman and pres-

ident, said production improved in the current quarter from the level in the first quarter, and it is expected that the equipment performance will continue to improve during the remainder of the year.

"We are seeing stronger demand in the hot roll and cold roll markets, but some weakness in galvanized due to lower levels of construction and new housing starts," Elish said.

"Demand for tin mill products is relatively strong and should remain so for the second half. Because of the prior hot mill and anticipated continuous caster outages, we have continued to hold the order book at lower levels to enable us to meet customer delivery expectations," Elish said.

Elish noted that the company's modernization plan is proceeding on schedule.

Phase II of the hot mill renovation is under way.

Elish also said, "Weirton is currently processing 20,000 tons per month of slabs at Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel Corp. We are concerned about a possible strike at Wheeling-Pittsburgh and are exploring alternative processing sources."

**In Charge of Office.**

Miss Mary Louise Hamerick of Main street has been placed in charge of the new electric shop and local office of the West Penn Co. in the Katzenmyer building.

## NOT THE HOOSEGOW WAGON



If what appears to be the police patrol draws up near your house, don't be alarmed for it is in reality only one of the unique new patrol trucks put into operation by West Penn Power Company in the interest of more efficient cleaning of street lights.

Street lights and white way systems, to give the greatest amount of light, must be kept clean. To maintain this condition in an industrial area requires a constant and thorough cleaning program. To carry this out most efficiently in the communities it serves, West Penn Power Company has designed and put into operation several unique patrol trucks like the one shown in the picture.

This type of truck was designed by the company's Automotive and Overhead Lines Department, and one has been assigned to each of the various divisions of the West Penn.

This new truck and a change from the soap and water cleaning method to the use of a chemical fluid speeds up the cleaning time wonderfully. This permits more frequent cleaning and consequently affords the maximum efficiency in street illumination.

The extension ladder on the truck will extend a distance of 22 feet, and can be raised or lowered over a range of 40 degrees to the front or either side of the truck.

A lever arrangement blocks the rear spring when the ladder is raised, keeping the base absolutely rigid. A safety platform and guards have been installed to eliminate danger to the workman.

One of the unique features of the truck, clearly seen in the picture is that it can be driven along side of parked cars and the work carried on over the top. This permits parked cars to be driven away without interference on the part of the truck. The flexibility of this type of truck makes it valuable in many other operations requiring an extension ladder.

The cleaning of lamps and fixtures is most important for dust and dirt cut light intensity. A regular cleaning program in homes, stores and factories will insure the maximum amount of light from the bulb at all times.

### Not in the Hoosegow Wagon

Burgettstown Enterprise-October 17, 1934 Edition

**WEST PENN POWER CO.  
OPENS OFFICE IN TOWN**

The West Penn Power Co. has moved the stocks and fixtures from the building on Railroad street to the Katzenmyer building, in the heart of the business district, and has reconstructed a part of the building for use as a display room and local office. The room has been fitted up most elaborately, and at the opening on Tuesday much favorable comment was heard from many who called to inspect the new store.

From December 17th to January 1st the office will be equipped to take care of electrical appliance sales and the collection of bills only, but after January 1st it will be in a position to give patrons complete West Penn service.

The value of the business district has been enhanced by the location of the West Penn store and office in this part of the town.

**West Penn Power Opens Office in Burgettstown  
The Burgettstown Enterprise—December 18, 1935 Edition**

## **West Penn Power Will Maintain Burgettstown Office**

A letter from the West Penn Power Company's District Manager C. L. Stotler brought good news to the Board of Directors of the Raccoon Valley Chamber of Commerce and indicated that its first project to "hold the line in this community" has brought successful results. The letter states that after careful study of the situation here, the West Penn Power Company has decided to continue operation of the Burgettstown business office for another year. It was previously announced that the office would be abandoned and collections made through an agency.

The decision of the West Penn Power Company to co-operate with the Raccoon Valley Chamber of Commerce in its efforts to build up the economy of the district should be heartening to this group of local men, who have pledged themselves to an improvement program.

Mr. Stotler's letter is as follows: "Mr. William Sausser, Secretary of the Raccoon Valley Chamber of Commerce—In my letter to you of January 27, 1955, I explained that we were continuing our study on the problem of whether or not we should discontinue our Collection Office at Burgettstown and would advise you as soon as we reached a definite decision.

We have given considerable weight to your problem of building up your Town, and putting new life into the economy of your Community, and have, therefore, decided to comply with your request and delay any move on this problem for at least another year. This will, as you indicate, enable you to do more effective constructive work along the lines on which you are now engaged.

We are pleased to cooperate with you in this matter and hope that the decision we reached will be beneficial to all concerned.

I am sending a copy of this letter to the **Burgettstown Enterprise** as I agreed to advise them as soon as we reached a decision.

Very truly yours,  
C. L. Stotler

**West Penn Power Will Maintain Burgettstown Office  
Burgettstown Enterprise-February 10, 1955 Edition**

## COMPANY MGR. SAYS WATER IS O. K. FOR DRINKING

The diptria chironomous is on the rout. So says T. A. Stout, manager of the West Penn Water Company, who in an interview with the Burgettstown Enterprise today stated that Burgettstown water is perfectly safe for consumer use. The diptria chironomous is the small white worm that has been flowing out of town faucets this past week, causing much alarm and giving rise to many theories and rumors. It comes from the egg or larvae of a winged insect, possibly the mosquito.

As soon as reports of the presence of the diptria started pouring into the McDonald office of the water company, Mr. Stout had an analysis made by a state approved Bacteriologist, who reported that the water is perfectly safe for drinking purposes and for all consumer uses.

As an added protection for its customers, the West Penn Water Company this past week drained the huge 500,000 gallon water storage tank and completely sterilized the water with an application of chlorine. On Tuesday evening, April 16, the water mains in the Borough were flushed.

Daily samples of the water are being submitted to analysis by a bacteriologist, as a safeguard for the health of the community.

A like condition existed in the water tanks of both McDonald and Burgettstown, last year, Mr. Stout stated, but due to an earlier cleaning and flushing of the tanks and mains, the consumers were not aware of the "pest" until it had been remedied. This year, the water company was unable to drain the tanks earlier, because of extra work, which piled up as a result of the severe winter.

Pathogenically speaking, Mr. Stout said, the water is perfectly safe, although psychologically, the idea of worms in drinking water is repulsive, and his company is doing everything in its power to eliminate such a condition. As a result of cleaning the water tank and flushing the water mains, it is believed that the worms will disappear within the next day or two.

**Company Mgr. Says Water is O.K. for Drinking**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-April 18, 1940 Edition**



**W. J. WHALEN  
MANAGER OF  
ERIE SUPPLY CO.**

William J. Whalen, a resident of Burgettstown for 45 years, arrived here from Sherrodsville, Ohio, in 1911 to be manager of the Erie Supply Company for Pittsburgh Erie Coal Company. The store was at the corner of South Main Street and Pittsburgh Streets opposite what is now Rae Lynn's Restaurant. The Erie Supply Company building has since been torn down.

Mr. Whalen and his wife, Mary Pittenger Whalen, had three sons: James Delmont was superintendent for Greensburg Connellsville Coal and Coke. Donald and Jerome were in the automobile business selling Buicks and Pontiacs in the building now occupied by Bill's Tire Shop. Jerome later went into real estate and insurance with an office in the "Old Bank Building."

The original Whalen family lived in various residences after coming to Burgettstown: on Shady Avenue, Highland Avenue, East Pittsburgh Street and South Main Street.

After W. J. Whalen Sr.'s retirement, he was employed briefly with Petrucci's. He died in 1956. His son, Delmont, passed away in 1974; Jerome in 1952. Mr. and Mrs. Donald Whalen live on Highland Avenue.

**W. J. Whalen-Manager of Erie Supply Company  
Burgettstown Enterprise-Centennial Edition, May 20, 1981**



CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP  
IN OLD SERVICE STATION

D. Capazzoli and his associates in the passenger bus and taxicab business of the local district has taken over the operation of the Wilson service station, opposite the Washington National Bank, a business that has been conducted by W. D. Wilson for many years. Mr. Wilson has retired from the business of handling automobile accessories and gasoline to engage in other pursuits.

G. S. Walters, for many years a local auto machanic, who had shop space in the Wilson building, also is leaving. He is moving his shop equipment to Weirton where he will operate an automobile service and electric business.

Many patrons of Messrs. Wilson and Walters look upon their retirement from the local field with genuine regret. Both gentlemen have been noted for their uniform courtesy and their expertness in handling the cares and worries of motorists and those needing mechanical help in other lines.

**ROBERT NEELY,**  
**Wool Commission Merchant,**

AND  
 DEALER IN GENERAL MERCHANDISE,

Cardville, Washington Co., Pa. *Nov 29<sup>th</sup> 1872*

*Mr. Silas Dorman*  
 Rec<sup>d</sup> of R. Neely

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| 1 Sustron Dress Pat        | 13 20    |
| 1 Breakfast Shawl          | 1 00     |
| 4 Yds Toweling 15          | 60       |
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| Tobacco                    | 1 55     |
| Sundries & shoes           | 1 00     |
|                            | 5 75     |
| 2 1/2 yds Curving 45       | 1 12 1/2 |
| To one hat                 | 2 00     |
| July 15                    | 2 63 0   |
| To 25 lbs coffee 26 cts    | 6 50     |
|                            | 2 00     |
| To 1 1/2 yds shuling       | 3 48 0   |
| July 15 one barrel flour   | 9 00     |
| To 16 lbs sugar 12 1/2 cts | 2 00     |
| To 20 lbs coffee 28 cts    | 5 60     |
| January 12 1871            | 1 60     |
| To two hats 150 cts & 250  | 4 00     |
| W. net 3/72 to coat & vest | 4 00     |
|                            | 8 00     |

**Robert Neely-Wool Commission Merchant Receipt**  
 Cardville, Washington County, PA-November 29, 1872

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society



**Yukevich Building was razed to Build Gulf Service Station-Main Street  
Location was between the Burgettstown Post Office and the Bank.**



**Yukevich Building Main Street, Burgettstown, PA.  
Torn down to make room for Gulf Gas Station, located next to Mellon Bank**

## YUKEVICH IS SHOWING NEW 1941 PONTIACS

Pontiac will blanket its field in 1941 with 26 different models, Mr. Yukevich of the Yukevich Motor Sales, local dealers, announced today in making public details of the new "uni-steel" turret top bodies now in production for this General Motor passenger car division. First showings of the new 1941 Pontiacs are in progress at the show rooms of the Yukevich Motor Sales.

Three distinct lines of bodies are being offered, each presenting further advances in the "torpedo" type of styling, according to executives of the corporation's body-building organization. Designated as the deluxe torpedo, streamliner torpedo and custom torpedo types, they will be available with both 6 and 8-cylinder engines in a wide variety of trim and upholstery options.

Numerous improvements and refinements feature the custom torpedo bodies, which are similar in design to those of the 1940 Pontiac Torpedo 8. Largest of the three, the bodies in this line have an overall length of nearly 12 feet.

Possessing the principal characteristics that mark this tremendously popular design, notably the ratio of width to height and length, the deluxe and streamliner torpedo bodies are distinguishable chiefly by the treatment that has been accorded to the backs of the various models.

The streamliner torpedo, especially the new sedan-coupe, represents probably the nearest approach to the true tear-drop design ever achieved in a production automobile body. There is no line of demarcation at all between the roof and back. The solid steel turret top flows from the windshield to the rear bumper brackets in a gentle, uninterrupted curve, resembling more closely than anything else the upper surface of an airplane wing. As might be expected, a built-in trunk is contained in the tapering back.

Deluxe torpedo sedans, which likewise have a decided slope at the rear, are slightly more conservative. The position of the trunk in these bodies is accented with this purpose in view by a "crease line" in the steel outer panels which completely encircles the body structure below the level of the window openings.

That the streamliner and deluxe torpedo bodies are thoroughly streamlined, however, is evidenced by the fact that the running boards with which both are fitted as standard equipment are completely concealed by the flare of the doors at the bottom. Hinges likewise are fully concealed.

**Yukevich Motor Sales**

**Burgettstown Enterprise-September 19, 1940 Edition**

## *New Merchant*

To mark the formal opening of his new Electrical Appliance Store in the Castellino Building on Main street, John Zupan, the proprietor is showing the new 1940 line of General Electric Appliances, designed to make home tasks easier. John has been named the G.E. distributor for this territory. He is receiving the good wishes and congratulations of



**JOHN ZUPAN**

his many friends in the Burgettstown Community as he joins the ranks of our younger business men.

John is a graduate of Union high school, attended the University of Wisconsin and was formerly associated with the American Zinc and Chemical Company's Langeloth Plant. While employed on the hill, he was also secretary to Celestine Marino, President of the Smeltersmen's Union.

He is no stranger to the retail trade, his father being known as one of the successful retail merchants of Slovan for many years, where Stephen Zupan dealt in general merchandise.

An advertisement, announcing the opening of the Zupan Store appears on page 4 of today's Enterprise.

**John Zupan, New Merchant**  
**Burgettstown Enterprise-February 22, 1940 Edition**