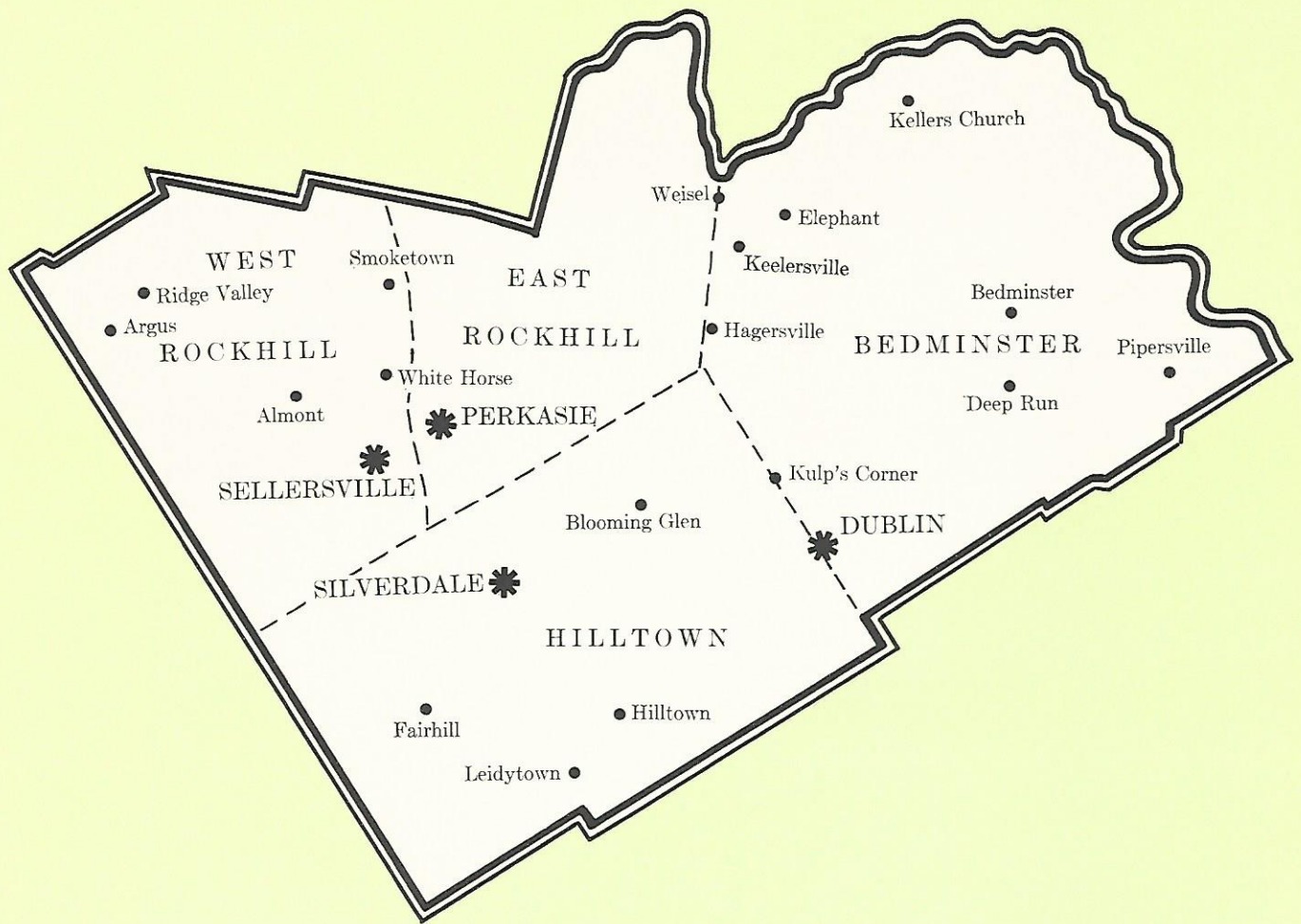




# ENNBRIDGE



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*Front Cover:*  
Mood's Bridge, East Rockhill Township.  
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*Back Cover:*  
St. Stephen's United Church of Christ, Perkasia, built in  
1902-1903 with granite stone from the adjacent Rockhills.



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# ENNBRIDGE

## *Four Townships*

BEDMINSTER

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*A land  
Of rugged  
Wholesomeness*



# Pennridge — A Cultural Treasure

Being rural and rustic, pastoral and progressive, any mode of living is possible in Pennridge. Urban, suburban and village life on one hand to quiet country living as pastoral as the English, German or French countryside on the other, does not rule out even the wildly romantic natural American frontier possibilities in the wooded, watered, rock-studded hills.

An early Pennsylvanian wrote, "In Pennsylvania we have many religious opinions, but only one religion, the Pennsylvania religion of 'go a little, give a little, live and let live.'"

The richly varied religious life of Pennridge, abundantly reflects this theme of tolerance.

From the Colonial period to the present, distinguished congregations of all faiths have adorned Pennridge and sons have gone out to influence the spiritual life of the nation and the world.

From the big red barns of Pennridge farms to the family-owned dwellings of the four boroughs, the heritage of the past, the pride in the present and the faith in the future makes Pennridge an inspiration in living.

Culture is an every-day ingredient of life in Pennridge.

Living in a region steeped in history, there is a rich cultural heritage. From the Indians through later settlers, all have left their indelible mark. Original settlers were German, Dutch, Welsh, Scotch-Irish and Alsations. Soon others from other parts of Europe followed. Cultural traits and contributions from all have been assimilated. The cultural opportunities are bountiful.

Pennridge is the point where city and country meets. This is the rich Pennsylvania farm country, famed for its heritage and frugal, hard-working citizens.

In that Eastern Megalopolis, that super city stretching from metropolitan Boston to Washington, D.C. Pennridge lies virtually in the geographic center of that supercity. Narrowing the scope to Philadelphia and New York City, Pennridge is located directly—with a rural existence—between these metropolitan giants, and close to Trenton, N.J., Easton, Allentown and Bethlehem, in Pennsylvania.

Because of the character, location, and advantages, Pennridge holds to the past, moves in the present and prepares for the future.

The stone country houses of Pennridge fashioned of red, brown, yellow, gray, and blue stones, are set against the rolling countryside like friendly fortresses. The interiors are softly lit by deep set windows, bringing out the glow of old pine floors, paneling and furniture, often enlivened with colorful Pennsylvania Dutch decorative motifs. Ceilings, low and often beamed, lend an informal but substantial quality that is characteristic of the area which is one of the cultural treasures of America.

*The "walk-in" fireplace, a characteristic feature of most Bucks County homes built between 1750 and 1850, remains the focal point in the kitchen of a farm home on the Ridge Road east of Perkasio. The wide opening of the fireplace is supported by a massive lintel of oak.*



*A varied collection of early arts and crafts, mounted on the wall of the dining area in a 200-year old stone residence at the edge of Nockamixon State Park, reflects the artistic richness of the area. A buggy seat (left front) faces the massive stone fireplace.*



*A handsomely decorated cass in the entrance foyer of one of Pennridge's fine country homes, is flanked by balloon chairs and topped by whimsical iron birds and fruit.*



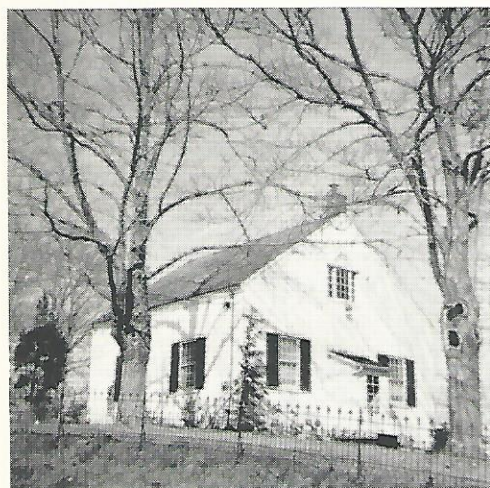
*The colonial molding of a living room in an old stone home in the Pennridge area, frames a view through the dining room, kitchen and summer kitchen and through the fields to the ridges of the Rock Hills.*







*Jerusalem, Almont*



*Irish Meeting House*



*First Deep Run Mennonite Church*

*Second Deep Run Mennonite Church*



# Pennridge Place Names

*From Bucks County Historical Society*

## ALBRIGHT'S CORNER

A hamlet of homes on the Old Bethlehem Road in Hilltown Township, at the summit of the high ridge that crosses the township. The place was named for Daniel Albright. The original family name was Albrecht, from Germany. On present maps Albright's Corner is Loux's Corner.

## ALMONT

Village in southwestern West Rockhill Township on the Ridge Road—Route 563, about a mile west of Sellersville. Its early name was Schlichter, from a family of that name. The old graveyard, in use as early as 1750, is a landmark of the neighborhood. Pennsylvania Germans were the early settlers with Nase, Zellner, Getman among the names.

## ARGUS

A hamlet in West Rockhill Township, near Ridge Valley, three miles west of Sellersville.

## BEDMINSTER

A village near the center of Bedminster Township on Route 113. It was known in the past as Bedminsterville. The center of life in Bedminster, always the focal point for the surrounding farms, has been the village store now operated by the Wasser family.

## BEDMINSTER CENTRE

A small village in Bedminster Township on the road from Bedminster to the Deep Run Presbyterian Church.

## BEDMINSTER TOWNSHIP

The most eastern part of the Pennridge area, it is separated from Haycock on the northwest and from Tinicum on the northeast by Tohickon Creek, bounded on the southeast by Plumstead and on the southwest by Hilltown and East Rockhill Townships. The name is taken from an English town. First settlers were from northern Ireland. They established the Deep Run Presbyterian Church—Irish Meeting House—in 1725. The Irish moved to the Carolinas and the Mennonites followed into Bedminster. In 1746 the Mennonites built their first church there and the names of Swartz, Gross, Wismer, Overholt and Landis became permanent. A division in the church in 1849 resulted in the organization of another Mennonite congregation in the township.

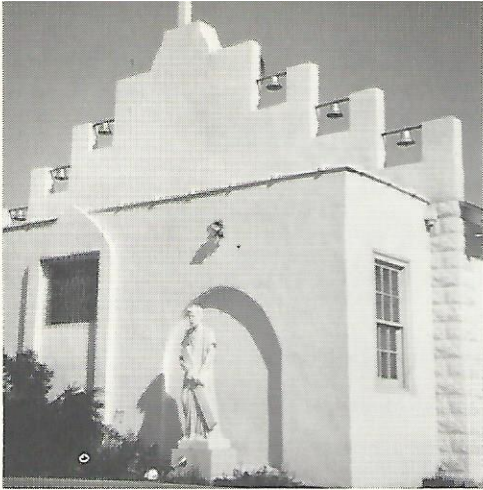
## BLOOMING GLEN

A village in the northeastern part of Hilltown Township, on Route 113. It was once called Perkasio. Around 1875 the present name of Blooming Glen originated. A church center with two village stores, both now closed, the village has had a bright sports past with closely-knit teams winning titles against bigger communities. Arc-light softball is a present followup to a brilliant sports past.

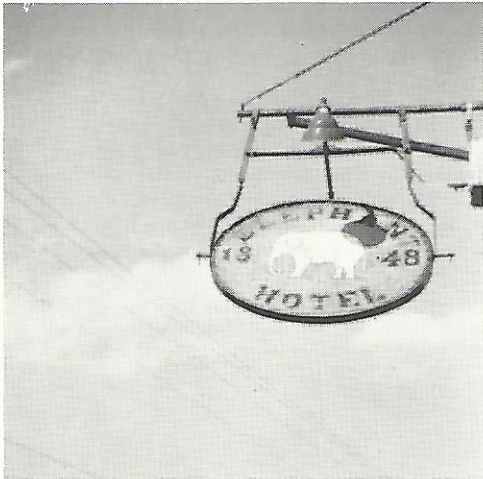
## DEEP RUN

A creek that rises in Hilltown Township near Greers Corner, it flows northeasterly across the entire southeastern part of Bedminster Township and empties into the Tohickon Creek, a mile from Pipersville. Deep Run was the name given to the territory prior to the adoption of the name Bedminster. It also is the name given the school system that comprised Bedminster, East Rockhill and Hilltown Townships before the complete school jointure with Pennridge this year.





*St. Patrick's Mission, Dublin*

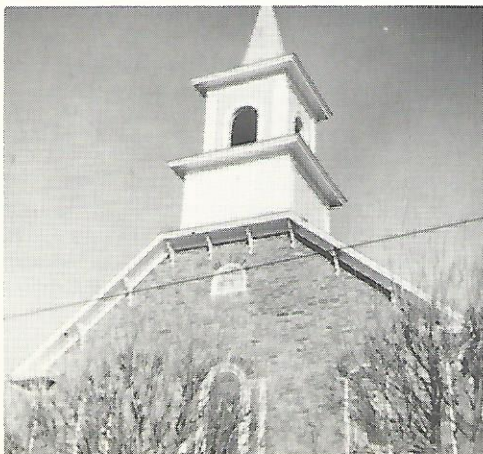


*The sign at the Elephant*



*Symmetry of area winter*

*Tohickon Church, Bedminster*



## DUBLIN

A borough on Route 313, it is on the township line between Hilltown and Bedminster Townships. Dublin was incorporated in 1912 from parts of each township. Irish were the early settlers with Germans following. Located on a much-traveled highway, a log tavern was erected at an early date. There is a tradition that the second of several taverns built on the site of the first log tavern was a double log cabin, perhaps in addition to the first, with a chimney built between them. Local historians allege that from this double tavern, the village received the name of Double Inn and that this name was naturally corrupted into Dublin. By its location Dublin has always been a busy business center and is today. In past baseball annals, Dublin has had its share of glory. The first night softball lights in the Pennridge area were in Dublin and the Deep Run Little League Field is located there now.

## ELEPHANT (THE)

A hamlet and old hotel in northwestern Bedminster Township on Route 563. The name is from the hotel sign.

## FAIRHILL

A village in central southwestern Hilltown Township on a prominent ridge about three miles southeast of Sellersville. The village was originally called Schnabletown, named for the Schnable family. The present name is generally credited to the remarkable long-range views to be obtained from a point at the east end of the village. Under very favorable weather conditions, parts of seven counties can be seen—and with good field glasses the Delaware Water Gap can be sighted.

## FRICKS

A village in southwestern Hilltown Township between Line Lexington and Leidytown. The village was named for the first postmaster.

## HAGERSVILLE

A village on the township line between East Rockhill and Bedminster, just east of Route 313. Hagersville was named for Colonel George Hager, a prominent Upper Bucks politician, and one of its most active citizens was Samuel Hager, founder of Perkasio Borough. In early times it was a coach center with blacksmith and wheelwright shops.

## HILLTOWN

A village in central southeastern Hilltown Township on the old Hilltown and Line Lexington Turnpike. It was a former stage coach center. In the early 1900's it was a harness track racing center with a half-mile track. Today the Hilltown Civic Association field is the center for horse shows, baseball, dog shows and township recreational functions. The Catholic Church of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart was founded here in 1919.

## HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP

The most southern part of the Pennridge area, it is bounded on the northwest by West and East Rockhill, northeast by Bedminster, southeast by New Britain and southwest by Hatfield and Franconia Townships. Although it is uncertain, the probable date of the township's organization was 1722. Part of it was originally within the Manor of Perkasio. Hilltown Township lies on a broad ridge with an elevation of 500 to 600 feet, affording magnificent panoramic views of the lower county and the Rockhills to the north. Hilltown was first settled by Welsh immigrants with the Germans coming later.

## INGRAM HILL

This is the name given a steep hill on the Naceville-Telford road, dividing line between Bucks and Montgomery Counties in West Rockhill. A Virginian built a mansion on the charming site after the Civil War. His name was William Ingram and the incline kept his family name.

## KEELERSVILLE

A village in the extreme northwest corner of Bedminster Township on the Old Bethlehem Road, forming the township line between Bedminster and East Rockhill, one half mile from Route 563. Tohickon Union Church was built here in 1745. It may be safely assumed that the village was named for some member of the Keeler family, although it does not appear that this family was numerous at any time in Bedminster.



## KELLERS CHURCH

A village in northeastern Bedminster Township on the Ridge Road—Route 563—it is one of the oldest communities north of Doylestown, the Bucks County seat. St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Church, located there, is the second oldest Lutheran Church in the country, being founded in 1744 by Henrich Keller. Rev. Henry Melchoir Muhlenberg, patriarch of the Lutheran Church in America, exercised some supervision over this congregation. The Reformed congregation joined the Lutherans in 1841.

## KULPS CORNER

A hamlet in southwestern Bedminster Township, a short distance northwest of Dublin. The name is from the well-known Bedminster family of Kulp, spelled Kulp, Kolb, Culp, that settled here during the Revolution.

## LEIDYTOWN

A village in Hilltown Township on the old Line Lexington and Hilltown Turnpike between Fricks and Hilltown Village. The village is named for the Leidy family.

## LINE LEXINGTON

A village in two counties and three townships at the intersection of Route 309, County Line Road and the old Line Lexington and Hilltown Turnpike. The boundary lines of Hilltown and New Britain Townships, Bucks County, and Hatfield Township, Montgomery County, converge here. The township line is reputed to run through the village tavern. The landlord sleeps in New Britain, votes in Hilltown and while standing behind the bar in Hilltown serves drinks to the thirsty standing in New Britain.

## NACEVILLE

A small village in West Rockhill Township on the Bucks-Montgomery County line at the intersection of Route 563 and the County Line Road. It was named for the Nace family, once numerous there.

## PERKASIE

A borough organized in 1876 from southeastern East Rockhill Township. The name comes from the Manor of Perkasio, a proprietary tract of 11,462 acres. Perkasio lies wholly within the bounds of this old manor. While the name has been spelled in various ways, it seems to be a corruption of the Lenape Indian word *Poekskos-sing*, meaning "where hickory nuts were cracked." Its municipal growth was instantaneous. The Reading Railroad, cigar-making, needle trades followed, and church growth kept pace with the expansion. A municipality always in step with the times, Perkasio outstripped most communities with an elaborate park and recreation program that augments all other phases of the borough's operation. Perkasio Park, an 18-acre resort under the supervision of the United Evangelical Church, adds to the extensive park program.

## PERKASIE MANOR

The Manor of Perkasio was one of William Penn's several manors in Bucks County and contained 11,462 acres. The original survey embraced parts of present Hilltown and East Rockhill Townships, extending to or perhaps beyond the Richland line. This was in 1708.

## REIFF'S CORNER

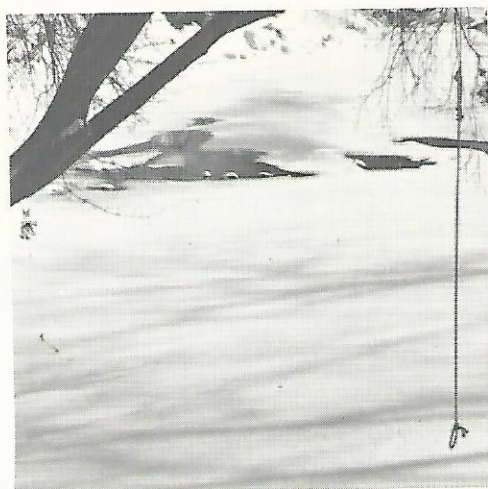
A village in northwestern Hilltown Township, a mile west of Fairhill. It occupies the slope of Dead Man's Hill, named for the steep incline and sharp curve. The location was named for the Reiff family, Swiss immigrants. Reiff's Corner is not found on maps today and only occasionally used by residents of the place but Dead Man's Curve is heard often.

## ROCK HILL

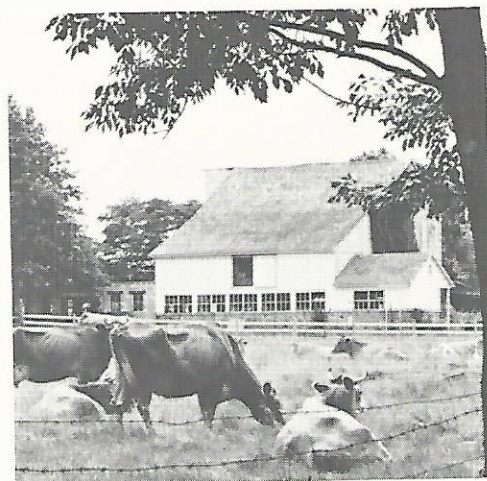
A mountainous ridge extending across the northwestern parts of East and West Rockhill Townships. It is located several miles north of Perkasio. The name Rock Hill is also applied specifically to the bold knob in northwestern East Rockhill with an elevation of 820 feet. From that point to the Bucks-Montgomery boundary line northwest of Ridge Valley there is a gradual descent in the ridge to 600 feet. It has an average breadth of a mile and a half. The origin of the name of the hill is obvious.



*Kellers Church, Bedminster*



*Ye ole swimmin' hole*

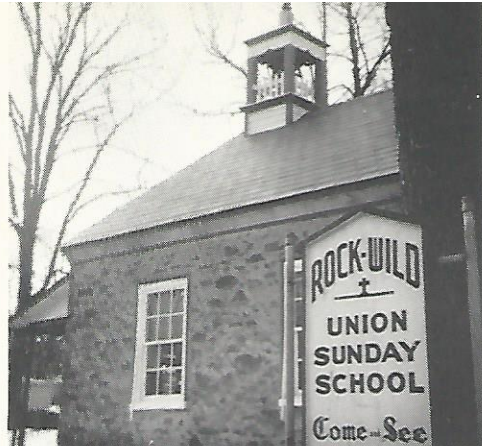


*A repeated township scene*

*Ridge Valley churches*



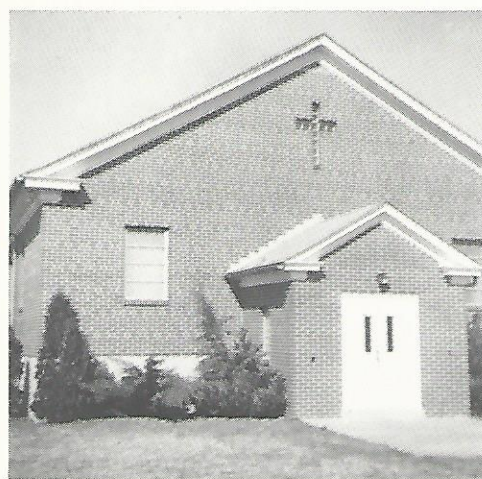




*A West Rockhill landmark*



*A Route 309 landmark*



*Brethern Church, Silverdale*

*The power of the past*



## RICH HILL

A village on the lines of three townships, East and West Rockhill and Richland, several miles north of Perkasio. For many years known as Bunker Hill, the present name developed from the Richland proximity.

## ROCKHILL TOWNSHIPS

This area—now East and West Rockhill Townships—is bounded by Milford and Richland Townships, northeast by Haycock and Bedminster Townships, southeast by Hilltown and southwest by the Bucks-Montgomery line, bordering on Franconia and Upper Salford Townships, Montgomery County.

The township was established in 1740 by order of the court. Before the boroughs of Sellersville, Perkasio and Telford were detached, Rockhill, with its 19,168 square acres, was the largest township in Bucks County. On May 24, 1890 Rockhill was divided into East and West Rockhill Townships. The line dividing the townships begins on the Old Bethlehem Road at Rich Hill, following the road southward to the Sellersville Borough line and ends on the Hilltown Township line, cutting the old township into two divisions of equal area.

## ROCKY RIDGE

A village located along the Old Bethlehem Road between Sellersville and Rich Hill, on the line between the East and West Rockhill Townships. It is in the heart of the 'Rocks', thus its name. It was first called Smoketown and is still called this on occasion.

## SELLERSVILLE

A borough organized from southeastern West Rockhill Township, it was incorporated in 1874. Sellersville is a very old settlement and among the earliest settlers were Harr, Wambold, Dotterer and the Derstine families. Samuel Sellers, a Hilltown Township native, founded the borough. He was an astute businessman and politician. He established Sellers Tavern, served as Bucks County Sheriff and was elected to the Pennsylvania legislature. His remains are buried at Indian Creek Church. The first stage line through the town was established in 1742. Today the borough is on the main line between the Lehigh Valley and Philadelphia. In tune with the times, government and industry serve the people and the world. A panoramic park and playground program makes Sellersville a beautiful residential community.

## SILVERDALE

A borough organized in 1896 from a part of Northwestern Hilltown Township, it lies on Route 113, the old Souderton and Dublin Turnpike. Its first name was Portland and the first post office was established under the name of Lawndale. The name Silverdale was adopted when it was incorporated. Completely surrounded by Hilltown Township, the community life revolves around an active fire company with a playground association launching into recreational planning.

## THOMAS CORNER

A hamlet in northwestern Hilltown Township, a mile east of Fair Hill. The Thomas family was among the first settlers of the township.

## THREE MILE RUN

A small stream, as its name indicates, rising in West Rockhill Township and following in a northeasterly direction through East Rockhill Township, it empties into the Tobickon Creek at Weisel. In colonial times it supplied power for grist and saw mills. It has borne its name since early times and the area along and around it has become known as the Three Mile Run.

## UNIONVILLE

A village on Route 309, about a mile and a half northwest of Line Lexington, partly in Hilltown Township, Bucks, and partly in Hatfield Township, Montgomery County. Once known as Hockertown, the present name is without any special significance.

## WEISEL

A village in northeastern East Rockhill Township, near the township line between East Rockhill and Bedminster, on the Bethlehem Road. It was named Weisel for the Colonial family of George Michael Weisel who emigrated from Alsace and received a grant from Thomas and William Penn—a grant of 281 acres in Bedminster Township, bordering on East Rockhill. The Nockamunn State Park Regional Office is now located at Weisel. The park is scheduled to open in 1970. It is 5000 acres in area.



# Dublin and Silverdale Boroughs

## DUBLIN

Harold E. Bishop, *Mayor*  
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Edward G. Hendricks, *Treasurer*

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Daniel A. Stauffer  
Wayne M. Steinly

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Millard Tyson, *Secretary*  
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### Council

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*Dublin Borough—Looking North Along Route 313*



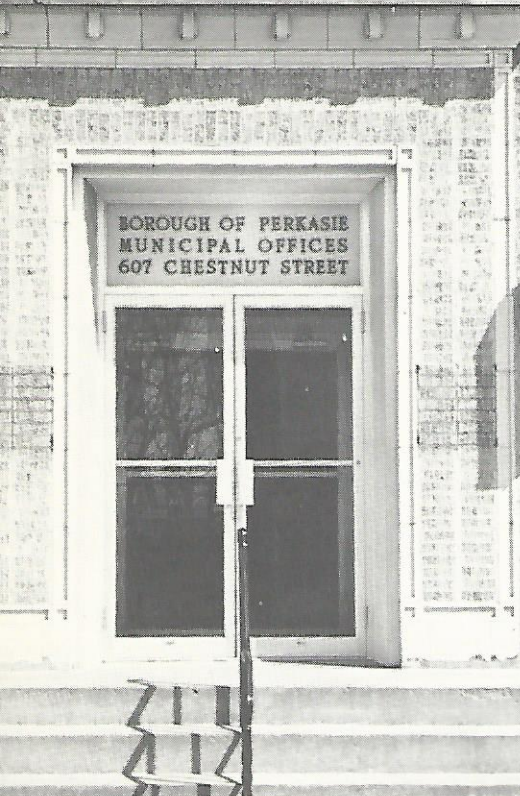
*Silverdale Borough Looking East Along Route 113*







*Lake Lenape Parkway*



## **BOROUGH OF PERKASIE**

*Incorporated 1879*

Home of more than 5000 persons  
and 32 industries

## **PERKASIE BOROUGH AUTHORITY**

Providing the Community with  
water and sewer service

*Sewage Treatment plant*







## Serving today – Building for tomorrow

Modern zoning, building, housing, fire  
prevention and subdivision codes

Police and Fire Departments equipped and trained  
for effective public protection

62 acres of land development for diversified  
recreational activities

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and industrial production

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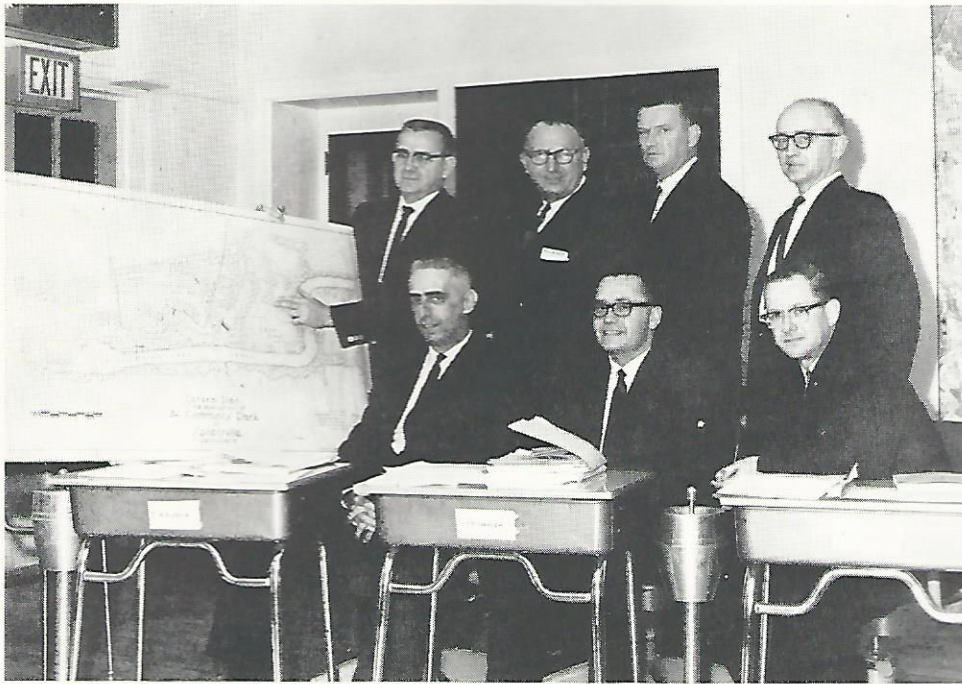
Equitable tax structure and competitive  
service rates



*Perkasie Electric Department sub-station*







*Council members view the general plan for the expanded Community Park. Seated from left are Robert S. Frick, Jr., James Y. Snyder, Richard E. Laverick. Standing, President Frank W. Wenger, Jr., Frank C. Bruzas, Jr., James Rowan, and Robert H. Gilkeson.*



*Mayor Joseph E. Hufnagle outlines the new Route 309 By-Pass to the Planning Commission, from left, Gilbert Scheetz, Dale E. Brown, Richard D. Coll, and Raymond R. Williams.*

# S E L L E R S V I L L E

**“Started Right  
Going Right”**

Sellersville is very fortunate in having the largest industries in Upper Bucks County. More than 2500 people earn their living here. The U. S. Gauge, Division of Ametek, Inc., is the largest pressure gauge manufacturer in the nation. Schulmerich Carillons are heard around the world. Jacques de Loux is one of the largest manufacturers of knitted sweaters and sportswear in the USA.

The borough was incorporated December 7, 1874. There are three voting districts in the borough with no wards.





A former elementary school building was modernized and converted into a most useful municipal building in 1965. It is located at 140 East Church Street. The phone number is 215-257-6309.

*Council meeting room*

The water supply and distribution system is municipally owned and operated. Originally built in 1895, the system was extensively improved in 1934 and again in 1965.

Distribution improvements will continue for the next several years. A new deep well was put in service last year with a delivery of 375 gallons-per-minute, giving the system ample supply.

Improvements of 1965 changed the system from gravity flow to pressure. It now exceeds both supply and pressure requirements of Middle Department Fire Underwriters.



*Water supply impounding basin in West Rockhill*

*an 18,000,000 gallon capacity.*

*Borough service office*



The borough provides an additional office for collection of real estate taxes and the police department is located directly below the service office and the council meeting room.



# BEDMINSTER TOWNSHIP RURAL, RUSTIC, READY



*Township Supervisors viewing a drawing of the new township building. From left Harold O. Bodder, Vice-Chairman, Joseph O. Kulp, Chairman, Russell Herstine, Secretary-Treasurer.*

As Upper Bucks County attracts more citizens seeking a beautiful rural life, and industry expands into a mature employer-employee atmosphere, Bedminster Township is prepared for its new citizens.

The Supervisors work closely with the Planning Commission in enforcing the zoning ordinance of the township that was designed and is administered for everyone's benefit, and according to the will of the residents.

Members of the Planning Commission are Arthur D. Fretz, chairman, Morgan Cowperthwaite, William Heefner, Secretary, Howard K. Myers, and Adolf Zoellin.

Bedminster Township has 31.7 square miles.

*Typical of the gorgeous Bedminster countryside is Stover's Dam, looking north from Route 563. This area is part of the Nockamixon State Park scheduled to be open to the public in 1970.*





# Hilltown Township Prepared For Progress

There is valid reason that Hilltown is the fastest growing township in Upper Bucks County.

With an efficient Board of Supervisors assisted by an intense Planning Commission and an active Industrial Development Commission, Hilltown is moving ahead rapidly, but orderly.

With many charming home sites available, good schools, cultural facilities and a planned industrial area to augment a planned residential acreage, Hilltown anticipates continued growth, under zoning.

The Planning Commission — comprised of Lloyd R. Yoder, Chairman, John M. Alderfer Jr., Carl F. Brenner, Harold M. Moyer and P. Edward Schenk — works closely with the supervisors and the Industrial Development Committee to guard the township's 27.18 square miles.

With two new plants already located in Hilltown, the Industrial Development Committee is expanding their efforts to inform industry of the opportunity for relocation and profit in the township.



*Township Supervisors: From left, Albert Agin, Secretary, Elmer S. Hockman, Chairman, Paul Frankenfield, Vice-Chairman.*

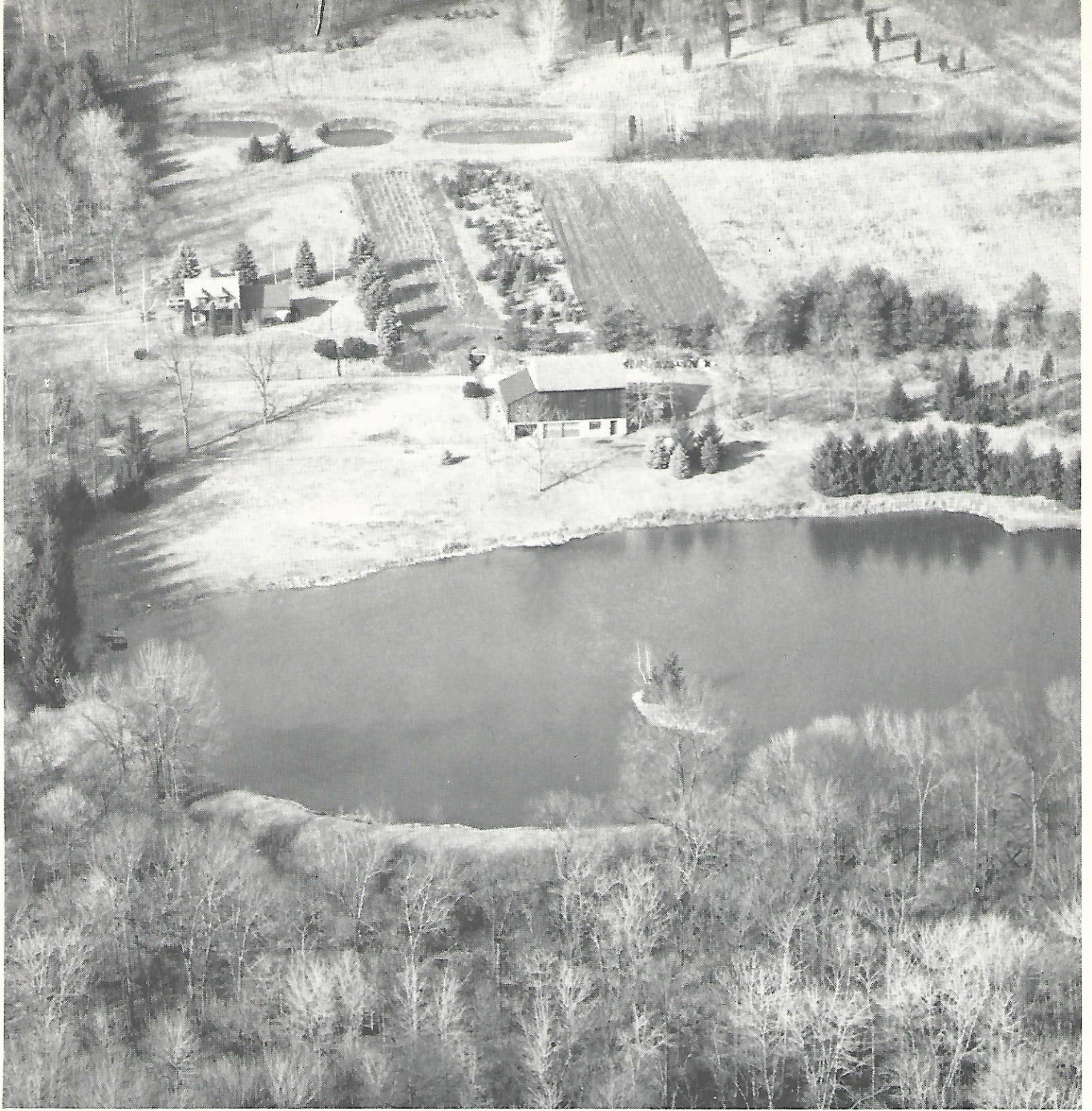


*Hilltown's Industrial Development Committee makes on-site plans at the township's 115-acre industrial park. From left are Edward Broderick, Roland M. Detweiler, David C. Gorman, Chairman, Charles K. Morgan and James H. Thomas.*

*Hilltown Township offices will open in the former Deep Run High School buildings in Blooming Glen. The former gymnasium will be used for recreation and meetings.*







**EAST ROCKHILL TOWNSHIP VERSATILITY**

**THE HAROLD KNIERIEM HOME EXPRESSES LOVE OF THE RUGGED OUTDOORS**

**THE EARL GEHMAN HOME & ELMER BRYAN FARM — WOODED & SPACIOUS**





# East Rockhill Township Provides Choice In Working, Living

With the Three Mile Run in the northern part of the East Rockhill Township and the Branch Creek in the south, it naturally follows that rolling hills, woodlands and rich fields are everywhere.

This is only a small part of living or working in the township. The tax climate is excellent. There is a mature attitude by employees toward employers. An efficient township government provides services but holds the costs at a minimum.

Discriminating home owners are selecting the seemingly endless beautiful home sites in the 13.17 square miles. Particular employers with national reputations have moved into the township.

East Rockhill assures a lifetime of rugged country living within minutes of large boroughs and shopping centers.



*Township Supervisors, from left, Albert W. Mohn, Secretary; Michael Myers, Chairman; John Shellenberger, Vice-Chairman.*



*Planning Commision, from left, Robert G. Ciccone, Willard H. Markey, Paul P. Weber, Chairman, Thomas Yetter, Secretary. Richard S. Cowan is the fifth member.*







*The farm is the West Rockhill home of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon F. Detweiler.*

## West Rockhill Township

From the rugged wooded hills to the rock-lined streams and fertile farms, West Rockhill Township is a panoramic wonderland of selected home sites over 16.5 square miles.

New industry is emblazoning the countryside to punctuate the long acceptance by new residents seeking secluded home locations.

Township supervisors are Ray W. Moss, Chairman, Robert R. Undercoffler, Vice-Chairman, and John H. Nelson, Secretary.





*Lake Lenape Parkway, Perkasia*



*The Reading gorges Pennridge*



*Red School. Hilltown  
Owned by Yale University*

*J. W. Detweiler farm home*



## PENNRIDGE PASTORALLY PERFECT

The Places and Names in the foregoing history are alive today. The one-room schoolhouse has been replaced by a pioneering prominence in public and private education. The land and resources of the Pennridge people have been vital to the economy since the birth of our nation.

Today the only thing that has changed is the greatness of that role.

One fifth of the nation's people live within 200 miles of Pennridge. Expand that radius another 100 miles and one has one-third of the nation's people.

The village store and homespun industry has grown to millions of dollars in annual business. The people, the land and the location stand out in the area's wealth.

An abundant labor force is composed mainly of reliable Pennsylvania Dutch craftsmen, frugal, clever and easily taught new techniques.

A super-highway network, rail service, and an air port in the district and within minutes of every home and plant, adds to the great future of Pennridge, placing this area within minutes of two of the finest airports in the world.

Pennsylvania Power and Light Co., one of the larger business-managed public utilities in the nation, supplies electric power to most of Pennridge while Philadelphia Electric Company serves Dublin and Bedminster Township. Perkasia Borough owns their own distribution system and purchases power wholesale from PP and L. Electric service is available at standard voltage ranging from 120 volts to 55,000 volts at 60 cycles in almost any quantity whenever it is needed.

Lehigh Valley Division of the United Gas Improvement Co. serves natural gas in Pennridge. The B.T.U. content: 1,040.

For water, Rockhills furnish an adequate supply to the valleys below. Perkasia and Sellersville Boroughs operate a municipal water system from Catch Basin areas, deep wells and reservoirs. Dublin Borough is building a municipal system.

Perkasia Water and Sewer Authority provides sewage for Perkasia and Sellersville. Dublin Borough and East Rockhill Township are planning sewage systems.

## TRANSPORTATION

U.S. Highway 309 on the west of the Pennridge area and U.S. Highway 611 on the east, and the Northeast Extension of the Pennsylvania Turnpike within minutes of Pennridge at the Quakertown and Lansdale Interchanges, places the area on routes to the nation's markets.

Philadelphia is only 30 miles away, New York 90 miles and distances to other points are Wilkes-Barre, Pa., 87, Allentown-Bethlehem 20, Boston, Mass. 329, Harrisburg, Pa. 91, Scranton, Pa. 98, Trenton, N. J. 34, Princeton, N. J. 38, Pittsburgh, Pa. 299

Excellent motor freight carrier facilities from completely staffed freight terminal facilities offer direct over-night service to within 400 miles of Pennridge.

The Reading Railroad serves the Pennridge area by rail and offers piggy-back service to anywhere in the country, and abroad.

A 400-foot macadamized runway in the Pennridge Industrial Park offers commuter and daily air-freight service to Philadelphia and New York, by-passing the congestion of suburban highways. Modern hangar facilities are provided for private planes and charter service is available. Commercial flights connect at Philadelphia and New York airports, the latter only 30 minutes away.

## POPULATION—23,885

Based on official U.S. Census figures, the population of the eight political subdivisions of the Pennridge area is Bedminster 2806; Dublin 579; East Rockhill 2361; Hilltown 6897; Perkasia 5050; Sellersville 2695; Silverdale 570; West Rockhill 2927.

## HOUSING

While the artisanship of early Pennridge families is reflected in the older homes that have been reconstructed throughout the Pennridge area and are highly esteemed for their attractiveness, a blend of modern construction adds a beautiful diversity.

An aggressive building trade and realtors makes the prompt location of incoming residents pleasant and convenient. Zoning ordinances operate for the preservation of residential values.

All boroughs of the Pennridge area have available building sites and the spacious townships offer plenty of room to spread out in woodland, on hills or in fertile fields.

Ninety percent of the homes in Pennridge are owner-occupied.



## PENNSYLVANIA NATIONAL GUARD

With 135 enlisted men and 4 officers under the command of Captain Raymond Roy Hager, Co. A-228th Supply and Transport Bn. based at the Pennsylvania National Guard Armory in Sellersville is operating at 100 percent of men and equipment. The unit is a part of the Selected Reserve Force set up recently by the Defense Department.

The function of the company is to provide the 28th Infantry Division with various classes of supplies such as food, clothing, petrol products, equipment and limited facilities for showers for the men in the field.

The National Guard was organized in Sellersville in 1948 with Hg. and Hg. Co. 32nd Quartermaster Group and the 721st Transportation Truck Co. under the command of Col. Louis G. Cressman. The vehicle storage building was completed in 1949 and the armory in 1955. The first units served in Germany and in Korea from 1950 to 1955. The Sellersville based units were redesignated in 1963.

A civilian group, 'The Thirty-Seconds', assists the military unit. This group is comprised of manufacturers, bankers, contractors, merchants and civic leaders, dedicated to provide social functions and community recognition for Guardsmen.

## BUCKS COUNTY EXTENSION SERVICE

In addition to providing an agricultural and home economics extension service to the adult residents of Pennridge, the Bucks County farm agent's office directs an active 4-H program—heart, head, health, hands.

William Lewis, Jr., Loux's Corner, Hilltown Township, has been an adult leader for thirty years, adding a strong influence in the 4-H swine projects. Associated with the Hilltown Club, which meets in Pearl Buck's remodeled barn-recreation center near Dublin, Lewis leads his young 4-Hers into other projects—sewing, homemaking, baby beef, corn, potatoes and crop contests.

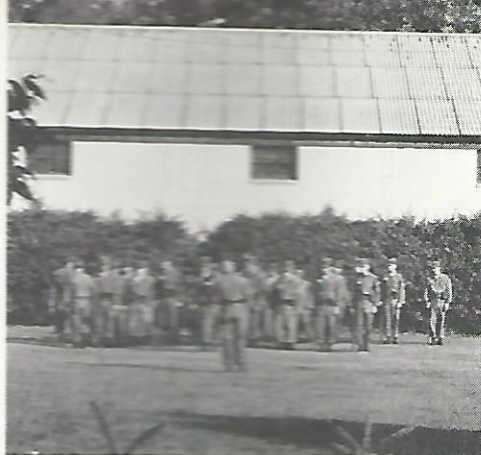
All boys and girls 9 to 19 are invited into the wide variety of agricultural and home economic programs for competition in local, county, state and national roundups and shows.

The Atwood Weidner and Paul Nace family lead the Branch Valley 4-H club in the Perkasio area. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hendrickson, Fair Hill, Hilltown, have a quarter horse farm and direct the Timber Trail 4-H Horse and Pony Club.

County-wide 4-H horse and pony shows have been held in the Bux-Mont ring on the Hilltown Township Civic Club Field. Perkasio's Menlo Park is the scene of the annual county wide picnic, utilizing the beautiful passive and active recreation facilities of the Pennridge area.

## SOCIAL SECURITY

A representative of the United States government social security program appears in the Pennridge area weekly. The Allentown office sends personnel to represent Pennridge people. The Community Room of the First Federal Savings and Loan Association is the location offered for the use of Social Security and area claimants. A call to this office would provide full particulars. At present the Social Security representative appears every Tuesday.



*Guardsmen in training*



*4-H pony and horse show*

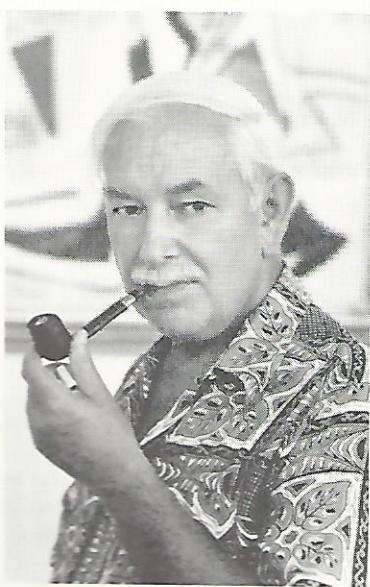


*A Grange Competition*

*Mrs. Schmidt's art classes*



*Ben Solowey  
... a self-portrait*



*Joseph Meierhans  
... a modern artist*



## ART

The rich flavor of its Pennsylvania Dutch provincial culture has brought such fame to Pennridge that the cosmopolitan look of its art is often overlooked.

The late Walter Emerson Baum (1884-1956) of Sellersville is Pennridge's most famous artist. Paintings by this artist have been purchased for museums to be hung in many collections across the country.

Born of Pennsylvania Dutch extraction in Sellersville, Mr. Baum painted among the villages and cities of this area. He created his own atmosphere of the Pennsylvania Dutch country and his canvases became the very essence of that tradition. But he experimented far from the snow scenes, red silos and barns, white and yellow houses. He produced purely imaginative compositions, motivated heavily by Cezanne.

Mr. Baum was art editor of the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin and established an art school in Sellersville that today is the Kline-Baum School in Allentown.

He bequeathed a collection of sufficient importance that may provide a nucleus for an Upper Bucks modern museum in his Sellersville home.

Mr. Baum is the father of Pennridge art. Today amateur art flourishes here.

Mrs. Francis Schmidt, who studied under Baum, conducts a children's studio in Perkasio. Roy Landenberger also teaches youths in his studio in the same borough.

The Art Department of the Perkasio Woman's Club and the Upper Bucks Art Alliance promote a continuing program in art appreciation, augmenting the magnificent museums of cities nearby.

Joseph Meierhans, of Swiss birth and American citizenship, came to Hagersville, Bedminster Township, thirty four years ago. He has built a gorgeous manor overlooking the fertile valley and his reputation in modern art has soared. His studios are at the manor.

The Bedminster artists work has been exhibited throughout the Eastern, Midwestern and Western United States, as well as going on European and Asiatic tours.

He says of his work, "there is so much one should know and explore. I am a researcher and experimenter with paint and canvas.

"The incredible discoveries in nature and science makes us aware of creative life. There is an overall structure of growth but why are there not two apple trees exactly alike.

"It is work beyond the optical vision with newer force and color that is the working of the mind, and this is where I paint."

The Pennridge artist is hailed everywhere for his creativeness.

Ben Solowey, one of Bucks County's best known artists, has been a resident of Pennridge in Bedminster Township for the past 30 years.

During the 1930s, he was well known in New York City for his perceptive and sensitive character sketches of theatre personalities in the theatre columns of the New York Times and Herald-Tribune.

When World War II brought gas rationing, his wife and he decided to live year-round in their home off Rt. 113, west of the village of Bedminster.

The artist is also well known for his landscape studies done in wash, charcoal, and opaque watercolor, especially his poetic studies of Haycock Mountain and for his extensive collection of portrait studies of Mrs. Solowey. He regularly devotes part of his time to teaching.

The Soloweys live in a lovely old stone home, in which much of the restoration has been done by the artist.

## SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

One of the most active spots in the Pennridge complex is the Retired and Senior Citizens Center of Upper Bucks County at 815 Chestnut Street, Perkasio.

'Golden Agers' enjoy a home of their own. Programs that meet every interest are formed. While some funds are provided by the county and United Fund, the Soroptimist Club and area unions have been very active in establishing and expanding this successful experiment in retirement living.

## SERVICE CLUBS

Many advances in the Pennridge area are directly attributable to the warmth, action and care exhibited by the service clubs—women's and men's.

Sellersville Kiwanis and Perkasio Rotary Clubs are the oldest in the area. There are four Lions charters—Dublin, Hilltown, Perkasio and Sellersville.

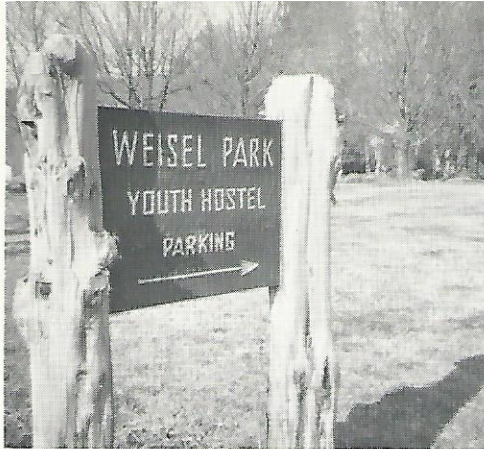
Perkasio Woman's Club, Business and Professional Women, the Soroptimists, Mothers of World War II and the auxiliaries of the fire companies and veterans organizations offer ample opportunity for women's community service.

Civic Associations spur their locale to greater heights and in accomplishment add appreciably to the Pennridge whole. Bedminster Civic Association, Hilltown Civic Association and the East Rockhill Taxpayers Association assist the government of their areas and the community life.



*The late W. E. Baum  
... and a self-portrait*





*Only one owned by a county*

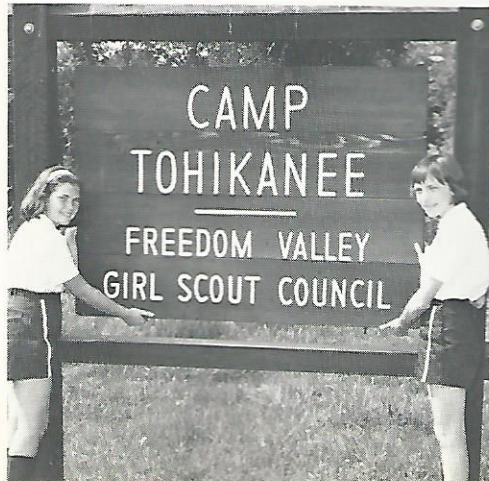


*Retardation Center, Sellersville*



*Camp Ockanickon*

*East Rockhill beauty*



## LOCAL, COUNTY, STATE PARKS

Pennridge's elaborate park and open space program receives a boost of a tremendous 7181 acres in county and state parks within or near the Pennridge townships' borders.

Weisel Park, incorporating a youth hostel, which is the only county operated hostel in the country, is 315 acres in East Rockhill Township. Tohickon County Park, east of Bedminster, totals 270 acres with 45 acres in development. Ringing Rocks County Park, northeast of Bedminster Township, is a 7-acre installation while Tincum County Park, along the river road covers 126 acres. A new proposed county park over 1400 acres along the North Branch of the Neshaminy will lie directly adjacent to the southern Hilltown Township border.

### Nockamixon State Park

Already abounding with open space in the boroughs and townships, the Pennridge area will benefit from the opening of the Nockamixon State Park in 1970. The 5000 acre recreation and water supply dam lays in East Rockhill and Bedminster Townships of the Pennridge area and in adjacent Haycock and Nockamixon Townships.

The water of the Tohickon Creek will be impounded. The dam will be located one mile west of Ottsville where Haycock Run meets the Tohickon at the Bedminster-Nockamixon line, and approximately ten miles upstream from the Delaware River.

The dam will be of earth and rock fill, reach a height of 95 feet and be about 1000 feet long. An emergency spillway will be cut into solid rock along the right bank of the creek.

When the dam is completed, 1400 acres will be under water, providing a volume of 41,000 acre-feet of water which will provide water in the billions of gallons for recreation and future area necessity.

The regional park office is located in East Rockhill at Weisel. A beach, marina, boating, day-use, day-camp and conservation areas are provided in the park plans

## RETARDATION PROGRAMS

The Bucks County Association for Retarded Children conducts the Upper Bucks sheltered workshop and pre-school nursery in the former Sellersville Elementary School. The Bucks County Board of School Directors sponsors a special education class for 16 to 21 year old students in the same building, creating a transitional environment between school and productive positions in industry.

Both programs have been highly successful. The Pennridge Jaycees and Jayettes lend support to the program, making themselves available to assist in any area.

The retarded children's program had its start in Trinity Lutheran Church, Perkasio, when volunteers staffed the program and led to the present extensive and growing facilities.

## SCOUTING—GIRLS AND BOYS

With two Boy Scout Cabins as a constant symbol of community endorsement—the Hilltown Lions Cabin in that township and the Sellersville Kiwanis Cabin in that borough—girl and boy scout troops flourish at all levels—from Brownie to girl scouts in one division to Cubs and Explorers in the other.

In addition to service clubs, churches, civic clubs and a variety of sponsors actively make Pennridge one of the most active centers for scouting in the nation.

Francis P. Kemmerer, Sellersville, is commissioner for Bucks County. Mrs. P. Edward Schenk, Hilltown, serves as an official in the Freedom Valley Council, Girl Scouts.

East Rockhill Township offers an ideal location for Camp Tohikanee, the county girl scout camp, and Camp Ockanickon, the boy scout counterpart, is only minutes away from the Pennridge area, pointing up the beautiful area terrain and the proximity to the urban centers.

## VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS

Pennridge enjoys a year-round patriotism program under the guidance and spur of the veterans' organizations. Hartzell-Crouthamel American Legion Post No. 280, Perkasio, Nase-Kraft American Legion Post No. 355, Sellersville, and Forrest Lodge Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 245 meet separately but act in union. All own their own post homes.

The Legion Posts promote patriotism in the schools with annual joint awards to the public and parochial schools of the area. Annual Memorial Day Parades of splendor are the highlight of the spring school year.

The three posts conduct an active program of care in all veterans' affairs at the local, state and national levels.



## RECREATION

Much of the Pennridge area is playground.

And the play has led to a winning heritage at all levels.

Lake Lenape Parkway in Perkasio and Sellersville sets the tone for a massive passive recreation opportunity in picnicking, swimming, boating and nature study in summer, ice skating, sledding and skiing in winter. Piper Hill In Bedminster Township is the only ski slope in Bucks County.

In active recreation, the Pennridge School system offers a comprehensive crafts, play program in the summer at all locations of the Pennridge area.

More than 500 boys take part in the Pennridge and Deep Run Little Leagues on ten fields. This is the start of a winning tradition. The Pennridge Connie Mack Baseball team won the Pennsylvania State title in 1964. Junior Legion Baseball has been played since 1933 — and on five occasions the team has reached the State finals.

Indian Valley Country Club offers facilities for private golf and country club living—and in addition there are more than 50 public and private courses within easy drives of the Pennridge area. Thomas Apple, a Pennridge High School player, won the Pennsylvania schoolboy title in 1964.

Public wading pools and a municipal swimming pool in Perkasio are available to Pennridge residents while pools in private homes abound. Competition in a municipal swimming league has led to area swimmers winning honors in many parts of the Eastern United States. Free swimming instruction is offered on the playgrounds.

Blooming Glen and Perkasio Playgrounds offer night softball. In seven of the past ten years, Pennridge area churches have won the Pennsylvania Keystone Amateur Church Softball Association title with Trinity Lutheran of Perkasio winning five times, Blooming Glen Mennonite once and First E.U.B. of Perkasio once.

The Glenettes, a girls' softball team, attracts big crowds. In 1965 the club won the East Coast League Championship for the fourth year, the Pennsylvania State Championship for the third straight year and the Central Atlantic Regional Championship which took them to the World's Tournament at Stratford, Conn.

Fishing, hunting, archery, tennis, bowling, and every participant and spectator recreation is available in Pennridge.

The Branch Valley Fish, Game and Forestry Association spearheads conservation and game propagation from their beautiful cabin-lake-target property in Perkasio at the East Rockhill Township line. A youth fishing-gun safety program for girls and boys is a year round program for the sportsmen's organization. Pheasants, rabbits, squirrels, deer, raccoon, dove and other quarry abound in Pennridge with cover and food in quantities that form a natural habitat.

Ideally located for vacation, Pennridge is 20 minutes from the historic and beautiful Delaware River and equi-distant from the Pocono Mountains or New Jersey seashore points, either only 90 minutes or less away.

There is a group in the area that promotes every sport. The Pennridge Golfers play a different private course monthly and hold a mid-winter gathering. The North Penn Homing Pigeon Club in Sellersville is for bird fanciers. Pheasdale Archers in Hilltown are among the best competitors in the country.

The Penn Ridge Kennel Club stages an annual all-breed dog show and obedience trials on the Hilltown Civic Field or in the Forrest Lodge VFW, Sellersville RD, attracting upwards of 700 dogs. The membership is open to anyone who is interested in pure-bred dogs.

For the horse lovers, the Bux-Mont Riding Club holds an annual show on the Hilltown Township Civic Association Field, bringing the finest show horses in the country to this area. The members of this group are devoted horse enthusiasts who conduct rides, programs and competition all year for the membership.

Hilltown Lions Club stages a western horse show annually on the same field, attracting the best riders and animals.

## FAMOUS NEIGHBORS

While many authors, artists and theatrical personalities find Pennridge and Bucks County convenient for gentle living, many of the nation's famous name companies are included in Pennridge. A broad base of items identifies Pennridge with every industrial classification.

A thrifty, prosperous people in a mature labor-management climate, has attracted diversified industries that constitute an impressive roster of valuable customers for the purchase of raw materials, semi-finished products, sub-assembly materials and many other non-consumer items.

Local supplies and raw materials—whether it's dies or tools for the plant or paper boxes for the finished product—are readily available.



*Sellersville wading pool*



*One mile of Lenape skating*



*Little League baseball*

*B. Earl Druckenmiller and ponies*





## THEATER GROUPS

Little Theater, in which plain people express their love for and devotion to theatrical arts, is a comparatively modern development—but in Pennridge it starts with the young.

Spurred by the proximity to Broadway and Philadelphia theaters and with many famous authors and performers living in Bucks County, the Pennridge Children's Drama Workshop is active in the Wigwam Nursery School, Sellersville, under the direction of Mrs. June Greisamer, a graduate of the University of Toronto Conservatory.

The program is devoted to freedom of expression, effective use of voice and body, creation of a mood and the stimulation of the imagination. The Workshop presents an annual production in the elementary schools under the sponsorship of the Woman's Club of Perkasio.

Summer stock, music circus productions and the famous Bucks County Playhouse are within minutes of Pennridge for the straw hat circuit goers. For the doer the Dutch Country Players on Route 563 present six shows a year with and for area residents.

## MUSIC

Since colonial days when music meant church music in Pennridge, the same meaning holds true today with extensive additions.

International operatic and concert artists appear regularly in the nearby cities. The Pennridge High School Accappella Choir presents a Broadway musical annually. The 100-piece high school marching band creates adult participation in the three area bands . . . and the church music is still a treasured experience.

A happy approach to music study has been created by Mrs. Catherine Hoagey in her Musical Kindergarten in Sellersville. Girls and boys learn the fundamentals of music through games and stories. The school has gained national prominence through publication of Mrs. Hoagey's techniques and creative songs and stories.

## HISTORICAL SOCIETIES

Bucks County is rich in historical sites. The Bucks County Historical Society does a continuing grand job of preserving property and points for posterity.

Pennridge is only minutes away from Valley Forge, an hour from Independence Hall and minutes from Washington's Crossing.

History is the meaningful past and it is made of what men do. It is what men did that makes Bucks County and Pennridge historical. Active men did great and memorable deeds.

Perkasie Historical Society has dedicated itself to making buildings not merely relics, dead heaps of stone and brick surviving in the age of steel and plastics, but to reclothe historical points with the flesh and blood of human action to gain the romance of the ages.

After being organized in 1954, the society moved the Main Street covered bridge to its present location in Lake Lenape Parkway at a cost of \$8000. The Stout Burial plot, Eighth and Chestnut Street, Perkasio, has been restored and perpetual care instituted.

The next aim of the society is the purchase and restoration of an original home to house the pictures, documents and area archives.

## COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Bucks County is governed by county commissioners, a three-man board on which both major parties must be represented. The Bucks County Planning Commission, Park Board, Library, Industrial Development Corporation and Redevelopment Authority coordinates the future growth of Pennridge and other parts the county.

Agencies established by the Bucks County Board of Commissioners and now actively serving the county from the county seat in Doylestown are Planning Commission, Park Board, Board of Health, Free Library Board, Industrial Development Corporation, Historical-Tourist Commission, Airport Authority, Soil Conservation District, Water and Sewer Authority, and Redevelopment Authority.

## JOB TRAINING, REFERRAL

The Pennsylvania State Bureau of Employment Security office in Lansdale serves the Pennridge area.

This office assists employers by carrying on an aggressive recruiting, mobilization, testing, and training program for all industry and business. The referral method is employed in concert with employee and employer.

Unemployment claims are also handled out of this location.



*Children's Little Theater*



*Mrs. Hoagey teaching*



*Bucks County Courthouse*

*Sellersville's Charles R. Witmer  
honored for 33 borough years*





## PENN FOUNDATION FOR MENTAL HEALTH

Penn Foundation, located across the road from Grand View Hospital in West Rockhill Township, near the Sellersville Borough line, has reached the maturity of a fully rounded program. In addition to interview and other forms of therapy for adults, group therapy, psychological testing and social work with the patient's family is included.

Child psychiatry is important today and specialists in this field are on the staff. The newest in modern electric treatment and special arrangements for in-patient care have been established with Grand View.

As a pioneer in the day care field, Penn Foundation has enjoyed remarkable results from this method of treatment. Competent personnel administer a work and recreational program during the day at the Foundation.

Norman L. Loux, M.D. is medical director of a staff that includes two other full-time psychiatrists—W. A. Lyons, M.D. and John C. Richards, M.D.—a part-time child psychiatrist, two psychiatric social workers, a nurse who is in direct charge of the day-care program, a clinical psychologist, an occupational-recreational therapist, an executive secretary, a clerk, and a director of volunteer services.

While the community has a pardonable pride in the Foundation—the Pennridge Chamber of Commerce shows a picture of the building in this brochure—plaudits pour in from across the country. Typical is this one from The National Observer, published by Dow Jones & Company, Inc.

"More knowledge, more effective help, were prominent among the objectives of the late President Kennedy when he spoke, in a message to Congress early in 1963, of returning 'mental-health care to the mainstream of American medicine' . . .

"But even before Mr. Kennedy spoke, articulating the felt needs of the nation's psychiatric leaders, several existing institutions had anticipated the new concept and subsequently took it for a guide to their development. One of the best of these is the Penn Foundation for Mental Health in Sellersville, Pa."

## PENNRIDGE MEDICAL ARTS CENTER

An eleven suite modern professional office center for dentists, doctors and a pharmacy is situated across the road from Grand View Hospital. This center was established to fulfill a need, completing and complementing a complex that includes the hospital, Nurses' Home, and Penn Foundation for Mental Health.

The pharmacy is operated on an apothecary basis, dealing in sick room supplies and prescription drugs that fills a service void for patients west of the hospital, as well as the immediate area.

## FRAKTUR HAND WRITING

The innate kind of hand writing that developed in the 16th century was brought to Pennsylvania by the Germans and Alsations. This German style of black letter-text type has appeared on birth certificates, marriage licenses and family Bibles for centuries. This hand writing is still practiced by artisans in the Pennridge area.

One of the most famous and esteemed fraktur handwriters in the world is Rev. Fred K. Bowers, former pastor of the Brethern in Christ Church, Silverdale. Rev. Bowers was born in Germany in 1872 and came to America at the age of 15. He became a pastor in 1903 and was a minister at the Silverdale church for 40 years. He retired in 1956.

Rev. Bowers practices his fraktur writing in his retirement. He will be 94 years of age in November, 1966, but continues to decorate marriage and birth certificates.

## MEDIA

The News-Herald, a weekly newspaper that is published in a plant in Perkasio every Thursday, devotes itself exclusively to news of interest to Pennridge area. Carlton U. Baum is publisher of the paper and J. Rollin Cressman the editor.

Daily papers that feature Pennridge news are the Daily Free Press from Quakertown, Daily Intelligencer from Doylestown, North Penn Reporter from Lansdale, and the Morning Call, Allentown.

Metropolitan papers circulating in this area are the Bulletin and Inquirer, daily and Sunday, from Philadelphia, and the New York Times.

All Philadelphia television stations are easily viewed in Pennridge as are many New York channels. WNPV, Lansdale, and WBUX, Doylestown, offer local radio coverage, while dozens of city stations are easily heard.



*Pennridge Medical Arts Center*

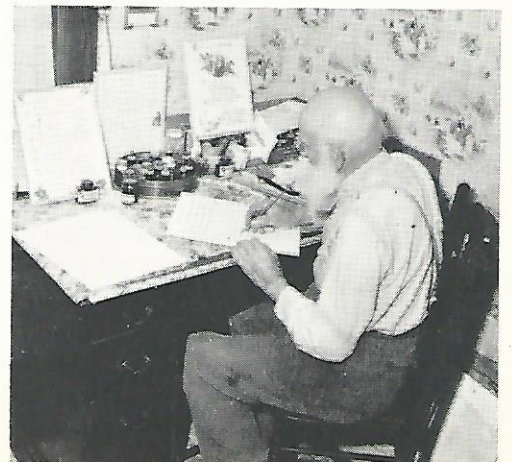


*Well-planned playgrounds*



*Rev. Fred K. Bowers*

*Frakturizing a document*





# Welcome House In Pennridge: Pearl S. Buck

I shall always be grateful to the people of the Pennridge area. Why? For many reasons, for they have been good neighbors to me, allowing me to live here in peaceful privacy to do my work. I welcome this opportunity to express my love and appreciation. I have been happy here during these thirty years since my husband and I first came in 1935. The house which was our home until his death and will be my home for the rest of my life was exactly one hundred years old the year we moved into it.

Yes, I have many reasons to be grateful to the people of this area, but foremost perhaps is the help they have given and do give to Welcome House, an adoption agency set up nearly nineteen years ago, especially for children of Asian-American ancestry, born in the United States. I had never thought of an adoption agency as part of my life and work. But I was given two babies, one Christmas, and these were what today we call Amerasian children, the name suggested by the State Department in Washington. My husband and I were already beyond the age of small babies, we had a house full of children as it was, and I looked for an adoption agency. None would accept these children of mixed race. I thought then of finding kindly families of our neighborhood who would care for these children, and others like them, in their own homes.

I did not wish to introduce a new element into our neighborhood, however, without finding out first how our neighbors would feel about it. Therefore I invited our leading citizens to meet in our home, and after describing the situation I said I could only bring these children into our area if the people here would welcome them and accept them as part of our life. I was happy when the elder Mr. Stauffer, owner of the store in Dublin, said, "We will be proud to have these children."

## LIBRARY

The Pierce Free Library on Route 113, near Silverdale, in Hilltown Township, has 9000 books on its shelves and participates with the Bucks County, Eastern Regional and State Library on the inter-library system.

Formerly the Gehman-One-Room School, it was converted into a library by Samuel Pierce, a Hilltown resident.

With a librarian and a corps of forty volunteers, the facility is open daily from 3-5 and 7-9 and 1-5 on Saturdays. Membership is open to everyone. The library is governed by elected officers within adopted by-laws and adheres to the American Library Association Bill of Rights.

Each week the library has a children's hour. Forty seven periodicals are kept for three years and the National Geographic collection dates back to 1916. A weekly art show by area artists is the feature of the library.



*Pearl S. Buck*

The first group of nine children joined the family of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Yoder. They have grown up now, some are married and have children of their own. Some are going to college. All have been happy in our schools, and neighborhood activities, and I thank the kind people who have made this possible. I believe that it has been worthwhile for all of us, for these children, born Americans, though they are, have brought the world into our community, and for this we thank them. Not every community can learn so pleasantly, day by day, how to live together in one world.

Welcome House, however, did not follow the original family plan. As adoption agencies in various parts of the country heard of our community interest in the Amerasian child, they began to ask us to take children from them. At this point we decided to set up our own adoption agency, specifically for the Amerasian child born in the United States.

The work with Welcome House has a further development. When I was in Japan and Korea a few years ago I saw many Amerasian children left behind by American servicemen. Fully half of these children die from malnutrition and neglect, but those who survive are intelligent and beautiful children. I saw that there were far too many for adoption in the United States to serve as solution. No one knows how many there are, but it is estimated that one out of every ten servicemen becomes the father of an Amerasian child. In Asia the child belongs to the father, not the mother. His birth must be registered in the father's family if he is to enter school and later get a job. But these fathers are gone. Therefore the half-American child born in Asia grows up without opportunity or status, and this, aside from humane aspects, is certainly not good for American prestige. I therefore set up The Pearl S. Buck Foundation as a public charitable organization for these Amerasian children who must remain in Asia. The purpose of the Foundation is the general welfare and education of these children. It is a monumental task, but it is an American responsibility to cooperate with Asians in seeing that these children left behind by our servicemen grow into useful citizens, a source of pride to all of us. Otherwise, stateless and forgotten, they will grow up a destructive force in our world.

Two small lost children appeared in our neighborhood one day, and thanks to the kindness of the people in Pennridge, thousands of children in the world are finding new opportunities for life.

Pearl S. Buck



# Pennridge School District

*Pennridge Senior High School*



## A Total Sound Value of \$ 11,091,260

..... which includes buildings, equipment and property

Bedminster Elementary .....	\$ 543,158	Perkasie, Third Street .....	\$ 416,874
East Rockhill Elementary .....	878,038	Perkasie Elementary .....	763,687
Hilltown Elementary .....	1,055,005	Sellersville Elementary .....	664,744
Hilltown, J. M. Grasse .....	1,313,013	West Rockhill Elementary .....	236,037
Pennridge Central Junior High School .....			
Pennridge South Junior High School .....			
Pennridge Senior High School .....			
\$1,714,073			
1,139,495			
2,367,136			

Pennridge School system is energetically administering to the growing eight districts. Complete educational facilities for all students from kindergarten through twelfth are in full and regular operation. Modern in design, construction built for expansion and advanced in curriculum, the school system is completely accredited and progressive, preparing graduates for industry or admission to any level of college or university study.

In the school year 1965-66, there were 5512 students in the Pennridge system, 3298 in elementary and 2211 in secondary study.

The student population, according to districts, is .. broken down 1688-Hilltown; 1099-Perkasie; 720-Bedminster; 648-West Rockhill; 571-Sellersville; 556-East Rockhill; 127-Silverdale; 100-Dublin.

The Upper Bucks Technical High School, located in Bedminster Township, has attracted the attention of administrators from all parts of the country. This school serves the Pennridge, Quakertown and Palisades School Districts, preparing students with newly-acquired skills for use in industry and in community life immediately after graduation.

The Wigwam, licensed and approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Private Academic Schools to teach nursery school and kindergarten, is located in Sellersville.

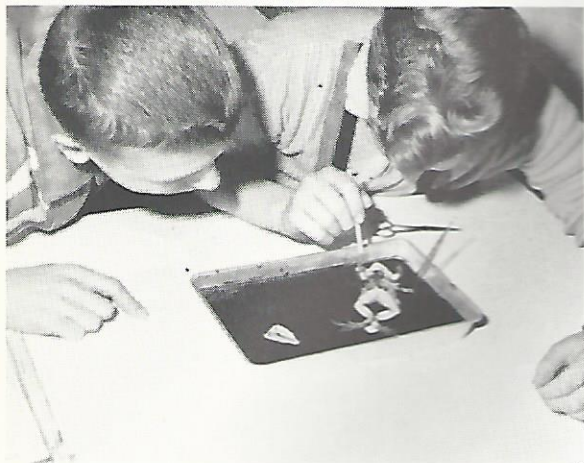
In addition Pennridge offers elementary parochial schools and is within commuting minutes of the finest private preparatory schools in the country.

Within one hour or less from Pennridge, one can find more than 60 colleges and universities, the world's greatest research facilities, the finest medical, dental, and law schools in the country, and the most remarkable museums and libraries, among them the Princeton University Firestone Library.

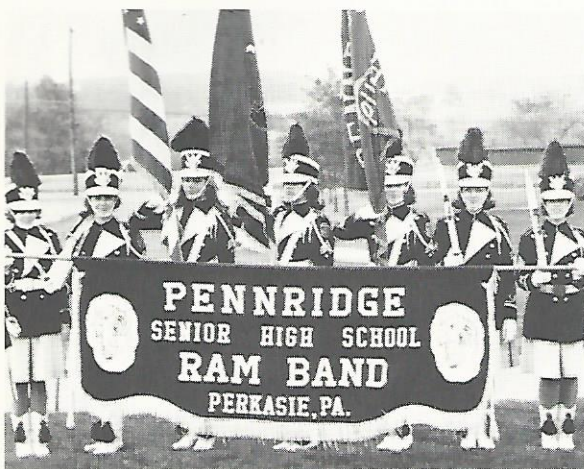
Technical and trade schools abound to make Pennridge an educational mecca, all institutions being within easy commuting distance.

Delaware Valley College of Science and Agriculture, only 10 miles away in Doylestown, is accredited by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the Middle Atlantic Association of Colleges. Bucks County's own Community College in Newtown offers a two-year course of study.

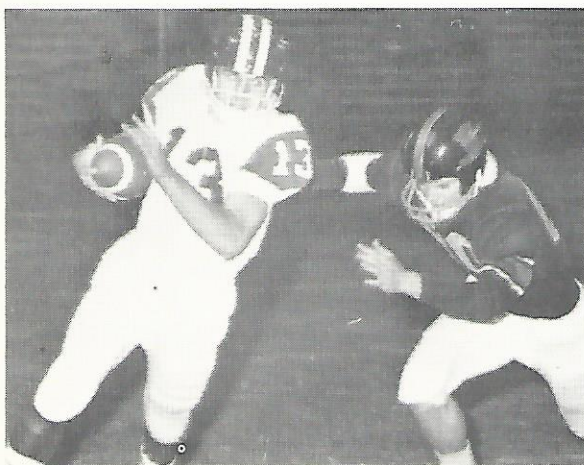




*A laboratory experiment*

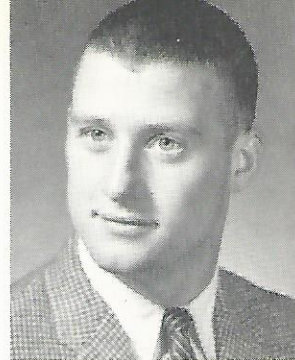


*100-piece marching band*



*13 not unlucky to Rams*

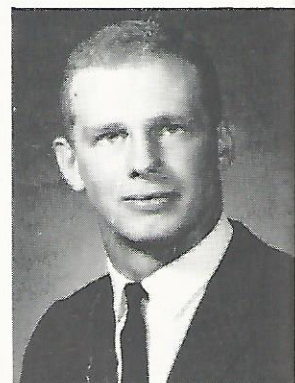
# Pennridge School District



*John J. Crouthamel.*



*Jon P. Groff*



*Robert R. Souder*



*Joan Pritchard  
Ray A. Moyer*

When Pennsylvania laws were passed encouraging consolidation of many smaller school districts to streamline education and its administration, the schools of the Pennridge area had already been practicing jointure for 20 years.

Pennridge graduates are prepared to gain admission to university, college or advanced education of their choice at all levels.

Annually a scholar-athlete award is made to a girl and a boy. Their performance after Pennridge is evidence of the overall success of Pennridge graduates.

1956—John J. Crouthamel, Perkasio. Graduated from Dartmouth College. All-Ivy football player. Naval officer. Football coach at Mercersburg Academy. Presently on Dartmouth College football staff.

1957—Jon P. Groff, Perkasio. Graduated from Juniata College. Atomic Energy Commission. Entered Navy. Recently elevated to Lieutenant aboard destroyer off Viet Nam.

1958—Robert R. Souder, East Rockhill. Graduated from Colgate University. Three year varsity football player. Now director of personnel for the State of New Jersey for a large food chain.

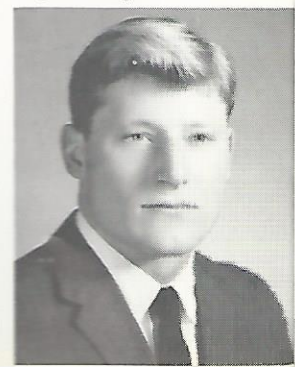
1959—Joan Pritchard, Perkasio. Graduated from Allentown General Hospital School of Nursing. Married. Perkasio resident.

1959—Ray A. Moyer, Hilltown Township. Graduated from Lafayette College where he won the Pepper Award, symbol of the Lafayette ideal. Captain of baseball team. Now in second year at University of Pennsylvania Medical School.

1960—Nancy Nase, Perkasio. Graduated with highest honors in literature from Wheaton College. Now teaching creative writing in Upper Merion Schools, directing school paper and performing with Singing City.

*Gerald M. Gross*

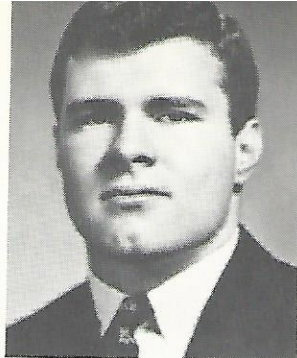
*Nancy Nase*







Emily Field Roeder



James M. Hackett



Kathryn Mood



John W. Gutekunst



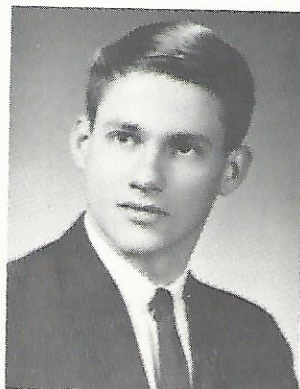
Mary E. Sine



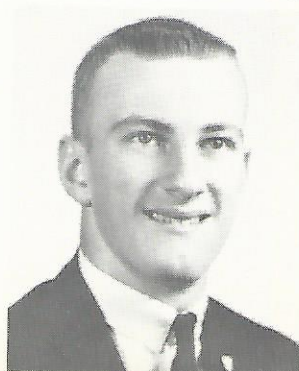
Frederick Baus



Jane Stiegler  
Margaret Spangler



Richard L. Ruth  
Dennis R. Snovel



1960—Gerald M. Gross, Bedminster Township. Graduated from Goshen College, majoring in sociology. Will graduate in June with Masters Degree in Social Work from Western Reserve University School of Applied Social Science. Pursued graduate study under full tuition and financial grant of \$3800 under National Institute of Mental Health fellowship.

1961—Emily Field Roeder, Sellersville. Attended West Chester State. Married. A resident of Staten Island.

1961—James M. Hackett, Perkasio. Graduated with honors from Princeton University. All-Ivy football player, winner of Charles W. Caldwell Memorial Award for loyalty. Completing one-year study at University of Montpellier, France, entering law school.

1962—Kathryn Mood, East Rockhill Township. Attending Moravian College. A sophomore, majoring in elementary education. Married.

1962—John W. Gutekunst, Sellersville. Graduating from Duke University in June. Captain of the football team. Religion major. Plans masters in Physical Therapy.

1963—Mary E. Sine, Perkasio. Attending East Stroudsburg State. A junior, majoring in physical education.

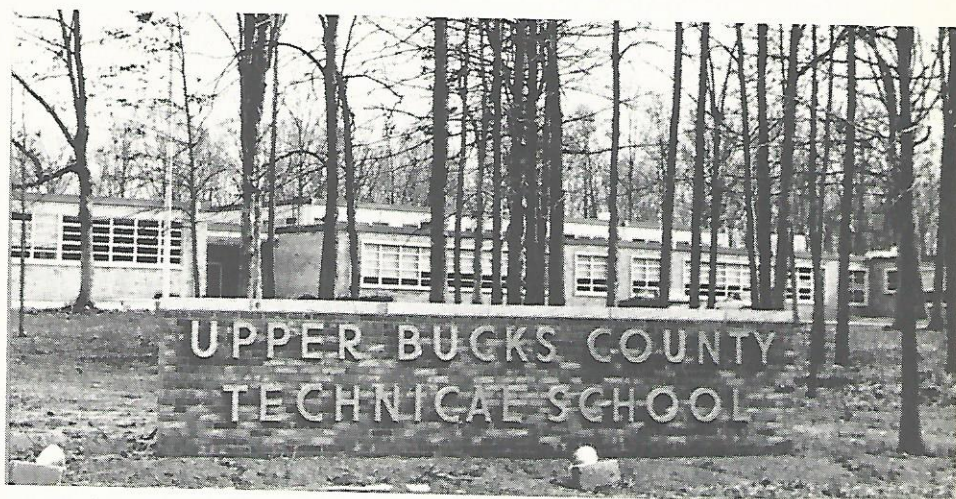
1963—Frederick Baus, Bedminster Township. Attending Muhlenberg College, a junior, majoring in English.

1964—Jane Stiegler, Hilltown Township. Attending East Stroudsburg State, a sophomore, majoring in physical therapy.

1965—Richard L. Ruth, Sellersville. Attending Lehigh University, a sophomore, majoring in engineering, he was cited as one of six highest ranking freshman engineers and won the William Whigham, Jr. award with a .40 average.

1965—Margaret Spangler, Perkasio. Attending Gettysburg College, a freshman, majoring in recreation, minor in biology, and a future masters in physical therapy.

1965—Dennis R. Snovel, Perkasio. Attending Rutgers University, a freshman, majoring in mathematics, will enter the Christian ministry.



Wigwam Nursery School, Sellersville, receives State Accreditation, Florence M. Hackett, left, Anne H. Apple, right





# Our Experience and Capabilities Have Served Pennridge

..... and there is more

On behalf of the School Districts of the Pennridge Joint School System, we have co-managed (jointly with Dolphin & Bradbury, Philadelphia, Pa.) investment banking syndicates which have underwritten several millions of dollars in School Authority bonds providing funds for the construction of new schools in East Rockhill Township, Hilltown Township, Perkasié Borough and Sellersville Borough as well as the School Authority bond issues for the Pennridge Junior High School and the Upper Bucks County Technical School.

Pennridge Schools offer more now...and Butcher & Sherrerd offers more services too.

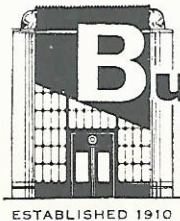
Along with imaginative use of capital in investment service, we have access to capital sufficient to meet practically every conceivable investment requirement... individuals, industry, institutions, communities.

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Our investment service to industry sells corporate securities... many as private placements, others as general market securities.

Our investment service to institutions seeking outlets for investible funds provides a broad range of corporate and municipal securities.

We look forward to serving Pennridge in more ways in more fields.



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*Hilltown Elementary*



*Perkasié Elementary*



*Sellersville Elementary*







*Calvary, Hilltown*



*St. Andrew's Lutheran, Perkasio*



*Good Shepherd Episcopal, Hilltown*

*Hilltown Baptist Church*



# Churches Carry Pennridge Beyond Itself

From the tall spires of Lutheran and United Church of Christ bell towers to the simple, unadorned lines of Baptist and Mennonite worship centers, more than thirty-five Pennridge town and country churches represent a people who acknowledge one Lord over all.

Patterned by the criss-crossing of denominational strands, the Christian faith has been threaded into a strongly-knit fabric of community life. For the families of the Pennridge area, church membership is more than a status symbol. It speaks of the serious concern for spiritual values that has stamped the character of Pennridge citizenry and toughened its moral fibre for more than two centuries since early settlers first erected their rough-hewn log churches in the cleared spaces of Bucks County.

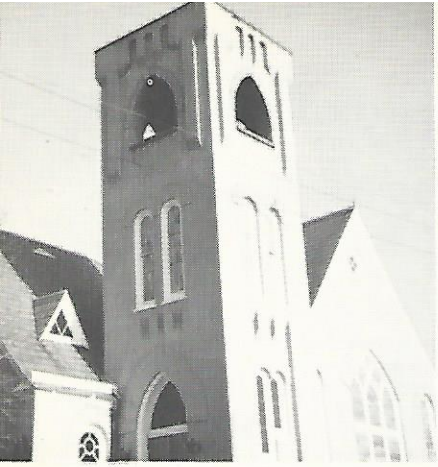
Deep rootage in a strong religious heritage has not stifled a sense of aliveness to the present. Among clergy and members alike, there is progressive effort to bring the creative power and love of Christian faith to bear on contemporary life. Ministers and Christian laymen work hand-in-hand with community educators to cope with moral issues facing twentieth-century youth. The community hospital is served by a daily chaplaincy program involving twenty-five area pastors. The local mental health foundation sponsors periodic seminars for clergymen and makes possible a professional-religious team approach to the emotional health needs of individuals and families. A center for senior citizens has been given active pastoral support. Recent construction of new or expanded facilities by many area churches demonstrates the attention being focused on various forms of religious education. Even local newspaper editorials do not find it strange to speak positively concerning the faith of Jesus Christ and its relation to the Pennridge climate of life.

The denominational spread of churches provides for a variety of religious expression that enables Christian families to find a church that speaks "home" to their respective convictions. At the same time a trustful sense of brotherhood is symbolized by united experiences such as the annual three-hour Good Friday union service. Marks of a religious caste system besetting some communities is conspicuous by its comparative absence in Pennridge circles.

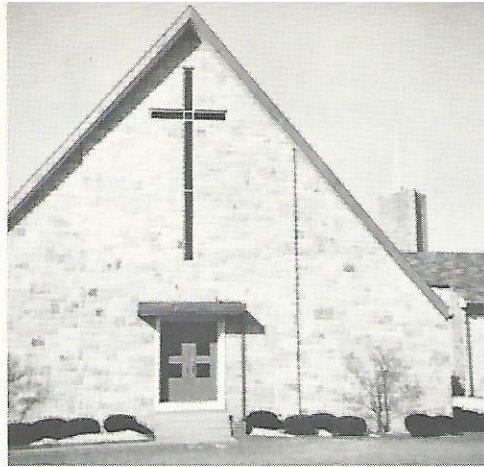
Pennridge churches, however, are not blissfully unaware of the erosion of moral and spiritual life taking its toll on the American scene today. Nor have they overlooked the danger that a community's religion may become merely a passive agency for dispensing blessing on the status quo of middleclass suburbia. The task of bringing into the heart of a community a growing sense of purpose beyond itself carries an inexhaustible challenge to men and women of vision and faith. The deep-felt needs of mankind, whether next door or overseas, can ultimately be ministered to only through the unchanging love of God. To this end, the churches of Pennridge have dedicated themselves and invite the whole-hearted involvement of all families.

The nearest synagogue is within a few minutes of Pennridge.





*Assembly of God, Perkasio*



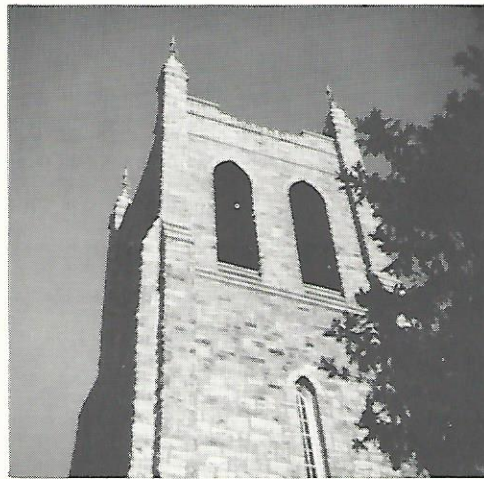
*Peace Lutheran, Hagersville*



*Community Church, Perkasio*



*Perkasio Mennonite*



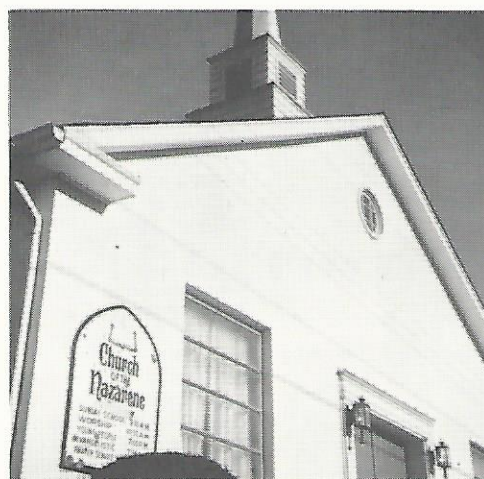
*St. Paul's UCC, Sellersville*



*Faith Baptist, Sellersville*



*Christ Church, East Rockhill*

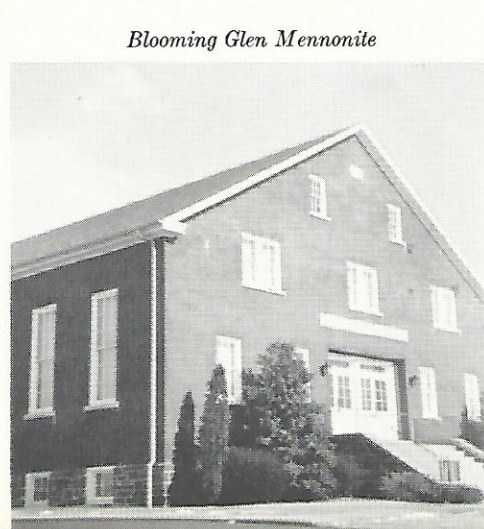


*Perkasio Church of the Nazarene*

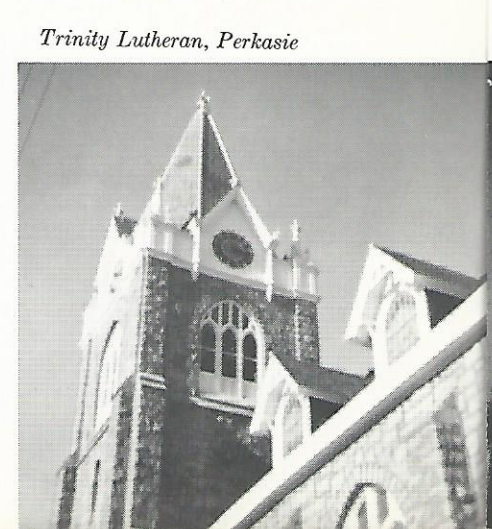


*Rockhill Mennonite, West Rockhill*

*Crucifix, Our Lady of Sacred Heart, Hilltown*

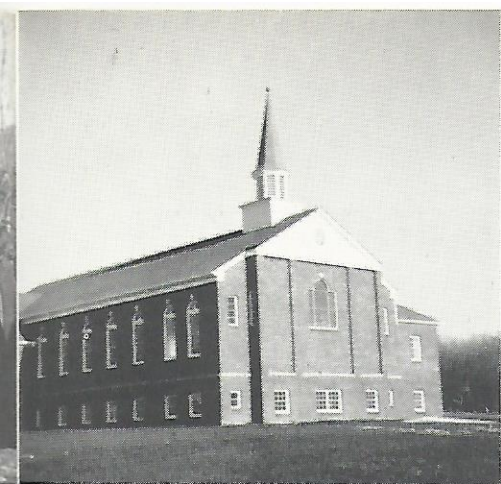


*Blooming Glen Mennonite*

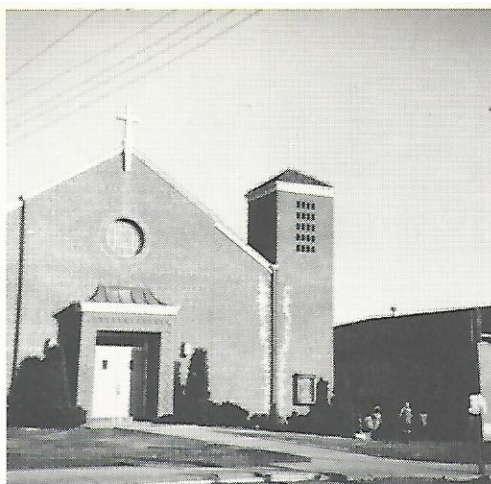


*Trinity Lutheran, Perkasio*





*Perkasie Baptist, East Rockhill*



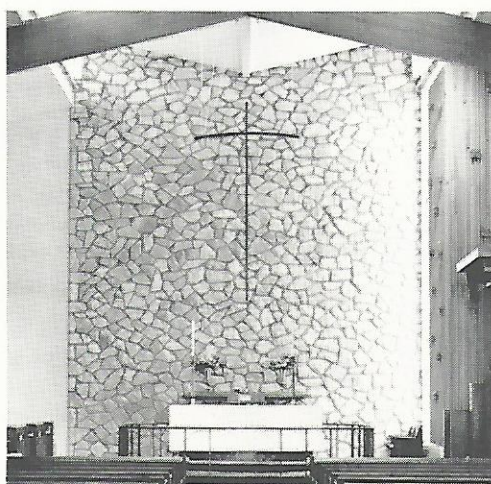
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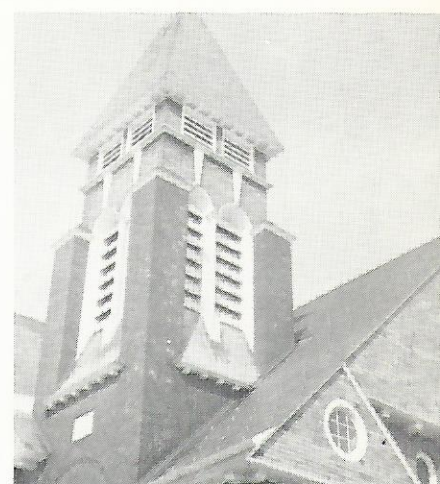
*St. Peter's, Hilltown*



*First EUB, Perkasie*



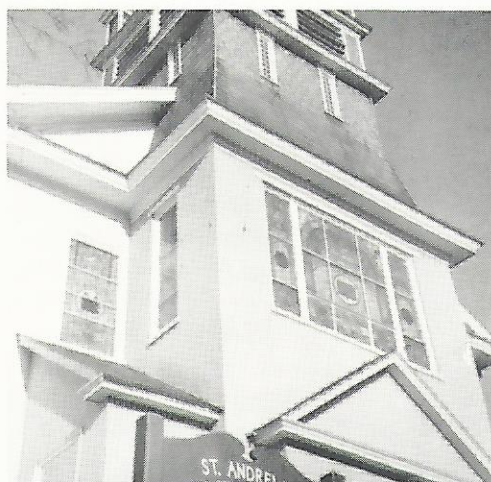
*St. Luke's Lutheran, Dublin*



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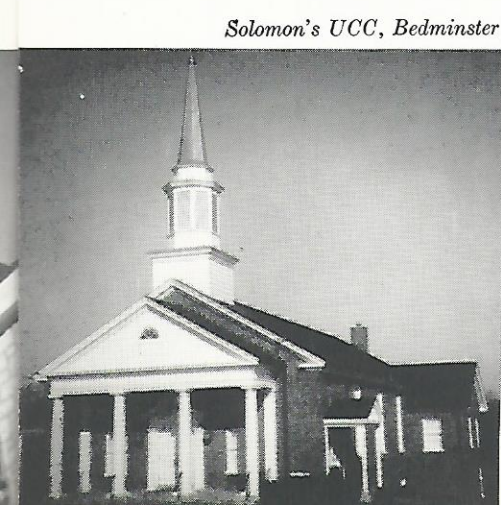
*Bethel Baptist, East Rockhill,*



*St. Andrew's UCC, Perkasie*



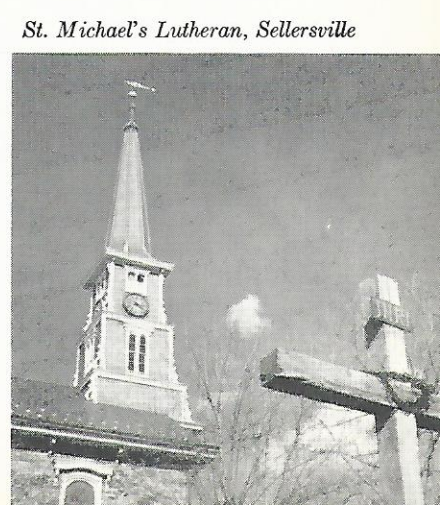
*Brethren Church, Hilltown*



*Solomon's UCC, Bedminster*

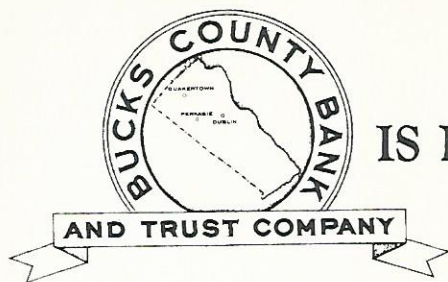


*Revival Center, Bl. Glen*

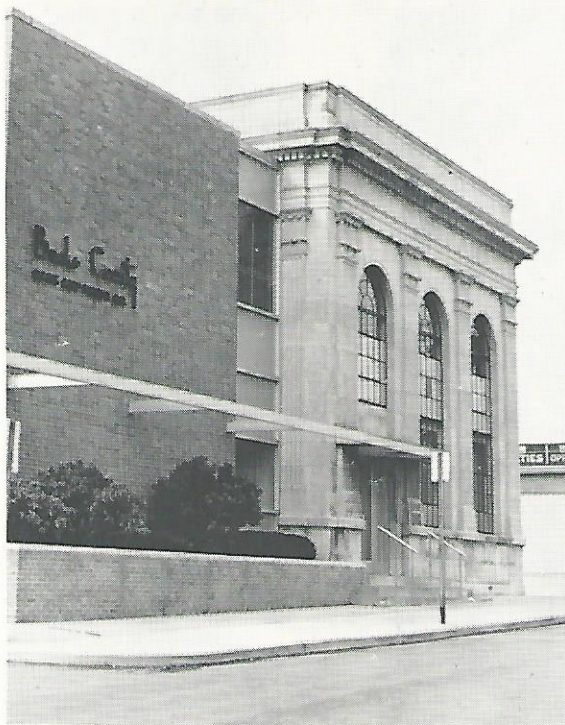


*St. Michael's Lutheran, Sellersville*





## IS PEOPLE SERVING



*Perkasie Office*

The Bucks County Bank and Trust Company, Perkasio, Pennsylvania was organized October 13, 1954, and opened for business April 4, 1955. It is the result of a consolidation of four local banks.

**First National Bank of Perkasio — Organized January 10, 1901, Opened for Business — March 18, 1901**

**Quakertown Trust Company — Organized March 1, 1904, Opened for Business — March 7, 1904**

**Perkasie Trust Company — Organized December 7, 1922, Opened for Business — November 15, 1923**

**Dublin National Bank — Opened for Business November 12, 1927**

The Bucks County Bank and Trust Company was chartered by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania April 4, 1955.

The Bucks County Bank and Trust Company has four offices, all in Bucks County, to serve the area:

**Main Office located at 7th & Chestnut Streets, Perkasio**

**Quakertown Branch located at 3rd & West Broad Sts., Quakertown**

**Dublin Branch located on Route 313, Dublin Shopping Center Branch located in the Quakertown Plaza Shopping Center, Quakertown**

The Bank is a full service commercial bank engaged in receiving checking, savings and time deposits, cashing checks, granting commercial mortgages and consumer loans and performing various other activities of a commercial bank. It also has a Trust Department performing full trust services.

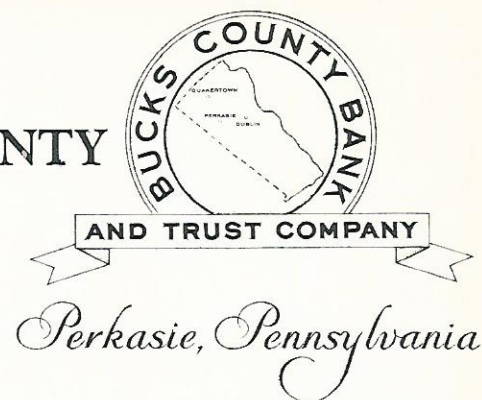
The immediate area served consists of thirteen townships and eight boroughs in Upper Bucks County. The growth of the area and the Bucks County Bank and Trust Company are inter-related.

*Dublin Office*





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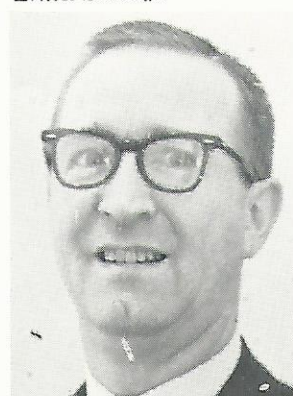


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# FIRST FEDERAL SAVINGS



—AND LOAN ASSOCIATION OF PERKASIE

600 MARKET STREET  
PERKASIE, PENNSYLVANIA

257-6526

December 31, 1950

## *Assets*

First Mortgage Loans .....	\$664,890.21
Real Estate Owned .....	750.00
Investments and Securities .....	30,000.00
Cash on Hand and in Bank .....	42,177.44
Office Equipment .....	150.00

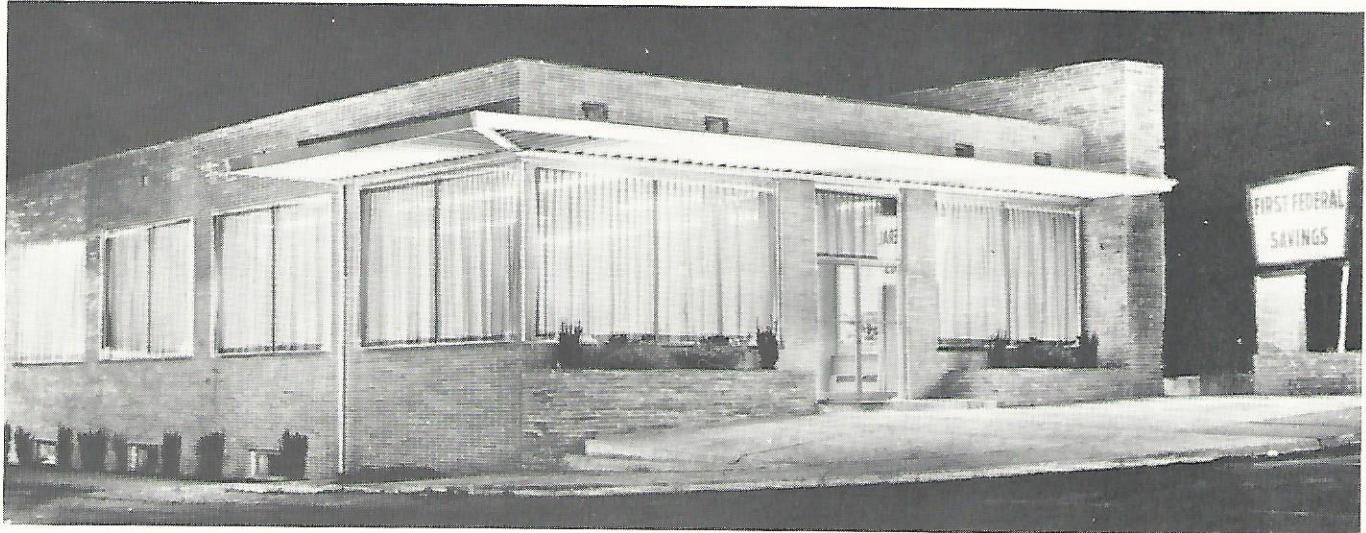
\$737,967.65

December 31, 1965

## *Assets*

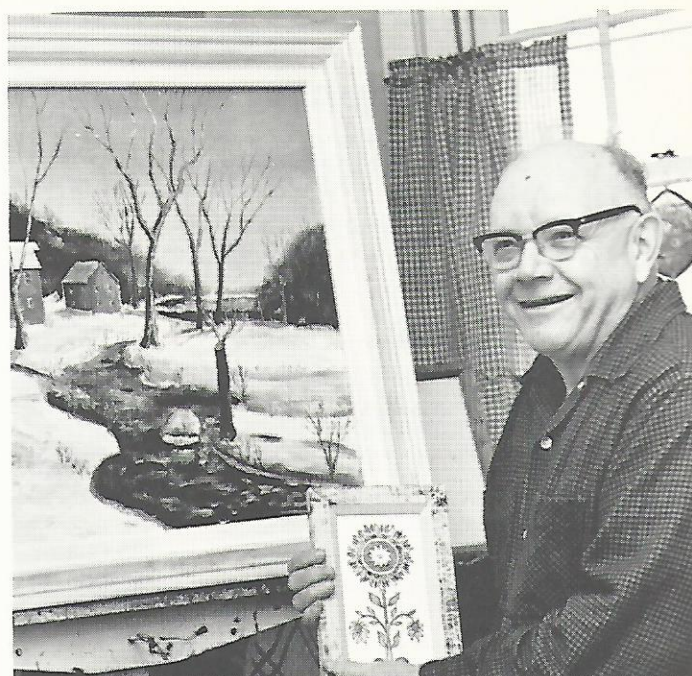
First Mortgage Loans ...	\$ 9,530,582.45
All Other Loans .....	170,566.30
Cash on Hand and in Banks .....	246,391.79
Investments and Securities .....	784,837.94
Fixed Assets Less Depreciation .....	95,391.06
Deferred Charges and Other Assets .....	85,919.98

\$10,913,689.52



*The Board of Directors joins the staff in marking the attainment of a record 1965 level. Front: Susan McDonnell, teller, Richard L. Hendricks, Executive Vice President, June White, Secretary, Claude E. Benfield, President, Lloyd Y. Crouthamel, Vice-President, Henry Geho, Treasurer, Jule Renner, Teller. Back: Edward McKeever, Abraham L. Mitman, Elbert M. Landis, Gerald G. Souder, Bookkeeper, Howard F. Cressman, James Smithers, Justus E. Grider, Controller, Ralph S. Maurer, Hilton L. Spanninger.*





## a glowing growing lobby

Here in Pennridge, instead of palaces, temples, tombs or cathedrals, the real historical monuments are works of our amateur painters and builders of our homes. Both keep a personal and appealing record of our way of life—past and present.

From Pennridge the glows one can see sometimes at night in the sky show how near at hand New York and Philadelphia are: yet in spite of that nearness, we stay miraculously rural.

The glow of growth goes beyond the financial in the First Federal lobby.

While statements reflect the frugality and sound family practices of Pennridge, the warm glow from our lobby and community room mirrors the interests, attitudes and accomplishments of our citizens.

A Woman's Club table decoration competition (upper left), an amateur painting exhibit by Dr. Paul L. Gruber, retired local and county school administrator (upper right), a Boy Scout project, a high school housing display and every enlightening community function is worth showing.

Here the glow of personal or organization achievement becomes a blaze because everyone revels in and enjoys every stroke of every project that adds to that which is Pennridge.





# *PENNRIDGE SAVINGS & LOAN Association*

December 31, 1955

## ASSETS

Sinking Fund Mortgage Loan.. \$	1.00
Direction Reduction Mortgage	
Loans .....	1,019,028.90
Share Loans .....	775.76
Real Estate Sold on Contract..	6,926.55
Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment	4,713.05
(less depreciation)	
Prepaid Insurance .....	401.35
Stock in F.H.L.B. ....	15,600.00
U.S. Government Obligations..	15,046.20
Other Investments—Legal	
Securities .....	35,008.68
Cash on Hand in Banks .....	42,596.29

TOTAL ASSETS .....\$ 1,140,097.78

DECEMBER 31, 1965

## ASSETS

Direct reduction mortgage loans...	\$3,068,594.84
Loans on savings accounts.....	40,945.33
Real estate owned.....	8,977.80
Stock in F. H. L. B.....	39,000.00
U. S. Government obligations.....	184,317.73
Accrued interest on investments...	2,298.44
Cash on hand and in bank.....	196,869.07
Office building (less depreciation)	71,239.69
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	
(less depreciation).....	12,246.16
Prepaid expenses.....	22,966.48

TOTAL

\$3,647,455.54



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FOR YOUR  
PROTECTION







*Silverdale Office*



The Silverdale Office was opened August 14, 1965 to serve increasing accounts in the Pennridge area. From left are Norman L. Keller, Assistant Secretary, E. Stanley Godshalk, Treasurer, Harry M. Detwiler, Vice President, W. Albert Reese, Mayor of Silverdale, Karen Meckes, Miss Montgomery County of 1965, Russell M. Hillegass, President, Robert Schuler, Branch Office Manager, and Henry S. Detwiler, Secretary



*Robert Schuler*  
Branch Office Manager



*Vivienne S. Shelly*  
Teller-Secretary

# SOUDERTON *Savings* & LOAN ASSOCIATION

15 WASHINGTON AVENUE  
SOUDERTON, PENNSYLVANIA

*Silverdale Office*  
MAIN ST. AND BARINGER AVE.  
SILVERDALE, PA.



## STATEMENT OF CONDITION FEBRUARY 28, 1966

### LIABILITIES

Savings Capital.....	\$9,446,522.35
Advances, F.H.L.B.....	600,000.00
Loans in Process.....	62,491.18
Specific Reserve.....	6,266.49
Tax Reserve.....	9,398.93
General Reserves.....	714,300.00
Undivided Profits.....	40,482.81
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$10,879,461.76</b>

### ASSETS

First Mortgage Loans.....	\$9,276,440.27
Loans on Savings Accounts...	102,275.69
Real Estate Sales Contract...	5,477.51
Real Estate Owned.....	28,238.61
Cash and U.S. Treasury Bonds	1,056,414.73
F.H.L.B. Stock.....	105,000.00
Office Buildings.....	201,354.86
Furniture and Equipment.....	35,318.23
Other Assets.....	68,941.86
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$10,879,461.76</b>

*70 Years Continuous Service*



# Sellersville 1897 and 1898

A group of citizens met in Firemen's Hall on Friday evening July 23, 1897 to discuss the organizing of a building and loan association. It was a hot night.

Three citizens — David S. Harr, J. Richard Cressman and Charles F. Jacoby — in looking to the future and feeling the urgent need for an institution to encourage home-ownership, had sent out the call for this meeting.

Answering the invitation were Ephraim S. Neidig, Harry G. Jacoby, Jacob A. Kooker, Hysler J. Zane and George S. Billger.

After a lengthy discussion about the purpose and function of a building and loan association, these gentlemen elected among themselves the following temporary officers: David S. Harr, president; J. Richard Cressman, secretary, and Ephraim S. Neidig, treasurer. They voted to call the newly formed organization the Sellersville Building and Loan Association. There was to be a membership fee and each share was to be worth \$200.

The Sellersville Building and Loan Association held its first annual meeting last week on August 6, 1898, and the following report was made.

Receipts	
Membership fees	\$ 202.50
Monthly dues	4,860.00
Monthly premium	7.66
Monthly interest	168.66
Monthly fines	8.52
Advance fees	3.70
Rent received	9.00
Borrowed money	3,500.00
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	\$ 8,760.04
Disbursements	
Loans	\$ 7,800.00
Expenses	260.03
Cash on hand	700.01
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	\$ 8,760.04

## December 31, 1965

### ASSETS

Direct Reduction Loans.....	\$9,020,337.62
Other Loans.....	77,936.71
U. S. Government Obligations.....	638,946.23
Stock in Federal Home Loan Bank..	111,800.00
Other Investments.....	110,000.00
Cash on Hand and in Bank.....	188,587.35
Office Real Estate less Depreciation	101,071.49
Furniture and Fixtures less	
Depreciation.....	28,510.98
Deferred Charges and Other	
Assets.....	86,160.33
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Total Assets.....	\$10,363,350.71



Officers and Directors of the Association are, front, from left Herbert S. Nase, Secretary, Frank Benner, Vice President, Paul F. Souder, President, Claude A. Renner, Vice President, Glenn M. Moyer, Treasurer. Middle: John S. Case, Assistant Manager, Paul S. Shelly, Woodrow W. Groff, Earl S. Gehman. Back: Erwin G. Moyer, J. Edward Gulden, Harold O. Gross, Jr., Ralph S. Butler, Walter Herstine. Other directors are Stanley M. Horn and Richard Wasser.



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# PROXIMITY TO PHILADELPHIA

## . . . . and a Pennridge success

After a man has traveled 60 miles a day — to Philadelphia from Pennridge and return — for 30 years, he has traveled far. William H. Barndt has done this and his travels have covered more than miles — and all successfully. He was born in Perkasio and now resides in West Rockhill.

After graduating from Sellersville-Perkasie High School in 1936, he joined the First National Bank of Philadelphia. First National merged with Pennsylvania Company in 1955 when the West Rockhill resident was an Assistant Treasurer. Today he is Regional Vice President, Suburban North Region, for The First Pennsylvania Banking and Trust Company. His area of responsibility includes offices located in Plymouth Square, West Point, Huntingdon, Valley, Warminster and Levittown.

In addition to attending the American Institute of Banking and the University of Pennsylvania Wharton School, he was graduated from the Stonier Graduate School of Banking at Rutgers University last year.

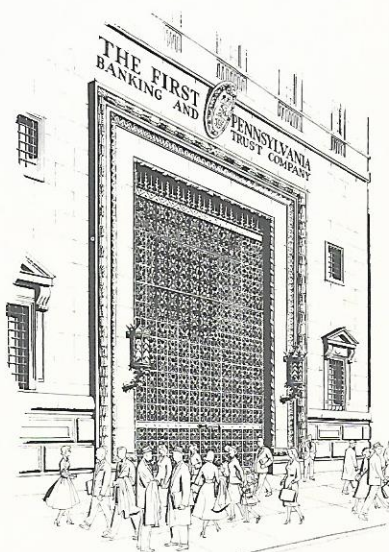
Today, after service in two wars, he continues to be active in the Military. The West Rockhill resident entered World War II as a draftee and was discharged a Major from the Pacific Theater. While in the Pennsylvania National Guard, he served in Korea. He was promoted to the rank of Colonel in the U. S. Army Reserves in 1964 and is presently attached to the 2059th United States Army Reserve School in Allentown.

After attaining the presidency of the Philadelphia Junior Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Barndt has remained active in Community affairs. He serves on the Board of Directors of The Police Athletic League of Philadelphia, the North Penn YMCA, Freedom Valley Girl Scout Council, and is a member of the Executive Committee of the Montgomery County Branch of Pennsylvania Economy League.

Mr. Barndt and his wife have three children, a daughter and two sons. Suzanne attends West Rockhill Elementary School. The sons commute to William Penn Charter School in Germantown. Stephen will graduate in June 1966, while Douglas is a sophomore.

*A daily ritual for thirty years  
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*William H. Barndt*



# A Dynamic Individual . . . .

## CHARLES H. HOEFLICH

*Why he chose to make the Pennridge Area  
his home and become deeply involved in its affairs*

In 1947 Charles H. Hoeflich (then identified with a large Philadelphia Bank) decided he needed a place where he would be able to "get away from it all". After an eighteen month search he found and immediately "fell" for his present home, "Elderberry Farm", a sprawling 40 acre estate located at Kellers Church, Bedminster Township. It was just what he always wanted, rustic charm set in a beautiful location. Improvements came to the farm over the years; they were modern but never so much that they spoiled the 200 year old charm and unsophisticated appeal inherent in colonial buildings of its variety. Charlie fell for the people of the area too. They were from the hardy stock which predominantly German and Dutch origins represent — people who live fruitful lives and are uncompromising in their religious and political convictions. These strong feelings for the area and its people have grown over the years. As a result, Charles Hoeflich is today an active figure in the community, giving his time to many worthwhile projects and helping to guide it to a future of sound prosperity through proper planning.

In 1961 Charlie decided to make his country home his **only** home. He left his job in the city and accepted the position of President of the Union National Bank and Trust Company of Souderton. In addition to his many duties as President of a rapidly expanding, multi-branched country bank, he also finds time to be active in the following local and national organizations: President & Trustee, Penn Foundation for Mental Health, Sellersville; Chairman, Bedminster Township School Authority; Vice Chairman, Bedminster Township Zoning Board of Adjustments; Member of Board and former Chairman, Upper Bucks County Joint School Authority; Director, Southeastern Pennsylvania Development Fund, Philadelphia, and Inter-County Hospitalization Plan, Inc.; and member, Blooming Glen Mennonite Church, Blooming Glen, Pa. On the national level, he is active in the following: Director, Mennonite Foundation; Chairman of the Board and Secretary-Treasurer, Intercollegiate Society of Individualists (a national educational foundation); member, Board of Overseers, Goshen College, Goshen, Indiana; Past President and Director, Bank Public Relations and Marketing Association; member, Public Relations and Marketing Committee, American Bankers Association. In addition to these many and varied activities, Charlie is also a member of: The Union League of Philadelphia; Pennsylvania Society of New York; Souderton-Telford Rotary Club; Indian Valley Country Club; and Bala Golf Club.



If you think this list of "spare time" activities is impressive - - - you're right. It is one which would keep three or four individuals profitably occupied on a full time basis, but it only dramatizes the Hoeflich knack of making the day 27 hours long. The list of activities gives a brief idea of the scope of Charlie's interests, but possibly it does not give an adequate picture of the extensive work he devotes to his church. To quote him, "I never can understand why so many people devote so much time to their material wealth while totally neglecting their spiritual wealth and well being".

This will give you a very brief glimpse of a man who is typical of many who have decided to live here, work for the good of the community and try in their own way to do their part. Many others of equally high calibre live here in Pennridge. Together they are today building the area into one of the most vital and vibrant communities of the East.





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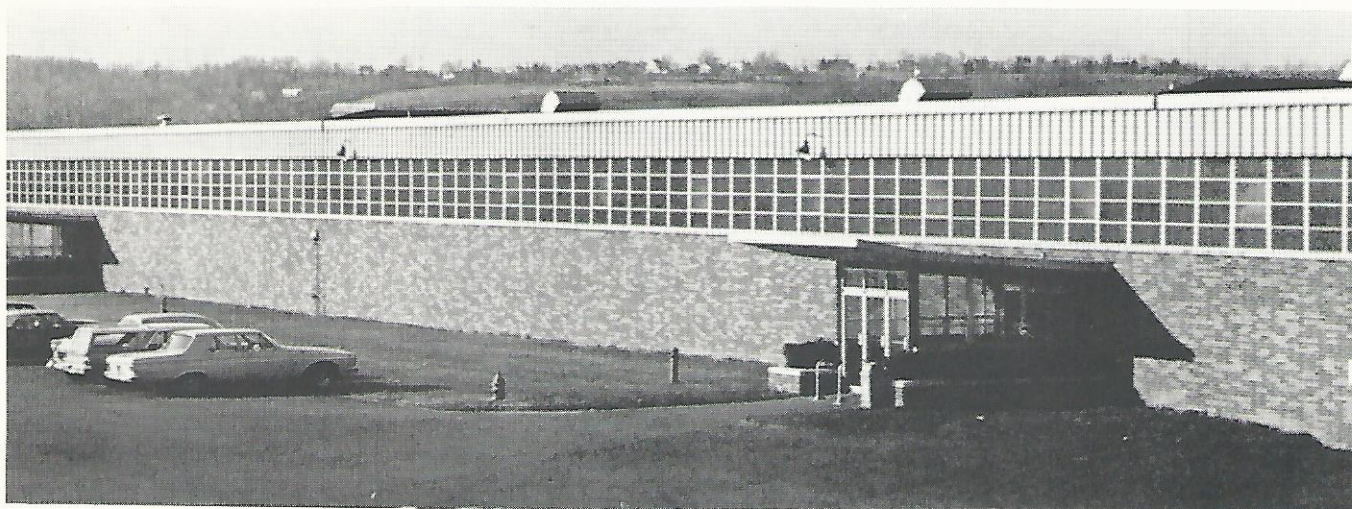
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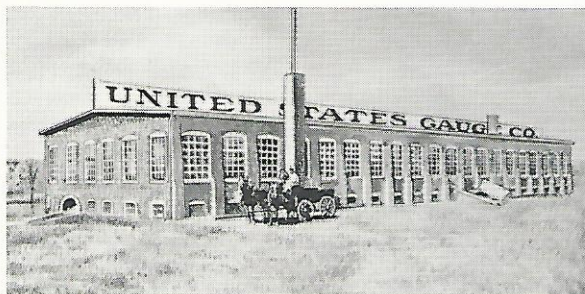
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## U.S. GAUGE..GROWING WITH PENNRIDGE SINCE 1904



The date is December 5, 1904. The place is Sellersville, Pennsylvania. The U. S. Gauge Company opens its roll-top desks for business and starts its machine tools turning. . . it is a "blue" Monday. The first real storm of the winter is swirling in 20 degree temperature with mixtures of snow, sleet and rain.

There are fourteen men, and a building 50 x 150 feet. There are only three sales offices. Products include pressure gauges for "locomotives, portable and traction engines, steam fire engines, steam boats, etc". A "hot" new line of gauges has just been created for "steam motor carriages".

There are dreams and hopes for a bright and great future.

The date is now. The place is Sellersville, Pennsylvania. . . in the rapidly growing Pennridge area of Bucks County.

The air is crisp and cool with a feeling of expectancy as the more than 1500 employees file in to meet the challenges of the day. Many go to their shiny modern desks, while many others take their places behind the most modern, most precise equipment obtainable. The one original small building has grown to three structures with a total area of 365,000 square feet.

Pressure gauges for virtually every use, from steam boilers to aerospace vehicles, pour through the vast production facilities. In addition, there are virtually hundreds of other precision instruments that record, control or measure pressure or temperature. Being produced is a device that opens parachutes automatically at a pre-determined altitude. Technology is far advanced.

A vast world-wide marketing organization assures wide distribution and use of U. S. Gauge products. U. S. Gauge, now a division of AMETEK, Inc., has experienced dynamic growth.

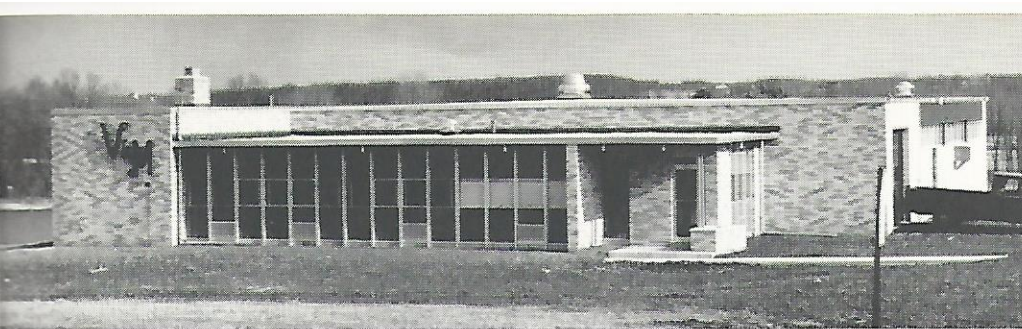
And there is confidence that the future will be even brighter. . . even greater.



# U. S. GAUGE

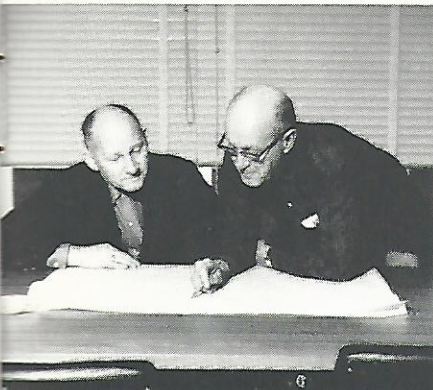
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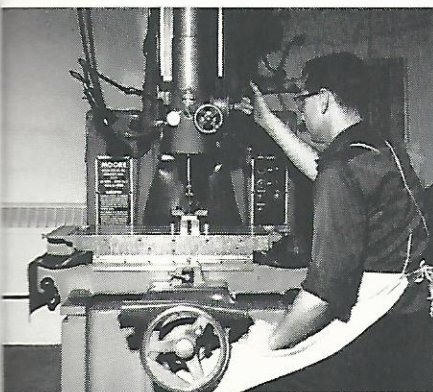


*Located in East Rockhill Township, at the Perkasie Borough line, the new plant was officially opened as Don E. Howell, president of the Lehigh Valley Chapter of the American Society of Tool Engineers, cuts the ribbon with Lester R. Void, left, and Paul W. Mood.*

*Engineering Services*



*Moore Jig Borer*



## **V&M Tool Company**

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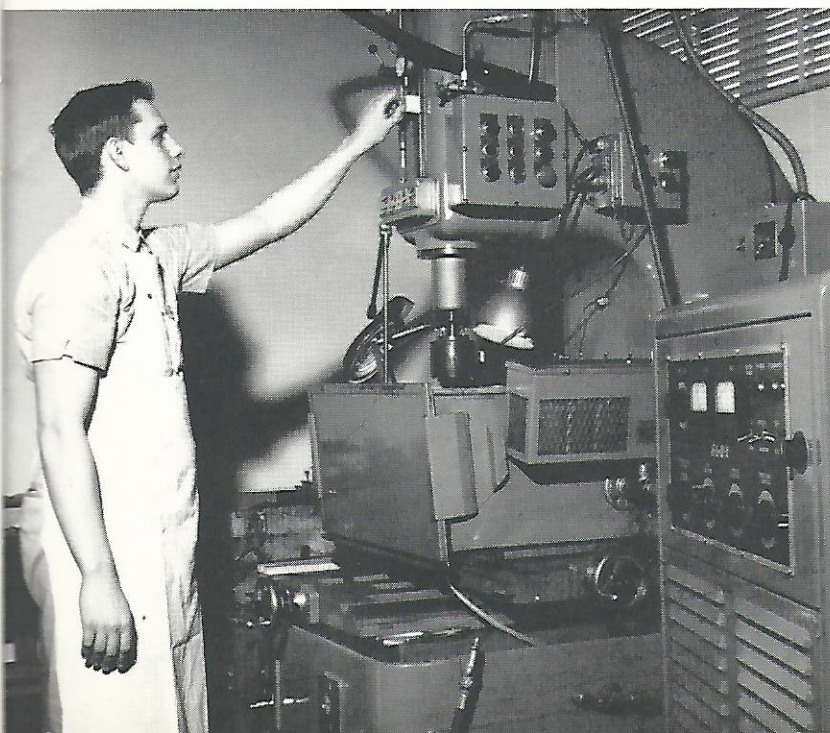
V&M Tool Company offers the benefits of a newly-built, newly-equipped plant and a complete range of close-tolerance machine shop services—including the first facility for electrical discharge machining located between Philadelphia and Allentown.

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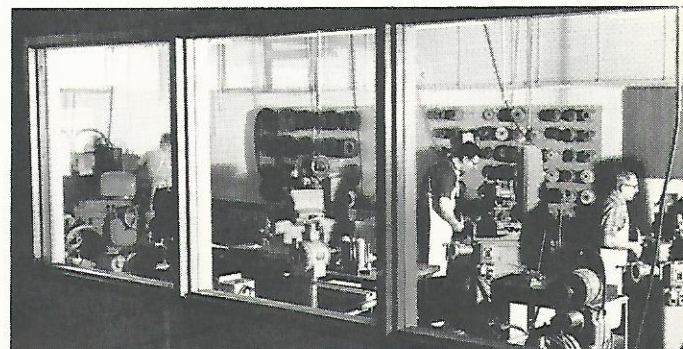
The V&M engineering department can be most helpful in preparing accurate cost estimates and drawings: can advise on the best materials for needs and on extending the service life of dies. The tool room is staffed with craftsmen well qualified to custom-fabricate close-tolerance dies, tools, gauges, jigs and fixtures.

These V&M capabilities benefit customers in many industries and on various products.

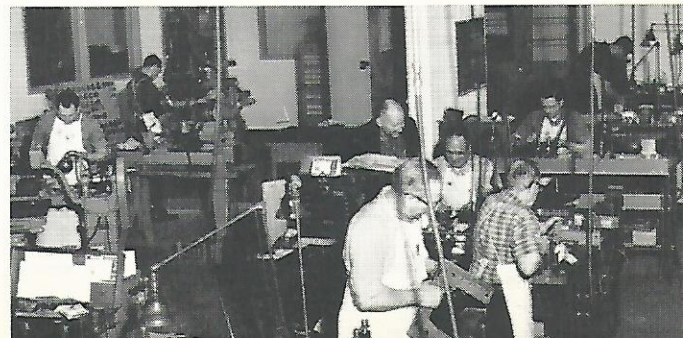
*Elox Electrical Discharge Machining*



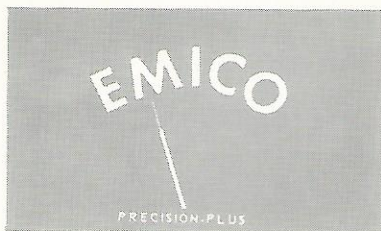
*Grinding Room*



*Benchwork*







## Is Pennridge People Producing Precision Meters



*From left: Claude Roth, Production Manager, William E. Pfeffer, Vice President, and Ray E. Jones, Assistant Sales Manager.*



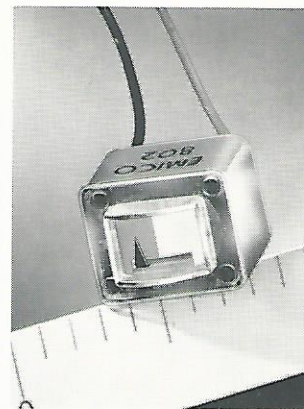
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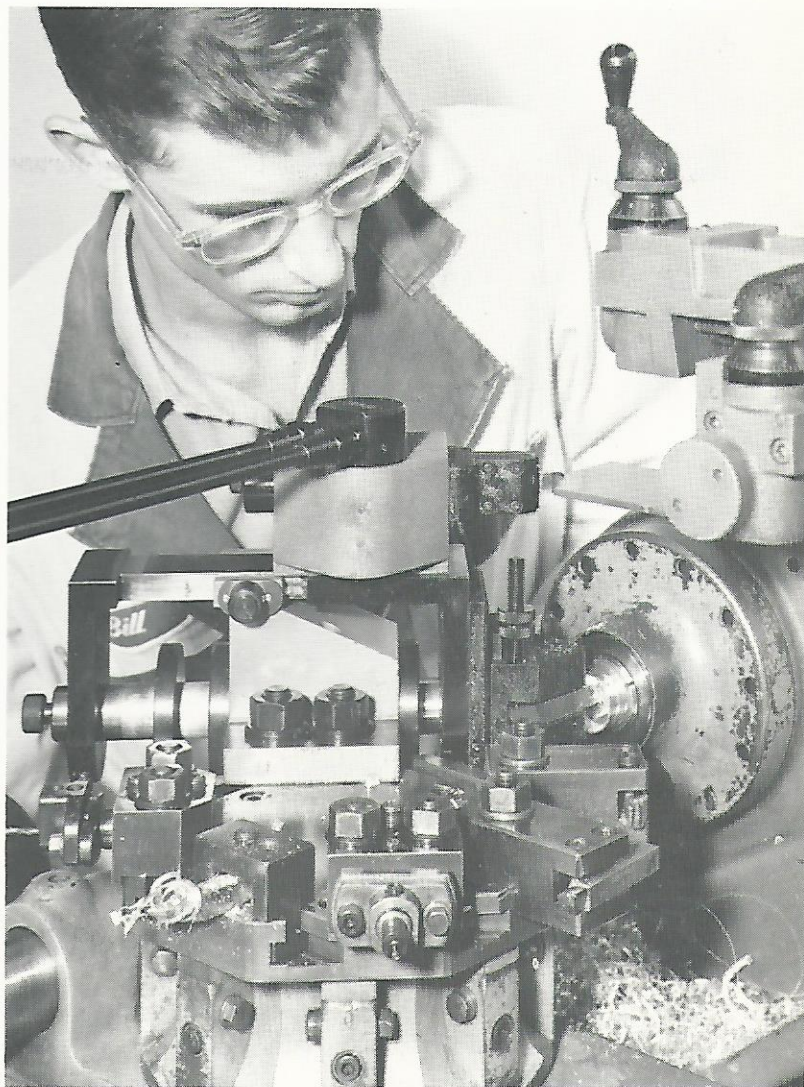
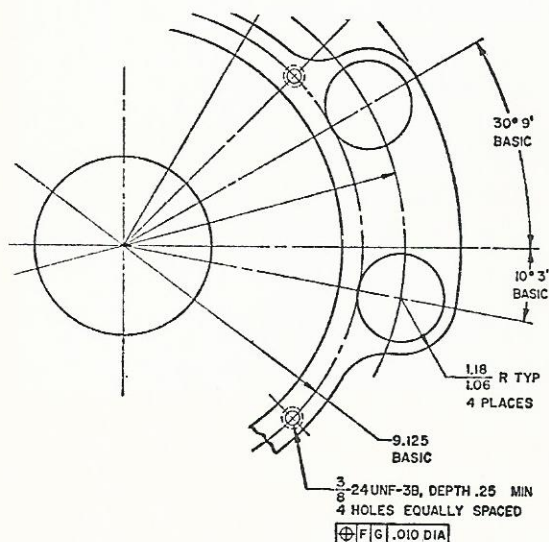
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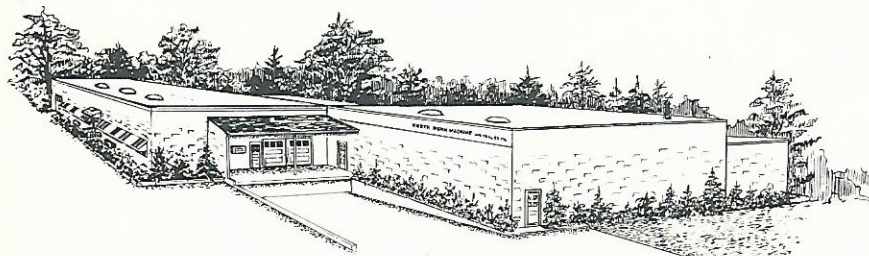
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Expect an overall master zoning program, further strengthened by park restrictions, regulations, and services.

Expect strong banking institutions that are industrially and residentially oriented, directed by knowledgeable executives who make it a point to stay abreast of local financial needs.

Expect proximity to sources of labor, supplies, research and cultural facilities and other management helps.

Expect architects and builders with vast experiences in area industrial growth.

Expect new interstate highway connections that place the rich Eastern markets in an over-night delivery zone — and this in addition to the air-freight and charter airplane service from your own 4000-foot macadamized runway — and excellent mail and rail service at your front door.

Expect churches, schools, farms, recreation, parks and a rural environment unavailable anywhere else in the geographic center of the Eastern market, the greatest in the world, and easy access to all other parts of the globe.

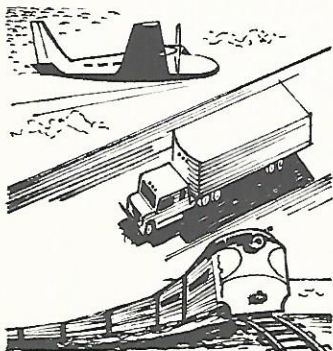
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*Airview of Park*



### Plot Plan



# People Places Things

The most pleasurable point in an organization's life is serving and participating with warm, understanding and active citizens.

People of the Pennridge area do great things in all places and care for everything important to our way of life.

The holiness of Easter and Christmas is enriched with the fantasy of entertaining the children with make-believe.

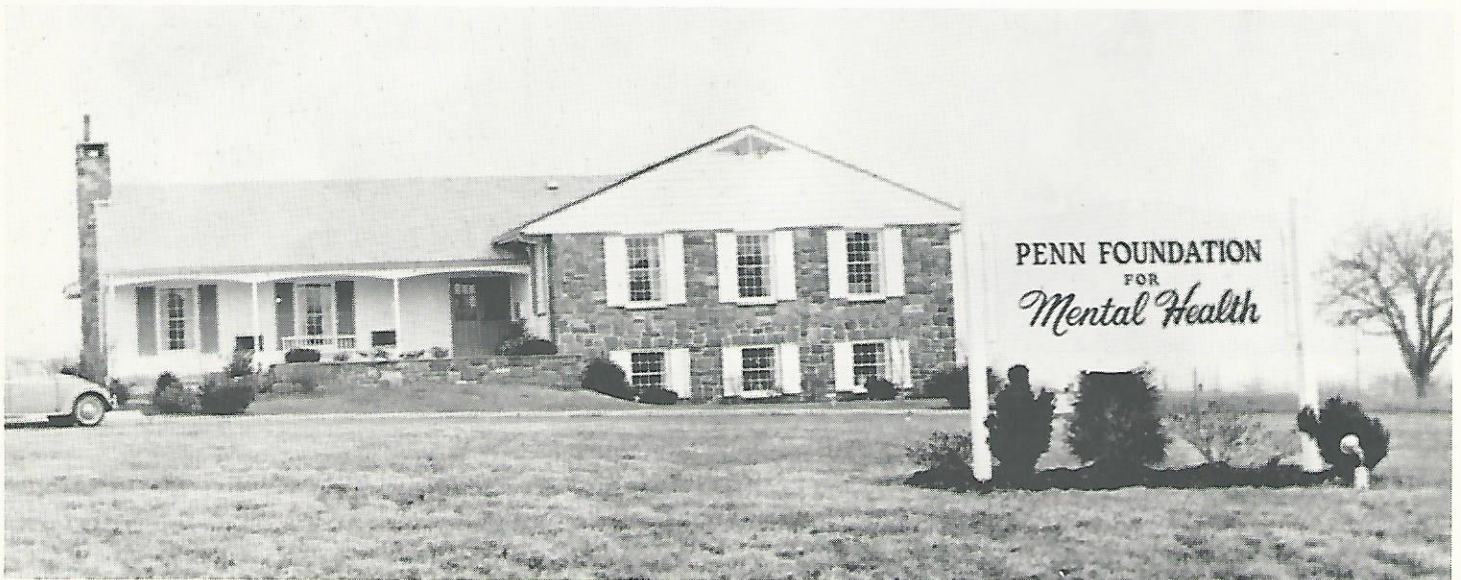
The hard facts of life are faced with resolute action in establishing havens of rehabilitation for the retarded, the ill, the mentally disturbed.



*The Chamber's Easter Bunny*



*... and Santa Claus too*



*Historical Society saved the Covered Bridge*



Our heritage is enshrined by saving little red school houses, covered bridges and other points of the past to serve as inspirational symbols for the future.

## P E N N R I D G E CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Karl F. Schoeller, President  
Frank R. Kulp, Vice-President  
Caryl H. Booz, Secretary



# Hilltown Township Civic Association Features Vision with Action

"We desire to continue the fine character of our community, by uniting in common purpose and to encourage active participation in community affairs on the parts of our residents by promoting greater civic interest so that we may further improve and beautify our community."

With this guide, the Hilltown Township Civic Association was founded in 1946 to become the oldest organization of its kind in the Pennridge area. One of the group's first accomplishments was the purchase and initial development of fourteen acres for community use near the center of the township.

Today, the Hilltown Civic Field provides open space and facilities for the annual Bux-Mont Riding Club Horse Show, the Hilltown Lions Club Western Horse Show, the Penn Ridge Kennel Club Dog Show, the Hilltown Community Pet Show, model plane meets, girls' softball and boys' baseball, and other activities to enhance the health, recreation and culture of the Pennridge area.

There is much more to the Hilltown Township Civic Association. This becomes apparent during the scheduled meetings on the fourth Tuesday of September, November, January, March, and May. Meet-

ings are held in the Parish Hall of the Good Shepherd Episcopal Church on Route 152

With a constant goal of making even a wonderful community better, the association covers a wide scope of interest, investigation, and direct action: operation of public schools and effective educational programs, efficiency of local government; taxation; zoning; subdivision; building codes; public health and safety; community planning; conservation and park program; recreational and cultural facilities.

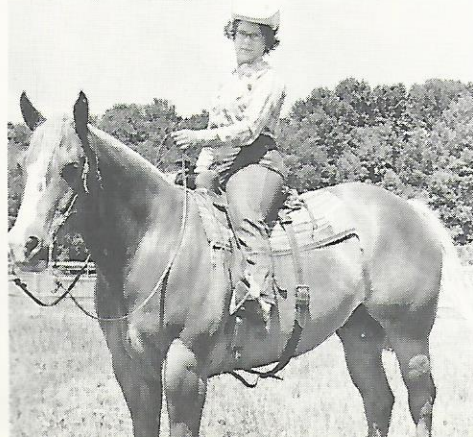
Through an open invitation to every resident to become an active member and through the publication of a newsletter, the association provides a sounding board for township residents on all community situations and trends, identifies and defines various problems, proposes constructive solutions through democratic discussion and develops a consensus of opinion leading to positive action.

Hilltown is the fastest growing township in Upper Bucks County. The association responds to the constant change through an edifying program of community participation, investigation, information, knowledge, vision, discussion, and action.

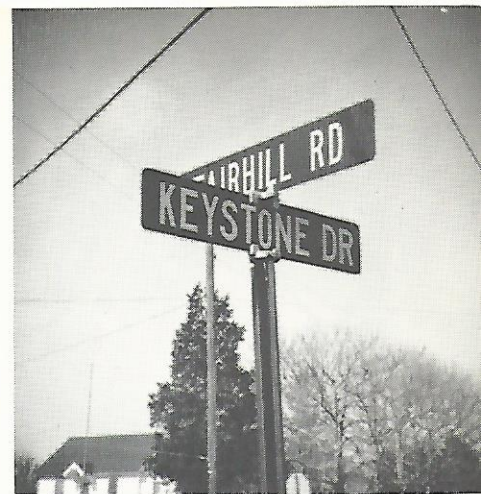


George E. Antunes, President  
David C. Gorman, Vice President  
Alice Camburn, Corresponding Secretary  
Sandra Stanley, Recording Secretary  
Richard J. Weiss, Treasurer

"Woodflaxie," a champion in the American Quarter-horse Association appears at the annual Hilltown Lions Show.



Former Penn Ridge Kennel Club president William Trauger enters the winner's circle on the Hilltown Civic Field.



Hilltown offers the long view



Boys' Baseball booms



... and girls' too

Panoramic view of the annual Bux-Mont Riding Club show on the Civic Association acreage.





# Service ... to Service

Perkasie firemen have an illustrious past, a present problem, and a growing future responsibility.

Cognizant of the many past performances, aware of the present situation and dedicated to assist for the future, the Perkasie Rotary Club has put into practice one of their club's four avenues of service: "Community Service."

As an expression of gratitude to Perkasie Firemen and the exemplary cooperation of the four companies of the Pennridge area, Rotary has embarked on a program to raze the former Perkasie Arch Street Elementary School.

Perkasie Firemen will build their new fire house at this location.

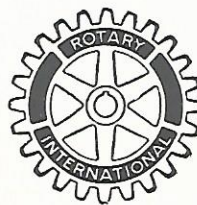
Rotary will provide the funds for the first phase of a project that is important to the safety of the entire Pennridge community. It is hoped this opening effort will provide the impetus for a successful conclusion when other phases of the firemen's expansion program are launched.

Pressed for space in the present quarters for the present equipment and needing bigger equipment for the future, the need for a new fire house is obvious. The company must purchase a ladder truck and under present conditions could not house or maneuver this piece of apparatus.

Community expansion dictates growth for the Perkasie Volunteer Fire Company.

Everyone is aware of and thankful for the rigorous training, unselfish giving of time, willingness to serve anyone, anywhere that is the choice of the volunteer firemen.

A Rotarian pledges the ideal of service to his personal, business and community life. May this club service to an organization of service provide the opening effort in a deserving community program where every citizen will exhort his neighbor to assist those who serve — and then serve the fire-company himself with cooperation in the erection of new fire house facilities.



Service Above Self

*Perkasie  
Rotary Club*



*Arch Street Elementary School*

*Perkasie  
Fire Company  
Ambulance  
And  
Pumper*







*Fire Chiefs, Luther Yost, Silverdale, Joseph Hufnagle, Sellersville, Willis Trauger, Perkasia, and Robert Hager, Dublin*

## Public Safety and Protection . . .

Police and First protection in the Pennridge area has a regional look and the highest record of harmony, cooperation and assistance that could ever be expected in eight political subdivisions.

While each component of Pennridge area has a separate police force, all departments are part of the Bucks County Police radio system and Perkasia and Sellersville maintain a 24-hour answering service.

The Pennsylvania State Police are barracked nearby and provide schools that are attended by the Pennridge police officers. The Federal Bureau of Investigation regularly invites area police to their schools.

The Bucks County Police Association grove is located in Bedminster Township. Regular training and recreation programs are carried on at this beautiful location.

Traffic toll and juvenile delinquency is low and the crime rate is in the same low category in comparison to national trends.

### Fire Equipment and Property Worth \$601,000

One of the proudest points of service in Pennridge is the four fire companies. Holding an annual joint dinner meeting in which each company rotates the host role, maintaining standbys for each other, and keeping fire loss minimal in a side-by-side effort in the four Pennridge townships, the four borough volunteer fire departments are the epitome of neighborliness that exists in Pennridge.

Dublin, Perkasia, Sellersville and Silverdale Companies have 279 active firemen on their roles, 174 active ladies' auxiliary members and own 16 pieces of fire fighting equipment for use under all conditions peculiar to this locale.

The four companies own property worth \$190,000. The apparatus has a value of \$261,000. Two ambulances — Dublin and Perkasia — are valued at \$29,000, and all other equipment for the trucks and men have a sound value of \$120,000.

Most of this equity has been provided by the volunteers without cost to local government.

*Pennridge Police Chiefs: front from left, Russell Ulmer, East Rockhill; Claude E. Nase, Perkasia; Henry C. Freed, Silverdale. Back: George W. Marthers, Sr., West Rockhill; Charles A. Fritzinger, Dublin; Wilmer H. Buss, Bedminster; William D. Hammerschmidt, Sellersville; Linus S. Tyson, Hilltown.*





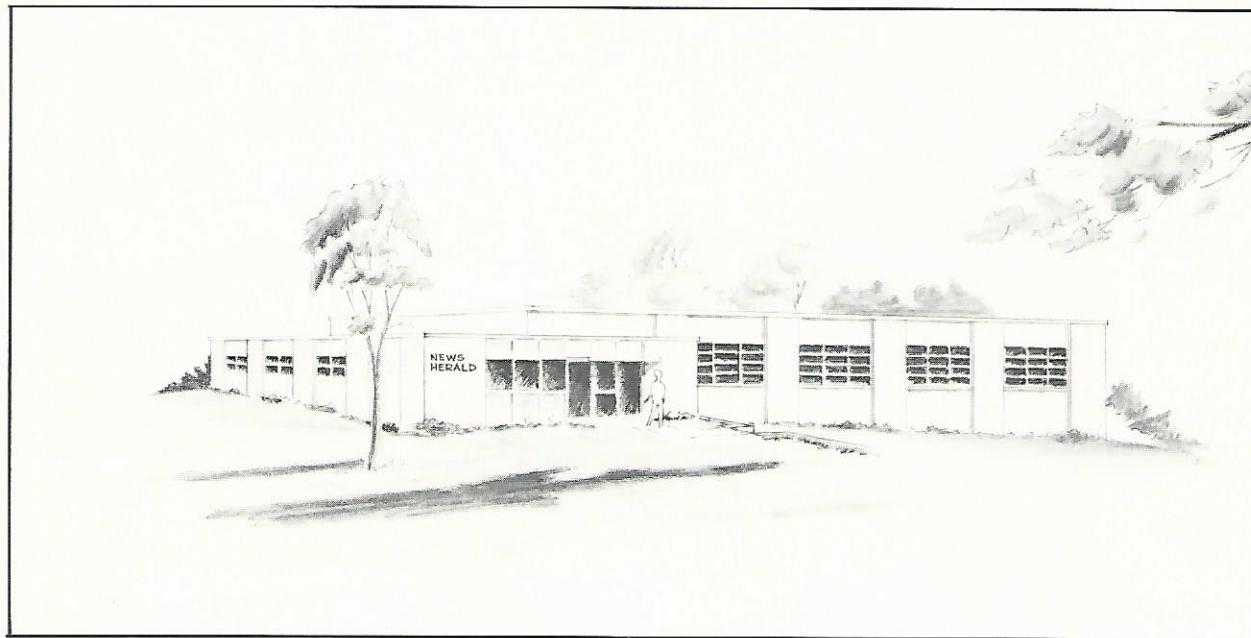
# Building A Greater Pennridge Area

Branch Valley Associates is striving to add to the growth of the Pennridge area by offering complete architectural engineering services as well as general contracting in commercial, industrial and residential construction. The firm is a continuation of the business formally known as Joseph R. Boorse, Contractor, who has been established in this area since 1928.

Branch Valley Associates, Inc. was formed in July, 1965 by Mr. Boorse and Willard Van Ommeren, Registered Engineer, in order to continue and to expand the present contracting business as well as to add the services of architecture and consulting engineering.

This enables the company to offer a complete planning and consulting design service of buildings, with the capacity of being able to complete general contracting of the construction phases, or engineering supervision only, as determined by the needs of the client.

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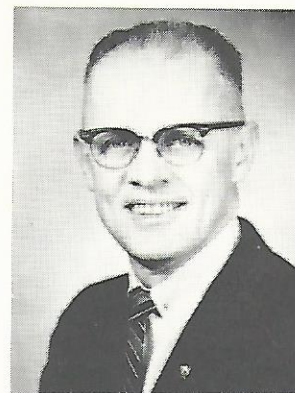
*Printing plant and offices of the News-Herald, North Seventh Street, Perkasia, designed and constructed by Branch Valley Associates.*

## RECENT BUILDINGS COMPLETED IN PENNRIDGE

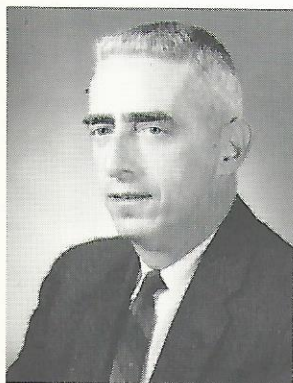
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- J. M. Freed Glass Co.
- Souderton Shopping Center
- W. T. Grant Store
- Jacques de Loux, Textiles
- Delbar Products
- Deep Run Presbyterian Educational Building



the man  
from Harleysville  
is also  
the man  
from Pennridge



Arthur A. Alderfer



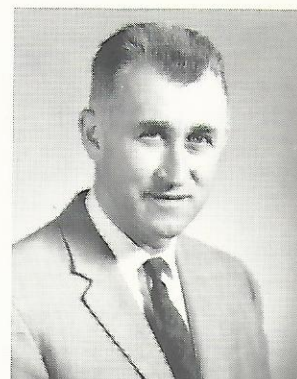
Robert S. Frick, Jr.



Frank A. Knowlan



William H. Hunsicker



George H. Trumbower

Arthur A. Alderfer, Chairman of the Board of the Harleysville Companies, is President and Chairman of the Grand View Hospital Board of Directors.

Robert S. Frick, Jr., Senior Underwriter, is Vice-president of the Sellersville Borough Council

Frank A. Knowlan, Vice President of Underwriting Research, is a resident of Bedminster Township, served eight years as Secretary and Treasurer of the Pennridge School Authority and as a Silverdale Borough councilman and Secretary.

William H. Hunsicker, Director of Underwriting, is President of Perkasio Borough Council and in his third term.

George H. Trumbower, Manager of Personal Lines and an East Rockhill Township resident, is a past Lions Club President and father of five children in the Pennridge School system.

The Big H has depended on personnel from the Pennridge area and their efforts have been important in the service and growth of the Harleysville Companies.

Only an expert can properly advise you on insurance problems. The Man from Big H — your Harleysville agent in the Pennridge area — is trained to save you money and worry, and to be a priceless friend in emergencies. . . . and he is backed to the hilt by field specialists in Commercial Risks, Personal Lines, Life, and Loss Control.

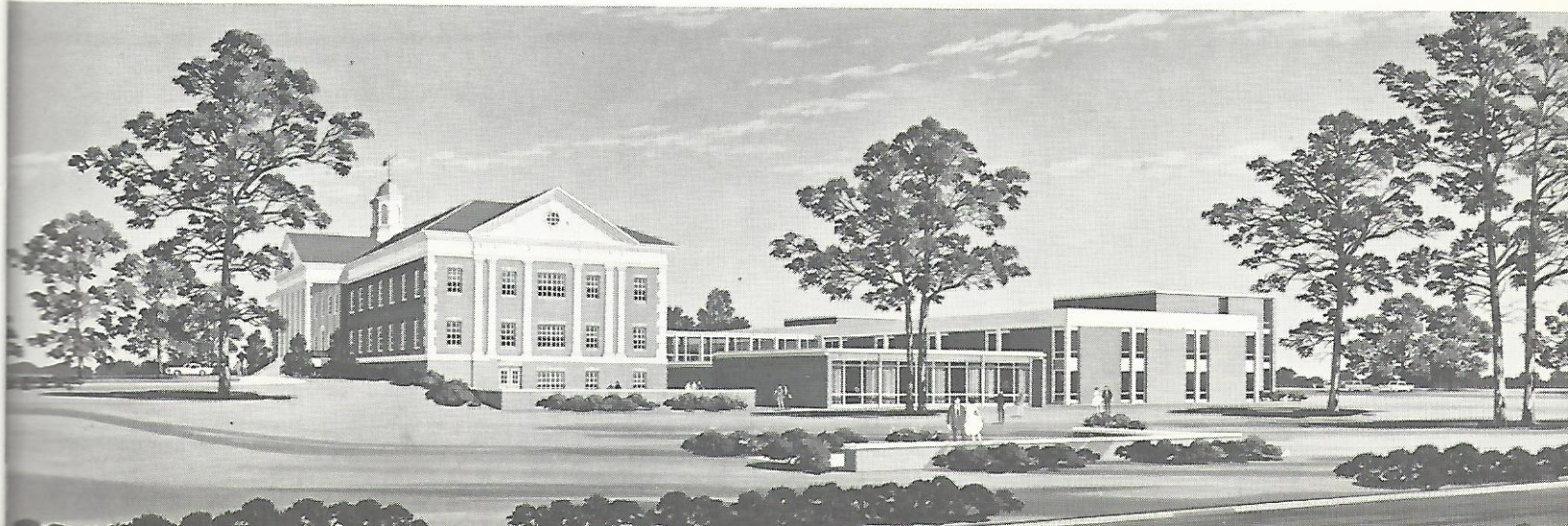
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HARLEYSVILLE MUTUAL CASUALTY CO.

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# KENNETH KRATZ CO. CAN PAINT

*... a pretty Pennridge picture*

From Sellersville-Perkasie to Pennridge is not a long time — only two school experiences. After having two sons Kenneth and Jerry study, perform and graduate from the Sell-Perk schools as West Rockhill residents, the Kenneth Kratz Company knows the neighborly warmth — that has evolved into Pennridge — from experience.

This company can paint a pretty picture on Pennridge living — and Mrs. Kratz, as a soldier in the army of amateur artists in the area, has done just that with the pastoral beauty that is everywhere in the rustic beauty of the eight Pennridge districts.

Meticulously and artistically the Kenneth Kratz Company has endeavored to bring a better way of life to Pennridge Area citizenry.

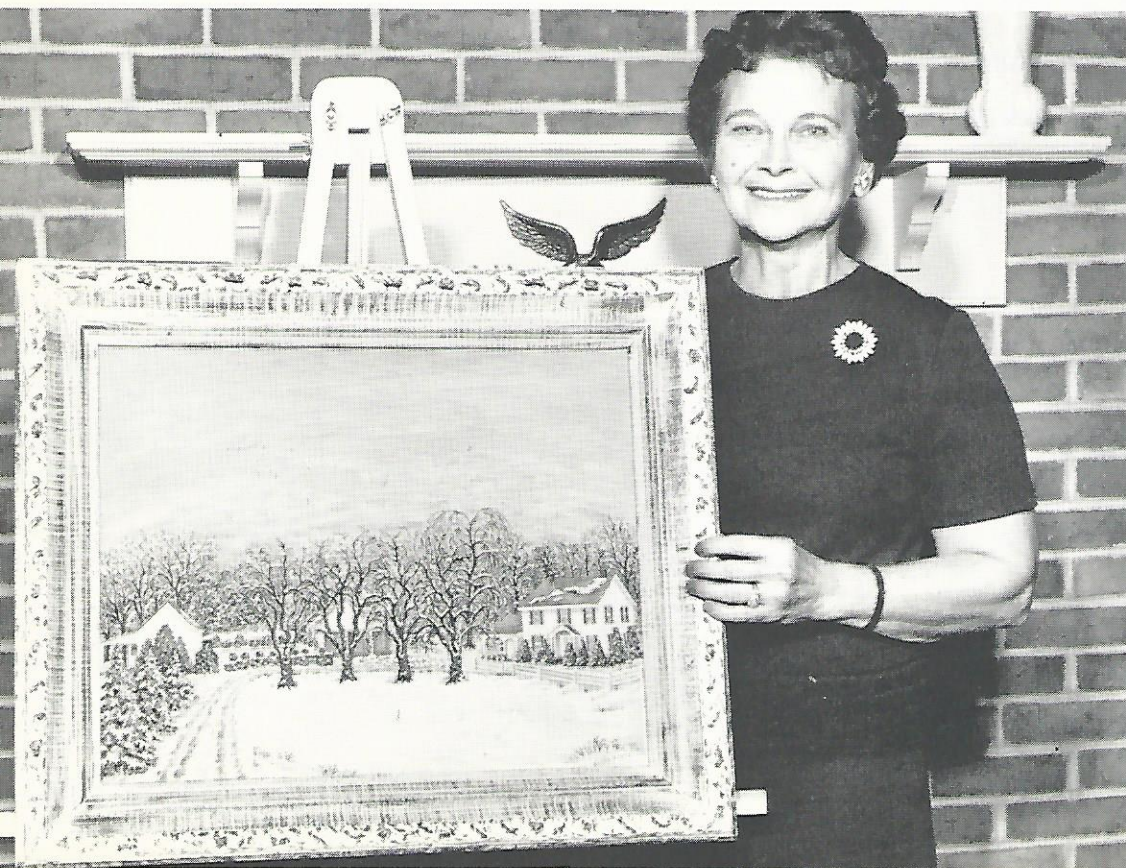
Three offices located in Quakertown, Souderton and Lansdale, including a staff of twenty-seven including eight Real Estate Brokers, offer the services of residential and commercial real estate sales, new homes, home trade-in program, insurance and apartment management.

## KENNETH KRATZ CO.

*Real Estate - Insurance*



*Mrs. Kratz and her painting of the Kratz farm home in West Rockhill Township.*



*Kenneth Kratz, Sr.*

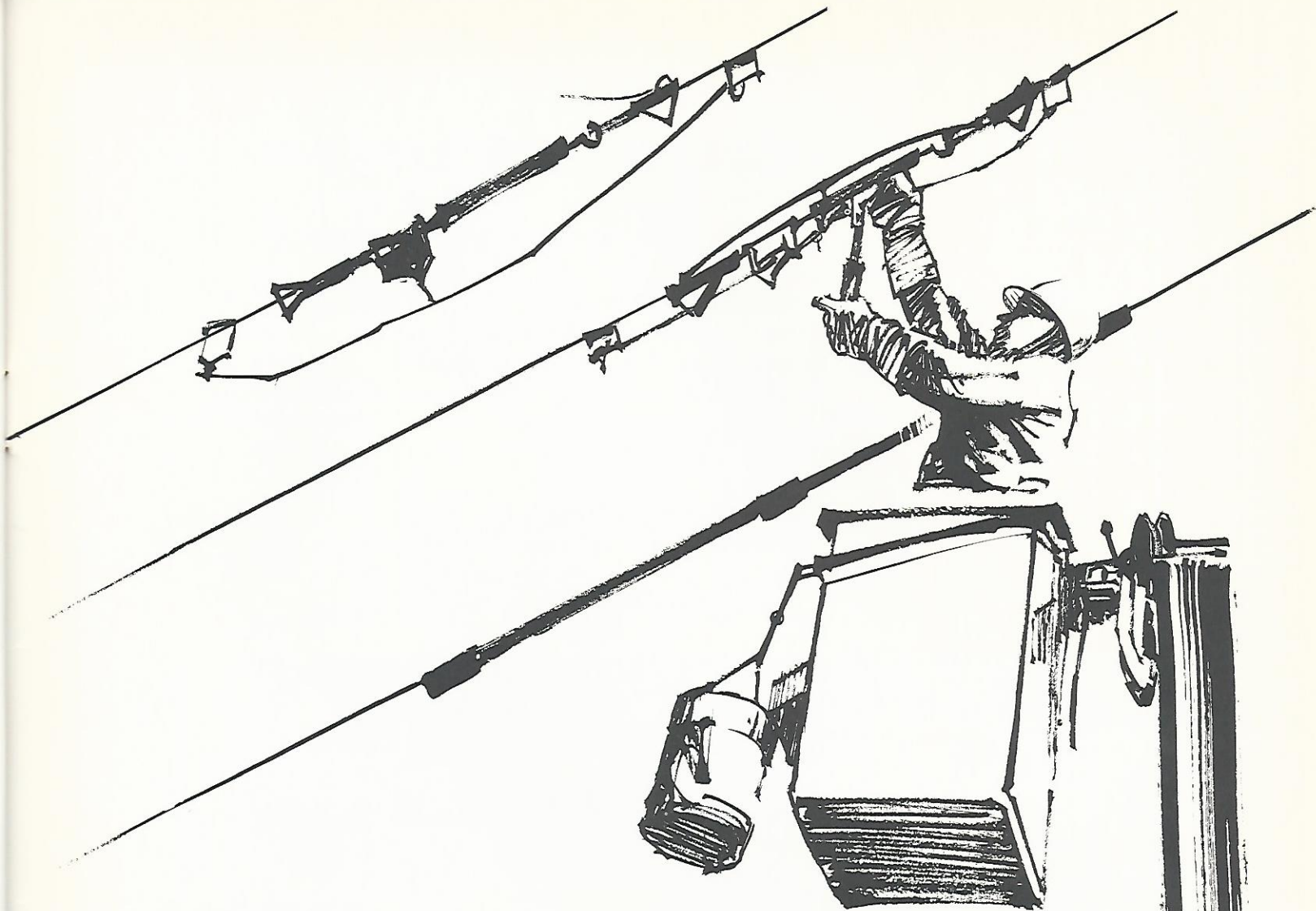


*Kenneth Kratz, Jr.*



*Jerry Kratz*





## *PP&L Low-Cost Power Rates Favor Business and Industrial Growth*

A major success factor in the conduct of any firm is its ability to keep production costs as low as possible, and thus help to place its end product or service in a better competitive position. Recognizing this vital fact, and also that the cost of living for all PP&L customers has continued upward, the Company has carried out a continual rate reduction program from September 1961, through March 1966.

Under this program, there have been ten rate reductions, totaling about \$15.1 million in annual savings to PP&L customers. These savings have been

shared by all classes of customers according to their kilowatt-hour use. Residential customers have received \$5.7 million, and the remaining \$9.4 million has been distributed among commercial, industrial, and related type customers.

As a result of this program, business and industry, whether large or small, locating in Pennridge Industrial Park will find abundant electric power at very favorable rates.

PP&L looks forward to providing you with efficient, reliable, and low-cost electric service.







# LOYAL ORDER OF MOOSE

THE FRATERNITY WITH A HEART - MOOSEHEART

MOOSEHEART, THE "CITY OF CHILDREN", IS THE FAMOUS HOME AND SCHOOL FOR THE CARE AND EDUCATION OF QUALIFIED SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE LOYAL ORDER OF MOOSE. IT IS LOCATED IN THE FOX RIVER VALLEY OF NORTHERN ILLINOIS, FORTY MILES WEST OF CHICAGO.

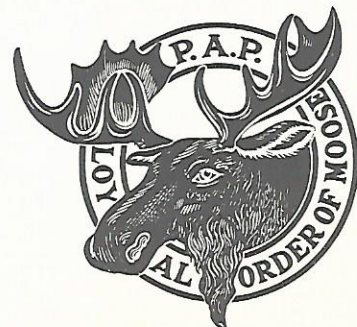
MOOSEHAVEN, THE "CITY OF CONTENTMENT", IS A MODEL HOME FOR QUALIFIED AGED MOOSE MEMBERS AND THEIR WIVES. IT IS LOCATED SIXTEEN MILES SOUTH OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA.



*The Sellersville Moose Banquet Room, refurbished in the fall of 1965, is available to the Pennridge area for wedding receptions, testimonials, banquets and meetings. A catering service is available with dinner accommodations for up to 250 people.*

**THE LOYAL ORDER OF MOOSE**

SELLERSVILLE LODGE No. 1539, Inc.  
75 NORTH MAIN STREET Sellersville







*Grand View Hospital*

# Grand View Hospital

Located in West Rockhill Township and serving Pennridge and the Upper North Penn Valley, Grand View Hospital attained a milestone in December of 1965 when all outstanding debts against the hospital were liquidated.

A 50-bed addition was added in 1957 at a cost of \$890,000 and the hospital now stands at 143 beds and 24 bassinets. A succession of fund drives led to the mortgage erasure.

Grand View is a voluntary non-profit acute general institution that was founded in 1913. Today the hospital personnel stands at 211, or 2 per patient per day, with a payroll of \$925,277 and an annual expenditure of \$1,340,000. It is approved by the Joint Commission on Accreditation.

## School of Nursing

Grand View Hospital School of Nursing was officially opened in 1922 and is the only student facility between Allentown and Philadelphia. There are 58 students in the school and school tuition for three years is \$950, which covers all expenses.

## Professional Staff-Services

There are 48 dentists, doctors and surgeons on the staff with courtesy privileges extended to 30 more.

Specialities provided are internal medicine, surgery, pediatrics, obstetrics and gynecology, ophthalmology, orthopedics, ear, nose and throat, urology, psychiatry.

Oral surgery, radiation therapy, diagnostic radioisotope service, clinical laboratory services, physical medicine, emergency service and a 6-bed intensive care unit.

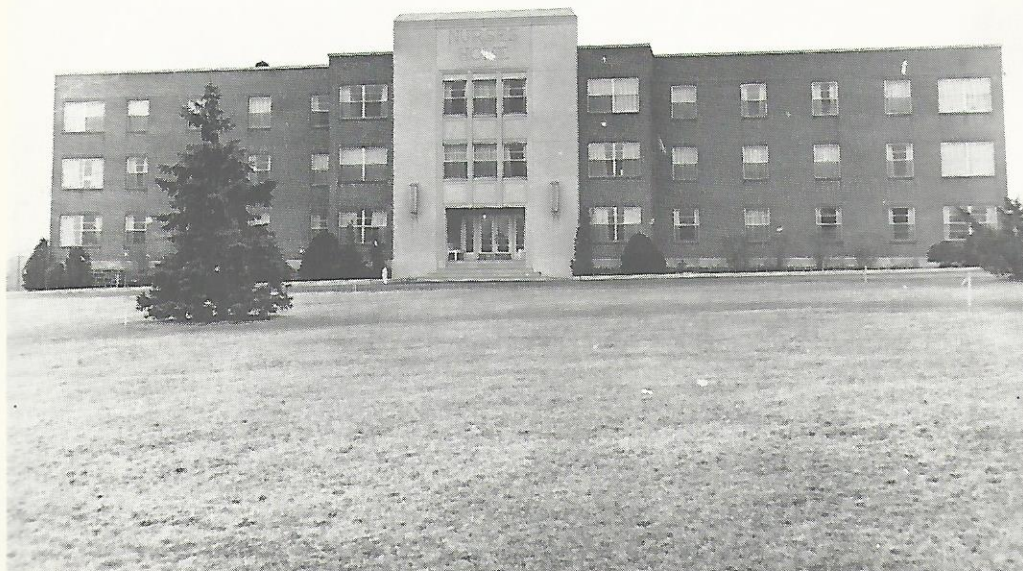
## Volunteer Program

Last year 196 pink ladies spent 21,600 volunteer hours within the hospital. Seven auxiliary units representing 800 volunteers provided assistance to the hospital and held the annual Lawn Fete on the hospital grounds.

Auxiliary units are represented in the following communities: Allmont, Blooming Glen, Perkasio, Quakertown-Trumbauersville, Sellersville, Souderton-Telford and Tylersport.

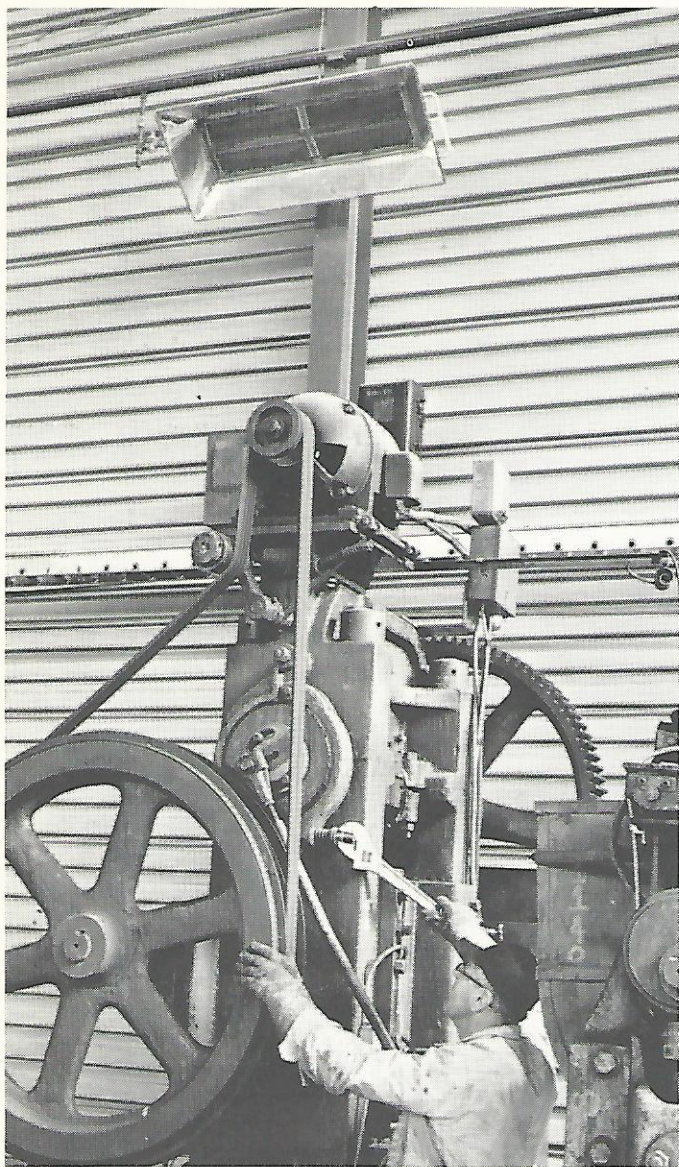
In addition to operating the hospital snack bar, gift shop hospitality cart, and providing 2,406 needlework and sewing circle articles, the volunteers undertake projects.

Most recent accomplishments are hospital station wagon, maternity division-newborn nurseries, intensive care unit air-conditioning, ice cube machines throughout hospital, patient care air conditioners, six suites of patient room furniture, and the radioisotope laboratory.



*Grand View Hospital School of Nursing*





*Hatfield Industries new plant in the Pennridge Industrial Park is heated with gas infra-red equipment.*

# GROWTH

is many things

Here in Bucks County there has been a long history of continuing progress. It is constant, dynamic growth—and it includes a burgeoning economy, fast-growing industrial complex and ever-expanding residential development.

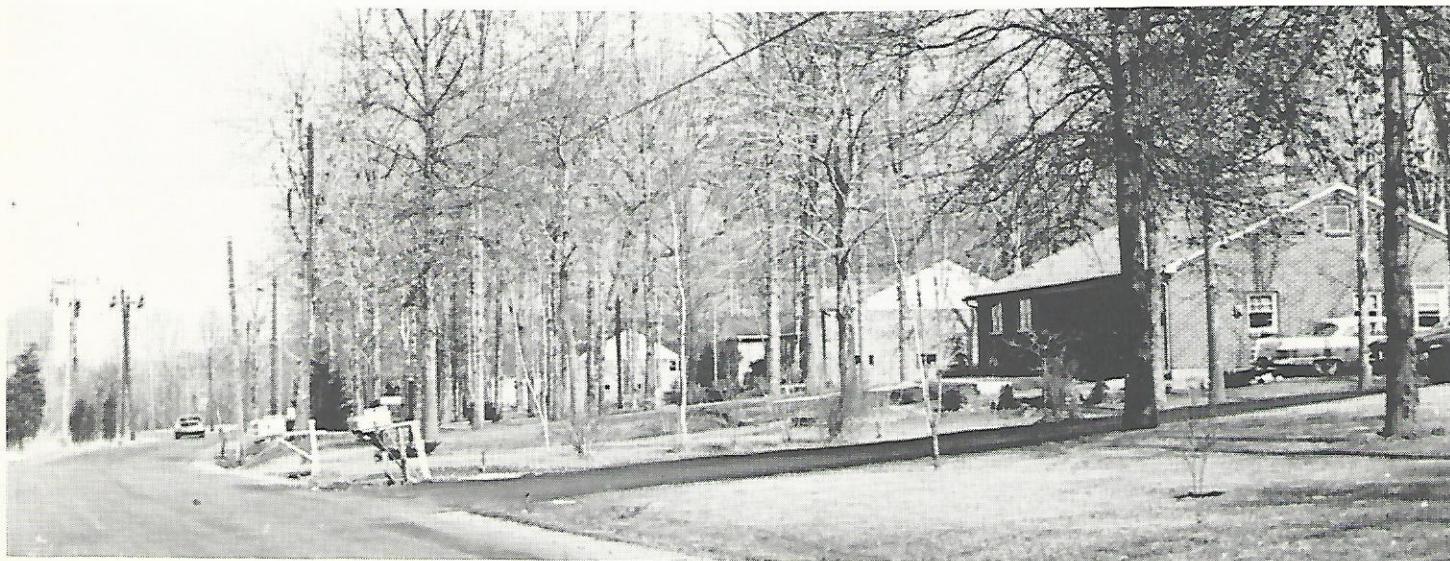
Growth, though, is more than these—great as they be. Growth is also cooperation—cooperation among the public and private sectors of a community, the financial interests and the civic leaders, the cultural and educational institutions and government on all levels.

For more than 100 years, United Gas Improvement has played an important part in the Eastern Pennsylvania story. And we continue this partnership for growth. We understand new-comers' needs—and we have intimate knowledge of the communities we serve.

Yes, UGI knows about the growth opportunities for the future. Talk to us, and let us share our knowledge and experience with you.



*Homes along the Three Mile Run in East Rockhill Township can now be served natural gas.*





## *Permanence In An Expanding Pennridge*

There was a good reason for organizing, relocating and expanding Forrest Lodge Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 245 — and there is every reason to believe that the permanency established by earlier visionary moves will serve a growing Pennridge in the future.

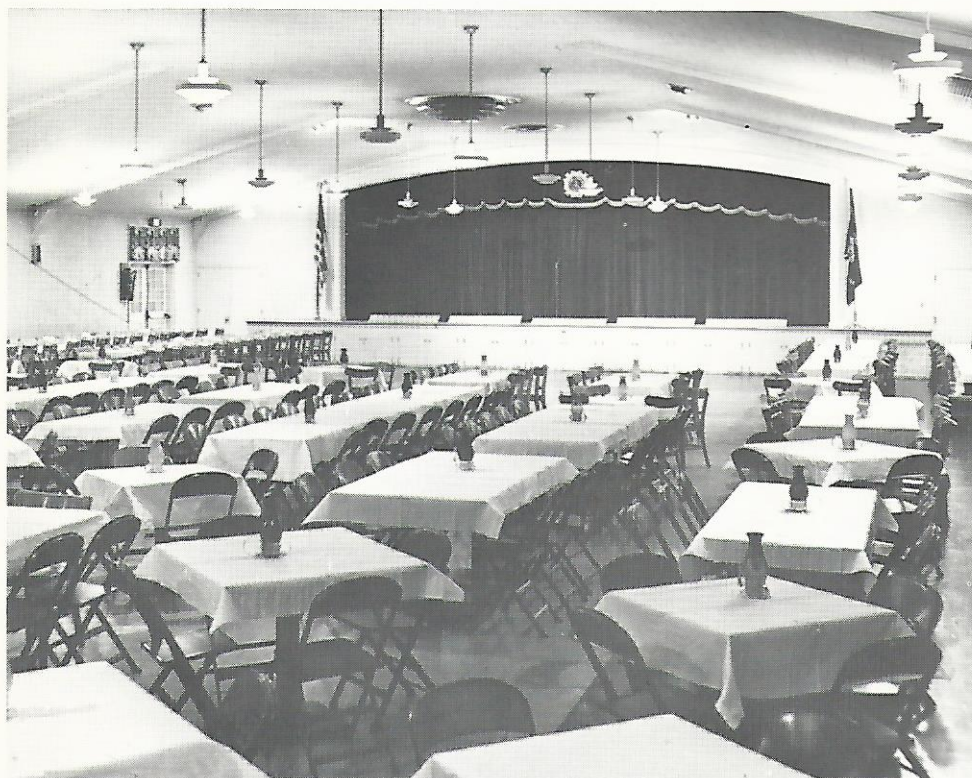
Seventeen years after the Armistice of World War I, the men who served in America's Expeditionary Forces and who resided in the Perkasio, Quakertown, Sellersville area organized Forrest Lodge. Later in that year of 1935, the post purchased 20 acres in West Rockhill, north of Sellersville, the nucleus of today's beautiful and spacious post home and auditorium-banquet room and cool, comfortable outdoor picnic grove.

With a membership of more than 900, Forrest Lodge is actively interested in veterans' rights and benefits in addition to community programs of general benefit. Among them are loan of hospital equipment, Little League Baseball, high school graduation awards, Loyalty Day, Voice of Democracy, to mention a few.

With the auditorium-banquet room incorporating the finest developments in acoustics, amplification and lighting, and seating more than 600 for dinner, Forrest Lodge has become the center of activity for the largest gatherings in Bucks and Eastern Montgomery Counties. Smaller banquet rooms cater to parties of every size and need.



*Forrest Lodge Post Home*



*Banquet facilities for more than 600*



*Forrest Lodge Veterans of Foreign Wars*





## Growing With Pennridge Two Ways



*Paul D. Fretz*



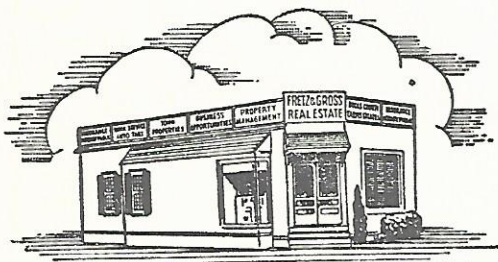
*Harold O. Gross*

With more than 40 years of service to Pennridge after being founded in 1925, Fretz and Gross is prepared for the future, steeped in the past by generations that settled in Upper Bucks County.

Active in all phases of real estate — including sales, appraisals, counseling, property management and mortgage placement — the firm centers its activities in Central and Upper Bucks County, holding membership in the Bucks County Board of Realtors and charter members of the Bucks County Realtors Listing Exchange.

The office also conducts an insurance agency, writing general insurance, bonds and life insurance with excellent companies. Notary Public facilities are available.

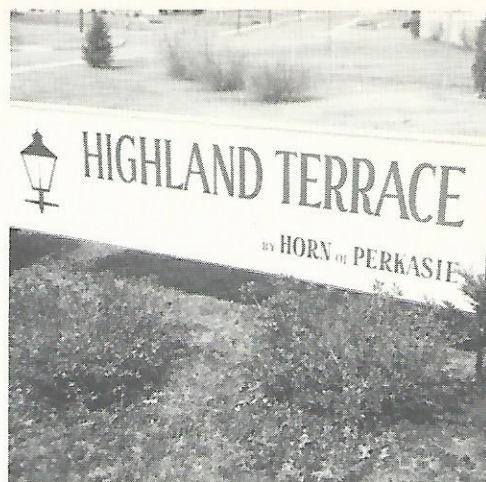
### *Fretz and Gross*



**SEVENTH AND CHESTNUT STREETS**

**PERKASIE, PA. 18944**

**TELEPHONE: 257-6548**



The Horn Organization is proud of its residential neighborhood "Highland Terrace." This area was started in 1958 and Sections I & II contain more than 40 homes with only 2 duplications related to floor plan and exterior appearance. Section III of "Highland Terrace" has been approved by the Planning Commission and is now available to discriminating buyers.

The main feature of this organization is its emphasis on quality of service and product. Their services include Real Estate Sales, Appraisal, Construction of Homes, Sub-Division of Land, and Real Estate Counseling in the Pennridge and adjacent areas.



## THE HORN ORGANIZATION

**Stanley M. Horn, R.E.B.**

**Edward G. Browning, R.E.B.**

**15 South Sixth Street**

**Perkasie**

**PHONE 257-6521**



## Generations of Pennridge Service



There is only one real estate office in Bedminster Township — that is Fretz Real Estate, organized in 1950.

Partners Arthur D. Fretz and J. Richard Fretz do not in any fashion stand on the singularity of this statement. Contrarily it actually encompasses the Pennridge area.

With a lifetime of living and education in several political subdivisions of the Pennridge area and mindful of ancestors who settled in the Bedminster area several generations ago, Fretz Real Estate offers residential, business, and industrial sales, counseling in a comprehensive real estate service.

### *Fretz Real Estate*

ROUTE 113 & 313    249-3507    DUBLIN



*Owl's Home Banquet Room*



## ORDER OF OWLS

PERKASIE NEST No. 1224

P. O. Box 281, Perkasio, Pa.

Howard Nungesser, Mgr.



# Classified Business Directory

## Appliances

**SCHOELLER'S**  
*Electrical Wiring — Commercial Refrigeration*  
619 Market St. 257-2083 Perkaspie

## Automobile Dealers

**BERGER & BERGER**  
*Chrysler — Plymouth*  
124 North Sixth Perkaspie

**HELDRETH'S GARAGE**  
*Renault Sales and Service*  
Maple Avenue 257-2170 Sellersville

## Auto Parts

**PENN-JERSEY AUTO STORE INC.**  
*Your Automobile Headquarters*  
7th & Arch Sts. 257-4152 Perkaspie

## Automobile Repair

**DUBLIN SERVICE STATION-GARAGE**  
*Complete Automotive Care*  
Route 313 249-3733 Dublin

**WILLIS D. TRAUGER**  
*Swift-Excellent Work*  
526 Race 257-2013 Perkaspie

## Beauty Shops

**CUT 'N CURL BEAUTY SHOPPE**  
*The Finest In Professional Beauty Care*  
Main & Green 257-2624 Silverdale

## Books

**PROVIDENT BOOKSTORE**  
*Religious & General Books*  
Shopping Center 723-4397 Souderton

## Certified Public Accountants

**JOHN H. ROCKEL, CPA**  
*Certified Public Accountant*  
I.O.O.F. Building 257-6193 Sellersville

**RICHARD VAN OMMEREN**  
*Certified Public Accountant*  
509 Chestnut 257-7827 Perkaspie

## Cleaners

**PERKASIE CLEANERS**  
*One Hour Dry Cleaning*  
317 So. 7th 257-4554 Perkaspie

## Electric Motors

**BRANCH ROAD ELECTRIC MOTORS**  
*Rewind — Repair of Electric Motors*  
Branch Road 257-2985 Perkaspie

## Farm Equipment

**I. G. ROSENBERGER INC.**  
*Industrial & Farm Equipment*  
Route 113 257-2712 Silverdale

## Feed

**DUBLIN MILLING CO.**  
*Flour, Feed, Grain, Dairy Feed Specialty*  
249-3541 Dublin

## Fuel Oil

**BERGEY & GEHMAN**  
*Oil Heat & Air Conditioning*  
Third & Walnut 257-2764 Perkaspie

**DARIUS SINE ESTATE**  
*Coal — Garden, Lawn Building Supplies*  
8th & Vine 257-4637 Perkaspie

**SELLERSVILLE FUEL & SUPPLY**  
*24 Hour Oil & Burner Service*  
South Main 257-4146 Sellersville

## Funeral Directors

**BENNER-SUESS FUNERAL HOME**  
*Founded 1919 (Member) Order of Golden Rule*  
606 Arch 257-2144 Perkaspie

**JOHN A. MOYER**  
*Three Decades of Service*  
623 Market 257-7100 Perkaspie

**W. LEE WILHELM FUNERAL HOME**  
*257-6325*  
219 North Main Sellersville

## Furniture — Retail

**RENNER BROTHERS**  
*Family Furniture Store*  
6th & Market 257-2267 Perkaspie

## Hardware — Building

**SHELLY & FENSTERMACHER**  
*Building Supply Center*  
7th & Market 257-6842 Perkaspie

## Ice Cream

**PERKASIE DAIRY QUEEN**  
*Country Fresh Flavor*  
Near The Bridges 257-7212 Perkaspie

## Janitorial Service

**D. & M. MAINTENANCE SERVICE INC.**  
*Careful Care In All Cleaning*  
36 Green 257-6394 Sellersville



# Classified Business Directory

## Insurance

### EDWARD MC KEEVER AGENCY

*Fire — Life — Auto*

15 South 7th 257-4616 Perkasio

### MAHLON KELLER INSURANCE

*A Complete Coverage Agency*

101 No. Seventh 257-6803 Perkasio

### SIMON K. MOYER AGENCY

*All Coverage — Swift Service*

125 W. Main 257-2145 Silverdale

## Laundromat

### HUNSBERGER'S LAUNDERAMA

*Self-Service — Coin Operated*

North Seventh Perkasio

## Lawn — Garden

### MOYER'S SAW FILING SERVICE

*Lawn-Garden Sales & Service*

15 So. Main 257-6814 Perkasio

## Linen Rental

### PENNRIDGE LINEN SERVICE

*Aprons — Towels — Uniforms*

South Third 257-9747 Perkasio

## Meats

### CHARLES J. FEHL CO.

*Everything in Meats*

Blooming Glen — Spring House

### C. D. MOYER CO.

*Meat Products — Modern Supermarket*

257-6881 Silverdale

## Monuments

### KELLERS CHURCH GRANITE WORKS

*Fine Monuments Since 1895*

Robert E. Trauger 795-2166

## Paint

### PENNINGTON & PEALER, INC.

*Wholesale Paint Distributors*

111 No. Branch 257-6808 Sellersville

## Petroleum Products

### NORTH PENN OIL & TIRE CO.

*Wholesale Petroleum Products*

135 No. 9th 257-2736 Perkasio

### M & S OIL COMPANY

*Petroleum Products*

817 Market 257-2050 Perkasio

## Pharmacy

### GROFF PHARMACY

*Serving the Area With Fine Medicinals*

613 Market 257-4551 Perkasio

## Plumbing — Heating

### WENHOLD'S PLUMBING-HEATING

*Hiram B. — Here to Serve You*

309 Diamond 257-2173 Sellersville

## Plating — Polishing

### NO. PENN PLATING & POLISHING

*Cadium, Chrome, Nickel & Zinc Plating*

West Park Avenue 257-4945 Sellersville

## Restaurant

### SMITH'S RESTAURANT

*Finest Food & Service*

18 South 7th 257-4250 Perkasio

## Variety Store

### LESHER'S 5-10-1.00 STORE

*Your Variety Headquarters*

9-11 No. Seventh 257-4055 Perkasio

## Service Station

### STEINLY'S TEXACO SERVICE

*Car Care — Tires — 24-Hour Towing*

Rts. 309 & 563 257-9948 Sellersville

### WENHOLD'S TEXACO SERVICE

*Complete Car Care Center*

Third & Walnut 257-6003 Perkasio

## Shoes

### HERSTINE'S SHOE STORE

*We Fit The Family*

7th & Market 257-2261 Perkasio

### PETTICOFFER'S SHOES

*Family Shoe Store*

621 Arch 257-4542 Perkasio

## Tires

### PERKASIE VULCANIZING CO. INC.

*Cooper Tires, Retreading, Vulcanizing*

Route 309 257-6527 Sellersville

## Swimming Pools

### BUSTER CRABBE POOLS

*Living Dream Pools*

Fair Hill Road 723-4204



# Pace-Setters Prefer Pennridge

**PUBLIC RELATIONS IS NOT** telling you to "buy this machine", "try this fuel", "adopt this computer system".

It plays for greater stakes. It talks about growth, progressive management, community service and community relations.

It sells plans, progress, & profits.

## Site Location Assistance

Use your experiences in existing plants and our experience of living here to bring your industrial expansion to Pennridge.

The data you need will be provided within the direction of your requirements with anonymity, while assembling data as to the general acceptability of the community from your company's standpoint. All components analyzed in true proportions to raw materials, utility costs, transportation, land costs, plant overhead, labor, climate, and every economic, political and social question.

Counselors in Pennridge to those who are here, those who look into coming, those who come.

James J.

## Hackett Associates

*Public relations counseling and service*

128 South Third Street, Perkasié  
257-9747



*Dublin's Mayor Harold E. Bishop, left, hears plans for new sewer system for borough from Council President Theodore Kohl.*



*The late J. Melvin Freed bequeathed perpetual care for Perkasié gardens.*

*Pennridge entered the air age when the airport in the Pennridge Industrial Park opened this spring. Captain Norman A. Hortman, Sr., (left) a Trans-World Airlines pilot with more than 35,000 accident free hours is operating the airport. Edward Seiz, president of Hatfield Industries, the first industry in the park, pilots his own plane and is shown on the runway with his plant in the background.*





# In Pennridge A Man Is A Person

An individual's life in Pennridge can follow the same course that is open to everyone in our country—but life here attains a higher degree than the norm.

It can be the late William M. Moyer coming out of Hilltown Township to live in Perkasio and spend his life in leading fund drives to raise millions of dollars to build Grand View Hospital and Grand View School of Nursing.

It can be B. Earl Druckenmiller who spent his entire life in Sellersville and provided ponies on the playground for free rides for the children for 35 years.

It can be James DiRocco, Willis D. Trauger and Edwin A. Renner who epitomize all volunteer firemen as they answer calls for volunteer ambulance service in the Perkasio Fire Company Ambulance or Elmer Kreibel, Herbert J. Stauffer and Harvey Bishop in the Dublin Fire Company ambulance.

It can be Mrs. Esther Cassell, educated in Perkasio, and teaching schools until her retirement, in the schools of Sellersville, Perkasio, Deep Run and finally Pennridge.

It can be William M. Hill, Jr. of West Rockhill with a business in Sellersville directing Salvation Army activity in the Pennridge area for more than 20 years.

It can be Lester R. Void, a Perkasio industrialist, educated in the Sell-Perk Schools, a resident of East Rockhill Township, who served as president of his township school board, Deep Run School Board, and Pennridge, and played a major role in the formation of the Pennridge schools.

It can be the late Calvin D. Moyer of Silverdale, succeeding in business, but annually remembering all his community and church institutions with generous contributions of his products.

It can be Dr. Lewis N. Snyder dedicating his life to Sellersville-Perkasio Joint Schools, then the Pennridge School system.

It can be Maurice Neinkin, a Hilltown resident with a Perkasio manufacturing plant, who presented \$25,000 to Perkasio Borough for the purchase of a municipal swimming pool 'so children can have low swimming rates.'

It can be Margaret Knowlan of Bedminster Township who was elected to county office and held state-wide offices in the political party of her persuasion and is now a candidate for the General Assembly.

It can be John W. Sprenkel, a fearless editor of the weekly newspaper, News-Herald, crusading alone for Perkasio Borough to dismantle their electric generating plant, and purchase power wholesale from Pennsylvania Power and Light for resale—a move which has proven to be a financial windfall for the borough.

It can be Paul R. Sine, a Perkasio businessman, spending all of the years since World War I making certain that all area veterans, widows and children receive the benefits provided by their government.

It can be Walter Soltau building a memorial wading pool on the Sellersville Playground.

It can be Lloyd Ott, a Bedminster farmer, joining with William High, Paul D. Fretz, and Roy Benner, Perkasio businessmen, in leading the drive to build a Lutheran Home for the Aged.

It can be J. Richard Sterner of Perkasio spearheading the Community Service Group that furnished monthly letters, money and memories to hundreds of area servicemen during World War II throughout five years.

It can be the W. Lee Wilhelm family in Sellersville providing their community with a free fire alarm answering service for more than 20 years.

It can be Mr. and Mrs. W. Elmer Savacool of Hilltown Township and Perkasio bankers providing an organ for a new Perkasio Church or it can be Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fehl, a Hilltown Township business couple, also providing a pipe organ for a Perkasio Church.

It can be the late Clarence Schmell of Dublin who served as president of his borough council, but stole the hearts of every youngster every Christmas in his role of Santa Claus.

It can be Frank H. Hallman, retired Sellersville police chief, who loved people and had people love him to such a degree that the Kiwanis Club annually holds a Christmas party in his honor.

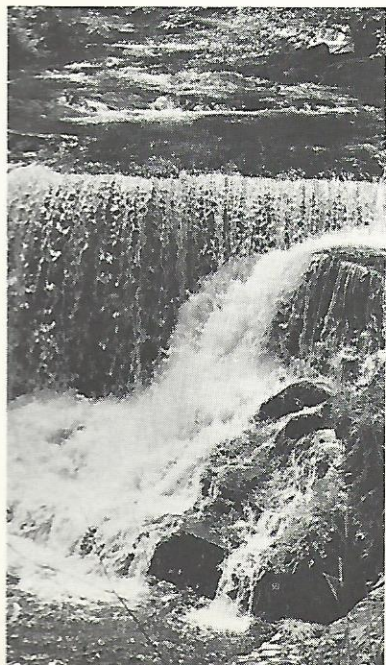
It can be John M. Grasse who served as principal of Hilltown and Deep Run Schools as they moved from one-room schools into the modern education field, retiring as principal of Pennridge High School.

It can be Mahlon Rice and Clarence Herstine of Bedminster Township who between them spent more than 50 years of service on the township supervisors.

It can be the thousands of other women and men in every Pennridge location who live with the idea that men are persons and terribly important.

In Pennridge a man is a person. Individuals join with other individuals to form the area society. A man attains his 'personhood' with lively relations with other persons. Individualities are treasured. Each person is equally loved.

*Creeks, streams and rivulets abound in all Pennridge districts*



*Sellersville's Lake Lenape Parkway offers a tranquil silhouette*



*A pine tree in the Rockhills stands sentinel over the valleys below*

