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Enjoying postcards through education and entertainment.

Next Meeting: September 17, 2012. Farm & Home Center. Buy, Sell & Trade from 4:30. Meeting – 7 PM.

Club website: WWW.playle.com/clubs/lancaster or Google search: Lancaster County Postcard Club

2012 EXPO

The 20th Annual LCPC Postcard show was held on August 18th at the Farm & Home Center. Chairman Jere Greider sends a "Big Thank You!" to all the members that came out to make the Expo a success. There was great help to set up, sell tickets, sit at the club table and clean-up". A full report on the Expo will be given at the September meeting.

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

Bud Heim will share with us the history of "Fire Companies and Fires in Columbia" through postcards. He will tell us about the Fire Companies that were in existence there from the early 1900s to the 1960s. He will also talk about some of the fires that took place during this time period. It's sure to be a "hot" program!

MEMBER NEWS

Betty Beck would like everyone to know that Betty Kreider is doing fine. This week, she passed the drivers' exam for 90 year olds (she will turn 90 on January 9, 2013) with flying colors. The doctor tested her memory, her reflexes, and her agility and found nothing wrong, so she will continue driving to the hairdresser, the library, and CVS. Next week, the US Open starts, so she will have two weeks immersion into the tennis matches, her favorite sport. Watching tennis, baseball, and some football are among her favorite things to do. She continues to read, do a daily USA Today crossword puzzle in ink and to visit friends and family, mostly on the phone. She misses all her friends in Postcard Club and hopes to make a meeting one of these months.

POSTCARD PROGRAM REQUEST

Manheim Township Public Library has asked if our Club would be interested in doing a program about postcards at the Library. Executive Director of the Library Katrina Anderson wrote via email to our Vice President Mark Arbogast - "interested in speaking to you about a postcard program your club might want to present at the library. I'm sure there are young enthusiasts that would love to know more about the hobby of collecting postcards, or people who would like to see antique cards of local spots in the area. Are there any club members who would be interested in providing such a program?"

This seems like a great opportunity to tell people about postcards and possibly add some new members. Be thinking about what you can do to help with this request. Mark will discuss this request at our September meeting.

****President Zink has called a Board of Director's meeting for 9/17/12. The meeting will be held at 6 PM**

2012 EXPO EXHIBIT BOARDS

WHO

First: Jim Ward Peglegs and Prosthetics
Second: Carol Edwards Not All Angels Wear White
Third: Harold Moyer Future Generations
Honorable Mentions: Walter Mowrer - Greetings to Relatives, Bob Kramer – God Save the Queen, Ruth Moyer – 1st 16 Presidents

WHAT

First: Walter Mowrer Lots of Bull
Second: Jim Ward Postcard Cameos
Third: Barbara Heim Applied is the What This Year
Honorable Mentions: Barbara Mowrer – Money Makers; Susan Glass – Love Those Lobsters; Ruth Moyer – Street Cars; Harold Moyer – Turkey Transportation

WHEN

First: Walter Mowrer Old Home Week 1912
Second: Jim Ward World War II
Third: Ruth Moyer Halloween
Honorable Mention: Harold Moyer Cats in October

WHERE

First: Barbara Heim McCall's Ferry Dam Now Known as Holtwood Dam
Second: Jim Ward The United Kingdom's Court Caros 1894-1899
Third: Harold Moyer Manheim, PA
Honorable Mentions: Walter Mowrer – Views of Columbus, PA; Bob Kramer – Seattle World's Fair 1962; Susan Glass – Mount Rainier, WA; Ruth Moyer – Marietta, PA

Best of Show: Walter Mowrer Lots of Bull
People's Choice: Harold Moyer Cats in October

Exhibit Board Competition Judges: Jeff Eastland, Leighton Stover and John Vierra. Thank you.

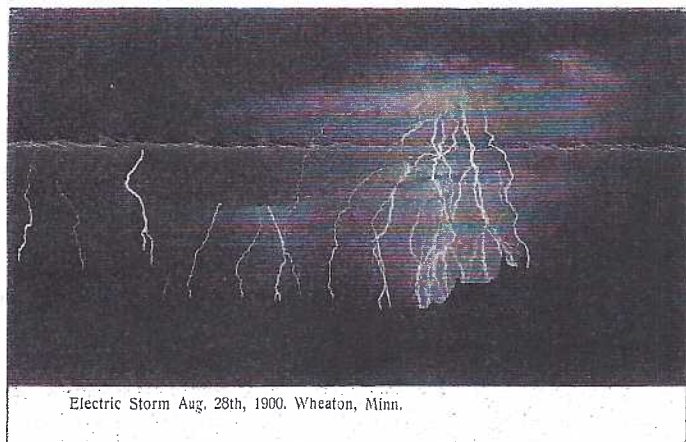
Future Subjects

September: Animals Imitating People – board
October: Hallowe'en – single card
November: Roadside America – board
December: Christmas Markets

Future Shows

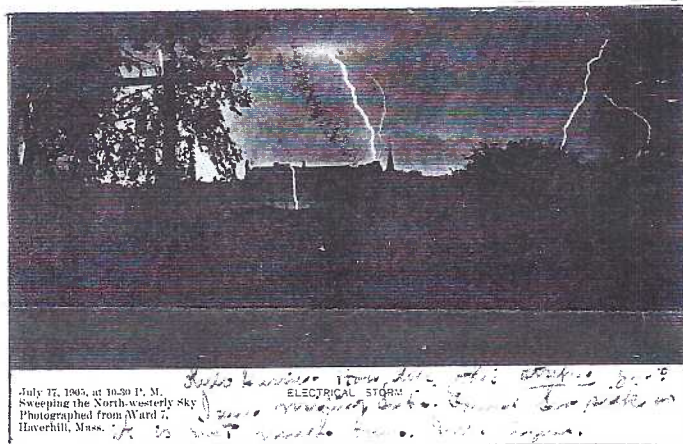
September 16 – Leigh Valley Postcard Club's Annual Postcard Show, Wind Gap, PA, 9 to 4
October 10/6-7 – Allentown Antique Advertising, Book & Paper Show, Allentown Fairgrounds, Allentown, PA, Saturday 9 to 5, Sunday 9 to 3

Lightning as a natural phenomenon has long freighted and awed people by its powerful presence. Scenes with lightning would probably appear more often on PCs if capturing it on film wasn't such a haphazard affair. Even so, PCs *do* show lightning racing through the sky. Several storms have been chronicled on postcards; others remain anonymous. Lightning views at Sunbury, PA and City Island in Harrisburg exist but the lightning strikes appear to be re-drawn and so lack the credibility of the cards shown here. Only a few messages on lightning PCs refer to the actual image. There is a card published by the St. Louis Lightning Rod Co. which shows the results of *not* having lightning rods on a barn in Elnora, IN, on July 9th, 1913, but we've saved you the horror of seeing the six dead horses pulled from the structure.



Electric Storm Aug. 28th, 1900. Wheaton, Minn.

Electric Storm, Aug. 28th, 1900, Wheaton, Minn. The card was mailed June 8, 1903 to Nashua, NH. It was published by E. E. Sorenson and printed in Germany.



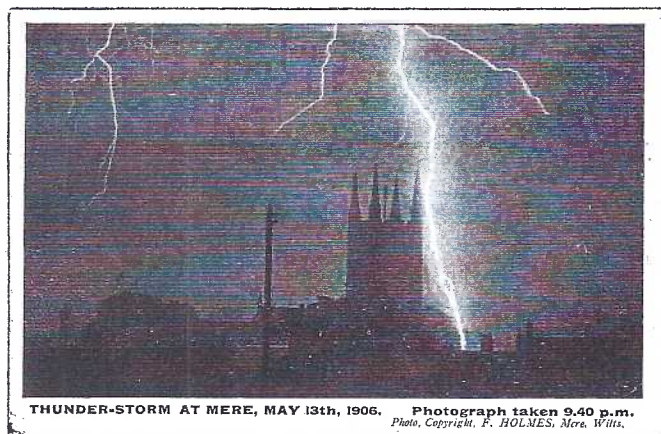
July 17, 1905, at 10:30 P. M. Sweeping the North-westerly sky. Photographed from Ward 7, Haverhill, Mass.

Electrical Storm - July 17, 1905 at 10:30 PM Sweeping the North-westerly Sky. Photographed from Ward 7, Haverhill, Mass. A witty Agnes asks, "How does *this* strike you?" She mailed the PC Mar. 29, 1908, to Norway, ME.

Fast Disappearing

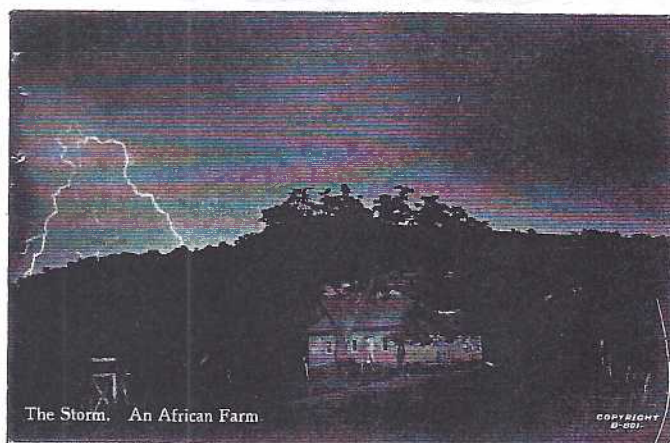
Here are items on the verge of disappearing; some we need *not* worry about, **others need our serious attention.**

Analog TV	Family farms
Answering machines	Honey bees
Cameras using film	Incandescent bulbs
Chesapeake Bay blue crabs	Movie rental stores
Dial-up Internet access	News magazines
Drive-in theaters	Personal checks
Ham radios	Phone land lines
Hand-written letters	Wild Horses
	Yellow pages



THUNDER-STORM AT MERE, MAY 13th, 1906. Photograph taken 9.40 p.m. Photo, Copyright, F. HOLMES, Mere, Wilts.

Thunderstorm at Mere, May 13th 1906. Photograph taken 9:40 PM. Photo copyright, F. Holmes, Mere, Wilts. From Brighton to Epsom, England, R.C. Southey writes, "Am hoping to see you all tomorrow morning about 10:30 AM. If it is not convenient I shall have to take my chance and hope to find you all there."



The Storm. An African Farm

The Storm. An African Farm. Copyright B-801. On Aug. 19, 1935. No mention is made of the storm, instead, C.W.B. wrote to Anna Oberholzer, c/o Usner, 16 N. Broad St, Lititz, PA "It will interest you to compare this Boer farm with your Pa. ones."

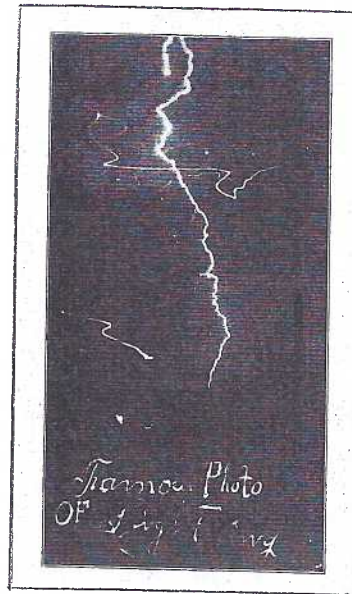


Lightning Strikes Mount Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Photo by Leo. The Coeur d'Alene National Forest is close to the Spokane, WA. A half a million people live within an hour's drive, but this is a quiet refuge just south of Beauty Bay on Lake Coeur d'Alene in ID. The Caribou Ridge Trail #79 rises from about 2,150 feet to 4,439 feet elevation in 5 miles. For snow-free hiking, hit this trail from early April to the end of October. One can also easily snowshoe this trail.

Lightning continued



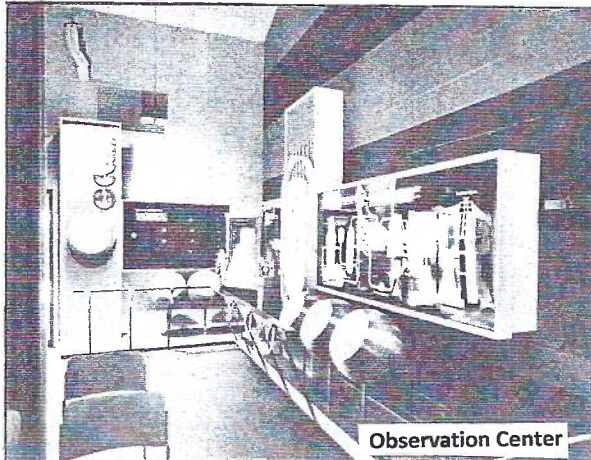
Lake Hopatcong Lightning. W. J. Harris, Publisher, Genuine Photo Post Cards, Lake Hopatcong, NJ. is on the reverse. On July 28, 1910 Berta writes to Fanny, "We are out at the lake now. It is a fine place. I like East Orange, NJ just fine where Sophia lives. I had a fine trip but got real tired."



Famous Photo of Lightning. The printed message reads "When the Kaiser visited Count Bentinck, Middachen Castle, the inhabitants of Arnheim recall a Strange Premonition as to the fate of Germany and its Ruler. It had been very hot. Just as the train pulled in, a terrific thunder storm burst over the town, deluging the thousands of onlookers; on the station floated the Dutch and German flags. A flash of lightning struck the German Flag Staff and shivered it to splinters; the Dutch Flag remained untouched. Now that Kaiser Wilhelm* is again in Arnheim, I wonder if he recollects this little incident."

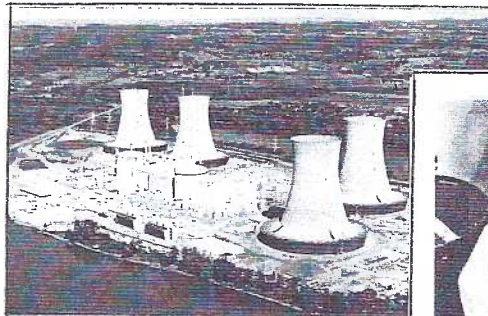
*When the Kaiser abdicated in 1918, he took up residence in The Netherlands and lived there until his death in 1941.

TMI (Three Mile Island) Three Mile Island is so named because it's located three miles downriver from Middletown, PA. It is a civilian nuclear power plant with two separate units - TMI-1 and TMI-2. TMI is widely known as the site of the most significant accident in USA commercial nuclear energy. On March 28, 1979, TMI-2 suffered a partial meltdown. According to the US Nuclear Regulatory Commission, the accident resulted in no deaths or injuries to plant workers or members of nearby communities, confirmed by thousands of environmental and other samples and measurements taken during and after the accident. Despite melting of about one-third of the fuel core, the reactor vessel maintained its integrity and contained the damaged fuel. The reactor core of TMI-2 has since been removed from the site. Public confidence in nuclear energy in the USA, declined sharply causing the decline in nuclear construction through 1980's and 90's.



Observation Center

An early set of b/w PCs (no date or publisher) measure 4 1/4" x 5 1/4" and include Observation Center (shown), View at Dusk, Cooling Towers, and Picnic Area. Three b/w PCs measuring 3 1/2" x 5 1/2" were published in 1979 by Heritage Enterprises, Middletown, PA including Cooling Towers, Analyzing Latest Data, and Workman Prepares to Enter Contaminated Area (shown) with photos by Met-Ed one of the original owners of TMI. Also shown is a colored PC thanking folks for their recent tour and signed by Bill Gifford, VP of Communications. This Pc was mailed from Middletown, PA Dec. 20, 1983. Other PCs exist by Dexter Press Mike Roberts, Photo Graphics Inc., and others.



TMI Visit Souvenir.

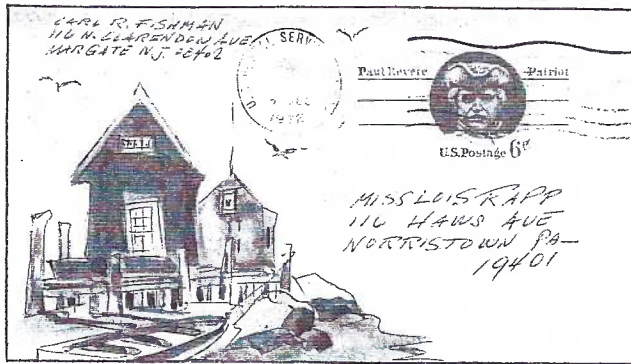


Prep to Enter Contaminated Area

Three Mile Island workman prepares to enter contaminated area, Middletown, Pa.
Photo by Met-Ed

Deserved Admiration

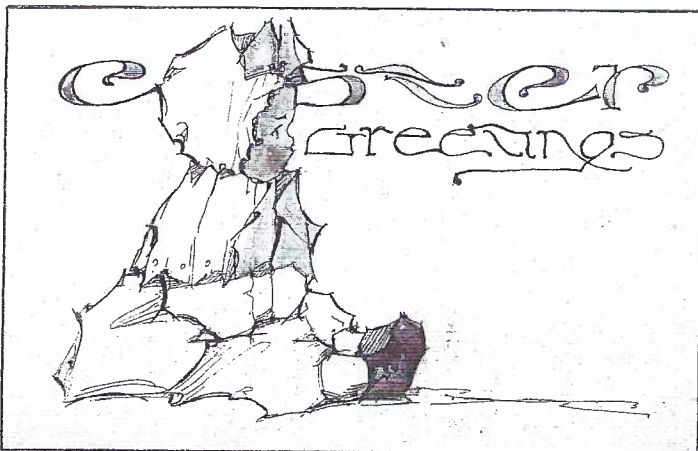
How can anyone not admire the excellent and unique art found on homemade postcards?



No Pollution

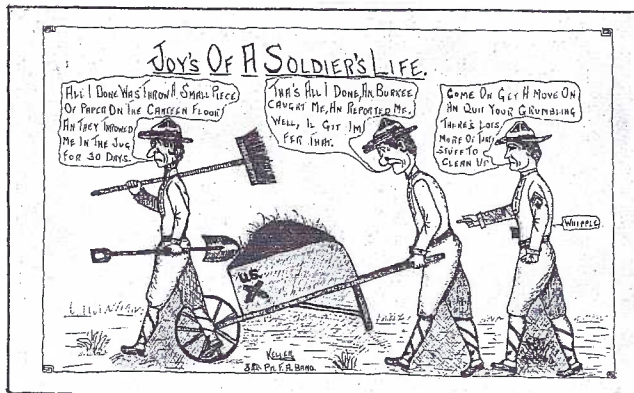
In the distant past Jim presented a program of home-made (actually hand-drawn or painted) postcards. With apologies to those who saw the program, here are a few of those cards - in print - for us to admire once more.

In 1972, Doris and Carl sent Lois a water color of pier and bldgs. at Margate, NJ with their message, "How wonderful it is down at this island. It really is stimulating and most invigorating. The ocean air is just grand - no pollution!"



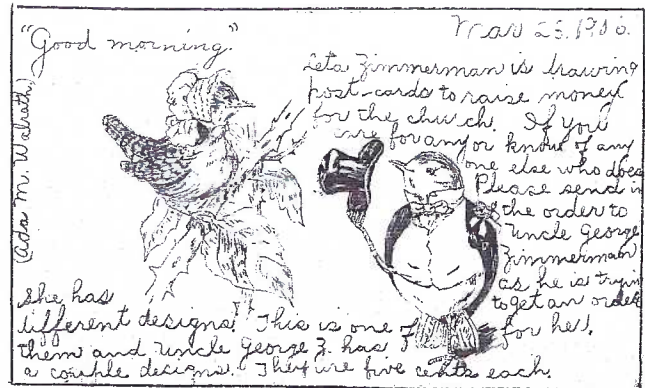
Easter Greetings

Mailed in an envelope (no address) are "Easter Greetings" from a cute child accompanied by a short message, "Don't you love this little kid? I do, so you'll have to.....Mary"



Joys of a Soldier's Life

Signed "Keller, 3rd PA F.A. Band" the word balloons tell it tell the story, "All I done was throw a small piece of paper on the Canteen floor, 'an they throwed me in the jug for 30 days." "Tha's all I done, 'an Burkee caught me 'an reported me. Well, I'll git 'im fer that." and finally from Cpl. Whipple, "Come on, get a move on 'an quit your grumbling. There's lots more of that stuff to clean up."



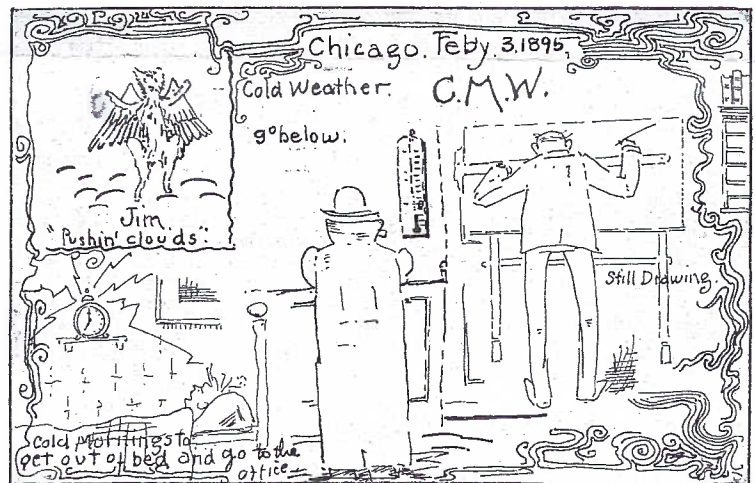
Five Cents Each

On Mar. 23, 1906 Ada sent this beautifully drawn reminder "Good Morning. Leta Zimmerman is drawing postcards to raise money for the church. If you care for any or know anyone else who does, please send in the order to Uncle George Zimmerman as he is trying to get an order for her. She has different designs. This is one of them and Uncle Z. has a couple designs. They are five cents each."



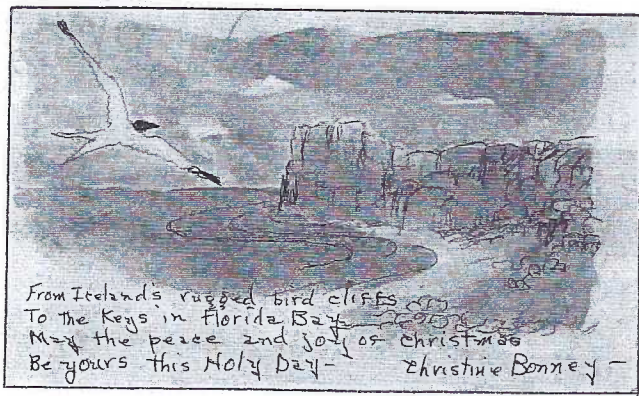
Mother's Unparalleled Generosity

This court card (actually 3 1/2" x 4 1/2") was mailed from Exeter, England to Miss A. Mullen, Fairview, Waddon New Road, Croydon, on Sept. 9, 1903. The water color is of a couple sitting on the beach with a small child. "This postcard is a souvenir of Mother's unparalleled generosity. She presented it to me just before I left Croydon."



Life for C. M. W.

Alice Winslow in Portland, ME received this early (1895) postal loaded with sketches by C. M. W. in Chicago. His "late" cat, Jim, is heaven-bound; the alarm rings on cold mornings; he checks the thermometer feeling like a snowman; and finally, "still drawing" with T-square in hand



Birds in Iceland and Florida

Christine Bonney's water color of "Iceland's rugged bird cliffs" serves as her Christmas holiday greeting. She writes to S. Portland, "How fortunate you are in Maine to be able to share each other's Iceland pictures. Margaret Hundley is coming to Marathon (FL) to help with our Christmas Bird Count."



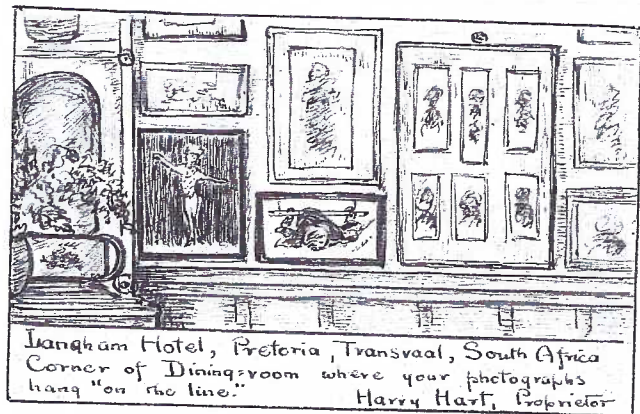
"Grove Lawn", Lancaster.

This undated (no cancel) postal went to Miss H. Grove, Grove Lawn, Lancaster, Pa. "I hope you will address many letters to the above address (2314 Jefferson St. Wilmington, Del.) to your sincere friend, Stella Farrow." Is the tennis star, Stella?



Economical Harry in St. Louis

"Two hearts with but a single thought, Two hearts that beat as one." "So artistic doncha know?" Harry (boy) and Gorrell (girl) are featured on his 1906 card. "While waiting for Burt to come, I am writing this to you. What do you think of the drawing? You see this only cost a 1¢ piece while if I would buy one with a picture on it, would be 2 ½¢ and 1¢ for postage. Gee, but am I economical! Buy 1¢ cards and draw your own views."



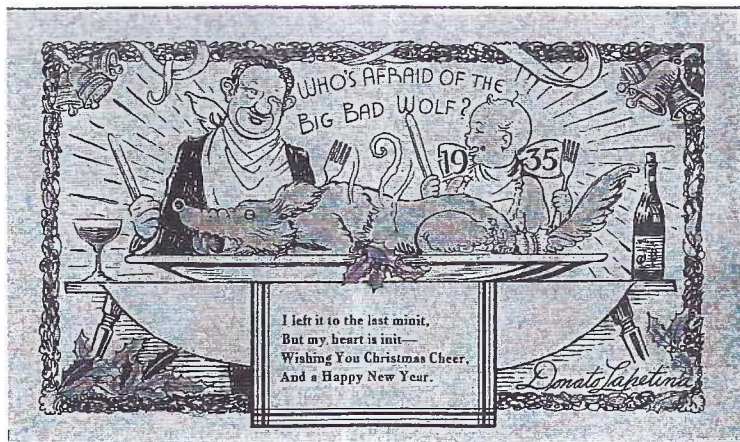
Your Photos "On the Line"

Harry Hart, Proprietor of the Langham Hotel in Pretoria, Transvaal, South Africa shows "a Corner of the Dining Room where your photographs hang on the line". He wrote to the Mr. and Mrs. DeMarlo in Germiston, Transvaal in June 1930, reassuring them that "your two photographs hang just over the table occupied by your Australian friends, Mr. and Mrs. Perry and Mr. and Mrs. Rainbow."



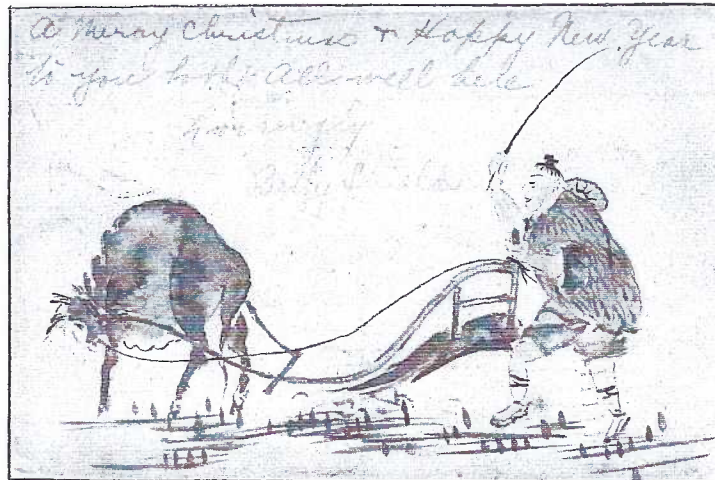
Midst a Beaten World, A very professional artist drew these two Christmas cards -

Karl Horn, in 1946, asks a hobo, "Lucky Guy! Just how can a feller git in your fraternity?" and in 1955 we see Karl, coffee pot warming on the radiator, "Well here 'tis again - wishing you a MERRY CHRISTMAS." Both postal cards were mailed to friends in Mansfield, OH.



A New Year Feast

A most professional work signed by Donato Lapetina shows a man (the artist?) joined by Baby New Year 1935, in "Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Wolf?" Type below completes the sentiments, "I left it to the last minit, But my heart is init - Wishing You Christmas Cheer and a Happy New Year." The card is unaddressed.



Oriental Scene Reaches Destination

Originating in Yachowfu, China, Oct.30, 1910, and passing through Shanghai, Nov. 18th, this watercolor of a farmer and his beast of burden went to the Champion Apts. in Atlantic City, NJ and eventually reached Miss Mary Thompson at her new home, 24 S. Mass. Ave. in AC with seven cancellations! "I wonder if you ever received the long letter and gift I wrote you about over a year ago? A Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to you both. All well here. Lovingly, Betty Shields"

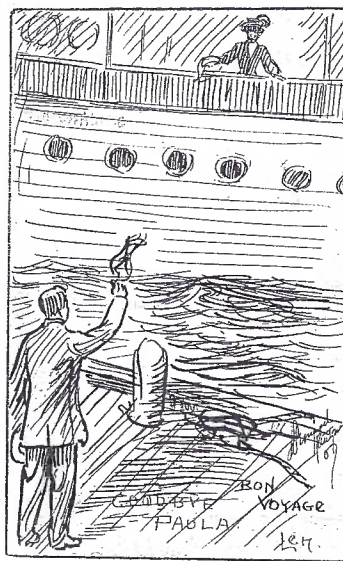
An Artist and His Lover – Six Cards by One Artist in 1907

You might say Paula Pitscher of 376 So. Orange Ave., Newark, NJ was blessed with her own artist-lover. Here are six of his "love letter" postcards.

On March 30, 1907, there is "Drawn Just for Paula" and signed with his full name, Leonard Kautz-man, '07.



On his July 11 card, there's no message, but Paula's Gibson Girl coiffeur has disappeared for a less sophisticated "do." Does Len dream of Paula looking more like this?

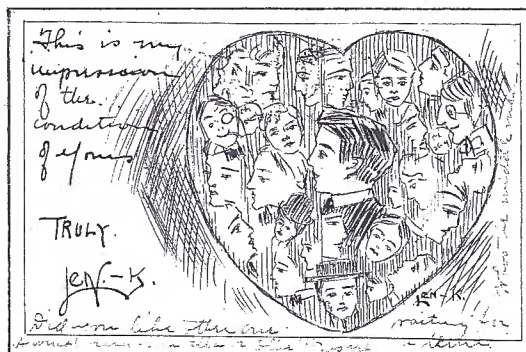
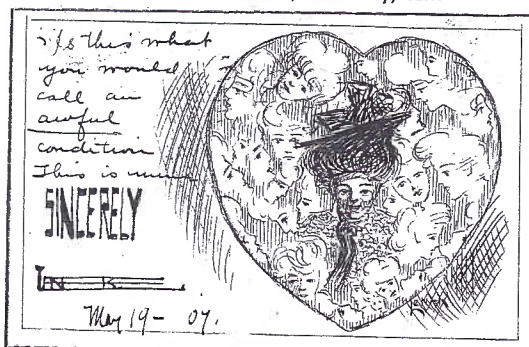


Bon Voyage is a July 31 card that finds Len waving Good Bye, Paula. She stands at the rail aboard the Princess Alice.



On this non-PC, the lovers must be Paula and Len. Following his name, Len credits an illustrator he admired, "After Orson Lowell." Lowell was a contemporary of Chas. Dana Gibson and is almost always described in terms of Gibson's work. Lowell's art appeared regularly in *Life*, *Judge*, and *The American Girl*.

On May 19, 1907, Paula, his love, is pictured inside a large heart midst a horde of young ladies "Is this what you would call an awful condition? This is mine, Sincerely, Len."



Two days later, Paula received a similar image of Len's predicament. Now Len is among dozens of young men, in a large heart. "This is my impression of this condition of yours. Truly, Len. K. He anxiously adds, "Who's the middle man? Did you like the other one? Waiting for a letter."