



The Landmark Society

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Bradford, PA 16701

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

Friday May 1, 1992

Carlton's Restaurant - Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge
100 Davis Street, Bradford, PA

Cash Bar: 6:00 PM
Dinner: 7:00 PM

RICHARD MUTZABAUGH, ESQ.

Will speak on: "Ancient Times In Modern Crimes" - Early murder cases in McKean County from the Memoirs of R. T. Mutzabaugh

Choice of: Baked Haddock \$13.00 per person
or: Roast Beef au jus

Reservations may be made at the "Bakery", 45 East Corydon St., phone 814-362-3906
The "Bakery" is open Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 1:30 PM to 4:30 PM

Please make reservations by Wednesday, April 29, 1992

There will be a brief business meeting including election of officers

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NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

May 4th will kick off the summer season at the Crook Farm with the first of the school programs. Gerry Zetler, Jean McClure, Connie Eymer and substitute Mary Keller will (wo)man the school house this year. As usual they have a full schedule.

June Gray and Marian Bromeley have been compiling an inventory of Crook Farm artifacts, ready for tagging as soon as warmer weather arrives. Anyone interested in assisting in this project will be welcome.

A superficial exam of the farm reveals the buildings to have weathered the winter in good shape.

I have decided not to seek re-election this year so this will be my final update.

See you at the annual meeting May first.

Harry Taylor

Keep in mind: The annual Country Fair will be held at the Crook Farm August 29 and 30
11:00 AM to 5:00 PM Saturday - 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM Sunday

'ROUND THE BAKERY

MAIN STREET FIRE

In 1898 the wooden building on the northwest corner of Main at Kennedy was already a prominent location occupied by 9 tenants: Wells-Fargo Express, F. J. Ward, Frank Robbins, John A. Corbin, Dr. Emily A. Corbin, Dr. A. Grace White, Albert DeGulier owner of the building and one time mayor, George L. Graham and Fred J. Johnston. Until the night of the big fire February 11, 1992 it was the oldest commercial building still standing in down town Bradford; now that distinction belongs to the Landmark headquarters, the former Herbig Bakery, at 45 East Corydon Street.

Between the DeGulier building and the Masonic building there were three other buildings, all classified as hotels and also all wood: the Weaver Hotel, the American Express Hotel and the Edgett. The Edgett was replaced by a brick building recently known as the Rosen building but the others were maintained in wood. Now there are no more wooden buildings on Main Street.

Jane Stack

"PAGE ONE" - SIXTY YEARS AGO

A friend reports: "The other day the door bell rang; I answered it. Guess what? It was a vacuum cleaner salesman!"

If that doesn't remind you of the 1930's we don't know what would, unless, of course, you are too young. How different was it sixty years ago? In 1932 the masthead of the Bradford Era showed that you could have the newspaper carrier delivered to your home for 12¢ a week. The news was compiled by C. G. Milligan, Mgr.; David B. Rupley, Editor; John W. Nelson, Sports; Mary Yvo Flanigan, Society. Wire service was by the Associated Press. Circulation was about 5800.

Since we have access to the files for 1932 the temptation is to attempt to scan the news for the year, not day by day, but by items that seem to jump out at you. This is specious at best and certainly open to criticism but we will try to do it:

January 1, 1932

Jimmie Lunceford and his band is appearing at the Seneca Dance Pavilion (Seneca Junction) Dancing 9 to 12 - No intermission - Ladies 10¢, Gentlemen 75¢

"Optimism Is Keynote For Year Of 1932" - Two cabinet members tonight expressed confidence that 1932 would see the country well on the road to better times." (Secretary Lamont of the Commerce Department and Secretary Doak of the Labor Department)

"Governor Gifford Pinchot will appear before a Senate committee to ask for federal assistance for the jobless."

"A surplus of 10 million dollars in Pennsylvania revenues is expected at the end of the biennium." (July 31, 1932)

James Cagney is playing in "Blonde Crazy" at the Grand Theatre

John D. Rockefeller, age 93, is playing golf at Ormond Beach, Florida

Dr. Barton, Dentist: "Plates That Fit - \$15"

January 2, 1932

South American banks default on \$815 million

Greta Garbo refuses to talk to the press in New York - dressed in disguise

Crude oil prices per barrel: Bradford grade.....\$ 1.60
 West Texas..... 0.25
 West Coast..... 0.70

January 4, 1932

Norma Shearer and Robert Montgomery star in "Private Lives" at Sheas

A one act comedy starring Mrs. Maude Digel, Helen Hastings and Mary Schilling is presented at the Current Events Club

January 5, 1932

Father Cox starts a march on Washington from Pittsburgh with 1000 cars

Almost 6000 (1052 families) fed at the Police station in last two weeks of December 1931.

Daily average production of Pennsylvania grade crude for October 1931 was 68,710 bbl., down to 62,733 bbl. for November 1931

Coach Fred Paige says the likely opening basketball team on January 8 1932 will be Herb Peterson, Captain; Chet Hagadorn, Tony Piper, Paul Shaw and Joe Rhone

January 6, 1932

Past season Pennsylvania deer kill: 100,000; Bear: 538

Grocery items at a local store: Eggs..... 1 doz. - 25¢
 Oranges..... 2 doz. - 25¢
 Bread..... 2 loaves - 9¢
 Boiling beef. per lb. - 8¢

January 7, 1932

Bradford and Allegany fields for December, 1931: 73 wells completed
 187 wells producing

Studebaker "Rockne Six" model "75" \$ 685

Widmann & Teah drug store: Banana split.....15¢
 Cigarettes... \$ 1.29 per carton

January 8, 1932

Dr. Evan O'Neil Kane, 70, operated on himself again (for inguinal hernia). Ten years ago he operated on himself for appendicitis.

January 12, 1932

Babe Ruth demands \$80,000 for the coming season

January 15, 1932

In some 50 cities Democrats hold a series of simultaneous dinners to raise \$1,500,000 for the presidential campaign. Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt is the speaker in New York city.

Postmaster Brown announces that President Herbert Hoover will stand for reelection.

January 20, 1932

Charles G. Dawes heads the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to provide 2 billion dollars of extended credit to U. S. business

Dresser Manufacturing Company will provide 550 couplings for a Bradford water pipeline

January 22, 1932

Hanley Brick Company gets an order for 2,500,000 face brick to be used for Radio City. This will require 48,000 man hours of labor. Five million more bricks will be needed eventually.

January 24, 1932

Three U. S. warships are speeding to El Salvador to protect foreign lives and property. Communists are rioting and spreading terror.

Average per capita wealth in 1930 is estimated at \$ 2,677 compared with \$ 2,977 in 1929. Nevada had highest per capita wealth at \$ 5,985; Pennsylvania had \$ 3,068.

Clarence Chamberlain attains a record height estimated at 23,000 feet with an oil motored airplane.

January 25, 1932

Soviet oil production in 1931 was 142,512,000 barrels, an increase of 21% over 1930.

For the four week period ending December 26, 1931 Bradford oil production was 27,936 barrels average per day.

February 1, 1932

Hoover orders Asiatic fleet to China to protect U. S. citizens against Japan.

February 3, 1932

Clark Gable and Wallace Beery star in "Hell Divers" at Sheas

February 4 to 13, 1932

The Winter Olympics take place at Lake Placid, NY

February 5, 1932

Men's work shoes \$ 1.63 at Lester Shoe Store

Irving Jaffee skates to 1st place for the United States at the Winter Olympics

February 8, 1932

Pennsylvania oil production for 1931: 11,815,000 bbls.

Total for U. S.: 850,275,000 bbls.

Bradford Electric Company says that: 1¢ will heat an iron for 20 minutes
run a vacuum cleaner for 1 hr. 25 min.
run a washing machine for 1 hr.

February 10, 1932

Ronald Coleman and Fay Wray star in the "Unholy Garden" at the Grand Theatre

February 11, 1932

The new West Branch Consolidated School and the new Custer City School are dedicated.

Brothers Hubert and Curtis Stevens win the two man bobsled race for the U. S. at the Winter Olympics for the 5th U. S. win

February 13, 1932

Senator Hiram Johnson (Calif. R.) declares: "...let us be for once in this administration American minded and look after Americans."

D. Harvey Phillips tells of his trip around the world on a freighter in 1925-26 before a Church of the Ascension audience.

February 15, 1932

Greta Garbo, Ramon Navarro and Lionel Barrymore star in "Mata Hari" at Sheas.

Durant City plant of American Plate Glass Corp. (near Kane) sold at auction for \$45,000. Idle since 1930. Bought in 1923 for \$4,000,000 by Durant Motors. At full capacity it produced 6 million square feet of plate glass annually, 3 percent of national output.

February 17, 1932

New I.O.O.F. building opened.

February 25, 1932

767 Bradford workers unemployed.

March 2, 1932

Charles Lindberg's son is kidnapped in a dark green sedan. Three states looking for kidnappers.

March 5, 1932

Marlene Dietrich and Clive Brook star in "Shanghai Express" at Sheas

March 7, 1932

The Harlequin Club presents "Dawn", a one act play, with Tom Johnson, Ethel Chamberlain, Richard Hermes, Harriet Evans; Joseph McAmbly and Herbert Brandon stage managers; Mary Schilling advisor.

March 8, 1932

3000 unemployed attempt demonstration at River Rouge plant of Ford. Four killed.

March 10, 1932

Carnegie Public Library circulation for February: 14,930

Bradford High School debaters Helen Nusbaum, Albert Carey, Harry Offenbach and Lillian Osborne debate Warren on the question, "Resolved that the several states should enact legislation for compulsory unemployment insurance."

March 21, 1932

The Star garage advertises a Packard coupe roadster for \$1795. Features 128 inch wheelbase, 110 H. P. straight 8 engine, silent synchro-mesh transmission, finger control free wheeling, shatter proof glass all around, six ply tires.

Gene Sarazen wins the \$10,000 Coral Gables Miami-Biltmore Open golf tournament.

March 24, 1932

Babe Ruth hits his first home run for 1932 against the St. Louis Cardinals

April 2, 1932

Dr. Evan O. Kane dies of pneumonia.

April 6 - 7, 1932

Ethel Barrymore appears in person at Sheas in "School For Scandal". Mary Yvo Flanigan tries to interview her in room 326 at the Emery but is rebuffed.

Tunagawant Club is entertained by Mrs. M. J. Ball.

April 16, 1932

Bradford School Tax is cut by 2 mills to 22. Total budget is \$357,676.

May 2, 1932

Betty Cooper has the lead in the Junior class play.

Genevieve Crooks as acting president presides over the last meeting of the Lorana PTA.

The new Ford V-8 "Victoria" makes its appearance in Bradford.

May 4, 1932

First class postal rates increased from 2¢ to 3¢

Early tally of Democratic primary balloting in California:

Franklin D. Roosevelt....	27,423
Alfred E. Smith.....	26,485
John N. Garner.....	25,575

May 5, 1932

Primary ballots in McKean County are tabulated:

Republicans:	Joseph I. France.....	1456
	Herbert C. Hoover.....	205

Democrats:	Alfred E. Smith.....	390
	Franklin D. Roosevelt..	345

Widmann & Teah Drug Store:	Big jumbo soda.....	10¢
	Fresh fruit sundae.....	10¢
	2 packs 15¢ cigarettes.....	25¢

May 14, 1932

Art Bussy, pilot and president of United Airlines advertises for passengers to fly from New York to London, a 24 hour trip. He says he has had several inquiries.

May 16, 1932

Round trip to Washington via Pennsylvania R.R. - \$7.00

May 17, 1932

The Senate rejects the proposed increase in income tax to the 1921 level.

Gloria Swanson is shown talking to Noel Coward in London after the birth of her baby at the home of her husband, Michael Farmer.

May 23, 1932

Downie Brothers 3 Ring Circus with 500 people plays at the Seward grounds.

Amelia Earhart flies to Harnworth Airdrome in London after flying to Ireland alone from New York. On her first flight she was accompanied by a navigator.

Giant German DO-X Dornier seaplane finishes Atlantic flight to Virgo, Spain and will continue to Lake Constance, Switzerland. Has 12 motors and flew at height of 600 ft. above the ocean.

Clarendon Streeter delivers paper prepared by Ralph T. Zook at Penn State conference on petroleum and natural gas

AAUW reelects Ruth Dennis president of local branch.

May 27, 1932

Eight places in Bradford are raided by dry agents; the places are named.

June 6, 1932

Evaline J. Stewart marries John W. Nelson, Sports Editor of the Era.

The Ted Weems orchestra plays at a Kiwanis dance in Olean.

June 7, 1932

A \$1,118,500,000 tax increase is signed by Hoover.

June 30, 1932

The Democratic convention adopts a plank for repeal of prohibition.

Geo Kish

Membership

Once again it is time for the Bradford Landmark Society dues to be paid. If the address label on this issue of the Landmark Newsletter has a red line on it your dues have not been paid according to our records. Please mail your payment to Bradford Landmark Society, 45 East Corydon St., Bradford, PA 16701, or you may pay at the dinner. If you would like a membership card please enclose a stamped envelope.

Regular.....\$5 per year
Contributing.....\$10 per year
Life.....\$100

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