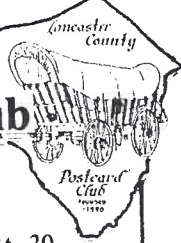


# YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE Lancaster County Post Card Club

MEETINGS - THIRD MONDAY EACH MONTH

1821 Municipal Drive, Lancaster, PA

Manheim Twp. Municipal Bldg., Rt. 272 half mile north of Rt. 30.



## LCPC NEWSLETTER

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NEXT MEETING -

Monday 7 pm

July 15, 1991

Member bourse\*6 pm

## PROGRAM

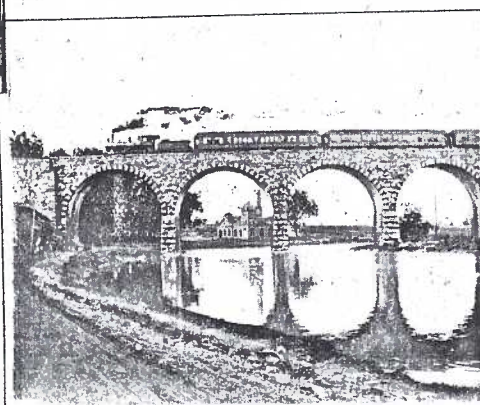
### JULY - STEVENS TRADE and ENVIRONS

Tom Beck, #16, lives, teaches, walks and talks Lancaster's East End. His colorful slide presentation will cover that area as well as other sections of the City with ties to Thaddeus Stevens.

It should prove entertaining and enlightening. If you have unusual pc's on the subject or unanswered questions, bring 'em along on July 15.

### AUGUST - HERSHEY BAR POSTCARDS

Start gathering your 'short' postcards that lay under Hershey bars. Russ Mull shows in Aug.



P.R.R. Bridge  
Over Conestoga River  
Near Lancaster, Pa.  
Hubley & Herr Art Pub's  
Lancaster, Pa.



International Art Pub. Co.  
Divided back. Signed Chapman

See page 3 for Elizabeth Graver's story.

### PICNIC REMINDER

Friday, July 19 (following our Monday meeting) 5 pm Long Park (Harrisburg Pike between new Post Office and Park City). Pavilion 2A. Covered dish meal at 6 pm.

For details: Anne Steinberg (786-2362) or Earl Carver (684-3069). Bring anything you like to entertain yourself and your friends. A few of us will have 'lost sheep' postcards for our 1991 shepherd (EC) who never gets a chance to look for them on meeting nights.

\* a place to buy, sell and exchange

Hubley & Herr Art Pub.  
Lancaster (undivided back)

## NEW MEMBERS

To calculate our active/1991 membership, subtract six(6) from highest number (most recent member). We had six not renew membership in 1990. Membership numbers remain 'open' in event previous members wish to rejoin.

### NEW MEMBERS

- #136 BETTY M. BROWN 235 E. New St., Lancaster, Pa., 17602-2005. 392-7652. General collector.
- #137 ESTHER HELLER 1039 Grandview Blvd., Lancaster, Pa., 17601. 397-9642. General collector
- #138 WILLIAM A. WEIKERT 1937 Lititz Pike, Lancaster, Pa., 17601. 569-2369. Gettysburg
- #139 CHESTER S. BRENNER 535 Burrows Ave., Lancaster, Pa., 17602. 392-7382. Lancaster and vicinity. Pa. in general; Anything that looks attractive.
- #140 MAROY L. BRENNER Address and phone same as Chester's. Lancaster, Pa. and anything interesting in general.
- #141 FRANCESCA HAMILTON 240 S. State St., Ephrata, Pa., 17522. 733-8462. Ephrata plus rail-
- #142 MARLIN (BOB) ERDMAN 1209 Sixth Ave., North Seattle, WA 98109. Collect Union Oils, small Hershey (bars), early Sunbury & Northumberland Co. (Pa.), south-eastern Pa. views, humor, cats (esp. black)
- #143 CLAUDIA J. ERDMAN same as Marlin

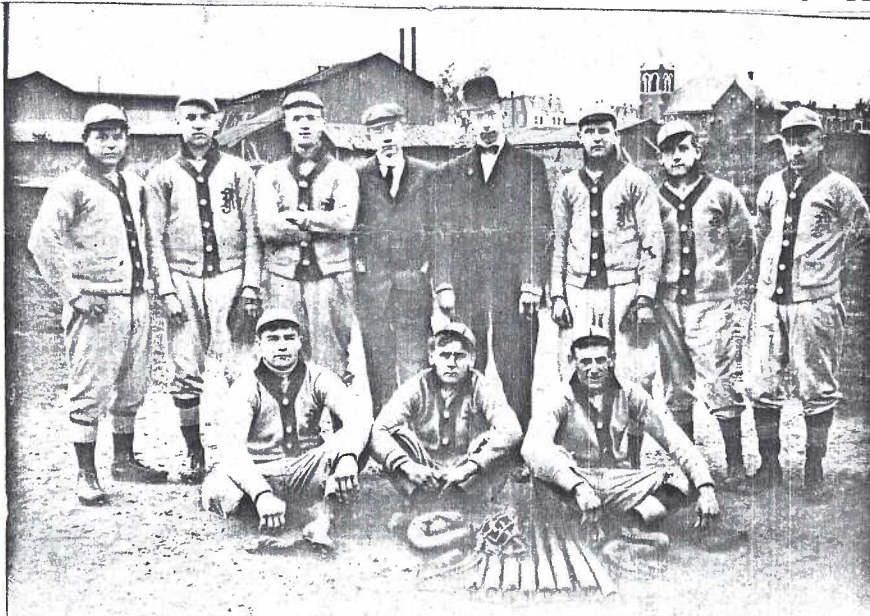
WELCOME ALL. SEE YOU JULY 15 and 19!



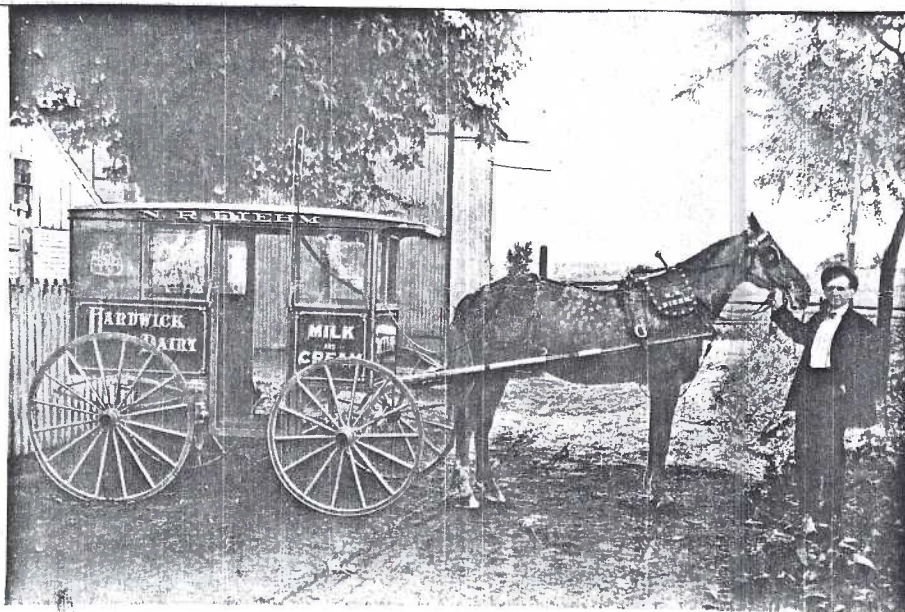
**Several important questions remain unanswered.**

- 1) Why did no one else - before or after Charles Lynch - make postcards of the Lancaster fire houses or fire engines? Neighboring towns - Harrisburg, Hershey, Lebanon, York and Reading have several sets of fire house postcards and some quite plentiful. **Lancaster has only these six cards!**
- 2) Why were the Lynch post cards (both Fire House and Moose Home) not distributed in larger numbers? The Moose card inventory is ample,

Various **real photo postcards** occasionally surface. They are stamped on the reverse: MADE BY CHAS.O.LYNCH,BAUSMAN,PA. All seen thus far have the AZO triangle stamp box (1918-1930 period). Most subjects are people with studio-type back drops or picnic/outing type poses.



Three fine real photo pc's by Chas. Lynch. **Left** Unidentified baseball team. **Above** Charles' daughter sitting among her dolls. **Below** Lynch Wagon Works (left rear). A customer proudly shows his horse and new wagon



It is apparent Charles Lynch had no designs on becoming a postcard publishing dynamo. But we are eternally grateful he had the initiative to develop his boyhood hobby of photography and interest in history to the extent he did.

**Note:** The author would welcome any additional information and examples of postcards by Chas. O.Lynch, (real photo or published types). Contact: Jim Ward, P.O.Box 300, Lititz PA 17543-0300.



# BETSY ROSS HOUSE

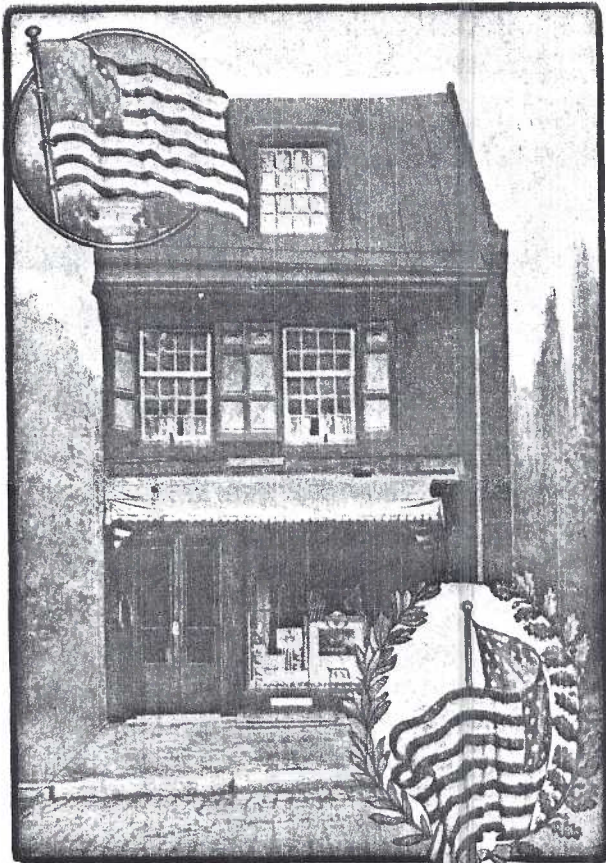
By Elizabeth Phillips Graver (LCPC member #15)  
Special to Lancaster Sunday News  
Condensed with the author's permission.

**ED. NOTE:** In her search for postcards, Elizabeth Graver found many interesting paper ephemera including a Betsy Ross certificate (11"x14") which was sold to raise money for restoration of the house at 239 Arch St., Phila., known later as the Betsy Ross House. It intrigued her and research led to the Sunday News article of March 31, 1991.

Historic preservation is not a new subject and in 1892 fear of losing a small Arch St. home resulted in the American Flag House and Betsy Ross Memorial Association.

The man who spearheaded the move to save the house and dedicated himself wholeheartedly to the cause was Charles H. Weisgerber, an artist who had painted "Birth of Our Nation's Flag" in 1883. The work shows Betsy holding a flag of 13 red and white stripes, with 13 white stars encircled on a field of blue. It is being viewed by Gen. George Washington; Robert Morris, financier of the Revolution, and Lancaster's own Col. George Ross. The latter was the uncle of young John Ross, an upholsterer and the late husband of Betsy.

What had inspired Weisgerber was the story of



THE BETSY ROSS HOUSE

BETSY ROSS WAS BORN IN PHILADELPHIA 1752  
MADE THE FIRST AMERICAN FLAG AT HER HOME,  
239 ARCH STREET IN 1776 AND IT WAS OFFICIALLY  
ADOPTED, 1777 SHE DIED IN 1836.

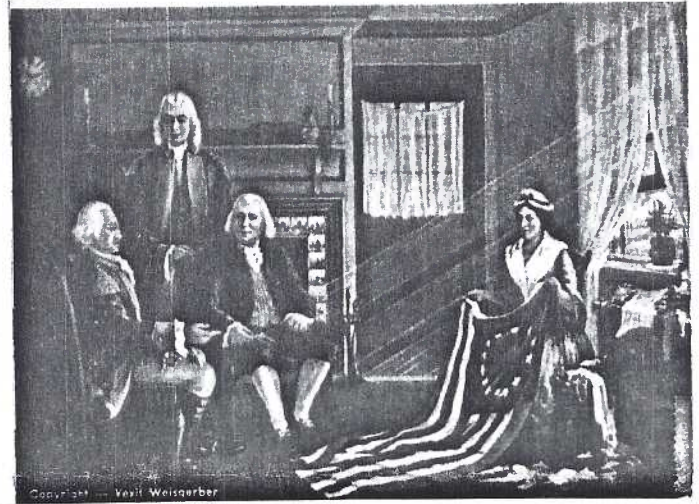
Reverse of this Rose Co., Phila. undivided back  
postcard advertises A.S. Valentine & Sons, Phila.  
Manufacturers of the Famous BETSY ROSS 5C. CIGAR

Determined to preserve the  
landmark, Weisgerber moved his

## Betsy Ross House

Birth of Our Nation's Flag

Philadelphia, Pa.



From a Lusterchrome pc by Tichnor, Inc., Boston

William J. Canby, Betsy's grandson. Canby read a paper before the members of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania in 1870, stating that his grandmother, Betsy Ross, had been visited by the three above-mentioned gentlemen, who had engaged her to make a flag from a rough drawing.

The flag produced by Betsy must have been satisfactory, for according to Volume 1 of the Pennsylvania Archives, the state Navy Board met on May 29, 1777, and ordered the paymaster to pay Elizabeth Ross 14 pounds, 12 shillings and 2 pence "For making ship's colours, etc." Other records show that Betsy made flags for the government for some 50 years after the Revolution.

The sale of more than a million certificates throughout the United States and many foreign countries did not produce enough money to maintain the house.

■ Despite its failure to prove that Betsy Ross actually lived in the house at 239 Arch St., the American Flag House and Betsy Ross Memorial Association set up a fund to buy the dwelling by selling subscriptions for 10 cents. Each subscriber received an 11-by-14-inch color print of Weisgerber's painting, flanked on either side by a picture of the house and the grave of Betsy Ross. The subscriber's name was inscribed thereon. Anyone selling 30 certificates received, as a premium, a 24-by-24-inch color print of Weisgerber's painting.

family into the house, which had been opened as a museum, and operated it by the sale of souvenirs and postal cards.

The association's directors finally presented the house to Congress; however, since the committee that investigated the situation could find no proof of its authenticity, the legislators refused the offer. Several years later, the house was offered to the city of Philadelphia, but the town fathers were dubious about such a controversial property.

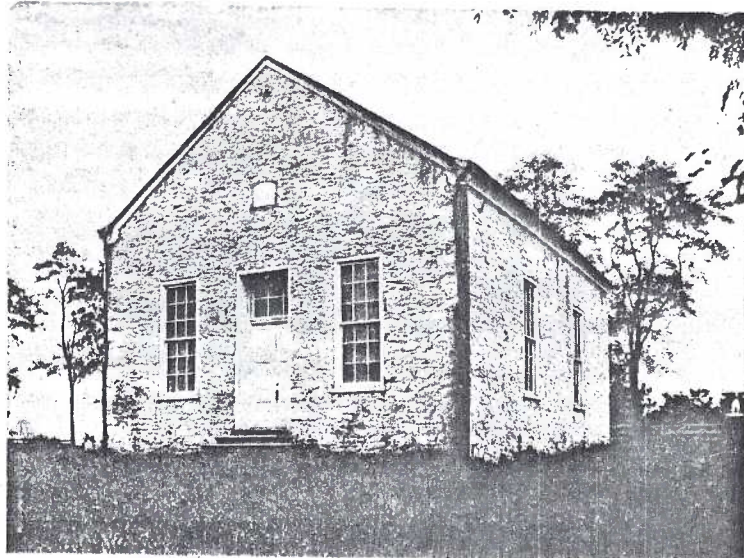
Through the generosity of A. Atwater Kent, socially prominent Philadelphia manufacturer, the house was restored in 1937; the city assumed ownership in 1941. Members of the board of trustees are appointed by the mayor.

Betsy Ross died in 1836 at the age of 84. Her remains and those of her third husband, John Claypoole, were moved in 1975 from Mount Moriah Cemetery to the Atwater Kent Park — adjacent to the Arch Street house.

Easily reached via public transportation, it is within walking distance of Independence Hall, the Liberty Bell Pavillion, the new U.S. Mint, Elfreth's Alley and Christ Church. It's just a pleasant 90-minute drive from Lancaster,

The house is open daily except Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day. From May to October, hours are 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; from November to April, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Admission is free. For more information, call (215) 627-5343.





Boehm's Old M. E. Church near Willow Street, Pa.

Published by E. H. Stauffer, Willow Street, Pa.

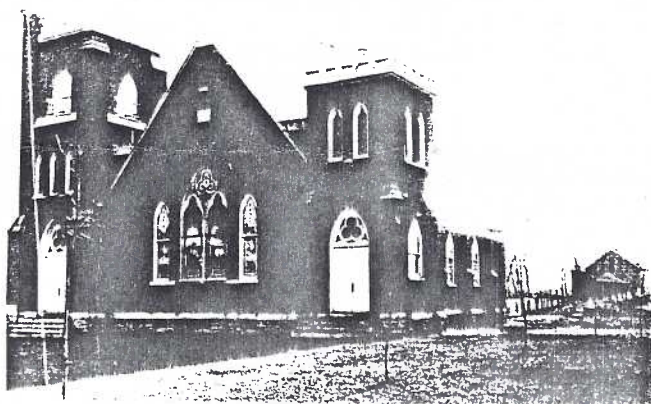
### LOCAL HISTORY

Boehm's Methodist Episcopal Church still stands on Boehm Road in sight of Rte. #272 south of Willow Street. It's 1791 thick, limestone walls, undamaged by age, are evident on the postcard. The undivided back tells us the view is pre-1907. W.E. Stauffer of Willow Street published many fine black and white postcards.

200th anniversary ceremonies recently took place consecrating the chapel. Extensive restoration has enhanced the interior.

The second postcard (a real photo type) shows the "new" Boehm church built about 1899. To the far right can be seen the old M.E. chapel (just behind the horse 'n buggy shed). "BOEHM" is misspelled on this caption.

Boehm's New M. E. Ch., Lanc. Co. Pa.



Boehm's New M. E. Ch., Lanc., Pa.

Real photo pc, publisher unknown

### JUNE PROGRAM RESPONSE

Dede Schaeffer wanted to make it perfectly clear that the cards that she sells in her framed sets are all **original** and not reproductions.

ED. NOTE: For the time she takes searching for cards to make up sets, she's got to be earning at least 3¢ an hour!

### OUTSTANDING PINEKNOTTER

Our member #54, Joe Epler, was recently named **Outstanding Alumnus** of Northumberland H. School. 'He has long taken an interest and active parts in all that involves the Northumberland area - both Boro and the Point Twp. region.' He is very active in Pineknotted Days and the local Susquehanna Valley Postcard Club.

Now, Joe, if you'll just let us Lancastrians know what a 'pineknotted' is.

### FUTURE SHOWS




Close-by POSTCARD SHOWS you should attend:

**July 12-13 PA, York** First Annual Show, York Postcard Club. Bridgeton Center at Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge, Rtes. #30 & #83. Fri., Noon-8 pm, Sat., 9-5. \$1 (24 dealers).


**July 20-21 WASHINGTON, D.C.** International Postcard Assoc. Inc., IPAFEST-2. Dulles Airport Marriott. I-495 to Access Rd. Sat. 9-6, Sun. 9-5. \$2. 70 dealers.

## 1992 CALENDAR

featuring reproductions of old postcards  
LANCASTER CITY &  
LANCASTER COUNTY, PA



14 MONTHS!  
NOV. 1991  
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Manheim Twp. Municipal Bldg.  
Municipal Dr., Lancaster, PA  
PUBLIC ALWAYS WELCOME!

62  
OLD  
POST  
CARD  
SCENES

Actual size of calendar is 8 1/2" x 11"

### OUR FIRST CALENDAR - A REALITY!

As photographic work progressed in late May, L (John Long #8 with a very tight schedule) mentioned to W (Jim Ward #1 with no schedule) that perhaps they should keep up the pace and 'let 'em roll' before the heat hit the fans.

So, surprise! surprise! the **1992 CALENDAR** featuring reproductions of old postcards of **LANCASTER CITY & LANCASTER COUNTY, PA.** was made available to the members at the **June** meeting instead of August or September as expected.

Cost is \$5 for the 14-month calendar (begins Nov. 1991) and includes 62 old postcard scenes. 51 are County scenes, 11 are the City and suburbs. \$1 goes to the LCPC treasury for each calendar sold to members. John and Jim estimate they have nearly 200 hours of work plus materials in the project. **It is the first in a series.**

Add \$1 for postage and package if mailed.



### A POSTCARD FROM OUR PRESIDENT

How exciting to see new faces at our meetings. Obviously, there is high interest in deltiology. I am amazed by the varied interests of our members. And what pleases me is to observe how members help each other with their search for postcards. I see genuine pleasure on the faces of members. Isn't it gratifying to assist other collectors? It's good, too, to hear the questions asked and the information given so freely.

I really like what I experience as a member of our exciting, growing, interesting, educational (you fill in more blanks) \_\_\_\_\_, Lancaster County Postcard Club. And to think, all the while we are sharing in my favorite hobby - collecting friends.

Thinking of you,

*Earl*

P.S. I hope to see YOU at our auction and program on July 15th and at our first club picnic on July 19th.

### A SCORE OF POSTCARD PESTS

by David R. Kever, submitted by Bob Kramer (#44)  
(Additional verses in future Newsletters)

The X-ER

The defacer of postcards will ne'er be forgot.  
He's the one who made X's to point out the spot.

THE SCRIBBLER

This once was a choice card, alas for the guy  
Who scribbled his message all over the sky.

THE FLIPPER

You stifle a groan with a pursing of lips  
As he looks thru your cards, every packet he flips

THE BENDER

The chap each collector most fervently rues  
Is the one who must bend every card that he views.



FOURTH OF JULY GREETING.



He was a little fellow,  
He was his papa's pet.  
He fired off a cannon;  
And they haven't found him yet.



H.M. Rose Co., Phila. humor pc  
divided back

## EXHIBITS

### TOP-NOTCH TREASURES ON TRIPS AND TRAVEL

June's winning exhibitors were:

**MARY DARRENKAMP** (FIRST) Covered Bridges and Transportation

**BETTY GRAVER** (SECOND) We've Come A Long Way

**JIM WARD** (THIRD) Tripping At The Shore

### HONORABLE MENTIONS

**EARL CARVER** We'll Get You There

**PAULINE CURTIS** Choo Choo

**MARY DARRENKAMP** Antique Cars

**DON DAVIS** Station To Station

**MARTHA STONER** On The Move

So nice to see new faces - and old ones, too!  
If you have an idea for an exhibit subject, let Sandra Shaub our Exhibit Chairlady know about it

July's Theme: **PATRIOTIC**

### SPEAKING OF TRIPS AND TRAVEL

Dorathy and Harold Fry went to Utah last month to celebrate her sister's 50th wedding anniversary and **D & H's 52nd!** If you're planning a trip and haven't decided to drive or fly, better speak with Dorathy and Harold.

There were times the wheel chairs went faster than the plane! (Actually no one was sick or even hurt - but then Harold was ready to make a few people hurt.)

Dorathy is a colorful story-teller (by fame) and this one contains every ounce of truth but still it's hard to believe. Allow twenty minutes.

### THE LICKER

You inwardly writhe, though you're outwardly dumb,  
While he separates cards with a lick of his thumb.



### AUCTION ACTION

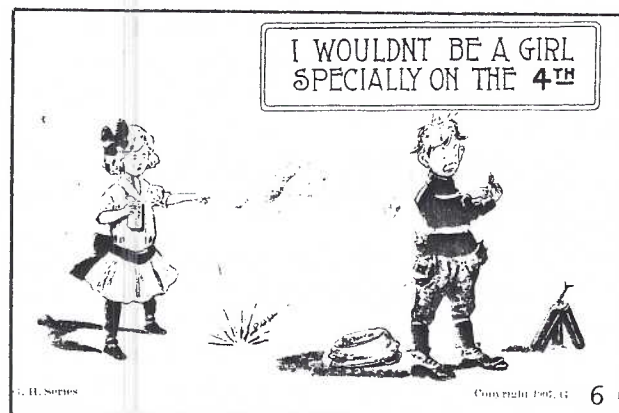
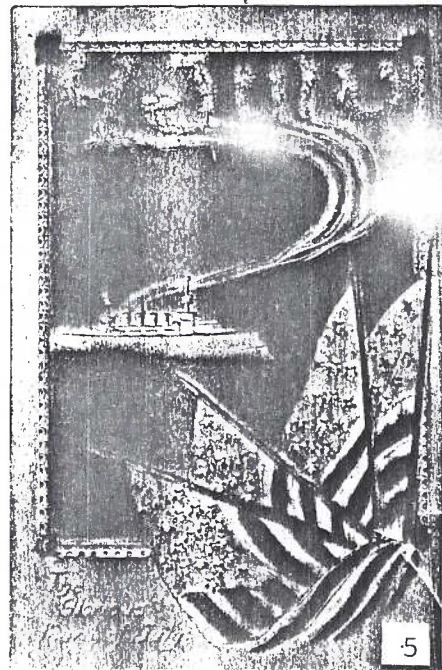
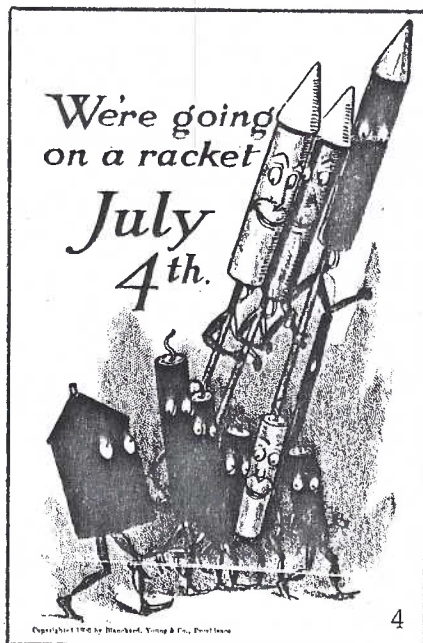
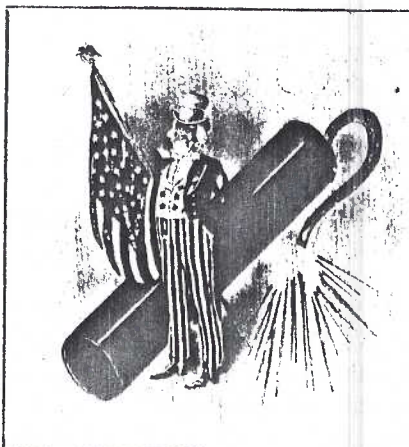
An addendum to this Newsletter is an auction list. **Remember to bring your copy to the meeting.** You can't know the players without a program! Oh, yes - bring cash, too!



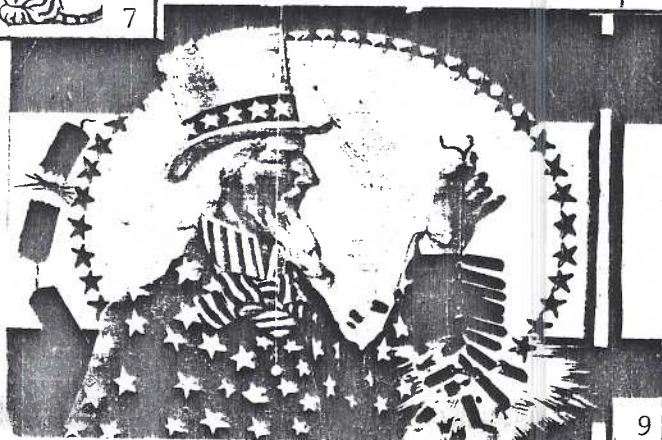
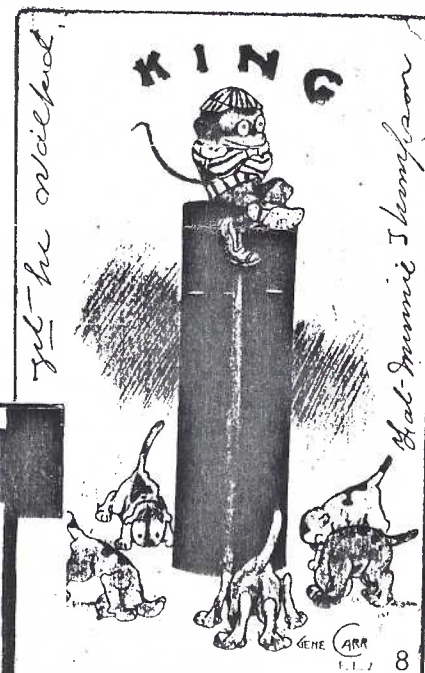
Lancaster County Postcard Club dues: \$7 per person annually, \$10 per family. Mail to: Treasurer Howard Steinberg 645 Robt. Fulton Hwy., Quarryville, Pa., 17566. Other elected officers: Pres. Earl Carver (684-3069), Vice-Pres. Sandra Shaub, Secretary Shirley Neidermyer, Directors: Don Davis, Dorathy Fry, Jere Greider, Rich Kestenbaum, Jerry Kotek, and Walter Mowrer.

Permanent Committee Chairmen: Auction Walter Mowrer, Monthly Exhibits Sandra Shaub, 50/50 Harry Lines, Greeter Anne Steinberg, Historian John Long, Librarian Anne Steinberg, Membership Dorathy Fry, Publicity Lorraine Singer, Newsletter Artist Jim Rudisill, Editor Jim Ward (626-4660). Newsletter and general club correspondence address: P.O. Box 300, Lititz, Pa., 17543-0300.





Don't forget your  
PATRIOTIC BOARD  
for July 15.  
How about a SHEEP  
postcard for our  
'shepherd'  
at the picnic  
July 19?



- 1 Publisher unknown
- 2 Western News Pub.(?)
- 3 Illus.PC,series 750(?)
- 4 Blanchard,Young & Co.
- 5 Langsdorf (embossed)
- 6 G.W.Hull copyright
- 7,8 Rotograph Co. series  
FL, signed Gene Carr(6)
- 9 Danziger & Berman; Red,  
white,blue stripe series  
Info. per C.Griffiths.

Did you see Member #77,  
Jim Rudisill, represent  
Colonial York with Wil  
lard Scott on the Today  
show, July 1?

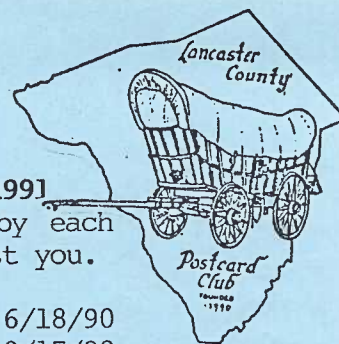


Addendum to July 1991 Newsletter

LANCASTER COUNTY POSTCARD CLUB AUCTION #5\*

Following Business Meeting and Program of Monday, July 15, 1991

All lots are postcards unless designated. Descriptions are by each member/owner. Please examine all lots carefully if they interest you.



- |       |    |   |               |
|-------|----|---|---------------|
| 4.50  | 1  | 3 Mountville, D.W.Witmer, publisher                                       |               |
| 4.00  | 2  | 8 Post Offices  | *#1 - 6/18/90 |
| 1.50  | 3  | 18 Restaurants  | #2 - 9/17/90  |
| .75   | 4  | 5 Court Houses  | #3 - 1/21/91  |
| 4.00  | 5  | 20 Colleges   | #4 - 4/15/91  |
| 1.00  | 6  | 20 Bridges  |               |
| .50   | 7  | 21 Trees  |               |
| .50   | 8  | 20 Foreign, continental size  |               |
| .50   | 9  | 20 Foreign, reg. size   |               |
| 1.50  | 10 | 18 Non-postcards (old cards, small)                                       |               |
| .75   | 11 | 1905 Souvenir folder  |               |
| .75   | 12 | 3 Comics  |               |
| .50   | 13 | 10 Misc. papers and cards   |               |
| 32.50 | 14 | 30 diff. St. Patrick's Day - on pgs. in binder (lots of green!)           |               |
| 14.00 | 15 | 4 diff. Millersville - color (3 by Express for Hertzler)                  |               |
| 10.00 | 16 | 7 diff. Lancaster incl. 1907 baseball team & 1 Ephrata                    |               |
| 7.50  | 17 | 1 Santa - blue gloves! Toy. Nice  |               |
| 7.50  | 18 | 1 St. Nicholas - PFB full length. Great card                              |               |
| 20.00 | 19 | 1 Santa - Purple robe, full length. Tuck undiv. back. Great card          |               |
| 10.00 | 20 | 1 Santa - Brown robe, full length. Tuck Oilette #1029. Toys. Great card   |               |
| 15.00 | 21 | 16 Nice children incl. Publ. Tuck, PFB; artists Outcault, Curtis          |               |
| 12.00 | 22 | 32 Animals - good mixture. Some nice cards                                |               |
| 50.00 | 23 | 6 Santas (incl. 4 full length) and 10 patriotics                          |               |
| 1.00  | 24 | 8 Dolls of the World, chrome, unused                                      |               |
| 2.50  | 25 | 4 pc's showing flags, GAR, WWI (tape on corners)                          |               |
| 3.50  | 26 | 3 - 4th of July (1 trimmed)   |               |
| 3.50  | 27 | 26 Chrome cards - Presidents. unused                                      |               |
| 2.50  | 28 | 1987 Constitution Bicentennial. 4-card installment. unused                |               |
| 3.00  | 29 | 29 Multi views, copyright 1909 J.I. Austen Co. unused                     |               |
| 10.00 | 30 | 10 Asst. ink blotters (8 w/Lancaster Co. ads)                             |               |
| 9.00  | 31 | 4 Lancaster City trade/adv. cards   |               |
| .50   | 32 | 2 Lion Coffee trade/adv. cards  |               |
| 1.00  | 33 | 4 Trade cards   |               |
| 3.00  | 34 | 1 Lg. box old/new pcs's, mostly US (incl. few souvenir folders, MA to CA) |               |
| 3.00  | 35 | 4 Flags   |               |
| 6.00  | 36 | 4 Flags   |               |
| 5.00  | 37 | 2 Lincoln, 2 G. Washington  |               |
| 4.50  | 38 | 25 Love, saying (couples)   |               |
| 8.00  | 39 | 25 as above but diff.   |               |
| 4.00  | 40 | 25 Likewise   |               |
| 4.50  | 41 | 15 Beer drinking  |               |
| 1.00  | 42 | 6 Beer drinking   |               |
| 3.50  | 43 | 20 Sayings  |               |
| 1.50  | 44 | Book- Postcards - Collectors Guide by F. Lyons, 1974 DONATION TO CLUB     |               |
| 7.00  | 45 | 7 Lancaster County  |               |
| .50   | 46 | 36 Misc. Pa. (mostly Poconos and Del. Water Gap)                          |               |
| 4.00  | 47 | 110 California, Oregon and Colorado                                       |               |
| .75   | 48 | 7 Photo cards - Oregon and Washington                                     |               |
| 1.00  | 49 | 17 Northeastern states  |               |



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- 2.00 50 9 Religious  
1.50 51 22 Best wishes - some Tucks  
8.00 52 15 St. Patrick's Day, St. Valentines, Thanksgiving  
2.00 53 22 Happy New Years  
1.00 54 13 Valley Forge  
8.00 55 23 Pittsburgh  
8.00 56 16 Philadelphia  
14.00 57 39 Gettysburg  
1.00 58 9 Erie  
1.00 59 14 Advertising/trade cards  
1.00 60 14 Advertising/trade cards  
.75 61 23-card Gettysburg tablet  
1.00 62 5 Miniature almanacs, 1900-04 inclusive  
10.00 63 Set/4 Int.Art Co. Easter Peeps + set/4 Int.Art Co. Cupids  
12.00 64 6 Sets (24 total) Eismann LOVERS, #1805,06,08 (some dups)unused;on pgs.  
3.00 65 1939-40 N.Y.World's Fair, set/8 USSR Pavilion, unused; on pgs.  
15.00 66 Lord's Prayer. set of 8 w/matched backs, in gold, ASB #264, Nice! on pgs.  
9.00 67 4 Ladies: some signed:Margie McMein. "Erika",etc.,on pgs.  
10.00 68 Collection: 48 diff. Objects made from Flowers;on pgs.  
40.00 69 Set/50 "Meeting of the Rails"+"The Golden Spike",unused in album  
1.00 70 Double(folded) Tower Hotel and American Falls (Niagara) unused  
12.50 71 20 Views: RR depot, BWI's, theaters incl. real photos. good group;on pgs.  
10.00 72 12 Ads: Blue Line Tours, art deco theaters, expos, Sing Fat Co.,etc.  
1.50 73 Nister: New Years (lady and child) unused  
.75 74 Old large 4½x6½" July 4th pc, unused  
.75 75 Menu: double(folded)pc Latourell Falls,Oregon (8/24/1915)mis-sent  
13.00 76 Set of 24 Curtis Publishing Co., unused (many interiors,etc.)  
3.00 77 Set/6 odd/comic Valentine pc's,on pgs.  
10.00 78 12 Fancy turkeys: felt, highly embossed, tinsel,etc.,on pgs.  
10.00 79 Stereoscopic views: "20 Events in the Life of Christ", color and original box  
7.00 80 24 Small size cabinet photos: uniforms,children,etc.(Pa. studios)  
2.00 81 30+ Large cabinet photos (mostly Lancaster studios)  
4.00 82 Box of over 100 advertising/trade cards (some damage)

**END OF SALE**

Please be patient with our clerks. They are volunteers. We thank them and the auctioneer and the runners **very much** for their services.

If you've been a buyer or seller in our club auctions, isn't it time you contributed some time,too? **And here's more food for thought:**

Do you think our auctions might improve - **with more quality lots** - if we changed the commission to a nominal 25¢ per lot? This would not penalize the seller who wished to offer higher priced cards. It might also urge the seller with very inexpensive cards to 'double up' on his lots. And it **would make the clerk/cashier's job decidedly easier!**

Our treasury is still not great, but we're in a better situation than we were a year ago. Let's discuss this before the next auction in October. (JFW)