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## FOREWORD

The compilers of this book, commemorating the Anniversary of the Borough of Perkasié's fifty years of existence, have endeavored to chronicle not only the history of its corporate existence, but as well the history of its educational, religious, fraternal, recreational, industrial, business, financial and public service corporations; so that in Perkasié's future centennials this volume will be of intense and personal interest.

What has been left unsaid in these pages must be ascribed to lack of time given the committee to compile it, as well as lack of interest on the part of citizens who failed to grasp the future importance of this volume.

The committee extends to all who made this work possible, its sincere thanks.

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## HISTORY OF PERKASIE BOROUGH

Perkasie is a borough of approximately 3,500 native-born citizens of American parentage. It is a beautiful town, and well planned. Homes and property are kept in excellent condition, probably because the big majority are owned by the occupants. Almost every street in the residential sections is lined with shade trees. It has two parks, privately owned, a public playground, seven churches and many fraternal and civic organizations. It has excellent schools and water, electric, gas and sewer facilities. It is chiefly an industrial town, altho in commuting distance of Philadelphia.

October 20, 1759, Jacob Stout, pioneer of Perkasie, came in possession of the land upon which Perkasie now stands. The first improvements were made with the building of the North Pennsylvania Railroad when Samuel Hager erected a woolen mill and three dwellings. In 1870 the former Stout farm was divided into building lots and the town began to prosper. It was incorporated into a borough May 10, 1879.

Perkasie is situated almost midway between Philadelphia in the south and Allentown and Bethlehem in the north along the routes of the Bethlehem Branch of the Reading Railroad System and the Phila-

delphia Division of the Lehigh Valley Transit Co. The distance to Philadelphia being thirty-five miles, to Allentown and Bethlehem twenty-two miles and to New York about 100 miles. It overlooks the beautiful North Penn Valley in the upper part of Bucks County in the heart of a rich and prosperous agricultural district.

### EARLY HISTORY

Perkasie Borough is a part of the original tract of 10,000 acres of the Province of Pennsylvania owned by William Penn known as Perkasie Manor and more particularly of the one-fourth part, or 2,500 acres which Isaac Norris, John Penn, Thomas Penn and Thomas Freame and Margaret, his wife, by quinque partite partition dated August 6, 1735, and recorded in the City of Philadelphia in book F, Vol. VIII, page 335, agreed that Thomas Freame and Margaret, his wife, should hold and enjoy for his, her and their share as heirs of said William Penn, of which Thomas Freame and Margaret, his wife, by lease dated November 18, 1735, granted 200 acres with the usual allowance of 6% for roads to John Leisse (also spelled Lacey and Licey) which was finally confirmed and deed executed on November 19, 1735.

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A VIEW OF PERKASIE TAKEN IN 1879.



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About one year after the death of John Leisse (Lacey) in 1738, his widow was married to Jacob Stout, whereupon John and Henry Lacey (Leisse) sons of John Leisse, deceased, conveyed the tract on October 20, 1759, to their step-father, Jacob Stout, who is usually considered the pioneer of Perkasio. Before this their mother, Ann, had released or sold her dower rights to her sons, who upon coming of age in 1759, in consideration of five hundred pounds, made over all their right and title in the same to their step-father. This was the homestead of his later years and it embraced a large part of the land on which the borough of Perkasio is built. Mr. Stout soon erected for himself a large stone dwelling which stood on the side of Tunnel Creek, below the railroad station, on the western outskirts of Perkasio.

It was in his house, on the present Daub premises, that the British soldiery was quartered while they were hunting for Armstrong's powder mill at Church Hill, an industry which was supplying General Washington with ammunition, and which

the British did not find. During this invasion Stout kept his horses, cattle, poultry, etc., hid in the ravine in what is now Perkasio Park. The house was destroyed by fire in 1875 and later, a large brick building was erected on its site. The body of Mr. Stout and those of his family are buried in a small plot set aside by him near the railroad station, and now known as the Stout Graveyard. This little cemetery is Perkasio's oldest landmark.

After the death of Jacob Stout the 200 acres were conveyed January 24, 1783, to Abraham Stout, during whose period of ownership the tract was divided. At the time of his death he was the owner of 120 acres of the original tract, which by partition proceedings in the Orphans Court of Bucks County was divided into four parts among four of his heirs.

### FIRST IMPROVEMENTS

Very little had been done in the way of improvements on this tract until after the North Pennsylvania Railroad Company made a survey and built their railroad over and across this tract, when Henry K. Nase,

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STOUT BURIAL GROUND

## HISTORY OF PERKASIE BOROUGH (Continued)

a subsequent owner, by deed dated February 13, 1857, conveyed 3 acres 103 perches of land to the railroad company.

The first improvement was made in 1856, when Samuel Hager purchased a large tract of ground and erected a woolen mill and railroad switch on the site, which is now the northwest corner of Seventh and Market Streets.

The railroad station and ticket office were located on the second floor of this building. Following the completion of this building Mr. Hager erected three dwellings, one on the site where the Plaza Theatre now stands, one, the present home of Mrs. Sovinia Gegan, and one on the site of the present American House.

May 17, 1869, Joseph A. Hendricks purchased the mill property and converted it into a general store. Mr. Hendricks also built a dwelling house directly across the street from his newly acquired store. The following year, 1870, he bought a part of the Henry Nase farm, (the former Stout farm as already mentioned) and divided it into building lots. The old Nase homestead still stands and is occupied by J. H. Daub.

The house was built in 1847 and contains the original datestones used in the other houses that preceded it.

From this time the village prospered. In 1870 it contained a store, blacksmith shop, several dwellings and a frame railroad station named "Comleysville" after Franklin H. Comley, President of the North Pennsylvania Railroad, who resented having the village named in his honor. The story is told of how the station was named after Comley so he would arrange to have several more trains stop at this station, but instead of honoring him he became so indignant that with one exception, all trains were ordered to go through without stopping.

In 1873 the village was renamed Perkasie, a name given to the Post Office at Blooming Glen, and for quite some time the inhabitants of the latter place asserted that Comleysville had stolen their village name.

### INCORPORATION

On April 22, 1878, a petition was filed in the Bucks County Court for the incorporation of Perkasie as a borough and was ap-

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LEHIGH VALLEY TRANSIT COMPANY DEPOT.



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proved by the Grand Jury and the Court but for some unknown reason the incorporation was not consummated. The following year, in 1879, another petition signed by the following: namely,

L. H. Leatherman  
John Schwartz  
M. H. Myers  
J. G. Moyer  
Allen Wimmer  
William Renner  
Jacob G. Moyer  
H. G. Moyer  
Levi S. Godshall  
A. S. Benner  
Joseph A. Hendricks  
Samuel Althouse  
Albert L. Detweiler  
Jacob L. Detweiler  
Thomas Dill  
Isaac Groff  
John A. Detweiler  
Joseph L. Detweiler  
Tilgham Angeny  
James Shearer  
Jacob C. Moyer

John Harr  
James B. Oberly  
David H. Bean  
J. S. Solliday  
Jacob N. Swartley  
Elizabeth Scholl  
H. M. Kramer  
Samuel Weisel  
Maria Loux  
Samuel M. Bishop  
O. H. Nase  
F. N. Hedrick  
A. D. Kauffle  
Senecca B. Gerhart  
E. E. Moore  
Abram A. Hendricks  
Isaac G. Moyer  
Amandus Ely  
Henry A. Headman  
H. Y. Moyer  
Henry H. Bean  
Jacob Fillman  
O. A. Gulick  
Frank Millet  
H. W. Ritter, M.D.  
H. Y. Kern

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SOUTH END OF TUNNEL.

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M. H. Blank  
M. B. Dill  
Irwin B. Dill  
William H. Daub  
Warren Brey  
D. P. Moyer  
Amandus Bissey  
M. S. Hedrick  
B. C. Krupp  
William Diehl  
Thomas H. Eckhart  
John M. Bishop  
H. B. Haring  
Hillery Moore  
Samuel Angeny  
John H. Krout  
Edwin Wambold  
Samuel L. Hedrick  
A. F. Laudemberger  
Joseph F. Roberts  
William Robinson  
Ferdinand Smith

was presented to the Common Pleas Court of Bucks County to incorporate the village, and on May 10, 1879, the prayer of the petition was granted and the town was incorporated into a borough in ac-

cordance with the meets and bounds set forth therein, and as shown by draft elsewhere in this book.

### ORGANIZATION

The Court further decreed that an election should be held at the public house of Henry Y. Kern (now the American House) on May 27, 1879, and appointed Joseph G. Moyer, Judge, and Levi H. Leatherman and John Schwartz, Inspectors, to hold the election at which time the following officers were elected: namely,

*Burgess*—Joseph A. Hendricks  
*Assistant Burgess*—Mahlon H. Myers  
*Borough Council*

Thomas Dill.  
Isaac Groff.  
J. G. Moyer.  
Samuel Bishop.  
Jacob Y. Moyer.  
William Renner.

### *School Directors*

John A. Detweiler.  
Henry Bean.  
J. S. Solliday.  
Samuel Althouse  
Senneca B. Gerhart

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SEVENTH STREET LOOKING SOUTH FROM ARCH



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Jacob L. Detweiler.

*High Constable*—Joseph Roberts

*Assessor*—Daniel P. Moyer

*Assistant Assessors*

George K. Wambold.

Amandus Ely.

*Justices of the Peace*

John Schwartz

H. G. Moyer

*Auditors*

Henry Derstine

M. S. Hedrick

Edwin Wambold

*Overseer of the Poor*—John Harr

*Judge of Elections*—Levi S. Gotshall

*Inspectors*

Benjamin C. Krupp.

Mahlon B. Dill.

At the first meeting of Town Council held in the public school house June 4, 1879, Council organized by electing the following officers: namely,

Joseph G. Moyer, President.

Thomas Dill, Secretary.

William Renner, Treasurer.

Samuel M. Bishop, Street Commissioner.

In the United States census of 1880, Perkasie had a population of 300.

### DEVELOPMENT

In 1889 Borough Council took the first step toward fire protection when they purchased five home-made ladders of various lengths and a number of water buckets. The following year Perkasie had its first big fire when the hotel stables of John Harr and several nearby stables were totally destroyed by fire and threatening many other buildings. As a result of this catastrophe Borough Council on September 26, 1890, purchased a used hand pumper from Newtown Borough for \$500.00 and a used hose carriage from a Philadelphia dealer. In the same year a volunteer fire company was organized with James K. Wampole, Chief, and Aaron Reimer, Secretary. The history and development of the Perkasie Fire Department is recorded on another page in this book.

With the growth of the town, franchises for public improvements were granted to

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CLEAR SPRING CONCRETE BRIDGE.

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various private companies, the first of which was the water franchise granted The Perkasie Water Company, March 5, 1895.

Then followed the franchise given to the Quakertown Traction Company and the Inland Traction Company, December 30, 1898. The companies were later merged into what is now the Lehigh Valley Transit Company.

Later on, May 6, 1901, a telephone franchise was granted to the Delaware and Atlantic Telegraph and Telephone Company and on April 28, 1908, a franchise was granted for a public sewer system to Mahlon Keller and P. S. Cressman who assigned the same to the Perkasie Sewer Company. May 16, 1910, a franchise to lay gas mains was granted to the Highland Gas Company who erected a plant and storage tanks in Perkasie to supply this town and neighboring towns with gas.

The police force was established September, 1923, with James Schatz as first Chief of Police.

### ELECTRIC POWER AND LIGHT PLANT

On August 7, 1899, an ordinance was approved authorizing a bond issue of \$12,000 for the erection of a municipal electric light plant. The bonds were issued in \$500.00 denominations, bearing 3% interest, tax free. October 13, 1899, an ordinance was approved awarding the contract for the erection of the plant to J. F. Burkman & Co. for the sum of \$11,500.00. J. W. Parker was retained as consulting engineer. The erection of the plant was made early in the spring of 1900, the first charges for current being made in March of that year. Receipts for the first month amounted to \$42.11 with thirty-six customers. At the end of the first year there were eighty customers.

Ulysses Myers was the first superintendent of the plant, and he was succeeded in March, 1900, by Edward Frey, who is still serving in this capacity.

The first engine was installed in the fall of 1899, it being a Valley Iron Works Engine of 125 H. P. With it was installed a 75 K. W. Westinghouse Electric Company

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ELECTRIC LIGHT PLANT.



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generator and a 150 H. P. Keeler boiler.

In 1903, an additional 100 H. P. Ames Iron Works Engine was installed with a 50 K. W. two phase generator and a 200 H. P. Dayton boiler. In 1904 the first engine installed was replaced by another 200 H. P. Ames Iron Works Engine and in 1913 an additional 200 H. P. Ames Engine was installed. In 1921 a Heine boiler was installed.

The plant was operated at night only, until 1903 when twenty-four hour service was inaugurated.

In May, 1926, F. F. Kaufman was employed as consulting engineer to make a general survey of the plant and equipment and recommend such additions and improvements that would increase the efficiency of the plant. As a result of this survey Mr. Kauffman recommended that a modern 600 K. W. steam turbo-generator set, together with a spray pond be installed. He further recommended that a three phase system be installed to replace the second phase system in use.

Borough Council immediately proceeded

to purchase and have installed the above recommended equipment, and on March 25, 1927, this latest equipment was put in operation for the first time. The result has been that the capacity of the plant was doubled and a 50% saving was effected in operating costs.

F. F. Kauffman was again employed as consulting engineer in February, 1929, to provide plans and specifications for the installation of an additional 1000 K. W. generator set, an addition to the spray pond and the installation of a new boiler setting.

With the completion of the present plans the Electric Light Plant will be fully supplied with the most modern and up-to-date equipment, and it is expected that it will meet any requirements that will be made upon it for a long time.

The plant is free of debt and besides the vast improvements made to the equipment, \$5,121.12 was expended for line improvements during the year 1928.

A condensed statement of profits and

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SPRAY POND OF ELECTRIC LIGHT PLANT.

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loss for the year ending December 31, 1928, follows:

Gross Income	\$68,225.73
Operating Expenses	\$29,749.04
Depreciation	12,462.00
Administration Exp.	2,589.92

Total Expense 44,800.96

Net Income \$23,424.77

### ANNEXATIONS

The town continued to thrive and developed beyond its original border limits with the result that on October 6, 1891, Borough Council passed an ordinance to annex the Mont Alto tract. This was approved by the Bucks County Court November 18, 1891. Five years later in June, 1896, the Bissey and Bean tracts were annexed and developed rapidly.

May 16, 1898, Borough Council authorized the annexation of the village of Bridgetown. There seems to have been objection to this by some citizens of the borough, some residents of the village and some inhabitants of the township and it

was not until May 15, 1899, that this annexation was finally approved by the Court, giving Perkasia several additional business establishments, old landmarks, a second fire company and an additional post office known as Benjamin. This section subsequently became popularly known as South Perkasia.

Then followed a western development leading to the Wert and part of the Cressman tracts annexation, approved January 10, 1913. The locations and boundaries of these various sections are shown on the map attached to this book.

Within the last several years much of the town's development has again been eastward and has extended into what is commonly known as the Horn tract, adjoining Callowhill Street in East Rockhill Township. This tract is also a part of the original Perkasia Manor and more particularly a part of the 2,500 acres which was allotted to Thomas Penn.

In 1759 an effort was made to raise funds for the College, Academy and Charitable School of Philadelphia, which later

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THIRD STREET LOOKING NORTH FROM CHESTNUT.

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was incorporated as the University of Pennsylvania. Thomas Penn gave liberally to the cause in money and in addition conveyed his entire quarter of land to the institution.

Several petitions for annexation to the borough of Perkasie have been made by the inhabitants of this new development within the past several years but thus far their petitions have not been granted. It is generally believed however, that within a few years this section will be added to the borough.

### DEVELOPMENT AND EVENTS OF INTEREST

We have already mentioned the beginning of the town's development with the building of the railroad. Too much stress cannot be laid on its importance as a factor in the early development of the town. In 1874, a frame station was built and the business of the railroad was then transferred from the J. A. Hendricks store. In 1892, thru the efforts of Samuel R. Kramer and Lewis Keller, Bedminster merchant,

this first station was moved to the present freight yards where it was used as a freight station, and a fine new brick passenger station was erected on the site of the old station. For many years Perkasie had the finest station along the entire railroad. This station is still serving the company and the town, and the old station has had additions added and is used in the freight service. Perkasie rapidly became a shipping center for the surrounding country. The town especially became a great shipping center for hay and milk. In 1904, the railroad receipts exceeded \$100,000.

Next in importance as a factor in the town's early rapid growth was the concentration here of the cigar manufacturing industry. Probably the first such factory here was that operated by Monroe Gabel, a local man. Then came Boltz, Clymer & Co., a Philadelphia firm, who had a national distribution for their products. Cigar making was a well-compensated trade, and every youth in the community learned it. As these became trained other firms lo-

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ENTRANCE TO PERKASIE PARK.

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cated their factories here and Perkasio rapidly became known as a cigar center. Cigarmakers from other sections of the country moved here with their families, purchased homes and in general the town prospered.

Later, however, machines began to be used for making cigars and the firms that still manufactured hand-made cigars were compelled to pay comparatively lower rates for the production of their product, with the result that the youth of the community no longer learned the trade. More and more, cigars became machine-made and a few years ago the manufacture of cigars ceased to be the town's leading industry until today only one large factory remains.

However, with the passing of the cigar industry, other industries developed in the community until today the industries are many and varied and are classified later. The manufacturing of men's trousers, however predominates, the town now having six factories producing this commodity, employing about 500 people in their factories

and several additional hundred who work in the industry in their respective homes.

The two parks of Perkasio also played their share in helping to make the town. One, Perkasio Park, by name, was the scene of annual campmeetings for many years. These camps attracted thousands of people who came for many miles, mostly by horse-drawn vehicles. Later, summer cottages were built in the park and many families from Philadelphia and other cities took up summer residence here.

The other, Menlo Park, an amusement park, started in 1892, soon became popular as a picnic grounds and was inhabited daily during the summer months by many thousands of excursionists. This park had the first "built on land" toboggan in the United States. These parks are also more fully described on other pages.

Like the railroad depot, the first post office was established in the J. A. Hendricks store, July 25, 1871, with Mr. Hendricks as postmaster. It took the name of Perkasio and was later removed from the store

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MARKET STREET LOOKING EAST FROM 7TH.



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to the old Central News Building which was destroyed several years ago. After a time the post office was removed to the J. G. Moyer Building where it remained until January 1, 1925, when it was removed to its present location at Seventh and Arch Streets. Rural Carrier Service was inaugurated from the Perkasio Post Office, September 1, 1902, there being four routes, served by Charles Roberts, John F. Muselman, Tyrus H. Moyer and Albert Fretz. Of these Mr. Moyer is still in the service. One Star Route to Blooming Glen and Silverdale is served from the Perkasio Post Office and the Star Route between Sellersville, Bucksville and Harrow, also exchanges mail at the Perkasio Post Office.

July 1, 1916, the post office of Benjamin in South Perkasio was discontinued and its business transferred to the Perkasio Post Office, putting this office in the second class under the postmastership of O. F. Wefand. Village delivery was inaugurated August 1, 1917, city delivery, April 1, 1923, and Parcel Post delivery, April 1, 1927. Since the post office entered the sec-

ond class the receipts have doubled.

In recording the principal events of the town's history it is necessary to mention some of the larger fires which took place since its incorporation. While other fires may have been more spectacular these are listed as causing the greatest property losses. The first great fire and probably one of the largest in the towns entire history was that which destroyed the John Harr hotel stables and threatened many other buildings in the business center in 1890.

There is no official record of the fire losses until the year 1915, but citizens will remember the fires destroying the Diehl Plumbing Shop, the O'Donnell Steve and Plumbing Shop, the first Perkasio Park fire and the Moyer Saw Mill.

Beginning with the year 1915, the fire department has kept a complete record of all fires and the first of any consequence recorded is that of M. Keller & Company Department Store, in December, 1915, with a loss to stock of \$10,250.00 caused mostly by smoke. Then followed in order the fires

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VIEW OF PERKASIE PARK.

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destroying the Perkasio Forge Works, with a loss of \$7,500, April 22, 1918; the J. G. Moyer Building, April 27, 1919, damage amounting to \$31,653; the Royal Trouser factory, May 8, 1921; damage of \$35,210, caused mostly by smoke; the Perkasio Steam Laundry, with a damage of \$6,500, in 1922; the Crescent Ice Cream Plant, damage \$32,000.00, November 7, 1922; followed by the Cressman Block fire, four days later with a loss of \$94,341.00; the Muth Garage fire, February 10, 1926, damage \$51,500.00; and the Neff Ice Cream Plant fire and explosion December 13, 1926, in which one life was lost and a property loss of \$21,000.00.

The fire losses by years since 1915 are as follows:

1915	\$10,320.00	1922	\$133,043.00
1916	550.00	1923	
1917	200.00	1924	280.00
1918	9,412.00	1925	1,825.00
1919	34,673.00	1926	76,700.00
1920	1,000.00	1927	No loss
1921	35,210.00	1928	435.00

Perkasie, altho a comparatively small town to hold state conventions has nevertheless twice had this honor conferred upon it. In 1911, the annual convention of the state organization of the Knights of Malta was held here and again in June, 1924, the Pennsylvania and Maryland members of the Order United American Men met here.

Perkasie has many times been the scene of numerous district and county meetings and conventions, in 1911 when the Bucks County Fair Association was organized Perkasio was selected as the town where the county fair would be held. These were continued annually until 1916, when no fair was held on account of a general epidemic of infantile paralysis and then followed the World War and the Perkasio Fairs were discontinued.

One can hardly pass by recording the important events without referring to the Perkasio encampments of the Pennsylvania National Guard. Starting in 1901, the annual encampments of the organized state militia were alternated between this place and Gettysburg and continued every odd year until the establishment of the present camp at Mount Gretna. These encampments always attracted tens of thousands of visitors to the town and camp during the two weeks encampment, especially Sundays and Governor's Days when the Governor of the State would make his

formal inspections of the troops. These visitors came mostly in excursion trains from Philadelphia and the larger cities of the eastern part of the State.

This volume would be incomplete if those of us who still live would so far forget the heroes of the Civil War, as not to name them here.

Very early in the town's history, Washington G. Dengler Post, No. 622, Grand Army of the Republic, was organized, and its charter is hanging on the walls of our American Legion Rooms in Fraternity Temple.

The Post was named in honor of Washington G. Dengler, a brother of the late Rev. J. G. Dengler, former pastor of St. Stephen's Reformed Church, Perkasio, and the charter contains these names:

John Stephens  
Samuel N. Daub  
Thos. J. Ziegenfuss  
C. Schoenberger  
Chas. J. Roberts  
John Schwartz  
Henry Gentner  
H. Ramsey  
Martin Callahan  
Wm. Renner  
H. Groff  
Henry Drumbore  
Robert Hargreaves  
John Godshall  
Henry Bee  
B. R. Althouse  
Adam Wendling

Of these heroes of our Civil War but four remain:

John Schwartz  
Lewis Koch  
Henry Kramer  
Henry K. Drumbore

Perkasie had no further military history until the beginning of the World War when it became the headquarters for the Local Draft Board for Bucks County, Division No. 3, July 2, 1917, with Jonas Harley, Quakertown, Chairman; Mahlon Keller, Perkasio, Secretary; and Dr. Alfred E. Fretz, Sellersville, Medical Examiner. The board enrolled 4,871 men of which 451 were inducted into the service. The first unit entrained September 18, 1917, with sixty-one men amid stirring scenes. The division over which the local board had jurisdiction included the boroughs of Perkasio, Quakertown, Richlandtown, Trumbauersville, Reigelsville, Sellersville, Silverdale and

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Telford and the ten townships of Upper Bucks County surrounding these boroughs. The board completed its work and officially was discharged April 1, 1919.

### WHAT PERKASIE HAS

At the present time Perkasia has seven churches serving eight congregations, three public school buildings, seventeen lodges, as follows: Knights of Golden Eagle, Order United American Men, Junior Order United American Mechanics, Independent Order Odd Fellows, Knights of Malta, Knights of Pythias, Klu Klux Klan, Brotherhood of America, Patriotic Order Sons of America and Woodmen of the World, all male; Order of Eastern Star, Sons and Daughters of Liberty, Patriotic Order of America, Millicent Barrett Home and Perkasia Home, Brotherhood of America, Dames of Malta and Pythian Sisters, for women.

The following organizations comprise the civic and welfare organizations of Perkasia: namely, Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club, American Legion, Fire Company, Grand Army of the Republic, Drum and Bugle Corps, Woman's Club, Fire Company Auxiliary, American Legion Auxiliary, Grand View Hospital Auxiliary.

The juvenile organizations include the Boy Scouts of America, Girl Scouts of America, Camp Fire Girls and the Boys' Band.

Perkasia has twenty-nine factories representing nineteen industries and divided as follows: 6 Men's Trousers Factories, 1 Cigar Factory, 1 Silk Weaving Mill, 1 Silk Spinning Mill, 1 Microscopic Slide & Glass Specialty Factory, 3 Flour and Grist Mills, 1 Hay Baling Plant, 1 Milk Pasteurizing Plant, 1 Machine Shop, 1 Electric Plant (Municipal), 2 Label, Pin Ticket and Tag Factories, 1 Box Factory, 1 Pottery, 1 Ice Plant, 1 Shell Grinding Mill, 1 Brick Factory, 1 Metal Scrapping Plant, 1 Baseball Covering Factory, 2 General Bakeries and 1 Pretzel Bakery.

It also has 3 Auto Painting Shops, 2 Blacksmith Shops, 1 Theatre, 1 Livery, 4 Shoe Repairing Shops, 2 Cleaners and Dyers, 1 Pool and Billiard Parlor, 2 Bowling Alleys, 1 Sign Painting System, 2 Coal Yards, 1 Lumber Yard, 2 Building Contractors, 4 Greenhouses, 1 Newspaper, 1 National Bank, 1 Trust Company, 2 Building and Loan Associations, 3 Hotels, 5

Restaurants, 12 Garages, 1 Photographer, 7 Real Estate and Insurance Brokers, 4 Barber Shops, 3 Electrical Contractors, 3 Plumbers, 3 Attorneys, 4 Physicians, 2 Dentists, 2 Funeral Directors, 2 Opticians and 39 Retail Stores.

While in some cases the lines of merchandise carried by these stores overlap, for purpose of classification in this sketch, we have divided them into the following classes: 14 Grocery, 1 Meat, 3 Hardware, 4 Shoe, 2 Department and General, 2 Men's Clothing, 2 Women's Apparel, 2 Drug, 2 Variety, 3 Jewelry, 2 Electrical, 1 Music, 1 Furniture and 1 Sewing Machine.

### LANDMARKS, PLACES OF INTEREST

Prior to the building of the railroad there were a few farm houses scattered here and there, chief of which is the J. H. Daub home, built in 1847, and which is considered the oldest house in the original Perkasia. Another old home within the boundaries of the original borough is the old Clark home on Ridge Avenue, now owned by Isaac Fogelman. Other old houses were the old stone house last owned by Charles Bissey upon the site of the twin house where Henry Miller and R. O. Detweiler now live, the old David Bean house, west of the Daub home, the old Isaac Nase home where George Beidler now resides and the Strohmoyer farm in Mont Alto.

Some of the first homes to be built after the incorporation of the town are the present Gegan home and the Alexy home on Market Street. Other "first houses" built in the borough of Perkasia were on the sites now occupied by Plaza Theatre, American House and the Bissey home, occupied by Rev. Chas. M. Weaver.

The first business house in Perkasia Proper was that built by Samuel Hager and now occupied by the Benner & Fluck Grocery. This building was also used as the first railroad depot and also contained the first post office. This was followed by the coal and lumber yards, now Moyer's. The old office was moved to Third Street, remodeled into a twin residence, now occupied by William Clouser and Mrs. Alice Hoagey. The old frame railroad depot which now serves as a freight depot soon followed. The John Harr Hotel, now the Union Hotel, was Perkasia's first hotel and the original building still stands, with alterations and additions, of course.

With the annexation of Bridgetown,

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## HISTORY OF PERKASIE BOROUGH (Continued)

Perkasie acquired many old buildings. The oldest of these is the home on the farm of Frank L. Cope, built in 1834 and, so far as is known, is the oldest house within the present boundary limits of Perkasie. The old covered bridge on South Main Street is still older, being built in 1832.

The South Perkasie Hotel is an old hostelry whose history dates far back.

Many of the present homes on Main Street and Walnut Street in South Perkasie were also built long before the incorporation of Perkasie but the oldest of these are the Wisler home, the old Strassburger home, now Walter Berger's, the Fretz home, where Oliver Kline lives and the former Ephraim Leister home. An item of interest regarding the Leister home is the fact that the stone house is built over an old log house. Another old homestead which came into the borough later is the old Strohmoeyer place where Samuel Bryan now lives. The owners of several of these homes have reserved pages in this book for separate sketching of these places.

The factory at Fourth and Walnut is interesting, not because of age, but because of the many purposes it has served, and chiefly as the town's old Opera House.

One of the most interesting old landmarks is the old "Stout family burying plot," near the railroad station, in which

many of the old pioneers are buried.

The railroad tunnel in the Mont Alto Section is three-fourths of a mile in length and was the biggest engineering feat in the entire construction of the railroad. Over the tunnel partly lies Tunnel Farm, the site of the Perkasie encampments of the Pennsylvania National Guard and which is now being discussed as a possible aviation field.

The Norwood Building is interesting as being Perkasie's first public school house. The two parks are interesting for the importance they have played in the past as well as for their present places in the life of the community.

### INCIDENTAL DATA

Year	Population
1880	300
1890	458
1900	1803
1910	2799
1920	3150
January 1, 1928	3474
Tax Rate: School—18 mills; Borough—11½ mills; Light—2½ mills.	
Assessed Valuation: \$1,655,375.00.	
Rate of Assessment: about 33 1-3%.	
Fire Insurance Rating:	
Dwellings, Class A.	
Other than dwellings, Class D.	



EDWARD FREY, Supt. Perkasie Electric Plant.





## PERKASIE OFFICIAL REGISTER 1929

*Chief Burgess*—Carey S. Groff

### *Borough Council*

Samuel F. Stover, President.  
 Abram Freed, Vice-President.  
 Ewald Winzer.  
 Harvey S. Kulp.  
 William M. Moyer.  
 Harry O. Bintzer.  
 Henry Kramer.  
 Frank M. Hunsberger.  
 L. A. Pritchard.

*Tax Collector*—John Ziegenfuss

### *Auditors*

J. Melvin Freed.  
 George Reichley.  
 J. Paul Harr.

### *Constables*

Frank Benner, 1st Ward.  
 James Schatz, 2nd Ward.  
 John Bowman, 3rd Ward.

### *Assessors*

Herbert Kramer, 1st Ward.  
 Erwin K. Horn, 2nd Ward.  
 James Slotter, 3rd Ward.

### *Board of Education*

Franklin Kramer, President.  
 C. Harold Terry, Vice-President.  
 Mahlon Keller, Secretary.  
 Charles B. Weaver, Treasurer.  
 Roland C. Benner.

*Justices of the Peace*

Mahlon Keller.  
 Francis D. Heyder.

### *Judges of Election*

William R. Sine, 1st Ward.  
 Clayton Pritchard, 2nd Ward.  
 Harry G. Trauger, 3rd Ward.

### *Inspectors*

First Ward:

Harvey Frey.  
 J. P. Landenberger

Second Ward:

Russel U. Kramer.  
 Linford Gross.

Third Ward:

Walter Reichley.  
 Walter Moyer.

*Superintendent of Electric Light Plant*

Edward Fry

*Borough Clerk*—Phares Bader

*Secretary of Council*—Phares Bader

*Chief of Police*—James Schatz

*Street Commissioner*—Harry Bergey

*Solicitor*—Mark Thatcher

*Treasurer*—Walter K. Terry

### *Board of Health*

Harry Neamand, President.  
 Clayton F. Meyers, Vice-President.  
 Jacob H. Meyers.  
 Wallace Weisel.  
 Arthur Heavener.  
 Harry E. Grim, Secretary.  
 Dr. O. H. Strouse, Physician.  
 James Schatz, Health Officer.



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TOWN COUNCIL PICTURED IN 1929.



CAREY S. GROFF, BURGESS



SAMUEL F. STOVER, President of Council



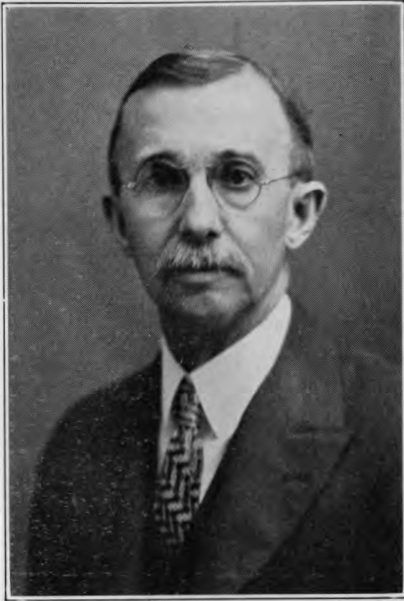
ABRAHAM FREED, Chairman Street Com.



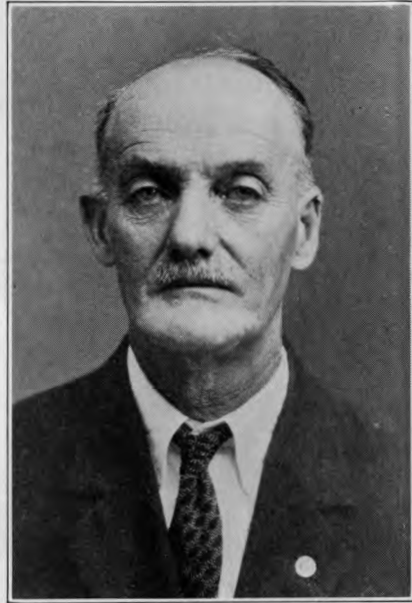
L. A. PRITCHARD, Chairman Finance Com.

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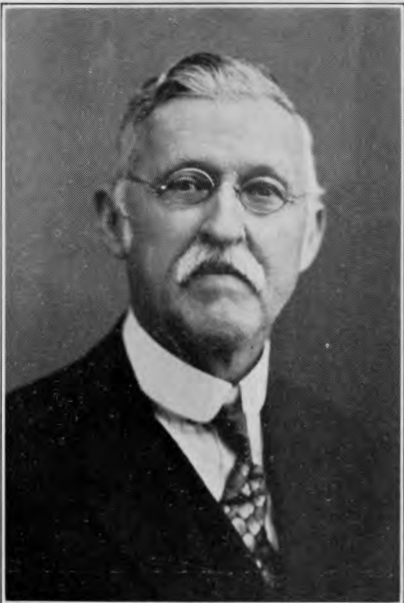
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HARVEY S. KULP, Chairman Water Com.



HENRY KRAMER, Member of Street Com.



FRANK HUNSBERGER, Chairman Bldg. Com.



EWALD WINZER, Member Building Com.

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## TOWN COUNCIL PICTURED IN 1929 (Continued)



HARRY BINTZER, Electric Light Com.



WM. M. MOYER, Water Com.



PHARES BADER, Sec'y of Borough Council



JAMES SCHATZ, Chief of Police.



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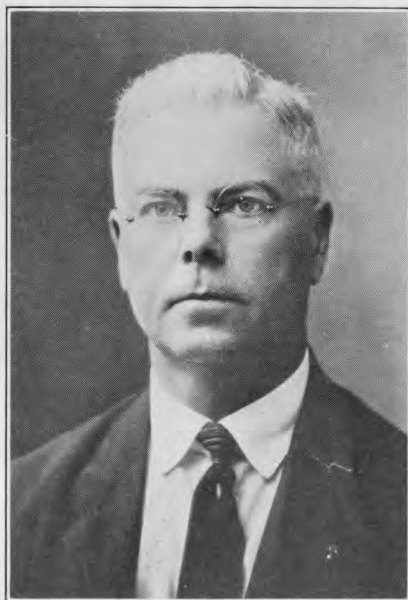
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MARK THATCHER, Solicitor



W. K. TERRY, Treas. of Borough

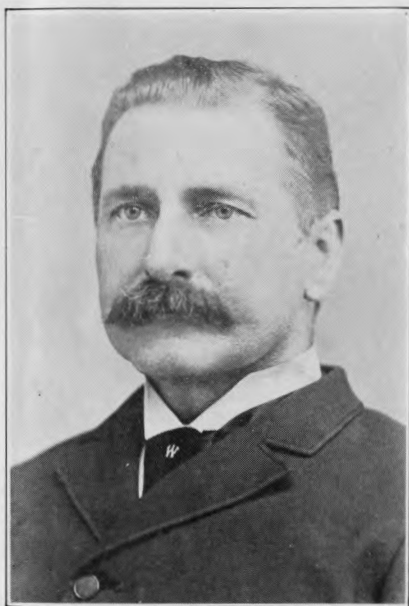


F. F. KAUFFMAN, Borough Engineer

# PERKASIE 1879 1929 BOROUGH

## PERKASIE FIRE COMPANY

When in 1890, a disastrous fire occurred in the Hotel sheds of John Harr (the site now being occupied by Harry Nungesser, Willis Fretz, and Jonas Apfelbaum) on Seventh Street between Market and Chestnut Streets, the town had no Fire Company. Willing hands, however, formed a bucket brigade and with the assistance of out-of-town help, the fire was brought under control.



JAMES K. WAMPOLE, First Chief of Fire Co.

This fire aroused the citizens of the town to the need of a Fire Company, and on July 4, 1890, the present Company was organized with thirty-two active members, three of whom are still on the active list. The officers of the first organization were Isaiah C. Barndt, President; Edwin S. Levy, Vice-President; and Allen Clymer, Secretary. The meetings were first held in the school house and later in William

Gruver's barn on Chestnut Street. The original Company was named "Hope Fire Company" but in 1891 was changed to "Perseverance Fire Company." In 1892, the name was finally changed to "Perkasie Fire Company."

The first apparatus was furnished by the Borough Council consisting of a Hand Engine and Hose Cart with 800 feet of hose. In 1895, the Perkasio Water Company installed water mains throughout the town with abundant supply of water by a gravity system under high pressure which made it necessary to secure a new and better equipment.

An appeal was made to the citizens with a noble response, which made it possible to secure a Hook and Ladder Truck in 1903, and again in 1904, a new Hose Cart was housed. The present Fire House was built in 1907 at a cost of \$8,000.00.

The Borough Council maintains at the present time 74 water plugs for fire purposes. The present equipment consists of a Segrave Triple Combination six hundred-gallon capacity Motor Apparatus, which was bought by the Borough Council and delivered January 11, 1919. The Company on August 19, 1920, purchased a Nash Hose and Chemical Motor Apparatus. On February 5, 1925, the Perkasio Fire Company purchased an Emergency Car. On February 7, 1927, the Borough Council and Perkasio Fire Company purchased a 400-gallon Segrave Triple Combination Suburbanite Motor Apparatus.

On March 12, 1929, the Perkasio Fire Company was authorized by Mrs. Rose Crouthamel to purchase a Ford Emergency Car to be dedicated as a Memorial to the memory of Jacob C. Crouthamel and Willis Sames, who lost their lives at Quakertown in 1926.

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## PERKASIE FIRE COMPANY (Continued)



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## PERKASIE FIRE COMPANY (Continued)



**HENRY YODER**  
Assistant Chief of Perkasio Fire Co.



**GEORGE KOHLER**  
Asst. Chief of Perkasio Fire Co.



**NATHAN K. BEER**  
Treasurer of Perkasio Fire Co.

# PERKASIE 1879 1929 BOROUGHS

## LADIES' AUXILIARY OF PERKASIE FIRE CO., No. 1



**MRS. ROSE DILLON**  
Present President of Fire Co. Auxiliary



**MRS. ROSE ROSENBERGER**  
1st President Fire Co. Auxiliary

The Ladies' Auxiliary of Perkasie Fire Company, No. 1, of Perkasie, Pa., was organized November 25, 1913, by Mrs. Flora Smith, of Sellersville, with twelve charter members. Of these, eight survive as follows: Alice Hoagey, Elsie Wimmer, Susie Haring, Lizzie Myers, Clara Harr, Lucinda Meyers, Rose Rosenberger.

The present membership is sixty-two.

The original officers were:

President, Rose Rosenberger.

Vice-President, Clara Harr.

Recording Secretary, Elsie Wimmer.

Financial Secretary, Lucinda Myers.

Treasurer, Ella Keller.

Trustees: Emma Koehler, Lizzie Myers, Sarah Miller.

The present officers are as follows:

President, Rose Dillon.

Vice-President, Elsie Moll.

Recording Secretary, Pearl Hoagey.

Financial Secretary, Amelia Roberts.

Treasurer, Emma Gehman.

Trustees: Christiana Crouthamel, Emma Koehler, Mabel Link.

The approximate worth of the Auxiliary at the present time is about \$1,500.

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## PERKASIE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

Upon the incorporation of the borough, May 10, 1879, the Court named May 27, 1879, as the day of election, at which time the following were elected School Directors:

Josiah S. Solliday	33 votes, 1 yr. term
Henry Bean	45 votes, 1 yr. term
John A. Detweiler	49 votes, 2 yr. term
Seneca Gerhart	49 votes, 2 yr. term
Jacob L. Detweiler	53 votes, 3 yr. term
Samuel Althouse	54 votes, 3 yr. term

The first meeting of the Board was held June 2, 1879, when the Board was organized with the following officers:

President, John A. Detweiler  
Secretary, Josiah S. Solliday  
Treasurer and Collector,

Samuel Althouse

The school term was fixed at six months, beginning October 1, 1879, and Ephraim Kratz was engaged as the teacher at a salary of \$28.00 per month, the month being fixed as twenty-two school days.

The Directors took over from the Rockhill School District the one-story, one-room, brick school building, situated at 509 Main Street, now Chestnut Street. There is no

record of the number of pupils for this first term, but the following year found an enrollment of fifty-seven pupils. The expenses of operating the first term of the borough Schools amounted to \$238.98. From this humble beginning the Perkasio Public Schools have grown to their present state of development.

In 1883, an addition was built to the school providing an extra room, and was thus used until 1892, at which time M. B. Bean was engaged as architect to draw plans and specifications for a new school building. The contract was awarded to Hemsing & Son for \$4,776.50. The plans of this building called for a four-room unit brick building at the N. E. corner of Fifth and Arch Streets. Three years later, 1895, a two-room addition was built to the building, with M. B. Bean, Architect, and Jonas M. Bishop, Contractor. In 1901 another two-room addition was added to this building, with J. B. Neff, Architect, and D. W. Stoneback, Contractor. This building is still being used as a grade school.

After the completion of this new building in 1883, the first school building was

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ARCH STREET SCHOOL HOUSE.

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## PERKASIE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM (Continued)

sold to Mahlon H. Meyers and David Bean, who added a second story to it and converted it into a cigar factory, and later on Joel Ball rented it for a furniture store. Since that time the building has served several purposes and owners. For a number of years it was operated as the Norwood Boarding House, and at the present time it is used as an apartment house, with a chain grocery store occupying a large portion of the first floor.

In 1898, the village of Benjamin was annexed to the Borough of Perkasia, whereby the School District acquired a two-room school building which was used until 1908, when the building was replaced by a larger and more modern one of two rooms.

In 1905, the first section of the present high school building was erected with A. Oscar Martin, Architect, and D. W. Stoneback, Contractor. In 1914 a large addition was built, containing five rooms, auditorium and gymnasium, at a cost of \$40,000.

On May 7, 1923, the Board authorized the purchase of a ten and one-third acre plot of ground for an athletic field, located

at Second and Chestnut Streets, from Paul S. Gulick. The plot was conveyed to its present owners on September 20, 1923, the purchase price being \$3,000. Today this serves a two-fold purpose: High School Athletic Field and Public Playground. Tennis Courts, baseball diamonds, and a football gridiron have been developed on this field. These were made possible thru contributions of local organizations and public-spirited citizens. Lavatory facilities for boys and girls have been added by the Board of Education, and a Sand-House by the local Women's Club. Today the expense of maintenance is carried jointly by the Borough Council and Board of Education.

The late Oliver H. Fulmer held the first position of Supervising Principal, being elected to said position in 1893, and continued in office until 1900, when he was succeeded by Albert C. Rutter. In 1914 Professor Rutter was appointed Assistant Superintendent of Schools for Bucks County, which office he still holds. He was succeeded by Lewis H. Wagonhorst, A.B., F. and M., A.M., Columbia, Assistant

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3rd WARD SCHOOL

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## PERKASIE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM (Continued)

Principal. Professor Wagonhorst resigned in 1923 to continue study at Columbia University. J. B. Derr, Ph.B., Muhlenberg, A.M., University of Pennsylvania, then Assistant Principal, advanced to the position of Supervising Principal, which office he held until January 1, 1927, when he resigned to enter the manufacturing business. E. Newbold Cooper, A.B., Haverford, A.M., University of Pennsylvania, was elected to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term. He was re-elected for the following term, after which he resigned to accept a similar position at the Avon-Grove Consolidated School. In 1928 J. B. Derr again became head of the local school system.

The organization of the present school system consists of one Supervising Principal, already mentioned, seven instructors in the High School, and eighteen grade and special subject teachers, one stenographer and office clerk. Three buildings located in different sections of the town are used, employing three janitors. The present student enrollment is 726, with an

additional 37 in continuation school. Teachers' salaries amount to \$3,710.00 per month, with total operating expenses of \$60,000.00 for the year.

There are eight grades of school until entry into High School, with four more years in High School. Originally the High School was organized offering a two-year course, later a three-year course, and today we have a first-class, four-year High School in our fourth-class school district. Three curricula are being offered—college preparatory, general, and commercial. Students, through faculty guidance, choose their curriculum upon entry into High School, and follow same through the four years. Each curriculum requires certain basic subjects, offering varied elective subjects, with a total minimum of sixteen units required for graduation. Our science laboratories are well equipped with modern apparatus and supplies for experimental purposes. Included in our commercial Department are fifteen typewriters. The Library, located in the Supervising Principal's office, contains approximately 800

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HIGH SCHOOL

# SOUVENIR EDITION



## PERKASIE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM (Continued)

volumes of fiction, encyclopedias, reference texts, etc.

Extra curricular activities also play an important part in rounding out the pupil while in school. These activities serve as a stimulus to create a desire for pupil research, specialization, and assist in choosing vocations and avocations. We now have in vogue a Dramatic Club, History Club, Classical Club, Science Club, Nature Study and Hiking Club, Mathematics Club, Thrift Club, Orchestra and Glee Club, and the School Annual.

Athletics are supervised by coaches for both boys and girls. Boys participate in football, basketball, baseball, and track, while the girls have hockey, basketball and indoor baseball.

The records of the High School Alumni Association show the first class to be graduated was in 1891, with only two members in the class, namely, J. Dwyer Moyer and Willis Moyer. Since that time, up to, and including, the class of 1927, 458 students have been graduated from the High School. These are scattered to the four corners of the United States, the Philippine Islands, and England; many have distinguished themselves in the several professions and vocations which they have chosen to follow.

A unique educational opportunity is offered through the Free Evening School. All who are residents of Perkasio Borough and are employed during the day are eligible for enrollment. The courses offered are determined by the needs of those enrolled. The school employs the Supervising Principal and five teachers, members of the High School Faculty. The

courses are as thorough as those offered in the day school. There are fifty-two enrolled in this school. Plans are under way to organize an accredited six-year Free Evening High School for the ensuing school year. This will enable those who may so desire, to complete a regularly accredited High School course.

The personnel of the present Board of Education follows:

President, Franklin Kramer  
Vice President, C. Harold Terry  
Secretary, Mahlon Keller  
Treasurer, Charles B. Weaver  
Member, Roland C. Benner

But the history of the Perkasio Public Schools does not stop with the present. We have definite plans for the immediate future. The next step will be the greatest in the entire history of the schools. This being the consolidation of our High School with that of our adjoining neighbor, Sellersville. At the time of writing, the plan has been endorsed by the voters of both Boroughs, a bond issue of \$75,000 for each District has been authorized by the voters of each Borough for this project. Architect E. William Martin, Wilmington, Delaware, is completing plans and specifications for the building, a site, centrally located between the two Boroughs, containing eight acres, and occupying three city squares, has been selected, and options for the purchase of lots secured.

This new high school building will be modern in every respect, fireproof, containing twelve class and assembly rooms, gymnasium, auditorium, Science Laboratories, Home Economics, and Manual Training Departments, and a School Cafeteria.



# PERKASIE 1879 1929 BOROUGH

## PERKASIE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM (Continued)



MAHLON KELLER   C. HAROLD TERRY   ROLAND BENNER   FRANKLIN KRAMER   CHARLES B. WEAVER  
 Secretary   President   Treasurer

PERKASIE BOARD OF EDUCATION



PERKASIE PLAY GROUND





## ST. ANDREW'S REFORMED AND LUTHERAN CHURCH

St. Andrew's Union Church was organized in 1866 by Revs. P. S. Fisher, Reformed, and F. Berkemeyer, Lutheran. The cornerstone was laid June 11, 1867. The basement was consecrated December 4-5, 1869. The entire building was dedicated May 26, 1870. The interior was remodeled and frescoed in 1882. The tower, front stairway and bell were installed in 1890. New pews and steam-heat were installed in 1908, and the Estey Organ in 1911. In 1925 the Church was refurnished, and Art-windows and an Altar placed. Cemetery ground was added in 1928. Value of the property today is \$30,000.00. The Charter of Incorporation was granted February 12, 1869, to St. Andrew's Church of Rockhill Township, Bucks County, Henry N. Groff of the German Reformed Church,

and Enos Savacool, of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, being the Trustees making application.

### REFORMED PASTORS

Peter S. Fisher	1866-1873
J. G. Dengler	1874-1899
G. G. Greenawalt	1900-1903
Karl A. Stein	1904-1906
Samuel E. Moyer	1906-

The present membership of the Reformed Church is 246.

### LUTHERAN PASTORS

Rev. F. Berkemeyer	1866-1895
Rev. M. I. Kuehner	1895-1904
Rev. P. A. Behler	1904-1910
Rev. H. S. Paules	1911-1918
Rev. C. A. Miller	1919-1927
Rev. B. F. Brobst	1927-

The present membership is 350.



ST. ANDREW'S UNION CHURCH



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## ST. ANDREW'S REFORMED AND LUTHERAN CHURCH (Continued)



REV. S. E. MOYER  
Reformed Pastor

The names of Jesse H. Hartzell, Nathan Pannebecker, Thomas N. Groff, Samuel F. Frantz, Franklin Wolfinger, Chas. S. Groff stand out as leaders in the early Church.

The Consistory today includes: Elders, C. F. Harr, M. G. Detweiler, S. M. Yoder; Deacons, R. G. Anglemoyer, G. G. Shellenberger, C. S. Trauger and J. R. Cressman.

Union Sunday School was organized January 9, 1881, schools being separate since 1906. Superintendent then D. Deily; now, Arthur C. Stauffer.

Ladies' Aid Society, organized April, 1894, has Mrs. H. M. Kramer, President; Mrs. A. C. Stauffer, Secretary today.

Ushers' Union, organized, September 21, 1909, with Oliver Hartzell, President; J. R. Cressman, Secretary; has Jos. S. Yoder, President; W. R. Hunsberger, Secretary-Treasurer, now.

Heidelberg League, organized September 12, 1926, with Robert Detweiler, President; Alice Frantz, Secretary; has A. C. Stauffer, President; Clara Frantz, Secretary.

Phoebe Auxiliary—Mrs. S. E. Moyer, President; Mrs. H. B. Freed, Secretary. The Upstreamers have President, Norma Lewis; Secretary, Grace Stauffer.



REV. CHARLES S. BROBST  
Lutheran Pastor

Among those first interested were Stephen Young, William H. Snyder, Aaron Savacool, and Abraham Cope.

The first catechumens in 1868 were: Enos Reed, Henry Hoff, Fred Hollenbach, Isaac Nace, Mahlon Dill, Henry Cope, Lovina Kinsey, Eliza Pfeiffer, Catharine Snurr, and Susan Dill; and of these Fred Hollenbach, Lovina (Kinsey) Kilmer, and Susan (Dill) Moyer survive.

The first Communion was held in the spring of 1869, when fifty-five communed, and of these Jacob and Fred Hollenbach, and Susan Moyer survive.

The present Church Council is: Amos S. Baringer, Secretary; Howard D. Moyer, Treasurer; Samuel B. Moyer, Elmer K. Moyer, Arthur Moyer, Wallace Long, Francis Reichley, and Paul S. Bowen.

The Sunday School was organized in 1906, with Clarence Snyder as Superintendent, with a membership of sixty the first Sunday. The present membership is 309, with Paul A. Bowen as Superintendent.

There is a Women's Missionary Society with eighty members, a Luther League with eighty-five members, a Lutheran Brotherhood with eighty-eight members, and a Light Brigade with fifty-five members.



## FIRST EVANGELICAL CHURCH FIFTH AND MARKET STREETS



REV. H. E. FASSNACHT, Pastor.

The history of the Evangelical Church antedates the history of Perkasio as a borough, as well as the history of the other churches in Perkasio, with the possible exception of St. Andrew's Lutheran and Reformed, in the Third Ward.

This congregation was first known as the Bridgetown Evangelical Church, and worshipped in the meeting house on Main Street, Bridgetown, as well as in the old meeting house on the Ridge Road.

The meeting house at Bridgetown was built in 1886, Rev. W. H. Weidner, pastor. Other pastors and the year of their appointment follow.

W. A. Shoemaker, 1874.

A. Ziegenfuss and F. Smith, 1877.

A. Ziegenfuss and N. A. Barr, 1879.

G. D. Sweigert, 1880.

J. S. Newhart, 1883.

In Perkasio a prayer meeting class held weekly meetings in the homes of members, and at stated times Evangelical ministers would preach in the school house, on Chestnut Street, Perkasio.

In 1886, Rev. T. Asher Hess was appointed pastor and a separate organization was effected, with Henry G. Moyer, as Class Leader, and Irwin B. Dill, Exhorter. It was decided to erect a new church, which was accomplished during the pastorate of Rev. Hess.

The cornerstone of the new building was laid with appropriate services on July 1, 1888. The first Board of Trustees of Bethel Church consisted of Henry G. Moyer, Irwin B. Dill, F. B. Hollenbach, E. S. Leister and Max Schmidt. The following were the Building Committee: John Schwartz, David Groff and W. B. Rosenberger.



ORIGINAL EVANGELICAL CHURCH  
South Perkasio.



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## FIRST EVANGELICAL CHURCH (Continued)

Following are the names of pastors who served Bethel Church:

T. Asher Hess  
B. C. Krupp  
S. A. Zuber  
David Lentz  
J. S. Farnsworth  
A. S. Kresge  
N. L. Bechtel  
Henry Wentz  
A. W. Buck  
B. L. Romberger  
C. H. Eagle  
W. A. Leopold  
C. N. Wolfe  
N. L. Bechtel  
Earle M. Slichter

Ebenezer United Evangelical Church was organized in 1891, by former members of Bethel and other Evangelical congregations. For several years they worshipped in Bethel Church, but under the pastorate of Rev. A. L. Erisman, Ebenezer United Evangelical was erected, in 1894.

The following are the names of the pastors who served this congregation:

J. D. Acker  
D. Z. Kemble  
A. L. Erisman

G. W. Hangen  
C. H. Egge  
A. W. Waifel  
S. N. Dissinger  
W. S. Rehrr  
W. H. Schlappich  
Geo. B. Gensemer  
R. W. Musselman  
C. E. Hess

Following the merger of the Evangelical Association and the United Evangelical Church in 1922, steps were immediately taken for the merging of the two congregations in Perkasie, and at the Annual Conferences held in Lebanon and Perkasie, the articles of merger were adopted, and the congregation was named the First Evangelical Church of Perkasie.

Rev. J. F. White was appointed its first pastor, and the erection of a Sunday School unit on the site of Bethel Church, at Fifth and Market Streets, was begun under the energetic leadership of Rev. White.

This was accomplished, and August 12, 1928, the new building was dedicated.

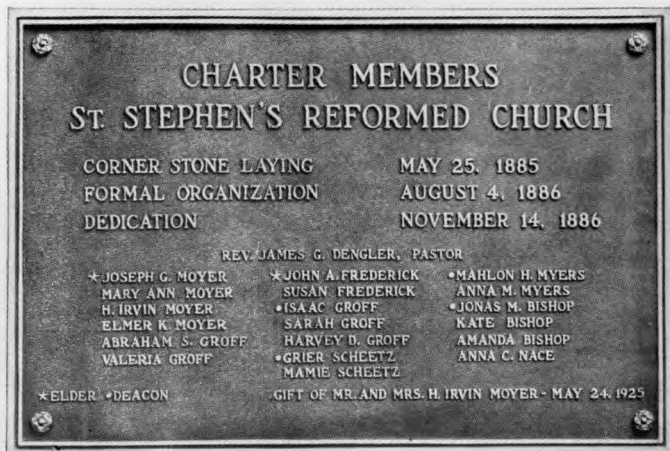
At the annual session of Conference this year, Rev. H. E. Fassnacht was appointed to succeed Rev. White, with everything pointing to a successful pastorate.



PRESENT BUILDING—SUNDAY SCHOOL UNIT

# PERKASIE 1879 FB 1929 BOROUGH

## ST. STEPHEN'S REFORMED CHURCH



### HISTORICAL DATA

April 24, 1883. Meeting called for the organization of St. Stephen's Reformed congregation.

May 25, 1885. Cornerstone laying of the first church.

June 4, 1886. Petition to Classis for a formal organization of St. Stephen's.

August 4, 1886. Formal organization of St. Stephen's.

November 14, 1886. Dedication of the first church.

April 1, 1887. Purchase of ground for cemetery.

May 28, 1887. Missionary Society organized.

May 20, 1888. (Whit Sunday) Dedication of cemetery.

November 20, 1888. Request for Organization of Ladies' Aid Society.

May 1, 1904. Dedication of present church.

May 15, 1910. Consecration of organ.

September 28, 1924. Re-opening of church after an entire renewal of the interior—refrescoing and new electrical fixtures.

May 24, 1925. Unveiling of tablet to pastor and charter members.

September 12, 1926. Dedication of a new Electro Pneumatic Pipe Organ with chimes harp, and antiphonal organ.

October, 1928. Completion of a beautiful stone wall of 410 feet on east side of church property.



The First St. Stephen's Church.

### PASTORS OF ST. STEPHEN'S

REV. J. G. DENGLER	1874-1897
REV. J. RAUCH STEIN	1897-1900
REV. B. HOWARD ROTH	1900-1902
REV. ELMER S. NOLL	1902-1910
REV. J. P. BACHMAN	1911-1912
REV. ALBERT G. PETERS	1912-1922

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## ST. STEPHEN'S REFORMED CHURCH (Continued)



### THE PRESENT ST. STEPHEN'S REFORMED CHURCH

Consistory of St. Stephen's:  
President, The Pastor.

Elders: H. I. Moyer, Vice-President and Treasurer; E. A. Butterwick, Recording Secretary; W. W. Crouthamel, I. M. Frederick, Dr. O. H. Strouse, Henry Maugle.

Deacons: Amandus Hoot, Financial Secretary; Howard H. Moll, C. S. Wampole, Mark Thatcher, F. D. Heyder, Albert Durner, W. C. Void, A. E. Flagler.

Organist and Choirmaster, Russell S. Kramer.

Present Membership, 574.

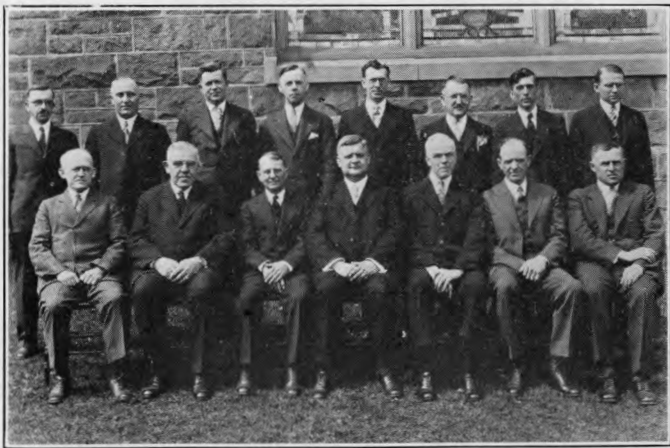
Value of Church Property, \$100,000.

Value of Parsonage, \$10,000.



### PRESENT PASTOR

The Rev. Howard Obold, May 27, 1923—



### THE CONSISTORY—EASTER 1929.

Last Row—A. Hoot W. C. Void F. Heyder A. E. Flagler A. Durner C. S. Wampole H. H. Moll M. Thatcher  
Front Row—E. A. Butterwick H. I. Moyer H. Maugle Rev. Howard Obold W. W. Crouthamel I. M. Frederick  
Dr. O. H. Strouse

# PERKASIE 1879 1929 BOROUGHS

## TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH REV. NORMAN Y. RITTER, Pastor.



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

In March, 1892, at the regular meeting of the Council of St. Michael's Church, Sellersville, Rev. J. H. Waidelich appointed a committee to confer with the Lutherans at Perkasio, looking forward to the organization of a new congregation. Four months later, on July 17, 1892, with a nucleus of six men, Rev. J. H. Waidelich laid the cornerstone of the future Trinity Church. He preached the first sermon in the lecture room of the church on the evening of March 19, 1893, at which time the six men referred to were installed as deacons. These were: J. H. Daub, Frank Weber, Le-

vinus Maurer, A. A. Baum, William D. Pflieger and Samuel Schuler, of whom the first three are still in our midst.

The first session of the Sunday School was held on Sunday afternoon, October 8, 1893, with an attendance of 123. C. W. Baum was chosen as Superintendent, a position he held to the close of 1920, when he was succeeded by Franklin Kramer, who has since served in that capacity.

The formal consecration of the church took place on August 11, 1895. Rev. Waidelich continued his services until the fall of



### TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH (Continued)

1899. In the previous year the congregation had united with Jerusalem Church, Almont, to form a new parish. Rev. Waidelich was called to become the Pastor, but declined to remain with his people at Sellersville. A call was then extended to Rev. P. A. Laury, of Marietta, Pa., who accepted and was installed November 12, 1899.

The membership of the congregation in 1900 was about 275 and was rapidly increasing. In that year the parsonage was built and in 1907, the erection of a new church was begun. The cornerstone was laid on June 23, and a year later, June 14, 1908, the consecration services were held. The old church had been moved to the side of the lot and altered to form a chapel for Sunday School and Society purposes. The clock, bought with funds collected from the community, was placed in the tower in the fall of 1912.

Rev. Laury resigned the pastorate to take up the Presidency of the Lutheran Theological Seminary, at Waterloo, Canada, on October 1, 1914, after a service of almost fifteen years.

The connection with the Almont congregation was severed at this time and Trinity called Rev. Norman Y. Ritter, of Quakertown, to become her third pastor. He began his work on January 1, 1915, and continues to serve at the present time. Under this pastorate the church was renovated and extensive alterations were made in the Sunday School rooms, the re-consecration taking place on April 22, 1923. Trinity has a present membership of a few more than 900 and a Sunday School enrollment of 627.

#### THE PRESENT COUNCIL

Ernest Baines  
 Mahlon Keller  
 John Solliday  
 Harvey Weisel  
 Arthur Allem  
 Roland C. Benner  
 Frank Hall  
 William Struble  
 Milton G. Funk  
 Claude O. Peters  
 Phares Bader  
 Frederick Weaver

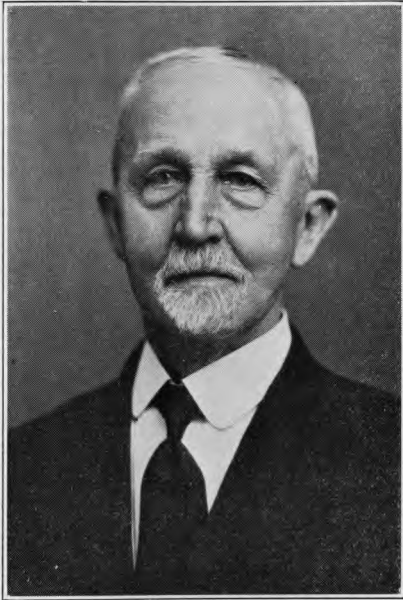


# PERKASIE 1879 1929 BOROUGH

## BETHEL MENNONITE CHURCH

By PASTOR ALLEN M. FRETZ

The history of the Mennonite Church in this section of our County and State dates to the early settlements. When the English Friend (Quaker), William Penn, in 1682, had effected the settlement of Philadelphia he graciously invited his persecuted friends, the Mennonites of Holland, Germany, and Switzerland, to come and enjoy the free air of his woodland with the Quakers.



REV. A. M. FRETZ

So in 1683 the Germantown settlement was made. From this settlement, on the arrival of other Mennonite immigrants largely from the Palatinate, settlements were made and congregations organized northward in Montgomery, Bucks, and Lehigh Counties.

When in 1735, by a Partition Deed, the reserved proprietary Manor of Perkasia, a tract of 10,000 acres stretching to the southeast of the ridge, on the side of which the beautiful town of ours is located, was thrown open for settlement, Mennonites were among the first to procure homesteads

and organize churches.

The church in the Deep Run Valley, which borders this tract on the east, was organized in 1746. That in Blooming Glen in 1753, which was for many years known as the "Bergesee Genne." As villages and towns sprung up in these settlements, it was natural that they should be largely composed of descendants of these settlers—Mennonites. For many years the activities of the church were confined to the country, resulting in the great loss, while other denominations were building up largely with the scions of the Mennonite families.

On the 16th day of August, 1900, the writer of this sketch, then Pastor of the General Conference division of the Mennonite Church, at Deep Run and Souderton, having a number of families living in Perkasia and vicinity, on their solicitations had a meeting at which the following resolution was adopted and signed by all present:

"Resolved—that we, members of the Mennonite Church organize ourselves together into a band of mission workers, for our own spiritual welfare, the saving of souls, the glory of Christ, and the growth of the church, under the supervision of Pastor A. M. Fretz, and we most heartily invite all members of the Mennonite Church and such others who may wish to become such, and may find it convenient to do so, to co-operate with us."

The newly erected Baptist Church was rented for Sunday afternoons, and one evening a week, services.

These arrangements continued till May, 1905, when steps were taken to organize a congregation. A charter was secured, and on June 10, 1905, a congregation with constitution and by-laws was organized; the following twenty-five signing as charter members:

Jonas S. Myers  
Lavina Myers  
Clayton F. Myers  
Alice Myers  
Lemeh F. Myers  
Fannie Myers  
Henry F. Myers  
William F. Myers  
Catharine Ricket  
Harvey H. Baum  
Mary Baum  
Mary Bean  
Lavina Crouthamel

Samuel P. Diehl  
Elwood Diehl  
Harry P. Diehl  
Clayton L. Fretz  
Maggie Andrews  
Harvey S. Kulp  
Mary Kulp  
Leidy Kratz  
Lizzie Kratz  
Tillie Smith  
John R. Scheid  
Sallie Scheid

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## BETHEL MENNONITE CHURCH (Continued)

Of these only sixteen are living, while the following eight are still members of this church:

Clayton F. Myers, Deacon and Sunday School Superintendent.

Henry Myers	Lavina Crouthamel
William Myers	Samuel Diehl
Clayton L. Fretz	Harvey Kulp
Mary Kulp	

Rev. A. B. Shelly was elected Elder in charge for one year, and Harvey W. Shelly, Pastor for three months. Harvey H. Baum was elected Deacon. A Sunday School was organized.

Following the brief pastorate of H. W. Shelly, Rev. William H. Grubb was pastor until he resigned in May, 1910, and Reverend Shelly was again elected until he resigned in February, 1918.

In the spring of 1911, steps were taken which resulted, that year, in the erection of the church at the south corner of Fifth and Race Streets. The property is valued at present at \$7,000.

While at various times members were received into the congregation by baptism

and letter, the membership has fluctuated very much through deaths and dismissals; so it numbers only thirty at this writing.

The congregation maintains a Sunday School, a Christian Endeavor Society, a Ladies' Aid, and Mission Society. It is actively interested in the various educational, mission, and benevolent activities of the Eastern District, and General Conferences of the Mennonite Church.

Upon the resignation of Reverend Shelly in 1918, the writer, who in 1900 collected his members together into a mission workers' band, was appealed to, to become pastor of the congregation again, and has served this capacity with his present other two charges, often preaching three times a Sunday, for over eleven years.

The other officers at present are:

Deacon, Clayton F. Myers.

Secretary, Clayton L. Fretz.

Treasurer, Harvey S. Kulp.

Trustees: William H. Fulmer, Harvey S. Kulp, Clayton L. Fretz.

Organists: Mildred Myers, Margaret Myers.

Correspondent, Fannie E. Landis.



BETHEL MENNONITE CHURCH

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## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, PERKASIE

The history of the First Baptist Church at Perkasio, Pa., is only a "short and simple annal of the poor." Nothing conspicuous to the eye of man has been accomplished—although in God's sight it must have been approved. Outstanding characters among the laity were William E. Detweiler and Mrs. Mary A. Meredith—both deceased. Mrs. A. M. Yeakel was a "pioneer," and was the first treasurer. Charles M. Meredith, Sr., was the first Clerk. Both these officials are still serving.

The first sermon was preached in the Meredith home on January 10, 1896, by Rev. W. H. Conard, D.D. Regular services were established in the Meredith home October 9, 1896. Then moved to S. R. Kramer's Hall (replacing a poolroom); then to the "opera house"—blightingly cold in winter and devastatingly hot in summer. Rev. Rittenhouse Neisser was the pastor. Preachers for us the first year were: William H. Conard, D.D., Rev. A. B. McClouser, Rev. John P. Snyder, Rev. George Courter, Rev. F. W. Johnson, Rev. J. D. Schall, Rev. E. Hughes.

Although a new generation is coming on which has, of course, no recollection of former times and persons, yet there is a residue which will ever recognize the fact that Rev. John Miller came to us at a crisis, and by sermons, counsels and miraculous financial assistance brought us safely over the

bridge. The co-operation of Arthur K. Thomas of the Lansdale Church, by advice and indorsing notes, was wonderfully helpful. William E. Detweiler was dependable for any office—preaching, soliciting, sexton, organist, superintendent, deacon. All have gone to their reward.

There are eighty members at the present time although the church, which began with ten members, has been the church home of a total of 211 members. It is free of debt, and is moderately equipped as a soul-filling and soul-saving station.

The original membership came out of the Hilltown, North Wales, and Allentown Churches. The first hymn-books were donated by Conwell's Church. Mrs. Elizabeth Johnson presented the first pulpit Bible—still in service. The first person baptized was Olive Detweiler (Bartholomew) in a near-by stream, Wisler's Creek, July 20, 1899. Carnegie partially financed a pipe-organ in 1907. Mrs. William Texter conducts a week-day Bible School. Mrs. Annie Lear is leading a parsonage fund. The church went "over-the-top" in the New World Movement. For a while in 1920, under the same pastor, the church was joined to Hilltown. The plan for the church building was loaned to the congregations at Nesquehoning and West Conshohocken. Replacement value of property, \$12,000.00



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## MENNONITE MEETING HOUSE

On August 3, 1909, Wm. M. Moyer, A. M. Hunsicker and Jacob H. Myers, were elected as Trustees.

The believers held their initial meeting on August 8, 1909, under the able guidance of the late Bishop H. B. Rosenberger, of Blooming Glen, and Bishop Andrew Mack, of Bally.

The following Sunday, August 15, 1909, the Sunday School was organized and the following officers were elected:

Titus K. Moyer, Superintendent.  
Wm. M. Moyer, Asst. Superintendent.  
D. M. Myers, Secretary.  
A. M. Hunsicker, Treasurer.

Sunday School and regular Sabbath Day meetings have been held during the past two decades, and it is the sincere conviction of those in charge that much religious work of a truly spiritual nature has been accomplished.

The present Trustees are: Wm. M. Moyer, A. H. Freed, Tyrus H. Moyer.

The present officers are:  
Wm. M. Moyer, Superintendent.  
H. D. Hunsicker, Asst. Superintendent.  
Wm. L. Lapp, Secretary.  
Tyrus H. Moyer, Treasurer.



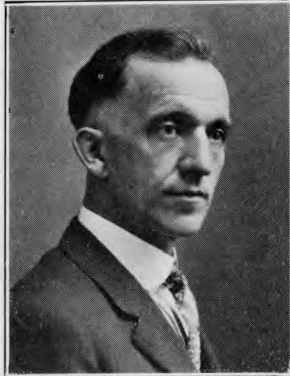
MENNONITE MEETING HOUSE, 4th and CHESTNUT STREETS

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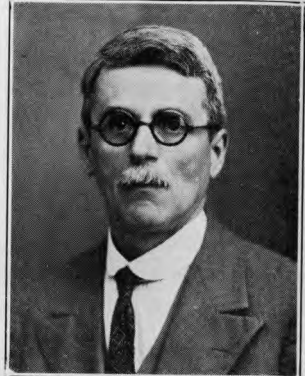
## THE CENTRAL NEWS



CHARLES W. BAUM, Publisher



JOHN W. SPRENKEL, Editor



IRA J. GROFF, Foreman

The incorporation of the borough of Perkasie antedates the establishment of The Central News, Perkasie's weekly newspaper, by two years.

It was on June 9, 1881, that this paper made its debut with an appeal for patronage. Mahlon S. Sellers, Lansdale, was the financial sponsor. The second story of the barn on the property at Seventh and Chestnut Streets, now occupied by the First National Bank, was its birthplace, and Samuel R. Kramer, a young printer from Lansdale, was brought here to take charge of the mechanical department. However, the many tasks involved in the establishment and production of a newspaper, soon claimed Mr. Kramer's attention, and instead of foreman of the mechanical department, he almost automatically became the directing head of all departments.

The original equipment consisted of a fairly good assortment of type faces, an imposing table, and an old Washington hand press.

The modest home and equipment offered little indeed of an inspirational character, but the publisher, as well as Mr. Kramer, as expressed in the editorial columns of the first issue, "Believed in the community and pledged their best efforts in the production of a weekly newspaper in which the community could believe."

A characteristic policy of The Central News, established in the very first issue, and which has since been maintained, is expressed in one of the first editorials in this manner: "While we shall never fear to censure abuses, threatened or existing, when cause and duty demands, but we shall ever hold the 'kind word' as very sacredly above the unkind in dealing with what-so-ever subjects."

Perkasie was virgin territory for the cultivation of newspaper ideals when The Central News was established. Excepting a German language weekly at Milford Square, there was no newspaper published between Souderton and Bethlehem. The

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## THE CENTRAL NEWS (Continued)

founders cultivated the field with intelligence and nourished it with an unselfish service—the results are apparent.

After six months under the guidance of Sellers, the founder, the late Henry G. Moyer was admitted as a partner, but the partnership was short-lived. Sellers died at his home in Lansdale, on February 7, and on April 20, 1882, Samuel R. Kramer purchased the Sellers interests.

Under the Moyer-Kramer ownership, extending over a period of twenty-one years, The Central News became one of the outstanding weeklies of the country.

With Kramer at the editorial desk, there was inaugurated a movement for the industrial development of Perkasié. In addition to the forceful editorial policy which developed a favorable public sentiment, Kramer personally allied himself with a group of influential citizens in a campaign to procure industries for the town. Through the efforts of this group of public-spirited men, the possibilities of Perkasié were "sold" to the hand-made cigar industry, which at that time was rapidly expanding.

Under the helpful influence of the editorial columns of The Central News, local in-



THE CENTRAL NEWS BUILDING

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## THE CENTRAL NEWS (Continued)

vestors erected factory buildings, industrial enterprises came in rapid succession, and both the town and The Central News prospered.

The Central News soon outgrew its limited quarters. The Benner Building, at 609 Chestnut Street, which in 1926, was destroyed by a mysterious fire and explosion, was leased in 1885, and a new power press installed. Ten years of gratifying growth and prosperity followed during which The Central News grew from a four (7-column) to an eight (6-column) page paper.

The next chapter in the history of The Central News began in 1895. Henry G. Moyer had been elected to represent this district in the Pennsylvania Senate. Samuel R. Kramer had become interested in the development of Menlo Park, together with other business interests which claimed his time. A young man from North Wales whose assets consisted principally of a fair knowledge of printing and an unlimited ambition, was engaged to occupy the editorial chair of The Central News.

"We're proud of the town and we want to make the town and community proud of The Central News," was the text of the first editorial from the pen of the new editor. Charles M. Meredith was the name of the "stranger," but not long was he a stranger. From the Meredith pen flowed philosophy, advice, admonition, praise and hope in pleasing proportions. Friendship for the editor as well as The Central News was the inevitable result. The editor soon became an outstanding figure in journalism throughout the country, and a powerful influence in local politics. Under his guidance The Central News set a new high standard for country weekly newspapers.

Readers were educated to the fact that a country weekly mirrors the enterprise, activity, conduct and habits of the community it represents. This policy stimulated a reader-interest in The Central News.

Readers learned to take an active interest in their respective communities and eagerly sought publicity for the activities of their community.

With this reader co-operation the Central News became widely known as the Country Weekly which prints "all the

news." Subscriptions came voluntarily, and with the increased circulation its reputation as a desirable and effective advertising medium was greatly enhanced.

During the Moyer-Kramer term of ownership and management the Benner Building was purchased and in December 17, 1903, the plant, together with the real estate, was sold to Editor Meredith. As publisher and editor, Meredith was at the helm until March 1, 1914, when he assumed the office of Sheriff of Bucks County.

Charles W. Baum, a native of the community, purchased The Central News and, though wholly inexperienced in matters pertaining to the Fourth Estate, quite singularly, The Central News made its greatest forward strides under his direction.

The first big improvement under his management came in 1917, when a type-setting machine was installed. In 1920 the present home of the Central News, at Seventh and Arch Streets, was erected. In 1926 the old power press, installed in 1885 by Moyer and Kramer, was replaced by a modern press. A year later an electric stereotype casting unit was installed.

In the composing and job departments the improvements have been quite as extensive, chief of which have been two job presses.

From an eight (6-column) page paper, The Central News has, under the Baum ownership, grown to twelve (7-column) pages, and the volume of advertising has been tripled since he took charge.

Much of this increase in volume of advertising is due to the prestige of the News among National advertisers. Among the 7,000 weekly newspapers affiliated with the American Press Association, only seven exceeded in volume of National advertising, the 19,750 inches carried in The Central News during the past year.

In 1920, John W. Sprenkel was placed at the editor's desk and has been, in a large measure responsible for the progress of The News in recent years, and at the head of the mechanical department is Ira Groff, who has the distinction of having served longer in the same plant than any other employee in Perkasio. He has been with The Central News for the past forty years.





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FOURTH ST. LOOKING NORTH FROM PARK AVE.



WATER SLIDE AT MENLO

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## THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK

According to the Census of 1900, Perkasia had a population of about 1,800, and was without Banking facilities.

Early in the following year (1901) after several months of preliminary work, the First National Bank of Perkasia became a reality and opened for business on March the 18th.

The home of the late A. S. Benner, located at the corner of Seventh and Chestnut Streets, was purchased and the front room fitted up to meet the needs of the institution. The front room of the second floor was used as a Directors' room.

The officers and Directors elected were as follows:

President—Hon. Henry G. Moyer.  
Vice-President—Charles E. Freed.  
Cashier—Milton C. Pyle.  
Teller—Oliver A. Fulmer.

### DIRECTORS

Henry G. Moyer  
Chas. E. Freed  
Henry O. Moyer  
Edwin C. Leidy  
Grier Scheetz  
G. M. Grim, M.D.  
Leidy Fulmer  
Leidy F. Harpel  
C. S. Gulick  
John S. Bissey

The growth of the institution was steady and to its assistance much of the town's material progress can be traced.



THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK. Seventh and Chestnut Sts.

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## FIRST NATIONAL BANK (Continued)

Larger quarters and better accommodations became one of its greatest needs, from year to year.

In 1923 the original building was razed and work begun on the present modern and commodious structure, which was opened for business July 26, 1924.

The bank now stands as the eighth largest in Bucks County.

The present officers and Directors are as follows:

President, Charles B. Weaver.  
Vice-President, Reuben J. Freed.  
Cashier, Walter K. Terry.  
Assistant Cashier, J. Paul Harr.

### DIRECTORS

Charles B. Weaver  
Reuben J. Freed  
Samuel F. Stover  
W. E. Savacool

Harvey S. Kulp  
A. M. Moyer  
Jos. Gulden  
Wm. M. Moyer  
O. C. Landis  
R. T. Hendricks  
Wm. G. Lewis

### MESSENGERS

W. W. Allabough  
C. Fred Wolf  
Mahlon Wasser  
Henry S. Kriebel  
Simon K. Moyer

### CLERKS AND BOOKKEEPERS

Gertrude Seidel  
Miriam Musselman  
T. Wells Knipe  
H. Lester Frederick

SOLICITOR—Mark Thatcher  
WATCHMAN—Milton Deemer



FIRST NATIONAL BANK—First Banking House.

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## PERKASIE TRUST COMPANY

On October 25th, 1922, a meeting was held at the Public House of Oscar H. Meyers to consider the organization of a new banking institution for Perkasie and vicinity.

At this meeting it was decided to organize the Perkasie Trust Company with a Capital of \$125,000, fully paid, and divided into 2,500 shares. The officers of the organization were, President, Charles W. Bean; Secretary, Mahlon Keller; Treasurer, Harry Neamand.

The subscription list was opened, and by December 6th, 1922, subscriptions had been received for 3,140 shares. The Committee allotted the 2,500 shares to 330 subscribers, no one receiving more than twenty shares.

Mark Thatcher represented the stockholders and presented to the Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania the application for a charter which was granted on December 5th, 1922.

It was decided to erect a bank building on Chestnut Street on a property pur-



PERKASIE TRUST COMPANY



## PERKASIE TRUST COMPANY (Continued)

chased from Jonas Apfelbaum. After considering the plans of different bank buildings it was decided to accept the plan presented by Carl Muller, of Philadelphia, and he was awarded the contract for the building. The contract for the vault door and equipment was awarded to the Herring-Hall Marvin Safe Company.

On April 18th, 1923, a meeting of the stockholders was held when the following Board of Directors was elected:

Chas. W. Bean  
Oscar H. Meyers  
Darius Sine  
H. D. Moyer  
J. H. Wisler  
Samuel B. Moyer  
Alex. Miller, Jr.  
Geo. R. Beidler  
Harry Neamand  
Wilson L. Yeakel  
Harry G. Wamsher  
E. E. Althouse  
J. H. Horn  
Jerome B. Kline  
Harry E. Grim  
Mahlon Keller  
Rev. S. E. Moyer  
Enos R. Detwiler  
Edwin F. Stover  
Harvey K. Strouse  
Ira E. Trauch  
H. R. Trauger

The Directors organized by electing the following officers:

President, Charles W. Bean.  
Vice-President, Harry Neamand.  
Vice-President, Alex. Miller, Jr.  
Secretary and Treasurer,  
T. A. Crouthamel.  
Trust Officer, Harry E. Grim.  
Bookkeeper, William M. High.

The Company opened for business on November 15th, 1923, with total assets of \$196,271.67 at the close of business on opening day. The business has had a steady growth, and on March 15th, 1929, the total assets were \$673,751.19 in the Banking Department and \$156,951.71 in the Trust Department.

Since the organization four of the original Directors resigned, and two, namely, Edwin F. Stover and Howard C. Cressman, were removed by death.

The present officers are as follows:

President, T. A. Crouthamel.  
Vice-President, Harry Neamand.  
Vice-President, E. E. Althouse.  
Secretary and Treasurer, Wm. H. High.  
Trust Officer, Harry E. Grim.  
Teller, Willard H. Shaddinger.

The present Board of Directors are as follows:

T. A. Crouthamel  
E. E. Althouse  
H. D. Moyer  
Harvey K. Strouse  
Enos R. Detwiler  
H. R. Trauger  
C. E. Benfield  
Mahlon Keller  
Rev. S. E. Moyer  
Samuel B. Moyer  
Darius Sine  
W. L. Yeakel  
Oscar H. Meyers  
Arthur B. Stover  
Harry Neamand  
Harry G. Wamsher  
Ira E. Trauch  
J. H. Horn  
George R. Beidler  
Harry E. Grim  
Charles J. Fehl





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FRATERNITY TEMPLE, Sixth Street.



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## FRATERNITY TEMPLE THE HOME OF PERKASIE'S FRATERNAL ORDERS

For a number of years previous to the erection of this building, a community lodge hall was frequently discussed, and several unsuccessful attempts were made to build.

During the early spring of 1922, conditions appeared favorable to again attempt the building of a home for the lodges.

The situation was carefully considered by many of the active lodge members, and on March 26, 1922, the first preliminary meeting of committees representing the five orders that met in Cressman's Hall, namely: Knights of the Golden Eagle, Knights of Pythias, O. U. A. M., Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Knights of Malta, assembled in the card room of the Cressman Building. Harry Neamand was elected chairman and C. Harold Terry, secretary. Plans were presented and discussed, and all referred back to the lodges by their respective committees.

April 2, 1922, the second preliminary meeting was held, committees appointed, conditions discussed, and again referred back to the lodges.

May 31, 1922, important meetings. Committees reported the following subscriptions of stock for the proposed building.

Perkasie Council, No. 359,	
O. U. A. M.	\$ 5,000.00
Mont Alto Lodge, No. 246,	
Knights of Pythias	5,000.00
Aquila Castle, No. 330,	
Knights of the Golden Eagle.	5,000.00
Perkasie Lodge, No. 671,	
I. O. O. F.	1,000.00
Amalfi Commandery, No. 392,	
Knights of Malta	1,000.00
Perkasie Home, No. 33, B. of A.	300.00
Industry Council, No. 22,	
S. and D. of L.	300.00
Lenape Chapter, No. 339, Order	
of Eastern Star	200.00
Perkasie Camp, No. 180,	
P. O. of A.	200.00

Total \$18,000.00

The above amount was subscribed and later paid. Pencil sketches of the proposed building were presented by the committee who interviewed an architect.

It was agreed that conditions were favorable to build and the committees were

instructed to report same to their Orders and if ratified to elect a Board of Directors with full power to act.

Directors to be elected as follows: each lodge investing from \$1,000 to \$3,000, two directors, and each lodge investing \$3,000 or more, three directors. The voting power of each director should be equal except when a stock vote was called, when each \$100 invested should be counted as one share or one vote.

June 8, 1922. All Lodges ratified the actions of the previous meeting, and elected the following directors all of whom were present:

I. O. O. F.: Robert Werner and Andrew Schuler.

O. U. A. M.: Henry Nungesser, Mahlon Keller and Frank K. Harr.

K. of P.: Wm. J. Ogden, Wm. K. Krout and J. Claude Bowen.

K. of M.: Erwin C. Nonamaker and Grover C. Miller.

K. G. E.: Harry Neamand, John Groover and Geo. R. Beidler.

The Board of Directors organized by electing the following officers:

President, Harry Neamand.

Vice-President, Wm. K. Krout.

Secretary, Andrew Schuler.

Treasurer, John Groover.

It was decided that the organization should be known as the Fraternity Temple Association, and the building as Fraternity Temple.

For the next three months the directors were busy holding weekly meetings, receiving and considering various plans and specifications, etc.

On September 12, 1922, the contract for erecting the building was awarded to Mr. Carl Muller, Architect and Contractor, of Philadelphia.

The building on the site where the new building was to be erected was sold and removed and work now commenced.

On Saturday afternoon, November 4, 1922, the cornerstone was laid with imposing ceremonies, about 1,000 people being present. Program was as follows:

Harry E. Grim, presiding.

Music, Harmonic Band.

Prayer, Rev. A. G. Peters.

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## FRATERNITY TEMPLE (Continued)

The stone was placed in position by Directors Henry Nungesser, and Wm. J. Ogden, assisted by Contractor Carl Muller.

The silver trowel used was presented by Director Nungesser.

Harry Neamand, President of the Association, had charge of filling the box in the cornerstone.

Rev. A. G. Peters placed therein a Bible, and the chairman said, "In the Bible is based the teachings of every Order here represented."

Judge Wm. C. Ryan placed therein the American Flag (a small silk flag presented by Henry Nungesser), when the chairman said, "No session of the Orders here assembled should be held without the emblem of our country displayed in a conspicuous place in their place of meeting."

Chief Burgess Carey S. Groff, placed therein the names of the members of Borough Council, also a number of old coins.

Harvey E. Grim, a silver dollar dated 1922.

The presiding officer of each of the Orders who expected to meet in the new building placed therein a complete roster of their members and a badge of their Order.

Besides the above mentioned, the minutes of the first meeting, name and address of builder and contractor and a copy of the agreement between the lodges were placed therein.

The Hon. Wm. C. Ryan, President Judge of Bucks County, then delivered the address and Rev. A. G. Peters pronounced the benediction.

Work continued on the building, and in October, 1923, the following lodges held their first session in the new Temple.

Amalfi Commandery, No. 392, K. of M., Oct. 3, 1923.

Perkasie Lodge, No. 671, I. O. O. F., Oct. 4, 1923.

Mont Alto Lodge, No. 246, K. of P., Oct. 5, 1923.

Aquila Castle, No. 330, K. G. E., Oct. 8, 1923.

Perkasie Council, No. 359, O. U. A. M., Oct. 9, 1923.

Lenape Chapter, No. 339, O. E. S., Oct. 13, 1923.

Industry Council, No. 22, S. and D. of L., Oct. 18, 1923.

Many more months were required in finishing and furnishing the building, which stands today as a lasting monument for our Fraternal Orders and one of the most convenient, up-to-date, and best Fraternal Halls you can expect to find in any small town.

The building is 40 by 100 feet, built of brick, three stories high, a splendid basement, which today is used as a restaurant and bowling alley. There are four lodge rooms in the building, large closets, ante rooms, etc.

The second-story front room is the home of the American Legion.

It is now the home of twenty-four different organizations.

The cost of the building was	\$48,379.85
The cost of the furniture and furnishing	3,318.89
The donation received	660.44
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	\$52,359.18

The present Board of Directors and Officers are:

Harry Neamand, President.  
Wm. K. Krout, Vice-President.  
Wm. S. Kenderdine, Secretary.  
Henry Nungesser, Treasurer.  
Mahlon Keller.  
Harvey K. Metzgar.  
A. S. Hoagey.  
Roy Benner.  
J. Paul Bergey.  
Oliver S. Steely.  
Oscar Crouthamel.  
Groover C. Miller.

Owing to unavoidable conditions, the Temple has not been dedicated. But on Wednesday, June 19, 1929, during our town's Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration, it will be dedicated, with appropriate ceremonies, as Perkasie's Home for Her Fraternal Organizations.





## PERKASIE COUNCIL, O. U. A. M., No. 359.

This was the first lodge instituted in Perkasia, in the year 1884, on the second floor of a frame shed used as a hotel hostelry on the lot where the business block containing the Post Office now stands. The structure was about 20 by 30 feet in size, and this was the only place in the town available for a lodge meeting.

John Spiegelhalter, who came here from Philadelphia some three years before, and who was a member of Purity Council of the O. U. A. M. in Philadelphia, was the prime mover in its institution, and remained a member up to his death, some ten years ago.

George W. Childs, the editor of the Philadelphia Public Ledger at that time, made presentation of a handsome Bible containing his autograph.

The lodge was exceedingly active and soon had a very exceptional membership, so that its shed quarters grew too small for its activities, and a new hall was built by P. S. Cressman, now known as the Kulp Brothers Store, and the entire third floor rented to the Council of O. U. A. M.

The event was fittingly observed by the members, by holding a dedicatory service, in which Purity Council, of Ninth Street and Girard Avenue, Philadelphia, took a very flattering interest, and came to the event in full representation, bringing with them the Weccaco Band, the crack musical organization of Philadelphia, comprising some fifty men, wearing natty white uniforms.

The event will always be remembered by those who still live to recall it, and was by far the most auspicious ever held in the town up to that time.

Coroner Ashbridge, of Philadelphia, was the principal speaker, who afterwards became Mayor of Philadelphia.

A number of new organizations had in the meantime been formed, these also became tenants in the new hall.

In later years a new hall was built on the site of the first shed hall, and all the lodge tenants removed to this new building.

On November, 1922, this hall was consumed by fire, with all the records of the organizations that had quarters in it, and the Charter of Perkasia Council O. U. A.

M. was also among the ashes. The only thing saved was the original Treasurer's book.

Consequently the names of the thirty-six men who were signatory to this charter can now only be surmised by those still surviving, and the following is a list as nearly as possibly can be ascertained:

Henry G. Moyer  
 Samuel R. Kramer  
 Aaron K. Reimer  
 P. S. Cressman  
 D. M. Beyers  
 Henry B. Rosenberger  
 Henry B. Nace  
 Joseph Roberts  
 William Groover  
 Milton Schwauger  
 John A. Headman  
 William H. Texter  
 James Shearer  
 Samuel Haring  
 Clayton A. Smith  
 William Moll  
 Harrison B. Nace  
 Irvin Renner  
 Henry Groff  
 John Harr  
 H. K. Drumbore  
 John Spiegelhalter  
 Aaron Kern  
 J. H. Daub

The charter was granted October 25, 1884, and the body began to function, and has maintained itself to the forefront of the lodges in Perkasia.

During its existence it has paid sick benefits to the amount of \$32,949.50, and funeral benefits to the amount of \$18,550; a total disbursement of \$51,499.50, and has now a membership of 218.

In 1925 Henry Nungesser, a member of Perkasia Council, was elected State Vice Councilor at Chester, and in 1926 he was elected State Councilor at Easton. Mr. Nungesser is at this time its most aggressive member.

Today it is quartered in the handsome Fraternity Hall on Sixth Street, has a bountiful treasury surplus of \$12,794.84, and shows every prospect of holding its place in the progress of Perkasia's beneficial and patriotic institutions.

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## MONT ALTO LODGE, KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS, No. 245

The above lodge was organized May 24, 1889, on the third floor of Kulp Brothers store then owned by P. S. Cressman. The person who was most active in bringing about this organization was Edwin F. Levy, at that time a foreman of the Boltz-Clymer Cigar Co., and who was a member of a Philadelphia Knights of Pythias Lodge.

The lodge organized with ten charter members as follows: John Spigelhalter, Allen Willett, Uriah Ringer, Amiel F. Spoerl, John Boltz, Senator H. G. Moyer, D. Morris Beyers, H. S. Brey, Alonzo Sterner and Richard Frederick. All of said members are either deceased or have dropped out of the lodge, with the exception of Uriah Ringer whose photo appears upon this page.

During the history of the lodge it has paid out in benefits a very large amount. Its present membership is 305 and its membership has always been uniformly large. Its meetings during all of its existence have always been well attended, and while a fraternal organization, various

questions affecting the welfare of the town have received impetus in its lodge room. Its membership has always contained a large part of the business and professional people of the town and in addition thereto it has always had upon its roster a large number of working people, particularly foremen, superintendents, etc., of the various factories. During the time that Perkasio was one of the principal towns in which cigars were manufactured along the North Penn, it was recognized as the cigar makers' lodge.

Notwithstanding the fact that it has given a large amount of aid to its members, its activities have been much broader than its own membership. Few appeals for aid for any cause have ever been denied by the lodge. Because of its generous treatment of not only its members, but all of the interests in Perkasio, it has always been an outstanding lodge in Perkasio. It has also been successful financially, its net assets at this time aggregating approximately \$18,000.



URIAH RINGER  
FIRST PRESIDING OFFICER OF K. OF P.



# PERKASIE 1879 1929 BOROUGH

## RELIEF CIRCLE, No. 57 BROTHERHOOD OF AMERICA

This Circle was instituted in the room above the livery stable connected with the South Perkasio Hotel, on May 2, 1896, with the following Charter Members: William L. Hutt, Charles Nace, Enos Gettman, Nathan K. Beer\*, Jarius Anglemoyer, Charles S. Trauger\*, William Thomson, Charles F. Harr\*, Joseph Thomson\*, Samuel Leister, Francis W. Leidy\*, J. Warren Espenship, Frank G. Detweiler, Cornelius Leidy, John S. Becker, Samuel A. Stauffer, Preston Frick, Jacob F. Harr\*, Henry K. Trumbore\*, Clayton L. Fretz\*, J. George Rieker, James J. Collins, Samuel Reichley, Harry K. Hunsberger, Isaiah G. Fluck\*, and Samuel G. Fluck\*.

The ten marked \* are still members of the Circle.

Credit for the institution of this Circle was given to Levi Godshall, a member of Jefferson Circle, No. 12, of Philadelphia.

The first election of officers resulted as follows: Past Chief Washington, William

L. Hutt; Chief Washington, J. George Rieker; Chief Jefferson, Henry K. Trumbore; Chief Franklin, Nathan K. Beer; Honorable Scroll Keeper, Charles F. Harr; Honorable Register, Jacob F. Harr; Honorable Treasurer, Enos Gettman; Honorable Herald, Francis W. Leidy; Watcher of the Day, Joseph Thomson; Watcher of the Night, Samuel G. Fluck; Trustees, William Thomson, Jarius Anglemoyer and Charles S. Trauger.

J. George Rieker served as the first Representative to the Grand Circle, having been elected as Alternate.

Since the institution of the Circle its efforts to increase the membership resulted as follows: candidates initiated 525, reinstated 62, admitted by card 19, total 606. Suspended 295, deceased 34, leaving a present membership of 277.

During its thirty-three years of existence the following benefits have been paid: sick benefits, \$19,320.00; funeral benefits,

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RELIEF CIRCLE HALL.



## PERKASIE LODGE, No. 671, I. O. O. F.



Perkasie Lodge No. 671, I. O. O. F., was organized through the efforts of Isaiah C. Barndt, and was instituted by the Officers of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania on September 12th, 1889, with forty-three charter members, of which the following survive and are still members of the Lodge: Isaiah C. Barndt, David B. Rosenberger, Corson K. Lewis, Dr. A. F. Myers, Wilson B. Rosenberger, Albert F. Myers, Frank Weber, William H. Moll, Carey B. Nace, Francis W. Leidy and Amandus C. Baringer.

The first officers of the Lodge were: N. G., Isaiah C. Barndt; V. G., Samuel M. Bishop; Secretary, A. K. Reimer; Assistant Secretary, Samuel R. Kramer; Treasurer, Monroe B. Gabel; Trustees, Henry G. Moyer, Grier Scheetz and Dr. A. F. Myers; Representative to Grand Lodge, A. K. Reimer; R. S. N. G., Wilson B. Rosenberger; L. S. N. G., Grier Scheetz; W. A., Frank Gerhart; C., Henry G. Moyer; R. S. S., M. H. Leidy; L. S. S., Dr. A. F. Myers; Chaplain, Noah O. Crouthamel; O. G., Wil-

liam H. Groover; I. G., Amandus C. Baringer; R. S. V. G., D. M. Beyer; L. S. V. G., Allen T. Clymer.

The outstanding record of service to the Lodge is held by its Second Treasurer, Carey B. Nace, who faithfully discharged the duties of that office for thirty-one years and six months.

The following are the present officers of the Lodge: N. G., Robert Gumo; V. G., William T. Groff; Financial Secretary, John S. Ziegenfuss; Recording Secretary, William S. Kenderine; Treasurer, William L. Struble; W., William L. Hockman; C., William S. Wismer; Chaplain, Adam Bossard; Trustees, Robert H. Werner, Andrew Schuler and Darius Sine; R. S. N. G., M. A. Renner; L. S. N. G., Aden F. Beck; O. G., Ewald Winzer; L. G., John H. Texter; Representative to Grand Lodge, Robert H. Werner.

The present membership is 205, the Lodge having lost many members through death in its almost forty years of existence. Approximately \$50,000.00 has been paid out for Relief.



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AQUILA CASTLE, No. 330, K. G. E.



One of the most progressive, prosperous, active, fraternal, charitable, benevolent organizations of our town, and meets every Monday evening in Fraternity Temple.

Was organized and instituted by District Grand Chief Harry Neamand, on February 18, 1895, in the lodge room on the third floor of the building, now Kulp Brothers store, with thirty-four charter members. Ten of these are still members, namely: Harry Neamand, Mahlon Keller, Frank S. Ahlum, Ambrose Pfeiffer, John Groover, Wm. H. Spiegelhalter, Uriah W. Ringer, John Zeigenfuss, Preston Detweiler and Oscar H. Myers.

The first officers were:

Past Chief, Erwin Crouthamel.  
Noble Chief, John Koffle.  
Vice Chief, Uriah W. Ringer.  
High Priest, Amiel F. Spoerl.  
Venerable Hermit, I. S. Kramer.  
Master of Records, D. M. Beyer.  
Keeper of Exchequer, Mahlon Keller.  
Clerk of Exchequer, F. S. Ahlum.  
Sir Herald, John Groover.  
Worthy Barb, S. R. Kramer.  
Worthy Chamberlain, Oscar H. Meyers.  
Ensign, Harry Wendling.  
Esquire, Wm. H. Spiegelhalter.  
First Guard, Harvey Fitzgerald.  
Second Guard, A. E. Koffle.  
Representative, Harry Neamand.

Its growth was steady from its first session until today its ranks among the leading Castles of the State, and one of the most active and prosperous of this community.

During its history it has fathered the several auxiliaries of the Order, namely, Commandery, Buzzards and Hermits.

It has had baseball clubs both in field and indoor, comedy companies, etc.

It was one of the organizers of Fraternity Temple, having owned the property where the Temple now stands.

The present membership is 239 and the financial worth of the Castle is \$20,320.78.

They have paid out for sick benefits, \$14,007.00; for death benefits, \$3,820.00; besides a large amount for charitable and benevolent purposes.

For many years their annual anniversary has been one of the social features of our town.

Their motto is, "Help One Another," and their slogan, "Something doing every session."

The present officers are:

P. C., Russel Miller.  
N. C., John Helf.  
V. C., Wm. Stout.  
H. P., Harvey Fox.  
V. H., Ira Stever.  
M. of R., J. Paul Bergey.  
C. of E., John Groover.  
K. of E., Harry Neamand.  
S. H., Joseph Kulp.  
W. B., Raymond D. Maurer.  
W. C., Erwin Stover.  
Ens., Harold Leister.  
Esq., Anthony Helf.  
1st G., Charles Nase.  
2nd G., Webster Trauch.  
Rep., J. Paul Bergey.  
Alt. Rep., Hiram Wenhold.

Trustees: John Groover, Roy Benner, Roland Benner.

D. G. C., Geo. Weidemoyer, Jr.

F. T. Directors: J. Paul Bergey, Harry Neamand, Roy Benner.

## SOUVENIR EDITION



## PYTHIAN SISTERS, MONT ALTO TEMPLE

No. 48, PERKASIE.

The Mont Alto Temple, No. 148, Pythian Sisters, of Perkasia, Pa., was organized on May 11, 1924, by Mrs. Helma C. Richman, of Bethlehem. The local Committee who worked hard to get members and to make the organization possible in every respect were: Mrs. Mayme Deily, Mrs. Lizzie Detweiler, Mrs. Rose Rosenberger and Mrs. Laura Frey.

There were one hundred and forty-one Sisters and thirty-five Knights on the Charter list.

The original officers were:  
M. E. C., Rose Rosenberger.  
E. S., Verna Kulp.

E. J., Rebecca Myers.  
Manager, Lillian VanCott.  
M. of R. and C., Sadie M. Fretz.  
M. of F., Sara Belle Auchy.  
Protector, Naomi Krout.  
Guard, Helen Hoagey.  
P. C., Mayme Deily.  
Our present M. E. C. is Lottie Egolf.

The meetings are held the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 8.00 o'clock in Fraternity Temple.

When we organized we were a social order, but after two years we changed to a beneficial organization.



MISS LOTTIE EGOLF  
Present Presiding Officer of Pythian Sisters.



MRS. ROSE ROSENBERGER  
First Presiding Officer of Pythian Sisters



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## RELIEF CIRCLE, No. 57, BROTHERHOOD OF AMERICA (Continued)

\$4,525.00; death benefits from Supreme Circle, \$7,600.00, a total of \$31,445.00.

Thirty-six members have been admitted to the Grand Circle and still are members of the same, and four have been admitted to the Supreme Circle, one of which, Andrew Schuler, is at this time serving as Supreme Washington, the highest office in the organization.

The site of the present meeting place was purchased on January 14, 1926, and the work of razing the blacksmith shop on the premises was started in April of the same year, and the Hall erected during the summer of that year at a cost of \$7,800.00.

The first session of the Circle was held in the new hall on October 22, 1896, and the building dedicated on October 31.

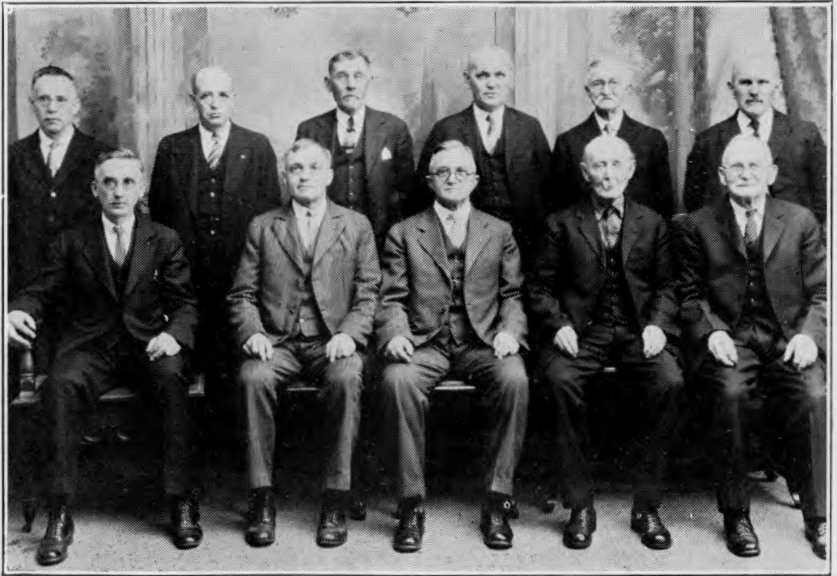
The main floor of the building is used as a lodge room. The basement contains a fully equipped kitchen and a dining-room with a seating capacity of 150.

All business in connection with the

building is managed by six members of the Circle known as Relief Circle Hall Directors.

The present officers of the Circle are: Past Chief Washington, Jacob K. Harr; Chief Washington, Russel Trauger; Chief Jefferson, Samuel Bryan; Chief Franklin, Esmond Margargar; Honorable Scroll Keeper, Andrew Schuler; Honorable Registrar, Elmer D. Reichley; Honorable Treasurer, Harry D. Trauger; Honorable Herald, William Stader; Watcher of the Day, Franklin Fretz; Watcher of the Night, Lloyd Weisel; Representative, Frank M. Hunsberger; Alternate, Harry Roshon; Trustees: William L. Struble, H. Clinton Reiff and Paul Bowen; Sinking Fund Treasurer, Lester C. Trauger; Hall Directors, Andrew Schuler, President; H. Clinton Reiff, Secretary; Paul Bowen; Trustees: Frank M. Hunsberger, Jacob F. Harr and William Struble.

The present assets of the Circle amount to \$9,700.00.



### SURVIVING CHARTER MEMBERS

Of Relief Circle No. 57, B. of A. They are: Back row, left to right: Charles Harr, Jacob Harr, Charles Trauger, Joseph Thomson, Frank Leidy, \*William Thomson. Front row: Clayton Fretz, Samuel Fluck, Isaiah Fluck, Henry Trumbore and Nathan Beer.

\*Wm. Thomson died since this photo was taken.

# SOUVENIR EDITION



# PERKASIE 1879 FB 1929 BOROUGHS

## MILLICENT BARRETT HOME



### IN MEMORIAM

**ALICE COPE**

First Grand Guardian of Millicent Barrett Home  
B. of A.

Millicent Barrett Home, No. 35, Brotherhood of America was instituted on December 16, 1909, through the efforts of William R. Myers, with twenty charter members. They were:

Alice M. Cope\*  
Sophia Christman†  
Emma Fluck\*  
Mavie A. Fluck\*  
Sybilla Fluck  
Mary Glassmeyer  
Bertha Gierse  
Flora Gerhart\*  
Anna Harr\*  
Carrie King†  
Hazel Magargal†  
Ida Reese  
Hannah Slotter  
Lillie Schuler  
Lottie Slotter†  
Alice H. Trauger  
Mabel Trumbore†

Kathryn Trumbore†  
Carrie Trumbore†  
Fayette Wolfinger\*

William R. Myers\* Honorary Member

\*Indicates members deceased.

†Indicates suspensions.

The original officers were as follows:

Past Guardian, William R. Myers.

Guardian, Bertha Gierse.

Mentor, Mabel Trumbore.

Warden, Alice H. Trauger.

Honorable Herald, Alice M. Cope.

(Alice M. Cope was Grand Guardian of Pennsylvania in 1920).

Honorable Scroll Keeper, Ida Reese.

Honorable Registrar, Lillie Schuler.

Honorable Treasurer, Emma Fluck.

Watcher of the Day, Kathryn Trumbore.

Watcher of the Night, Hazel Magargal.

The present officers of this Home are:

Past Guardian, Ruth Moyer.

Guardian, Miriam Myers.

Mentor, Margaret Bowen.

Warden, Gertrude Hendricks.

Honorable Herald, Anna Reiff.

Honorable Scroll Keeper, Emma Trauger.

Honorable Registrar, Alverda Lewis.

Honorable Treasurer, Florence Bowen.

Watcher of the Day, Katie Moyer.

Watcher of the Night, Caroline Barnes.

Trustees: Bertha Fretz, Francena Strouse, Mabel Senderling.

Grand Watcher of the Night,

Elizabeth Bowen.

On August 18, 1927, Grand Guardian Louise Snyder presented Millicent Barrett Home, No. 35, with a silk taffeta flag, the first prize for admitting the most members in the Home during her term of office, when thirty-nine candidates were initiated. This membership campaign was sponsored by Past Grand Guardian Lillian Kline and her degree team and Grand Guardian Louise Snyder. A gold emblem ring was awarded to Sister Mabel Detweiler for proposing sixteen of these candidates.

This Home initiated 227; reinstated, 7; suspended, 127; lost by death, 10; present membership, 97.

This Home paid out for relief of members, \$2,967.60, and for death benefits, \$475.00.

This Home meets every Thursday night at 8.00 o'clock, in the Brotherhood Hall, at South Perkasio.

# PERKASIE 1879 B 1929 BOROUGH

## PERKASIE HOME, No. 33, B. of A.



MRS. EDITH BOSSARD  
Present Guardian of Home Communion

Perkasie Home, No. 33, B. of A., was instituted on March 14, 1896, with thirty-eight charter members. Anna M. Hutt, of Martha Jefferson Home, No. 29, of Philadelphia, was the organizer, and later became a member of Perkasie Home. She was installed as Past Guardian.

The original officers of the Home were:

Mary S. High, Guardian.

Annie (Beek) Maslin, Priestess.

Sue Johnson, Prophetess.

Margie Wendling, Honorable Herald.

Gaynor A. Copeland, Scroll Keeper.

Mary (Mrs. P. S.) Cressman, Registrar.

Clara M. Wendling, Treasurer.

Ida (Blank) Biehn, Watcher of the Day.

Ella (Egolf) Weidemoyer,

Watcher of the Night.

The Home was instituted in the old lodge hall, over Keller's Grand Bazaar, and then moved into the new Cressman Lodge Hall,



MRS. MARY HIGH  
First Presiding Officer of Home Communion B. of A

at Seventh and Market Streets, which was dedicated on May 16, 1896. At the dedication, the address on behalf of Perkasie Home was delivered by Eliza Conard, P.G.G., of Philadelphia.

Perkasie Home was the pioneer of the ladies' lodges, and preceded by several years any other similar organization in the town, and had the distinction of being one of the foremost Homes in the State.

Five locations have housed Perkasie Home: Cressman's Old Hall, Cressman's New Hall, Sollday's Hall, Benner's Hall, and the present location, the Fraternity Temple.

In 1924, Perkasie Home was hostess to the Grand Home of Pennsylvania, which met in its fifty-fifth Annual Convention in Fraternity Temple.

Perkasie Home has been honored upon two occasions by the election of two of its members to the office of Grand Guardian, the highest office in the Grand Home of Pennsylvania. They were: Mary S. High, in 1908; Elizabeth N. Detweiler, in 1923.

# PERKASIE 1879 1929 BOROUGH

## KNIGHTS OF MALTA



Amalfi Commandery, No. 392, Ancient and Illustrious Order, Knights of Malta, was organized April 24, 1907, by Cornelius F. Hendricks, with one hundred and six charter members, of which the following forty-two survive: Cornelius F. Hendricks, P. G. C.; Reuben Wimmer, P. C.; H. Clinton Moyer, P. C.; Frank Ahlum, Charles C. Keller, Charles E. Sprenkel, Harvey Weiland, Harry P. Diehl, J. Frank Afflerback, Wm. B. Rosenberger, Otto Gierse, P. C., Frank F. Rosenberger, Isaac H. Detweiler, P. C., Ira M. Sacks, John Wenhold, Samuel C. Shearer, P. C., W. John Barkel, P. C., Edward L. Smith, P. C., J. Oswin Steele, J. Samuel Bowen, P. C., Henry L. Flurer, P. C., Howard S. Moyer, Leidy Wireback, P. C., Oscar F. Crouthamel, P. C., J. H. Daub, Nathan Beer, Gilbert L. Thompson, Jacob M. Detweiler, P. C., Elmer E. Becker, Howard Moll, P. C., Harry Neamand, O. B. Sellers, Charles Meredith, David H. Werst, Oscar H. Meyers, Edwin Lauchman, Enos S. Moyer, Harvey M. Bergey,

P. C., M. L. Cope, Edward Frey, I. Y. Barringer, H. Albert Bowen.

The first Sir Knight Commander was H. Clinton Moyer and the first Recorder Frank Ahlum.

The present Sir Knight Commander is Wm. H. Texter and the present Recorder, Grover C. Miller, P. C.

Cornelius F. Hendricks, the organizer of the Commandery, has advanced in the Order to Past Grand Commander of Pennsylvania, the highest honor the Grand Commandery can bestow. He is also at the present time Representative to The Supreme Grand Commandery.

Amalfi Commandery, with the noble assistance of the other fraternal organizations, and the inhabitants of Perkasie, entertained the members of The Grand Commandery, May 9-10-11, 1911, at which time The Grand Commandery met in Perkasie.

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## PERKASIE SISTERHOOD OF DAMES OF MALTA, No. 177



MRS. ELSIE FRANK  
First Presiding Officer of Dames of Malta.

Perkasie Sisterhood, Dames of Malta, was organized on July 10, 1920, with sixty-five members. This Order was organized by Laura Frey, assisted by a few of the charter members.

Of the sixty-five charter members forty survive.

This Order in nine years has progressed, both financially and fraternally.

The officers of the Order when organized were as follows:

Protector, Lizzie Meyers.  
Queen Esther, Elsie Frank.  
Ruth, Alvesta Wieand.  
Naomi, Lizzie Detweiler.  
Herald, Mayme Deily.  
Deputy Herald, Grace Bergey.  
Keeper of Archives, Gertrude Schatz.  
Assistant Keeper of Archives,  
Eva Schatz.

Bursar, Laura Frey.  
1st Color Bearer, Sallie Miller.  
2nd Color Bearer, Letta Bergey.  
1st Messenger, Helen Crouthamel.  
2nd Messenger, Lelia Rosenberger.  
1st Guard, Lottie Egolf.  
2nd Guard, Florence Wenhold.

Trustees: Melissa Nungesser, Minerva Rosenberger, Lizzie Sprengle.



MRS. MAME DEILY  
Present Presiding Officer of Dames of Malta.

Pianist, Laura Frey.

The present membership of this Order is around the one hundred mark.

The officers at present are as follows:

Protector, Alice Cassel.  
Queen Esther, Mayme Deily.  
Ruth, Addie Sterner.  
Naomi, Mayme Bader.  
Herald, Alverda Lewis.  
Deputy Herald, Minerva Steinhaurer.  
Keeper of Archives, Elsie Frank.  
Assistant Keeper of Archives,  
Nellie Fretz.

Bursar, Laura Frey.  
1st Color Bearer, Lottie Egolf.  
2nd Color Bearer, Edith Bossard.  
1st Messenger, Christanna Crouthamel.  
2nd Messenger, Emma Kulp.  
1st Guard, Viola Fluck.  
2nd Guard, Alice Fritz.

Trustees: Lottie Egolf, Melissa Nungesser, Christanna Crouthamel.

Pianist, Grace Alderfer.

This Order, when organized, held its meetings in Solliday Hall, on Market Street, every Friday evening. After our new lodge home was built we moved over to Fraternity Temple, where we have been meeting every Friday evening.

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## WASHINGTON CAMP, P. O. S. OF A., No. 706.

Washington Camp, Patriotic Order Sons of America, No. 706, was organized October 20, 1911, on the third floor of the P. Darvin Benner Building, Seventh and Arch Streets.

Mr. Paul Gulick, whose picture appears on this page, was the official organizer.

Mr. Samuel Wells, of Philadelphia, then State Master of Forms, assisted in the organization, and also had charge of conferring the Degree of the charter members.

The degree team of Sellersville Camp, No. 482, assisted in the degree work.

There were forty charter members in the class, twenty-two of whom are still on the active list.

The first officers were: Roy Benner,

President; Wm. K. Krout, Vice President; Warren K. Gulick, Secretary.

This organization endeavors to teach their members the upholding of true Americanism, and only native born are eligible to join. It also assists in having the flag float on, or at every school building, and have the Bible read in the public schools.

This Camp has presented flags to several schools and is ready to continue that work if the need thereof is known.

Members initiated since organization, 216.

Present membership, 112.

Paid out in Sick and Death Benefits, \$7,543.50.



PAUL GULICK  
OFFICIAL ORGANIZER OF P. O. S. OF A.

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# PERKASIE 1879 **PB** 1929 BOROUGH

## PATRIOTIC ORDER OF AMERICANS, No. 180



**MISS ALICE FRANTZ**  
Present President of P. O. of A.

Patriotic Order of Americans was organized March 25, 1912, by Mr. Bertram Richards, of 527 Vine Street, Perkasio, Pa., having twenty-four charter members, on the list of which still fifteen remain. The following are charter members:

Susie Beyer	Gertrude Reese
Florence Beyer	Annie Kramer
Lydia Beer	Ada Mann
Sara Bartholomew	Bessie Vare
Sara Bartholomew Huff	Mary Stout
Lottie Harr	Hannah Gilbert
Lizzie Maurer	Alice Trauger
Dora Trauger	

The following are the original officers:  
 Past President, Gertrude Shearer Reese.  
 Assistant Past President,  
     Dora Christine Trauger.  
 President, Annie Kramer.  
 Assistant President,  
     Bertram Richards (deceased).  
 Vice-President, Bessie Richards Vare.  
 Assistant Vice-President,  
     Sara Bartholomew Huff.  
 Recording Secretary, Ida Smith Nace.  
 Assistant Recording Secretary,  
     Mary Spiegelhalter (deceased).  
 Financial Secretary, Ida Yocum.  
 Treasurer, Lizzie Maurer.  
 Conductor, Hannah Gilbert.  
 Assistant Conductor, Ada Ruth Mann.  
 Guard, Florence Beyer.  
 Sentinel, Susie Beyer.  
 Chaplain, Reba Moyer.  
 Orator, Lizzie Gable.



**ANNIE B. KRAMER**  
First Presiding Officer of P. O. of A.

Trustees: Reba Moyer, Sophia Christman, Lizzie Gable.

The officers March 11, 1928, are as follows:

Past President, Warbella Johnson.  
 Assistant Past President, Sallie Johnson.  
 President, Alice Frantz.  
 Assistant President, Grace Steinly.  
 Vice-President, Lydia Weikel.  
 Assistant Vice-President,

    Mary Glassmyer.  
 Recording Secretary, Mabel Link.  
 Assistant Recording Secretary,

    Clara Frantz.  
 Financial Secretary, Ida Maugle.  
 Treasurer, Lizzie Maurer.  
 Conductor, Mary Wambold.  
 Assistant Conductor, Virginia Rehrig.  
 Guard, Marion Godshall.  
 Sentinel, Pearl Hoagey.  
 Chaplain, Rose Rosenberger.  
 Orator, Elsie Nungesser.  
 Pianist, Laura Tull.

Trustees: Marion Godshall, Mary Wambold, Pearl Hoagey.

The order has had six deaths since organized, as follows:

Amy Fetzer	Mary Spiegelhalter
Minnie Levay	Hannah Weikel
Anna Weeks	Flora Gerhart

Upon the death of a member the Camp pays \$250.00 death benefits.

The value of the Camp is \$1,941.29.

# PERKASIE 1879 FB 1929 BOROUGH

## ORDER OF OWLS

This fraternal organization was instituted at Perkasio, December 11, 1909, and there were seventy-eight charter members.

It occupied various quarters in the town, and in 1911 moved into its own quarters at Seventh Street and Park Avenue.

It is more or less of a social nature, but has always borne a commendable reputation for its charitable work, and its liberal sick and funeral dispensation.

The Order owns its own lodge building, has no indebtedness, and has a considerable treasury reserve invested in various local bonds and mortgages.

The custom of erecting community Christmas trees out in the open was first practiced by this order in both Perkasio and Sellersville in 1910, and has since been copied all over the United States.

The membership of this Order is about equally divided between the two towns, and thus the practice was established in both places; and besides giving the children of the twin towns a real Christmas treat by distributing fruit and candies under the Christmas tree, they also made sure that

every needy family in the towns and vicinity were properly and generously attended to.

In recent years this Christmas event was taken over by the Chamber of Commerce of both towns, and has consequently grown to immeasurable importance and benefits in the hearts of the children and even the grown-ups.

There are twenty-six charter members surviving, and the Order has one hundred and seventy-three members.

Their present building was dedicated November, 1911. Contractor, David Stoneback.

The present officers are:

Past President, Frank L. Knoll.

President, James Leister.

Invoker, Clinton Kemmerer.

Vice-President, Titus Raudenbush.

Secretary, Charles E. Smith.

Treasurer, Adam Krauss.

Warden, Wm. Underkoffler.

Sentinel, Earl Scheetz.

Picket, Walter Gerhart.



OWLS' NEST

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## ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

Through the efforts of Mrs. Charles W. Moll, of Norristown, a meeting was called March 4, 1921, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Knoll, Fifth Street, Perkasio, for the purpose of organizing an Eastern Star Chapter. Officers were elected and on March 29, 1921, in Cressman's Hall, Seventh Street, Lenape Chapter, No. 339, Order of the Eastern Star, was legally constituted. There were fifty charter members, of whom the following forty-seven survive.

Enos L. Moyer  
 Catherine L. Moyer  
 Elsie L. Heyder  
 Clara Savacool  
 Ella G. Ernest  
 Mary C. Gulick  
 Flora R. Void  
 John Groover  
 Augustus Hoge  
 Elsie Nungesser  
 Emma L. Koehler  
 Jennie A. Baines  
 Minnie J. Groover  
 Kathryn Musselman  
 Elizabeth Meyers  
 Margaret Neidig  
 George R. Beidler  
 Emma R. Werner  
 Robert H. Werner  
 Carrie Kline  
 Mahlon Keller  
 Albert C. Rutter  
 Mary C. Rutter  
 Henry Nungesser

Wellington C. Void  
 W. Elmer Savacool  
 Oscar H. Meyers  
 Minnie D. Grim  
 Ida E. Erwin  
 Mabel G. Wamsher  
 Helen J. Koehler  
 Frank L. Knoll.  
 Emeline Knoll  
 Esther M. Yeakel  
 Anna D. Light  
 Eva M. Savacool  
 Hannah Thomson  
 Harriet B. Roeder  
 Harry Neamand  
 Hannah L. Neamand  
 Walter Berger  
 Bertha Berger  
 Paul S. Gulick  
 Marion M. Gulick  
 Leon M. Schwenk  
 Alice R. Schwenk  
 Valeria G. Beidler

The original officers were:

Minnie D. Grim, Worthy Matron.  
 Catharine L. Moyer, Associate Matron.  
 Albert C. Rutter, Secretary.  
 Mahlon Keller, Treasurer.  
 Mary C. Rutter, Conductress.  
 Emma L. Koehler, Associate Conductress.

The sixteen men were dimitted in September of the same year.

The present presiding officer is Bertha Berger. The membership numbers 132. The meetings are held in Fraternity Temple, the fourth Saturday of each month.



# PERKASIE 1879 1929 BOROUGHS

## SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF LIBERTY



MRS. HENRIETTA MOYER  
First Counselor of S. and D. of L.

Industry Council, No. 22, Sons and Daughters of Liberty, was organized March 2, 1904, in Cressman's Hall, by Mrs. Sallie Ball, of Philadelphia. Same was instituted with forty-four charter members. Of this number twenty-one survive as follows: Lillie Schuler, Emma Gehman, Susie Beyer, Anna Nonamaker, Edith Musselman, Anne Headman, Clara Harr, Amanda Dimmig, Mary Stout, Lizzie Moyer, Sarah Long, Marietta Detweiler, Alice Huff, Anna Magargal, Rachel Ziegenfuss, Mary Trauger, Minerva Rosenberger, Henrietta Moyer, Sallie Rosenberger, Emma Leidy, Sarah Bartholomew.

The original officers were:

Councilor, Henrietta Moyer.

Associate Councilor, Lizzie Barndt.

Vice Councilor, Lillie Schuler.

Associate Vice Councilor,

Lizzie Clevenger.

Guide, Mary Gierse.

Inside Guard, Minerva Rosenberger.

Outside Guard, Anna Myers.

Recording Secretary,

Emma (Beyer) Gehman.



MRS. SALLIE VETTER  
Present/Presiding Officer of S. and D. of L.

Financial Secretary,

Bertha (Henry) Kinzer.

Treasurer, Susie Beyer.

Associate Recording Secretary,

Marietta Detweiler.

Trustees: Elsie Kulp, Anna Mangle, Henrietta (Headman) Moyer.

The present membership is sixty-eight.

The present officers are as follows:

Councilor, Sallie Vetter.

Associate Councilor, Viola Fluck.

Vice Councilor, Gertrude Funk.

Associate Vice Councilor,

Florence Musselman.

Recording Secretary, Emma Gehman.

Associate Recording Secretary,

Elizabeth Maugle.

Financial Secretary, Florence Beyer.

Treasurer, Elizabeth Horn.

Guide, Dora Trauger.

Inside Guard, Edith Musselman.

Outside Guard, Sarah Mitch.

Trustees: Elizabeth Albrecht, Elizabeth Mangle, Gertrude Funk.

The Council at the present time is worth approximately \$5,500.



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# PERKASIE 1879 1929 BOROUGH

## THE BOYS' BRIGADE OF PERKASIE

Twenty and one-half years ago (December, 1908), there was instituted in Perkasio an organization unique in the annals of the town, known as the Boys' Brigade of America. This was a non-denominational organization, whose object was Bible training, literary, missionary and patriotic studies and military drill among boys.

The following were the original officers:  
Commander and Chaplain,

Rev. E. S. Noll.

Captain, Harry Neamand.

Secretary, J. Harold Kulp.

Treasurer, Raymond Moll.

Lieutenants: Nevin Moyer and Victor Rosenberger.

Sergeants: George Beidler, Raymond Moll and Harvey Frey.

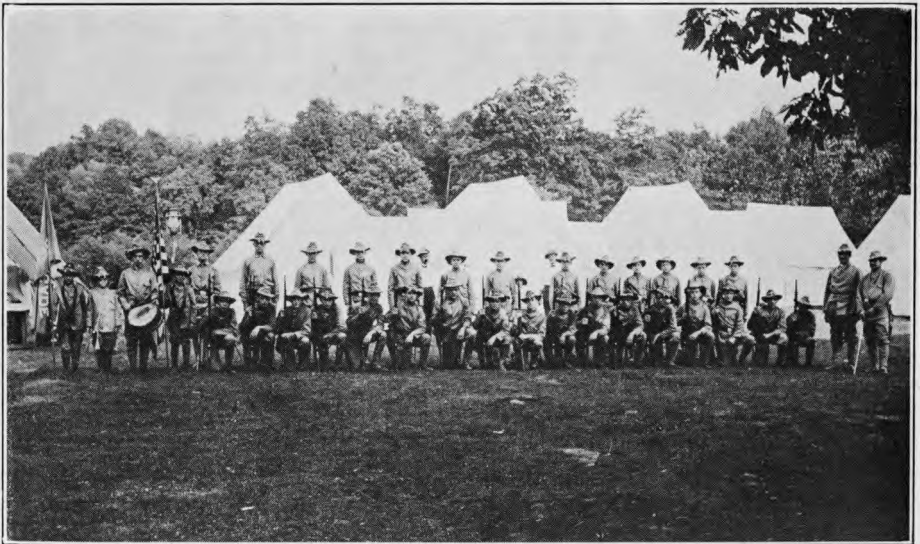
Corporals: Roland Kulp, Walter Godshall, Norman Crouthamel, Clarence Hendricks.

Perkasie Brigade, known as Company "C," First Regiment of Pennsylvania, was attached to the first battalion, and in April, 1910, won the prize offered by the Battalion Commander, Major J. H. Janton, for best drilled and disciplined company.

The big event of each year was the annual camp, at which times a regulation military program was maintained, including field drills, daily dress parade, sham battle drill and day and night sentinel duty, setting-up exercises, etc., Lieutenant S. Raymond High being the active drill master for several years.

Company "C" was constantly active, and participated in all parades held in the town, the principal one of which was the Knights of Malta Convention parade in 1910. It also had the yearly honor of firing the Memorial Day salutes over the graves of departed veterans, little thinking that in a few short years some of its own numbers would be receiving this sad honor.

Many of its members enlisted in the forces of the United States in 1917-18, and several became officers, due to their previous military training in the Brigade. Of these, three were killed or died in France: Walter Godshall, a commissioned Lieutenant; Calvin Hartzel, a commissioned Sergeant, and Harold Moyer, who died in the Officers' Training Camp.



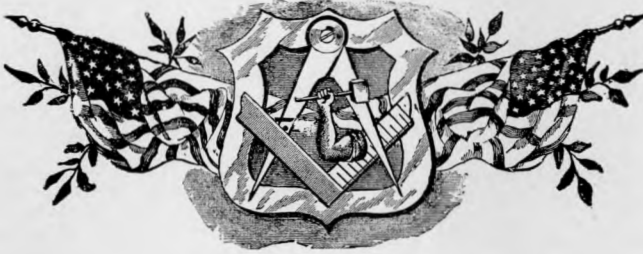
BOYS' BRIGADE

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## PERKASIE COUNCIL, Jr. O. U. A. M., No. 127



Perkasie Council, Jr. O. U. A. M., No. 127, was organized on September 30, 1913, by William H. Painter, State Councillor, with thirty-three charter members. The present membership is 112 active members.

During the period of fifteen years and six months, the Council has received in cash, \$17,582.81. Paid out for sick benefits, \$3,518.00.

During this period of time the Council was fortunate in having only four deaths, for which the beneficiaries received the sum of \$500.00 each, making a total of \$2,000.00. The Council also carries in other investments to the amount of \$1,575.

This Council also assists in maintaining two of the finest and best-equipped Orphans' Homes in the United States.

Present board of officers are:  
Councillor, Edward Witmer.  
Recording Secretary,

N. Ivan Hunsberger.

Financial Secretary,

R. Franklin Fosbenner.

Treasurer, Theodore Slotter.

Trustees: Roland Gerhart, Jacob M. Detweiler, Walter R. Hunsberger.

The objects of the Order are:

To maintain and promote the interests of Americans, and shield them from the depressing effects of unrestricted immigration; to assist them in obtaining employment, and to encourage them in business.

To provide for the creation of a fund or funds for the payment of benefits in case of sickness, disability or death of its mem-

bers, to members, their legal dependents or representatives, and to issue certificates of membership for the same.

To uphold the American Public School System; to prevent interference therewith, and encourage the reading of the Holy Bible in the schools thereof.

To promote and maintain a National Orphans' Home.

No applicant is eligible to membership in this Order except he be:

A white male citizen of the United States of America, born within its territory or domain, or under the protection of its flag;

Of good, moral character;

A believer in a Supreme Being as the Creator and Preserver of the Universe;

Not a saloon-keeper, bar-tender, or a wholesale or retail dealer in a spirituous or malt liquors as a beverage;

In favor of upholding the American Public School System, preventing interference therewith, and encouraging the reading of the Holy Bible in the school thereof;

Opposed to the union of Church and State;

Of the age of sixteen years or upwards, and for beneficial membership under fifty years;

Able to read and write and to earn a livelihood;

Capable of giving all the secret signs and words of the Order, or of explaining the same, if unable to give them by reason of physical misfortune or defect.



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## PERKASIE GROVE, No. 135 SUPREME FOREST WOODMEN CIRCLE



Perkasie Grove, No. 195, Supreme Forest Woodmen Circle, was chartered as an organization August 11, 1919, with the following members:

Hazel C. Arnold	Famie Kachline
Ida N. Ahlum	Bessie Kulp
Ida C. Bryan	Annie B. Kramer
Estella Becker	Cora Keller
Edith Bossard	Orvilla Kline
Clara Brozenske	Bessieleister
Grace Cassel	Maggie Miller
Emma Diehl	Ada S. Meyers
Mary S. Diehl	Edna Muth
May Engelman	Florian Meyers
Edna Evanson	Reba Moyer
Annie E. Fretz	Rose Medwin
Annie H. Fretz	Clara Miller
Clara Frederick	Flora Mickley
Mamie Fluck	Elizabeth Meyers
Hannah Friday	Ray McKnight
Anna Fluck	Eva Ochsmann
Nellie Groft	Mary Orr
Velma Groft	Xenis Peters
Edna Gebhart	Elsie Strawn
Irene Himmelwright	Dr. O. H. Strouse
Lena Himmelwright	Florence Weiss
Barbara Heaney	Sallie Worthington
Carrie Harr	Ella Ziegenfuss
Alice Haney	Myron Ziegenfuss
Mildred Headman	

At the institution of the Grove Lena Himmelwright was elected as president; Reba Moyer, financial secretary, and Edna Evanson, treasurer. The financial secretary has served in that capacity continuously.

The Woodmen Circle is a legal reserve fraternal insurance organization with a solvency of one hundred two and ninety-two hundredths per cent. (102.92) and operating on adequate rates.

The juvenile department is a valuable asset to the Society. Arbutus Grove, No. 10, auxiliary to Grove No. 195, became a chartered organization on September 4, 1925. The first junior was admitted February 21, 1922, and the membership now totals one hundred. Meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month. Early in the year 1925 plans were formulated to organize and train a junior drill team. Beulah Gerhart was elected as the Captain. Very creditable work was done and finally the team was pronounced "excellent," which meant a competition with a team also so branded. This contest took

place at the State Convention, held in Allentown, April, of 1925. The competing team being Penn-Allen Juniors, Allentown, Pa. Both teams were evenly matched and the cash prize was equally divided.

The following comprised the first drill team:

Frances Harr	Jack Pritchard
Ethel Walsh	Edward Slotter
Gladys Horn	Cornelius Markley
Anna Moyer	Marvin Moyer
Mildred Hill	Grady Gerhart
Marjorie Kline	Billy Landenberger
Martha McClung	Joseph Gerhart
Dorothy Kern	Gordon Strohm

Competent assistants and the official supervisor attend all junior meetings and the children are being taught thrift, obedience to supervisors and respect for authority. Each child who affiliates with the organization carries a first-class life insurance policy.

There can be no loftier ambition, no higher aim, than that of training the youth for positions of trust and honor, not only in Fraternal ranks, but in all business fields.

Children enjoy a social hour and a portion of each evening is devoted to games, programs or refreshments.

In November, 1928, ground was broken in Sherman, Texas, for the first building for the Woodmen Circle Home for Aged Members and Orphan Children. The Society has two hundred fourteen acres (214) of ground at Sherman and is planning this home from the viewpoint of the aged members and little orphan children who will live there. Everything is being made as home-like as possible. Wide porches facing South, sunny comfortable rooms and plenty of places for the children to play will make this a real home instead of an institution.

Pennsylvania members have contributed more than \$6,500 to the fund for the Home. State Manager Itasca L. Young, of Philadelphia, is chairman of the Society's Accumulation Committee. The members have donated so many articles to the Home that when it is completed the organization will have to purchase practically no furnishings for the Home. Dedication will take place in May, 1930.

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## THE PERKASIE GIRL SCOUTS

The Perkasie Girl Scouts were organized by a group of girls who wished to better themselves and to be of service to their community.

There were twelve members. Miss Dorothy Doyle, a local school teacher, was chosen as their Captain, and Miss Jeanette Wamsher as Lieutenant.

After Miss Doyle's departure from town, the girls were left without a leader and their members were increasing.

In March, 1929, Miss Dorothy Hartman was elected as Captain of the Troop and on May 22, 1928, twenty-four girls were registered as Girl Scouts of America.

Later in the year, Miss Dorothy Crout-hamel was elected as 2nd Lieutenant and five new members were registered.

The Troop now consists of three Patrols. Cardinals, Adele Sterner, Patrol Leader. Blue Birds, Gladys Horn, Patrol Leader. Robins, Evelyn Stoneback, Patrol Leader.

The Troop meets every Friday evening in the Legion Room of the Fraternity Building.

MAYME DEILY  
Present Presiding Officer  
ELSIE FRANK  
First Presiding Officer



GIRL SCOUTS



# PERKASIE 1879 1929 BOROUGH

## CAMP FIRE GIRLS

Although the birthday of Camp Fire is officially the 17th of March, 1912, the idea had been taking shape for a long time before that. Those who originated Camp Fire built truly on a sound foundation. In a word, Camp Fire is splendidly alive, its program constantly growing broader and more useful with an ever-expanding field of application.

The Nissaki Camp Fire Girls of Perkasie, was organized, in April, 1928. The original Guardian of the Camp Fire Girls in Perkasie was Miss Olive Moyer, of Third Street, Perkasie. When this group was organized there were fourteen members. Since then the second group has been organized, consisting of twelve members. Not more than twenty members can belong to a Camp Fire, that is why it was necessary to start No. 2. The President of the Nissaki Camp Fire is Miss Marcella Heavener; Treasurer, Miss Mary Wenger; Secretary, Miss Eleanore Gulick.

### "THE LAW OF THE CAMP FIRE"

Seek Beauty      Pursue Knowledge  
Give Service      Be Trustworthy  
Hold on to Health Glorify Work Be Happy  
Guardian, Mrs. Wm. B. Moyer.



# PERKASIE 1879 FB 1929 BOROUGH

## WOMANS' CLUB OF PERKASIE

In October, 1897, at the solicitation of Mrs. Schriver Ernest, a number of ladies met at the home of Mrs. J. O. Lindaman, Fifth Street, Perkasia, and effected an organization for social and literary purposes to be named The Ladies' Literary League.

The members were:

Mrs. Schriver Ernest.

Mrs. J. O. Lindaman.

Mrs. J. Rauch Stein.

Mrs. Grier Scheetz.

Mrs. Harry E. Grim.

Miss Gertrude Schwartz.

The following officers were elected:

Mrs. Ernest ..... President

Mrs. Lindaman ..... Vice President

Miss Gertrude Schwartz,  
Secretary and Treasurer

At the next meeting Mrs. T. Angeny, Mrs. E. K. Moyer, Mrs. I. Y. Baringer, and Mrs. Geo. B. Hubbel joined the group. A constitution and by-laws were adopted. Colors, white and purple, were chosen for badges, and the motto, "In union there is strength," was selected. Literary and business meetings were held every first

and third Wednesday of each month from October to May inclusive, at the homes of the several members. Social meetings were held the last Saturday evening of each month at which the husbands and friends of the League members were entertained. During the first few years there were evening members, but these were discontinued and the membership restricted to fifteen until May 4, 1916, when it was voted to enlarge the membership. The League joined the County Federation in December, 1914. With the growth of the group numerically and the added interest in civic affairs the nature of the club programs was slightly modified and at a meeting April 18, 1923, it was decided to change the name to The Womans' Club of Perkasia.

The meetings were then taken from the various homes to a room in Fraternity Building, where they have been held continuously since December 4, 1923.

In 1925 the club joined the State Federation of Women's Clubs. At present there are seventy-three active and six associate members.



LITERARY LEAGUE—WOMANS' CLUB

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## THE PERKASIE BRANCH OF THE NEEDLEWORK GUILD OF AMERICA

The Perkasio Branch of The Needlework Guild of America was organized on September 23, 1915, at the home of Mrs. Fred W. Eyre. A delegation from the Glenside Branch under the leadership of Mrs. E. N. Gregor was present to effect the organization. An election was held which resulted as follows:

President, Miss Ida Jamison.  
 1st Vice-President, Mrs. Fred W. Eyre.  
 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. S. W. Benner.  
 Secretary, Miss Minnie A. Apple.  
 Treasurer, Miss Helen M. Detweiler.

The first Directors were the officers and the following: Mrs. Addie Yoder, Mrs. H. M. Apple, Mrs. Charles Wampole, Mrs. O. H. Strouse and Mrs. Jacob Meyers.

On November 20, 1915, the first public meeting of The Perkasio Branch of The Needlework Guild was held in Moyer's Hall. Rev. Schlappich conducted the devotional exercises. Miss Rosamond K. Bender, Secretary of the National Organization, spoke on "The Work of the Guild." Miss Harmer, of the Home Missionary Society, of Philadelphia, also addressed the meeting. The result of the first ingathering was very encouraging, being 384 garments and \$9.00.

The object of The Needlework Guild of America is to collect and distribute plain new garments to meet the needs of the poor in our own community and those of hospital and charitable institutions. The annual contribution of two or more new articles of wearing apparel or household linen (garments to be of same size and quality) or of money constitutes membership in a Branch. Men, women or children may become members.

A report of the garments and money collected by The Perkasio Branch of The Needlework Guild of America since its organization follows:

<i>Year</i>	<i>Directors</i>	<i>Garments</i>	<i>Money</i>
1915	10	384	\$ 9.00
1916	16	758	21.00
1917	31	1205	48.06
1918	44	1614	74.28
1919	48	1905	92.05
1920	56	2371	123.85
1921	67	2987	126.25
1922	75	3310	142.60
1923	84	3828	146.35
1924	89	4219	148.35
1925	93	4672	169.25
1926	91	4930	171.00
1927	94	5411	173.75
1928	95	5560	154.75

The organization has an annual ingathering the third week of October, at which time the garments are received and arranged for display. This is followed by an Annual Public Meeting held on the third Saturday of October. The following week distribution of the garments is made; first, a reserve for local needs is set aside and the remainder are sent to hospitals, institutions and organizations, as specified by the Directors.

The present officers are:

President, Miss Ida Jamison.  
 1st Vice-President, Mrs. H. M. Apple.  
 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. Paul A. Bowen.  
 Secretary Mrs. Russell S. Kramer.  
 Assistant Secretary, Miss Elizabeth L.

Groff.

Treasurer, Mrs. Joseph J. Meggers.



# PERKASIE 1879 FB 1929 BOROUGH

HARTZEL-CROUTHAMEL POST, No. 280  
AMERICAN LEGION



**CALVIN HARTZEL**  
*Killed in Action*  
*September 28, 1918*  
*Ronsoy, France*



**EARL CROUTHAMEL**  
*Killed in Action*  
*November 2, 1918*  
*Huysie, Belgium*

Hartzell-Crouthamel Post, No. 280, American Legion, was temporarily organized on August 22, 1919, in Firemen's Hall, with fifty-two signatures on the temporary charter. The Post is named in honor of Corporal Calvin Hartzell and Earl Crout-hamel, both of whom were killed in action.

The permanent organization was effected November 18, 1919, and the charter granted August 1, 1920, with 117 members. Post headquarters were established in the J. H. Daub Building on Walnut street.

Since that time the Post has been quartered in the Moyer Building, Solliday Building and upon the completion of Fraternity Temple, removed to that building, where they are at present.

Labor Day, 1919, will long be remembered by the Comrades of the Post, as well as by the citizens of the community, as Welcome Home Day. It was a day eagerly looked forward to by those in the service as well as by the loved ones at home. Great labor and expense were employed by the

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## CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



**W. K. TERRY**  
President of Chamber of Commerce.

During the first twenty-five years' of Perkasia's history there seems to have been no regular organization among the business men, to advance the industrial interests of the town.

During that period, however, under the efficient leadership of Samuel R. Kramer and other public-spirited citizens, much work was done.

During this time the Boltz Clymer Company Building at Seventh and Walnut Streets was erected by stock subscription, and funds were also raised to purchase ground at Eighth and Chestnut Streets for the location of the Roig and Langsdorf Building, erected by the late Henry O. Moyer. Both of these firms had already located in the town and outgrown their quarters.



**WM. B. ROSENBERGER**  
Secretary of Chamber of Commerce.

An organization of a permanent character took definite shape on September 28, 1905, when pursuant to a call, forty-one persons met in the G. A. R. Hall, Solli-day's Building, Market Street.

Quoting from the minutes, the "object of the meeting was to organize a Board of Trade for the purpose of securing more industrial enterprizes, to encourage those already here, and do such other business usually done by such organizations."

The officers elected at this meeting were as follows:

President, Mahlon Keller.  
Vice-President, Joseph G. Moyer.  
Secretary, John Schwartz.  
Treasurer, William Renner.



SOME OF THE MEMBERS OF HARTZELL CROUTHAMEL POST, No. 280, AMERICAN LEGION.



## HARTZEL-CROUTHAMEL POST, No. 280 BUGLE AND DRUM CORPS.

The Corps was officially organized May 31, 1928, at a meeting held in J. G. Moyer & Sons Co. Building with a prospective membership of twenty-five men, which has since been recruited to thirty-seven men with new prospects coming in regularly.

The early part of their instruction was under the able leadership of Mr. Charles Wampole, of Perkasio, who gave much of his time and services without cost, and to whom the Corps is greatly indebted.

The next instructor was Mr. Albert A. Earl, of Norristown. Mr. Earl has for many years been actively identified with musical organizations throughout the North Penn Section, and it is to him that the Corps owes considerable praise for the work he so ably accomplished.

After several informal appearances on the streets of Perkasio in the uniform of white shirts, white trousers, Legion caps and black ties, the members of the Corps on September 18, 1928, were measured for uniforms by George B. Evans & Co., of Philadelphia, through H. Nungesser & Co., Perkasio. The uniforms were delivered October 9, and they were highly satisfactory.

The first public appearance of the Corps locally in their new uniforms was made in the High School Auditorium on October 11, in connection with a show under the auspices of Troop No. 1 of the local Boy Scouts of America.

On November 10, 1928, at Catasauqua's Armistice Day celebration, the Corps made its first appearance in competition with other Corps, and captured fifth prize. This was considered very good, as there were thirty Corps competing.

It was at this appearance that the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Post decided that they needed headgear of a different nature. The outcome of their decision was the presentation of a check of \$150.00 for the purpose of purchasing new headgear, for which the members of the Corps again wish to thank the Ladies' Auxiliary.

To make up the deficit in the Uniform Fund the Corps serenaded Perkasio and surrounding towns during February, 1929, and received approximately \$350.00 towards this fund, for which they again take the opportunity to thank all those who helped make this drive a success.

They have been very fortunate in securing Sergeant Walter D. Larrimer, of Allentown, as instructor for the Corps. Under his tutorage they should progress rapidly. Sergeant Larrimer is a musician of note, having charge of the following

musical organizations: Allentown National Guard Band, Albutus Band, and the Bugle and Drum Corps, of Allentown, Catasauqua, Slatington and Perkasio Legion Posts.

### PERSONNEL OF THE CORPS OFFICERS

Lloyd Musselman, President.

Paul R. Sine,

Vice-President and Publicity Officer.

C. L. Rosenberger,

Secretary and Treasurer.

R. U. Kramer, Assistant Treasurer.

Willis Kulp, Property Custodian.

Harvey Wambold, Drum Major.

Harold N. Price, Sergeant Drummer.

H. I. Moyer, Jr., Sergeant Bugler.

L. Corcoran, Drill Master.

### DRUMMERS

Mark Thatcher

Ed. Baum

Edw. Beidler

W. W. Dill

J. Lloyd Harr

Walter S. Kulp

Raymond Roeder

Willis Kulp

Chas. Swan

C. L. Rosenberger

Paul R. Sine

Lloyd Musselman

Harold Price

### BUGLERS

R. A. Benner

Chas. Daub

L. Corcoran

H. N. Gilbert

Russell Fretz

Edw. F. Hilmer

J. Paul Keller

Oscar Moyer

Harold Moyer

Leon Pleiger

Geo. Speilman

Geo. Seyfarth

Samuel Weisel

H. I. Moyer, Jr.

R. U. Kramer

### BASS DRUMS

Lester Kraft

Erwin K. Horn

### CYMBALS

John J. Wolfe

### COLOR BEARERS AND GUARDS

Floyd Heckman

Francis Heyder

Frank Hobert

Morris Rosen

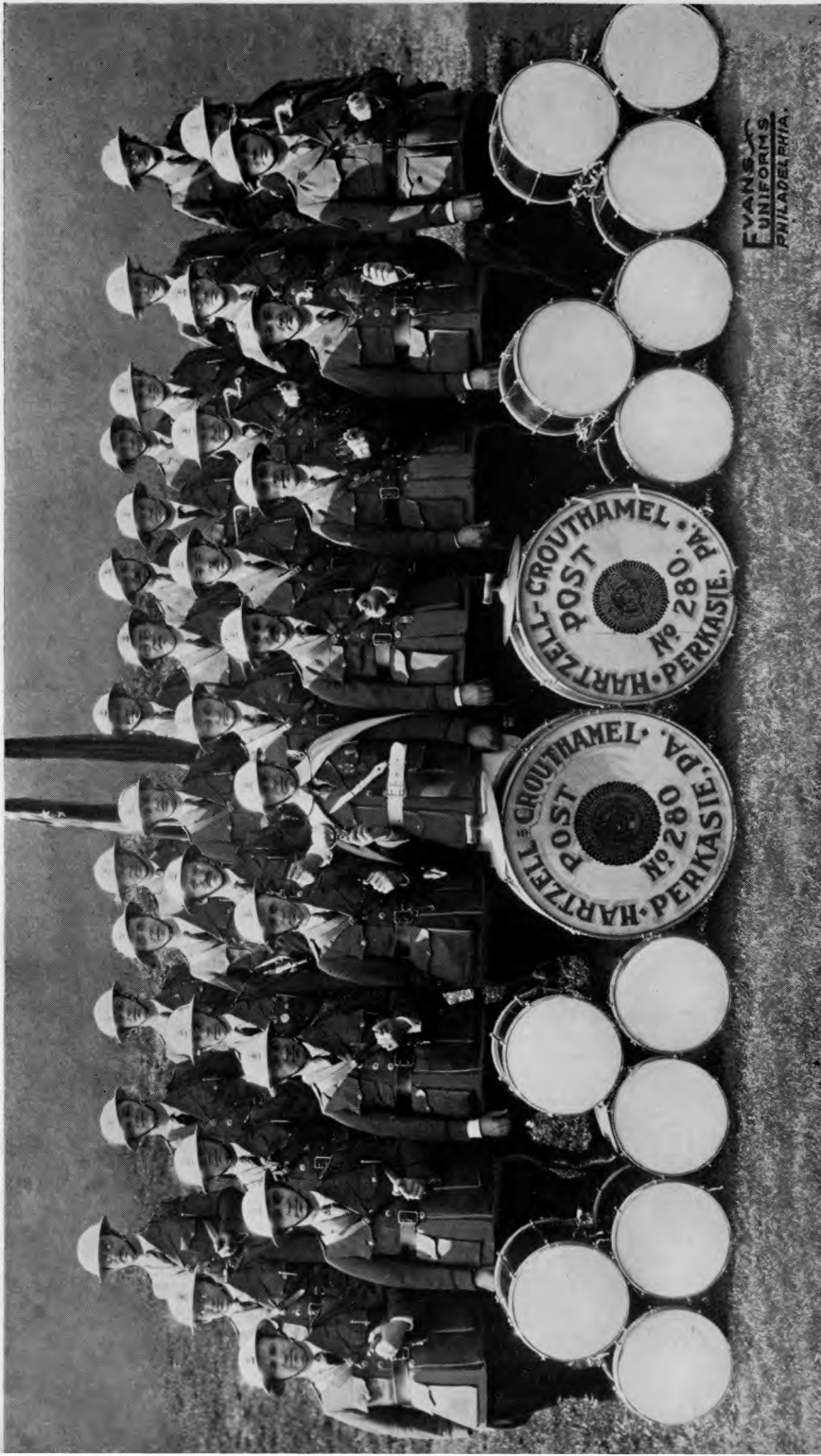
### RECRUITS

Floyd Freed

Clarence Newbold

Vernon Moyer





HARTZELL-CROUTHAMEL POST, No. 280, AMERICAN LEGION—BUGLE AND DRUM CORPS.

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## AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY HARTZEL-CROUTHAMEL POST No. 280.



**MRS. RAYMOND ROEDER**  
First President of the Legion Auxiliary.

The American Legion Auxiliary of Hartzell-Crouthamel Post No. 280, has the noble object to serve, not themselves, but those who sacrificed their health in the great World War.

The original application for charter of the Hartzell-Crouthamel Unit, No. 280, was made on December 29, 1921. Mrs. Rothrock, of Norristown, organized the Perkasio Unit. The Auxiliary held their meetings at various places, not having a regular meeting place.

At a meeting held at the Fireman's Hall, the first officers were elected. They were Mrs. Raymond Roeder, President; Mrs. Robert Stone (nee Spoerl), Vice-President; Mrs. Robert Benner, Secretary; Mrs. Ralph Seidel, Treasurer. The application for permanent charter was made March 10, 1925, with sixty charter members.

On October 6, 1925, it joined the Montgomery-Bucks Bi-County Council. This is an organization consisting of all the units in these two counties. The Council acts as a clearing house for all the units. After



**MRS. GEO. SPIELMAN**  
Present President American Legion Auxiliary.

joining the Council, its activities were increased as they learned of the work that could be done.

On all holidays throughout the year, they send gift boxes, appropriate for the day, to the veterans in hospitals. They have donated different sums of money to disabled boys in hospitals, and garments and money to Child Welfare. Their work is also local.

The Auxiliary is affiliated with the Needlework Guild, a contributing member of the local Boys' Band, and a member of the Building and Loan Association. They assist the Legionnaires at their annual carnivals and try to be a help to them in all their activities.

The present officers of our organization are: Mrs. Mildred Spielman, President; Mrs. J. J. Wolfe, first Vice-President; Mrs. N. O. Fretz, second Vice-President; Mrs. Margaret S. Moyer, Secretary; Mrs. Florence Price, Treasurer; Mrs. Minnie Wimmer, Chaplain; Miss Florence Musselman, Organist; Mrs. Irene Moyer, Sergeant-at-Arms, and Mrs. Rose Schwenk, Historian.

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## PERKASIE WATER COMPANY

The Perkasie Water Company was organized in March, 1895, and under a Borough Ordinance, dated March 5th of that year, it was granted permission to lay pipes, etc., in the streets and public places of the Borough. Shortly afterward the State granted the Company its charter to supply water to the Borough.

The Company immediately purchased the Willet farm, now called the Water Company farm, on the Three Mile Run road, together with the water rights attached to the property, and also two tracts of land, one from John Dillon and one from John Freed, upon which there were valuable springs which were later used as the original source of water supply.

Mr. A. Prescott Folwell, Civil Engineer, was employed and plans were drawn for the original plant. This consisted of an earth basin adjacent to springs on the Dillon-Freed land from which a six-inch cast iron main was built across the farm and along the public roads to the million-gallon distributing reservoir near the south end of the railroad tunnel. An eight-inch distributing main was laid down from the reservoir to Tenth and Vine and by way of

Vine Street underneath the railroad to Seventh and along Seventh to Market. Various other pipes were branched off this main to supply the more thickly settled portions of the Borough at that time. According to this original plan there were approximately three and one-quarter miles of pipe built in 1895. The work was completed during the Fall and the plant was put in operation soon after completion.

The first additions were made about 1900, when it was found necessary, on account of the increased number of consumers, to use the supply flowing from the springs in the railroad cut, which water belonged as a water right to the Willet farm. A brick pumping station was erected on the upper end of the farm and a Deming Triplex pump driven by a one cylinder Otto gasoline engine, was installed. This additional supply and equipment served the requirements of the Company for about the next ten years.

In 1902 the Company reorganized and the name was changed to The Perkasie Water Supply Company.

About 1911 an additional source of supply was obtained by the acquisition of what

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WATER COMPANY - RESERVOIR

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## PERKASIE WATER COMPANY (Continued)

is known as the Keller Springs, situated about one and one-half miles east of the water farm along the slope of Rock Hill. A cast-iron line was built from this supply to the farm where it connects with the transmission mains to the reservoir. A filter and hypochlorite plant was built near the pump house and the water from the railroad springs was thus filtered and chlorinated to avoid any possible contamination by the Railroad Company. This hypochlorite plant has recently been superseded by one of the latest types of Wallace & Tiernan Chlorinators, using liquid chlorine. With the additional supply of the Keller springs, the six-inch transmission main, to the reservoir, was considered to be too small, so a new eight-inch line

was built from the water farm to the reservoir over a private right of way across the Tunnel Farm. During this year extensions were made to the distribution system in town, the largest being the line to South Perkasia.

Beginning with approximately seventeen thousand feet of pipe in the original plant, the extensions and additions made since then have increased the total amount of pipe in use at the present time to more than seventy-five thousand feet. A few meters were installed as early as 1900, but it was not until recent years that a general metering program was inaugurated. At the present time about 99 per cent of all services are metered.

## PERKASIE SEWER COMPANY

By various Ordinances the Chief Burgess and Town Council of the Borough granted permission April 28, 1908, to Mahlon Keller and P. S. Cressman and their associates, to build, equip and operate a sewer system in the Borough.

Mr. Keller surrendered his rights under the ordinances to Mr. Cressman, and in 1908-09 Mr. Cressman built sewers in several streets of the Borough, conducting the sewage to a large sized cesspool at the foot of Chestnut Street, near the Branch Creek. At this time there was no purification of the sewage attempted, and during 1910 the disposal in this manner became so unsanitary that the State Board of Health required the construction of a disposal plant, picking as a proper site the present location of the plant below Sellersville along Branch Creek.

To carry the sewage to the disposal plant a trunk sewer of 12-inch and 15-

inch sewer pipe was built approximately ten thousand feet long from the foot of Second and Race Streets to the plant, through the low land adjacent to the creek. The Sellersville system connects to this trunk at the point where the line crosses Main Street, Sellersville.

The disposal plant originally built in 1911 as a contact bed type was completely rebuilt and greatly enlarged in 1922 to a sprinkling filter type with an ultimate capacity of six hundred thousand gallons every twenty-four hours.

The Perkasia Sewer Company was incorporated July 13, 1911, but did not operate until the early part of 1914. Up until this time Mr. Cressman operated the plant as an individual. The Company owns and operates the disposal plant and the sanitary sewers in Perkasia and disposes of the sewage for both Perkasia and Sellersville.



SEWER COMPANY PLANT.

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community in making this day a success. Music, parades, speeches, athletics, games and singing and a big chicken dinner all helped to make the day a day of gladness and rejoicing.

The activities of the Post have been varied and include yearly Memorial Day and Armistice Day programs. Athletic activities have been confined to football and baseball and a field day. The Post took a prominent part in the first Preparedness Day, has assisted in Red Cross work, community athletic teams, Grand View Hospital campaign.

Largely thru the efforts of the Post and neighboring Posts the purchase of a fine new ambulance for Grand View Hospital was made possible. The Post has also aided the Legion National Child Welfare Endowment, the Endowment for the upkeep of America soldiers' graves in France and Belgium, the local playground, Boys' Band, disabled veterans in hospitals and local charity.

One of the major activities of the Post, however, has been its sponsorship of the local Boy Scout Troop, which has developed into one of the best in the county.

The Post has subscribed \$2,400 to Grand View Hospital for the equipment and maintenance of a children's ward as a memorial to the community.

The most recent activity of the Post has been the organization and development of a Bugle and Drum Corps from its membership, whose short history and activities are recorded under the heading of that organization.

The Post also has an auxiliary whose history is also listed separately.

The Post has not only given but has also received and acknowledges the following contributions:

Comfort Kit Fund	\$ 102.89
Welcome Home Campaign	840.96
Brick Campaign	4,396.72

Another gift that is highly appreciated is a large book containing the photographs and war service record of every person who was in the service from Perkasio and immediate vicinity.

## IN MEMORIAM

Calvin Hartzell  
Killed in Action, Sept. 29, 1918  
Earl Crouthamel  
Killed in Action, Nov. 2, 1918  
Walter M. Godshall  
Killed in Action, Oct. 19, 1918  
Victor Becker  
Killed in Action, Sept. 28, 1918  
E. Harold Moyer  
Died in Service, Oct. 14, 1918  
George W. Gross  
Died in Service, Oct. 16, 1918  
Horace G. Swink  
Died in Service, Oct. 3, 1918  
Charles R. Sacks  
Died, Jan. 19, 1919  
Joseph A. Fetter  
Died, Sept. 2, 1920  
Asa Hackman  
Died, Oct. 13, 1918  
A. Paul Detweiler  
Died, April 16, 1921  
Elmer Godshall  
Died, June 13, 1921  
George E. Minnick  
Died, July 4, 1922  
Lorenzo Meyers  
Died, Aug. 9, 1924  
Winfield Cressman  
Died, May 9, 1927  
Herman G. Dimmick  
Died, Jan. 2, 1929  
Herbert Tomkinson  
Died, Jan. 25, 1929

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## CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (Continued)

The committee appointed to formulate the Constitution and By-Laws was composed of: Harry Neamand, Samuel F. Stover, J. Frank Afflerbach, Joseph G. Moyer and Harvey S. Kulp.

The records show that thirty-one of those present became members of the organization but fails to state what became of the other ten.

The organization, through its committees, immediately set to work to carry out the purpose for which it was formed.

On December 7, 1920, the Board of Trade was merged into the Perkasio Chamber of Commerce.

Since that time at almost every meeting, some project has been presented and discussed and acted upon in whatever manner which seemed to the best interest of the town and community.

The beautiful and productive plants of the Perkasio Silk Company and the Pennville Silk Mills are the outcome of the labors of the Chamber's Industrial Committees.

The town's playground, of which every true citizen is proud, is the direct product of the Chamber's work.

The Community Christmas Tree and the Christmas charity work was assumed by the Chamber in 1917, and was arranged that year by the following committee: S. R. Kramer, Andrew Schuler, Charles F. Harr, W. L. Sacks.

It annually brings joy to our juvenile population and good cheer to many unfortunate families.

The purchase of our modern fire fighting equipment by the Borough Council was first suggested and endorsed by the Chamber of Commerce. The suggestion was presented to the Borough Council in March, 1918, by W. K. Terry, H. S. Kulp, and M. L. Cope.

Other lasting improvements which stand as a result of the organization's endorsement are telephone connection with R. R. Station and Freight Depot, electric lights at R. R. Station, shed to protect south-bound passengers, signals at the Menlo Crossing, improved protection at Market Street Crossing, Plaza Theatre, better train service and a better and more beautiful Perkasio in many ways.

On October 18, 1915, the Chamber adopted as the town slogan: "Active and Attractive, that's Perkasio." This slogan was submitted by Willis S. Kulp.

Since its organization the following persons have filled the office of President.

Mahlon Keller	1905-1915
Charles W. Bean	1915-1920
I. P. Mensch	1920-1923
Rev. Charles B. Weaver	1923-1926
Willis S. Kulp	1926-1927
Walter K. Terry	1927-1929

The office of Secretary has been held by the following persons: John Schwartz, Elmer K. Moyer, Harry Neamand, Mark Thatcher, Fred O. Young, William B. Rosenberger.

Meetings are held every month, and the annual meeting and banquet held for a number of years past in connection with the Rotary Club, is looked forward to as one of the most enjoyable events in the town.



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## MENLO PARK

Menlo Park Association was organized in 1892, by Samuel R. Kramer, President; Grier Scheetz, Secretary, and Isaac Groff, Treasurer.

The tract of about five acres, consisting of the upper park triangular grove, and the hillside along the creek were purchased; the hillside from Isaac Groff, who had cut off the timber, and the triangular part from Thomas B. Deetz, of Sellersville, and upon this latter tract no growing trees have been removed, excepting in the placement of buildings.

The stream from the end of this property to the Everhart dam, at Sellersville, was leased from the Everhart estate at \$200.00 per year, and this was used for boating, and kept in repair by the Park Management. Forty boats were at once secured for the stream and the lower tract of woodland where the ball field is located was purchased from Mr. Deetz.

For about two years the grounds were improved in various ways for picnic parties, and the refreshment stand and main

pavilion were built, and in the third year, or 1895, a carousel was installed on a commission basis.

This carousel was under a canvas roof of its own, and in its first season did such a thriving business that the owner offered to go fifty-fifty on a building, and thus the house containing this amusement was built over it the same summer, costing at that time \$800.00.

In 1896 the management bought out the carousel lease, and finished up the building by putting in a floor and removable shutters; and in the following year, 1897, the toboggan was built.

This toboggan was the first of its kind built on the ground, and the steep hill along the boating lake was utilized for its construction and gravity.

The park then was running on an average of four picnics per week, and there were not enough Saturdays to go around, these days being taken up, always early in the year, and some societies holding their dates from year to year.



MENLO PARK SWIMMING POOL

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## MENLO PARK (Continued)



SCENE IN MENLO PARK

All the livery men in Perkasio, South Perkasio and Sellersville, built coaches to haul parties to and from the park, and farmers did a thriving business with their hay wagons, giving straw parties, and almost every day in the week saw the two towns crowded with strangers sightseeing from Menlo.

This prosperity continued until the Philadelphia and Reading Railway Company refused to give its passenger cars on Saturdays, Sundays, or holidays, and increased its fares, claiming that its seashore business required all their rolling stock.

Most unfortunate of all came the wreck on its toboggan, when three young men from the town placed stones upon the tracks, and wrecked eight cars loaded with excursionists. This event resulted in the incarceration of the boys at Huntingdon Reformatory, and put a damper on excursion parties. None of the injuries proved fatal, but the toboggan never quite recovered its popularity.

At this time Samuel R. Kramer became interested in the Quakertown Traction Company, and in two years after his connection with it as Secretary, brought their line up to the side of Menlo Park where the skating rink now stands, and thus a new means of transit was established, and from about this time vaudeville entertain-

ment and Sunday concerts were made a feature.

Following this event of the Quakertown Traction's coming to Menlo, in the next year the Inland Traction Company had built up to Menlo Park from Lansdale, and connected the Quakertown line to Perkasio.

At this time Mr. Kramer and Mr. Scheetz sold out their interests to the remaining partner and Peter Snyder, who continued to operate it up to the time of the present management.

Joe Hizer and Henry S. Wilson bought in the stock of the Park Company from Isaac Groff, Peter Snyder and Wilson Besch, who have all passed into the Great Beyond.

The Park lagged for a number of years until 1926 when Henry S. Wilson, the present owner, bought Joe Hizer out. In that year a new modern twelve-car whip was installed, the dance hall enlarged, and improved with a band shell, the creek was dredged out, making an improved old fashioned swimming hole. On this site there was erected a giant water toboggan slide, and one of the finest athletic fields in the County, fenced in and improved.

Menlo Park is coming to be known as the sports center of the North Penn Valley.

The Casino Building in 1927 was improved to make possible basketball during the winter months.

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## J. G. MOYER & SONS CO

Joseph G. Moyer, the founder of the J. G. Moyer & Sons Co., lumber and coal business, was born in Hilltown Township, February 10, 1840. He was educated in the public schools of the Township and spent his boyhood days on his father's farm.

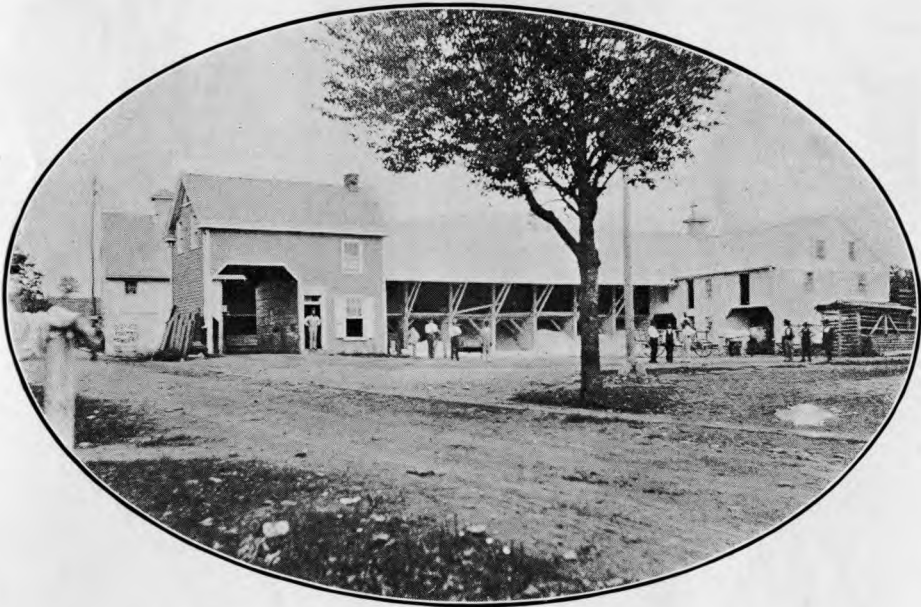
In December, 1863, he was married to Mary Ann Kratz, daughter of Simeon and Katherine (nee Moyer) Kratz, of New Britian Township. To them were born the following children: Madora, who married B. Frank Hartzell, now deceased; H. Irvin, who married Eliza C. Moyer, now deceased; Elmer K., who married Laura I. Wickert; Delilah, who married Charles S. Wampole; J. Dyre, who married Laura

Walters, and Gertrude K., who married J. Norman Zendt, of Souderton.

At an early age Jos. G. Moyer and his brother, Abraham, conducted a general store at Blooming Glen. In 1870 he sold his interest in the store business to his brother and moved to Comlysville, as Perkasia was then called. He engaged in the flour, feed and hay business until 1874, when he purchased the lumber and coal business from Abram A. Hendricks.

In 1870, when Mr. Moyer came here, there were only four houses on Market Street on sites where the American House, the J. G. Moyer home, Mrs. Gegan's home and the Plaza Theatre now stand.

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The nearby farms belonged to Isaac Nace, on the site of George Beidler's home; the Charles Bissey farm on the site of Trinity Lutheran Church; Henry Nace farm, David H. Bean farm and the Jacob Bissey farm.

In 1905 the business was incorporated, taking in his sons and wife as stockholders. The organization was as follows: President, J. G. Moyer; Vice President, H. I. Moyer; Secretary, E. K. Moyer; Treasurer, J. Dyre Moyer.

In September, of 1905, J. Dyre retired from the business here to go into the same kind of business in Willow Grove, Pa., and E. K. Moyer was elected as Treasurer and Secretary, in his place.

In September, 1917, J. G. Moyer died, and at the next annual meeting H. I. Moyer was elected President and Mary Ann Moyer, Vice President.

The founder, Jos. G. Moyer, was in continuous business in Perkasie for forty-seven years, and was all these years at the forefront of every community interest and town improvement that was undertaken.

In December, 1928, Mary Ann Moyer died, and at the annual meeting in April, 1929, the following officers were elected: President, H. I. Moyer; Vice President, H. I. Moyer, Jr.; Secretary, Ralph K. Moyer; Treasurer, E. K. Moyer.

H. I. Moyer, Jr., and Ralph K. were admitted to the firm in 1927.

H. I. Moyer, Jr., married Margaret S. Scheetz, daughter of John and Carrie Scheetz, of Quakertown, Pa. They have no children.

Ralph K. married Laura Frederick, daughter of Isaac and Susan Frederick, of Perkasie. They have four children: Richard, James, Doris and Molly.



J. G. MOYER & SONS CO. PRESENT QUARTERS

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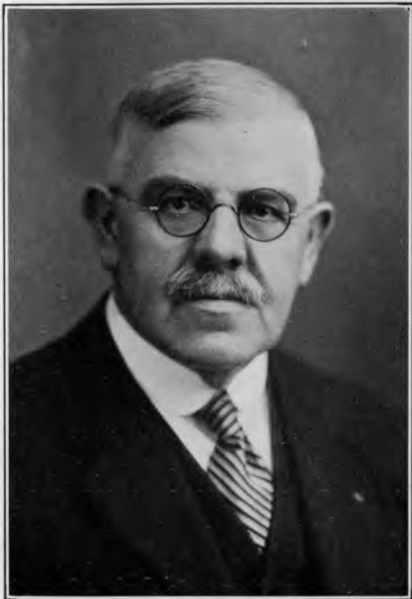


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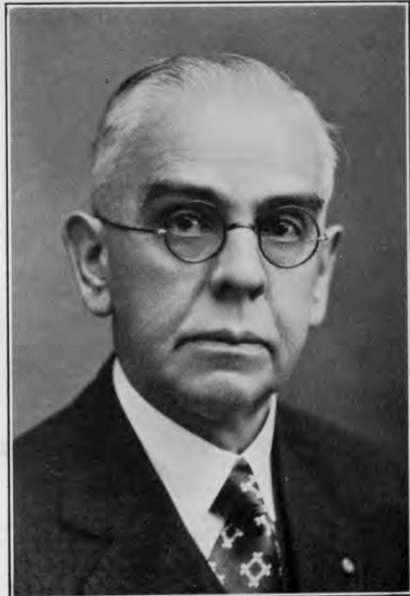
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J. G. MOYER, Founder



H. I. MOYER, SR.



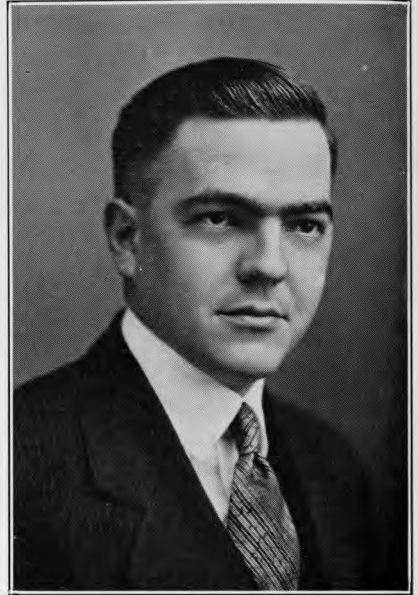
E. K. MOYER

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J. G. MOYER & SONS CO. (Continued)



H. I. MOYER, JR.



RALPH MOYER



SEVENTH STREET, LOOKING NORTHEAST FROM CHESTNUT.  
The J. G. Moyer Building in the Distance.

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THE STRASSBURGER HOMESTEAD—Home of WALTER BERGER



VIEW NORTH ON WALNUT STREET—Third Ward.

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## EASTERN PIN TICKET & TAG COMPANY, Inc.

This industry was started in 1905, on the third floor of the undertaking establishment of Frank L. Knoll, corner of Fifth and Chestnut Streets.

The equipment of the plant at that time consisted of a Gordon press, with a Kramer Web attachment, four pin ticket machines, and one card slitting machine.

The product was pin tickets and marking tags, exclusively, with a by-product of ordinary job printing like envelopes, cards, stationery and circulars.

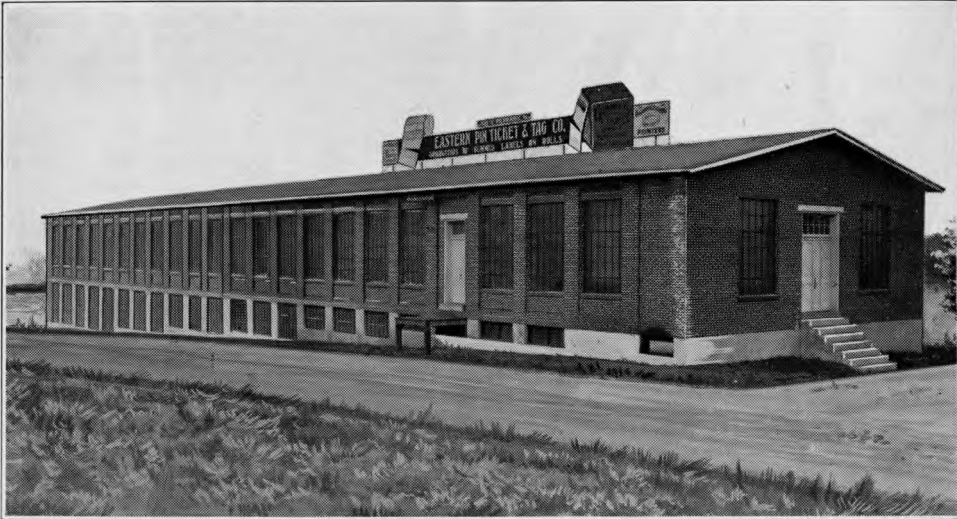
The industry had a stormy and uneventful struggle for several years, when it was

The month had twenty-five working days four of them Saturdays, on which day the plant is run only up to eleven o'clock A.M.

During this month the factory turned out 4,505,965 labels, and 482,582 pieces of other printed matter.

These were executed in 459 orders, shipped into 38 states and several foreign ports, by freight, express, parcel post, and truck.

The average orders executed was twenty per day, 10,805 pieces to an order, and the average pieces printed per day was 199,582.



reorganized and began a career of progress and success that kept a steady forward pace to the present day.

The plant at present occupies its own factory at the corner of Seventh and Spruce Streets, a one-story brick structure, with basement of solid concrete. The building is 40 x 215 feet, equipped with the most modern machinery and equipment to be had for the work it is applied to.

The product today is extensive and varied.

For an idea of its production, we are taking the month of February, one year ago, as an example.

They were turned out on 42 printing and finishing machines, by a force of 28 people.

The material produced was used by the leading industrial and commercial establishments of the United States.

Some of the products of this factory are made in no other printing houses in this, or any other country; being patented, and machines producing it were built on the premises.

The Officials of the Company are as follows: Frank L. Knoll, President; Samuel R. Kramer, Vice President and General Manager; Mahlon Keller, Secretary; Oscar H. Meyers, Treasurer.

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## STERNER'S PHARMACY

This store, originally known as the University Drug Store, had its beginning somewhere in the year 1880 and was run by a practicing physician until the year 1903.

Dr. Hiram Ritter started the business as adjunct to his medical practice at what is now known as 607 Market Street.

Both were sold about 1892 to Dr. Mahlon S. Dill, who later sold it, practiced medicine in North Wales, Pa., returning to Perkasia in 1903.

Dr. Hubbell was the next owner and he later sold it to Dr. Merkle.

The year 1903 saw a change. The business now passed into the hands of a registered pharmacist, Charles H. Texter.

In 1905, a new location, 532 Market Street, became the site of the business.

The present management, J. Richard Sterner, a local man, born in Perkasia and a graduate of its High School also a registered pharmacist, assumed control in 1913.

The Fretz Building, Seventh and Market Streets, was the next location of the business, moving there in 1920. Here the old name was dropped. Its new name becoming Sterner's Pharmacy.

Local boys employed by the present management have been, Ray S. Clark, C. Leon Sterner, Paul S. Roeder, William V. Kramer, Jr., Roy Rosenberger, Allen Bayha, Howard Nungesser. Walter Hendricks. Clark Roeder and Hendricks graduated in pharmacy.

Present clerical force: Marvin S. Stout (student of pharmacy), and Correll Markley.



STERNER'S PHARMACY.

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## J. M. DETWEILER—ICE BUSINESS

The J. M. Detweiler ice business, is what might be termed a local monopoly, but it is a monopoly dedicated to superior service rather than to the elimination of competition for ulterior purposes. For many years this important phase of Perkasia's conveniences was divided, with varied success. In 1913 the present owner, Mr. Jacob M. Detweiler, purchased the retail ice business of Andrew Scholl, which comprised about half of the local trade. In 1914 he purchased the J. H. Daub business which was merged with his first route.

Horse-drawn delivery wagons were used, which necessitated long hours in serving even the proportionately small route. Mr. Detweiler visualized a far better service and set about to bring it to a realization.

In 1918 he added an auto delivery truck to his equipment. In 1920 a second auto truck was added to the delivery service and in 1925 horse delivery service was discontinued altogether.

Today four modern trucks are in use and a territory embracing Perkasia, Silver-

dale, Blooming Glen, Dublin, Hagersville and Keelersville are served regularly.

In 1928 the scope of the Detweiler ice retail business was further expanded when the Charles R. Leidy business at Souderton was purchased, which is now operated in conjunction with the Perkasia business in a most satisfactory manner.

Under the management and ownership of Mr. Detweiler, this business and service has been developed in a most satisfactory manner and his best testimonials are to be found in the long list of perfectly satisfied customers.

Mr. Detweiler is a native of Montgomery County. He was born near Souderton. He came to Perkasia in 1885 and has resided in this community since that time. His first employment here was in the cigar business. Later he was associated with the Great Penn Tea Company. He is affiliated with and an active worker in the local Chamber of Commerce and is regarded by his business associates as one of the prime boosters of the town.



J. M. DETWEILER—ICE BUSINESS.

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## GEORGE REICHLEY'S SHOE STORE

Mr. George Reichley started in the custom shoe making business in Blooming Glen, in 1882.

At that time it was still the custom of having your shoes made by the cobbler, at least when one wanted a good dress shoe, and the stock shoes were usually the heavier kinds for wear and service, and like all shoemakers of those days, Mr. Reichley was kept busy at his cobbler bench.

At this time he was also Assistant Postmaster for four years, and was appointed Postmaster, November 12, 1897, and this service, together with his shoe business, kept him busy and amply employed.

On August 10, 1909, he moved to Perkasio, in the building now occupied by the Perkasio Electric Company, on Seventh Street, which was then owned by Reuben Gilbert.

In May, 1916, he purchased the Edwin Wambold property, 621 Arch Street, and remodeled the building for his shoe store and shoe repairing establishment, and is doing business at this stand today.

Mr. Reichley represents the true and tried business qualities of the former pioneer days in shoemaking, and seeks rather the satisfaction of a thing well done and lasting, than appearance that lacks stability; and his knowledge of his business comes from a start at the cobbler bench.



REICHLEY'S SHOE STORE. 7TH AND ARCH STREET

# SOUVENIR EDITION

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## THE LABELCRAFT PRESS

The Labelcraft Press is engaged in the manufacture of gummed and ungummed, die or straight cut labels, special labor-saving forms for bankers, shop and factory forms, tags and various forms for Hospital and Medical profession. A considerable portion of its business is devoted to producing the better grade of commercial job printing.

The business was established on January 1st, 1921, on the second floor of what was known as Young's Garage, located on Third between Market and Arch Streets. One 10 x 15 Gordon job press, paper cutter and small quantity of type featured the equipment of the plant. In the spring of 1922 the plant was moved to second floor of the J. S. Solliday building on Market between Sixth and Seventh Streets. With this additional floor space the needs of the business were adequately met until 1924, when larger quarters were again necessary.

Fourth and Spruce Streets was the site chosen and on July 15, 1924, the plant was moved into its new building. The building, 28 x 80 feet, is constructed to easily permit extension and take care of additional heavy machinery.

The present equipment—five jobbers, ranging in sizes 9 x 12 to 14 x 22; rotary slot perforator; round hole perforator; cutter; die cutting, eyeletting and stitching machines, all individually motored, combined with a wide range of popular type faces—enables this concern to keep step with the progressive printing requirements of a constantly widening clientele.

Mr. Russell S. Kramer—serving as an apprentice with the Perkasie “Central News”; later employed at the “North Wales Record”; the private printing plant of Keasbey & Mattison Co., of Ambler; with Geo. H. Lasher Co., of Philadelphia; for fourteen years Assistant Manager of the Eastern Pin Ticket and Tag Co., of Perkasie—is the founder and owner of the plant.



LABELCRAFT PLANT ON 4th STREET

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## DR. JOHN PHILIP ERWIN, D.D.S.

Hearty congratulations, Perkasio, on this, your fiftieth birthday. May the many favors you have so graciously bestowed upon me be reshowered upon you a thousandfold. Then you surely will prosper and be happy.

My earliest impressions of Perkasio were made by a shipping tag. It was on a piece of furniture made in my father's factory in Philadelphia. That tag bore the inscription, "Mr. Grier Scheetz, Perkasio, Penna." Which happened more than forty years ago.

My father, home from traveling hereabout, oft remarked, "Perkasio is such a pretty town. It has a new station. The merchants are progressive. The homes are new and attractive. And the people seem so sociable and——."

In 1896, when Perkasio was about to celebrate its fifteenth birthday, I came; anxious to see; hoping to conquer.

My first office was located in the J. G. Moyer Building. Next to mine were the law offices of Mr. Harry E. Grim. To the rear of us nestled the club rooms of the young men of the town. Over and above us all resounded the musical activities of

the Iroquois Band, Prof. Thomas Stephens, conducting.

For five years I practiced in the Moyer Building. During that time I boarded at the American House, genial Mr. P. S. Cressman, proprietor.

In 1901, having married, I made my home and office in the Jacob Lewis Building, Seventh and Arch Streets. There I practiced four years.

In 1905 I built the house and office where I now reside and practice. For nearly a quarter of a century I have preached the gospel of oral hygiene to the whole world from out this place.

Thirty-five years of uninterrupted health service to my fellow-man. What a glorious privilege.

At the close of day, as the sun sinks into the West, the laborer wonders: has he dried your tears? have his health services inspired you to keener alertness? has he blest you with pearly smiles to brighten your corner? Then is he truly pleased to have contributed an humble bit toward making beloved, "Perkasio—Active and Attractive."



DR. JOHN PHILIP IRWIN, D.D.S., RESIDENCE, 5th and Market.

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## PINNEL & GROFF, BARBER SHOP, 13 Seventh St.

The first Barber Shop was started in Perkasio by Milton Blank, on Market Street, in 1887.

In 1889, when the brick annex was being built to the Joseph Hendrick's store, the store business was conducted in this place.

June, 1891, the building was destroyed by fire. The following year it was rebuilt as a barn and a wagonshed. This place being the wagonshed for the Hendrick's store.

September, 1907, the building was remodeled for a barber shop. The business was conducted by William Spigelhalter.

September, 1915, the business was sold to John Keller, of Philadelphia.

April, 1, 1916, it was sold to James R. Kinsey.

November 2, 1916, Pinnel Brothers purchased the barber shop.

April 14, 1918, Pinnel Brothers dissolved partnership, the business being taken by Nicholas Pinnel.

July 1, 1920, a partnership was again formed by Pinnel Brothers.

This property belonged to the late Joseph Hendricks. After his death, August 19, 1915, it became the property of his daughter, Mrs. Tobias Bissey. She sold it to Wilson Yeakel, January 7, 1922, who in return sold it to Pinnel Brothers.

After the death of Nicholas Pinnel the property was sold to Anton Pinnel, September 15, 1922.

March 1, 1924, Clarence Groff bought half interest and the business has been conducted since by Pinnel & Groff.



PINNEL & GROFF, BARBER SHOP



# PERKASIE 1879 1929 BOROUGH

## NELSON O. FRETZ, SHOEMAN

Nelson O. Fretz, the veteran shoe dealer of Perkasio, Pa., purchased the shoes and accessories from J. S. Solliday, 528 Market Street, on March 20, 1906, twenty-three years ago.

Mr. Fretz has always been conscientious and honest in his dealings with the public. "Service" has been and is his motto now.

Mr. S. W. Musselman who has sold shoes thirty-three years (twenty years in his own store) in Perkasio, has also given his experienced help in this store since 1921.

Due to the progressive policy of the business, a need for expansion was felt and on April 18, 1921, Mr. Fretz purchased the former J. A. Hendricks store property at Seventh and Market Streets.

After making improvements to the building, it has since been occupied by Fretz, The Shoe Man, Sterner's Pharmacy and the Benner and Fluck Grocery Store, on the first floor. Four apartments and an electric shoe repairing shop are on the second floor.

This building is the oldest and most historic business building in Perkasio. It was erected, for a woolen mill, in 1856, by Samuel Hager, a survivor of the Civil War. At that time this same spot was called Comleysville instead of Perkasio.

The property passed thru several hands, subsequently it was bought by George Hallowell, who sold it to J. A. Hendricks in 1869. Mr. Hendricks changed the property from a woolen mill to a general store, which he conducted for a quarter century. While Mr. Hendricks owned the building the railroad passed thru here and the first railroad tickets were sold in this building and the first freight and express was also handled here. The first post office was opened and conducted for a number of years, all these things taking place in the Market Street end of the building.

Mr. Hendricks retained the building until his death in 1915, when his daughter, Mrs. Emma Bissey, heired the property and held it until 1921, when she sold it to Nelson O. Fretz.



N. O. FRETZ SHOE STORE

# SOUVENIR EDITION

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## THE FRETZ RESTAURANT

This place was opened as a restaurant by Cornelius Hendricks (about the year 1898), who conducted the business for three years, then sold to A. S. Hoagey, in 1901, who in turn sold it to Edwin K. Beer in 1902. Mr. Beer sold to Wenhold & Nungesser in 1903, who dissolved partnership in 1905.

Mr. Wenhold continued for one year, then sold to Louis Allison in 1906. Mr. Allison conducted a successful business for eleven years and made a few changes on the interior of the building.

In 1917 Mr. Allison sold the business to Jacob S. Hoagey, brother of A. S. Hoagey, who installed shelving in the store room and a new gas range in the kitchen. He sold to Gideon Haas in 1919.

On July 22, 1922, the present owner bought the business from Mr. Haas and on January 10, 1925, bought the property from Mr. Allison.

The kitchen is equipped with a gas

stove, coffee urn, automatic water heater 350-lb. capacity McCray's refrigerator sink and a complete line of cooking utensils and dishes. A large dining room on the second floor, also a large store room and restaurant on the ground floor.

Regular dinners are served between 12 o'clock and 1.30 P.M. daily, except Sunday. A la carte orders are served at all times between 6.00 A.M. and 11.00 P.M. Good food is served which is prepared in the good old country style. Cleanliness, service and courtesy is the motto.

Burdan's ice cream, Liberty root beer or draught, ice cream sodas and soft drinks in bottles are also served, as well as a good line of smokers' articles. Cigars, cigarettes smoking and chewing tobacco, Kaywoodie drinkless pipes and Hesson guard W. D. C. pipes, Daggett's bulk and package candy and other candies and chewing gum.

A complete line of magazine subscriptions are handled for any magazine published.



FRETZ RESTAURANT



## THE HIGHLAND GAS COMPANY

Gas service in the boroughs of Perkasio, Quakertown, Coopersburg, Richlandtown, Sellersville and in East Rockhill, Hilltown, Milford, Richland, Springfield, Upper Saucon and West Rockhill Townships had its inception in Perkasio.

A carburetted water gas plant with a 25,000 cubic foot storage holder was erected on a lot of approximately 48,000 square feet, located on Seventh Street, south of Chestnut Street, Perkasio, and operations were begun in the summer of 1911. In addition to Perkasio, service was supplied to Quakertown and Sellersville by means of a high pressure main. By November, 1913, more than 800 families in the district were using gas for lighting, cooking and heating water.

The original Highland Gas Company was incorporated on June 30, 1909, for the purpose of supplying gas for lighting only. On July 6, 1910, the Highland Gas and Fuel Company was incorporated for the purpose of supplying gas for heat and power, and on November 27, 1912, the two companies were merged into the present Highland Gas Company.

The price of gas first established was \$1.50 per thousand cubic feet, to which was added later a monthly service charge of seventy-five cents.

The growth of the company's business, while not spectacular, has been steady. Every effort has been made to improve and extend the service in keeping with the development of the district.

In 1924 the demand for service had increased to such an extent that additional capacity was imperative.

Accordingly, means were at once taken to augment the supply. Now the Highland Gas Company can assure its present and future customers of an adequate and dependable service at all times, to meet any requirements. Unless sound engineering is practiced, it is extremely difficult to anticipate the needs of any growing community throughout its entire territory. The Highland Gas Company has met these problems, and is in a position to give, at short notice, reliable service either domestic or industrial.

The policy of the Highland Gas Company is to share with the customer any savings made due to economies in operation, and in line with this policy a substantial rate reduction was put into effect

on February 1, 1925, which also abolished the monthly service charge of 75 cents.

Effective March 1, 1929, the rate schedule was again revised downward, with a resultant saving of more than \$8,000 a year to the company's customers.

The present rates, which are subject to a discount of ten cents a thousand cubic feet for prompt payment of bill, are as follows:

First 400 cubic feet or less per month, \$1.10 (minimum bill); next 2,600 cubic feet per month, \$1.30 per thousand; next 47,000 cubic feet per month, \$1.20 per thousand; next 50,000 cubic feet per month, \$1.00 per thousand; over 100,000 cubic feet per month, 90 cents per thousand.

A house heating rate, also effective March 1, 1929, provides for this class of service through a separate meter at 90 cents per thousand cubic feet, with a ten cent discount for prompt payment, or eighty cents net. Under this rate the customer guarantees a minimum monthly bill of \$20, equivalent to 25,000 cubic ft. of gas, and a minimum for the heating season of \$160.00, equivalent to 200,000 cubic feet of gas. Excess minimums paid in any month are adjusted and credited to customer's bill at any time during the heating season when customer's use of gas amounts to 200,000 cubic feet, equivalent to \$160.00 in revenue.

At the close of 1928 the Highland Gas Company had approximately 2,000 meters in service and during the year sold a total of approximately 49,000,000 cubic feet of gas. The distribution system includes more than forty-three miles of high pressure main ranging in size from 2-inch to 8-inch, of which more than a mile was laid during 1928. The population of the territory served by the company is nearly 14,000.

Thomas R. Lewis, of Perkasio, is superintendent in charge of the company's operations. He has long been a resident of the community and through his interest in the community has always had the welfare of its people at heart. Due to these efforts and the part he takes in all civic enterprises, he is well-known and universally respected.





## THE PLACING OF PERKASIE ON THE FAMOUS LIBERTY BELL ROUTE

The progressiveness and promise for further growth and expansion of Perkasio was recognized many years ago by the Lehigh Valley Transit Company. Although Perkasio is not touched by the original Bethlehem Pike, nevertheless the engineers laying out the famous Liberty Bell Route included this thriving town as a part of its system.



The Liberty Bell Route's luxurious trains daily bring people into Perkasio,—and its ever dependable freight service has been a big factor in developing Perkasio business with the outer world.

The Lehigh Valley Transit Company and the Liberty Bell Route are proud of the part they have played in making Perkasio a bigger and better Borough.



**THE LIBERTY  BELL ROUTE**  
LEHIGH VALLEY TRANSIT CO.





## H. NUNGESSER & CO. CLOTHING STORE

In 1893 Henry O. Moyer established the first Men's Clothing Store in Perkasio and several years later sold the stock to Bissey & Baringer who conducted a general store.

About the same time his son, H. Clinton Moyer, and Wilson George opened a pants factory in the old school house on Chestnut Street, now known as the Norwood Building. When the Perkasio Knitting Company discontinued operating the firm of Moyer & George removed their manufacturing business to the Knitting Company's building on Fourth Street, between Chestnut and Walnut Streets, and opened a retail store of men's clothing and furnishings in the front part of the building. During the Spanish-American War they made uniform breeches for the U. S. Army.

In 1902 they sold their manufacturing business to Ephraim Crouthamel and their retail business to Mahlon Keller and Grier Scheetz, who adopted the firm name of M. Keller & Co.

Upon the completion of the renovating

of the former Union Hotel stables, on Seventh Street, opposite the Reading Depot, into stores in 1903, the firm moved their business into this new business block where it remains today.

June 27, 1907, Mr. Scheetz retired from the firm and sold his one-half interest to Henry Nungesser, the firm retaining its same name.

March 15, 1910, Mr. Keller purchased the business of Bissey & Baringer but still retained his interest in the clothing store as a silent partner. The former Bissey & Baringer business now adopted the firm name of M. Keller & Co., and the clothing business was continued under the name of H. Nungesser.

July 1, 1922, Mahlon Keller's interest was transferred to his son, Ralph A. Keller, whereupon the firm name was changed to H. Nungesser & Co., under whose ownership and firm name the business is now being conducted.





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## BENNER & FLUCK, GROCERS

The store occupied by this firm on the corner of Seventh and Market Streets, is the oldest store building still standing in the Borough of Perkasio.

The portion occupied by this firm is the entire first floor of a woolen mill, erected in 1856, by Colonel Samuel Hager, and is of stone and plaster construction, of walls nearly two feet in thickness.

Colonel Samuel Hager was the pioneer business man of the town known as Comleysville, and which afterwards was re-named Perkasio.

He came when the railroad tunnel at the northeast end of the town was in the building, and when the first wood burning engines drew their passenger trains to the south end of the tunnel, and the passengers got out and walked over the ridge road hill, and boarded the train waiting for them on the north end; where there are hidden graves of workmen who succumbed to an epidemic of cholera.

In 1869, Joseph A. Hendricks came up from Sellersville and started in this building a general store. The second floor was partitioned off and used by the North

Pennsylvania Railroad Company as a passenger, ticket, and freight office.

Mr. Hendricks conducted his store, and in 1871, opened in it Perkasio's first Post Office.

In 1897, Bissey & Baringer acquired the business, and Mr. Hendricks added that portion of the building extending westward toward the railroad depot.

In 1910, Mahlon Keller purchased the stock of Bissey & Baringer, and conducted the business until 1918 when Benner Bros. bought from Mr. Keller his grocery department, and it became a separate store, Mr. Keller conducting the other departments in the new store quarters.

In 1920, Roy Benner bought his brother's interest in the business, and conducted the same until 1925, when he sold half interest to Herman Fluck, and the firm became Benner & Fluck, and remains under that name at this writing.

Mr. Benner and Mr. Fluck are both young business men, born and raised in the neighborhood, and have the industry and calibre to make their undertaking a landmark in the next half-century that is opening before them.



BENNER & FLUCK GROCERY STORE

# SOUVENIR EDITION



## H. A. LICHTENWALNER, M. D.

Dr. Howard A. Lichtenwalner started his medical career after finishing the grade schools of Philadelphia, and a four-year Northeast High School course, graduated in 1915.

He then matriculated at Hahneman Medical School of Science and finished the course in 1916, entering the Hahneman Medical College and graduated in June, 1921, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine and Surgery, and Doctor of Homeopathic Medicine.

He then served a one-year interne course at Metropolitan Hospital, Welfare Island, New York City.

Afterwards he was Chief Resident Physician and Surgeon at St. Luke's Homeopathic Hospital, Broad and Cayuga Streets, Philadelphia, for one year.

Started in general practice in Philadelphia with his father, Dr. A. B. Lichtenwalner, and later started general practice at Sweet Valley, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, and later moved his practice to Plymouth, Pennsylvania, and practiced there for two years.

At this time he was connected and asso-

ciated with Wyoming Valley Homeopathic Hospital at Wilkes-Barre, where he was Chief of Obstetrical Staff and Instructor of Nurses.

Later he took a position as Medical Director of the Schuylkill County General Hospital, which he held for one year and resigned.

Dr. Lichtenwalner came to Perkasio, March 1, 1928, and took over the office and practice of Dr. D. M. Landis, at Fifth and Arch Streets. He is a member of Bucks County Medical Society, staff of Grand View Hospital, North Penn Clinical Society, Rotary Club, Chamber of Commerce, and American Legion.

He was married to Marion Eleanor Templeton, of Plymouth, Pennsylvania, November 27, 1922, and has one child, Jean Templeton Lichtenwalner, born October 7, 1923.

When Dr. Howard A. Lichtenwalner came to Perkasio he was not unfamiliar with the town or its people, as his father had been a seasonal resident in our Perkasio Park Colony for quite a number of years.

## FRETZ GROCERY

Fretz Grocery Store, located at Sixth and Race Streets, was built about thirty-five years ago by Clinton Groff.

Built as a store and dwelling combined. After being in the grocery business for several years, Mr. Groff sold store to E. K. Beer, who conducted a general store for about nine years, during which time the merchandise was distributed throughout the surrounding country with horse and delivery wagon.

The property was later sold to Mr. Stauffer, who discontinued the general store and established a larger grocery store, as did his successors, several of them being: Wm. Hunsicker, Grim Bros., H. K. Kletzing, Walter Tracy and the present owner, John F. Fretz, who for the past five years has conducted the store, carrying a complete line of green and staple groceries.





## J. PAUL BERGEY, GENERAL INSURANCE

Born October 25, 1893. Received elementary education in East Rockhill Township Schools, graduated from Perkasio High School in 1912, graduated from West Chester State Normal School in 1915. Received further education in Special Courses at State College and University of Pennsylvania. Followed the public school teaching profession for ten years, serving in the following districts, either as special instructor or principal: Patton, South Langhorne, Bath, Perkasio and Lansdale.

In December, 1924, he entered the general insurance business on a full-time basis, with offices at Fraternity Temple. He has attained an enviable position in the insurance world, representing such reputable companies as The Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States, The Travelers, The Aetna, The Continental, The Royal, The Home, and a score of others. He is thoroughly convinced that "If Life is Worth Living It is Worth Insuring."



J. PAUL BERGEY



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## PERKASIE IMPROVEMENT COMPANY

In February, 1924, a number of business men formed a company for the purpose of developing and improving the corner at Seventh and Arch Streets.

The site on which the building of the Perkasio Improvement Company now stands was formerly occupied by a three-story brick building, containing the stables in connection with the American House, a cigar factory, a hardware store, and a furniture store.

This building was destroyed by fire in 1922. At the first meeting of business men a temporary organization was effected as follows: Mahlon Keller, president; H. S. Kulp, vice-president; Charles W. Baum, treasurer; and E. K. Moyer, secretary.

On May 2, 1924, a permanent organization was effected and the following officers were elected: Mahlon Keller, president; W.

S. Kulp, vice-president; H. S. Kulp, treasurer; E. K. Moyer, secretary, with C. F. Myers as construction manager.

The building was completed late in 1924, and on January 1st, 1925, the post office lease for five years was executed.

Other tenants during the year were: H. S. Roedel, groceries, Fisher Furniture Store, and Kulp Hardware Company.

The tenants now are as follows: Post Office, Beer's Variety Store, Benner's Pool Room, Kulp Hardware Company, and on the second floor, Harry A. Detweiler, clothing factory.

The present officers of the Company are: P. D. Benner, President; Wm. G. Lewis, Vice-President; H. S. Kulp, Treasurer; and E. K. Moyer, Secretary. Other directors are: C. F. Myers, Chas. W. Baum, Franklin Kramer, George Reichley and L. Henry Lewis.



PERKASIE IMPROVEMENT CO. BUILDING at 7th and Arch Sts.

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## WILSON L. YEAKEL JEWELER and OPTOMETRIST

This business was established in 1866 by A. M. Yeakel, the present owner's father.

A. M. Yeakel was one of the pioneer watchmakers in this community. At an early age he learned his trade with John Garis, of what was then known as Snoveltown, and known at this day as Fair Hill.

He entered into business in Sellersville and shortly afterward moved to Doylestown, where he conducted a jewelry and watchmaking business opposite the Fountain House.

In 1875 he returned to Benjamin, now the Third Ward of Perkasio, and followed his trade until 1889, when he again moved to Sellersville and associated himself with J. Richard Cressman in the jewelry business, trading as Cressman & Yeakel.

After a few years in Sellersville, they

opened a store in Allentown. In 1894 they dissolved partnership and Yeakel returned to Perkasio and established the jewelry business now conducted by his son, Wilson L. Yeakel.

Mr. Yeakel was the inventor of several patents, among which is the pendant setting devise, now so much used on watches that are set at the stem.

The present owner, W. L. Yeakel, was associated with his father at an early age and after learning the trade, attended the Easton School of Optics and at a later date the Philadelphia Optical College and graduated with the Degree of Doctor of Optics.

Mr. Yeakel continued with his father until 1918, when he bought his interest in the jewelry business and has successfully carried on until the present time.



W. L. YEAKEL JEWELRY STORE

# SOUVENIR EDITION



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## THE HARVEY A. HENDRICKS GREENHOUSES

The Hendricks Greenhouses at Fourth and Callowhill Streets, Perkasia, while the youngest industry of its kind in Perkasia, is nevertheless a potent factor in attracting Philadelphia dollars to Perkasia.

With the soil ideally adapted to the production of high-grade flowers and plants, the latest type houses equipped with modern appurtenances and skillful management, this newest greenhouse has already won an enviable reputation among florists. The quality of the product is reflected in the increasing demand for Hendricks-grown flowers.

The owner, Harvey A. Hendricks, is a native of this community, and like many Perkasia business men, learned the cigar-making trade early in life. But with the decline of that industry he sought occupation in other fields.

In 1923 he purchased the Werst greenhouses and dwelling on Walnut Street. After two years of successful operation he sold that plant to Noah Moore. A year later he procured the site of his present plant and erected thereon thoroughly modern buildings, together with a residence.

The greenhouse proper comprises approximately 8,000 square feet under glass,

a spacious work room, boiler house and garage. Heat is supplied with a coal-burning hot water boiler of the latest improved type. Ventilation and water facilities were planned to permit of ease of operation, with the result that manual labor has been reduced to a minimum.

Carnations comprise the major product of this plant, but in addition to this favorite bloom, there are marketed annually thousands of sweet peas, snapdragons, chrysanthemums, calla lilies, and freesias.

The total carnation production in the 1926-27 season approximated 101,000. The following season the output exceeded 125,000, and this season a proportionate increase in production is assured. This crop was cut from 9,000 plants.

While a large proportion of the product of this plant is shipped to the Philadelphia markets, the local demand for Hendricks flowers and plants comprises a substantial part of the annual business.

In addition to the cut flower and potted plant trade this plant produces annually thousands of vegetable plants which find a ready sale here, and, like the flower and plant trade, there is a steadily increasing demand for the seedlings.



HARVEY HENDRICKS' GREENHOUSES

# PERKASIE 1879 1929 BOROUGH

## REED'S BAKERY

This industry started April 17, 1905, at its present site. The equipment consisted of little more than an oven. Practically all of the work was done by hand, in much the same manner as the housewife made a few loaves of bread at home. This lack of equipment meant long hours and hard work. Mr. Reed and one baker did all of the baking and delivering for the first year. The force of employees has increased from one to eleven at the present time.

In 1907 a brick furnace oven took the place of the small portable oven. This change made possible a larger output and provided for better quality, and also improved the working conditions of the shop. This oven has been in use daily since that time and is still giving perfect satisfaction.

In the earlier days of the baking industry there was a deplorable lack of machinery but, as in all other industries, progress and invention has blotted out the drudgery of hand labor. In 1911 a dough mixer and cake mixing machine were installed. This was really the first step toward production on a modern basis. From this time on more and more labor-saving machinery was added.

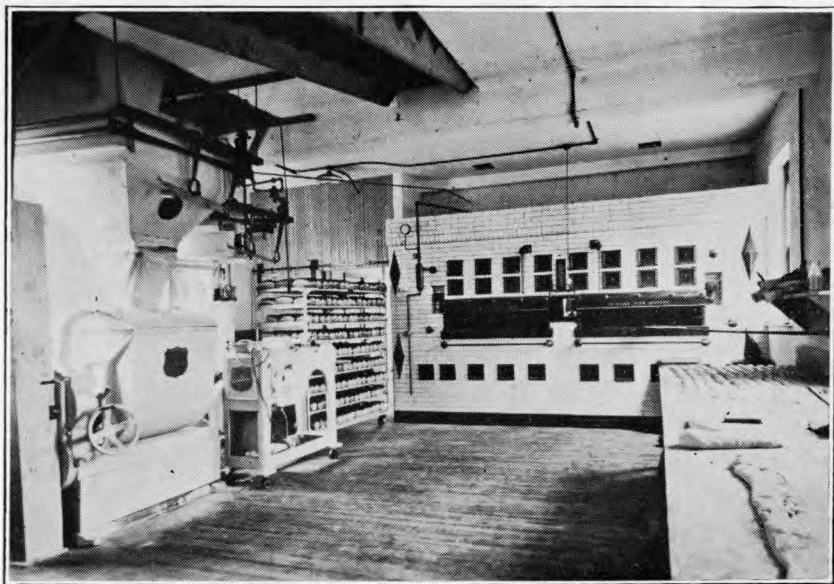
By 1923 the business had grown to such proportions that the one small shop was

inadequate for the production of a full line of goods. The baking of cakes interfered with the production of bread and buns. Consequently a new bread shop was built and completely outfitted with new machinery. The two-story brick building consisted of a flour storage room on the second floor; bake shop, wrapping room, boiler room, and loading shed on the first floor. The equipment consisted of a Peterson steam oven, flour bin, sieve, scale, dough mixer, moulder, proofing closets and wrapping machine. At this time a completely modern bakery store was opened.

The building of this new shop has made it possible to bake cakes and bread entirely independent of each other. The old shop is being used as the cake bakery. The new equipment provides for production with the greatest degree of exactness.

The delivery service has also kept pace with the improvements of manufacturing. During the first years of this business delivery was made by push cart. Teams were used until recently. Now the delivery service is completely motorized.

The growth and success of the town has meant growth and success for this industry. The pace of progress that it has kept with the town has made it the modern and sanitary bakery that it is today.



REED'S BAKERY

# PERKASIE 1879 FB 1929 BOROUGH

## "LANDY" SIGN SYSTEM

In 1901, William Landenberger, of Pine Grove, Pa., with his family, moved to Perkasio, where they have been located for the past twenty-eight years.

J. Philip Landenberger, oldest son of William Landenberger, having completed his course in sign painting with the I. C. S. in 1904, opened and operated his first sign shop, located in the Trexler Brothers Barn, Chestnut Street, Perkasio, Pa.

Sign painting was not permanent in those days in small towns as it is today. Commercial work was of a limited nature. Outdoor Bulletins or shots were unheard of. There was very little gold glass work, and truck lettering was scarce until shipping by truck came into its own.

Working off and on for a few years in this manner with his brother Philip, Roy learned the tricks of the trade through practical experience and study on both lettering and pictorial work.

Being a musician as well as a painter, in 1919, Roy left Perkasio and moved to Pontiac, Michigan, where he accepted a position with the Oakland Motor Company Concert Band, playing slide trom-

bone, and working as head sign painter for two years, returning to Perkasio in 1921.

Roy was taken in as a partner in the business which was known as Landenberger Brothers Sign Service, located at Seventh and Walnut Streets, Perkasio, Pa. Landenberger Brothers started the first Outdoor Bulletin System on the Bethlehem Pike between Allentown and Line Lexington. Starting with six Bulletins, they developed a system of thirty within two years. After that business men of every nature knowing that it pays to advertise the outdoor way, started better business on its way with more signs which has created the modern Bulletin De-Luxe today.

In 1925 the Florida bug bit Roy. With his family he traveled South via his own idea of travel—a special house car with every comfort of home—designed and built by himself. He operated his own sign shop at St. Petersburg, Florida, for two seasons under the same name as his present business which he has operated at Perkasio, Pa., since May 1, 1928, "Landy" Sign System.



ROY LANDENBERGER PAINT SHOP

# SOUVENIR EDITION

# PERKASIE 1879 FB 1929 BOROUGHS

## THE E. S. LEISTER FARM

Thomas Penn, by his attorney, Lynford Lardner, conveyed to Jacob Groff, 186 acres of land on the first day of June, A.D. 1770.

The first corner was planted at what is the intersection of Market and Main Streets, in the third ward, and followed along Main Street to, and including the now Addison Hendricks farm; Northwest to the Northeast branch of the Perkiomen, and following this stream up to the present Market Street, and from thence Southeast to the intersection of Market and Main Streets at the beginning point, as recorded in Deed Book F, Vol. 2, page 467.

In 1785 Jacob Groff died intestate and his heirs by indenture conveyed to Henry Groff seventy-five acres of which the Leister (now I. B. Dill) farm was a part. On

the 27th of December, 1825, Henry Groff sold the fifty-eight acres of the Leister and Thompson farms to his son, Abraham Groff.

On the 8th day of April, 1865, Abraham Groff sold to his son-in-law, Jacob B. Rosenberger, thirty-five acres, the present Dill farm. On the 20th of April, 1895, Jacob Rosenberger sold the tract to E. S. Leister.

This tract was in the hands of five generations of Groff descendants: Jacob Groff, Henry Groff, Abraham Groff, Mary Groff Rosenberger, and Amanda Rosenberger Leister.

I. B. Dill purchased this farm in November, 1927, and it is the intention to develop this tract in the near future for building purposes.



LEISTER HOMESTEAD

# PERKASIE 1879 1929 BOROUGH

## R. M. CROUTHAMEL, CLOTHING MANUFACTURER PERKASIE, PENNA.

This industry was started by the firm of Moyer & George, on the second floor of the building recently vacated by the General Cigar Company, on Fourth Street below Chestnut. They sold the business to E. K. Crouthamel, of Lansdale, Pa., in 1902.

In 1909, a one-story brick structure, with basement of solid concrete, was erected, next to the old building. This was a decided improvement to all concerned.

In January, 1920, after the death of E. K. Crouthamel, his son, Jacob C., took over the business, continuing this way until in 1925. He had a one-story brick structure, with basement of solid concrete, erected on Third Street, above Walnut Street. This modern building is 60 by 120 feet and is equipped with the most modern machinery obtainable, each machine having an individual motor.

In January, 1926, the plant was moved into the new building. Things went along

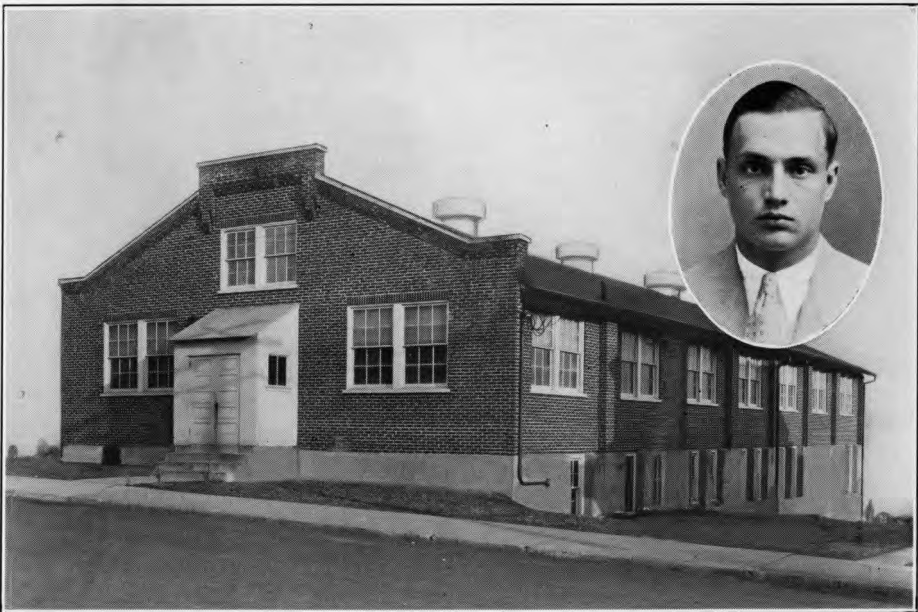
fine until April 1, 1926, when Jacob C. was called away very suddenly by death. His wife and son, Russell, then took charge of the business, and are at the present time running same to a greater capacity than ever before.

In this instance there is an unusual fact, Russell being the fourth generation of the Crouthamels to be in the clothing manufacturing business.

The product of the plant is men's clothing, trousers, golf knickers, tuxedos, etc., all work being done on a contract basis, and working for firms in New York and Philadelphia.

In 1925 the average weekly output was 3,500 pair, now the average weekly output is 5,200 pair.

In 1925 there were seventy-nine people on the pay-roll, now there are 106 persons employed.



R. M. CROUTHAMEL CLOTHING FACTORY

# SOUVENIR EDITION





**FRANK LICHTFUSS**  
**SIXTH and WALNUT STREETS**

Mr. Lichtfuss conducts a tonsorial business at this stand, and enjoys a lucrative business.

When the business block in which his business is located, was erected in 1926 by Martin Schmidt, Mr. Lichtfuss purchased the upper, or northern portion of the block in which he resides, and carries on business.

He had been a resident of Sellersville and conducted a business there, but opened up at the new place immediately after it was finished.

Mr. Lichtfuss is well liked, and bids fair to become a permanent fixture in the business life of Perkasio.

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**NOAH E. MOORE GREENHOUSES**

This greenhouse was about the first of its kind in Perkasio, and was built by Werst Brothers.

In 1926 Noah E. Moore took over the business, and has conducted it since.

Here are grown snapdragons, sweet peas, and carnations in five colors.

Freesias, lilies, tulips, hyacinths, ferns, and palms are grown for ornamental or decorative purposes, at funerals, weddings, or social events, and Mr. Moore has a large demand for these locally.

Flowers and plants are sold wholesale and retail, and shipped to the Philadelphia market, and a large number are used in floral designs and wedding decorations in distant parts.



# PERKASIE 1879 FB 1929 BOROUGH

## PLAZA THEATRE

Plaza Theatre was built in the spring and summer of 1922. It was designed by A. Oscar Martin, Architect, and built by The Freil, McLeister Co., Contractors, Philadelphia.

The building was financed by a bond issue of \$35,000.00.

Plaza Theatre was formally opened with dedication services, which were attended by representatives of twelve film-producing companies on Saturday evening, September 16, 1922, with the following personnel in charge: Wm. B. Rosenberger, Manager; Russell S. Kramer, Pianist; Wm. F. Myers, Projectionist; Philip Haring, Assistant Projectionist; Frank Haring, Cashier; Misses Olga Bowen, Ethel Sprengel and Ethel Kintzer, Ushers, Plaza Theatre Orchestra was organized and used for playing the pictures until March 10, 1923, when the \$7,500.00 Wurlitzer Hope Jones Unit Orchestra was dedicated, and Russell S. Kramer was retained as Organist.

Plaza Theatre is owned and operated by the Perkasio Fire Company, and was built at a cost of approximately \$45,000.00. The

equipment consists of two Simplex Projection Machines, Martin Rotary Converter, an automatic emergency electric lighting system. The seating capacity is 638 specially built chairs.

Plaza Theatre is governed by a Board of Directors, which consists of Wm. O. Texter, President; Herbert Kramer, Secretary; Wm. K. Krout, Treasurer; N. K. Beer, Assistant Treasurer, and Henry Yoder.

The present personnel is: Wm. B. Rosenberger, Manager; Russell S. Kramer, Organist; Marion Weidemoyer, Assistant Organist; Kathryn Yeakel, Assistant Organist; Wm. F. Myers, Projectionist; Philip Haring, Assistant Projectionist; Frank Haring, Cashier; Mary Horn, Ethel Sine and Joseph Sine, Ushers. The door is manned by Harry Weber, Wm. R. Sine and Isaac Haring.

Plaza Theatre is open Monday, Wednesday and Saturday nights of each week, running two shows, at 7 and 9 o'clock. The policy of the Theatre is straight motion pictures.



PLAZA THEATRE

# PERKASIE 1879 FB 1929 BOROUGH

## DR. J. W. SCHANELY JEWELER and OPTOMETRIST

Mr. Schanely learned the watchmaker and jewelry trade with his father, H. B. Schanely, at Quakertown, Penna., and remained with him until he had served his apprenticeship, and also, in the meantime, had taken up the study of optics, and became a graduate of the South Bend College of Optics in the year 1907.

After five years of practice at Quakertown, he located at Perkasio in the year 1913, and opened an office and store in the Bourse Building on Sixth Street, in the jewelry and optical business.

After one year's location in this place, he moved to a new location in the building then owned by Rickert and Spiegelhalter, on Sixth and Walnut Street.

Two years later he removed to the Moyer building, corner of Sixth and Chestnut Streets, and in connection with his other lines, in 1919 established the first radio business in Perkasio.

Seven years later, or in 1926, he built a dwelling and store at the corner of Fifth and Walnut Streets, and in this location established a modernly equipped jewelry, optical, and radio store, with work shops; thus equipping himself with every convenience for his various business, and making it possible to give modern and expert service to all his patrons and optical patients.



J. W. SCHANELY



J. W. SCHANELY RESIDENCE AND STORE



## KULP HARDWARE COMPANY

The Kulp Hardware Company is still in its infancy. The building in which the business is located grew out of the ashes of what used to be the American Hotel stables. During the Summer of 1924, the building was erected by ten or twelve Perkasio business men, and in February, 1925,

the store was opened by Willis S. Kulp, and was conducted by him until November, 1926, when on account of ill health he was compelled to retire from business, and was then purchased by his brother, A. S. Kulp, who is the present owner.



KULP HARDWARE CO., North Seventh Street.





## PERKASIE HOSPITAL AUXILIARY OF THE GRAND VIEW HOSPITAL

The Perkasio Hospital Auxiliary was organized June, 1914, by Dr. O. H. Strouse, at the home of Mrs. Samuel W. Benner, to aid the Grand View Hospital. There were twelve charter members and all survive. The original officers of the Auxiliary were: President, Mrs. Otto H. Strouse; Vice-President, Miss Fannie Jamison; Secretary, Mrs. Rose Fretz Moyer; Treasurer, Mrs. Samuel W. Benner.

Through the efforts of the organizers and with the co-operation of the community, our Auxiliary grew to the present membership of two hundred and eight members. The present officers are: President, Mrs. Wm. M. Moyer; Vice-President, Mrs. Samuel W. Benner; Secretary, Mrs. Harleigh M. Apple; Assistant Secretary, Mrs. B. Harrison High; Treasurer, Mrs.

Walter Snyder; Assistant Treasurer, Mrs. O. B. Sellers.

The Auxiliary has donated in past years, a fluoroscopic table for X-Ray, complete furnishings for a four-bed ward, and also a room in the Nurses Home, a sewing machine, and an electric baker. A pledge of \$5,000.00 to the new addition was also made. Continuous minor donations have been made.

Regular meetings of the Auxiliary are held every third Thursday of the month. Here the business for the good of the Hospital is discussed and Surgical Dressings for use at the Hospital are made. Members of the Auxiliary meet twice a year at the Grand View Hospital to sew necessary supplies, whatever may be needed most.



GRAND VIEW HOSPITAL





# PERKASIE 1879 1929 BOROUGH

## THE MT. ALTO COAL YARDS

The Mt. Alto Coal Yards were built by the late Abram S. Benner in 1886. Before completion the large shed was demolished by a cyclone. Work was immediately resumed and in 1887 the erection of the yards was completed.

On April 6, 1889, Mr. Benner sold the business and property to Henry L. Texter, who, after one year, sold to W. H. Savacool. Mr. Savacool continued the business until May 21, 1902, when he was sold out by the sheriff.

Next to take possession was the Perkasio Building and Loan Association. On June 10, 1902, the Association sold the yards to William Renner, who conducted the business until January 6, 1904, when Darius Sine, the present owner, took possession.

Under the new ownership the business increased to the extent that in 1919 the sheds were remodeled and enlarged at an approximate cost of \$20,000. This was done without loss of time or without neglect of orders. The business increased so rapidly that in 1928 ten thousand tons of coal, fifteen hundred tons of lime, cement and sand and a considerable amount of feed and straw were delivered to residents of Perkasio and vicinity.

Mr. Sine also proved himself to be a progressive business man in that he was the first to deliver coal by truck, and the

first to use electric loaders and conveyors along the North Penn section. He also started the Club idea among retail coal dealers in this section. In June, 1927, the Mt. Alto Coal Club was organized and today has a membership of more than three hundred of his customers.

At the present time the equipment of the yard consists of two electric conveyors, three trucks, two two-horse teams and a service car. The yards employ seven men and in 1928 these men delivered an average of forty-two tons of merchandise per day.

The property consists of a large shed which houses fourteen of the nineteen storage bins, and also houses the feed store, and lime and cement bins, this building being 36 by 180 feet. Running the length of this building, and supplying the five additional bins, is a railroad siding three hundred feet long.

An air-tight, steel storage tank is used to store bulk lime. A large barn used to house the four horses used in the business is also used as a store house for straw. Garage space for four trucks is provided for in another building. The office building was the first of the group to be built and this building has not been changed in the least. It has served as an office for forty-three years.



MT. ALTO COAL YARD

# PERKASIE 1879 1929 BOROUGH

## THE COLONIAL RESTAURANT

This restaurant is located at the corner of Seventh and Arch Streets, immediately across Arch Street from the Post Office, and immediately across Seventh Street from the Fire House and Firemen's Hall.

In the year 1900 the lot it now occupies was vacant, with a line of Norway Maple shade trees around the pavement's inner edge, and belonged to William Renner, whose residence adjoined it to the eastward.

Jacob Lewis, father of Lewis Bros., proprietors of the Lewis Meat Market, purchased the lot with the idea of erecting a building suitable for his meat store, butcher products, and residence.

P. S. Cressman and Jacob Lewis were bosom friends, and when Mr. Cressman built his hotel, the American House, he offered Mr. Lewis a part of his building abutting on the Grand Bazaar store property, now the Kulp Brothers Store, and as a consequence, Jacob Lewis built apartments upon the lot, instead of a meat market, and used the rear of the premises for a stable to house his teams.

This building was then used for dwelling purposes and lodge rooms, until the year 1909, when Reuben Gilbert purchased it and converted it into a restaurant, which

Mr. Gilbert and his wife conducted very successfully until 1913, when Mr. Gilbert became interested in Florida real estate, and sold it.

Hoagey & Kulp were the owners for a time, then S. W. Benner, and finally to the present owner, P. Darwin Benner.

Mr. Benner is the son of Frank Benner, deceased now about eight years, a former constable in the town, and for a number of years engaged in various businesses. Darwin was born in Milford Township, Bucks County, in 1885, and went to the schools of the township until he was thirteen years of age, when his parents moved to Perkasie.

He was married to Aquilla Moyer, of Blooming Glen, in 1907, and has a family of four boys and two girls.

In July, 1914, he signed a five-year lease on his present property, and took possession, conducting a successful business until 1918, when he purchased the property and has conducted the business since.

In the meantime, the stable was remodelled into apartments in 1920, and the store now occupied by the Perkasie Electric Company was added to the main building in 1925.



P. D. BENNER'S RESTAURANT

# PERKASIE 1879 FB 1929 BOROUGH

## H. D. MOYER, GENERAL MERCHANDISE

The history of this, the oldest store in Perkasia, starts about the year 1845. Levi Sellers who was the owner of an old and well-established general store business, doing business in the house now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Isaiah Barndt on East Main Street, South Perkasia, then known as the village of Bridgetown, sold his business to Christian Snyder, who continued in business in the same location.

About the year 1849 Enos Savacool started to work in the store for Mr. Snyder, as clerk, and there gained his first store experience. After several years' experience he bought the business and continued in business in the same location. On April 2, 1859, he bought four acres and two perches of land from Abraham Groff. This land was bounded on the west by the Bridgetown Turnpike (now Walnut Street), on the south by East Main Street (then known as Branch Road).

On this tract Mr. Savacool built a two-story frame store building where the present store is located. The first floor was used as the store room where he conducted the general store business with the help of one clerk. The second floor was used as the living rooms for Mr. Savacool and family.

Mr. Savacool continued in business here for twenty-five years, until April 3, 1884,

when he sold the store building and one acre and thirty perches of land to Wm. S. Cressman for the sum of \$2,700. Mr. Cressman built an addition to the store and used it for a dwelling.

A year and a half later, October 15, 1885, he sold the property to George S. Bilger for the sum of \$4,200, Mr. Bilger continued in business for three and a half years.

April 8, 1889, Mr. Bilger sold out to Harry F. Harpel for the sum of \$4,700. Some time later, about the year 1900, Mr. Harpel built the present brick store building, and moved the frame store building to its present location on East Main Street. With some changes and alterations he made the double house now occupied by Peter L. Moyer and Henry Landis. Two years later Mr. Harpel built the brick house adjoining the store building.

Mr. Harpel was in business here about twenty-six years, until his death. A year later, December 29, 1915, his heirs sold the real estate at public sale to the present owner, who gained his experience by six years' service as clerk in the General Store of L. D. Yoder, Dublin, Pa., and twelve years as traveling salesman for M. S. Young & Co., Wholesale Hardware, Iron and Steel, Allentown, Pa.



H. D. MOYER, General Merchandise, Main and Walnut Streets.

# PERKASIE 1879 **FB** 1929 BOROUGH

## J. MELVIN FREED MANUFACTURER OF FLAT GLASS SPECIALTIES

In the fall of 1921 this industry, the only one of its kind in the United States, was started in the cellar of the residence of the owner's father, Mr. John A. Freed.

Having had no previous experience in the handling of glass, and no machinery available for the work the owner was compelled to design and build his own machinery. The crude, although original equipment, where all the work was done by hand, has since been replaced by newer, still original machinery, designed by the owner, so that the production per man has been increased 500 per cent.

The product originally consisted of microscopic slides, a small piece of glass three inches long and one inch wide and about one-twenty-fifth of an inch in thickness, with all the edges carefully ground, which are used in hospital and college laboratories.

These slides are cut from sheet glass imported from Germany, no glass of the required character being made in the United States since 1924. Cutting is done by hand with a diamond cutter, each man cutting approximately 100 gross per day. The slides then pass thru seven operations, consisting of packing, grinding, washing, drying, cleaning, inspecting and packing in cartons containing seventy-two slides each.

In 1923 a frame building, 36 by 20, was erected to house the new industry. In 1926 an addition of a concrete building, 36 by 42, was erected, giving a total floor space of 4,464 square feet.

In 1925 a side line was added in the replacement of auto glass, a business which has grown apace with the use of closed cars.

In 1926 another pioneer move was made in the manufacture of mirror switch plates. Prior to this, all glass switch plates were made of moulded glass, but the owner developed the idea of fabricating these plates from the sheets of silvered plate glass. The switch plates are cut to size from sheets of silvered glass and pass through seventeen distinct operations before being ready to be attached to the wall.

This move again necessitated the building of special machinery and equipment which was done in Perkasio's Machine Shop with the collaboration of William Kramer, Sr., and William Kramer, Jr.

This branch of the industry is operated under the name of The Haring Switch Plate Co., with its general sales office under the direction of Charles N. Wiltbank, at 609 Washington Square Building, Philadelphia, Pa.



# PERKASIE 1879 1929 BOROUGHS

## DAUB'S GROCERY

The first bakery in Perkasio was started by Samuel N. Daub in 1874, the father of Jacob H. Daub. It was later conducted by Christian Winters and Fred Gall until 1884, when Jacob H. Daub engaged in the bakery business. The small store near the house was a bakery and confectionery store. In 1889 this store was moved to the site of the present store, and later this was enlarged and occupied as a restaurant. The various enterprises were conducted by Jacob H. Daub. In 1919 Harvey S. and Charles S. Daub, sons of the former, conducted the grocery business until 1925, when Harvey S. Daub continued the business as Daub's Grocery.

### THE OLDEST HOME

(Look for Old Nace Homestead in Pictorials.)

A farm consisting of approximately seventy acres, including the greater portion of the Second Ward, was the first settlement.

The first house, built at 516 Walnut Street in the year 1740, was a log house built of hand-hewn logs placed one upon

another. In 1845 there were only four houses in the community and in 1847 the log house was razed and a stone house built on the site, this stone house now standing was built by Henry K. and Elizabeth Nace, grandfather of Henry B. Nace, now living at 113 South Sixth Street, Perkasio Pa., and Carey B. Nace, now living at 120 South Fifth Street, Perkasio, Penna.

The Nace family lived in the old log house about two years. During the time of the rebuilding they occupied the Stout home, subsequently razed. After the house was completed Elias Nace occupied it for eighteen years. John Detweiler was the next occupant. Later, Nathan Gerhart lived here for a few years.

In 1874 Samuel N. Daub settled here and remained until 1878. Christian Winters and Fred Gall then occupied it for six years. In 1884 Jacob H. Daub moved from Lansdale and has lived here for the past forty-five years.



HARVEY S. DAUB GROCERY



# PERKASIE 1879 FB 1929 BOROUGH

## CLARENCE H. MUMBAUER CONFECTIONER and RESTAURANT

Mr. Mumbauer is a son of Emmanuel Mumbauer, and was born at the family homestead near Geryville, in 1905, and is possibly the youngest business man in Perkassie.

He received a common school education in the Milford Township public schools, and had a varied and practical employment experience in the restaurant business at Quakertown for a number of years.

Just one and a half years ago he purchased the restaurant then conducted by Jacob Hoagey, in the Schmidt business block, at 517 Walnut Street, taking immediate possession, making a number of improvements to the fixtures, and installing appurtenances.

His business increased as the citizens grew to know the young man, and his pop-

ularity among the younger element returned to him as a valuable asset.

As was quite natural, having so well established his restaurant, he bethought himself of a partner, and on March 5, 1929, introduced to his customers a new wife, and together they must assuredly brighten and heighten the popularity of the Mumbauer Restaurant.

At this writing further additions and improvements are completed and will be installed.

When Perkassie Borough was incorporated there was no restaurant in the town, and the fact that it now has about eight or ten of them assures the people the best of service along the gastronomic line, and the service that Mr. Mumbauer is popular for, will naturally prosper the new proprietor and his better half.



MUMBAUER'S CONFECTIONERY, WALNUT STREET

# PERKASIE 1879 1929 BOROUGH

## LEWIS BROS. MEAT MARKET

No commercial establishment in Perkasio may, with a greater degree of truth, say it "grew up" with the borough than can Lewis Brothers Meat Market at North Seventh Street.

From an humble beginning in the early nineties, when Jacob A. Lewis, the founder of the business, sold cured meats to a few friends and neighbors, more as a friendly act than as a profit-making venture, to the present date, the business has enjoyed a steady growth, and today it is with a sense of justifiable pride that Perkasiens point to their meat market as an example of perfection.

The foundation of this creditable business was built upon the ability of its founder to make sausage, scrapple and hams of an exceptional flavor. Neighbors and friends learned of the rare flavor of these country cured meats. They virtually commanded Mr. Lewis to sell of his product. He complied with the requests and in this compliance there was almost automatically established Lewis' Meat Market. The first sales in Perkasio were made from an ordinary farm wagon with which Mr. Lewis drove from his farm in East Rockhill to Perkasio. Increasing demand for his meats brought greater facilities for handling the business.

In 1894, when the late Philip S. Cressman built an annex to the American House at Seventh and Market Streets, Mr. Lewis

decided to equip one of the rooms in that building for a retail market. Before the building was completed he took possession of the room which the market now occupies.

The growth of the business was remarkably rapid. The fame of Lewis' meats spread beyond the borders of the borough. Delivery teams were added and within a few years the community within a radius of five miles of Perkasio was eating Lewis' meats. With the help of his three sons he had within ten years built up the largest retail meat business in Upper Bucks.

In 1909, the three sons, Henry, William and Isaiah, purchased the business from their father, and adopted the trade name of Lewis Brothers. In 1918, Isaiah, because of failing health, retired from the partnership and the two remaining brothers have since conducted the business. In 1926, Lewis Brothers purchased from the P. S. Cressman Estate the building they occupy, and a year later a 20 by 13 foot annex was built. The equipment is of the finest and most modern the market affords. Six years ago a refrigeration system was installed. In 1928 the growing business necessitated enlarged refrigeration facilities and the change was unhesitatingly made. The present refrigeration plant provides automatically any degree of temperature for an indefinite period and will preserve in perfect tons of meat.



# PERKASIE 1879 **PB** 1929 BOROUGH



PERKASIO MAUSOLEUM ON NINTH STREET



DAUB RESIDENCE—The Old Nace Homestead.

# PERKASIE 1879 **FB** 1929 BOROUGH

## GEORGE H. SPIELMAN CHEVROLET SALES and SERVICE

This place on Market Street, Perkasia, was a few years ago a 5, 10 and 25 cent store, the so-called Victory Variety Store, which removed to the Post Office block.

On the first day of February, 1928, Mr. Spielman started to tear out shelves and counters and revamp the place into an automobile show room. At first it seemed like quite an undertaking, but after having carpenters and painters around for about two weeks, Mr. Spielman was satisfied to know that he had made no mistake.

The blue and white Chevrolet Sales and Service sign was suspended over the sidewalk in front of the building. Then came a stock of parts and accessories, and four new Chevrolet cars.

Mr. Spielman was then ready for his opening which took place the 23d day of February, 1928.

Harry Guldin was employed as sales-

man, and Mrs. Spielman as bookkeeper.

Ralph K. Moyer, secretary of the J. G. Moyer & Company, holds the honor of having bought the first Chevrolet delivered from this place.

Mr. Spielman's achievement here has been a successful one. He operated in 1928 on a fifty-car contract and overstepped it by selling fifty-four new cars, and sixty-three used cars until January 1, 1929.

This year he has a larger contract, and is well on his way to top his record of last year.

To be sure he had his ups and downs, slow times, and busy times, but thanks to the good citizens who patronize him, he is with us.

"Live and let live, but do it economically," that's his motto.



GEORGE SPIELMAN, CHEVROLET SERVICE

# SOUVENIR EDITION

# PERKASIE 1879 **PB** 1929 BOROUGH

## AMERICAN HOUSE

This was the first hotel built in the northern end of the town, then known as Comleysville, and dates back to 1870.

It was a frame construction, and had eight guest chambers.

Its first licensed landlord was Aaron Kern.

In 1882 Philip S. Cressman bought the property from Oliver Nase, the owner, and in 1887 began remodeling it.

The hotel lot at that time ran back to what is now Arch Street, and Mr. Cressman eventually had built up the entire square, which included Kulp's Store and the building consumed by fire in later years, that covered the site of the present Post Office Block.

At the death of Mr. Cressman the hotel stand was sold to Benner Bros., who leased it to Mr. Armstrong, and later to Mr. J. J. Burton.

In the present year Mr. Burton purchased the hotel property occupying the front portion of the original hotel lot, and has modernized the premises and business in conformity to modern demands in hotels for the accommodation of guests.

The reputation of this Hotel has always been very high among patrons who desire good victuals and entertainment; and Mr. Burton has brought its enviable reputation to even a higher standard than ever.

DINING ROOM



STEAM BAR



GRILL ROOM

# SOUVENIR EDITION



# PERKASIE 1879 FB 1929 BOROUGH

## PERKASIE VULCANIZING CO., Inc.

Perkasie Vulcanizing Company was organized in 1915 by Cyrus B. Heckler and Henry Friday and was located at 519 Chestnut Street, Norwood Building.

The trade of vulcanizing was learned by Mr. Friday at The Haywood Manufacturing Company, of Indianapolis, Indiana. For the first year most of the work was accomplished at night as both men followed their trade of cigar making during the day.

In 1916 they added tires, accessories, and the sale of gasoline to their line. Up to this time they had done a lot of experimenting on all kinds of rubber goods.

Vulcanizing and retreading was a great work. Some retread were out new tires, which at that time were guaranteed for 3,500 miles. In 1917 the guarantee was raised to 5,000. Then along came the cord tires, and they were quite expensive, costing about four or five times as much as they do at the present time.

The fall of 1918 Mr. Friday was stricken with influenza and died, and the entire business was then purchased by Mr.

Heckler. In 1920 the location was changed to the corner of Fourth and Walnut Streets.

The business had grown and the selling and repairing of batteries and automobiles was taken on. The first automobiles being the Durant and Star, then the Flint and later the Chrysler.

The business was conducted by Mr. Heckler and hired help until the first of the year of 1928, when a half interest was purchased by M. B. Auchy, and a little later a third by L. C. Biehn.

The business has since been incorporated and has taken on the agency for the Marmon, a car that has been on the market for more than a quarter of a century and has earned the reputation of being one of the fine automobiles of the world.

Its qualifications are: a straight eight, no "starved" cylinders, vibration eliminated, riding comfort, safety factors, cam and lever steering, new type non-corrosive exhaust valves, permit pistons, double roller timing chains, full pressure lubrication, shimless bearings, chromium plating and thermostatic control.



PERKASIE VULCANIZING COMPANY

# SOUVENIR EDITION

# PERKASIE 1879 FB 1929 BOROUGH

## DURNER'S HARDWARE STORE

The property in which this business is housed, is situated on the Northeastern corner of Fifth and Walnut Streets, Perkasié, and was built by Abraham Hendricks about 1876.

At that time the only buildings adjoining were to the eastward, and the property across the street to the west.

All the spaces on the Bean tract to the southwest was farm land, and the lot across the street, now occupied by Dr. Weaver was unimproved.

The property was a private dwelling and passed through the possession of various owners and tenants until January, 1924, when Albert Durner, the present owner, purchased it and converted it into a hardware store and it was opened for general business on May 15th, 1924, and it has steadily increased in business and is known as Durner's Hardware Store.

The premises were among those that were built somewhat prior to the incorporation of the Borough, and stood at the intersection of its two main thoroughfares.



DURNER'S HARDWARE STORE

# PERKASIE 1879 FB 1929 BOROUGH

## PERKASIE FURNITURE STORE

This store was started on July 17, 1922, by Harvey K. Metzger and Harry K. Musselman.

The stock was purchased from Kulp Brothers, who discontinued their furniture department, and moved into the corner store of the business block later destroyed by fire, at the corner of Seventh and Arch Streets.

On November 11, 1922, the store was destroyed by fire, together with the entire business block, and they sustained a total loss of all their stock.

They started up immediately, however, in Perkasio Fire Hall, and occupied this site for about seven months, in the meantime, purchasing the Henry L. Bowen property, at the corner of Sixth and Market Streets.

All the buildings were torn down, or removed from this lot, and they erected in

place of them, a three-story brick structure, covering the entire depth of their lot, and about one-half of its frontage, reserving the other lot for future needs.

The building is replete in show windows and exhibition galleries, and is in many ways a distinct departure from the usual furniture store rooms one sees in this, or neighboring counties.

In August, 1927, the partnership of Harvey K. Metzger and Harry K. Musselman was dissolved, and the business is now carried on under the name of Perkasio Furniture Store, with Harvey K. Metzger as the sole proprietor.

At this, the Fiftieth Anniversary of Perkasio, it is considered one of the most complete and up-to-date furniture stores along the North Penn section, and bids fair to remain as one of Perkasio's substantial business institutions.



PERKASIE FURNITURE CO., Sixth and Market Sts.

# SOUVENIR EDITION

# PERKASIE 1879 1929 BOROUGH

## DR. M. E. WEAVER

Doctor Weaver was born at Applebachsville, Pa., April 6, 1881, attended the public schools at Applebachsville, graduated at State Normal School, Kutztown, Pa., in 1899, enrolled in the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Baltimore, Md., and graduated in 1904. From June, 1904, to December, 1904, was resident physician in the City Hospital, Baltimore, Md. December 24, 1904, started to prac-

tice medicine at Limeport, Pa. In 1908 moved to Perkasio and practiced medicine at 119 South Fifth Street, and seven months later moved to South Perkasio, and practiced medicine until September, 1918, and from there moved to Wind Gap, Pa., where he remained until June 3, 1925, when he again moved to Perkasio and located at Fifth and Walnut Streets, the present location.



DR. M. E. WEAVER'S RESIDENCE

# PERKASIE 1879 1929 BOROUGH

## MRS. W. K. JOHNSON FRENCH MILLINERY, 115 S. FIFTH STREET

Mrs. Johnson received her early training at the French School of Millinery in Philadelphia.

Shortly after completing the course she entered the employment of Strawbridge & Clothier, as designer and trimmer of quality hats.

In 1895 she purchased the property and business of Miss Kate Benner, at 118 South Fifth Street, which is immediately across the street from her present establishment. Miss Kate Benner was the first, and only milliner in Perkasio at that time.

The spring opening of her business venture met with immediate approval of the ladies of the town, and Mrs. Johnson was assured future success.

During the first decade the business increased so rapidly that it became almost

impossible to accommodate the trade, and plans were made to enlarge the store rooms, but this proved unsatisfactory, owing to limited space.

The property of Peter Moyer, directly across the street was purchased in 1908, and in 1909 the present building was constructed.

Business continued to increase, and today it is considered by representatives of wholesale manufacturers in Philadelphia and Allentown as the most complete and exclusive millinery establishment between the two cities.

This is not only a compliment to Mrs. Johnson, but, also, to the community, whose loyal support made possible this distinction.



MRS. W. K. JOHNSON. FRENCH MILLINERY



# PERKASIE 1879 1929 BOROUGH

## L. W. WERST PLUMBING AND HEATING, SHEET METAL WORK

This business was established in 1884, on a small scale by J. H. Werst, at Benjamin, Pa., on the Joseph Wisler homestead. The work at this time consisted mostly of pump installations and the repairing of the old-time log pumps.

In 1887 he moved his business to the greenhouse site, at present occupied by Noah Moore, and there continued his trade in connection with the greenhouse business and in partnership with his brother, David, until 1899, when he located in Perkasio, on Fifth Street, near Callowhill Street, and followed the plumbing and heating trade in connection with a greenhouse business there.

A storm destroyed his greenhouse, and about 1908 he moved his plumbing and heating stock and equipment to the Bourse Building on Sixth Street, where he continued in business until September, 1913, when he sold out to his son, Lyman, who several years before had completed a plumbing course in Coyne's Trade School, New York City, and was following the trade.

L. W. Werst carried on this business in the Bourse Building until the spring of

1917, when he built his own shop on a lot fronting on Fifth Street, and located in back of his Walnut Street residence, his present location.

This building has a floor space of over 2,500 square feet, and has a sheet metal department equipped to handle all kinds of sheet metal work, from the ordinary metal job to the most elaborate cornice.

The plumbing department is equipped to handle the most modern plumbing, with a complete stock of pipe and fittings to complete such installation. He has on hand a stock of Majestic Ranges, and furnishes other make ranges on request, and is also stocked with terra cotta pipe and fittings.

The heating department is fully equipped to handle the heating trade, whether small or large installations, either steam, hot water, or vapor heating systems, and is electrically equipped to thread pipe up to six inches.

The most recent addition to this trade was the distributing agency for the R-S Oil Burner, which heats automatically and is used in homes, apartments, stores, factories, garages, and institutions.



L. W. WERST, PLUMBING



## ROEDER'S SHOE STORE

Roeder's Shoe Store was established on February 23, 1922, at 528 Market Street, in the Solliday Building, which had been known as a shoe store for twenty-seven years. This store had but one ideal, that of building up a shoe business that would be a credit to the town of Perkasio. With this incentive, the store operated with a line of rubber footwear, men's, women's and children's staple shoes. In 1924, the store grew to such an extent that a line of ladies' novelty shoes and a hosiery department, with a full line of hosiery, was added.

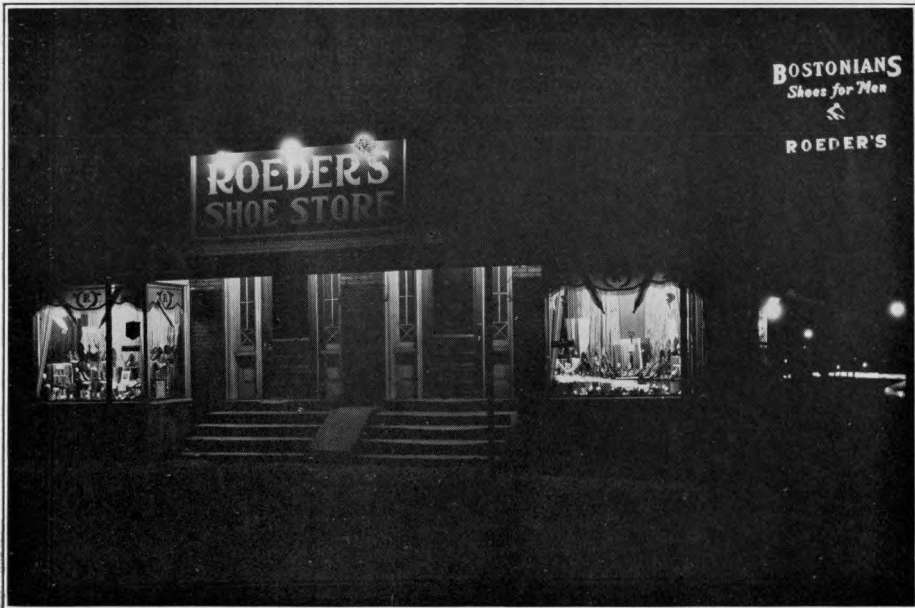
After four years of business at the above location, a satisfactory volume of business was established. A larger store at a better location was then leased in the J. G. Moyer Building, at Seventh and Market Streets, which had been formerly occu-

pied by the Post Office, from 1885 to 1925. Many alterations were necessary to make the new location an up-to-date shoe store. On March 15, 1926, the new store was opened with a full line of men's high-grade Bostonian shoes and a larger and better line of novelty shoes for women.

In March, 1927, a corrective shoe department, for women, was added.

With our experienced salespeople to fit these shoes, this store is in a position to render more efficient service to its many patrons. Roeder's Shoe Store, with its outstanding location, known as "The Shoe Store On The Corner," employs four salespeople at the present time.

On February 28, 1929, this store concluded its seventh year of successful business.



ROEDER'S SHOE STORE



# PERKASIE 1879 FB 1929 BOROUGH

## MARK THATCHER ATTORNEY-AT-LAW

Born in Haycock Township, Bucks County, Pa., November 19, 1891, the youngest of four sons of Charles and Ellen W. Thatcher.

Attended the rural schools of Haycock Twp., and one year in Quakertown High School. Entered Franklin and Marshall Academy, Lancaster, Pa., in 1909, and was graduated head of school in 1911. Was graduated by Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pa., in 1914, with the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy. Entered University of Pennsylvania Law School in 1915, and after two years' absence, while in the army, was graduated thereby in 1920 with the degree of Bachelor of Laws.

Attended two terms of lectures on Constitutional Law, International Law, Criminal Law, Conflict of Laws, Torts, Evidence, Real Property, Equity and Civil Procedure, by the Council of Legal Education at the historic Inns of Court, London, England.

Taught public school at Applebachsville, Haycock Township, Pa., during the school year 1907-1908, and in the grade schools of Quakertown Borough, Quakertown Pa., during the school year 1908-1909. Taught Mathematics and Modern Languages at Franklin and Marshall Academy during

senior year in college and for one year after graduation.

Enlisted in Ambulance Co., No. 111, of the 28th Division, in May, 1917, and served therein overseas during its entire participation in the World War, serving in the Champagne-Marne; Aisne-Marne; Oise-Aisne; and Meuse-Argonne offensives and in the defensive sector before Metz.

Married Meda K., only daughter of Leidy T. and Annie E. Ahlum, of Haycock Township, Pa., in 1918, with whom he shares parenthood of three living children: Charles, aged six, and Thomas and William, aged three.

Entered the practice of law in 1920, and admitted to practice in the County, Superior and Supreme Courts of Pennsylvania and the District and Circuit Courts of Appeal of the United States.

Appointed Assistant United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania in July, 1927.

Borough Solicitor for Perkasio and Sellersville.

Member of St. Stephen's Reformed Church, F. and A. M., Lehigh Consistory, Knights of Pythias, B. of A., P. O. S. of A., Sellersville Kiwanis Club, American Legion.



MARK THATCHER RESIDENCE

# PERKASIE 1879 1929 BOROUGH

EDWARD L. SMITH, ARCHITECT  
319 VINE STREET



EDWARD L. SMITH

Born in Philadelphia, November 26, 1877. After his parents died, he was placed in the Lutheran Orphans' Home, at Germantown, Pa., at the age of five years, six months, on the 24th of July, 1883. After nearly ten years in the institution, he left on April 1, 1893, and came back to Philadelphia, and shortly after worked about one year for the Philadelphia Evening Telegraph. He left the Telegraph to enter the employ of Waters & Hinkle, Architects, 417 Locust Street.

On the morning of November 10, 1896, he moved to Perkasio, to the house he designed for his uncle, Mr. C. P. Fox, west of Perkasio, upon the hill.

He has worked in the local factories off and on until established in his chosen profession. For a few years he has been associated with other architects, and has done commendable work on theatres, churches, residences, etc.

His own work consists of many large industrial buildings, among which are George R. Beidler's Clothing factory, William S. Wismer Clothing Factory, Silverdale, Pa., and Myer-Obermayer & Co., Hat-

field, Pa., and many other buildings, including the Silverdale Fire House, St. John's Parochial School, Haycock Township, and hundreds of other single and double residences, both in Perkasio and outlying districts as far as Philadelphia. At Ringtown, near Shenandoah, is a commercial building, the plans of which were drawn by Mr. Smith. Among the outstanding store buildings which he designed is Mr. Seltzer's Ladies' Furnishing Store, Sixth and Walnut Streets, Perkasio, also a great many private garages, commercial garages, apartments and other buildings.

The decorative arch erected here in 1911, when the State Commandery, A. & I. O. K. of M., held its sessions here, was designed by Mr. Smith. This architectural achievement won widespread publicity for the borough, and many commendable remarks for the architect.

Another masterpiece of the handiwork of Architect Smith, is the arch at Seventh and Market Streets, erected by Borough Council as a fitting decorative scheme for the observance of the Fiftieth Anniversary.

## SOUVENIR EDITION

# PERKASIE 1879 **FB** 1929 BOROUGH

## GILBERT L. THOMPSON, HARDWARE

Mr. Thompson was born on the 25th of January, 1862, in the 14th Ward, Philadelphia, and lived at home until 1884.

After graduating from the Philadelphia Normal school, he accepted a position as messenger with the American District Telegraph Co., and served for less than a year when he accepted a position in the retail hardware store of Andrew & Thomas Manship, at Ninth and Spring Garden Streets.

From this place he went into the wholesale hardware house of Russell & Erwin Manufacturing Co., and from there with the Biddle Hardware Company, and served until he became twenty-one years of age.

After attending two winter sessions of night school at Pierce College of Business, while working, he attended the regular day courses, and took up accounting work, and after graduating, took positions with W. E. & N. H. Camp Bakery Company, Broad and Mount Vernon, to close up their bankruptcy business, and after balancing same went with John H. Sanderson, furniture manufacturers, Fifth Street below Walnut.

On January 5, 1884, he associated himself in the hardware business with Jacob Beaver, an old established business in Lansdale, at the corner of Main and Green Streets.

In the same year, on November 8th, he married Miss Ella A. Kinsey, of Philadelphia, and about the first of the following year bought out the interest of Mr. Beaver, and continued business in Lansdale until February 5, 1901.

While in business at Lansdale he was the express agent for the Adams Express Company, and the old Reading Express Company, until the United States Express Company took these concerns over.

In 1901 he opened a store in the David Meyers block, opposite the Reading depot, and did a thriving business there.

In 1922 he bought the old Mood home-stead, at 606 Chestnut Street, tore down the dwelling house and built the present store, size 28 by 80, on a lot 65 by 165, two stories and basement.

On January 27, 1927, Mrs. Thompson died, and on October 17, 1928, Mr. Thompson married Miss Matilda S. Hilger, of 112 East Wyoming Avenue, Philadelphia, and at present they are living at this address.

Mr. Thompson's store has always reflected the very best adaptations in display and convenient arrangement, as well as a complete assortment of the hardware line.



GILBERT L. THOMPSON BUILDING





### **WILLIAM M. HORN** **CONTRACTOR AND BUILDER**

Mr. Horn learned the trade of carpenter in 1897 with his father, Josiah Horn, in East Rockhill Township, and worked for him for six years. In the fall of 1903 he started to work for David W. Stoneback, and in April, 1904, started to work for Corson Lewis, and remained in his employ until 1913, when he formed a partnership with Samuel Nace, trading as Nace & Horn.

In the spring of 1920 he took the business over for himself, trading as William

M. Horn, Contractor and Builder. Mr. Horn employs a force of eight carpenters. Besides the many dwellings that he has built, we make mention of just a few industrial buildings: The entire group of buildings of the U. S. Gauge Works, with the exception of one; The Lutz Clothing Factory; Crouthamel's Clothing Factory; Darroff Clothing Factory; Wismer's Clothing Factory, and, also, remodeled the Lutheran Church.

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### **WILLIAM W. ALTHOUSE** **ELECTRICAL CONSTRUCTION AND SUPPLIES**

Mr. Althouse served his apprenticeship in the Keasbey & Mattison Plant, at Ambler, Pa. From there he went to Bethlehem, Pa., where he worked in the Bethlehem Steel Company's Main Office Building for a New York Contractor. Also worked in the First National Bank Building and had charge of the electrical work in the South Bethlehem High School.

At this time he entered the Service, and while stationed in South Carolina done some electrical work, also later in France.

After returning from the Service he worked in Allentown, installing power and lighting lines in a number of the large silk mills. Also installed the ceiling lighting in the main ceiling of the Colonial Theatre.

Two years later, in October, 1921, he came to Perkasio and established this business.

Since establishing this business it has been his aim to produce a high standard

of workmanship, using only the best material obtainable, as work produced with workmanship of this kind and quality material will give years of service and satisfy customers.

The business has continually increased since 1922, and since that time he has employed two men steadily.

This progress has been due to the loyal support given by the residents of Perkasio and surrounding country, and Mr. Althouse takes this opportunity to thank them for their past patronage.

The work which he specializes in is mainly house wiring, commercial lighting, power installations, line work and wiring of farms, selling lighting fixtures to beautify the home, Westinghouse lamps and all household appliances, including washers, cleaners, etc.

This business is conducted at 137 South Third Street.



# PERKASIE 1879 1929 BOROUGHS

## H. E. SNYDER WHITE ASH CIGAR MANUFACTURER

Mr. Snyder started making White Ash Cigars in his attic years ago, taking over the business started by his father. Mr. and Mrs. Snyder worked evenings, making White Ash Cigars, selling them locally.

One of Mr. Snyder's favorite recollections is, of packing two suitcases of cigars and carrying them around to the different stores in the neighborhood of Bethlehem, in the days when walking was compulsory.

He had ten cigarmakers working for him in the parlor of his home, when he was injured in an automobile accident, and was unable to do anything for six months.

Shortly after this he accepted a position as foreman for F. Kleiner & Co., Inc., which position he held until two years ago. While in the employment of F. Kleiner & Co. he still manufactured White Ash on a small scale, and also conceived the idea of making a good 5c cigar and packing the cigars in a round can, instead of a wooden box. Using this idea, Mr. Snyder started again to put the White Ash on the market.

He started a factory at Sumneytown,

Pa., and employed seventy people.

In August, 1927, Mr. Snyder resigned his position with F. Kleiner and Co., Inc., and started building a 64 by 24 factory on Fourth Street, below Walnut. He rented the Roig Building at Eighth & Chestnut Streets, until his factory was completed, and started manufacturing White Ash with thirty employees.

In October, 1927, moved to his own factory, and from then on his business increased by leaps and bounds. In January, 1928, added an addition to his factory, and in April, 1928, added another addition.

And at this writing, Mr. Snyder is considering another addition to his present factory. In July, 1928, he opened a factory at Trumbauersville, Pa., which employs seventy people.

At this writing Mr. Snyder employs approximately 400 people with a daily production of over 135,000.

In 1928, over twenty million White Ash were made and sold throughout the United States and from all indications, in 1929 the production will be doubled.



THE WHITE ASH CIGAR FACTORY 4th St. at Walnut.

# PERKASIE 1879 FB 1929 BOROUGH



## "FOOD HEADQUARTERS!"

The American Stores Company take pleasure in congratulating the thriving, bustling Borough of Perkasio on the occasion of their Fiftieth Anniversary.

They feel justly proud that they have materially assisted in the growth and prosperity of this borough by bringing to its homes the finest and purest of Foods through the medium of their two modern stores right in our midst.

The American Stores Company have been serving Particular Homekeepers for over a third of a century. These

bright, cheery stores, in charge of courteous, efficient clerks, are recognized as Food Headquarters in the principal cities and towns throughout Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland and the District of Columbia where our stores are located.

Our citizens shop at Food Headquarters in Perkasio—The Asco Stores—Where Quality Counts and Your Money Goes Furthest.



## SOUVENIR EDITION

# PERKASIE 1879 1929 BOROUGH

## PERKASIE GREENHOUSES

This industry is one of which the citizens of Perkasia and surrounding vicinity, perhaps, know less than of any other of the industries of Perkasia.

It was started in about 1898, in the rear of No. 111 West Fifth Street, with a small greenhouse, the size of which was 14 x 16 feet, containing about 400 square feet of glass, heated with a stove.

The next year another greenhouse was erected on the lot, in rear, on Fourth Street, 27 x 60 feet, to which was added, as the business increased, until about 10,000 square feet of glass had been erected, and no more ground was available for more greenhouses at this place, and the growth of the industry was checked for the time being.

In the winter of 1920, twenty acres of what was then known as the John Freed Farm, at Fifth and Callowhill Streets, just outside of the borough limits, was acquired and the same year a greenhouse, containing nearly 15,000 square feet of glass, was erected.

This was enlarged every year or two until today there is about 50,000 square feet of glass, consisting of four iron-frame greenhouses of the most modern type to be

had. In fact, that is one of the mottoes of this industry, and applies to the entire place. Modern pumping system, modern power spraying outfit, modern heating system, and modern varieties of flowers.

Here annually are raised fifty or more thousands of carnation plants, twenty-five thousand chrysanthemums, ten thousand snapdragons, etc.

Here also are flowered annually about 300,000 of bulbous flowers, consisting of tulips and hyacinths imported direct from Holland; Easter lilies from Japan; daffodils from Long Island, Texas, and State of Washington; freezias from California, and iris from North Carolina and State of Washington.

Thousands of plants for flower beds are raised. The trade slogan is, "*Say it with flowers,*" than which there is none better, and can be applied to any occasion of whatsoever kind.

Here visitors are always welcome to see the beauty that Nature produces for the enjoyment of mankind.

This industry has been owned and operated by B. K. Hedrick from its beginning, and is therefore one of Perkasia's oldest industries under the same management.



HEDRICK GREENHOUSES, Callowhill Street.

# PERKASIE 1879 1929 BOROUGH

## BEERS VARIETY STORE

This store occupies the Perkasie Improvement Company Building, in the store room next to the Post Office, with Mr. A. A. Leshner as proprietor.

The store is conducted on the line of the popular 5 and 10 cent stores, specializing in 5 cents to \$1.00 merchandise, and it is a revelation in development under its new management.

Mr. Leshner comes from Palmerton, Carbon County, "The Zinc City," and his first vision of Perkasie came in October, 1926, when he and Mr. Beers made a visit to our town in the interest of their line of business.

As a result of this introduction to the town they came back the following week, and on October 27 bought out the store of Mrs. Sovienna Gegan on Market Street,

and also the store of Mrs. Jennie Schmidt, at Sixth and Walnut Streets.

The goods from the Schmidt store were moved to the Gegan (Victory) Store, and the store was operated from then on as Beers Variety Store until November, 1927.

On November 15, 1927, an agreement was drawn up between Harvey Roedel and Beers Variety Store, whereby the Beers store was to occupy their present site in the Improvement Company building, 19 North Seventh Street. Roedel moved out the week of November 15, 1927, and after making necessary alterations the Beers Variety Store moved to its new quarters.

The store room is large and commodious, and gives the present management greatly enlarged facilities for the display of its large and varied assortment of goods.



BEERS VARIETY STORE



# PERKASIE 1879 1929 BOROUGH

## KULP BROS., PERKASIE, PA.

The firm of Kulp Brothers, Nos. 7 and 9, North Seventh Street, Perkasia Pa., was started by Willis S. Kulp and Harvey S. Kulp, in Chalfont, Pa., in October, 1891. They purchased the stock of C. Boyer in the building owned by Wm. G. Moyer, at that time known as the Centennial Store.

In March, 1899, they sold their stock to John Swartley and purchased the stock of Mahlon Keller, at Perkasia, then known as the Grand Bazaar, in the building owned by P. S. Cressman.

In September, 1902, they purchased the building from P. S. Cressman and the following Spring remodeled the interior of the building and built an addition to the front. In 1908 they added another addition to the rear of the building.

In 1921 Willis S. Kulp's health began to fail and he had a desire to get out of busi-

ness, thinking that if he was relieved of business cares and worries he might be able to regain his health. After considerable thought and planning it was decided to dissolve partnership and in July, 1922, the pleasant business relations that always existed between the two brothers for almost thirty-two years were reluctantly severed.

They then sold the furniture and carpet department to Harvey K. Metzgar, who had been in their employ for twenty-one years, and to H. K. Musselman.

Harvey S. Kulp purchased his brother's interest in the building and the remaining stock, consisting of dry goods, notions, men's furnishings and queensware, and took his sons, Willis M. Kulp and Walter S. Kulp, as partners.



KULP BROS. STORE

# PERKASIE 1879 FB 1929 BOROUGH

## ROYAL PANTS MANUFACTURING COMPANY, Inc.

This factory is now located on Walnut Street, South Perkasio.

In the last several years it has steadily grown from a small factory on Sixth and Market Streets, at which time it employed thirty operators, producing an average of four thousand garments a month, to its present growth; moving to its present three-story building (36 by 100 feet) in Perkasio, in 1923.

Its present employment is eighty women and forty-five men, making a total of 125 employees who produce approximately 22,000 garments a month.

In the early part of 1927, a cutting department was installed in the factory, consisting of seven men who were transferred from New York to do the cutting under better working conditions in this town. This department each week furnishes the factory with approximately five thousand pair of cut trousers.

During last year, a fairly representative

one, altho one of the most unseasonable in the clothing industry for the past five years, this plant enjoyed 266 actual working days. This large amount of working days is quite unusual for a clothing factory catering to such a seasonable trade. There was a summer vacation besides a brief Christmas vacation. With that exception, there were no lay-offs during the entire year. The executives of the firm believe there are few factories of this type in the east that can compare and reach the total amount of working hours that this plant has had.

The garment turned out is fast gaining a reputation for quality and good workmanship, and it is sold by leading stores and the better clothing merchants throughout the United States, with a large following in Hawaii, Cuba and Porto Rico.

The plant is owned and operated by the Champion Pants Manufacturing Company, Inc., of 73 Fifth Avenue, New York City.



ROYAL TROUSERS FACTORY

# SOUVENIR EDITION

# PERKASIE 1879 FB 1929 BOROUGH

## ROLLIN O. SLOTTER'S GREEN GROCERY and CONFECTIONERY STORE

Harry Rosenberger operated the "Candy Kitchen" from 1918 to 1922, on the corner of Fourth and Chestnut Streets. The original "Candy Kitchen" was in a small frame building not on the exact corner, but facing Fourth Street, the exact corner being vacant then.

In 1922 Mr. Rosenberger sold to Frank Hoagey & Son, who operated under the original name until 1923.

Hoagey & Son sold to Rollin O. Slotter in 1923, who occupied the building and opened for business on August 4, 1923. He continued here till 1926, when he decided that he needed more room.

He purchased the exact lot from Frank Knoll in the spring and operations were started, and during the summer of 1926 the new store was built. On July 29, 1926, the new building was opened for business.

The new building is one of the most modern stores in town. It is built of brick in a simple design and is individual in that it is the only grocery store in town that has a direct, pavement level, corner entrance. This added feature makes it very

convenient for customers and for display purposes, and for unloading produce.

Mr. Slotter is supplied daily by distributors, making for fresh stock in perishables. He makes weekly trips to Philadelphia to do his buying directly from the incoming goods and perishable groceries, thus insuring his trade the best that can be had at all times.

The store is equipped with modern fixtures, and so arranged that the customer can see most of the stock on hand.

A quick lunch service is an added feature, which is very convenient for school children and factory workers.

Mr. Slotter maintains a delivery service for customers who are unable to come to the store. The phone number is 303-R-2, and the service is free.

It is a pleasure for customers to come and do their buying at the Slotter's Green Grocery and Confectionery, and enjoy the delightful service of a modernly equipped, up-to-date place of business that is enlarging every day.

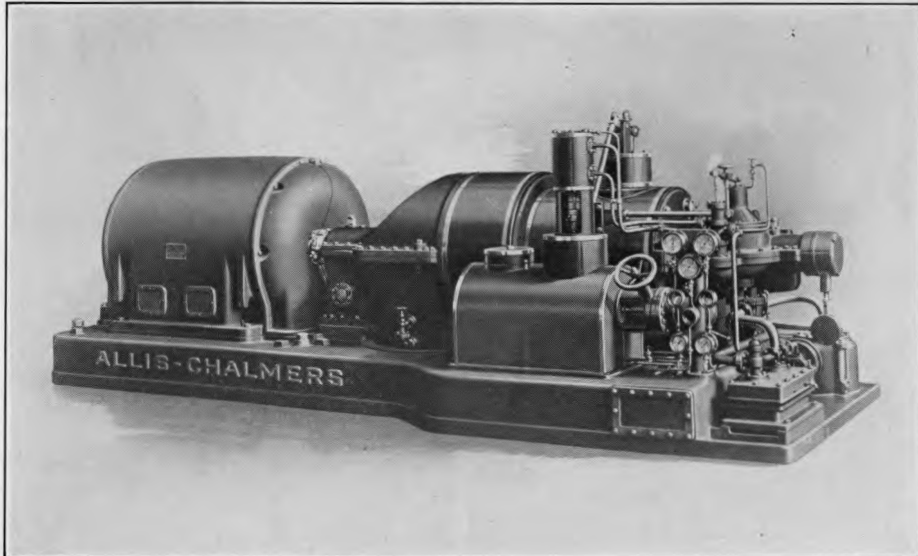


ROLLIN O. SLOTTER'S GREEN GROCERY, 4th and Chestnut Sts.

# PERKASIE 1879 FB 1929 BOROUGH



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## ST. ANDREW'S UNION SUNDAY SCHOOL

Names of Officers, Teachers and Scholars  
of the

Union Sunday School  
of St. Andrew's Church, Bridgetown, Pa.  
at its permanent organization,  
January 9th, 1881

### Pastors

Rev. F. Berkemeyer, Lutheran

Rev. J. G. Dengler, Reformed

### Officers

D. Deily, Superintendent.

S. S. Young, Assistant Superintendent.

Nero Fellman, Librarian.

Levi Savacool, Secretary.

Franklin Wolfinger, Treasurer.

### Teachers

J. H. Hartzell

J. A. Hartzell

Nathan Pannebecker

Simon Snyder

S. S. Groff

George L. Cope

Samuel Haring

Annie E. Deily

Charles M. Berkemeyer

Lizzie S. Berkemeyer

### Adult Members

Charles Groff

J. W. Fly

Isaac Groff

David Harr

Mrs. Caroline Groff

Mrs. Mary Wolfinger

Mrs. Elisabeth Young

Mrs. Saranda Deily

Mrs. Hannah Savacool

Mrs. Anna M. Hollenbach

Mrs. Anna Harr

Mrs. Eliza A. Savacool

Mrs. Christiana Savacool

Lizzie Kramer

Amanda Groff

Lydia S. Wolfinger

Sue H. Pennypacker

Hannah L. Cope

Ida L. Barndt

Mary E. F. Savacool

Mary A. Fretz

Wilhelmina Snyder

M. Martha Savacool

Mary E. Fluck

Amanda R. Leister

Susan Savacool

Ellen R. Shellenberger

Mary Shellenberger

Otillia Ott

Annie L. Berkemeyer

### Juvenile Members

Maggie Groff

Jacob Shellenberger

Leidy Shellenberger

Annie Althouse

Martha Althouse

Lizzie Savacool

Pierson Fluck

Harvey Groff

Calvin Groff

Franklin Groff

Cary Harr

Jacob Harr

Charles Harr

Ellen Groff

Amanda Snyder

Lizzie Snyder

Elmer Cope

Franklin Cope

William Cope

William Sames

Emma Stout

Annie Umstead

Jacob Snyder

Charles Wock

Emma Wolfinger

Ella Borger

Alice M. Deily

Stella Althouse

Wilson A. Deily

Jacob Savacool

Philip Gerhart

Levi Wolfinger

Alice Geisinger

Charles Althouse

Harvey Stout

Leidy Groff

Ella Harr

Andrew Groff

Martha Groff

Charles Snyder

Katie Groff

Jesse Slotter

James Slotter

Mary E. Fitzgerald

Katie Fisher

Jacob Snyder

Jesse Shearer

Jesse Leister

John Groff

Abraham Bean

Franklin Deily

Anna M. Wolfinger

Amandus Strohm

Train up a child in the way he should  
go; and when he is old he will not depart  
from it.—Prov. xxii. 6.





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## HISTORY OF THE SABBATH SCHOOLS OF PERKASIE, PA.

The first Sabbath School in this section of the country, from the best obtainable information, dates back to 1854. In the spring of that year a number of residents of East Rockhill Township met at the home of Jacob Koffle, which was the old Frederick homestead, near the three-mile-run, and organized a Sabbath School, which met at his home for several months. Later a frame building was erected for the school near Miller's School House, on the Ridge Road, where religious services were also held. This school continued until about 1866.

In 1867 Rockhill Center Union Sabbath School was organized at Lessig's School House, with John Schwartz as Superintendent, and continued until 1869, and then closed indefinitely.

In 1867, or about that time, another Sabbath School was conducted in the Red School House, which was located on the edge of the Jacob Savacool farm, about one mile from Bridgetown. Another school was held in the old school house, which was located opposite the present Evangelical Cemetery, Perkasio. Nathan Pennypacker was superintendent of both of these schools, the latter becoming the Evangelical Sabbath School, with John Koffle as first superintendent.

In 1869 the Bridgetown Union Sabbath School was organized in the new St. Andrew's Church, with Nathan Pennypacker as superintendent.

These schools were the forerunners of the First Sabbath School of Perkasio, which was organized in the spring of



THIRD STREET  
Looking East from Park Avenue.

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## HISTORY OF THE SABBATH SCHOOLS OF PERKASIE, PA. (Continued)

1874, in the second-story hall room of a shed, adjoining and a part of the public house then conducted by John Harr, although for two years previous to this there had been occasional Sabbath-School services held at the same place.

The first officers of this school were:  
 Superintendent, David Deily.  
 Assistant Supt., Joseph G. Moyer.

After serving faithfully for two years, these officers resigned and Isaac G. Moyer was elected superintendent, and Jacob G. Moyer, assistant superintendent.

About this time, 1876, the place of holding their sessions was changed to a hall room, in the second story of a new building erected at Sixth and Market Streets, Perkasié, by John Schwartz, the first floor being used for a general store. Religious services were also held in this

building. It occupied the site of the present furniture store of Metzgar & Musselman.

After a few years they again moved, and held their services in the public school building on Chestnut Street, where they remained until 1887, then moved to the Benner's Opera House, on Walnut Street, and continued as a Union Sabbath School until 1895, when it became the Ebenezer United Evangelical Sabbath School, and ceased to exist as a Union School.

Among the original members, most of whom are living today, and are still in the work, are:

Mrs. Joseph G. Moyer.  
 Mrs. A. A. Yeakel.  
 Mrs. B. F. Hartzell, Chalfont.  
 Mrs. C. C. Moyer, Lansdale.  
 Mrs. Isaac G. Moyer, Danboro.



VIEW NORTH FROM THIRD STREET ON ARCH

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## HISTORY OF THE SABBATH SCHOOLS OF PERKASIE, PA. (Continued)

Mrs. W. S. Hager.  
 Mrs. Saranda Deily.  
 Mrs. Amandus Ely.  
 Mr. H. I. Moyer.  
 Mr. E. K. Moyer.  
 Mr. Edwin Eckert, Atlantic City.  
 Mr. Wilson A. Deily, Philadelphia.  
 Mr. Jacob A. Bissey.  
 Mr. Henry Felter.  
 Mrs. Elias Haring.  
 Mrs. Milton T. Weisel.  
 Mrs. Ida Dill.  
 Mr. Samuel Bishop.  
 Mrs. Jacob G. Moyer.  
 Mr. Carey B. Nace.  
 Mrs. Carey B. Nace.  
 Mrs. C. S. Wampole.  
 Mrs. Emma Fellman.  
 Mrs. Jacob Johnson.

### ST. STEPHEN'S REFORMED

#### (The Second School)

Was organized in their new church building, January 17, 1888, with the following officers:

Superintendent, Allen Ciymer.  
 Asst. Supt., Samuel R. Kramer.  
 Secretary, Samuel F. Stover.  
 Treasurer, Henry E. Texter.

The first session was held Sunday, January 22, 1888, seventy-seven officers and teachers being present.

The largest attendance was October 3, 1909, when 836 members and visitors were present.

The present membership is 580.

I. Y. Baringer is the present superintendent.



MARKET STREET NORTH FROM THIRD ST.

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## HISTORY OF THE SABBATH SCHOOLS OF PERKASIE, PA. (Continued)

### BETHEL SUNDAY SCHOOL (The Third School)

In the month of March, 1891, the Sunday School called the Bethel Sunday School of the Evangelical Association was organized. Irvin B. Dill was elected Superintendent and served continuously until the merging of the Bethel and Ebenezer Sunday School in 1924, except one year, when John A. Freed was Superintendent. Mr. Freed served as Assistant Superintendent during the other years.

Commenced with a membership of 97.

This school is now a part of the First Evangelical Sabbath School.

### TRINITY LUTHERAN (The Fourth School)

At the suggestion of the Council of the Trinity Lutheran Congregation, a meeting was held on October 8, 1893, and the school was organized, with 123 charter members, and the following officers were elected:

Superintendent, Chas. W. Baum.  
Asst. Supt., Dalton Pfeiffer.  
Supt. Primary Dept.,

Mrs. Victoria Angeny.

Secretary, Charles Groover.

Asst. Secretary, Charles Wampole.

Treasurer, Harrison Nace.

Organist, Mrs. T. S. Bissey.

Musical Director, Chas. W. Baum.

The largest attendance in its history was recorded early in the year 1914, when the attendance reached 604, and the enrollment more than 700. The present enrollment is 613.

Chas. W. Baum was superintendent for twenty-seven years, when he resigned and was succeeded by Franklin Kramer, the present superintendent.

Mr. Baum, Musical Director, and Mrs. Angeny, Superintendent of the Infant Department, hold unbroken records of thirty-one years of continuous service.



FIFTH STREET FROM MENLO PARK EASTWARD

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## HISTORY OF THE SABBATH SCHOOLS OF PERKASIE, PA. (Continued)

### EBENEZER SUNDAY SCHOOL (The Fifth School)

During the year 1895, because denominational schools had been organized by the denominations in Perkasia, Ebenezer Congregation of the United Evangelical Church, which had continued the Union Sunday School, organized the Ebenezer Sunday School of the United Evangelical Church. Henry G. Moyer, who had been Superintendent of the Union School for almost two decades, was elected superintendent and E. S. Leister, Asst. Supt. The officers and teachers numbered twenty-two. Two hundred and fourteen were enrolled as scholars. In 1924 this school was merged with the Bethel School, into the First Evangelical Sunday School.

### FIRST BAPTIST (The Sixth School)

Organized January 7, 1900, in Benner's Opera House, with the following officers:

Superintendent, Wm. E. Detweiler.

Asst. Supt., Chas. M. Meredith.

Secretary, Mrs. Joel S. Ball.

Treasurer, Miss Anna A. Yeakel.

The present membership is sixty-two.

The present superintendent is Chas. M. Meredith.

### BETHEL MENNONITE (The Seventh School)

Was organized July 2, 1905, in the First Baptist Church, where they held their services, and where they continued to meet until 1910, when they moved to their own church building, which had just been built.

The following were their first officers:

Superintendent, Leidy Kratz.

Asst. Supt., Clayton Fretz.

Treasurer, Harvey S. Kulp.

Organist, Mrs. Clayton Fretz.

The present membership is eighty.

Clayton F. Myers is the present superintendent.

### ST. ANDREW'S LUTHERAN (The Eighth School)

Organized in January, 1906, with Clarence Snyder as Superintendent and Chas. Fretz as Assistant Superintendent. The school has an enrollment of 250. During the recent Sabbath School Campaign in Perkasia this school won the certificate of merit for having attained the highest average gain in membership. Francis Reichley is the present Superintendent.



Walnut Street Concrete Bridge over Northeast Branch of the Perkiomen.



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## HISTORY OF THE SABBATH SCHOOLS OF PERKASIE, PA. (Continued)

### ST. ANDREW'S REFORMED (The Ninth School)

Was organized January 21, 1906, with the following officers:

Superintendent, Pierson O. Fluck.

Asst. Supt., Milton G. Detweiler.

Secretary, Paul S. Gulick.

Treasurer, Joseph D. Yoder.

The attendance at the first session was one hundred and ten.

The enrollment today is 158.

Arthur Stauffer is the present Superintendent.

### PERKASIE MENNONITE (The Tenth School)

This school was organized August 15, 1909, with the following officers:

Superintendent, Titus K. Moyer.

Asst. Supt., Wm. M. Moyer.

Secretary, Daniel M. Meyers.

Treasurer, Martin Overholt.

The school started with eighty-eight members. The present membership is 120, nineteen of whom were original members. Wm. M. Moyer is the present Superintendent.

### THE FIRST EVANGELICAL SUNDAY SCHOOL

(The Eleventh School)

The year 1924 is memorable in the local Sunday School history because the Bethel Sunday School of the Evangelical Association and the Ebenezer Sunday School of the United Evangelical Church were merged and became the Sunday School of the First Evangelical Church of Perkasio. On March 11, Jesse K. Gulick was elected Superintendent; Daniel Myers and W. K. Terry, Assistant Superintendents; Ralph Hendricks, Secretary, and W. S. Kulp, Treasurer.

The School has an enrollment of 373.

The School meets prior to the morning worship. The attendance in June had passed the 300 mark. The School anticipates modern facilities for classes and departments in the new edifice to be erected at Fifth and Market Streets.



WARREN GULICK'S HOME—Vine Street at Fourth St.

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## PERKASIE ROTARY CLUB, No. 2126

ORGANIZED OCTOBER 5, 1925

### FIRST OFFICERS

President, Wilson L. Yeakel.  
Vice-President, Franklin Kramer.  
Secretary, Fred O. Young.  
Treasurer, Walter K. Terry.  
Sergeant-at-Arms, Jacob C. Crouthamel

### DIRECTORS

Franklin Kramer  
Fred O. Young  
Jacob C. Crouthamel  
Walter K. Terry  
Elmer K. Moyer  
Wilson L. Yeakel  
Thomas R. Lewis  
Benjamin K. Hedrick  
Robert A. Benner

### CHARTER MEMBERS

Harleigh M. Apple  
I. Y. Baringer  
Charles W. Baum  
Robert A. Benner  
Roland C. Benner  
Howard P. Corsa  
Jacob C. Crouthamel  
J. B. Derr  
Warren K. Gulick  
Benjamin K. Hedrick  
Walter S. Kulp  
Franklin Kramer  
Thomas R. Lewis  
Elmer K. Moyer  
Harry K. Musselman  
Norman Y. Ritter  
William B. Rosenberger  
J. Richard Sterner  
Otto H. Strouse  
Walter K. Terry  
Enos A. Wampole  
Wilson L. Yeakel  
Fred O. Young

### PRESIDENTS

1925-1926, Wilson L. Yeakel.  
1926-1927, Norman Y. Ritter.  
1927-1928, Charles W. Baum.  
1928-1929, Thomas R. Lewis.  
1929-1930, Roland C. Benner,

President-Elect

### PRESENT OFFICERS

President, Thomas R. Lewis.  
1st Vice-President, Roland C. Benner.  
2nd Vice-President, George R. Beidler.  
Secretary, J. B. Derr.  
Treasurer, Walter K. Terry.  
Sergeant-at-Arms, Weldon Kindig.

### PRESENT DIRECTORS

Charles W. Baum  
Roland C. Benner

Robert A. Benner

I. Y. Baringer

George R. Beidler

J. B. Derr

Warren K. Gulick

Thomas R. Lewis

Wilson L. Yeakel

### PRESENT MEMBERSHIP

H. M. Apple

M. B. Auchy

I. Y. Baringer

Charles W. Baum

George Beidler

Roland Benner

Robert Benner

P. D. Benner

Raymond Cope

T. A. Crouthamel

J. B. Derr

Willis Fretz

Herman Fluck

Robert Goettel

Robert Grim

Clarence Groff

Warren Gulick

B. K. Hedrick

William Helfrich

William M. High

William Hunsicker

Mahlon Keller

Weldon Kindig

Frank Kramer

Herbert Kramer

William Kramer, Jr.

Russell S. Kramer

Walter Kulp

Thomas Lewis

H. A. Lichtenwalner

E. K. Moyer

H. I. Moyer, Sr.

N. Y. Ritter

R. S. Roeder

William B. Rosenberger

W. E. Savacool

Darius Sine

Paul Sine

J. R. Sterner

Arthur Stover

Harvey Strouse

Harry Strothers

C. Harold Terry

W. K. Terry

Enos Wampole

Harry Wassmuth

C. B. Weaver

Henry Wilson

W. L. Yeakel



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PERKASIE ROTARY CLUB



## F. N. HOLLENBACH, JR. PAPERHANGER AND DECORATOR

In the year of 1900, at the age of sixteen, Mr. Hollenbach started to help his father, Fred B. Hollenbach, at paper hanging. Following a short time with his father he was employed by Wm. Detweiler for one year.

At the age of eighteen he started at Quakertown with another paper hanger by the name of Noah Moyer. Later to improve his mechanical knowledge he worked in Philadelphia for a short time.

In 1905, with five years' experience, he started in business on Arch Street, Perkasia. He lived at Arch Street three years, continuin business.

In spite of the inconveniences, such as

pushing wheelbarrow and push cart to carry his tools and scaffolding, he did a successful business. Occasionally he hired a horse and team for too great distances. For many years he used these vehicles, often pushing them as far as Sellersville and over rural routes outside of Perkasia.

In 1908 he bought the Zacharias Waltz place, at 509 Market Street, which was formerly used as a jewelry store. By a little remodeling he created a convenient wall paper store and show room, thus enabling him to give patrons better service. In 1916 he purchased one of the new Fords to take the place of his push cart and wheelbarrow, and with the aid of his patrons is doing a successful business.

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## KEPPLER'S BAKERY

This bakery is the oldest in town and has an oven which was built in 1883. It is large enough to bake 400 loaves of bread at one time.

The dwelling is also an old land mark, but has lately been modernized in the interior.

The place of business has changed hands many times. At one time the business was done in the store only, but has so increased that now they have three delivery trucks.

There have also been installed two mixing machines, which are a great advantage to the business.

Keppler employs two men in the bake house, and has two retail and one wholesale route. The bake house is independent of the dwelling, and has a hardwood floor; also a steam closet, where things are raised before being placed into the oven. There is also a warehouse where things are stored.

For an idea of their production, on Friday, March 8, 1929, they produced over 400 dozen buns. When Mr. Keppler took over the place there was a production of about 200 dozen buns, about the same date three years ago.

The cake-baking end of the business is also growing by leaps and bounds.



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## PERKASIE ELECTRIC COMPANY

This company is managed by Harvey Frey, a son of Edwin Frey, for many years at the head of the Borough of Perkasio Electric Light Department.

Through Mr. Frey's association with his father, he became thoroughly familiar with the business, and in 1920 opened a store and service station on the Seventh Street side of the Colonial Cafe Building.

In 1925, due to the increase of his business he opened modern store rooms alongside of the original store, in which he installed a complete and very modern line of everything electrical.

This store is a leader in the lines it handles, and Mr. Frey is entitled to real credit for the taste and judgment used in the store's arrangement and equipment.



PERKASIE ELECTRIC COMPANY—STORE ROOM



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COPE'S MUSIC HOUSE—ARCH STREET





### COPE'S MUSIC HOUSE—ARCH STREET (Continued)

Milton L. Cope the founder of Cope's Music House, dealer in pianos and other musical instruments, was born in Hilltown Township Bucks County, Penna., March 27, 1857. M. L. Cope's forefathers emigrated from Wurtemberg, Germany, and arrived in Philadelphia, October 2, 1727, on the ship Adventurer. He was educated in the public schools. He early manifested a taste and a talent for music, and filled the position of organist at his church for twenty-one years. In 1883 he started in the music business in a small way, selling pianos from his home. His business having materially increased, he removed to Souderton in 1896. There he also manufactured many reed organs until 1902, when he moved to Perkasio and erected a large music warehouse, and carried a large stock of pianos. He also

had a branch establishment in Allentown, at 141 South Eighth Street. He was an active business man and did a large business in Bucks and Lehigh Counties.

Raymond S. Cope attended the public schools at Perkasio, also South Bethlehem Business College. In the year 1910, he went to Winter & Company, New York, piano factory, and took up piano tuning and player repairing. In 1912 he was employed by C. J. Heppe & Sons, Philadelphia, and a year later was transferred to John Wanamaker's piano department, after which he worked for his father, M. L. Cope, selling pianos and tuning. In the year 1919, he bought his father's business, the present Cope's Music House, in Perkasio, and added the Atwater Kent and Zenith Radio lines.

### CLAYTON F. MYERS CONTRACTOR AND BUILDER

Mr. Myers has seen Perkasio grow from a few dozen houses to many hundreds of buildings, and he trusts many more will be erected as time rolls on.

These buildings are built either of stone, granite, concrete, iron, manufactured concrete stone or of the best lumber. Most homes have slate roofs. They are magnificently decorated with a good quality of paint. Only a very small number of these buildings are built of frame.

It would be impossible to enumerate all the buildings he has constructed in this town and vicinity.

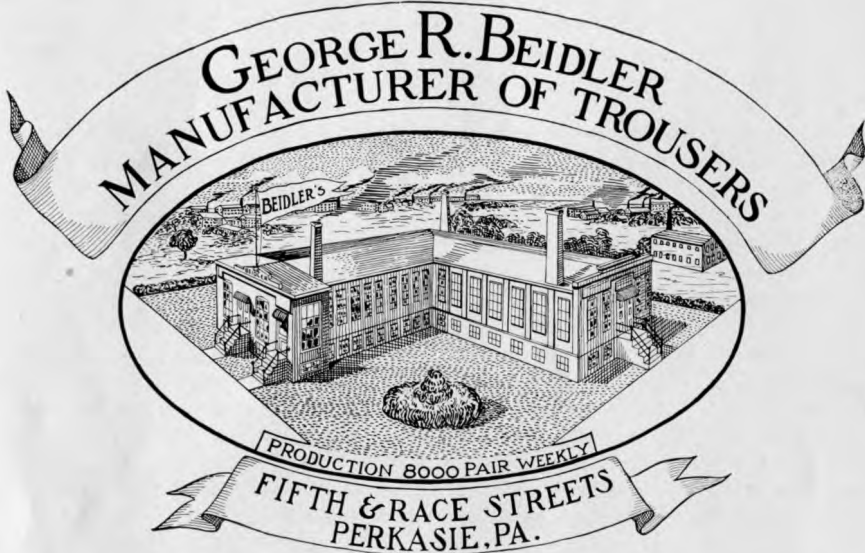
His first contract was the building of the Perkasio Fire House in 1907, Sellersville High School, 1909; South Perkasio School, Bethel Mennonite Church, 1910; First Evangelical Church, on the corner of Fifth and Market Streets; Perkasio Silk Mill, on Ninth Street, which is con-

sidered the largest mill in the town, and also Van Houton Weaving Mill, also on Ninth Street; Diehl & Wampole Pottery Building, on Eighth Street. The garages are as follows: Kramer Garage, Kritler Garage, Bob. Hendrick's Garage, and also Muth Garage and dwelling. George Beidler's mansion and garage at Fifth and Arch Streets; Mrs. Gehman's mansion on Fourth Street. The Improvement Company Building for stores, in which the Post Office is now situated, on the corner of Seventh and Arch Streets; the Musselman & Metzgar Furniture Store, Thompson Hardware Store, J. G. Moyer Coal and Lumber Sheds, Schwenk Clothing Factory, Rickert and Spiegelhalter Building, Central News Building, and also an addition to Beidler's Clothing Factory, and the rebuilding of the switch and coal sheds for Darius Sine.





## THE BEIDLER CLOTHING FACTORY



This business was established at Sixth and Race Streets, in 1904, by Edwin B. Beidler, who operated it until 1906, employing at that time an average of twenty-five people, with a production of about eight hundred trousers weekly.

Mr. Beidler sold out his business in 1906, to John F. Hedrich, and it was again sold to Frank M. Kline in 1907, who operated the same until 1908, when the business was discontinued, and the building operated as a shirt waist factory by Mrs. George Christopher until 1909.

In 1908, Edwin B. Beidler started another clothing factory in the rear of his lot of the residence at 412 Race Street, employing about fifteen people, with a production of five hundred pairs of trousers weekly, which he operated until his death, May 28, 1912.

It was then taken over by his son, George R. Beidler, and continued at this location until 1916, when he erected a new building at 420 Race Street, employing an average of forty people, with a production of two thousand pairs of trousers per week.

Again in 1919, another addition was built which employed in all eighty-five people, with an average production of five thousand pairs of trousers per week.

And in 1922, another addition was built which now employs in and out of the factory, two hundred and twenty-five people, producing an average of ten thousand trousers weekly, with a pay roll of approximately \$4,000 weekly; and which is now being operated at a handicap for space.

While Mr. Beidler was engaged with his factory at Perkasio in 1925, he became a member of the firm of The Wise Manufacturing Company, formerly known as Lisberger & Wise, which was established in 1875, and is now operating a plant at Tenth and Filbert Streets, Philadelphia, where they cut an average of 25,000 garments weekly, which are made in Mr. Beidler's plant at Perkasio, and sold in all parts of the United States.

This production is known as the "Owl Trouser," and this concern desires to locate in Perkasio if proper space and facilities can be had.





## HOCKMAN'S SERVICE STATION

George L. Hockman started in the automobile game by selling cars for the Sellersville Motor Co., in 1918. In 1919 he started to work in the garage of Wm. A. Derstine, Quakertown, and in 1923 he worked for Franklin Kramer. In 1924 he worked for J. Mark Frey, Quakertown; in 1925 he worked for the Kritler Bros. Garage; in 1926 he worked for Jacob F.

Crouthamel, Silverdale; in 1927 he decided to go in business for himself, and built a modern concrete block service station on Walnut Street, just across the concrete bridge, which is his present location. He is equipped to do all kinds of repairing, greasing, washing, etc. He also has the agency for Willys-Knight and Whippet cars.



HOCKMAN'S SERVICE STATION  
Walnut Street at the Concrete Bridge.





## F. & B. PATCH COMPANY

Was organized in 1925, and are makers of F. & B. blow-out patches, a patch used in automobile tires when there has been a bad puncture, cut, or blow-out.

Their original place was started in a chicken house on Ninth Street, and this place was consumed by fire in 1925.

The firm then built the present building over the ruins of the old place, and have continued business there ever since.

They opened a tire repair, and tire and battery charging sales room in the Joseph

G. Moyer building, at Seventh and Market Streets, in the early part of this year, 1929, and do tire repairing and battery charging, and carry a complete line of new and second hand tires in this stand, and make patches and wash cars at the stand on Ninth Street.

Floyd Freed and William C. Barndt are the proprietors, and were born and raised in this community, hence the name of F. & B. Patch Company.

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## AMERICAN BRAKE-LINING COMPANY

The American Brake-Lining Company is the only producer of Brake Lining and Clutch Facings in the Perkasio district, and has for its selling agent in Perkasio, The F. & B. Patch Company. American Brake-Lining Company, established in 1917 by Howard Jones, had its humble beginning in a reconstructed barn on his property at North Wales, Pa.

It, early in its history, outgrew the facilities of the North Wales location and removed to Lansdale, where it operated in quarters reconstructed for the company's own use, for several years. In January, 1922, the company removed to its present quarters at Sellersville, Pa., in a building which it constructed for its own purpose.

On the Company's twelfth anniversary, in April, of 1929, it can trace its steady

advancement through years of progress in the industry to its present position in the Brake Lining world, having in addition to its distributing outlets in the United States and Canada an Export Department which it maintains at 280 Broadway, New York City, and through whose successful efforts A-B-C Brake Lining and A-B-C Products are known and sold in more than forty different markets of the world.

American Brake Lining Company in addition to its own distributing outlets is affiliated with Staybestos Mfg. Company of Philadelphia, one of the oldest and largest of Brake Lining and Clutch Facing manufacturers and has the entire foreign distribution of Staybestos Products in all countries of the world outside of the United States.





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## L. A. PRITCHARD

L. A. Pritchard, son of Daniel W. and Sarah Pritchard, born in Brookfield, Ohio, September 25, 1869. Attended the public schools. Graduated from the Bryant, Stratton & Smith Business College, Meadville, Pa., in 1889. Parents moved to Morrisdale, Clearfield County, Pa., in 1888.

The only surviving brother, Albert C., now residing in Perkasio, Pa.

In 1892 married Anna C., the daughter of Thomas and Matilda Fuge. Children: Violet M., married J. K. Lloyd, now residing in Morrisdale, Pa. Velma A., married Ammon S. Rosenberger, now residing in Quakertown, Pa.; Paul W., married Ruth Hay, now residing in Carlisle, Pa.; Clayton F., married Ruth Fretz, now residing in Perkasio, Pa.; Virginia K., married Ralphus Freed, now residing in Perkasio, Pa.; Lee A., and Burton D. now at home.

From 1889 to 1913 was employed in the operating offices of the Morrisdale Coal Company and since in the main office at Philadelphia, Pa.

The Perkasio Home. The land connected with the home is part of two par-

cels purchased from Thomas Penn, one of the proprietaries of the Province of Pennsylvania, and his sister, Philadelphia Hannah Freame.

One parcel, purchased by Jacob Groff, on June 1, 1770, containing 233 acres, and by the heirs sold to John Geese, on November 21, 1785, and then to various owners to 1844, when, on April 5th, Joseph Springer purchased a parcel, which has become a part of the present home.

The second parcel, on June 23, 1770, was purchased by John Fulmer, containing 111 acres, then to John Groff by will, a son-in-law, and by him in his will to his son, Jacob F. Groff—then various owners to 1858, when Reuben Leibfried purchased from Samuel Hager, twenty-six acres, seven acres of which has been known as the mill property since 1831. David and Isaac Groff were the owners for some years—Benj. Althouse from 1872 to 1889—Michael Myers from 1890 to 1908.

Our parents purchased from John Edgar in 1912, and from then to us in 1919. The house is now modern and was built in 1846.



L. A. PRITCHARD HOME

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## FRANK L. KNOLL FUNERAL DIRECTOR AND UNDERTAKER

Frank L. Knoll was born in New Britain Township, at what is called Newville, on January 31, 1862.

His parents moved from New Britain about seven years later, to Hilltown Township, at Mount Pleasant, and he attended school at the nearby school house.

When about nineteen years of age, he apprenticed himself to Francis Sellers, at Leidytown, who was an undertaker, carpenter, and cabinet maker, to learn the trade, and worked at cabinet making in the winter and carpentering in the summer.

At the age of twenty-two he married his employer's daughter, Emeline, and

commenced housekeeping and the undertaking business at Lawndale, now Silverdale Borough, and continued the business six years.

On December 6, 1894, he moved to Perkasio and began building on a lot then in Rockhill Township, but now the corner of Fifth and Chestnut Streets, Perkasio.

At this place he has continued ever since, being for long years the only undertaker in the town, and has established a remarkable business.

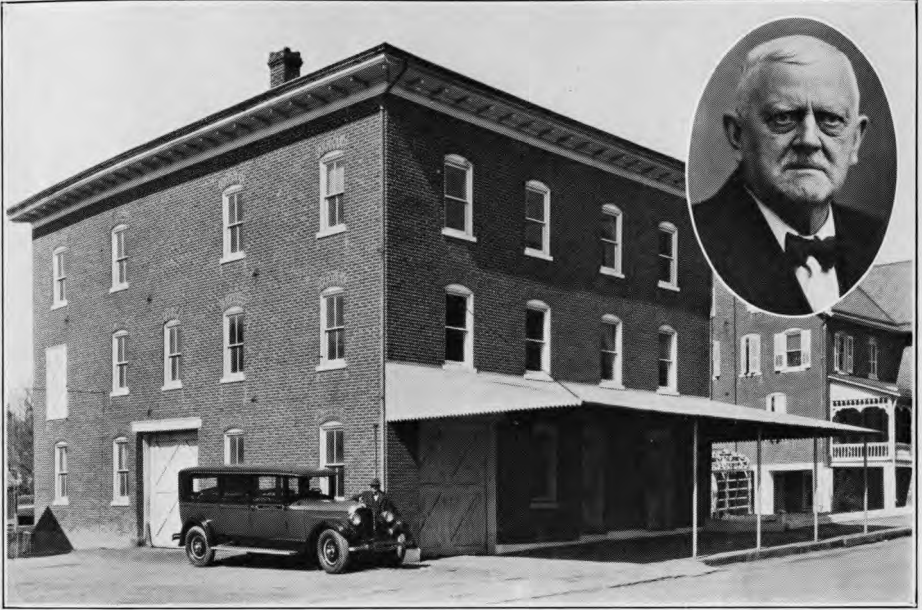
His funeral parlors are among the first conducted in this part of the County, and his stock of caskets and fittings is the most complete outside of the larger cities.



FRANK L. KNOLL FUNERAL PARLOR

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FRANK L. KNOLL (Continued)



FRANK L. KNOLL BUILDING



## PERKASIE MAUSOLEUM

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Built 1927 at a cost of about \$75,000.

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS  
 Harry Neamand, President  
 Wellington C. Void, Secretary  
 L. Sanford Yost, Treasurer

Harry G. Wamsher, Trustee  
 S. W. Musselman, Trustee  
 Wm. H. Horn, Trustee  
 Frank L. Knoll

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## PERKASIE SILK COMPANY

This industry came to Perkasie in 1913, and at once erected the large mill on Ninth Street, opposite Perkasie Park.

The floor space of this mill is over 20,000 square feet, and is filled with the most modern machinery used in throwing silk.

In the terms of the industry, a throwing mill spins raw silk into the different size yarns required for weaving silk cloth, after which it is dyed into the desired colors.

The mill employs seventy-five hands, has given very steady employment in the years it has been here, and produces about 150,000 pounds of silk per year.

They generate their own power, using a 240-horsepower Diesel oil engine.

They have also installed a Permutit Water System, for softening water, which is required for their purpose.

Mr. J. H. Frederick, Treasurer of the Perkasie Silk Company, is a successful manufacturer, and has mills at Emaus, Macungie, and Myerstown, Penna.



PERKASIE SILK MILLS



## BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA—TROOP 1

This troop is sponsored by Hartzell-Crouthamel Post, No. 280, American Legion, Perkasio, Penna., and is known as Wolverine, Troop No. 1, B. S. A.

The Wolverines were organized in 1926, under the leadership of the present Scoutmaster, Claude N. Gilbert. Through his leadership ability the Troop has been able to advance very successfully to the extent that it is well known throughout the county. The Troop is sponsored by the local Post of the American Legion.

Scoutmaster, Claude N. Gilbert.

Jr. A. S. M., Mahlon Detweiler, Eagle Scout.

Senior Patrol Leader, Saul Steel, Star Scout.

### WOLF PATROL

P. L., Charles Apple, 1st  
A. P. L., Thomas Markley, 2nd  
Robert Mann, 2nd  
James Detweiler, T  
W. Hennigh, T

### BEAR PATROL

P. L., William Diehl, T  
A. P. L., Joseph Sine, 2nd  
Treas., Wm. Hunsicker, T  
Gordon Terry, T  
Howard Jones, T

### FOX PATROL

P. L., Woodrow Benner, 1st  
A. P. L., Leroy Fly, 1st  
1st Bugler, Dave Texter, T  
Quartermaster, E. Slotter, T  
Luther Hendricks, 2nd  
Jack Galoe, T

### EAGLE PATROL

P. L., Leroy Benner, 1st  
A. P. L., William Sine, 2nd  
Scribe, Wilson Reed, 2nd  
B. Gierse, T

### TROOP COMMITTEE

Mark Thatcher, Chairman  
Ralph Keller, Treasurer  
Francis Heyder, Advancement  
William Bayha, Handicraft

## THE PERKASIE BRICK COMPANY

The Perkasio Brick Company was taken over from the American Brick Company in the year 1922, by Edwin Goodwin and his Uncle, John A. Goodwin. The latter has been a brick manufacturer for the last thirty-five years.

Henry Goodwin, father of John A. Goodwin and grandfather of Edwin Good-

win, was a brick manufacturer sixty-five years ago.

The Perkasio Brick Company has been making bricks every year since they took over the plant.

The aim of the Perkasio Brick Company is to give Perkasio the best that can be had in their line.





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## SELTZER'S FASHION CORNER

After investigating a number of towns along the North Penn, Mr. Seltzer decided to locate in Perkasio, so in 1922 he moved in the J. H. Daub Building, on Walnut Street, and conducted a store there for six years, selling Ladies' Wearing Apparel, and by gaining the confidence of the people of Perkasio and vicinity the business grew to such an extent that a bigger and more up-to-date store room was needed, and he finally decided to build a new store. In 1927 he built a

modern store with display windows the entire length of the building, which enables him to better care for his many customers, and this store is the most modern of any in Perkasio. This store is located at the corner of Sixth and Walnut Streets. Since he moved to his new store he added a full line of men's clothing and furnishings, and the place is now completely stocked up as a Ladies' and Men's Clothing Store.



SELTZER'S FASHION CORNER



## PERKASIE BUILDING & LOAN ASSOCIATION

It is a very befitting incident, that, like Perkasia Borough itself, the organization of the borough which had the most important part in the growth and development of the town, should this month almost to the very day, also be celebrating the anniversary of its incorporation.

In this particular case it is the Perkasia Building and Loan Association which is sharing with the borough a birthday anniversary. In accordance with the general plan and purpose of building and loan associations, the association was organized for the purpose of financially assisting the people of the community in building or buying homes or other real estate.

That the association was successful and accomplished much, few people, if any, will doubt or deny. If a tabulation were made of the residents who during this period were helped either thru mortgage loans granted or thru savings to shareholders the result would verify the above statement.

A preliminary organization meeting was held May 17, 1894, at the American House, with John Schwartz, Temporary Chairman, and D. M. Beyers, Temporary Secretary. At this meeting 189 shares were subscribed and a Board of Directors nominated and elected as follows:

William Renner  
Phillip S. Cressman  
Abram M. Hunsicker  
Dr. Mahlon B. Dill  
Levi Means  
Joseph G. Moyer

John Schwartz  
Mahlon Keller  
John Harr  
Samuel M. Bishop

The Board of Directors organized by electing the following officers:

President, William Renner.  
Vice-President, Phillip S. Cressman.  
Secretary, John Schwartz.  
Treasurer, Joseph G. Moyer.

John V. Ommeron was retained as attorney and the following committee was appointed to make application for a State charter:

William Renner  
Joseph G. Moyer  
John Schwartz

The charter was granted June 14, 1894, and a capital stock of \$1,000,000 was authorized. January 3, 1923, the capitalization was increased to \$2,000,000 and the annual receipts in recent years amount to about \$200,000.00.

The present officers of the association who are also on the Board of Directors follow:

Darius Sine, President.  
Rev. S. E. Moyer, Vice-President.  
Mahlon Keller, Secretary.  
T. A. Crouthamel, Treasurer.

The other members of the Board of Directors are:

Amandus Ely  
A. M. Moyer  
S. W. Musselman  
Howard D. Moyer  
George R. Beidler  
William M. High  
Simon K. Moyer





## PERKASIE PARK ASSOCIATION

SCENES FROM PERKASIE PARK ARE SHOWN THROUGHOUT THIS BOOK

In the period of Camp Meetings, Perkasio Park on Ninth Street, was purchased by local and vicinity Evangelicals for that purpose. The charter prohibits dancing and sale of intoxicants "forever."

The first meeting was held in 1882, the Rev. J. C. Hornberger, the Presiding Elder, directed the spiritual program.

The charter was granted by the Court of Bucks County on August 9, 1882. The first directors were: John L. Schwartz, Frank Crouthamel, F. G. Stritzinger, John Albright, Rev. S. C. Breyfogel, Isaac Rosenberger, H. G. Moyer, and Rev. F. Kreckler. H. G. Moyer was Secretary for about three decades.

The erection of cottages was begun in 1886. There are at present fifty privately owned cottages. The auditorium has a seating capacity of 600. Two hundred and twenty can be dined at one sitting in the dining hall. There are dormitory accommodations for 150. The Park is lighted by electricity. Cooking is done with gas heat. A water system is maintained and there are excellent drainage and sewer facilities.

There have been a few disastrous fires. In 1900 nineteen cottages were destroyed and in 1921, the west side of the square suffered the loss of a few.

The Perkasio Park Athletic Association maintains courts for tennis, quoits, clock golf and a baseball field.

To the Camp Meeting were added a Bible Conference and a Normal Course of religion which increased vastly the con-

stituency of the Park, making it a Conference center and not only a sectional.

The Seventh Annual Summer Assembly promoted by the Atlantic and East Pennsylvania Conferences of the Evangelical Church meets in the middle of July. Prelates and professors present interesting, educational and inspirational sermons and lectures. Credits in religious education are awarded for diplomas in Leadership Training.

The Memorial Day exercises are concluded in the auditorium. The community is accorded the use of the Park for community programs. The Fiftieth Anniversary of the Organization of the Sunday School in Perkasio was observed with a splendid program. The equipment of the Park is offered to Perkasio for the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Incorporation of the Borough of Perkasio. Welcome to Perkasio Park.

Credit for the modernization of the Park is due to the late Rev. J. H. Shirey, D.D., for two decades its executive, and to Dr. A. F. Ziegenfus, who has the distinction of longest uninterrupted active relation to the Park. W. J. Gruhler made an invaluable contribution to the Park as Treasurer.

The 1928-29 Directors are: Rev. J. F. White, President; Dr. A. F. Ziegenfus, Vice-President; C. O. Bickel, Secretary; W. K. Terry, Treasurer; W. H. Mitchell, O. W. Rohn, Paul Loesch, W. H. Eitzel, Rev. M. L. Burger, G. W. Bollman, and Mrs. W. J. Gruhler, "deceased."



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## KRAMER'S GARAGE

On February 18, 1890, Franklin Kramer, proprietor of Kramer's Garage, was born in Hilltown Township on the farm that is now known as Wasmuth's Poultry Farm, and was removed to Perkasia one year later. When five years old he moved to Seventh Street, next to Dillon's Sand Yard, which has since become the site of the Borough Electric Light Plant, and remembers distinctly digging tunnels in Dillon's sand piles.

Frank remembers well the building of the light plant, and of the occasion of letting down the boiler for same from the railroad tracks with the wrecking car, and later of the building of the new brick smoke stack which replaced the old iron stack, which when it was dismantled and torn down knocked a hole in the roof of his home. Also of the making of all the irons for the new stack which form the ladder running up the outside, and of climbing to the top of the new stack when it was completed.

At the age of ten years he was working in his father's machine shop and worked there continuously until 1918. In 1906

he graduated from the local high school with the highest honors, afterwards took a course in International Correspondence School in mechanical drawing.

During all this time he repaired wagons, steam and gasoline engines, feed cutters, lawnmowers, and any and all kinds of machinery, guns and bicycles, and sold guns and bicycles, powder, shot, etc.

On October 15, 1913, he received his first Ford Demonstrator, a 1914 Model with armstrong starter, gas headlights, and a full set of tools.

After selling thirty Ford Cars, on March 14, 1915, he sold his first Ford Demonstrator to H. C. Moyer, then of Blooming Glen, Penna. In 1918 he separated the garage business from the machine shop business and established the garage business at the present location. He sold up to August, 1927, 1050 Model T Fords, and to date he sold fifty-five Model A Ford Cars, making a total of over 1,100 Ford Cars. He also sold 105 Fordson tractors and plows. He is still selling Ford Cars and thinks that it the greatest automobile in the world.



KRAMER'S GARAGE—North Seventh Street.

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## MUTH'S GARAGE

This popular automobile sales and service establishment is one of the oldest in town. The place had its origin back in 1908, when Warren Bowen, the founder, opened a bicycle sales and repair shop here.

With the development of the automobile, Bowen took the agency for the De Mott car and later added the Saxon and Chevrolet agency.

In 1917 the present owner, Hebert W. Muth, purchased the business and two years later took on the Studebaker line, which, under his management, has devel-

oped into one of the most popular cars in the community.

In the past ten years more than 850 Studebakers have been sold here, and the number of used cars, reconditioned and sold, almost equals the new car sales.

In February, 1926, one of the most disastrous fires in the history of the borough completely destroyed the garage, with a loss of approximately \$50,000.

On the site of the ruins has been erected a modern fire-proof building of brick, concrete and steel, which today ranks with the finest garage buildings in the country.



H. W. MUTH'S GARAGE





## MRS. MUTH'S MILLINERY SHOP NINTH AND MARKET

Established in 1894, by Mrs. Hunsberger, mother of the present owner. This place has been in continuous operation since, and qualifies as one of Perkasio's longest established businesses.

For thirty years Mrs. Hunsberger conducted this business at Race Street, near Marshall. In 1924, Mrs. Muth succeeded her mother as owner. In 1926 the busi-

ness was removed from the Arch Street address to its present location.

This place takes a pardonable pride in its record of achievement, and points to the continued patronage of three generations of many families as its best testimonials.

The business today is housed in one of Perkasio's finest residences and is steadily growing.



EDNA MUTH MILLINER





**ROBERT H. GRIM**  
**ATTORNEY-AT-LAW**

Born in the borough of Perkasio, Bucks County, Penna., November 15, 1901, the eldest son, of Harry E. and Minnie D. Grim.

Attended the public schools of the Borough of Perkasio and was graduated from Perkasio High School in 1919. Entered Lafayette College, Easton, Pa., in 1919 and was graduated therefrom in 1923 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Entered the University of Pennsylvania Law

School in 1923 and was graduated therefrom in 1926 with the degree of Bachelor of Laws.

Entered the practice of law in 1926 in the Borough of Perkasio. Associated with the law firm of Grim & Grim. Admitted to practice in the County of Bucks, Superior and Supreme Courts of Pennsylvania and the District Court of the United States.

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**EDWIN H. STOUT**  
**REAL ESTATE BROKER**

This firm started business in 1912, with an office in the home of the owner, at 311 Arch Street, Perkasio, Pa.

The head of the firm, Edwin H. Stout, had prepared himself by working in the office of a prominent Philadelphia real estate broker for a period of time, and, also, by taking a correspondence course in a large Chicago school. The first six to seven years the firm confined itself chiefly to the buying, selling and exchanging of farm properties in Bucks and Montgomery Counties, and then gradually branched out into a general real estate brokerage business; and for the past five years has specialized mostly in business opportunities of all kinds through Bucks, Montgomery, Philadelphia, Lehigh and Northampton Counties.

From the start the motto of the firm has been, "We aim to give the fullest possible service." By adhering strictly to this motto the business of the firm has naturally grown from year to year, and among their numerous clients today are many with whom they have done business back in 1912.

Whether a customer is in search of a business, a town property, a farm of any kind, either to buy, sell, exchange, or rent; or desires to loan money on a first or second mortgage, or has money to loan; they render the same high grade of service that they have always given to thousands of satisfied customers in the past seventeen years.



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## NEAMAND'S DRUG STORE SEVENTH AND CHESTNUT STREETS

The oldest unchanged managed business place in Perkasio.

Established by the present owner, Harry Neamand, Registered Pharmacist, and opened for business November 17, 1894.

The first soda water fountain in the town was installed in this store.

It was the home for the town's newspaper and magazine agency for more than twenty-one years, being discontinued several years ago.

It was the home of Perkasio's telephone exchange for a number of years.

Many of the town's buildings, business and social activities were planned and developed in the office room of this store.

The proprietor was interested in the building of 103 houses and buildings in this community.

Neamand's Home Remedies, Dr. Kreiss's Headache Tablets, Chicken-Save, all well known preparations, were originated and developed by the proprietor and made here.

Beside the retail drug business, an extensive wholesale trade is done, nearly all the general stores for miles around sell his special preparations.

A number of young men who are prosperous druggists today received their preliminary training in this store:

Nelson L. Yeakel, Nazareth, Pa.  
Charles H. Texter, Quakertown, Pa.  
Richard J. Sterner, Perkasio, Pa.  
D. Elvin Rosenberger, Philadelphia.

As a business stand it has stood the test of time, gradually developing by fair, square, honest, conscientious business methods.



NEAMAND'S DRUG STORE—Seventh and Chestnut Streets.

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## E. W. CROUTHAMEL'S HOTEL

Built in 1854, and in continuous operation since, this hostelry is not only the oldest in Perkasio but also a landmark in the community.

Early in its history it was a popular place—stop-over place for Lehigh Valley merchants who drove to Philadelphia to purchase their merchandise and for farmers and commission men who hauled their produce to Philadelphia markets.

The hotel is one of the best known cattle marts in Bucks County. Throughout its long history thousands of head of horses, cows and pigs, shipped here from every section of the eastern half of the country, have been sold from the auction block at this place.

This hotel also was the birthplace of the "combination" sale, an institution in Eastern Pennsylvania.

The "combination" sale serves as a clearance house for farmers and townsfolk. Monthly, on stated Saturday afternoon's hundreds of vehicles of every description, loaded with every conceivable kind of farm equipment, household goods and frequently farmers with live stock, may be seen traveling along the community roads that lead to this hotel.

The aggregate of goods and live stock offered at these unique sales quite frequently comprises everything that is necessary to equip completely a farm and home.

With the advent of modern facilities of travel and transportation the hotel has lost much of its transient trade, but the "combination sale" and "cattle" remain one of the big attractions at this place.



E. W. CROUTHAMEL'S HOTEL—THIRD WARD

# PERKASIE 1879 1929 BOROUGHS

## CAREY S. GROFF—INSURANCE AGENT



CAREY S. GROFF—Insurance Agent.

Carey S. Groff was born November 9, 1873, on South Main Street, Third Ward, Perkasia, Pa. In 1889 he worked for Samuel Angelmoyer as water boy and tool boy, when the turnpike from South Perkasia to Blooming Glen was built. In March, 1890, was hired on farm of Isaac Clymer, below Sellersville. In October, of same year, worked for Clinton Groff as hostler at South Perkasia Hotel.

In 1891 he learned cigarmaking at John Fly's factory, and later worked for John Harr as hostler at Union Hotel, up to 1894, when David Meyers took possession of Union Hotel. In 1895 he bought pool room and cigar store above John Spiegelhalter's barber shop, on Seventh Street. On May 28, 1896, he married Lydia A. Lewis, daughter of Pearson and Hannah Lewis, of East Rockhill Township.

In 1897 he took the Agency for Hartford Fire Insurance Company, of Hartford, Conn. February 24, 1898, was taken sick with rheumatic trouble and was sick for three years and three months. In 1901 started as salesman with J. Jones and Brother, of Philadelphia, selling oils in Bucks, Montgomery, Berks, and Le-

high Counties, and part of New Jersey, and in 1902 sold feed for Clarence Wager in Bucks and Montgomery Counties.

Mr. Groff signed up with the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company on April 13th, 1903. He had very little business then. The route that he was to collect consisted of a weekly collection of \$52.60.

The Metropolitan had assets then of \$66,000,000 and Mr. Groff has seen his company grow from an income of \$40,000,000 a year to \$743,000,000 a year, and he has seen the assets of the company increase from sixty-six millions to two billions, seven hundred millions.

His connections with his company occurred during the most progressive growth in its history, and he has kept pace with it, being one of its outstanding men in the eastern part of Pennsylvania. He built up the Company's business from \$52.00 a week income to over \$400.00 a week, and seven years ago, when he was attacked by pneumonia, it was necessary to cut his route in half. Upon his recovery, he started right after the same goal and built his business to over \$400.00 a week, and it was necessary to again split his district, so during his administration, he has built two routes for the company, retaining for himself over \$4,000,000 of insurance, over and above that which he has given to build new districts for their men to operate in.

It was in 1928, that the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company celebrated Mr. Groff's twenty-fifth anniversary with them by presenting him with a service medal, containing a very handsome diamond.

For the past fifteen years Mr. Groff has been connected with the Norristown office of the Metropolitan. In these fifteen years he has always been among the first five out of sixty representatives in the district.

The esteem in which Mr. Groff is held by his company is shown by the fact that he is known as an Agent Un-attached, or he is an Independent Agent, conducting the company's business without any outside interference or assistance. He is rounding out his twenty-sixth year and beginning on his twenty-seventh. His superior officers hold him in the very highest esteem.

In 1917 Mr. Groff was elected as Chief Burgess and took oath of office January 1st, 1918, and has been re-elected for three successive terms.



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## ROBERT A. BENNER—FUNERAL DIRECTOR

Having come from the home of an undertaker, and assisting in his father's business since early youth, R. A. Benner became desirous of further fitting himself for the profession and attended Eckel's College of Embalming and Sanitary Science, completing the course with honors, later becoming a licensed embalmer.

It was on the 7th of March, 1917, that Benner's undertaking business was instituted. After serving the community for a short period of time, he was called to serve his country, and after fourteen months of service overseas, he returned to take up his profession in Perkasia.

It is with sincerity that he expresses his gratitude for the service he has been per-

mitted to render, and he is desirous of giving you only the best.

In this day and age, people insist on the best of everything. Old, inefficient ways of doing things must give way before the march of progress, and the business which cannot keep pace must drop out of line.

Our line of service is no exception to the rule. There are constant changes in technical methods, constant improvements in equipment and merchandise. The funeral director must keep on the alert.

We believe that only the best is good enough for this community. That is why we are constantly improving our methods, renewing our equipment and showing the latest developments in merchandise.



R. A. BENNER—UNDERTAKER



## ROBERT M. GOETTLE

Started painting in 1910, for Samuel Diehl, and later for Fred Hollenback, and remained in his employ until the spring of 1914, when he joined the staff of Levi Wolfinger. His services with Mr. Wolfinger were interrupted by the entry of the United States in the World War.

Entering the army November 23, 1917, Mr. Goettle later saw service in France and was wounded in battle. Upon his return to the United States and discharge from the hospital, Mr. Goettle was sent to the Army Trade School in Carlisle, Pa., where he pursued a course in painting for about three months prior to his discharge from the service in June, 1919.

Upon his return to civilian life, Mr. Goettle again resumed his work with Levi

Wolfinger, with whom he remained until the fall of 1924, when he began painting with William Pennypacker, with whom he worked until the following spring, when, in the month of March, he entered into a partnership agreement with Frank Detweiler, doing business under the name of Goettle & Detweiler.

Three years later, in March, 1928, Mr. Detweiler retired from the business and profession, and the business was entirely taken over by Robert M. Goettle, who has since that time conducted it. During the busiest seasons Mr. Goettle employs four men. At the present time three men are on the staff, namely:

Thomas Miller  
William Kallansee  
Henry Fensterle

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## DIEHL & WAMPOLE POTTERY, Inc.

On December 16, 1926, a charter was granted to the Diehl and Wampole Pottery Company, for the purpose of manufacturing clay products.

A building, to be used for the manufacture of Red Clay Flower Pots, was erected on a two-acre tract at Ninth and Pine Streets. Several additions were added later, so that at the present time the entire building covers a floor space of 6,400 square feet.

The clay used in the manufacture of the flower pots, is obtained from a ten-acre tract located near Rock Hill.

The machinery required in the manufacturing of the pots consists of a pair of

rollers for the purpose of crushing the clay, a pug mill to prepare it and a pot machine to stamp out the pots. The latter has a capacity of 10,000 pots a day.

Two kilns fulfill the requirements for the burning of the pots. One has a capacity of approximately 25,000 four-inch pots while the other one holds about 15,000 of the four-inch pots.

During the year 1928 there were manufactured approximately 400,000 flower pots, in sizes ranging from two inches to eight inches in diameter.

The following are the officers: President, Harry P. Diehl; Vice-President, Harry A. Wampole, and Secretary and Treasurer, Enos Wampole.





## PERKASIE BOYS' BAND

Unusual foresight on the part of J. Phillip Laudenberger has seen its culmination in the Perkasio Boys' Band. Reaching the conclusion years ago that this vicinity had many boys musically inclined, he advocated a boys' band, but met with no success.

However, in January, 1928, he met with the boys and determined to proceed.

Realizing its immensity, he requested a group of men to aid him. On March 3, 1928, these men met and formed a committee to govern Boys' Band work.

President, Dr. O. H. Strouse.

Vice-President, Franklin U. Kramer.

Treasurer, George Beidler.

Secretary, J. Richard Sterner.

Robert H. Grim.

Curwen L. Lutz.

W. O. Hunsicker.

At this meeting through J. P. Laudenberger, who had tendered his services as musical director for two years free of charge, the committee received the instruments of the defunct Harmonic Band.

The committee decided there would be

no qualifications for a member other than "the boys help make the band a success."

Regular rehearsals were held in the Fire Hall of Company No. 1, at no charge.

The band's first appearance was at the ground-breaking of Grand View Hospital, Sellersville, March 24, 1928. First uniformed appearance, Boys' Week, 1928.

At all civic and community affairs they were among the first to offer their services, and, beginning their second year, they requested the committee in charge of Fiftieth Anniversary to call upon them at any time, at which time they will be equipped in handsome new uniforms.

The success of the Perkasio Boys' Band is due to the efforts of J. Phillip Laudenberger, its musical director, working without financial remuneration.

To the various local organizations whose response to furnish financial aid was splendid.

And the individuals who so nobly aided the committee to purchase instruments, uniforms, etc.



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PERKASIE BOYS' BAND (Continued)



PERKASIE BOYS' BAND

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## OLIVER L. NACE FLORIST AND GROWER OF CARNATIONS

In April, 1905, S. Linford Nace and Oliver L. Nace bought the homestead of William Yost, deceased, on Walnut Street, Third Ward, immediately next below the cement bridge.

In 1912 Oliver L. Nace bought the entire acreage of this farm and built his present home.

In 1922 he erected No. 1 greenhouse, 166 by 40 feet.

In 1923 he erected No. 2 greenhouse, 175 by 40 feet.

In 1926 he erected No. 3 greenhouse, 200 by 40 feet.

In 1927 he erected No. 4 greenhouse, 150 by 40 feet.

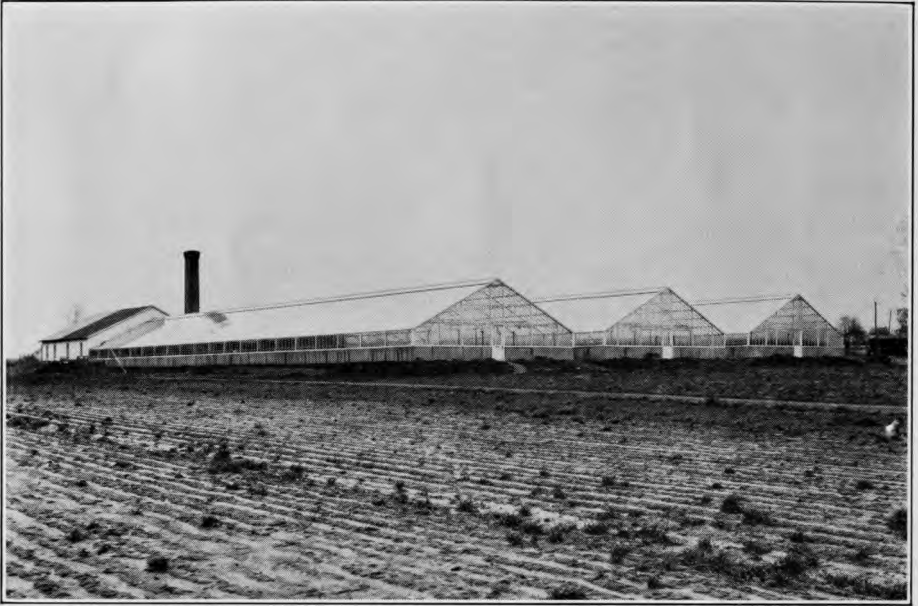


OLIVER L. NACE'S GREENHOUSES



# PERKASIE 1879 1929 BOROUGH

## OLIVER L. NACE'S GREENHOUSES (Continued)



OLIVER L. NACE'S GREENHOUSES



A VIEW OF COTTAGES IN PERKASIE PARK



## ROBERT STONE AUTO REFINISHING OAKLAND PONTIAC SALES

This plant, established in 1928, is one of Perkasia's newest commercial enterprises. Its inception came as a result of a popular demand here for a modern auto-refinishing plant.

Mr. Stone, the owner, is a thoroughly experienced mechanic, and the constantly increasing patronage indicates that in ad-

dition to his mechanical skill he is also a competent business manager.

Early this year he added automobile sales and service to his business with the Oakland-Pontiac line. In spite of his comparatively brief career here, the volume of business at this place compares favorably with the oldest established automobile businesses along the North Penn.

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## HARRY V. STROTHERS HAULING CONTRACTOR

Mr. Strothers started in the hauling business in Philadelphia in April, 1919, with one two-ton truck. He worked in and around Philadelphia, until March, 1920, at which time he came to Bucks County to work on the Easton Highway, between Pipersville and Plumsteadville, hauling stone for the new concrete road from a quarry near Harrow. He worked there until this job was completed and then returned to Philadelphia.

In April, 1921, he hauled for Buckingham Township, hauling stone from Rushland and Danboro quarries to Mechanicsville Road. On August 11th he came to Rock Hill Quarry to work, hauling stone from there, which kept him busy for the balance of the season, at which time he lived in Quakertown and Perkasia.

In April, 1922, he purchased one five-ton "Mack" truck and one three-ton "International" truck, using them for hauling stone from Rock Hill Quarry to Bethlehem Pike, between Bucks and Montgomery

County Line, at Unionville and Quakertown.

In 1924 he purchased two new "Mack" trucks, disposing of the two he owned. He used these trucks on the pike between Harleysville and Souderton. In the winter of 1925 he went to work on the Broad Street Subway in Philadelphia.

He came to Perkasia to live in March, 1925, hauling stone to various jobs which were awarded Rock Hill Quarry. The road was rebuilt between Coopersburg and Quakertown in 1926, to which he hauled stone. In 1927 the State Highway was rebuilt from Doylestown to Dublin, for which Rock Hill furnished the stone, and his trucks were kept busy. There were no big jobs put through in 1928, and so far this year.

In 1926 he purchased two lots on Ninth Street, south of Park Avenue, and the following year built a garage, and later purchased more trucks, and at the present time he has five "Mack" trucks.





## ALEX Y SON & COMPANY

This establishment builds men's clothing of all types, including full dress, cutaway, business suits and overcoats. Its success is due to the integrity and perseverance of its owner, Samuel Alexy, master tailor.

After serving the required four years' apprenticeship at the trade, Mr. Alexy entered the Mitchell Designing School, in New York City, where he perfected the ability to design and cut men's clothing. With this complete knowledge of the trade, Mr. Alexy decided to go in business for himself.

In 1907 he opened his first store in Philadelphia, catering entirely to men's made-to-order clothing. With a small stock of well-chosen materials, in a conservatively equipped store and a well-arranged shop, the start was made. The years went by and the business kept increasing. Stock in the store was increased and additional space was added to both the store and the shop.

In 1922, his son, Lawrence, entered the business with him.

In 1924 the business had reached the point where expansion was necessary, due to lack of floor space. Perkasio was recommended and after investigation was found to be truly an "Active and Attractive" town. A private dwelling at 610 Market Street was purchased and immediately remodeled into the present building.

In 1925, the business was transferred to Perkasio and men's ready-to-wear clothing was added, in addition to the stock of woolsens carried for made-to-measure clothing. With a well-equipped shop and experienced workmen, the business leaped ahead and after a few months an entire rearrangement of the store was made. A complete line of men's and boys' ready-to-wear clothing and furnishings was added to the stock.

The alteration, dry cleaning and repairing department is widely recommended for its efficiency and dependability, and has been an important factor in winning public confidence.



ALEX Y SON & CO.



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## PROGRESSIVE B. & L. ASSOCIATION PERKASIE, PENNA.

Incorporated June 22, 1922, for one million dollars.

### OFFICERS

Irwin B. Dill, President.  
Paul S. Gulick, Vice-President.  
Irvin Y. Baringer, Secretary.  
Walter K. Terry, Treasurer.

### DIRECTORS

Irwin B. Dill  
Irvin Y. Baringer  
Walter K. Terry  
Mark Thatcher  
Paul S. Gulick

Garwood Bishop  
Franklin W. Kramer  
Wilson L. Yeakel  
Claude E. Benfield  
William W. Allabough  
Harold Buckner  
Wilmer K. Fretz  
Enos A. Wampole

This association began business July, 1922, and has had a steady growth, having 3774 shares in force among 480 shareholders.



CHARLES M. WIMMER  
Official Photographer of the Historical Souvenir Edition.

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## M. T. WEISEL NASH AND REO SALES AND SERVICE

Mr. Weisel is one of the oldest resident business men of Perkasio, having built from small beginnings.

In 1889 he rented a building on the site of his present plant for the manufacture of wagons, containing a floor space of 3,000 square feet, and employed seven men.

The demand for wagons and carriages increased so that in 1913 he enlarged the old building to double its size.

Then the automobile came into use, and the demand for truck bodies, and the plant was changed to the manufacture of truck bodies, which is continued to the present day.

Less than a quarter century ago the automobile industry was unknown. Some motor cars had been built, but had not performed sufficiently well to encourage any material manufacturing development.

Then gradually the mode of travel changed, and in 1916 Mr. Weisel secured a pleasure car and truck franchise, and the building was devoted to the new industry, part as repair department, part as stock room, and the remaining to the manufacture of truck bodies.

The body department and repair department is now equipped with machinery and tools required for the present-day demand upon his line of business.



THE WEISEL GARAGE

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## PERKASIE ICE PLANT

The Perkasio Ice Plant, a branch of the Lansdale Ice and Storage Company, Incorporated, of Lansdale, Penna., was built in the early spring of 1926, on a plot of ground along the Reading Railway, at the Park Avenue crossing.

Work was started on the building as soon as the frost was out of the ground, and a brick and steel building of one story, 85 feet by 53 feet, was erected to house a twenty-five ton daily capacity, thoroughly modern ice plant.

Power is furnished by a 100-horsepower Diesel Superior Otto Oil Engine, direct connected by a clutch coupling to a high-speed 9 by 9 feet York Ammonia Compressor. A 30 K. V. A. Allis-Cham-

bers Generator, belted to the flywheel, furnishes electricity for lighting and operating the auxiliaries, which total 21 horsepower in motors. A York tank with 360 cans, with brine cooler, was installed in a five-can group system. These groups are handled with a Euclid, one-ton, two-way, traveling crane.

The system is equipped with a twenty-five ton Shell and Tube Ammonia Condenser, and the day storage house has a capacity of fifty tons of ice.

The officials of the Company are:

Herbert G. Godshall, President.

W. H. D. Godshall, Vice-President.

Raymond G. Godshall, Secretary and Treasurer.



PERKASIE ICE PLANT

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## ROLAND C. BENNER PAPER HANGER

Roland C. Benner was born September 25, 1887, near Springtown, Bucks County, Penna.

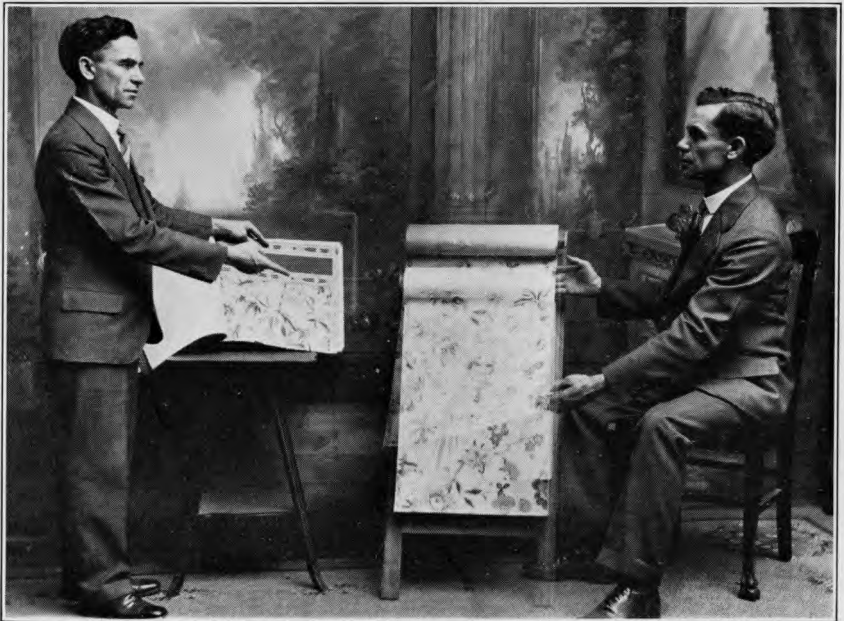
He attended the public schools in Springfield Township, after which he secured a clerical position in the mercantile business in Quakertown, and later a like position in Pennsburg, Montgomery County, where he was employed until 1904, when he secured employment with Lewis Keller, merchant, Bedminster, Bucks County, Penna.

Becoming interested in the teaching profession, he relinquished his clerical position and attended the Bloomsburg

State Normal School, now Teachers' College, after which he taught the Fretz Valley School for four terms, the Centre School for four terms, and the Bedminster School two terms.

In addition to his teaching profession, he served as one of the Justices of the Peace in Bedminster Township until 1919, when he moved to Perkasio, Penna., and entered the paper hanging craft in which he is still actively engaged.

He has always strictly adhered to "Service above Self," which, with his continual efforts "to please," have won for him a great demand for his services.



BENNER WALL PAPER

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## OTTO HENRY STROUSE, M. D.

The citizenry and the medical fraternity of Bucks County, and particularly Perkasio, are favored by the residence among them of Dr. Otto Henry Strouse, a capable physician, who, esteemed by the borough, has had a very successful practice in Perkasio for many years. Doctor Strouse, loyal to his country and to his borough, is a World War veteran, and he is one of the most active citizens of the borough.

Born in Northampton County, September 23, 1877, is the son of Reuben B. Strouse, a farmer, and Jane (Davidson) Strouse. Dr. Otto Henry Strouse first attended the public schools of Kosten Bader, in Bushkill Township, Northampton County. The family came to Bucks County and settled in Bedminster Township when he was a young lad and he continued his education in the Fretz Valley School.

He took his higher academic courses in the Perkiomen Seminary and subsequently studied medicine in the Medico-Chirurgical College, Philadelphia, from which he was graduated in 1909 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. Following graduation, he served one year as an interne in the Medico-Chirurgical Hospital, of Phil-

adelphia, an institution affiliated with the college as a co-operative adjunct, and then began his practice of general medicine in Keelersville, where he remained only three months, after which he continued his practice in Perkasio, where he has lived since 1910.

During the World War Doctor Strouse, with a first lieutenant's commission, served eight months with the Medical Corps of the American Expeditionary Forces in France.

Doctor Strouse is a Democrat, a member of the Knights of Malta, the Brotherhood of Americans, the Bucks County Medical Association, the Medical Society of the State of Pennsylvania, the American Medical Association, the Northern Pennsylvania Clinical Association, the Lehigh Valley Neurological Society, and the Perkasio Chamber of Commerce. Roentgenologist to Grand View Hospital, and President of the Hospital Staff since 1924. He and his family are communicants of the Reformed Church in Perkasio.

Doctor Strouse married Mary A. Miller, daughter of Reuben and Manda (Hockman) Miller, in Wilmington, Delaware, in November, 1907. They have two children: E. Astley and Evelyn.



DR. OTTO H. STROUSE RESIDENCE AND OFFICE

# PERKASIE 1879 FEB 1929 BOROUGH

## A. M. NYCE CLEANER AND DYER

This business was started on January 19, 1919, two doors below the present site of the Plaza Theatre, by A. M. Nyce, the present proprietor.

An eighteen-pound electric iron, pressing table, pressing buck, pressing cloths, sponges and brushes, constituted the main equipment.

Within two months the business was moved to its present location, 104 South Sixth Street.

Seven months later, the first garments were accepted for French dry cleaning.

Four months after starting dry cleaning service the increase in the number of garments handled necessitated the installing of a pressing machine.

A Hoffman pressing machine was installed in March, 1920. The original Hoffman was replaced by a prosperity pressing machine in 1925, and in 1928 a Gem flueless boiler and a Pantex pressing machine were added.

As an example of the improvement in service since 1919 to 1929: the time necessary for pressing a man's suit in 1919 was approximately one hour, while today, with the two pressing machines installed, eight men's suits can be pressed every hour.

For French dry cleaning in 1919, one week's time was necessary, while on dry cleaning days today twenty-four-hour service can be given on most work.

As will be seen from the above comparison, the capacity today is eight times as great as in 1919, or approximately 480 garments each week.

During the Spring and Summer of 1927, agencies were started in Sumneytown, Red Hill, Pennsburg, East Greenville, and Telford.

In March, 1928, a Branch Store was opened at 108 North Main Street, Sellersville, and recently another agency was opened in Harleysville.

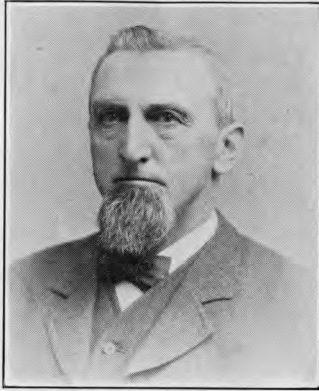


EDWARD FREY'S RESIDENCE

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## W. E. SAVACOOOL FEED MILL



WM. SAVACOOOL  
Founder of Savacool Mill.



W. ELMER SAVACOOOL

About sixty-three years ago this business was started by William B. Savacool in a small way. William B. was also a shipper of veal calves to the New York market and transported the calves to Point Pleasant, Pennsylvania. At that time he brought feed back and sold it to the neighbors. The flour was brought here from the Chalfont and Lansdale flour mills. Feed was also hauled here by teams from Milford, New Jersey. The business grew steadily until the feed could be bought in car lots. Sellersville was the shipping station until about forty years ago, when feed and grain were shipped to Perkasio, Penna.

The business continued growing steadily for some years, when William B. Savacool turned the flour and feed business over to his nephew, William H. Savacool,

who conducted it for several years, until he purchased the Mont Alto Coal Yards from Henry Texter. During these years William B. confined his time to the shipping of calves and also started the shipping of shellbarks to New York markets, some years shipping as high as ten to fifteen cars from a territory comprising Upper Bucks and Montgomery Counties. His shipping stations were Sellersville, Quakertown, Point Pleasant, Green Lane, Souderton, and Salford Station. In the meantime the cutting of cedar poles became popular when he shipped carload after carload from the Perkiomen Valley and Sellersville, to Wayne, Delaware County, and the suburbs of Philadelphia.

After William H. Savacool took over the Mont Alto Coal Yard, William B. again took the flour, feed and grain busi-

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## W. E. SAVACOO FEED MILL (Continued)

ness, employing Franklin S. Yost, now of Pleasant Valley, as his foreman, conducting the business until April 1, 1904, just twenty-five years ago, when the business was turned over to the present owner, W. Elmer Savacool.

When William B. Savacool started this business, wheat, bran, wheat and rye middlings, corn meal, corn cob meal, oil meal, corn, oats, wheat, rye, buckwheat and flour were sold. Corn gluten feed, corn bran and cotton seed meal were later added, until today, the present owner sells the commodities above stated, with the following additions: beef scrap, fish meal, dried and semi-solid buttermilk, charcoal, bone meal, feeding oat meal, rolled oats, hulled oats, steel cut oat meal, kaffir corn,

feeding peas, sunflower seed, clover seeds, dried beet pulp, dried bowers grains, alfalfa leaf and blossom meal, poultry grit, oyster shells, molasses, bicarbonate of soda, minerals for cattle, and poultry feeds and cod liver oil. In fact, everything to balance the rations for present-day requirements.

During the last twenty-five years additions to the buildings have been made that give room to store about 150 tons of feed or more. The machinery has all been changed from gasoline engine to electric driven attrition mill, grain cleaner, corn cutter and feed mixer.

Mr. Savacool also sells a full line of commercial feeds, including the well-known Pratt Food Company line.



SAVACOO MILL



## WASHINGTON G. DENGLE POST GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

Perkasie is proud to have listed among its organizations the Washington Dengler Post, No. 622, Grand Army of the Republic. The local post was named in honor of Colonel Washington Dengler, brother of the late Rev. J. G. Dengler, former pastor of St. Stephen's Reformed Church. During his lifetime Reverend Dengler always maintained great interest in the welfare of the post.

The charter was granted March 31, 1894, with eighteen charter members, as follows:

John Stephens  
Samuel N. Daub  
Thomas J. Ziegenfuss  
C. Schoeneberger  
Charles J. Roberts  
John Schwartz  
Henry Gentner  
H. Ramsey  
Martin Callahan  
William Renner  
H. Groff  
Henry Drumbore  
Robert Hargreaves  
John Godshall  
Henry Bee  
B. R. Althouse  
Adam Wendling

From time to time other comrades became affiliated with Washington Dengler Post, until at one time its membership totalled forty-eight.

Martin Callahan served as the first Post Commander and he appointed William Morrow first officer of the guard, and John Schwartz first adjutant. The first Decoration Day (Memorial Day) Commit-

tee, in 1895, was composed of the following members:

Henry Gentner, Chairman  
John Schwartz  
Henry S. Groff  
Adam Wendling  
Henry Drumbore

The first several years the Post alternated their places of meeting between Perkasio and Sellersville, but the meetings at the latter place were soon discontinued. Regular meetings were held in their meeting rooms in the Solliday Building on Market Street, until the completion of the New Fraternity Temple, in 1923, when the Post Headquarters were removed to this building. Since this time meetings were held only at the call of the Commander.

John Schwartz and Henry Drumbore are the only charter members living. Mr. Schwartz moved out of Perkasio several years ago and took up residence with the family of his son, residing in Harrisburg, Pa., whereupon he transferred his membership in the Grand Army to the Post in that city. The present membership of the Post consists only of three members, namely:

Lewis Koch  
Henry Kramer  
Henry Drumbore

These respected comrades take a keen interest in the affairs of town and post, and are always the center of attraction on Memorial Day, and at other public gatherings in which they take part. They have a mutual understanding between them to retain their charter and keep the post intact until the last man dies, which is as it should be. Long may they live!



## EDWIN F. STOVER DEALER IN FLOUR FEED AND GRAIN

Thirty-two years ago Edwin F. Stover leased the Benjamin (now South Perkassie) roller mills from A. A. Hendricks. After operating a few years, he bought the Blooming Glen Grist Mill, which was only a very small structure at that time.

Being located in a prosperous farming community, he soon found it necessary to enlarge, and since his ownership, has more than thrice enlarged the original structure, equipping it with all the modern grinding and mixing machinery.

In 1916 the Perkassie Feed Store was purchased and operated in conjunction with the former store, but owing to the modern methods of handling feed and increase in sales, was also getting too small, so, being desirous of keeping up with modern business, he purchased the Freed Hay House, a very desirable location, with intentions of erecting a modern store, but this was never consummated, owing to his death, in May, 1928. The business is now being carried on by his Estate.



STOVER'S MILL

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## MARCUS S. KLINE PLUMBING, HEATING AND TINNING

Marcus S. Kline was born in Hatfield Township, Montgomery County, in 1892.

He attended public schools in the Township, and in 1912 was apprenticed to P. L. Moyer at Perkasia, in the plumbing business.

In 1915 he was employed by P. H. Frederick, and worked for him until 1924, when he

opened up his own shop at Third and Market streets, continuing here until May 1926, when he moved to his present place of business at 119 North Sixth street, where he has built up a very creditable business and clientele.

Mr. Kline married Orvilla Cassel of Hatfield Township in 1913, and together have one daughter, Margaret, thirteen years of age.



M. S. KLINE'S PLUMBING SHOP

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## L. M. SCHWENK CLOTHING MANUFACTURER

The L. M. Schwenk Clothing Factory was started by Miss Mary Brown in the Bourse Building on Sixth street on October 23, 1906.

Miss Brown was engaged as a contract manufacturer of pants and vests at this location until Monday, December 10th, 1927, when she moved into the building erected for her by C. F. Meyers, on Chestnut street between 8th and 9th streets.

In the new location Miss Brown discontinued the manufacture of vests and devoted her time entirely to pants, until August 1st, 1912, when

the plant and equipment was leased by L. M. Schwenk for six months.

At the end of this period January 1st, 1913, Mr. Schwenk bought the plant and it has been operated continuously since that date in the same line of business.

During the World war the entire production of the plant was turned over to the manufacture of Army Breeches.

The factory has an output of 2700 pair of trousers per week.



L. M. SCHWENK CLOTHING FACTORY



# PERKASIE 1879 1929 BOROUGHS

## J. B. DERR SUPERVISING PRINCIPAL OF SCHOOLS



J. B. DERR  
Supervising Principal of Schools.

Mr. Derr is a native of Lehigh County, received his early education in the Elementary Schools of Alburtis, Pa., graduated from the Emaus High School 1917, received his Ph. B. degree, Muhlenberg College, Allentown, Pa., and an A. M. in Educational Administration and Supervision, University of Pennsylvania in 1924.

Before coming to Perkasio, he taught Science and Mathematics in the High School at Steelton, Pa. He has been our High School Principal and head of the Science and Mathematics Departments from 1921-23 at which time he was promoted to the position of Supervising Principal.

He has taken active part in our local civic and fraternal affairs, being a charter member

of the Rotary Club as well as Secretary and Editor of the Club's Weekly Bulletin. He is chairman of the Civic Committee of the American Legion and edits the monthly Bulletin of the Legion and is serving as Master of Finance for the local Knights of Pythias Lodge.

His most recent innovation to the Perkasio School system was the opening of a Free Evening Night School for all interested in furthering their education.

He will relinquish his affiliations with the local school system on July 1st of this year.

Mr. Derr carries with him the well wishes of the local community in any field of endeavor that he may deem feasible to enter.



## HARRY A. DETWEILER

### PANTS MANUFACTURER

Mr. Detweiler has had a thorough training in his line of manufacture and started early in life in business.

In 1896 to 1902 he was employed by Anthony Burkhard, at Blooming Glen, who was one of the old time manufacturers of clothes.

In 1902 until 1912 he worked for Miss Mary Brown in the factory now occupied by L. M. Schwenk, in Perkasio, and during 1914 to 1916 for L. M. Schwenk in the same factory.

In February 1916 he started a factory at Keelersville, now Fretz's, with two operators.

In 1919 he started a factory in the old creamery building at Weisel and remained there up to 1924, when he occupied the Perkasio Improvement Company Building over the Post Office, at Seventh and Arch streets.

He employs 65 operators and made 100,000 trousers in 1928.







## OFFICIAL PROGRAM

WEEK OF JUNE 15TH TO JUNE 22ND INCLUSIVE

Saturday June 15th--FIREMEN'S DAY  
 Sunday June 16th--RELIGIOUS DAY  
 Tuesday June 18th--EDUCATIONAL DAY  
 Wednesday June 19th--FRATERNAL DAY  
 Thursday June 20th--SCOUT DAY  
 Friday June 21st--COMMUNITY DAY  
 Saturday, June 22nd--AMERICAN LEGION DAY



## GENERAL COMMITTEE



### GENERAL COMMITTEE of

Perkasie's Fiftieth Anniversary  
Celebration

held during eight days from June 15th  
and inclusive of the 22d, 1929.

L. A. Pritchard, Chairman  
E. K. Moyer, Secretary

#### **Souvenir and History**

Mahlon Keller  
Samuel R. Kramer  
John W. Sprenkel

#### **Parade Committee**

William K. Krout  
James Schatz

#### **Entertainment**

W. L. Yeakel  
William B. Rosenberger

#### **Religious**

Rev. S. E. Moyer

#### **Sports**

Henry Wilson

#### **Educational**

J. B. Derr

#### **Financial Committee**

Charles Baum  
William B. Rosenberger

#### **Publicity**

John W. Sprenkel

#### **Decoration**

H. O. Bintzer  
C. S. Wampole  
Paul Sine  
Lawrence Alexy

#### **Lodges**

Harry Neamand  
Andrew Schuler  
Harry Nungesser

#### **Scouts**

Claude Gilbert

#### **Community Day**

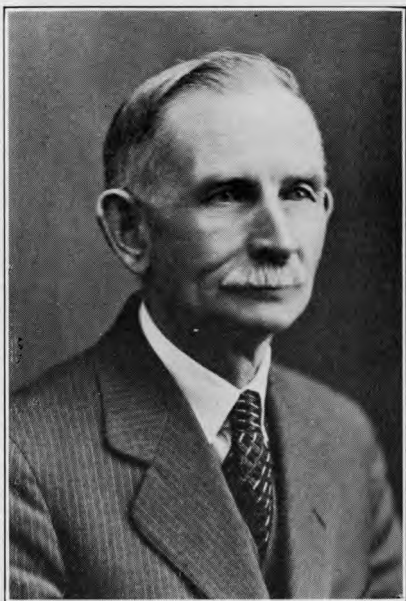
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W. L. Yeakel





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## CENTRAL COMMITTEE 50TH ANNIVERSARY



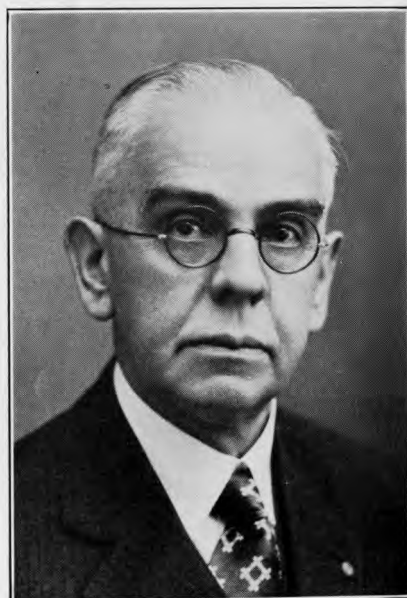
L. A. PRITCHARD, President.



CHAS. W. BAUM, Treasurer.



W. L. YEAKEL, Vice President.  
Member Pennsylvania Legislature



E. K. MOYER, Secretary.

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## CENTRAL COMMITTEE (Continued)



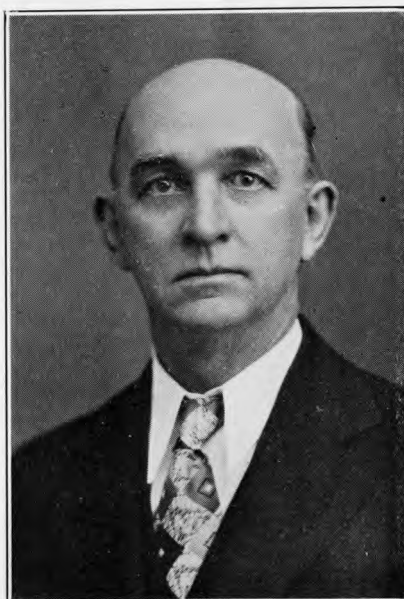
W. E. SAVACOL



EWALD WINZER



H. O. EINTZER



WM. K. KROUT

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## MEMBERS OF GENERAL COMMITTEE



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MAHLON KELLER, History.



WM. O. HUNSICKER HOME, Third and Market Streets.



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**WM. B. ROSENBERGER**

Sec'y of Chamber of Commerce

Perkasie, Penna.





