

# THE CARD – Vol. 28, No. 11, Issue 320, November 2017

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*Enjoying postcards through education and entertainment.*

Next Meeting: November 20, 2017. Farm & Home Center. Buy, Sell and Trade from 5:00. Meeting - 7 PM.

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## OCTOBER MEETING

President Walt Mowrer called our meeting to order with 25 members pledging the flag. The minutes were read and approved as was the Treasurer's report, reporting a balance of \$8,854.81.

There were no committee reports but a reminder from Sharon Gromis that the Christmas party is coming up in December. President Mowrer spoke about the proposal from last month about moving the meeting to the National Christmas Center. He asked for comments, saying that the club would pay the admission for members attending. It was decided that Dede Schaeffer would call Jim Morrison to see if the Center could be open on the third Monday of December. The decision was tabled until Dede talks with Jim. Someone suggested that we get together and eat first. Those decisions will be made next month.

Susan Glass is requesting volunteer help with the club activities. Many jobs need to be done such as serving on the board of directors, helping with the Expo, taking a month behind the Club Table.

Walt Mower is having an Internet sale of postcards and on November 4 is having a toy sale.

Dick Pendergrast won the 50-50 prize of \$14.50. Jere Greider and Mark Arbogast both won vouchers as the door prizes.

We welcomed two new club members Jim Brewer from New Holland and Barbara Bailey from Harrisburg.

Aaron Heckler presented a well-received program about the Schuylkill Navigation system, begun in the 1820s, which extended from Port Clinton to Reading. With the competition from the railroads, the canals were used less for carrying freight and more for recreation. Excursion vessels and pleasure boating remained active on the Schuylkill Navigation until most of the canals were filled by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania during 1947-1979 in efforts to remove coal silt from the Schuylkill River.

## OFFICERS & BOARD for 2018

Are you willing to serve? Think what you can do to help the club. The club will be electing a President, Vice President and Board Members. There are no tough decisions to be made, it doesn't take much of your time, and you will be much appreciated. Thank you.

## DECEMBER MEETING

We have an opportunity to go to the National Christmas Center in Paradise, PA. This outing would be in place of our meeting at the Farm & Home Center (same night). Please attend the November meeting to express your thoughts on this possible change.

## NOVEMBER PROGRAM

### Disposing of Your Collection

At the November meeting, our speaker, Stephen Shaw, will talk about helping your family decide how to manage the collection that you have gathered over the years. It is inevitable that we all must part with our collection. What happens to your collection if suddenly you're not here to supervise its disposal? Do family members know its value? Its location? Do they have access? Has an item been promised to someone? The presentation will address what should be done and what not to do. Shaw served four and a half years with the Marines and twenty years with the National Guard and currently is a mentor with the Lancaster County Veterans' Court and a member of the Red Rose Veterans' Honor Guard. He taught science in South Eastern Middle School in York County. Shaw has published military history articles, collects military medals and iron crosses, with a special interest in Spain's Civil War. He is a member of the Orders and Medals Society of America, the American Numismatic Society, and Red Rose Coin Club. He is an avid archer hunter.

## 2017 PROGRAMS

**December** – Puzzles & Rebuses - Betty Beck

## OCTOBER POSTCARD COMPETITION

Seven members competed in the single card competition on the subject "Diners".

<b>First:</b>	Walter Mowrer	Bob's Diner
<b>Second:</b>	Bob Kramer	Johnsons Seafood - Manheim
<b>Third:</b>	Leighton Stover & Jere Greider	(same Card)
	Cross Keys Diner	
<b>Honorable Mention:</b>		
	Don Tribit	Zinn's Diner
	Dick Pendergrast	Lundy's in Rhode Island
	Maria Schurz	Zinn's Diner

## 2017 POSTCARD COMPETITION SUBJECTS

**November** – Antique Cars

**December** – Dolls

\*\* Have a suggestion for 2018 subjects? Give them to Susan Glass. Thank you.

## FUTURE SHOWS

**November 17 & 18** – York International Postcard Expo, York Fairgrounds, Horticultural Hall, 334 Carlisle Ave., York, PA, Fri. 9 - 7, Sat. 9 - 5, Adm. \$5.00

**November 24 & 25** – Lancaster Fall Postcard Show, Farm & Home Center, Fri. 10 - 5, Sat. 10 - 4, Adm. \$2.50

# MORE THAN A MEAL

BY Karen Davis

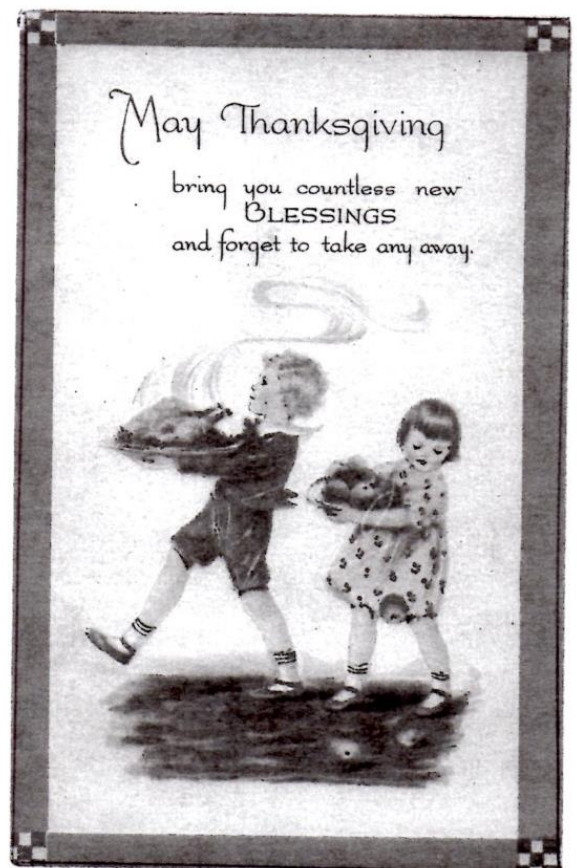
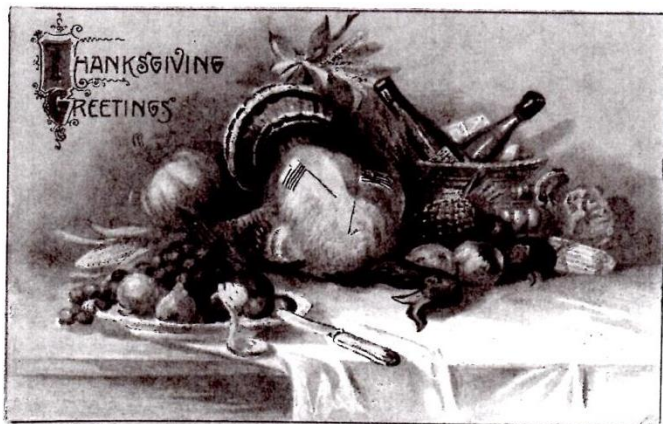
With choice bits of information by Jim Ward

Secretary of the Treasury, Alexander Hamilton, declared that no citizen of the US should refrain from turkey on Thanksgiving Day. But long before that, as early as 1573, Christmas tables creaked under the weight of the big birds. They were being shipped from Mexico by the Spanish invaders and raised in country estates.

In Europe and America, turkeys not butchered on the farm or shot in the wild were driven to market or the nearest terminal on foot. Thousands of birds were crowded down the narrow streets of London the weeks before Christmas. They were driven 8 to 10 miles per day on mountain trails or on treeless plains in Texas – for fifty to 200 miles. Captured in the hills of Tennessee and Kentucky, there were drives in the 1920s to markets in South Carolina. Thirty men could drive a flock of 8,000 turkeys thirteen miles in two days. As evening came on, the birds sought trees to roost. The biggest problem was getting them started the next morning.

Today it's still the custom to starve them for 12 hours to empty their GI tracts before the “next step” in the process of preparation. To cut and present a large bird was to “do the honors” at festive medieval meals. You can still hear this today (and we hope the carver has read the manual to accomplish the deserved feat).

The turkey is not America's OFFICIAL national bird; the bald eagle was adopted so in 1782. But the turkey has become the American SYMBOL and is ceremonially linked to Thanksgiving, the oldest holiday in the United States.

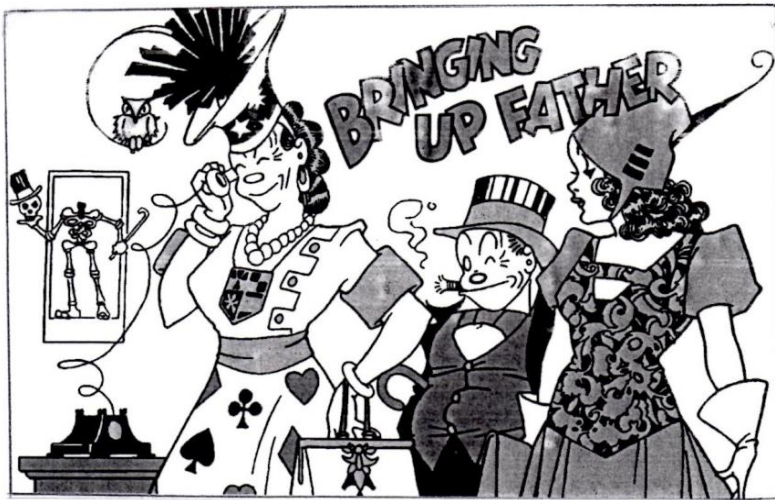
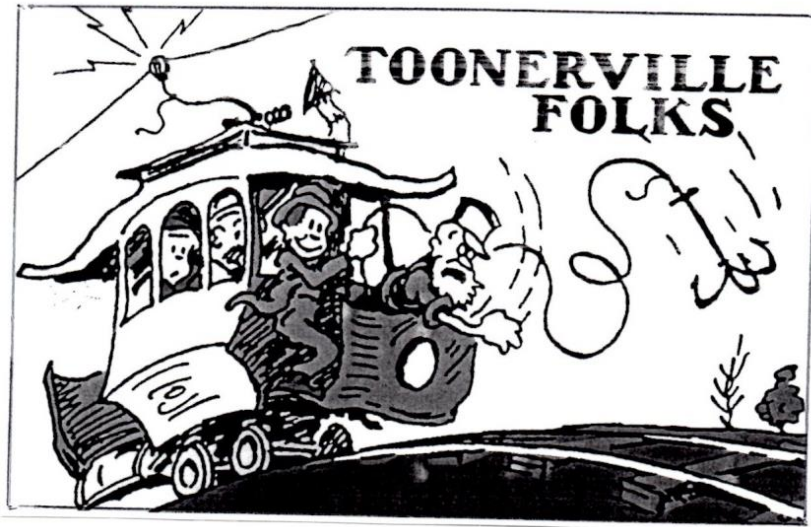




## COMIC STRIPS – Teens and 20's

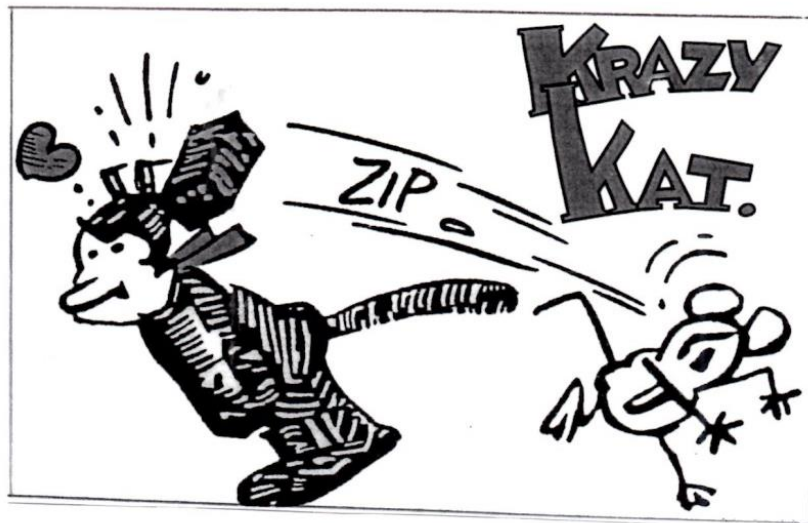
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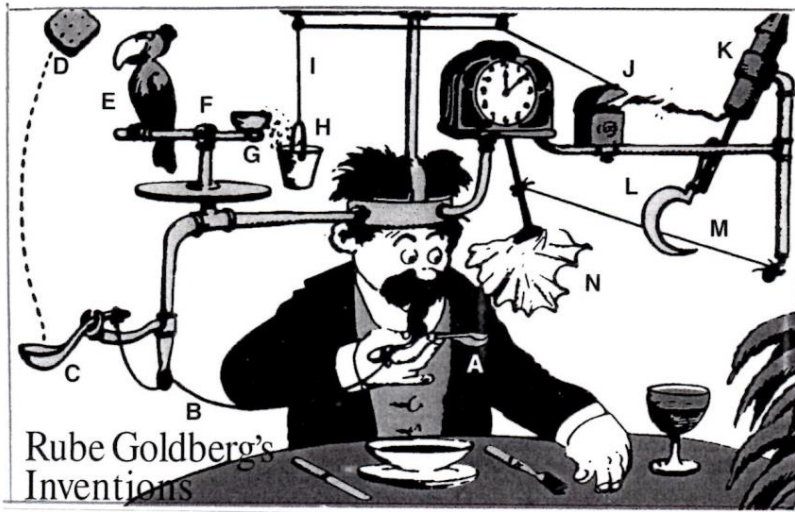
Fontaine Fox's "The Toonerville Trolley That Meets All Trains" inspired toys, games, and even movies (the latter can be found on the Internet). It was the era of the trolley and the Toonerville folks and the trolley's Skipper were a hit for generations. The panel ran from 1910 to 1955.



George McManus's "Bringing Up Father" was better known as Maggie and Jiggs, she a social climbing nouveau rich and he, content to be among his buds eating corned beef and cabbage. The fashion-minded lady readers loved the latest female attire. The strip began in 1913.

George Harriman's "Krazy Kat" was an "eternal triangle" in this case = a dog, a cat, and a brick-tossing mouse. Surreal backgrounds and strange props made the strip unique. It ran from 1913 to 1944.

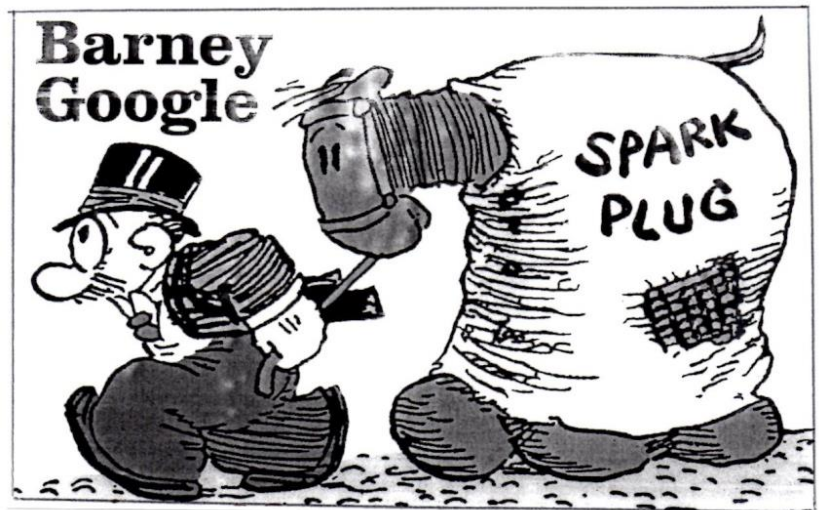




Rube Goldberg had an engineering degree as anyone could see with his complicated inventions that solved simple tasks. Here - wiping with a napkin after spooning soup. The panel ran 1914 to 1964.

It's estimated that he did a staggering 50,000 cartoons in his lifetime.

Billy DeBeck started with Barney Google "with the goo-goo-googley eyes" and his racehorse Spark Plug. It evolved into rural schemes with Snuffy Smith. The strip began in 1919. Snuffy Smith, who was initially introduced as a supporting player in 1934, has now been the comic strip's central character for over 60 years. Nevertheless, the feature is still titled *Barney Google and Snuffy Smith*.



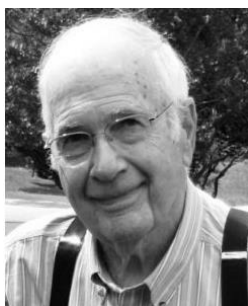
Elizie C. Segar's principle man was "Popeye" who first appeared in a Betty Boop strip, but, Popeye, girlfriend Olive Oyl and many others constituted the Thimble Theater, begun in 1919.



Harold Gray's "Little Orphan Annie" and her dog, Sandy, were hits for folks in the Great Depression. She helped keep up the nation's spirits with adventures of courage and perseverance. The strip began in 1924



## MEMBER NEWS



Remember  
"THE CAPTAIN"?

Robert P. Withers, 90, of Birdsboro, Union Twp., Berks Co., PA died on Friday, August 18, 2017, at the Coatesville VA Medical Center. Born on January 8, 1927, in Los Angeles, CA, he was the son of the late Alfred J. and Mary E. (Montroy) Withers. He was the husband of Gisela S. (Fischer) Withers. Robert is survived, along with his wife, by: 4 sons, 3 daughters, 8 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. Services were private



# U.S. Military Comic Post Cards

By Ed Close

U.S. WWII military comic post cards are a popular collecting theme. Currently, there are over 4700 different cards (Garnhart, 2011) known. A subset to this is the collecting of U.S. military propaganda (anti-axis) cards with an approximate number of 150 different designs. The cards were produced to aid the home front in showing their patriotic pride.



This card was produced by M. Rosenstein of Lancaster, PA. The card pictures Hitler, Mussolini and, Hirohito as dogs. This was the only card produced by him.

This card, picturing the axis leaders running from an American Bald Eagle was produced by E.C. Kropp Co., Milwaukee, Wis. This also was the only card produced by the company showing all three axis leaders.



A third example shows the axis leaders being flushed down a toilet by Uncle Sam. This card was produced by the D. Robbins & Co. and is part of a series called "Slam the Axis". There are five cards in the set.



The last example is interesting as it shows Mussolini crossed out and the caption "One Down – Two to Go!". Mussolini was captured April 1945 and hanged. This card short lived as the War in Europe ended the shortly after this. The card is version 2 of the same design. Version 1 shows all three leaders without being crossed out. The card was produced by MWM, Aurora, Mo. as part of their army series.

