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"A Nation that forgets its past has no future."
Winston Churchill

A Tribute to Bea Kreiner

Bea touched many lives in her 75 years. She grew up in Manheim and graduated from high school in Manheim, taught school in Manheim and volunteered in Manheim – a community which she loved.

The early years of her life were typical of kids who grew up in a small town in the 1940s and 1950s. She and her two sisters Nancy and Anne played together and with the neighborhood kids, walked to school in Manheim, went to Sunday school and church every Sunday, participated in Youth Fellowship activities and church camp in Mt. Gretna and visited with paternal grandparents in Manheim and maternal grandparents in Johnstown, PA. Bea's sister, Nancy, says that Bea's world outside of her family really began when she started teaching at Manheim Central High School (MCHS). She says that Bea was NOT adventurous and had no desire to travel and see the world – that she just wanted to live and spend her time in her beloved town of Manheim - and that she felt lucky to be able to teach in her hometown. After retirement, Nancy says that Bea was the perfect person to research the history of Manheim and serve as the Curator of the Manheim

Historical Society. She was happy to talk with organizations, civic groups, and newspapers about her community.

Bea was a member of the Manheim Historical Society since 1997 and became the Curator for 20 years. Burt Savitz worked with Bea at the Society, and he says that in her role as Curator, Bea had a lot of major accomplishments. She was in charge of setting up the original displays at the Heritage Center in 1998. She set up the original displays in the refurbished railroad station in 2007. She was the Associate Editor for the book *Manheim Revisited: 1700 - 2000*; and she was the Editor for the book *Postcards of the Manheim Area* in 2003. Burt says that "these were the big jobs she tackled and that she enjoyed every minute of these projects – not to mention the day to day responsibilities of being the Curator of the Society."

One former student – Dan Barthold – had written a tribute to Bea when Dan was inducted into the Manheim Central Hall of Fame in 2015. He wrote, "Bea Kreiner was a great influence. Not just on me, but on many members of my graduation class of 1969. *Continued on Page 2*



Beatryce F. "Bea" Kreiner

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A Tribute to Bea Kreiner

With her encouragement and support, almost a dozen of us decided to further our educations as art majors.” Dan says that had Bea not given him special attention as a student, he would not have had an awareness of the art-related careers available to him. Nor would he have realized that he had enough ability to have a career in art. He says that it was her vision and that she changed his life. Other former students have also spoken of the support and inspiration they received from Bea.

Over the years, Dan and Bea remained friends. He tells a story about the time when he was showing her his latest artwork. She said, “You are still looking for a grade, aren’t you?!” About a week later, he received an envelope from Bea with a copy of the print they had been discussing. There were red circles, and lines and arrows with Xs and all kinds of markings with notes and comments written in the margins. Dan says, “SHE GAVE ME A “B” MINUS!

One of Bea’s colleagues was Dennis Denenberg. Dennis writes this: “Bea was a very dear friend with whom I shared many good times. We worked together on 16 shows for the Manheim Central Drama Department. Not only did she design and paint all the sets, she supervised the stage crews who changed the many sets needed to perform a musical. Her work was extraordinary, and she loved seeing how the student actors and the audiences appreciated the countless hours she spent.” In addition, Dennis worked with Bea on the MC Student Loan Fund Association for many years where she served as secretary, organized the loan applications for review, and provided her insight to the board about the students who needed assistance. Dennis says that “the community of Manheim was so fortunate to have Bea in the town which she dearly loved.”

According to her obituary, Bea was a lifetime resident of Manheim. She graduated from Manheim Central High School in 1962. She received a B.S. degree in Art Education in 1966 and an M.S. degree in Art Education

In 1970 from Kutztown University. In 1966 she began her teaching career at Manheim Central where she taught senior high art for 30 years, serving as department chairperson for 20 of those years. After her retirement from teaching in 1996, she served on the Manheim Central School Board Communications and Student Activities Committees. In addition, she was a board member of the Manheim Central Student Loan Fund Association, The Manheim Central Alumni Association, and was an original board member of the Manheim Central Hall of Fame, into which she was also inducted in 2009. She was a member of the Manheim Historical Society and was the Society’s Curator until 2018. Bea was honored by the Manheim Sertoma Club in 2001 with the “Service to Mankind” Award and by the Rotary Club of Manheim with the “Paul Harris Fellow” Award in 2007.

Beatryce F. “Bea” Kreiner was born on December 30, 1944 and passed away on December 21, 2020. Her parents were Howard and Mary (Kimmel) Myers. She is survived by two sisters, E. Anne Myers of Manheim and Nancy (Myers) Blackwell of Tucson, Arizona.

To Bea Kreiner – a life well-lived – we at the Manheim Historical Society are grateful to her for all that she accomplished and for all that she did for the Historical Society and for the Manheim community – and for her friendship.

Kermit



Jim Henson was Bea’s hero. She often said, “She would work for him for free if being given the opportunity.”

MCKINLEY SCHOOL



The year was 1906 when this photo to the left was taken. Teacher, Alphaeus Becker was standing on the porch of the school. The school has been turned into private home at 2644 Pinch Road, in Rapho Township just north of Cider Press Road. In this photo, Pinch Road is located between the school and the farm house. The school was closed in 1951 to become part of Mastersonville Elementary School.

The Society is indeed fortunate to have the photo to the right and below showing the interior of a one room school. There are very few photos available of interiors. The photos shown were taken May 26, 1906 as noted on the chalk board held by a student in the center of the photo. Those of you who receive this newsletter on the net, may be able to enlarge the photo to read the biblical postings around the top of the room.



Photo to the left: May 26, 1906, Teacher, Alphaeus Becker points to math problems under the writing—"If a man empties his purse into his head, no man can take it away from him."

The three math problems listed:

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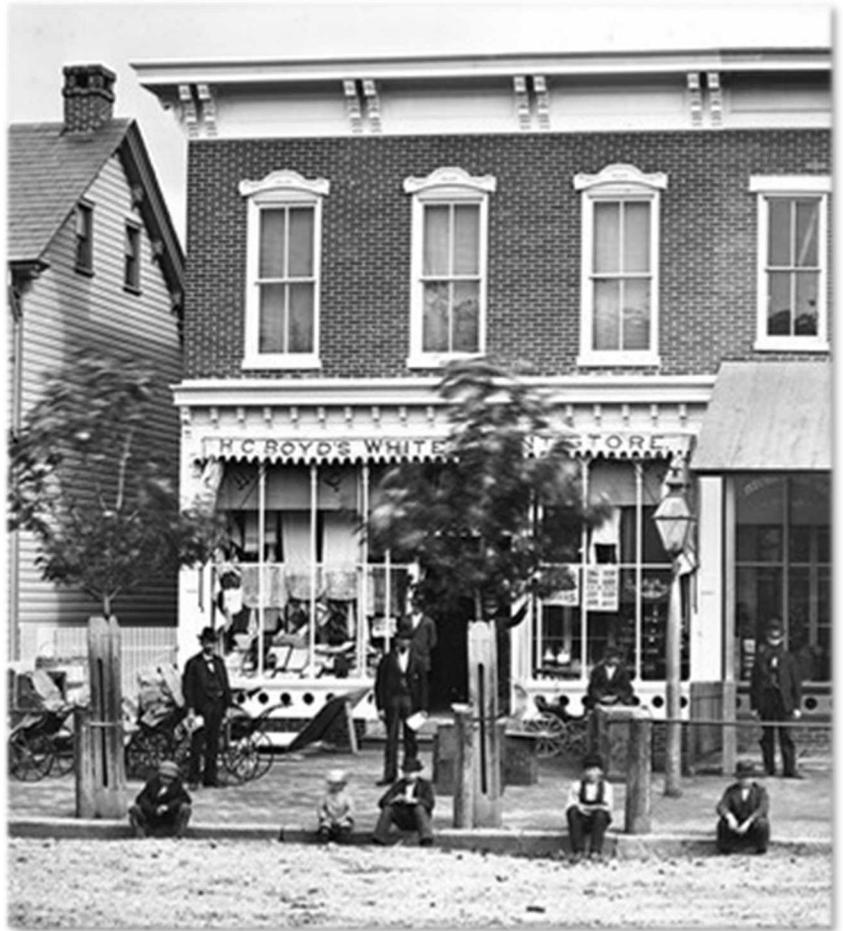
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I'm sure Mr. Becker never would have thought that anyone would be reading his writing from the blackboard in 2013.

**“Henry C. Boyd”—June 30, 1912
From “Old Home Week” Publication**

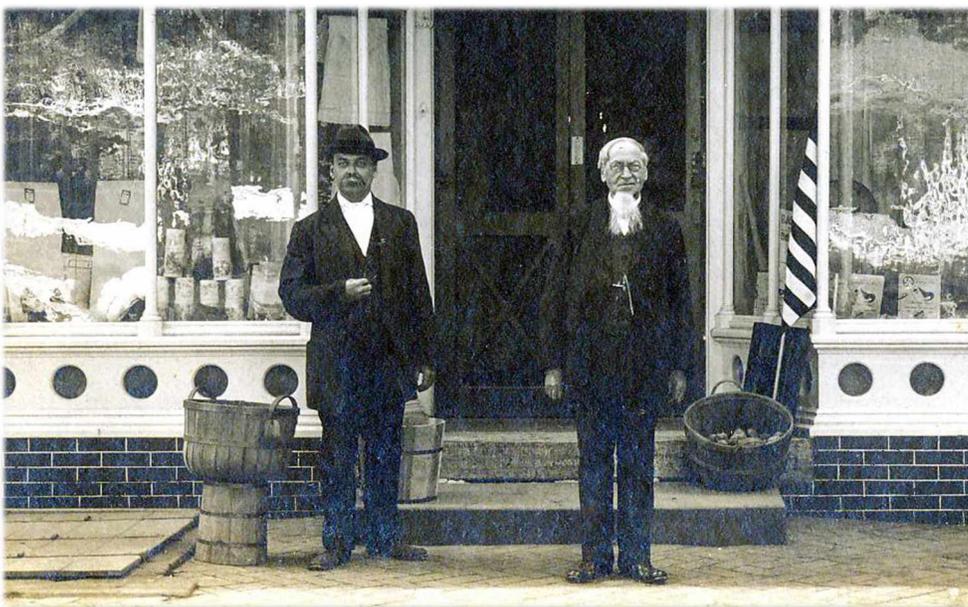
“Henry C. Boyd was born July 16th, 1838, at Mount Hope, son of John and Catherine (Likens) Boyd. Mr. Boyd began his business career at the age of seventeen years, leaving home to accept a situation as clerk with Arndt & Worley, merchants of Manheim, equipped with a good character, sound physique and a willingness to work. Defects of early education were easily overcome; his worth to the firm being shown by his admission as a partner four years later.

The new firm of Worley, Bomberger and Boyd, dealers in lumber and general merchandise, lasted one year and nine months, when the general merchandise business was transferred to Arndt and Boyd. In 1875, Mr. Boyd withdrew, and established himself at his present place, and for more than a quarter of a century there has been but one name above the door, that of Henry C. Boyd. Immediately after securing sole control of the business, Mr. Boyd planned and constructed the large block in which his business is now conducted.



H. C. Boyd's White Front Store, 37 Market Square

Mr. Boyd's shrewd judgement is appreciated by his business associates, and twenty-four years as director of the Manheim National Bank of which institution he is now President. He was one of the principal factors in securing the Lancaster, Petersburg and Manheim Trolley Railroad, and he is one of the Directors of the same. He also served as Burgess and in Council of the Borough.



**Above: L to R: Henry Oliver Boyd and Henry Carson Boyd
Ad on January 21, 1876—"Just received at H. C. Boyd's White Front Store
one hundred dozen plates at four and five cents per piece."**

His most zealous efforts have been directed toward securing good schools, and it was during his service as school director that the present imposing school building was erected. He is an elder in the Reformed Church, and has been its faithful Sunday School Superintendent for the past forty-five years."

“Manheim’s New Burgess”

“Upon the unanimous recommendation of the members of Town Council and its officers Judge Livingston, last Saturday, appointed Mr. Henry C. Boyd, as Chief Burgess of the Bough, to succeed Martin E. Bomberger, who died the week previous, and he will serve during his unexpired term of two years.

Mr. Boyd is well known by our people, as a prominent merchant and director of the Manheim National Bank. He is one of the promoters of the proposed Lancaster, East Petersburg and Manheim Electric Railway, and also one of our most progressive and public spirited men.

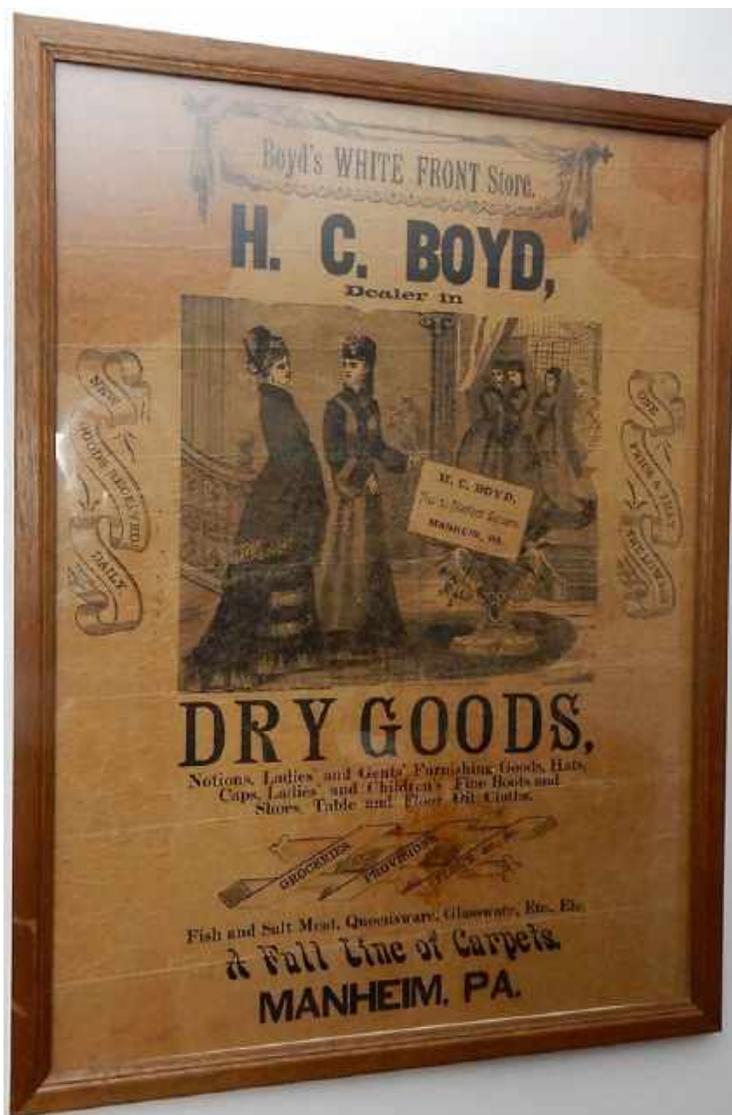
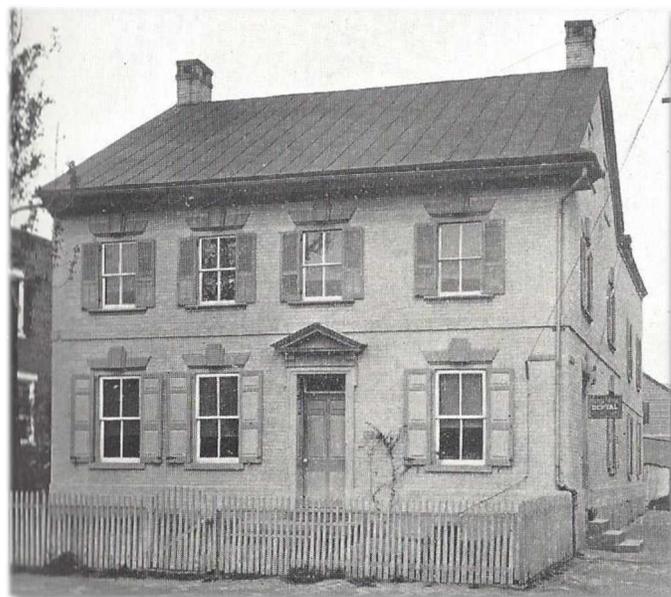
He served as Burgess of the Borough for one year, having been elected in 1880. He also served several terms as a member of council. He has always manifested a deep interest in the welfare of the town, and this fact coupled with his large experience and excellent qualifications, at once insures our citizens that their interests will be carefully, ably, and fearlessly guarded. He is the right man in the right place, and the appointment meets with the general approval of all our people.”



Above: H. C. Boyd wagon float in a parade, Labeled “Uncle John in wagon, Henry driving.”

Below: Henry C. Boyd’s home at the northwest corner of Market Square and Prussian (Main) Sts.

It is said that during the Revolutionary War period Ben Franklin’s daughter, Mrs. Bache, lived on this corner across the street from the Stiegel Mansion where Robert Morris lived during 1777 and 1778.



Above: H. C. Boyd’s White Front Store ad “It seems that back in those days Boyd’s was the store for our local town folk while the country people traded largely at Danner’s Store.” Sentinel, January 21, 1876

“The Railroad Station Ransacked”

“Sometime during last Friday night the railroad station in this Borough was entered by thieves and the entire place ransacked. An entrance was effected through the door leading to the agents’ department, which was forced open with a repairman’s pick which lay on the platform. Once inside they examined the contents of all the drawers in the agents’ room, but without finding anything they cared for. They also visited the freight warehouse. Here by the aid of a large hook they broke open several boxes of goods, two of them being cases of boys’ shirts which had been delivered for shipment by O. H. Musser, proprietor of the Manheim Shirt Factory. Many of these were removed from the cases by the robbers, it is believed in their hunt for larger sized shirts,



which however, were not there, and it is doubted whether any of the goods were taken, if there were there were mighty few, so few in fact that Mr. Musser didn’t think it worth while to go over the stock, and sent them off without counting. Several boxes upon which was stenciled ‘Glass’ were also opened, but as these did not contain anything but empty bottles all the boxes were not opened. Aside of this was another box also marked ‘Glass.’ The bottles in this contained whiskey, which would no doubt have been relished by the fellows had they found it. The robbers made their exit by the door on the rear of the freight room, and it is believed that they were by some noise frightened off. There is little doubt that these robbers were tramps.”



“Sporting Hill Items”—April 17, 1891

“On Friday evening last there was quite a pleasant gathering at the house of host Martin Oechsle’s thirtieth birthday his good wife invited some of the neighbors and friends to give him a surprise and which proved a success. In the early part of the evening he was persuaded to go to Manheim and was there detained for a time and on his return the house was filled with many of his associates and friends, numbering upwards of fifty. To make the surprise still more complete he was told there was something suspiciously going on in the rear part of the house when in his excitement he grabbed a club for defense and as the door was opened our village band struck up a choice selection, which almost dumbfounded him, and he beheld before him a table laden with all the delicacies of the season, and there was such cheering and laughter that made everything ring. All present were invited and partook of the refreshments, the evening was pleasantly spent, and at a late hour they left for their homes well pleased with the evenings proceedings. We wish him many more such happy occasions.”

“Two Runaways—April 26, 1901

“On Monday afternoon while B. S. Brubaker, the Elstonville creamery man, was attending to business at Kline’s store, his two-horse team from some cause started to run away. They ran up South Charlotte street to Market Square where John Hertzler caught them in front of Danner & Company’s store before any damage was done.



The skittish horse driven by Hiram W. Diehm, of Penryn, frightened at the breaking of

the hame strap to the harness, he ran away from Kline’s lumber yard on Tuesday afternoon, and was caught near John H. Apple’s residence, on Stiegel Street. The driver was slightly injured and the shafts to the vehicle were broken.”



South Hazel Street, Manheim, Pa.

Top Postcard: "D. W. and H. W. Hummer, of the Hummer Brothers, carried out contracting and construction in connection with their Planing Mill. They built many detached homes of similar design in the Borough in the early 1900s. Photo Circa 1920

These houses remain today, looking much the same as they did when built. Shown here is an example of duplex homes built by the Hummer brothers.

These homes featured mansard roofs with dormers, bay windows on the second floor and porches across the front."

This postcard is 117 of 583 from the "Postcard Book of the Manheim Area,"

Bottom Postcard: "Ira Diehm was Manheim's first mail carrier on the streets of town, June 18, 1919. Pictured on this postcard are (L to R) Frank Gibble and Abe Longenecker, October 1, 1920. Permanent town mail delivery was established with these two carriers. Mailmen were easily recognized by the uniforms they wore."

This postcard is number 386 of 583 from the "**Postcard Book of the Manheim Area,**" which is offered for sale by the Manheim Historical Society for **\$25.00**.

Should you wish to buy a copy, please send an e-mail to mhs@dejazzd.com or leave a message on the Society's phone system at (717) 665-7989.

A Society member will contact you for arrangement on how to pick-up, deliver or mail the book during the pandemic.

If the Postcard Book must be mailed to the purchaser, there is a charge for Priority Postage as determined by recipient zip code.



"Building Operations"

"1. N. W. Gingrich and his force of carpenters are at work on enlarging and improving the **Victor Moving Picture Theatre**. The room will be enlarged by an addition of eighteen feet at the rear; it is being raised several feet, and it will be fitted up with a new incline floor. A basement is being excavated and it will be arranged with a front entrance and will be made a suitable place for holding the regular market, or for festivals, suppers, fairs, etc.

The masons are now building the walls underneath the structure.

The P. C. Arnold Coach Works was located in the 100 block of East High Street. The platform above allowed the carriages to be moved between the two buildings. Note: Manheim Garage Sign. They continued in business until 1920.



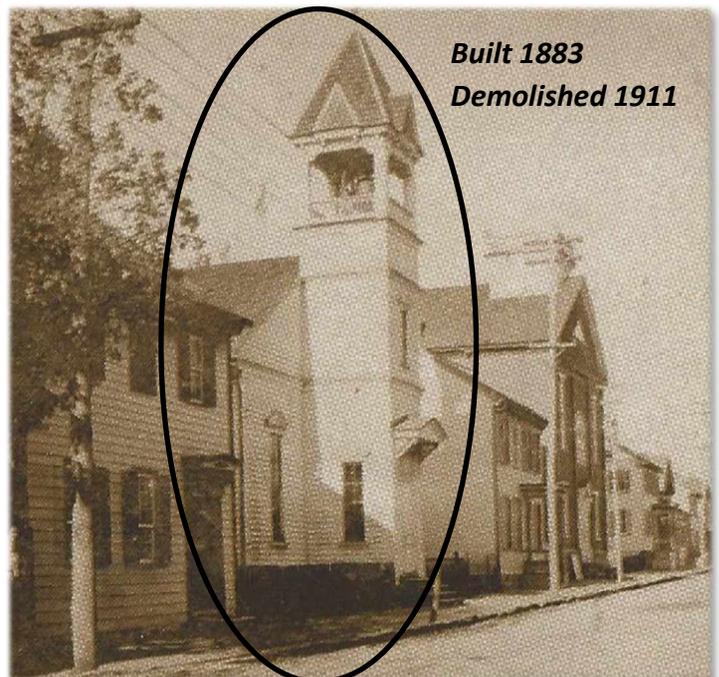
The Victor Theater

Manheim's first moving picture theater, at 21-23 West Ferdinand Street. The Theater opened to the public on September 9, 1908, and was managed by Howard Waughtel until April 10, 1909, when D. F. Waughtel bought the building. The theater was enlarged and remodeled in 1911.

2. P. C. Arnold's Sons have had Gingrich's men at work raising their coach works which stood quite low.



3. H. M. Lehn has begun taking down the old United Brethren church (circled), on North Prussian (Main) Street, preparatory to the erection of a double dwelling house on the site."



“Now a Hudson Dealer”

“In this issue you will find the advertisement of Mil-lard Reichenbach, who in the past year made a rec-ord, disposing of nearly three hundred used cars.

Mr. Reichenbach has recently been appointed local representative of the Hudson cars and trucks. During the past year Mr. Reichenbach has made many friends and has established a nice trade in repairing cars.”



Hudson Dealership at 23 Eby Street

“Can You Imagine This!”—March 13, 1941

“If your imagination is sufficiently vivid you might be able to visualize a bowling match between Dr. P.

Doctor’s scoring.

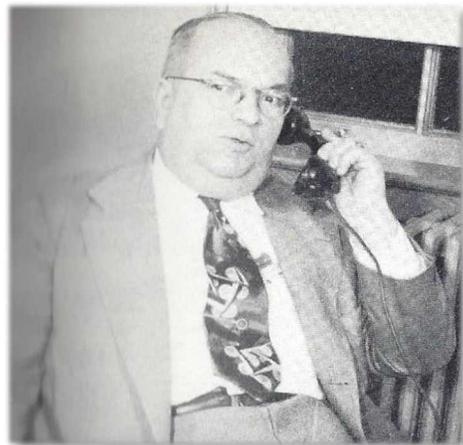
The other scores of the group were: John Keech, 103; Professor Hollobaugh, 160; Jack Haas, 185.

F. Guie and Prof. D. W. Witmer, principal of the local high school. In a game played on Tuesday evening the score indicated, Guie, 228 and Witmer, 133. The difference in this score indicates the difference in points and not the difference in weight. The Professor, according to reports was considerably humiliated in not being able to meet the

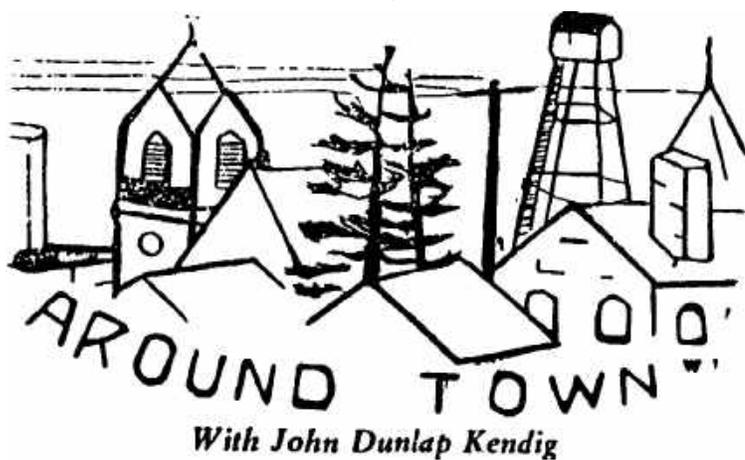
It has been suggested that a match between the Doctor and Professor be arranged when a large crowd would be glad to witness the contest. In fact, the Doctor says that he here and now challenges Professor Witmer for such a contest.”



CPT P. F. Guie, M.D.
WW I Photo



D. W. Witmer, Principal
Manheim Borough High School



'Window Town' was the west end of West High Street out in the vicinity of Paul Stern's garage and just beyond.



D. S. Witman opened a garage and service station at 329 West High Street on July 31, 1926. Through the years it has belonged to Paul Stern, Harold Merkey and others.

'The Wharf' and hearing of this name spoken, the other day, started off this discussion, was South Charlotte Street where it runs into the Chickies Creek.



"Sometime ago we got going back into the 'Old Names' applied to certain sections of town.

'Bull Alley' was Ferdinand Street and it seems there was once a big stone quarry at about what is now the apartment house at 21-23 West Ferdinand Street.



The building was the first United Brethren Church, then the Armory, later the M. E. Church, Photo Circa 1895. It then became the Victor Theater as shown on page 8.

'The Night Buck' was a big freight train that went rushing through town each evening at about 8 o'clock.



The Night Buck wreck of April 21, 1896

And of course there's always been 'The Loggie'



The Loggie—Swim suits are optional as in this photograph. Circa 1900

'Georgetown' we believe was North Charlotte Street, north of West Gramby Street and was a very nice quiet place for young couples to walk on moonlight nights. It seems the residents up there went to bed early and didn't bother about what went on outside.



Above: The Barthold-Guion House at 122 North Charlotte Street, taken February 7, 1974.

Below: Plaque mounted on the southeast corner of the Barthold-Guion House.



Then there were games like 'Spinning the platter' and 'Crossing the Swamp.' Ever try them?"

“Kenneth Ober Wins Regional Mat Crown”—March 8, 1951



Kenneth Ober

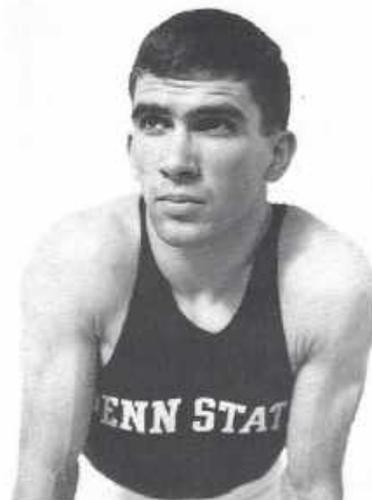
“By defeating James Macaleer, of Lansdowne District 1, Kenneth Ober became the first Manheim wrestler to win a regional championship. Ober threw his opponent in 3:29 to earn his opportunity to enter the State finals at Johnstown, Saturday, March 10.

Under the new State Wrestling regulations all district champions must enter one of the four regional meets which are known as follows:

1. Southeast Regional
2. Northeastern Regional
3. Central Northwestern Regional
4. Southwestern Regional

The winners in each weight class at the four regionals, represent their region in the State Championships. This of course means that the four champs will be paired together Saturday afternoon, with the winners meeting each other Saturday night for the championship.”

“Ex-Baron Wrestler Wins Middle Atlantic Championship”—March 23, 1961



Martin L. “Marty” Strayer, III

“Marty Strayer, a freshman at Wilkes College in Wilkes Barre, PA, recently won the title in the 157 pound division in the Middle Atlantic Championship. Strayer, in winning the title, brings more glory to Manheim Central and its wrestling greats.

Marty, in addition to gaining the Middle Atlantic Championship, finished the regular season with a record of 11 victories, one draw and no defeats. He later avenged the draw with a 5-4 decision.

Wilkes College is rapidly developing into one of the top collegiate wrestling teams in the United States and has been improving yearly. Wilkes has a string of 29 straight wins in dual competition.

In addition to the regular season schedule and the Middle Atlantic Tournament, Strayer wrestled two exhibitions at West Point, defeating a member of the junior varsity and winning over a member of the Plebe squad.

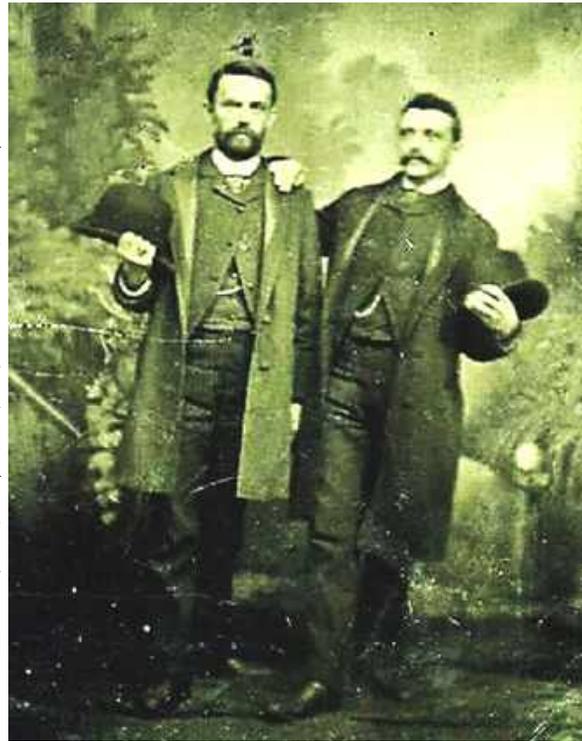
Marty credits ‘Red’ Witman (*Pictured to the left*), his first coach at Manheim Central, and Art Grimm, present Baron Coach, with his success in wrestling.”

Marty approached Charlie Speidel at Penn State, telling him that he thought he could be a national champion. Coach Speidel invited Marty and his family for a visit, and then he walked on at Penn State in the following year.

**Clyde H. “Red” Witman
Head Wrestling
Coach
1956—1959**



The photo seen here are the sons of Peter C. Keath, Blacksmith, who purchased property that later became known as the Keath House and property on April 3, 1887. The Historical Society moved the house from the southwest corner of Main and Colebrook Streets, when the intersection was improved in 1995. The Historical Society has since preserved the house on the first block of East High Street. The Historical Society is in possession of the original deed for the property dated from the 1700's.



Peter A. Keath was in the cigar business in Manheim. Peter's granddaughter Emma Mae Matthews married Paul Hoffman. Paul Hoffman was Burgess of Manheim Borough from 1938 to 1952. Paul and Emma's daughter Vivian Hoffman married Jacob Lewis "Lew" Brown. The Brown's had a daughter Laurie, who married William Dougherty. William and Laurie had a son Ryan "Doc" Dougherty, who submitted this photo of his great, great, great grandfather Peter A. Keath.

(L to R) Frank Keath and Peter A. Keath

The Keath House



“My Hope Chest” by Anna Balmer Myers

“I sold my hope chest. An antique dealer gave me fifteen dollars and took it away. Not that the chest is an antique. I think Uncle Sam says that an article to be declared an antique and brought into the country duty-free must be at least a hundred years old. My chest is about eighty.

Made of white pine, painted red outside, the chest is sturdy and well constructed. The dealer called it a blanket chest but for



eighty years it was much more than that to me. It was the receptacle for treasures I gathered through my childhood, teen years, and later — said treasures to be used when I had a home of my own.

On the inside of the lid I had written in pencil ANNIE, in uneven lettering, so I assume I labeled it when I was very young.

Mother thought every girl should have a chest and she was very helpful getting useful articles put into mine. From time to time she bought blue and white checked gingham for aprons, presumably from Boyd's store in Manheim or from Danner's on the Square. She took homespun towels and sheets from her own crowded chest and divided them into three parts, one part laid into my chest. Sometimes when we went to Lancaster she bought linen toweling with a blue border, or red, and one or two were added to my treasures.

But the spacious cavity in the chest was really intended for patchwork quilts of many colors and designs. I made some when quite young, pinning the calico firmly on the cushion of the wooden sewing bird and counting the patches as they piled slowly in a shoe-box. It was a happy day when the patches were assembled and the quilt was ready for cotton batting and a lining of pretty calico. I was thrilled when mother had the quilt sewed into the big quilting frame and it stood in the front room ready for the stitching.

I stretched my arms to reach the white lines mother had put on the quilt, with the guidance of some of the cardboard patterns she had accumulated. Of course I laughed when she warned me I must take very small stitches, lest my toes catch when the quilt is on the bed. A number of these quilts went into my chest. Granny Balmer patched one for each grandchild and I was so proud of mine with my name on a cardboard sewed at one corner of the quilt.

From a sale one day I brought home a gay hand-woven coverlet, red, white, blue and green, with the weaver's name woven into it; M. SCHWARTZ, Manheim, 1843. That was a treasured addition to the chest.

My sister stamped a strip of linen and gave me red cotton so I embroidered it, a splasher, which mother was certain I would find useful later to fasten in back of a washstand where the big white bowl and pitcher might mar the wallpaper when I washed.

Once a year I saw the quilts, also those in mother's and my sisters' chests. Some clear, windy day in August mother would say, 'It's a good day to air the quilts.' From the second floor and the attic we piled them into a wash basket and took them to the yard and hung them over the clothesline. It was a real exhibit with neighbors coming in to see the assorted colors and designs.

After an hour's airing each quilt was carefully folded and the trips to upstairs and attic began.

What happened to the contents of my hope chest? All the quilts were given away or sold at public auction. The 1843 coverlet I sold to a Philadelphia antique dealer, the homespun linen was hemstitched and turned into scarfs and some given to friends who appreciated owning it. The splasher is probably used as a scarf on an old bureau or long ago consigned to the ragbag.

The apron gingham was made into aprons for mother and worn out. The chest was empty when I sold it but it gave me many years of happy dreams. I have no regrets concerning it. Time makes changes and fortunate is the person who can adjust and find compensation for every change.”



The Flood of July 23 & 24, 1908. The photograph above shows South Prussian (Main) Street just south of the railroad tracks, looking at the intersection of the Fruitville Pike (left) and Eby Street (right). Notice the trolley tracks to the left side of the street and overhead wire. The row house shown on the right was located on what is now Hondru Ford used car lot. The building was moved to Eby Street.

LOOKING at MANHEIM

by John Kendig



“While checking a walnut tree up at the Norman Geib’s on White Oak Road, the other day, we happened to get into the house. There on the wall was a very, attractive painting done on the oddest canvas we had ever seen; not a canvas at all but an old two foot diameter circular saw blade, teeth and all, in fact the teeth sort of made a frame for the picture. On the saw was painted one of Glenn Eshelman’s most colorful and realis-

tic pictures. It is of the Mount Vernon School House over on Route 72, north of the Mount Vernon Motel.

The saw was an old family item Mrs. Geib wanted to keep and Mr. Geib went to the Mount Vernon School.



“Daring Robbery and Brutal Assault”

April 12, 1861

“A most darling robbery and brutal outrage was perpetrated at the residence of John Spickler, Sr., in Penn Township, this county, on Monday night last. There was no one in the house at the time but Mr. Spickler and his wife, who are both aged persons. The thief gained an entrance into the house by breaking open a lower window, and afterwards bursting open with an axe the door of the bed chamber in which the old couple were sleeping. He then demanded the old lady give him all the money in the house, which amounted to \$350.00, and then proceeded to attack the old gentleman with the axe, seeing which Mrs. Spickler attempted to escape and give the alarm. The robber ran after her and forced her back, and after throwing her upon the floor in a rough and brutal manner, again attacked the old gentleman, and striking him on the head with the axe, injured him severely. Finally ascertaining that he had secured all the money in the house, he made his escape.

The robber is described as a man of middle size, about forty years of age, and speaks English and German. It is supposed that he was well acquainted with the premises, and also with the fact that Mr. Spickler had considerable money in the house, which he contemplated using this season in building a barn. The thief was also disguised, having his face painted black. A reward of \$175.00 is offered for his apprehension and conviction.

Several loose characters were arrested in the neighborhood on Tuesday, and brought before Squire Shaffer, of this place, but for want of sufficient evidence to convict them, they were discharged.”

“Destructive Fire”

April 26, 1861

“On Friday morning of last week, between the hours of three and four o’clock, the citizens of our Borough were aroused from their slumbers by an alarm of fire and which proved to be the burning of the Globe Hotel on North Prussian Street occupied by Mr. David Wolfe. The engines of the Borough were promptly on the spot, and every exertion was made by the firemen and citizens of the town and neighborhood, but which proved too late to save the Hotel, and it was totally destroyed, together with the furniture, the inmates making a narrow escape from being also consumed by the devouring element. Some of the boarders made their exit by leaping from the windows. Mr. Wolfe had only taken possession of the Hotel on the first of April, and the house had just been newly furnished. As there was no insurance on the contents, and Mr. W. being a man of limited means, the loss will fall heavily upon him. The origin of the fire is unknown. The house belonged to Mr. Henry Shearer, and was only partially insured.

Mr. Philip Arndt’s house, being in close proximity to the Globe Hotel, narrowly escaped destruction. While the fire was raging, a number of our citizens were engaged in removing the furniture, etc. from Mr. Arndt’s house, and thus saving its contents, in case it should fall a prey to the flames. But by the commendable exertions of the firemen and others, the building was saved, although it suffered serious injury from the water poured on it, and also from the intense heat to which it was exposed.”

The Globe Hotel was located at the current site of Mill 72 on North Main Street. The home of Henry Arndt was located immediately south of the Globe Hotel.

“Tractor Demonstration”—April 1, 1921

“A Samson Tractor demonstration will be held on the George Keener farm, about one-half mile east of Manheim, on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon, April 4th and April 5th, from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. Come and see what the Samson can do!”

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“A New Congregation Organized”

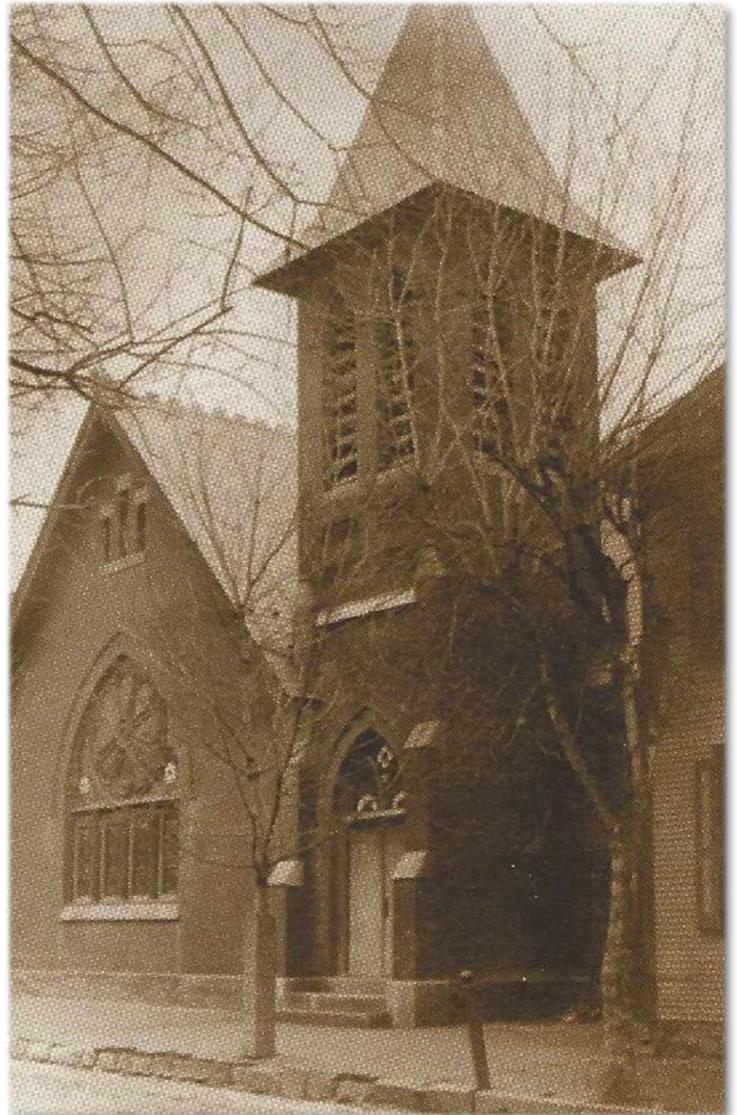
“Last Saturday afternoon about twenty-five members of the Zion Lutheran Church met in the M. E. Church, this Borough (Rev. W. H. Dubbs, President of the East Penn’s Synod, presiding), for the purpose of organizing another Lutheran congregation.

Forty-nine members of Zion Lutheran Church were dismissed, conditionally, by the Council, at their own request, which was signified by a petition which had been circulated and presented to Zion’s Council by Rev. Mr. Dunbar.

Evidently quite a number whose names were on the petition had not understood its meaning, as eleven of its members have already withdrawn their names, not wishing to leave the Mother Church, and thereby create a division.

The following were elected as officers: George Gromlich and Samuel D’Miller, elders; W. H. Zink, L. M. Perveil, Allen S. Will, and T. S. Burns, deacons.

The new Congregation will be known as Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church of Manheim, and will belong to the same Synod as Zion Church. The Council will be installed on Sunday evening by Rev. J. Peter, who has been empowered by Rev. Dunbar. It is understood that after the Council is installed they will organize and at once extend a call to Rev Peter to become their pastor.”



Grace Lutheran Church Dedicated in 1893.

The church was active until 1913.

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Above: Photo from one of the earliest postcards of the Manheim Railroad Station. Circa 1900

Photo to the right shows the signal tower erected in 1891, the signal can be operated from the station agents office in the Station. Photo from 2007 after a fresh coat of paint.

“The New Depot”—April 1, 1881

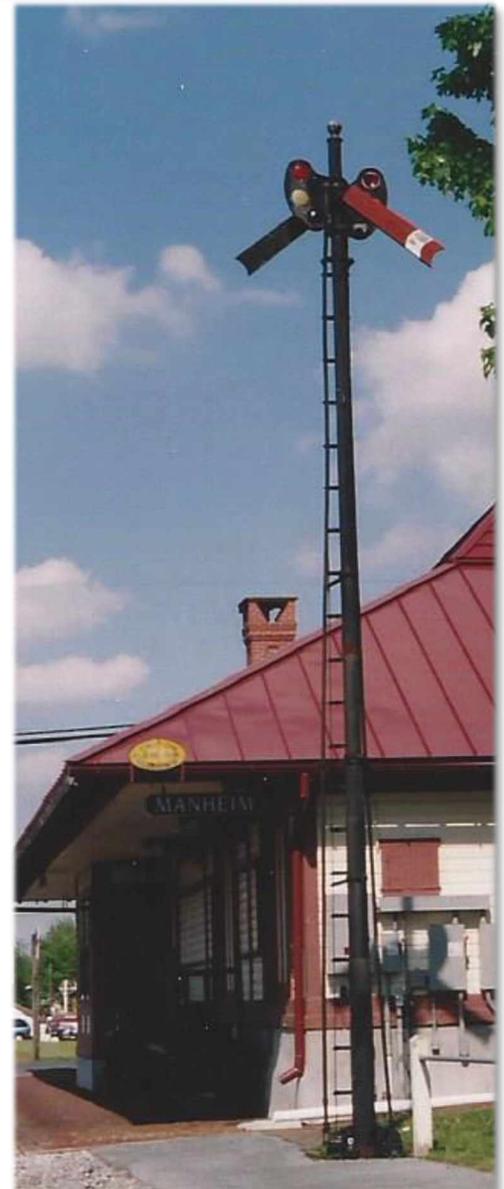
“The long-expected depot at this place, to which so many have looked with eager expectations, will no doubt be constructed at an early day, the boss carpenter of the road having been instructed to push ahead and the stone for the foundation arrived on Wednesday. The building will be a frame on (32 by 85 feet), and when completed will be an ornament to that part of the town. This will be good news for our citizens, as Manheim has been long deserving a better depot in the place of the poor excuse for the one now used.”

“A Shipping Point”—April 1, 1881

“This Borough is becoming a prominent shipping point for the Philadelphia stock market. On Friday last there were shipped from this place five car loads of stock, and there are two or three car loads shipped every week. There is also every other week a car load of horses shipped for the New York market.”

“A Signal Erected”—April 10, 1891

“The railroad carpenters are at work erecting a signal pole at this station. The signals by the use of levers on the pole a hundred feet distant can be easily manipulated in the office. This is a convenience that will be much appreciated by the station agents.”

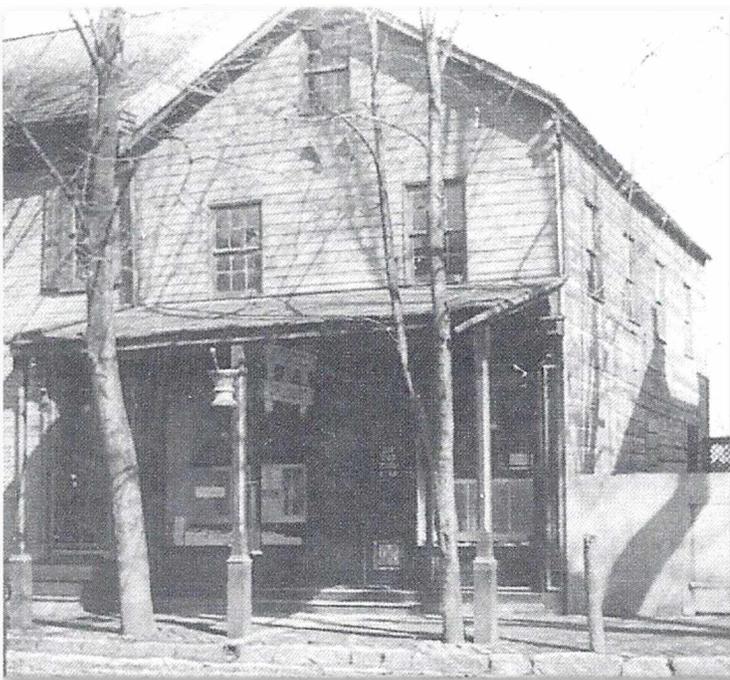




“Kopp’s Furniture”—March 6, 1891

“If in need of furniture go to H. Kopp’s, Market Square, where you will find a large assortment of all kinds of factory and home-made furniture, at very low prices. Come and see for yourself.”

“Just received at H. Kopp’s furniture warehouse, Market Square, a number of very fine new sideboards, sinks and chamber suits, at prices from \$16 to \$25 and up to \$75. Don’t miss seeing them, as the prices are lower than elsewhere.”

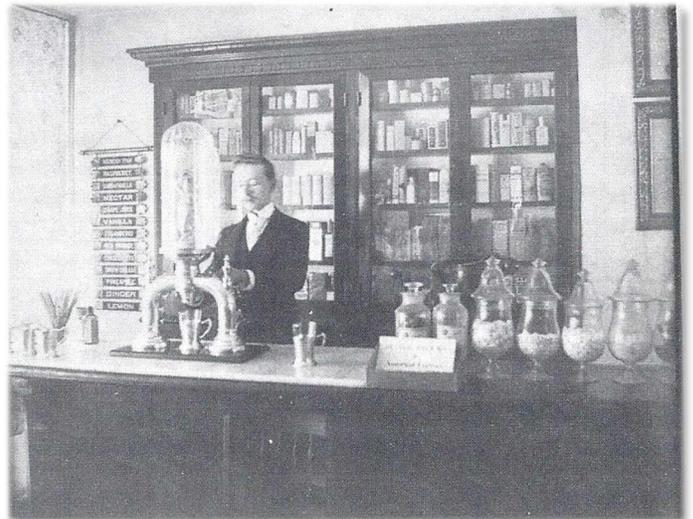


Above: Ruhl’s Drug Store, Circa 1910. The building was razed when Sloan’s Drug Store was built.

To the right: 1926 photo of Harry F. Ruhl. The first electric (ice-less) soda fountain in the Borough was placed in the front of the store room. The first neon sign in the Borough made its appearance in front of Ruhl’s Drug Store.

“Building Improvements”—March 20, 1891

“Mr. Samuel Ruhl is remodeling the building on South Prussian Street, until recently occupied by Josiah Landis, druggist. He will put in a glass front and will convert all of the first floor into one room. Its dimensions will be 9 feet high, 16 feet front and 30 feet deep. When completed it will be occupied by his son Harry F. Ruhl, who will open up in the drug business.”



“New Store”—April 5, 1861

“Mr. John Dutt, merchant of Mount Vernon, Penn Township, having disposed of his store house at that place, has removed his goods to the store house of Mr. J. Neavling, in this Borough, formerly occupied by George Arndt. This is the largest, most capacious and beautiful store house in town; and with the customers Mr. Dutt will, no doubt, be able to bring with him, we predict that he will have a heavy run of business.”

“Hotel Change”—April 5, 1861

“Mr. David Wolfe, lately employed at the Manheim Mills, has taken charge of the Globe Hotel, in this Borough. Mr. Hahn, the late landlord, having retired. Mr. Wolfe is a pleasant and agreeable young man, will make an excellent host, and is deserving of a very liberal patronage from the traveling public.”

“Sentinel Comment”—April 19, 1861

“Our Mosey says there is now a fine opening for the adherents of the *‘Stars and Stripes’* to show their patriotism. As there are many school teachers whose ‘occupation’s gone’ for a season, he thinks they might be employed in teaching ‘the young idea how to shoot’ in another direction, and to assist in annihilating secession in every form. If any of these aspirants for fame and glory are willing to fight for the old Union, he hopes they will ‘not stand upon the order of going, but go at once.’ Pedagogues, wake up, and show your courage! Your wives and sweethearts will grant you ‘leave of absence.’”

“Being Re-Built”—March 10, 1871

“The steam mill and stave factory belonging to Samuel D. Hoffer, of Penn Township, which was destroyed by fire on the 14th of January last, is now in rapid progress of construction. The building was raised on Thursday last, and is expected to be finished sometime in May.”

“Dastardly Outrage—March 4, 1881

“On Monday night last the Midway School house, in Rapho Township, about 1 1/2 miles west of this

place, (J. Frank Barr, of this Borough), teacher, was entered by some parties (supposed to be tramps who were lurking in the neighborhood) by the breaking of a shutter, and destroyed about five dollars worth of the teacher’s property, besides emptying a bottle of mucilage over a number of books belonging to the pupils, thereby ruining them. There is no clue to the guilty parties.”

“Mail Contract Awarded”**March 18, 1881**

“The contract for carrying the mail between here and Mt. Hope, via Penn and White Oak was awarded to Christian R. Ober, of Mt. Hope, to take effect on the first day of July next, mail to be carried six times a week, instead of three times a week as heretofore, for which he is to receive \$260.00 a year.”

“Large Sale of Lumber”—March 25, 1881

“Mr. Abram Kline, of this Borough, sold on Tuesday last twenty-four wagon loads of lumber (4, 5 and 6 horse teams), besides a number of 1 and 2 horse teams, and 16 of these teams were loaded and hauled away by 10 o’clock in the morning, This is, in all probability, the largest sale of lumber in the county in one day.”

“The Contract Awarded”—April 3, 1891

“James B. Busser, liveryman, has secured the contract for carrying the mails between the depot and post office, his being \$87.00 per annum. The other twelve bids ran from \$99.00 to \$300.00. Mr. Busser will attend to the mails in connection with the running of his transfer, and is in this way enable to do the work for less money than anyone could afford to do it. His contract dates from the first day of April, when he took charge of this work.”

“William Martin Gets One Day”**April 24, 1891**

“William Martin, Manheim’s Bad Boy, who has been in the county jail since March 10th awaiting trial at court on the charge of defrauding Mrs. Rebecca Delinger, of Lancaster, out of half a weeks boarding, pleaded guilty of the charge on Wednesday and was sentenced to one day’s imprisonment. Martin claimed that he had gone to Lancaster in quest of

work and engaged board with the prosecutrix at \$3.00 per week, and after working three days was able to earn only \$1.00., when he saw he could not make ends meet and left the place, using the money earned to pay his way home."

"Mastersonville Musings"—April 26, 1901

"There is still talk of the trolley line being extended from Manheim via this place and Mt. Gretna to Lebanon, and while the same would be a great convenience, a telephone line connecting this place with the outside would be more appreciated and needed at once. There is no reason why one of the systems operating in this or adjoining counties should not extend their lines to this place, while perhaps a dozen or more boxes could be placed right in the village besides the many along the line ready to take them, providing charges would be reasonable. Those who have the means should get together and give the matter a substantial push. It can be accomplished provided the right effort is made."

"Sporting Hill News"—March 3, 1911

The members of the Sporting Hill Rural Telephone Company, held their annual meeting on Tuesday evening at A. H. Erb's home, for the purpose of electing officers and transacting other business.

The officers are: A. H. Erb, President; Amos Shelley, Secretary; Amos E. Wenger, Treasurer and agent; L. F. Eby, Lineman,"

"Penryn's Sidewalks"—March 17, 1911

"Our village has sidewalks that are kept very nicely by our citizens, who do it not only for themselves but for all who walk on same. These people keep these walks in repair, cindering them, etc. for which they receive no pay. They should however, be paid by those who ride on horse back upon them right in our village and tramp them down into such a condition that they are soon equal to the roads where no one can walk. It will be understood by those who ride on these walks that riding on the walks is an extra tax, not only a road tax will cover this, but a fine, if it is not stopped."

"Robbers Around"—March 11, 1921

"In all probability a faithful watch dog saved one or more automobiles for A. L. Behm, the local dealer, last Friday night. Between 12 and 1 o'clock, Mr. Behm was awakened by an unusual barking of his dog. Mr. Behm made a hurried investigation and found three men prowling around the garage. He sent four shots in the direction of the would be intruders. They made quick getaway, going down Pitt Street in the direction of Ferdinand Street. It is reported that several automobiles were parked about town that night."



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Susan Williams, President (717) 665-6582 or (717) 341-1176 Cell

3rd. Annual Apple Dumpling Sale

We had a very successful apple dumpling sale. Best ever! We sold 875 dumplings and we thank you for your support!

Thanks to the following for their help with the sale: Dave, Steph, Dylan and Katelyn Berkheiser, Wes and Audrey Geib, Jim and Susan Williams, Doug and Susan Shaw, Sharry Theal, Judy Long and her grandson Preston Mensch and co-chairs Linda Frey and Pat Houck.




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“STIEGEL! His career was a rocket so bright, it left the skies over Manheim historically illuminated forever!”

“A Guilty Conscience Makes A Hard Pillow”—April 12, 1901

“During the past week Ira A. Brosey, the grocer, and Mr. Jeremiah H. Obetz, formerly engaged in the confectionery and restaurant business, each received small sums of money from unknown sources. The former received forty cents and the latter seventy-five cents. Both sums were received through the post office, as drop letters, indicating that the persons sending the money were citizens of this Borough or vicinity. There was nothing accompanying the money in explanation of its purpose, or who sent it, and the inference that



it was sent by someone conscience stricken was speedily reached, and until otherwise informed by the anonymous sender it will be so considered.

Neither Mr. Brosey or Mr. Obetz have the least idea from whom the money might have come. The handwriting addressing the envelopes are identical and is believed to be the same. Both gentlemen believe that the party who sent the money at some time or other helping themselves to something in their stores on the sly, that they are possibly changing their mode of living, and by the sending of these sums of money expects to relieve their conscience of the burden of carrying the secret.”

Left: Mr. Jeremiah Obetz’s former Restaurant on Railroad Avenue.