# THE CARD – Vol. 32, No. 6 Issue 363, June 2021

A Publication of the Lancaster County Postcard Club, Lancaster, PA Enjoying postcards through education and entertainment. Next Meeting: June 21,2021, Farm & Home Center. Buy, Sell & Trade from 5:00. Meeting - 7 PM Like us on Facebook – www.facebook.com/LCPClub. http://www.lcpc-stamps.org/newsletter-archive/theh-card/

## MAY MEETING

President Mark Arbogast called the meeting together with 24 members present. Treasurer Barb Mowrer gave the treasurer's report.

In the monthly board competition, the topic was National Parks.

First place: Whatta Ya Got to Eat: Dick Pendergrast Second place: Old Faithful Lodge: Susan Glass Third place: Yellowstone Old Cars: Paul Smoker

Honorable Mention: Mountaineer's Cabin: Jean Schopf; Glacier: Annetta Buettner; Great Smoky Mountain National Park: Annetta Buettner; Yellowstone Glory Pond: Renata Sachse.

The \$2 voucher door prizes went to Donna Bashaw and Renata Sachse.

The evening's program featured a talk by Jean Schopf on the topic of Yellowstone National Park.

## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Attendance was good at our May Club meeting. As the covid situation seems to be winding down, please consider coming out for the June Club meeting.

Quite a bit of time was spent this month working on Susan Glass's great idea about having an expanded Members Market at our club meeting in August. I think of it as a mini postcard show. Our Board agrees with the idea and I reserved the Farm and Home Center for that evening. I encourage club members to participate in the market by bringing your postcards to sell or signing up to help at the event.

Mark Arbogast

## \*\* SAVE THE DATE \*\*

Mini Postcard Show being planned for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday in August which is August 23<sup>rd</sup>. Complete details will be announced in the July issue of *The Card*.

## COMING TO THE MEETING?

The Farm and Home Center will be going back to normal room setup and the 6 feet apart requirement has been dropped.

For masks, if vaccinated, do not need to wear mask. Not vaccinated, need to wear mask. Mask requirement drops on June 28 for Pennsylvania.

# JUNE PROGRAM

Te program for the evening will be "Reading Rutherford Yards of Harrisburg and Train Wrecks in the Local Area" presented by club member Bud Heim. The photo is the Reading Railroad Yard at Harrisburg in 1947. It was called the Rutherford Yards.



## LCPC 2021 PROGRAMS

July August – Members Market – "Mini Postcard Show" September- Leighton Stover October November - Brian Frankhouser - 1915 Lancaster County RPPC Set

## 2021 POSTCARD COMPETITION SUBJECTS

June – Baseball July – Homemade Cards September – Large Letter Cards October – Horse Drawn Vehicles November – Lancaster County



The week starting June 13, 2021 is National Flag Week.

# COURTSHIP and CAMERAS By Jim Ward

The Greeks had two words for Love: "agape" the spiritual one, and "eros", the other one.

Sister and her beau are engaged in courtship, something we're familiar with. It was the French custom to drink metheglin, a brew made of honey. Hence, "honeymoon."

During the Victorian Age, courting took place in the girl's home, under the watchful eye of her parents. Carved wooden spoons were given by the suitor in Wales. The English offered their true love a pair of gloves.

In much of Europe a small loaf of bread was broken over the head of the bride as she emerged from church. Guests scrambled for the pieces to place under their pillows. Was this the precursor of the wedding cake?

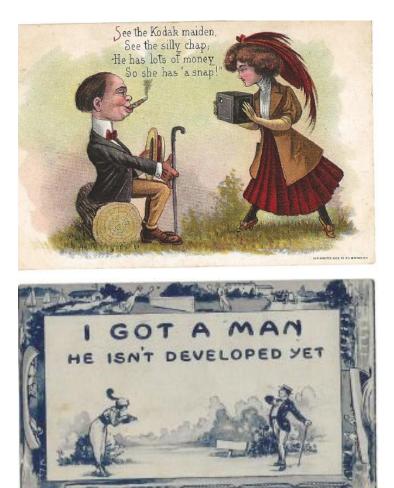


Sister and her beau will have lots of snapshots from their courting days, thanks to our Willie. This handmade postcard is a panel from the Toonerville Trolley That Meets All Trains The artist - Fontaine Fox.





Our comic postcards tell the story of cameras and the role they played in courting and marriage. "See the Kodak maiden. See the silly chap. He has lots of money, So she has a snap!"





The advertising PC included an order form so you could have your next rolls of Kodak film sent to you postpaid. Rolls were 25 cents to 50 cents each.





# CHRISTIAN MUSSELMAN and HIS DESCENDANTS By Brian Frankhouser

My Grandfather Musselman used to tell a story about his grandfather's smoking habit. "He smoked every day for 60 years until the age of 71 when he decided to live a more healthy life style, and quit the habit completely... six months later he was dead." Grandpa would hesitate at this part of the story, long enough for the listener to assume that the moral was to keep on smoking once you started. Then he would continue, "Grandfather was hit by a train".

Yes, Christian Musselman was the first fatality on the Downingtown Waynesburg railroad extension between New Holland and Lancaster. It was Saturday morning, September 18, 1897, and he was driving his buggy from Centerville (three miles southwest of New Holland) to attend the funeral of Amelia Landis Nolt at the Groffdale Mennonite Church. Christian's son, George, married Amelia's daughter, Anna Mary, ten years prior, so their children lost two grandparents in less than a week. As Christian approached the railroad intersection at Peters Road, the mail train west was travelling towards the same place at high speed. The engineer sounded the whistle, but Musselman was nearly deaf (or asleep) and didn't hear it. The corn was growing high near the tracks, so visibility was also a problem. The train hit the buggy broadside, and both buggy and passenger were caught up in the cowcatcher. Death was instantaneous. Dr. J. B. Kohler and Eli M. Martin, who were driving by at the time of the accident, carefully removed the lifeless body from the locomotive.

Christian Nolt Musselman married Catharine High after returning from the California gold rush in the early 1850's. They had three sons who lived to adulthood and became quite successful – Samuel, John, and George. Samuel and George bought the Kinzer lumberyard on Brimmer Avenue in New Holland in 1911 and started Musselman Brothers. The business name was changed to Musselman Lumber, Inc. in 1978 when the third generation of the family to own the business purchased it. It's still in operation today.



Modern 4 X 6 color postcard with satin finish. Reverse is labelled "Christian Nolt Musselman (1826-1897) and Catharine High Musselman (1833-1870). This is a reproduction of an 1850's tintype." I have seen the original photo, but it is actually an ambrotype. The story of Christian Musselman's namesakes involved some very unusual circumstances. It was fairly common (and still is in some circles) to use the mother's maiden name as a middle name for each child. In 1863, Christian and Catharine named their new baby boy Christian High Musselman. He died in 1865. They were blessed with another baby boy in 1866. Again, they named the child Christian Musselman. Again, the child died in infancy. The story may have ended then, but didn't. Their son, John, who married Elizabeth Sensenig, bore a son in 1880. They tempted fate one last time and named their son Christian High Musselman (note that his middle name was his grandmother's maiden name and not his mother's maiden name). C. H. Musselman survived his childhood. He and his father started the Musselman Canning Company in Centerville. After several years their production capacity outgrew the supply of apples in Lancaster County. In 1906, they rented a canning factory in Biglerville (Adams County). By the end of 1907, C. H. Musselman employed over 50 employees. The company continued to grow and the name Musselman is now synonymous with applesauce.



Early real photo postcard of the Centerville public schoolhouse where the Musselman children attended. Centerville is located about one mile north of Intercourse, Pa. At the time this postcard first appeared during the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, the area was also known as "Flickinger's Mill".

Chrome postcard of the Centerville schoolhouse published by Tomlin Art Co. in the 1960's. By this time, it was a private school for the Amish. It is labelled on the reverse "Ephrata, Pennsylvania – Lancaster County". It goes on to explain "The Amish, a religious sect of the Mennonites..." Although not everything on the postcard is completely accurate, it is the most easily acquired PC of a Centerville view.





White border postcard with a black and white view of the C. H. Musselman Company's main plant in Biglerville, Pa. The postcard was published to commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Adams County business in 1957.

Early real photo postcard, circa 1913, showing the Musselman Brothers coal and lumber business on the west side of Brimmer Avenue in New Holland.





# 2021 Show Dates

Havre de Grace Maryland Postcard, Stamp Show & Live Auction Havre de Grace Community Center August 7th, 2021

York Pennsylvania International Postcard Expo York Expo Center, Horticultural Hall Novemeber 19-20, 2021