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THE MONTH HAS ARRIVED - BCHF Will Be Holding Historic Bristol Day on the 17th of October, 2015

In the September Issue of THE GAZETTE, the day's activities were well outlined, including the times and the locations. Please check your last month's GAZETTE, the local newspapers, or our website (www.bristolhistory.org) for more information to help you enjoy your day in Bristol. We hope to see you enjoying yourself at Historic Bristol Day - 2015.

BCHF BOARD UPDATES BY-LAWS RATIFICATION VOTE ON NOV. 18, 2015

The By-Law Committee has just completed an exhaustive review of the By-Laws for our organization. The proposed changes were presented at the September 9 meeting of the full board and, after discussion, they were approved.

The next step is to seek a ratification vote from the membership. Voting on the changes will take place during the Annual Meeting on November 18, 2015 to be held at BCHF headquarters, 321 Cedar Street, Bristol, PA.

Anyone who wishes to review the proposed By-Laws can do so by going to our web site - www.bristolhistory.org - or you can request a hard copy by writing to BCHF at P.O. Box 215, Bristol, PA 19007.

BCHF Calendar of Events for 2015

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. **SOLD OUT**

- BCHF Headquarters are at 321 Cedar Street, Bristol
- For current information about activities and events, check out our web site at www.bristolhistory.org.

Bristol Riverside Theater - 2015/16 Performance Schedule

"Bus Stop" - September 29 - October 18, 2015

Phone 215 785-0100 for further information.

Other performances during the year are "Mountain", "The Language Archive", "Rumors", "Man of La Mancha".

Please consider attending one or more of the performances at the
Bristol Riverside Theatre

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SEPTEMBER SCENE

Saturday, Sept. 12 - Annual Italian Festival, sponsored by the Bristol Lions Club and BCHF was there.



Photo Left: Ways & Means Chairperson Kathy Barniskis discusses BCHF's assortment of postcards and other Bristol memorabilia with interested passersby.

Photo Right: Chances on the Joseph Sagolla's watercolor of the Bristol Wharf area were also sold at the event.



Special Note: Gerry McCarry, President of BCHF has announced that there are no vacancies for the Board of Directors in the 2016 year. Usually at this time we are asking that anyone interested in becoming a member of the Board of Directors should send a Self-Nomination letter; however, that will not be needed for this next year.

View It With BCHF

As previously announced, our Ways & Means Committee has finalized plans for a 3-day/2-night bus trip to Pittsburgh, “the City of Bridges,” May 18 to 20, 2016. Trip participants will have the opportunity of viewing the recently-opened Flight 93 National Memorial in Shanksville, PA.

Also on the itinerary are: a Gateway Clipper Cruise on Pittsburgh’s rivers, featuring the city’s bridges and a scenic skyline; a guided tour of Pittsburgh, including the University of Pittsburgh’s Cathedral of Learning and a tour of some of its

Bridesburg and Bristol

Where is Bridesburg? Many of our readers will recognize that it is presently a section of Philadelphia. If traveling into center city Philadelphia, SEPTA trains stop at the Bridesburg station.

The Bridesburg Historical Society asked Donna McCloskey, and Harold & Carol Mitchener to make a presentation about Bristol Borough at their monthly meeting on September 9, 2015. Donna was especially pleased because they wanted to know more about the Grundy Museum (Donna is the head of the Grundy Museum). They are planning a trip to Bristol that will include a tour of the museum.

Once we arrived, we found that Bristol and Bridesburg have many connections. One of their members is the author of Images of America - BRIDESBURG. We have a book in Bristol entitled Images of America - BRISTOL written by Harold and Carol Mitchener. The Bridesburg author was present and Carol and Harold were presented with a signed copy

Nationality Rooms; a tour of the Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens, and a visit to Frank Lloyd Wright’s architectural creation, “Fallingwater.”

Price of the trip, which includes two breakfasts and two dinners, including a dinner at the Grand Concourse, is \$395 per person based on double occupancy, \$380 per person triple, and \$505 single.

Trip flyers will be available at the Ways & Means’ table on Historic Bristol Day, October 17, and may also be obtained by calling Helen Younglove at 215 788-9408.

by the author, Teresa Pyott.

When the author heard it said that the Delaware Canal connected Bristol and Easton, she volunteered to sing the chorus of a Delaware Canal song. This was a special treat for everyone present.

In her book we also discovered that there was a steamboat schedule, when steamboats traveled the Delaware River. Bristol was, at that time, the northernmost stop.

Leave Bristol 10:00 am and Arrive Bridesburg 11:45 am.

On the way there were stops at Burlington, NJ, Beverly, NJ, Andalusia, PA, Delanco, NJ, Torresdale, PA, Riverton, NJ, and Tacony, PA. The final stop was at the Chestnut Street wharf in Philadelphia.

Further research is presently being done in the history office of the Grundy Library by Harold and Carol. They are attempting to find further information about Bridesburg and the connection with Bristol.

The Fifty States of The United States of America

Delaware was the first state to join the union - 1781. Hawaii was the last state to join the union - 1959. Pennsylvania was the second state -1787 and New Jersey was the third state - 1787. The other states to enter the Union in order are Georgia - 1788, Connecticut - 1788, Massachusetts - 1788, Maryland - 1788, South Carolina - 1788, New Hampshire - 1788, Virginia - 1788, New York - 1788, North Carolina - 1789, Rhode Island - 1790, Vermont - 1791, Tennessee - 1796, Ohio - 1803, Louisiana - 1812, Indiana - 1816, Mississippi - 1817, Illinois - 1818, Alabama - 1819, Maine - 1820, Missouri - 1821, Arkansas - 1836, Michigan - 1837, Florida - 1845, Texas - 1845, Iowa - 1846, Wisconsin - 1848, California - 1850, Minnesota - 1858, Oregon - 1859, Kansas - 1861, West Virginia - 1863, Nevada - 1864, Nebraska - 1867, Colorado - 1876, North Dakota - 1889, South Dakota - 1889, Montana - 1889, Washington - 1889, Idaho - 1890, Wyoming - 1890, Utah - 1896, Oklahoma - 1907, New Mexico - 1912, Arizona - 1912, Alaska - 1959, Hawaii - 1959.

Can Washington D.C. become a state? Some of the people in the district would like it to become the 51st state. Can Puerto Rico become a state? There are people that would like to see that happen. Can Guam become a state? There had been some movement in Guam for that to happen.

In the Miss America competition, Washington D.C. had contestants and in some years past Puerto Rico had contestants.

Out Of The Past

The following items were excerpted from **OCTOBER 1945** issues of THE BRISTOL COURIER.

10/1 - - AIR MEDAL PRESENTED LT. ROBERT PETRICK. Mrs. Michael Petrick, Wilson Avenue, recently received word from General George C. Kenney that her son, Lt. Robert Petrick, was decorated with the Air Medal. Lt. Petrick was cited for meritorious achievement while participating in sustained operational flight missions in the Pacific area from May 29, 1945 to July 13, 1945, during which hostile contact was probable and expected.

MISS MATILDA N. BROWN IS WED TO SGT. R.S. VAN AKEN. An early autumn wedding was solemnized on Saturday afternoon at the hour of five when Miss Matilda N. Brown, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. William Brown, McKinley Street, became the bride of Sgt. Richard S. VanAken, son of Mr. & Mrs. Robert Van Aken, McKinley Street. The ceremony was performed in the Bristol Methodist Church by the pastor, Rev. W.E. Preston Haas. A reception followed at the bride’s home for the immediate families, the newlyweds leaving in the evening for a few days’ honeymoon in Atlantic City, N.J.

10/2 - - TERRACE II UNITS ARE HOUSING SOLDIERS. Bristol Terrace is being used as an annex for personnel of Fort Dix, N.J. Approximately 90 to 100 officers and enlisted men, together with families, are now residing in Courts D, C, E, F and others in that vicinity at Bristol Terrace II, with new sections being opened up as the demand for homes increases.

OPENING OF EDGELY UNIT BRINGS MUCH NEARER THE TIME WHEN ENTIRE SUPPLY WILL COME FROM ARTESIAN WELLS. Development of Water Service Here Has Been Marked By Three Important Stages. The Edgely Unit Considered Very Important Step In Progress Of Facilities.

“Stove Pipe and Accessories. BRISTOL HARDWARE CO., 404-406 Mill Street.”

10/3 - - PARENTS TO BE QUERIED ABOUT RELIGIOUS PHASE. A survey is to be made in the first seven grades of the Bristol public schools for the purpose of determining whether or not the parents of the children desire that the children be given religious instruction in the schools or be dismissed from their classes one hour each week for such instruction. This was decided by the school board last night after the Rev. Peter Pinci, rector of St. Ann’s Italian Catholic Church pleaded for the dismissal of the children to receive instruction in their church. The board has heard previous requests from the representatives of St. Mark’s Church and has submitted to it a plan by the Bristol Ministerium for giving instruction in the seventh grade to the schools.

“Announcing the Opening of THRIFTY FURNITURE STORE, 349 Lincoln Avenue, Thursday, October 4. Complete Selection of Juvenile Furniture, Home Furniture, Toys, Novelty Gifts.”

10/5 - - BATH STREET CHILD IS HOSPITALIZED WITH “POLIO.” The second case of infantile paralysis to develop in Bristol Borough this season, and the only one under quarantine here now, was reported to Bristol Borough Board of Health last evening. The child ill with “polio” is James Smith, aged two years, son of Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Smith of Bath Street.

“Toys - Dolls - Games at the BRISTOL HOBBY CENTER, 215 Mill Street.”

10/8 - - THREE LOCAL FIRMS ARE TO BE HONORED. To Receive Certificates For Outstanding Contributions To Industrial Progress. The three local companies to be honored tomorrow in special ceremonies by the National Association of Manufacturers are: William H. Grundy Co., Inc., Paterson Parchment Paper Co., and Thomas L. Leedom Co.

“Now 4 Points for Used Fats! Help increase supplies of soap and other peacetime products by saving more used fats. Industrial fats fall short of last year!”

10/9 - - BURGESS SCHMIDT RECOMMENDS TO TOWN COUNCIL THE NAMING OF A PLANNING COMMISSION. On recommen-

dation of Burgess Jacob C. Schmidt, Sr., borough council took steps to set up a Bristol planning commission, collect suggestions and recommendations from the citizens, and form a program of local improvements.

HOUSES FOR SALE. 337 McKinley. Bungalow, 6 rms and bath, hot water heat. \$2500. 325 & 334 Hayes. 8 rms and bath, steam heat. \$3700 each.

10/11 - - INDUCT 15 FROM THIS AREA INTO THE ARMED FORCES. Age Range for Young Men Is Given As 18 to 24. 8 From Bristol.

“WOLER’S, 206-208 Mill Street . . . Coal Shovels for the Furnace - 99¢ Special. Kem-Tone Paint - \$2.98 per gal., paste form.”

10/15 - - GOOD WILL HOSE CO. MARKS ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY HERE. William L. Stackhouse, Former Co. Fire Marshal, Is Speaker. Four charter members are still on the roster. They are: Doron Green, Frank Flum, John Smoyer, Sr., and Harry G. Ettinger.

BRISTOL HIGH BUNNIES OUTPLAY RIVERSIDE, WINNING ANNUAL BATTLE BY SCORE OF 13 TO 0. Bristol’s lineup: Caucci, M. Iannucci, L. Iannucci, Mari, Monachello, Foltz, Harms, Feole, Centonze, Lelinski, Accardi.

10/18 - - FIRE SIRENS TO BE PUT INTO REGULAR SERVICE. The electrical fire siren, which was silent during the war except to sound air raid alarms, will be put back into service tonight at 7 o’clock. It will then be used for all fire alarms.

“A&P SUPER MARKETS, 86th Anniversary . . . Shoulder Veal Chops - 27¢ lb. Square Cut, Bone-In Shoulder Lamb - 35¢ lb. Skinless Franks - 37¢ lb. Fresh Filet of Cod or Haddock - 42¢ lb. Campbell’s Chicken Noodle Soup - 14¢ can. Kellogg’s Variety Cereals, 10 individual packages - 22¢. Popular Brand Cigarettes - \$1.51 carton; 2 Pkgs., 31¢.”

10/24 - - VETERAN’S LEAGUE TO BE ORGANIZED FOR BOWLERS. Believed To Be First Group Of Its Kind Formed For Bowlers. Andrew Moore, Jr., recently discharged veteran and formerly active in local bowling circles, is the organizer of the new league.

“C. ACCARDI & SONS, Self-Service Store, Beaver Dam Road (opposite Bristol Terrace) . . . Boneless Steaks - 42¢ lb. Fresh Ground Hamburg - 28¢ lb. Butter - 49¢ lb. Fresh stock of bakery products!”

10/25 - - SENATOR GRUNDY OFFERS 14-ACRE ATHLETIC FIELD AND PARK AS WAR MEMORIAL. Offers To Give Bristol Borough The Present Park, Additional Land, And \$25,000 To Develop Same. Gift Will Provide Playgrounds For Young Children, With Possibility Of Development Of Aquatic Recreation. Also Sufficient Land For Gridiron, Baseball Diamond and Running Track For Older Persons.

“PAROLY’S, 304 Mill Street . . . Specializing in things hard to get. Flannel Pajamas, Cotton Slips, Stretch Girdles, Chubbie Coats.”

10/29 - - VICTORY WAR BOND DRIVE GETS UNDERWAY TODAY. Sirens Sound The Opening Of Formal Program At McCrory Store. Paul J. Barrett Speaks. Tells What Men Have Gone Through To Achieve Victory.

10/31 - - SCHOOL BOARD TO BUY SIXTH WARD SITE FOR PROPOSED NEW SCHOOL BUILDING. Bristol public school board, last night, took definite steps toward acquiring a tract of land on which to erect a new school building. The site extends from the P.R.R. siding west of Green Lane to Harrison Street, and from Radcliffe Street to Farragut Avenue, with the exception of some property now occupied as garages.

RATION BOARD DOORS ARE CLOSED LOCALLY. The local war price and rationing board, No. 269.1, closed its doors here last evening after four years of operation. The doors of the board’s headquarters on Farragut Avenue closed to the public at 4 o’clock yesterday afternoon, with the three remaining employees concluding their duties at 5:15. This is in line with liquidation of all local ration boards throughout the United States.

The Journey to New York City on Sept. 18th was a Wonderful Experience for Everyone Involved

As advertised in our publication, BCHF sponsored a bus trip to New York City with two main objectives. They were to visit the September 11 Memorial and Museum and to visit the annual San Gennaro Festival in "Little Italy". Both sites were very timely.

The One World Trade Center replaced the Twin Towers that were destroyed on September 11, 2001. The new building is a 104 story super-tall structure that shares a numeric name with the North Tower of the original World Trade Center. It is the tallest skyscraper in the Western Hemisphere and the fifth-tallest in the world. Construction started on April 27, 2006 and it was completed July 2013. The opening was on November 3, 2014. The cost of the new building was \$3.9 billion.

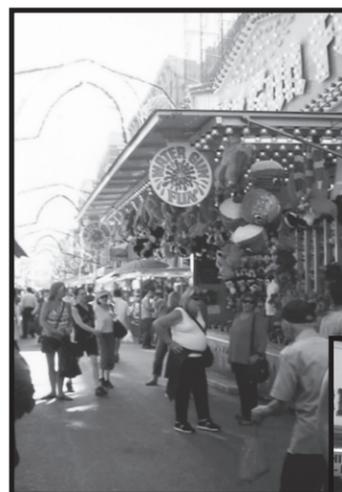
The new World Trade Center complex will eventually include five high-rise office buildings built along Greenwich Street as well as the National September 11 Memorial & Museum, located just south of One World Trade Center where the original Twin Towers stood. The construction of the new building is part of an effort to memorialize and rebuild following the destruction of the original World Trade Center complex.



Above: Trip participants stop to pose for a photo at the 9/11 Memorial



Above: The new One World Trade Center tower
Left: Inside the 9/11 Museum
Below: Looking up to get a better view



Everyone enjoyed Little Italy and the San Gennaro festival



Mystery Solved

In the September issue of THE GAZETTE, in the "Out of the Past" column where items were excerpted from the September 1935 issues of The Bristol Courier, a mystery was solved for members of the Congregation Ahavath Achim (Bristol Jewish Center), 216 Pond Street in Bristol.

In the building's entry way, there is a golden key in a glass frame with the date 8-19-35 on the top of the key. Present congregants have wondered about the significance of the key. This is where the "Out of the Past" article helped.

"9/9 - - CONGREGATION HERE REOPENS SYNA-

GOGUE AFTER RENOVATIONS"

This was the answer needed. It was on September 9, 1935 that the building was reopened after renovations to their house of worship.

Thank you Alan and Audrey Vogenberg for your discovery. Alan and Audrey are members of BCHF and read it in their copy of THE GAZETTE - September 2015 issue.

Special thanks to Helen Younglove who goes to the Margaret R. Grundy Library in Bristol each month and goes through old copies of The Bristol Courier to gather information for the column's articles

Industries That Are No Longer in Bristol

This information was obtained from the BRISTOL BOARD OF TRADE - issued in 1901. Notice that the name of the industry, the number of employees and the year the industry came to Bristol are listed. In 2015, none of these industries are in Bristol. In fact none of them are still in business anywhere.

Industries in Bristol in 1901

D. Landreth & Sons, Seed Growers - 150 employees - 1847
M.C. Hughes, Hosiery - 125 Employees - 1865
T.B. Harkins Foundry Co., Iron Foundry - 23 Employees - 1871
Wilson Randall, Carriages - 6 Employees - 1875
Peirce & Williams, Woodworking Mill - 25 Employees - 1875
Wm. H. Grundy & Company, Worsted Spinners - 450 Employees - 1877
S.G. Ardrey & Sons, Machinists - 8 Employees - 1884
The Thos. L. Leedom Company, Carpets - 650 Employees - 1886
E.T. Steel & Co., Woolen and Worsted Cloth - 700 Employees - 1891
Bristol Iron and Steel Co., Round and Bar Iron - 250 Employees, 1899
Corona Kid Co., Enameled Leather - 205 Employees - 1899
C.A. Wilson & Co., Enameled Leather - 15 Employees - 1900
The Way Knitting Mills Co., Underwear - 75 Employees - 1900
The Columbia Wall Paper Co., Wall Paper - 100 Employees - 1901
Bristol - PA, Issued by the Board of Trade, 1901

Can You Identify The Man Represented Here?

His wife's name was Clara. They had two children - Nelson and Margaret. Worked at the Grundy Mill for 54 years.

Their home was in the three hundred block of Radcliffe Street.

He was born in 1868 and died in 1949. He had membership in the following organizations: Bristol Exchange Club, Fidelity Council No. 21 Fraternal Patriotic Americans, Lodge No. 25 Free and Accepted Masons, and BPOE (Elks).

Member of the Bristol School Board for over 40 years.

Sunday School Superintendent of the Bristol Methodist Church and was a member of the Board of Trustees, Author of two books about Bristol.

Attended Bristol Public Schools

Was a member of the West Chester Teachers College Board of Directors

Director of the Union Building and Loan Co.

Died at age 81 and was buried in Bristol Cemetery.

Answer: Doron Green

Don't Forget - Historic Bristol Day is October 17 - See You There!!!