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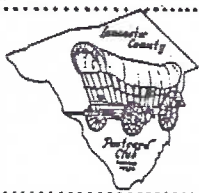
MEETINGS: 3rd MONDAY
FAITH UNITED
CHURCH OF CHRIST
1204 WABANK STREET
LANCASTER, PA

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NEXT MEETING

April 18, 1994 7 pm
Buy/Sell/Trade 6 pm

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PROGRAM

OK - so it was a drenching rain for our March meeting, but did Gordon Preiser #311 have to soak us inside, too?

Gordon's an LCPC newcomer yet he made the 57 members present privy to his love... for PUMPS AND PRIVIES. Do you know there are still 4 million outhouses in the USA not counting port-a-potties made by Armstrong and other companies?

Although this retired minister has just recently been introduced to privies on postcards, he presented us with a thorough history of them - and pumps-in what has to be one of the more elaborate shows we've seen, complete with taped narration and pleasant background audio, PLUS brochures and dozens of models - many he made himself.

His odes, poems and song were all hilarious (bordering on atrocious), but we're a bathroom humor fun-bunch. THANKS, Gordon, for an entertaining night!

April's program Show 'n Tell... about a favorite postcard of yours. This is always an informative and enlightening evening and we never run out of one-minute stories or anecdotes (humorous or serious). It's your opportunity to SHINE for a minute, to ACTIVELY participate, so give it SERIOUS THOUGHT and find a favorite!

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Exhibit Boards Dot Fry

50/50 Ruth Lines, Harry Lines

Historians Earl Carver, John Long



As flowers round
a cottage door
So mother love
doth grace a life.

*Many daughters have done
viciously but thou excellest
them all. Prov. 31:29*

MOTHER'S DAY is MAY 8, 1994

Red hollyocks and purple wisteria highlight this **Mother's Day** postcard of nearly 60 years ago; form 812 by the **Standard Post Card Co.** of Phila. which specialized in religious PCs. The reverse invites you to attend a Mother's Day Service at church.

Our featured article this month concerns postcards made from Mothers' Trees!

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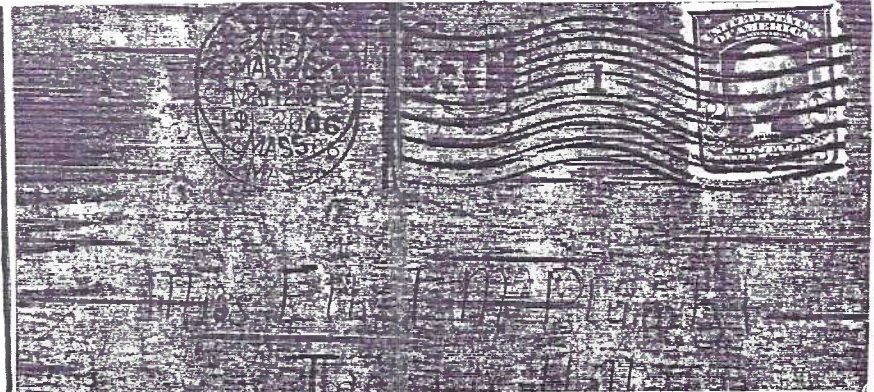
FOUR BIRCHBARK POSTCARDS - SCARCE MAILED SPECIMENS!

Among NOVELTY postcards are those made from wood - redwood, orange wood, pine, balsa, yucca and others including BIRCH BARK. One of our exchange clubs from the Far West has a member who has several old postcards made from birch bark but remarked they had yet to hear of any actually cancelled and mailed. Well, from our local vaults we've dug up these four wonderful specimens. Seeing four postmarked birch bark postcards at one time tends to make them appear common. But don't be deceived by numbers!



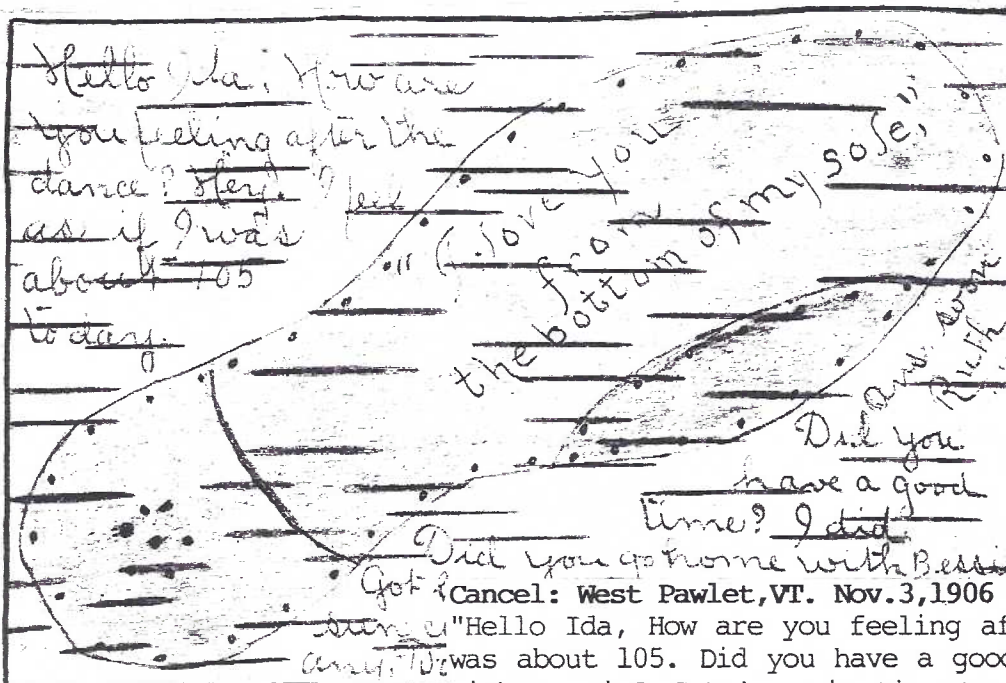
"An outdoor affair"

Dear Sister: I have just ordered my spring hat and here is the picture of it. You know the maxim, 'Ever be true to thyself'. Have I not followed it? I have not been having much of a week; but had one sleigh ride amidst the snow drifts and wind. Clara S. came home and stayed with me the night of the social.
E.L.P.



Cancels: Greenfield, Mass. Mar. 26, 1906 and North Adams, Mass. Mar. 26, 1906. To Miss Ethel M. Plumb, Taconic Hall, No. Adams, Mass. "An outdoor affair. Dear Sister: I have just ordered my spring hat and here is the picture of it. You know the maxim, 'Ever be true to thyself'. Have I not followed it? I have not been having much of a (tennis racquet drawn)=(game?) this week; but had one sleigh ride amidst the snow drifts and wind. Clara S. came home and stayed with me the night of the social. E.L.P."

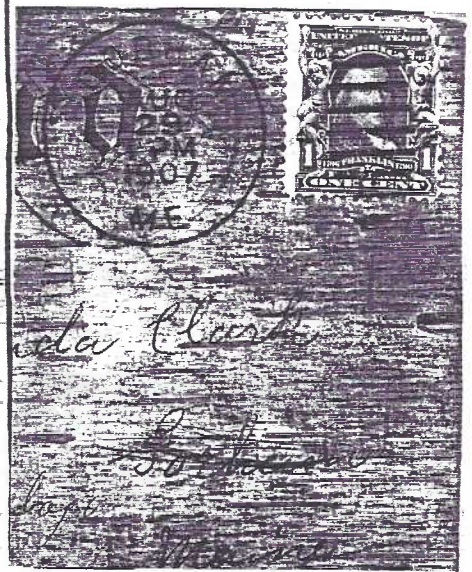
Several 'oddities' should be noted: Ethel Plumb's sister, the artist, even drew her new spring hat on her birchbark postcard that was posted so quickly it was cancelled at 1:30 am, traveled 25 miles and was cancelled on arrival at 2 pm same day! Ruth's birchbark traveled 22 miles from Salem VT to W. Pawlet, NY. She was big on dancing but obviously too tired to hand deliver. Note how clean her postcard appears on both sides.



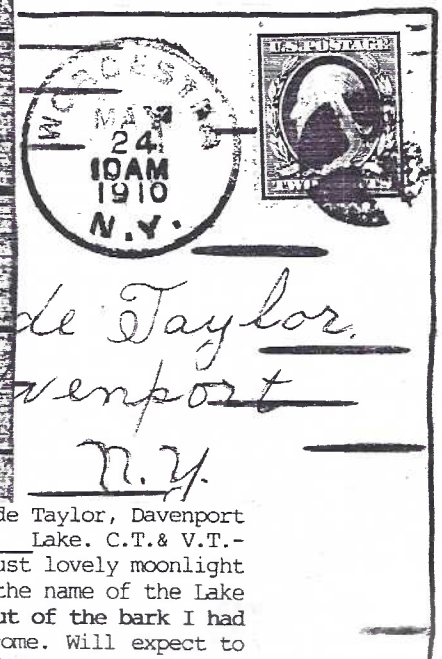
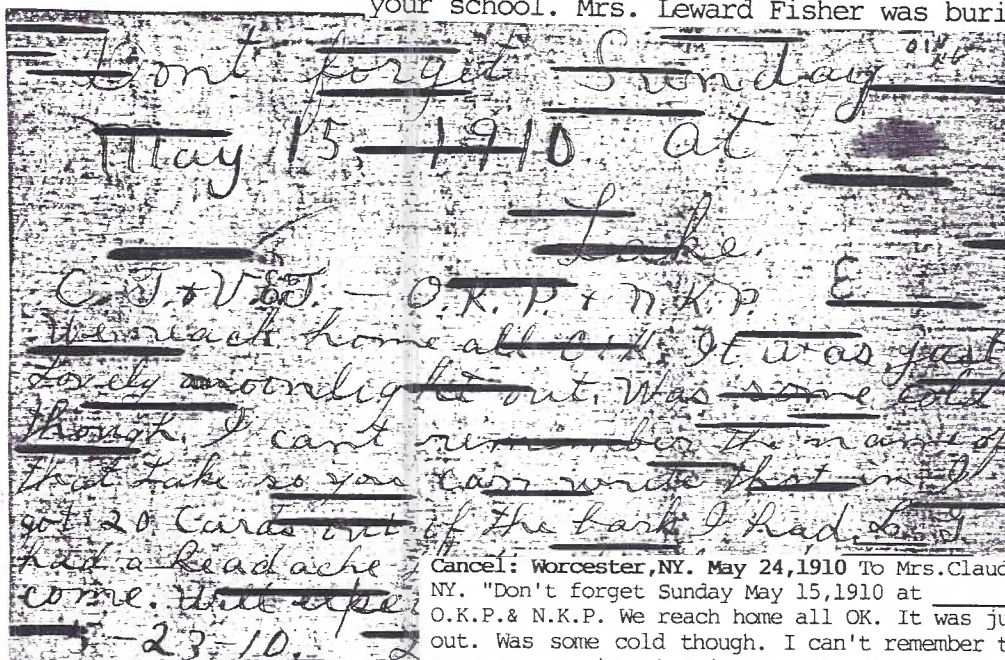
Cancel: West Pawlet, VT. Nov. 3, 1906 To Miss Ida M. Nelson, Salem, NY
"Hello Ida, How are you feeling after the dance? I feel as if I was about 105. Did you have a good time? I did. Did you go home with Bessie? Got home in time to see the sun come up but not to sleep any. Do you wonder I feel old then. Ans. soon, Ruth"

Then there's our third artist, Laura. She's drawn a handsome school-house, no doubt the one in which she teaches - but she'd better brush up on her punctuation before school starts! The address side of her divided back shows the typical dark inward side of the **birchbark**. She used the better side for her art! And finally there's wonderful Nellie. Her **birchbark** PC only traveled about 20 miles as well and she forgot the name of the Lake but remembered the moonlight. But God bless her soul! She mentions on a birchbark postcard that she was able to 'get 20 cards out of the bark I had'!

You will notice all of these homemade birchbark PCs came from Maine, Vermont, no Mass. and no New York. **Paper Birch, Betula papyrifera** is also abundant in the Gt. Lakes region (not the Far West).



Cancel: Gorham, ME. Aug. 29, 1907 To Miss Ada Clark, West Sebago, Gorham, Maine. "Well Ada, I think this will cheer you up. don't I wish you were going to teach here this fall. I am going to board Miss Cole from Machais. I suppose you are getting ready to commence your school. Mrs. Leward Fisher was buried today. 8/26/07. Laura"



Cancel: Worcester, NY. May 24, 1910 To Mrs. Claude Taylor, Davenport NY. "Don't forget Sunday May 15, 1910 at Lake. C.T. & V.T. - O.K.P. & N.K.P. We reach home all OK. It was just lovely moonlight out. Was some cold though. I can't remember the name of the Lake so you can write that in. I got twenty cards out of the bark I had. L.G. had a headache that's why they didn't come. Will expect to hear from you soon. 5-23-10. Lovingly Nellie"

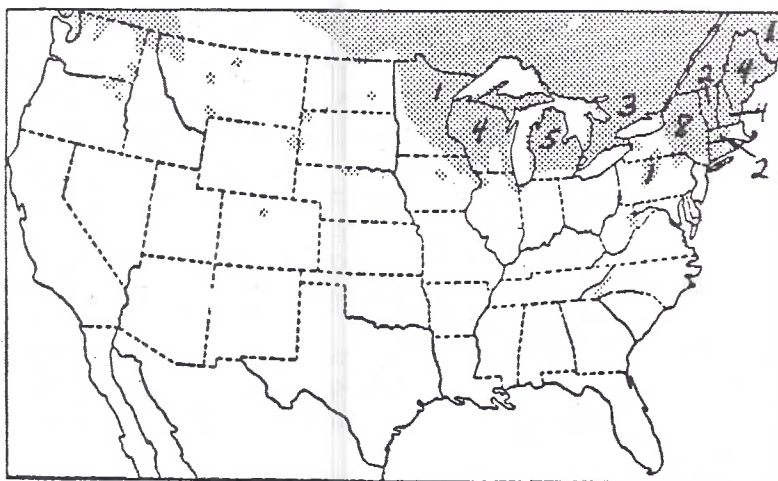
MOTHER'S TREE

Betula(birch) *papyrifera*(paper like) was adopted in 1923 as the "Mothers' Tree". So named it is increasingly planted throughout the northern and central states on Mother's Day in May, according to Knowing Your Trees a 1955 publication of The American Forestry Association.

Paper Birch is used for specialty products such as spools, broom handles, pulpwood, toys, clothespins and toothpicks (made from the left-over centers of the clothespins)!

American Indians stretched the stripped bark over frames of Northern White-cedar for their lightweight canoes, sewing it with thread from Tamarack roots and caulking the seams with pine or Balsam Fir resin.

Souvenirs of birch bark should always be taken from a **FALLEN LOG** since stripping can leave permanent black scars on living trees (Above from Audubon Society Field Guide.)



Natural range of Paper Birch

Of the 35 used birch bark souvenir postcards from our collection, this is the distribution of mailing postmarks: New Brunswick 1, Maine 4, Vermont 2, New Hampshire 4, Massachusetts 2, New York 8, Pennsylvania 1, Ontario 3, Michigan 5, Wisconsin 4 and Minnesota 1. Note the absence of PCs from the Pacific Northwest and correlation of the postmarks to the natural range of the Paper Birch. (Map from the 1955 Am. Forestry bk.)

Only 3 of the 35 postcards had commercial POST CARD imprinted on the card. The habit - during the postcard 'craze', was to **make your own birch bark postcard**. From several cards we extracted the following:
9/13/04-"How is this for a postal?"; 9/1/05-"Birch bark postals for Speedy proposals. T.M.Ebert 'Manufacturer and Trained Nurse'
7/21/06-"Sam, Here is another bark from us";
7/9/07-to Miss Marcella Schweitzer, Ephrata, PA. from Effort, PA.-"Hope you will consider this postal sane".

9/3/07 LaCrosse, Wis. "We make our own postals out here"; 7/30/11 "Do you know what makes paper cheap in Michigan? You can guess from this card"; 7/26/12 Pottersville, NY-"This is one of the cards I made as Suviner(sic) of our Camp (Camp Cedars, Schroon Lake); 8/1/34 Travers City, Mich. "...I picked this birch bark off the tree myself";

And finally 10/4/06 from Topsham, Vt. to Danville, Vt. "...Are the souvenir cards having a big run up there? They are here and this birch bark craze is the latest. As I don't know any joke on you, am sending this without a picture."

Our 35 dated birch bark postcards ranged from 1904 to 1934 with the largest number - (23) as you would expect, from 1905 to 1908.



EXHIBIT WINNERS



There may have been just six boards - and they were good - but if you haven't been to a meeting lately, it's worth the trip just to witness Dot Fry's inimitable dialogue with the exhibitors!

As you might expect from a lifetime of one-room school teaching, Dot's never at a loss for **intelligent entertainment**. (She's a monthly regular on an Ephrata-based TV show, THE PA. DUTCHMAN. (Mon, Fri 6:30 pm, Wed 10:30 am). If you watch it, you needn't understand what she's saying...her animation says it all!

HAROLD MOYER	FIRST	Elegant Girls
JIM WARD	SECOND	Fashion Plates
LAURA SPECE	THIRD	Elegant Ladies from Europe*

HONORABLE MENTIONS

POLLY CURTIS	Newport, Rhode Island
DON DAVIS	Beauty and the Beast
BILL WEIKERT	Postcards with a Cut, Tear or Snip

*Laura is one of our youngest members and did an excellent board with embroidered ladies.

On tap for April - **POLITICS/POLITICIANS** and for May - **POSTCARDS USED IN BUSINESS**. Great subjects - start digging for them now!

NEW MEMBERS

- #316 LARRY WOOD 68 Boehms Rd., W., Willow Street, PA 17584. No phone nor collecting interest listed.
- #317 DOUGLAS S. MILLIKEN Box 180, Bausman, PA. 17504 New England, Lancaster, Millersville, Utah, Calif.
- #318 MELISSA STUDENROTH 165 E. Derry Rd., Hershey, PA 17033. (Bill and Linda's daughter.) Collects Russia and roller coasters.
- #319 DONALD HOUSE 1117 Union St, Lancaster, PA. 17603 291-1431. Has a broad collecting interest.

Welcome new members. With you folks and renewals still coming in our actual membership is 216!

AUCTION SELLERS TAKE NOTE!

Norm Zimmerman will accept auction lots in April as well as May - for the JUNE AUCTION. Please use an official LCPC Auction List (on the Club Table).

FOLLOW UP

THANKS to Nikki Roth Skiles and Anne Steinberg for additions to LANCASTER COUNTY POST OFFICE CANCELLATIONS (Mar. issue): Bamford (Area 6) Colemanille (10) Wrightsdaile (15).



Gerald Hostetter reminds us that the PCs by Union News Co. often show local scenes 'a bit different from the ordinary'.

The accompanying list provided by Gerald H. and Charlie Griffiths has a few blanks. Check your 'locals' and help fill in the missing numbers. Please provide them with a good copy of your unlisted PC (front and back...with a distinct UNION number).



EAST KING STREET, LANCASTER, PA. (Reverse shows distinct Union News Co. logo.) Their number reads along left edge of card. Shown in this Union News Co., NY, NY. card are signs for (left) Western Union office, Chas. Frey's shoes, Herr & Co. hardware, The Fashion clothing and Garvin's dept. store.

On the south side: Sayres, Scheid & Sweeton clothing, Piersol Co. house furnishings, McCaskey dentist, S.M. Myers clothing and Watt and Shand dept. store (right).

Help provided by Jack W.W. Loose's wonderful book The Heritage of Lancaster and a good magnifier.

UNION NEWS CO.

H = horizontal format, V = vertical; LP = Lanc., PA.
(caption end abbreviations to conserve space)

- L.147 H Religious Sects of Lancaster County
- L.148 H Mennonite and Amish People of LP
- L.149 H Scene showing the chutes, Rocky Springs Park
- L.150 H East King Street
- L.151 H North Queen Street
- L.152 H The Main Entrance to Thaddeus Stevens Ind. Sch.
- L.153 H West King Street (doesn't show Square)
- L.154 H East King Street (shows monument in Square)
- L.155 H Penn Square showing Woolworth Building
- L.156
- L.157 H Court House
- L.158 H Penn Square
- L.159 H Stevens High School
- L.160 H The Y.M.C.A.
- L.161 H Scene in Buchanan Park
- L.162 H Scene on the Conestoga River at Rocky Spr. Pk.

- L.163 H Science Building. F. & M. College
 - L.164 V The New Brunswick Hotel
 - L.165 Post Office
 - L.166 H Bathing Beach. Rocky Springs Park
 - L.167 H Main Hall. F. & M. College
 - L.168
 - L.169
 - L.170 H Scene in Rocky Springs Park
 - L.171 H Saints and Sinners Fountain
 - L.172 h Scene showing Figure Eight, Rocky Spr. Pk.
 - L.173
 - L.174 H. Scene in Rocky Springs Park
 - L.175
 - L.176 H The Old Covered Bridge on the Conest. near LP
 - L.177 H Hospital (Saint Joseph)
 - H Amish Folks at LP
 - H. Central Market on East King Street
- If you're able to fill in any blanks, contact Gerald or Charlie, preferably with card or clear copy.

FUTURE SHOWS



APR. 8/9 **MILWAUKEE, WI.** Fifth Annual Postcard Convention now sponsored by IPA (International Postcard Association). A really BIG show! 10-8, 10-6 Adm. \$3.50
APR. 17 **COLUMBUS, OH** Paper Fair. Veterans Memorial Hall. 95 dealers! Adm. \$2.50

APR. 17 **MERIDEN, CT.** Conn. Postcard Club's 13th Annual Postcard Bourse. Ramada Inn. 10-5. Adm \$1.
MAY 1 **MILWAUKEE, WI.** Milwaukee PC Collectors Club. Gonzaga Hall. 10-5 Adm. \$1.

LANCASTER'S HOTEL, WEBER

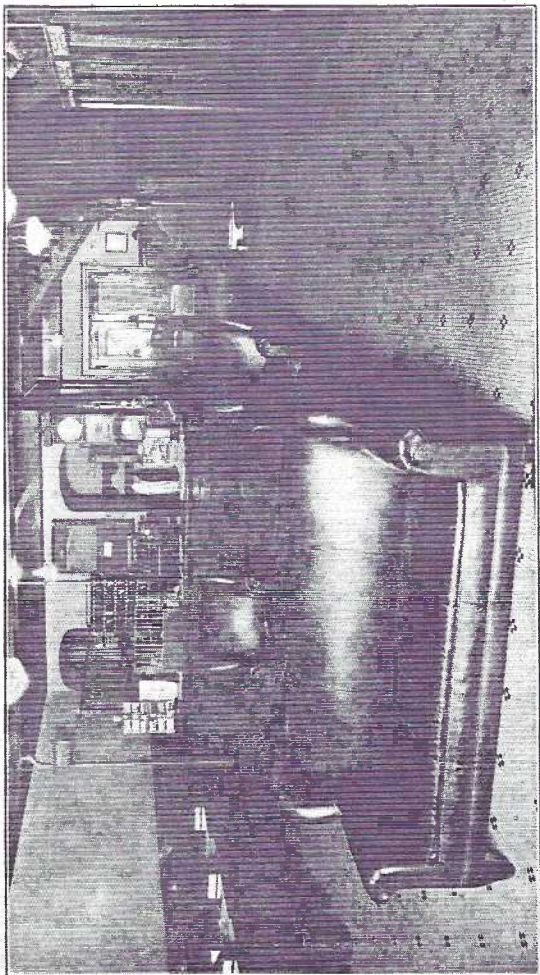
When The Leopard Changed Its Spots

A popular postcard subject is HOTELS. And INTERIORS of HOTELS can be an even greater challenge.

Lancaster's hotels offer a fine variety of exterior views, but only the **Hotel Weber** once known as **The Leopard**, offers as many as seven interior view cards.

True, there are several hotels that had popular restaurants with great interior views - The Stevens House and The Brunswick - but that's another story!

Enjoy the cards and let's hear from you and your Lancaster hotel interiors.

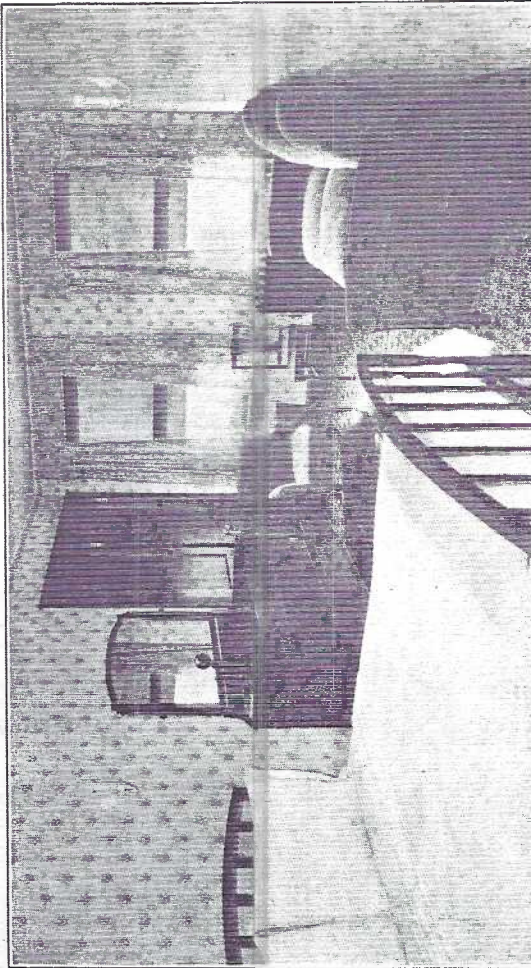


The Comfortable, Clubby Lounge
HOTEL WEBER, 105-107 East King Street, (Along Lincoln Highway) LANCASTER, PA.

The 3 PCs on this page are printed in sepia. Publisher is unknown.
Note the spinner postcard rack at left end of the clerk's counter.



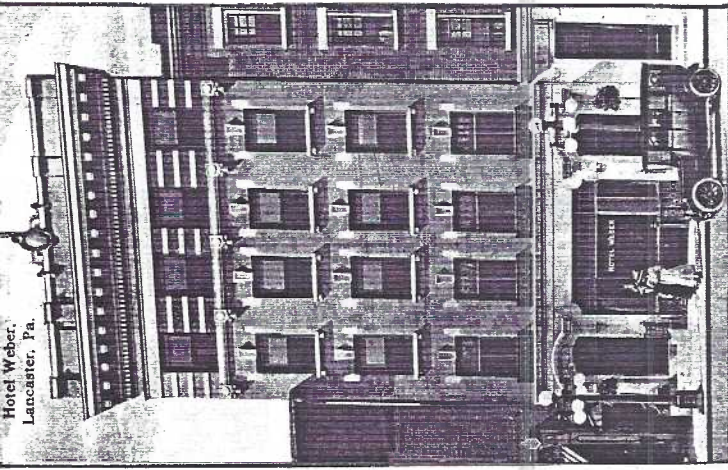
A Bright Cheerful Dining-room, Justly Famous for Home Cooking
HOTEL WEBER, 105-107 East King Street, (Along Lincoln Highway) LANCASTER, PA.



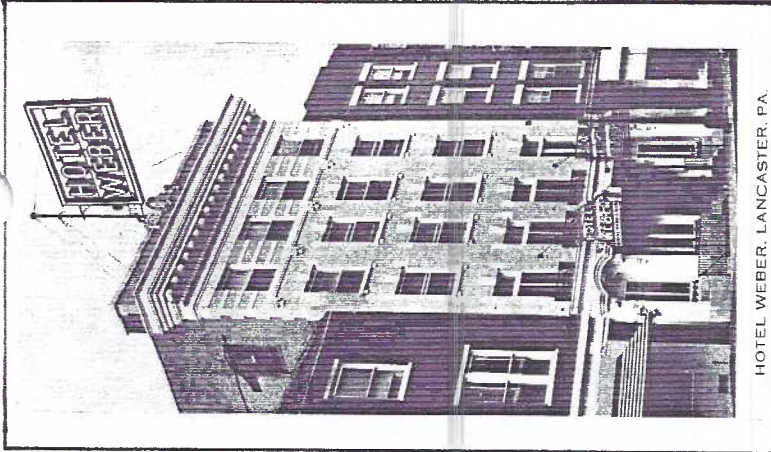
One of the Well Appointed Bedrooms
HOTEL WEBER, 105-107 East King Street, (Along Lincoln Highway) LANCASTER, PA.

"PLACE 1½¢ STAMP HERE" on all 3 of these cards places age at about
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Only a few details differ in lower two cards with the
nearly identical scenes on the later Lunitone card (next page).



Hotel Weber,
Lancaster, Pa.



HOTEL WEBER, LANCASTER, PA.

Curt Teich A-58877 for I. Steinfeldt
full color, div. back,
earliest view shown.

These two cards reduced 30%.

HOTEL WEBER

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AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER
FIREPROOFED

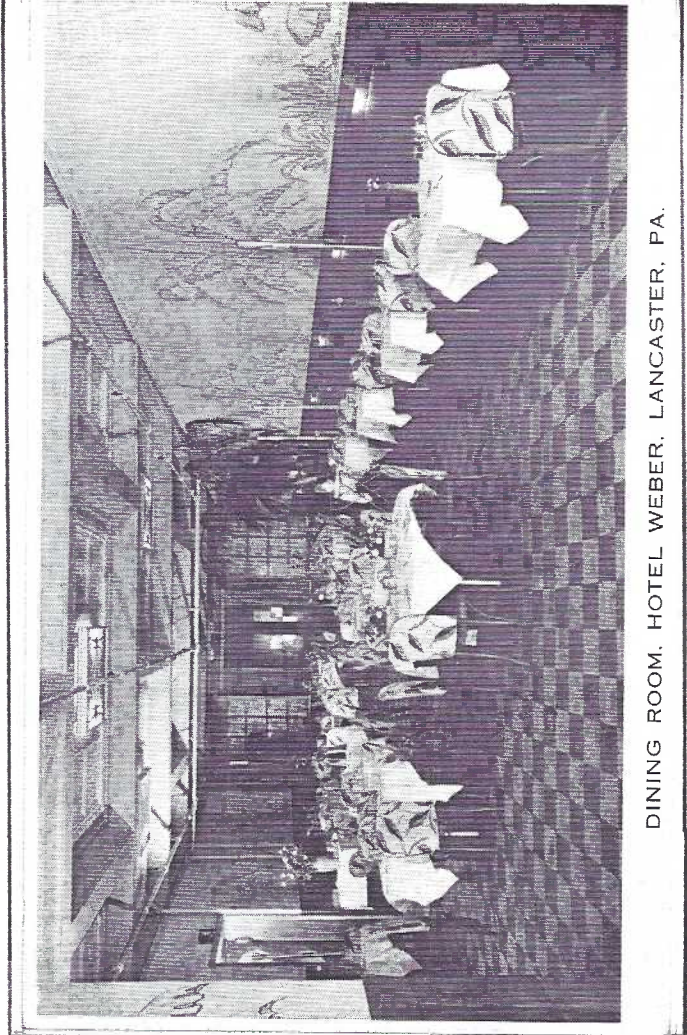
*Situated in The
Theatre and Shopping District*

S. R. WEBER
PROPRIETOR

Lumitone Photo-Print, 1930's PC advertises Club Breakfasts 35¢, 75¢.
Noon, Evening Meals 40¢, 75¢. Running Water Rms. \$1.75; w/Bath \$2.50.



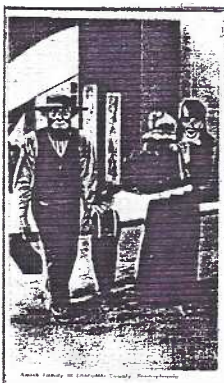
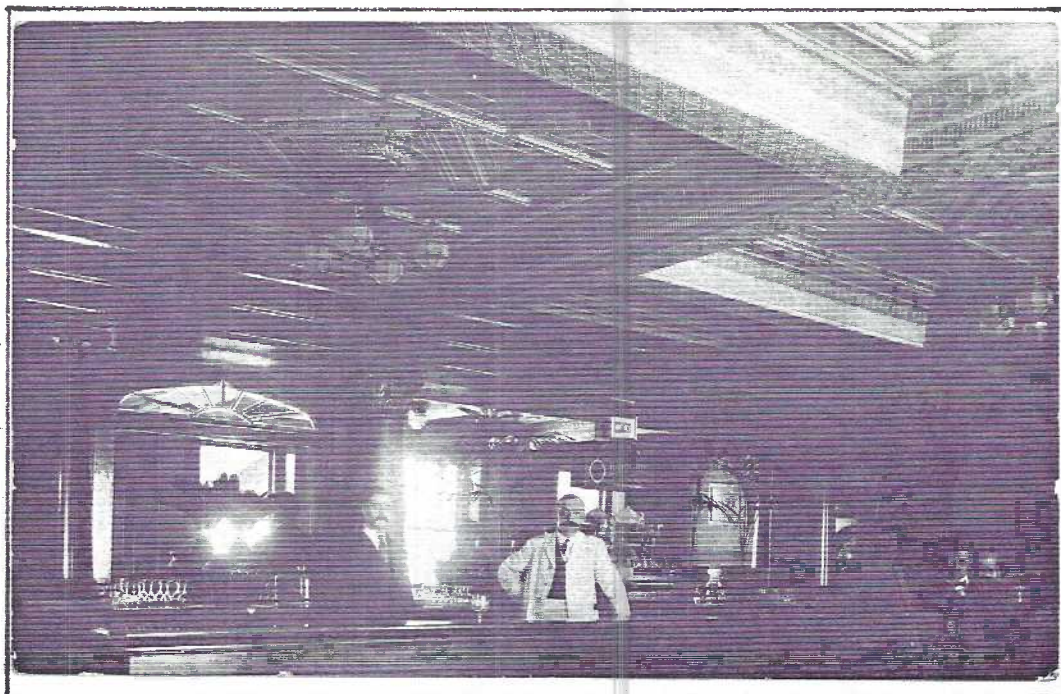
LOBBY, HOTEL WEBER, LANCASTER, PA.



DINING ROOM, HOTEL WEBER, LANCASTER, PA.

B/W cards above by Feldser Printing, Lancaster along with exterior view extreme upper right (1950's). continued next pg. April 1994 pg.7

"Leopard Hotel" on sm. sign over cash register was start of detective work on this realphoto PC. The Leopard served Lancaster visitors since 1765. Sam'l. R. Weber (behind bar?) bought hotel in 1906, and gradually made extensive renovations. Stamp box is 1910-18. Proprietors often framed the first \$1 spent in their business. A Series of 1899 \$1 silver certificate is framed above the register.



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#2

"YOU KNOW US. WE KNOW YOU."

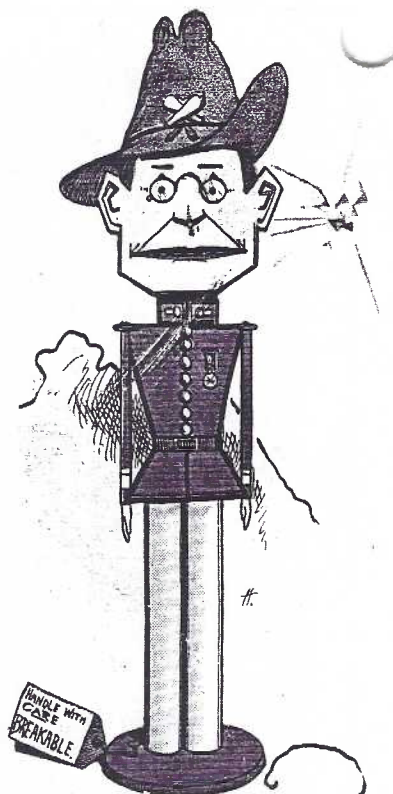
Members Jim Morrison and Donald Brown were two of a dozen contributors to the full-color POSTCARD CALENDAR produced by Core States Bank. The FREE '94 full-color project is well worth looking for! It's all history - within the bank's working area.



#1 Curt Teich/Steinfeldt linen
#2 Koppel/James Hess chrome



From our second President Earl Carver comes this THIRD Amish Painting on a Postcard- "AMISH COURTING CARRIAGE A young Amishman...in a typical open bachelor's buggy by artist H.J. Loewen Sr. of Leola, PA." Full-color chrome published by Mel Horst, Witmer, PA #16131. Can anyone find us a fourth Amish Painting on a Postcard?



WHAT'S THE USE OF A TOY HEP

From an unknown publisher - a comic Teddy Roosevelt PC dated 8/26/07. A REMINDER - Don't forget your Political PC poster board for April!