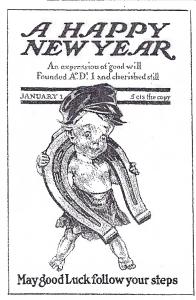
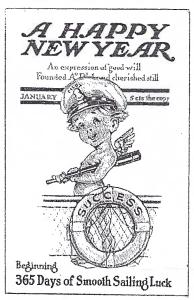
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Next meeting: Mon., January 15, 2001. Farm & Home Center. Buy, sell, trade from 5:30 PM. Meeting at 7 PM. Club and Editor's address: LCPC c/o Jim Ward, 1795 Kleinfeltersville Rd., Stevens, PA 17578-9669 or <a href="mailto:microek@ptd.net">microek@ptd.net</a>.







A Happy New Year...An expression of good will, Founded A°D° and cherished still. The three New Year cherubs are part of b/w set #1334 by The Fairman Company of Cincinnati, OH, and NYC. The art layout mimics the front of The Saturday Evening Post, one of our country's most popular weekly magazines. It is by J. C. Leyendecker. The artist's 320+ covers were familiar to readers from 1899 until 1943. Leyendecker is credited with developing the New Year's Baby in those early years of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. New Year cards were popular during the golden age of postcards. One of the above, mailed on Dec. 30,1913, has a seasonal message, "Hope you were not all tired out with your early morning ride. We do miss you all so much. The house is quiet as a mouse."

## 1901 + 2001

It was nineteen-oh-one. *This is twenty-oh-one*, not two thousand and one. Be smarter than the dimwits on TV. Say it. Learn it.



## Greeting from the President

During this past year, I have gotten to know many members who work behind the scenes and have come to appreciate the dedication it takes to make the club work. As a result, I have thought about my upcoming year as president and wanted to share with you some of my ideas.

I am particularly interested in two areas that are the foundations of this club. First, we, as a club, want to learn and to educate others about postcards and postcard history by presenting relevant programs and activities. Second, we will want to strengthen our membership by informing the public about our meetings. We will be using more advertisements and exploring the creation of a website.

As incoming president, I will depend upon your support and ideas. If you have any suggestions, please talk with me. For wisdom and discussion, I will also rely upon the Board of Directors to discuss each of your ideas and suggestions during their monthly meetings.

Your insights are vital to the club's continued growth. Our mutual love of postcards and the resulting fellowship have brought us together. I am honored to serve as the first president in this new millennium and will work very hard to uphold the traditions of the Lancaster County Postcard Club.

Signed Betty Beck, Lititz 627-7732

P.S. We women are always trading recipes, so I thought I'd ask the women to bring in the recipes for the wonderful dishes they prepared for the December 2000 Christmas party and the 2000 picnic as well. We'll make about 75 LCPC Recipe Books and distribute them at the December 2001 party.

Our New Year card features a favorite subject of Swedish artist, Jenny Nyström. Her tomtens are helpful, playful people. We see them sprucing up New Year pigs, for what? Their last meal?In Pa. Dutch country, pork is a favorite New Years meal, guaranteed to bring good luck for the coming year. Pigs are found on many New Year PCs where they symbolize Good Luck. Unlike chickens and animais that dig backwards, pigs "root" forward, in a most opportunistic manner. At least, that's one theory.

### 'Sno Use Complaining-

Much as we dream of a winter with "convenient snows", they aren't always so obliging. If you're in doubt about whether a meeting will be held, call any of these strategically placed club officers and directors:

The Becks, Lititz 627-7732

Bill Buckwalter, Lititz 627-1181

The Fishers, Lancaster 285-5092

Frankhousers, N.H. 354-7611

The Guntows, Lanc. 291-4975

Mowrers, Columbia 684-5331

Moyers, Blainsport 336-6644

Jim Ward, Mid.Creek, 721-9273

## Lancaster Messages

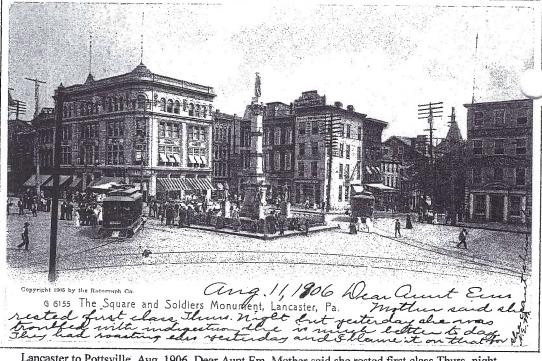
# Ill and Ailing

This is the season for coughing, sneezing and wheezing.
Reading these ailing messages from 90 years ago may just make you feel a lot better than some of these poor wretches were back then. It's evident our grandparents were a stout breed. Far be it for them to stay away from work or school unless they were near their last breath.

To Nolts in New Holland I thought I would let you know that Howard is better. He expects to get up tomorrow. He has kidney trouble instead of rheumatism as Harry had told you. Lillie To Fanny in Middletown My school is closed this week on account of the pupils (that is, some of them) and myself having eczema. Mine is almost cured but I don't think I'll have school anymore this week. To Ella in Millersville Dear Sister, How is Mom. If she gets worse let me know. If I was you I would put onions poultice on her to keep it off her chest. And keep them good and hot. To Mrs. Bowman in Norristown Will is better - is getting along nicely but still suffers much. Hervey has measles instead of the other. They are out on him thick but he is very good but Manda is quite alone but I think now all will be right if they do not take it. Are using every precaution.

To Minnie in York
Dear Sister, Dwight said I should write a Thank You. He can't write this time. He is sick since Tues. night. I have been up with him most of the time since he is a beating in both ears. He was almost wild. We had two Drs., a specialist and another Dr. They are running something that gives him some relief. Poor kid, he looks awful bad. He said he will be thankful when he gets better. He hasn't played with anything yet. He don't bother anything.

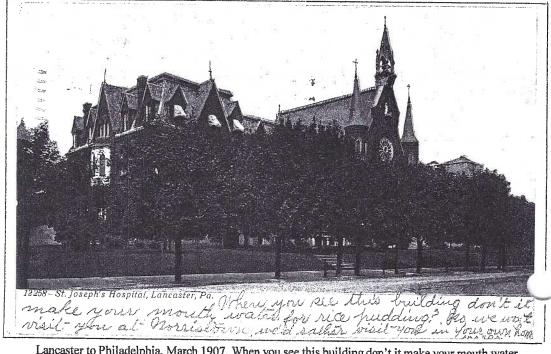
To Mrs. Wanner in Lancaster How are you getting along? The one side of Mamma's face is sore yet. The other side she can chew on. From Edna.



Lancaster to Pottsville, Aug. 1906. Dear Aunt Em, Mother said she rested first class Thurs. night, but yesterday she was troubled with indigestion. She is much better today. They had roasting ears yesterday. I blame it on that for she can't chew it. N. E. W.

To Mabel in Strasburg
We arrived home safe. Mother
stopped at the Drs. Got
medicine. He said she was all
run down. But she won't keep
quiet. Isn't this hot? We just had
a sprinkle. We just finished
dinner. Had flannel cakes so you
can imagine I am full. We ironed
and churned yesterday. I washed
some and ironed this morn. We
are making grape jelly. Don't
have many. Write soon.

To Emma in Philadelphia
Baby is better. They give her 20
drops meat juice every 3 hours
and a tablespoon of peptomized
milk every hour with a powder
in it. I went out to Columbia
yesterday. Aunts both better.
Hennie has not been out yet.
Mama's back is doing nicely but
very painful. Clyde was very
sick. She feared she would have
to go home. They want her to
stay until her back is healed.



Lancaster to Philadelphia, March 1907. When you see this building don't it make your mouth water for rice pudding? No, we won't visit you at Norristown, we'd rather visit you in your own home.

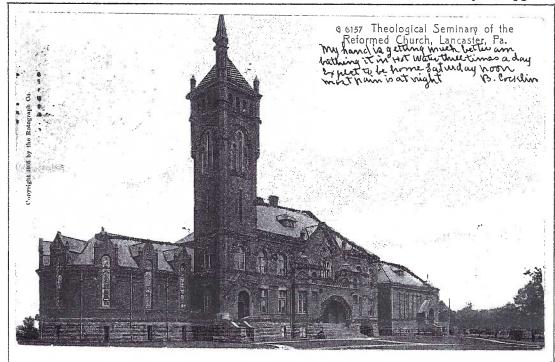
### Ill and Ailing continued From card on right -

To Mr. Wister in Mechanicsburg My hand is getting much better. Am bathing it in hot water three times a day.

To the Kellers in Lititz Pit the sick and helpless please. I am sick in bed with the grippe and disordered system. The doctor said I would have to stay in bed till he told me to get up which I hope will be in a few days. Please don't be worried about me because I just thought I would let you know so that you wouldn't.

To Katie in Terre Hill My dear friend,

Charles is getting along nicely. He was out a little, but he will not go to school for a good while as there is scarlet fever and measles in town. Laura To Mr. Wagner in Mountville Recd. your postal. Yes, the mumps are using me fine just now. But can't chew the "chewing gum" yet, ha,ha. Didn't get to the sale anyway. To Mrs. Stucker in Harrisburg Oh, we had a dreadful time with Mom. The Doc stopped those tablets and she didn't close an eye for a night and a day. It was all we could do to keep her in bed. She is very weak.



To Mrs. Keller in Lititz How are yous? I have the cold so bad I can hardly speak loud. If you want it I will send it to you. To Minnie in Hanover Dear cousin.

We were out at Uncle Adams on Sun. and the doctor was there. He said we shall by no means think he is out of danger. If he eats anything he is a dead man. Uncle will bought himself a farm of 64 acres... Blanche

To Isabella in Manheim Dear Cousins, We are getting better slowly. We have quite a number of sick people yet. I think they have it under control. We have no new cases at present. I will come over sometime before long. Lovingly, your cousin, Mary (E.Petersburg) The writer referred to a global virus called the Spanish flu. It reached epidemic proportions in 1917 and 1918.

To Mary Burket (mailed in envelope - no town indicated) I am not better and not any worse. Had an x-ray taken. They found the bone fractured. Will not operate or do anything to the limb, as it is not advisable. Want me to let it go as it is. M. Spahn.

## **Annual Merit Awards**

Members' Contributions Recognized

At the Christmas Party, editor Jim Ward took a few minutes to recognize members who made contributions to the year's issues of The Card. As has been his custom, he presented them with a facsimile of a century-old Reward of Merit card. He reminded the club that it's such contributions, whether large or small, that add variety and interest to its monthly publication as well as make the job an easier one for him.

The following members received awards: Harold Moyer - milking rotolactor information Harold Galebach - ID of local baby from Manheim Norman Zimmerman - a 66-year old love story plus a swaying bldg. on an old PC resembles a rack card Frederick Yohe - renditions of Currier & Ives winter scenes on his own postcards

Dorathy Fry - Beatrix Potter art on postcards Newlin Groff - follow-up info. on the former resident of Elysian Bowers, David Brubaker Ron Menchine - information on artist Arthur Szyk Jim Rudisill - information on artist Szyk Dolores Rowe - info. about West Grove nurseries Jim McMullin - location of Conestoga wagon view Charles Ezren - completed a circle of Earl Carver's postcard to New Jersey, N. Carolina and Lanc., PA. Samuel Nolt - ID of girl in Nolts Ponds view

## Partly Personal

For this writer, winter means sorting a year's accumulation of purchases into their respective categories. Neato Freak...maybe, but more importantly, it's so much easier finding the subject I want if it's where it should be - among 300 alphabetically filed titles. Completing the filing job also harkens spring!

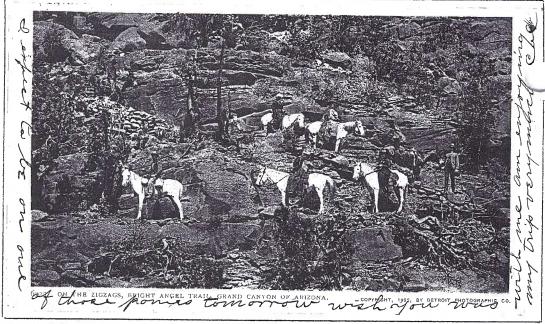
What will definitely put this seasonal activity on the back burner is a mammoth 452-page tome I received as a Christmas present\*. If you have some Christmas money that needs a postcard home, look for The Postcard Century by Tom Phillips. It'll be hard to miss since it measures nearly 10" x 12" and weighs 3 lbs. In that mass you'll find a fascinating look at the author's choice of more than 2,000 postcards whose messages not only chronicle the lives of postcard senders but also give us a postcard view of the last 100 years. The cards are all in color and approx-imately 3/4 actual size. Postcard artists, publishers and photographers are indexed along with a general index on the concluding 18 pages.

Admittedly, I've barely absorbed the informative 27-page introduction that's illustrated with 50 additional cards. However, I have scanned the book for nearly two hours and come away with mixed emotions. What a great way to wile away cold winter days and nights and yet how depressing to think filing this year's cards may not be finished before it's time to rake away leaves from shrubs and fertilize the iris bed. \* My deepest thanks to Dot Fry for her very,

very thoughtful gift.

# Detroits Collecting Early US Views

Because they cover such latitude, Detroits are not necessarily an appealing subject for most collectors. In fact, seldom is a publisher of postcards collectible per se. An exception is the Detroit Publishing Co. and its American views.





In the preface to *Detroit Publishing Company Collectors' Guide* (Lowe and Papell) Dr.Jas. Lowe suggests collecting Detroit views can be done in three ways:

1) Collect a geographical area

2) Collect by topics such as trans-portation, lakes, famous

people, Indians and so on
3) Collect all Detroits incl. varieties. Often a number will be reissued but with a different perspective of the same view.

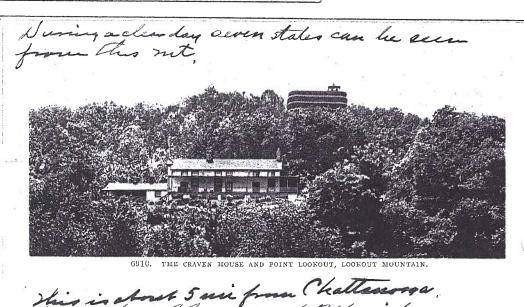
Although some Detroits are not numbered, a numbering system for the majority of the cards has been well annotated and it's such a list that most Detroit collectors use in pursuit of their goal.

PC captions on next page.

Thousands of Detroits were published from the Private Mailing Card Era of 1898 to real photos of the 1930s. Very few actual sets or series can be labeled and these, because of the popularity of "completeness" are relatively hard to find and more expensive than US views.

### **NEW MEMBER**

#588 John Orlousky
710 Gingrich Lane, Dauphin, PA
17018. Ph. 717-921-2551.
Collects history of rocketry from
1900 to the present.
LCPC paid membership – 326.



## Detroit Postcards in This Article

Note: Copyright dates were for the photograph and have little bearing on issue date of the postcard.

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#6325 On The Zigzags, Bright Angel Trail, Grand Canyon of Arizona. 1902 copyright. U/B mailed Aug. 1905 from Albuquerque, NM to Mt. Aetna, Berks County, PA. "I expect to be on one of these ponies tomorrow. Wish you was with me. Am enjoying my trip very much. Cal"

#6699 Presidential Office and White House. U/B also to Mr. Aetna, PA. "New office Teddy had built for himself. New addition to White House."

#6910 The Craven House and Point Lookout, Lookout Mountain. "During a clear day seven states can be seen from this mt. This is about 5 mi. from Chattanooga. An incline R.R. runs up mt. side."

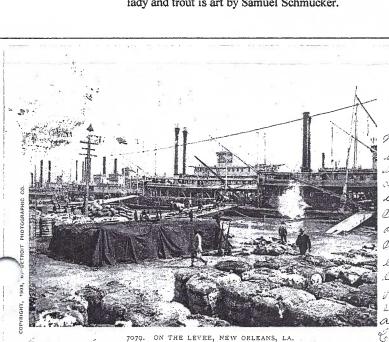
Detroits on this page.

#5245 Buckskin Charlie, Sub-chief of the Utes. D/B This is a "Phostint", a popular Detroit type. #7079 On the Levee, New Orleans, LA. U/B. Mailed Feb 17 year unclear) "My dear Son, We are having a fine time. I never saw so many people as I did today at the parade. The floats were very pretty. We are going back tonight to see the last parade. Will leave at midnight for Texas. Hope we will see Lee. Am anxious to get to Calif. Have not heard from him yet. Lovingly, Mama."



BUCKSKIN CHARLIE, SUB-CHIEF OF THE UTES

An unnumbered Detroit "Phostint". D/B mailed Feb. 2, 1909 to Roslyn, PA. No title. "Arrived safely tonight. Expect to start for Boston tomorrow night. Love to all & a 'footie up" to pick. Wally." The beautiful lady and trout is art by Samuel Schmucker.



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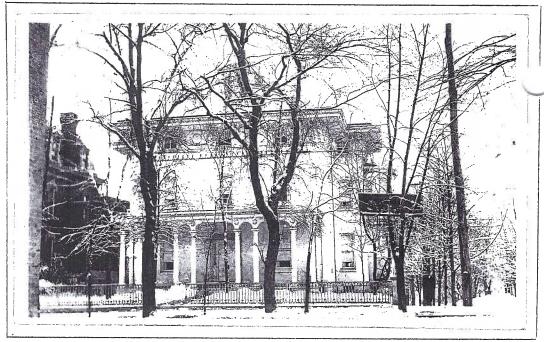


## **Local Homes**

This is the final chapter in our series of local homes found on real photo postcards in and around Lancaster City.

It's now time for our readers to submit good resident views from the city or the county and we'll see that 2001 photos accompany the postcard views now that the leaves have fallen. Please offer some insight re. the previous or present residents.

- 1 Brubaker's Elysian Bower
- 2 Hostteter's Mondamin Farm
- 3 Keiper Home
- 4 Burton Home
- 5 Raub Home
- 6 Shirk Home
- 7 Worrest Home
- 8 Brubaker Home
- 9 Cochran & Bissinger Homes
- 10 527 E. King St.
- 11 650-652 E. King St.





#12 Chas. J. Swarr home at 451 E. King St. The beautiful mansion was razed and the corner property is now a food market. The message reads, "Mrs. Swarr hopes you are well and that you, your sister and her daughter will come and see her this Fall. She is so glad Naomi can spend a week with you." The addressee is not decipherable. The address is New Holland RFD #2. Mailed 9/16/1916.

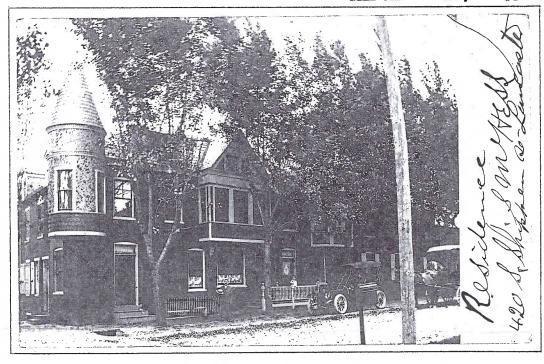
#13 West side of the 100 Block of S. Ann St. The real photo PC shows #106 and #108 on the SW corner plus nearly15 properties on down the block. The 1999 photo shows #106 and #108 was replaced by a 1930s type apartment house.



### **Local Homes**

continued and series conclusion.

#14 is #420 S. Shippen St. is identified by the penned note on the right margin. Today the corner is a parking lot. It's assumed the ID is correct and there's no doubt in this writer's mind. A nearly identical property is just a block south on the same street.



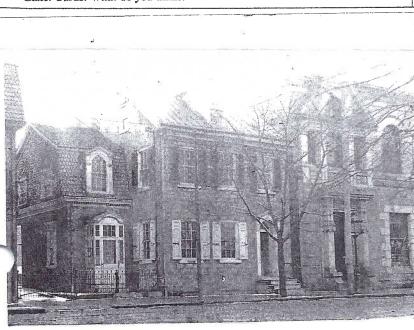
#16 our second mystery card (below) It's message reads "Just a reminder that I am still here from you occasionally. Remember me kindly to all the folks." It was mailed to Dr. Vere Treichler

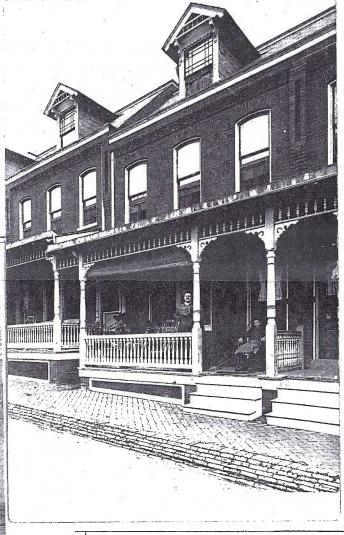
It was purchased with many Lanc. Cards. What do you think?

and would like to see & hear

in Elizabethtown, PA.

#15 our first mystery card (right) was mailed from Lanc. on Sept. 13, 1906 to Sue Homsher in Strasburg. These Victorian row homes are very numerous throughout the city. I can recall the brick sidewalks. As a tot I crawled on rounded brick curbing like you see here. It was in the 200 block of East New St. What's your call for location?

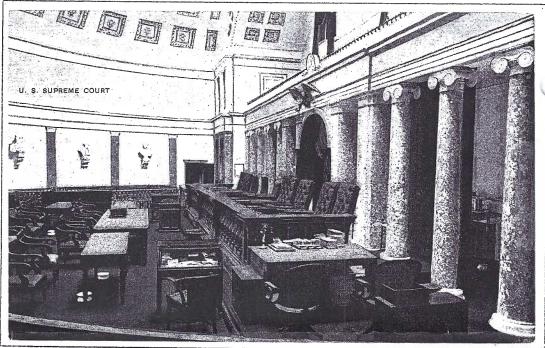




## In the News

The U. S. Supreme Court interior is #3013 in a series of Washington D. C. views by Foster & Reynolds. The bench includes the chair of the Chief Justice in the center with four associate justices on either side.

Seniority determines the seating with the Senior Associate (John Paul Stevens) sitting on the Chief Justice's right. The next senior Associate Justice sits on the Chief Justice's left, the next on his right, and so forth. The most junior justice (Stephen G. Breyer) sits in the seat farthest to the left of the Chief Justice.



We recently witnessed the Court. They appeared, from our left to our right: Ruth Bader Ginsberg (1993), David H. Souter (1990), Antonin Scalia (1986) John Paul Stevens (1975), Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist (1972), Sandra Day O'Connor (1981), Anthony M. Kennedy (1988), Clarence Thomas (1991) and Stephen G. Breyer (1994). The number of justices on the Supreme Court changed six times before settling on the present number of nine in 1869.

**Christmas Party/Meeting** 

Members and their families had a wonderful time at our annual Christmas Party in the expanded room at the Farm & Home Center, our regular meeting location. The covered dish dinner, as always, was delicious. It supplemented the ham meatballs and hours of preparation by the Kitchen Committee - Ruth and Harold Moyer who were assisted by their daughter Rachel.

#### Door Prizes

Barabra Mowrer escorted all six of the Fisher children who helped distribute door prizes among the tables. The Amish scholars will have a grand surprise for the mother at Christmas. They won a fine set of Corningware baking dishes. Betty Beck, in addition to that set, also donated Texas Sheet Cake Baking Pans for door prizes. Walter Mowrer gave poinsettia plants to his lady helpers in 2000 – his VP, Betty Beck; his secretary, Mary Ann Guntow; and his treasurer, Barb Mowrer. The plants on the nine tables were additional door prizes. Jim Ward found what seemed an endless supply of bargain pencil packs at Wal-Mart and these allowed for nearly every family to win something.

**Monthly Board Competition** 

Only four competition boards were shown but the subject, **Children at Christmas**, was appreciated by the 66 persons in attendance.

1<sup>st</sup> Harold Moyer Children with Santa
2<sup>nd</sup> Jim Ward Jolly Holly Children
3<sup>rd</sup> Walter Mowrer A Child's Delight

Honorable Mention

Earl Carver

A Child's World

January's competition topic is **Potpourri**. Last January the Potpourri boards ran the huge gamut

that only postcard topics can offer. Let's have lots of entries, on a board, on any subject that strikes your fancy. In February a single card will be the **prettiest** Valentine postcard you can find.

**December & January Programs** 

The slide program Jim offered on Home-made postcards was well received. They covered a century of professional and amateur talent, 1895 to 1996. Additional homemade PCs were brought by Earl Carver, Bryan Boyer and Jake Fisher (goats — what else?) In January, each member should bring a single postcard that shows a First or a Number One (#1) to celebrate the beginning of the New Year, the new century and the true new millennium.

Our In-House Story Teller

The highlight of the festivities was when Dot Fry (who turned 86 on Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>) read to us. Besides years of reading to 1-room schoolhouse children, Dorathy also read to youngsters when she was a volunteer at the Ephrata library. Lewis Bechtold had brought along a just-released copy of Chet Williamson's A Pennsylvania Dutch Night Before Christmas. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed Dot's rendition, complete with authentic dialect.

## Slate of Officers for 2001

Oh yes, the slate of officers and directors for 2001 was elected by unanimous voice vote:

Betty Beck, president; Tom Beck, vice-president; Mary Ann Guntow, secretary; Barabra Mowrer, treasurer; directors for 2001 – Bill Buckwalter, Jake Fisher and Brian Frankhouser; directors for 2001 and 2002 – Harold and Ruth Moyer and Jim Ward.

Pres. Beck has called for her first executive meeting on January 22 at her home in Lititz.

and their toy trains; great publicity for our hobby and wonderful choice of scenes. Also, Bill sent two Kropp chrome cards of Robt. Kennedy funeral train in Phila. The publisher is Chrome Card Collectors Club of Bound Brook, NJ. He wonders who knows more about this group.Can you help? a 5-pg. spread of Christmas train views, some photos, but many postcard interior views of children hour news from Member #48, Bill Seigford - The Train Collectors Quarterly (Jan. 2001) has