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THE PEACH SOCIAL & SUMMER ACTIVITIES

THE PEACH SOCIAL WILL TAKE PLACE IN OUR AIR-CONDITIONED BUILDING on Sunday, August 12 from 2-4PM. This activity raises money for students being graduated from Bristol High School.

There ARE MANY ACTIVITIES in Bristol during

the summer months - - Concerts at the river, the ethnic festivals at the river, First Fridays on Mill Street, Musicals at the BRT and reading and activities in the Grundy Library. Come to Bristol and enjoy one or all of these summer events.

President's Corner

BCHF is well known for special events, among them the Annual Tea and the Peach Social, formerly known as the Peach Festival. Few people know that both events were begun by the inspiration of a very special lady, charter member of our organization, Sarah Carter. Sarah was one of the founders of our organization, with the foresight to realize the importance of promoting culture and preserving the history of our community. She served in many capacities over the years. She served as treasurer in 1990, was on the committee that purchased the former ticket building at the Railroad Station, and was an important member of the Ways and Means Committee.

However, the two events mentioned above, the Annual Tea and the Peach Festival were her brainchildren. In the beginning she chaired the Peach Festival. She wisely thought this would be a successful fund raising event because of the great crop and easy availability

of NJ peaches. It was also a way to attract people to Historic Bristol Borough. A Bristol Self-Guided Tour Brochure was made available to those that attended the event. The same is true twenty-five years later.



Sarah not only came up with the idea of the Tea but also developed the recipe for making the tea. To this day we do not deviate from that recipe. If you visit our kitchen, you will see the tea recipe prominently displayed above the stove.

Sarah is, and always will be, a beloved member of our organization. She can no longer attend meetings and events but we know that she is there in her home across the street and with us in spirit. We thank her for all she has contributed and for just being her.

Every time you drink a cup of delicious tea and enjoy a fabulous plate of ice cream and Jersey Peaches, know that Sarah is enjoying them with you as well.

Thank you Sarah for all that you have done for Bristol and for BCHF.

Jan Ruano



We are pleased to be raffling another Joe Sagolla Painting. This 16 by 20 inch painting of a sailboat behind the Bristol Dock would be an attractive addition to any home.

Raffle tickets can be obtained at the BCHF table during the many summer events, at Historic Bristol Day, and at our Peach Social. Please note that this year, as in the past, we will not be sending raffle tickets by mail.

List of 2018 members in this issue. If you do not see your name listed, you can send in your membership dues now. See form on Page 3.



A Note From Ways & Means

Volunteers are needed to “man” our table at Celtic Day, Sunday, June 24th from 1-5, and looking further ahead to Italian Day on Saturday, September 8th or on Sunday, the 9th as the rain date from 12-5. Our table is located under the wharf for both events. Please call me at 215 943-0258, if you can spare an hour or two. You do not have to be a Ways & Means member to help out. It might be a good way to see if you’d like to join us!

Peach Social on Sunday, August 12th from 2-4 pm

Since our Gazette will be taking its summer hiatus, I’d like to remind our readers about our Annual Peach Social. It’s coming up! You know the drill . . . angel food cake topped with peaches and vanilla ice cream and a beverage for \$5.00 a serving (childrens’ portions are priced at \$3.00). Take outs are available with your own container. A baked goods table rounds out the event. All proceeds go toward the four scholarships that are awarded by BCHF to Bristol High School students. Please come and support this delicious summer event. If you can **contribute a baked item for sale that day**, please call: Kathy Barniskis at 215 943-0258.



The next ways & Means Meeting will be on Mon., Aug. 20th at 7 pm at our BCHF headquarters on Cedar St.

Burlington Island Beach Park - - -

Island Beach Park first opened about 1900. From 1900 until 1917 the lower part of the island was used as a family picnic resort. A broad path extended from the boat wharf to the center of the island. Nearby was located a merry-go-round and several small rides and swings. In those days the park attracted Sunday School church groups perhaps because no liquor was permitted. There was a sandy beach just up river from the wharf, but the rest of the shoreline was muddy.

In 1917 the park came into possession of George Bossler and Robert Merkel. They built a large amusement park with a roller coaster, miniature train and swings. There was steamboat service to Bristol and Burlington (William E. Doron).

During the war years, extensive dredging was done in the river opposite the upper end. The deepening was done to accommodate the ships being built in Harriman. The fill was deposited on the upper end of the island.

Island managers own the land; the city council owns the 100 acre lake which was purchased for \$1 from a sand and gravel company. The Indians called it “Matiniconk” after the name of their chief. Early acts deeded the island to Burlington, the rents and proceeds were to be applied to maintain a free school for education of the youth of Burlington. In the late 1800’s the Lehigh Coal Co. wanted to purchase the lower end for a coal depot. Some wealthy men of Burlington (fearing it might be a detriment to their general plans for improvements to the island) formed a syndicate to purchase half of the island. After holding the investment and laying out money for improvements, they sold it to a company which discovered a bed of moulding sand. They rented cottages and bungalows on the island to summer vacation people. The Warner Co. got half of the island in the VanSciver - Warner merger in 1929. The City of Burlington used the upper half for its water supply and connected the wells by pipeline.

The land was officially named “Island Beach Park” and came into prominence when George J. Baker (builder of scenic railways) became interested with Robert Merkel of Philadelphia (owner of the ground) and Capt. Garrison of the Trenton Transportation Co. made extensive improvements. It took some work in the spring to “ready” the park for its opening, usually about Memorial Day. The following are some excerpts from local newspapers of the time:

Spring, 1917 - The greyhound rollercoaster was introduced when George Bossler and Robert Merkel brought it to Island Beach Park (IBP). They had an 11 year lease on the park for 100 acres of the 400 acres on the island.

June, 1920 - Dancing Season will begin on IBP - - Ladies 35¢ Gents 50¢ - - Scouts from the Bristol Presbyterian Church will camp on the island.

Spring, 1921 - Burlington Island was advertised as a place for a “nice day’s outing with shaded groves, pleasant walks, a few amusement rides, a dancing floor and nourishing food served in the Casino Restaurant.” They were fixing up the bathing pavilion with paintings representing Dr. E.K. Kane’s world-renowned arctic voyages. It cost \$30,000 to make the paintings showing the aurora borealis, the midnight sun, etc. The dance floor was enlarged with side curtains during the season so that each Wednesday and Saturday evening they could have dances - - rain or shine. Music was by the Six Bohemians. A fuel-burning electric plant was installed.

May, 1921 - Mr. Merkel, the manager who lives at China Lane, will build a longer scenic railway at the close of the 1921 season; this longer railway has eight dips and is about a mile long. The railway was purchased for \$40,000 from a Philadelphia firm. A miniature railway will start at the boat dock and go through the middle of the attractions with intermediate stations.

Feb., 1922 - The rickety toilets have been torn down

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2018 B.C.H.F. Membership

The following individuals, families and businesses have joined the Bristol Cultural and Historical Foundation as members for the year 2018. If your name does not appear below, and you would like to continue to support the work of the Foundation, you may join now using the coupon at the bottom of this page. Additional members will be noted in our September newsletter.

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2018 Membership Form

2018 Membership Dues: _____ Individual \$12.00 _____ Family \$24.00 _____ Business \$50.00

Name: _____

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Burlington Island . . . *continued from page 2*

and in place a dozen lavatories have been built. All have wash basins and mirrors. A shoe shining booth is in the men's section and a first aid hospital is in the ladies' quarters. A work force of 300 to 400 men will assemble a new carrousel with its galloping horses and handsome organ. Dynamite will be used to remove massive tree stumps that mar the beauty of the shore line. The land is to be made more spacious to accommodate more bathers. The boat wharf will be overhauled. Next year a new pier will be built. Inside the old carousel building will be housed dozens of games for those who enjoy a "milder sport" - cane rack, shooting gallery, Japanese prize contest, cat ball game, Kentucky Derby racing. The dance floor will be enlarged. The park will be useful day and night because thousands of electric lights will illumine the length and breadth of the grounds.

May, 1922 - One of the longest scenic railways in the U.S. is located on Island Beach Park (IBP) - - the greyhound coaster. The giant coaster can be plainly seen from Bristol shore because its frame towers among the trees. The whip and aerial swing have been completed and work is progressing on the dodgem and carrousel. The Canals of Holland is a long ride through a cave filled with beautiful scenery. The cave is built of concrete; water movement is made by a huge water wheel. A big dance hall has been added. Down by the river is a big power plant which gives "life" to all amusements and illuminates the park. An ice plant will supply the restaurants and stands with vast amounts of ice. Down by the river is a large parlor for protection of IBP patrons in case of sudden storms. Another building is a retiring room for women and men. In the women's room, every convenience in case of weariness is there. In the men's room, there is a barbershop. Over beside the grove there is a baseball diamond and a space for various athletic events. At the opening of the park there will be a free attraction - "Dare Devil Oliver" who jumps from a height of 104 feet into 58 inches of water in a tank 9 feet wide while turning a double somersault. Transportation is by four big steamers from Phila. and Trenton. (It will be efficient boat service both north and south. Last year many were required to remain on the island overnight.)

May, 1923 - The official opening will be with fireworks and "Dare Devil Oliver", World Champion high diver, will do two dives on opening day. Some of the amusements are: Tunnels of Love, miniature railway, dodgem, Greyhound coaster, whip, aeroplane swing, fun house, caterpillar, tumble bug, pony track, horseback riding, Venetian swings, bowling alleys, skee ball, shooting gallery, Old-fashioned country store, dart game, cigarette game, silk store, fish pond, puzzle game, string game, hoop-la, roll o'racer, Lotto Game, Cat and Cane Game, Japanese Roll down, Kentucky Derby, Fortune Teller, Doll & Silverware booth, refreshment stands, bath house and bathing beach, Island Beach Casino (restaurant and dance pavilion). Dance music is provided by Jack

Palmer's Seven Roseland Cry Babies. Photos of the actual amusement rides can be seen at the Grundy Library.

August, 1923 - Early morning blaze. Sixteen concessions were totally consumed, estimated at more than \$100,000 damage, with only half being covered by insurance. Several hundred employees sleep on the island; twenty-five hundred feet of hose is kept on the island. Bristol and Burlington Fire Depts. were called. Companies #1, #2, and #5 of Bristol responded. The cause of the fire is unknown, but it did not interfere with the running of the park the next day. The park owner (Mr. Baker) said there was plenty of amusement for all. William Doron was thanked for using his ferry boat to transport equipment.

There was a fire in 1928 and after the fire Robert Merkel (President of the Park Co.) sold the property to the Van Sciver Sand & Gravel Co. (Meanwhile, the Dentzel carousel hand-carved c.1910 in Philadelphia, was rescued and rebuilt. It was brought to Seaside Heights, NJ in 1932 where it can be ridden today.) Soon after the 1928 fire, the Warner Co. got the title. Soundings were made on the island to determine whether there was sufficient sand and gravel deposits. The soundings found that the gravel and sand were suitable for concrete construction purposes. Two hundred acres were sold to the Charles Warner Sand Co. in the southern half or where IBP was located. There was another fire on the island in April, 1932.

The ruins of the 1928 and 1932 fires stood on the island until Jan. 28, 1934 when a final fire destroyed the rest of the amusement concessions and small buildings. The loss was placed at \$30,000 with no insurance. One hundred firemen from Bristol and Burlington fought the flames. All of the Burlington firemen and 30 men from Bristol Consolidated and 15 men from Good Will Hose Co. #3 went to the scene. The firemen were unable to transport their apparatus to the island. They fought the fire with wire brooms, hand-extinguishers and buckets. There were more than 40 cottages and bungalows on the island and attention was paid to saving them. The upper half of the island was used for water supply. The city was connected by pipeline to wells drilled there. All revenue from the upper half of the island went to the school board (law 1682).

The Warner Co. started to dredge sand and gravel from the park area of the island. By 1969 nothing was left of the former amusement park. In its place was a 100 acre lagoon with the entrance to the river on the Bristol side of the island. River fill was placed on the lower end of the island below the basin. In 1971 it was advised to close the mouth of the basin.

Burlington Island is being reclaimed by nature with a variety of animal and plant life. The man-made lake is not connected to the Delaware River. This leaves the water clearer than the river and ideal for wildlife on the island.

History Came Alive



Above: Jacob Perez (4th Grade) was the program's Master of Ceremonies.

Right: The students and their tri-fold posters lined the perimeter of BCHF headquarters

On Sunday afternoon, May 6, students from the Gifted/Enrichment Program, Grades 4-6, of Snyder-Girotti Elementary School, Bristol, portrayed various hometown personalities and others who had an impact on our country's and our town's history. Thanks to the audience's generosity, \$261 was presented to the student's teacher, Mrs. Lori Helkowski, for the program's future use.

KUDOS TO THE STUDENTS AND THEIR TEACHER FOR AN IMPRESSIVE PRESENTATION!!



Below: (l-r) Grace Boyle (4th Grade) portrayed Margaret R. Grundy, Miguel Gonzales (5th Grade) was William Penn, Gabriella Devine (6th Grade) took the role of Harriet Tubman, Dane Meditz was Senator Joseph R. Grundy, and Aidan Shay (5th Grade) was present-day educator, author and Bristolian Bill



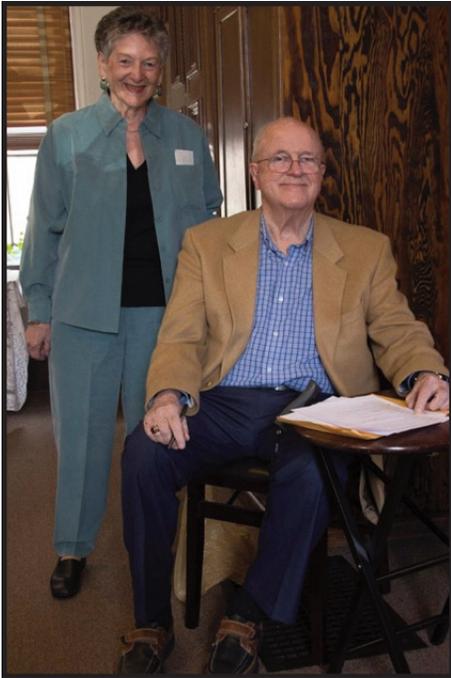
Right: Gracie Fink-Peralta (4th Grade) took the part of Snyder-Girotti educator Mary Gesualdi.

Below: Maya Ragan (5th Grade) was Margaret Grundy, local artist Joe Sagolla's grandson, Gus Sagolla (6th Grade), shared information about his talented grandfather, and Olivia Owtscharuk (4th Grade) portrayed outstanding Bristol athlete Stacie Bonner.



Above and Left: At the conclusion of the "Living Wax Museum," the cast and the audience enjoyed lemonade and pastries prepared by members of BCHF's Ways & Means Committee.

Annual BCHF Tea Enjoyed By All



Left: Ceil Graff and Harold Mitchener collect TEA TICKETS

Right: Two ladies enjoy the tea. Nancy Maren pours the tea.



Left: Ladies and a gentleman anticipate the tea.



Left: Carol Mitchener pours tea.

Right: Kathy Barniskis, Ellana Delaney, and Kitsie Saldon work at the tea.



Far left: Bob Konveys plays guitar music at the Tea.

Left: Kathy Barniskis, second from right, directs tea workers. Mrs. David Harris stops to give her ticket for the Tea.

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Have You Ever Eaten O'Boyle's Ice Cream?

The O'Boyle family lived in Scranton, PA at the time of the First World War. Francis O'Boyle wanted to join the American Army. He was only 16 and his parents objected. He had an older brother who worked in New York City at the well-known Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. Francis O'Boyle was advised by his parents to go to NYC and visit his brother. They felt he could possibly find a job for him in that large city. Francis went to the hotel where his brother worked. In that hotel was also the main office of the Harriman Family.

In Bristol, Averell Harriman was in charge of the Merchant Shipyard that stood on Radcliffe Street between Green Lane and Fillmore Streets. They had 12 shipways for making merchant ships to carry food and other products to Europe for England. There was a chauffeur who drove a car between the hotel and shipyard carrying money and important papers for the shipyard. Francis was able to secure a job at the Bristol shipyard and rode to Bristol in the Harriman car.

Once in Bristol, he was able to get a room on Dorrance Street across from the Groff Dairy. A daughter of the Groff family worked in the office at the shipyard. Francis O'Boyle started to date Sarah. They would eventually marry and Mr. Groff had Francis come and work for him at the dairy. The shipyard was now closed since World War One had ended early on the morning of November 11, 1918; the Germans accepted the armistice. At 11:00 AM all fell silent and the war was completed.

Much of the milk used by the dairy was from the Grundy farm on Newport Road. In summer, milk was not a popular drink due to lack of modern refrigeration in homes. Most people had an ice box with ice delivered daily. In 1922, the Groff dairy decided to make ice cream and go through the streets of Bristol and sell hand-dipped ice cream on cones. For their first wagon, they used Bristol's first ambulance which was not in use. It was horse-drawn. This was the first ice cream sold in the streets by a wagon in Bristol. Eventually there would be 32 yellow trucks delivering ice cream in Bristol and the surrounding townships and towns.

In 1946, Francis O'Boyle bought Bowen's restaurant across from the present WAWA store on Farragut Avenue and Green Lane. O'Boyle made a restaurant there, also on that land he had his factory for making the ice cream. Another location for O'Boyle's Restaurant was at Farragut Avenue and Monroe Street. The last location was called O'Boyle's Island which was along U.S. Route 13 and Beaver Dam Road. This is the present location of Dunkin Donuts across from the Burger King Restaurant.

At the time of this writing O'Boyle's ice cream company is not in business. Hopefully some of those who are reading this article were able to enjoy O'Boyle's Ice Cream. This writer remembers when playing outside in summer hearing the ice cream truck coming down a street in Bristol and asking a parent to give a nickel to buy a cone of O'Boyle's Ice Cream. Did you ever buy ice cream from an O'Boyle's truck or restaurant?

Additional Photos from the BCHF Tea



Above: Basket Raffle at the Tea.

Right: Tea Table



Above: One table is set for the Tea. 60 people attended the Tea.



Fascinating Facts About The U.S. Presidents

1. **Chester A. Arthur - 1881-1885**

Changed his pants several times a day; he had more than 80 pairs of pants.

Was the first President to take the Oath of Office in his own home.

Was known for his honesty and efficiency.

Was born in Vermont, but political rivals long circulated a rumor that he had been born in Canada. They hoped to create doubts as to his eligibility for American public office.

2. **Grover Cleveland - 1885-1889**

Was the only President to be elected to two non-consecutive terms.

Was the only President to be married in the White House and was the first to have a child born there.

The Baby Ruth candy bar was named after Cleveland's daughter, Ruth.

Answered the White House telephone personally.

3. **Benjamin Harrison - 1889-1893**

Was the first President to use electricity in the White House. After he got an electrical shock, his family often refused to touch the light switches. Sometimes they would go to bed leaving all of the White House lights on.

Had six states enter the United States during his administration: North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, Idaho, Washington and Wyoming.

4. **William McKinley - 1897 - 1901**

Was the first President to ride in an automobile. He rode in an "electric" ambulance to the hospital when he was shot in Buffalo, NY.



ALL ABOARD!

At the time of this writing, thirty-two members and friends of BCHF were enroute to Washington, DC, for three days of sightseeing in our nation's capital. We thank our organization's president, Jan Ruano, for organizing this trip, and hope that everyone enjoyed themselves!

The photo shown here was taken in the ballroom of the DuPont Hotel where the group had a fabulous dinner on the way home. While in Washington the group toured

the Tudor House, the Newseum, the Spy Museum and the American History Museum.

The December 6 "Christmas in Cape May" trip is SOLD OUT and a waiting list is being taken by Helen Younglove at 215 788-9408. Details of this excursion may be found on our Calendar of Events on the back page of this Gazette.

The Ways & Means Committee will soon be discussing ideas for next year's trips so if you have a suggestion, please pass it along to Helen Younglove at the number given above. Keep in mind that we restrict our trips to those of an historical or cultural nature.

Out of the Past . . . continued from page 9

"At the GRAND THEATRE, Friday and Saturday, Don't Miss the Championship Fight Pictures! Tony Zale vs. Rocky Graziano. Better than a ring-side seat!"

6/25 - - BRISTOL TRAVEL SERVICE, Grand Theatre Bldg . . . Pleasure Planned Vacations. 2 to 7 Days, Washington, D.C. - \$17 pp. Miami Beach, 8 Days - \$99.50 pp. Bermuda-Nassau Cruises - \$175 pp. Atlantic City - Free Hotel Reservations."

"Vacation Sewing Classes for Teenagers. Eight 2-hr. lessons - \$8.00. SINGER SEWING CENTER, 216 Mill Street."

6/30 - - PLAN SWIM CAMPAIGN AND BASEBALL LEAGUE. Plans are to be completed next week for the "Learn to Swim" campaign which the Y.M.C.A. will direct under the summer recreational program in Bristol. Rules were also released for the Bristol Boys' Baseball League.

HUNDREDS HEAD TO THE WATER. The intense heat and humidity for the past few days have sent bathers flocking to Silver Lake, the Delaware River and the Neshaminy Creek. They flock to Silver Lake by the hundreds, where protection is afforded by the Bristol Blood Donors Emergency Squad.

Out Of The Past

The following items were excerpted from **JUNE 1948** issues of THE Bristol COURIER

6/1 - - MEMORIAL SEASON PROGRAM CHANGED BY THE WEATHER. Memorial Day, observed here yesterday by three veterans organizations, was marked with overcast skies and a fine drizzle which fell throughout the entire service conducted at the memorial plot in the Bristol Cemetery. Weather conditions compelled changes in other areas of the county.

SAILBOAT RACING SEASON OPENS ON RIVER. The sailboat racing season was officially opened on Memorial Day at the Lakanoo Boat Club in Burlington, NJ. Among those participating from Bristol were: Mel Locke, John Cherubini, John Sodds, Joe Cherubini, Donald Wanamaker and Lou Cherubini.

"Now Open! BETTY'S BEAUTY SHOP, 337 Penn Street. Specializing in hair styling and permanents. Proprietress, Betty Jardine. Open daily 'til 6; Saturday 'til 2."

6/2 - - STATE TO OPEN BIDS ON JUNE 11 FOR CONSTRUCTION OF 1ST SECTION OF "BACKBONE" OR "DREAM HIGHWAY," BRISTOL TO DOYLESTOWN; TO CONNECT QUAKERTOWN RD. Will Terminate at Lincoln Highway, Near Penndel.

"Shop at PASSANANTE'S NEW SELF-SERVICE MEAT DEPARTMENT."

6/3 - - GIVE AWARDS AT HIGH SCHOOL ASSEMBLY. American Legion awards to a boy and girl who best show good school citizenship were selected by a secret ballot by both the pupils and the teachers at Bristol Junior High. This year's winners were Ann Ardrey and William White.

SCARLET FEVER CASE REPORTED HERE IN MAY. Six complaints of nuisances were reported to the Bristol Health Board during May and were investigated by the Health Officer, William A. Groff. One case of scarlet fever was reported, ten of mumps, one of measles and one case of dog bite.

"WALT'S FISH MARKET, Cedar and Market Sts . . . A Little Place Doing a Good Business That Is Appreciated! We Have for This Week: Flounder Filet, Sea Bass, Sea Trout, Porgies, Steak Cod, Shrimp, Clams, Oysters and Scallops."

6/5 - - CLUB'S FIRST PLAY IS ROUNDLY APPLAUDED. "Pyramus and Thisbe," from Shakespeare's "Mid-summer's Night's Dream," was the initial offering of the newly-formed dramatic club of the Bristol Travel Club. The cast consisted of Mrs. Roy Tracy, Mrs. Adolph Ancker, Mrs. Carl Foell, Mrs. Willard Berglund, Mrs. Albert G. Herman and Mrs. Robert D. Brooks.

"PARKWAY INN, 1100 Farragut Ave . . . Presents "The Walter Lane Due." All Kinds of Mixed Drinks. Seafood, Ravioli and Spaghetti Our Specialty. Prop., A. Mangiaracina."

6/7 - - 13 COMPLETE COURSE AT ST. ANN'S SCHOOL. Commercial graduates were given diplomas after staging a play titled "Young, Willing and Able." American Legion medals were presented to James Flanagan and Caroline Dorsey of the eighth grade.

6/8 - - ST. MARK'S SCHOOL AWARDS DIPLOMAS. Commencement exercises were held Saturday afternoon in St. Mark's Church. This is the first time in the history of the school that commencement exercises were held in the church. The program was held in memory of the late rector, Rev. Joseph E. Murphy. The American Legion awards for leadership, citizenship and courage were presented to John A. Wilkins and Judith A. Wolvin of the eighth grade.

"Mill Street Stores Will Close at Noon on Wednesdays for

the Months of June, July and August."

6/9 - - TWO GRUNDY MEDALS AWARDED; FIRST IN HISTORY OF BHS. Recipients of these high honors were Margaret Rohn who completed the academic course with an average of 91.738, and Julia Tisone whose average in the commercial course was 91.618.

6/12 - - CALVARY BAPTIST'S BLDG. IS TO BE DEDICATED SUNDAY. A highlight in the history of the Calvary Baptist Church is the dedication of the new church and Sunday School building, scheduled for 11 o'clock tomorrow morning at Green Lane. The new Calvary Baptist building represents the study of a number of years of modern church construction.

6/14 - - 6000 MEN AND WOMEN PARTICIPATE IN THE ANNUAL PARADE OF BUCKS COUNTY FIREMEN'S ASS'N HERE; 81 COMPANIES IN LINE OF MARCH. 34 Musical Units Add to the Gala Occasion; Crowds Jam Streets. Robert P. Brudon, Bristol's veteran fireman of 90 years and a past president of Bristol Fire Co., No. 1 of which he has been a member for 72 years, served as Parade Marshal.

"SAFE FOOD MARKETS, Beaver Dam Rd. & Magnolia Ave . . . Neibauer Bus stops at door. Clean, Fresh Spinach - 5¢ full pound. Golden, Ripe Bananas - 15¢ lb. Crispy Iceberg Lettuce - 15¢ lg. head. Lean Rib Boiling Beef - 29¢ full pound. Fresh Ground Beef - 49¢ lb. Lean, Fresh Cut Pork Chops - 49¢ lb."

6/16 - - SCHOOL BOARD TO BUY 1800 BLEACHER SEATS. Will Accommodate Over 1950 Persons. These seats are to be erected on the present high school field but can be moved to another field, should such be established later.

"THE MARTY GREEN STORES . . . It's Father's Day! Fruit of the Loom White or Fancy Dress Shirts - \$2.95 to \$3.95. Gabardine or Sharkskin SLAX - \$4.95 to \$7.95. Belts and Suspenders - \$1.00 and \$1.49. Briefs - 49¢. Socks - 25 to 49¢."

6/17 - - "RE-OPENING OF CATTANI'S POULTRY MARKET, Cor. Pine & New Highway. On May 28th. Live poultry dressed while you wait. Open Friday and Saturday, 9 A.M. to 9 P.M."

6/21 - - FIVE RELATIVES ATTEND TWO WHO ARE WED AT ZION CHURCH. Five relatives of the bride and groom were members of the Bolton-Jenkins bridal party at Zion Lutheran on Saturday afternoon. The ceremony united Miss Joan S. Jenkins and Mr. William R. Bolton and was performed by the Rev. Paul Gleichman, pastor of the church. At a dinner served at the Jenkins' home, 50 guests were served, with 100 invited to the reception in Bristol Fire Co., No. 1, station at six o'clock.

6/23 - - JEWISH CENTER IS INCORPORATED HERE BY CO. COURT. The Bristol Jewish Center was granted a charter in the Court of Common Pleas yesterday and a maennerchor for the purpose of cultivating German and English music and songs was chartered. Judge Hiram H. Keller has granted a charter to the Bristol Jewish Center of Ahavath Achim for the purpose of establishing and maintaining a synagogue for religious, social and recreational purposes and to strengthen the tradition of Judaism. The charter bears the names of 47 incorporators, mostly from Bristol.

6/24 - - PLAYGROUNDS WILL OPEN HERE MONDAY. The playgrounds in Bristol's Memorial Park will open the season Monday morning at 9:30 o'clock. There will be a number of new attractions, including swings for small children, quoits, horseshoes and see-saws.

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BCHF Calendar of Events for 2018

JUNE Sun., 6/24 (no rain date), 1-8PM. Annual Celtic Day, sponsored by the Celtic Heritage Foundation, in Bristol Riverfront Park. Various musical and dance entertainment, food & merchandise vendors. BCHF sales & info table from 1 to 5 p.m. Info at 215 788-5232.

AUGUST Sun., 8/12, 2-4 PM. Annual Peach Social. BCHF's air-conditioned headquarters. Angel food cake topped with fresh peaches & ice cream, plus beverage. Takeouts available with own container. Baked goods table. Benefits BCHF awards to four Bristol High School graduates. Info at 215 788-7537.

SEPTEMBER Sat., 9/8 (rain date Sun., 9/9), noon -8 p.m. Annual Italian Festival, sponsored by the Bristol Lions Club, in Bristol Riverfront Park. Music, food & vendors. BCHF sales & info table from noon to 5 p.m. Info at 222.bristolions.org

OCTOBER Sat., 10/20 (no rain date), 10 AM - 4

PM. Annual Historic Bristol Day featuring the return of the Tall Ship "Gazela." More info in Sept. issue of The Gazette and on BCHF's website.

NOVEMBER Thurs., 11/15, 7:30 PM. BCHF's annual business meeting, incl. election of Board members. Program & refreshments follow. Free. Public is invited. BCHF headquarters.

DECEMBER Thurs., 12/6. "Christmas in Cape May" bus trip. All-inclusive price includes lunch at the Washington Inn Restaurant, Holiday Inns Tour & Holiday Lights Trolley Ride. \$112 for BCHF members; \$115 for non-members. SOLD OUT; wait list being taken at 215 788-9408.

- BCHF Headquarters are at 321 Cedar Street, Bristol

- For current information about activities and events, check out our web site at www.bristolhistory.org.

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