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## Will Your Name Be Listed In The June Issue Of The Gazette?

As previously mentioned, those people who have paid their membership dues by June, will have their names listed in alphabetic order in the June issue of THE GAZETTE. We need everyone's support to continue to publish the issues of THE GAZETTE and to help fund the various programs and activities we sponsor during the year. Please, be sure you have sent in your dues. Our mailing address is: BCHF, P.O. Box 215, Bristol, PA 19007. **THANK YOU!**

### Trip Talk

**New York City, Friday, Sept. 18** - Visiting the National September 11 Memorial and the recently-opened Museum, followed by free time for lunch-on-your-own and to explore the sights and sounds of the 89th Annual San Gennaro Festival in the historic Little Italy section of Lower Manhattan. There are four price categories; refer to "September" on Calendar of Events on last page of this GAZETTE. Reservations, limited to two per caller, will be accepted beginning 10 a.m., Saturday, May 16 at 215 788-9408. Full payment expected promptly thereafter.

**Newport Mansions at the Holidays, Wednesday - Friday, December 2-4** - Guided bus tour of Newport, RI, including three decorated mansions - - The Breakers, Marble House and The Elms. See other details under "December" on Calendar of Events in this issue of THE GAZETTE. At the time of this writing, 30 reservations were under deposit (\$200 pp).

**2016 Possibilities** - The Ways & Means Committee is giving serious consideration to the following trips for next year:

**Pittsburgh Express, Wednesday - Friday, May 18-20.** The itinerary would include a stop at the National

Flight 93 Memorial near Shanksville, PA, a guided bus tour of Pittsburgh including stops at the Univ. of Pittsburgh's Cathedral of Learning for a tour of the Nationality Rooms, a tour of the Phipps Conservatory & Botanical Gardens, a narrated cruise on Pittsburgh's rivers aboard the Gateway Clipper, and a visit to Frank Lloyd Wright's architectural creation, "Fallingwater," enroute home. The all-inclusive package would also include two breakfasts and two dinners, including dinner in the restored P&LE Train Station at the Grand Concourse located along the Monongahela River.

**Longwood Gardens & High Tea at Hotel duPont, Wednesday, Sept. 28** - View Longwood Gardens' Fall display, including the recently opened Meadow, an 85-acre area of all Pennsylvania native plants, and the recently restored farmhouse containing period antiques. Enjoy High Tea at the international renowned, world class, historic Hotel duPont in Wilmington, DE.

**Harlem, NYC, Wednesday, November 2** - Featuring a 4-hour guided bus tour of Harlem, a visit to the historic Apollo Theatre, and lunch

Watch future issues of THE GAZETTE for details!

### Transportation for Vacation & Visits in 1930

Reported in the "Bristol Courier" newspaper in August 1930 were the following items of social interest.

1. Mr. Albert Moffo, of Wood St., spent Sunday in Atlantic City.
2. Mr. and Mrs. Pete Capriotti of Market Street spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. R. Pickard, of Fergusonville.
3. Mr. and Mrs. John Ritter and family, of Swain Street, spent Saturday in Willow Grove at the Odd Fellows' picnic.
4. Mrs. William Mitchener and Miss Eliza Mitchener, of Swain Street are making a week's visit in Clifton Heights, with relatives.
5. Mrs. Leo Behrens and daughter Julia Lee, returned to their home in New York on Sunday after making an extended visit with Mr. and Mrs. John Sharp of Beaver Street.
6. Miss Margaret Mitchener, of Bath Street, was a visitor of

her niece, Mrs. Charles Haines, of Burlington, N.J. on Saturday.

7. Mr. & Mrs. D. Tilton Ellis of Swain St., and Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Seyfert, of Edgely, spent Sunday in Seaside, N.J.
8. Mr. and Mrs. James Lefferts returned to their home, from a vacation spent in Watkins Glen, N.Y.
9. Mrs. Frank Weiks and granddaughter, Miss Anita Wallace of Swain Street, returned to their home after a six-weeks visit with relatives in Detroit.

Additional Comments and Questions:

1. In 1930, most likely Albert Moffo of Wood St. would have traveled to Atlantic City via a train from Bristol and then changed trains to Atlantic City or west, via a train to Trenton, NJ and then by train south to Burlington and then east to Atlantic City.

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### BCHF Calendar of Events for 2015

**AUGUST** - Sun. 8/2 Annual Peach Social. Angel food cake topped with fresh peaches and ice cream, plus beverage. Takeouts available with own container. Baked goods table. \$5/adult, \$3 under age 12. BCHF air-conditioned headquarters. BENEFITS BCHF AWARDS TO BRISTOL HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES.

**SEPTEMBER** - Fri., 9/18. Bus trip to National September 11 Memorial and Museum, followed by free time and lunch-on-your-own at the annual San Gennaro Festival in "Little Italy." \$70 for BCHF members age 65 and over, U.S. Veterans or U.S. college students; \$73 for BCHF members in other categories; \$75 for non-members age 65 and over, U.S. Veterans or U.S. college students; \$78 for non-members in other categories. Call 215 788-9408 for current availability.

**OCTOBER** - Sat., 10/17, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. 39th Historic Bristol Day, Fee for House Tour & Tea. For details, visit the BCHF website given below.

**NOVEMBER** - Wed., 11/18, 7:30 p.m. BCHF's annual business meeting, incl. election of Board members. Program and refreshments follow. Free. BCHF headquarters. Call 215 781-9895 for info.

**DECEMBER** - Wed. - Fri., 12/2-4. "Newport Mansions at the Holidays" bus trip, featuring The Breakers, Marble House and The Elms. 2 nights lodging, 2 breakfasts, 2 dinners. Stop at Olde Mistick Village, guided tour of Newport, tours of the three-stated decorated mansions. All taxes & meal gratuities, driver & Newport guide gratuities. \$370 pp double, \$360 pp triple, \$445 single. Call 215 788-9408 for info/reservations.

- BCHF Headquarters are at 321 Cedar Street, Bristol
- For current information about activities and events, check out our web site at [www.bristolhistory.org](http://www.bristolhistory.org).

### Bristol Riverside Theater - 2015 Season

"An Enemy of the People" - May 12 - 31

Phone 215 785-0100 for tickets, dates and additional information.

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## Transportation . . . continued from pg 1

2. Mr. & Mrs. Pete Capriotti of Market St. would have traveled by auto to Fergusonville (which is in Bristol Twp.) The driving time in 2015 would have been approximately 20 min.

3. Mr. & Mrs. John Ritter of Swain St. spent the day in Willow Grove . . . In 1930 the PA Turnpike had not been constructed; most likely the Ritters could have taken a trolley from Bristol to Philadelphia and then changed trolleys and traveled north of Broad St. ( Rt. 611) directly to Willow Grove.

4. Mrs. William Mitchener & Miss Eliza Mitchener of Swain St . . . making a week's visit in Clifton Heights. This journey in 1930 would have been accomplished by taking a trolley to Philadelphia and then riding on the subway/elevated train to 69th Street Station and changing at 69th Street Terminal and boarding trolley car on the West Chester Pike which passed Clifton Heights.

5. Mrs. Leo Behrens and daughter Julia Lee, returned to their home in NY. - - This journey would have been rather easy. The Pennsylvania Railroad Station was located at Beaver & Prospect St. near the Bristol Post Office and many of the trains traveling to NY would stop at Bristol.

6. Miss Margaret Mitchener of Bath St. was a visitor . . . In Burlington, NJ, on Saturday - - The Burlington-Bristol Bridge did not open until May of 1931; therefore crossing the Delaware River from Bristol to Burlington would have been by William Dorn's Ferry Boat.

7. Mr. & Mrs. D. Tilton Ellis of Swain St., and Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Seyfert of Edgely - - In 1930, Seaside, NJ could have been reached by traveling to Trenton via railroad and then switching trains to go east to the seashore or by crossing the Delaware River on the Ferry from Bristol to Burlington and then driving across NJ to Seaside, NJ. There would have been a lot of traveling time for this journey.

8. Mr. & Mrs. James Lefferts - - Watkins Glen is in the Finger Lakes area of Central New York State. In 1930 this area may have been reached by taking a Pennsylvania Railroad Train to NYC and changing trans and traveling north to

Albany, NY and then most likely changing trains and traveling on the New York Central Railroad to one of the smaller towns on the New York Central Railroad near Syracuse and then traveling by a boat on a Finger Lake. (?????)

9. Mrs. Frank Weiks and granddaughter . . . a six week visit in Detroit. - - This journey could have been accomplished by using the Pennsylvania Railroad to Pittsburgh, changing trains at Pittsburgh and traveling north to Erie, PA. At Erie, changing to the New York Central Railroad and then traveling west to Cleveland and Toledo, Ohio and then using a train service from Toledo to Detroit. Perhaps this journey also could have been accomplished by traveling to NYC from Bristol, changing trains in NYC and traveling to Albany. At Albany there would have been a change of trains to the New York Central Railroad. This route would have been from Albany to Buffalo. the traveler would have then crossed into Canada and traveled on a Canadian Railroad. The Canadian traveled west, parallel to Lake Erie, and would have ended at Windsor, Canada. From there they would have been required to cross the bridge over the waterway that flows from Lake Huron to Lake Erie and then they would be in Detroit.

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In 1930 traveling was more difficult and short distances really seemed very far. Railroads, ships, trolley cars, ferry boats were the main mode of public transportation. Automobiles were slower and more expensive and the roads were not always dependable.

Reading about traveling and visitors was more interesting for readers of local newspapers and very often people within the town were asked to report on local travelers and visitors.

THAT TIME IN U.S. HISTORY MAY SEEM EASY TO US WHO ARE LIVING IN A TIME WHEN AIR TRAVEL AND HIGHER SPEEDS ON TURNPIKES DOMINATE; HOWEVER, THE PEOPLE WHO LIVED DURING THE FIRST HALF OF THE TWENTIETH CENTURY FELT THAT THEY HAD DIFFICULT TRAVEL TIMES TOO.

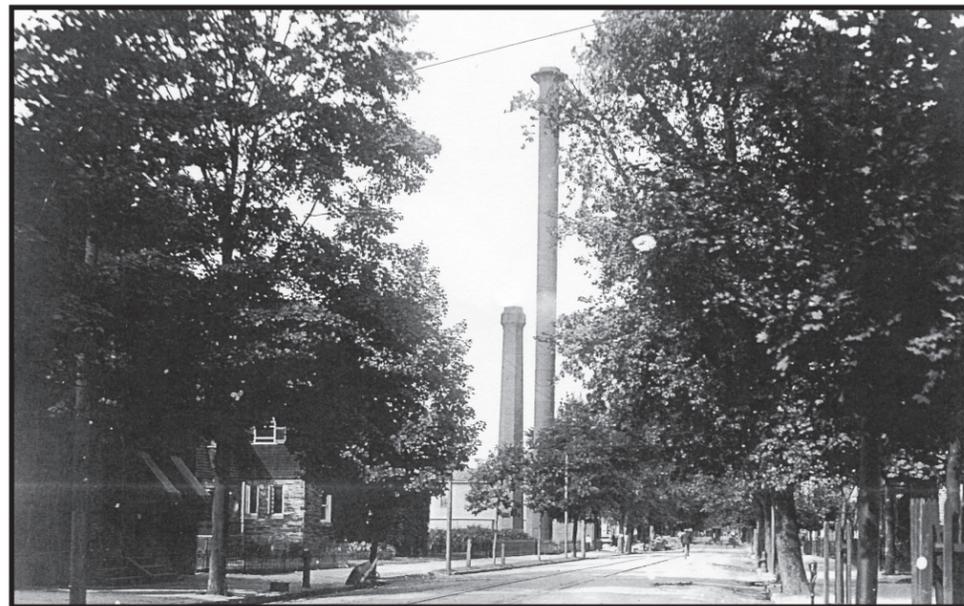
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## Looking At A Picture In Bristol

Where in the Borough of Bristol was this image made?

Here are a couple of hints:

1. Smoke Stacks
2. Trolley tracks
3. Hitching posts
4. Bicycle
5. Wheel Barrow
6. Horse and carriage



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## Out Of The Past

The following items were excerpted from **MAY 1915** issues of THE BUCKS COUNTY GAZETTE. Note: We were scheduled to excerpt from May 1905 but the microfilm for that date was not available.

5/7 - - BRISTOL SCHOOL BOARD IN IMPORTANT SESSION. Raised Teachers' Salaries. A tender was made by a community of Fidelity Council, Jr. O. U. A. M., to present Bibles to any school room that is in need of one. The offer was accepted. The new cooking school in the old Wood Street building has been equipped in the most up-to-date fashion and, beginning with the Fall term, will be put into operation.

ANTI-SUFFRAGISTS TO INVADE BRISTOL. Arrangements are being made to hold an anti-suffragists meeting in Bristol. The "Votes for Women" propagandists have been having things pretty much their own way in Bristol and now they are to meet with opposition meetings. Mrs. Walter Linn, who is apparently the guiding spirit of the anti-suffragists movement, said such a meeting was to be held but the arrangements had not yet been definitely made.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE:

The grocery stores in Bristol now close at noon on Wednesdays.

Eugenia Pfeiffer, the six-year-old daughter of Mrs. Laura Pfeiffer, is ill with typhoid fever at the home of her grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. Jacob McBrien. The little girl recently recovered from an attack of scarlet fever and had the smallpox following that, just prior to the present illness.

SPECIAL NOTICES:

WANTED: Boarding home for two motherless American boys, 8 and 10 years old. Public Welfare Association, 503 Radcliffe St.

WANTED: Colored girl, 14 years of age, desires home for services. Call Bell Phone, 41, Bristol.

"Why bother with your family wash when you can get it done for the small cost of 50 cents at the QUALITY LAUNDRY, 120 Pond Street. All work guaranteed. Work called for and delivered same day. H. Crowther, Proprietor."

"For good ice cream and real ice cream sodas and sundaes, give us a trial. Try our banana splits. Our ice cream sodas - 5¢. FORREST ICE CREAM PARLOR, 420 Mill Street, next door to the Forrest Theatre. We deliver 1 quart of ice cream or over **free**."

"No sign of hard times about our establishment! We don't stint our patrons. The portions we serve are generous and the food is the very best the market produces. As for our cooking and service, they can't be excelled. Our prices are low, considering the high quality of food and service. JEFFRIES' RESTAURANT, 406 Mill Street."

5/14 - - EDWARD HOLDEN TO CROSS CONTINENT IN AN AUTO. Will Traverse Lincoln Highway with Officials and Moving Picture Men. Edward A. Holden, as "Radcliffe," writes for the Courier as follows concerning a trip he is to take across the continent. "Bristol will be represented on a history-making trip across the continent from New York to San Francisco over the Lincoln Highway, a distance of 3384 miles. The honor and distinction has fallen upon Edward A. Holden, son of the Rev. and Mrs. Seaver M. Holden of Radcliffe Street . . ."

POLICE REPORT. The Police Committee reported that the officers made but eight arrests during the month of April - one for nuisance, one for false pretense, three for assault and battery, and three for drunkenness. Fourteen street lights were reported out and 18 "weary Willies" were given shelter in the station house.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE:

There is an epidemic of typhoid fever in Bristol. About 20 cases have been reported by the physicians.

The 15 cent Tea held last Sunday under the auspices of the Parsonage Mite Society of the M.E. Church was a financial success. About 250 persons partook of the excellent menu.

An operetta entitled "Red Riding Hood's Rescue" was given in the

old Presbyterian Church last evening for the benefit of the Italian Presbyterian Church of Bristol.

"AT THE FORREST, BRISTOL. This theatre is absolutely safe and fire proof, with exits on every side. Don't risk your lives in old style fire traps. Today, Friday, May 14! Famous Players' Night. John Barrymore in "An American Citizen." All seats, 10 seats. Children, 5 cents."

"Is your home protected? Special Sale of Revolvers - \$2.50 - \$5.00 Up. C.C. STRUMFELS, 311 Mill Street."

5/23 - - P.O.S. of A. WILL HOLD BIG DISTRICT MEETING. One of the biggest events in the history of Washington Camp, No. 780, P.O.S. of A. will be held at Mohican Hall, Bristol, on Thursday evening of next week, the 27th, when that organization will entertain the monthly meeting of the Philadelphia-Bucks District. An elaborate program is being prepared, which will include a street parade, speaking, and refreshments.

FIRE CAUSES \$1500 DAMAGE AT ICE PLANT. Friday, May 14, was an unlucky day in Bristol. The fire department was kept on the jump, the companies having responded three times to alarms on that day. Two of them turned out to be minor affairs but the night fire caused damages amounting to \$1500 at the Artesian Ice Company's plant.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE;

The bans of marriage were announced last Sunday in St. Mark's Church between James L. McGee and Miss Margaret McIlvain, both of Bristol.

The Bristol Theatre, Wood Street above Jefferson Avenue, has been re-opened under the management of the owners and will present a lady minstrel performance tonight and tomorrow evening.

Edward Lynn, the new manager of the Riverside Theatre, Bristol, has secured an exceptional attraction for this evening and tomorrow afternoon and evening, with Pamahasika's trained pets.

"Spring Toggery for Men! Shirts, Underwear, Neck Wear, Straw Hats. GALLAGHER & MC GEE, 231 Mill Street."

"Fresh Roast Coffee. THE ARCADE TEA AND COFFEE STORE, Mill & Pond Streets."

5/28 - - MEMORIAL SERVICES. Last evening, the annual memorial services conducted by H. Clay Beatty Post, G.A.R., were held in the Riverside Theater, Bristol. On Monday, at 9:45 a.m. sharp, the Post will assemble at headquarters, corner of Radcliffe and Walnut Streets, and march to the Bristol Cemeteries out Otter Street. At 2:00 p.m., every comrade is expected to report at headquarters, at which time the Post will form and proceed to the several cemeteries within the borough and strew with flowers the graves of the dead soldiers.

ELKS CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY. Last Thursday evening, the Bristol Lodge of Elks celebrated its tenth anniversary. A banquet was served by a Philadelphia caterer and a fine vaudeville entertainment was given by a Philadelphia amusement bureau. Howard I. James, who was toastmaster, paid a glowing tribute to the retiring Exalted Ruler, Roy Tracy, and presented Mr. Tracy with a handsome emblem ring.

CHILDREN'S ANNUAL MAY CELEBRATION AT ST. MARK'S. On last Sunday, the annual May celebration of the children, young ladies and women of St. Mark's Church, Bristol, was held in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary and was undoubtedly the most beautiful celebration of its kind ever held in this church. Miss Kathryn Keating, of South Langhorne, in a well-delivered address, crowned the statue of the Blessed Virgin, assisted by four little girls. The girls were adorned in white dresses and each carried a bouquets of flowers.

SPECIAL NOTICES;

GIRL WANTED. Protestant. For general house work and plain cooking. Family of 4; good home. Wages \$6. Answer by letter. J.E. McCully, Maple Beach, Bristol.

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## Please Note . . .

. . . An Error in the April 2015 Edition. The top article on page one states that our headquarters has new doors. This is incorrect. The front doors on our historic 1874 headquarters building have been repaired, not replaced.