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## We Hope That All Who Wanted To Attend The "Tea" On February 10, 2013 Have Made Arrangements For Tickets

This year, 2013, is the 18th time BCHF has presented a "TEA". This year's theme is "An Oscar Winning Tea". The first one in 1996 was "Valentine's". In 1997 the theme was "Presidents", the theme for 1998 was "Formal Afternoon" and in 1999 "International", followed by "Victorian" in 2000. "Artists" was the theme in 2001. "A Taste of Spring" was held in 2002. "Teddy Bear" was the theme for 2003. "Mardi Gras" was the 2004 theme and in

2005 there was a "Mad Hatter" theme. In 2006, "Tropical" was the theme. "Down Memory Lane" was selected for the 2007 event. "China Experience" was chosen for 2008. In 2009, "Royal Tea" became the topic chosen. "Hearts and Flowers" won as the theme in 2010 followed by "America the Beautiful" in 2011. Last years' tea was called "Fashionable Tea". We hope that you will have enjoyed this year's theme.

## Celtic Music Performance

On Sunday, March 10, at 2 p.m. in BCHF headquarters, Tom and Marianne Tucker will present a program of Celtic Music. The Tuckers have performed at festivals, theaters, folk clubs and fairs throughout the Northeast and across the country. They offer a wide repertoire drawn from the folk music traditions of Ireland, Scotland, Canada and America.

Light refreshment will be served following their performance. A donation of \$5 per person is requested.

Due to limited seating capacity, we advise an early arrival to avoid being turned away. For further information, contact Helen Younglove at 215 788-9408.

## Trippin' in '13

During the past several months, the Ways & Means Committee has been investigating various trips which, hopefully, will appeal to BCHF members, their families and friends. The following trips have now been confirmed for 2013.

\* **Charleston, SC, May 19-23.** See enclosed flyer for details. Please note that the reservation deadline is March 16, provided seats remain at that time.

\* **Steamin' Days at Auburn Heights, DE, Sunday, June 2** - A day filled with old fashioned fun for the whole family! Auburn Heights was the home of The Marshall Family, who began farming and establishing grist mills in southern Chester County after setting foot in America. In the mid-1850s they began making paper at their mills, then fiber and later vulcanized fiber. As their mills prospered, they built a grand Victorian mansion on a hill overlooking the whistle-

stop village of Yorklyn, DE, and christened it "Auburn Heights." The magnificent home is now owned and operated by the State of Delaware. Its main two floors are antiques-furnished. An intrinsic part of the Auburn Heights Preserve is the T. Clarence Marshall Steam Museum, which houses the largest collection of operating Stanley Steamer automobiles in the world. There is also a display of beautifully preserved standard-gauge Lionel electric trains from the 1930s. In an adjacent carriage house, volunteer members of the "Steam Team" restore the cars and keep the temperamental vehicles well-tuned and road-worthy. They also help run and maintain the Auburn Valley Railroad featuring 1/8-size coal-fired steam trains which circle the estate on two sets of tracks.

Cost of this trip is \$80 per BCHF adult member, \$85 per adult non-member, and \$75 per child, which covers

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## Don't Forget To Respond to the Membership Letter

It is so easy to set aside a letter of request for membership with the intention of responding in the near future and then forgetting to send it. Please, send your membership dues when your letter arrives. We welcome you again this year, our 46th year as an organization. Thank you for your response.

## Trippin' in '13 . . . continued

bus transportation, lunch at 11 a.m., admission incl. up to 4 train or antique auto rides per person, a "firing up" demonstration to see how a Stanley is set in motion, self-guided tour of two floors of the Victorian mansion, and fresh steam-popped popcorn from a vintage popper; bus driver and restaurant gratuities. Bus will depart from the Grundy Recreation Center, 475 Beaver St., at 9:30 a.m. and return at approx. 6 p.m. Contact Helen Younglove at 215 788-9408 for a flyer/reservation. Deadline is May 2, space permitting. Note: This trip would make a very entertaining Father's Day Gift.

\* "A Memorable Day in Manhattan," Thursday, Sept. 12. Confirmation has been received on our reservation at the 9/11 Memorial with notice, however, that the Memorial is subject to sudden, unforeseen closures - in which case our itinerary would have to

be altered. A detailed flyer is enclosed in this GAZETTE.

\* "Romantic Rhine" River Cruise, October 5-13. Sail on the brand new "Artistry II" from Basel, Switzerland, to Amsterdam, Holland. As of last report, most of the vessel's cabins have been booked. Call Ellen Levy at 215 658-1050 for current availability and rates.

The W&M Committee is also considering a bus trip to the Fairmount Park Holiday House Tour in early December. Watch future issues of THE GAZETTE for details!

If you have a cultural or historical destination in mind, let us hear about it and we'll check it out for next year or beyond.

## Travel Update

We've received many inquiries about the status of the bus trip to New York City planned for Saturday, September 12, the itinerary for which includes free time and lunch in the "Little Italy" section of Manhattan, a visit to the 9/11 Memorial, the Doughnut Plant, and High Line Park. We're still awaiting confirmation on the 9/11 Memorial visit and have been informed that we should receive notification by January 31. Therefore, we anticipate announcing all the details in the March GAZETTE, which will include the date on which reservations will be accepted and the date on which total payment is due.

Because of a sizable non-refundable deposit required by the Barnes Foundation, plans to do a Barnes Museum/Moshulu Restaurant trip this year have been scrapped.

Based on the success of the recent 5-day/4-night bus trip to Asheville, NC for "Christmas at the Biltmore," the Ways & Means Committee is considering a trip of the same duration to Charleston, SC, which would include a guided tour of Charleston, a tour of Fort

Sumter, the Magnolia Plantation Home and Gardens, and a Charleston harbor cruise.

A Spring day trip under consideration is to historic New Castle, DE, for "Old New Castle Day" on Saturday, May 18, at which time private homes and gardens are open to the public, and a variety of period entertainment is featured in the town square.

A decision on the above two possibilities is expected soon and will be announced in the GAZETTE.

Reservations continue to be accepted on the February 3 - 15 Southern Caribbean cruise aboard the Norwegian Pearl, sailing from New York City to San Juan, St. Thomas, St. Maarten, St. Lucia, Barbados and Antigua; and on the October 5 - 13 "Romantic Rhine" river cruise on Avalon Waterways' new vessel, Artistry II, sailing from Switzerland to Amsterdam. The latter's itinerary includes: Strasbourg, France; Heidelberg, Mainz, Rudensheim, the Rhine Gorge-Koblenz, and Cologne, Germany; and Amsterdam, Holland. For flyers on either of these cruises, call Helen Younglove at 215 788-9408.

## A Winter Tale

Huge bakers trucks helped open roads a snowstorm dumped on Bucks County, February 25, 1921. There were more than seven inches of snow in Bristol. Traveling became difficult for the trolleys, trains and automobiles.

In Hilltown, Bucks County, a Mennonite Church congregation was stranded because of the storm. Some of the people slept in the church building while others made the trek to nearby farm houses. The people had come to the service at the church in their automobiles; however, it was the blowing wind piling the snow that

made it difficult to travel causing the problems.

Trains were able to progress very slowly. Some telephone lines were out of commission. Even the snow plows attached to the trolley cars failed.

Fortunately ample supplies of coal and lumber kept the furnaces and stoves in houses and other buildings warm.

With spring approximately a month in the future, people looked forward to that day.

## Out Of The Past

The following items were excerpted from **February 1943** issues of THE BRISTOL COURIER.

2/1 - VICTORY CORPS PROGRAM WILL START OPERATING AT BRISTOL HIGH SCHOOL TOMORROW; CHANGES ARE ANNOUNCED. "In practically every instance," stated Principal Hertzler, "the work has been modified to include or emphasize the wartime need of application of mathematics which now involves problems of navigation or projectiles or the direct application to wartime instances wherever possible."

KILLED IN ACTION. Staff Sergeant flight engineer George Stanley Schell, who lost his life on January 5 while serving with U.S. forces in North West Africa, was the son of James A. Schell, 312 Wood Street.

2/2 - FEDERATED SPORTSMEN'S CLUBS OPPOSE ACQUISITION OF CANAL HERE BY PENNA. HIGHWAY DEPT. A resolution strongly protesting the acquisition of the old Delaware Division of the Penna. Canal between Bristol and Morrisville by the Pennsylvania High Department, for the purpose of making a road, was passed by the Bucks County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs last evening when delegates from the Bucks County Sportsmen's Association met in the Knights of the Golden Eagle building in Doylestown.

WAR FUND DRIVE OF RED CROSS WILL SOON OPEN HERE. Lester D. Thorne, Chairman.

2/3 - SCHOOL BOARD BANS ALL NIGHT ACTIVITIES AT THE HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING IF HEAT IS NECESSARY. With a cut of 25 per cent of fuel oil, it was decided by the Bristol School Board last night to stop all night activities in the high school building if heat is necessary. One of the heating boilers is to be converted to coal just as soon as the equipment can be procured.

BUSINESS PLACES FOR RENT. Mill St. store & dwelling for rent. Possession at once. \$40 month. Charles La Polla, 1418 Farragut Ave.

"SKATING PARTY. Wednesday Night in the Bristol Methodist Church Basement at Eight o'clock. Children - 17¢. Adults - 25¢. You must have your own indoor skates."

2/4 - TWO DRIVERS HAVE SOME "A" GASOLINE STAMPS CONFISCATED. Hearings were conducted here last evening in seven cases of alleged violations of the pleasure driving ban. Also, dozens of motorists were checked here last night by the Bristol police at the request of the OPA. OPA representatives visited Bristol a few nights ago and made a tour of the streets and gave it as their opinion that many motorists were using their cars unnecessarily.

2/5 - POLICE, SOLDIERS AND FIREMEN ARE RUSHED TO BRISTOL - BURLINGTON BRIDGE ON "TIP" THAT SPAN WAS TO BE WRECKED. A "tip" that the Bristol-Burlington Bridge was to be dynamited early this morning threw the police and protective forces of this area into action shortly after 2 o'clock. All traffic was halted and drivers of motor vehicles were closely questioned.

"Join Now! Our New Curtain and Merchandise Club Now Forming. 25¢ per week - 26 weeks. CHARLES RICHMAN, 315 Mill Street."

2/8 - SHOE RATIONING EFFECTIVE AT ONCE. Each person is to be allowed three pairs of shoes per year.

11 SELECTEES LEAVE BRISTOL EARLY TODAY, WILL SERVE IN NAVY, MARINES: LARGE NUMBER ENTRAIN FOR THE ARMY. 4th IN FAMILY LEAVES. TWO OF THE NUMBER WERE STILL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WHEN CALLED TO SERVICE AND NEITHER SOUGHT DEFERMENT. Louis Genco is the fourth brother to leave from that household for service in the armed forces. William Simon Bailey was a student at Bristol High School and James Sayko was a senior at Morrisville High.

MISS RITA DUFFY WILL BE TRAINED WITH WAVES.

MISS JANICE MUFFETT TO TRAIN WITH SPARS. Miss Rita Duffy, of Pine Street, will leave on Wednesday for Stillwater, Okla., where she will become one of the recruits of the U.S. Naval Training School. Miss Janice Muffett, of Otter Street, who recently enlisted in the SPARS, the Women's Reserve of the U.S. Coast Guard, will leave on the 19th to commence her basic training course at Hunter College in New York.

2/10 - VICTORY GARDENS ARE CONSIDERED BY TENANTS OF BRISTOL TERRACE DEVELOPMENT. The establishment of a nursery in which children of women working in war plants could be cared for was also discussed at the meeting of the tenants association of the National Housing Agency when the February meeting took place in the Community Hall of Bristol Terrace last evening.

HELP WANTED. Female. Cashier for men's store. No experience necessary. Salary \$20 a week to start. Apply MARTY GREEN'S Store, 237 Mill Street.

2/12 - NEW AIR RAID SIGNALS TO BE TESTED ON FEBRUARY 17. A daylight air raid drill will be held on February 17th, the day the new raid signal system goes into effect. The test will not involve blacking out of any lights.

BRISTOL H.S. GIRLS INSTITUTE SPORTS PROGRAM HERE. The Bristol High School girls, under the direction of Coach Phyllis Kallenbach, have instituted a "Victory through Sports" program which will begin with the playing of intramural basketball games. There will be 19 teams of six players each to be picked from various rooms.

2/16 - WOMEN ARE INVITED TO PATRIOTIC MEETING. Fleetwings, Inc., will sponsor a patriotic meeting for the women of Bristol and surrounding towns in the Grand Theatre tomorrow afternoon, beginning at 2 o'clock. The meeting will be unique and unusual due to the fact that the musical talent will be all from the Fleetwings plant. The Fleetwings' Jive-Bombers Orchestra of 13 pieces will be featured. All women who have the welfare of their country at heart are cordially invited to this affair, which will last just an hour and a half. Admission is free.

2/24 - RED CROSS ASKS \$73,125 FOR BRISTOL'S QUOTA. Residents of Bristol Borough are asked to contribute \$73,125 for the Red Cross war fund. The campaign to raise this money in Bristol will open on March 8. Workers have been mobilized for the drive and every individual is to be solicited. Each person in Bristol is to be asked to "back up a man in the service." It is estimated that it requires an average of \$10 to provide each man in the service with the things which the Red Cross provides.

"A&P SUPER MARKETS . . . Calif. Iceberg Lettuce - Large Head - 12¢. Large Fla. Oranges - 33¢ Doz. Jersey Shad Roe, with Roe - 23¢ Lb. Oleo - 23¢ Lb. Swift Premium Corned Beef Brisket - 35¢ Lb."

2/26 - HUNDREDS WITNESS PRESENTATION OF ARMY-NAVY "E" AWARD TO PLANT 1 OF FLEETWINGS; PROGRAM BROADCAST. The award recognizes excellent performance in the production of airplane parts for the United States Army and Navy air corps.

"February Furniture Sale, Friday & Saturday! 5-Pc. Oak Kitchen Set - \$19.95. 3-Pc. Solid Rockwood Bedroom Suite - \$69.50. Crib, complete with mattress - \$16.95. Sturdy High Chairs - \$8.95. DRIES' FURNITURE STORE. 329 Mill Street."

2/27 - 12,874 RATION BOOKS ISSUED HERE IN FOUR DAYS.

LIKELY TO BUILD MORE HOMES HERE THIS SPRING. 50 ARE NOW IN COURSE OF CONSTRUCTION IN GREEN LANE PROJECT. MORE IN FOURTH WARD; SECOND & THIRD AVENUE. More houses are to be erected here during the spring and summer months, and it is expected that construction of houses here will show a decided increase just as soon as weather conditions become settled.

## Abolitionist Charles Calistus Burleigh

With the Emancipation Proclamation several decades in the future, Charles C. Burleigh was invited to visit Bristol and speak on the antislavery topic. He was a well-known abolitionist lecturer. Permission had been granted by the school directors in Bristol to allow the speech to be delivered in the (original) school building on Wood Street built in 1837. (This building was removed in the 1960's and an extension to the Senior Citizens headquarters was built in its place).

Charles Burleigh had been born in Plainfield, Connecticut, November 3, 1810. He studied law preparing for an occupation in that field; however, he became attracted to the injustices of slavery in our nation.

He was offered an editorship of the "Unionist" a new antislavery newspaper in Connecticut. He was also instrumental in protecting William Lloyd Garrison from a mob in Boston, October 1835. From that experience he became a regular contributor to the "Liberator", Garrison's nationally recognized antislavery publication.

In the later 1830's he became one of the editors of the "Pennsylvania Freeman" and in 1847 was arrested in West Chester, PA for selling antislavery literature on a Sunday. He had married his wife, Gertrude, on October 24, 1842 in Chester County, PA and they had three children.

Charles Burleigh was considered eccentric in his dress and had a flowing beard he vowed not to remove until the end of slavery in the United States.

In 1845 he had published a pamphlet "Thoughts on the Death Penalty" condemning capital punishment. He also participated in women's suffrage conventions at Cleveland and New York in 1854. By 1867, he attended the American Equal Rights Association meeting and joined his brother, William Henry Burleigh, in a campaign for temperance reform.

On the appointed day, a Sunday in Bristol in 1839, a crowd of over 300 had gathered on Wood St. in front of the school building. They seemed determined not to allow Mr. Burleigh to lecture. The previous day at the Town Hall on Radcliffe St. a meeting was held to try and prevent Burleigh from using the public school house. Speeches were made denouncing the school board. The next day, as early as 10:00 am, a crowd started to assemble at the school. A committee was appointed to guard the entrance. By 2 pm, over 300 people were present and many were under the influence of liquor. A violent, noisy demonstration followed.

Cyrus Peirce and Joseph Warner, both active Quakers, accompanied the speaker as he made his way to the school. Once there, all three were pushed back from the school building and three attempts were made to enter. Joseph Warner was thrown to the ground and received several bruises.

Gilbert Tomlinson, President of the School Board, made a speech denouncing the protest. An invitation was made from the Society of Friends (Quaker) for Mr. Burleigh to come to their building and present his speech. The Meeting House at the corner of Wood and Market Sts., was filled to capacity and some were standing outside. Charles Burleigh spoke for two hours on the subject of slavery and the slave trade. After hearing the speech, a number of those who were against Burleigh speaking, apologized and Burleigh was invited to speak in Bristol several times at later dates. From his lectures and influence, a strong anti-slavery sentiment evolved.

Gilbert Tomlinson, School Board President, was a "local preacher" at the Methodist Church, adjacent to the school building. The time arrived for Mr. Tomlinson to renew his preacher's license with the Methodist Church authorities in Philadelphia. The request was not granted and Tomlinson was told that it was because he had "been involved in a breach of the peace on the Lord's Day". As a result of this denial, Mr. Tomlinson withdrew himself and his family from the church.

When President-elect Abraham Lincoln's train briefly stopped in Bristol on February 21, 1861, as he was on his way to his inauguration set for March 4 of that same year, Gilbert Tomlinson was one of the men who was at the train to greet Mr. Lincoln.

Charles Burleigh continued to make his causes known and unfortunately on June 13, 1878, at the age of 68, he was killed in a railroad accident in Florence, Massachusetts. He was buried in a cemetery at that city.

An addendum to Abraham Lincoln's nomination and election, Caleb N. Taylor of Bristol Township was the only delegate from Pennsylvania who voted for Abraham Lincoln in the Republican National Convention. Mr. Taylor was also the largest land holder in Bristol Borough and was President of the Farmers Bank (presently Wells Fargo Bank) in Bristol. Taylor became the member of Congress from the Bucks and Lehigh congressional district.

### Bristol Riverside Theater - 2013

"Death Trap" - Jan. 29 thru Feb. 17, 2013 / "Pirates of Penzance" - March 19 thru April 28, 2013

"Inherit the Wind" - May 21 thru June 9, 2013

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

## Historic Bristol Day - 2012

In last month's issue of the Gazette, we acknowledged those who financially contributed to helping make Historic Bristol Day a success. The HBD committee also expresses special thanks to all who volunteered their time and talents to Historic Bristol Day. We could not do without their generous help.

Regatta Outfitters, Lakewood, CI (regatta ribbon awards)  
Island View

Lenox (regatta bowl)

Bucks Mont Squires of Song (sang gratis)

John Roche, Ed. D. (portrayal of Averell Harriman)

Horace Schmidt, Florist (flowers for the homeowners)

Merle Winslow

Anchor Yacht Club

Bristol Borough School District

Grundy Recreation Center

Bristol Borough Officials

Kevin Farley

Grundy Foundation, Gene Williams  
Wells Fargo Bank

Harriman Methodist Church

Bristol Lion's Club

Ticket Sales: Mill St. Pharmacy, Mignoni Jewelry, Great

ID's, Bristol Borough Tax Office, Grundy Library

Bristol Masonic Lodge #25

Arthur J. Younglove (Bracken exhibit)

Maria Doherty (teacher at Bristol HS whose students participated)

Vinnie De Marco of the Radcliffe Cafe who provided car show awards

Stepping Stone Dance Studios, Dana Stone

St. Mark School

Beverly Howley

Mark Gesualdi

Virginia DiMaggio

21st Century Community Learning Center

Chris Gesualdi

Karen Pezza

Jim Kirk

Mark Dubus, photography

Liz Fisher

Cate Murway

and our wonderful tour guides, Harold Mitchener, Alan

Vogenberg, Tony Russo and Dave McGlynn

Co-chairs of Historic Bristol Day, Kathy Barniskis (left) and Jan Ruano (right) present an award to a representative of the Anchor Yacht Club



## Presidential Inauguration Year 2013

1. In what city was the first INAUGURATION held?
2. Name the two other cities where regularly scheduled inaugurations took place.
3. A president took his oath of office in Vermont at his father's farmhouse and another on an airplane in Dallas, Texas. Name the two presidents.
4. Which president was inaugurated four (4) times?
5. With the present laws, can a president run more than two times?
6. Three streets on which the Presidential homes were located are Pennsylvania Ave., Market Street and Cherry Street. Name the cities for each?
7. One of our Presidents was the 22nd and 24th president. How was this possible and who was the person?
8. Who was in the White House as President when the inside of the White House was totally torn apart and
- remodeled? He moved to Blair House across the street from the White House while the work was being completed.
9. Who was President when a balcony, facing the Washington Monument, was added to the White House.
10. Who was the first Vice-President to become President upon the death of a President?
11. Which President had a grandson become President?
12. There were two Presidents who had a son become President? Name the two men.
13. There was one President who never married? Who was that President?
14. According to the Constitution, what is the written duty of the First Lady?

### ANSWERS:

1. New York City
2. Philadelphia and Washington, DC
3. VT - Coolidge, TX - Lyndon Johnson
4. Franklin D. Roosevelt
5. No
6. DC, Philadelphia and New York City
7. Grover Cleveland
8. Harry S. Truman
9. Harry S. Truman
10. John Tyler  
(upon death of W.H. Harrison)
11. William Henry Harrison
12. John Adams, George H. Bush
13. James Buchanan
14. Nothing is mentioned in the Constitution