

# THE CARD – Vol. 22, No. 5, Issue 247, May 2011

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*Enjoying postcards through education and entertainment.*

Next Meeting: May 16, 2011. Farm & Home Center. Buy, Sell and Trade from 4:30. Meeting - 7 PM.

Yearly membership is \$10 (\$5 for each additional member at the same address.)

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## April Card Competition

As might be expected with the subject a single card, as opposed to a board, we were pleased to see fifteen entries. The April subject, DOORS, offered quite a variety.

**FIRST** Maria Schurz The Narrowest House  
**SECOND** Walter Mowrer Columbia Fire Hall  
**THIRD** Bryan Benner The Farmer's Trip to Heaven  
**HONORABLE MENTION** (Four tied for this award.)

Betty Beck Old Libby Prison Door  
Harold Moyer Wolf at the Door  
Betty Sowers Wheatland  
Jim Ward Double Outhouses

### Other welcomed entries included

Gisela Withers Chestnut St. Doorway, Salem, MA  
Don Tribit Pandora Park, Reading, PA  
Dick Pendergrast Valentine Beau at Door  
Kay Feight Beautify Your Door  
Bob Kramer Lamb at Dutch Door  
Doug Milliken Pineapple Door, Essex Inst., Salem, MA  
Tom Beck Chock Full  
Ruth Moyer The Door to Wealth

Congratulations to all, but, once again we should lament the loss of a little learning – had we just talked about the cards for a few minutes. Our hobby offers a wealth of information behind the picture on the card.

May's subject is **Cityscapes** (a board).\*

June's subject is **Brides** (a single card).

\*Suppose we allow some latitude here, since it's a board, and let you decide how big the "city" will be!

## APRIL MEETING

Spring is here and members are returning. Forty-nine were there to buy and sell, including these member/dealers – Dede Schaeffer, Kay Feight (from Chambersburg), Al Schaub, Paul Smoker, Ray Dennis, Dale Schaub, Bob Kramer, Aaron Heckler, and Jim Ward. Because of the length of the program, Earl Long asked to and was given the privilege of offering his program before the business meeting. It seemed to be well received.

Door prizes were won by Lynn Heckler (a \$3 club gift certificate) and Betty Beck (postcards). James Tanis won \$18 in the 50/50.

The May program will be presented by Doug Milliken. His subject, **Santa Catalina Island**, was a part of his life so we should be listening to an expert on the subject. The Elmo projector will be Doug's medium for the evening.

## May Program

Our program will be presented by Doug Milliken using the Elmo projector. We can count on expert information about **Santa Catalina Island**. Doug spent the first 50 years of his life in Pasadena and the island is just a stone's throw

## Proposed Club Amendment

To: Robert Zink, President, LCPC

In accordance with the By-Laws of the Lancaster County Postcard Club, **Article VIII – Amendments, Section 2 a**, (*Proposed amendments must be presented to the President by the April meeting at which time they will be read to the members*).

I wish to propose the following change.

*The present Article IV – Executive Board, Section 4 reads: The Board shall have the authority to act on all business, subject to the will of the membership of the club.*

I am proposing the following addition:

*The Board shall have the authority to act on business of an economic nature if the amount in question is less than \$100.*

Sincerely, Thomas Beck, Past President

This proposal was read at the April meeting is published in the May CARD and will be voted in at the June meeting.

## Future Shows

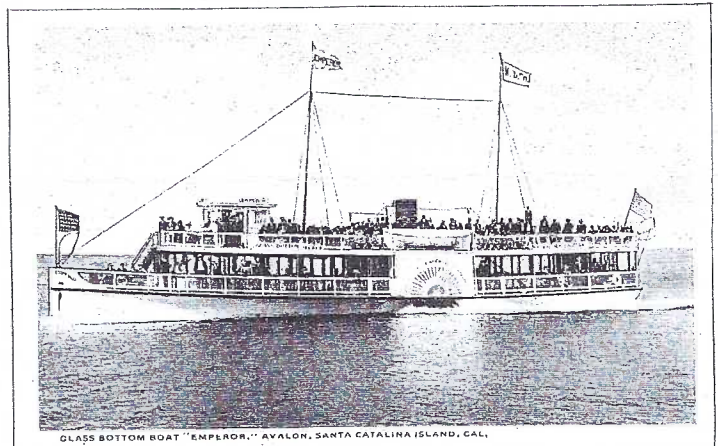
May 7 **Mt. Laurel, NJ** South Jersey PC Club Show, Free adm.

May 21 **Point Pleasant, NJ** Jersey Shore PC Club Show, \$3.

June 4 **Titusville, NJ** Washington Crossing PC Club (WC4).

The club's first two have been real winners. Many of their members attend our LCPC shows. It's worth the trip – right over the Delaware in the Union Fire Company Hall.

June 11 **York, PA.** This is a new convenient location – The Holiday Inn on #74, just off Route #30. Some LCPC members set up at this show; many more attend. 8:30 to 4. \$2.



**GLASS BOTTOM BOAT "EMPEROR," AVALON, SANTA CATALINA ISLAND, CAL.**

away. His Boy Scout troupe there each summer by "cold water taxi." Doug also made numerous day trips to Avalon (the island's only town) by glass bottom boat (see illus.), large steamer and seaplane to enjoy art shows, the museum or just for "a day away from home."

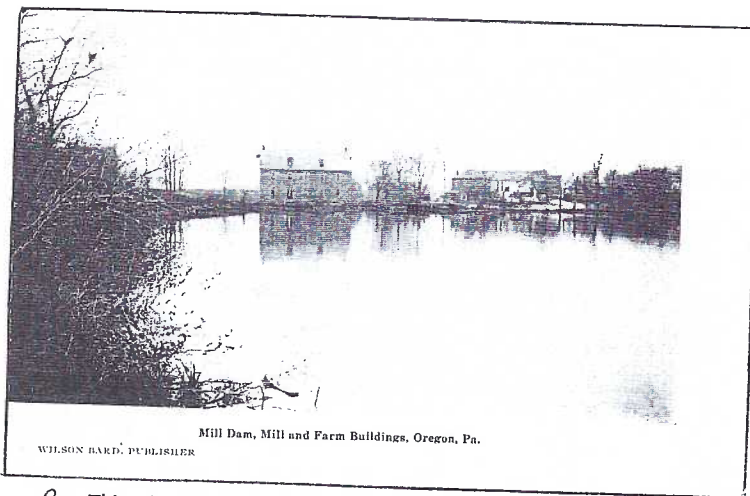
# Oregon Postcards

Where to begin? Where to begin!

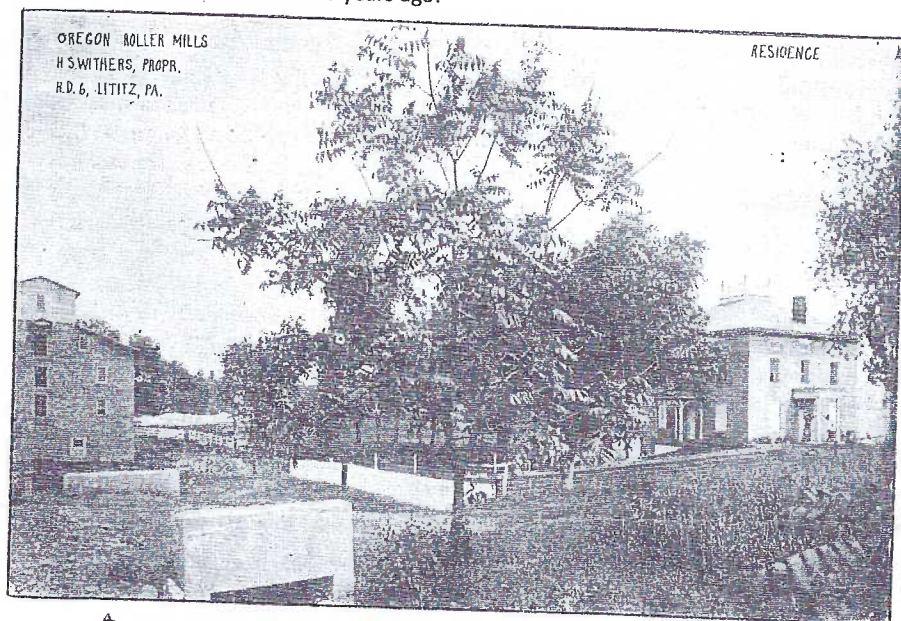
The little village of Oregon has its share of postcard views (at least 12) but its history could fill a book. As with most early villages in Lancaster County, a mill was its genesis.

**Mills on Local Postcard Views** is a story begging to be written. Why? With its preponderance of small but fast-moving streams, our county offered the power to breed mills, especially grist and saw mills which, in turn, attracted folks to get to those mills and so they built roads, then homes, and churches, and schools and stores near the mill. In 1763 there were 13 grist mills within five miles of Lancaster City. By 1773 (four years before the Revolutionary War) there were 200 miles of all kinds in Lancaster County!

But we digress. Let's get back to **Oregon** or **Catfish** as it was known until 1846 when the United States and Canada settled their claims for the Oregon Territory and dozens of towns across the USA celebrated by naming themselves "**Oregon**." H. M. J. Klein attributes the name change directly to Henry E. Leman, Sr. who had his forge and rifle boring mill at Oregon. The village was originally called "**Catfish**" for the preponderance of the be-whiskered critters and other prettier Pisces that were stocked in the nearby mill pond. Why stock fish? It was the miller's small way of re-paying his neighbors for use of the stream that he didn't own, but which provided him with a successful business; great public relations 260 years ago!

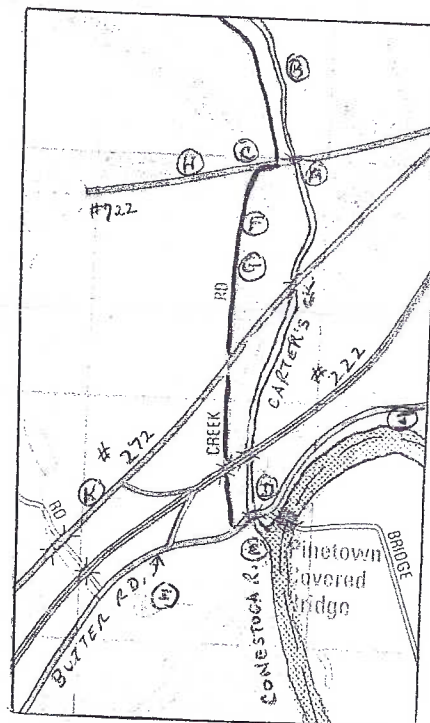


- B This view (w/1910 postmark) by Wilson Bard shows the **Mill Dam, Mill and Farm Buildings**. It looks south on Creek Road toward the Oregon Mill. The mill pond emptied when the dam was removed many years ago. Dormers were removed with installation of a new roof. Two generations of Bards had a general store in Oregon. WB published six b/w PC views all printed by Express Printing, Lititz.



- A **Oregon Roller Mills, H. S. Withers, Prop, RD 6, Lititz, Pa.** is a b/w d/b view showing the mill on the far left and the large Withers home on the right. Oregon Road (Rte. 722) crosses over the stream that provided power to the mill. It was then called **Carters Creek**. Now it's **Lititz Run**. On this site Jacob Bear built the first mill c.1717. Jacob Stehman replaced that mill in 1813. A fire in 1902 necessitated rebuilding much of the mill. This was done in 1909 by Harry and Anne Withers who added a date stone. In 1969 the mill was vacant but in 1994 it was completely refurbished and today is an elegant office building.

**OREGON, PA, in 2011.**  
Circled letters indicate locations of old postcard views.



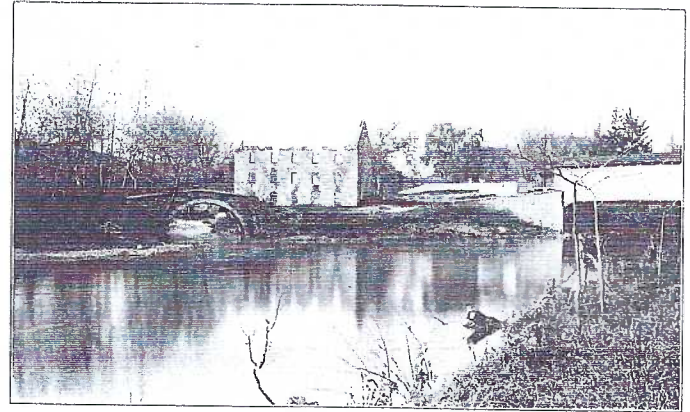
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Hotel and Store, Oregon, Pa.

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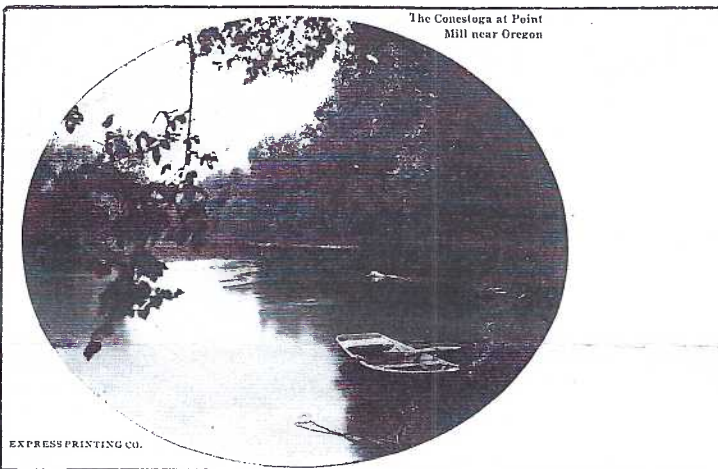
**Hotel and Store, Oregon, Pa.** This b/w u/b view by Wilson Bard looks north on Reading Road (now Creek Rd.) toward the village hotel (now Reflections.) The hotel and the house on the left, on Oregon Rd., are virtually unchanged. First owner of the hotel, built in 1775, was Jacob Bear who was also the village's first miller. A frequenter to the Catfish Wayside Inn was John André, a French Huguenot who enlisted in the British Army at age 20. He was captured in Nov. 1775 and held as a prisoner at the military barracks in Lancaster until Dec. 1776, when he was exchanged. André was later promoted to captain and then major. André is said to have "had a lively and pleasant manner, could draw and paint and cut silhouette pictures, was an exceptional writer and fluent in English, French, German, and Italian. He also wrote many comic verses." But the young paroled soldier's favorite past-time was angling and in the year spent in Lancaster, idle hours were often at Carters Creek and Bear's Mill Pond in Oregon.



On the Conestoga, above its Union with Lititz Creek

**On the Conestoga above its Union with Lititz Creek** is a b/w d/b view by Express Printing. It shows only the shell of an old stone mill, a stone arch bridge and a white covered bridge. A similar view is labeled Confluence of Lititz and Conestoga Creeks. These two views need a thorough explanation since they show a complex geographical site. The southern "end" of the village of Oregon has long been separated from its "heart" - Reflections, Catfish Court, Oregon Mill, school house, etc. - by Routes #272 and #222. If you drive south on Creek Road, across #272 and under Rte. #222 and cross the Pinetown Covered Bridge (now red), park and walk into the meadow, and look upstream, you'll see this view. Lititz Run ("Creek") emerges from under the stone bridge on the left, the covered bridge is on the right, but the mill is long gone.\* It was also built by Jacob Bear. It was replaced in 1810 by Christian Kauffman and passed through several ownerships, the last being Jonas Nolt in 1869. It was closed in 1898 ergo the dilapidated condition on this pre-WWI postcard. The Conestoga Creek separates Manheim Twp. to the north from Upper Leacock to the south. On today's detailed road maps the mill would have been located on the upstream side of Pinetown Road. "Pinetown?" There never was a Pinetown, though Henry Leman Sr. refers to his rifle-boring mill in the "Pinetown" area. The covered bridge has, for generations, been known as Nolt's or Pinetown Covered Bridge, but Jack Loose in his *comprehensive* listing of little-known and nearly unknown local sites even omits Pinetown.

\*Thanks, Betty Beck, for help in solving the location of the old Bear Mill and accompanying your editor on this trip.



The Conestoga at Point Mill near Oregon

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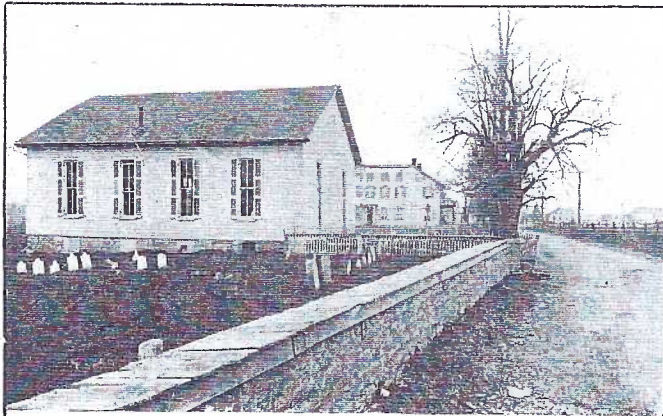
**The Conestoga at Point Mill near Oregon.** This summer view on a colored d/b Express card tell us little, but a likely site for the "Point" would be where Carter's Creek (Lititz Run) meets the Conestoga just south of the village. Mailed from Lititz, Oct. 14, 1907, the writer squeezes a long message to Miss Fannie Wenger in Bareville, "Have come to Lititz from the mountains. Will stay here thru this month before going to my mom's at Lancaster for the winter. Milo & Harry were here to see me yesterday. The former told me of your kind inquiries of my welfare, which is much appreciated. After I get settled in Lancaster will come down and tell you for several hours of my wonderings this summer. I was out at the Mt. Zion Home north of here attending services in the chapel; was

somewhat surprised when told David Styer was there. The Home is very beautifully situated. The Homeless Ones appear very happy which makes me feel reconciled should I become homeless. With kindest regards to your mother and self." (The signature is illegible.)

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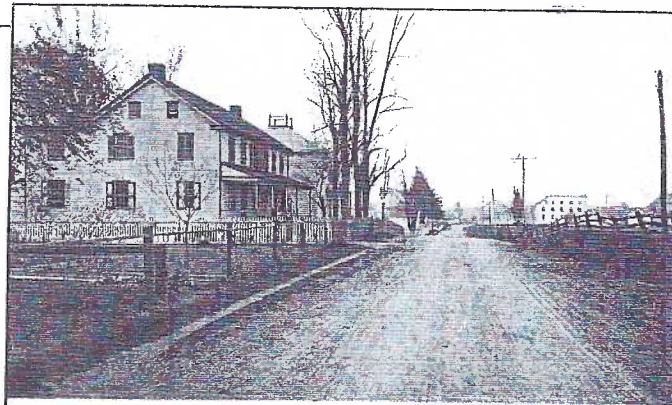
C Oregon Hotel, O'bie Miller, Prop. This real photo as well as the interior (shown), is of the Oregon Hotel soon after W. O'Brien "Obie" Miller and Fannie McCord Miller purchased it from the Wacker Brewing Co. in 1935. Obie knocked down the stone wall on the east side of the building to increase floor size. He owned it only until 1938 when he opened a tavern on Strawberry St. in Lancaster. The garage, though surrounded by a parking lot, still stands.



Union Church, Oregon, Pa.

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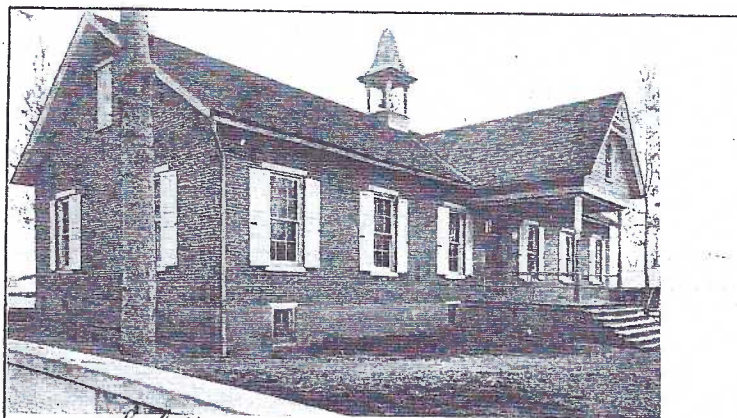
F Union Church, Oregon, Pa is on the old Reading Road (now Creek Rd.) leading from the hotel to Route #272 (and the Oregon Dairy Farm Store and Restaurant). It was shared in early days by the Dunkards, New Mennonite and United Brethren. The graveyard is one of the oldest in the county outside of Lancaster. Today the Oregon Community United Methodist Church uses the building.



Looking Out the Reading Road Toward Lancaster, Oregon, Pa.

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G Looking Out the Reading Road Toward Lancaster, Oregon, Pa. Were you to walk 200 feet south beyond the Union Church, you'd be standing at this point. On the far right is a large 3-story home that can also be seen on the Union Church postcard. Now Creek Road, it's become a feeder road for a *huge* number of cars traveling from Landis Home, west on Oregon Rd. and the Lititz area to the north.

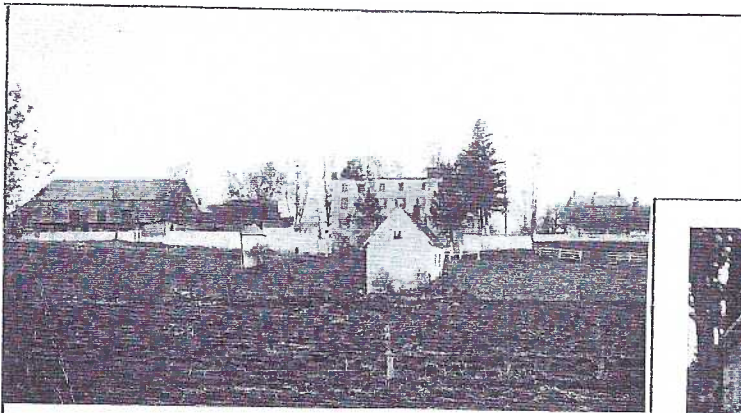


Graded School, Oregon, Pa.

*You did you get home at this is where I graduated on the 7th of July*  
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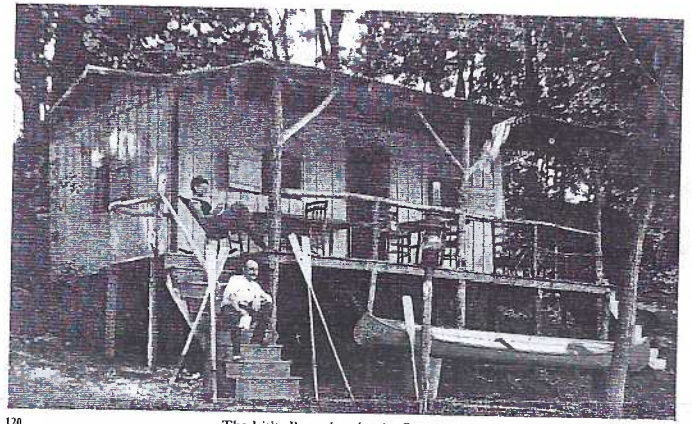
H Graded School, Oregon. Another Bard published b/w, u/b view shows the village school, now a resident just three properties to the west of the old hotel on Oregon Rd. To better accommodate the family, the school door is now a window and the third window from the left is the new front door. The school's bell and tower are gone.

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Buildings on the Main Farm of L. W. Shirk, Oregon, Pa.  
WILSON BARD, PUBLISHER

Buildings on the Main Farm of L. W. Shirk, Oregon, Pa. Our final (sixth) b/w u/b card by Wilson Bard shows a property that has been "orphaned" by Routes #272 and #222 previously mentioned. To catch this view, you would continue off Creek Road and Pinetown Road, look west on Butter Rd., stopping near the "On Ramp" for #222 North. A lane leads into this original Shirk property at 2850 Butter Road, near Jake Landis Road. All of these buildings still stand along with several later generation residences.



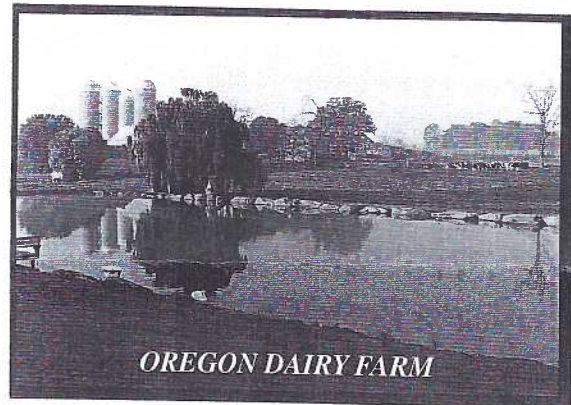
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The Lititz Bungalow by the Conestoga

Another b/w d/b card from Express Printing, The Lititz Bungalow by the Conestoga was not identified precisely by LCPC past President Dorathy Fry, but she *does* remember that C. R. Wenger had such a cottage along the Conestoga River near Pinetown Covered Bridge. "Many groups used it for summer outings. C. P. had a feed mill in Ephrata behind the Ephrata National Bank. His son, Christian, was a doctor." There are at least a dozen tracts along the Conestoga from the Pinetown CB to Bushong Road. It's quite possible this cottage became one of those year-round homes.



For generations the F. W. Tunnel Co. has been supplying fertilizers throughout the eastern U. S. We've included this RP view because a sign in the back of the stand reads "A. H. Becker, Agent, Oregon, Pa." Is the man at this agriculture show/fair Mr. Becker? The PC is unused but the stamp box is from the 1930s and 1940s. Becker Road follows Lititz Run from Oregon to Millport on the east side. It's likely the gentleman is from a family farm in that neighborhood. Any help from readers is welcomed.



Oregon Dairy Farm was published by Witmer, Inc., Witmer, PA. as #23627 in *There is a Season* series. In 1952, Mr. and Mrs. Earl D. Hurst bought a farm along 272. They had a dream of serving their neighbors and friends by selling fresh products from their farm. After raising their ten children, Mom and Pop's dream became a reality in 1974 when they sold fresh milk, eggs and produce in a small dairy store. The Hurst family completed a larger store in 1979. Since then Oregon Dairy has undergone several changes - a cafeteria was added in 1986, the retail sales area was enlarged in 1988, and in the spring of 1993 the cafeteria was changed into a family restaurant.

*Too few of us read the messages on our postcards. Fact is, the images conjured up by these messages are often far more colorful than the pictures on the other side. Many messages show us the social life of 100 years ago.*

## Local Messages

### Homespun Lancaster

#### On Early Postcards

5/10/1916 to Mrs. B. E. Forrey, Columbia.

You and Ben come over on Sunday. Bertha and five more are coming out. I wanted Barbara to come too but I think there is church up there. Don't have much time to write as I want to whitewash, I cleaned and whitewashed me cellars yesterday. Will see you sun. Myrtle.

11/4/1907 to Miss. Mary Fahnestock, Lebanon from Lanc.

Yesterday Pauline was five years old and she got 23 postals, a box of paints and a paint book and a box of fine chocolates. She thinks she is the only person in Lancaster now. C. S. S.

4/7/1909 to Mrs. D. S. Kindell, West Phila. from Lancaster.

Dear Sister, If you don't come up next week would you let Helen come down as we are going away about the 18<sup>th</sup> of July and would like a couple dresses made. For her I was going to come down today but thought you would be away. Erma.

7/23/1912 to Mrs. Roy Kendig, RFD #1 Lancaster.

Dear Cousin, The tenth of August will be my turn to have the Sewing Circle and I would be very glad to have you too. The rest I expect are coming by trolley and getting off at Levan's.\* Come if you can. Perhaps Roy will bring you and meet you in the evening at our house. Lovingly, Emma Sherk. \*Mill was at end of S. Prince St. on New Danville Pk.

9/1/1914. to Monroe Lehn, Manheim RFD #6.

Mr. Monroe Lehn, if you want that collie dog, come and fetch him at once. I have him tied, so come for him. E. D. Achey, Manheim.

5/15/1919 to Mrs. Mabel Hecht, Strasburg RFD #1.

Hello Folks, Pretty sleep but will try to drop you a line. I will be around if I can get stopped working in time. I have the spirit to work this week. Have a waist (blouse) almost made for myself and a doz. others done. Will tell you the rest when I see you for I want to scrub balconies tomorrow. Good night, sleep tight. Don't go to any extra for me.

8/25/1909 to Mrs. Elmer Strickler, Maytown.

Dear Bro. and Sister, I will write a few lines. Well I am going away once again this eve. Well perhaps we will see one another again on Sunday. Will you meet me? If Elmer comes he will fetch me in the dirty wagon. You know how my dress will look. Today I got a letter from Elias your Bro. Wish he could be with us on Sunday. Hope I will have some kind of a partner.

## Postcard Chafers

The European chafer is a beetle of the scarab family. Formerly only found in continental Europe, the invasive species is now found in temperate North America. The large, white grubs feed on the roots of most cool latitude grasses, making the chafer an enemy of many lawns. Chafers have a 1-year life cycle but the imago (adult stage) lasts only 1-2 weeks. They emerge at about 8:30 pm, mate through the night, and return to the soil by day-break. They will re-mate several times over the mating period.



Chafers are called May bugs and June bugs. Why? They emerge from the ground approximately 50 days after Easter (the time of Pentecost). German words *Pfingsten* and *Pfingstag* mean fifty days. Easter comes very late this year. Pentecost/Pfingsten will be Sunday, June 12, so this year they're **June** bugs! We're featuring our June bugs in May since the June CARD will be filled with other goodies.



"Pentecost returns  
Arousing young and old to live.  
The joyous Maikäfers (chafers)  
Play their musical concert."