

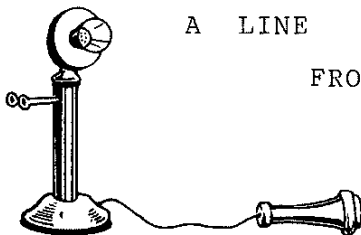


The Landmark Society News

Bradford, PA 16701

April 1988

New Series #15



A LINE
FROM THE
PRESIDENT

The great news at this time, besides the end of winter, is the programming being done by Tom Urban on his computer. Above and beyond the call of duty, he has put together a comprehensive program of Bob Blair's exhibitors. In addition, there will be a program for membership, patrons and volunteers. From this, mailing labels for the newsletter and much more can be obtained in short order. Many thanks, Tom, for all your efforts.

Two wooden receivers which belonged originally on the lease of the late Mr. Enos H. Sage, later purchased by Pennzoil, have been placed near the Olmstead Well on Seaward Avenue. Many thanks to Oscar Benton for obtaining these for us, and to Martha and Bob Sage for alerting us to their existence.

Crook Farm cleanup is scheduled for April 18. Volunteers are welcome to help.

Basic equipment and tools were purchased for the Blacksmith Shop. As soon as we can build a forge, we will be in business.

See you on April 29 at the annual meeting.

Harry Taylor

A Page of History
from Latham's
Bradford Directory

A. J. DOUGLAS & CO., FIRE INSURANCE

111-113 Main St. Bell 278

LATHAM'S BRADFORD (C) CITY DIRECTORY.

Elizabeth (wid C H) h 68 Forman
Leon J. res 68 Forman
Cleary Bridget (wid James) res 40 Cornen
James A (Adelaide) [U S Hotel] h 183 Pleasant
Michael J (Anna C) foreman 35 Webster, h Cornen
Cleveland Orta O (Mayme A) carp, h 32 E Main
Samuel (Eveline) carp, rms 100 Main
Clive Floyd W (Nina) helper 181 Main, h 56 East av
Lucy E (wid Hiram A) res 25 Pearl
Miko G. ret. h 25 East av
Willard P (Katherine) constable, h 12 E Main
William, lab, rms 34 Mechanic
(See also Klein)
Closser Clarence W (Bessie) tin smith, h 304 South av
Margaret, student res 304 South av
Saloma P (wid John) nurse, res 304 South av
Clossmon Patsy J (Mollie) str engr. h 120 Pearl
Clough George P (Nellie M) engrnr Eric, h 69 Davis
CLOVER LEAF DAIRY, E H Owen, mgr 29 Webster (see adv)

E. H. OWEN A. B. MILLER

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29 Webster St. Bradford, Pa.

OLYCLONE MFG CO, INC, A R Johnson, pres; Wm C Leary,
sec and treas; mfrs vacuum cleaners, etc 110 Elm (See
p 13)

Clyde T Grant (Bertha M) lab, h 68 Cottage Row
Coats Jennie (wid Charles) rms 66 Kennedy
Cochran Charles S. res 127 Kennedy
George, blksmith r 17 Chestnut, rms 113 Main
James E (Ellie) oil prod, h 137 Kennedy
James E Jr, res 127 Kennedy
Timothy, h 265 W Corydon
Cody A Murray (Emma G) com trav, h 65 Walker av
CODY ARTHUR B (NELLIE S) treas Tung Mfg Co, h 108
School
Ebenezer V (Jennie J) rms 78 Main, 20 E Corydon
Gertrude H, trained nurse, rms 113 Main
Hannah A (wid Charles G) h 18 E Corydon

If you contemplate Building or Buying
any kind of Building Materials See TUNA MFG. CO.
Office, 746 Mechanic Street. Mill, Charlotte Avenue and Erie R. R.

A. MILLER & SON LUMBER CO., WHITE PINE, YELLOW PINE, SPRUCE,
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CORNICE, SKYLIGHTS, TIN, COPPER AND SHEET IRON WORK W. H. GRIFFITH
219 MAIN STREET BOTH PHONES T. M. GRIFFITH & SON



YOU'RE INVITED!
Bradford Landmark Society
Annual Meeting
Valley Hunt Club, Lewis Run
April 29, 1988
Bar, 6 p.m. - Dinner, 7 p.m.
Menu: Baked fish, \$8
Stuffed chicken breast, \$9.50
Guest speaker: Robert Longnecker,
Otto-Eldred Junior-Senior High School
Topic: The Civil War

Please make reservations by calling the Bradford
Landmark Society, Monday-Wednesday-Friday, 1:30
to 4:30 p.m., or call Mrs. Marion Vernon, 368-6537.





THE BAKERY REPORT

The bakery has received a quantity of memorabilia of the Hatch family which had a variety store at 67 Main Street for many years. Kids always called it "Hatchets."

On April 12, Betty Robinson and Marion Vernon presented clothes and pictures to residents at Hannum Home.

On April 23, a fashion show, "Old & New," is scheduled for the YWCA.

Just a reminder - Landmark dues are due! \$5 and \$10 for contributing memberships and \$100 for life memberships. Sign-up today!

Our sympathy is extended to Jane Stack on the death of her husband, Frank.

We've been open only three afternoons a week from Feb. 15 to April 15, due to a shortage of help. Special thanks to Betty Robinson and Marion Vernon for manning the bakery - you're super!





NEWS FROM CROOK FARM

The farm activities started early this year. After two thinking sessions chaired by Marion Bromeley and assisted by June Gray, Margrieta Hewey, Martha Sage, Beulah and Bob Blair and President Doc, a gathering of 25 volunteers met at the School House on March 15. Marion and June discussed plans and the best ways to handle the hundreds of school children we expect during May and June. June Gray served a lunch using ingredients that were used in the late 19th century. Martha made a delicious cake. The food was "Oh so good." The volunteers requested a follow-up meeting. It will be held May 4 at the farmhouse at 10:30. June promises us a different soap. There were some who could not make the March meeting. Please come. We will have an on-the-spot training session. We hope there will be others among our members who will find the time to give help. You are needed. We have 18 days beginning May 12 and ending June 17. We will be seeing children from all of our schools, from Kane, Warren, Eldred, Olean, Hinsdale, Salamanca, Sugar Grove and Cattaraugus.

Volunteers are needed to help clean up the grounds and trails. If you like to be outside and will help let us know. Rosann will be arriving soon and activity at the Station will start. Join that fun group. The Craft Shop has become an important part of our activities and a source of considerable income. It needs your help.

The Kiwanis Club has contributed the cost of two outhouses to be placed in back of the school. The vocational students under the guidance of Sam Heyler will be moving them on location very soon. You will remember that Sam's group built the bridge, over the creek a few years ago. Our organization owes them a debt of gratitude as well as the Kiwanis Club for their generous gift.

Tools from the blacksmith shop formerly owned by the Bovaird Co. have been purchased. A bellows was donated by Larry Gildersleeve. Plans are being made to build a forge and complete the shop. It will be on display this summer.

Don't you think we need a hen house? Maybe a pig sty?

Recently retired Don Watkins is identifying and labeling the tools in Williams Carpenter Shop. Let's have more retirees find satisfaction in helping us preserve the past for the future.

See you at the farm.

---Beulah Blair

GENEALOGY REPORT

Mike Arthurs of New Stanton, Pa., needs title/author of a history of the Lindholm/McCandless Mills/Boyer area of McKean County. Former Bradford dentist Dr. Nash, owned a copy.

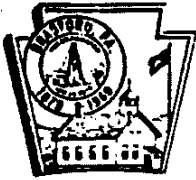
Nathan Harry Knapp, printer for the McKean Co. Democrat, married Frances Laley Mar. 17, 1890, Smethport. Grace Bowen of Watseka, Ill. would like to know where they resided after 1909.

John R. Houck's biog. sketch in Presidents, Soldiers, Statesmen states his grandfathers John Houck and William Fisher served in War of 1812 as did his uncle, John Bunch. Anyone know more about John Houck and John Bunch? Capt. William Fisher died in Bradford.

---Betty Robinson

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News

Bradford, PA 16701

August 19, 1988

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COUNTRY FAIR at the CROOK FARM

August 27-28, 1988

Yes, fair-goers, it is that time of year again.

We have stated this every year since the first Country Fair was held--this year's Fair will be bigger and better than ever before. Restatement does not make it less true. There has been an ever-growing number of exhibitors, and the range of craft items and foodstuffs for sale should amaze and delight all fair-goers. Here are the fundamental facts about this year's fair:

It will be held at the Crook Farm on Seaward Avenue extension. Ample parking space is provided in areas adjacent to the farm. The Crook Farm is a restoration project of the Bradford Landmark Society, and includes several buildings in addition to the original house on the property.

The Fair's hours for Saturday and Sunday, August 27-28 will be 11 a.m.-6 p.m. In addition, there will be a Country Breakfast served Sunday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Cost of the breakfast: \$4.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children.

Approximately 70 exhibitors of craft items will be housed in tents on the lawn, with plenty of food nearby. Landmark Society craft items will also be on sale in the farmhouse. There will be tours of the one-room schoolhouse on the property, and lots of other activities too numerous to mention (you will simply have to come and explore them for yourselves).

As if anything else was necessary to make for an exciting weekend, there is live entertainment running continuously. The schedule:

Saturday, August 27: 11-11:45 -- Jacks and Jills/Oil Valley Cloggers
12-12:45 -- Olean Theater Workshop
1-1:45 -- Colonial Cloggers
2:00-5:00 -- Cranberry Lake Jug Band

Sunday, August 28 10:30-noon -- Peter Street (Irish music)
12:15-1:15 -- Bradford Citizens Band
2:00-5:00 -- Brittany

The Cranberry Lake Jug Band is a group from Syracuse, New York, whose name derives from a lake in the Adirondacks. The group has been playing together since 1974 and has toured extensively. The band has appeared on the popular PBS radio program, "The Prairie Home Companion."

Sunday afternoon's band, Brittany, is a Buffalo, New York group that specializes in recent "Top 40" hit songs, as well as older standards.

The Fair's organizers have worked hard to provide variety. In crafts and entertainment, there is nothing else like it in this region.

At the Bakery

Jane Stack has been back to work for the last few weeks and has been busy with fashion shows at the YWCA and at the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford Elderhostel, where she also spoke on the early history of Bradford. Upcoming events include fashion shows at the Catholic Women's Club in September and a November show for the Zonta Club, where members of the Warren Zonta Club will be attending as guests.

Displays featuring the Northeastern Terra Cotta Company have been in the Bakery windows. The company was in Bradford in the early 1900s, and made many of the bricks used in downtown buildings erected in the early part of this century. Northeastern also made the heads of figures which are seen on the old city hall building.

In a brick-related matter, Mrs. Doris Mitchell of Royal Oak, Michigan wrote to inquire why decorative tiles were used on brick sidewalks in Bradford. Anyone with information can contact Jane at the bakery, as she is in touch with Mrs. Mitchell.

Several interesting photographs recently glimpsed at the Bakery: aviation photos, including pictures of the wreckage of the plane in which Bradford aviator Harri Emery was killed; a recent acquisition--a picture of the original Kendall Refinery. (Does anyone have information on the site of this refinery? Was it on the current site or elsewhere in the area? Stop in and check the picture in the Bakery if you are familiar with the structure.)

Betty Robinson (of the Ireland-visiting Robinsons) recently completed a genealogical study of the Unruh family for Mrs. Ruth Unruh Hammett. The family is best-known in Bradford for E. N. Unruh, a Bradford architect who designed a number of downtown buildings. He also designed a number of private homes around the city, including his own, which currently serves as the Rectory house of St. Francis Catholic Church on East Main Street. If you are a family member or interested in the Unruh family history, talk with Betty.

Bradford Newspapers

Jane Stack recently unearthed an informative little brochure, published in the 1930s, titled "The Story of Your Newspapers." The pamphlet was published by "The Bradford Newspapers," consisting of the morning Era, the evening Star-Record and the Sunday Herald, which were consolidated by the Bradford publisher, Robert P. Habgood, Sr. Besides including pictures of most of the 70 employees of the papers, the pamphlet includes a historical sketch by Mrs. W. C. Higgins ("The Woman in the Street"), "Newspapers Came Early to Bradford Scene." Excerpts follow:

"The history of Bradford newspapers goes back to 1858. The name of the little settlement, which is now the City of Bradford, was Littleton and four years after the change of name, Col. Sam C. Crane established the Bradford Miner, the first issue bearing the date March 12, 1858, and which he edited about a year. Col. J. K. Haffey followed Col. Crane and he in turn was followed by C. D. Webster. It was a lively little sheet dealing largely with wild animal exploits and social affairs.

"Next came the Bradford New Era, the first number with the date August 28, 1875 and Col. Haffey the editor. On October 29, 1877 the name became the Bradford Era and, later on, the Era merged with the Daily Blaze, a paper established in the fall of 1878 by David Armstrong. The Era name was retained and the Daily Blaze dropped. The Blaze had a spectacular career while



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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

You are hereby urged to become involved in the Bakery and/or the Crook Farm for the sake of preserving and perpetuating the heritage of the Herbig (Miles) families.

Now, more than ever we may need your help. The board of directors is considering purchasing a computer. In the event that we do get a computer, all of the inventory of the bakery and farm, plus membership, patron and any other lists which may come up will have to be catalogued. We will need help in compiling this data, so please volunteer for an hour or two or however much time you can spare to get this project moving. At the same time we are investigating grants to assist in the financial aspect of this.

The shell for the blacksmith shop was completed in late summer in time for the Fair. We hope to have it completed as a working shop in time for next spring's school student program.

Agatha, our resident sheep, is in winter quarters at Torrey's Farm, down the road toward Limestone. Stop in and give her a handful of oats. If you stop in before Christmas, she'll give you a "Baaaa" - but it's no humbug!

Finally, Mebane and I wish to express our sincere thanks for concern about my health during my recent hospitalization. Hopefully I'll be back at full steam when things break again in the spring.

Have a good holiday season.

Harry "Doc" Taylor

RUNNING HOT AND COLD WATER IN ALL ROOMS

St. James Hotel

Head of Main Street
AMERICAN AND EUROPEAN PLAN
BRADFORD, PA.

PAUL S. READ, Prop.
TED FOX, Mgr.

FREE TAXI
TO AND FROM ALL TRAINS

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BAKERY REPORT

Greetings!

Since our last newsletter visit with you, we have continued assisting area individuals with research and study projects, particularly one young man interested in the military memorabilia and the Bucktails.

We have been given tables (to come) for use with students and others who utilize the facility with research and other work.

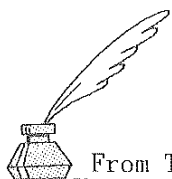
The Bakery now has books from Jack Place, including 25 directories!

Former Bradfordian Mike McKittrick left us books, a framed (large) county map, postcards, slides and other memorabilia - what treasures!

In addition, our friend Bob Doyle has been doing repairs and making storm windows at the site and D. Harvey Phillips has donated the Leasure Sweeper, made in Bradford in the early 1900s.

We've also talked Bradford history with the Downtown Bradford Revitalization Corp. and shared our loanable clothes collection with church and other groups.

Jane Stack,
Curator



From The Geneologist

Hewitt who resided on Boylston Street in Bradford. Hannah and her mother died in a fire there 1900 and David died 1924 while living with his daughter Helen/Mary Ellen, wife of mailman Henry Roach. Does anyone know who were the wives (probably named Mary) of sons William J., res. Bradford 1924, and Dr. John W., US Army, or what became of son George Hewitt?

Mrs. Frances Clark of San Diego is a descendant of David C. and Hannah (O'Keefe)

An El Cajon, Calif. correspondent comes of "Captain" William Fisher, b. 1782 N.H., died 13 April, 1859 in Bradford, leaving widow Betsey and 7 children who are documented in McKean Co. history and deeds. Does anyone know Betsey's maiden name and when/where she died? Was alive 1861 when transferred property by State Line.

Mrs. Southwick in Glide, Ore. seeks parentage of the wife and mother of Arthur Felix Southwick, b. April 1893 McKean Co. His father was Dr. Arthur H. Southwick who practiced E. Randolph, Corydon, Warren, Bradford and Syracuse. His mother was Carlotta Van Dusen Southwick who died of an aneurism of the brain Dec. 26, 1904 while rolling a game of ten pins at the Edgewood Club in Bradford. A brother, Frank Van Dusen of Colorado Springs, Colo., is mentioned in her obituary. Arthur Felix Southwick's wife was Maizie Means who died 1947 Erie, Pa. Dr. Southwick had sisters Mrs. Edward Jifkins res. 1900, Bradford;; Mrs. Geo. W. Mitchell; and Mrs. W. H. Morrison, both of Smethport; Mrs. Ada White of Kennedy, N.Y.; plus brothers Eugene P. and Enos H. Southwick with whom he owned E.P. Southwick and Co. Pharmacy in Bradford.

Has anyone seen John Greer who preferred fishing to working? He married Harriet Alwilda Haskins in 1896 and was father of Beatrice May Greer born 1897 in Smethport. Harriet's mother arrived from Buffalo to take her daughter and granddaughter home as John apparently wasn't providing much of a living fishing. John is said to have served in the Spanish-American War. Mr. Banks in Kenmore, n.Y., would appreciate any information.

Report by Betty Robinson

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A LOOK BACK
AT NEW YEARS
FESTIVITIES!

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1888

LEAP YEAR HOP

Youself and gentlemen are cordially invited to attend
AT ORPHEUS HALL, BRADFORD, PA.
Tuesday Evening, April 10th

MUSIC, PROF. BLACK'S ORCHESTRA.

COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS.
Mrs. W. F. Robinson, Mrs. Alexander, Mrs. Jas. Lindsey, Estelle Wightman,
Frankie Bailey, Maggie Fraser.

RECEPTION COMMITTEE
Lillian Comer, Ella Leasure, Laura Hutchinson, Emma Stone,
May Harrington, Annie Rudy, Lena Riley.

FLOOR COMMITTEE
Mrs. Chas. De Hart, Nettie Foster, Carrie Artley, Minnie Wightman,
Mrs. M. S. Myers, Laura Long.

On presenting this card, tickets may be procured of Misses Comer, Wightman, Foster and Stone.

TICKETS. - - - - \$1.50.

it lasted. It appeared one day printed in bright red ink as a symbol of hostility to the existing order of things.

"Then came the Evening Star in 1879, established by Eben Brewer. This paper passed through many hands until 1882 when the Star Publishing Company was incorporated. The Bradford Daily Record, sponsored by Senator Lewis Emery, jr., and established about 1890, was merged with the Star after the turn of the century and the Bradford evening paper still carries the two names.

"The Bradford Herald is also an old servitor of this locality. It was established August 4, 1878 by the labor interests and was purchased in 1898 by Mrs. Ada Cable, a woman of intrepid character and much ability, and through her heroic efforts the Herald became the Sunday newspaper. Many other papers came and went. The history of newspaper establishment, with a long list of prominent and able men who tried to keep them going, cannot be put down here as it would require much space, but in this interesting period when Bradford fairly bursted her bounds with her spare energy, newspaper offices were magnets for much talent."

While the publication does not answer that burning and familiar question about L. Frank Baum's presence in Bradford, it contains a lot of interesting photographs of newspaper printing in earlier times, before computerization, including a picture of the Duplex Tabular Press used for printing and folding the papers. If you worked for the Bradford Newspapers in the 1930s, come into the Bakery and see what you looked like 50 years ago.

"Do Your Buying in Bradford"

This was the theme of a classified directory published in 1931 by the Bradford Business Men's Association. (Copy at Landmark Society headquarters.) The directory includes a brief history of Bradford and a two-page center section with a map of the city and an explanation of the importance of "Boosting Your Town." It also includes a timetable of buses run by the Dodaro Motor Coach Line, which shows a daily round-trip to Buffalo, 12 round-trips a day to Lewis Run, 2 trips to Eldred, and 4 to Cyclone (on school days). In addition, city buses ran every half-hour from 6:15 a.m.-11:45 p.m.

Bradford was billed in the directory as "The Oil Metropolis of the World" and the oil industry had a full-page statement on the importance of buying locally-produced oil products to ensure Bradford prosperity. In part, the statement reads:

"It takes forty barrels of Bradford Crude, straight run, to make the 500-gallons of Gasoline which each car averages per year. It only takes one and one-fourth barrels to make the lubricants to run it.

"Increased consumption is the best solution for over-production.

"When you don't buy Bradford Pennsylvania Gasoline, Kerosene, and Oil, the crude backs up into storage, the price declines, prosperity ceases and unemployment and its hardship on all is the inevitable result."

The McKean County Trust Co. added its definition of "Good Business" on the back cover of the directory: "Buy from local merchants; Boost Bradford; Live Within Your Income; Save Regularly; Deposit Your Money Here; And Above All--Keep Sweet!"

McKean County Historical Information

Another item of interest which has come to light at the Bakery is a 14-page pamphlet on "Historical Data, McKean County, 1804-1934," by C. W. Lillibridge, McKean County Schools. Based primarily on published histories like R. B. Stone's McKean: The Governor's County and others, the publication was intended to offer information about the area to teachers in the county school systems. It consists of historical

and demographic information about the county, its towns and villages, boroughs, streams, highways, railroads, industries, forests, and schools. Information is categorized in a number of useful sub-sections, some of which may be excerpted in later newsletters.

Of Interest to Quilters

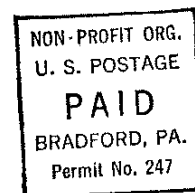
We have received notice of the upcoming "Patchwork Parade and Biennial Quilt Show" sponsored by the Allegheny Mountain Quilters' Guild. A quilt display and sale will be held at the Fire Hall on Maple and Pearl Sts. in Port Allegany on Saturday and Sunday, October 8-9. Further information may be obtained from Georgie's Fabric Center (814-642-9331) or by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to:

Virginia Cherrington
313 Chestnut St.
Port Allegany, PA 16743

Final Note

HAVE A GOOD TIME AT THE CROOK FARM COUNTRY FAIR
AND ABOVE ALL -- KEEP SWEET!

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