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President's Corner



Before I begin with this President's Corner, BCHF and I would like to express our deepest condolences to Harold Mitchener and his family on the recent passing of his wife, Carol. As we all know, Carol was a very instrumental part of BCHF for

many years, especially with some of our Annual Tea programs. Carol will be sorely missed not just by us, but the community, in particular the Grundy Library & the Bristol First United Methodist Church, in which she also served in various volunteer capacities.

As I write this final President's Corner for 2020, I was thinking in a "normal" year we would be recapping our events, programs, and trips that occurred over the past year. Sadly, BCHF only was able to host one program that took place in early February regarding the Underground Railroad and its connection to Bucks County. This was presented by Linda Salley, President of The African American Museum of Bucks County. The content of her presentation was very interesting and was one of our most well-attended programs. We were to have another program in March, but of course, COVID-19 struck and it was decided in the best interest of our volunteers and attendees to cancel. As the year progressed, we also did the same with our Tea, Peach Social & Historic Bristol Day, as well as day trips that were being sponsored by the Ways & Means

Committee. As of the writing of this issue, there are no programs scheduled for Winter 2021.

We do hope that some sense of "normalcy" will return soon all over and that we can continue with some of our major events for next year, such as Historic Bristol Day in October. In regards to Bristol Day, we are looking for someone new to chair this event for 2021. Over the past four years, Mary Gesualdi and I have been chairing, but we really need someone else to take over this role. If anyone has an interest or is willing to take on this responsibility or knows of someone (whether a member or not), please contact me directly at 267-980-7308 or at nickandrew78@comcast.net.

I would like to give a special thanks to Sue Watkins & Nancy Maren (who formats the Gazette for publication) for their work on The Gazette this year. I know it has not been easy since we have had limited content throughout this year. I also thank anyone who has contributed to the articles this past year: Harold and Carol Mitchener, Helen Younglove, Jan Ruano, Kathy Barniskis, Debbie Pinney, Bethanne Olczak, Lillian Kinney, Robin Butrey, and Amber Kennedy-Lyons. Behind the scenes are those who help prepare the issues for delivery, Mary Kehoe & Dave McGlynn who get the Gazette ready for the Post Office and Karen Steil who delivers the completed Gazette to the Post Office in Sue's absence.

Lastly, I would like to wish everyone a safe and healthy upcoming Holiday Season. We all know it will look different this year, but hopefully, we can enjoy it safely and as best as we possibly can.

Nick Rizzo, President

Goodbye to an old friend and valued member of BCHF. Carol Mitchener was a founding member of BCHF. But more than that she was a tireless worker who led by example. It was Carol who ran our Annual Teas. She didn't just delegate, however. It was Carol who made the tablecloths, the sandwich fillings, and decorations. She wrote, along with Harold, many articles for the Gazette. She baked for the HBD Bake Sale and for BCHF programs. I think it is safe to say that there will truly never be another like her.

- - -Sue Watkins - - -



Ways & Means

I hope you are all still being careful in this pandemic. Did we ever think it would be continuing so long? **I wish you all a happy, safe, and healthy holiday season.**

Since we don't publish a December Gazette, I'm suggesting you include some of our sale items in your Christmas shopping. Please go to our website: bristolhistory.org to see what we still have available. Remember that our Bristol throws in cranberry, green, and Williamsburg blue are a cozy way to wrap a warm hug around a special person in your life.

If you are in Bristol, stop in at Mignoni's, on Mill Street, and Great ID's along Radcliffe Street. Both

have a limited selection of our items, as well as a wide selection of their own for gift giving. Mignoni's is a stop for jewelry, Irish items, local authors' books, home décor items, etc. and Great ID's for beautifully monogrammed items. Both shops are closed on Mondays.

You can call our BCHF Headquarters at 215-781-9895 to speak to one of our volunteers. This phone number will go directly to Helen Younglove's home. Leave your name and number and Helen can arrange for you to go to our meeting site on Cedar Street to shop our little store. You can also call Kathy Barniskis at 215-943-0258. Leave a message and your phone number and I'll get back to you. **Happy Shopping!**

Tony Russo



It's easy to look around and see the BCHF Board members who everyone knows: our presidents, chairs of Historic Bristol Day, chairs of fund-raising committees, trip organizers, the treasurer, and the secretary to name a few. But we have a certain Board member whose job is not very familiar to most, the person who is responsible for

the care of our property.

Tony Russo is the member of BCHF's Board who takes care of the building on Cedar Street that we call our home. As a good steward, Tony's responsibility is to look for problems, bring them to our attention, recommend solutions, get estimates from reputable contractors, and see projects through to the end.

Tony was born in New York City in 1934. He graduated from high school and went into an electrician's apprentice program. Tony served in the Army and spent time in Germany. He traveled around Europe and while there he was even able to visit Rome. Tony's working career was as an electrician and he taught an apprentice program. To this day, he remains a strong union member.

Tony married Sally in 1958 They had three children: two boys and a girl. In 2001, Sally passed

away. After a time Tony remarried. He and Marge have been married seventeen years. Tony has seven grandchildren. His namesake, Anthony, is the quarterback for Temple University's football team. Tony and Marge love going to the Temple games, but, due to COVID, they can't go to the stadium these days. Tony is a deeply religious man whose Catholic faith sustains him. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus.

Anyone who has spent any time with Tony knows that he is a font of information on a myriad of subjects. It was natural for him to step in on Historic Bristol Day as a leader of the walking tours and tour bus guide. To say Tony loves Bristol is a real understatement. He is a natural as chairman of the maintenance committee and has managed the cutting of trees, painting inside and out, and repairing and replacing parts of the ceiling. During the pandemic, the BCHF building is being used much less so Tony has been coming in frequently to check that the ceiling, plumbing and other systems remain in working order. Tony recently commented at our last Board meeting that during the pandemic, the BCHF building is being used much less because there are no programs or events so he has been coming in frequently to check on the ceiling and that the plumbing and other systems remain in working order.

We are truly fortunate to have Tony on the Board. Know that he is keeping an eye on our historic building.

Communication

For thousands of years, the only way to communicate was by speaking to one another. Whether in a whisper or a shout these were the only ways until there were some rudimentary "signals" between individuals or groups.

Native Americans used smoke signals. The Swiss blew on an alpine horn that was also used by mountain dwellers in most mountainous regions of Europe for communication. Tolling church bells or bells in a city hall could be used as communication devices. For something sad, it would be a slow, solemn tolling of the bell, but for a fire, a rapid ringing or clanging of the bell would signal for all to come running with buckets.

Samuel F. B. Morse's idea was to use electricity to send messages over wires using a dot (.) or dash (-). In Morse Code, each letter in the alphabet is represented by dots and dashes for long and short sounds. (As dot, dot, dot, dash, dash, dash, dot, dot, dot for SOS)

If electricity could carry the dot-dash signals of the telegraph over wires, it could carry the sound of the human voice, said Alexander Graham Bell. He was a teacher of the deaf and in the 1870s he began to experiment with his ideas of the telephone. At the Great Philadelphia Centennial Exposition in 1876, Bell was ready to try his experiment. In June, his audience included Emperor Pedro of Brazil. Bell spoke into his machine. When Pedro put the receiver to his ear he uttered his now-famous words, "My God, it talks!"

In 1895, Guglielmo Marconi found a way to send messages directly through the air. It was called the wireless and then "radio"! The first commercial radio station was KDKA in Pittsburgh, which went on the air on the evening of Nov. 2, 1920, with a broadcast of the returns of the Harding-Cox presi-

dential election. The range of the 100-watt station was unknown at the time, and listeners to KDKA were asked to send in postcards if they were able to hear the broadcast. The owners aimed to have a radio in every home in America. People could now hear a voice instantly. Eventually, music was sent through the air and people would listen to music in their homes.

In the Lower Bucks County area, station WBCB in Magnolia Hill, Levittown began broadcasting on December 8, 1957, by owner Drew J.T. O'Keefe, who was a Mainline attorney.

In the 1950s, next on the calendar of communication events was television. Not many people could afford them and they were small and the programming was only in black-and-white. Many people in this area still remember standing outside the Richmond or Auto Boys store on Mill Street and watching those first television shows. Then came the color television. This was even better! NBC made the first coast-to-coast color broadcast when it telecast the Tournament of Roses Parade on January 1, 1954.

In the 1960s, after a satellite began circling the earth, television could be transmitted across many miles. This writer recalls watching TV from Rome, Italy. At the time, there was only one satellite: hence the broadcast lasted only about 15 minutes.

Now with computers and laptops, besides education or news, anyone can find all sorts of information about the life and times of entertainers or what they are listening to on the radio.

What will be the method of future communication is the next question to be answered.

Sources: PA Heritage magazine America its people and values by Wood Gabriel Biller—

Bridges

The Burlington-Bristol Bridge is a truss bridge with a lift span across the Delaware River. Construction started Apr. 1, 1930 and opened to traffic on May 2, 1931. It connects route #413 of NJ and PA. The two lane highway is 2,301 feet in length with the lift span 540 feet long. The center span is lifted by the action of two large concrete slabs of greater weight than the lifted span; the slabs are set in a downwards motion by a motor and then gravity does the rest. The width of the bridge is 20 feet; the

clearance below is 61 feet at high tide.

The Delaware River Turnpike Bridge is a 4 lane steel-arched shaped truss bridge. It connects the PA Turnpike with the NJ Turnpike. The total length is 6,751 feet. Construction was started Jan. 15, 1954 and opened to traffic on May 25, 1956. The width of the bridge is 90 feet and the clearance below is 135 feet. It was designed as a high level crossing bridge not needing to open for shipping traffic on the Delaware River.

The Canal Works

The Bristol Improvement Company was chartered to attract industries to Bristol and was organized by Joshua Pierce in 1876. Between 1876 and 1898 five businesses began operating in what is now called the Canal Works. They worked with worsted wool products. The Bristol Worsted Mill was one of the first businesses built. It was later purchased by Joseph G. Grundy. Another Pierce building was at Beaver and Canal Streets. The first industry there was the Gledhill Wallpaper Mill followed by Kayser and Allman and the Lewis Chase and Company. These businesses made wallpaper.

The next company to use the building was the D. Landreth Seed Company. Landreth used it to pack seeds in bags. Their farm was located at Green Lane and Radcliffe Street. The property now is a neighborhood of homes called Landreth Manor. The last company to manufacture in the building was Barker and Williamson Radio. At the time these mills and factories included within this district constituted the most important manufacturing district in both Bristol and Bucks County.

Bernard Mazzocchi is now the owner of the complex now known as The Canal Works. As part of the renovation, Mazzocchi had all the outside stone repointed. On the 1st floor, he opened a large hall for catered banquets, orchestras, and dancing. Bristol's Academic Oversight Committee (AOC) held their 2013 Fall Classic there. The second floor has two large offices; the other rooms are for artists of various media. The Canal Works is called that because it is adjacent to the canal that brought anthracite coal from Easton to Bristol. The canal as transport

for coal started in 1813 and the last canal barge went north in October of 1931. Easton is 160' higher in elevation than Bristol. There were 24 locks between Bristol and Easton to compensate for the change in elevation. What is presently Mill Street parking lot was formerly the Canal Basin.

On the corner of Beaver and Canal Streets, standing on a large boulder, is a statue of a mule given to Mr. Mazzocchi's Canal Works by the Bristol Cultural and Historic Foundation. It was mules, remember, that pulled the barges from Easton to

Bristol and back. Young boys walked the mules along the riverbank; the trip took approximately two days.

During the winter, when the canal was not in use, people skated on the canal and there is a report that some people used the Canal to skate from Bristol to bring back evergreen trees for Christmas trees for

their homes. In summer some of the boys would swim in the water of the Canal. The Canal boys in Bristol first attended school on Wood Street in 1837 and attended the Otter Street School when it was Built in 1852.

Today there is water in the Canal between Washington Street and Jefferson Avenue. There is also water in the Canal between the Lagoon and Green Lane. Are there any readers of The Gazette who remember the bump bridges at Jefferson Avenue and Washington Street? Did you ever swim or ice skate on the Canal? Contact us at BCHF, Post Office Box 215, Bristol PA 19007. We will be happy to respond to your letter. Thank you.

Credits Grundy Library Historical Collection—



ZIP Codes - - - Bristol, PA - - - 19007

ZIP Codes are used by the United States Postal Service to make mail travel more efficiently and quickly (Zipping along). The basic format of 5 numerical digits was introduced in 1963. Four digit extended codes were added in 1983. The four additional digits determine a more specific location within the ZIP code.

The P.O. Dept. originally used postal zones for large cities. In the early 1960's, a more organized system was needed. On July 1, 1963 the 5 digit ZIP

codes were introduced nationwide and the 2 letter state abbreviations were also introduced. In terms of geographic location, most of the lowest ZIP codes which begin with "0" are in the New England region. The numbers increase southward along the East Coast. From there the numbers increase heading westward and northward east of the Mississippi River and northward to the west coast. Alaska has the highest numbered ZIP codes.

Historic Bristol Day Student Art Contest

Although the coronavirus affected our traditional Historic Bristol Day, the Student Art Contest continued as usual. The HBD committee asked Mrs. Misty Mitchell, art teacher, to survey her oldest students at St. Mark School for some art themes that they could relate to for this year's contest.

Due to the impact of Covid-19 on the foodservice industry and to honor our local restaurants, the theme for this year was "Where do you and your family like to grab a bite to eat in Bristol?" This exciting opportunity was open to all sixth, seventh, and eighth grade Bristol Borough students.

There were 37 entries. Artists of Bristol Janice Rhodes and Marty Shively graciously judged the submissions and named the following winners:

First place - Antoni Kardacz, 7th grade, St. Mark School

Second Place - Liam Mullen, 8th grade, St. Mark School

Third Place - Madigan Hanna, 6th grade, St. Mark School

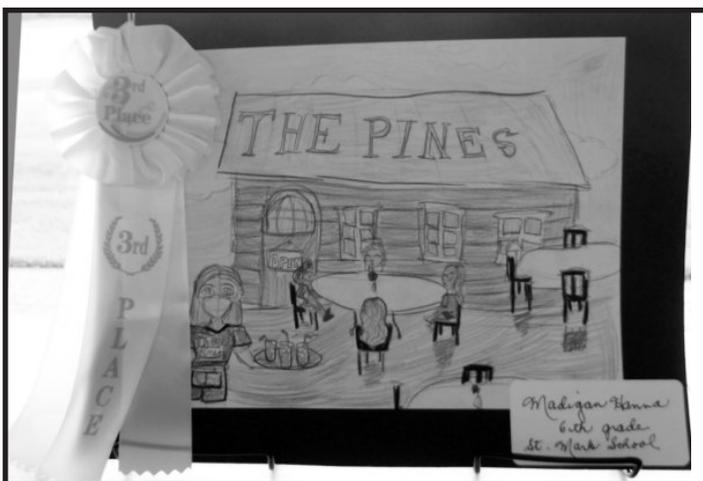
Honorable Mention - Sean Weir, 7th grade, St. Mark School

Ribbons were awarded to each winner by The Bristol Cultural and Historical Foundation and a Michael's gift card was presented to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place entries. Thank you to everyone who participated. We are encouraged by your creativity and talent!

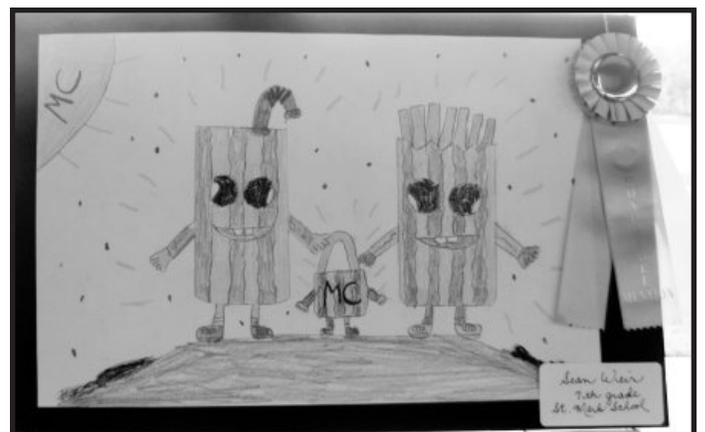


Left: 1st Place - Antoni Kardacz

Below: 2nd Place - Liam Mullen



Above: 3rd Place - Madigan Hanna
Right: Honorable Mention: Sean Weir



"Modern" Supermarket Store Will Replace Bristol Flower Growers

In May, 1950 it was announced that Bristol Flower Growers, one of Bristol's landmarks, was sold. A "modern" supermarket would be built. The property consisting of about two acres is located at 452 Pond Street between Walnut and Penn Streets. There were five greenhouses and a small office building located on the land which had been used for the growing of flowers for 77 years. Thomas DeWitt occupied the property before the Bristol Flower Growers and had been there for many years; he had been preceded in the business by his father. Bristol Flower Growers had been in business on the tract for 27 years. The greenhouses were torn down and only a small office building remained after the flower growing business was sold.

The grand opening for the Acme was January 31, 1951. Parking space for approximately 150 cars was available. A special gift (a Virginia Lee Louisiana Crunch ring) for those spending \$5 or more was offered. Hours were listed as 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. except on Thursdays and Fridays when the hours were 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. There were seven check-out points and five aisles running the length of the store plus a center cross-aisle dividing the shopping area into various numbered sections. It featured "special health foods" which had recently gained popularity. For the gourmet, breaded fantail shrimp or French-fried shrimp could be found in the frozen fish department. For those seeking to maintain a healthful and balanced diet, "yogurt", wheat germ and

black-strap molasses could be found. Fried rabbit and sweet pickled cantaloupe were available. In the self-service meat department, some meat had been pre-weighed and cellophane-wrapped. Featured ice creams were Sylvan Seal and Seal Test. A full line of cheeses were carried in the deli department.

Acme Markets had operated in Bristol for a number of years. They were located at the corner of Bath & Otter Streets and on Farragut Avenue. All the employees at these locations were "absorbed" into the new market. In all there were 40 to 50 employees at the new location (including part-time workers). Edward Priestly was the manager of the new market; he had been the manager of the Farragut Avenue store. The meat dept. was under the management of Delbert Lynn. The refrigerated products dept. was headed by Herbert McCollich.

The building was 60 feet x 180 feet with 60 feet x 135 feet devoted to retail. The building was brick and the parking lot was amply lighted at night. Scores of new chrome food carriages were being provided. Some had seating space for a baby. There was a complete line of baby foods in the store.

Currently the building is occupied by a Rite-Aid Drug Store. The original office building for the Bristol Flower Growers still stands on the parking lot most recently used by a business, "I Thought Sew."

ACME MARKETS

Solve Your Food Problems for the Year 1951

SALMON 2-17¢
 Home Style Red Salmon 2-15¢
 Best Quality Mayonnaise 2-15¢

Fruit Cocktail 15¢

Spaghetti 3-19¢
Del Monte Tomatoes 2-19¢
Del Monte Peas 11¢

2-15¢

Calif. Fresh Figs 23¢

More Big Values
 Canned Apples 2-25¢
 Canned Apples 15¢
 Canned Apples 15¢
 Canned Apples 2-19¢
 Canned Apples 9¢
 Apples 3-10¢
 Apples 10¢
 Apples 15¢
 Apples 2-11¢
 Apples 5-19¢

Sliced Bread 5¢
COFFEE 2-25¢
 M-J Coffee 2-25¢
 Acme Coffee 2-25¢
 Big White Spaghetti 15¢
 Walker's Spaghetti 15¢
 Spaghetti 15¢
 Spaghetti 15¢

ORANGES & GRAPEFRUIT
Oranges 12¢
Grapefruit 3¢
 Brussels Sprouts 10¢

AN EXCEPTIONALLY LOW PRICE
Strawberries 15¢

CHEESE 10¢
BUTTER 29¢
EGGS 24¢
 Egg, Cream Cheese 24¢
 Macaroni Cheese 24¢

Special Value
Pork Shoulders 13¢
PORK LOINS 15¢
TENDER RIB ROAST 25¢
LAMB SHOULDERS 17¢
SLICED BACON 19¢
Hamburg 19¢ **Sausage 23¢**

1513 Farragut Avenue, Bristol

Out Of The Past

The following items were excerpted from **NOVEMBER 1950** issues of THE BRISTOL COURIER.

11/1 – BRISTOL AREA INDUSTRY IS VARIED. Soap, Chemicals, Steam Boilers, Metal Products, Carpets, Electronics, Zinc, Parchment Papers, Women's Garments, Cardboard Containers, Vegetable Growing, Non-ferrous Castings, Abrasive Papers, Signal Flares, Grinding Wheels, Radio Equipment, Plastic Covers and Polo Shirts, Valves, Fittings and Containers.

NEW "CROP" AT BRISTOL HIGH. A dozen or so Bristol High boys are raising a "crop." No, they haven't turned farmers – the crop is side-burns, long hair and, in one instance, a goatee. It is all in the interest of things theatrical for the members of the cast of "The Barretts of Wimpole Street." John Costantini is to be the goateed member of the cast.

SIX TEAM VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE IS ORGANIZED HERE. An organizational meeting for the Industrial Volleyball League at the Y.M.C.A. was held Monday evening with Alfred E. Lewis, of the Manhattan Soap Co., conducting the meeting. League play will begin on November 13th.

11/2 – ROHM AND HAAS LEASES PORTION OF GRUNDY MILL. The two-story building and basement known as Building No. 1 of the former Grundy Mill will be used for warehousing of containers, raw materials and finished products.

11/3 – BRISTOL TWP. SCHOOL BOARD TAKES STEPS TO FIGHT ANNEX OF 3M COMPANY'S PROPERTY AS PART OF BRISTOL BOROUGH; TO TAKE CASE TO COUNTY COURTS.

11/6 – "Attention! All citizens of Bristol (male and female over 18 years of age). Enroll for Civil Defense, November 13 through November 17. Bristol Municipal Building, 2nd floor. Bristol Civil Defense Council. Burgess I. J. Hetherington, Director"

BURLINGTON WINS LITTLE BROWN JUG FROM BRISTOL HIGH. Final score, 14-6. It marked the eighth time that the High Street school captured the coveted jug since the series started in 1933.

"HARRIMAN FOOD CENTRE, 1504 Farragut Avenue.....Big Food Sale. Mon.-Tues.-Wed.Fancy Eating Apples - 5 lbs., 25c. U.S. No. 1 Potatoes - 10 lbs., 12c. Meaty Pork Chops - 39c/lb. Sliced Bacon - 39c/lb. Scott Tissues - 2 for 19c. Rinso - 25c. Sugar - 5 lbs., 45c."

11/8 – DI ANGELO NAMED TO COACHING POSITION. Bristol School Board Selects Anthony Di Angelo for J.V. Basketball Coach.

DEMOCRATS WIN OUT IN HEAVY VOTING IN BRISTOL BORO BY OVER 1,000 MAJORITIES. First Ward, First Precinct, Republican.

"Thursday, Mr. Pig Day at the KEYSTONE HOTEL. All pork and ham at special featured prices, including Basic Stuffed Pork Chop with Mushroom Gravy - 80c and Home Style Pork & Sauerkraut - 95c."

11/10 – TRAFFIC LIGHTS REPLACEMENT IN BRISTOL BORO TO COST NEARLY \$7500. Bids for Seven New Lights: Will Be Corner Pole Type.

"Attention, Members! St. Ann's A.A. Presents for Your

Entertainment, Saturday and Sunday.Johnny Philips and His Dixieland Band."

11/16 – CHRISTMAS CLUB PAYMENTS HERE TO TOTAL \$420,547. 3,490 Checks Will Be Distributed in Next Two Day by Two Local Banks.

"BOGAGE & SONS, 409 Mill Street.....For One Week Only! Beat Rising Prices! Ladies Dresses - \$12.95. Men's Suits - \$35 up. 3-Pc. Snowsuits - from \$6.95"

"METZ'S, 1604 Farragut Avenue.....Wearing Apparel for Every Member of the Family.Take advantage of our Xmas lay-away plan.

11/17 – INTERCLUB DART GAMES NOW UNDERWAY. The Bristol Interclub Dart League season got underway this week, with six teams participating.

"Sunday Dinner Specials. Tomato juice, roast turkey with filling, mashed potatoes, peas or creamed onions, cranberry sauce, rolls and butter, coffee or tea. \$1.35. PATTON'S RESTAURANT, 300 Mill Street.

"Reupholstering and Slip Cover Sale. Custom-made slip covers, 3 pcs. from \$49. STEPHEN'S, Swain Street."

11/21 – SHUTDOWN AFFECTS 1500 AT ROHM AND HAAS. Dispute Arises Out of Wage Negotiations over New Contract. Maintenance workers of Bristol Local No. 88 have called a strike at the Bristol plant.

"Bristol's Most Famous Dress Shop. New special winter styles are now on display. A full line of hosiery in shadow heel and mesh. HAZEL R. LYNN'S DRESS SHOP, 323 Mill Street."

11/22 – "PARKWAY INN'S Thanksgiving Special. Choice of cocktail, fruit cup, soup. Turkey platter and two vegetables, dessert, coffee - \$2.25. Special Children's Dinner - \$1.25. Orders to take out on all platters. 1400 Farragut Avenue. Proprietor, Anthony Mangiaracina."

MORRISVILLE AND BRISTOL BATTLE TO 14-14 STALMATE IN 23rd ANNUAL THANKSGIVING GAME. Andy Accardi and "Lou" Loeffler scored the Bristol six pointers, with the extra points being made by Charlie Rauch and Myrl Binkley.

"For Faster Taxi Service, call BRISTOL 5633. The only taxi service in Lower Bucks County giving you 24-hour service daily. The only taxi service in Lower Bucks County dispatched by two-way radio.

F. LESLIE FLUM. Taxi stand and waiting room, 569 Bath Street."

11/25 – HIGH WINDS AND TORRENTIAL RAINS WREAK HAVOC IN AREA; BRISTOL BORO DAMAGE TOTALS THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS; HOUSES UNROOFED, FIREMEN KEPT ON JUMP.

11/30 – "MC CRORY'S 5-10-25c STORE, 241 Mill Street..... Christmas Opening Sale! Thousand of bright new toys and inexpensive gifts for everyone! Daily shoppers' luncheon at our restaurant department - 55c. Open evenings until Christmas.

"Special Holiday Offer! Only \$5.00 deposit reserves any new PHILCO Christmas delivery. Announcing finest 16-inch television console with **Balanced Beam**. 145 square inch screen. \$319.95, plus tax and warranty. JEFFREY'S, Pond and Farragut (next to Acme Super Market)."



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Amateur Archeologist

Eleven-year old Skyler Mahler has experienced the thrill of finding evidence of the past while walking with her family in Delhaas Woods. Delhaas Woods is 175 acres of the best remaining example of Coastal Plain Woodland in the state of Pennsylvania. The woods have a varied history of use and abuse. Fortunately, now, thanks to the Eastern PA Chapter of the Nature Conservancy and the Bucks County Department of Parks and Recreation, Delhaas Woods is a wonderful place to explore nature and, at times, to find a buried treasure from the past. Before the site was deeded to the Silver Lake Park, part of the land was used as an illegal dumpsite. Much of this trash was removed by various clean-ups to restore the land to the treasure it is today.

However, some of the trash remains to perhaps entice a future historian or archeologist. Skyler found three milk bottles, two of which she shared with BCHF. One of the bottles was from Keystone Dairy and the other from

Dyers Dairy. Both dairies were located in Bristol on Lafayette Street. This was the time that milk was delivered to the door. In the winter, the milk would freeze, and the cream would often pop the bottle cap up from the top of the bottle. Cats would especially appreciate this phenomenon as they found licking the cream a delight. There are many stories to be told and learned about this part of our past. Harold Mitchener tells of the time William Doan who delivered milk with a horse and wagon, left his wagon to visit an establishment on Radcliffe Street. Apparently the visit was too long, and the horse decided to trot back to the dairy without him. He also mentioned that at that time people would take their pails to the Keystone Dairy to be filled with milk. We really appreciate Skyler for sharing her treasures with us as it gave us a chance to look back to a time when things were much different from today. Who knows, perhaps we are looking at a future archaeologist.

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