

# THE CARD – Vol. 24, No. 4, Issue 270, April 2013

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*Enjoying postcards through education and entertainment.*

Next Meeting – April 15, 2013. Farm & Home Center. Buy, Sell & Trade from 4:30. Meeting - 7 PM

Yearly membership is \$15 (\$5 for each additional member at the same address.)

Membership chairman: Richard Pendergrast, 950 Willow Valley Lakes Dr., I-506, Willow Street, PA 17584

Club website: [WWW.playle.com/clubs/lancaster](http://WWW.playle.com/clubs/lancaster) or Google search: Lancaster County Postcard Club

## MARCH MEETING

**CANCELED DUE TO THE WEATHER!**

**Membership:** It's not too late to renew your club membership. Dick Pendergast is still accepting membership payments. Don't be left out in the cold. Renew now.

**Member News:** The club has received word that Vince Peterson's wife passed away recently. We extend our sincere condolences to Vince and his family.

Donald R. Brown has a new book out in the Arcadia Publishing's Postcard History Series. It is titled "Myerstown and Eastern Lebanon County". In addition, he has produced a series of 6 postcards of the original townships in Lebanon County for the county's bicentennial. The set sells for \$5.00. The book should be available in local bookstores.

## APRIL MEETING

### **"Pequea – A Resort Town in the Early 1900's"**

Join us as we view a presentation of early postcard views of Pequea, a resort town of the early 1900s. The talk will include the town of Pequea along the Susquehanna River and the River View Hotel. We will also see the trolley along the Pequea Creek that brought visitors from Millersville, the miniature railroad that took folks to the nearby York Furnace Park and old views of Cold Cave.

The talk will be presented by Mark W. Arbogast, a retired PPL land manager who worked at the Holtwood and Brunner Island power plant projects. Mark has an interest in local history and is also a postcard collector.

## **Future Programs**

**May:** 6 Bridges of Columbia and Wrightsville - Bud Heim

**June:** America at Night 1900-1914 - Earl Long

**July:** Annual Picnic

## Inclement Weather

In the event the weather is bad or the prediction is bad, contact one of these members to find out if we will have a meeting:

Pres. Mark Arbogast – (717) 517-1170

Walt & Barb Mowrer – (717) 684-5331

Dede Schaeffer – (717) -392-3955

## MONTHLY POSTCARD COMPETITION

Since our March meeting was not held because of the snow, our April meeting will have two competitions: (1) the March board of ships on postcards and (2) the April single card of dogs. The April topic is easy, let's have some new people entering cards!

## **Future Subjects**

**May:** Parades - board

**June:** College/University – single card

**July:** Seashore - board

## **Future Shows**

**April 6 –** Spring Chesapeake Postcard Fair, Havre de Grace Community Center, Sat 9-4

**April 27 & 28 -** Great Eastern US Spring Antique Advertising, Book & Paper Show, Agricultural Hall, Allenton Fairgrounds, Allentown, PA Sat 9-5, Sun 9-3

**May 4 –** South Jersey Postcard Club PoCax 2013, Mount Laurel. PA Sat 9-3:30

## MEMBERSHIP DUES

Annual dues must be paid by March 31, 2013. Individuals - \$15.00, Couples - \$20.00. You can pay membership chairman Richard Pendergast at meetings or mail payments to Richard Pendergast, 950 Willow Valley Lakes Drive, Willow Street, PA 17584.





## For Over Forty Only

*(If you're not yet 40 years old, you're dismissed to play on the Internet while the old geezers reminisce.)*

The word "comics" seemed foreign to us kids who grew up in Lancaster County. The Sunday paper had several pages of "the funny papers." The morning and evening dailies each carried just one page of "the funnies." Everyone had their favorites. Let's take a step back into the 1940's and scan the line-up of characters who entertained us. Kids liked certain strips, our parents others. The latter generally had more sophisticated topics and often lots of dialogue that put off a youngster. Excellent as the story and artwork was for Prince Valiant and Tarzan, it was the simplistic drawings and limited (sometimes absent) dialogue that attracted kids to Nancy, Henry, The Little King and Mutt and Jeff.

**Note:** These 80 strips were in Lancaster papers. If your favorite isn't here it was probably earlier or later than this era.

Abie an' Slat, Alley Oop, Back Home, Barney Google and Snuffy Smith, Blondie, Boots, Cap Stubbs and Tippiie, Dan Dunn, Dick Tracy, Dixie Dugan, Donald Duck, Don Wilson of the Navy, Ella Cinders, Elmer, Etta Kett, Felix the Cat, Ferd'nand, Flash Gordon, Freckles and His Friends, Gasoline Alley, The Gumps, Harold Teen, Hawkshaw the Detective, Hazel, Henry, Herby, Joe Palooka, Just Kids;

Curley Kayoe, The Katzenjammer Kids, Kerry Drake, Krazy Kat, L'il Abner, Little Annie Rooney, The Little King, Little Lulu, Little Orphan Annie, Maggie and Jiggs, Mandrake the Magician, Mary Worth, Mark Trail, Mickie Finn, Mickey Mouse, Moon Mullins, Mutt and Jeff, Nancy, Napoleon and Uncle Elby, The Nebbs, The Newly Weds, Nuts and Jolts, Oaky Doaks, Our Boarding House, Out Our Way;

Peter Rabbit, Pete the Tramp, The Phantom, Prince Valiant, Rip Kirby, Red Ryder, Reg'lar Fellers, Right Around Home, Skeeze, Skippy, Smilin' Jack, Smokey Stover, Steve Canyon, Tailspin Tommy, Thimble Theater, Tarzan, Terry and the Pirates, They'll Do It Every Time, Tillie the Toiler, The Timid Soul, Tim Tyler's Luck, Tiny Tim, Toonerville Folks, Toots and Casper, Wash Tubbs and Captain Easy. (Good memories?)

## A Marriage Made in Heaven

Which came first the picture postcard or the comic strip? You could spend a day arguing for one or the other but in the end it's probably a draw. Several different "firsts" can be found in each: postcards and postal cards, comic panels and comic strips for starters. Let's concede that they both became popular at the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century.



Dear Friend: Your entry in the "Sparkies Jingle Contest" received and will have careful attention from the judges. You will be notified promptly should you win a prize. Meantime keep boosting Quaker Puffed Wheat and Rice Sparkies.

THE QUAKER OATS CO.

Milt Caniff's Terry and the Pirates gang drives a WWII jeep in the Quaker Oats Co.'s 1946 Sparkies Jingle Contest. This postal card was a confirmation that the entry from Harry Zubryd, Box 62, Herminie, PA was received. "You will be notified promptly should you win a prize. Meanwhile keep

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Charleston, W. Va... WCHS  
Charleston, S. C... WCSC  
Charlotte... WBT  
Chattanooga... WDOD  
Durham... WDNC  
Elmira... WESG  
Greensboro... WBIG  
Harrisburg... WHP  
Hartford... WDRC  
Knoxville... WNOX

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Winston-Salem... WSJS  
Worcester... WORC

ESSO (the old name of EXON) sponsored a radio program every Monday evening at 8 PM EST, "The season's newest syncopations. Set your feet tapping to tunes offered weekly by Guy Lombardo."

The PC above features **Skippy and his friend Sooky**, characters created by Percy Cosby. Charles Schulz said they were his inspiration for Charlie Brown.

The PC below shows the main character in **The Toonerville Folks**. The Skipper's trolley "meets all trains" (regardless of the mis-adventures along the trolley line). Both cards were mailed in 1935, the top in SC, the one below in NJ.

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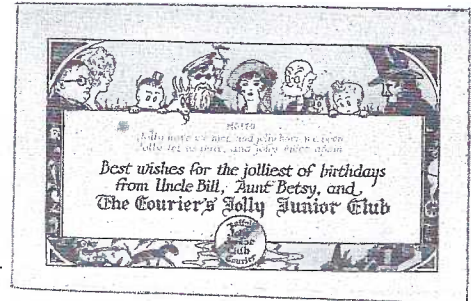
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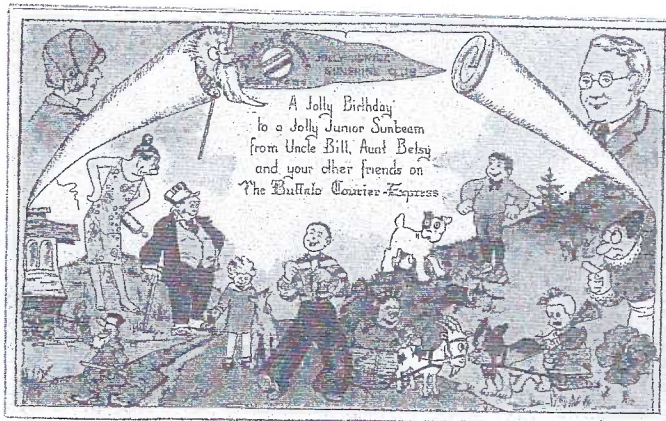
The Buffalo Courier-Express started a The Courier's Jolly Junior Club in the 1920s. We show five diff. postal cards mailed to the members on their birthday from Uncle Bill and Aunt Betsy. Were they Courier staff members who handled the Jolly Junior Club mail? Though some of the comic strip characters precede our 1940s list, many had lives that spanned 3 and 4 decades! A few you might recognize are **The Toonerville Trolley's Skipper and the Powerful Katrinka**; **Maggie and Jiggs**, **Little Orphan Annie** and **Sandy**, **The Katzenjammer Kids** and **Mamma**; **Popeye and Wimpy**, **Skippy and Sooky**, **Harold Teen**, **Dick Tracy**, **Skeezix**, **Joe Palooka**, and **Mickey and Minnie Mouse**. These cards span years from 1926 to 1939. The club members lived Lockport, Canisteo, Golden and Buffalo NY. The cards also include Uncle Bill and Aunt Betsy.



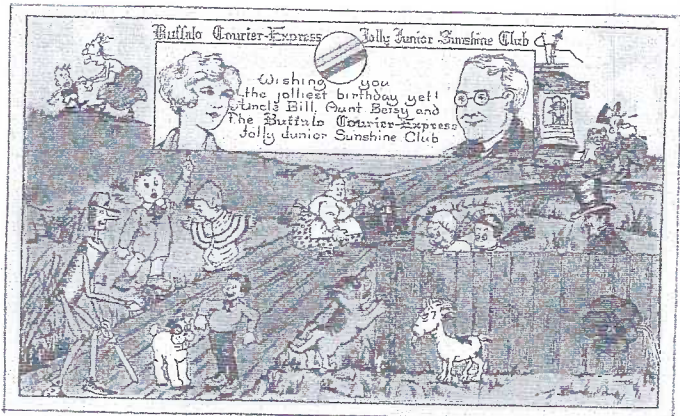
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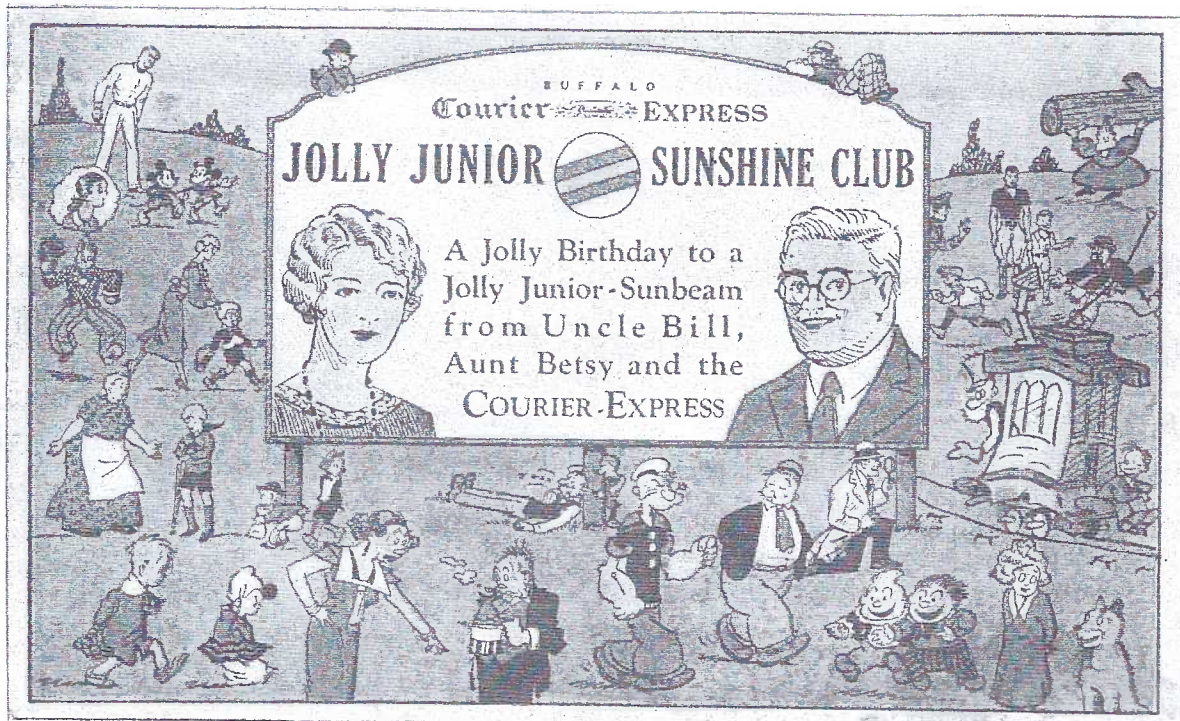


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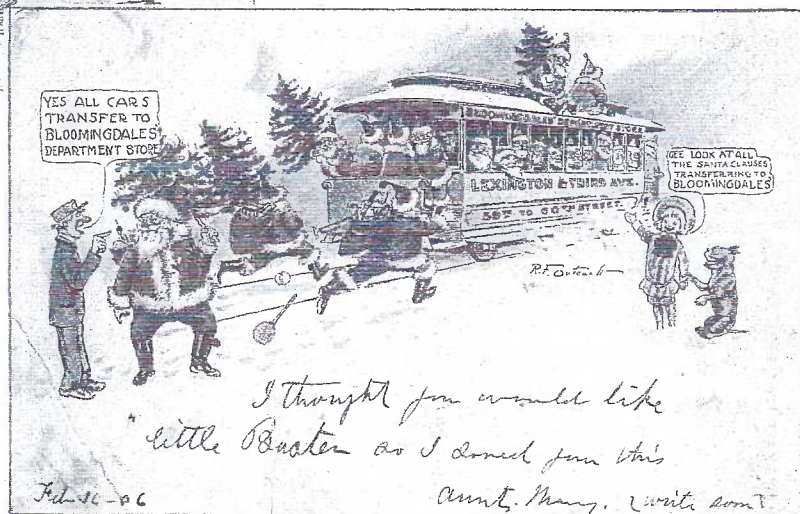
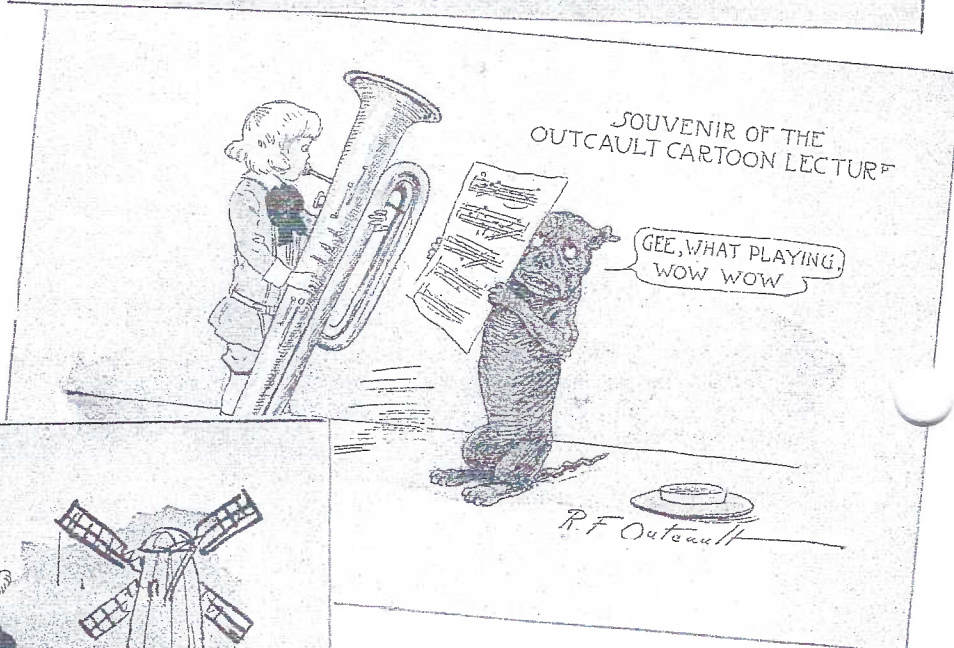
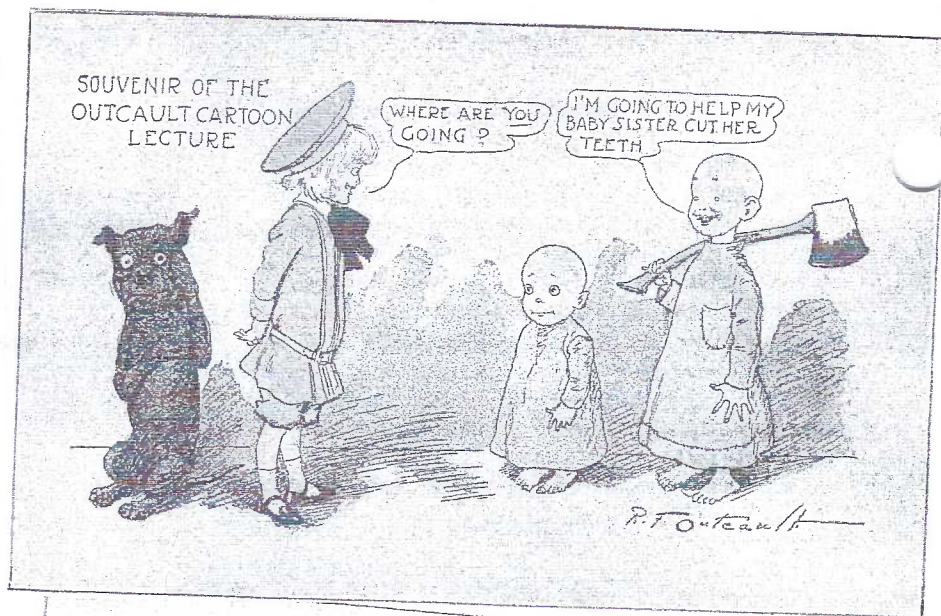


## A Colorful Beginning

Richard Felton Outcault was a gifted newspaper comic artist, painter, and sketcher, who combined his talents to pioneer the creation of the modern comic strip. He created the first recurring comic strip character in 1896, the "Yellow Kid" of *Hogan's Alley*. He also created *Buster Brown* in 1902. Although Outcault was not the first cartoonist to utilize dialog boxes or panel strips, his popular comic strips set the industry standard for the newspapers' "funny pages." Outcault's cartoon genius led to the birth and development of comic strips, which continue to influence modern culture.

Here are three hard-to-find u/b postcards. We can find no specific date for The Outcault Cartoon Lecture and conclude they might have been used to promote the many talks/lectures the artist gave as he traveled the country promoting his creation. On one PC we see The Yellow Kid (his name was Mickey Dugan) telling Buster he's "going to help my baby sister (also in nightshirt) cut her teeth."

Buster Brown was an upper class kid whose mischief was uncontrollable - and each week he resolved (but failed) to try to behave better. Mary Jane often joined him in his antics but it was his omnipresent pet dog Tige, whose comments often reflected those of the readers. Buster was enormously popular for the first two decades of the twentieth century. They both lived in your shoe if you were lucky enough to shop at a store that sold BB shoes.



Nearly as hard to find is this BB comic PC. "Gee look at all the Santa Clauses transferring to Bloomingdale's." The store's address is conveniently appears on the trolley car.

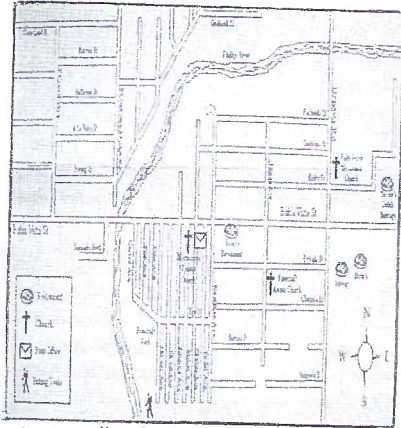
Did you know? Comic strips were the course of - **Gloomy Gus** from the *Happy Hooligan* strip. The **Dagwood sandwich** is from the *Blondie* strip. "**Druthers**" was a word often used by *L'I Abner*.



## Florida Amish

*Pinecraft is home to a unique Amish settlement.*

Plain people have had a continuous presence on Florida's Gulf Coast since the 1920s. The Pinecraft neighborhood of Sarasota is home to an unusual Amish and Mennonite community. Pinecraft village is comprised of a couple dozen roads lying on a parcel of land less than  $\frac{1}{4}$  square mile in area. Originally a tourist camp, it gradually developed into a full-fledged residential neighborhood along with an adjacent camp known as Homecroft. Amish at Pinecraft live in bungalows and trailers packed into the grid like streets.



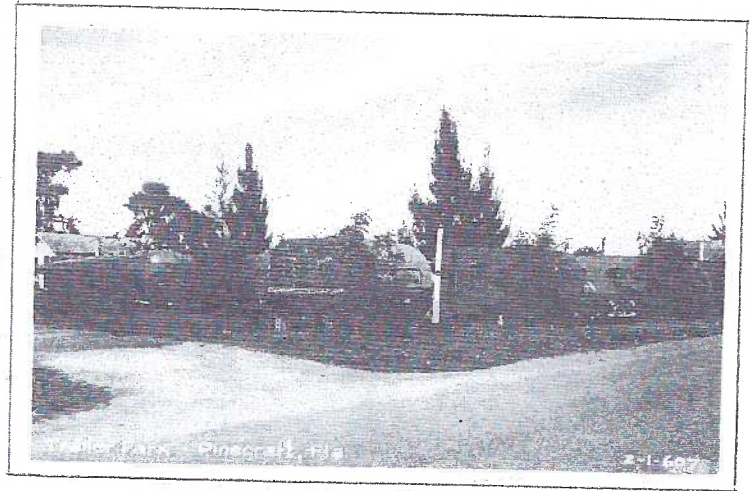
Details are too small to have meaning on this map of Pinecraft except for the three crosses. Unlike having church in their homes and due to space constraints, the Amish here hold church in a freestanding building, the Pinecraft Amish Church. The Mennonite Tourist Church and The Palm Grove Mennonite Church are the other two locations shown with a cross.

### Demography

The settlement is popular with a range of Amish demographic groups. Amish retirees and older folks appreciate the sunny climate. Vacationers from the Midwest make regular visits. Some Amish newlyweds on honeymoon consider Pinecraft the ideal destination. Amish youth come here for seasonal work. There is also a significant Beachy Amish and Mennonite presence. However Pinecraft visits are not accepted by all Old Order Amish who see the Florida community as worldly. "Not everybody goes to Florida. You are in contact with more of the entrepreneurial part of the Amish community."

### Electricity and no Buggies

Part of the problem some Amish have with Florida is the lifestyle. Homes here come equipped with electricity. These Amish generally permit electricity usage in such cases when living quarters are meant to be temporary. In lieu of horse-drawn travel the Amish here mainly use large adult tricycles as well as bicycles, with some golf carts included in the mix. No other Amish community makes use of such a creative assortment of transportation, as the horse-and-buggy is generally considered an inseparable aspect of Amish life. However, given the urban setting of the Pinecraft community, and the transient nature of the community, bikes, carts and trikes make a certain sense. Bus lines run primarily in the Pinecraft tourist season from about November to April. Florida-bound passengers travel in the range of 15-18 hours.



**Trailer Park, Pinecraft, Fla.** This real photo postcard is from the 1950s; no publisher mentioned. It is unused.

### Vacation and Relaxation

Pinecraft features many attractions to help pass the time. Shuffleboard is a popular game. Plain beachcombers scour the shores for sand dollars and shells, go fishing, or just sit and relax in the ocean breeze. Evenings almost always culminate in music. The Chuck Wagon Gang, a gospel and bluegrass band, plays on a patch of grass between two mobile homes. The annual Florida Haiti Auction, held in January, is one of a number of such events taking place in Amish communities around the country.

### Essen und Fressen

Local restaurants are a place for folks to kill time and chew the fat while downing coffee or filling up on stick-to-your-ribs PA Dutch dishes like fried mush, butter noodles, meat-loaf, and shoofly pie. **Troyer's Dutch Heritage Restaurant** is a Pinecraft institution with its buffet, bakery, and banquet hall. **Yoder's** is another popular locale featuring hearty Amish-style cooking. The restaurant is part of a complex known as "Yoder's Amish Village", housing a produce market, deli meats and cheeses, and a gift shop. **The Dutch Haus Family Restaurant**, also known as **Mom's Amish Country Cooking**, is nearby. **Sugar and Spice** features "Amish-style" cooking but is actually located a bit outside Pinecraft at 4000 Cattlemen Road.

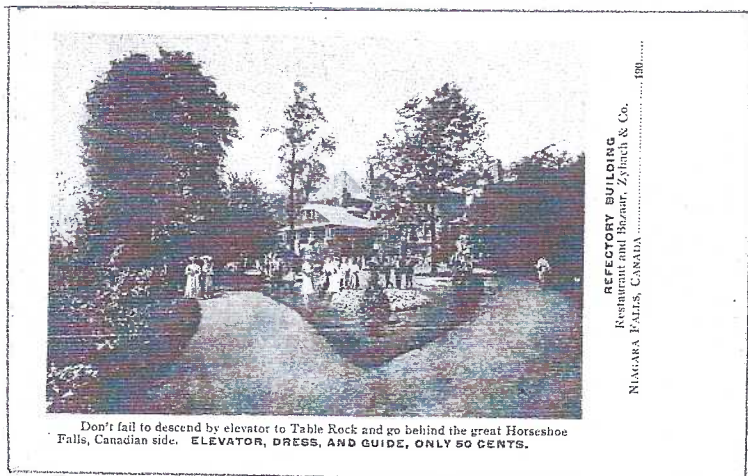
### Florida Amish

Pinecraft was founded as a camping area and originally bore the name Sarasota National Tourist Camp. It was first settled by Amishman Daniel Kurtz in the mid-to-late 1920s. He purchased land and ended up farming celery, a well-suited crop for the area's drained muck land. Other Plain folks followed, becoming involved in produce growing. Pinecraft gradually became popular for sun-seeking northern Plain people. As time passed, small homes were built with campsites becoming permanent freestanding residences and the area developing into a full-fledged suburban neighborhood.

Pinecraft is a unique Amish community: the community's transient nature, with the majority of residents being seasonal visitors; the use of electricity, as well as alternative transportation rather than buggies, and more a vacation destination for some, but a settlement for a number of year-round residents, particularly older retirees.



# Postcard Potpourri



**Refectory Building with restaurant and bazaar, Zybach & Co. at Niagara Falls, Canada.** (Date space - 190...) Unused. "Don't" fail to descend by elevator to Table Rock and go behind the great Horseshoe Falls, Canadian side. Elevator, Dress, and Guide, only 50 cents."

## A Few Niagara Facts -

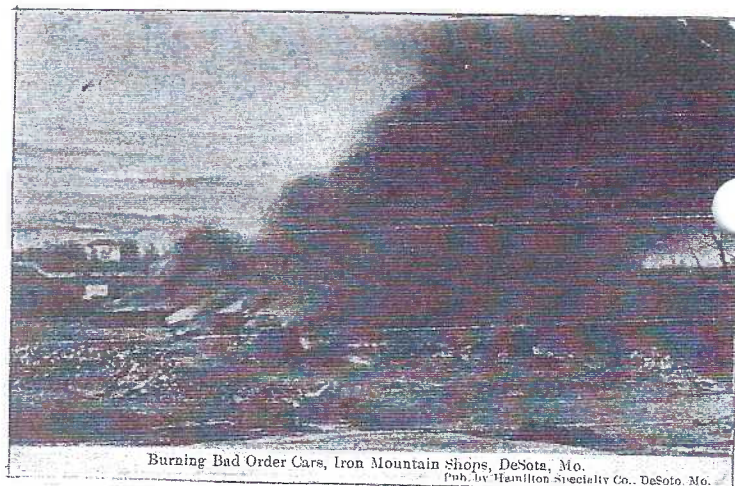
- 1) The word "Niagara" is derived from the Iroquois Indian word "Onguiaahra" meaning "the strait."
- 2) Twenty per-cent of the world's freshwater lies in the Great Lakes, and most flows over Niagara Falls
- 3) Before the invention of film, tourists would sketch pictures of the Falls.
- 4) The first person to go over the Falls in a barrel and survive was a 63 year old female schoolteacher.
- 5) High wire tightrope acts used to be performed across the river. Most notably was "Blondin" who once actually carried his manager across on his back, stopping midway to rest!



A large crowd dines (with orchestra in the balcony) at the St. Havel rectory in Prague.

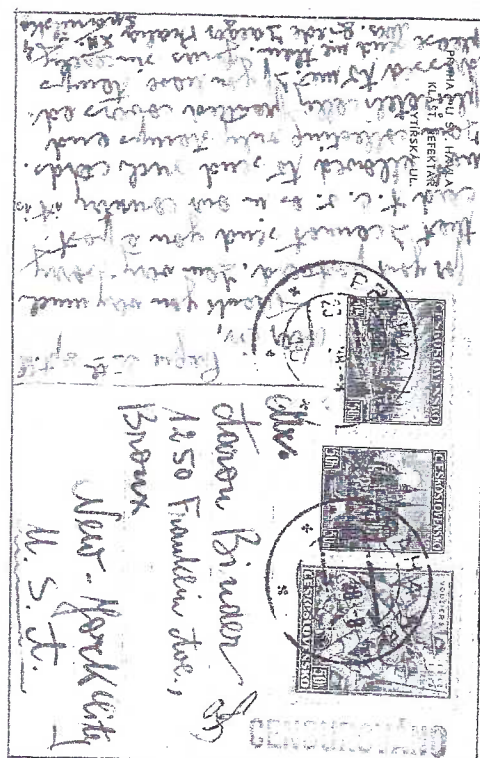
This real photo PC was mailed from Prague, Czechoslovakia on Sept. 25, 1938. It was censored\* (and passed) during what has been called "The Munich Period." The writer was already aware of one restriction placed on the Czechoslovakia (soon to be a German satellite). "Thank you very much for your postcard. I am very sorry that I cannot send you a postcard. It is not allowed to send such cards. I am collecting only stamps and philatelically franked covers addressed to me. If you have stamps please send them. Mrs. Gilda Jaeger."

\*Next to "Censurovano" (Censor) is what appears to be initials. Did this identify the person who passed the PC?



**Burning Bad Order Cars, Iron Mountain Shops, Desota,\* Mo. Pub. by Hamilton Specialty Co. DeSoto, Mo.**

The history of the town began when the St. Louis, Iron Mt. and Southern Railway came through the in 1850s. The town agreed to donate land to the railroad and exempt it from taxes on any improvements if the railroad would build and maintain on the land the principal machine shops of their Northern Division. A "car works" dept. built and repaired passenger and freight cars. The machine shop repaired cars and engines. Nearly 400 men were employed plus 150 road engineers and firemen made DeSoto their home. The rise in popularity of automobiles decreased the use of railways and threatened the livelihood of the residents. In 1922, railroad workers went on a strike for almost two years. It was the demise of the town's biggest industry. The view shows "bad order cars" being destroyed outside of town. \*spelling error.



On Sept. 29, 1938, Britain, France, and Italy met with Adolf Hitler in Munich, Germany. The president of Czechoslovakia was not present to participate in the debate. In one short day, the four powers reached a consensus and decided to give the Sudetenland (a part of Czechoslovakia) to Hitler. The next day, Sept. 30, 1938, the Munich Agreement was signed.