

Sesqui-Centennial

1799 - 1949

WEST CHESTER

Pennsylvania



HIGH AND MARKET STREETS ABOUT 1840 1949



THE MODERN WEST CHESTER — 1949

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Sesqui-Centennial

COMMEMORATING

150 Years of Progress

Since the Incorporation of the
TOWN AS A BOROUGH

1799 - 1949

An Ode to West Chester

The following verses were penned by
DR. FRANCIS HARVEY GREEN
on the 150th Anniversary of the Incorporation of the
Borough of West Chester, Pa.

*Dear West Chester! Town of renown and of beauty!
Well thou deservest our tribute of praise!
Flourishing finely for fifteen full decades,
With excellence lofty in all of thy ways.*

*Founded by folks that were upright and honest;
Nurtured by citizens, worthy and wise,
Nobly thy life has been crowned with conquests;
Gaining a stature that towers toward the skies.*

*Would we could know all the early traditions,
And learn just who figured in place and in power,
Shaping up matters and laying foundations,
Working with fervor befitting the hour.*

*What may have transacted in Seventeen Hundred
Where now is located a prosperous town,
Historians fail to reveal with completeness
And leave us to wonder, and sigh with a frown.*

*Wise plans were unfolded, with thrift and assurance;
Crude roads were constructed and streets were laid out;
A village took shape with its houses and gardens,
And homes were established by people devout.*

*Hotels were erected, a court house was fashioned;
Men chosen for office with motives most pure;
Sane actions were taken to generate progress,
And build up a borough through time to endure.*

*With churches and schoolhouses goodly in number,
True worship and wisdom have gone hand in hand,
Providing an atmosphere, wholesome and prudent,
Creating a rank that few towns can command.*

*With banks and with hospitals timely and helpful;
A newspaper meriting unbounded praise;
With places of business conducted discreetly
And houses most comely that mean happy days;*

*With clubs and with lodges all doing their duty;
A Y. M. C. A. that is serving so well;
A Library filled with most excellent volumes;
A Historical Society that none can excel;*

*With preachers and teachers and doctors unnumbered
With burgesses, lawyers, and cops not a few,
Thou forward hast moved with a speed and a splendor,
That nothing could hinder and no one subdue.*

*With dentists and druggists and mercantile masters;
With nurserymen, florists and real-estate men;
With barbers and bakers and milk separators;
How well thou hast prospered, the gazer may ken.*

*Glad greetings to you who now strive with such tenseness
To carry on nobly the work of today;
May progress attend you, a good God defend you,
And crown your exertions with laurel and bay.*

*All hail to the future with all its presages
May grandeur and glory be constantly won,
Dear West Chester borough, advance in thy movements
And ever keep staunchly thy place in the sun.*

FRANCIS HARVEY GREEN.

PROGRAM FOR *Sesqui-centennial Celebration*

SUNDAY—SEPTEMBER 25, 1949

Sermons in the churches relative to borough history.
12:00 Noon State Championship Model Airplane Meet under the auspices of the Exchange Club. West Chester Airport.

MONDAY—SEPTEMBER 26.

8:15 P.M. Selection of MISS WEST CHESTER, Queen of the Sesqui-Centennial, Philips Memorial.

TUESDAY—SEPTEMBER 27.

7:30 P.M. W. W. MACELREE, Esq. Address: "*West Chester Through the Mists of the Years*," West Chester High School Auditorium. Auspices of the Chester County Historical Society.
8:00 P.M. DRUM AND BUGLE CORPS CONTEST, Junior American Legion, Wayne Field. Sponsored by the First West Chester Fire Company.

WEDNESDAY—SEPTEMBER 28.

12:00 Noon INDUSTRIAL EXHIBIT—State Armory.
TO AGRICULTURAL EXHIBIT—Edward Brinton Building.
9:30 P.M. EDUCATIONAL AND ART EXHIBIT—High School Gymnasium.
12:00 Noon HISTORICAL SOCIETY EXHIBITS—Historical Society Building, N. High Street.
TO 6:00 P.M. COSTUME PROMENADE OF YESTERYEAR—Arrangements by Soroptimist Club.
Afternoon 8:15 P.M. HISTORICAL PAGEANT—"*West Chester Passes in Review*." High School Athletic Field.

THURSDAY—SEPTEMBER 29

10:00 A.M. INDUSTRIAL EXHIBIT—State Armory.
TO AGRICULTURAL EXHIBIT—Edward Brinton Building.
9:30 P.M. EDUCATIONAL AND ART EXHIBIT—High School Gymnasium.
1:00 P.M. CHESTER COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM EXHIBIT.
TO 5:00 P.M. MILITARY PARADE.
2:00 P.M. FORMAL CEREMONIES OPENING SESQUI-CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION—Address by HONORABLE T. McKEEN CHIDSEY, Attorney General of Pennsylvania. Wayne Field.
4:00 P.M. HISTORICAL PAGEANT—"*West Chester Passes in Review*." High School Athletic Field.
8:15 P.M.

FRIDAY—SEPTEMBER 30

9:30 A.M. COMMUNITY CENTER DAY-LONG PROGRAM. Public Invited.
7:30 P.M. BUFFET SUPPER—Speaker: MARJORIE PENNY, Director of Fellowship House, Philadelphia.
10:00 A.M. INDUSTRIAL EXHIBIT—State Armory.
TO AGRICULTURAL EXHIBIT—Edward Brinton Building.
9:30 P.M. EDUCATIONAL AND ART EXHIBIT—High School Gymnasium.
4:00 P.M. CORNERSTONE LAYING—Memorial Hospital.
8:15 P.M. HISTORICAL PAGEANT—"*West Chester Passes in Review*." High School Athletic Field.

SATURDAY—OCTOBER 1

9:30 A.M. CONSECRATION OF ST. AGNES' CHURCH. Officiating Bishop: THE MOST REVEREND HUGH L. LAMB, D.D., Auxiliary Bishop of Diocese of Philadelphia.
10:00 A.M. CHESTER COUNTY DAY—Historic houses open to the public.
TO 6:30 P.M. CLOTHESLINE ART EXHIBIT—Court Street.
9:00 A.M. YOUTH ACTIVITIES—High School Athletic Field.
TO 6:00 P.M. INDUSTRIAL EXHIBIT—State Armory.
11:30 A.M. TO 10:00 A.M. AGRICULTURAL EXHIBIT—Edward Brinton Building.
6:00 P.M. EDUCATIONAL AND ART EXHIBIT—High School Gymnasium.
2:00 P.M. RECEPTION—Italian Social Club.
TO 4:00 P.M. SESQUI-CENTENNIAL FOOTBALL CLASSIC
2:15 P.M. West Chester High School vs. Phoenixville High School, Wayne Field.
7:00 P.M. GRAND CIVIC PARADE—Floats, Firemen, Fraternal Clubs, Military and Bugle Corps Bands star-studded, prize-winning features.
After the parade, the greatest fireworks display ever seen in West Chester. High School Athletic Field. Sponsored by Italian-American Citizens' Committee.

SUNDAY—OCTOBER 2

1:00 P.M. WEST CHESTER GUN CLUB—Sesqui-Centennial Shoot.
7:30 P.M. COMMUNITY RELIGIOUS SERVICE OF REDEDICATION.
Address by DR. FRANCIS HARVEY GREEN.

Introduction

Fifty years ago, when our Borough celebrated its 160th birthday anniversary, the Daily Local News published a Centennial Souvenir—"West Chester—Past and Present." This book, containing 270 pages of attractively illustrated and carefully authenticated history, stands out as a paragon as town histories go. It was made possible by a combination of fortunate circumstances. Wilmer W. Thomson, who in 1899, had already served for more than a quarter of a century as Editor of the Daily Local News, made the publication of this history his particular project. Among others, he was ably assisted by Gilbert Cope, local historian and genealogist, whose accuracy and meticulous care have seldom been equalled, and H. Rush Kervey, who had charge of the Historical Museum exhibit in the Court House.

Mr. Thomson and Mr. Cope were members of a committee composed of 20 prominent local citizens, chairmaned by Burgess C. Wesley Talbot, which was responsible for a most successful and noteworthy centennial celebration. Today only one member of that Centennial Committee survives—Edwin L. McKinstry, veteran Editor of the Daily Local News.

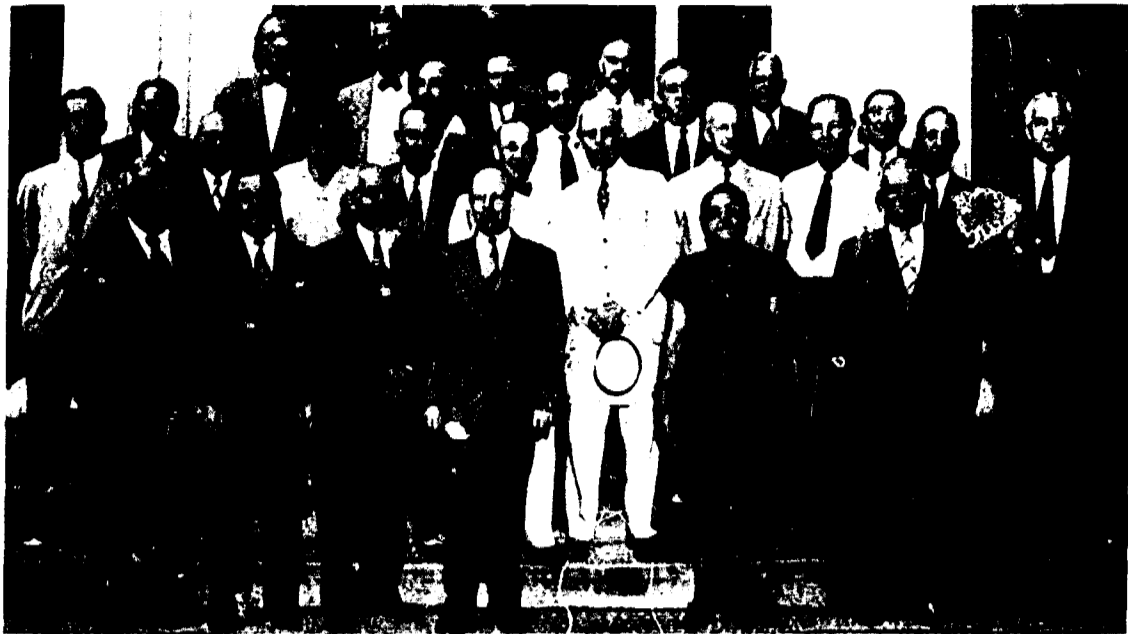
The Committee responsible for the 150th Anniversary booklet decided to place its major emphasis upon the history of the past 50 years of our Borough. However, an effort has been made to trace, in brief outline, the early roots of our contemporary institutions and organizations. In addition, it seemed desirable to limit the scope of this book to the confines of West Chester proper, thus resisting the temptation to include many items of historic interest pertaining to nearby areas in Chester County.

An effort has been made to have the advertising section of the book also function as history. A number of our current business firms have roots going well back into the 19th century. On the other hand, many others happily reflect the changed pattern of today's life. Livery and feed stables, horse-shoeing, harness and carriage shops have been replaced by garages, gas stations, automobile agencies, and tire service. Today a horse and buggy are almost as much of a curiosity as was the one automobile which appeared in the parade of 1899. No longer noted for its nurseries and cream separators the town is now widely recognized for its air compressors, tags, mushroom industry, production of penicillin, refrigeration cabinets, radio towers, laundry, mechanical cow, hosiery, fire foam, wheels, and a dozen other important industries. A picture of the industrial and retail business life of the town is portrayed in the advertising pages.

Recreation fifty years ago differed greatly from that of today. The lecture platform, the lyceum, and opera house have largely been supplanted by radio, moving pictures, and television. In athletics, emphasis has moved from the support of one highly skilled team in baseball or basketball, to the organization of a league of several teams, in which a much larger number of people participate. The Y.M.C.A., the Community Center, Salvation Army, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Knights of Columbus, Hobby Club, and other agencies now offer attractive programs for the wholesome use of youth's leisure time.

Consolidation, centralization, and cooperation are typical of our present day. The Civic Association, the Chamber of Commerce, the Ministerial Association, and the Service Clubs are local agencies by which wholesome cooperation has significantly added to the quality of West Chester's atmosphere during the past two or three decades.

West Chester has long been attractive and popular as a residential town. During the past half century its appeal in this respect has continued to grow. Our early settlers were intelligently concerned about their business, their churches, and their educational facilities. The subsequent effective cultivation of these interests has produced a town which, on her 150th anniversary, points with no small degree of pride, to her business enterprises, to her churches, to her schools and college, and to the multiplicity of cultural pursuits, which have won for her the title—"The Athens of Pennsylvania." In the following pages evidence substantiating this title are presented.



SESQUI-CENTENNIAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

ASHTON B. T. SMITH	.....	<i>Chairman</i>
ELLWOOD G. RUTH	.....	<i>Treasurer</i>
JOHN S. GROFF	.....	<i>Secretary</i>
HENRY P. CORCORAN	.....	<i>Transportation</i>
WILLIAM E. GILBERT	.....	<i>Finance and Budget</i>
G. ARTHUR STETSON	.....	<i>Educational</i>
ARTHUR E. JAMES	}	<i>Historical Booklet</i>
SIDNEY T. KAUFFMAN		
ISA'EL DARLINGTON	}	<i>Historical</i>
FRANCIS HARVEY GREEN		
WILLIAM PALMER LEAR	}	<i>Historical Pageant</i>
DR. HENRY PLEASANTS, JR.		
ROBERT B. BOELL	.....	<i>Religious</i>
GIBBONS G. CORNWELL	.....	<i>Industrial</i>
J. PAUL MACELREE	J. HARRY KAUFFMAN MRS. HAZEL FUGETT	<i>Invitation and Reception</i>
CHARLES S. SWOPE		
HENRY P. CORCORAN		
RAYMOND A. ELLIOTT	.....	<i>Housing</i>
PHILIP J. REILLY	.....	<i>Military</i>
ARNO O. WITT	.....	<i>Publicity</i>
RAYMOND S. HIMELRIGHT	.....	<i>Parade</i>
WILLIAM A. LIMBERGER, M.D.	.....	<i>Special Events</i>
J. DEWEES MOSTELLER	}	<i>Exterior Decoration</i>
SIDNEY T. KAUFFMAN		
J. PAUL MOSTELLER	.....	<i>Interior Decoration</i>
GEORGE B. COMFORT	.....	<i>Chamber of Commerce</i>
JOSEPH S. WEBB	}	<i>Agriculture</i>
JAMES C. K. DUER		
THOMAS HOOPES, JR.	JOSEPH W. WERTZ HENRY N. SCHRAMM RAYMOND S. HIMELRIGHT	<i>Borough Council</i>
J. DEWEES MOSTELLER		
J. HERBERT BENDER		
J. BURTON SIMON		

HISTORICAL BOOKLET COMMITTEE

ARTHUR E. JAMES	.....	<i>Chairman</i>
BART ANDERSON	SIDNEY T. KAUFFMAN	WALTER L. PHILIPS
WARREN H. BURTON	JOSEPH W. KORNINSKY	LAWRENCE J. REILLY
A. WAYNE ELLIOTT, JR.	JERRY MILLER	WALTER H. SHEPHERD
RAYMOND A. ELLIOTT	J. DEWEES MOSTELLER	GEORGE A. TEMPLE

FACTS ABOUT WEST CHESTER

INCORPORATED AS A BOROUGH 1799

POPULATION—1800 374 U. S. Census
1850 3171 " " "
1890 8028 " " "
1899 9000 estimate
1940 13289 U. S. Census
1949 14000 estimate

AREA—1 square mile

ALTITUDE—440 feet

CLIMATE—

Average temperature 52 degrees during the past 93 years. Rainfall—average 48 inches during the past 98 years. West Chester has the oldest continuous record of rainfall in the State.

ASSESSED VALUATION—\$13,025,420.

BOROUGH TAX—9 mils

SCHOOL TAX—23 mils

NUMBER OF DWELLINGS—3,375

NUMBER OF TELEPHONES—7,446 (June, 1949)

CHURCHES—22, representing 10 denominations

NEWSPAPERS—1 daily

RETAIL BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS—450

MANUFACTURING ESTABLISHMENTS—25

FINANCIAL

3 Banks

3 Building & Loan Associations

EDUCATION

Public

4 Elementary Schools

1 Junior High School

1 Senior High School

Private

2 Parochial Elementary Schools

1 Friends Community Elementary School

1 Parochial High School

1 State Teachers College

HOTELS—2 with total of 60 rooms

HOSPITALS—2 (public)

LIBRARY—1 (public)



HIGH AND GAY STREET — 1899

ENTERTAINMENT

3 Movie Theatres

1 Golf Course

6 Baseball and Softball fields

7 Basketball floors

6 Playgrounds

Parks

Marshall Square, 5½ acres—1849

Everhart Park, 10 acres—1905

Hoopes Park, 12 acres—1928

The following excerpt from the data about West Chester in 1899, and published in the Centennial Book, is noteworthy for contrast:

"The valuation for taxable purposes in the town is \$6,777,165, and the number of taxables is 2956. The amount of school tax raised last year was \$30,497, at a rate of 3½ mills, and one mill for building purposes. The borough tax, at the rate of 4½ mills, was also \$30,497."



MUNICIPAL BUILDING

BOROUGH GOVERNMENT 1949

Officers

Chief Burgess..... ASHTON B. T. SMITH

Borough Solicitor..... GUY W. KNAUER

Council: THOMAS HOOPES, JR., President; JOHN S. GROFF, Secretary; J. HERBERT BENDER, RAYMOND S. HIMELRIGHT, J. DEWEES MOSTELLER, HENRY N. SCHRAMM, J. BURTON SIMON, JOSEPH W. WERTZ.

Borough Treasurer..... M. MINERVA DAVIS

Borough Assessor..... EDGAR E. HIGH

Tax Collector..... T. RODNEY TAYLOR

Borough Engineer..... THOMAS G. COLESWORTHY

Controller..... GEORGE J. NEWLIN

Water, Sewer and Street Commissioner

LAWRENCE REAGAN

Chief of Police..... ABNER F. GLISSON

Chief of Fire Department..... HERBERT ANDRESS

Shade Tree Commission: VINCENT GILPIN, Chairman;

DR. GEORGE R. CRESSMAN, JOHN S. IMSWILER.

Justices of the Peace: RAYMOND M. HEALD, LEWIS

R. DOWNING.

Zoning Officer..... RUDOLPH B. WEILER

Board of Adjustment: VINCENT GILPIN, Chairman;

EDWARD M. SHIELDS, RAYMOND A. WALDRON.

Board of Health: W. ORNE LAMSON, President; DR.

WILLIAM LIMBERGER, Secretary; WARREN T.

GARRETT, Health Officer; NORMAN D. GEORGE,

FRANK A. KEEN, DR. HENRY PLEASANTS, JR.

LIST OF CHIEF BURGESSES OF WEST CHESTER, PA.

WILLIAM SHARPLESS.....	1799
JACOB EHRENZELLER.....	1800
PHILIP DERECK.....	1801
JACOB EHRENZELLER.....	1802
RICHARD M. HANNUM.....	1803
JOSHUA WEAVER.....	1804-1805
WILLIAM BENNETT.....	1806
WILLIAM SHARPLESS.....	1807
EMMOR BRADLEY.....	1808
GEORGE WORTH.....	1809
JOSHUA WEAVER.....	1810
WILLIAM SHARPLESS.....	1811
JACOB EHRENZELLER.....	1812-1814
JOSEPH MCCLELLAN.....	1814
DANIEL HIESTER.....	1815-1817
JACOB EHRENZELLER.....	1818-1824
ZIBA PYLE.....	1825
JACOB EHRENZELLER.....	1826
ZIBA PYLE.....	1827-1830
THOMAS S. BELL.....	1831-1833
WILLIAM WILLIAMSON.....	1834-1835
WILLIAM EVERHART.....	1836-1837
THOMAS S. BELL.....	1838
JOSEPH J. LEWIS.....	1839-1843
WILLIAM WILLIAMSON.....	1844
URIAH V. PENNYPACKER.....	1845-1846
WILLIAM DARLINGTON, ESQ.....	1847
URIAH V. PENNYPACKER.....	1848-1849
FRANCIS JAMES.....	1850
JAMES H. BULL.....	1851
TOWNSEND EACHUS.....	1852-1854
JOSEPH P. WILSON.....	1855-1859
WILLIAM B. WADDELL.....	1859-1861
HENRY S. EVANS.....	1861-1862
WILLIAM DARLINGTON.....	1862-1866
WAYNE MACVEAGH (nine months).....	1866
JEFFERSON SHANER.....	1866-1878
SENECA G. WILLAUER.....	1878-1879
DR. J. B. WOOD.....	1879-1886
MARSHALL S. WAY.....	1886-1897
C. WESLEY TALBOT.....	1897-1900
JOHN THORP.....	1900-1903
CHARLES H. PENNYPACKER, ESQ.....	1903-1906
ALFRED P. REID, ESQ.....	1906-1909
PLUMMER E. JEFFERIS.....	1909-1914
J. PAUL MACELREE, ESQ.....	1914-1919
CHANNING WAY.....	1919-1922
HERMAN G. HUTT.....	1922-1926
GEORGE J. BRINTON.....	1926-1938
GEORGE S. DEWEES, ESQ.....	1938-1944
ASHTON B. T. SMITH (still in office).....	1944-

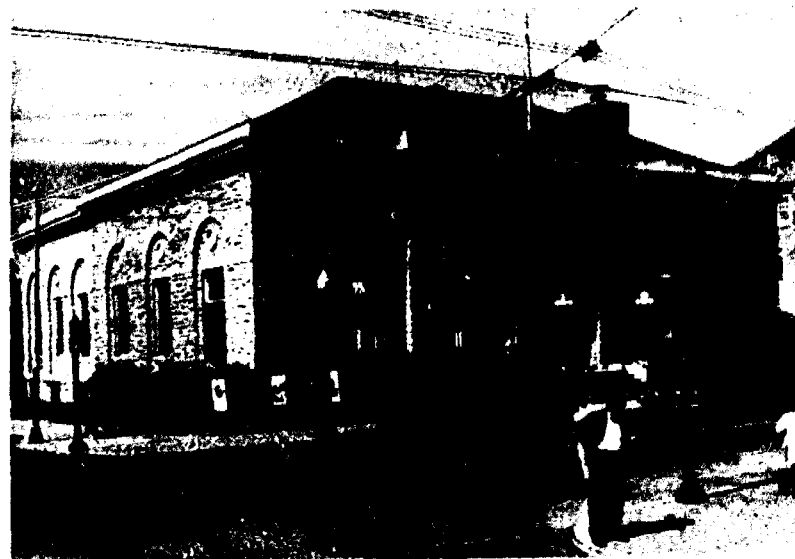
LIST OF HIGH CONSTABLES & CHIEFS OF POLICE

High Constables

WILLIAM LYNCH.....	1860-1862
HENRY WALLINGS.....	1863
EBER MIKES.....	1864-1865
JOHN H. BABB.....	1866
LEWIS Y. EVANS.....	1867
ABRAM RAMBO.....	1868
JAMES STEEN.....	1869-1870

Chiefs of Police

WILLIAM LYNCH.....	1871-1881
JOHN SHIELDS.....	1884-1887
JAMES FINN.....	1888
FRANK W. INGRAM.....	1889-1892
JACOB FARRA.....	1893-1894
ROBERT O. JEFFERIS.....	1895-1914
JOHN E. ENTRIKEN.....	1914-1930
EDWIN P. DARLINGTON.....	1930-1938
ABNER F. GLISSON.....	1938 to date



WEST CHESTER POST OFFICE

WEST CHESTER'S POSTMASTERS

<i>Postmaster</i>	<i>Date of Appointment</i>
CROMWELL PIERCE.....	January 1, 1804
JOB B. REMINGTON.....	January 1, 1811
JOSEPH PIERCE.....	February 29, 1812
JOHN W. TOWNSEND.....	June 4, 1818
JESSE KERSEY.....	February 23, 1827
JOHN NEWLIN.....	February 9, 1829
EDGAR S. PRICE.....	January 15, 1833
SAMUEL C. JEFFERIS.....	February 19, 1841
HICKMAN JAMES.....	June 5, 1841
JOHN MCGINLEY.....	May 10, 1843
GEORGE M. YARD.....	November 13, 1846
JAMES B. WOOD.....	May 2, 1849
WILLIAM A. MOORE.....	May 23, 1853
GIBBONS GRAY.....	June 23, 1858
FRANKLIN TAYLOR.....	May 11, 1861
WILLIAM DARLINGTON.....	June 3, 1865
GEORGE A. MERCER.....	January 31, 1877
WILLIAM SHIELDS.....	February 11, 1885
EZRA EVANS.....	April 7, 1885
JOHN A. PYLE.....	February 3, 1887
HERBERT P. WORTH.....	January 21, 1890
LEWIS C. MOSES.....	April 11, 1894
HARRY B. SMITH.....	June 27, 1898
GRANVILLE L. RETTEW.....	1914
A. WAYNE ELLIOTT.....	October 1, 1923
GEORGE J. MOSES.....	July 15, 1934
JOSEPH F. SULLIVAN (still in office).....	July 30, 1949

POST OFFICES

The early locations of the post office were on the south side of Gay Street, east of High; in the old railroad station on Gay Street, where the Penn Mutual Insurance Building is now located; in the Brandywine Bank Building, at the southwest corner of Market and High streets; in Cabinet Hall, on the west side of Church street, south of Market. It was from this location that the office was moved to its present site, at the corner of High and Walnut streets. This was the first site and building owned by the government. Ground was broken in 1905 for the south half of the present building. It was largely through the efforts of Postmaster Harry G. Smith that West Chester obtained this appropriate site and attractive structure of Avondale marble. With increased service and greater population the new building was soon too small. In 1934 the northern half of the present building was added.

In July, 1939, an air-mail pick-up station was established on the Charles Sheller farm west of the Borough. This service was discontinued in March, 1949.

From the part-time services of one man in 1804 to the present force of 48 full-time employees may be seen both the growth in the town and the increased services offered by this arm of our Government.

WEST CHESTER'S ARMY POSTAL SCHOOL

During 1943-1944 the U. S. Postal Unit was located on the campus of the West Chester State Teachers College. Here, in groups of 800, United States Army men were given a period of training for United States Postal Service abroad. More than 3500 of these men were graduated into the service. This school was under the command of the late Colonel Joseph M. Reilly, born and raised in West Chester.

JUDGES OF CHESTER COUNTY

	<i>Appointments</i>
WILLIAM AUGUSTUS ATLEE.....	1791-1793
JOHN JOSEPH HENRY.....	1794-1800
JOHN D. COXE.....	1800-1805
WILLIAM TILGHMAN.....	1805-1806
BIRD WILSON.....	1806-1817
JOHN ROSS.....	1818-1821
ISAAC DARLINGTON.....	1821-1839
THOMAS C. BELL.....	1839-1846
JOHN M. FORSTER.....	1846-1847
JAMES NILL.....	1847-1848

	<i>Election</i>
HENRY CHAPMAN.....	1848-1851
TOWNSEND HAINES.....	1851-1861
WILLIAM H. BUTLER.....	1861-1879
J. SMITH FUTHEY.....	1879-1888
WILLIAM B. WADDELL.....	1888-1897
JOSEPH HEMPHILL.....	1899-1915
WILLIAM BUTLER, JR.....	1897-1927
*ROBERT S. GAWTHROP.....	1915-1916
J. FRANK E. HAUSE.....	1916-1935
W. BUTLER WINDLE.....	1927-to date
ERNEST HARVEY.....	1935-to date

* Appointed for unexpired term.

ORIGIN AND EARLY HISTORY OF WEST CHESTER

A business directory of West Chester was published in 1857. As a preface to this publication, the then oldest inhabitant, William Darlington, M.D., wrote a historical sketch of the origin and progress of the borough. Dr. Darlington was not only the oldest resident of the town at that time, but he was, perhaps, the most outstanding citizen of all times. As physician, botanist, banker, and statesman, his relationship to West Chester parallels that of Benjamin Franklin to Philadelphia. This history of Dr. Darlington was the basis of the account published in the Centennial Booklet of 1899. The following is a reprint of this article. (The reader should bear in mind that the account does not extend beyond 1899.)



CHESTER COUNTY JAIL.

Some one has said that had there been no Turk's Head or no Col. Hannum, there would have been no West Chester.

The truth or falsity of such an assertion is of little consequence, and the passing of it by the short route, to what is real and of actual value will, we hope, gracefully dispose of the question, so far as the opinion of our readers is concerned.

In giving a historical sketch of West Chester, we are fortunate in having the works of Dr. Darlington, Judge Futhey and Gilbert Cope to draw upon. Dr. Darlington supplied the first chapter of history which appears in a small volume put out by Messrs. Wood & James, job printers here, in 1857, and the two gentlemen last named supplied the second in what is familiarly known as "Futhey's History of Chester County," published in 1881. Both are recognized as reliable publications in the effort to perpetuate the history of the borough in which we live.

WEST CHESTER

The County Town and seat of Justice of Chester County, Pennsylvania, is in Latitude 39 degrees, 57 minutes, 31.3 seconds North, and Longitude 1 degree, 24 minutes, 57.7 seconds East of Washington City, or 75 degrees, 36 minutes, 32.7 seconds West from Greenwich, near London.

The exact position of the Borough, or rather of the Court House, was ascertained in 1843, by E. W. Beans, then Principal of the Public School, in West Chester, and Walter Hibbard, Surveyor and Conveyancer, of the same place.

It is situated on the water shed, or dividing ridge, between the Brandywine and Chester Creek, two miles from the former stream, near one of the sources of the latter—five miles South of the great Limestone or Chester Valley; twenty-three miles West of the original city of Philadelphia; about sixteen miles North of Wilmington, Delaware; and about 456 feet above tide.

The geological formation, on which the Borough stands, is primitive—chiefly Gneiss, and Sientic Trap, or Greenstone,—with large beds or banks of Serpentine rock in the vicinity. The soil is a stiffish clayey loam and tolerably fertile under good management.

Chester was the first organized of the three original counties (namely, Chester, Philadelphia and Bucks) of the Province of Pennsylvania, granted to William Penn by royal charter, dated March 4, 1681.

Those three counties were located along the right margin of the Delaware River, and extended indefinitely into the interior.

The western boundary of Chester County was established by the erection of the County of Lancaster, May 10, 1729, and the Northern and Northwestern by the erection of Berks County, March 11, 1752.

Philadelphia County formed the Northeastern and Eastern boundary of the original Chester County, until the establishment of Montgomery, September 10, 1784, and of Delaware, September 26, 1789,—at which dates, respectively, the former became the boundary on the Northeast, and the latter on the East and Southeast of the present county of Chester.

The Southern limits were determined by the segment of a circle, of twelve miles radius from the Court House at New Castle, so far as the State of Delaware is concerned—and by the famous line of Mason & Dixon, between Pennsylvania and Maryland.

The town of Chester, situated at the mouth of Chester Creek, on the right bank of the Delaware River, was the first seat of Justice of the county. The earliest European settlers there were chiefly Swedes, who named the place Upland; and the first Court, of which there is any record extant, was held there by Justices of the Peace on the 13th of September, 1681. Upland is first denominated Chester, on this ancient record, at the February term, in 1682, and the first Legislative Assembly of the Province met at Chester on the fourth of December, in the same year. William Penn, the proprietary, presided in person, at the Court held there, on the "27th of the 4th month called June, 1683."



SHARPLES HOMESTEAD

The village or borough of Chester—although located at the extreme Southeastern border of a large county—continued to be the seat of Justice for more than a century. But a sense of its inconvenience to the great majority of the people, at length induced a vigorous effort for its removal to a more central position. That effort was strenuously resisted by the inhabitants of Chester, especially by that class who derived their chief sustenance from the gleanings incident to a county seat; and the controversy was maintained with varying success, and much acrimony, for several years.

The first regular movement for a new seat of Justice appears to have been an act of Assembly, passed March 20, 1780. It authorized William Clingan, Thomas Bull, John Kinkead, Roger Kirk, John Sellars, John Wilson, and Joseph Davis, or any four or more of them, to build a new Court House and Prison in the County of Chester, and to sell the old Court House and Prison, in the Borough of Chester. Those gentlemen—being either negligent, or more probably, a majority of them opposed to the project—failed to perform the duties assigned to them by the act, and a supplement was enacted on the 22d of March, 1784, authorizing John Hannum, Esq., Isaac Taylor, Esq., and John Jacobs, or any two of them, to carry the aforesaid act into execution. These three Commissioners were earnest removalists, and went to work with a will. They were restricted by the "Supplement," from erecting the buildings at a greater distance than one mile and a half from the Turk's Head Tavern, in the township of Goshen.

Tradition says that this distance was named at the instance of Col. Hannum, a shrewd politician, who was of the opinion that it would allow the Public Buildings to be located on his own lands, lying on the left bank of the Brandywine, near the junction of the Valley Creek with that stream. The tradition is fortified by the circumstance, that the "Supplement" further required the said buildings to be "to the west or Southwest of said Turk's Head Tavern, and on or near the straight line from the ferry, called the corporation ferry, on Schuylkill, to the village of Strasburgh;"

which "straight line" would pass through, or very near to the Colonel's land. But he was mistaken in the distance, for his premises proved to be more than two miles from the Turk's Head.

The mistake, however, did not prevent the Commissioners from going on with the work. They contracted for the site, near the Turk's Head tavern, where the Court House now stands, and commenced the buildings (viz: a Court House and Prison adjacent to each other, and connected by the jail yard,) in the summer of 1784. Colonel Hannum—who was the master spirit of the enterprise, and the real founder of West Chester (Cestriacae "primus pater urbis et auctor")—took care to be an extensive lot and land holder, and also a builder of houses contiguous to the adopted site.

The Colonel was a sort of County Autocrat,—and, for a long time, managed matters pretty much in his own way. He built the old Washington Hotel, on High Street, with only a narrow alley between it and the Court House; and with a view to secure the patronage of the Judges to the hotel, he projected a kind of gallery, or passage way, from the second story, across the alley into the Hall of Justice, for the accommodation of their Honors: and even went so far toward effecting an opening, as to remove some stones from the Court House wall,—when the County Commissioners mustered courage enough to forbid further operations. The gaps made in the wall testified to the presumptuous liberty thus taken, for many years, until the exterior of the old building was renovated by a rough coat of plastering, and pebble-dashing.



ART CENTER (BUILT 1773)

While these proceedings were in train at the Turk's Head, the worthy Burghers of ancient Upland were concocting a violent opposition to what they naturally regarded as an injurious, if not ruinous, project. The operations of the workmen at the new Public Buildings, were suspended by the ensuing winter, before the walls were quite completed, and the functions of the Commissioners themselves were interrupted by an act of Assembly, obtained on the 30th of March, 1785, to suspend the Supplement

which authorized them! It would seem that the popular breeze of the Commonwealth, in those days, blew pretty much after the manner of a Monsoon, and the assembled wisdom, in the Hall of Legislation, had a very significant emblem on the spire of the cupola above them. When the Uplanders found the removal project thus checked by the suspending act, they took fresh courage, and indulged the hope that the whole scheme might yet be defeated. To make assurance doubly sure, they deemed it best to demolish the work already done—and thereby remove all pretext for going on with it at a future day. Accordingly, the mustered their forces,—and being provided with a field piece, a barrel of whisky, and other warlike munitions, they took up the line of march toward the Turk's Head, in order to batter down the unfinished walls of the new Court House and Prison. This was a critical epoch in the history of our venerable Bailiwick.

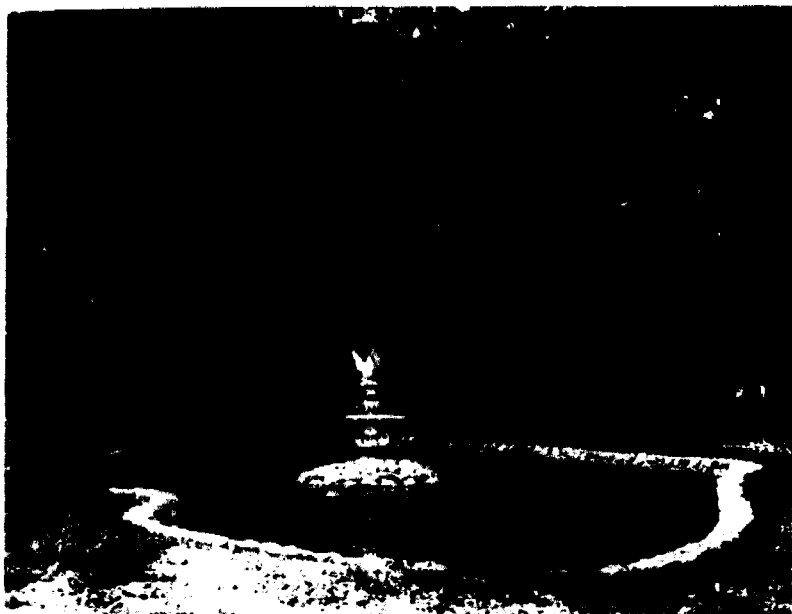
The Turk's Head people made vigorous preparations for defence. The vicinage was aroused and ransacked for arms and ammunition; old Thomas Beaumont (long afterward known as a faithful Peace officer, in our borough,) rode all night among the farm houses of Goshen and Bradford, collecting powder and lead; the walls were duly manned, and the anxious public of Chester County stood in breathless expectation of a renewal of the terrific scenes formerly enacted at Fort Christina, by the Knickerbockers and the Swedes.

When the Uplanders, or Old Chester people, came in sight of the works, and found them garrisoned by numerous sturdy retainers of Hannum and his colleagues,—the "better part of valor" suggested the propriety of a parley, before resorting to the ultima ratio.

An armistice accordingly took place, and negotiations were entered into on the spot, in order to prevent the effusion of blood and other calamities. Neither Protocols nor diplomatic correspondence have come down to us, to show the precise character of the negotiation; but tradition informs us that the Turk's Head people finally consented to wait for the sanction of the Legislature, before proceeding further with the public buildings, and, in consequence thereof, the portentous meeting terminated in a grand pacific jollification;—such as would startle the "tee-totallers" of our day.

It appears, moreover, that our Law-givers, at the ensuing session, once more changed their minds on the subject, and passed another act in favor of the removal party.

On the 18th of March, 1786, the suspending act was repealed by one with the following curiously iterative title, viz: "An Act to repeal an act entitled an act to suspend an act of the General Assembly of this Commonwealth, entitled an act to enable William Cllngan, etc." This repealing act settled the controversy. The three Commissioners, appointed by the aforesaid Supplement, proceeded with all possible dispatch to finish the Buildings, lest the popular breeze might chop round again and the Legislature be induced to repeal the repeal!



FOUNTAIN IN EVERHART'S PARK

During the protracted and bitter contest, which ended in the removal of the Seat of Justice from Old Chester to West Chester, the wits, on both sides, indulged in all the rude jests and sarcasms which the occasion was calculated to provoke.

On the 25th of September, 1786, the new county buildings being ready, a law was passed, empowering the Sheriff of Chester County, William Gibbons, Esquire, to remove the prisoners from the old jail in the town of Chester to the new jail in Goshen township, in said county, and to indemnify him for the same.

The first court held in the new Court House at the Turk's Head commenced on the 28th of November, 1786. William Clingan, William Haslett, John Bartholomew, Philip Scott, Isaac Taylor, John Ralston, Joseph Luckey, Thomas Cheyney, Thomas Levis and Richard Hill Morris being the Justices present.

The new seat of justice being now secured, the inhabitants became ambitious that their Turk's Head establishment, in the township of Goshen, should be dignified in a style becoming its rank, and, accordingly, on the 3d of March, 1788, the Legislature gratified them, by converting a certain district of country, in which the Court House in Chester County stands, into a "county town."

This "town," about one mile and a quarter square, and comprising some six or eight small farms, was then named West Chester, obviously because of its location, some sixteen or seventeen miles northwesterly from Old Chester. It was taken entire, by a kind of Caesarean operation, from the western side of Goshen township, adjoining East Bradford.

The good people of Old Chester, finding the seat of justice thus fixed at the Turk's Head, and the place itself erected into a "town," by act of Assembly, very naturally concluded that there was no other way to rescue their venerable town from oblivion but by procuring a division of Chester

county, and re-establishing a tribunal of law and justice in their deserted village. They accordingly set themselves to work in good earnest, and obtained an act of the Legislature on the 26th of September, 1789, for dividing the county of Chester, and erecting the southeastern portion thereof, by a zigzag line from Chadds' Ford, via Dilworthtown, to Montgomery County, into a separate county, to be called Delaware. By this act, Chester County was reduced to its present dimensions, and the ancient Upland recovered her pristine dignity.

The inhabitants of the rival towns—Chester and West Chester—were now severally gratified, by the attainment of their respective objects. Each party had the satisfaction to reside in the metropolis of a respectable county, and the ancient feud speedily subsided into neighborly harmony and good will. It may, perhaps, be questioned whether any other real advantage has resulted from the sundering of the noble old bailiwick.

In 1791 a building was erected at the northwest corner of High and Market streets for the safe keeping of the county records, which, prior to that time, had been kept by the officers at their own private dwellings. This building was removed in 1874, when the new Court House, with its fire-proof offices, was completed.

At August term, 1791, the Justices sat on the Bench at West Chester for the last time, and at November term, following, the Judges appointed under the Constitution of 1790, took their seats, Wm. Augustus Atlee being the President, and Walter Finney and James Moore the Associates present.

In 1794, when President Washington made a requisition for a military force, to quell the famous Whiskey Rebellion, in Western Pennsylvania, Governor Mifflin came to West Chester to rally the men of Chester county for the occasion. The Governor, who was good at a "stump" speech, addressed a mass meeting with such effect that the people responded in the most gratifying manner.

Two citizens of the recently established county seat went to work, and each soon mustered a company of volunteers, in the town and vicinage.

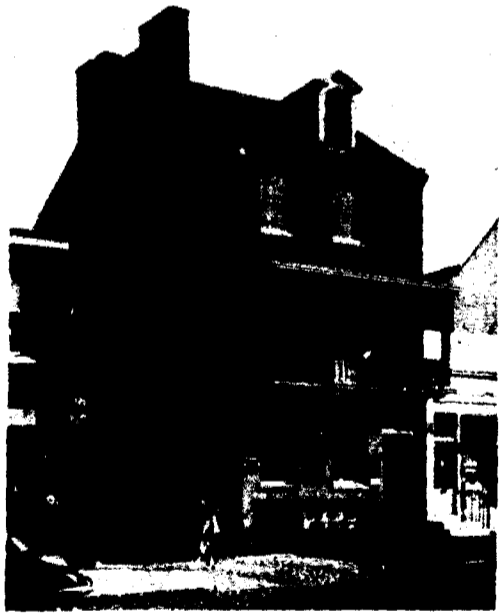
Joseph McClellan, then Sheriff of the county, who had been a Captain of Infantry in Wayne's brigade, through a greater portion of the Revolutionary War, was promptly at the head of a Troop of Cavalry, and Aaron Musgrave, a respectable artisan of the village, raised a company of artillery. These companies joined the expedition to the West, under Governor Henry Lee, of Virginia, and faithfully performed their tour of duty as good citizen soldiers. It is pleasant to add that our ancestral county town, the ancient Upland, was never among the missing at the roll call of patriots. On that occasion, she sent a fine corps of infantry under the command of Captain William Graham. Twenty years afterward, also in the War of 1812, she furnished a noble company to Camp Dupont, commanded by Dr. Samuel Anderson.

The State Road from Philadelphia through West Chester to Strasburg, commonly called the Strasburg road, a valuable thoroughfare, but most injudiciously located over hills, which might have been readily avoided, was authorized on the 11th of April, 1793, and confirmed April 19, 1794.

The Cestrians (as the West Chester people may be classically termed), went on very cautiously, for a time to improve their town, by building some houses in it, and after a few years, they began to aspire to corporate privileges.

Accordingly, on the 28th of March, 1799, the town of West Chester was erected into a Borough, by an Act of Legislature. This elevation required Burgesses and Assistants, to manage the municipal affairs.

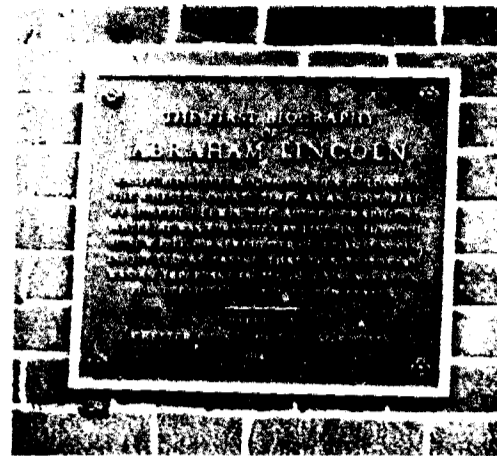
Having attained to the rank and dignity of a corporation, the acme of Cestrian ambition seems to have been reached, for the nonce; and our goodly borough—like a great man enjoying otium cum dignitate—or, rather, like a hybernating animal in Winter, desisted from all further efforts at aggrandizement or progress, and sank into a state of torpor, much resembling suspended animation. The truth of history, however, and justice to two or three individuals, require the mention of an attempt, near the close of the last century, by three young printers, Jones, Hoff and Derrick, to establish a weekly "West Chester Gazette." A monthly magazine, called "The Literary Museum," was also commenced, by Philip Derrick and Nathan H. Sharpless. But both enterprises were decidedly premature and consequently abortive.



WAY BUILDING (BUILT ABOUT 1835)

At the census of 1790, West Chester was but four years old, a mere embryo "town," by the courtesy of the Legislature, and was only counted as a portion of Goshen township.

In 1802, a small market house was built in the rear of the public offices, but it was seldom occupied, as the market people, in those days, preferred to call on the town's folk at their dwellings. Those early and rarely used shambles were at length superseded, in 1831, by a more capacious establishment,



in Market street, one hundred feet in length, which later was extended by two or three similar structures, and finally was removed. The present (1899) market house, a large brick building, is on a lot on West Market street, nearly opposite the jail.

In that same year, 1802, a post route was established from Downingtown, by West Chester, to the Brick Meeting House, in Maryland, and a cross mail was carried on it once a week.

Cromwell Pearce was one of the earliest, if not the first Postmaster, in West Chester. The business was then so trifling, it was difficult to find a person in the borough willing to accept the office.

Since that time the business has grown to over \$30,000 per annum (1899), with mails every hour and oftener. There are now 27 in-bound mails and 24 out-bound mails daily, with one out-bound mail on Sunday. Since 1889 the mail to residents of the town has been delivered free of charge, and in January, 1899, began a system of free rural delivery, extending in all directions from the town a distance of four to six miles.

In 1809, a Medical Society was formed in West Chester, of the physicians of the place and vicinity, but it soon dissolved for lack of members. In 1828, another one was organized for the county. This, after flourishing a short time, and then suffering suspended animation for a number of years, is now resuscitated, and promises well. The State Society, in pursuance of an invitation by the County Institution, honored our village by holding its annual meeting among us in May, 1857.

In the summer of 1812, a recruiting station for United States soldiers was opened in the borough by Captain Isaac D. Barnard, of Delaware county—afterward a gallant Major of the army—a popular statesman, and our esteemed fellow citizen of West Chester—to whose memory and services an appropriate monument was erected in Oaklands Cemetery, in 1854. He enlisted more than one hundred men at this station.

In 1813, the war began to assume a rather menacing aspect along our borders—both maritime and inland, and some of the prominent citizens of the borough, without distinction of party, started a military company of volunteer infantry for the de-

fence of altars and firesides. It was styled the American Grays, and the command was given to Titus Taylor, a worthy old gentleman of the vicinage. The company gradually filled with both youthful and middle aged citizens of the village and adjacent country, and frequently met for drill and discipline.

These exciting occupations continued until the Autumn of 1814, when, the capitol at Washington, being destroyed, and Baltimore threatened, the Governor of the State invited Pennsylvania Volunteers to assemble at Philadelphia for the protection of that city. In pursuance of that call, Captain Taylor issued marching orders to his company, and every man paraded, fully equipped for the service, in West Chester, on the morning of September 8th, 1814, when the Grays proceeded direct to the rendezvous at Bush Hill, Philadelphia, and thence to Marcus Hook camp on the Delaware, where they were received into the service of the United States, and faithfully performed their duty until regularly discharged on the 5th of December following.

The commissioned officers of the company, when they marched away from West Chester, were, Titus Taylor, Captain; Isaac Darlington, First Lieutenant; Joseph Pierce, Second Lieutenant, and Dr. William Darlington, Ensign. The Ensign being afterward elected to a Majority in the Second Regiment, Pennsylvania Light Infantry, John Duer was chosen Ensign in his stead. Since that time, West Chester has taken a leading part in national struggles of a martial nature, but of this more anon.

It is remarkable that our town was almost forty years old before the authorities thought of providing accommodations for pedestrians. In 1825 they first caused sidewalks or footwalks to be paved with bricks, and not until 1829 or 1830 were the two principal streets macadamized and provided with crossings.



HIGH STREET LOOKING NORTH
FROM ROSEDALE AVENUE — 1924

On the 26th day of July, 1825, General Lafayette, who had arrived in the United States as the nation's guest visited the Brandywine Battle Ground, and was thence escorted by the volunteer soldiery and assembled citizens of Chester County, into the borough of West Chester, where the hero, with his son and accompanying friends, were entertained by a committee (consisting of Colonel Joseph McClellan, Col. Jacob Humphrey, Col. Isaac Wayne, Dr. Jacob Ehrenzeller, Col. Cromwell Pearce, General Isaac D. Barnard, General John W. Cunningham, Dr. William Darlington, General Joshua Evans and Dr. Abraham Baily), with a dinner in the grand jury room of the Court House.

The original plan of West Chester, consisted of four contiguous squares with two principal streets crossing in the centre, and yet, simple as it was, with disregard of symmetry and lack of good taste, which characterized the projectors of the plan, and early buildings, neither of the streets crossed at right angles, and consequently none of the so-called squares was rectangular. An oblique policy, strongly redolent of barbarism, seemed to prevail among the primitive Cestrians, and its sinister influence is still perceptible. Even to this day there are numerous sections of the town where a person who would erect a house must purchase two adjacent lots on which to build it.

In 1829, however, several additional streets were opened and new squares were formed—from the old Trego or Rankin farm, on the southwestern side of the first town plot, by William Everhart, Esq. People then began to see the advantage of setting private dwellings back from the street, of having side yards, and of planting ornamental shade trees and shrubbery. Until this improvement was introduced, and those trees planted which now render the streets of West Chester so unbrageous and pleasant, our pedestrians found nothing to intercept the glare of the summer sun save here and there, at long intervals, the straggling relic of a decaying Lombardy Poplar.

In 1830, a State Road was surveyed and authorized from New Hope, on the River Delaware, through Doylestown, Norristown, West Chester, Unionville and Oxford, to the Maryland line, in a direction toward Baltimore, a distance of 80 miles, a valuable improvement so far as West Chester and Chester county were concerned.

Among the causes which about this time began to impart additional animation and vital energy to the borough was the construction of the West Chester Railroad, nine miles in length, in the years 1831-2.

The Town Clock, which is still on duty in the tower of the Court House, was purchased in 1835, it having been made by Isaiah Lukens, of Philadelphia.

In 1838, a new County Prison was erected, at the northeast corner of New and Market streets, according to a plan for solitary confinement and labor of convicts, furnished by Thomas U. Walter, Esq.

In the old prison the Sheriff had a license to sell liquor and he also took boarders. Liquor for the prisoners frequently was bought from him.

In this year, also, 1858, a second enlargement of the Town Plot was made, from the Matlack property to the Northern side of the village, adding several squares and streets, and that was soon followed by a similar operation on the eastern side, on the Old Turk's Head or Patton estate, and subsequently an outlet for town growth on the northwestern side, was afforded by John Rutter, Esq.

The next improvement was the introduction, by steam power, of good water, from the old Bath spring, North of the village, in 1841, and in order to secure a further supply, when needed, additional works were established on Chester Creek, in 1854. In 1898 the new station at Milltown was established. At present the town has an abundance of good water, supplied through all the principal streets, by twenty-eight miles of underground mains.

In 1846 the Chester County Horticultural Society was established in West Chester, where its meetings and exhibitions were directed to be held; for the accommodation of which the Society erected a noble hall on North High street, in 1848, it being the second edifice in the United States built expressly for the promotion of horticulture. It is now the Opera House, and is owned by Uriah H. Painter.

As a place of resort, the old Horticultural Hall enjoyed popularity for many years. It was there that all the public indoor gatherings of a general nature took place, and there the most desperate political battles which the county has ever seen were fought. It was also the home of the Chester County Teachers' Institute for many years. Lecturers, singers, variety shows and freaks of various kinds have entertained the audiences season after season.

Before the Rebellion there were many meetings in the interest of abolition, and some of these were attended by side issues which were more suggestive of omelets than statesmanship, so warm was popular sentiment on this question. Lucretia Mott, Sojourner Truth, Wendell Philips, Charles Sumner, Charles Burleigh, Lord Thompson, and others were listened to with varying degrees of appreciation, according to the beliefs or prejudices of the hearers. Additional names which may be mentioned on the list of instructors or entertainers are those of Richard A. Proctor, the astronomer; Colonel James Pomeroy Sanford, Anna Dickinson, Robert J. Burdette, Mary A. Livermore, Theodore Tilton, Max O'Reill, Josh Billings, Ex-Governor Hastings, George R. Wendling, Henry Ward Beecher, DeWitt Talmage, Vice-President Henry Wilson, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Horace Greeley, John Dalzell, A. K. McClure, Robert E. Pattison, John B. Goff, Helen Potter, Daniel



GAY STREET LOOKING EAST FROM
CHURCH STREET — 1949

Dougherty, Signor Blitz, the Hutchinson family, Buffalo Bill, James Corbett, Theodore Parker, Howell Cobb, Thomas Nast, Will Carleton, Wayne MacVeagh.

In 1891, the Assembly Association was formed, with the late Hon. Robert Emmett Monaghan as President, and the Meconkey Mansion, on North High street was purchased and remodeled at a cost of about \$50,000. There in the present decade (1890's) many large meetings have been held, the present manager being Davis Beaumont, and the President of the Association, C. Wesley Talbot, Esq. Among the speakers of prominence who have appeared there may be mentioned Henry Watterson, George W. Bain, Charles Emory Smith, now Postmaster General; William M. Singerly, John Wanamaker, James A. Beaver, a former Governor; Robert E. Pattison, former Governor; George A. Jenks, O. T. Corson, President of the National Teachers' Association; Galusha A. Grow, former Speaker of the House of Representatives; John P. Elkin, then chairman of the Republican State Central Committee; ex-Governor John P. St. John, of Kansas; General O. O. Howard.

On the list of entertainers, in addition to several of those whose names are given previously, are, Keller, the magician; Jean Philip Sousa, the march king; Nellie Mayo in "The Princess Bonnie;" Kate Claxton, in "The Two Orphans;" Julia Marlowe in "As You Like It;" Henry E. Dixey in "Patience;" Alexander Salvini, Marian Manola, Denman Thompson, Francis Wilson, Fannie Rice.

In 1856, the Chester County Agricultural Society procured suitable grounds on the south side of the borough, for the display of all kinds of agricultural implements and household products. Fairs were held there until within the present decade (1890's), and when they could no longer be conducted with sufficient

profit to pay the expenses, the Society went out of business. The grounds are now the property of the State Normal School, and are known as Wayne Field. Floral Hall, the last remaining building, was torn down during August of the present year.

In 1852 a company was formed for the introduction of gas into West Chester. The company has changed its identity, but the plant still flourishes, and it uses about twelve miles of mains in order to supply its patrons with gas for illumination and for fuel. Thomas P. Worrall is President of the company, and R. Hayes Dutton is the Superintendent.

The Edison Electrical Illuminating Company went into operation about 1884. It now illuminates the borough streets by means of 76 brilliant arc lights and 179 incandescents, and it also supplies many public and private buildings. Captain R. T. Cornwell is President of the Company, with James E. Pyle as Superintendent.

With all these provisions for making life comfortable and happy, it was fitting that provision should be made for the dead, and, accordingly, a company was organized in 1852, which procured a tract of some 23 acres adapted to the purpose about a mile and a-half north of the village and established what is known as Oaklands Cemetery. There sleep many of the men and women who were potent in making West Chester what it is.

This was the first movement toward a public cemetery. The Catholics had had a small burying ground about what was then St. Agnes' Chapel, on West Gay Street, as early as 1793, but about 1885 removed their burial place to the present location adjoining the public cemetery at Oaklands.

In 1813, the Friends began burying about their Meeting House on North High street, but now those of that Meeting use the grounds on Rosedale avenue, which were opened in 1884. In 1816 the Methodists buried on Gay street between Church and Darlington, and later, the Methodists, Presbyterians, Baptists and Episcopalians buried on the south side of Barnard street, west of New.

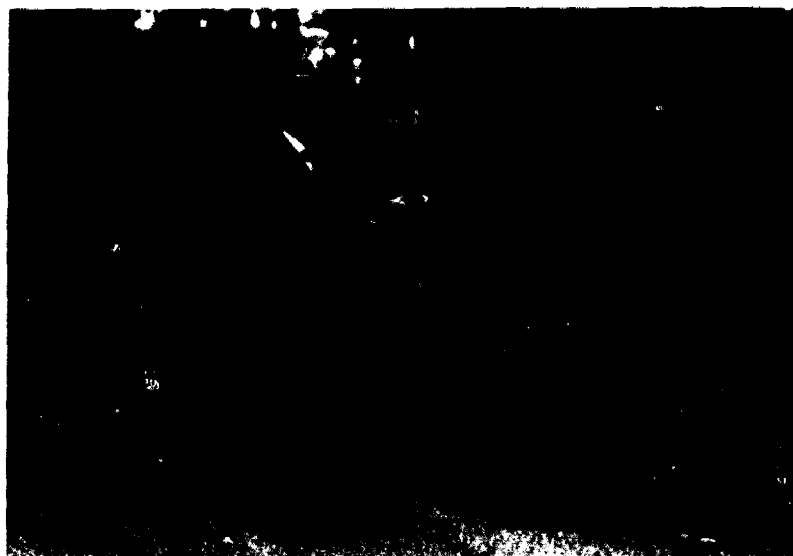
In 1851 the Borough Council passed an ordinance providing that no more burials should be made within the area bordered by Chestnut, New, Matlack, and Barnard streets. In 1873, there were no more interments permitted within the borough limits. The Orthodox Friends established their burial ground at Oaklands, opposite the public cemetery, in 1874. Greenmount, a public cemetery a mile east of the borough, was established in 1865. Chestnut Grove Cemetery, in which the colored people of the town and vicinity are buried, was opened about 1862, and an annex was purchased at Oaklands, also for the colored residents, about 1895.

A proposition was formally made, in 1853, by the Vestry of the Episcopal Church in West Chester, that the several congregations owning lots as burying ground in the square formed by Barnard, Wayne, Union and New streets, should unite in tendering

the whole to the borough authorities, at a reasonable price, for the purpose of a public square forever—to be called Wayne Square. That proposed square would have formed an appropriate counterpart to Marshall Square, on the Northern side of the town. The Presbyterian Church promptly and cordially acceded to the contemplated overture, but the others, with a few liberal individual exceptions, demurred, objections were made, opposition was excited, and the project consequently failed.

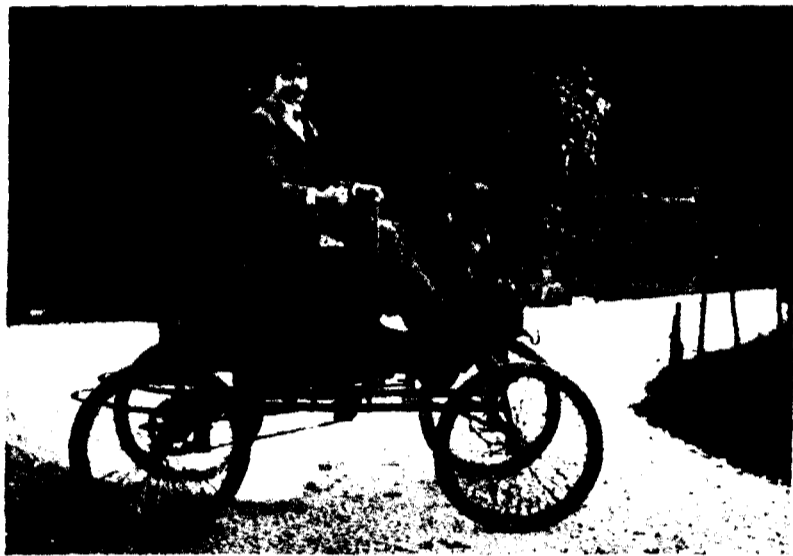
Some of the early names which were applied to blocks of buildings erected in West Chester have adhered to them long after the builders had ended their life's work. A few of the characteristic names are these: Pottery Row, on West Gay street, between New and Wayne; Portico Row, erected in 1848, by Wm. W. Taylor, on Miner street, west of New; Cabbage Row, by Stephen G. Snare, on Chestnut street, east of the railroad; Thumblatch Row, on Franklin street between Chestnut and Washington, erected by George Kerr and James H. Naylor, and three Stone Rows, one of which on Market, west of New, was erected in 1845. The second Stone Row is on Hannum Avenue, and the third on Chestnut, west of New.

It was in 1851 that the telegraph wires were first extended to West Chester, and an office was opened. It is still (1899) here and in charge of Louis P. Ash, who for a number of years has been the manager for the Western Union Telegraph Company. The location is in the building which was long used as the old railroad depot on East Gay street. In 1851, Miss Emma Hunter, of West Chester, who was probably the first lady telegraph operator in this country, or in the world, took charge of the office, whilst still in her teens, and she soon became an expert operator. Miss Hunter was invited in 1869 to visit New York and unveil a monument to Prof. Morse, but illness made it necessary for her to decline the invitation. She is still (1899) living as the wife of Thomas T. Smith, and though in delicate health, retains an interest in the affairs of the town.



DOCTOR JESSE GREEN
(About 1900)

The second telegraph line to reach West Chester was the Bankers' and Brokers, which arrived in 1871 and found a home in the office of the Jeffersonian, now the Local News building. The company faded out of existence and was succeeded by the American Rapid, which in time gave place to the Postal Telegraph and Cable Company. Shortly afterward this office was removed to the building occupied by William A. Pierce, on North High street. Thomas M. Smith is manager (1899).



ELECTRIC AUTOMOBILE
(About 1900)

It was about 1879 that the private telephone began to grow common about town, and were used by neighbors. Then a year or two later the Delaware & Atlantic Telephone Company made its appearance, establishing an office in what was then the Western Union Telegraph office, on the southern side of East Gay Street, where Thomas T. Smith's building stands. It has remained in the same location continuously with the exception of a few months during 1890, while the old building was torn down and a new one erected. At that time the office was removed to the William T. Bell building, one door west. Harry Painter was manager from the first until his death, in February, 1893, when he was succeeded by the present manager (1899), W. D. Goff. About two years ago the long-distance system was introduced, an occurrence which made conversation with Philadelphia and other points much easier. At present (1899) there are daily talks to Chicago and Boston, and now and then to St. Louis, the communication being carried on with perfect ease. There are 140 instruments in West Chester, and many more in the county, and instant connections, if desired, with any point in this section of the country.

On the 15th of November, 1898, the Chester County Telegraph and Telephone Company was ready for business in the Major E. B. Moore building, on West Market street, the town having been wired and many instruments placed in the homes of offices of subscribers. The number of 'phones at present (1899) is 183, belonging to this company. Lines to Coatesville and Phoenixville have been projected. Thomas Hoopes is President of the Company, and Arthur Hoopes, Manager.

The Clay telephones were introduced in town for a time about 1880, but no extensive system was organized.

WEST CHESTER'S NEWSPAPERS

West Chester is now served by a single daily newspaper, "The Daily Local News," one of two daily publications to exist during the Borough's Centennial celebration in 1899.

Earmarked for prosperity under the able ownership and proprietorship of William H. Hodgson, the "Local" observed its seventy-fifth anniversary in November of 1947. It is presently published by the Daily Local News Company of West Chester, Pa.

In 1893, a second daily publication, "The Morning Republican," owned by Horace F. Temple, served the community, until 1902, in addition to several weekly newspapers. "The Daily Village Record" known later as the "Record" was for several years a third daily in West Chester. Its status during the centennial year, however, was that of a weekly.

"The Jeffersonian," forerunner of "The Daily Local News," was an old standby in the community. Also under the proprietorship of William Hodgson, it was gradually taking second place to the "Local." It ceased publication shortly after 1910.

The early years of the twentieth century took a heavy toll on West Chester's home spun journalism. "The Morning Republican" which began publication early in the previous century as "The American Republican," went out of circulation in 1904. It was followed by the "Jeffersonian" in 1910 and "The Village Record" in 1918.

Journalistic attempts in West Chester in the past 50 years have proven futile. In 1912 the "West Chester Star," an independent daily was begun. It was short lived, however, and issued its final paper in 1914.

In a similar manner, the "Thursday A.M.," a weekly, was begun in June of 1940 and continued publication until December of 1941. In 1904 another publication "The West Chester Gossip" appeared twice.

With a growth in population after 1800, there followed several newspapers and periodicals which flourished before their passing. "The Chester and Delaware Federalist," forerunner of "The Village Record," was founded in 1808 and endure for more than a 100 years before it ceased publication.

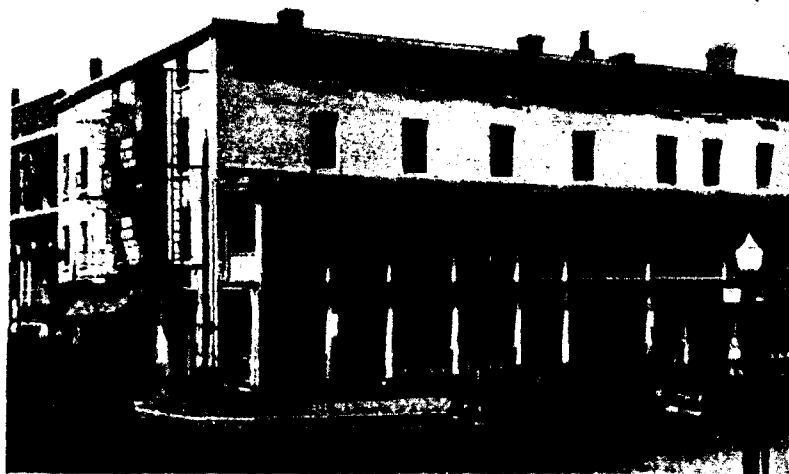
Prominent among nineteenth century West Chester publications was the "Chester County Democrat" founded in 1879. It lived an active life of nearly 20 years before the enterprise was discontinued following the death of its owner in 1898.

Other West Chester publications included "The West Chester Herald" which united after only a month, with the "Jeffersonian," "The Literary Casket," "The Whig," "The American Star," "The Independent Journal and Workingman's Advocate," "The Anti-Masonic Register," "The Pennsylvania Farm Journal," "The Independent Herald," "Chester County Times," "Colonization Herald," "The Bee," "Crystal Fountain," "Medical Reporter," "Children's Friend," "Scattered Seeds," "Christian Sunbeam," and "The Chester County Reporter" later the "Legal Intelligencer."

HOTELS

Among the landmarks of any community few are so interesting as the hotels and inns that have flourished for a generation or two, and then have gradually vanished from sight. Their hospitality that warmed the hearts of many travelers in years gone by soon becomes a memory, something to be talked about by older folks as they sit and reminisce.

West Chester has seen many hotels and inns come and go in the past century. Some flourished for decades while others continued in business for only a short time. Two of the hotels here which played host to the Centennial crowds in 1899 are yet serving the public and are sharing in the festivities of the Sesquicentennial celebration. They are the Mansion House Hotel at the southeast corner of Market and Church streets, and the Turk's Head Inn, at the northeast corner of High and Market streets, opposite the Chester County Court House.



TURKS HEAD INN

The Turk's Head Inn was opened in 1762 by Phineas Eachus. At one time it operated an excellent dining room, but this part of its service was abandoned several years ago. Its sole function now is the providing of rooms for both overnight, as well as resident guests. Marshall B. Hickman and his son, William B. Hickman, are the proprietors.

There were other hotels in this community which were in existence during the Centennial, but during the intervening years have faded from the public eye. One of these was the popular Green Tree Inn at the northeast corner of High and Gay streets. Originally known as the Green Tree Hotel, it was erected in 1786 by Isaiah Matlack. Benjamin Vandever was its proprietor in 1899. In 1931, its owner, the late Philip M. Sharples, had it torn down to make way for a large and modern apartment building which bears the name, Green Tree Building.

More than a century ago, the year 1833, Jonathan Matlack built the Eagle Hotel at the northwest corner of Gay and Walnut streets. It was doing business at the time of the Centennial under the proprietorship of Elwood Smith, whose guests stabled their horses in a building across Walnut street, where now stands the West Chester post office. The old structure is occupied today by stores and apartments.



MANSION HOUSE HOTEL (Built 1831)

The Mansion House, originally known as the Chester County Hotel, was built in 1831 by William Everhart. It succeeded the Cross-Keys Hotel at Gay and Church streets, as the borough's main hostelry. There it was that Judge Isaac Darlington and his friends were in the habit of gathering to discuss the events of the day. The Mansion House Hotel is widely known for its fine service and attracts patrons from many distant points. Its proprietors today are Vernon T. Mercer and Burnett H. Wilson, of Unionville. During Centennial days it was operated by C. Newton Lytle.

Another hostelry which went through a series of changes was the Farmers' Hotel at 209-11 West Market street, now known as the Wawassan Apartments. Originally the building housed Crowel's Academy, a private school, where many of the children of the borough received an education. Maris Chandler operated the hotel about 1878, under the name of Sherman House, and he was succeeded by Edwin O. Taylor. At the start of the present century it was renamed Brandywine Inn.



GREEN TREE BUILDING (Built in 1931)

This hotel was the scene of a tragic fire in 1905, when its stables and stores were burned. When its walls collapsed Harry Wolf, former member of the Philadelphia Fire Department, was crushed to death. Several others were injured. Two horses were lost in the blaze.

Two years prior to the Centennial celebration, the Magnolia House which had been in operation for 30 years under the proprietorship of Moses G. Hepburn, passed out of existence. Hepburn, a popular West Chester Negro, was the first member of his race to be elected to Borough Council, 1882-83. He is reported to have made a fortune in real estate. His death occurred a short time prior to the Centennial.

Another hotel that had been established in 1828 was operating at the time of the centennial celebration, here. It was the West Chester House at Gay street and Hannum Avenue, now the home of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Joseph Reilly and family. At the time of the centennial, it was operated by Frank Heald. At the time of its establishment, 70 years prior to the centennial year, it was under the management of Jane Jefferis, widow of John Jefferis.



F & M BUILDING (Built 1907)

WEST CHESTER'S TOWN CLOCK

During the decade between 1830 and 1840, the borough of West Chester greatly expanded and developed. There was a sanguine expectancy and faith in the town's future, which caused a noteworthy increase in its buildings and population. The advent of the railroad, the erection of the present National Bank of Chester County, the building of the Chester County Hotel (now the Mansion House), and the pioneering spirit radiated by William Everhart, the local merchant prince, were typical of this period.

On September 26, 1835, a meeting of local citizens was held at the hotel kept by Samson Babb, to consider the project of obtaining a town clock. David

Townsend, Cashier of the Bank of Chester County, presided as Chairman, while William Darlington served as Secretary of the meeting. "John Hall, Samson Babb, and Philip Price were appointed a committee to ascertain the cost of a Town Clock of sufficient power to warn every family in the borough of the time as it passed, to be placed upon the Court house." Another committee consisting of William Williamson, Esq., James Tillison, James Powell, John Marshall, and Robert Irwin, was appointed to obtain subscriptions for the purchase of the clock. The subscription paper read as follows:

"We whose names are hereunto subscribed do promise to pay to David Townsend, on order, the sums set opposite our respective names, to be appropriated towards the erection of a Town Clock, to be placed upon the Court House, in the borough of West Chester, so soon as a sufficient sum can be obtained for that purpose. September 29, 1835."

The Bank of Chester County headed the list with a subscription of \$100. Nearly two hundred citizens subscribed varying amounts towards this project, the total reaching nearly \$1,000. Some of the well-known subscribers were: Judge Darlington, William Darlington, William H. Dillingham, Henry S. Evans, William Everhart, Joseph J. Lewis, Ziba Pyle, Nathan H. Sharpless, Enos Smedley, David Townsend, John W. Townsend, William Williamson, Dr. W. Worthington.

So enthusiastic and cooperative were the citizens of the town that plans for the clock went into action rapidly. Some difference of opinion was expressed as to what clockmaker should be selected to erect it. Some people are reported to have favored the selection of a man from Honey Brook. At this time David M. Anderson was a clockmaker in this township. However, there soon was a good degree of unity in selecting Isaiah Lukens, a well-known clockmaker of Philadelphia. Isaiah was the son of Seneca Lukes, a farmer and talented clockmaker of Horsham Meeting, Montgomery County. Having learned the business in his boyhood under his father's tutelage, he became highly skilled in this trade. He had but recently installed the big clock in Independence Hall, in Philadelphia, at a cost of \$2,000.

The works of West Chester's Town Clock are an eight-day movement made by the Seth Thomas firm of Connecticut. The bell, whose mellow tones have been familiar to local residents for eleven decades, is inscribed—"Cast by J. Willbank, Philadelphia, 1836." The striking weight has a mass of nearly eight hundred pounds while the running weight is about one hundred and fifty pounds. Originally, the clock was wound by hand, a rather arduous task. In more recent years this work has been performed by an electric motor.

On September 3, 1836, less than a year from the time that the public meeting was held to promote the project, the town clock was put in service on top of the old Court House. For the past 113 years, with but



BAYARD TAYLOR'S PAINTING
OLD COURT HOUSE and JAIL (1838)

few lapses, this instrument has fulfilled the purpose originally envisioned for it. However, today, unless the direction of the wind is favorable, it cannot always be guaranteed that it will "warn every family of the borough of the time," as the limits of West Chester have been greatly extended since 1836.

The question naturally arose as to what party or institution was to be responsible for the care and ownership of the new town clock. The Chester County Cabinet of Science was asked to accept possession, but appears to have declined. On October 11, 1837, a petition was presented by a local committee to have John Hall selected as caretaker of the town clock. He was appointed to this service at a small annual stipend and faithfully fulfilled this assignment until 1862. When the present Court House was erected in 1846, the clock was moved from its first location to the spire of the new building. From this position it has watched over the borough for more than a century.

When age required John Hall to give up the care, his duties were taken over by William Sharpless. After twenty years of service as "Town Clock physician" William was succeeded in 1882, by William H. Freeman, who, in turn was followed by William S. Hill. With the advent of electricity as a community source of lighting, the clock was illuminated at night, thus surpassing the fondest hopes and anticipations of its founders. This aspect of its service has been curtailed during the past decade due to two causes. During World War II, along with other city illuminations, it suffered a "black-out." Again since the end of the war, the threatened coal famine, caused by striking coal miners, occasioned a brief "dim-out."

For a time prior to 1926, when Joseph W. Belt took over the care of the clock, some local citizens thought that its usefulness was over, as it was not giving dependable service. However, for the past 23 years, under the expert ministrations of Mr. Belt the old clock has completely redeemed itself as an accurate and reliable timekeeper. Recently, when Mr. Belt was showing a group of clock enthusiasts this venerable old mechanism, he said that, with proper care, it should be good for another hundred years.

Transportation

The inhabitants of West Chester, always eager to travel and learn from their neighbors, were no less hesitant to provide the means for faster, more comfortable travel. From stage coach to present day airplane, financial support was readily provided for transportation facilities. This promotional spirit reached its zenith during the early days of railroading, when stocks were oversubscribed and scores of railroads were formed—at least on paper.

From horse-back, to heavy stage coaches drawn by four horses, was a natural evolution that provided more passengers and more weight per horse required. The famed Conestoga wagon was used by West Chester residents to haul freight, particularly between Lancaster and Philadelphia. Each wagon's top load was approximately two tons.



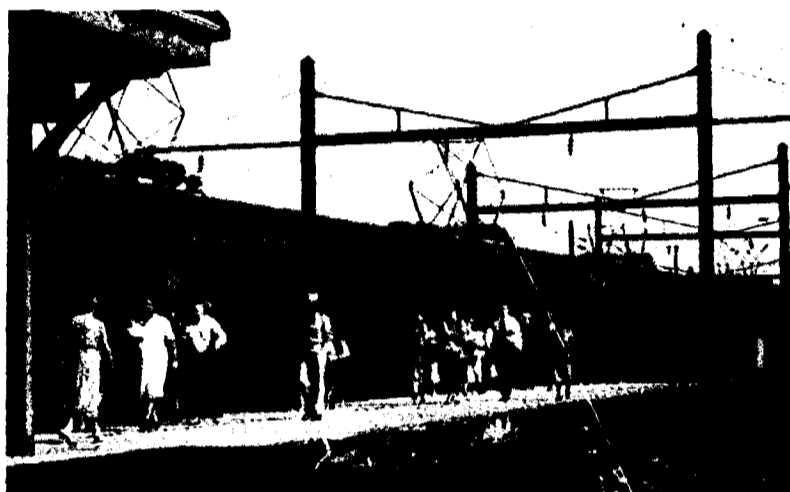
ONE HORSE SHAY

The early railroad cars were merely elongated stage coaches and, since horses also furnished their motive power, their efficient use in carrying heavy loads was readily accepted by the public. Thus, in 1828, when the Pennsylvania Legislature created the Columbian Road (now the main line of the Pennsylvania Railroad), railroad fever reached epidemic proportions in West Chester. On December 10, 1830, it broke out in the form of a town meeting conducted by Judge Isaac Darlington in the Turks Head Inn, and a survey



FIRST TRAIN INTO WEST CHESTER
From Philadelphia on the Wawa Branch (1858)

for a road connecting West Chester with the Columbian Road was authorized. A charter was granted July 18, 1831, to the West Chester Railroad and on September 13, 1832, the nine miles of road between West Chester and Malvern (then known as the "Intersection") were ready for business. Constructed by John P. Baily, assistant engineer under Major John Wilson, at a cost of approximately \$88,000, it was termed the only road in the United States to be built within the time and cost estimated by the engineers. The track was made of yellow pine string pieces, plated with flat iron bars and tied together with iron keys which would pop out occasionally and permit the rail to pierce the coaches.

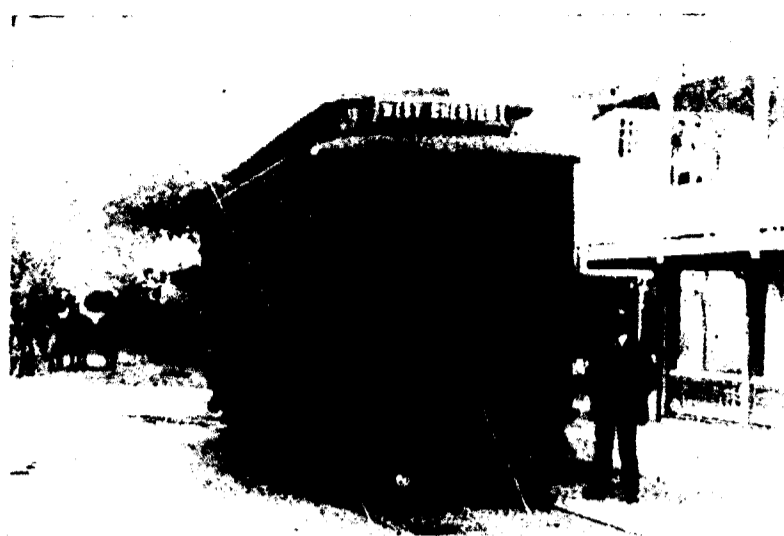


WEST CHESTER—PHILADELPHIA ELECTRIC
TRAIN 1949

When hard times gripped the railroad purse strings in 1841, the company sold out their horses and contracted with teamsters to haul the cars from the Inclined Plane in Philadelphia to West Chester. However, the innovation of wood burning locomotives in 1845 cut the travelling time from four to three hours, and a reduced fare of 75 cents for the trip aided the company in regaining a profitable position.

Still eager to make the trip to Philadelphia in less time and also to avoid the Inclined Plane, which was some distance from the center of the city, proponents of a "direct Railroad" formed a company in 1847 to survey and construct such a road to West Chester by way of Media. Over a decade, the new road inched its way from Philadelphia. Not until November 11, 1858 did the first train finally arrive in West Chester. For some months prior, a stage coach operated to Street Road (now Westtown) to connect with the train.

On June 1, 1880, the road was sold to the Philadelphia, Wilmington, and Baltimore Railroad Co., and later became a part of the great Pennsylvania Railroad system. Today, West Chester's railroad tracks follow the original line to the main tracks of the "Pennsy" by way of Frazer and Malvern. However, it is exclusively used for freight. The Media-Wawa branch continues to serve commuters—now with electric cars in place of steam locomotives.



PHILADELPHIA and WEST CHESTER TROLLEY
(About 1900)

For some years, West Chester was the hub of trolley transportation for the county. On September 23, 1891, electric cars first ran on the streets of West Chester—an event that foreshadowed the use of this facility in Philadelphia, New York, and other large cities. The high speed trolley from Philadelphia entered the borough on January 2, 1899. The fare was 25 cents one way and patrons at first had to walk from Adams Street to the center of town. This trolley line is still in operation, just this year again placing new, modern cars in operation. The present terminal point is at High and Gay Streets.



RED ARROW TROLLEYS — 1949

West Chester's street railway system, which obtained such an early and auspicious start, bowed to progress on November 30, 1929, when the last car was run to Lenape. At that time, busses took over the routes to nearby communities, since public roads made travel by that method more comfortable and speedier.

The first bus run from West Chester was made by P. H. Corcoran to Wilmington on February 12, 1921. This new venture was the forerunner of the present Short Line, which maintains regular bus service to Wilmington and other nearby points.

The advent of the automobile spurred the construction of roads and successfully challenged the horse and railway as a private passenger conveyor. One of the earliest automobiles owned in West Chester was purchased by Wilmer Hoopes. It was a Franklin and, like all its contemporaries, spent more time in the blacksmith shop than on the road.

Better roads were soon demanded; streets changed from dust and mud to cobblestone, and then to smooth pavement. The old Indian trails that had served as the early post roads were realigned and the construction of new roads was promoted by private subscriptions in many cases.



SHORT LINE BUS — 1949

As men in their search for greater speed turned from the ground to the air, the West Chester Airport came into being to provide private transportation by air for the community. And so it is with this ultimate in transportation facilities that our history of transportation closes, leaving us confident that whatever developments the next century brings, West Chester is certain to be among the early proponents.



MAX MYER'S TRUCK (About 1910)

FIRST WEST CHESTER FIRE COMPANY

Contemporaneous with the incorporation of the Borough itself, the First West Chester Fire Company celebrated its 150th anniversary on August 6, 1949. From the leather buckets and one wooden ladder of 1799, to today's modern mechanized equipment, is a far cry. Likewise from the 22 charter members of this organization meeting in private homes, to the present roster of over 300, and the ample quarters on Church Street, signifies a marked evolution. That which has not materially changed, however, is the spirit of the organization. The original motto, "Fearless and Faithful," has characterized each successive generation which has exhibited unusual loyalty and devotion to the Company.

On July 1, 1799, calling themselves the "Subscribers to the Fire Engine" the embryonic organization agreed that the money subscribed should be used to procure an engine. Officially organized on the following August 6, the first officers were: Jacob Ehrenzeller, President; Joshua Gibbons, Secretary; Jacob Webb, Treasurer; and John Rankin, James Jackson, and William Sharpless, a committee to get a building for the fire engine. The work of this committee was not immediately needed, as the first fire engine was not obtained until 1811. It was a second-hand affair having a double action hand-pump mounted on a mill-wagon. It



FIRST WEST CHESTER FIRE COMPANY

had been used by the Neptune Company of Philadelphia. In the event of a fire, water from the town cistern or wells was poured into the engine, and then hand-pumped through a leather hose. This engine had a historical record both in performance and in ownership. In 1834 it was given to the West Chester Good Will Company, who later donated it to the local Fame Company.

The first fire house was a frame building located on the southwest corner of the Court House lot and faced

on Market Street. A new engine house was erected in 1834 on part of the present lot on Church Street. At this time a handsome new engine costing \$2,800 was purchased. It also weighed 2,800 pounds and bore the inscription "Fidus et Audax." After the advent of three fire companies, the Borough paid for the of three fire companies the Borough paid for the equipment but the companies provide the buildings to house it.

In 1887, after acquiring the adjacent lot, plans were made to combine the two properties, and the present attractive fire house was erected. A feature was the 60 foot tower for the fire bell which, at this time, was an outstanding landmark of the town. A new fire truck was purchased and housed on May 12, 1888 when the new building was dedicated. In 1894, the Company acquired a chemical engine which extinguished many small fires which otherwise would have been disastrous.

At the time of the centennial celebration in 1899, the West Chester Company boasted a membership of nearly 700. At this period, a parade unit in full dress uniform frequently received awards at county and state competitions. More recent emphasis, however, has been on efficiency and protection. These objectives have been made more possible by modern motorized equipment. The first motorized engine was purchased in 1911. Subsequently, newer models have been purchased.

From the time the "Wessies" so effectively put out the fire at the Black Bear Tavern Stables, which threatened the county records in the old county building nearby, until today, our town owes much to the skill and loyalty of the First West Chester Fire Company.

The current officers of the Company are: President, William K. Flaherty; First Vice President, Joseph Epstein; Second Vice President, Joseph Cosgriff; Treasurer, John Clower; Financial Secretary, Harry Dowdall; Recording Secretary, John Farrelly; and Chief Engineer, Elwood Kofke.



GOOD WILL FIRE COMPANY

GOOD WILL FIRE COMPANY, NO. 2

On January 9, 1833, 17 young men met at the Cross Keys Hotel in West Chester and began a movement which became the town's second fire company. The occasion of the meeting was the fact that the First West Chester Fire Company had secured a new engine. William Darlington reported to the young men that "the old engine company having provided themselves with a new engine and apparatus, and thereby having both the old and the new engines on their hands, have in their meetings recommended to the attention of a sufficient number of young men in the borough, the formation of themselves into a company for that duty, and to take the old engine off their hands, which is now in good repair. Therefore, we, the subscribers, feeling the necessity, are willing to form ourselves into a company to take and keep the engine and apparatus in good repair, provided it and the house can be procured on proper terms."

The 17 young men decided to organize, as suggested, and appoint a committee to draft a constitution. The following week the constitution was presented, the first article of which read, "This Association shall be denominated 'The Neptune Fire Company.' " A committee from the West Chester Fire Company was present and unconditionally transferred the old engine to the Neptune Fire Company. The Company was permanently organized on January 26, 1833, and elected the following officers: William Williamson, President; David Meconkey, Secretary; William Darlington, Treasurer; and Angus McKay, Chief Engineer.

In 1837 an engine was purchased from the Good Will Fire Company of Philadelphia for \$650, and the name of the local association changed from Neptune to Good Will. Emphasis was next placed upon hoses and hose carriages which were purchased and kept as additional equipment. At this period, a stable on the south side of Market Street, nearly opposite the Court House was used to house the equipment. A lot on Church Street was purchased in 1846 on which was erected a two story house in which the equipment was moved. With the purchase of this property the organization was incorporated. As the young men who established the Good Will Company grew older, their problems increased. In 1875, an irregular meeting was held at which it was decided to sell the real estate and apparatus and to divide the proceeds among the 10 remaining members. This proposal, however, was soon reversed and morale was on the mend. The Borough Council offered aid and the Company was reorganized. A first class engine to be drawn by horses was bought for Good Will by the Borough.

In February 1883 the three local fire companies appointed committees to cooperate in drawing up plans for a town Fire Marshall. This proposal was later accepted and resulted in more efficient operation of the town's fire fighting facilities.

A change in location occurred in 1885, when the Company moved into a new home on East Gay Street. In 1897, an adjacent property was secured and on this was erected the Good Will's present home. Here in 1914 the first motorized apparatus, a Martin Chemical, was housed. Since this time, other modern motorized equipment has been obtained.



FAME FIRE COMPANY

After weathering a century of service, Good Will celebrated its 100th anniversary in 1933 by a smoker held at the engine house and a banquet held at the New Century Club. In 1939 the Borough purchased a new 750 gallon American LaFrance pump for Good Will. This piece of equipment made history by being painted white—red had always been the color used previously. At this time, a large electric overhead door was installed at the fire house thus making the rapid exit and entrance of the engines more satisfactory.

The Good Will Fire Company, as its name signifies, continues to be a highly valued and much appreciated organization of our Borough. The current officers of the Company are: Jesse Huber, President; R. L. Cummings, Jr., 1st Vice President; David Rosser, 2nd Vice President; Jacob Walters, Treasurer; William Piergallini, Recording Secretary; John E. Howe, Financial Secretary; Joseph DiPoalantonio, Chief Engineer.

FAME FIRE COMPANY NO. 3

This, the youngest of West Chester's fire companies, began in 1837 as the "Independent Fire Company." Within a year this name was changed to "Fame." The official date of organization was February 22, 1838. There were 24 original members; the first officers being: Joseph Brinton, President; James B. Morrison, Secretary; Thomas T. Williams, Treasurer; John Skullin, Chief Engineer.

The old Neptune apparatus, previously owned by each of the other local companies, was turned over to the new company in December 1837 and was used until 1845, at which time the members raised \$560 for a new engine. With the passing of the years, new equipment replaced the old. A new steamer fire engine was obtained after the Civil War. The year 1870 brought tragedy—Harry Taylor fell and was killed under the wheels of the steamer. The Fame's

first motorized apparatus came in 1913—an auto-chemical fire unit manufactured by James F. Boyd & Brother of Philadelphia. It cost \$5,040.

In addition to the efficient fighting of fires, participating in parades, and serving as a wholesome social club, the Fame became the owners of a two-horse ambulance in 1894. Free ambulance service for the benefit of the townspeople and the surrounding neighborhood was a much valued service for many years.

During the early years of its existence, Fame shared quarters on the old Court House lot with the West Chester Fire Company. The building of the new Court House in 1846 necessitated a move to a location on East Market Street. In 1852 part of the present lot was purchased, and a two-story building was erected. This building has been added to and remodelled several times.

An honor came to Fame, in 1883, when one of its members, Theodore P. Apple, became the first Chief Marshall of the West Chester Fire Departments. The fame of West Chester's Fame Fire Company as a colorful marching outfit was wide spread. In 1920, at the State Firemans' Association parade in Allentown, Fame won first prize for the third consecutive year.

On February 22, 1938, Fame happily celebrated its 100th anniversary with appropriate exercises. The mortgage on the property was burned at this time, but Fame firemen made no effort to extinguish the flames, as they had worked hard to make this fire possible. Their present home and property at 31 and 33 East Market Street are tangible evidence of cooperative community effort and devotion.

Among the family names associated with the Fame Fire Company the most outstanding is that of Heed. Samuel S. Heed was an original member in 1838 and thereafter gave outstanding service in a number of roles. His son, the late Fred Heed, served the association as treasurer for 28 years and, after that, as president for nearly a quarter of a century. Samuel Heed's grandson, Frank D. Heed, recently served as president for more than a decade. The present officers of the Company are: Ralph B. Watson, President; Cornelius F. Baird, Vice President and Financial Secretary; Ernest B. Herron, Secretary; Morris W. Holman, Treasurer.



GAY AND WALNUT STREET LOOKING WEST



PHILIP'S MEMORIAL BUILDING, STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE

Education

STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE

Early History

The State Teachers College had its origin in a movement in 1869 in the office of Honorable Wayne MacVaugh, which led to the conversion into cash of the property of the West Chester Academy. This Academy, founded in 1812, was an institution of great merit. The profits of this sale were the nucleus of the fund expended for what is now the main campus of the college and the central portion of the dormitory erected thereon. On February 22, 1871, Dr. James Pyle Wickersham, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, inspected the building, reported favorably thereon, and issued a proclamation declaring the institution a State Normal School for the First District, embracing the counties of Bucks, Chester, Delaware, and Montgomery. The first session of the Normal School was opened September 25, 1871, with an enrollment of 130 students. The first class was graduated in 1874, its membership consisting of nine women and one man. The institution had five principals, namely, Ezekiel H. Cook, William H. Chandler, George L. Maris, George Morris Philips, and Andrew Thomas Smith. It remained a State Normal School until 1927 when it became a State Teachers College, and the title Principal was changed to that of President.

The College

During the school year, 1948-49, the college had an enrollment of 1733, including 515 veterans of World War II; the faculty numbered 106. In addition to the four-year curricula in Kindergarten-Primary, Intermediate, Rural, and Secondary Education, all of which lead to the degree of B.S. in Education, the college offers a four year course leading to the degree of B.S. in Health Education and one leading to the degree of B.S. in Public School Music. The Laboratory School on the campus had an enrollment during the past school year of 193 pupils, the grades ranging

from Kindergarten to sixth grade, inclusive. The public schools of West Chester and vicinity also serve as laboratory schools in which students of the college work under the supervision of more than 100 co-operative training teachers. The real estate possessed by the college consists of 68.5 acres, on which are erected ten major buildings, the value of the plant being estimated at \$5,500,000. This includes the Reynolds property, which was acquired in 1948. It consists of approximately 4.5 acres on which are located a large stone house and garage.

Recent History

Dr. Andrew Thomas Smith became the first president of the college in 1927; he was succeeded by Dr. Norman W. Cameron. In 1935 the present incumbent, Charles S. Swope, Pd.D., who had been a member of the College History Department, 1927-35, was chosen president. The present members of the Board of Trustees are: Raymond S. Shortlidge, Esq., President; John L. Johnson, M.D., Vice-President; Mrs. Frances Price Donahoo, Secretary-Treasurer; Samuel P. Cloud, Mrs. Anna B. Cooper, Mrs. Irma P. Knauer, Abram D. Kulp, Thomas A. Riley, Esq., and Frank F. Truscott, Esq. They give their enthusiastic support to the untiring president of the College, under whose wise, and farsighted leadership the enrollment has greatly increased.

West Chester has become the largest state teachers college in Pennsylvania. The soundness of its program was recognized by leading accrediting agencies such as: Middle State Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools and the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education.

Some Outstanding Items of Interest

The policy of the present administration has been to *enrich* and to *expand*. Some major achievements of this program are:

1. A new Education Building, modern and up-to-date in every respect, was constructed and dedicated to Dr. Robert F. Anderson. A new laundry building was completed. The library was completely reconstructed and named the Dr. Francis Harvey Green Library. To meet the emergency brought on by the influx of students at the close of the war, twelve federal apartments for married veterans and three federal barracks, housing 150 students, were added to the plant.
2. Student finances were completely reorganized and strengthened through the organization of the Student Activities Association and the establishment of a General Student Fund Account. The Association has offered over the years a well balanced cultural, educational, recreational, and religious activities program.
3. The cooperation and support of the community at large has been enlisted in the affairs of the college and especially in financing an entertainment program, costing more than \$11,000 a year. On this program is featured some of the country's outstanding talent.



DR. FRANCIS HARVEY GREEN LIBRARY

4. Reorganization, expansion, and enlargement of the Alumni functions have been encouraged and the project launched to build a Memorial to honor the Veterans of World War I and the 1098 who served in World War II, 33 of whom died in the service. Two Alumni Directories have been published, one in 1941, and one in 1948. There are, at the present time, more than 13,000 living members of the Association.
5. A five-day program of educational, religious, and cultural activities were carried out on the campus, in 1946, in celebration of the Seventy-fifth Anniversary of the Normal School, now the State Teachers College.
6. During World War II one of the earliest military programs approved on any college campus in the East was the U. S. Postal Unit located on our campus during 1943-1944. The campus accommodated approximately 800 U. S. Army men being trained for United States Postal Service abroad. In that year more than 3500 of these men were graduated into the service.

THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The public schools of West Chester have a history which dates back to before 1870. In fact, the first high school class was graduated in 1866. Many physical changes in the school plants have taken place since those early days. The old Adams Street School is gone; the Barnard Street School is now a part of the Denney Tag Factory; the old high school stood where the Biddle Street School now stands. The town is now planning to replace the high school, which stood at Church and Washington Streets and which burned in December 1947, with a modern plant to be located near the Athletic Field.



GAY STREET SCHOOL

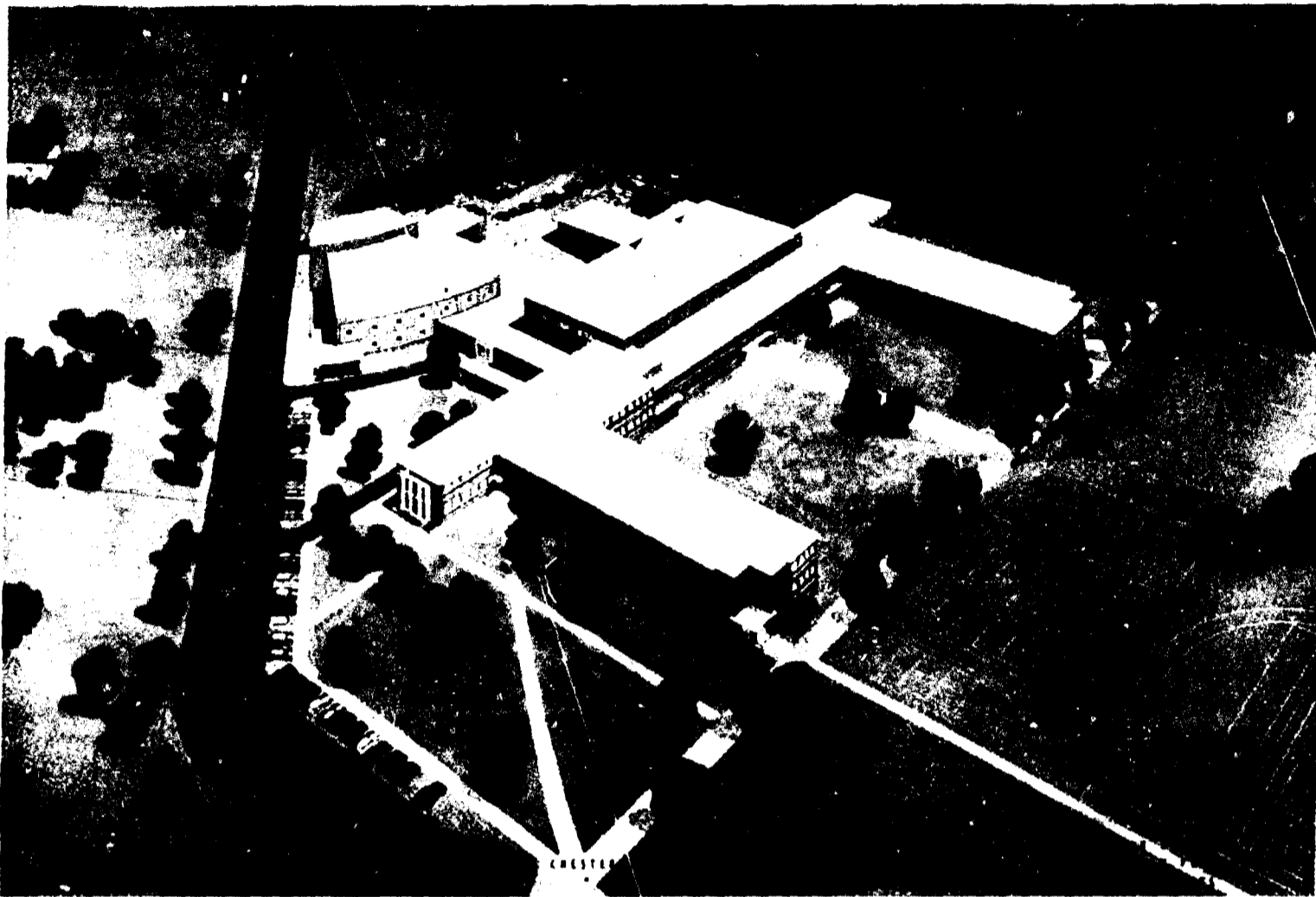
The approximate value of all properties before the fire, the Athletic Field, and the site of the new building and playgrounds, totals \$1,178,905. The estimated cost of the new high school building is \$1,600,000. At present the teachers on the staff number 99; administrators—5; plus a dentist, a home and school visitor, two nurses, and a doctor, or a total of 110 professional employees. Other employees of the district consist of the Board Secretary, 7 office secretaries, and 22 maintenance men and women.

The school enrollment is now 2395 divided into 1109 in the elementary schools, 600 in junior high school, and 686 in the senior high school. 201 pupils were graduated in the 1949 class. This compares with 5 in 1869 and 71 in 1919. The largest class to graduate was that of 1946 with 211.

The School Board and the school staff consider that



JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL



ARCHITECTS DRAWING OF WEST CHESTER'S NEW HIGH SCHOOL

the schools exist not only to develop the child's mind, but to develop him into a well-rounded citizen. The course of study is being constantly studied and revised in order that children may be better prepared. Emphasis is not only put on skilled subjects and standard academic procedure, but, also, upon health, physical fitness and social needs. The high school offers courses in commercial work, in vocational carpentry, vocational machine shop, in college preparation, and in general training which emphasizes the interests of the pupil. Courses in music and art, with their varied ramifications, are offered for those students who can profit from them.

The band, the chorus, and the orchestra have developed to a new high this past year. The West Chester public has always supported the cultural values of the community. This has been reflected in the interest that parents and pupils have taken in its musical and other organizations. This past year a committee of public spirited citizens raised \$5,800.00 to buy new uniforms for the band and new gowns for the high school chorus. For the past several years the school district has had an exceptionally strong athletic program, having won championships in football, basketball, and girls' hockey.

West Chester is the seat of the West Chester State Teachers College, and the public schools of the town have had a long and happy relationship with this institution. Many of the Teacher's College seniors received their student practice teaching in the borough's public schools. This is not only beneficial to the College, but it is beneficial to the schools, inasmuch as

it is a stimulation to the borough teacher in keeping abreast with current trends.

The loss of the high school through fire in December, 1947, forced the issue of consolidation with the neighboring townships which had been developing for the two years previous to this. The Joint School District which has been formed to build the new school is made up of the following school districts: East Bradford, East Goshen, West Goshen, West Whiteland, Westtown, Thornbury (Chester County), Thornbury (Delaware County), and West Chester. This gives a consolidated Board of 42 members which, to date, has been working very harmoniously.

In 1924, following the death of Addison L. Jones, who had been Superintendent of the local schools since 1889, he was succeeded by Walter L. Philips who



SOUTH HIGH STREET SCHOOL

retired in June, 1938. Since that time Dr. G. Arthur Stetson has filled this position. The present members of the West Chester School Board are: N. Harlan Slack, President; C. Rodney Jefferis, Vice-President; Norman D. George, Treasurer; and J. Clement Cooper, William H. Moore, Mrs. Edward M. Simon, Paul E. Speer, and C. T. Miller, Secretary (non-member).



FRIENDS COMMUNITY SCHOOL

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The Friends Community School, North High Street, was founded in 1836 by the West Chester Society of Friends. Its original aim—to provide education for the children of the Society—has continued since the founding of the school. In addition, two influences have affected the emphasis of the institution, namely, the establishment of the public school system and a reorganization which placed management responsibility upon a joint committee of parents and representatives of the Meeting.

Thus, the Friends Community School now serves the whole community, appealing to those families wishing for their children the freedom and careful attention available in a private school in which both academic and spiritual education are offered.

A long list of alumni and former students includes distinguished citizens of our town, state, and country.

George B. Hubbard is Chairman of the School Committee; Ruth L. Baker, Secretary; Gertrude Martin Baldwin, Treasurer. Other members for the Meeting are Esther E. Baldwin, Alda Price Knowles, Helen T. Talbot, Ann E. Whitcraft, Roselynd A. Wood.

Wilhelmyna Cohen, A. Bennett Darling, Susan Groome Harney, and Lewis Kirk represent the P.T.A. on the School Committee.

General supervision of and cooperation with the school are skillfully provided by the Education Committee of the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, represented here by Arabel W. Clark and Helen T. Talbot.

In the eight class groups, from Nursery School through Sixth Grade, the Principal, Marie H. Eiseman, is assisted by Alda Knowles, Rebecca A. Bleecker, Eleanor L. Lewis, Gahring P. Harper, Dorothy Carson, and special teachers for music, arts, crafts, swimming, and othersports. Hot lunches and milk are provided. Tuitions are payable by plan of parents' choice.

Close relationship between school and home is a vital policy at Friends Community School.

ST. AGNES PARISH SCHOOL

WEST CHESTER, PA.

1899 TO 1949

Fifty years ago when West Chester celebrated the one hundredth anniversary of its incorporation as a Borough, our Parish School had been in existence a little more than a quarter of a century. The daily attendance had reached an average of nearly two hundred. The boys were located in the brick school building—torn down in 1925—in the rear of the old church; while the girls were temporarily using the recently purchased property adjoining the church on the east—the Lewis Mansion and the old Armory. On this latter site was erected in 1910 the present Port Deposit granite structure, finished and occupied in the Fall of 1911.

As there was now ample space, a two-years' commercial course was established, thus adding the ninth and tenth grades to the eight grades already being taught. By 1913 this two year course was lengthened to four years and expanded so as to include classical and scientific subjects.

Shortly after the close of the first "World War," there were nearly 200 in the first eight grades, and 56 in the High School. In September of 1921 the school opened with an attendance of 316 in the first eight grades, and 81 in the High School. It was during this year that St. Agnes High School make application to the State Department of Education for recognition as an accredited High School. After the necessary inspection this application was granted the following year.



ST. AGNES SCHOOL

During the following years the number of pupils steadily increased until it became necessary to build an annex for the accommodation of the first six grades. This structure, of brick and concrete, is entirely fire-proof; it was dedicated and occupied in Sept. of 1928. The larger and older structure was thus left free for the pupils of the last six grades. Two properties adjoining the present High School building—the Baldwin and Catanach homes—had been purchased; and it was on this site that the annex was erected. It lies to the rear of the two old dwelling houses, now used as a Convent for the seventeen members of the religious order, "the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart

of Mary," who are mainly responsible—after God—for the marvelous growth and success of the school.

At present there are about 366 pupils in the first eight grades, and 203 in the High School. Over 800 young men and women have graduated from St. Agnes High School, many of them from outside the parish limits. This latter fact must be remembered when trying to estimate the influence of the school. Of all the graduates nearly a hundred have college degrees and have entered practically all of the professions. Their work, and the work of others in different fields, will greatly help in an appreciation of St. Agnes School.



ST. ALOYSIUS' ACADEMY

ST. ALOYSIUS' ACADEMY VILLA MARIA, WEST CHESTER, PA. (Boarding School for Boys)

Parents had pleaded with the Sisters for many years to accept their sons as pupils in Villa Maria, as well as their daughters. The purchase of the Warner property in 1894 made this possible. St. Aloysius' Academy had its beginning there in October, 1895. For 19 years the school continued in its first home; when the Girls' Academy was removed to Immaculata, Pennsylvania, in 1914, the boys were transferred to Villa Maria building where it still continues its work of education.

St. Aloysius' aims to give the pupils a thorough elementary course, while the seeds of virtue are planted in their tender hearts. The mere imparting of knowledge is but one of the factors of a boy's education. Boys from 6 to 14 years are eligible. Registration is limited to 100.

Special attention is given to music, military and physical training, and all athletic activities, under competent teachers. It was among the first in the East to adopt the modernized classrooms, with fluorescent and germicidal lamps, chalk-boards, etc.

It is under the supervision of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, who came to West Chester in 1872, when the Motherhouse, Novitiate and Girls' Academy were transferred from Reading to this Borough.

An Historic Educational Building

The main building housing St. Aloysius' Academy was planned by the noted architect, Thomas U. Walter and has an outstanding educational history. Erected in 1837-38 for a girls academy under the direction of Mrs. Almira H. Lincoln Phelps, it was purchased by Anthony Bolmar in 1840, who had previously directed the West Chester Academy. Mr. Bolmar conducted a distinguished boys' boarding school here until 1860. After his death the property was occupied by the Pennsylvania Military Academy from 1862-1865. The succeeding owner, William F. Wyers, conducted here his Scientific and Classical Institute from 1866 until 1870. Following his death Robert McClellan ran the school for two years. It was then purchased by the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary becoming Villa Maria Convent.

THE MECONKEY KINDERGARTEN

Mrs. Sarah Brinton Meconkey, a philanthropically-minded citizen, died in 1888. Her will specified that the income of \$5,000 was to be paid to her friend and servant, Eliza Moore, and that on the death of the latter, the income was to be used for the education of small colored children.

This income became available in 1906. On January 25 of that year 12 ladies met at the home of Mrs. Samuel Lewis to organize the Sarah B. Meconkey Kindergarten. Officers were elected as follows: Mrs. A. Reese, President; Mrs. William P. Sharpless, Vice-President; Anna Darlington, Secretary; Elizabeth Black, Treasurer. A teacher was employed and the Kindergarten was opened in the Autumn of 1906 in the rooms of the Second Presbyterian Church. It was soon moved to the Gay Street Public School. In 1940 it was moved to the Community Center. In addition to the income from the Meconkey Fund, the Kindergarten receives an annual grant from the Civic Association. Over the years this organization has offered valued service made possible by devoted teachers and loyal board members. The current President of the organization is Helen G. Williams.

WEST CHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

In 1815, sixty-two subscribers formed the West Chester Library Association, when the borough of



WEST CHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

five hundred people was sixteen years old. This Association survived only seventeen years of precarious existence.

In 1873, the present library was incorporated as a stock company. In 1886 Hannah M. Darlington presented to the Association the lot at the corner of Church and Lafayette Streets. By February 1888, the library building was ready for use. In 1897, the children had their own alcove. They have had their own librarian since 1911, and their own Children's Room since 1916. In 1905, a joint committee declared the institution a Free Public Library. In 1934, the Garden Club provided the planting of the library grounds and the enclosing wall.

The library staff, which numbers four, is always ready to respond to the public's needs. The book collection approximates 18,000; there are 6,000 borrowers, and the annual circulation is 51,000 books. collection approximates 18000; there are 6000 borrowers, and the annual circulation is 51000 books.

The history of the present library has been continuous since 1873, through depressions and wars, as well as in prosperity. It has owed its existence many times to the untiring efforts of a group of enthusiastic citizens. Such loyalty will always determine its growth in quality and quantity of services.

CHESTER COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Chester County Historical Society was organized in 1893 with 40 charter members. Dr. Joseph T. Rothrock served as its first President and Gilbert Cope as Recording Secretary. In its 56 years, but five men have served as presidents—Dr. Rothrock, Dr. George Morris Philips, Judge J. Frank Hause, J. Carroll Hayes, Esq., and Dr. Francis Harvey Green, the present incumbent.



CHESTER COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

For the first 44 years of its existence, having no home, meetings were held at Library Hall, the Normal School (later State Teachers College), the Municipal Building, and the homes of members. In 1937, by virtue of a deed of trust made by Linda A. Painter in memory of her husband Uriah H. Painter, Memorial

Hall came into the possession of the Society. Its possessions and collection which had been stored until this time at the Teachers College were moved into into Memorial Hall in the Spring of 1938.

Funds were raised to enlarge the facilities of the building by the addition of a four story fire proof section which was opened to the public in 1942. Its collections of local newspapers, genealogies, history, manuscripts, etc., and its museum are surpassed by few county historical societies.

Its membership (1949) numbers 946. It is maintained by annual dues; County appropriations and donations. Its Librarian-Curators are Bart Anderson and Dorothy B. Lapp, Assistant. The museum and library are open daily, except Sundays, and bank holidays, 1 to 5, and Wednesday evenings, 7 to 9.

THE CHESTER COUNTY HOSPITAL

In the year 1892, Dr. Thomas D. Dunn and Dr. Isaac Massey, of West Chester, conceived the idea of establishing a small hospital which would meet the medical and surgical needs of the local community and the surrounding county. Through the personal efforts of a large number of interested citizens, and the unselfish devotion of the medical profession, as a whole, the project became a reality. Two small brick buildings were erected on the north side of Marshall Square; and almost immediately The Chester County Hospital began its splendid work of service to the sick and injured. The first major operation was performed March 4, 1893, three days after the doors were opened.

The first Board of Managers was as follows:

Robert T. Cornwell, Esq., President; Marguerite G. Townsend, Secretary; William P. Sharpless, Treasurer; Mrs. Richard Darlington, Lydia W. House, Richard G. Park, Mrs. Charles W. Roberts, William Scattergood, George B. Thomas, Mary R. Hartshorne, Dr. Thomas E. Parke, Dr. G. M. Philips, Dr. J. T. Rothrock, Thomas B. Taylor and J. Preston Thomas. Mary G. Marshall was Superintendent and Head Nurse, and Dr. Thomas D. Dunn was President of the Medical Staff.

The growth of the institution since its founding has been little short of phenomenal. New buildings were constantly being added, many of which were memorials to departed relatives and friends who had been cared for in the hospital, and who had expressed their gratitude for the efficient services they had received. It was during the great "Flu" epidemic, of 1917-18, however, that the facilities were so taxed that the imperative need for an adequate building became apparent. At this time, Mr. and Mrs. Pierre S. duPont, of Longwood, came forward with plans and funds for the erection of the present hospital as a memorial to Lewes A. Mason, one who had served them devotedly over many years.

Since the erection of the present building, the professional work of The Chester County Hospital has been recognized far and wide in medicine and surgery and their special branches. Credit for this belongs unquestionably to the late William T. Sharpless, M.D., Edward Kerr, M.D., and many others, past and present members of the Staff. It has been the untiring

devotion of the Auxiliary, however, which has enabled the wise and efficient Board of Managers to carry out many important plans for further development.



CHESTER COUNTY HOSPITAL

The present Board of Managers is as follows:

John R. Thomas, President; Samuel P. Cloud, Vice-President and Chairman of the Finance Committee; M. Elizabeth Jones, Secretary; the National Bank of Chester County and Trust Company, Treasurer; Benjamin W. Haines, Chairman of the Executive Committee; Harry E. Cann, Sr., Chairman of the Building Committee; Mrs. Jane Gordon Fletcher, Chairman of the School of Nursing Committee; Mrs. Walter B. McIlvain, Chairman of the Social Service Committee; Dr. Thomas G. Aiken, William B. Brosius, Thomas R. Butler, Esq., Pierre S. duPont, Dr. U. Grant Gifford, Douglas Gilpin, Gilbert Mather, Dr. Benjamin Price, Mrs. Alfred Coxe Prime, James K. Robinson, Jr., Joseph W. Sharp, Jr., and the Hon. W. Butler Windle.

Eugene V. A. Adams is Director and Dr. Charles M. Kerwin is President of the Medical Staff.

Such, then, is a brief outline of the history of an institution which has served this community and county faithfully and efficiently for more than a half-century. It is obvious that, in the words of the poet, "Our future's still ahead." We shall endeavor to make that future as really brilliant as the past.

MEMORIAL HOSPITAL OF CHESTER COUNTY

The Memorial Hospital of Chester County, formerly the Homeopathic Hospital, was incorporated July 1, 1912. The first board meeting was held in March, 1913. The President was George W. Conway; Vice-President, T. Elwood Marshall; Secretary, Mrs. Margaret T. Passmore; Treasurer, George K. McFarland. There were fifteen members. The decision was made at this meeting to purchase the Warrington property at Biddle and Walnut Streets. This building was renovated to make it habitable as a hospital and there were accommodations for thirty-five patients.

Mary C. Davies was made the first superintendent and a nurses' training school was started with five applicants. The nurses were housed in the hospital until 1914, when the Isaac Thomas property across from the hospital was purchased for a nurses' home. In 1918, with the assistance of friends and a generous

A wing was added to the south end of the hospital in 1918 with the assistance of friends and a generous donation from Mr. Pierre duPont.

In 1928 a nurses' home was built and the formal opening was held on January 4, 1929.

When the hospital was started, Dr. S. A. Mullin was the first chief of staff and there were ten doctors on the active staff. There are now two living members of that original staff of doctors: Dr. Wm. L. Hamilton of Arizona and Dr. M. W. Mercer of Downingtown.

In January, 1945, the name of the institution was changed from "Homeopathic" to "Memorial" Hospital of Chester County. A building fund campaign was carried on in 1944-45 for the purpose of enlarging the hospital. Due to high costs of labor and materials at that time the plan was laid aside temporarily. Now, new plans are about ready for the enlargement and renovation of the hospital, which will increase the capacity and better the service to the people of Chester County who have been so loyal in their support.



MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
ARCHITECTS DRAWING

The present capacity of the Hospital is eighty beds. The active staff consists of twenty doctors, and Dr. Stanley J. Miller, of Berwyn, is the present Chief. The hospital has a competent staff of nurses with Elizabeth McGrogan as Director of Nurses. William H. Moore is the Superintendent of the Hospital. Harold K. Wood is the President of the Board of Directors and the following persons comprise the board membership: Edward F. Bracken, William L. Cloud, Eric Corkhill, Vice-President; Clifford P. Darlington, Emlen Darlington, Mrs. I. Lowell Dutton, Harold A. Famous, Henrietta Feters, Mrs. Helen D. Moore, Treasurer; James J. Madeira, Mrs. R. D. Perry, Taylor W. Richards, Mrs. Katherine M. Smith, Secretary; and Paul E. Speer.

VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION

The West Chester Visiting Nurse Association, known until 1947 as the Social Service Society. It was founded in 1914 by Jane T. Achelis and a group of 29 women who assumed its support, to supply hourly nursing service and other aid to families of West Chester and vicinity, and to assist in clinics and other health and welfare movements. With a budget of \$345 a year, it had often an uphill job. In 1918,

came the great flu epidemic, when the Social Service nurses, plus six volunteers a day, took care of all the home visiting of the town. From then on, the friends of the society were multiplied, and contributions grew into thousands. With the founding of the Community Chest in 1924, it became a member organization.

For about ten years, Ann McConkey, a Chester County Hospital trained nurse, gave faithful service. She was followed by Mary K. Maynard, who for over twenty years was the beloved servant of the community, and was honored by a citizens' testimonial dinner, sponsored by the Elks, in 1939. Mary Z. Ewing also served loyally as a nurse for many years, and Hannah Booker Mann, after twenty years, is still an honored member of the staff.

In 1947, with the establishment of the Family Agency of Chester County, the society relinquished its social service activity, and became solely a visiting nurse association.

Harriet Rapp, certified in public health nursing, is the present Director; two well qualified staff nurses assist her. Hourly nursing service, under the direction of a physician, both paid and unpaid, is furnished in home visits to all desiring it, and every effort is made to help in the promotion of public health in the community. Last year some 3500 visits were made.

CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY

On April 29, 1874, was established the West Chester group which is a part of the Chester County Children's Aid Society. It was founded and continues to function for the following purposes:

To provide for the welfare and placing, in proper temporary and permanent homes, all underprivileged children who may be under the care of the County Institution District, and to act as the agent of such authorities so far as they shall supply the means; to provide effective means for the prevention of cruelty to children and to help enforce laws already existing, or to be made, for the protection of children.

The local branch has created a special fund to further assist in the childrens care.

Hannah H. Savery was president of the West Chester Branch from 1899 until 1910, when she was succeeded by Adelaide B. Comfort. Succeeding presidents of the local branch have been Sara H. Bailey, 1911-1923, Annie M. Pyle, 1923-1928, Marian S. Painter, 1928-1942, and Edna E. Mendenhall, 1942 to date. The local branch now has 44 members. In addition to the President, other officers in 1949 are Mrs. Walter Painter, Vice-President, Mrs. George W. Henderson, Secretary, and Mrs. Ellis Darlington, Treasurer.

WEST CHESTER BRANCH AMERICAN RED CROSS

Founded on the spirit of people helping people, which has been the driving force of Red Cross since its birth on the battlefields of Salerno, in 1859, the Red Cross in West Chester had its beginning in 1917 with the advent of World War I. Since its founding, it has played a vitally important role in the local community and to its soldiers in two wars.



AMERICAN RED CROSS HEADQUARTERS
(BUILT IN 1823)

After World War I, membership and activity were curtailed, but Home Service continued its work. In the depression of 1932-1933, the Branch distributed 4,000 garments, 220 blankets and quilts, and 30,000 pounds of flour. Since Pearl Harbor, local residents have contributed 146,400 volunteer hours of work and have given 2,778 pints of blood.

The West Chester Branch, which now offers 18 valuable services, moved to its present location at 104 South High Street in 1947. This house was built in 1823, by Amos Darlington, Jr., an able cabinet maker of that time. During its 32 years of service to the community, the following persons have served as Chairmen of the local branch: Dr. William T. Sharpless, Vincent Gilpin, Mrs. T. Edgar Walter, Rev. Harry Ulrich, Mrs. J. Oscar Dicks, Walter L. Philips, Marian S. Evans, William P. Fackler (acting), and Mrs. Henry S. Barker, Sr. The current officers are: Mrs. Willis A. Bellows, Chairman, M. Elizabeth Jones and Mrs. Henry D. Moore, II, Vice-Chairmen; William B. Brosius, Treasurer; Stephen M. Trimble, Jr., Assistant Treasurer; and Mrs. Harry R. Allen, Secretary. These officers are assisted by a board of directors comprised of 21 additional members.

BOARD OF HEALTH

On May 11, 1893, an Act of Assembly was passed in Harrisburg to enable borough councils to establish boards of health. Just how soon the Board of Health was appointed in West Chester is uncertain, but it was not until the 10th of December, 1910, that an ordinance was passed by the Borough Council, "To approve the Plan of Organization of the Board of Health of West Chester and the Sanitary Regulations adopted by said Board."

The earliest minutes of meetings of the Board of Health now available are dated November 11, 1913, at which time Dr. C. E. Woodward was Secretary. The President of the Board was Dr. Joseph Scatter-

good, the other members being Professor C. B. Cochrane, Rudolph Weiler, and David F. Sharpless. At that time, West Chester boasted two health officers, James Finn and George S. Taylor. It is noted in the minutes that fumigation of many houses was done and that 26 permits were issued to clean privy wells. Among the bills paid at this meeting was one for \$21.00 to Wm. Healy for furnishing groceries to a family quarantined with a communicable disease.

Dr. Charles Woodward continued as Secretary of the Board of Health until September, 1918. Following his resignation, Dr. Joseph Scattergood was appointed Secretary and Enoch P. Hershey was appointed Health Officer.

Dr. Scattergood served until January 1, 1930, when, following his resignation, Dr. William A. Limberger was appointed.

The duties of the Board of Health have multiplied with increased knowledge in the science of public health. Today the control of communicable diseases is still a very important function of the board, but quarantine laws have changed with increased knowledge so that not as many diseases are quarantined now as formerly.

The maintenance of proper sanitary conditions in dwellings, stores, and eating establishments is under the jurisdiction of the board. The enforcement of the local Milk Ordinance providing for the furnishing of safe and wholesome milk is part of the Board of Health's work.

Complaints of every nature which endanger the health of the community are daily received and investigated by the Health Officer.

The board also cooperates with local units of the State Department of Health in the control of venereal diseases and tuberculosis by seeing that infected individuals not under a private physician's care report regularly to the State clinics for treatment.

The present members of the Board of Health are: W. O. Lamson, Jr., President; Norman D. George, Frank A. Keen, Dr. Henry Pleasants, Jr., Directors; Dr. William A. Limberger, Secretary; J. Paul MacElree, Esq., Solicitor; Warren T. Garrett, Health Officer.



HICKMAN HOME

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The Friends' Boarding Home of Concord Quarterly Meeting was established 4th month, 1st, 1891, by a group of women guided by the inspiration of Sallie A. Sharpless and Lydia H. Hall, of West Chester. Sallie Sharpless did not live to see it started, but she and Lydia Hall had both felt the urgency of caring for members of the Meeting who were in need of a home. The home was opened with one boarder, a matron and one helper, but by the end of that year the house which had been rented was full.

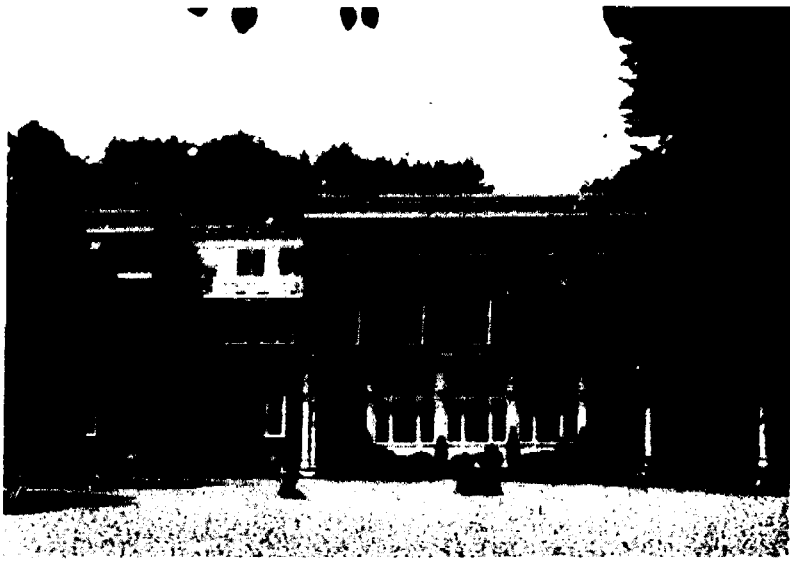
In the year 1928, following the death of Nathaniel G. Hickman, the West Chester Friends' Meeting was notified that he had willed certain sums of money to them for the purpose of building and furnishing a Friends' home. The building was to front on High Street and to be connected with the Friends' Boarding Home now facing on Walnut Street.

Plans for the new building were carefully considered by a large committee led by Isaac G. Reynolds, of West Chester, and the contract was finally given to the Frank V. Warren Co., of Philadelphia. On June 5th, 1936, the building was completed and furnished and turned over by the architects and builders to the building committee, who accepted it on behalf of the West Chester Preparative Meeting. The Meeting placed it under the direction of the Board of Managers of the Friends' Boarding Home of Concord Quarterly Meeting, who organized it and opened it immediately as the Hickman Memorial Building, named in memory of Nathaniel G. Hickman and Samuel G. Hickman, his brother.

BARCLAY HOME

The Barclay Home was established in 1894, the second institution of its kind to be opened in West Chester. After four years in two temporary residences, the Barclay was given a more permanent location in the Jane Gibbons' property on West Chestnut Street. With the help of generous donations from heirs of Jane Gibbons this property was purchased and opened for use in 1898. In 1935, the Hartshorne property on North Church Street, a beautiful estate covering nearly a whole block, was deeded to the Barclay by Robert G. Kay and Edward H. Jacob. Anna Woolman and Naomi Pennock, of Lansdowne, contributed substantial funds to make possible the necessary remodeling and additions to the existing residence. The Chestnut Street property was sold and the new home was ready for occupancy in May, 1936. The spacious grounds, wide porches, and well-planned building have contributed much to the usefulness and comfort of the Home in the 13 years since this last change was made.

At the present location, 22 rooms are available for permanent guests and one room for transients; all are filled to capacity. Generous contributions from interested friends have built up an endowment fund which helps lessen the expense for a few who are unable to pay the regular charges for board and room. For the past four years, Erma Sharpless has served efficiently as superintendent.



BARCLAY HOME

Since its founding 55 years ago, the Barclay has been under the care of a Board of Managers elected annually by a corporation composed of members of the Society of Friends of Arch Street Yearly Meeting, Philadelphia. The presidents of this board from its beginning are as follows: 1894, Deborah G. Brinton; 1897, Susanna Sharpless; 1925, Sarah H. Bailey; 1930, Mary H. Smedley; 1934, Anna Hutton Forsythe; 1942, Marian S. Painter.

"THE WENTWORTH"

The Wentworth, described in its charter as "an abiding place for women where, at a moderate cost, all the needful comforts of a home may be obtained," was organized May 13, 1899, with Mrs. Richard G. Park, nee Anna Wentworth, as President, and with sixteen prominent and interested women of West Chester serving with her as managers.

Its first home was at 319 South Church Street, West Chester, rented from John James; the Daily Local News of July 11, 1899, reports "there are now three inmates in the building, one more is coming and two others have applied."

On January 4, 1900, a charter was granted to "The Wentworth Association" by the Court of Common Pleas of Chester County, entered in Charter Book 4, page 338. The corporate title was amended in 1923 to "The Wentworth."

On March 1, 1901, the association acquired from Kate C. Dunn, widow of Dr. Thomas Dunn, its present location, 112 South Church Street, West Chester.

By reason of the numerous generous gifts, devises and bequests to "The Wentworth" from the citizens of West Chester, the original Home has enjoyed many internal improvements, including an electric elevator. Two substantial additions have been made to its buildings, increasing its present housing capacity to eighteen guests and a resident matron and nurse.

The successors to the office of president, held by Mrs. Richard G. Park for many years, are Anna Shallcross, Mrs. Addison L. Jones and the present incumbent, Mrs. Harris L. Sproat.

150 Years of Worship

There were 15 religious organizations regularly conducting services in the town when West Chester celebrated her centennial anniversary. Several of these organizations represented divisions or separations of particular congregations. During the past half century, while the number of churches has increased, the period has been happily characterized by a wholesome and growing cooperation between different congregations, by the absence of division, friction, and separation, and by an understanding which we like to associate with the best of life in America. Not that there is a false sense of satisfaction, or a monopoly upon grace and wisdom, or the absence of unsolved problems, but rather, that the current religious programs of the town appear to be moving in a hopeful and healthy direction.

In keeping with the psychology of the times, during the Spring of 1915, several West Chester pastors and citizens cooperated in organizing non-demoninational Tabernacle Meetings. A huge frame Tabernacle, seating over 2000 people, was erected on the present site of the Armory at High and Washington Streets. A choir of 370 local vocalists assisted with the services. Rev. Charles G. Jordan, of Lawrence County, Pennsylvania, conducted the meetings, the first of which was held on Sunday, April 11. The slogan of the movement was "Christ for West Chester, West Chester for Christ." This program was of considerable benefit to West Chester and the surrounding community.

The West Chester Ministerial Association, which was established some 25 years ago, has been a significant factor in the promotion of church cooperation. This organization was inaugurated largely through the efforts and enthusiasm of Clinton E. Moffett, who is still serving it in the capacity of secretary. The Association organized union services on Sunday evenings during the summer months, union Thanksgiving services, and similar cooperative ventures.

With growth in population has come the requisite strength for the establishment of several new churches and church groups. Among these are the Jewish Synagogue, the Church of the Ascension, the Nazarene Church, the Bible Presbyterian Church, the Lutheran Church, the Salvation Army, and several smaller groups. Among the latter are a Bahai group, Church of Christ and Jehovah's Witnesses.

ST. AGNES CHURCH

The Catholics of this section of Chester County erected their first church in 1793, the year Washington was beginning his second term as President. It was called "Christ's Church," and retained that name until torn down in 1852. It was replaced by a larger building, erected under the direction of Father John Prendergast. This was completed in 1853 and given the name of St. Agnes.

In 1925 this building also became too small for the increasing number of Catholics in the eighty or more square miles that then constituted the Parish of St. Agnes. Thus the present building is the third church to be erected on the same plot of land.

As we learn, from papers placed in the Cornerstone of an addition made by Father Garvey in 1879 to the second edifice, the number of Catholics in the parish at that time was about 1500. This includes children. At the present time the number is about 3100.

In June of 1880, the Rev. D. I. McDermott succeeded Father Garvey as Rector of St. Agnes, remaining until 1885 when he was assigned to St. Mary's in Philadelphia. The Rev. Samuel B. Spalding took his place as Rector. During his long period of thirty-four years' service, Father Spalding made many minor improvements and built the splendid building of Port Deposit Granite that is now being used for the six grades of Junior and Senior High School pupils.

On his death, in February of 1919, he was succeeded by the present Rector, the Rev. H. C. Schuyler, who began, a year later, the building program that was completed in 1928 with the erection of an Annex to the older school building. The building program began with the erection of a new Rectory in 1920. Then, in 1923, the Baldwin property was purchased and, with some alterations, was occupied by the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary who taught in the school. To this building was added the Cata-nach property in 1928, thus giving the seventeen Sisters much needed additional space for living quarters.

The church was begun in the early Spring of 1925, and completed and Blessed in the Autumn of 1926. The payment of all the debt contracted in the purchase of properties and the erection of new buildings was finally paid off two years ago. Since the church can now be given to God unreservedly, freed from its mortgage, it may receive the most solemn of all Blessings that can be imparted to a material reality—Consecration.

It is most fitting that this ceremony take place during West Chester's Sesqui-centennial celebration. It will be performed by the Most Rev. Hugh L. Lamb, D D., Auxiliary Bishop of Philadelphia, on the morning of Saturday, October 1st. The next day, Sunday, Oct. 2nd, there will be a Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving.

Assisting the Rector, Father Henry C. Schuyler, at the present time are the Reverend James H. Mahoney, Edward J. Titzell, and James L. Scott. They all join in the prayerful hope that this Solemn Act of Consecration may bring many additional blessings upon our Catholic people—and upon all our non-Catholic neighbors.

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (HIGH STREET)

By 1812 West Chester Friends had been for two years gathering for worship in a schoolhouse or in private homes. Meanwhile a serpentine stone meeting house on the Great Road to the Valley (North High Street) was being erected. It was occupied, although not yet finished, 6th Month, 20th, 1813. By 1815 this Indulged Meeting had become Birmingham Monthly Meeting.

In 1868 the large addition facing High Street was constructed to provide for large assemblies, like the Quarterly Meeting. In 1901 the front porch was built. For full details of this history consult the book published at the time of the West Chester Centennial.

Two Preparative Meetings, West Chester and Birmingham, constitute Birmingham Monthly Meeting, which in turn belongs to Concord Quarterly and Race Street Yearly Meetings. Monthly business meetings, supplemented by faithful committees, carry responsibility for Friendly concerns under the promptings of the religious meetings.

There are approximately 430 members of the Meeting but an appreciable number of them are scattered in many states of the Union.


The meeting house grounds are the site of the Friends Community School, established in 1836, and of the Friends Boarding Home which began in 1891.

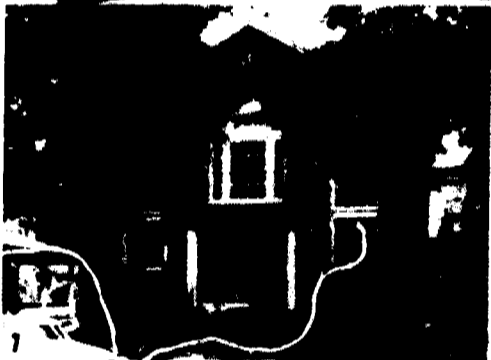
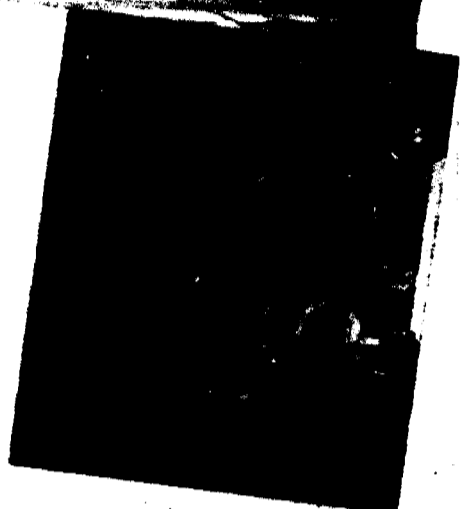
CHESTNUT STREET FRIENDS

The present meeting house, built of serpentine stone, was erected in 1844. The Monthly Meeting School, established a few years before 1850, and later conducted in a brick building on the west side of Church Street, was discontinued in 1920. The school property was sold in 1924, and the proceeds from the sale used towards the erection of an addition to the north side of the meeting house. This addition contains rooms adaptable for First-day School and social affairs.

With the organization of Westtown Monthly Meeting in 1919, the local meeting was somewhat reduced in numbers. This loss was partly replaced by the merger with Birmingham Preparative Meeting in 1922. The present membership of the meeting is 246.

An active Young Friends Fellowship was organized in 1918. This met fortnightly on First-day evenings and has been active in contacts with similar groups of Friends elsewhere. Pleas for help in money and clothing for overseas were responded to—first to the English Friends War Victims Relief and then to the American Friends Service Committee. This work began in 1916 and has continued to the present time.

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| 3 St. Agnes, Catholic | 9 Holy Trinity | 15 First Presbyterian |
| 4 Westminster Presbyterian | 10 Friends, Chestnut Street | 16 Lutheran |
| 5 Baptist | 11 Church of the Ascension | 17 Nazarene |
| 6 Keshet Israel Synagogue | 12 Methodist, St. Luke's | |



A series of First-day evening lectures were inaugurated in 1923 and continued until 1947. These lectures were much appreciated by the community as well as by the meeting.

In recent years the First-day School has been merged with that conducted by the High Street Meeting. There is a growing fraternity and cooperation between these two Meetings.

METHODIST CHURCH OF WEST CHESTER

The first Methodist preaching in West Chester was in the old Court House, High and Market Streets, on the site which is now marked with a rock on the Court House lawn.

Under the pastorate of the Rev. William Torbert, "The Methodist Episcopal Church of the Borough of West Chester" was organized on June 8, 1816, and the church was started on West Gay Street, east of Darlington Street, in the rear of what is now 143 West Gay Street. This building was used until 1842, when a new church was dedicated at the northeast corner of Market and Darlington streets. During the pastorate of Rev. Jay Dickerson, 1912-1922, the demand for a new and larger church became pronounced, and Wesley Leshner Blithe, Philadelphia architect, was engaged in the building of the present church at High and Barnard streets. The first service was held here June 29, 1919.

During World War I, 36 members served in the armed forces, one member—Wilmer H. Quinn—being killed in action. In World War II, 236 served; Warren T. Garrett, Jr., was killed in action, Richard Adam and Walter Bevan were missing in action and declared legally dead; Adon T. Wills died in service.

The church is now known as "The Methodist Church of West Chester" as a result of the unification plan adopted in 1939 whereby the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Methodist Episcopal Church South and the Methodist Protestant Church united under this name. The present membership of the church is 1160 and the enrollment of the Sunday School is 865. The pastor at this time is the Rev. Leon T. Moore, D.D.

BETHEL A. M. E. CHURCH

This church is situated on East Miner Street between Franklin and Adams. It is one of the oldest churches in the town, having been organized in 1816. The first building was a small one at Everhart's Grove and was called Zion A. M. E. Church. It was a branch of the African Methodist Episcopal Church—the organization established by Richard Allen in Philadelphia in 1760. The name of the local church was changed from Zion to Bethel.

In 1863 the church was moved to the corner of Adams and Barnard Streets. (This later became the site of the Adams Street School.) The ground on which the present church stands was purchased in 1867. The first church, a one-story building, was later replaced by the present structure. The parsonage was erected while the Rev. Morris C. Brooks served as pastor.

Within this church group there has always been manifest a concern for the betterment of home conditions and property accumulation. The spiritual element, of course, has always been a major concern.

SAINT LUKE'S

UNION A. M. E.

Saint Luke's A. M. E. Church was organized a few years prior to the erection of their present building in 1881 on South Franklin Street. In recent years a modern parsonage and garage have been erected, while the church has been modernized and re-equipped. The present church membership is 80, while there are 50 enrolled in the Sunday School.

During the past half century there have been 18 pastors. The incumbent is Rev. Alfred Moody.

THE COMMUNITY UNION M. E. CHURCH

On July 9, 1935, Rev. E. S. Rice, D.D., organized the Community U. A. M. E. Church with 75 members. Dr. Rice had been Pastor of St. Luke's U. A. M. E. Church in West Chester for some years prior to 1935. Services were held in the Masonic Hall on East Miner Street. In May, 1943, this building was purchased by the Church, which had been incorporated as the Community Union Methodist Church of West Chester. Within ten years the membership had grown to 140 members with a Sunday School of 152. Dr. Rice continues as the Pastor.

THE BAPTIST CHURCH

Baptist work in West Chester began with a series of meetings in the Court House in 1833, following which 19 persons were baptized, and a church was constituted with a membership of 24. A building was erected in 1835 on South Church Street, between Market and Miner Streets. In 1853, during the pastorate of the Rev. Robert Lowry, author of several of our most popular hymns, the present building on South High Street was erected. It has since been greatly enlarged and improved.

In 1897, 112 members requested letters of dismissal to form the organization of the Olivet Baptist Church, which continued successfully until 1928 or 1929. Following the death of the Rev. E. N. Huff, pastor of the First Baptist Church, and the expressed willingness of the Rev. Ray H. Abrams, Ph.D., pastor of the Olivet Church, to retire, a consolidation was effected. Succeeding pastors have been the Rev. Hinson V. Howlett, now of West Warwick, R. I., the Rev. Mervin A. Heller, now Executive Secretary of the Council of Churches of Greater Reading, and the Rev. Robert Nelson Back, who recently resigned.

The present membership of the church is in excess of 700 and the Sunday School has an enrollment of approximately 400. The property valuation is \$150,000.00.

ST. PAUL'S BAPTIST CHURCH

According to the records, St. Paul's Baptist Church was founded in January, 1887. The first meeting place was at 307 East Market Street. About 1890 the congregation purchased the old Delaney Hall, then situated on the south side of East Miner Street. On Sunday, February 6, 1898, the hall was burned and for a year and eight months the congregation worshipped in the old Adams Street School House. On August 13, 1899, the church body dedicated a handsome and commodious building. This building was struck by lightning on August 25, 1936, and burned.

In 1937 the building was restored and modern improvements were added. The property of the church now consists of the church house at 420 East Miner Street, and an eight room parsonage at 252 East Gay Street.

The present membership is 405. During its existence of more than sixty years the church has had but six pastors. The present pastor, Rev. J. C. Clark, recently completed 17 years as minister of the church.

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

On January 12, 1834, the congregation of 52 members, constituting the First Presbyterian Church of West Chester, held its first observance of Holy Communion under the same roof where the present congregation worships today. The first pastor to serve the church was Rev. William A. Stevens. The first Session was composed of Elders Dr. Stephen Harris, Thomas Hutchinson, Charles Sink, Henry Fleming, Esq., and P. F. Smith. The Trustees who obtained the charter incorporating the congregation were Henry Fleming, Esq., Joseph Smith, Asher Miner, Thomas Hutchinson, P. F. Smith, H. H. Van Amringe, Esq., and Dr. Wilmer Worthington.

The new church was large and bare and at that time stood on the out-skirts of the town which had a population of 1500.

During the Civil War, every member capable of bearing arms, including the minister, enlisted. During this period the church struggled hard for existence, but growth and prosperity finally came in spite of times of adversity and trial. Blessed by outstanding and scholarly leadership in the pulpit and devoted and able men in the Session, the Church has over the years gained in power and influence, not only in the community, but in Presbytery and Synod as well. Now with a congregation of 903, a Bible School of 500, a dozen missionary societies, men and women's organizations and youth groups, it is, under the capable leadership of a beloved pastor, living up to, and in many respects reaching beyond, the very best traditions and accomplishments of the past.

In 1893 a commodious Sunday School building was added to the property. This was remodeled in 1923 and later equipped with modern facilities for more thorough Christian education. The church auditorium, seating 600, has been renovated and redecorated several times, and now presents an atmosphere of quiet dignity and simplicity.

During the 115 years of the First Presbyterian Church's official life, only 11 pastors have served the congregation. These Godly men have ministered to over 3500 different members. The present pastor is Rev. J. Garrett Kell, who has served since 1944.

THE SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Second Presbyterian Church of West Chester started as a Mission Sunday School, which was organized in October, 1880, under the supervision of the First Presbyterian Church. After meeting in different locations, the Sunday School rented the church building on Walnut Street, south of Miner street, which is now owned by the Church. This property had been occupied by the Berean Baptists, whose congregation had disbanded.

At this location the Second Presbyterian Church was organized in May, 1887. Certificates of dismissal from the First Presbyterian Church were granted to 16 persons who, with one additional, formed the membership of the new church. Rev. Ennals J. Adams was called as the first pastor soon after the organization of the church. Since that time 9 others have served as pastors.

In point of time and service to the church, Rev. McLain C. Spann, who recently retired after 26 years, has been the most notable pastor. During his pastorate, the mortgages on the church and manse were materially reduced and the church building was renovated twice.

The pulpit is vacant at present, and Rev. J. Garrett Kell is the Acting Moderator. There are now 79 members of the church.

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The first move for the organization of the church was in 1892, when the Rev. J. L. Estlin, then pastor of the Dilworthtown Presbyterian Church, began to hold services in Smith's Hall. On May 25, 1892, a committee from the Presbytery met with the applicants in the parlor of the Assembly Building, which had been secured as a temporary place of worship, for the purpose of organizing the Westminster Presbyterian Church. The organization was unanimously agreed upon and effected with 100 persons presenting letters from the First Church and 3 from other churches.

The first service was conducted May 29, 1892, by the Rev. Francis E. Arnold in the Assembly Building. In the afternoon the Sunday School organized with 38 members, and with Herman F. Wyers, as Superintendent. The first pastor of the church was the Rev. B. Canfield Jones, the son of a former pastor of the First Church. He served from 1892-1895.

In March, 1893, the "Evans Mansion" and lot on the southeast corner of Church and Barnard streets, the present church site, was purchased. A chapel was built and was opened for the first services on May 28, 1894.

The longest and most fruitful pastorate of the church was given by the Rev. Charles R. Williamson, Ph.D., who served the church from 1901 until his death in 1935. During his ministry the church was strengthened in every area of its life. In the pastorate of the Rev. William Henry Dilts, who succeeded Dr. Williamson, a memorial organ was installed in honor of Dr. Williamson.

The manse at the corner of Union and Wayne streets was purchased by the church in 1923. The present pastor, who started his service with the church in 1945, is the Rev. Robert B. Boell.

BIBLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

In March of 1939 a group of Bible believing people began to meet in homes in West Chester under the leadership of Homer P. Emerson, a student at Faith Theological Seminary in Wilmington, Delaware. On Palm Sunday, April 2, of that year, regular meetings were established in the auditorium of the Public Library. The group was organized into a church and voted to unite with the Bible Presbyterian Church.

The church was formally received by the Presbytery of the Philadelphia Area of the Bible Presbyterian Church, November 30, 1940.

Upon graduation from the seminary, Mr. Emerson left for service in the foreign missionary field and the pulpit was filled by a second student, Boyd C. Lentz. Following the resignation of Mr. Lentz, in 1941, the church called the Rev. Robert Hastings as its first resident pastor. Mr. Hastings was installed by the Presbytery in October, 1941, and continues to serve as pastor.

In the years since, the church has grown slowly but steadily. It was incorporated under the laws of the state in 1946, and purchased a large plot of ground at Darlington and Sharpless Streets. Here it was the intention to raise a beautiful church building, but the rising cost of building construction thwarted these plans, at least temporarily. Meanwhile, in February, 1949, the church purchased the residence at 626 South High street, and this home has been suitably remodeled for use as a church building.

HOLY TRINITY

A major factor in the establishment of an Episcopal Church in West Chester was the concern of Anthony Bolmar, Principal of the West Chester Academy, for the religious life of boys of this faith who were attending his school. A meeting to organize a parish was held in 1835, with Rev. Levi Bull, Rector of St. Mary's at Warwick, presiding. The first church building was erected in 1838 on a site opposite the location of the Academy on West Gay Street. The present church building of serpentine stone was erected during 1868-69.

Prior to 1899 there had been nine rectors. Those serving in this role since this date have been Rev. Arthur Rogers, D.D. 1899-1913, Rev. John Mills Gilbert, 1913-1924, and the present highly esteemed Rector, Rev. Jacob Ashton Winterstein, 1924 to date.

This Church has been outstanding in the community not only for its directly spiritual service but also in many other ways. Started in 1891, the "Vested Choir" of boys and men continues to be noteworthy and has been an avenue by which many boys became active in church work. During World War I, the Parish House was used as headquarters for the Red Cross and for the Emergency Home Relief. For a time the Parish House was used for the meetings of the Church of the Ascension and also by the Chester County Hospital Surgical Dressing Committee. Under the direction of the Rector, this attractive building was of particular value as a Hospitality Center for the Army Postal School between March, 1943, and March, 1944.

In both the realm of the physical—an unusually attractive church building and Parish House, and in the realm of the spiritual the Church of the Holy Trinity is one of West Chester's valued assets.

CHURCH OF THE SURE FOUNDATION REFORMED EPISCOPAL

This church was founded by Rev. Dr. William Newton. It was formally organized April 15, 1884. Dr. Newton had served as Rector of The Holy Trinity Church in West Chester between 1854 and 1863. Prior to its formal organization, the Church had met in the Armory on West Gay Street and later in Cabinet Hall on Church Street. In 1883 it moved to its present location on West Union Street.

The building of which the church is a part was used as Price's Boarding School for Girls between 1830 and 1852. At the latter date, Palmyra C. Evans and her sister took over the school and continued it for 20 years. In 1872 Robert McClellan converted it into a boys' school. After the establishment of the Reformed Episcopal Church, Miss Evans and her sister, Mrs. Newton, wife of the Rector, deeded the property to the Church in 1887.

Dr. Newton was succeeded in 1893 by Rev. Sydney N. Ussher. The present minister in charge is Rev. John H. Heitch.

THE CHAPEL OF THE ASCENSION

On St. Paul's Day, January 25, 1922, The Rev. John Mills Gilbert, then Rector of the Church of the Holy Trinity, West Chester, organized a class of colored people for instruction preparatory to their becoming candidates for Confirmation. Prior to this time, for six months, many of this group had been worshipping under the name of Bethany Mission. The first of such services was held on the first Sunday in July, 1921, at 34 West Gay Street. Soon after the first service, the form of worship of the Episcopal Church was adopted, with the necessary modifications. This was the beginning of the work which bore fruit in the organization of The Chapel of the Ascension.

The first Prayer Book Service was held on the first Sunday in February, 1922; and on May 31st following, the Rt. Rev. Thomas J. Garland, Suffragan Bishop of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, administered the rite of Holy Confirmation in the Church of the Holy Trinity to a class of 26 persons. Following this, the congregation continued under the leadership of the Rev. A. E. Henry with the official name of the church now being the Chapel of the Ascension. The congregation moved to a room at 328 West Gay Street and later the Diocese purchased the present site at 236 East Gay Street where its worship has continued.

Two years ago, at a congregational meeting, the present Dean of the Convocation of Chester, the Rev. Charles W. Shreiner, announced plans for a new building, which is now under construction.

In addition to the Rev. Mr. Gilbert, who presented the first Confirmation Class, and the Rev. Mr. Henry, who carried on the work of the first congregation, the following priests have served as the ministers of the congregation: The Rev. Messrs. S. Henry White, Cedric E. Mills, Emmett E. Miller, Matthew W. Davis, and Louis W. Johnson. The present Vicar of the Chapel is the Rev. Walter P. H. Parker, having begun his service in this capacity in March, 1946.

KESHER ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

The first Jewish Rabbi of West Chester (1897) was Rev. Chertkoff. Religious services were held intermittently in the private homes of some of the earliest Jewish settlers, among whom were John Glick, Benjamin Stern, Abraham Stark, Joseph Ralph, Abraham Margolies, Sol Sherman, Sam Glick and William J. Kauffman.

In 1921, with thirty-three Jewish families already settled here, the building at 136 W. Chestnut Street was purchased and converted into a Synagogue. It received its Charter under the name of Keshet Israel Synagogue, (Bond of Israel—Orthodox). Abraham Block served as president and Sam Glick was the secretary.

In 1925 the present structure at 206 N. Church Street was erected. Rev. Abraham Slifkin was the Rabbi, followed by Rev. Julius Papier and Rev. Isidore H. Shoulson.

There are at present approximately one hundred Jewish families in West Chester. Rev. Joseph Speiser is the Rabbi. The officers are Morris Singer, President; Leonard Heimlich, Vice-President; Martin Clompus, Secretary and Sidney Wolf, Treasurer.

This year the Vestry-room of the Synagogue was extended to the end of the property line, and three additional class rooms were built for religious instruction.

The activities of the Synagogue are capably augmented by a ladies auxiliary.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST

On August 29, 1898, seven students of Christian Science, as discovered and taught by Mary Baker Eddy, met and organized a church society known as First Church of Christ, Scientist, in West Chester, Pennsylvania, inviting to join with them nine others interested in Christian Science.

On September 1st, 1902, reading rooms in connection with the church were opened and have been continuously maintained.

In November, 1906, a Sunday School was opened in connection with the church and classes taught each Sunday since that time.

On June 28, 1909, the Court of Common Pleas of Chester County granted the Christian Science Society of West Chester, Pa., a charter under the laws of the State of Pennsylvania: this was the first charter granted in Pennsylvania to a Christian Science Church.

In the same month, ground was broken for the present church building designed by Edward S. Paxson, Architect, on the newly acquired lot at 227 North High Street.

The first service in the church was held on March 6, 1910. In January, 1917, the church received a gift of \$1271.54 from the trustees under the will of Mary Baker Eddy, freeing it from debt (later refunded to said trustees). Its dedication followed on March 11, 1917.

Mr. Fred Pearson, in his lifetime, and his widow, Mrs. Diana Pearson, of Bondsville, Pa., contributed the funds necessary to erect the beautiful Sunday School Building, designed by Brognard Okie, which was completed for occupancy on February 3, 1936.

The present readers conducting the church services, elected triennially by the church body, are: First Reader, Miss Sibyl L. Forsyth, of West Chester, and Second Reader, Mrs. Cornelia A. Durant of Paoli, Pa.

THE SALVATION ARMY

The work of the Salvation Army started in West Chester under the leadership of Captain Ingram in June, 1897. After a short period of activity, it became necessary to close local work until February 16, 1912, when it was reopened under the leadership of Captain M. Bays. He remained in command of the local program until 1915, when he was succeeded by Captain Claude E. Bates, who is now Commissioner Bates, Territorial Commander of the Western Territory of the Salvation Army.

Buildings situated at 105 N. Church St., 27 E. Market St. and 124 W. Market St. were rented by The Salvation Army until the year of 1922, when they purchased their present building located at 115 E. Market St. This building houses the chapel, the office and the living quarters of the Corps commanding officers. In April, 1947, the Salvation Army extended its service to our community, by opening a Youth Center to help combat the serious problems of youth providing a wholesome recreational program planned especially for youth. This building was originally an old storage garage and was remodeled by the Salvation Army into a spacious gymnasium; it is located in the rear of 113 E. Market Street.

Early Salvation Army days were extremely difficult; had it not been for the interest and cooperation of local friends it would have been almost impossible for the Salvation Army to establish its program of service to God and man in West Chester.

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church was organized on March 11, 1923, as an outgrowth of work among Lutheran students at the West Chester State Teachers College. A charter was granted on December 22, 1924.

A property was purchased at 420 South Walnut Street for the purpose of providing living quarters for a pastor as well as a meeting place for the congregation. The Olivet Baptist Church, New and Union Streets, was purchased on September 1, 1936, with services being instituted soon thereafter. Certain renovations were made and the church was formally dedicated on October 6, 1936. In July, 1948, a property at 304 Dean Street was purchased to serve as a parsonage.

Calvary Lutheran Church is classed as a Mission Church, but has so grown during recent years that it is expected soon to leave the Mission Church category.

The clergymen who have served the parish during the term of its existence are Dr. C. P. Perry, Rev. Irvin Lau, Rev. Luther W. Evans, Rev. John H. K. Miller, Rev. Charles J. Harris, and since 1943, the present incumbent, Rev. William H. Ralston, S.T.M.

FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

The beginning of the West Chester Church of the Nazarene reaches back to revival meetings held in different sections of this community. After a series

of these meetings, a group rented a hall over some garages, and started conducting regular services. It was here that the Church of the Nazarene was born, on the 6th of June, 1928. Rev. John Maybury, District Superintendent of the Washington-Philadelphia District, organized the Church in Red Men's hall with 29 members.

In a short time the lot on which the present edifice stands was purchased, and a tent was pitched in which evangelistic meetings were conducted. In 1929, the basement unit of the church was built. Glorious progress was enjoyed, for, at the end of two years and four months, the membership increased to 100.

It was during the ministry of Rev. E. C. Oney, from Kentucky, that the parsonage and the upper structure of the church were built. Rev. C. E. Keys, a graduate of Asbury College, came to West Chester in 1940. During his pastorate the entire mortgage of about \$19,000 was liquidated. Rev. Henry Reeves from

Cambridge, Mass. and Rev. Paul S. Cook from Freemansburg, Pa. have pastored the church since 1944.

The Church of the Nazarene holds a place of beauty in our city and wields an influence for God and good, gratifying to all.



TABERNACLE BUILDING

Welfare and Recreation

THE WEST CHESTER CIVIC ASSOCIATION

The first meeting of the West Chester Civic Association was held in the Y.M.C.A., June 21, 1923. Representatives of the various West Chester and County organizations, dependent in whole or part upon the public for operating funds, were present. Morris B. Dean, who had been making a detailed study of methods of financing community activities of all kinds, presented the results of his study and outlined his plans in detail. The interest manifested was sufficient to warrant calling subsequent meetings for the purpose of organizing the first Community Chest campaign for West Chester. Constitution and by-laws were drawn up, a campaign executive committee of twenty-six members appointed, and a goal set of \$45,650, with the following agencies participating: Boy Scouts of Chester County; Chester County Hospital and Auxiliary; Community Sings, Band Concerts, Community Celebrations; Co-operative Council of Chester County; Crippled and Subnormal Children Reserve; Health Council and Clinic; Meconkey Kindergarten; Recreation for West Chester and Chester County; Salvation Army; Social Service Society; Tuberculosis Society of Chester County; Reserve for Care of Tubercular Residents of West Chester in Rush Hospital; West Chester Forum; West Chester Public Library; Y.M.C.A. and Auxiliary.

The first meeting of the Board of Governors, which is composed of a representative from each participating, contributing and affiliated organization, together with six members at large was held December 18, 1923. Campaign report given at that time indicated

1874 subscribers pledging \$43,498.00, or 95% of the goal. The following officers elected to serve for the year 1924 were—Morris B. Dean, president; Edward H. Jacob, First Vice President; George M. Huey, Second Vice President; Clinton E. Moffett, Executive Secretary, and Samuel Marshall, Treasurer. Six members from the Board of Governors were elected to serve with the officers as an executive committee—Miss Jane Achelis, Dr. Samuel C. Schmucker, Miss Clara B. DeHaven, W. O. Lamson, Jr., Herbert P. Worth and Dr. William T. Sharpless. An office was established in a room on the second floor of the Y.M.C.A., which continues to serve as official headquarters.

It was deemed advisable to have professional leadership for the first three campaigns. Since that time, however, the Executive Committee has assumed the responsibility with the president acting as campaign chairman and the Executive Secretary as director.

The West Chester Foundation, as authorized by the Constitution, was officially organized January 17, 1928, to receive gifts, bequests, endowments and memorials, to constitute a permanent cumulative fund for community purposes. The West Chester Foundation is administered by a board of five trustees. The foundation is well organized and is winning the confidence and support of the whole community.

In 1928, the president appointed a Town Planning Council. Its first project was to sponsor the cause of regional planning in Chester County and act as host organization at the launching of this most comprehensive plan. Its second was the tree planting project.

This resulted in 370 trees being planted within and without the borough limits, and 400 flowering shrubs were planted on the banks of the Strasburg and Downingtown roads.

Early in 1931 the West Chester Civic Association came to the front with the president appointing an Emergency Relief Council, composed of twenty-two members. Sub-committees on Investigation and Approval, Storehouse Supervision, Housing and Transportation, functioned very successfully. This committee also acted as a clearing house for bringing together donors of garden plots and the unemployed desiring to work them. Prior to the availability of the Talbot Bill funds, relief was provided, supervised and handled by the West Chester Civic Association through the storehouse system, working in closest harmony with the County Poor Board and the State Unemployment Committee. During this depression period, a canning program was inaugurated, enlisting the services of 80 individuals and 12 organizations and clubs. 2000 jars of fruit and vegetables were preserved and handed over to the relief storehouse for distribution.

Throughout the years, goals have varied to meet the needs of the community as well as to include the National War Fund during the war years. The number of contributors has increased from 1874, the first year, to 4805, last year. The amount raised in a given year has grown from \$43,498.00 to \$74,100.00. During the depression years, agency allotments had to be cut due to failure to reach the goal. However, these cuts have now all been restored to the agencies still participating in the chest.

Those serving as presidents of the Civic Association have been—Morris B. Dean, Herbert P. Worth, Edward H. Jacob, W. O. Lamson, Jr., Henry N. Schramm, George J. Brinton, Thomas M. Slack, C. Rodney Jefferis, Samuel P. Cloud, Jerome H. Young, Jay H. Jefferis, Harry E. Cann, N. Harlan Slack, Thomas C. Gawthrop, Mrs. E. Page Allinson, Dr. Charles S. Swope, Norman D. George, William B. Brosius, Arthur T. Parke, Jr., E. Dean Stanton, Henry P. Corcoran, J. Dewees Mosteller, and Dr. William A. Limberger.

Clinton E. Moffett served as executive secretary from the time of its organization, until his retirement in 1945, when Mrs. Clarence M. Happersett was elected to succeed him.

The officers and members of the present Executive Committee are: Philip J. Reilly, President; Miss Jane D. Chalfant, 1st Vice President; Dr. Horace F. Darlington, 2nd Vice President; Mrs. Clarence M. Happersett, Executive Secretary; William B. Brosius, Treasurer; Mrs. E. Page Allinson, W. Waldo Hayes, Dr. William A. Limberger, Harold J. Schramm, Dr. G. Arthur Stetson and I. N. Earl Wynn.

The agencies participating in the 1949 Chest were—Boy Scouts of Chester County, Chester County Hospital, Family Agency of Chester County, Girl Scouts of Chester County, Meconkey Kindergarten, Memorial Hospital of Chester County, West Chester Community Center, West Chester Hobby & Model Club, West Chester Library Association, West Chester Visiting Nurse Association, Y.M.C.A. and USO.

RECREATION COUNCIL

In 1923, the Board of Governors of the Civic Association appointed a recreation committee to cooperate with the School Board, in working out a method whereby the funds raised each year, through the Community Chest, for a recreation program, could be better expended, and the recreation activities of the borough better planned and executed.

A recreation council, which included members of the School Board, was appointed in 1924. On July 1st of that year, Miss Irene D. Welty was appointed as full time director of recreation, supervising both the programs of the School Board and the Recreation Council. These activities included the summer playgrounds, community sings, band concerts, baseball, basketball, the July 4th celebration and Hallowe'en parade. Through the cooperation of Philip M. Sharples, the large lake at Greystone was made available for public swimming. This swimming activity ran from 1924 to 1941, when the property was sold and the lake was closed to the public.

Succeeding directors of the Council were Dorothy Bell, 1929-1929, and William Palmer Lear, 1929-1931. Under Mr. Lear's direction, the successful historical pageant of West Chester was produced.

In 1945, a joint resolution was presented to the Chief Burgess by the School Board, Borough Council and Recreation Council, recommending the appointment of a Recreation Commission for the borough. The Commission was appointed in the fall of 1946, and is comprised of two members of the School Board, two members of Borough Council and one member at large. The Commission now has full charge of recreational activities, and Harold I. Zimmerman is the director.

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION

On November 27, 1900, a meeting was held in the chapel of the First Presbyterian Church "pursuant to a call issued by seven citizens of the borough to discuss the propriety of organizing a Young Men's Christian Association in West Chester." The chairman of this meeting was Burgess John Thorp, and the secretary was James L. King. About 100 citizens of the borough were present.

On December 15, 1900, Dr. William K. Thorp was elected president of the board of directors, and Walter L. Philips was named recording secretary. The same month, Mr. H. T. Dyott, an assistant secretary of the Philadelphia Y.M.C.A., was engaged as the general secretary. Over the years, succeeding presidents of the association have been: Edward G. Brinton, I. Roberts Comfort, Morris B. Dean, Herbert P. Worth, C. Rodney Jefferis and the incumbent, Dr. Arthur E. James. Succeeding general secretaries served as follows: G. W. Nicely, N. G. Morgain, J. T. Ashbrook, S. W. Smith, S. F. Jenkins, A. J. Himmelsbach, A. J. Colston, C. O. Pierce, C. E. Moffett and R. A. Elliott, the incumbent.

The first home of the "Y" was the "Bell House," southeast corner of Church & Miner Streets, the decision to purchase being an act of the Board of Directors, December 24, 1900. Arthur P. Reid was then authorized to proceed with articles of in-



Y.M.C.A.

corporation and this action was effected January 29, 1901.

The Association has occupied its present attractive building at High & Chestnut Streets since the fall of 1908. The gymnasium section of the building was a donation of the late Philip M. Sharples, cream separator manufacturer.

The present membership of the West Chester Y.M.C.A. is 1,350, of which more than 800 are boys and girls. Its youth program is outstanding in the Y.M.C.A. movement.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

West Chester Council 1333, Knights of Columbus was organized May 17, 1908.

From 50 Catholic gentlemen who were Charter members, the membership has grown to 350.

The late Dr. John A. Farrell and William C. Moran were active in establishing a Council in West Chester. Fred J. Wahl was the first Grand Knight and Frank J. McGraw of Downingtown served as Deputy Grand Knight.

The first meeting place was over the old Post Office on South Church Street. Later, meetings were held over Grant's Store, 40 W. Gay St.

In 1912 a Home Association was formed for the purpose of acquiring a headquarters for the organization. The McCormick property at 110 W. Market Street was purchased in 1914, and remodeled to suit the needs of the then growing group.

The field on West Gay Street was secured in 1922, and for many years was used by the Council and students of St. Agnes School for athletic events. A gymnasium and club room were added to the home building in 1924.

Under the guidance of our Chaplain, Father Schuyler, it has always been the greatest privilege of our existence, as a group of Catholic men, to stand upon our spiritual principles in this, one of the most American of communities.

WEST CHESTER COMMUNITY CENTER

The Community Center was organized in 1914. Five years later it was incorporated, but it was not until 1934 that it was in position to offer an extended year the present building was officially opened.

The purpose of the Center is to provide recreational facilities and a meeting place for children, youth, and adults of the Negro population of the community; to promote health, character building, social life, good citizenship, and interracial cooperation.

It is managed by an interracial Board of Directors, consisting of Dr. Leslie Pinckney Hill, President, Cheyney State Teachers College, Cheyney, Pa.; Walter L. Philips, Vice President; Webster C. Herzog, Treasurer; Maria L. Brock, Secretary; and Mrs. Jean Kane Foulke, Mrs. Butler Windle, Mrs. Joseph R. Fugett, Miss Henrietta Mauldin, Thomas Hoopes, J. Dewees Mosteller, Edward B. Valentine, Fred D. Clarke, Robert H. Dean, Rev. J. C. Clark, Warren H. Burton, Raymond S. Himelright, Chalmer T. Miller, John Shay.



The Community Center provides extension service for the Cheyney State Teachers College, whose students assist with the training work of the Center.

The property, located at 500 East Miner Street, consists of a recreational building of two stories with auditorium suitable for assemblies, dances, indoor athletic games, dinners, and meetings of various organizations; and basement which has office, library and board room, kitchen, clinic room, kindergarten and game room, heating plant, and lavatories. Its spacious grounds are nearly two city blocks in area and provide for baseball and football fields, tennis and volley ball courts, play areas for smaller children, a band stand, and place for a contemplated out-door swimming pool. It is debt free.

A staff of employees consist of an executive secretary, a women's and girls' secretary, a physical director, maintenance man and assistants.

The Recreation Commission of West Chester provides the physical director and a part time assistant. It also assists with the maintenance of playing fields, and uses the grounds extensively for the recreational activities which it sponsors for both races.

The Center receives financial assistance from the West Chester Civic Association, the Levi Hood Elks Lodge, The Star Social Club, The Meconkey Kindergarten Board, Nathan Holmes Post of the American Legion, various others clubs and organizations, mem-

bership dues, and an anonymous donor. Its budget is approximately \$10,000.00 annually. It is not a tax supported institution. It is somewhat unique in its organization and management, and it merits the excellent reputation which is accorded to it by both races residing in the community.



CHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL, BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

The Chester County Council, Boy Scouts of America, was organized in 1918, a charter was granted by the National Council, January 9, 1919, and the Council was incorporated, June 6, 1921. From a start of 15 troops and 300 Boy Scouts, the membership has grown to about 3,380 men and boys. Norris B. Slack was the first Council president and in the years since he has been succeeded by Clyde T. Saylor, Dr. Samuel C. Schmucker, Robert W. Wolcott, Jay H. Jefferis, Dr. Charles S. Swope and the incumbent, Frederic Wiese.

Chief Executives of the Council have been Arthur A. Schuck (now Chief Scout Executive of the Boy Scouts of America), P. Henry Sluyter, Charles M. Heistand, Thomas J. Price and the incumbent, Louis Lester.

The administrative offices were first in the Farmers & Mechanics Building, then the Temple Building at 24 East Market Street, and finally, in 1942, the Council acquired its own office building at 125 North High Street. This was the gift of Mrs. S. F. Sharpless, in memory of her Eagle Scout son, 1st Lieut. Franklyn Sharpless, who lost his life in World War I.

One of the most appealing parts of the program is the Horseshoe Boy Scout Reservation, which includes 632 acres situated in the southwest corner of Chester County and including a portion of Lancaster County and Cecil County, Maryland. This reservation was acquired in 1928. Some forty buildings of various types serve the scouts camping here and the Reservation is in use throughout the year.

In April, 1945, a district camp site of 12 acres, situated a short distance east of West Chester was presented to the Council, by Mr. and Mrs. Harry F. Taylor.

During 1949 the officers of the Council are: The Honorable Owen J. Roberts, Chairman of the Board of Trustees; J. Frederic Weise, President; Charles S. Swope, A. P. G. McGinnes, Dr. J. Elmer Gotwals, Robert W. Wolcott, John H. Ware, 3d, Vice-Presidents; Jay H. Jefferis, Treasurer; W. Edgar Powell, Asst. Treasurer; Arthur McGinnes, Jr., Commissioner.



CHESTER COUNTY GIRL SCOUTS

On the same day in June, 1927, when young Charles A. Lindbergh was receiving honors at the White House for his famous lone flight across the Atlantic Ocean, Mrs. Herbert Hoover was attending a tea in West Chester at Greystone, the home of Mrs. P. M. Sharpless.

It was an inspiring day for young people, both nationally and in our Borough. For at this tea, Mrs. Hoover discussed with a group of local women plans for the formation of the first Chester County Girl Scout Council. Previous to this meeting Mrs. George Highley, Miss Martha G. Thomas, and Mrs. John R. Hollinger had felt a need to do something for the girls in this county. A few lone Girl Scout troops had already been formed in the county, but this was the first attempt to unite them.

In 1927, the first West Chester troop was formed at the Y.M.C.A. under the leadership of Dorothy Bell, an employee of the "Y".

On Friday, May 18, 1928, the new Chester County Girl Scout Council held its first meeting in the Health and Welfare Council Room in the Farmers and Mechanics Building. Margaret Montgomery (now Mrs. Harold Austin) was first Commissioner. Miss Thomas was Chairman of the Nominating Committee.

In 1929, a second troop was formed in West Chester at the Episcopal Parish House. Meanwhile, Miss Bell's troop had disbanded. The leader of the new Troop 15 was Milly Flynn, who, in 1931, became local Director, succeeding Mrs. Ward Wheelock who had been part time Director for four months preceding Miss Flynn's appointment.

In 1930, Mrs. William Meade Fletcher, Jr. became Commissioner, the year in which Camp Tweedale was purchased. Mrs. Fletcher had been Chairman of the Camp Committee in 1928.

From the beginning headquarters in the Farmers and Mechanics Building, the office moved later to its headquarters in the Hayes Building, on North High Street. In 1946 the Council moved into its present beautiful home at 14 South Church Street, which was presented by Mrs. Fletcher to the Girl Scouts of Chester County, in memory of her mother, Louisa White Coxe.

In 1946, also, the Borough Council of West Chester made possible the first experimental Day Camp, by permitting the Girl Scouts the use of Hoopes Park on Ashbridge Street. The experiment was successful and Hoopes Park has been used continuously for year round troop camping as well as day camping in the summer, with buildings constructed by the Girl Scout organization.

In terms of a Sesquicentennial, the Chester County Girl Scout Organization is a child. But it has been a very fast growing child. Today, in West Chester, there are 21 troops comprising 313 girls and 84 adult members. These 21 troops represent 6 Brownie troops (112 girls), 8 Intermediate troops (115 girls), and 7 Senior troops (86 girls).

THE WEST CHESTER HUNT

Fox hunting in this area is undoubtedly older than the town itself—Squire Cheyney was probably listening for hounds when he spied the "Red Coats" sneaking across Jefferis Ford, in 1777. But like everything else in history, it gets credit for being alive only when it is tied to a date, and West Chester is credited officially with the second oldest active hunt club in the United States, even though the date given is 1879.

At the time when the Club was organized the officers were Evans Rogers, President; J. J. Hickman, Vice-President; George A. Mercer, Treasurer; H. I. Brinton, Secretary; and Jefferson Shaner, Master of Hounds. However, it seems likely that Jeff Shaner was looking for help in supporting the pack of hounds which he had hunted since 1847. In his autobiography, Buffalo Bill records that, just after the Civil War, when he visited West Chester, he was one of a large crowd who watched "the best pack of fox hounds in America."

The West Chester Hunt has had and lost its race meets, its "Susie Paper Mill," its private feuds, and its hunt uniforms. But it has never lost its carefully bred strain of hounds, its long-legged local foxes, or its wonderful Chester County country, usually considered to be more like English hunting country than any other place in America.

Since its formal organization, the "masters" of the West Chester Hunt have been Jefferson Shaner, James B. Everhart (whose "The Fox Chase" is claimed as America's first hunting poem), Howard Sharpe, John J. Gheen, J. Charles Murtagh, and Vernon L. Hoffman. The present officers of the West Chester Hunt (some of them third-generation fox-hunters) are W. Butler Windle, President; Dr. Benjamin Price, Vice-President; J. Charles Murtagh, Treasurer; John E. Cornwell, Secretary, and Vernon L. Hoffman, Master of Hounds. The huntsman for the past 16 years has been Charles H. Sheller. There is no club house, but the new kennels at Miner Street and Bradford Avenue are adjacent to the location where the West Chester hounds have been quartered for nearly 50 years.

WEST CHESTER GUN AND ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

The West Chester Gun Club was organized about 1892, although a group shot before that time. On June 8, 1894, President David M. McFarland called a meeting for the purpose of arranging the new grounds and moving the club house. These grounds were located on South New Street, just beyond the Borough limits. The land was owned by Martin Darlington. Soon after its organization the practice of holding matches with other clubs was inaugurated. A special meeting was held on March 2, 1898, to change the name and secure a charter. A new charter was drawn up and the organization name changed to the West Chester Gun and Athletic Association. The new charter was dated March 14, 1898. Of those signing it, only one, Charles Sheller, survives.

In 1903, the club changed the location of its grounds to the farm owned by David Windle in West Goshen Township, near the old Fair Grounds. Here the club was active for many years. In 1937 a meeting was called to consider combining the West Chester Gun Club and the West Chester Skeet Club and to secure new shooting grounds. Suitable grounds were secured from the Philadelphia Electric Company at the Indian King, adjacent to the Pottstown Pike. At the new grounds, arrangements were set-up for four trap and one skeet layout.

Recently these grounds, which are one of the best layouts in this section, were purchased by the Club. Since February 2, 1938, the Club Officers have been Joseph W. Wertz, President, and Edwin E. Davis, Secretary.

WEST CHESTER FISH AND GAME ASSOCIATION, INC.

On June 24, 1937, a small group of enthusiastic sportsmen met to lay plans for a club which would act to improve fishing conditions in this section. On July 22 of that year, the club was formed and the first officers were Brinton Ross, President; Vernon Hoffman, Sr., Vice-President; A. R. Hockenbrock, Secretary; Eugene Walton, Treasurer. 107 charter members were enrolled.

Two years previous, in 1935, Clarence Miles, Fred Dutt and Roland S. Grubb, began pushing the fight for the elimination of pollution from the Brandywine Creek. Around this small group gathered others; they called themselves "The Friends of the Brandywine" and merged their energies to carry on a real fight for cleaning this stream. In 1937 this group joined forces with the then forming West Chester Fish and Game Association and continued with vigorous measures the project for a clean stream. It was their firm purpose and belief that the waters of the Brandywine should flow freely and cleanly from their origin to the Delaware, and give the City of Wilmington, Delaware, a source of pure water.

A program of raising pheasants and buying rabbits and trout, the latter to stock the streams adjacent to West Chester and the countryside surrounding it, has been continued. The total of fish and game stocked since the club was formed in 1937 is as follows: pheasants—5,982, rabbits—1,766, quail—853, fish—in excess of 260,000, including bass, trout, perch, etc. Harry Geisler is serving as President of the Club.

THE WEST CHESTER GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

West Chester Golf and Country Club was first organized as an unincorporated group at a meeting held in the home of Miss Margaret Walter, North High Street, West Chester, Pa., in 1898. It was decided to rent a tract of land known as "Forty Acres," situated on West Ashbridge Street, where a nine hole golf course was established. After playing at "Forty Acres" for a few years, the group was incorporated by Decree of the Court of Common Pleas of Chester County, dated June 4, 1900, signed by Judge William Butler, Jr. The application for incorporation and the charter stated the purpose of the club to be " the promotion of social intercourse among its members by providing and maintaining a place of enjoyment and suitable grounds for the playing of golf, and other games, sports and pastimes, and for the encouragement of the same."



COUNTRY CLUB HOUSE

The incorporators at the time of the granting of the club charter were: Carrol B. Jacobs, Samuel Marshall, T. W. Marshall, Benjamin W. Haines, Francis Jacobs, Percy Darlington, A. M. Holding, S. D. Ramsey.

The first officers of the corporation were: Carrol B. Jacobs, President; Dr. Charles R. Palmer, Vice President; Percy S. Darlington, Treasurer; Margaret Walter, Secretary.

Thereafter the club removed to the farm of Dr. Bringhurst, now the Leonard property, situated on the west side of the Wilmington pike, south of Rosedale Avenue, where the lane leading to the dwelling was the northern boundary of the club property; the dwelling-house now occupied by Mrs. Leonard was remodeled and used as the clubhouse.

After playing on the new course at that location for several years, the club executed a lease dated April 1, 1907, for the then Lowndes Taylor property, which ever since has been its location, situated on the North side of Ashbridge Street, between High and New Streets, and extending northward into West Goshen Township. A club house was erected on that tract in 1907, financed by a sum of money raised by some of the older members. A nine hole golf course was early established at that location, together with four tennis courts. Some years later the club house was destroyed by fire, leaving standing the fireplace and chimney in the living room. The present club house was then built on the same site and is considerably larger than the former one.

From time to time the golf course has been improved, especially under the direction of the late Frank S. Bicking, who, as Chairman of the Greens Committee, largely planned the building of new putting greens seeded with Rhode Island bent grass and surrounded by traps. The present course, with a few exceptions, is substantially the same as it was following the major changes initiated by Mr. Bicking.

When the club was first organized, the membership was quite small. The limit of members is now 250 active and family members, plus a number of intermediate, junior and non-resident members. Recently the membership has been filled and a waiting list of prospective new members is customary.

The 1949 Club Officers are: President, Gibbons Gray Cornwell; Vice President, W. Butler Windle; Secretary, Thomas C. Gawthrop; Treasurer, Arthur T. Parke, Jr.

WEST CHESTER HOBBY & MODEL CLUB, INC.

The West Chester Hobby & Model Club is a community project for all members of the family, established to assist those who have hobbies, and to interest all who would find greater interest in life through the establishment of a hobby.

The club was originally started by Howard Aldworth, who provided the quarters and the maintenance expense of the quarters, as well as the leadership required. The club grew and it was necessary to advance from a basement meeting room to larger and better equipped quarters. Mr. Aldworth interested the members of the West Chester Rotary Club in the project and the Youths' Service Committee of the club became active in the work. A board of directors was organized and, in 1947, the club was incorporated. A building was rented at the rear of 15 South Church Street and the rooms equipped with woodworking and hand tools, photographic equipment, etc.

The present officers are Samuel Slifkin, president; Leslie B. Schramm, vice-president; Joseph P. Yarnall, secretary; Gibbs G. Kane, Jr., treasurer. The governing board is comprised of 15 members.



HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

CHESTER COUNTY DAY

In the summer of 1936, a group of far-sighted men and women who loved the quiet and historic beauty of West Chester organized "West Chester Day." They chose the first Saturday in October as the official date. Old or historic homes, or houses filled with fine old things, were carefully selected and twenty-two houses comprised that first list. The following year the project became "Chester County Day." Because those same standards have always been followed, it has been possible to maintain the interest, both of Chester County residents and of visitors, from near and far.

History and the charm of other days are integral parts of life in Chester County, and the committee constantly adds new features to the Day to keep pace with the ever-growing interest. This year seven thousand copies of CHESTER COUNTY DAY NEWS, a free newspaper published annually, in August, and filled with county lore, will be printed. More than a thousand persons have already purchased CHESTER COUNTY DAY HOMES, a booklet of photographs of homes that have been opened. National magazines are eager to have articles about Chester County.

The heart of Chester County Day, however, has always been in West Chester, due to the fact that the Chester County Hospital, the beneficiary of the project, is located here. Mrs. William A. Limberger and Mrs. William A. Ball, Jr., have both been closely associated with the activity, as general chairman and business manager, respectively, since 1936, and with Mrs. Harry Brown Sammons, Mrs. G. B. Comfort, Mrs. Thomas W. Lumis, Mrs. S. E. Smith, Mrs. William E. Phillips, and Mrs. W. Gilbert Edge, comprise the 1949 executive committee. From the first list, Mrs. Francis D. Brinton has been of inestimable assistance in choosing the houses. A great many other prominent persons have served on the committee or on the advisory board. More than one hundred homes and historic shrines have been listed during those years.

This Sesqui-centennial year, West Chester and its environs will again be featured. Many gracious homes that provided the background for stirring events long ago invite guests to share the traditional hospitality for which Chester County has always been justly famous.

CHESTER COUNTY ART ASSOCIATION

The Chester County Art Association was an outgrowth of the first annual exhibition by West Chester artists held in the Y.M.C.A. auditorium on May 25-30, 1931. This exhibition was sponsored by the Recreation Council of the Civic Association. At that time William Palmer Lear was serving as Director of the Council. The prize winning painting at this exhibition was an oil by Emily L. Hoffmeier of the high school faculty. In the formation of the Art Association, Dr. Christian Brinton was the moving spirit.

One of the first activities of the Association was the inauguration of an annual exhibit and the establishment of a Sketch Club. The latter organization met in the home of Mrs. Gilbert McIlvaine, of Downingtown, but later moved to West Chester, having its headquarters in part of the Philadelphia Electric Building at Walnut and Chestnut Streets. Here Ethelbert W. Brown served as instructor for a time. The Sketch Club now holds its meetings in the Y.M.C.A. Auditorium.

The first exhibition of the Chester County Art Association was held at "North Hill" (the old Hartshorne property, now the Barclay Home) from May 15 to 21, 1932. This exhibit was one of the greatest ever held locally. Paintings and crafts were displayed in every room of the house. Paintings, furniture, sculpture, wrought iron, architectural drawings, jewelery, china, weaving, miniatures, photography, and student work were shown. The officers of the Association at that time were: Dr. Christian Brinton, President; N. C. Wyeth, Vice President; William Palmer Lear, Director; Delphine L. Hollingsworth, Secretary; William P. Morrison, Treasurer.

After holding a second exhibit at North Hill, the location was changed to the Art Center (formerly the DeHaven home, now owned by the public school). Here exhibits were held until 1946, after which it became necessary to move. Since this time exhibits have been held twice a year in the galleries of Anderson Hall at the State Teachers College.

At the time of West Chester's centennial, fifty years ago, the local artist, George Cope, was largely unheralded and unappreciated. Since that time his work has received its merited recognition. His realistic still lifes, usually of game birds, and his landscapes, are now highly prized. A more recent native son, Horace Pippin, disabled World War veteran and self-taught Negro artist, was born in West Chester, February 22, 1888. After the war, he again lived in West Chester until his death a few years ago. It was the late Dr. Christian Brinton who was largely responsible for recognizing Pippin's talent and helped organize a Pippin exhibit held at the Community Center.

The West Chester community has not only a growing number of native talented artists, but has attracted an increasing number of others who are sons by adoption. Prominent among those in the latter category are the members of the Wyeth family. In addition to contemporary talent, Chester County has an illustrious artistic heritage. The sculptor, William Marshall Swayne, the poet-portrait painter, Thomas Buchanan Read, and Bayard Taylor, as a watercolor artist, to mention but a few, have created a rich artistic and cultural heritage.

One of the major aspirations of the Chester County Art Association is that, long before West Chester celebrates her bicentennial, she may have here an art museum as a permanent home and suitable place for displaying past and present artistic creations. The current officers of the Association are: Albert M. Davis, President; John Frederick Lewis, Jr., 1st Vice President; Dr. Henry Pleasants, Jr., 2nd Vice President; Guy Fry, 3rd, Vice President; Mrs. Frederick R. Hertig, Secretary; Sara Sue Humpton, Treasurer. The officers of the Sketch Club are: Mrs. James E. Wood, President; Bernard Roney, Vice President.

THE WEST CHESTER BIRD CLUB

In March, 1910, the West Chester Bird Club was formed at the home of Dr. C. E. Ehinger to foster a knowledge of, and protection of birds, principally among school teachers. He was the first president and Lilian W. Pierce was first secretary. The second president was Thomas H. Jackson and the third was Isaac G. Roberts. They both died in office, and Vice-President R. Louis Lloyd became president. Miss Pierce and Treasurer C. Edwin Smith also both died in office.

The number of members steadily increased. However, the aim was never to secure a large number, but a group of people that would be congenial and vitally interested in birds. On its 25th anniversary it had about fifty members.

The Club holds meetings twice a month at the homes of members, from November to June, and makes trips into the country at various times, individually and collectively, to observe and study birds. There have been 130 varieties of birds seen in the West Chester vicinity. At the Club's request, Borough Council set aside the borough reservoir and grounds for a bird sanctuary.

The present officers are: Albert E. Conway, President; Miss M. E. Goodwin, Vice-President; Miss V. L. Findlay, 2nd Vice-President; Miss A. P. James, Secretary; and Mrs. M. P. Lloyd, Treasurer.

STAMP CLUB ORGANIZED 17 YEARS AGO

The West Chester Stamp Club was organized in 1932, by the following men interested in the hobby: L. Russell Albright, Charles F. Congdon and Paul S. Carnathan. A constitution and by-laws were drawn up and cards sent to men known to collect stamps. Meetings were held at various times at the home of one of the members. R. B. Weiler was elected the first president, and Paul S. Carnathan as secretary and treasurer.

In the early days, the late C. Edwin Smith gave the young club much in the line of advice and knowledge. He had one of the finest collections of United States stamps in this section and gave many years to the study of the paper, watermarks, color perforations and surcharges of our own stamps.

The club held its first exhibition in 1937 at the Art Center, through the cooperation of the Chester County Art Association and the West Chester School Board. Robert F. Brinton, at the time of his death, had one of the finest collections in this section. Much of Mr. Brinton's collection can be seen at the Chester County Historical Society.

The present officers of the club are: President, John J. Hetherington; Vice-President, Ira Makiver; Secretary, Eugene Montgomery; and Treasurer, R. B. Weiler.

WEST CHESTER PIONEER CORPS

The West Chester Pioneer Corps was organized in 1875, in preparation for the country's centennial year, and was at first known as the Centennial Pioneer Corps. It was composed of young men of the town and was principally a marching organization with social proclivities.

After the Centennial its name was changed and it became a political organization, adhering to the principles of the Republican party. For many years the late C. Wesley Talbot, former Burgess of West Chester, was its president, and at one time it had a membership exceeding 250.

As a marching organization, the men, resplendent in their red coats, white trousers, and carrying axes, participated in parades in all the towns of the county, and visited Philadelphia, Reading, Wilmington and other places. At Lancaster it led a parade headed by four elephants, symbolic of the G. O. P. It participated in several of the inaugurations of governors at Harrisburg.

In more recent years, its former political significance has been largely dropped, and it has become more distinctly a social organization. Former presidents have been the late Herman J. Smith and James C. Jefferis, while captains have been the late Howard Hawley and Charles W. Manley. The present officers are: President, Francis J. Hipple; Vice President, John J. Hetherington; Secretary, A. Wayne Elliott; Financial Secretary, J. Clement Cooper; Treasurer, Louis E. Dutt, Jr.; Executive Committee: Dr. Norman S. Darlington, Joseph M. Hampton, Wilmer T. Lewis, T. Parke Hayes and Raymond Cooper.

HOME CLUSTER

One of West Chester's oldest social and literary organizations, Home Cluster has behind it 72 years of activity, having been established in 1877. Despite changes in the pattern of life brought about by radio, television, and movies this organization has withstood this competition, albeit there may be more life now in the passive meetings or annual banquets than in some others. The current officers are Vernon Bates, President; Phebe Sheffield Wiley, Secretary.

Service and Women's Clubs

THE WEST CHESTER ROTARY CLUB

The Rotary Club is the oldest of the five service clubs of West Chester, yet it is of rather recent origin, having been organized March 24, 1921. At that time it became affiliated with Rotary International, from which it received its charter. The present president, John D. Jacob, is the 29th, the first being Alger C. Whitcraft.

Membership is by classification, set up according to the type of business or profession in which the member is engaged. In this way, representatives of the professions and well established businesses join together for acquaintance and fellowship with the best interests of the community as a goal. Problems of local and international interests are presented in the weekly meetings and a better understanding of them is established. The club becomes a sort of clearing house for its members in considering financial campaigns such as the Community Chest, Red Cross, Tuberculosis and Cancer drives. It cooperates with the borough council, school board, churches, movements for youth of the community and other worthy activities.

At present the enrollment of the club shows 100 members. Excellent relations are maintained with the District and International governing bodies. The founder of Rotary was Paul Harris, a lawyer of Chicago who, on February 23, 1905, met with three mutual friends to form an organization based on fellowship, friendship and mutual understandings. The local club has been honored by the district of which it is a member in having three of its members chosen as District Governor, namely, Dr. Samuel C. Schmucker (deceased), Henry N. Schramm and Dr. Charles S. Swope.

One of the major objectives of Rotary International is the cultivation of international good will. The Rotary emblem, the Rotary wheel, signifies the conveyance of power and movement, and its slogan, "Service Above Self," signifies its purpose. Present officers of the club are President, John D. Jacob; Vice-President, Dr. Elwood M. Spellman; Secretary, A. Wayne Elliott, Jr.; Treasurer, Ellwood G. Ruth; Sgt. at Arms, David Wiley.

B'NAI B'RITH

B'nai B'rith was organized in New York City in 1843 by a small group of Jewish idealists. Its purpose is to unite its membership in the work of promoting their highest interests and those of humanity.

In October, 1938, the West Chester Lodge was organized and given the number 1290. The first president was Morris F. Moore, Esq. The organization has participated in national and local movements for the common good and in finance drives has made distinctive contributions.

Following World War II the name was changed to The Allen B. Kodish Lodge of West Chester No. 1290, in memory of Flight Lt. Allen B. Kodish, member of the lodge, who lost his life over Germany. The president of the organization at this time is Herbert Kodish, and the membership is 82.

WEST CHESTER LIONS CLUB

The West Chester Lions Club is approaching its 25th anniversary. The club was chartered in what was then the Green Tree Hotel on January 26, 1925, with 32 members. At its organization meeting, Dr. Andrew Thomas Smith, then president of the State Normal School, became the club's first president.

Today, after nearly 25 years of amazing growth and activity, the membership totals slightly over 100 and the history of the organization shows innumerable acts of service to the community. Internationally, the Lions Club was organized on the basis of unselfish service and this is the purpose of each local club. The secretary is required to make monthly reports to the international body listing the acts of service performed by the local club. Chief among the activities conducted by the West Chester club has been its service to the blind and work toward prevention of blindness. The club has provided for the needs of the blind with such materials as talking book machines, radios, typewriters, magazines in Braille, white canes, etc. In the field of work for youth, the club has sent many children to camp, conducted athletic events and dances, and aided with scholarships.

The club slogan is an acrostic based on the name LIONS: *Liberty — Intelligence — Our Nation's Safety*. The club officers for the administrative year 1949-1950 are: President, Dr. James M. Andes; 1st Vice President, Merrill B. Cann; 2nd Vice President, George B. Comfort; 3rd Vice President, George F. Shaw; Secretary, Raymond A. Elliott; Treasurer, Lewis E. Young; Tail Twister, Gibbs G. Kane, Jr.; Lion Tamer, Walter H. Shepherd; Directors: F. Herbert Wharton, W. Waldo Hayes, Francis H. Shaw, Harold K. Wood, Dr. Albert T. Woodward and James K. Wambold.

EXCHANGE CLUB OF WEST CHESTER, PA.

The Exchange Club of West Chester, Pennsylvania, affiliated with the State and National Exchange Club, was chartered on April 11th, 1946. There were 37 charter members.

Exchange is a service club, participating in and associating with local projects. One of its principle projects is to interest the youth in various activities. to sponsor model aviation meets. Our first model meet was held in August, 1946, and was very successful. Model aviation meets, sponsored by the Exchange Club, are advocated strongly by both national and state organizations.

West Chester Exchange is also abiding in eye clinic work by financial support, enabling those in need to have necessary medical advice and treatment.

The President for the first year was Wm. R. Rodgers, E. Delmer Miller, President in 1947, John R. Bair, President in 1948, and Edwin Davis, President in 1949.

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL CLUB OF WEST CHESTER

The Business and Professional Club of West Chester, Pa. was organized in 1934 as The Business and Professional Girls' of West Chester. It is sponsored by the Baptist Church of West Chester. The name of the organization was changed to the present name in 1948.

There were ten charter members and the club now has a membership of 34 young business and professional women of various denominations. Club colors are blue and gold.

The purpose of the club is to develop Christian character and promote friendly relations among all religions and nations; also to contribute to worthwhile civic and social projects in the community of West Chester.

The following persons were officers when the club was organized in 1934: President, Miss Kathryn E. Smith; First Vice-President, Mrs. Frederick Pervear; and Recording Secretary, Mrs. Frank H. Still.

The officers for the club year, October 1948 to October 1949, are: President, Marian C. Pyle; First Vice-President, Mary Messner; Second Vice-President, Naomi Moore; Recording Secretary, Helen B. Greiner; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Robert M. Rowe; and Treasurer, Mrs. Aaron L. Rhine.

THE WEST CHESTER NEGRO BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S CLUB

This Club was organized September 17, 1940, at the Community Center. It was formed for the promotion and protection of Negro business and professional women and to create good fellowship among them. The Club aims to direct its energies toward united action for improving social and civic conditions, to encourage youth to train for business and professional work, and to aid Negro business by patronage.

Surveys have been made of the gainful employment of Negroes in West Chester, of local housing conditions for the Negro, and a forum on housing was held. The Club seeks to keep in touch with state and national legislation pertaining to its interests. It is affiliated with the National Association of the Negro Business and Professional Women's Club.

Mrs. Mildred Barkley was the first president of the Club while Miss Bessie Boyce is now serving in this office.

LYDIA TENT NO. 34

The Lydia Tent No. 34 of West Chester was organized in 1905 with 10 charter members. It is affiliated with the Grand Order of Tents. The parent organization was founded in 1847 in New York City. The motto of the organization is "Raising the Standard of Womanhood." In addition to local meetings of the Tent, annual sessions are held and an annual girls' conference is sponsored. The acting Superintendent of the local Tent is Jennie W. Shirley.

FLEUR DE LIS CLUB

This club was organized in October 1923, by Mrs. Deansey A. Empson as a unit of the Pennsylvania Federation of Negro Women's Clubs. The club's purpose is the general social improvement of the community. It has aided the Meconkey Kindergarten, the Girl Scouts, the Community Center and the Needle Work Guild. Scholarship funds are also raised. In 1948 on the 25th anniversary of the club, Judge Herbert Millen, of Philadelphia, was brought to speak at a community meeting in West Chester. There are now 14 members with the following officers: Mrs. Raymond Jones, President; Mrs. Cornelius Gaither, Vice President; Mrs. Raymond Pierce, Secretary; Mrs. Joseph Fugit, Treasurer.

THE GARNET FEDERATED CLUB

The Garnet Federated Club of West Chester was organized in April 1923 by Mrs. Deansey Empson. It is a member of the State Federation of Negro Women's Clubs and of the National Association. The objectives of the Club are to raise the religious, social, moral, and educational standards of women and children. The West Chester Club annually contributes to worthy community projects. The first person to serve as President was Annie Whippen while Mrs. Anna Corbin is now filling this office.

THE MARY B. TALBERT FEDERATED CLUB

On March 10, 1925, a group of women met at the home of Evelyn Reese and organized a club which was named "The Mary B. Talbert Club" after Mary B. Talbert, a pioneer in club work. The motto of the organization is "Lifting As We Climb."

In 1929, the Club became federated with the Pennsylvania State Federation of Negro Women's Clubs. It is also a member of the National Association of Negro Women's Clubs. The current membership of the Club is 20.

Among the projects of the Club have been to help find homes for blind women; to have a light placed at the Barnard Street bridge; to make donations to the Atkinson Hospital at Coatesville, to the Meconkey Kindergarten Milk Fund, to the Community Center, to the state scholarship fund for girls attending Cheyney State Teachers College, etc. Each Christmas baskets of food, fruit or cards are given to needy persons and shut-ins.

The first president of the Club was Evelyn Reese while Mildred Lampkin is now serving in this office.

THE LES AMIES FEDERATED CLUB

This Club was organized in 1942 by Mrs. Irene Valentine who was then president of the South-eastern district of Negro Federated Women. The Les Amies Club is composed of young Negro women who are concerned in promoting the welfare and advancement of young people. Under the Club's sponsorship, dances are held at the Community Center, contributions to scholarship funds are made, and assistance given to the senior Federated Club.

Les Amies started with 15 members. Mrs. Nancy Hill is the present president.

THE WEST CHESTER GARDEN CLUB

The West Chester Garden Club was started in 1925 by Mrs. Charlotte Waln and Mrs. James Newman Carter. The present membership is 60.

The objectives of the Club are to increase the knowledge of and interest in horticulture, to improve and beautify the towns of the locality and all roadsides—local, state and national, and to educate and take action in the field of conservation.

Together with these more serious objectives, holding flower shows and training in the art of flower arrangement have been among the major activities of the Club.

In West Chester the Club has planted the grounds of the Art Center (owned by the School Board), the grounds of the Public Library, made a planting around the Court House which stimulated the later, more elaborate planting, helped with the grounds of the Community Center, made roadside plantings at entrances to the town, including a memorial planting on the Downingtown Road.

The Club has sponsored lectures by prominent horticulturists and conservation meetings, all open to the public. It has held annual Christmas parties for children in the Public Library, made Christmas decorations for Valley Forge Hospital, has regularly sent and arranged flowers for Chapel and wards and given parties for the patients of this hospital.

The Club takes an active part in the Philadelphia Flower Show and the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society.

The present president is Mrs. Markley Stevenson of Haverford. Former presidents from West Chester were: Mrs. Charlotte Waln, Mrs. E. Page Allinson, Mrs. Renee Moffitt Keen, Mrs. Albert W. Hoopes, and Mrs. W. Butler Windle.

THE PLANTERS OF WEST CHESTER

A small group of women met at "Meadowview" the home of Ruth Edge Price, on April 25, 1932, to organize a garden club, to be known as "The Planters of West Chester." The object of the club was "to stimulate the knowledge and love of gardening among amateurs."

Miss Price was the first president and Mrs. Palmer Strode the secretary-treasurer. Officers now serving the club are Edith Lee, president and Mrs. Harold Fitzsimmons, secretary-treasurer.

THE COMMUNITY CENTER GARDEN CLUB

The Community Center Garden Club was organized soon after 1934, when the Community Center was established in its present location, in order to help beautify the grounds and to cultivate skill and interest in the growing of flowers. It seeks to stimulate interest in flower arrangements, suitable planting of shrubbery, trips to gardens, the holding of flower shows, and education in this field through films and lectures.

Mrs. Lewis DeVaughn is now president of this organization which is making a valuable contribution to the esthetic enrichment of the community.

WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION

The West Chester unit of this pioneer society was organized on March 4, 1884, in the Baptist Church with 20 women present. It was the first W.C.T.U. organized in Chester County. From 60 members reported at the first annual meeting, the membership has now grown to over 300. The Union conducts active work in the area of temperance education. Literature is distributed, parlor and mother's meetings are frequently held. Under the head of Evangelistic Work visits are paid to the County Prison and the County Home. Since 1895, a yearly treat of ice cream and cake has been taken to the family at the County Home. Efforts to promote local and national legislation in the interests of temperance have been constantly promoted. The present officers of the local Union are: Mrs. Charles S. Cook, President; Mrs. Laura W. Abbott, 1st Vice President; Mrs. Cloyd R. Baldwin, 2nd Vice President; Mrs. Henry W. Graff, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Clarence Johnson, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Newton R. Quinton, Treasurer.



ORIGINAL HIGH SCHOOL (On this site the present Jr. High School was built in 1917. At extreme right is the High School building—built 1905, burned 1947.)

Military History

MILITARY RECORD

Notwithstanding the fact that West Chester is known as a peaceful town, in whose founding Quakers had an active part, during the past 150 years she has never failed to supply her full quota of fighting men, and has a worthy military history.

During the Revolution, the Turk's Head Tavern and its surrounding territory was not only adjacent to the Battle of Brandywine and to Valley Forge, but many local men were in the American Army at that time. The Fourth Pennsylvania Battalion, commanded by "Mad" Anthony Wayne, had in it several men from the village of Turk's Head.

At the time of the "Whiskey Rebellion" in 1794 West Chester furnished a company of artillery and a troop of cavalry. The latter was commanded by Joseph McClellan, then Sheriff, who had served as a Captain of Infantry during the Revolution. Aaron Musgrave commanded the battery. Both the battery and the cavalry went West and assisted in quelling the rebellion.



MONUMENT TO THE 97th P. V.
MARSHALL SQUARE PARK

At the period of the War of 1812, a local infantry unit known as the "American Greys" was organized in West Chester. It was a part of the Second Pennsylvania Light Infantry. They saw no active service, however, as the war was soon over. Likewise in the Mexican War some of the detached local companies, supported by volunteers, sought to get into action but were not called. Some local men did enlist in other companies and saw active service under Generals Scott and Taylor.

At the time of the Civil War West Chester supplied an enormous number of men for the service. A total of 17 companies were recruited and others went out as emergency commands when the southern troops



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invaded Pennsylvania. Since the Civil War, the town has never been without command, and it has been represented by such colorful outfits as "West Chester Greys," "The Wayne Fencibles," "Delancey Guards," "Griffin Battery" and the "Zouave Company."

Again, when the call to colors was made on the occasion of the Spanish-American War, West Chester responded with many good men who saw service in this area of the nation's history. On August 6, 1909, Camp No. 49, United States Spanish War Veterans was instituted with 45 charter members. There are now 19 members. Meetings are held in the Municipal Building. Officers: Commander, Robert J. Sauter; Adjutant, Ralph Kent; Quartermaster, Robert J. Sauter; Historian, Maj. William S. Baird; Chaplain, Curtis H. Vandever; Patriotic Instructor, M. B. Crisman.



WEST CHESTER CAMP #49, U.S.W.V.

Company "I" has had a continuous history since August 10, 1875. On July 6 and 7, 1916, it was mustered in for service on the Mexican Border. In World War I, the Company was mustered into service

July 15, 1917, and mustered out of service at Camp Dix, N. J., May 4, 1919. On October 11, 1917, the 6th and 8th Regiments were joined to form the 111th United States Infantry. The men saw extremely heavy duty in the combat areas of France and 16 members of the Company were killed in action.

In World War II, Company "I", 111th Infantry, was inducted into Federal Service on February 17, 1941. In the fall of 1941, it participated in the Carolina Maneuvers. The regiment became detached from the 28th Infantry Division in the latter part of December, 1941, and was assigned to protection of important industrial plants in the eastern United States, with headquarters in Baltimore. About January 27, 1942, the regiment was relieved from this assignment and assigned to the Eastern Defense Command, with duties in the Chesapeake Bay Sector, giving protection to the Carolina, Virginia and Maryland coasts, with headquarters at Fort Monroe, Virginia. Its separation from the 28th Division became final with triangularization of the latter, effective February 17, 1942.

On October 27, 1943, it was relieved from assignment to the Eastern Defense Command and First Army, and departed for San Francisco Port of Embarkation. It arrived in Oahu, Hawaii, on November 12, 1943, and was placed in charge of a unit jungle training center and two amphibious training camps. On December 3, 1943, Company "I" was despatched to Makin in the Gilbert Islands, where it remained until March 23, 1944. After service at Kwajalein, the company left for Oahu, October 1, 1944.

The regiment re-formed in Hawaii before leaving for Peleliu in the Palau Islands on January 17, 1945, where it remained from February 1 to November 2, 1945, from which point it returned to the United States. It was inactivated at Camp Anza, Arlington, California, November 22, 1945.

The present Company was reactivated July 22, 1946, and received Federal recognition under the command of Richard J. Conner April 29, 1947. The present officers of the Company are: Captain, Jack M. Hines; 1st Lt., Thomas E. Blockson; 2nd Lt., Filmore B. Wood.

The headquarters of the Company is the Major John C. Groff Memorial Armory, High and Washington Streets, West Chester. This fine building was erected in 1916 as a lasting memory to one of the Company's great soldiers.

ROSTER OF COMPANY I, 111th INFANTRY, THAT LEFT WEST CHESTER ON FEBRUARY 27, 1941

Captain Lester R. Moffatt, 1st Lt. Albert G. Branyan, 2nd Lt. Gilbert D. Drexel, 2nd Lt. William T. Wallace, 1st Sgt. Henry A. Tuckloff.

SERGEANTS

Samuel W. McCarter, Andrew Milanese, Thomas Parise, Curtis H. Reeder, Chandler H. Rigdon, Theodore B. Smith, Earle F. Walton.

CORPORALS

Everett B. Choate, Richard J. Conner, John F. Gallagher, Arthur K. Gibson, Harry J. Hartshorne, Frederick R. Kurt, Alonzo A. Landers, Marshall E. Martin, Bernard A. McAteer, Albert R. Pizii.

PRIVATES 1ST CLASS

George E. Barron, Raymond W. Clements, Nicholas Dantos, John Friel, Charles B. Giancola, William R. Handforth, Ralph J. Herrington, Thomas I. Hibberd, James F. Kelley, Earl F. Lair, George E. Landers, George Messner, Samuel J. Parise, Frank Milanese, Edwin D. Miller, Fred R. Pizii, Mario C. Pizii, William B. Spence, Anthony L. Stancato, Abner W. Stewart, Richard C. Temple, Harold C. Walton, Ross E. Wayne.

PRIVATES

Dudley O. Anderson, Warren K. Andress, Martin Bergman, Aloysius M. Brauchle, George P. Burdick, Thomas W. Cairns, Russell A. Clark, George L. Comins, Pierino H. Cutilli, Felix S. Czarkowski, Homer J. Darlington, James J. Davis, Paul C. Foster, Charles J. Duffy, George R. Epp, Jr., Sebastian A. Fortino, John F. Fowler, John E. Fox, Warren E. Fry, Anthony T. Gianfrancesco, Roman A. Girafalco, Jack Goldstein, Louis G. Gosson, John T. Groff, Emilio R. Guido, Harold E. Hall, Russell G. Hinkle, Jack Indictor, William H. Kates, Walter E. Kaufmann, John W. Kristman, Ralph L. Laird, Rocco J. Marino, Albert Mazzio, William H. McKenney, William F. Miller, Robert J. Millison, William R. Moore, John C. Moran, Harry K. Morningstar, Vincent F. Moulter, Thomas E. Murphy, Horace Nass, Edward E. Parkinson, Francis Penna, Enos E. Phenneger, Samuel Pino, Louis A. Pizii, Ransome G. Rank, Jr., Bayne R. Rector, Clifford Reeder, Robert B. Rowland, Joseph A. Sabatini, Nick F. Sapone, Henry L. Seal, Howard F. Sheller, Curtis E. Simpson, Albert Small, Halsey F. Stanley, James T. Terrizzi, Donald C. Terwilliger, Albert H. Thomas, William W. Tryon, George K. Wallace, Lewis N. Weaver, Thomas E. Weitzel, George M. Worth, Charles T. Baldwin, Austin J. Bristow, Warren E. Brown, Robert E. Fox, Charles D. Hoffecker, James J. Janes, Herbert A. Kennedy, Harold E. Langford, John C. Melville, Marion A. Puccine, Edward C. Rigby, Frank S. Talley, Graydon L. Whitney.

The following local men left West Chester with Company I, 111th Infantry, but were not part of that unit, but, part of the 111th Infantry of which Company I is one of the units.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL JOSEPH M. REILLY, Commanding Officer, Third Battalion, 111th Infantry.

FIRST LIEUTENANT MORTON L. TALLEY, Regimental Intelligence Officer, 111th Infantry.

MASTER SERGEANT CHARLES M. GIBSON, Regimental Personnel Sergeant Major, 111th Infantry.

HAROLD R. PRYOR, Regimental Personnel Clerk, 111th Infantry.

MASTER SERGEANT STEPHEN J. REILLY, Headquarters 28th Infantry Division.



MAJOR JOHN C. GROFF MEMORIAL ARMORY

BERNHARD F. SCHLEGEL POST No. 134 AMERICAN LEGION

Following the organization of the American Legion in Paris in March, 1919, a caucus was called in St. Louis, Missouri, for the purpose of launching the organization. The County Commissioners of Chester County appointed John E. Johnson as a delegate to this meeting.



BERNHARD F. SCHLEGEL POST HOME

The official charter for the West Chester Post was issued August 25, 1920. It was assigned the number 134, indicating that it was the 134th such body to organize in Pennsylvania.

The first meeting was held in the Chester County Court House. Later meetings were held at the Y.M.C.A. When the time came to give the Post a name, the honor was awarded to the memory of Bernhardt F. Schlegel, who had been killed in action in France while serving with Company I, Sixth Regiment, Pennsylvania Infantry.

In 1920 a citizen's committee purchased and presented to the Legion as a home, the residence of the late Major L. G. McCauley, 22 West Chestnut Street.

The Legion has played important roles in the affairs of the State and National American Legion and has been active in service work in the community. A strong women's auxiliary is a valuable adjunct of the local Post. Service acts have included rehabilitation work for veterans and their families; child welfare work; visitations to veterans' hospitals; scholarship awards; junior baseball and so on. The Post instigated the famous "God Star Mothers Bill," which permitted the mothers of those who were killed in action in France in World War I to visit the graves at the expense of the government.

The sum of \$50,000.00 was raised in the fall of 1945 to remodel and enlarge the Legion Home. Opportunity arose, however, to purchase advantageously the mansion of the late Richard G. Park, North New Street Road. This was done, the home proper at 22 West Chestnut Street sold, and the new property was completely renovated to suit the needs of the organization. In addition to the fine building the surrounding grounds comprise 22 acres of sylvan beauty.

The first commander of the Post was the Hon. W. Butler Windle. The present officers are: Commander, Lewis M. Prutzman; First Vice Commander, Charles M. Gibson; Second Vice Commander, Edward H. Davis; Adjutant, Gheen M. Durborow, Jr.; Finance Officer, W. Edgar Powell; Chaplain, Tom Taylor Miller; Historian, William Palmer Lear.

NATHAN HOLMES POST No. 362 AMERICAN LEGION

The Post is named in honor of Nathan Holmes, a Chester County boy, who served with G Company, 368th Infantry Regiment, 92nd Infantry Division. Inducted into the service in West Chester, Holmes was killed while on patrol duty with his outfit on September 8, 1918.

The Post was organized October 23, 1919, with 13 charter members. The first officers were: Harry Evans, Commander; Franklin Lawrence, Senior Vice Commander; Edward Valentine, Junior Vice Commander; Cecil Dunlap, Adjutant; Earl Spangler, Finance Officer; Clifford Hopkins, Historian; Stanley McDowell, Chaplain; Herbert Thomas, Sergeant-at-Arms.

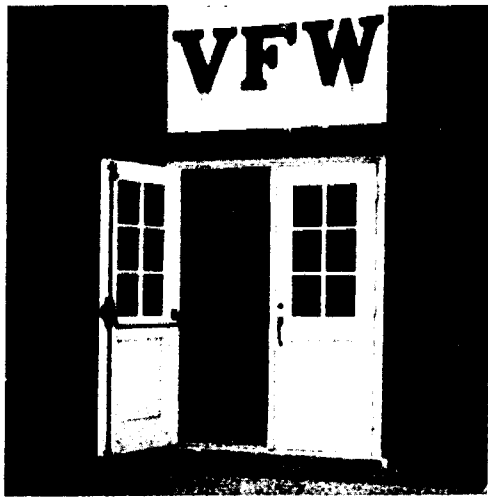
After meeting in various locations, sponsoring social events and community projects, the Post organized a popular Fife and Drum Corps. The Post dedicated its present home located at 301 East Miner Street on September 5, 1938. However, the lot at the northwest corner of Adams and Barnard Streets has been purchased with the anticipation of erecting on it a new Post Home.

In May, 1949, the Post had 76 members. The current officers are: James Ward, Deputy District Commander; Edward Valentine, County Service Officer; Warren H. Burton, Sr., Commander; Howard Grant, Sr., Senior Vice Commander; Dean Cummings, Sr., Junior Vice Commander and Adjutant; Cornelius Gaither, Finance Officer; William J. Johnson, Historian; Jerome Biddle, Chaplain; Stanford Henderson, Acting Sergeant-at-Arms.

BUTLER-O'CONNOR-McCORMICK POST #106 VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

On October 1, 1944, a meeting held in the Municipal Hall, West Chester, was the beginning of the local Veterans of Foreign Wars unit. At a meeting held in the State Armory three weeks later, the following were named as officers: Charles Walker, Commander; Joseph Reilly, Senior Vice Commander; Francis J. O'Brien, Junior Vice Commander; James J. Clancy, Post Quartermaster; John Pyle, Jr., Chaplain. Early meetings were held in rooms rented at 10 East Gay Street.

On January 14, 1945, the Post was officially obligated at a meeting held in the Knights of Columbus Hall. High officials of the Veterans of Foreign Wars were present. The new Post had over 100 members at this time which soon grew to 418. The practice of holding a military ball to raise funds was inaugurated at this time, a band was organized and the ladies auxiliary of the Post started.



ENTRANCE TO V. F. W. BUILDING

With growing numbers, the need for a permanent home became pressing. In 1936, the old nursery property on Maple Avenue was purchased with the anticipation of making the house into Post Headquarters, and having a baseball diamond, swimming pool and playground for children on the grounds. Way did not open for the carrying out of these plans, so the property was sold and the present Post Home at the corner of Market and Darlington Streets was purchased in 1947.

This building has been remodeled. An attractive banquet room, club rooms, and thoroughly modern kitchen have been installed. With an active Auxiliary and Home Association the Post has made marked progress since acquiring its new home. The current officers of the Post are: Jesse E. Huber, Commander; Clarence F. Hartshorne, Senior Vice Commander; Dominic DiArcangelo, Junior Vice Commander; Joseph Coleman, Quartermaster; Dr. Hugh Abernethy, Post Surgeon; Lloyd Crede, Chaplain; Thomas Riley, Post Advocate; Cheston Hall, Service Officer.

WEST CHESTER MEMORY CHAPTER AMERICAN GOLD STAR MOTHERS, INC.

On June 4, 1928, a group of 25 mothers met in Washington, D. C. to organize a national organization to be known as the American Gold Star Mothers, Inc. The West Chester Chapter, however, was not organized until May 3, 1948, at which time Mrs. Jennie Gilmore was active in its formation. Membership is open to any mother who is an American citizen whose son or daughter gave his or her life in World War I or II. The West Chester installation ceremonies were held at the American Legion Home on North New Street.

The mission of this organization is to assist all those who bear the sacred name of "Gold Star Mother" and to help each other bear the cross of sorrow which came through the sacrifices of their sons made for freedom and democracy; to work for the mutual benefits of all Gold Star Mothers, that their rights may be gained and protected; to minister, as best they can, to the disabled comrades of their sons, and to cooperate with all patriotic organizations in commemorating the deeds of our heroes, on May 30, and to encourage peace and harmony between all people.

The present officers of the West Chester Chapter are: Amelia Moses, President; Elizabeth Buchanan, Vice President; Hannah McCormick, 2nd Vice President; Virginia Thompson, Corresponding Secretary; Myrtle Engel, Recording Secretary; Dora Taylor, Treasurer.

WEST CHESTER GOLD STAR LIST WORLD WAR II

Clarence Pickhaver, Adon T. Wills, Arthur A. Steinmetz, Jr., Edward R. Davis, Harlan M. Philips, George N. Wright, Edw. Patrick McCormick, Samuel Neeld, William M. Wilds, Morton D. Talley, Jr., Walter Elwood Bevan, Frank R. Famous, Jos. Lawrence Corcoran, Joseph Pfuhl, Clarence Elwood McGirk, Albert Caraciolo, Herbert J. Garnett, John Edward McFadden, Louis H. Morrison, Emidio J. Falini, Warren T. Garrett, Jr., Joseph Byrd, George J. Ford, Ford J. Gurrell, Earl R. Terry, Charles J. Harley, James L. Ringold, Jr., Allan Kodish, Francis P. Lyons, and William Taylor.

U. S. POSTAL SCHOOL

The formal activation of Enlisted Branch No. 9, Army Administration Schools, February 19, 1943, brought to this borough the honor of being the site for the only school in the country to train Armed Forces for postal work during World War II. Lieutenant Colonel Joseph M. Reilly, of West Chester, assumed command on that date, with headquarters in the new Education Building, since named Anderson Hall, at the State Teachers College.

Rated as one of the finest institutions in the accelerated Army course, the postal school operated under orders of the U. S. Army, through the Adjutant General's School, Fort Washington, Md., and functioned separately from the State Teachers College administration.

Of the 6270 graduates of the school, approximately 3500 were instructed during the year the school was located in West Chester. After leaving here, the graduates were assigned to duty in this country and overseas, the delivering of mail from home to men and women in service all over the world being their responsibility.

Among the men from every state in the Union who went through the school after completing basic training, were four employees of the local post office. Paul Bruno, Anthony Sicoli and Gerald McCowan attended classes here, while Wilbur Morris was graduated at Camp Lee, Va., where the school was located after February 1944, continuing today as part of the Adjutant General's School now located there. All four men are still employees of the local post office.

Men were sent to West Chester every two weeks from Camp Lee, arriving at the railroad station and marching along the streets of the borough to Wayne Field. Classes averaged between 100 and 200, each class going through a six weeks' course of classroom instruction in old Recitation Hall, drilling on Wayne

Field and studying field problems on the Sheller farm in East Bradford Township. Wayne Hall provided living quarters for the soldiers and they ate chow in the college dining room.

Beginning with the graduation of Class 1, April 14, 1943, exercises were held every two weeks in Philips Memorial Building following a review on Wayne Field, with high ranking Army officers and civilians as speakers. Senator Edward Martin, then Governor of Pennsylvania, was guest on August 31, 1943, when there were 600 men at the school and the graduating class included four members of the WAC, two of them being mothers of men in service.

The late Colonel Reilly, who received the rank of full colonel while stationed here, worked with a staff of officers, non-commissioned soldiers and a WAC detachment. A veteran of overseas infantry duty, World War I, a former commander of Company I, and commander of the Third Battalion at the time of Federal induction in 1941, Colonel Reilly was assigned to the Postal School after having served with the Eastern Defense Command in Virginia. Along with residents of this community, the Commanding officer made every effort to make the stay of wives and families of officers and enlisted men a pleasant one in his

home town. Families from every section of the United States found living quarters here while the men were stationed at the school.

The WAAC detachment was sworn into the Army of the United States on August 18, 1943, and in addition to the usual graduation exercises, a military dance, to which the town people were invited, was given by the men in honor of the WACs and held in the Quadrangle on the campus. A nation-wide radio broadcast at the school and an "au revoir" party given by the townspeople in Philips Memorial building, were two highlights of the social phase of the school.

A manual on Army Postal Service to evolve a plan for handling mail should war come again was completed in 1920 by the War Department and Post Office Department authorities, because of inadequate postal service for Armed Forces in World War I. The manual was reviewed and put into readiness in 1940. A survey of colleges and universities in Pennsylvania during January, 1943, for the purpose of selecting a site for the Army Postal School, resulted in the local campus and buildings on the Church Street side of the State Teachers College being chosen for the location.

Mystic Rites

The Town Secret Societies

FRATERNAL ORDER OF EAGLES AERIE NO. 1720 was established on November 20, 1907. Their meetings are held in their home at 10 West Market Street. The Order also owns the adjacent building, 12 West Market Street. There are now about 800 members. Officers: Paul J. Brown, President; Melvin Ostenrider, Vice President; Daniel H. Sullivan, Secretary; John D. McGill, Treasurer; Trustees: J. H. Treston, Chester Sharpless, Frank G. Huss.

BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS LODGE NO. 853 was established on May 21, 1903. Their meetings are held at the Elks Home at 13 West Gay Street. There are now about 386 members. Officers: Richard T. Frisby, Exalted Ruler; Ezette T. Jones, Esteemed Leading Knight; Thomas A. Riley, Esteemed Loyal Knight; Frank B. Turner, Esteemed Lecturing Knight; Daniel J. Gallagher, Secretary; John L. Clower, Treasurer; Francis M. Oakes, Esquire; John T. Bennett, Inner Guard; Richard J. Barry, Tiler; Philip J. Reilly, Chaplain; Trustees: Claude S. Brubaker, Henry P. Corcoran, William R. Benner, George J. Moses, Ira J. Oakes.

FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS LODGE NO. 322 was established in 1858. Their meetings are held in the

Masonic Building at 10-12 South Church Street. There are now about 550 members. Officers: Arthur R. McClure, Worshipful Master; Edgar H. Haldeman, Senior Warden; William H. Jones, Jr., Junior Warden; J. Clement Cooper, Secretary; W. Edgar Powell, Treasurer.

HOWELL HOLY ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER NO. 202 was established on March 16, 1866. Their meetings are held in the Masonic Building at 10-12 South Church Street. There are now about 175 members. Officers: Harold C. Cann, Most Excellent High Priest; J. Rowland Reed, King; Warren E. Gray, Scribe; Rudolph B. Weiler, Treasurer; J. Irwin Shaffer, Secretary; Trustees: Harold A. Famous, Lawrence E. Folchman, C. Eugene Walton, William M. Hutton, Representative in Grand Chapter.

BRANDYWINE COMMANDERY NO. 88 was established on June 28, 1913. Their meetings are held in the Masonic Building at 10-12 South Church Street. There are now about 140 members. Officers: J. Paul Mosteller, Commander; Warren R. Gray, Generalissimo; Linwood C. Hannum, Captain General; W. Edgar Powell, Treasurer; Rudolph B. Weiler, Recorder.

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR CHAPTER NO. 352 was established on May 21, 1921. Their meetings are held in the New Century Club at High and Lacey Streets. There are now about 263 members. Officers: Mrs. Isabel McC. Sylvester, Worthy Matron; Mr. G. Steward Michener, Worthy Patron; Mrs. Marguerite M. Fetters, Asso. Matron; Mrs. Helen McC. Seldomridge, Conductress; Mrs. Elizabeth McC. Martin, Asso. Conductress; Mrs. Mary C. Madeira, Secretary; Mrs. Abbie G. Dunn, Treasurer.

LADIES AUXILIARY BRANDYWINE COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR NO. 88 was established in 1913. There are now about 50 members. Their meetings are held in the Masonic Building, West Chester. Officers: Mrs. Herman G. Williamson, President; Mrs. William M. Hutton, Vice-President; Mrs. Plummer Jefferis, Second Vice President; Miss Dorothy Folchman, Secretary; Mrs. George Dewees, Treasurer.

ITALIAN SOCIAL CLUB was established on August 31, 1912. Their meetings are held in their home at 430-32 Hannum Avenue. The Club has about 350 active members, 600 social members. Officers: Nicholas Tavani, President; Benito Silvestri, Vice-President; Dorino Izzi, Treasurer; Frank Bruno, Financial Secretary; Cesare Di Marzio, Corresponding Secretary; Trustees: Anthony J. Bruno, Chairman; Loreto Spaziani, Anthony J. Sicolo, Thomas Sicoli, and Philip Silvestri.

CAPT. LEVI HOOD LODGE NO. 159, I.B.P.O.E. was established on November 18, 1908. Their meetings are held in their own hall at 200 East Market Street. Officers: Charles A. Melton, Exalted Ruler; Robert H. Dean, Financial Secretary; Hampton Barnes, Jr., Recording Secretary; Robert M. Day, Treasurer; C. H. Gaither, D.D.S., Dental Director; William H. Smith, Jr., Chairman of Education. Trustees: Edward B. Valentine, Jeremiah F. Harmon, Norman Demby, Nelson Williams, Stanford Henderson.

LOYAL ORDER OF MOOSE LODGE NO. 908 was established on August 24, 1915. Their meetings are held at 137 North High Street. The Lodge now has about 1166 members. Officers: Harry Yohn, Governor; Walter Bradley, Junior Governor; Harry Velke, Jr., Prelate; Theodore Ferguson, Secretary; Crawford Welsh, Treasurer; Harvey Mullen, Past Governor; Trustees: John Kenworthy, E. L. McFadden, William Thompson.

POCAHONTAS LODGE NO. 42, INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS, was established on June 19, 1848. Their meetings are held in their home at 24 East Market Street. There are now about 205 members. Officers: Lawrence E. Lawton, Noble Grand; Maurice J. Darlington, Vice Grand; Clarence E. Smith, Sr., Recording Secretary; Howell E. Chambers, Financial Secretary; T. Willard Cooper, Treasurer; Trustees: William J. Stalker, E. J. Mullen, Clyde L. Douglas, Sr., William C. Barrett, Charles W. Tomlinson.

FLORENTIA REBEKAH LODGE NO. 203, I.O.O.F., was established on April 11, 1889. Their meetings are held in the Odd Fellows Hall at 24 E. Market Street. There are now about 98 members. Officers: Marian Kofke, Noble Grand; Mabel Fell, Vice Grand; Gertrude Lilley, Recording Secretary; Hazel Stalker, Financial Secretary; Dorothy Roberts, Treasurer; Betty MacFadden, Warden; Helen Chambers, Conductor; Della Johnson, Chaplain; Margaretta Mullin, Past Noble Grand; Naomi Lessig, Inside Guard; Elsie Sill, Outside Guard; Katharine Rigg, Musician; Harriett Buckwalter, Flag Bearer.

STAR SOCIAL CLUB was established in April, 1896. Meetings are now held in their home at 212 East Market Street. From a beginning of 24, membership has grown to 188. Officers are: Lewis A. Jackson, President; Clarence Smith, Vice President; John W. Steele, Financial Secretary; William Streets, Recording Secretary; Norman J. Demby, Treasurer; William Byrd, Chaplain; Trustees: Norris Aston, Levi Jackson, Hampton Barnes, Jr.

UPPOWOC TRIBE NO. 47, INDEPENDENT ORDER OF RED MEN, was established on December 23, 1858. Their meetings are held at 218 No. Church Street. There are now about 375 members. Officers: Ellis Cunningham, Sachem; Howard Hemphill, Senior Sagamore; Frederick Knight, Junior Sagamore; Nelson Wheeler, Prophet; Charles R. Aldworth, Chief of Records; Ira D. Makiver, Keeper of Wampum; Martin Cohen, Collector of Wampum.

GUIDO BACCELLI LODGE NO. 687, ORDER OF SONS OF ITALY, was established on March 4, 1917. Their meetings are held in the Italian Social Club Hall at 442 Hannum Avenue. There are now about 250 members. Officers: Joseph Malavolta, Venerable; Sante Donia, Ass. Venerable; Joseph Calista, Treasurer; Cesare DiMarzio, Financial Secretary; Anthony J. Bruno, Corresponding Secretary; Elia Cipolla, Orator; Dominic Sicoli, Mistress of Ceremonies; Mary Bouney, Master of Ceremonies; Beeny D'-Andrea, Guard. Trustees: Benito Silvestri, Alfonso Umani, Carmela DiSabatino, Nicoletta Spaziana, John Cataldi.

WEST CHESTER FOREST NO. 22, TALL CEDARS OF LEBANON, was established in November, 1910. Their meetings are held in the New Century Club at High and Lacey Streets. There are now about 650 members. Officers: Olin R. Fisher, Grand Tall Cedar; Charles A. Spellman, Jr., Senior Deputy Grand Tall Cedar; Reubin Bair, Junior Deputy Grand Tall Cedar; Arthur R. McClure, Scribe; W. Edgar Powell, Treasurer.

VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S RELIEF ASSOCIATION was established on February 6, 1896. Their meetings are held, in rotation, at the three different local fire company buildings. There are now approximately 900 members. Officers: J. Herbert Chambers, Jr., President; William McGrogan, Treasurer; Ralph B. Watson, Secretary.

CHESTER COUNTY CAMP No. 650, WOODMEN OF THE WORLD, was established on July 8, 1924. Their

meetings are held at 441 North Walnut. There are now approximately 70 members. Officers: Howard P. Supplee, Consul Commander; Warren B. Evanson, Adviser Lieutenant; William M. Hutton, Banker; Edwin E. Davis, Secretary; Lewis C. Smith, Escort; Samuel J. Bean, Sentry; Harry Harvey, Watchman. Trustees: George H. McMullen, John Armstrong, J. Walter Rodeback.



HIGH SCHOOL STADIUM
SCENE OF THE HISTORICAL PAGEANT — 1949

THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The West Chester Board of Trade was chartered January 30, 1888, with Thomas Hoopes as the first president.

It officially became the Chamber of Commerce of West Chester, Penna. on September 28, 1948.

The object and purpose of the Chamber of Commerce is the advancement of the commercial, industrial, agricultural, educational, cultural, civic and general interests of the Borough of West Chester and its trading area.

Since the inception of the Board of Trade in 1888, it has been the agency through which new industries have been encouraged and assisted in locating in the area. It has been zealous in encouraging within its organization and among the people of West Chester and vicinity, a broad and liberal spirit, which has been responsible in part for the general prosperity of the area. Over the years it has collected and dis-

seminated information setting forth the advantages of the area for commercial, mercantile and manufacturing purposes, as well as extolling the advantageous living conditions to be found here, in this community of lovely homes.

The Chamber of Commerce has always endeavored to cooperate with Municipal officials on matters of mutual interest and for the improvement of government or facilities that make for gracious living.

Officers for the year 1949 are as follows: President, GEORGE B. COMFORT; 1st Vice President, CARL B. MCFARLAND; 2nd Vice President, E. DELMER MILLER; Treasurer, J. HARRY THOMAS; Secretary, CHARLES E. FORBES.

Board of Governors: AARON GREENBAUM, '49; WILLIAM R. RODGERS, '49; DANIEL S. BEAN, '50; WALTER H. SHEPHERD, '50; ALVIN N. DAVIS, '51; CHARLES E. LUCAS, JR., '51; HENRY P. CORCORAN, Immediate Past President.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Committee in charge of the preparation of this book hereby wishes to acknowledge its particular appreciation and gratitude to that considerable number of people who have given so generously of their time, talent, and energy, to make possible this tangible memento of West Chester's Sesqui-Centennial Celebration. The cheerful and cooperative assistance, which has been so enthusiastically forthcoming augurs well for the future health and happiness of our town as she faces the next half century.

1814 — 1949

Directors

GEORGE D. BALDWIN
WILLIAM B. BROSIUS
HARRY E. CANN
GIBBONS G. CORNWELL
THOMAS C. GAWTHROP
BENJAMIN W. HAINES
THOMAS HOOPES, JR.
WILMER W. HOOPES
WILLIAM A. LIMBERGER, M. D.
JOSEPH W. SHARP, JR.
JOHN R. THOMAS
WILLIAM VANDEGRIFT
I. N. EARL WYNN



Officers

WILMER W. HOOPES,
Chairman of the Board
WILLIAM B. BROSIUS,
President and Trust Officer
BENJAMIN W. HAINES,
Vice-President
W. EDGAR POWELL
Vice-President
CHARLES E. FORBES,
Cashier
J. CLEMENT COOPER,
Ass't Cashier
WILLIAM H. CLARK,
Ass't Cashier
GEORGE W. KLENK
Mtge and Real Estate Officer
JAMES K. WAMBOLD
Associate Trust Officer
WILLIAM M. KLOSE,
Ass't Trust Officer

JUNE 30, 1949

Capital Funds \$1,746,000. — Deposits \$11,915,000.

The Bank of Chester County opened for business on November 11, 1814, 15 years after the Borough of West Chester was incorporated.

The Legislature of Pennsylvania, by a special Act of Assembly in 1814, authorized the establishment of 41 banks in Pennsylvania, one of which was to be in Chester County. The Bank of Chester County was promptly organized and for 43 years enjoyed the distinction of being the only bank in Chester County.

The first banking house was located in rooms over the County offices, at the northwest corner of High and Market Streets, but soon moved to what is now an office building at 13 N. High Street.

By 1835 its ever increasing business required a new and more commodious home. Thomas U. Walter, one of the leading architects of the country, was selected to prepare the plans. He was a favorite architect in West Chester having designed Memorial Hall, the First Presbyterian Church, and the Court House. It is interesting to note that he also designed the wings and the dome of the Capitol at Washington.

The new building was completed in 1837. Classic in its architecture, the banking house was beautiful and impressive; a building of marked symmetry and beauty. Its marble portico and its noble Doric columns made it the most outstanding building of the Borough.

For fifty years the Bank of Chester County prospered as a state institution, weathering successfully the panics of 1837 and 1857. When the National Banking System was set up in 1863, the Bank of Chester County decided to surrender its state charter. A National Charter was granted in 1864 at which time the name of the bank was changed to The National Bank of Chester County.

During the next sixty-four years, the banking house was repeatedly remodeled and enlarged to provide for the steadily expanding business of the institution. In 1928 larger quarters again became a necessity and a new building was constructed to furnish the most modern and efficient banking facilities possible. The fine architecture of the front, however, was preserved substantially intact because of its inherent beauty and historic value.

In 1814, when the bank came into existence, West Chester was a town of 500 persons. The development and growth of West Chester into the beautiful and substantial community of today attests to the wisdom and character of its leaders as well as the industry and thrift of its citizenry. The National Bank of Chester County and Trust Company has kept pace with the development and growth of the Borough. It congratulates the Borough on this century and a half of progress and looks forward to the challenging future with confidence.

The Presidents

COLONEL JOSEPH MCCLELLAN... 1814
JAMES M. GIBBONS... 1816
RICHARD THOMAS... 1819
WILLIAM DARLINGTON, M.D.... 1830
JOHN MARSHALL... 1863
WALTER HIBBARD... 1873
WASHINGTON TOWNSEND... 1879
WILLIAM P. MARSHALL... 1894
J. PRESTON THOMAS... 1901
THOMAS W. MARSHALL... 1905
SAMUEL MARSHALL... 1924
WILMER W. HOOPES... 1928
WILLIAM B. BROSIUS... 1946

The Cashiers

DANIEL HIESTER... 1814
DAVID TOWNSEND... 1817
WASHINGTON TOWNSEND... 1849
WILLIAM W. JEFFERIS... 1857
PAUL F. WHITEHEAD... 1883
I. CAREY CARVER... 1884
GEORGE HEED... 1913
JOSEPH F. HILL... 1923
WILLIAM B. BROSIUS... 1939
CHARLES E. FORBES... 1946

NATIONAL BANK OF CHESTER COUNTY
AND TRUST COMPANY
WEST CHESTER, PENNSYLVANIA

Presidents

GEORGE BRINTON..... 1863
 WILLIAM WOLLERTON..... 1869
 ALFRED P. REID..... 1898
 MARSHALL S. WAY..... 1912
 ARTHUR P. REID..... 1920
 SAMUEL P. CLOUD..... 1932



Cashiers

WILLIAM S. KIRK..... 1863
 JAMES G. MCCOLLIN..... 1867
 THOMAS W. MARSHALL..... 1868
 ENOS E. THATCHER..... 1873
 FRED W. WOLLERTON..... 1886
 WILLIAM C. HUSTED..... 1902
 SAMUEL P. CLOUD..... 1917
 J. HARRY THOMAS..... 1932

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF WEST CHESTER

On December 10th, 1863, The First National Bank of West Chester was chartered, and on January 2, 1864, it opened for business, with a capital of \$100,000, which in the same year was increased to \$200,000. It was the first bank to be organized in Chester County under the United States National Banking laws, and among the first in the United States, its charter being No. 148.

JUNE 30, 1949

Capital.....	\$ 200,000.00
Surplus.....	800,000.00
Undivided Profits.....	171,780.54
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	\$1,171,780.54

JUNE 30, 1949

Deposits

Demand.....	\$ 6,878,583.15
Time.....	4,615,894.79
War Loan.....	64,375.36
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	\$11,558,853.30

1949

OFFICERS

SAMUEL P. CLOUD, President	CHARLES B. SMILEY, Asst. Cashier
W. PERRY TYSON, Vice-President and Trust Officer	JOHN B. SHAY, Asst. Cashier
J. HARRY THOMAS, Cashier	T. WILLARD COOPER, Asst. Trust Officer
LEWIS E. YOUNG, Vice-President	

Directors

SAMUEL P. CLOUD	JAY H. JEFFERIS	BENJAMIN PRICE
HARRY G. FAIRLAMB	GEORGE K. MCFARLAND	N. HARLAN SLACK
DOUGLAS GILPIN	WARREN F. MITCHELL	W. PERRY TYSON
VERNON L. HOFFMAN		CHANNING WAY

Member Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation

THE DIME SAVINGS BANK OF CHESTER COUNTY WEST CHESTER, PA.

Presidents

ALFRED P. REID.....1890
 THOMAS E. PARKE.....1912
 GEORGE MORRIS PHILIPS..1913
 PLUMMER E. JEFFERIS.....1920
 ARTHUR T. PARKE.....1925
 EDWARD W. YOUNG.....1934
 C. RODNEY JEFFERIS.....1942



Cashiers

HORACE M. PHILIPS.....1890
 JOHN A. RUPERT.....1893
 SAMUEL MARSHALL.....1904
 HOWARD H. PLANK.....1923
 WARREN G. CARSON.....1935
 WILLIAM A. COSGRIFF.....1947

The only Mutual Savings Bank in Chester County and one of seven in Pennsylvania.

The Bank opened for business at 11 North High Street in 1890, but very shortly thereafter moved across the Street to 14. In 1938, it moved into its present building at 5 North High Street.

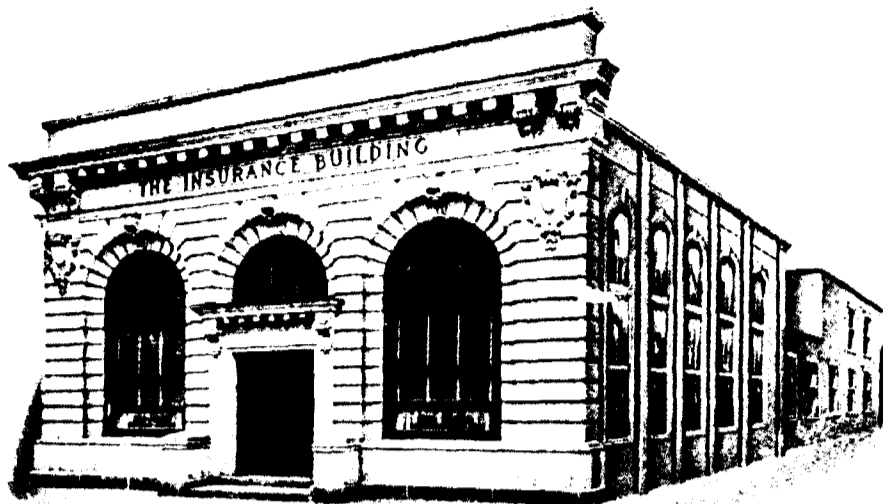
On June 30, 1949, its deposits were \$7,030,009.42 and its Capital Funds were \$684,758.81.

The following is a list of the present Officers and Trustees:—

C. RODNEY JEFFERIS . . . . .	. . . . .	President
WARREN G. CARSON . . . . .	. . . . .	1st Vice-President
HARRY F. TAYLOR . . . . .	. . . . .	2nd Vice-President
BENJAMIN W. HAINES . . . . .	. . . . .	Secretary
EDWARD F. BRACKEN	WILLIAM G. GORDON	WILMER W. HOOPES
DAVID E. CLOUD	THOMAS P. HARNEY	ASHMORE C. JOHNSON
THOMAS C. GAWTHROP	B. REED HENDERSON	R. GRIER MILLER
DOUGLAS GILPIN	VERNON L. HOFFMAN	

WILLIAM A. COSGRIFF, Cashier
 ELIZABETH B. HALEY, Ass't. Cashier
 HOWARD F. TROUTMAN, Solicitor

MEMBER FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION



PENN MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY

The Ancient Chinese before undertaking the perilous trip down the Yellow river divided his cargo with other boats making the trip so that if a boat were lost the cargo loss was divided among all the boats making the trip together. This was a form of insurance—dividing the risk among many boats so no one could have a total loss. In America, Benjamin Franklin helped organize the first mutual fire insurance company in 1752, so that mutual insurance is the oldest form of American insurance.

Penn Mutual Fire Insurance Company was established in 1867. The first office was almost directly opposite our present home. They moved to larger quarters at 24 West Market Street, next to the McConkey building, now the Court House Annex, then to the property now occupied by the Dime Savings Bank and finally in 1937 to our present home, formerly the site of the first railroad station in West Chester.

The Company is licensed to do business in thirteen states. Assets have increased to more than two million dollars. Surplus to more than one and a quarter million dollars.

The officers are: President, H. P. PASSMORE; Vice-President and Treasurer, C. RODNEY JEFFERIS; Secretary, WALTER CRAIG; Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, EARL C. SUPLEE.

The directors are: H. P. PASSMORE, EDGAR I. GRIFFITH, STEPHEN L. MOORE, C. RODNEY JEFFERIS, W. EMMERT SWIGERT, LYMAN A. KRATZ, THEODORE R. GRIFFITH, WALTER CRAIG, ELLWOOD G. RUTH.

PENN MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY
West Chester, Pennsylvania

The West Chester Building and Loan Association

In the office of Enoch Harlan and Son, 40 West Gay Street, on January 5, 1870 a meeting was called by James H. Naylor, Pearson Embree, James D. Burns, Jasper Darlington, and others to have an interchange of view and sentiment as to the need of organizing a building and loan association in the Town of West Chester. Five days later the above gentlemen with some 30 other citizens of the community met to further discuss the organization of The West Chester Building and Loan Association. On January 10, 1870 the following became the first officers of the Association: JAMES H. NAYLOR, President; THOMAS W. HARLAN, Secretary; JOHN F. INGRAM, Treasurer. Directors elected at this time were: THEO. P. APPLE, H. C. BALDWIN, JAMES D. BURNS, GEORGE KERR, JOHN G. ROBINSON, EVANS ROGERS, T. T. SMITH, THOMAS TOWNSEND, and WILLIAM WELCH. 451 shares of stock were subscribed at this meeting.

The Fame Fire Company offered their meeting rooms as a place to hold the Association's meetings. Later the meeting place was changed to the Borough Hall and continued there for many years. Dues and other payments were made to the Secretary who had office space in The First National Bank Building, North High Street. Growth continued so that in 1945 the Association purchased and renovated its present building at 35 West Market Street where it now conducts its business.

The current officers are N. HARLAN SLACK, President; BENJAMIN W. HAINES, Vice-President; ELLWOOD G. RUTH, Vice-President; NATHAN R. RAMBO, Treasurer; FLORENCE L. CROWE, Secretary; W. WALDO HAYES, Solicitor. **The present Directors are:** SAMUEL P. CLOUD, FLORENCE L. CROWE, WILLIAM E. GILBERT, BENJAMIN W. HAINES, CASPER P. HICKS, JOHN D. JACOB, JAY H. JEFFERIS, JAMES G. LUDWIG, J. DEWEES MOSTELLER, NATHAN R. RAMBO, ELLWOOD G. RUTH, N. HARLAN SLACK, HOWARD F. TROUTMAN, ESQ.

As of December 31, 1948 the Association had 12,768 shares in force, mortgage loans of \$869,882., and assets of \$1,162,970.

Chester County Building and Loan Association

The Chester County Building and Loan Association was chartered in January, 1920, with headquarters in the Chester County Trust Company Building on East Gay Street. Association meetings being held in Municipal Hall. The Association was organized to encourage systematic saving and to assist people in becoming home-owners.

The first Officers were: THOMAS W. BALDWIN, ESQ., President; DAVIS R. EACHUS, Secretary; LEWIS K. STUBBS, Treasurer; and EDWARD W. YOUNG, Solicitor. **The original Directors were:** THOMAS W. BALDWIN, ESQ., THOMAS T. CROSLEY, HENRY V. DEHAVEN, JOHN B. R. HEED, VERNON L. HOFFMAN, JOHN F. KERWIN, J. L. MEREDITH, JR., WARREN F. MITCHELL, ELBERT N. PUSEY, ESQ., JAMES E. PYLE, J. EVERTON RAMSEY, W. LOGAN ROBERTS, WILLIAM P. SHARPLESS, JOHN H. SPEER, JR., and LEWIS K. STUBBS.

After the first year of operation there were 2,050 shares in force, assets were \$29,302., and first mortgage loans \$26,800. The Association has continued to grow in the intervening years and, as of December 31, 1948, there were 15,000 shares in force, with assets of \$1,404,441 and first mortgage loans of \$1,275,338.

For the past several years the home of the Association has been in the Masonic Building, 12 South Church Street, with full-time office, board-room and settlement facilities.

The present Officers are: THOMAS T. CROSLEY, President; VERNON L. HOFFMAN, 1st Vice-President; WARREN F. MITCHELL, 2nd Vice-President; DAVIS R. EACHUS, Secretary; VIVIAN T. FAHNESTOCK, Asst. Secretary; DR. THOMAS W. LUMIS, Treasurer; ELBERT N. PUSEY, ESQ., Solicitor. **Those now serving as Directors are:** J. CLEMENT COOPER, THOMAS T. CROSLEY, HENRY V. DEHAVEN, DAVIS R. EACHUS, FRANCIS J. HIPPLE, VERNON L. HOFFMAN, DR. CHARLES M. KERWIN, DR. THOMAS W. LUMIS, CLINTON R. MOSTELLER, ELBERT N. PUSEY, ESQ., HENRY N. SCHRAMM, J. BURTON SIMON, JOHN H. SPEER, JR., and HAROLD K. WOOD, ESQ.

MITCHELL'S MEN'S STORE

Hats and Men's Wear for 121 Years

It's hats in the history of Mitchell's Men's Store, at 22 West Gay Street, West Chester. For 121 years the site at 22 West Gay Street, in the borough of West Chester, has been a major factor in providing hats and caps for the men of the town.

On October 15, 1828 Samuel Augée, then owner of the establishment, advertised that he had a "constant supply of ready made hats on hand as usual" and that hats would be sold "in exchange for dry hickory wood." Mr. Augée, according to the borough directory of 1857, was one of West Chester's first "hatters." He continued in business at the West Gay Street location until he sold out in 1874.

Another hatter in West Chester at that time, Samuel S. Heed, also listed in the borough directory of 1857, operated a hat and cap store at 14 East Gay Street, a short distance from the Augée establishment. Samuel's son, William W. Heed, succeeded his father in the business there and in 1874 bought the Augée business. The business was purchased for \$10,500, according to newspaper reports of the day, and the stocks of the two stores consolidated at the 22 West Gay Street location.

Mr. Heed continued in business for forty-four years until on September 6, 1910, he sold his establishment to Warren F. Mitchell, present owner of the business. Mr. Mitchell had previously been associated with the J. T. Harkness' store next door.

During the past thirty-nine years he has enlarged and extended the business. In addition to hats he has added a complete line of men's wearing apparel.

William A. McClain has been associated with Mr. Mitchell in the store for the thirty-nine years of his ownership. Walter S. Mitchell has been employed there either full or part time for the past twenty-five years.

Thus, for 121 years there has been in operation, at 22 West Gay Street, a continuous business serving the hat needs of local residents. For eighty-three years of this period the store has had the John B. Stetson franchise.

HOME BUILDING ASSOCIATION OF WEST CHESTER, PA.

The Home Building Association of West Chester, Pa. was chartered June 15, 1923 for the purpose of encouraging thrift through savings of its shareholders and to grant mortgage loans to its shareholders.

The first President of the Association was Dr. John A. Farrell; Vice-President, Dr. J. Oscar Dicks; Secretary, F. J. McCormick; Treasurer, Norris S. Ingram; Solicitor, Thomas Haviland. Fred J. Wahl, Alger Whitcraft, Patrick Corcoran, Patrick Cassidy, Morris Weiss, Jacob Margolies, Hugh McGrogan, Charles A. McCormick, and Thomas Treston, served as Directors.

The assets of the Association reported as of May 31, 1949 were \$331,551.71. The profits on current matured stock was distributed on a 6% basis maturing in 141 months. The contingent reserve of this Association is equal to 11.93% of the total assets. The Association issues a new series of stock quarterly, in March, June, September, and December.

The Home Building Association Officers, and Directors, are as follows: President, RAYMOND A. WALDRON; Vice President, JOHN V. GIBNEY; Secretary, MARGARET D. LACEY; Treasurer, JOHN B. SHAY; Solicitor, JOHN HAVILAND, ESQ., CLAUDE S. BRUBAKER, J. HERBERT CHAMBERS, HENRY P. CORCORAN, JOHN J. DONNELLY, AARON GREENBAUM, CHARLES HUBER, JAMES J. MADEIRA, GEORGE MCGROGAN, TIMOTHY J. QUILL, PHILIP J. REILLY, ESQ., ROSCOE SEILER, and JAMES A. TRESTON, are the present Directors.

The Association is a member of the Pennsylvania Savings and Loan League.

STATTS

The Staats Coal Company was founded in 1928 in the vicinity of Malvern and has continued since anthracite coal has been used.

The Oil Burner Division is a continuation of a very fine business started by Milton Durnall, of Marshallton. The business was purchased after Mr. Durnall's death.

The Natural Gas Division was started by applying the principles of oil business to the Liquefied Petroleum Gas business. It is the only gas business that can offer printed meter delivery tickets for gas used to cook and heat water.

The company took its present name in 1940, and is primarily interested in oil, coal, and propane. The company also merchandises appliances that consume these fuels.

Maintaining an office in the Staats Building, 9 North Walnut Street, a specialty of the firm is modernized coal stokers designed to be completely automatic. Today the company has on hand numerous thermostats available at low prices. These can be installed on hand fired furnaces. Various sizes of anthracite coal are supplied by Staats.

A unique rental service for furnaces has attracted a large number of persons who, as yet, do not own their own homes and would rather lease than purchase this equipment. The rental of water softeners and air conditioners has also been well accepted by the public.

In homes of almost every prominent Chester County person, the Quiet May Oil Burner has operated in numerous instances providing more than twenty-five years satisfactory service. Staats guarantees fuel oil for the entire year, to any oil customer without purchasing a large tank. It can be stored at the Staats terminal without additional cost.

J. and C PRODUCE COMPANY

The J. and C. Produce Company, familiar to many West Chester residents as "Johnnys and Connies Market," 114-16-18, North Church Street, is among West Chester's younger, progressive enterprises.

Only recently enlarged, the J. and C. Produce Company has, within a decade grown from an original three man store to a modern semi-service market.

Owned and operated by John J. and Consettina A. D'Annunzio, the business was established on March 23rd, 1939, at its present North Church Street location. It employed at that time three persons.

Priding themselves on the quality of their products, customers too were appreciative of their service. Business increased considerably and a remodeling and enlarging program was found necessary in order to provide for the needs of the customers.

The remodeling program was completed in 1947 and the store converted into a semi-self-service market as it is known today.

With larger quarters the business also increased its personnel. Today, ten years after its founding, "Johnny's and Connies" employs ten workers.

Chester County Mills

Chester County Mills, 301 East Gay Street, might readily be referred to as a "naturalized business" of West Chester in that it was organized in Paoli in 1928. At that time it was known as the Paoli Coal and Supply Co.

In 1932 it expanded its operations into West Chester by opening a branch at its present location. The site then was a small frame building known as "The Old Hemphill Mill."

In 1934 the management recognized an urgent need in this area for an outlet for the grains produced by the local farmers. The answer to this was "feed manufacturing," or, in this case, a market for locally produced grains.

To meet this need a large addition to the "Old Hemphill Mill" was erected and considerable machinery installed. The installation of this machinery also meant a new service, that of custom grinding and mixing for the farmers.

In 1946 the name was changed to Chester County Mills in order that the firm's name might comply with its county wide operations. The firm is owned and operated by C. Ellwood Loughin and Edward A. Alleva. The feed manufactured, known as "Paoli Feeds," is trade marked by a "Covered Wagon" emblem.

C. ROWLAND THATCHER

STOCKS AND BONDS — BOUGHT, SOLD, SERVICED
202 Farmers & Mechanics Building

SIXTY-THREE YEARS OF INVESTMENT SERVICE

Late in the year 1886, Enos E. Thatcher resigned the cashiership of the First National Bank of West Chester, a position held by him from the year 1873, to undertake an independent venture in the field of investment securities. His sterling character and experience in the field of banking proved to be qualifications assuring his success.

The business was first established in an office at the rear of the store presently occupied by Sidney L. Wolfe, at 18 North High Street;—later at other locations on High Street, and finally in rooms 202-203 in the Farmers & Mechanics Trust Co. building.

His son and successor has continued the business at this location since June 1st, 1920, following the retirement of his father.

During the long life of this well established business a general line of high grade securities has been traded in, the objective of the proprietors having been directed toward safety of principal with stability of income.

The continuing confidence of a conservative clientele is highly gratifying.



The Turks Head Tavern, 1769.

West Chester, Pa.

THE TURK'S HEAD

The Tavern

Much of the early history of West Chester is associated with the name Turk's Head. Why this symbol was chosen for the tavern is uncertain. In 1761 Phineas Eachus, a cooper by trade, filed an application for license to keep a tavern at this location. His petition was rejected at first but was granted the next year on the second request. No name appears for the tavern until 1768 when John Clark sought a license having "Rented the House lately kept by Phineas Eachus at the Sign of the Turk's Head in Goshen." This early tavern was a crude one-story log house and small horse shed which stood some 100 yards north of today's Turk's Head Inn. On August 29, 1769 John Hoopes reports that he "has purchased the tavern known by the name Turk's Head, in Goshen, and the House being rendered unfit for that purpose by its Decay and other Inconveniences thereto belonging, I have built a New Brick House near the other, and more Commodious for the Accommodation of Travelers than the other." This tavern is shown in the right-hand corner of the frontispiece of this book and is a part of today's structure. In 1879 when alterations and additions were being made to the hotel the original date stone inscribed "JH-1769" was uncovered and is now on exhibit at the Museum of the Chester County Historical Society. In 1770 John Hoopes leased the tavern to John Harper. He, in turn, was followed by Jacob James. Jacob erroneously interpreted the tenor and tempo of the times—he joined the British Army in Philadelphia in 1776. At the time of the Revolutionary War the Turk's Head Tavern was an important center not only for hospitality but also for military, political, and social discussions. Indeed, to this day many of our country's pressing problems as well as local politics receive verbal attention in the parlors and on the porch of the Turk's Head. The tavern was long a rendezvous for young lawyers and a billet for jurors. It was here on Lafayette's second visit to Chester County that a reception and banquet were held on July 25, 1825 in honor of his services to the nation.

Moving the Chester County Court to West Chester in 1786 was a boon to the local taverns. The Turk's Head was strategically located to cater to this new business. It appears, however, that the 1769 building was not enlarged before 1837.

High Turnover in Proprietors

During the first 75 years of its existence the Turk's Head had a high turnover in proprietors. Those who petitioned for a license to operate the tavern after the Revolution were: Frans Trumble 1778, John Underwood 1782-83, Nathan Schofield 1786, Isaac Webb 1787, Peter Mather 1789, Major John Harper 1791-98, Benjamin Miller 1799-1805, Thomas Tucker 1806-10, John Patton 1811-23, Eber Worthington owner and keeper 1824-26, and 1834-37, Daniel Buckwalter (Eber's son-in-law) 1827-33, Joel Matlack 1838-40. John Worthington 1842-51, A. H. Lewis 1852-53. The tavern was materially enlarged in 1846 when owned by the Worthingtons.

Hughes Female Seminary

In March 1854 James M. Hughes purchased "the well known stand called the Turk's Head Hotel and proposes turning it into a Boarding School for Girls." The quality of instruction in the Hughes Female Seminary under James M. Hughes and his daughters was of a high order but the financial returns were disappointing. After three years of effort the venture failed. Jesse Hughes and John T. Worthington were appointed assignees of James M. Hughes.

Turk's Head Hotel

The property was reactivated as a hotel by James Morgan in 1858. In 1860 James D. McClellan advertised that he had "fitted it up as a first class hotel." His requests for licenses ran until 1866. The next year there began the longest continuous ownership and operation in its history. Lemuel Kenney became the new owner who, with his daughters Alice and Harriet, put new life into the venture. Local newspapers reported in January 1873 "The work of excavating for the new addition to the Turk's Head Hotel is progressing." The new addition was 17 by 22 by 23 feet, built of brick, three stories high. On High Street it extended from the northern end of the old tavern to the southern end of the (then) First National Bank Building (now the Dime Savings Bank is at this location). Another improvement was the installation of a water fountain "put in the bar to dispense ice water." Times were difficult in 1874—"Lemuel Kenney proprietor of the Turk's Head Hotel presented, during the past winter, 100 ten-cent loaves of bread . . . to be distributed to the poor." June 21, 1879—"L. Kenney and daughters Alice and Harriet have 40 regular boarders" at the Turk's Head. In 1881 extensive excavations were made under the High Street pavement and an ice vault was built with a capacity of 60 tons of ice. The hole from which it was filled is still evident—now covered with an iron plate. The active management of the hotel passed into the hands of the daughters who advertised as "H & A. Kenney Proprietors" between 1883 and 1890.

Another Period of High Turnover in Proprietors

Frank Heald took a 5 year lease on the property from the Kenney Sisters in 1890. After this the property was purchased by George H. Smith of Lancaster who leased it to his brother-in-law Orintheus F. Groff who had been keeping hotel at Cochranville. His period of occupancy of some four years was followed by the owner leasing to R. H. and L. W. Apple. Fifty years ago Apple Brothers advertised the Turk's Head Hotel as "The Leading Hotel of Chester County . . . Heated by Steam . . . Electric Bells . . . Free Sample Rooms." At this period of the hotel's history the stables and livery facilities were of considerable importance. Not only were horses housed but large sales of horses were held here. 1904 saw the destruction of the stables by fire but there were soon rebuilt. Mr. Groff again ran the hotel after the Apple Brothers gave it up in 1903. Following his death the hotel was conducted by Morris Sellers who sold it to Howard Moses in 1919. Mr. Moses converted the stables into a garage and employed John Bowers to manage the hotel. Between 1920 and 1925 Marshall B. Hickman managed the hotel.

George B. Smith became the owner in 1925 leasing the hotel to Charles Weingartner. Following the latter's early death the Smiths took over the management and were proprietors and owners until 1944. However, the dining room was discontinued in 1933. The George B. Smith estate sold the hotel property to the First National Bank of West Chester in 1944. The bank retained a portion of the hotel lot which was adjacent to its building and has since built upon a part of it while the remainder is a parking lot for bank patrons. The hotel building was sold to Marshall B. Hickman and his son, William B. Hickman in 1946.

Todays Turk's Head Inn

The present owners of the Turk's Head have a rich background for this business. Marshall B. Hickman's father kept the Pocopson Inn on the Unionville road west of Wawaset for many years. It was here that he was born. He had conducted the Turk's Head for a five year period some twenty years ago.

Today as tourists or townspeople observe the modern neon sign reading Turk's Head Inn Tourists—little do they realize that at this very spot for more than 175 years gracious hospitality has been extended to the public.

AT THE SIGN OF THE GREEN TREE

Tavern - Hotel - Inn - Apartment

THE TAVERN

The northeast corner of High and Gay Streets is one of West Chester's most historic locations. Here, in 1787, Nathan Schofield, of Goshen Township, Innkeeper, applied for a tavern license as follows:

hath rented the house lately built by Isaiah Matlack, nearly adjoining the court house, which your petitioner conceives is well situated for a publick house, and as convenient publick houses is much wanted at this place, your petitioner prays . . .

Nathan continued to operate this tavern until 1793 at which time there began a long series of changes in proprietors: Enock Yarnall 1793, James Bones 1794, Jesse Matlack 1795-96, Jacob Richter 1797-1806, Benjamin Miller 1807-10 and 1816-24, Joseph Pierce 1811-15. In 1811 Pierce advertises the tavern as being the terminus of the stage line to Philadelphia. Changes in management continued: Peter Osborne and Robert Matlack were in charge 1825-31; William Reed in 1832; and Joel Matlack 1833-35.

On September 26, 1836, the tavern was sold at Sheriff's Sale as the property of Robert Matlack. Now began more prosperous times. Under the direction of Joseph McClellan there was advertised:

A commodious house . . . extensive stables . . . a bar supplied with all kinds of refreshments . . . Drovers will find accomodations for cattle, and attentive hostlers.

The Green Tree appears to have put forth new leaves and offered hospitable shade and rest to man and beast under the McClellan management.

THE HOTEL

There began in 1848 what proved to be the longest continuous proprietorship of this stand. The property was leased by Henry R. Guss (after the Civil War to be known as Colonel Guss). In 1857 he advertises:

having remodeled the old Green Tree and added largely to its capacity for accomodating the public He flatters himself that he is prepared to make a sojourn at his Hotel COMFORTABLE & AGREEABLE to those who favor him with their custom. His Table will be especially well provided for . . . His Bar will be Closely Inspected. AN ATTENTIVE OSTLER will always be required to attend closely . . .

New stabling was erected in 1859 and the next year the hotel was "refitted and improved." In 1864—"No advance has been made in the price of meals. DINNER 25 cents." November 20, 1879—"Possum Lunch Served at the Green Tree Hotel." William Cody known as "Buffalo Bill" was a frequent visitor at the Green Tree as he was a nephew of Colonel Guss.

In 1880 Colonel Guss relinquished the Hotel after more than 30 years of successful management. Ellis P. Newlin, formerly of Doe Run, leased the property and ran it for eight years. It was during his time that the porch was added on the Gay Street side of the Hotel. In 1892 Newlin sold to Marshall Speakman. During Speakman's proprietorship the pump was removed from the yard at the well which had been dug over 100 years before. In 1898 we find Speakman selling to Benjamin Vandever who advertised the "Best cuisine and accommodations."

THE INN

After some ten years of management by the Vandevers, Silas Wright took over the business. It was at this period it graduated into the category of an Inn. In 1912 Park R. Gable was managing the inn. "Ye Olde Green Tree Inn" advertised "Special Sunday Dinner at \$1.50" in 1925 when John R. Hollinger and Charles H. Winters appear as the proprietors.

THE APARTMENT

Philip M. Sharples, West Chester's noted cream separator manufacturer, purchased the property and in late 1930 had completed plans for the demolition of the old inn and the erection of the modern five story apartment building which is today's "Green Tree Apartments." Subsequently, this property was acquired by Barclay M. White and Joseph W. Strode. This building with its 40 apartments, 20 offices and stores happily blends with the older architecture of the neighboring structures and is typical of the changes which have taken place in our mode of living since the Green Tree Tavern of 1787.

THE OLD, HISTORIC BUT MODERN

1831 — MANSION HOUSE HOTEL — 1949

WEST CHESTER, PENNA.

Long before the Gold Rush of '49, the early pioneers settled what is now known as Chester county. Among these were the Everhart family. In 1829 they acquired, by purchase, the Wallerton Farm, a part of which is now the corner of Church and Market streets, West Chester, Penna. Upon this they erected an edifice which became known as "The Everhart Mansion." As was true of all colonials, they entertained the various travelers who happened to chance by, among them being some of the most prominent figures in the country's history.

In the year 1831 when West Chester was called the "Village of Turk's Head," the Everharts decided to turn the old homestead into a hostelry which they called the "Everhart Hotel." This historic old inn remained under the management of the family until August 1st, 1838, at which time a Mrs. Margaret Holman announced in the "Chester County Republican and Chester County Democrat," then the most widely circulated paper in the county, that she, having moved from the "Yellow Spring Inn" to take over the management of the "Everhart Hotel," would do so under the new name of the "Mansion House."

Mrs. Holman enjoyed a household of visitors, making her hostelry a delightful spot for the weary traveler and the occasional tourist of the time. The tavern was also a stage post for Philadelphia. According to the paper's account, "Four hours of quick service," barring accidents, was guaranteed and this at the nominal charge of one dollar per person.

Mrs. Holman supplied her guests with the choicest wines, liquors and malt beverages but she did not stop there. Her table was famous. As the article stated, "her larder is ever stored with such viands as would do honour to any Alderman's table and cause his eyes to beam with delight."

She continued the management of the hostelry until her death but in spite of the ownership and management passing through various hands in succeeding years, the hotel had achieved publicity which made its fame spread far and wide.

It was in the days of political strife that the ownership of the property eventually fell into the hands of J. C. Millhizer in the year 1900. He made many improvements in the establishment, from coal stoves in every bedroom to street heat, from gas to electricity, and from wash bowls and pitchers to hot and cold running water. He added a fourth floor for additional accommodation of his guests and installed a bar which at that time was the longest in Chester county—sixty feet.

Mr. Millhizer died in 1916 but the hotel continued with his wife, Mrs. Susanah Millhizer and son, John, in charge of operations.

On October 1, 1945 the hotel was sold to Vernon T. Mercer, Burnett H. Wilson and Clement R. Hoopes. Later, due to Mr. Hoopes' obligations as a Lieutenant-Commander in the Navy, Mr. Mercer and Mr. Wilson acquired his interests and have made marked advances in keeping the hostelry on a modern basis. Both owners are successful business men of Chester county, conducting other business enterprises as well as operating the Mansion House Hotel.

Take a look into the beautiful Garden Room at the hotel. It is most colorful in its decorations with a modern new cocktail bar, organ music to entertain you nightly, and an attractive menu served courteously by well uniformed waitresses.

Here can be found an atmosphere of sociability that pervades you as soon as you step through its portals. Every effort is made to make your stay, whether for a cocktail, a luncheon or a dinner, a pleasant one.

The same menu is served in the main dining room, with the addition of breakfast, and white linen table service in a cheerful well-lighted room.

Both the Garden Room and the main dining room are air-conditioned for your comfort, a recent improvement inaugurated by the new owners in their plan to provide finer service for guests.

The Green Room, which is used exclusively for private parties and banquets, is decorated in gold and green blending into the background of old ivory. It will comfortably take care of 150 people. Many of the county's leading civic organizations, such as the Rotary and Lions clubs, convene here weekly.

Chester county, the leading fox hunting area of America, centers its social activities at the Mansion House, long known as the rendezvous of the hunters.

Mansion House hotel food is known throughout this country and even Europe. Many celebrities have dined beneath its hospitable roof—names like General Smedley D. Butler, Nino Martini, Helen Jeppson, ex-Governors Pinchot and James, Rear Admiral Simms, Annie Oakley, Grace Moore, and many others from the four corners of the globe.

Private parties will be arranged to your liking and you may select the menu you desire for such occasions.

Mr. Mercer and Mr. Wilson extend congratulations to the Borough of West Chester on its 150th anniversary, from one oldest organization to another, and pledge their fullest cooperation in making the Mansion House hotel the famous hostelry it has been since 1831.



THE F & M BUILDING

The Tavern Era

The southwest corner of High and Market Streets has undergone several distinct transitions since the infancy of our town. The first change from woods to pasture was at an uncertain date. The next occurred in 1789 when Samson Babb petitioned for a tavern license stating that he had "built a convenient house at considerable expense in the borough in order to entertain the publick." 42 signers indicated their "being well acquainted with the above petitioner & believe him and his wife to be suitable persons for keeping a publick house of entertainment." With the exception of a short period, 1797-1804, the tavern was under Babb proprietorship for over half a century. As early as 1797 it was known as the "Sign of the Bear." John Babb, presumably a son of Samson, took over in 1804. To add color and friendliness, the name was modified to "The Sign of the Black Bear" in 1820. By this date, John's son, John William Babb, was associated with the management of the tavern—J. & J. W. Babb being listed as proprietors. License petitions between 1836 and 1854 list only John W. Babb as the proprietor of the Black Bear Hotel. After John W. Babb gave up the management, he rented to Charles Mendenhall 1854, to Isaac Lindsey 1855-56 and 1864-66, and to Maris Chandler 1857-63. In 1867 Mr. Babb sold the property to William Kirk and Wayne MacVeagh.

The Early Banking History

During late 1867 and the following year the old Black Bear Hotel was demolished and a three story structure, the first two of which were serpentine stone, was erected. This building was a familiar landmark to those who remember West Chester of 45 years ago.

On April 1, 1871 a State Bank known as the Bank of Brandywine was announced as opening for business in the banking house lately occupied by Kirk, MacVeagh & Company. William S. Kirk was president. This institution did not succeed in building a sound footing. On December 22, 1875 it failed to open its doors and William W. Jefferis was appointed assignee. At this time the building was purchased by George Hickman.

Also in part of this building the Chester County Guarantee and Safe Deposit Company operated for several years. Their record did not accord with their label and they, too, failed in 1897.

The Farmers' Bank

The Farmers' National Bank of West Chester was chartered January 11, 1883. Unlike most other West Chester Banks it spent its entire life in the same building. In 1907 it was dissolved about the time that the Farmers and Mechanics Trust Company was organized. In addition to the banking business, the old serpentine building housed the Post Office for several years, while the Library and Masonic Lodge rooms were located on the upper floors.

West Chester's Sky Scraper

The Farmers and Mechanics Trust Company, under the presidency of the late Philip M. Sharples, acquired the old Farmers Bank building and razed it. On this site was erected the town's first and only sky scraper which advertised 75 offices for rent on April 1, 1908. The building consisted of six floors with the banking quarters on the first floor. Elevator service, something new in the business buildings of the county seat, was an added attraction as well as an extended view over the town from the upper stories. Among those who assisted in the erection of the building was Nemesio Casaleno who came over from Italy to help cut and erect the marble work. He is still living in Italy but has relatives in West Chester.

The new building proved popular as a location for business and professional offices. For a number of years the Overtown Restaurant on the Roof Garden was an especially popular place for excellent food and fellowship.

Later History

In December 1929 the Farmers and Mechanics Trust Company was merged with the Chester County Trust Company and moved to the location of the latter on Gay Street. The building was purchased by the Daily Local News in 1937 who, in turn, sold it to William S. Hickman in 1946. It continues in its previous role as a popular location for offices of brokers, lawyers, insurance companies, etc. The F & M Building also symbolizes a transitional period in the history of West Chester and has become another of the Town's characteristic landmarks.

CASPER P. HICKS

Funeral Director

229 SOUTH HIGH STREET

Casper P. Hicks, the son of William H. and Anna P. Hicks, was born and grew up on his father's farm in East Goshen Township. He was educated in the Goshenville School which is still in service for this purpose.

In April 1919 he came to West Chester and entered the employment of John Thorp, Funeral Director, 25 South High Street, as an apprentice. He received a license to practice as a Funeral Director in 1924.

On April 1, 1928 he entered business on his own resources as a Funeral Director, at 130 West Market Street, renting the building which had been occupied by Williams and Corcoran, Undertakers, Upholsters, Rug Cleaners and Awning Makers. Here he operated his business for four years.

In April 1932 he purchased the Buckwalter home on the corner of High and Union Streets. This property was renovated and redecorated to meet the needs of an expanding trade. A large garage was erected at the rear of the property to house the Funeral Equipment.

Since 1932 Lawrence J. Reilly has been continuously employed as assistant and wishes to join in thanking the public of West Chester and vicinity for the confidence and generous support which has been received.

NACHMAN CORPORATION

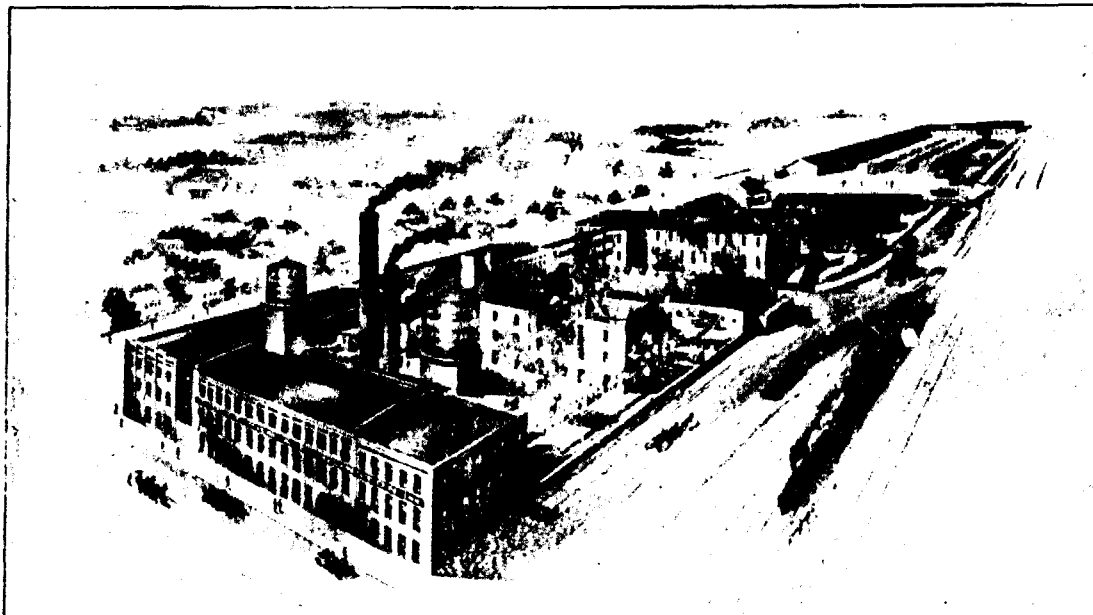
The Nachman Corporation, manufacturers of Innerspring Mattress Constructions, has its headquarters at 4560 West Armitage Avenue, Chicago. The firm was founded in 1915 by Fred A. Nachman and its present officers are:

FRED A. NACHMAN.....	Chairman of the Board
ANTHONY J. SCHOB.....	President
FRED A. NACHMAN, JR.....	Vice-President
THOMAS F. HAWKINS.....	Treasurer

The Nachman Corporation established its manufacturing branch at West Chester in the early '30's when they took over the Peerless Springs Company, established in the building of Hoopes Bros. & Darlington, Inc., Market and Franklin Streets. They have maintained operation there since that time, manufacturing a patented all-wire unit known as "Peerless."

Nachman is the originator of innerspring constructions and grew from a very small beginning to the largest manufacturer of springs devoted entirely to the furniture and bedding industry. It is the first company of its kind to nationally advertise innerspring mattress constructions.

The West Chester plant has become an important part of West Chester's industrial life. It is interesting to the visitor to observe these springs in the process of construction, and to note the satisfaction that the seventy employees there manifest in their work. These employees enjoy many advantages that make for very happy labor relations. The local manager, Victor Halzhauser, recently came to West Chester from Chicago. Fred A. Nachman, Jr., Chicago, is a rather frequent visitor to West Chester and has many friends in the community.



SPOKES — 1866

Just about a mile northwest of West Chester, William and Thomas Hoopes started to manufacture spokes for wooden wheels out of Chester County hickory.

Then in 1867 they moved into West Chester and established in the town a frame building with part of the power and space rented to others at the corner of Market Street and the Pennsylvania Railroad.

RIMS — 1868

Adding to the manufacture of spokes, the brothers started to bend hickory strips into bent rims for wheels. During this time a first cousin, Stephen P. Darlington, became interested in the business, and shortly the firm became known as Hoopes Bro. & Darlington.

EXPORT — 1870

In this year the first export order for material to make a French Coach for the Emperor of France was shipped and from that time on the export business became of ever increasing importance, until it carried the name of West Chester to the four corners of the world.

WHEELS — 1872

The complete wooden wheel was first made in this year at the same location, the buildings having been increased by a brick building at the corner of Market and Franklin Streets. The first wheel order was for Messrs. C. D. Franke & Company, Charleston, South Carolina, who are now and have been customers continuously for these 78 years. Complete wheels quickly became the major product and have continued so for three-quarters of a century.

INCORPORATED — 1903

After having been a limited partnership for nearly a quarter of a century, on July 9, 1903, the business was incorporated under the laws of the State of Pennsylvania. Developing from the horse drawn wheel, the automobile wheel began to evolve for another quarter of a century and became the main product in many weights and types for all sorts of automotive vehicles. As metal replaced wood, the wooden automobile wheel disappeared from the picture but a large and varied demand continued for the old type wooden wheel, and this together with other miscellaneous wooden items including skis, baseball bats, and a score of other wood products continue to keep the plant busy today.

WHEELS — 1949

Thousands of persons and hundreds of diverse localities look to West Chester for their wheels today. Bearded, black-hatted Amish farmers of Pennsylvania, Ohio, and other states would sooner find a new four-wheeled, horse-drawn rig in the backyard for Christmas than a new Cadillac. The "white wings" cleaning the streets of New York and a score of other cities roll their carts on West Chester wheels. Likewise, fire extinguisher sets, hose reels and at railroad platforms all over the country American Railway Express keeps the familiar green and red platform truck rolling on West Chester wheels, moving the express shipments of the nation. Other instances might be cited without end where this product still keeps the name of West Chester in men's minds.

HOOPES, BRO. & DARLINGTON, INC.
West Chester, Pennsylvania

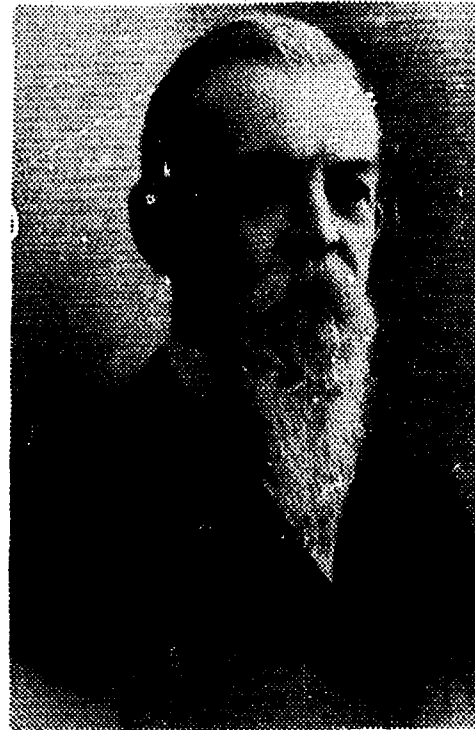
DAILY LOCAL NEWS

There are few business enterprises in Chester county that have been conducted under one family name and ownership for an entire century. Such, however, is the case of the House of Hodgson which has figured prominently in the newspaper publishing field for more than one hundred years.

John Hodgson, of sterling personality, published the weekly Jeffersonian 106 years ago and his son, William H. Hodgson, a gentleman of probity and foresight, who succeeded to its ownership, founded the Daily Local News on November 19, 1872, just 77 years ago. He continued as its owner and publisher until his death in 1917.

Today two persons, members of the family, are listed on the Board of Directors of the Daily Local News Company, Mrs. Ann Hodgson Black, a granddaughter of the founder, and John P. Thomas, a great grandson.

John Hodgson first published on September 5, 1843, the West Chester Herald. It continued for only a month and on October 3, it was united with the Jeffersonian. The latter paper had been suspended five months but was revived and upon merger with the Herald, the publication was known as the Jeffersonian and Democratic Herald, the latter name appearing as a sub-title, and published under the management of John Hodgson and Asher M. Wright. Mr. Hodgson became the sole owner in February, 1845 and continued in that capacity until 1866 when he was succeeded by his son, William H. Hodgson.



WILLIAM H. HODGSON

The House of Hodgson as a publishing organization has maintained its forthright character in the transaction of business, the pursuit of its mission and its financial integrity, enjoying the full confidence of the community which it serves.

The Daily Local News today goes into the homes of thousands of subscribers in Chester county and adjoining counties where it is read by every member of the household. It is truly the people's home paper. Besides enjoying a wide circulation in Chester county The Local News is mailed daily to subscribers in 33 States and the District of Columbia as well as Canada and The Netherlands.

Launched more than three-quarters of a century ago, the Daily Local News has won a place in the hearts of thousands of subscribers and for decades has been a part of the daily reading habits of Chester county residents everywhere.

THE DENNEY TAG COMPANY

This thriving industry, contrary to common belief, was started in the City of Philadelphia sometime during the year of 1884 when two enterprising brothers, Samuel L. Denney and Edward D. Huey, had invented and perfected a new process of making and printing tags automatically in a single operation. The partnership was formed under the trade name of The Denney Tag Company and they had rented two floors of a building located at 114 South 2nd Street, occupying an area of 2,000 square feet.

Working capital was slim and business was not extremely prosperous but they still had considerable faith in the equipment that they had designed and its potential merchandizing value. In order to obtain the additional capital they took out papers of incorporation to authorize the issuance of stock for carrying on their new venture. On August 18, 1887 the partnership was dissolved and the business was incorporated with an authorized capital stock of 1250 shares of Common Stock having a par value of \$20 per share or a total dollar capitalization of \$25,000.

At the time of their incorporation the Denney brothers had moved to new quarters at 919 Filbert Street in Philadelphia, and subsequently experienced some difficulty in disposing of stock in the new corporation having only sold about \$10,000 worth of the \$25,000 authorized. It was at this time that West Chester capital became interested in the venture and solicitation was made locally for the sale of the balance of the stock. This met with only moderate success and an additional \$8,280 was obtained locally.

The West Chester stockholders appointed a committee from among their group to endeavor to have the plant moved to West Chester, and during the course of their negotiations, which were completed on February 13, 1888, they had entered into an agreement with The Denney Tag Company to move its plant to West Chester, and at the same time agreed that five directors of the nine authorized should represent the West Chester stockholders. In addition, a treasurer was to be selected from the West Chester interests. This naturally transferred the control of the corporation from the Philadelphia interests to the local stockholders.

Negotiations were entered into for the purchase immediately of the old Barnard Street School from the West Chester School District. This was accomplished before the end of February 1888 and shortly thereafter the plant was moved from Philadelphia to their new quarters on Barnard Street, and which building incidentally is still being used for the Executive Offices. From 1888 until approximately 1903 or 1904, was a period of rather dubious growth and progress, there was very little development of equipment and the old school building containing approximately 5600 square feet still housed the entire operations. Beginning, however, in 1906 small additions were added to the structure and from 1908 until 1914 it was one of feverish building activity for not a year when by without further expansion of the buildings. By 1914 the plant occupied approximately 37,000 square feet. World War I stopped further growth but building was resumed in 1919 with the purchase of two properties East of the then existing factory, and with the erection of the separate building with the alley between, the two structures were bridged on the second and third floors, thus linking the two separate buildings together. Then in 1923 another addition was added to the East Building to the South. In the meantime a third floor had been added to the entire structure. This brought the total floor area up to 57,140 square feet. In 1936 an addition was made to the West Building extending West to Church Street, and this added another 5,000 square feet to the now rambling structure, making 62,140 square feet available for operations.

In the meantime equipment had been constantly added, most of it designed by the company's own staff. The stringing and wiring of tags in homes had been abolished and automatic equipment was now being installed to do this particular type of work automatically.

When World War 2 started there was little time nor the ability to expand facilities and with the urgent need for tags from all sources, the plant and equipment were loaded to capacity. It was apparent after the war that the congested conditions in the factory must be relieved and with the idea of streamlining operations, plans were developed during 1946 and 1947 for the present structure which is now virtually completed. This completely remodeled and revamped plant contains approximately 96,190 square feet.

It might be interesting to note other factors in the growth of this Company over the years, particularly of the growth in our capital structure. Originally there was authorized 1250 shares of Common stock with a par value of \$20 per share, equivalent to a \$25,000 capitalization. No further capital was obtained through subscriptions, earnings being plowed back into the business, and increases in the number of shares were accomplished through the issuance of stock dividends. The first of these dividends was declared in January 1910 when a distribution of one share for each one held was made. The next distribution was made in February 1916 when one and one-half shares were given for each one held and the last distribution was made in September 1922 when four shares were given for each one held. This brought the capitalization up to 25,000 shares with a total par value of \$500,000. Today the Net Worth of the Corporation is equal to over \$1,200,000 and the personnel grew from approximately five persons on the payroll as of 1888 to approximately 250 employees today, exclusive of commission salesmen.

From its inception the following men have held the office of President:

SAMUEL DENNEY	- - - - -	Aug. 1887 to Oct. 1889
C. WESLEY TALBOT	- - - - -	Oct. 1889 to Nov. 1902
EDWIN DARLINGTON	- - - - -	Nov. 1902 to Nov. 1909
MARSHALL S. WAY	- - - - -	Nov. 1909 to Nov. 1919
GEORGE M. HUEY	- - - - -	Nov. 1919 to Jan. 1945
GIBBONS G. CORNWELL, JR.	- - - - -	Jan. 1945 to-date.

Keystone Company

WEST CHESTER PENNSYLVANIA

1901

The first meeting of the incorporators and subscribers to the capital stock of the Keystone Tag Company was held at the office of McFarland & Haines, July 18, 1901. At this meeting Mr. Samuel O. Barber was elected President; Dr. B. F. Herr, Secretary and George K. McFarland, Treasurer.

The Company was formed to engage in the manufacture and sale of shipping and merchandise tags, and operations were begun on a modest basis at a site purchased from Ralston K. Hoopes, on the south side of Barnard Street, east of Matlack.

Samuel O. Barber, the new President and active manager, was a pioneer in the manufacture of tags, and prior to the launching of his new independent venture had been superintendent of the Denney Tag Co. His thorough knowledge of the business enabled him to direct the activities of the new company with remarkable success, establishing markets for its products in all parts of the United States. Before the passing of many years, Samuel O. Barber and George K. McFarland bought out the interest of Dr. Herr, thereby placing the ownership of the company entirely within the Barber family.

1908

Progress was rapid and the demand for larger facilities resulted in the purchase in 1908 of a plot of land from David J. Scott on Mechanic Street between Nield and Lacey Streets, and a contract was let to William H. Jones, a local builder, to construct the first section of a new plant. A few years later another section was added to complete the structure that the company now occupies.

1914

On February 12, 1914, the buildings were damaged and much of the contents destroyed by a fire that was aided by exceptionally frigid weather.

1923

Samuel O. Barber retired from active management of the business in 1923 and was succeeded by his son, C. Harry Barber, who had been associated with the company since its founding. Mr. Samuel O. Barber retained his position as President of the company until his death in 1925.

1925

C. Harry Barber succeeded his father as President of the company and eventually became the majority stockholder.

1939

After Mr. C. Harry Barber's death in 1939, his brother—Dr. S. Leroy Barber, was elected President, and with Mr. George K. McFarland, one of the original founders, became active in directing the policies of the company. Mr. F. Brinton Strode continued in supervision of the plant operations.

1941

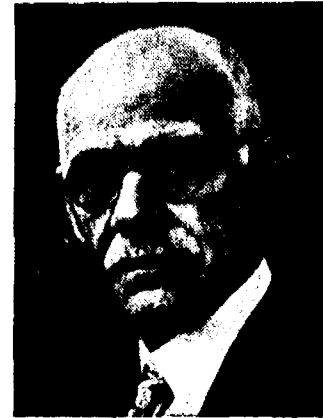
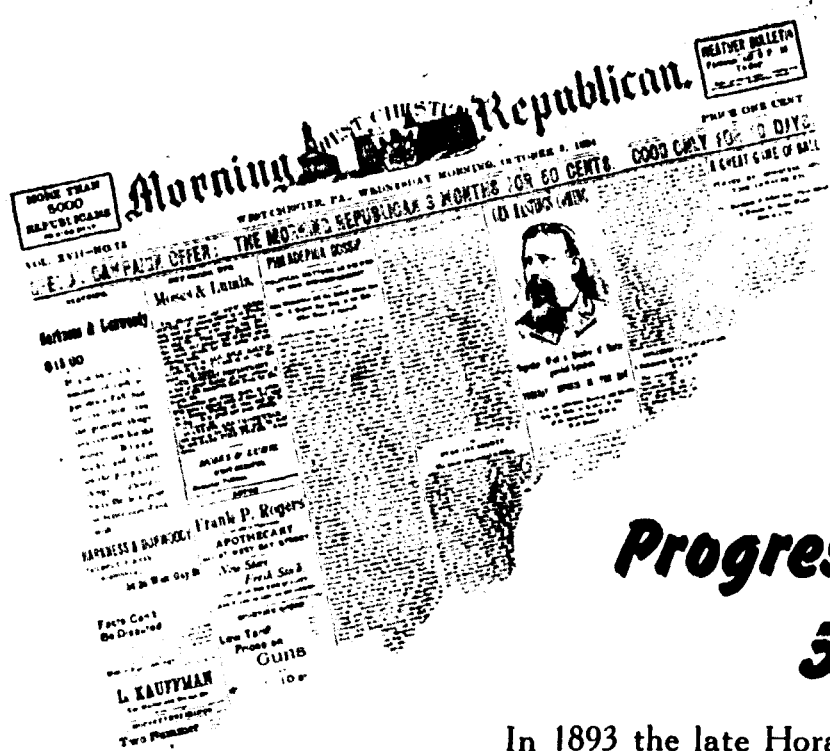
In February, 1941, the members of the Barber family sold their interest in the business. Mr. Edward F. Beatty, of Birmingham, a partner in the firm of W. H. Newbold's Son & Co., Philadelphia, became President of the company. Since 1941, many improvements have been made to the property, and modern equipment has been added to improve the productive capacity of the plant. The company and its employees are particularly proud of their accomplishments during the war, as substantially all of the company's production went indirectly into aiding in the manufacture and shipment of goods for the war effort.

TODAY

West Chester is known to many businesses, both large and small throughout the country, as the home of the Keystone Tag Company. As the Company has grown and the needs of more businesses have been served—more people have come to associate the words "Tags" and "West Chester" together.

The Company and its employees are proud of the part they have had in the economic development of the Borough, and are grateful to a helpful and co-operative business community. The management and the officers are indebted, too, to a host of faithful resident employees whose efforts through the years have made possible the recording of this expanding history.

EDWARD F. BEATTY.....	President
WILLIAM JAMIESON, JR.....	Vice-President
DONALD M. THOMSON.....	Vice-President
HENRIETTA K. FETTERS.....	Secretary-Treasurer
Directors: E. F. BEATTY; O. H. BULLITT, and S. B. BULLITT	



HORACE F. TEMPLE

Progress Through 56 Years of Service

In 1893 the late Horace F. Temple came to West Chester from Chester, Pa. where he had served for several years on the staff of the Chester Times. At the new location he purchased the Morning Republican, a well-known daily newspaper. He continued to publish this paper until 1904 at 24 East Market Street and, in addition, carried on the publishing and job printing business.

Mr. Temple's foresight in business, good management and excellent service to the community made larger quarters necessary. In 1921, to accommodate the increased volume of business, the old building was remodeled. In 1926 a corporation was formed including Horace F. Temple and his three sons, George, Horace, and Everard.

Times changed and so did the printing business. In order to keep in step with the new trend and methods, in 1929, a modern one-story printing plant and office was constructed at 235 East Gay Street. Here the latest high speed Letter Presses and Offset Lithography equipment, coupled with a well trained and faithful personnel, continue to offer a high quality of service which had its beginning 56 years ago.

The business today is family owned and operated by the three brothers, George, Horace, and Everard Temple.

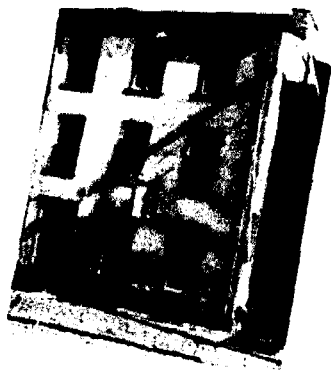
HORACE F. TEMPLE, Inc.

Printers and Lithographers

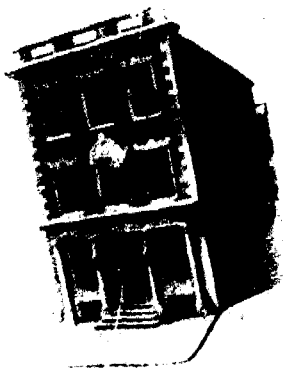
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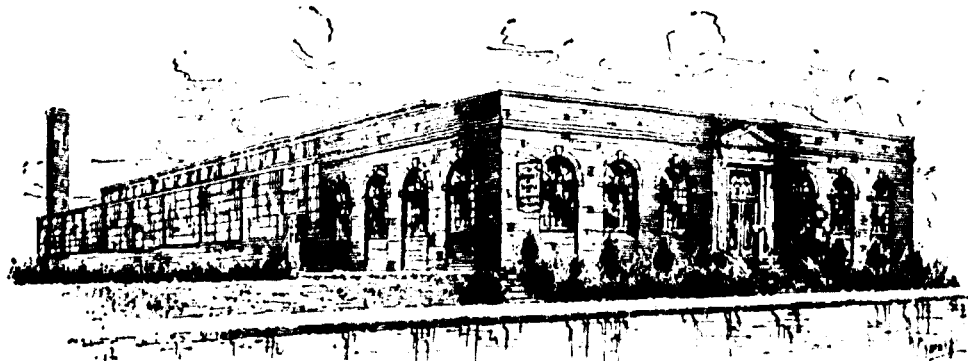
TODAY, 1949



1893 - 1921



1921 - 1929



GROCERY STORE PRODUCTS CO.

The Mushroom Division, Grocery Store Products Co., really got its start in 1904 when Edward H. Jacob planted a tray of six square feet to supply mushrooms for his own table. From this meagre beginning, and through the continued research and effort of Mr. Jacob, the growing phase of the industry progressed, and in 1906, he commenced growing mushrooms commercially.

From 1906 to 1916, Mr. Jacob shipped all of his mushrooms to the fresh market, and it was during these years that the infant industry advanced in stature and established its place in the commercial front of the country.

Up to the year 1917, domestic canned mushrooms were almost unknown in this country, all such having been imported from abroad, with France as the largest contributor. However, with the advent of World War I, and its resulting effect upon imports of all nature, Mr. Jacob entered into his first contract for canned mushrooms. At this point, he was the largest grower of this product in the United States, and by 1928 was growing and canning well over 1,000,000 pounds of mushrooms per year. Grocery Store Products Co. acquired the business from Edward H. Jacob on August 15, 1929.

With a new and aggressive organization taking over, the growing and canning facilities were continually expanded until today, the entire plant is equipped with only the most modern and efficient handling and processing equipment. During this same period, the product was given the advantage of national advertising in leading newspapers and magazines. Sales and distribution facilities were constantly improved and expanded so that the BinB mushroom label is now a by-word in leading chain and independent grocery outlets, not only in this country, but in many other parts of the world as well.

A completely equipped, modern laboratory is located in West Chester also, where a staff of specially trained technicians supervise and control the various products, and assure that the Company's high and rigid quality standards are constantly maintained. It is at this point also that another group of specialists work unceasingly to develop new and improved techniques of mushroom growing and canning.

At present Grocery Store Products Co. is completing construction of added factory space to house two of the company's other products and an office addition to accommodate the general offices of the company, which will be transferred from New York City to West Chester in the near future.

Kitchen Bouquet was first made by J. G. Tournade in Union City, New Jersey, in 1877 and has enjoyed national distribution almost from the beginning. The business was acquired by a predecessor of Grocery Store Products Co. in May, 1923 and has been made in Union City until the present time when the operation is being moved to the new plant in West Chester.

Cream of Rice was acquired by Grocery Store Products Co. in 1937 and was made in New Orleans until the Spring of 1949. When the season's production ended, machinery and equipment were shipped to the new plant in West Chester and Cream of Rice, from the new crop of rice, will be manufactured here.

This consolidation of plants and office in West Chester leaves only two other Grocery Store Products Co. manufacturing locations. Foulds' macaroni products have been leading sellers in the Middle West since 1884 and will continue to be manufactured in Libertyville, Illinois. Golden Age and Gold Medal macaroni products, leaders in the Southwest, will continue to be manufactured in Los Angeles, California.



WEST CHESTER LAUNDRY

While public laundries were used by the ancient Egyptians and history records that the happy washerman sang to the crocodiles while he worked along the river banks, for the Egyptians believed that dirt was an offence against their immortal Gods, there was little change in laundering methods until the time of the California gold rush a hundred years ago.

The forty-niners sent their clothes as far as Hawaii to be laundered, a six months delivery schedule, until a man named Davis purchased a donkey engine from a ship, had a washing machine built and set up the Contra Costa Laundry at Oakland, California. This was the first power laundry in America.

The advent of the detachable collar and cuffs, and the stiff bosom shirts in the eighties brought the first real expansion of the industry, and the development of new machinery to wash and iron clothing, particularly the starched collars and "boiled shirts" then in style. The West Chester Local News on August 7, 1890 printed the following editorial—"Did it ever occur to anyone that a steam laundry properly managed would be a success here? There certainly would be money in it for an enterprising young man. It would not require a large amount of capital or a very expensive building. There are at least three Chinese laundries here and they all do good work, but it is all done in the old fashioned, single man-power plan. There are numerous women who make a living by washing for families who are satisfied to employ them . . . By all means let us have a steam laundry, and be quick about it."

Then August 25, 1891, a year later, the "Local News" says—"The West Chester Steam Laundry was opened for business yesterday. The firm in charge has put a very nobby delivery wagon on the streets and the new industry is now in successful operation."

The new plant was located in Cabinet Hall on South Church Street. This building erected in 1827 was the original home of The Chester County Cabinet of Natural Science later Worrall Institute for Boys. For several years the Post Office used part of the first floor before their present building was erected on Gay street.

The proprietors were Arthur B. Hammond and Charles McFarland. A few months later Arthur Hammond retired as a partner and Isaac Reynolds joined the firm.

The business grew, routes were opened in Philadelphia and Atlantic City and agencies established throughout Delaware and Maryland.

Plummer E. Jefferis Corporation Formed

In 1911, the firm was sold to Plummer E. Jefferis, and later incorporated. The present officers are JAY H. JEFFERIS, President; P. EDWARD JEFFERIS, Secretary, and C. RODNEY JEFFERIS, Treasurer.

As the years passed the old building became too cramped and in 1927 a site was purchased on West Market Street for a new plant. Visits all over the country to gather ideas developed into the present building where ideal working conditions and plant layout are maintained.

Since opening the new plant in 1928 other additions have been built. Dry Cleaning by the "Zoric" process, Rug cleaning, Storage vaults for rugs, garments and furs, and a new "drive in" office with plenty of parking space available are among the later services added.

It is always worthwhile to stop and review the past and note the progress that has been made, but our thoughts are for the future, what West Chester may look like fifty years from now and what our own place will be in the community. We must plan ahead and be ready to serve you for we have abundant faith in the future of our Town, our Community, our State and our Nation.

WEST CHESTER LAUNDRY

322 WEST MARKET STREET

Established 1891.

WEST CHESTER, PENNA.

**WEST CHESTER ENGINE
COMPANY FACTORY
PURCHASED IN 1917
FOR
MANUFACTURING
SCHRAMM AIR COMPRESSORS**

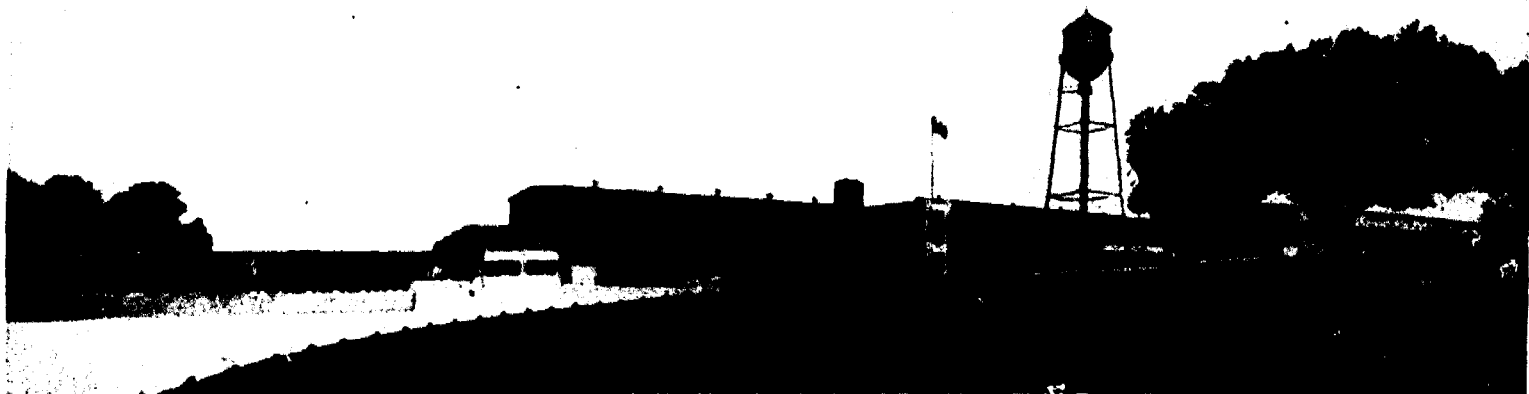


Thirty-Two Years Progress in West Chester

Organized in 1900 by Chris D. Schramm, father of Henry N. Schramm, titular head of the present organization, Schramm Inc., is recognized as the pioneer of portable engine driven compressors that have achieved world wide recognition.

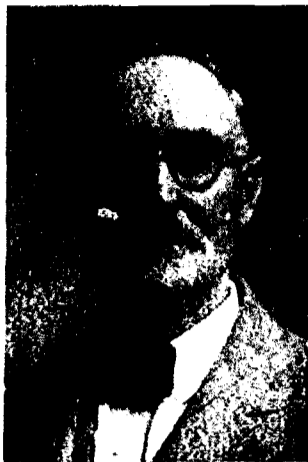
The purchase of the West Chester Engine Company in 1917 was due entirely to the increased demand for Schramm Portable Engine Driven Compressors and the fact that larger sizes and the incorporation of new ideas and designs were planned, in the development of a complete line of units for use in the Construction, Engineering and Industrial fields. Sizes and styles were rapidly added including features that were an innovation but quickly recognized by competition as contributions to the efficiency and performance of air compressors. An acknowledgement that has consistently kept Schramm Inc., in the foreground as pioneers and the most progressive firm in the manufacturing of air compressors. Beginning with the first really portable gasoline engine driven compressor built in 1908, the progress of Schramm Inc., has been measured by the introduction of the first Multi-Cylinder Engine driven units in 1917, the introduction of a clutch between engine and compressor in 1918, a labor and time saving addition. The first portable Diesel Engine Driven Compressors in 1919, electric starting on all engine driven models in 1935, perfected mechanical intake valve in 1936, introduced the Pneumastat lowering fuel consumption up to 50%, and the new Unistage models in 1949.

The progress made in the thirty two years that Schramm Inc., has been established in West Chester is also reflected in the changes and development of the original West Chester Engine factory to the new and complete modern plant that now houses the entire Schramm organization, as illustrated in the picture below. Progress that reflects an atmosphere of friendliness in a friendly town under the supervision of Henry N. Schramm, President; Harold J. Schramm, Vice President and General Manager; Leslie B. Schramm, Secretary and Sales Manager; S. E. Smith, Treasurer who join with all Schramm employees in offering congratulations and good wishes to West Chester on the occasion of its 150th anniversary.



1949

**SCHRAMM INC. WEST CHESTER, PA.
MANUFACTURERS AIR COMPRESSORS**



PATRICK H. CORCORAN



1921



GEORGE J. MOSES

Bus Transportation In West Chester

Bus transportation was first established in West Chester, Pa. by Patrick H. Corcoran in February, 1921. The first route was from West Chester, Pa. to Wilmington, Del. Mr. Corcoran was joined a few weeks later by Mr. George J. Moses and before the end of 1921 three bus routes were in operation with five buses. In addition to the West Chester to Wilmington route, a route was started to Valley Forge and Norristown and service on the Pottstown route was next. The first company was known as the West Chester Transportation Company and its officers were PATRICK H. CORCORAN, President; GEORGE J. MOSES, Vice-President and Treasurer; and HENRY P. CORCORAN, Secretary and Manager.

In 1923 the West Chester Transportation Company purchased the Market House located at 212 West Market Street and ever since that time have maintained this building as its headquarters for the storage and maintenance of its equipment as well as its general offices.

In 1925 the West Chester Transportation Company was sold to the Peoples Transportation Corporation which was a subsidiary of the West Chester Street Railway Company. The Peoples Transportation Company operated buses from Media to Oxford, from West Chester to Chester, and from Kennett Square to Wilmington; and the Street Railway Company operated trolley cars from West Chester to Downingtown and Coatesville and from West Chester to Lenape Park, Kennett Square, Avondale, and West Grove, Pa. As bus transportation grew in the area about West Chester, the Street Railway Company decided in December, 1929, to discontinue their trolley routes and to establish bus service between the points formerly served by the trolleys. In 1930 these bus operations became affiliated with The Short Line System which operated buses throughout New England and to points in the South and West. The name of the Company operating buses in the Pennsylvania and Delaware area was The Short Line Inc. of Penn. This company was purchased in 1940 by Henry P. Corcoran and James J. Penrose and the following bus routes are now operated:

West Chester—Downingtown—Coatesville, West Chester—Wilmington, Del., West Chester—Chester, West Chester—Pottstown, West Chester Local Service.

Milford, Del.—Pocomoke City, Md., Wilmington—Avondale—Oxford, Wilmington—Mendenhall—Kennett Square, Wilmington—Chester (via Faulk Road), Wilmington—Hockessin—Kennett Square, Philadelphia—Wilmington—Milford—Lewes—Rehoboth Beach, Coatesville Local Service, Coatesville—Kennett Square.

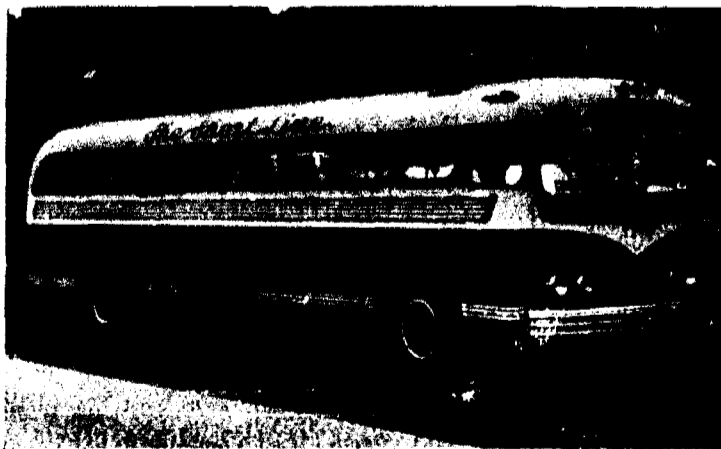
Charter bus service to any point in the United States.

The Short Line Inc. of Penn. has 120 employees, a great many of whom have been with the Company and its predecessors for over twenty years. It prides itself for the high standard of its personnel and endeavors to render a transportation service of the highest quality based on safety, comfort, and convenience.

Fifty-two modern buses are now in service operating over most of Chester County, part of Delaware County, the State of Delaware, and the Eastern Shore of Maryland. The Short Line is happy to take a part in the celebration of the 150th anniversary of the Borough of West Chester.



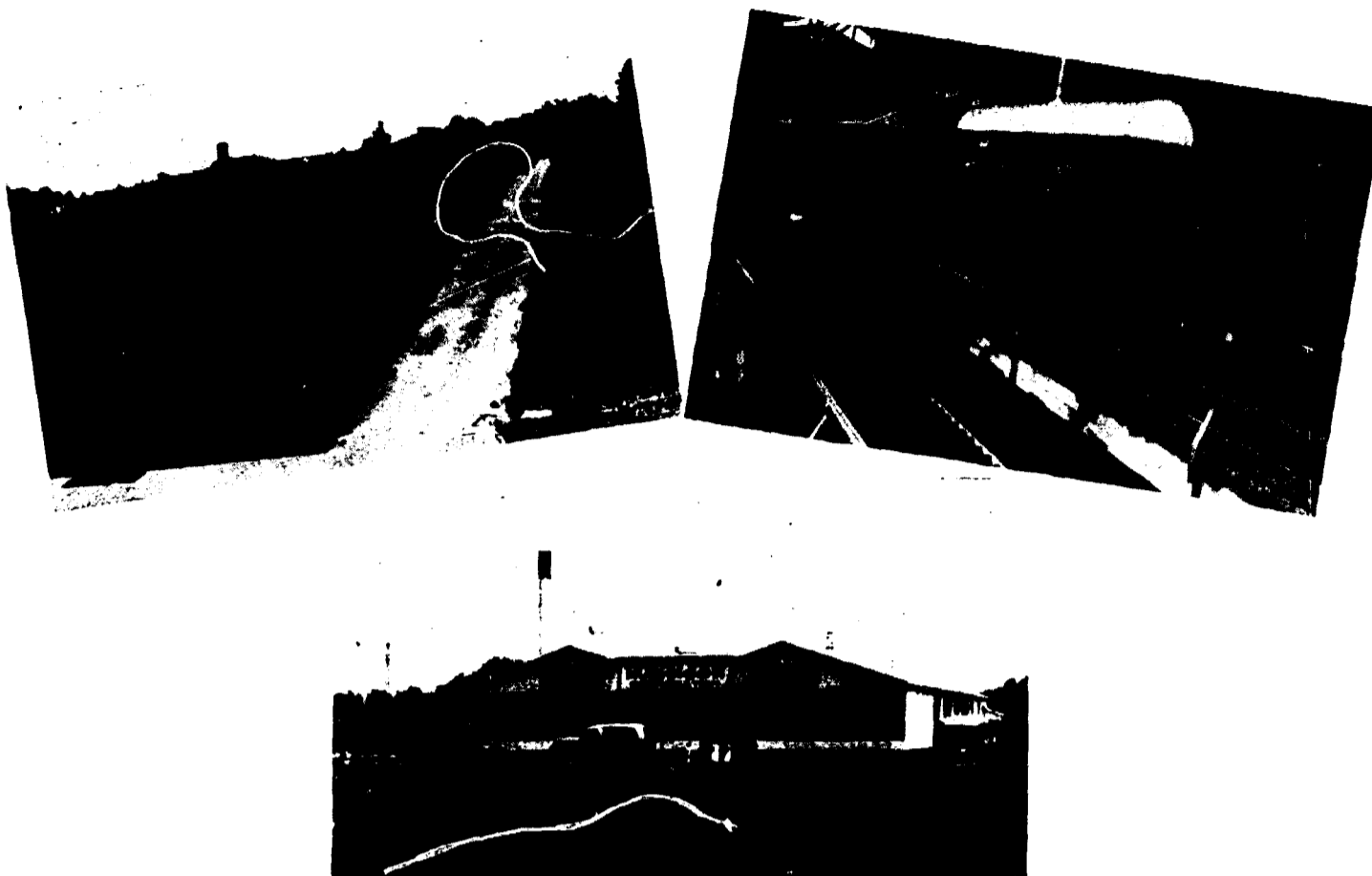
HENRY P. CORCORAN



1949



JAMES J. PENROSE



BRANDYWINE MUSHROOM CORPORATION

When West Chester celebrated her Centennial Anniversary, fifty years ago, no reference is found to mushrooms.

Today, however this industry is one for which this town is widely known and to which it is indebted for considerable progress and development.

Nearly thirty years ago Byron Hipple began to grow mushrooms in a frame house on Rosedale Avenue. As his business expanded he was joined in the venture by Casper P. Faucett.

In 1927 the Brandywine Mushroom Corporation was established with the late S. Milton Griscom as President. This corporation purchased the property in which Hipple and Faucett had grown mushrooms. Under the energetic and pioneering leadership of Mr. Griscom, the Brandywine Mushroom Corporation has become one of the largest growers and canners of mushrooms in the industry.

Today, production is carried on at four separate growing plants. These are located at Toughkenamon; Ward, Delaware County; Arden, Delaware, and the South Matlack Street plant in West Chester.

In 1948 the production facilities were increased at the West Chester plant with the installation of air conditioning equipment thus making production during the summer months possible and increasing from two to three the number of crops harvested in a year.

In addition to production in the firm's own scientifically controlled houses, fresh mushrooms are also purchased from competent growers in the surrounding areas. All of these mushrooms are canned in the company's modern and sanitary cannery.

The canned mushrooms from this firm's West Chester plant are distributed nationally over the United States. For many years the larger food chain and wholesale outlets have been featuring the Brandywine label.

By careful control of growing methods and rigid inspection in the cannery operations, the quality of mushrooms which are canned under the Brandywine label guarantees a product of special excellence.

BRANDYWINE MUSHROOM CORPORATION - WEST CHESTER, PA.

ESCO Cabinet Co. and The EMPIRE Milking Machine Co.

The Esco Cabinet Company was organized in 1927 as a partnership by Harry E. Cann and Merrill B. Cann for the purpose of manufacturing and distributing mechanically refrigerated milk coolers and other equipment under the registered trade mark, "ESCO." An entirely new refrigeration principle had been discovered and perfected by the principals, for which a patent was granted later by the United States Patent Office. This principle was incorporated in the new Esco Milk Coolers which were designed for cooling cans of milk on the dairy farm. The Esco Milk Cooler was the first completely factory-made equipment of the kind that permitted entirely automatic operation with a self-defrosting cycle.

At first the offices, showrooms and manufacturing were all located at 140-142 East Market Street. In 1928, sales had increased to the point that larger quarters were required and the manufacturing operations were moved to the brick building at Franklin and Lacey Streets.

By 1931 additional products including dry storage milk coolers for bottled milk and electric dairy utensil sterilizers (both of which were based on new principles for which United States patents were granted later) had been developed and added to the lines.

Operations continued to increase so that more manufacturing space was required. Early in 1933 a part of the Sharples Separator Works on the Pennsylvania Railroad between Franklin and Biddle Streets was purchased. Manufacturing operations were then transferred to the new plant. The remainder of the Sharples Plant including the office building (excepting one building at Franklin and Washington Streets) was then acquired. By 1934 all operations of the company had been consolidated in the new plant. The offices and showrooms were established in the office building on Biddle Street, which was renamed the Esco Building.

As the business grew new products were added to the lines and new principles were incorporated in the various items of manufacture. Basic improvements in milk coolers for cooling cans of milk included the "NI-AG-RA" principle and the "Icy-Wall" method of concealed coil construction.

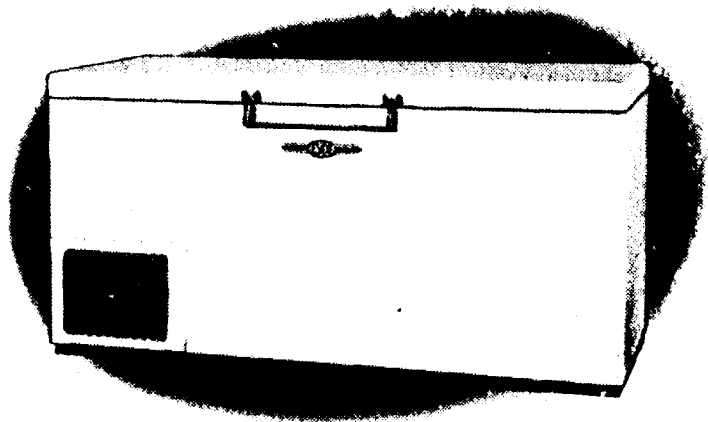


ESCO "NI-AG-RA" Milk Cooler (6-can size)

From time to time new lines were added including beverage coolers, ice makers, sectional walk-in cold rooms, insulated brine tanks and specialized dairy and milk house equipment. Innovations included specialized

equipment for railroads such as prefabricated steel buildings, instrument racks, and insulated battery boxes used on the right of way to house electrical equipment and storage batteries for emergency operation of signals and crossing lights.

In 1937 the first Esco Farm and Home Freezers, then called low temperature Freezer-Storage Cabinets, were developed experimentally. By 1939 this equipment had been developed to the point that standard ESCO Farm Freezers were selected for use in the daily food freezing demonstrations on the Electrified Farm at the New York World's Fair both years (1939 and 1940). Other Esco Equipment used daily on this Electrified Farm included a six-can "NI-AG-RA" Milk Cooler, a 100 cubic foot walk-in Cold Room and Electric Dairy Utensil Sterilizer.



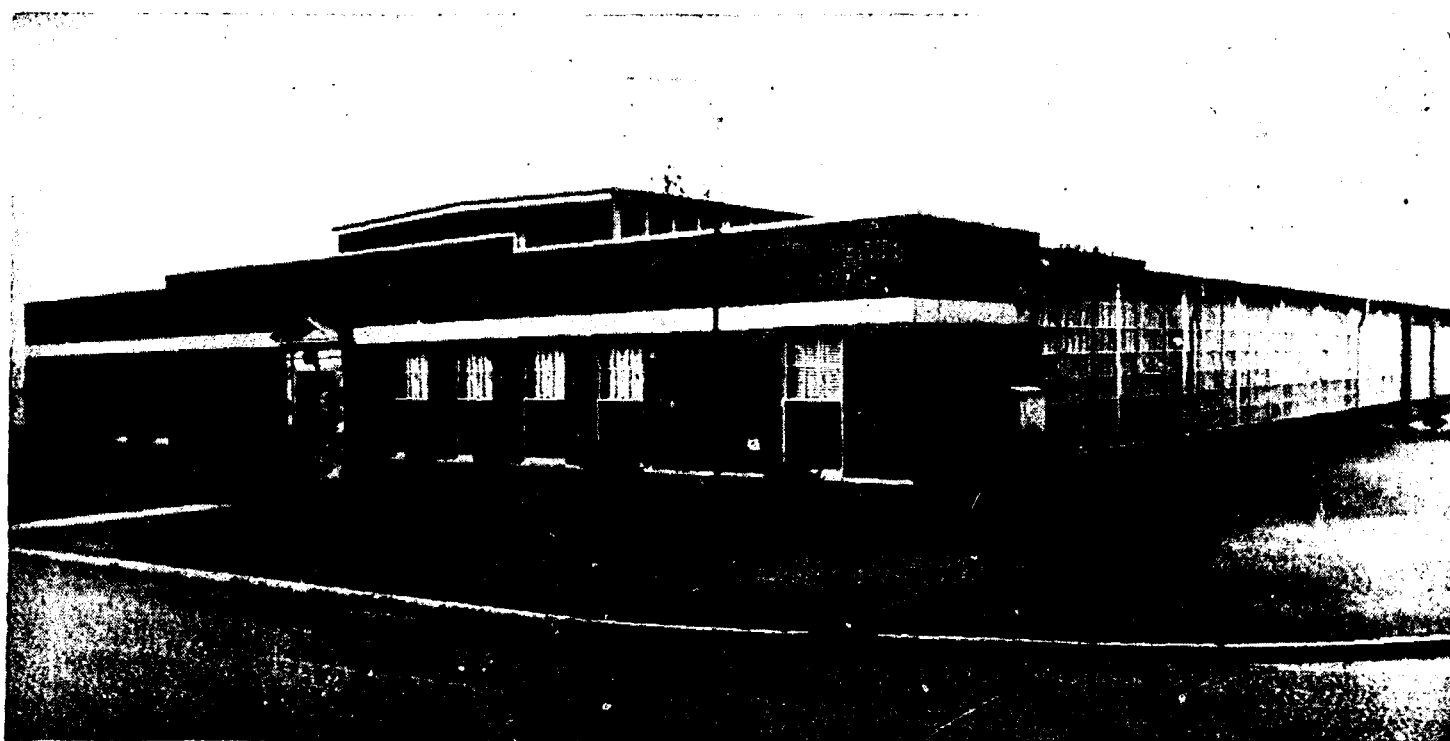
12 Cubic Foot ESCO Home Freezer

In 1939 the Esco Cabinet Company purchased the Empire Milking Machine Company, then located in Rochester, New York. The entire operation including the personnel, sales offices and manufacturing equipment was moved to West Chester. Since that time all Empire Milking Machines and other Empire products have been manufactured here. Acquired with the business was a branch repair depot, warehouse and sales office in Elgin, Illinois, which has been maintained at that point.

During the war period both farm milk coolers and milking machines were rated as essential civilian equipment by the War Production Board and manufacturing was continued under Government established quotas, priorities and material allocations. For a time both products were distributed under War Food Administration control. Other products of the company including ice makers and freezers were produced for various branches of the services including special types of equipment for use on vessels of the Navy, the Maritime Commission and the Army.

In 1946 the Esco Cabinet Company was incorporated under the laws of Pennsylvania. That same year the Empire Milking Machine Company was also incorporated as a wholly owned subsidiary, operating as a division of the Esco Cabinet Company.

"ESCO" and "EMPIRE" products are sold throughout the United States, as well as internationally, by a large dealer and distributor organization.



WEST CHESTER HOSIERY MILL, INC.

May, 1930 saw operations started toward the erection of the West Chester Hosiery Mills, Inc. In the late fall of the same year production was begun within the Mill. Under great hardships and difficulties it has grown into one of the main industries of the town.

A total of six machines started the business which has now worked itself up to the present size, housing twenty-eight full fashioned knitting machines of the latest type, producing the finest grade merchandise which is accepted all over the United States as well as in foreign countries.

In 1930 Nylon was unheard of (for the manufacture of hosiery). Production was almost entirely of silk until about ten years ago when the hosiery industry was introduced to and allotted small quantities of this famous yarn. Changes took place during the war as far as materials used were concerned, and the industry again returned to production of rayon and silk merchandise, nylon being entirely eliminated.

The majority of the employees are local people who were brought in as learners and taught their respective duties both in the knitting department and the auxiliary departments, with one third of the present employees being with the company from ten to nineteen years.

Under the present able management of the President, HENRY L. KAHN and FRED G. LEHM, the mill has worked itself up to the present size and has proven itself to be a considerable asset to the employees and the community.

Growth of an Industry

An idea, conceived a couple of decades ago by Robert W. Weeks, resulted in the birth of the Wind Turbine Company. Today, the growth of the firm amply attests to the basic soundness of the founder's idea.

It was believed that a "windmill" generator, more efficient than existing units, could be designed and built to convert wind energy into electrical power, so that homes and farms in isolated, out-of-the-way places could enjoy the benefits of electricity.

In 1932, the Wind Turbine Company was established to more thoroughly explore and promote the idea. During the next 10 years the idea, and the business, took root. Various test models of the "windmill" were built and installed.

Very little basic engineering had been done in this field by others. It was no great trick to connect propeller blades to an automobile generator, but this inefficient method, with its resulting low-power output, could serve as no more than an experimental spring-board from which to dive into the deep problem of wind-generated electrical power on a practical scale.

While various problems and questions were in the process of being answered, the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor abruptly halted the whirling blades of experimental windmills. Overnight, the demand for war material skyrocketed. Radio equipment was acutely needed. Radar, Shoran, Loran became whispered words, classified "Secret" by the armed leadership. These were highly specialized radio systems which required sensitive, and frequently complicated, antennas.

Because the firm had experimented exhaustively with steel towers as wind-power plant supports, it was no difficult matter to convert quickly and successfully to the manufacture of antennas and towers. Thousands were turned out at the East Market Street plant here for the Armed Forces.

With the end of the war and the cancellation of government contracts came a steel shortage that temporarily shelved the company's plans to switch to the manufacture of commercial radio broadcasting equipment. Happily, a new avenue opened up. Wire rope was processed by the firm into automobile tow-cables, and auto chain stores bought them by the thousands. Today, this product can be purchased in almost all auto retail outlets.

Meanwhile, steel became more plentiful; the market for radio towers and antennas accelerated. Such equipment was vitally needed by expanding world-wide communications, by domestic broadcasters, by amateur operators, and by police, airline and taxi-cab radio nets. Moreover, a new giant—television—was stirring, flexing its muscles, slowly stretching toward its undetermined stature.

With a renewed vigor, Wind Turbine re-entered the "wire for the wireless" field, chalking up new developments, meeting hardy competition. Thus was evolved the trademarked "TRYLON Ladder Tower," used by many of the newer commercial radio stations, and, more recently, the "TRYLON Antenna Mast" for television reception. Lighter than the common steel tower and stronger than the pipe "aerial," TRYLON Antenna Masts are now being introduced nationally, backed by the largest advertising and sales promotion campaign ever utilized by the company.

And what of the wind generator? Although necessarily abandoned during the war this phase of the company's operations is being pushed with fresh impetus. Atop New Hampshire's Mt. Washington, over 6,200 feet high, a development plant has been constructed by the company and is in constant use, operating entirely automatically. It is built to withstand winds of greater than hurricane velocity. Its rotor blades, like airplane wings, are automatically heated to prevent ice formation.

Physically, the company has grown from a single room to 25,000 square feet of factory flooring in a portion of the Hoopes Brothers and Darlington plant of East Market Street. The number of employees has grown from one to an average of 70.

... The Wind Turbine Company's growth is a part of West Chester's growth; its future is joined with the future of West Chester. Therefore, it is happy to participate in this community's Sesqui-Centennial, and to rejoice in the "fair winds" that have blown upon us all.

ROBERT W. WEEKS, *President*
DAVID A. KAY, *Secretary*

FREDERICK T. STEVENSON, *Vice-President*
DOROTHEA B. WEEKS, *Treasurer*

WIND TURBINE COMPANY

West Chester, Penna.

**TRYLON
LADDER TOWERS**



A radio broadcast tower manufactured and installed by the Wind Turbine Company . . . over two times higher than the Court House weather-vane!

Boxes from West Chester... Once Around the Globe

Seventy-million boxes . . . enough to circle the globe end on end . . . have winged their way across the nation from one of West Chester's newest industries.

It was in 1937 that a small garage building was leased on South Church Street. Machinery was crude. Three persons were employed. Most shipments were local. Today, the West Chester Paper Box Co. is 12 years old and now firmly established in the industrial life of the community.

Floor space of the original plant was approximately 1000 sq. ft. Today, the West Chester Paper Box Co. occupies many times that area in its modern plant at 225 North Franklin Street—formerly a section of the old Sharples Separator Co.

Products of the Company are boxes . . . boxes for every conceivable type of merchandise. Boxes for candy, clothing, tags, shirts, toys, hosiery, stationery, cigars, gifts, leather goods, medical supplies, plus many more—have carried the name "West Chester" into every state of the Union.

Today, the West Chester Paper Box Co. has gained a national reputation for quality boxes of every size and shape. Large company-owned tractor-trailers handle most deliveries to nearby customers, distant shipments going by freight, express or parcel post.

The West Chester Paper Box Co. has specialized in the "set-up" type box. Many colorful and attractive designs have been produced to meet exact specifications of the customer. Because most boxes are "made-to-order," modern machinery plays an important part in the high-speed production at the West Chester plant. Since 1945, seventy-five percent of all plant machinery has been replaced with the finest, most up-to-date machine's that fold, bind, glue, tape, and cover a box in one operation contribute to efficiency and high production. Today, the plant is capable of producing an average of 30,000 boxes per day.

Employment has steadily increased. From the small staff of three persons, current payroll now averages 30 employees, with a maximum of forty. Good pay and steady work contribute to the prosperity of the community. Officers of the corporation are: WILMER M. THOMSON, President; WILLIAM A. LIMBERGER, Secretary; WILLIAM R. BENNER, Treasurer and FRANK G. THOMSON, Assistant Secretary and Production Manager.

This is one more story of free enterprise—typical of so many industries of our free country. From the smallest beginning, the West Chester Paper Box Co. is now deeply rooted in the life of the community which its own management calls "home". To West Chester it brings new business and new income from across the nation. Jobs are created. Business prospers. Company officials look forward to even greater progress in the years ahead . . . with the hope that the West Chester Paper Box Co. may play its part in building a better community.

UNITED DAIRY EQUIPMENT COMPANY

Twenty years ago, the United Dairy Equipment Company, a Pennsylvania Corporation, was organized by F. S. Wood and his associates for the purpose of making dairy equipment, including Pasteurizers, Cream Separators for farm and factory use, Whey Separators, Milk Clarifiers and Special Centrifugals.

Many of the United Dairy Equipment Company's employees were formerly associated with the Sharples Separator Company, the new Company having purchased certain of the assets of the old Company upon its organization.

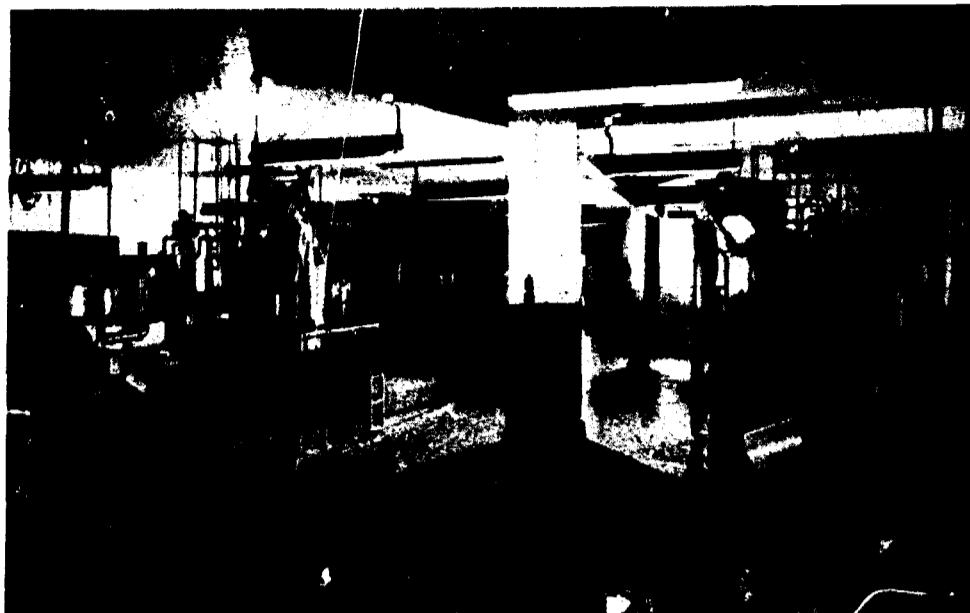
Immediately upon the formation of the Company it developed an Engineering Department, as well as a Chemical Laboratory, for the purpose of creating processes in the field of milk, butter and cheese, and has to its credit now about 40 mechanical and chemical processes in the dairy field. Some of these patents and processes resulted in the creation of a machine known as the MECHANICAL COW which consists of a process of pasteurizing, clarifying, homogenizing and quickly cooling its products which are milk, chocolate milk, coffee cream, whipping cream and ice cream mix.

Technically, the Mechanical Cow is a machine which mixes skim milk powder, water and sweet unsalted butter in stated proportions. The machine pasteurizes the mixture, which enters a homogenizer. The homogenizer rotates at high speed, and creates a pressure on the particles of the mixture so great that the butter fat will not later separate from the milk. The milk is cooled over a surface cooler as it leaves the homogenizer. The Cow is commercially available in capacities of 40 qts., 160 qts. and 100 gallons per hour. The three 160 qts. per hour Cows installed at the U. S. Naval Operating Base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, provide 3000 qts. of milk and 1000 quarts of ice cream mix every day, seven days a week. This is claimed to be equal to the production of a herd of 250 Cows.

Before the war "Betsy" was featured on the ships of many steamship and freighter lines. During the last War it is estimated that the Mechanical Cow provided milk and ice cream for nearly three and one half million men in the Armed Forces all over the face of the earth.

A new process developed as late as 1948 enabled the Company to produce a fine grade of milk, cream and ice cream, using native oils as a substitute for butter. This is particularly the case in Brazil, Argentine and other South American countries. This new process will enable the Mechanical Cow to feed millions of people below the Rio Grande with milk and ice cream who formerly never tasted these productions.

Many of the parts entering into the Mechanical Cow are manufactured at our plant at Franklin & Lacey Streets. A number of its component parts, however, are purchased from outside vendors and assembled into the complete unit here in West Chester.



FERMENTATION TANKS FOR PRODUCING PENICILLIN

WEST CHESTER — A WORLD PIONEER IN PENICILLIN PRODUCTION

In 1943, the first year that penicillin was produced commercially, Wyeth Incorporated, in its West Chester Laboratories, produced more penicillin than the total of all other manufacturers in the world.

This penicillin saved the lives of many of our boys in the armed forces. It was supplied to the Army for the base hospitals so that the Medical Corps could gain experience in its use and be prepared with tested methods for use in the invasions of 1944, the most critical part of the war.

In 1942, the Chester County Mushroom Laboratories, the largest supplier of mushroom spawn and technical service for the mushroom industry, started research on penicillin in search of a way to be of maximum help to the government at war. At that time penicillin was not known to the public, but technical publications of Sir Alexander Fleming, the discoverer, and the Oxford group in England, indicated promise of a useful drug. The fact that it was produced by a fungus growth of the same general class as mushroom spawn seemed to indicate that the experience of the Chester County Mushroom Laboratory would be useful in research along these lines.

Preliminary work indicated considerable promise of success. It was soon apparent that experience in the growth of fungi and the knowledge of extracting chemical substances from this type of organism should be combined with the knowledge of an ethical drug firm having wide experience in the preparation of pharmaceuticals for human use. The Chester County Mushroom Laboratories, therefore, combined its efforts with Wyeth Incorporated, an old, well-known, Philadelphia drug firm.

The research progressed so rapidly and the favorable results from the clinical use of penicillin made the development of this drug so important that the complete facilities of the Chester County Mushroom Laboratories were soon absorbed. This organization was then purchased by Wyeth Incorporated for the purpose of entering into the commercial production of penicillin.

Wyeth Incorporated first expanded the spawn laboratories on East Rosedale Avenue to provide large scale pilot plant production of penicillin. In a search for a method to expand facilities quickly, Wyeth rented the Pennsylvania Garage building on N. Walnut Street and constructed a large laboratory for the production of penicillin. This building has had a long history of usefulness to West Chester. It was the well-known Tattersall in the old days. Due to its location near the local power plant of the Philadelphia Electric Company, the availability of steam eliminated the necessity of building a separate steam plant.

In order to obtain penicillin quickly, the surface method, using modified milk bottles as culture flasks was used, and over 400,000 culture jars were utilized for this purpose. The speed of the technical development and the speed of construction made it possible for West Chester to serve the world by producing the largest amount of penicillin when it was needed most.

Later, when production started to come from other laboratories, Wyeth had time to change over the production from the surface method to the more efficient tank method.

Wyeth Incorporated now occupies three large buildings in West Chester for the production of penicillin.

The Walnut Street Laboratory is filled to overflowing with tremendous fermentation tanks where the organism producing penicillin is grown. Those tanks are 5000 gallons in capacity and are constantly agitated with large turbo mixers and supplied with sterile air. The temperature in the tanks is controlled by means of a combination of steam, recirculated water from the cooling towers, and refrigerated water. After the primary extraction and purification, the penicillin is crystallized out as pure, crystalline potassium salt of penicillin. In the Walnut Street Laboratories the crystalline penicillin is made into dosage forms and filled into sterile, specially prepared vials.

Wyeth Incorporated has been first in developing many new dosage forms of penicillin and constant research is conducted to improve methods of production and the development of new products.

The Penicillin Production Laboratories of Wyeth Incorporated are now one of the largest industries in West Chester. At the end of July, 1949, 283 people were employed. Plans for expansion are being made.



REES PALMER
1856-1900



GEORGE J. PALMER
1900-1926



W. E. GILBERT
From 1926

125 Years of Service to WEST CHESTER HOMES

It was November 24, 1824, and William Lent was ready to do business. "Those in want of articles in his line," announced the Village Record of that date, "may be accommodated on the most reasonable terms." Tin-plate, coppersmithing, stoves and stove pipe were his stock and trade, "opposite the Methodist Episcopal Church on east Gay Street."

His son, continued the business at a new location, 20 North Church Street. It was there, in 1851, that two apprentices were hired. These brothers, Rees and Eli Palmer, were destined to build a business during the transitional period of West Chester.

Rees and Eli Palmer served their apprenticeship well. In 1856 they were accomplished workmen. Then with "nothing but their bare hands and indomitable energy," they bought the business of John Lent. They began their partnership at the old stand.

Five years later, in 1861, they had outgrown this location. They purchased a lot "on east Market Street, opposite the Court House, erecting thereon a three-story building." By 1872, this building proved inadequate, and it was necessary "to put up a large serpentine front building, which now occupies the lot beside the first one."

"Here is found every article required by necessity, suggested by taste, or perfected by mechanical ingenuity, which can add comfort or reduce labor in the household." So reads the American Republican, of December 2, 1873.

Products of their trade were shipped to all parts of Pennsylvania, but it was in West Chester that their skilled workmanship and the quality of their merchandise was a factor in building homes. "It is," the Daily Local News reported, "a firm whose high standing for reliability is unquestionable. Through such men as these, our town is made to prosper."

George J. Palmer inherited the business of his father, Rees Palmer, during the summer of 1900. His were the years of a technical development in industry, an evolution in the products of his trade, and a continuing expansion in the residential, industrial, and institutional characteristics of West Chester. He witnessed the beginning of the modern bathroom, improved water supply and disposal systems, and new engineering methods applied to heating systems. He saw the beginning of a new method of refrigeration, and, with it, a suggestion of modern air-conditioning.

But George J. Palmer is best remembered for his awareness of a community responsibility in the conduct of his business. Not the least of his contributions were the men who served as his apprentices, influenced by his character as they learned the skills of his trade.

"George Palmer was a valuable citizen, a consistent Christian gentleman, and a business man who lived up to the highest ethical standards, trusted by all with whom he did business, and loved by his employees, whose welfare was his constant concern." Those are the words of a contemporary, when George J. Palmer died, March 23, 1926.

William E. Gilbert was well prepared, by education and experience, to succeed his father-in-law, George J. Palmer. A graduate of Lafayette College and Carnegie Institute of Technology, he brought the qualifications and experience of a registered professional engineer to a plumbing and heating business constantly demanding a higher and higher degree of technical knowledge and aptitude.

Radiant heating, air-conditioning, modern bathrooms, and stainless steel kitchens with their electric ranges, two-temperature refrigerators, dishwashers and disposal units, have replaced at W. E. Gilbert's the "tin-plate, coppersmithing, stoves and stove pipe" of William Lent. Those are the material signs of progress. The business principles of Rees and Eli Palmer that guided George J. Palmer throughout his business life have not changed.



WEST CHESTER

AND



THE FOOD STORE OF YESTERDAY—

For more than 35 years A&P Food Stores have been part of the West Chester scene and now proudly congratulate this community on its Sesqui-Centennial celebration.

The first West Chester A&P opened in April, 1915 at 7 N. Church Street. It continued to do business until 1928 when it moved to 25 N. Church Street.

Several other stores of the small service type were opened and closed in the intervening years and time and advancement now have outmoded the present operation at 128 West Market Street. In October the market will be closed to make way for a modern, streamlined supermarket to open at 317 West Market. It will have self-service meats and other refinements that will make it one of the outstanding food stores in this section of the country.

This new supermarket will follow the traditions laid down by the company's founder, George Huntingdon Hartford, the young fellow from Maine who in 1859 opened his first store on Vesey Street in New York and cut the price of tea in half by the simple expedient of eliminating unnecessary costs.

As the number of stores increased so did the variety of items in stock and by the turn of the century the company was operating full fledged grocery stores. John A. Hartford and George L. Hartford, sons of the founder, were then taking an active part in the business. "Mr. John," as he is familiarly known, backed the idea of the "economy store"—simple, one-man stores, located on side streets where rents were low—which sold food stuffs at a fraction above cost.

As the people of America demonstrated that they liked the Hartford way of doing business, stores got bigger and carried more complete lines. Subsidiaries were organized to insure a steady supply of high quality coffees, teas, fruits, vegetables, canned milk, processed foods and baked goods.

It has been a ninety year journey from the first little store in New York to the modern food mart that now rises at 317 West Market Street in West Chester. But we know it has been a road of continuous progress based on honest dealing.

YOUR WEST CHESTER A & P



THE HIGHLAND DAIRY COMPANY

The Highland Dairy Products Company is especially proud to be a part of the community life of West Chester on this its sequi-centennial celebration. We wish to congratulate the community on its growth and progress over this period, and we like to feel that we have contributed to it, since our founding thirty-five years ago.

In the spring of 1914 Highland Dairy products Company found its beginning in historic West Chester. It was at this time that our operation commenced with one thirty-quart route, delivered by a horse drawn milk wagon; the milk was supplied by a Jersey herd from Highland Farm, near West Chester, and our first customers were West Chester families.

The friendship of our first customers enabled the company to expand. Gradually the one milk wagon was supplimented by a second one, and then a third, fourth and fifth. The horses were said to know the routes as well as the drivers, and many of our customers knew the horses by name. By 1915 we were delivering over 600 quarts a day. Milk was still supplied by the Highland Farm but as the business grew milk was bought from other neighboring dairy farms as well. By 1917, after only three years of operation a plant was established in West Chester where the milk could be pasteurized. Our company was the first to sell pasteurized milk in West Chester.

It soon became apparent that the horses must be replaced by milk-delivery trucks. As the trucks took their places the horses were, one by one, sent out to pasture or sold. More modern and up to date machinery, courteous drivers and excellent service made many friends. The Highland Dairy continued to grow and expand. In 1920 a milk plant at Doe Run, Chester County, was acquired and delivery of milk was made in other parts of the County as well as in West Chester.

Operations continued at both the Doe Run and West Chester plants until 1930. At this time many additions and improvements were installed at Doe Run in the heart of Dairy farms, and the West Chester plant was converted into a refrigeration and distributing center. In this way we were enabled to pasteurize and bottle adjacent to the farms and thus deliver to your homes a fresher, purer quality of milk.

Today our company stands ready to serve the county with dairy products that only the most modern up-to-date equipment can produce. Since 1945 we have spent \$75,000 to bring to you the advances that modern science has unfolded. Our large investment in pasteurizers, homogenizers, clarifiers, and all other types of equipment required by a completely modern dairy plant has kept us fully abreast of the times. We invite you to visit our plant and see for yourself the modern machinery in use and the high sanitary standards which we constantly maintain.

Our one 30 quart route of 1914 drawn by horse and wagon has multiplied to the twenty truck routes of today. We are at present receiving fourteen thousand quarts of milk a day from surrounding Chester County Farms.

It seems a long time ago when the Highland Dairy first started in West Chester, and we have watched the many improvements in the Borough since that time. We take pride in the knowledge that the company has improved and grown, side by side with the others. It is indeed an honour to be a part of the West Chester family at this memorable occasion. We shall endeavor to live up to the proud heritage that is West Chester's by continuing to produce the finest purest milk possible.

HIGHLAND DAIRY PRODUCTS CO. 24-26 So. New St. WEST CHESTER, PA.

GAS and ELECTRIC SERVICE IN WEST CHESTER

When The West Chester Gas Company was incorporated back in April 1852, it marked the beginning of an era of utility development in the community, development which, through the years, has presaged and kept in step with the community's growth.

From this company's humble beginning, has grown the vast and dependable utility service of the Philadelphia Electric Company to the West Chester area. From that pioneer company's ambitious undertaking in a world highly skeptical of any improvement has emerged a utility system upon which the community has come to depend, not only for gas but for all-important electric power.

GAS SERVICE The West Chester Gas Company constructed a plant to manufacture "illuminating" gas, and built a holder with a capacity of 25,000 cubic feet. Some of the original buildings are still standing, and are used for storage, shop and office space. The present holder with a capacity of 110,000 cubic feet was built in 1887 when carburetted water gas was introduced.

In the early days of the Company, gas was used exclusively for lighting, and records dated 1859 show that in most cases it was conservatively used. The most important stores consumed only 900 cubic feet a month, and dwellings of the wealthy residents were able to get along with only 400 cubic feet a month. However, gas selling for \$3.50 a thousand cubic feet did not encourage extensive use.

The property and franchise of The West Chester Gas Company was purchased in 1893 by The Gas Company of West Chester, which, in turn, was purchased in 1905 by the Chester County Gas Company.

Following the purchase of this company in 1923 by The Counties Gas and Electric Company, the property and franchise were merged in 1927 with the Philadelphia Suburban Gas and Electric Company, forming the Philadelphia Suburban-Counties Gas and Electric Company.

The property and franchises of Philadelphia Suburban-Counties Gas and Electric Company were merged with The Philadelphia Electric Company on October 31, 1929, to form the present company.

ELECTRIC SERVICE Electricity was first introduced in West Chester in 1885. The Company was known as The Edison Electric Illuminating Company of West Chester, Pa. The business grew rapidly, and in 1887 the capacity of the generating station was doubled.

In 1890, the West Chester street railway abandoned its own station and was connected to this company's generating station for all its electric power needs. In 1891, the first electric arc lamps were used to light West Chester streets. These lamps were the first of this type to be used for street lighting in Pennsylvania.

The Edison Electric Illuminating Company of West Chester, Pa. was merged with Chester County Public Service Company in 1911. This company was in turn merged with the Philadelphia Suburban Gas and Electric Company in 1913, and, through the series of purchases and mergers previously mentioned, was eventually incorporated into the Philadelphia Electric Company System.

Philadelphia Electric is proud to have followed in the footsteps of the pioneer companies which played such a major role in the development of West Chester. At this Sesqui-centennial, Philadelphia Electric congratulates the citizens of this community and assures them of continued, dependable electric and gas service to aid in progress during the next 150 years.

DOWNINGTOWN MOTOR COMPANY

EDWIN D. BALDWIN, Manager

21 East Lancaster Avenue

DOWNINGTOWN, PENNA.

In 1905, William H. Carey started the Downingtown Motor Company. It served only as a garage and repair shop until 1908, when it was incorporated. In this same year, 1908, the Motor Company, located in Downingtown, Pa., acquired the Buick Agency, an agency which the Company has held ever since. In other words, forty-one years of Buick Sales and Service.

In 1919, Edwin D. Baldwin, present Manager and Treasurer, joined the Company in a sales capacity. The year 1925 saw Mr. Baldwin become Manager and Treasurer, a position he has held continuously since that time.

In 1933, Walter H. Shepherd, present Manager of the West Chester agency, joined the sales force at Downingtown, and served in this capacity until 1939, when the Downingtown Motor Company acquired the Buick Agency in West Chester. Since that time, Mr. Shepherd has served in his present capacity.

To you, our many valued customers, we extend sincere appreciation for your fine patronage over the years.

325 E. Gay Street

WEST CHESTER, PA.

N. HARLAN SLACK

The automobile and truck sales and service business of N. Harlan Slack, at 112-118 West Market Street, is the oldest automobile organization in West Chester, and occupies the site of the first commercial garage in the borough. It was started in 1902 by the late J. Max Meyer, who pioneered in the automobile business in West Chester, and who sold the Elmore, Winton, Maxwell and Cadillac makes, the last named being the only one surviving.

Away back in 1886, Norris B. Slack, father of N. Harlan Slack, entered the transportation field at Strickersville, Chester County. Carriages, harness, farm machinery and supplies were sold to an ever widening circle of farmer customers in that area. In 1903, Mr. Slack purchased the carriage and harness business of Francis H. Gheen in West Chester, continuing the same line of business. He moved his family, consisting of his wife and six children, to this place, owing to the educational advantages available here.

Mr. Slack later purchased and moved to the more spacious livery stable and feed warehouse building at No. 10 North Walnut Street, which was remodeled to accommodate the early automobile business, and which began with the Ford in 1907. Later came the Reo, Hudson and Chalmers models. A volume automobile business was now started, with the elder son, Thomas M. Slack in charge. Many a Chester Countian began his automobile ownership with a Ford, purchased from the Slack organization in these pre-self-starter days. With the purchase he received driving and operating instructions and retired his horse and buggy, thereby beginning a new era in transportation.

Norris B. Slack passed away in 1925. He is well remembered by many of our citizens, having been active in church, political and community affairs.

N. Harlan Slack joined the firm in 1914, following his graduation from Penn State College as a mechanical engineer. One year later, in May, 1915, he started the Dodge automobile dealership, which is still in operation and now includes Plymouth cars. Located first on East Gay Street, he moved in 1920 to the present location, which has been remodeled and added to many times making its facilities spacious and modern. During the first World War, he served as a Captain in the Motor Transport Corps, U. S. Army, overseas.

Mr. Slack points with pride to the loyalty of the personnel of his organization, five of whom have served more than a quarter of a century: Thomas L. Davis, 35 years; Mrs. Winifred Mason McDowell, 29 years; Arundel Markley, 26 years; Calvin E. Detwiler, 26 years; and Elizabeth Ford, 25 years. Several others have continuous service records of ten years and more.

Since retiring from the Ford and Hudson agency, Thomas M. Slack has been associated with his brother as sales manager. He is a member and Past President of the West Chester Lions Club, a director of the Y.M.C.A. and the Automobile Club of Chester County and active in community affairs.

During his 35 years of operation, N. Harlan Slack and his force have sold about 15,000 automobiles. Parked bumper to bumper these cars would span the extreme length of Chester County, stretching from the Maryland line, below Oxford, to Strafford on the Lincoln Highway, a distance of more than forty-six miles.

His son, N. Harlan Slack, Jr., became a partner in the firm on his return from overseas service in 1945, having served as a First Lieutenant in the Air Force in World War II. He is now manager of the Coatesville branch of the business, a member of Coatesville Rotary Club and Director of Coatesville Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Slack married Miss Sarah Roberts, of Downingtown, and maintains a home on Ashbridge Street, with a beautiful view over the valley. Besides his son and namesake, he has a daughter, Mary Virginia, at home. He is President of the West Chester School Board and the Joint Board, soon to erect a consolidated High School in West Chester; President of the West Chester Building and Loan Association; a Director of the First National Bank; a member and Past President of the Rotary Club; and a member of West Chester Lodge, No. 322, F. & A. M.

J. B. SMITH & SON

Directors of Funerals

The history of a funeral director's establishment if the business be of longstanding will inevitably show that in the early days the business was allied to another occupation, generally cabinet-making and the sale of furniture. The firm of J. B. Smith & Son, 115 East Gay Street, funeral directors since 1875, offers an interesting story in this direction.

This particular business establishment actually has a history over a century old, for it was started in 1846 by William Hoffman, a cabinet-maker. Hoffman set up in business on Market Street that year as a funeral director and furniture dealer. In 1854 the business was moved to East Gay Street adjoining what was then the West Chester Depot, the site now occupied by the Penn Mutual Insurance Building. In the spring of 1862 he moved a block further east and became the occupant of a building built by Theodore P. Apple.

Joseph Burton Smith purchased the business of William Hoffman in April of 1875. The building was a small frame one on the site of the present large brick building in which the business continues today. From 1875 until the day of his death May, 1927, a period of 52 years, Mr. Smith was actively engaged in this business. He was known all over the state for his activities in behalf of the undertaking craft and credited with being one of the foremost men in the business.

Following the death of Joseph Burton Smith the business continued under the direction of his son, William B. Smith, who in the later years had been associated with his father in the business, and the grandson, Ashton B. T. Smith, carrying on the firm name of Joseph B. Smith & Son. As his father before him, William B. Smith was outstanding in the civic life of West Chester and a leader in the field of funeral directing. It was during his leadership of the business that the beautiful chapel became a part of the funeral home—an addition which was to give aid and comfort to hundreds in the times of their distress. Upon the death of William B. Smith in April, 1944, the business continued under the direction of his son, Ashton B. T. Smith, who is the proprietor to this day. Like his forbears, Ashton B. T. Smith has taken his place of leadership in the civic life of West Chester as well as giving direction to a business that holds its position of leadership as it has for these many years. During his terms as Chief Burgess of the borough the town took marked progressive strides.

Thus, this firm, ranking among the oldest funeral director establishments of the county, continues through three generations. And it continues today a business marked with dignity, good taste and sympathetic understanding for all who require its service.

OVER HALF A CENTURY OF TRADITION IN FURNITURE

KAUFFMAN'S Now in *56th Year of Service* TO CHESTER COUNTY

Many a recent Chester County bride has had a unique experience, one that is seldom available to the average new home-maker. It is not often a woman may say that she furnished her home through the services of the same store which supplied her Mother's and her Grandmother's furniture.

But the bride of 1949 found, we are sure, an entirely different world of home decoration when she shopped in Kauffman's. True, American industry has made available a greater variety of better goods . . . but residents of Chester County have seen a pattern of remarkable growth in the Kauffman store in the years which have intervened since it was founded by William J. Kauffman.

As it stands today, with its vast expanse of floor display space which totals 56,000 square feet since the latest addition in 1948, and its two huge warehouses, the Kauffman store is a treasure house, or perhaps a showcase, for America's finest home conveniences and furnishings. And as such, it must afford a feeling of satisfaction to the four Kauffman brothers . . . Harry, Samuel, Sidney and Devere . . . for having brought to realization the dream of the founder, who was their father.

Established in 1894

In a front-page story in September 1937, at the time of a milestone in the Kauffman story, the West Chester Daily Local News said "The history of the Kauffman firm reads like a romance, as it has grown from small beginnings until it has become one of the largest and best-known business establishments in this section.

"William J. Kauffman came to West Chester in 1894. With an initial capital of \$200.00, he started a business in a small way, visiting his customers, who recognized his integrity, and were glad to make their purchases of him.

"In a little while he was joined by his wife, and the two opened a small store on West Chestnut Street, where notions and other lines were carried. Soon he was able to save enough money to buy a horse and wagon, with which he visited his customers regularly, carrying with him a stock from which they might make a selection. He had the faculty of making and retaining friends, who knew that goods purchased from him could be depended upon as trustworthy.

"Three years later he opened a store on the south side of West Gay Street, near Darlington, where he remained for ten years, gradually and consistently enlarging his business and winning a larger patronage.

"In 1905 he moved to greatly enlarge quarters at 151-153 West Gay Street, and changed the character of his business, devoting it largely to furniture and housefurnishings. Here he remained until the opening of the handsome new Kauffman building erected by him at the present location . . . during 1926."

Now a Home Department Store

The Kauffman store today occupies the three floors and basement of the properties extending from No. 15 to No. 25 West Gay Street. It houses a collection of 21 different shops and sections devoted to the many different home services. Kauffman's pioneered in background for the home-like display of major room furnishings which were the subject of a great deal of comment when the principal portion of the present building was formally opened in 1937 by Burgess George J. Brinton and other town officials. But to these have been added such sections as a Linen & Drapery Shop, a section featuring the country's finest kitchen and home electrical appliances, a miniature theatre-like room for demonstration of television, and many others. The Men's shop, which was a new but small section on the second floor at that 1937 dedication, has now become a large handsomely appointed shop on the street floor and a complete shop for boys has been added to it.

The Kauffman store has become known far and wide, even beyond the borders of the county. Not only its customers of three generations, but representatives of the industry it represents call it one of Pennsylvania's finest furniture stores. Although noted for the beautiful displays of the products of most of America's better furniture makers, Kauffman's give first consideration to the standards of service established by the founder. For it is service, above all, which enables a business enterprise to live and flourish for so many years.

West Chester Store Is Headquarters of Chain

By making itself an important factor in the home development of a wide area, it was not very long before the Kauffmans felt the need of answering the call to expand their services to outlying sections. And so it was that in 1929 a branch store was opened in Lansdale, serving the North Penn Valley and parts of Montgomery and Bucks counties. In 1940, a third store was added in Norristown to service the communities lying between West Chester and Lansdale. Both of these stores are smaller editions of the home store in West Chester; they maintain the identical standards of quality and service.

T. E. SMITH & SON

From the "old gray mare" and high wheel wagons, to gasoline power, pneumatic tires and four-wheel brakes, we have progressed to meet the needs of ever expanding West Chester.

In 1887, with one horse and wagon, Shoffner M. Smith opened his door to business as a drayman, from a stable in the rear of 140 E. Gay. In 1888, he was joined in partnership by his brother, T. Evans Smith and they traded as S. M. and E. T. Smith.

During this partnership which flourished until 1910, they build and conducted business at several places including 123 Magnolia, Waverley Place (south of 122-128 Lacey Street), and the present office and warehouse at 207-209 E. Market. Their equipment consisted of ten horses and six wagons. The orders were taken from slates located centrally about town. Furniture was first stored at Waverley Place and later in 1908, at the present office and warehouse.

From 1910 until 1912 the business was conducted as T. Evans Smith. In 1912, his son, Herbert D. Smith joined the firm and it became known as T. E. Smith & Son, under which name it trades today.

The first truck, a two-cylinder Autocar, was purchased in 1915. This was the second or third truck in town. Included among the patrons of the firm in its early history were: Moses and Lumis, J. T. Harkness, Opera House, U. S. Mails and Normal School.

In 1921, Waverley Place was sold and 138 E. Market, 114-116 E. Market and the Sun Plant at Lacey and P.R.R. were added to meet the needs of the business. Package delivery for Lit Brothers, Snellenburgs, Gimbel's and Strawbridges and Clothier were large accounts then.

In 1926, 114-116 and 138 E. Market were replaced by a garage and stores at 134-136 E. Market. These are still in use today. The Sun Plant building was replaced by 18-20 S. Church, which was sold in 1947, but rented for storage today.

The horse finally gave way to trucks in 1924 when the firm boasted a fleet of five trucks. The first Daily Local News delivery started in 1928, as one route to Coatesville, now expanded to four routes throughout Chester County.

T. E. Smith passed away in 1934, his son having assumed ownership in 1933. He was joined by Herbert D. Smith, 2nd, the third generation, in 1946.

In the early years, moving was limited to a distance of 35 miles. Longer distances were packed in railroad cars. Today, our trucks range from "pickups" to 28 foot trailers and operate in nine states with facilities for nation-wide service available.

We have been faithfully served by S. B. Jackson for 33 years, Charles Wilson for 20 years, and the late W. George Highley as mechanic for 15 years.

The past required horse and wagon, the present trucks and should the future require "space ships" we'll keep abreast of the times.

A. P. SPEARE, INC.

A. P. Speare, Inc., 43-45 West Gay Street, prominent West Chester women's apparel retail store, has served the public in the confines of the borough limits for more than twenty years.

An off-spring of the parent store in Chester, the West Chester branch today is one of the leading West Chester retail stores in the heart of the community's shopping district.

It was in September of 1929 that Harry M. Speare and his brother, Nathan Speare, founders of Speare Brothers in Chester, opened their branch establishment in West Chester at 43 West Gay Street, the location formerly occupied by the Biehn Shoe Store. Harry, who formerly resided in Chester County assumed active management of the branch here following its founding.

The trade name of Speare Brothers was adopted and on June 16, 1930, the local organization was incorporated under the laws of the Commonwealth as "H. M. Speare, Inc."

Fate was to play a role in the succeeding years of the store's management. Aaron Greenbaum, for seventeen years an employee of a Cleveland ladies clothing firm in the wholesale business and nephew of the founders, was involved in a serious auto accident. As a result of injuries sustained he was forced from his traveling position.

Changing from the wholesale to the retail business, Greenbaum bought from Nathan Speare, in 1931, his shares in the West Chester store, and gained controlling interest in the establishment. He bought the remaining shares of stock in February of 1932 from Harry M. Speare, who desired to retire from active business. With these purchases Greenbaum became the only active member of Speare's. It marked the culminating point in his career. Beginning as stockroom boy in Cleveland he was established in his own business.

A little more than six years after Greenbaum assumed controlling interest in the business, it was found desirable to expand the location. The adjacent store was leased and the expansion program completed in September of 1937. The store occupied 43-45 West Gay Street.

Shortly after the expansion program the store's name was changed to A. P. Speare, Inc., the change being thought desirable since another West Chester business, whose local heritage was older, was named the same as the store. The trade name was likewise changed to Speare's.

In October, 1937 Greenbaum married Pearl M. Messing, buyer in the lingerie and negligee departments of the Blum Store, Philadelphia. She, too, had achieved notable advancement in the clothing business advancing from sales girl to buyer for the metropolitan store before resigning her position.

Mrs. Greenbaum became an integral part of the store's management. Before associated with Speare's, the store specialized in popular price merchandise. Realizing the potentialities of suburban West Chester, she suggested that better merchandise at higher prices be offered the public. The experiment was tried in 1938 and the public appreciated the store's efforts. Today the organization stands for the mark of quality in its products.

Mr. and Mrs. Greenbaum remain the active members of the corporation carrying out daily the management of the business.

HARRY F TAYLOR

REALTOR

For over 40 years Harry F. Taylor has been in the business of buying and selling real estate throughout Chester and Delaware Counties. Writing all types of insurance has gone hand in hand with his real estate business.

Harry F. Taylor first entered this field of business when he formed a partnership in 1909 with Howard S. Green, of Willistown. The firm name was Taylor and Green. This partnership was dissolved four years later and the business continued under the name of Harry F. Taylor. Green became active in other fields of work and was later to become Sheriff of Chester County.

The firm originally had its offices in the Farmers & Mechanics Trust Company Building and after eight years at this location moved to the building of the "Daily Local News," where it continued for twelve additional years. When the "Local" required the entire use of its building the Taylor firm moved to its present location, the well known "13 North High" building.

The name of Harry F. Taylor has been synonymous with important real estate deals in southeastern Pennsylvania. In these past forty years, 32 different tracts of ground in Chester, Montgomery, Bucks and Delaware Counties have been sub-divided into building lots by this firm. The aggregate sale of building lots sold amounted to more than a half-million dollars. The agency has had a great record in its specialty of buying and selling farms, dwellings and business properties. Albert B. Nesbitt, Mrs. Rachel N. Walter, Clarence N. Kemery and Monroe J. Green complete the personnel of the organization.

Harry F. Taylor lives at Milltown in the lovely home he has occupied since he first entered the real estate business. Few men of the county have as wide an acquaintance as he, and few men can approach his record for establishing friendships.

M. S. WAY & SON

28 West Market Street

It seems appropriate at this time, that there is still hanging in this office of M. S. Way & Son at 28 West Market Street, a framed photograph of the Executive Committee of the West Chester Centennial, celebrated in 1899. Marshall S. Way was a member of this Committee, and until his retirement, always keenly interested in any movement for the betterment of West Chester. He served as Chief Burgess for eleven years, 1886-1897. As a young man, after buying and selling a Hardware Store, then a Coal and Lumber business, and building a number of houses in southwestern West Chester, in 1877 Mr. Way opened a Real Estate and Insurance Office at 34 West Market St., but within a few years, moved into the Everhart Building No. 28 West Market St. In 1897, Channing Way entered his father's office, and since 1911 the business has been conducted at the same location under the name of M. S. Way & Son.

28 West Market St. was originally 14 East Market St. according to a Directory and Complete History of the Borough of West Chester, published in 1857, where it is clearly explained that Market St. is the dividing line North and South, and Church St. East and West. This building, one of the oldest in West Chester, was built between 1835 and 1841, and upon a tract of land conveyed by William Wollerton and wife to William Everhart by deed dated May 29, 1833. It remained in the Everhart family until 1905, when it was sold to the present owner.

In this old Directory appear the following names:—

JOSEPH J. LEWIS, Atty.	- - - - -	14 East Market St.
WAYNE McVEAGH, Atty.	- - - - -	14 East Market St.
CHESTER COUNTY TIMES	- - - - -	14 East Market St.
NORRIS SMITH PRINTER	- - - - -	14 East Market St.

DOWNING & PINKERTON, Editors & Publishers

All the above names are familiar in the early history of West Chester; Mr. McVeagh became Attorney-General in President Garfield's Cabinet, and it was in 14 East Market St. that the campaign for Abraham Lincoln's nomination for President was launched. Jesse W. Fell, a New Garden boy, had gone to practice law in Illinois, and it was there that he and Lincoln became great friends. It was Fell who persuaded Lincoln to run for President, and it was Fell who decided upon Pennsylvania as the vital State, and the Chester County Times as the proper Republican Paper, for launching the campaign.

Fell got in touch with Joseph J. Lewis, the leading political spirit in the Times with the result that Lincoln wrote a sketch of his life; it was sent to Lewis, somewhat amplified by him, and then published in the February 11th, 1860 issue of the Chester County Times. This article from the Times, a weekly journal, was used by the large city newspapers throughout the United States.

The Chester County Historical Society has honored the building with a plaque on the front, commemorating its part in the Lincoln Campaign.

WEST CHESTER COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION

The origin of the West Chester Cooperative Association dates back to February 1942, when five of our townspeople decided there was room, within our community, for a cooperative food store. The first meeting to form the association was called in May. The response was so great that another meeting was called in August. It was at this meeting that some 135 people agreed to become members of the association and enough capital was raised to start the store. On October 1, 1942 the old Haines store was rented and the stock and fixtures purchased. Operations began on October 16th. During the seven years that the store has been in operation our townspeople have become so much interested in the venture that the membership has grown to 395. In October 1944 the store moved to 119 West Market Street where it continues under the management of Ira Gordy. We believe that the future of the association is very good and that it will grow in size as the years roll by.

WOLF'S WOMEN'S SPECIALTY SHOP

This attractive store with its tastefully displayed merchandise opened for business in 1940 at 18 North High Street, one of the oldest business locations in West Chester, the building having been built in 1793.

The Shop specializes in the fitting of Foundation Garments and all types of surgical garments. A complete line of nationally known makes is carried.

Trained corsetieres are in attendance at all times, and all garments are individually fitted and adjusted to the figure. The Shop also carries a complete line of lingerie, blouses, hosiery and accessories.

Sidney Wolf, the owner of the business, has been a resident of the community for 25 years, and has taken an active part in community life as well as the business life of the town for the past quarter-century.

HISTORY OF KNOX & MARSHMAN

Knox & Marshman Express was founded in January 1922 by George M. Knox and Wayne M. Marshman, both of West Chester. Their office was located at James Knox's Milk Store at 104 E. Market Street, and their trucks were garaged at the Turk's Head garage. Times were good, and the firm grew. They had four trucks rendering daily express service between West Chester and Philadelphia, and they did household moving when time permitted. In 1930 they purchased a garage at 127 E. Miner Street which is the present site of the business. The depression of 1929 hit the firm hard, but they held on operating two trucks until World War II. Two more trucks were then added, and the firm hauled hundreds of tons of war material besides their regular work. With the end of the war, business increased considerably, four more trucks were added, and household moving was resumed. Today after being in business for over twenty-seven years the original partners are still operating the company serving West Chester in an even greater capacity.



AN HISTORIC HOME

The building was taxed as the home of Judge Thomas Bell in 1829 and was long designated as the "Bell Mansion."

Following this period Mr. Nields was assisted by his son, Theodore, with the firm name being D. Nields and Son.

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In 1928 Mr. Thorp moved his business to the corner of Church and Miner Streets into the old "Bell Mansion" which he had remodeled into a modern Funeral Home.

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In January 1930 Harold A. Famous, a graduate of Eckels School of Embalming, who had been associated with Mr. Thorp since 1926, purchased the business. Prior to coming to West Chester Mr. Famous had experience in this line of work in Philadelphia. During the past 19 years Mr. Famous has efficiently conducted this business which now has behind it 109 years of successful and continuous service to the citizens of West Chester and the surrounding area.

From the horse-drawn hearses and conveyances of a Century ago to today's motorized equipment, scientific methods, and modern Funeral Homes we see the same advances which are evident in many other aspects of life.

HAROLD A. FAMOUS

101 South Church Street

WEST CHESTER, PA.

109 YEARS

of continuous

Funeral Directing
IN WEST CHESTER

DANIEL NIELDS

In the Village Record of August 14, 1840 Daniel Nields, a local cabinet maker advertised that—He had commenced keeping ready-made COFFINS which can be had at the shortest notice. He also attends funerals.

On April 18, 1848 he advertised in the Register and Examiner: Undertaking attended to as usual . . . on Gay Street 2 doors east of the Eagle Hotel.

In 1858 he moved the business to No. 22 S. High Street. Here he operated an extensive "Cab'net Making and Undertaking Business."

In 1860 he relinquished the business to William Massey of Willistown who conducted it for about two years. In December 1862 Mr. Nields advertised:

Daniel Nields would inform his friends that he has resumed business at his old stand No. 22 South High Street. . . . Fashionable Hearses with Ice Boxes and Coolers.

Following this period Mr. Nields was assisted by his son, Theodore, with the firm name being D. Nields and Son.

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WEST CHESTER, PA.

Mosteller's

MOSTELLERS are a family managed business firm: mother, father, and three sons. (Rosalind D. Mosteller, James B. Mosteller, J. Dewees Mosteller, Clinton R. Mosteller, and J. Paul Mosteller)

The Mostellers came to West Chester in the early part of 1920, having purchased the **DRY GOODS BUSINESS** of Moses and Lumis, an old established firm of many years that had a fine reputation for doing business. J. Howard Lumis and Lewis C. Moses, who operated the business for 31 years was located at 19 and 21 North Church Street occupying a space of about 10,200 sq. feet. In 1922 the property was purchased by Mosteller's and in 1927, Number 23 North Church Street was purchased from Peter John Grauten. In 1928 a general improvement of the entire stores was made in that the store became a department store, with a new downstairs, and three floors of equal size. Ladies wearing apparel and accessories, dry goods and notions, small appliances, paints, gifts, boys', girls' and infants' wearing apparel, and men's furnishings were departmentized. A new elevator was installed and a large 75,000 gallon water tank erected on the very top of the store. The tank in its erection attracted much attention and anxiety, and for a few days customers were afraid to enter the store in fear that it might fall upon them. In 1929 Numbers 25 and 27 North Church Street were purchased from Barrington S. Eldridge and it immediately became a part of the establishment. It was during 1941 that the men's clothing stores of Whitcraft and Groff and J. T. Harkness at 24 and 28 West Gay Street were acquired. These two stores were the leading clothiers of the town. Mr. Harkness was in business for 53 years, a good citizen serving a number of years on Borough Council. Mr. Alger C. Whitcraft and John S. Groff were partners in business for 27 years. They likewise were fine citizens active in community affairs and fraternal organizations, contributing much of their time in promoting the general welfare of the town. Mr. Whitcraft is now retired and Mr. Groff is secretary of Borough Council.

24 to 28 W. Gay Street



Formerly Whitcraft & Groff
and J. T. Harkness

19-21-23 North Church Street

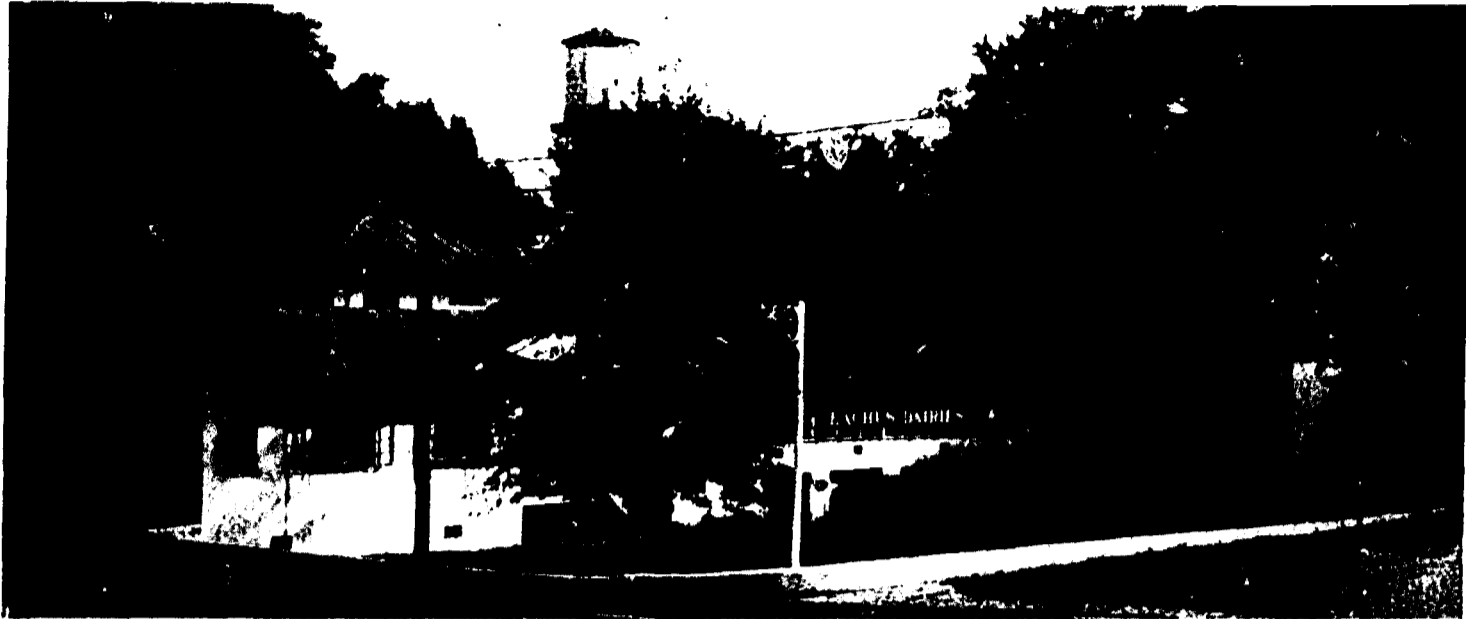


Formerly Moses & Lumis Store

The department store of North Church Street then became attached to these properties making entrances on both streets. A new men's store was built on the main floor. The second floor was instituted for intimate ladies apparel, while the downstairs store took on new paint and housewares departments. The Simon Grant property (Boston Clothing Store) Numbers 38 to 42 West Gay Street came to the Mostellers in 1944 and Number 29 North Church Street from the Ellwood Patrick estate in 1945. In 1946 these two locations were demolished and a new modern structure erected to conform and become a part of the store with another main entrance from Gay Street. The Mosteller Store now consists of floor space of 61,000 square feet, or approximately one and a half acres.

Mosteller's Sales Organization As of August 1, 1949

Thomas Andreas	William Leary
Iona Ault	Mary Lilley
Lillian Ash	Beatrice Lyons
Jane Baldwin	Phoebe Meguigan
Harold Barnett	Mabel Meyer
Dorothy Boyer	Ruth Moore
Doris Brehm	Margaretta Mullen
Lucy Buckley	J. B. Mosteller
Elizabeth Busch	Helen Mosteller
William Carey	J. P. Mosteller
Miriam Carter	C. R. Mosteller
Amelia Chaxello	J. Dewees Mosteller
Helen A. Clark	Rosalind Mosteller
Agnes Cowan	Kay McClure
Edward Cotter	Elizabeth McCreary
Barbara Crisman	Mary McCue
Harry Crosson	Betty MacFadden
Anna Dewees	Harry MacNamee
Julia Dowdall	Betty O'Brien
Mary DiPasquale	Nellie O'Neill
Edith DiSanti	Mamie Parisi
Dolores DiStefano	Caroline Pervear
Abbie Dunn	Helen Phipps
Harry Dunn, Jr.	Jane Pusey
Guilio Febo	Marguerite Quillen
Bessie S. Ferrell	Catherine Seaboldt
Harry Gallagher	Alice Sexton
Edward Gordon	Ruth Shondel
Dorothy Green	Walter Starr
Marlene Gray	Lavinia Stone
Mary Hollowell	Sue Sturges
James Johnson	Helen Tomlinson
Edna Jones	Marise VanTrump
Emily Jones	Phyllis Woodward
James Joyce	Ruth Yoder
Carrie C. Krauser	Anna Zenatis



EACHUS DAIRIES

(Founded in 1909 by Edgar J. Eachus)

The "History of Eachus Dairy" is the story of American enterprise, one in which "Our Founder" conceived an idea, and worked until he achieved his goal. As the result, "Eachus Dairy" today is held in high repute in Chester County, and beyond its borders.

Mr. Eachus was born in Philadelphia, April 9, 1882; and died July 25, 1941. Early in life he came to West Chester, and lived here until his death. He attended Williamson School, and for a time worked at the trade of Machinist, but soon decided to enter the Dairy business. His capital was small indeed, determination and willingness, being the prime factors responsible for much of his success.

Upon starting into the "Milk Business" he found sale for Sixty Quarts daily, and borrowed horse and wagon from his father-in-law to make delivery. His workday began at 4 A.M., and preparation was made in his home. Doubtless he was very proud that first morning, but his elation was short lived. The next morning he found half his orders canceled. The milk had "gone sour!"

Not to be outdone, he found methods for better care, and not only restored his lost patronage, but increased it; and all went well until December, 1909, when his horse "dropped dead!" From then on until the Fall of 1910, he proceeded to serve his patrons from an "express wagon," pulled by hand; at which time he managed to buy a horse and wagon.

On April 1st, 1910, he rented the property at 302 S. Darlington St., West Chester, and erected a small milk-house, from which he supplied his patrons with 120 quarts of milk daily. "Quality" and variety of products had also increased.

On October 31, 1913, Mr. Eachus bought this same property, and built a better-fitted "Milk-house"; for his trade now totaled 400 quarts daily, and was still growing.

In the Spring of 1918, Mr. Eachus acquired his first truck, fore-runner of the large fleet of today. Need for expansion became urgent, and the present site of "Eachus Dairy" on Bradford Avenue was acquired. In January, 1925, Mr. Eachus and his assistants moved into the New Plant. The business had expanded to 1500 quarts each day, along with other Dairy Products.

Since 1925, much expansion has taken place. The most modern equipment, of stainless steel throughout, has been installed, and Eachus Dairy is supplying 12,000 quarts of milk daily to a broad area of Chester County. Its Products are of finest quality, and time and money are not spared when possible to make improvement.

Eachus Dairy has been Pasteurizing since 1918, and Homogenizing started in 1948. Only accredited herds are accepted as sources of supply, and all State Health Regulations are adhered to rigidly. The name of "Eachus" is respected, and thousands of patrons enjoy its well-known "Quality Products."

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The month of July, 1949, marks the "Fortieth Anniversary" of Eachus Dairy, but also marks "Forty Years of Growth and Friendly Progress."

As it stands today, Eachus Dairy is indeed, a fitting memorial to the Courage and Ideals of its Founder, and it is with deep esteem that we pay our respects to his memory!

WEST CHESTER LINCOLN-MERCURY INC.

West Chester Lincoln-Mercury, Inc., Chester County's only authorized Lincoln-Mercury dealer, is now situated in its new building at Market and Adams Street.

Since the close of the war, the Ford Motor Company formed the Lincoln-Mercury Division and appointed separate dealers, the division being headed by Mr. Benson Ford. The agency was first opened for business in West Chester June 1, 1948, at 323 South Matlack Street. The firm moved into its new building in April, 1949, and is now equipped with the latest of service equipment to handle the needs of all Lincoln-Mercury owners in Chester County. The service division covers an area of 4,000 square feet, the parts department 2,250 square feet and the entire property involves 38,500 square feet. It is ideally located to escape the traffic problems of central locations yet it is within a very suitable distance of the West Chester shopping center.

Mr. Robert S. Jones, proprietor of the Lincoln-Mercury Agency, is daily welcoming visitors to his modern establishment.

West Chester Ford Co.

The advent of the Model T signalled an acceleration in the tempo of modern life, and the change was as evident in the borough of West Chester as it was in every other city and hamlet across the nation. Yet until 1935, when the West Chester Sales Company first opened its doors, local residents had to go out of town to buy their Fords, for no agency in this area handled Henry Ford's mass-produced miracle until that date.

James Boals was the first Ford dealer in town, opening in that depression year on East Gay street. Her served the community for ten years, giving way in 1945, and built up a large clientele for the Ford automobile and truck.

The new postwar models were sold, as are the current units, under the banner of the West Chester Ford Company, owned jointly by A. W. Beacham and Raymond Lewis, who took over the agency in 1945. Under the direction of general manager J. D. McLeod, the staff now includes James Murray in charge of the Parts Department and James Lilley at the head of the Service Department.

The Ford agency has played an important part in the recent history of 150-year-old West Chester, providing passenger cars for the townspeople and rural families, and trucks for farmers and merchants.

G. S. MICHENER

Our Advertising Business was established October, 1923. A printing department, located at 416 Dean Street, was added January, 1931. February, 1941, the former printing establishment of George Dale, 16 North High Street (Court House Annex) was taken over and continued. October, 1940 a line of stationery, office supplies and office equipment was added. May, 1949, a showroom at 6 South Church Street was opened, showing a full line of office furniture, equipment and business machines.

FRUIT GROWERS OF CHESTER COUNTY, INC.

Out of the farm depression of 1921 the Fruit Growers of Chester County, Inc. was organized as a fruit packing and marketing cooperative in 1923. It also served its members as purchasing agent for the supplies needed in their operations. A few years later it was reorganized upon its present conventional basis. Fruit handling has largely reverted to the growers and the stocking and servicing of important lines of farm supplies and equipment constitutes the major operation of the company.

STALEY SALES and SERVICE COMPANY

Staley Sales and Service Company is the local Pontiac dealer for West Chester and the surrounding community. The firm is situated on East Gay Street at the extreme eastern section of the borough. The West Chester to Philadelphia pike, Route 3, and the West Chester to Paoli pike, Route 202, pass the front of the establishment.

The present showroom and service buildings are about 150 yards west of Gallows Hill, which in the early days was a place of public execution. The last execution took place here in 1830.

The site of the company's establishment was at one time Uriah Painter's Ice Pond, a source from which most of West Chester's ice was secured. Some years when the weather was not severe enough for good ice Painter imported it. The following is a newspaper quotation which shows that his ice imports were done on a large scale:

The ice recently ordered by U. H. Painter will be shipped by boat from the Kennebec River in Maine to Philadelphia and brought up to West Chester by cars. Each vessel will carry 2000 tons and the ice will take the place of ballast in their holds. By this means of shipping the freight will not amount to more than 10 cents per ton. To convey the contents of each vessel to West Chester, 40 cars will be required, and these are expected to arrive in 2 trains of 20 cars each.

Mr. William F. Staley, proprietor of the Pontiac agency, is at present occupied with razing the business building, which is being replaced with one that will contain a modernistic showroom for the display of new cars, an enlarged parts department, and a new service department. As these plans take shape it can be seen that the new establishment will be a distinct asset to the community, a return which Mr. Staley feels is due the community for the way in which it has supported his business.

The Staleys came to West Chester in June, 1944, this being the date the business was opened. For a period of 16 years prior to this Mr. Staley was associated with the General Motors Corporation. There are three children in the family and after living in nearly every section of the country while the children were small the Staley's selected West Chester as the ideal place to rear and educate their children.

LIGGETT'S DRUG STORE

The Liggett's Drug Store at the corner of High & Hay Streets is a favorite meeting place for hundreds of people of West Chester and vicinity. The store was opened by the Liggett firm May 22, 1946, moving there from their former location at 23 North High Street. Liggett's first came to West Chester February 15, 1930, when they purchased the longstanding business of the W. A. Pierce Drug Store at the North High Street address.

Liggett's stores are found in many of the larger towns and cities of eastern United States. The quality of their merchandise and the service extended has become a standard in the minds of thousands of patrons.

The firm's headquarters is at 72 West 23rd Street, New York City, and Mr. Ade' Schumacher is president. The West Chester store carries 15 employees. The Manager, J. R. Leaman, has been with Liggett's for 21 years, the last 15 in West Chester. The Assistant Manager, John Maguire, has been with the West Chester store 10 years of his 26-year record with the company.

WILEY BROS. & LEWIS

Wiley Bros and Lewis, 116 North Walnut Street, West Chester, is a partnership entered into February 1, 1946, by Harvey F. Wiley, Herbert H. Wiley and Marple V. Lewis, for the purpose of conducting a general garage consisting of a sales agency for new and used cars and trucks, tires and tubes, accessories, supplies, batteries, gasoline and oil, and in conjunction therewith to operate a shop for maintenance and repair of all kinds of motor vehicles.

The shop is open daily including Sundays and holidays from 7 A.M. until midnight. It maintains four trucks to handle any emergency and the fourteen employees are always willing to render efficient and courteous service. Skilled mechanics, backed by years of experience, have the training to repair any make car or truck. A.A.A. and Keystone road service is available 24 hours daily.

Wiley Bros. and Lewis is West Chester's only authorized dealer for Packard and Willys-Overland products. The firm invites you to come in, without obligation, for a demonstration of one of America's finest automobiles.

TURKS HEAD GARAGE

FROM THE HORSE AND CARRIAGE TO THE HORSELESS CARRIAGE AT THE TURKS HEAD GARAGE

In 1769 when West Chester was known as Turks Head and the method of travel was by horse and carriage, John Hoopes built one of the first inns of the town and called it The Turks Head Inn. This inn was built near the site of the present Turks Head Hotel. The present location of the Turks Head Garage was the old stable yard and stable of the inn. Since that time the location has been a scene of constant activity for storing, servicing and selling methods of transportation.

In the past travelers were just as proud of their horses and shiney carriages as the motorists of today are of their new and shiney automobiles. It was a custom of the advertising of that time to include mention of the stable facilities available with the inn accommodations. In 1851 John McGinley, who then owned the property, advertised in the Village Record: "His stable is well attended by the most attentive Oslers in the country." Although the methods, wording and terms of advertising have changed through the years of progress, the same high standards of business are carried forth in the Turks Head Garage today.

The well known Turks Head stable yard was completely covered with oyster shells that glistened in the sunlight making it an exceptional place to show off horses. Horse sales on the premises were frequent and many a lot of first class horses sold here found their way into the stables of well-to-do local residents. One of these sales was held by Messers Larzeleri and Sliger who brought six fine horses here from Illinois. Sold at auction the horses brought from \$140 to \$200 which was considered at that time a very good price.

One of the strangest sales ever made on this location was in 1876 when a side show animal known as a "horse-bull" was sold at auction. The owner, it is reported, brought it to town for his unusual show. However, unable to convince enough people to see this animal of rare qualities he could not make expenses. He left town in a hurry and also left Mr. Lemuel Kenny, the owner of the inn, with a lodging bill. The bull was sold to William McCloskey for ninety-eight dollars and was later reported resold in Lancaster.

In the days of the traveling patent medicine vendors who toured the country from town to town with various vintages of herb medicines, the Turks Head stable yard was again the center of attraction. Such persons and "Doc Jester" and his "Kickapoo Indians" many times held forth here until they had collected all the money possible by promising people "new life" for a dollar.

It was in 1878, during the display of the aurora borealis, a terrifying sight that made many think the world was coming to an end, that travelers and local residents gathered in the stable yard and knelt together in prayer. The Turks Head Inn, more than a century old at this time, had long come to be known as one of the town's outstanding landmarks.

Two major accidents of a serious nature occurred on the grounds of the Turks Head Inn. On October 22, 1892, while the stable was under the proprietorship of R. L. Hayes and D. M. Golder, the rear of the carriage house collapsed destroying many beautiful carriages. None of the fine horses, lodged there at the time, was injured. Upon investigation it was discovered the crash occurred when the weight of furniture and other goods stored in the second floor was too great for the century old supporting beams.

While in the capable hands of Morris Sellers, in 1904, the second major accident occurred. During the night fire broke out in the stable. Sweeping through the stable the raging flames threatened surrounding buildings and, for a short while, firemen from West Chester's volunteer company were uncertain whether or not the borough here would be the tragic victim of the conflagration.

West Chester firemen, however, in their quick and efficient action, were successful in halting the spreading flames and surrounding buildings were saved from damage.

In 1919 the property and buildings were purchased by Mr. Howard K. Moses of West Chester and it was by him that the present main Turks Head Garage building was constructed in 1922.

In 1925 R. Grier Miller entered into partnership with Howard K. Moses selling new and used cars. In 1926 Mr. Miller purchased the new car business and rented the garage show room building from Mr. Moses. Since that time the show room building has been torn down and a parking lot built in its place.

Mr. Miller purchased the main garage building from Mr. Moses in 1931 and since that time has made several changes and improvements in the appearance of the building. The old stables, however, are still part of the present building. The cables used on the old elevator to move carriages from the first to the second floor can still be seen in the rafters on the second floor.

In 1945 R. Grier Miller planned to incorporate his business and take his two sons, Charles Ellis and Edwin Delmer, into business with him upon their return from the Navy and the Army. This incorporation was recorded on October 1st, of 1945 in the Chester County Corporation book number 10, page 66.

The corporation was to be known as R. Grier Miller and Sons, Inc. and was to engage in the following business: The buying and selling of automobiles, automotive accessories, gasoline and oil, electric refrigerators, washing machines, dish washers, radios, and other household appliances; to act as agent for manufacturers of automobiles, accessories and household appliances; to operate and conduct a general garage and do all other things incidental thereto, including repairing, storing, and servicing of automobiles and other appliances; and to engage in buying, dealing in and selling aircraft and accessories therefor.

The original officers elected to govern the corporation were R. GRIER MILLER, President; CHARLES ELLIS MILLER, Vice-President; DOROTHY I. MILLER, Secretary; and EDWIN DELMER MILLER, Treasurer. The only change that has been made is that Edwin Delmer Miller is now Vice-President and Charles Ellis Miller is now Treasurer.

The well known slogan of "Never Closed" has held forth for many years with courteous service to the public being given twenty-four hours a day.

HOFFMAN LUMBER CO.

FRANKLIN AND UNION STREETS

When, in March of 1907 Vernon L. Hoffman and George D. Baldwin, the present Register of Wills of Chester County, both West Chester boys, decided to pool their resources and start a retail lumber yard, the firm of Hoffman and Baldwin was formed and opened for business on April 1st of that year.

They formed a partnership and leased a corner of the Ralston Hoopes Coal yard at Barnard and Matlack Streets, remaining at this site for the first eight years of their business existence.

The two partners were lads of 22 and 23 years respectively when they started unloading lumber from freight cars and hauling it to the various building jobs in the town and in the surrounding countryside in a wagon drawn by the same horse which the younger of the two partners used to convey him to his place of business from his parental home near Grove. Their stock in trade at that time was their horse and wagon, their youthful ambition and the strong backs which are to this day a requisite in handling of joists, rafters and sheathing boards. In those days an order received from as far away as Downingtown meant that the partners would have to spend a full day in hauling a load of lumber to the job and return. When a telephone and a yard man were installed, the youthful partners felt that they had arrived, and the gong attached to the phone would bring them scurrying from the lumber car which they were unloading to answer what might be an order for the next day. It was during these early days that Albert Huey built his farm home near Lenape and very kindly saved the Hoffman and Baldwin firm the trouble of hauling the lumber by doing the job himself with a very fine yoke of oxen, which were in common use at that time on the farms as draught animals.

In 1914 the Hoffman and Baldwin firm bought of the Col. Guss' estate the present property bounded by Union, Franklin, Barnard and Adams Streets, a former brickyard. After the Boro had assisted by filling the old clay banks with the usual type of filling materials, the partners, in 1917, moved their business to the new property, building the horse stables, and the present lumber shed together with a small office which was located at the site of the present one. The Railroad Company at this time ran a private siding into the yard which made the unloading of lumber a much handier operation.

Along about the same time the motor age caught up with the lumber business and the first truck was bought replacing the teams used theretofore.

During World War II Hoffman and Baldwin were actively engaged in supplying many war projects which required large quantities of lumber for prompt delivery. Some of these were the Dravo Corporation, Wilmington, The Valley Forge General Hospital, the Bainbridge Naval Training Station, the Lukens Steel Company and many thousands of feet of lumber were shipped to ports of embarkation for trans-shipment to overseas bases.

In March of 1946 Mr. Baldwin retired and the partnership was dissolved. Mr. Hoffman formed a new corporation under the present name of Hoffman Lumber Company.

Among the buildings which were supplied with lumber and other materials during the course of their construction in and about West Chester are, the Chester County Hospital, Philips Memorial of the State Teachers College, Rockwell Mfg. Company now Schramm Inc., Hickman Home, E. H. Jacobs now Grocery Store Products Company, Brandywine Mushroom Company, National Foam System and the College Arms Apartments.

The homes both great and small, which had their beginnings at Hoffman and Baldwins are beyond enumeration.

The company now employs about 20 persons in various capacities which include drivers, millwrights, salesmen, lumber handlers, and office workers.

Since the reorganization in 1946 the company consists of:

VERNON L. HOFFMAN, President. Original member of firm.

GEORGE T. SMITH, Vice President. Who joined the company in 1924.

WILLIAM E. SMITH, Secretary. Who joined the company in 1929.

WILLIAM J. LANGAN, Treasurer. Who joined the company in 1931.

VERNON L. HOFFMAN, JR., General Manager. Who joined the company after his release from the Navy following World War II.

N. WALTER SUPLEE. Who came into the business to head up a vastly expanded Hardware Department in 1946.

WALLACE HOUSTON, JR. Who is particularly charged with selling in the field and who also joined the firm after a period of service overseas during the war.

Hoffman Lumber Company looks forward to the years ahead with a feeling of pride in the past and an enthusiasm for the future.

The MARSHALL SQUARE SANITARIUM



The Marshall Square Sanitarium was founded in buildings which housed The Chester County Hospital from its birth to the time it removed to its new plant on Boot Road. The buildings were begun in 1892. A picture of the front of the hospital appears in the Centennial celebration booklet. All of the buildings have been completely restored, modernized, and adapted to the functioning of a thriving 120-bed hospital for chronic diseases, nervous and mild mental patients.

The equipment consists of apparatus for recognized modern treatment for the classes of patients accepted and the Sanitarium is fully staffed for its work. The kitchens, cafeteria, storerooms and laundry all have the most modern installations obtainable.

The Sanitarium gains its name from its location on the public park "Marshall Square" on which its buildings have their southerly exposure.

It is seldom that a private hospital has the good fortune to have its beginning in a plant built for hospital purposes. Full advantage has been taken of this fortunate circumstance to quickly establish a new institution which is well-known in the northeastern section of the United States and has patients from all sections of the country.

The original buildings of the Sanitarium are grouped at the southern end of a tract of ground bounded by Virginia Avenue, Marshall, Franklin, and Matlack Streets. The northern end of this tract is leased without charge to the Borough of West Chester and its school district as a playground for children in the northeast section. This playground is known as the Barr Playground. It is actively utilized in the recreational facilities of the Borough.

Three brick residences and an apartment house south of Marshall Square have been purchased for housing of nurses and other employees.

Four miles from West Chester the Sanitarium operates farms of over four hundred acres to supply food and also to furnish recreational and occupational diversion for patients.

This hospital is recognized by The American Medical Association, is licensed by the State of Pennsylvania, and is a member of The American Hospital Association, The American Association of Private Psychiatric Hospitals, and is a contract hospital with the Veterans Administration of the U.S.A.



LOUIS N. DAVIS

Louis N. Davis, Jr., proprietor of Davis Supply Co., 38-40 East Gay Street, operates a West Chester business nearly fifty years old.

It was in 1901 that L. N. Davis, Sr., father of the present proprietor, rented from John McBride, cigar store proprietor at 44 East Gay Street, the location at 38 East Gay, and established the present plumbing and heating contracting business. The property was later purchased by L. N. Davis, Sr.

The properties from 40-44 East Gay Street inclusive, among the oldest buildings in the borough, were purchased in 1930 by L. N. Davis, Sr., and the location remodeled into two stores and apartments.

The site at 22 North Walnut Street, which joined the Davis property in the rear was purchased from Earl Patrick. This added considerably to the storage space required by the Davis establishment. The location there, many years ago, gained prominence as a Chinese laundry.

With the purchase of this property the entire first floor was remodeled. To accommodate an increase in business a warehouse for the firm was erected on the lot adjoining 38 East Gay Street in the rear.

The 38 East Gay Street location was, prior to 1900, the firehouse for the Good Will Fire Company.

HENRY V. DeHAVEN

West Chester itself is only slightly older than the drug business at 106 West Gay Street, location of DeHaven's Drug Store.

Henry V. DeHaven, in business for more than thirty years, began his drug store enterprise in a site that had, for nearly a century served the drug needs of the community.

On April 22, 1829 Edmund A. Maginness announced the opening of the "New Drug and Chemical Store" on "Gay Street, West of Church." There appeared in the Village Record on that day the following announcement:

"The subscriber respectfully informs the citizens of West Chester and the public generally, that he has commenced the Drug and Apothecary Business, at the above stand, a few doors east of the Academy with a general assortment of Fresh Drugs, Medicines, Paints, Glass, Dye Stuffs, Varnishes, etc. Physicians can depend upon having their shops furnished complete with every article used in practice, at city prices."

Maginness, two years later on June 1, 1831, was proud of his fountain opened to the public then. As at the time of the opening of the store he was given public recognition in the Village Record.

Maginness remained in business there for a period of years. In 1838 the apothecary shop was to have a new owner.

Robert M. Crowell was the second druggist to locate at 106 West Gay Street. He, too, announced his opening in the Village Record:

"The subscriber having taken and fitted up the store lately occupied by E. A. Maginness in Gay Street, West Chester, and having received supplies of fresh Drugs and Medicines informs the public that he is now prepared to supply them with Medicines, etc. that may be depended on as good and genuine, and at fair prices. Orders from store keepers or physicians in the country put up with promptness and on reasonable terms.

"Physicians' prescriptions compounded with care and correctness.

Advertisements of Charles M. Crowell, owner, in March, 1879, states that he has "The oldest established drug store in West Chester."

Following the Crowell ownership there were two individual owners, J. B. Thompson, and Albert Pilkington.

In March, 1916 ownership of the drug business was acquired by Henry V. DeHaven. In the words of Robert Crowell, he too, "HOPES BY STRICT ATTENTION TO BUSINESS AND BY SELLING MEDICINES OF GOOD QUALITY AND AT FAIR PRICES, TO RECEIVE A SHARE OF PUBLIC PATRONAGE."

The High and Dean Streets branch of DeHaven's Drug Store was established in 1928.

Full time associates in the Drug Department includes G. LeRoy Brooks, Chester A. Duncan, Robert A. Laubach, Jr., Ralph Easter, and William A. Glen.

In the Sales and Service Departments are Laura E. Lewis (on leave), Eiola Messmer, Margaret E. Hunter, Patricia Birchard, Rebecca A. Dinsdale, Elsie Pierce, Anna McAllister, Dorothy DeHaven Hipple, Richard Foulk, Andrew Dougherty, Thomas Kavanagh, and Carl Irons.

1888**COSGROVE INDUSTRIES****1949****INCORPORATED**

Located in the heart of West Chester. Established by Stephen Black in the year 1888 as a mill-work plant and later transferred to the West Chester Millwork Company and still later on transferred to the McAbee Millwork Company and then to the present ownership—COSGROVE INDUSTRIES INC. who manufacture a complete line of custom built mill-work, which work is installed in some of the finest homes and institutions in this area.

COSGROVE INDUSTRIES INC. also has a division which manufactures weatherstripping and aluminum combination windows and they have this equipment installed on the world's largest building and the world's largest housing project and many of the large Government buildings in our National Capital and many private homes throughout West Chester and vicinity.

COSGROVE INDUSTRIES also has a division known throughout the country as PENN SHUFFLEBOARD CO. Penn has been manufacturing shuffleboards for a number of years. The game of Shuffleboard is the oldest sport known to mankind with the exception of archery. In fact, the origin of this game goes back to Henry VIII's time. Penn Shuffleboard has shipped their boards to every State in the Union and has exported some of their games. In the past few years, the research department has developed a material known as COSOLITE. This material is immune to climatic conditions which is one of the greatest steps forward since Henry VIII's time in the shuffleboard field as it has revolutionized the entire industry and the PENN SHUFFLEBOARD COMPANY now boasts of the fact that they have the world's truest and fastest Shuffleboard.

This organization was founded in 1929 by Paul J. Cosgrove, who is now President of COSGROVE INDUSTRIES INC., operating at 220 N. Church Street, West Chester, Pa.

John F. Dunleavy, Est.

The firm of John F. Dunleavy, "Roofing, Sheet Metal Work, and Warm Air Heating," was founded September 15, 1923, at 227 West Washington Street. Its first job was to renew a rain conductor for a neighbor.

John F. Dunleavy learned his trade in West Chester, working for the Apple Plumbing and Heating Company, under the management of Michael Murphy. His original shop was in the basement of his home. In 1925, he purchased the property at 324 West Washington Street from his brother-in-law, Thomas J. Treston. Here he built a new shop, which remains the present business address.

In 1928, John F. Dunleavy was joined in the business by his son, John, and, in 1930, by another son, Joseph. Both sons were apt pupils, and soon acquired the skill of the trade, for which their father was noted.

John F. Dunleavy continued to operate the business until his death in December, 1947. Since that time the business has continued under the name of John F. Dunleavy, Est., conducted by the two sons, and ably assisted by a force of five employees.

INTERNATIONAL MOTOR TRUCKS**E. PIERCE DARLINGTON**

E. Pierce Darlington, proprietor of the agency for handling Sales and Service of International Motor Trucks, was formerly in the Post Office Service. He entered the post office in 1907, became superintendent of mails in 1912, and was made a post office inspector in 1920. He left the government service in 1921 when he was appointed Wholesale Blockman by the International Harvester Company.

In 1933 Mr. Darlington was made the Authorized International Truck Dealer for West Chester, starting in this business at 432 East Gay Street. In 1941 he purchased the garage at No. 7 North Bolmar Street and this location continues to be the home of International Motor Trucks.

The Village Flower Shop

Henry R. Guss III and Robert S. Guss, brothers, formed a partnership in 1939, the partnership to be known as "The Village Flower Shop." The business was originally opened at the intersection of Gay Street and Montgomery Avenue.

In 1941 the "call to the colors" temporarily suspended the business until the termination of the war. Following the war in 1946 their business was resumed at its present location, 10 West Market Street.

MOULTON H. DAVIS ESTATE

108-18 East Chestnut Street

Through a succession of partnerships this business house traces back to nearly a century of service to West Chester in supplying in part, its lumber needs.

- Prior to 1858 Bernard & Painter conducted lumber business on Chestnut Street between High and Walnut Streets.
- 1858-1862 Bernard & Worth conducted business at Chestnut Street and Railroad.
- 1862-1866 Worth, Sharpless, & Hall; located on Matlack between Washington and R. R.
- 1866 Records show John D. Worth & David J. Scott doing business at Matlack Street, corner of Biddle.
- 1873 This partnership dissolved with Worth continuing in business alone at the same location and Scott set up his own yard on Matlack Street near the gas works.
- 1876 David J. Scott bought a lot on E. Chestnut Street from Williams & Burns in March of that year. In November 1876 a brick stable was built on the back corner of the lot, but it was not until early the next spring (1877) that Scott advertised he would be doing business at his new location on E. Chestnut Street, near the Eagle Hotel. Scott, aided by his daughter, the present Mrs. Robt. G. Kay, continued at this location until April 1909 when he sold out to Moulton H. Davis.
- 1909 Moulton H. Davis operated the business as proprietor until he passed away. Since 1938 the business has continued as an Estate managed by the widow, Mrs. Linnie R. Davis, and his four sons—Alvin N. Davis, Moulton H. Davis, Jr., Boyd C. Davis, and Edward H. Davis.

WEST CHESTER LOCKER and FREEZER SERVICE

216 East Market St.

The West Chester Locker and Freezer Service, young in years but old-fashioned in virtue, was built and opened in 1946 by Joseph M. Fox, Jr. and Charles A. T. O'Neil, to supply the needs of discriminating people.

It offers to the community a complete frozen food service, with the rental of freezer lockers, sales of wholesale meats, custom butchering, wrapping and freezing meat, and a full line of ice cream and frozen foods.

J. J. Newberry & Co.

The West Chester J. J. NEWBERRY store first opened in July, 1927, as the 105th number in the chain. The first Newberry store was opened in Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania. This October, the Company will be celebrating its 38th Anniversary with a special Anniversary Sale.

Since 1944, Mrs. D. G. Bing, formerly of Downingtown, has been manager of the Newberry Company.

THE BEAUTY BOX

Even a plumber would hardly claim there was much connection between finger waves and water pipes, but nevertheless "THE BEAUTY BOX" at 121 West Market street was formerly a plumbing shop.

Llewellyn Taylor retired from business there in March 1937, and Nan Rendelman of Chester opened a beauty salon. It was taken over by Helen McCordell Seldomridge as "THE BEAUTY BOX" in October, and for the past twelve years Miss Seldomridge and her operators have faithfully served West Chester and vicinity in beauty treatments.

J. Charles Windle

J. Charles Windle, public accountant in West Chester since 1929, maintains his office at 6 South Church Street on the second floor there.

Backed by years of successful accounting experience, Mr. Windle served as Chief Accountant for two West Chester firms during the last war which held large government contracts.

Now serving a varied clientele in Chester and Delaware Counties he is concerned with audits, taxes, and monthly accounting services. His associate is Paul E. Witthuhn.



BALL & BALL

WHITFORD
PENNSYLVANIA

There is little history connected with this firm because it was not founded until March 1932. Neither is it a continuation of any previous business, the founders, however, were two of the three officials in another firm of the same kind.

The original firm of William Ball and Sons was founded in 1921 at Malvern, moved to the edge of West Chester in 1926, and the new location was then named Hope Manor, where business was conducted under the original name until it was disbanded in 1932.

The experience gained in the first firm resulted in the inception of the firm known as Ball and Ball, by the partners William Ball, Jr. and George P. Ball. First location was a few miles East of town, then it was moved into the Borough at 219 Mechanics St., where it was conducted as a partnership until August 1939, when George P. Ball sold his interest to the present owner, William Ball, Jr. The business continued at the same location until October 1943, when it was moved to its present location North of town, at Whitford. The products are reproductions of original cabinet hardware of all types, and also reproductions of builders hardware of the types used in Pennsylvania before 1900.

Other products are related items such as fire place fittings, hand blown hall lamps and ornaments in general as used in homes prior to 1800.

You are cordially invited to visit our showrooms at Whitford.

DR. OSCAR SCHNEEWEIS

Dr. Oscar A. Schneeweis, optometrist, first established practice in West Chester on November of 1942. Maintaining an office for nearly three years at 29 North Church Street, the office formerly occupied by Dr. Harry M. Speer, he purchased the property at 27 South High Street and, in August of 1945, moved his office to that building.

Presently located at the South High Street address, Dr. Schneeweis, in addition to doing his own examining and fitting, completes all laboratory work on the premises.

Chester J. Sinclair

Chester Sinclair took over an unlucky store, already the scene of one depression failure, at 16 South Church street when he opened his appliance business in 1935, but he and his wife have developed it into a popular center for West Chester shoppers.

Mr. Sinclair purchased the building he occupies in 1940 and constantly expanded his stock, adding radios, phonographs, records, modern kitchens and television. When his brother, D. Austin Sinclair, was discharged from service, he was put in charge of the store's installation and service department.

JOHN I. TAYLOR MUSIC STORE

116 WEST GAY STREET
WEST CHESTER, PA.

Founded in 1929. Carries a full line of Musical Instruments, Sheet Music, and Supplies. Handles the following instruments: Hardman, Harrington, Conover, Cable, Kingsbury, and Minipianos; Gibson Guitars; King, Buescher, and Pan American Band Instruments; Venuti Piano Accordians; Slingerland Drums; Gibson and Premier Amplifiers; and Kay Bass Violins.

Mr. Taylor has 37 years of Music Business behind him.

LAWRENCE DELPINO

In June 1890, Julia Delpino, widow of Benjamin Delpino took a trolley ride from Philadelphia to West Chester and discovered here in West Chester the possibilities of a produce business. With her two children, Lawrence and Rose, she moved to West Chester and leased the space for stand at High and Gay Sts., across from the Green Tree Inn. She sold fruit and soon vegetables in season. Some folks still remember the smell of roasting peanuts over charcoal.

The stand was enlarged in 1917, and a truck purchased so that Lawrence Delpino could go to the Philadelphia market and local farmers for fruits and vegetables.

The little business had grown so that in 1926, Lawrence Delpino made a store from the property at 142 E. Gay St. He added at this time a full line of groceries and delicacies from all over the world.

A few years late in 1934, it was necessary to again expand and he bought the adjoining property, 146 E. Gay St., the store as it stands today.

With the aid of modern walk in ice-box, ripening room and a spray system he was able to maintain a high quality of provisions for which L. Delpino is known today.

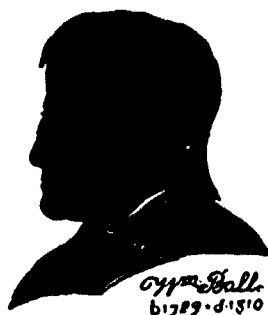
The business of Lawrence Delpino, has always been a coordinated family institution, and the children, Alma and Lawrence, Jr., are actively engaged with their father.

DRAPER'S SMOKE SHOP

In September of 1944, the above business was started by Fred Draper of West Chester, ably assisted by William "Mac" McCormick, handling fine tobaccos and pipes. The original location was 12 West Market Street. In September 1945, Mr. Draper purchased the building at 24-26 South High Street, and continued business there.

In March of 1948, the business and building was sold to Richard J. Freeman, who, with the continued help of Mr. McCormick, is carrying on much in the same manner as in the beginning.

**OVER 250 YEARS of
Skilled Craftmanship
Background of BALL BRASSES**



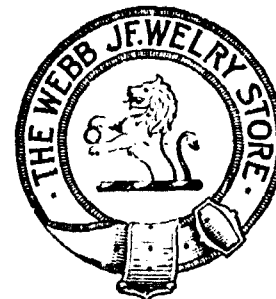
Before 1700 the Ancestors of Wm. Ball Sr. were Armor makers to the English Crown by Royal appointment. Wm. Ball, I, came to America in 1700 locating in Philadelphia. The Second generation became noted as silversmiths and artisans in non ferrous metals, Wm. Ball, II (1729 to 1810) having made the silver service used at Mt. Vernon by George Washington. Samuel Ball joined his brother Wm. in business about 1760.

A later generation received a Medal at the Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia in 1876, and the next generation received a Medal at the Worlds Columbian Exposition, Chicago 1893

Coming to the present day the family Crafts and tradition are represented by three generations, headed by the present Wm. Ball Sr. owner of Ball Brasses, and C. Ball Wentling, and Lee G. Wentling, Jr.

The Ball Brasses and Show Rooms are at 12 and 14 East Market Street near the Court House. Visitors are always welcome. A full line of Antique Reproduction Brasses made by hand in the Early American Manner is on display.

SINCE



1876

Webb's Jewelry Store was founded by Jesse E. Webb, who was born in 1846 and died in 1916. He learned his trade in Coatesville, moving here about 1876, and opening his store in 1876 on the south side of E. Gay Street near the Goodwill No. 2. Early in the 1880's he moved to 16 W. Gay Street and remained there until 1911 when he moved to the present location at 27 W. Gay Street. He will be remembered as one of the outstanding roque players of Chester County.

Horace T. Webb, a graduate of W.C.H.S., joined his father in the store after graduating from Bowman School of Watch Repair in Lancaster.

Jesse Webb Crouse, grandson of the founder, entered the business with his uncle late in 1945 upon discharge from the Navy. He is a graduate of the Baronian School of Watch Repair in Philadelphia.

Albert M. Ingram, whose death occurred in 1943, was associated with the store since 1895. He learned his trade with William Hill, Sr., of this borough.

In 1947, James E. Robinson, a graduate of Spencer School of Watch Repairing, N. C., joined the force. The sales personnel includes Mrs. L. Chester Feters, an employee since 1928, and Mrs. Edgar A. Alexander, who began her employment in 1944.

**JACOB ASSOCIATES, INC.
ROUND TOP, WEST CHESTER, PA.**

Founded by Edward H. Jacob, Jr. in 1936 as E. H. Jacob Jr. Laboratories to make a better gravy aid. With singleness of purpose and a lot of energy, FLAVOR-GLOW was first made in a building on the outskirts of Malvern. Mr. Jacob was the entire staff, being cook, packer, shipper, sales and office force.

The basis of FLAVOR-GLOW is the meat-like protein part of wheat which would actually become meat if eaten by the steer. This makes a truly superior product as cooks and chefs quickly learned.

The original pilot plant in Malvern was soon outgrown and in 1937 the enterprise moved to Willowbank, a small farm with usable buildings in Goshenville.

New items were added to the production and the business continued to increase with the result that by 1942 Willowbank also was inadequate. It was then the company moved to its present location at Round Top, just west of the Borough limits.

E. H. Jacob Jr. Laboratories was incorporated as Jacob Associates, Inc. in October 1946 with E. H. Jacob, Jr. as President, H. B. Pratt, Hayes Robbins, Jr. and Wm. G. Balderston as Vice Presidents and District Sales Managers, Carrol B. Darlington as Secretary and Director of Research, and Robert H. Richie as Treasurer and District Sales Manager. They now manufacture and sell nationally ten vegetable protein base kitchen aids.

In 1947 Jacob Associates also became national sales agents for the entire line of Sebasco Frosted Seafoods--the only fish that are processed and frozen the day they come out of the water.

QUAKER RESTAURANT

Backed by more than thirty years of experience, the Quaker Restaurant, 124 West Gay Street, West Chester, was established in 1938 by Alfonso Umani. Conceived of rich experience and sound background, the restaurant was to flourish in the West Chester community and become an integral part of the town's business district.

After thirty years in the restaurant and hotel business, Mr. Umani, prior to the restaurant's opening on February 1, 1938, planned to serve the public with specialties of Italian dishes, steaks and chops, and seafood. His plans were a success and the restaurant today, more than eleven years after its establishment, is noted for these specialties.

Known too for many other fine attributes, the restaurant is known throughout the State. In its short but colorful history it has entertained the country's top celebrities. Grace Moore, singer of international note, dined here, as did Bing Crosby, Bob Hope, Roy Rogers, and the parents of James Stewart.

Unable to derive a suitable name for the business place, Mr. Umani struck upon a novel idea, and in a contest advertised in local papers, the name as it is known today, "The Quaker Restaurant" was accepted.

In 1946, the sole owner and proprietor, Alfonso Umani retired from business, but the restaurant was to continue to prosper under the management of Joseph Umani, son of Alfonso. Currently under his management, changes in keeping with the times were made. A new kitchen was added among other improvements. Wife of the new proprietor, Adelle, has been a charming hostess for the past several years. She also assumed charge of the dining room.

Mrs. Alfonso Umani continues to be recipient of the single honor accorded her for her excellent cooking. She prepares all the food.

Among other honors the restaurant is a member of the American Restaurant Association, an honor bestowed upon restaurants of merit in their business.

IN MEMORY OF PERCY H. McCORMICK

THE P. H. McCORMICK INSURANCE AGENCY

Percy H. McCormick first opened his office as an insurance agency February 1, 1923, in the Farmers & Mechanics Trust Company Building. He later moved to 17 North Walnut Street and eventually to the Knights of Columbus Building, 110 West Market Street, where the business was flourishing at the time of his death.

Mr. McCormick, a life-long resident of West Chester, had been one of its leading citizens. He served his country in the time of her need during World War I, he was ever quick to respond to any movement that was for his community's good; he gave splendid leadership to service and civic organizations.

The business he established continues. Here one will find insurance service that is complete—fire, casualty and life—and whatever the problem may be in this field the agency will gladly offer its help.

ELWOOD C. KOFKE

This business house is established on one of the landmarks in West Chester history: the site of the first Methodist Church in West Chester and its burial grounds. Mr. Elwood C. Kofke, proprietor, was for many years associated with Samuel Taylor whose business was close by. Here Mr. Kofke learned thoroughly the business of merchandising paints and allied products and when Mr. Taylor dissolved his business, Mr. Kofke continued in the line with which he was so familiar.

He carries a full line of the famous Pittsburgh Paints as well as all types of glass. Mirrors of almost any size are made up according to specifications and mirror repair work is a specialty.

Mr. Kofke is a life-long resident of West Chester and he has a wide acquaintance with the townspeople. He enjoys the opportunity to discuss with anyone his paint or glass problems.

HISTORY OF SHADE MOTORS, INC.

In the fall of 1947, S. "Doc" Shade took over the present Nash Franchise from West Chester Motors, operated by Benny Hubbard and Nick Lario. The corner lot at Gay & Montgomery Avenues, owned by the late George March, was chosen as a desirable location and a new building erected thereon. Since the building was finished, inside and outside improvements have been made, the most recently of which being a very fine Used Car Lot.

Doc, with his brother Bob, continued to operate until April of 1949, when Bob bought Doc's main interest and with Joe Downing and Art Avery, continued the business. Shade Motors, Inc., offers a wide selection of New Nash and all makes of used automobiles, along with genuine Nash parts and service on all makes.

History of Jane Chalfant



September 1933, with depression and despair in the air, saw the hanging of a new sign on North High Street, "JANE CHALFANT" TOWN AND COUNTRY CLOTHES — ACCESSORIES.

Due to the loyalty and help of many customers and friends, the business grew and prospered, and, in 1937, the property at 123 North High Street, in "Lawyer's Row," was bought. This building was modernized, but the owners tried to retain the old feeling with the small paned show window and colonial front. Inside, a very old fireplace which had been in the building when it was originally built, became the focal point of the shop.

This year, 1949, is again a period of expansion. The old William Hayes property has been purchased and joined to the shop, giving twice as much space as before. Again, the charm of an old Town has not been destroyed as the architecture follows as closely as possible along colonial lines. Inside, however, there is air-conditioning for customers' comfort, and the friendly, not too commercial atmosphere, which has characterized the shop will still prevail.

HARRIS JEWELERS

Harris Jewelers, 12 West Gay Street, is one of West Chester's businesses to begin in the early years of the depression.

Founded in 1934 by Norman I. Harris at 126 North High Street, he continued to operate his store at that location until his retirement in 1946.

At that time he was succeeded by Harris Jewelers. On October 7, 1947, the store, under the management of Jack Colen assisted by F. J. Cups, moved to their present location at 12 West Gay Street. The bookkeeping department is headed by Virginia Daniel.

RUBINSTEIN'S OFFICE SUPPLIES SPORTING GOODS & TOYS

MARKET AND WALNUT STREETS

WEST CHESTER, PA.

A raffle ticket was a prime factor in the growth of "RUBINSTEIN'S—OFFICE SUPPLIES, SPORTING GOODS AND TOYS."

The business was begun in 1912 as a book bindery at 20 South Church Street, by Mr. and Mrs. I. Rubinstein. In 1915 they won an automobile which, when sold, enabled them to move to larger quarters, the present location on Walnut and Market streets. An office supply store was established in the front and a book bindery in the rear. In 1919 a sporting goods and toy departments were added.

Mrs. Ella Rubinstein retired in 1948 and the business is now operated by her son, Samuel Rubinstein.



CO-BRIN ACRES SHOP **Early American Reproductions**

After twelve years of experience with early American furniture and homes, Co-Brin Acres Shop came into being in 1937. We manufacture furniture from old wood obtained from furniture, shelving, bridges, and old buildings in the vicinity of West Chester.

We carry at all times on our show room floor a collection of authentically reproduced furniture.

MARSHALL F. BRINTON

ATHLETIC EQUIPMENT

On April 30th, 1927, William H. Jones, Jr. and Adam Gurskey ventured into the business world when they opened the doors of their establishment, trading as Jones & Gurskey, at 30 South High Street, West Chester, Pa., serving the public with a complete line of sporting goods.

Being one of the young established businesses, we have no historical background.

However I would like to take this opportunity, in memory of my partner, Adam Gurskey, who passed away on December 29th, 1947, in wishing all the business firms of West Chester, many more successful years of prosperous business and hope that this town of ours will grow and Grow and GROW!



MARTIN LABORATORIES

F. E. MARTIN, V.M.D.

Martin Laboratories had its inception in 1944 when it was realized that certain diseases of dairy cattle could be better treated with a different form of medication from those previously used. A bougie for the treatment of mastitis was thus conceived and the long search for the best ingredients and best method of manufacturing was started.

A big stride was made in 1945 when penicillin became available for veterinary use and was found to be effective in the bougies then being used experimentally. Since then penicillin bougies, sold under the trade name "MASTICS" (mastitis sticks), have been widely recognized as the most convenient and safe way to administer penicillin in mastitis of animals. A new building is being constructed in West Chester to supply the international demand for "MASTICS" and further develop the product.

Conner & Darrh

This partnership, formed by Horace R. Conner and William W. Darrh, handling the sales and service of GMC Trucks, at Market and Adams Streets, West Chester, was started in April, 1921. The firm was first situated in the old Keystone Garage at 120 North Church Street. In 1924 the business was moved to what was known as the Chester County Garage on West Miner Street where it maintained the Authorized Buick Service.

In 1927 Conner & Darrh purchased from the Denney Tag Company the old carriage shop building that stood on the southwest corner of High and Barnard Streets. Alterations to the building were made and the firm became Authorized Agents for GMC Sales & Service in Chester County. They dismantled the building at this location in 1939 and erected a modern gasoline service station and garage.

In 1947 Conner & Darrh purchased properties at Gay and Adams Streets and Market and Adams Streets. It is the Market and Adams Streets location that the firm continues its sales and service today.

ORIOLE TEA ROOM

J. Warren and Gertrude Taylor opened a tea-room on September 3, 1924, to serve students of the State Teachers College. Its popularity led them to enlarge their quarters in 1928, to serve the general public. During the alterations they continued business in the Cunningham residence at High and Chestnut Streets.

On November 25, 1948, the Oriole Tea Room returned to its present well-known location at 621 South Walnut Street. Mr. Taylor died on October 3, 1947, and Mrs. Taylor has since continued in the management, catering to family groups, dinners, and banquets. The tea-room has just recently been re-decorated.

CHESTER COUNTY AUTO SALES

The history of Chester County Auto Sales, one of West Chester's leading automobile businesses, is more than a story of success. It's a dream come true for an ex G.I., a dream fulfilled in a land of free enterprise.

Young in years but of a virtuous nature Chester County Auto Sales thrives today in a community appreciative of the work of former soldier James D. Wilcutts, and his wife Helen.

It was in 1945 when James Wilcutts, still in the khaki of Uncle Sam, discussed with other soldiers what they would do when discharged and back home. The discussion was an old one to many of the over-seas veterans, but that particular night was an impressive one for Wilcutts. His decision was made. Formerly employed in the automobile business, he would again go into the auto business, but this time for himself. He never forgot that decision. Nearly a year later, in February of 1946, Wilcutts was discharged from the Army. Losing no time he immediately received a contract from Hudson Motor Company granting him the territory of West Chester and Southern Chester County. The first step in a dream conceived overseas was a reality.

But another problem loomed ahead before his business venture was possible. A building was a necessity. "Buildings to house an automobile agency," Wilcutts now declares, "were as scarce in 1946 as apartments for veterans."

For more than four weeks the wheels of progress for Wilcutts were slowed for want of a location. Finally he located his present site at 308 East Gay Street.

"It had no eye appeal," he said, "in fact it looked impossible, and as I think back I would say that only a man who had been in the Army as long as I would undertake it."

But, heedless of hardships, he set out on March 1, 1946 assisted by his father, a builder, to renovate and put the future show room in shape. He worked under pressure determined to finish by March 15th, the date of the scheduled opening. Undaunted, the father-son combination worked night and day and fifteen days later, James D. Wilcutts and Helen D. Wilcutts, trading as Chester County Auto Sales, opened their first enterprise.

With a personnel of two mechanics, Joseph Barthelomew, of West Chester, and Charles Etter, of Norwood, and himself, the organization, small at its conception, realized the work cut out for them.

Never forgetting their responsibility to the public they based their business policy on honesty and sound business ethics.

From a small start Chester County Auto Sales has grown into an organization now employing eleven people. An additional location at Gay and Adams Streets has been started as a used car lot in order that they may better serve the community.

Today Wilcutts and his wife say thanks: "thanks to our faithful customers who have made us what we are and thanks to our American System of free enterprise, a combination that made a soldier's dream come true."

C. S. BRUBAKER

C. S. Brubaker was sent to West Chester in 1920 to open a shop in this community for the International Harvester Company. He returned, a year later, this time to become service manager for R. M. Rakestraw, whose business was later sold to P. R. Smith.

In 1922 Mr. Brubaker opened his own shop in the rear of the property now occupied by M. S. Yearsley and Son. After moving to locations on East Gay Street, the present location at Market and Adams Streets was purchased in 1937. Here C. S. Brubaker offers complete sales and service, representing Reo Motor Trucks and Busses, and Trailmobile Trailers.

MACK'S Army - Navy Store

Mack's Army-Navy Store, 16 West Gay Street, was established in 1923 by Morris Pietzman and Max Cantor as an Army and Navy surplus store.

In 1932 the enterprise was taken over by Max Berkowitz. Since that time the business has enlarged upon its original purpose of dealing exclusively with Army-Navy surplus goods. Today it carries among other items a full line of men's wear in both work and dress clothes.

A specialty of the store is riding clothes for both men and women.

ERNEST C. FAUCETT

Located in commodious and handsome new quarters at Market and Darlington Streets, Ernest C. Faucett represents the DeSoto and Plymouth lines in West Chester.

Mr. Faucett was born on a farm near Dilworthtown, and was graduated from the West Chester High School in the class of 1915. He was associated with his father, the late Emlen C. Faucett, in the automobile business until the latter passed away two years ago. They began their business on South Church Street in 1922, moving the next year to 128 West Market Street. At that time they represented the Willys-Knight and Overland cars, which were popular makes at that time.

In 1933 they took the agency for the DeSoto and Plymouth lines, products of the Chrysler corporation, which they have since represented. In 1939 they located at 129 East Gay Street, where they continued until September of this year.

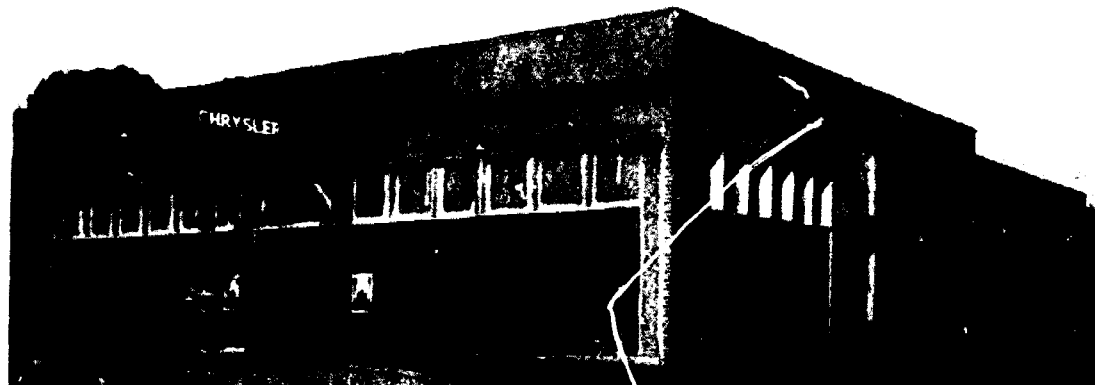
In 1945, the Faucetts purchased the George Hickman property, at the southwest corner of Market and Darlington Street, which they have completely transformed. There are ten apartments, each with three rooms and bath, and completely occupied.

On the west side of the mansion, the show room and service station have been erected with a frontage of 66 feet on Market Street, and with the service station in the rear. Huge plate glass windows permit display of cars from the street. Entrance to the service station is from South Darlington Street.

Ira J. Sharpley is the service manager, while J. Oscar Dicks, Jr., is the parts manager. Careful and efficient attention is given to service on all makes of cars.

On the Faucett farm, at Cool Spring, near Dilworthtown, Mr. Faucett maintains his used car lot, where at times there have been as many as fifty cars. These have been carefully reconditioned and have thousands of miles of service yet in them.

Mr. Faucett married Miss Mildred E. Baldwin and makes his home on the homestead, at Dilworthtown. He is a member of Concord Lodge No. 625, F. & A. M., the Tall Cedars of Lebanon of West Chester; West Chester Lodge, No. 825, B.P.O.E., and attends the Presbyterian Church at Dilworthtown.



BATTIN MOTOR COMPANY

This automobile firm early saw the advantages of situating at 327-31 East Gay Street, West Chester, and was the first of the existing agencies now forming "automobile row" to do business there. In February, 1927, the partnership formed by John Pratt and Wayne L. Battin, Jr., was set up to distribute and service the Chrysler and Plymouth cars. The firm was the first Chrysler-Plymouth distributors in Chester County. It continues a leader in the business and maintains a shop which is completely equipped with the most modern equipment for quick and efficient service. All of its employees are factory-trained men, making for a model of shop operation. Eberlin S. Morgan, Director of Service, has been associated with the firm for many years.

The partners of the firm have always been closely associated with West Chester, having been born and reared in Pocopson Township. John Pratt Battin attended West Chester High School and George School and was graduated from Goldey College. He was formerly vice-president and treasurer of Hare & Chase of Norristown, Inc., an automobile financing and insurance company represented in 8 cities and towns of Pennsylvania and Delaware. In addition to his interests in the Battin Motor Company he is district manager of The Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York, with offices at 1516 Locust Street, Philadelphia. Wayne L. Battin Jr. was graduated from West Chester High School and Bucknell University. He is at present president of the West Chester Automotive Dealers Association.

SELLHAST CHEVROLET COMPANY

It was on February 26, 1936, that Otto D. Sellhast, formerly of New York, became established in the automobile business in West Chester.

In business for more than thirteen years in West Chester, Mr. Sellhast was formerly treasurer of a large Chevrolet distributorship in New York City. Upon deciding to go into business for himself, he was offered by the Chevrolet company distributorships in either Jenkintown or West Chester. Following a personal survey of both locations, he was so impressed by this borough that he located here.

The only Chevrolet business in town, he first established business at the corner of Gay Street and Patton Avenue, now the location of Acme Market.

Within a short time it was realized that these quarters were not adapted to efficient operation and plans were laid for the erection of a modern automotive building on Gay Street. The building complete, the business moved in February of 1938 to its new home at 330 East Gay Street where it operates today.

During the war, when automobiles were not manufactured, Sellhast Chevrolet continued operation of their service department, and, in addition to their auto work, aided the war effort by the manufacture of portable lighting plants for the United States Navy and Marines. The manufacturing was completed under sub-contracts with Schramm's Inc.

In 1946, when the manufacturing of Chevrolets was again started, Sellhast resumed normal business.

The Chevrolet was first represented in West Chester in 1914 by Thomas Hughes who operated his business at 116 North Walnut Street, now the home of Wiley Bros. and Lewis.

In 1921 R. Parke Register succeeded Thomas Hughes as West Chester's Chevrolet dealer with a showroom at 112 East Gay Street. He remained at this location until 1917.

Popular demand for Chevrolet necessitated that he move to larger quarters. At that time he constructed the building located on the southeast corner of Walnut and Chestnut Streets, now occupied by the General Sales Company. He remained at this location until the later part of 1935 when he retired from business.

Since then the Sellhast Chevrolet Company has continued to serve the public of this vicinity with the best from the standpoint of sales and service. The personnel of the sales and service department has had a long and wide experience in the automobile business. They are in a position to give helpful suggestions to the most discriminating buyers.

Sellhast welcomes suggestions to improve service and extends an invitation to you to visit their establishment.

M. S. YEARSLEY & SONS

FROM THE CRADLE TO THE COMBINE

The firm of M. S. Yearsley & Sons looks back nearly seventy years in the development of modern farm machinery as Maurice S. Yearsley, the originator of this firm, entered this field early in the 1880's.

Prior to the last quarter of the nineteenth century reaping of grain was done with the cradle, a relative primitive implement. This involved a slow and arduous series of operations, so the invention of the reaper and binder was an important innovation. As can be readily understood, the introduction of this machine revolutionized the harvesting of grain and every farmer became a potential buyer.

Mr. Yearsley, who was then a young man, chose the well known Osborne to introduce and sell throughout Chester and Delaware Counties. He remained with the D. M. Osborne & Co. until about 1900 when he left this work. However his greatest interest lay in farm machinery, so in 1917 he and his three sons organized under the name of M. S. Yearsley & Sons for the marketing and repairing of such equipment.

In 1928 M. S. Yearsley & Sons became the agent for the John Deere Plow Company, which manufactured a complete line of general farm implements. John Deere had developed important changes in the farm tractor, which stimulated rapid acceptance of the gang plow, discing machine, and improved grain drill, all of which were made by the John Deere Company to aid the farmer.

Improvements in the tractor, soil cultivation and planting equipment brought natural demand for improvement in reaping and threshing methods. The answer to this demand was the combine which cut, threshed and bagged the grain in continuous operations in the field. The John Deere Plow Company marketed its first combine during the 30's and the company has made constant improvements so that it now offers one of the most efficient combines, as well as other implements, available to the farmer.

In keeping with the ever increasing expansion of farm equipment it has been the policy of M. S. Yearsley & Sons to enlarge their stock or repair parts, to modernize their shop equipment and to train an efficient personnel so that service may be rendered promptly, economically and satisfactorily.

In their store at 100-116 East Market Street, they maintain a complete stock of hardware, paint, fertilizer, dairy and poultry supplies.

The improvements made in farm machinery during the past three quarters of a century have eased considerably the many laborious tasks of the farmer.

The Yearsleys are proud of their contributions to the welfare of the progressive and receptive farmers in this area. The firm appreciates the confidence shown in it by those whom it has served over these many years.

MILLER'S WELDING SHOP

Eddie L. Miller started welding in the Coatesville Boilerworks at Coatesville in 1921.

In 1924 he was married and started welding in the, then, newly founded Lenape Hydraulic Press & Forging Company at Lenape where he had charge for eight years.

In 1932 he started the first Electric and Acetylene welding shop in West Chester in the old car barn then run by Penrose & Martin at 16 S. High Street and later changed to Penrose & Mitchell. After freezing one winter in this open building, he moved to a three car garage owned by the same company along side of the same building. Later, he rented a two car garage across the alley and two alongside his shop. In those days Eddie didn't have the equipment to work with that he does today. He started out with a home made welding outfit which served its purpose but which was far from being what you would call a modern piece of equipment. Eddie's first job with this outfit was to make a large steel crane for I. M. Clompus which was a large job for such a small outfit.

In 1942 he bought the building at 138-140 E. Market Street and installed an over-head electric operated crane and a shower room—two things which are essential in this type of business. The work is often heavy and, if on a boiler, dirty. Eddie has, not like the old days, managed to accumulate a fine array of equipment. Included in his shop equipment are drill press, steel band saw, welding outfits and punch press and miscellaneous tools necessary for first class welding. Also two cranes, one having a 30 foot boom and one of 13 feet capable of lifting a load of approximately 20 tons used exclusively for outside or road work. Having heavy equipment to handle the work out on the road often times results in various odd jobs. Among these are classified the handling of wrecked trucks and heavy lifting jobs. One of his latest such jobs was moving 25 bungalows approximately two miles to a new location at Coatesville and another he moved from Oxford to Charlestown, Maryland, which is approximately a distance of twenty miles. Another one of his miscellaneous jobs was that of dismantling the 125 foot brick stack at the old ice plant on Chestnut St. which is now a parking lot. Still another of his odd jobs was the removing of old plates and installing of over a ton of new plates in a 150 foot water tower at Oakbourne.

During the war 15 men were employed at one time. He has approximately 6 men under his employ now.

I. M. CLOMPUS

DISTRIBUTOR

PLUMBING HEATING ROOFING SUPPLIES STRUCTURAL STEEL

FROM JUNK DEALER TO WHOLESALE DISTRIBUTOR IN 91 YEARS

MORRIS WEIL

In 1858, Morris Weil, arrived in West Chester and started in a small way. He secured a small place on West Gay Street, established a rag station and added other things. Later the business increased to such an extent that he purchased the property at the corner of New and Market Streets including a large yard in the rear. There he remained for many years, but the business and the encroachment of the borough drove him westward and he secured vacant lots at the corner of Wayne and Market streets.

Later his sons engrossed his attention and he admitted them into the firm later to be called M. Weil & Sons. Herman Weil, a son, was the last active member of the family when the business changed hands in 1916.

CLOMPUS AND KODISH

The February 15, 1916 issue of the Daily Local News read—"Chris Columbus locates here. Christopher Columbus who claims no family connection with the man of the same name who sighted the shores of America some centuries back, has located in this place." On that date Isadore M. Clompus and Jacob E. Kodish, his partner, purchased the good will of the business, property at the corner of Wayne and Market streets, and the large lot on West Gay street, all the horses, wagons, and other things required in the business, together with the stock in the two yards. They operated their new firm under the name of Chester County Junk Company until 1921.

I. M. CLOMPUS

Clompus and Kodish dissolved their partnership in 1921 with Isadore M. Clompus becoming the sole proprietor. Clompus initiated the new line of structural steel and its fabrication during the late twenties.

In 1937, Clompus purchased more property at the corner of Wayne and Market streets and embarked in the plumbing and heating supply business in addition to the other activities. Martin, his older son, joined him in his newer business giving it modern progressive ideas and many new innovations.

As time progressed the distribution of wholesale plumbing, heating, and roofing materials along with structural steel became specialized. The junk business gradually diminished and by 1941 the firm was entirely out of the junk business.

Clompus' other son, Bertram, as well as Martin were admitted into the business as partners recently.

The firm caters to leaders of every community to be found among Building Contractors and Master Plumbing and Heating Dealers throughout a four state area.

JOEL'S

15 N. Church Street

Mr. and Mrs. Joel Weiss came to West Chester just 20 years ago this summer. At their present location, 15 N. Church Street, they opened the style shop for women under the name of Joel's. They brought with them 15 years of successful experience in style for women in the city of Philadelphia.

The site, 15 N. Church St., had been among other things a basement oyster house and immediately prior to occupancy by Joel's a kind of general store. The necessary alterations for conversion from an ex-oyster house and general store to a ladies dress shop were, of course, made and Joel's began the pleasant, satisfactory, and successful relationship with the women of West Chester and neighboring communities that has continued throughout the years.

Successive alterations were made from time to time, such as the removal of the back stairs, the installation of the elevator, the enlarging of the alteration department, the change of the windows, culminating in the most recent alteration of 1947, when an entirely new face was put on the shop, a face designed to best represent the quality of the shop.

Throughout the years Joel's has been motivated consistently by one principal; to provide for its clientele quality and style at the most reasonable price and looks forward to many more years of the same happy policy and the same pleasant and successful relationship with the families who have patronized the shop in its 20 years, grandmother, daughter, and granddaughter.

HOFFMAN'S SHOE STORE

The center of four contiguous squares that comprised original West Chester, the intersection of High and Gay Streets is older than West Chester itself. It was no little role that the properties and property owners of this location played in the development of West Chester proper as it's known today.

It was on this location, the southwest corner of High and Gay, now the site of Hoffman's Shoe Store, that farm folk from the surrounding countryside and traveler alike were served the products of many and varied merchants who located there over the years.

History has it that when the first plots were planned for West Chester the portion of land fronting on both High and Gay Streets and located on the southwest portion of the intersection, was owned by E. Trego. This was fifteen years prior to the incorporation of the borough of West Chester, or approximately 1784.

An old stone structure stood on that location when the property was acquired by John W. and E. H. Townsend from Charles Kenney. The purchase was made on April 1, 1818.

For seventy-two years the property was to remain in the Townsend name. In 1832 the old stone building there at the time was torn down and in its place the present brick building erected. A dry goods business already established by the Townsend family, was continued until 1890.

At this time the building was purchased by Johnathan C. Hare who modernized it and converted the former dry goods store into a grocery market. Sixteen years later, in the early months of 1906 the southwest corner of High and Gay was to undergo another change.

For the first time in the history of the property a shoe store was established on the premises and the business entered into by Charles O. Hoffman and Algier C. Whitcraft. The enterprise continued until 1911 when C. O. Hoffman took over the business.

The building was a century old when, in 1932, the present owners, Morris and Philip B. Weiss, brothers purchased the business.

Since that time the location has been the home of one of the borough's modern shoe retailing stores. It continues to serve the public today, still in the heart of West Chester, as it did since fifteen years before the incorporation of the borough.

Harold Weiss, manager of the Hoffman Shoe Store, assumed managerial responsibilities there, in June of 1947.

The W. G. HILYARD ESTATE

"Seasonable, fancy, and staple dry goods, at city prices."

This was the advertisement of R. J. Haldeman, 15 East Gay Street, in West Chester's 1857 directory. R. J. Haldeman's proprietorship of this store, from November 17, 1854, was the beginning of nearly a century of operation of a dry goods store at what is now the W. G. Hilyard, Est., 33 West Gay Street.

In succession, the business was operated by R. J. Haldeman, 1854 to 1865; by Warrington and Walter, 1865 to 1872; by Charles M. Grim, 1872 to 1879; by Jones and Tanguy, 1879 to 1895.

In 1895, the building was purchased by M. A. Biehn, and in 1922 by W. G. Hilyard. Now known as the W. G. Hilyard, Est., it continues in the merchandising of quality materials, selling a fine line of piece goods, spreads, blankets, and linens, to those who have known the store for many years, as well as to those who are the newer citizens of West Chester.

BOSTON SHOE STORE

The Boston Shoe Store, 18 West Gay Street, West Chester, is significant, not only to West Chester as a leading enterprise here, but to seventy-five communities throughout the country where branch stores from the West Chester establishment have sprung up.

The first in a chain of Triangle Shoe Stores, the Boston Shoe Store in West Chester, has served the community here with its product since 1911. While the enterprise grows and continues to "make history," the site itself is among the oldest spots in West Chester.

Under the ownership of Morris and Philip B. Weiss, the store was originally among the holdings of E. Trego who owned, according to history, the entire block now fronting on the south side of Gay Street between High and Church Street. Trego was the owner in 1784.

The Boston Shoe Store, provider of shoes for "the entire family" is managed by Norman Fuerman.

HARRISON BROTHERS, Inc.

This well known firm of contractors and builders has its headquarters in Ardmore, Pennsylvania. They are extensive holders of real estate and have been particularly active in the field of theatre buildings. Their association with West Chester has been a close one for over a score of years for they own important properties in the business district of the borough.

The business building at the northwest corner of High and Streets, frequently referred to by West Chester people as the Woolworth building because the Woolworth store is situated here, has been the property of Harrison Brothers since 1928. This corner has a long history in the business life of West Chester. Many people still think of it as the site of the old Francis Jacobs building where he and his son, Carroll, maintained law offices, and where Whitcraft's and later, the Wahl haberdashery stores were located. The site was purchased from the Jacobs Estate by Max Meyers who here conducted West Chester's first parking lot for automobiles. He died while the present building was under construction. Since it was purchased by Harrison Brothers the building has been greatly enlarged. It now houses the Woolworth and Sun-Ray stores on the first floor and eight different business establishments maintain offices on the second floor.

Also the property of Harrison Brothers is the old Eagle Hotel building at the northwest corner of Walnut and Gay Streets, a building that has a notable history in the business annals of the community. This property includes the Garden Theatre on Gay Street and the garage of Wiley Bros. & Lewis which fronts on the Walnut Street side. It is the plans of Harrison Brothers to erect in the near future a modern building on this corner.

TYPEWRITER SERVICE BUREAU

Established 1917

J. J. MADEIRA, Prop.

13 WEST GAY STREET WEST CHESTER, PA.

July 9th, 1917 is the date the TYPEWRITER SERVICE BUREAU was started in West Chester, at 204 East Market Street. Here, you could have your typewriter, adding machine, check writer, duplicator and office machine serviced or rebuilt by a factory trained mechanic on all makes of machines. After twelve years of continued success the business was moved up-town to more centrally located quarters at 113 West Gay Street. At this address was added a small line of office supplies.

This location soon became too small and some months later the business was moved to its present location at 13 West Gay Street, taking in two floors and a basement. A full and complete line of office supplies was added, as well as Steel Desks, Filing Cabinets, Safes, Stenographer Chairs, Desk Chairs, Steel Book Cases, etc. The service department is also located in this building where office machines are serviced, just as in the past 32 years.

Max Martin Slavitz

Max Slavitz, proprietor of Maxcie's Tavern, northwest corner of Church and Market Streets, West Chester, was born in Philadelphia, but came to West Chester in 1915 at the age of nine. He was graduated from West Chester High School in 1924 and then went into the grocery business with his father then established on West Gay Street.

In 1934 Slavitz ventured into the tavern business, locating at No. 6 West Market Street. In 1944 he purchased the Everhart Building at the corner of Church and Market Streets where his business continues today. This building has a long history in the business life of West Chester and many improvements have been made to it since it came under Slavitz's ownership.

In 1935, Max Slavitz married Lillian Paster, of Philadelphia, and the Slavitz family which includes their attractive twin daughters, Diane and Phyllis, reside in West Chester.

**PROUD OF YOUR PAST
A STAKE IN YOUR FUTURE
National Foam System, Inc.**

1819 - 1949

NATIONAL FOAM SYSTEM is justly proud that one name, one family, has been associated with fire-fighting equipment since the beginning of the company. James Boyd, great grandfather of the present head of the company, founded the business in 1819, in Boston; and in 1942, the business came to West Chester. James Boyd's original patent, granted in 1821 by President James Monroe, now hangs in the main office, here in West Chester.

The Boyds were an inventive family: James Boyd's son, John C., invented a cotton fire hose in 1859. Another son, Alexander, invented the expansion ring screw-coupling, now used universally on all kinds of hose.

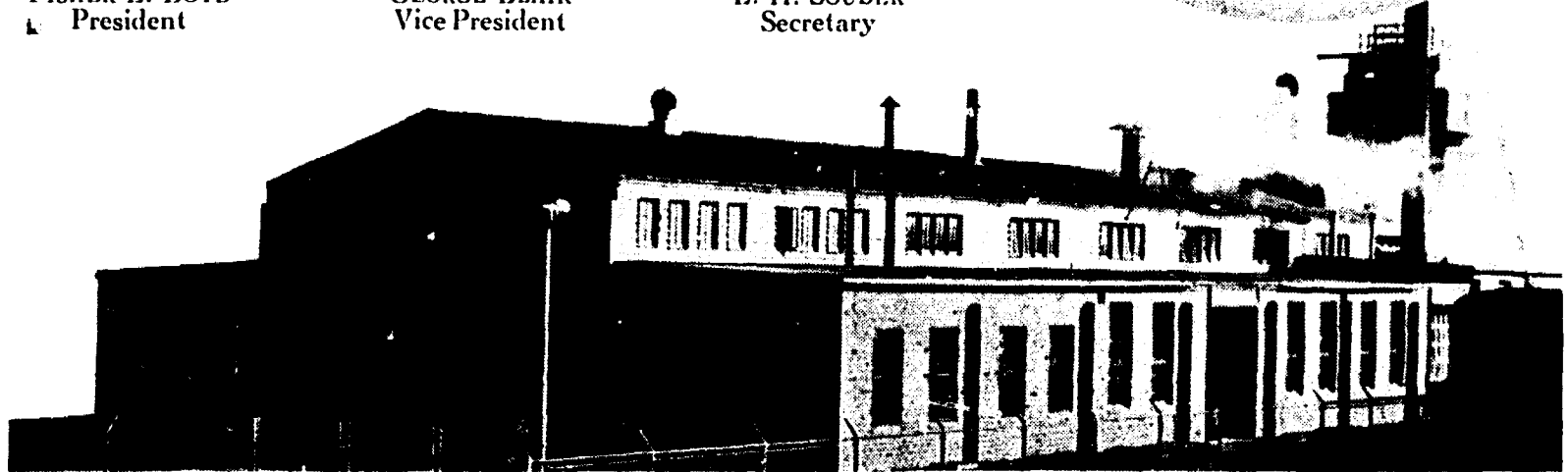
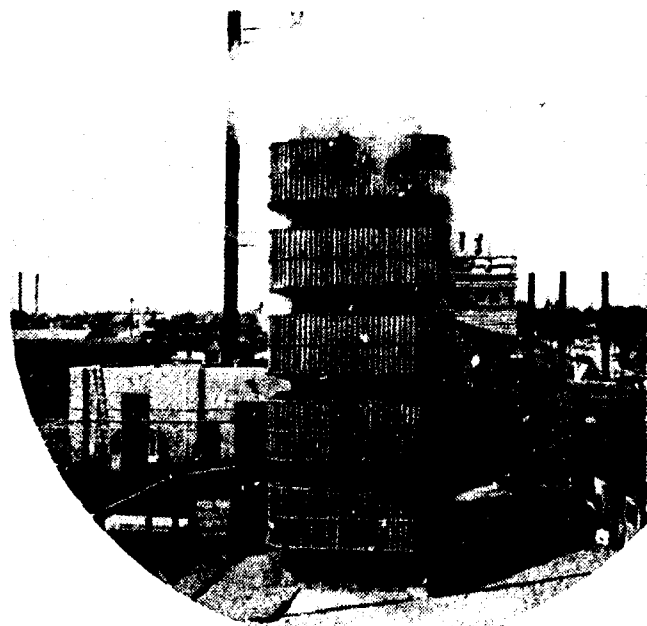
This, in brief, is the history of four generations of the making of fire-fighting equipment.

We hope succeeding generations will continue to prosper in this community . . . and in so doing, help West Chester to prosper too.

FISHER L. BOYD
President

GEORGE BLAIR
Vice President

L. H. SOUDER
Secretary



HENRY B. BROOMALL & SON

**SAME FAMILY SELLING WALLPAPER FOR
69 YEARS**

With the borough of West Chester celebrating its 150th anniversary, the Broomall family is heading into its seventieth successive year in the wallpaper business in this town.

Jason D. Broomall initiated the business when he opened his wallpaper store in 1880 in the 100 block of East Market street, only a square away from the present location. Two years later he moved to the store which now houses the business at 34 East Market street, and his first advertisement, appearing in the 1884-85 edition of the Chester County Business Directory, proclaimed him a retailer of wallpaper and window shades.

Upon his death in 1926, the business was carried on by his eldest son, Jason D. Broomall, 2nd, at the same address until the latter's death in 1944.

From that date until 1946 it was operated by another son, Henry B. Broomall, who moved the quarters to 220 East Gay street. When Mr. Broomall's son John was discharged from the Army in late 1946, the store at 34 East Market street was again reopened.

Now known as Henry B. Broomall & Son, the business has been expanded until it includes a complete line of Imperial Wallpapers, Pratt and Lambert Paints, floor coverings, venetian blinds, plastic tiles and sundry related items.

R. S. GREEN & SON

EQUIPPED TO SERVE YOU BEST SINCE 1916

Pooling their total resources of two hundred dollars, Joseph H. Pusey and Robert C. Young left their jobs as auto mechanics in 1916 and began the battery and recharging business known as Pusey & Young with the Willard franchise. Their location was 125 West Market street, site of the present successor.

When Mr. Pusey's health failed in 1927, he sold his share to Roy S. Green, who was then employed by the Texas Oil Co. in Providence, Rhode Island. The Goodyear Tire franchise was acquired in 1930, and the specialized mechanical work, including generator and starter repair, was included a year later.

Mr. Young died in 1939, leaving Roy S. Green as sole owner. During the wartime expansion of 1942, he enlarged the Service Department and established a recapping and vulcanizing plant, the largest in Chester county.

Mr. Green took his son Harold, who had trained at the Goodyear School in Akron, Ohio, into partnership in 1946.

The store front was remodelled in the next year to promote the sale of toys, automotive accessories, electrical appliances and Admiral and Emerson television and radio. With this alteration the firm name was changed from Pusey & Young to R. S. Green & Son.

The House of J. B. SIMON

For more than a third of a century, J. B. Simon and Brother, 127-129 West Gay Street, have operated their enterprise in the borough of West Chester. It was before World War I, on February 1, 1914, that J. Burton Simon established their first store on the northwest corner of Gay and Walnut Streets, an auto accessories store.

On April 1, 1917, Edward M. Simon entered the business forming a partnership with his brother under the name J. B. Simon and Brother. At this time the establishment increased its floor space and added sporting goods and paints to its stock.

Fifteen years later, on April 1, 1932 a larger location at 23 East Gay Street provided the firm with additional space better suited to accommodate the increased business. At this time hardware and house furnishings were added to the stock and the auto accessories department discontinued.

In December, 1941, J. B. Simon and Brother purchased their present location at 125-127-129 West Gay Street. After a complete rebuilding program they opened their modern hardware and house furnishing store for business on April 1, 1942. This purchase provided the expanding enterprise with 6,000 sq. ft. of floor space and a two story warehouse.

F. W. WOOLWORTH COMPANY

Woolworth's original lease in West Chester began in 1911 when they opened their store at 23-25 North Church Street. They moved to their present site February 1, 1928 entering a new building that occupied No. 1 to No. 3 West Gay Street. In October, 1938, the quarters were greatly enlarged with additional property being occupied so that the front now extends from No. 1 to No. 7 West Gay Street, making possible the complete and commodious store which West Chester and Chester County shoppers know so well.

For 70 years the Woolworth Company has been growing. The founder, F. W. Woolworth, a truly great practical merchant, gained his first experience in the retail field in Watertown, New York. Here the simple idea of displaying a special table in the store with selected articles thereupon to be sold for five cents gave him the idea which started the 5 and 10 cents store idea. His first successful store was in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, in 1879.

The F. W. Woolworth Company has spread far beyond the boundaries of the United States and well may be referred to as the international store. There are more than 2,000 stores in the organization today.

WEST CHESTER HARDWARE Co.

Happy Birthday! Happy 150th birthday, Borough of West Chester, happy birthday to you! And happy 25th birthday, West Chester Hardware Company, happy birthday to you.

Just a quarter of a century ago the West Chester Hardware Company first saw the light of day. After a brief experience in Philadelphia they relocated at 34 E. Gay St., where for two years by hard work, long hours, and courteous treatment they made a host of friends. Soon business increased to such an extent that larger quarters were necessary. The business was moved to 11 N. Church St., where for thirteen more years with the practice of their motto, "Sterling service—Sterling quality," more and more satisfied customers and friends were added. They weathered the depression years, and soon it appeared that larger quarters were again needed. In 1940 the business moved to its present location at 113-115 W. Market St. Here, despite war-time shortages of merchandise and help, a steady expansion, both in the volume of business and in the number of lines of merchandise, has been experienced.

The owners deem it a privilege to have had the opportunity of serving the people of West Chester for 25 years, and look forward to another quarter of a century of friendly association.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. G. Sterling, Robert D. Sterling, John Bedard, Joseph Gallagher, Herman Baker.

The Chester-Delaware Farm Bureau Cooperative Association

The Chester-Delaware Farm Bureau Cooperative Association came to West Chester as an infant organization in the summer of 1935. An organizing committee, headed by Evan B. Sharpless of London Grove, set up and incorporated the cooperative.

Following a careful survey of roads in Delaware and Chester County, the area served by the cooperative, a distribution center was established in West Chester and a site purchased at 220 East Chestnut Street for a warehouse and petroleum plant.

This unit of the rapidly expanding movement by which farmers control quality and distribution of supplies in order to make their farm operations more efficient, has grown steadily. The business today employs 45 and operates 20 trucks. Branch warehouses and insurance offices are maintained in Oxford, Honey Brook, Pughtown, and Avondale.

In fifteen years of operation the cooperative's earnings financed its entire expansion program adding to the financial independence and purchasing power of over 4,000 farmers.

Former managers are Julius B. Hund and Sigurd J. Overgaard. John D. Ross, Jr., formerly of Oxford, is the present manager.

The farmer stockholders who have served as presidents are: Pusey L. Moore, Chatham; J. Edward Stouff, Thorndale; and J. Franklin Styer, Concordville. Other officers in various capacities have been H. Russell Worthington, Charles W. Davis, Jr., Bartram C. Kirk, Arthur N. White, George Steele, Victor Brinton, and Wilmer W. Sager, Jr.

TRIO RESTAURANT

The Trio Restaurant first started in Phoenixville in October, 1946, the business being formed by three men: Paul Mastrangelo, Dominic Dellaquila and Stanley Natale. Later in 1946 Dominic Mastrangelo, upon being discharged from the United States Army, purchased the business interests of Stanley Natale to form the present trio in the enterprising concern.

The West Chester restaurant on East Gay Street was opened in September, 1946, and in the few years that the business has been established here it has become the gathering place of hundreds who have come to know the friendly atmosphere and fine service that is assured patrons of the restaurant.

The three owners were all born in Phoenixville. Paul Mastrangelo and Dominic Dellaquila still make their homes there, but Dominic Mastrangelo resides in West Chester.

HOWARD J. ALDWORTH

The beginning of Radio Service at 12 No. Church Street, West Chester on October 7, 1938 as a partnership between Frank D. Gorman and Howard J. Aldworth. On May 25, 1940 Aldworth bought out Gorman's interest. On January 17, 1940 Mr. A. J. Goodyear, Jr. of Philadelphia, Pa. became a member of the firm. A move was made on December 1, 1941 to our present location, the former Simon's Bakery Building, at 102 West Market Street where the business holds forth doing auto radio, home radio, and television repairs.

The members of our present force includes the following: Mr. A. L. Goodyear, Jr., Service Manager; his assistants; William G. Baldwin, Milltown, Pa.; Mr. Walter Neff, Kennett Square, Pa.; Jay Leedom, Milltown, Pa.; and Earl Lowry, West Chester, Pa. Mr. Harold Davidson as Sales Manager, and Howard J. Aldworth, owner.

SNYDER'S NEWS SHOPPE

This attractive store at the northwest corner of Church and Gay Streets, West Chester, opened for business under the name of Snyder's News Shoppe in the fall of 1946, the business having been purchased from the West Chester News Agency. The News Agency prior to this time had been in various hands and in different locations. For many years it was owned and operated by Herman G. Hutt, a former Chief Burgess of West Chester.

Snyder's News Shoppe is truly a modern establishment and much more than a general news agency. While magazines of all descriptions and the general newspapers form the basis of the business, the firm carries a high quality line of candy that has become most popular about West Chester and a complete line of pipes and tobaccos. It is one of the few West Chester business houses that is air-conditioned. The business is owned by Wilbert Snyder and is operated under the management of Russell Staley.

JAKE SHUR'S ARMY & NAVY STORE

Jake Shur, proprietor of this business, opened his store at 34 West Gay Street, March 20, 1940, in one of the really old business locations of the community. Here merchandising has been carried on for more than 100 years; for a long time it was an oyster house which was one of West Chester's landmarks.

Jake Shur was born in Philadelphia but he has been a resident of West Chester since the age of 7. Here he attended grade school, high school and the State Teachers College. Always he has been one of West Chester's top boosters and he has given much of his time and substance to further movements that were for the community's good.

During the war, Shur worked tirelessly for the good of the boys in the service and at the close of the war he employed two ex-service men to help him in the operation of his business. These men are: Jerome J. Monaghan, Jr., U. S. Navy, now four years with the store; and George Burgess, U. S. Army, two years with Shur's. These men daily serve in the sale of a complete line of men's work and dress clothing and shoes, rubber footwear and army-navy surplus.

Business Machine & Equipment Co., Inc.

An organization devoted to the sale and service of typewriters, cash registers, adding machines, office equipment and various allied machinery and supplies.

The home office of the corporation is located in Chester, Pa. The President, Mr. P. A. TARONE, is a well known figure locally as well as in the Business Machines field throughout this section of the country.

Mr. HOWARD R. SCHAEFFER represented the corporation in Chester County since a short time after his discharge from the army in October, 1945. The volume of business resulting dictated the need for a branch office in West Chester.

The present location, 116 East Gay Street, was formally opened on March 1, 1947. At this time only the front portion of the first floor was occupied. By December of the same year the entire first floor had been renovated and used for display rooms and service department.

In September 1947 CURTIS JACKSON, of West Chester, joined the organization in the service department. He is one of many veterans of World War II now associated with the corporation.

BUSINESS MACHINES & EQUIPMENT CO.

On July 1st, 1949 the West Chester branch office was purchased by Mr. Schaeffer and business has been conducted from that date on as "Business Machines and Equipment Company." The personnel, policies and franchises remain unchanged to render the finest service possible to the community.

LORGUS FLOWER SHOP

This shop has had an active history in the business life of West Chester. It was established at 20 North High Street in October, 1911, as a corporation under the managership of Rudolph G. Lorgus. It has never changed location and continued under the same management until 1947.

On March 3, 1947, the present owner Stanley C. Peitzman, using the same name as his predecessor, assumed responsibility for the business. Peitzman is particularly fitted for the work involved in managing a florist shop as he is a graduate in horticulture from the Pennsylvania State College. He has worked in the flower business continuously except for the period of time that he served with the armed forces in Europe.

ROYAL BARBER SHOP

ZIBA M. DRAPER

Ziba M. Draper is a barber by birth and by training. He learned his trade from his father, R. F. Draper, Sr., whom he joined in the shop at 26 West Market Street, in 1918.

He remained there for 27 years until his father retired, after fifty years of operation, in 1945. Then Mr. Draper purchased the Royal Barber Shop in the Court House Annex, where he has conducted his business to this day.

J. W. GRAHAM, INTERNATIONAL FARM MACHINERY

This proprietorship was established in January, 1946 by Jeffrey W. Graham for the purpose of giving the farmer modern and efficient sales and service on all his farm machinery, power take-off units and refrigeration problems.

The site was chosen for its convenience to both rural and urban customers, and now houses a modern prototype sales and parts building as well as a fully equipped shop. Chester County farmers are fast realizing that here they can satisfy all their machinery problems.

POTIER & MIANI, FLORISTS

The greenhouses at 316 South High Street were erected during the first year of the Civil War—1861—by Joseph Kift, Sr. High Street was then a horse and buggy road and but few residences lined the street. Joseph Kift, Jr., succeeded his father in the business until 1927 when the property was purchased by John S. Garrett, Jr. In 1942 the business was purchased by Charles A. and Elizabeth P. Potier and Domonick Miani, Mrs. Potier having actually managed the business since 1929.

Domonick Miani has been with the firm since 1909 and in 1942 formed a partnership with the Potiers. The fine flowers and unusual plants grown in these greenhouses have graced the tables in the homes of West Chester and vicinity for many years. Marie D. Oakes, an employee of several years' standing, completes a staff of florists that is ever prepared to offer suggestions and give service for any occasion where good taste in floral decoration is desired.

C. C. HIPPLE & SON

On April 1, 1903 Chalckley C. Hipple took possession of the coal yard at 215 East Barnard Street which he had purchased from Clarkson Eldridge. Soon thereafter he added the dairy and chicken feed business, building a warehouse on the Barnard Street property and renting a feed mill across the street from Ralston R. Hoopes.

By 1911 Francis J. Hipple had joined his father and the firm name was changed to C. C. Hipple & Son. Expanded business required more room and in 1918 the adjacent Ralston R. Hoopes property at the corner of Barnard and Matlack Streets was purchased. Also at this time George Hipple moved his building materials business from North Matlack Street to the location where his father and brother operated.

At present Francis J. Hipple handles Coal, Fuel Oil, and Feed while the Building Materials business is operated by George Hipple.

ENDICOTT-JOHNSON

The Endicott-Johnson Shoe Store first opened its store in West Chester at 19 West Gay Street in July of 1932. Here they carried on their business until April, 1947, when they moved to 131 West Gay Street, their present location.

Thus for 17 years Endicott-Johnson has been serving West Chester and vicinity with a complete line of men's, women's, boys', misses and children's shoes. The firm is one of the great shoe organizations of the world and is the world's largest manufacturer of children's shoes. Mr. James Ezze is the present manager of the West Chester store.

IRWIN KLEIN

22 North High Street

The site of Klein's Gift Shop, 22 North High St., has provided West Chester with a gift and stationery store for nearly 100 years.

Historical records show that Antoine Bolmar operated on this site as "Bookseller and Stationer" as early as 1860. About 1870 the business was sold to Colonel Alfred Rupert, who remained until 1911, when Peter Fath took over for 35 years.

After complete renovation, Irwin Klein opened, on March 21, 1946, a specialty shop offering gifts, dinnerware and greeting cards.

JOE'S WOMEN'S OUTFITTERS AND SPORTSWEAR

Joseph Epstein, proprietor of this successful business at 18 North Church Street, West Chester, was born in Philadelphia, July 9, 1894. As a boy, he sold newspapers on the streets of Wilkes-Barre, Pa. Later on he moved to Philadelphia where in the I. G. Brill Car Shops he learned the trade of carpenter.

In 1917 Mr. Epstein answered the call to the colors and enlisted in the United States Army, serving with the 3rd and the 11th Cavalry.

He opened West Chester's first Army & Navy Store in 1921, this being situated at No. 8 West Market Street. In 1926 he established Joe's Workmen's Outfitters at 18 North Church Street, this being the start of the present large business which he conducts at this address.

Mr. Epstein was married in 1929 to Miriam Green, a native of Reading, Pa., and he is the father of two children: Raelene, age 19, and Stanley Paul, age 13.

MARGOLIES' MEN'S SHOP

July, 1893 is an important date in one of West Chester's leading Men's Shop. It was in this year that Abram Margolies opened what was then known as the "Baltimore Clothing Store," at 102 E. Market Street where the Bell telephone building now stands. In 1902 he moved his store to larger quarters at northwest corner of Market and Walnut streets.

In July, 1907, upon the death of Abram Margolies, his son and present owner, J. H. Margolies took over and changed the name of the business to Margolies' Men's Shop.

In 1907 the business was moved to 21 W. Gay Street where the business was located until 1937, at which time it was moved to its present location at 37 W. Gay Street.

Upon being discharged from the service in November, 1945, Mr. Malcolm A. Margolies was taken into the firm by his father.

WOOD'S DRUG STORE

In 1920 the John H. Wood Company occupied a store room in West Chester opposite their present location, and in 1923 purchased their present building at 36 West Gay Street, which has been recently remodeled along modern lines.

During all these years West Chester folks have given us their support, and we trust that we may continue to serve you in such manner as to deserve your continued patronage.

CAMERA CRAFT PHOTO SERVICE

The history of Camera Craft is an individual's success story, starting only 10 years ago in the home of founder Irvin M. Miller.

Mr. Miller began by developing and printing films at 124 Linden St., but in only four years he required larger quarters. Moving into 16 East Gay St., he carried national lines of cameras, projectors and other photographic equipment for amateurs and professionals.

Further expansion forced an enlargement of the store last year, and Camera Craft is now Chester County's largest and best equipped photographic store.

LEONARD'S

The year 1936, the low ebb of the national depression, failed to daunt the hopes and ambitions of Leonard Heimlich. In that year, within the space of a single fateful week, he took two plunges, one into business, the other into matrimony. The two projects went hand in hand, for Mr. Heimlich made his decision to open his own store at the same time he became engaged.

He received his early training under his father, who for many years conducted a general department store in Philadelphia. Following that position, he became a buyer for a children's shop in Atlantic City.

Several years later Mr. Heimlich assumed management of a Louis Mark's Shoe Store in Kensington. He remained there until he felt that he had gathered sufficient knowledge and experience to operate his own establishment known as Leonard's Children Shop.

He opened at 40 West Gay St. in West Chester, where a wide market for quality merchandise was assured. Ten years later, in 1946, this building was sold, and Mr. Heimlich purchased the former site of Liggett's Drug Store, 23-25 North High St., the present location of "Leonard's."

Extensive alterations preceded the opening of two floors of selling space, where quality and personal attention receive equal emphasis. The large line of children's wearing apparel, including shoes and juvenile furniture, justifies the store's motto:

"We Supply Everything—But The Baby."

WEST CHESTER ELECTRIC SUPPLY CO.

The history of this firm reads like a Horatio Alger story. Morris and Hilda Traines started in business October 15, 1925, at the S. E. Corner of Market and Walnut Streets, under the name of the West Chester Novelty Company. Operating funds were not plentiful and the goal towards success seemed far away. After 4 years at this location the Bell Telephone Company, owners of the building, wanted the corner for their own business so the Traines firm was obliged to move to 142 East Gay Street, where, under the name of the West Chester Electric Supply Company they expanded, carrying a varied assortment of electrical equipment.

The depression struck and the going was difficult. It became imperative to secure a building with a lower rental fee. The move was then made to 139 West Gay Street, where a rental lease for a period of one year was obtained with the hope of buying at the close of the year. The firm went into this, their present, location in April of 1933, and in 1934, with a small down payment, purchased the building.

Today the property is owned clear of all encumbrances and the business has shown amazing development. The house is unquestionably one of Chester County's finest business establishments and its line of electrical equipment can hardly be paralleled hereabouts.

In 1946, after spending 3 years with the U. S. Air Force, their son, Leonard, was given a partnership in the firm. His ability, personality and energy has been a potent force in the success of the business in the more recent years.

RODGERS MARKET

This firm at 302 South High Street, dealing in groceries, meats, produce and frozen foods, is housed in a building built by the late John S. Garrett, Jr., on part of the property of the former Kift Greenhouses. It was opened for business September 13, 1929, as a grocery, meat and produce store by The Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company. Mr. Albert Mason was manager of groceries and Mr. William K. Rodgers was manager of the meat department.

The following spring Mr. Thomas W. Thompson was transferred to this store and became manager of the grocery department. Messrs. Thompson and Rodgers continued as managers until the company closed the store in the fall of 1939. In November, 1939, Thompson and Rodgers formed a partnership and reopened the store which they operated successfully until January, 1949, when Mr. Rodgers purchased Mr. Thompson's interests and began operation under the name of Rodgers Market. During most of the years Mr. Joseph Hoffecker has assisted with the business and has contributed much towards the success that this store has realized. Quality goods, personal interest and direction by the owners, and freedom from traffic problems has made it a joy for the housewife to shop here.

BENSON'S

Benson's was founded by Samuel T. Benson in February, 1919, at 23 E. Gay Street on the first floor of the Rialto Building as a ladies' furnishing and custom tailoring establishment. Mr. Benson had previously owned and operated a store of a similar type on the Boardwalk at Atlantic City for 5 years.

The organization moved in 1921 to its present quarters at 109 W. Gay Street in order to expand its facilities to the public. It is interesting to note that in 1921 this block on Gay Street was largely residential, today it is almost completely commercial.

Again in 1940 and in 1946 expansion was necessary because of the addition of new departments including Infants and Children's Wear and Juvenile Furniture. Today the store has Ladies', Teens', Girls', Boys', Infants' Wear and Accessories Departments. For the past 10 years the store has been managed by Mr. Benson's son, Benard, who in 1946 and 1948 remodeled the interior so that today it is one of the most modern stores of its kind in West Chester.

Brandywine Ice Cream Co.

Forty-four years of growth by the Brandywine Ice Cream Co., 243 West Gay Street, finds the company today one of West Chester's leading businesses serving not only West Chester and Chester County, but people through all of eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware.

It was shortly after the turn of the century, in 1905 that Vincenzo Ricci and his wife Florence, started the Brandywine Ice Cream Co. The business grew and in 1912 it moved to its present location on West Gay Street. But the new location proved adequate for only thirteen years when it became apparent that more space and additional equipment was needed.

To meet this need the plant on Gay Street was expanded in 1925 until the company comprised more than half block beginning at New and Gay Streets. Included in the holdings today are several apartments and private dwellings.

The growth of the business was achieved by the concerted effort of all members of the family. Five children, four daughters and a son, who grew up with the business include John, Josephine, Adelaide, Helen, and Agnes.

Twenty trucks are maintained constantly for the distribution of the plants products.

Winfield Donat Company

West Chester Story

The consistent growth of Winfield Donat Co., Guild Opticians, presents an object lesson in the success of the Donat idea of offering the finest quality glasses and service at moderate prices.

Another milestone in this policy was marked eleven years ago, when the West Chester store, now located at 124 North High Street, was opened. No longer was it necessary for Chester County folks to make a trip to Philadelphia to obtain the Donat standard of Guild Opticians' service.

In West Chester, as in all five Winfield Donat Co. stores, lowest prices for the finest glasses prevails. For nearly half a century, leading Eye Physicians and the public alike have enjoyed complete confidence in Donat service.

The West Chester manager, Mr. John T. Bennett, has won a well-deserved reputation for experienced judgment, conscientious care and unfailing courtesy.

J. Leon Hagerty

Well known West Chester names mark the history of the business of J. Leon Hagerty. Benjamin W. Haines was its proprietor for about 30 years. He was succeeded by Alger C. Whitcraft, and a year later by Robert B. Lewis.

Coal and wood were the products handled when J. Leon Hagerty purchased the business in 1924. Later, building supplies (excepting lumber) and fuel oil became an important part of the business.

The present firm now begins its second quarter century of operation, with J. Leon Hagerty, Jr., as manager. It has never changed from its original location at 300 E. Union Street.

ROYAL CAB

Started in 1924 by Lewis S. Hickman whose father Lewis M. Hickman started original cab service in West Chester. Known for some years as the Junior Cab Company. Acquired by Ward and Stroud in 1935, who drove taxis for Hickman for some years. It was sold in 1939 to Richard Bruno and Vernon Kendrick and is now known as the Royal Cab. Introduced two-way radio in the cabs to speed service to patrons. Office is located at 114 N. High Street.

Sun Ray Drug Company

Sun Ray Drug Company which operates over 140 stores throughout the East, was incorporated in 1929, and has maintained a store at 9 West Gay Street, for the past fourteen years.

The West Chester unit justifies the reputation of this enterprising Company, by giving to our City a modern Drug Store and Fountain, completely merchandised with quality drug and sundry needs.

The manager, Mr. Arthur Durbano, is a native of West Chester, and also served in this capacity prior to his induction into the Army during World War II.

Double Anniversary Celebration **GLICKS SHOE STORE**

David Glick is celebrating the 25th anniversary of his shoe store simultaneously with the West Chester Sesqui-Centennial celebration.

Born and raised on Gay Street, he is the son of Samuel Glick (who has been a resident of West Chester for the past 56 years), and is popularly known as "Dave" by his many friends and patrons. He attended the elementary and high schools of West Chester and he got his start in the business field by selling papers.

Mr. Glick has successfully operated his shoe store at 32 W. Gay Street for the past 25 years. In the heart of the business district. Courteous service and proper shoe fitting has always been his motto and he bases his success on the fact that the people of the community have always had absolute confidence in him.

Because West Chester is his birthplace, Mr. Glick has a strong sentimental attachment to the community and the people in it. He is proud of the progress which West Chester has made through the many years that he has been a part of it and hopes to continue to be a member of its community, both in a business and civic manner for many years to come.

W. W. MORHARD CO.

W. W. Morhard Co. is a partnership of William W. Morhard and Arthur C. Mangels. The original store was opened in October 1944 in Phoenixville, Pa. The West Chester Store was opened in February, 1945, and the second of a chain of stores now numbering seven. They are located in Phoenixville, West Chester, Coatesville, Lancaster, Media, Pottstown and Bristol, Pa.

Arthur T. Willard, the manager of the West Chester store joined the company in January, 1946, after serving 3½ years in the U. S. Army. The West Chester store has always been located at 13 North Church street. Handles Monad Paint and Varnishes exclusively and carries our own line of Wallpaper numbering over 300 patterns. Sells Wallpaper and Paint retail and wholesale. Also painters and paperhangers supplies and tools.

Greeting cards and Gifts are carried in conjunction with Paint and Wallpaper—an odd arrangement but very effective for maintaining a steady volume of business during the regular "off" months of the paint and wallpaper business.

Store was completely redecorated in the past Spring so that it will present its best face for the West Chester Centennial celebration.

WEST'S BARBER SHOP

William S. West, proprietor of this shop was born and educated in West Chester. After attending the Philadelphia School of Barbering for 4 years he was employed in Hall's Barber Shop from 1926 until 1933. This shop was located at 8 and later at 107 North Church Street finally moving to the Mansion House Hotel. In 1934 Mr. West purchased the business from Mr. Godfrey and moved it to its present location, 11 North Church Street, in 1942. Since 1945 Mr. West's son, William C. West, has been associated with the business.

REAGAN'S SMOKE SHOP

It was at 33 West Market Street, West Chester, site of Reagan's Smoke Shop, that hand-made cigars attracted a large clientele more than fifty years ago. Today the tobacco retail business continues to prosper there by its present owner, E. A. Reagan.

Harvey Hilliagas gained a reputation of wide acclaim when, before the turn of the century, he produced his hand-made cigars for the benefit of many a steady customer. The business was sold by him to the present Reagan family and has remained in their name for nearly fifty years. The business is housed in a building more than a century old.

ORTHOPEDIC SHOE SERVICE

Tullio Falini, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dominick Falini, 128 East Gay Street, West Chester, first became associated with his business when, at the age of eight, he assisted his father.

After attending the American School of Practipedics, he entered the service on August 26, 1942. Following his discharge in February of 1946, he entered business for himself at Kennett Square on June 13, 1947. He continued in business at that location until April 1, 1949.

Following the recent purchase of the property at 112 South High Street, West Chester, he established his business, here. He resides on the premises.

GEORGE J. BRINTON

George J. Brinton Insurance Agency is located in a one hundred year old building at 22 East Market Street, West Chester, Penna., known as the "Brinton Building."

He has been in the insurance business in West Chester for fourteen years and two years before that, with a Philadelphia Insurance Broker. Miss Margaret D. Lacey has been associated with the Agency as secretary and office manager since its conception and Mrs. Ann McCool as assistant secretary for three years. In 1938, George Brinton completed a twelve year term of office as Chief Burgess of the Borough.

JAMES BROTHERS

In 1875 William H. James, Hickman James and Francis W. James, purchased the Plumbing, Heating, Roofing and Sheet Metal business of J. B. Reynolds at 5 North Church Street, West Chester, Pa.

In 1877 they purchased from Worthington & Cooper, who were in the same kind of business at 20-22 North Church Street, their business and building.

They moved to this new location where they continued to serve the people of West Chester until May 17, 1926, when they sold the building to Jefferis Brothers and the business and property which they owned at 107-111 North Church Street, to Marshall D. and Joseph W. Strode, who took in as partners G. Walter Downs and William L. Underwood to operate the business.

On January 1, 1929, Downs and Underwood purchased the Strode Bros., share in the business and have continued the same under the name of JAMES BROS. at the same location 111-115 North Church Street, since that time.

GARDEN THEATER

One of West Chester's leading theaters, The Garden Theater, has provided West Chester and the surrounding community with entertainment of a high quality for nearly thirty-six years.

Located at 33 East Gay Street and known formerly as "The Idle Hour" the theater building was constructed in 1913 by William H. Leslie and, on November 15th, of the same year was opened as a motion picture theater.

The present owners, David E. Milgram and Samuel Milgram took possession of the Garden Theater in 1930. Following that, Samuel Milgram for five years acted as owner and manager, until in 1935, Al Hoberman was named manager.

Hoberman is still serving in that capacity.

GEORGE B. SMITH

Business founded by George B. Smith in 1891, located at 140 E. Market Street. Business consisted of general express and baggage delivery with horse and wagon. In 1900 moved to 120 E. Market Street, which was formerly occupied by Brooks Carriage Shop, which was converted into a storage warehouse with stables in rear.

In 1921 modern concrete and steel warehouse building was added and old warehouse remodeled. Has been remodeled twice since. Business operated by George B. Smith 1891 to 1898. Operated by George B. Smith and his wife, Maud C., 1898 to 1935, at which time George B. Smith died. Operated by his Estate, with Mrs. Smith in charge 1935 to 1944. Operated by George B. Smith's sons, George B. Smith, Jr., Alger W. and Harold B. Smith 1944 to 1948. Now owned and operated by George B. Smith, Jr. and Harold B. Smith.

SOUTHEAST AMUSEMENT CORP.

The Southeast Amusement Corporation was organized in October of 1943 by the present owners, Philip Frank and Ezette T. Jones as an individual enterprise. The enterprise in a short while merged as one unit forming a partnership under the present name. It was later incorporated "Southeast Amusement Corporation."

Engaged in the operation and maintenance of automatic phonographs, amusement games, and cigarette machines, the enterprise has grown considerably since first conceived as a business by the owners.

The organization maintains an office and shop located at 307 East Gay Street, and a staff of eight men and a girl are steadily employed for office work.

There are many phases of the business, the owners point out, which require highly skilled technicians, specialists in their field, who are in constant demand.

And so, as West Chester celebrates its 150th birthday, the Southeast Amusement Corporation, growing steadily, represents one of the borough's youngest enterprises.

Peoples Market

Serving Chester County For Over A Decade

In 1939 while flames were licking into the nite Harry Litt, owner and operator of the now "People's Markets" was planning to open the "New Great Market."

The most modern self service super food market was introduced and received enthusiastically by Chester County-ites.

For over a decade, through honesty in dealing, price, service, quality, we have served more than three and one half million customers or comparably speaking every man, woman, and child in a city the size of Philadelphia.

Since 1939 we have successfully opened three modern super food department stores and just recently changed our name to People's Markets we join the ranks with you who feel the pride of this Sesqui-Centennial

*West Chester... Pottstown...
Mt. Airy... Philadelphia....*

MURDAUGH CYCLE SHOP

Clem Murdaugh—a rugged lad of sixteen—and a good machinist in the old Sharples Cream Separator works. He was making his way and earning a living—but he had a vision! So in the year 1924 Clem began to repair motor wheels and old belt driven motorcycles in a section of his father's chicken house. It was about this time that he accumulated a basket of parts and assembled his first competition "hill-climber."

His little business grew, and in 1930 he quit his job at Sharples and with a total capital of \$84.00 acquired the Indian Motorcycle Agency to which he devoted his entire time. He also started the well known "Indian Delivery" service, charging 10¢ a delivery, and at one time had as many as twelve machines on the street.

His business continued to grow, and in March of 1932 he moved to Cedar Alley. This place soon outgrew its usefulness, and in March of 1935 he moved to larger quarters on East Market Street.

Another ten years of expert craftsmanship led to further expansion. This time Clem purchased his own establishment at 114-116 East Gay Street, where is now located the finest equipped motorcycle and bicycle shop in the eastern United States.

Through his constant efforts, Clem won the National Expert Hill-Climb Championship of the United States in 1946 and 1947.

MERCER'S SADDLERY SHOP

For many a year the center of fox hunting, Chester County has gained wide acclaim for her celebrated hounds and many enthusiastic hunters.

In keeping with the infamous "sport of kings" Vernon T. Mercer, fifteen years ago purchased the horse transportation business from C. T. Biddison, Malvern. Likewise, he contributed to the hunt by the purchase of The Saddlery Shop, at 308 South High Street, eight years ago from John S. Garrett, former owner.

The Saddlery Shop provides the hunts of the vicinity with necessary equipment. The horse transportation business has grown considerably and is presently engaged in the hauling of racers and show horses as well as hunters.

THE LEADER STORE

11 North Church Street

Opening in Coatesville 20 years ago, Henry Folkman contrived to have his new ladies wearing apparel store named a symbolic rather than a family one—LEADER for leader in value, style and friendly service.

After 4 years in the Army, Morton Folkman returned to work with his father, but with an eye on West Chester as a place to live and work. In 1947 the LEADER STORE was opened at 11 North Church Street with father and son sharing in the partnership.

LIBERTY LAUNDRY

The Liberty Laundry Company was organized in Philadelphia in 1917. The branch business in West Chester began operating in 1937. 425 employees and 80 trucks are busy in metropolitan Philadelphia, Montgomery, and Chester Counties.

Fine fur storage, rug cleaning, expert dry cleaning, and laundry at fair prices are the services enjoyed by its West Chester customers.

On September 1, 1949, the West Chester branch office was established as a completely separate unit, under local management.

BIEHN'S PRINTING

"Biehn" is a familiar name on Gay Street.

On April 1, 1893, Milton Althouse Biehn, of Quakertown, Pa., opened the M. A. Biehn Shoe Store, which became "M. A. Biehn and Son" in 1901, when Harry E. Biehn entered the business.

D. Edwards Biehn, son of Harry, became interested in the printing business as a boy, and now follows this trade in his modern plant in the basement of the same building used by his grandfather.

For more than 50 years the name of Biehn has been associated with Gay Street and West Chester.

DOMENICK FALINI

Associated with Chester County and more particularly West Chester, for nearly thirty-nine years, Domenick Falini, proprietor of the "Alert Shoe Rebuilders," 128 East Gay Street, West Chester, is among the oldest of West Chester Shoemakers.

Coming to the United States in 1909 from Italy, he worked briefly in Philadelphia but was soon to move to Unionville where he established his first business. First attempts at business were discouraging. Profits at Unionville, he said, averaged about four dollars a week. On "good weeks" he sometimes made eight dollars. Never more.

After his venture in business at Unionville (where all the work was done by hand), he moved to West Chester and was employed by Alexander Gray, a local cobbler of note, remaining at this place of employment until he entered the Army in World War I.

Returning after the war, he discovered Gray to be closed. Undaunted, he entered into a business partnership in the shoe repair work. In 1925 he established his own business at the corner of Gay and Walnut Streets, and shortly thereafter established two additional places of business, one at 20 South Church, and a second at 128 East Gay.

The East Gay Street business prospered, the property was purchased, and his permanent business as it is known today was established.

Falini, married to Virginia Sapon after World War I, lost a son, Emidio J. Falini, who was killed while serving in the armed forces in the Pacific theater.

Keystone Automobile Club

For almost half a century Keystone Automobile Club has been serving the motoring public with every resource at its command.

Keystone originally was organized as the Automobile Club of Delaware County in 1906, with 51 members, and, under the militant leadership of the late Joseph H. Weeks, immediately assumed an important role in shaping the destiny of motoring in Pennsylvania. His policy of perfecting services to the membership and giving wholehearted, unselfish service to the motoring public in general has been carried out in turn by his son, the late J. Borton Weeks, and the present management so that today Keystone has 15 thriving branches in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland and Washington, D. C., and a membership nearing the 100,000 mark.

The importance of road service to Club members is pointed up by the fact that more than 133,000 calls for assistance were answered last year. The Club Touring Bureau prepared more than 500,000 individual requests for personalized routings, maps and related travel material during 1948.

The Chester County Branch Office of the Club was opened in West Chester in 1927. Mr. David A. Wiley is the present Manager.

Mr. Fred S. Wood, President of United Dairy Equipment Co., of West Chester, is a Vice President and Director of the Club.

BILL CLARK'S

ATLANTIC SERVICE STATION

Quality products and unexcelled service has helped this business to grow from a one man staff on February 9, 1945 to its present force of 5 competent and willing employees, who are constantly ready to serve the public in their immediate needs and demands. Be sure to get Atlantic Hi-Arc for that extra zip and power, White Flash for many, many economical miles, Atlantic Lubrication and Oils for many miles of carefree driving.

With the change of the seasons there's necessary changes to be made in your car so stop in and see us.

OUR MOTTO: "Service With a Smile"

COUNTY KAR PARTS COMPANY

122 W. Market St.

WEST CHESTER, PA.

WILLIAM H. SYPHARD, Mgr.

Nineteen years ago, on the second day of January, 1930, this company opened its doors to serve the public with the best of mechanical service and automotive supplies.

We consider it a privilege to have been a part of the business life of West Chester, and we look forward to serving West Chester for many, more years to come.

GEORGE F. SHAW

218 North Walnut Street

George F. Shaw established his Chick Hatchery in West Chester in November, 1936. In 1939 Mr. Shaw began incubating eggs for use in the production of vaccine. Since 1939, more than eight million chick embryos have been produced by the Shaw Hatchery for use by biological manufacturers and medical research institutions. In 1944 Mr. Shaw moved his Hatchery from its original location on East Chestnut Street to the former Chalk Factory building on North Walnut Street where he continues to produce baby chicks for Chester County farmers and chick embryos for the medical profession.

FRANCIS J. KEHOE

This firm has two locations: 104 East Gay Street, West Chester, and 142 First Avenue, in Malvern. In addition to doing industrial and residential electrical work they are agents for the Kelvinator products.

Francis J. Kehoe, proprietor, originally was employed with the freight division of the Pennsylvania R. R. at Paoli and Coatesville. He first entered electrical work as an apprentice with a contractor in Ardmore, Pa., and after learning the work went into business for himself on South Valley Road, Paoli, in 1931. This was in the depression years and the development of the business was slow. In 1933 he moved to No. 5 King Street, Malvern, where the business began to prosper and additional help was required.

During World War II the Kehoe organization was distributed around doing work in the various plants of the area and as West Chester seemed to be the hub of this industrial activity it was in the nature of things for the Kehoe firm to locate here. Eventually, in 1945, they purchased the building at 104 E. Gay Street.

During the war, despite the great demands made on his time, Kehoe enrolled in an electrical course sponsored by the government and held at Villa Nova College. For this he received the special certificate awarded those completing the course. This training has proved invaluable in his handling of the more intricate electrical work which has come along since the war.

BANNOCK FOOD COMPANY, INC.

In 1932 S. Homer Cann started the manufacture and sale of Bannock Body Builder Dog Food in Marshallton. In 1933 manufacturing operations were moved to West Chester in a part of the ESCO Plant with offices in the ESCO Building on East Biddle Street. The Bannock Food Company was incorporated in 1934. Today many noted Kennels and Fox Hunt Clubs use this West Chester made dog food which is widely sold through the East, South and Midwest by pet, feed and grocery stores.

GOLDBERG'S

A customer who shopped at Goldberg's and its predecessors for the past 100 years would be surprised to know that there has been a furniture store in this location continuously.

Jas. Fraley was the first occupant as set forth in Register and Examiner of April 18, 1848 and he was succeeded by George Fahernstock in 1874.

The Goldberg family took over the Gay Street building in 1914 and expanded to North Walnut Street in 1935 due to expansion of their business.

Henceforth the business is now conducted in a four building unit including the old Slack garage and old Thomas Recreation Center on North Walnut Street.

Rapids Furniture Company

History Up To 1949

In 1919 Isreal Weiner started business in Chester County in Coatesville, Pa.

After raising three children, he and Mrs. Weiner moved to West Chester, Pa. and organized The Rapids Furniture Co. in 1934 in the old Electric Company building at Chestnut and Walnut Streets.

In 1941 the business was moved to its present location in the old Barbour property at 112-114 West Gay Street, West Chester.

This business has grown rapidly until in 1945 the sales rooms were remodeled and enlarged to 4 floors of complete household furnishings with the warehouse at the old Chestnut and Walnut streets location.

The business is now under the direction of Israel Weiner and his two sons, Max and Jacob, serving a large area of Chester County and vicinity.

W. T. GRANT COMPANY

The W. T. Grant Co. had its beginning as one small store in Lynn, Mass. In the early 1900's a young man, William T. Grant, was employed as a shoe buyer for a department store in Salem, Mass. In this business house he rapidly progressed to positions of greater responsibility, for his business acumen and ability were quickly recognized.

Mr. Grant early saw possibilities in the retail field which he wanted to develop himself, so entered business with his first store in Lynn, Mass. He had 12 enthusiastic and capable employees, all primed on the policy he was determined to follow, and the first year the store did a business totalling \$99,000.00.

Within two years his second store was opened in Waterbury, Conn. It was at this time that Mr. Grant definitely established the principles, policies and methods which were to develop into the Grant System.

New stores were added regularly and by 1911 the company's sales had exceeded a million dollars annually. In 1920 it had passed the ten million dollar mark. Today the Grant System has 481 stores all over the country giving friendly service and real values in pursuit of the policies established by Mr. Grant.

The West Chester store was established in 1931 at the location in the Green Tree Building, Gay & High Streets, where it continues today. The business here has grown and improvements and enlargements have been made in the store since its opening. The present manager, Kenneth Hick, has 12 years' experience with the Grant Stores and he aims continuously to make your shopping at Grant's a pleasure.

McCARDELL'S

With a complete inventory of tools valued at \$100 and a 1933 Chevrolet sedan, Charles McCardell took his plunge into the repair business in basement quarters at 121 West Market street on May 18, 1939.

A few months later he rented a bungalow belonging to John Ritter, located just east of West Goshen School, and used the basement as his repair shop until July 1941. At that time he purchased the old garage on the Philadelphia Pike near the old fair grounds known as the Turner estate.

The repair business swelled rapidly during the war, requiring the replacement of the sedan by a truck, and on December 1, 1944, John Cruse joined Mr. McCardell in partnership and the two determined to move into town.

Clem Murdaugh, long established at 142 East Market street, was moving out, and the partners took over in September, 1945. They handled appliances, installed air-conditioning and built refrigeration plants together until the dissolution of the partnership on December 31, 1947.

Mr. McCardell, who continued in the business, now services all makes of refrigerators and sells Crosley and Norge appliances, as well as distributing Chrysler Air-Temp air conditioners.

BALDWIN'S ELECTRIC SHOP

Baldwin's Electric Shop, founded January 1, 1914 at 20 1/2 South Church St., by Warren C. Baldwin, continues in operation today at 36 East Market street.

In 1916 Baldwin's moved to 20 South Church street, for larger quarters. In 1918 they purchased their present location.

Upon the death of the founder in 1923, his son, Kinzer J. Baldwin became proprietor. In September, 1948, the third generation, Robert J. Baldwin, graduated from Drexel and became associated with the business.

Today Baldwin's serves as a leader in wiring, electrical contracting, general repair work, and the sale of appliances.

PIETRO BERARDI and SONS

Pietro Berardi and Sons, Bakers, was established by Berardino Berardi in 1912 at 351 Hannum Avenue.

As business increased the establishment moved to larger quarters at New and Chestnut Streets in 1923 and established a modern bakery specializing in the baking of Italian bread and rolls. Operating four trucks for distribution the enterprise serves all of Chester County with its products.

A family of five boys, all of whom have worked with their father in the business include Henry, Mario, Benjamin, Anthony, and Louis.

Sheeler's Complete Garage Service

Sheeler's East Gay Street Garage, first garage to open on East Gay Street and the first to install gas pumps there has served the public continuously since its opening twenty-eight years ago.

Under the proprietorship of F. B. Sheeler, the garage offers complete garage service, handles Gulf products, Lee Tires and batteries. The garage also handles the JAWA line: CZ-125, JAWA-250, Ogar twin, or, figuratively speaking, "the most talked about motorcycles in America."

F. J. MEYER FRUITS & VEGETABLES

F. J. Meyer, now nearing the end of his family's third quarter-century in the grocery business in West Chester, gained his early experience under his father, Max Meyer, Sr. The elder Mr. Meyer first opened in 1876 at 33 West Market street, moving in 1899 to 18 West Gay street. His son took over in 1902 and is now located at 20 South Church street, where he plans to complete 50 years of service in fruits, vegetables and sea food marketing.

SINCE



1923

The bicycle was still in vogue for delivery purposes when R. S. Himelright started business as a cleaner and dyer at No. 5 S. High St., on April 1, 1923. And that is just what "Pete" used for the first two years, sometimes pedaling it himself and sometimes turning it over to a delivery boy. The first truck was put into service in 1925, the same year that Mr. Himelright adopted his widely-known slogan, "We Keep The Spots."

Starting with one employee, the business grew through 1925-28 and an additional room was leased to enlarge the working quarters. The store was remodeled and sanitary glass cases were installed for clothing storage.

The business moved in 1941 to the Old Thorpe Building, at 21 S. High St., adding rug and furniture cleaning as features and doubling all equipment as operations expanded to two floors. Mr. Himelright purchased the building in 1946, providing a permanent home for his cleaning and dyeing business. Other services for the modern wardrobe were incorporated after R. S. Himelright, Jr., son of the proprietor, became associated with the business in 1947.

Now in its 27th year the business stands as the oldest cleaning and dyeing establishment in West Chester.

Moderne Diner

Edmund Kappe and Joseph Shack, both gained experience in the restaurant business in Philadelphia before forming a partnership and coming to West Chester as owners of the Moderne Diner, 608 East Gay Street.

The two purchased the diner from Edgar Corlett, former owner, in September of 1947 and since that time have served West Chester twenty-four hours daily, seven days a week.

Steaks and chops are served as a specialty in the diner.

Eugene J. Huber

There has been a grocery store at 300 North New Street for nearly forty years, when Eugene J. Huber, leaving his father's bakery, purchased this business from Bridget Manning on December 9, 1929.

He started out alone, and during the score of years to follow enlarged the business to include fresh meats, frozen foods, and free delivery, providing a complete food service for the homes of the community.

There was development in the Huber family, too. Five sons, Charles, John, Joseph, Richard, and Ronald have come along as future citizens of West Chester, since Edith T. Moore and Eugene J. Huber were married in 1937.

Automobile Club of Chester County



The Automobile Club of Chester County was incorporated October 5, 1908 for "the social enjoyment and protection of its members and the furthering of the interests of automobilists in general."

Out of a handful of public-spirited men and women who in those early days contributed liberally from their membership dues towards the construction of many roads in Chester County, the club today has expanded and grown extensively, numbering its membership among the more than 2,500,000 motorists who travel under the security of the AAA banner. Its civic activities are numerous and its services to members on a personal and group basis receive international recognition.

Affiliation with the American Automobile Association and the Pennsylvania Motor Federation was effected on January 6, 1928. For a time, headquarters were located at 24 W. Market Street. In May 1932, however, the club moved to its present headquarters at 113 N. High Street, a part of the Green Tree Building. At the same time, it named Thomas L. Sheperd its first full-time field secretary. Upon Mr. Sheperd's death in 1948, Charles E. Lucas Jr. succeeded him as manager. Carl B. Deihm, of West Chester, this year completed his 25th year as secretary of the club. A. P. Irwin, late of Chadds Ford, was for many years president of the club. He was succeeded in 1928 by Eli H. Stoltzfus, of Phoenixville, who continues in that office today. The club is operated on a non-profit basis through a board of directors annually elected by members.

Quaker Baking Company

Few are the people in West Chester who have not, at some time or another, lunched in the cafeteria of the Quaker Baking Co. Restaurant, 21 North High Street, or enjoyed a banquet in the elaborately decorated second floor Hunt Room there.

Established in 1935 by Frank G. Nagle, and his wife, Virginia, the bakery has attained double prominence in West Chester. In addition to serving outstanding meals, the establishment has continued to be a center for fresh baked goods.

Mr. Nagle became interested in the business when employed by Cushman's, prominent New York bakers. After opening a business in Media in 1932 he came to West Chester in 1935.

In 1940 he enlisted in the U. S. Navy where he attended sub school and later becoming a Chief Technician in Radar. The business was maintained while he served in the armed forces. He graduated from the University of Pennsylvania where he received a degree in Electrical Engineering.

Surviving the difficult times of rationing the business today employs fifteen people. Also in his building is Marquetand's confectionery store.

The cafeteria also specializes in breakfasts.

Hughes Appliance Center

Hughes Appliance Center, located on the southwest corner of Market and Church Streets, was started in 1937 in Malvern. In the latter part of 1944 the business, under the ownership of George Hughes moved to West Chester to its present location.

The Hughes Appliance Center remained under its former ownership until April of this year when J. A. Cook, employed in the kitchen cabinet business in Philadelphia, purchased the business.

Currently under his ownership, the business specializes in the sale of radios, televisions, and various electrical appliances. Mr. Cook, who resides in Wynnewood, employs seven in his West Chester business.

GIUNTA BROTHERS

Pietro Giunta opened his store at Darlington and Biddle Streets in 1927. When his oldest son, Frank, joined the firm in 1933, the business name was changed to "Giunta's Store." Another change followed in 1945, when Pietro Giunta retired, and the three brothers, Frank, Anthony, and Samuel, became the owners.

In 1946, the wholesale distribution of fruit and produce was added, and, in 1948, the store was completely modernized into a self-service food store, with new refrigeration service for all perishable items, and with prompt delivery service to reach all sections of the community and surrounding area.

GENERAL SALES COMPANY

The General Sales Company was organized in 1933 by George H. Gray with a capital investment of \$1500. for the purpose of selling retreaded tires.

During the year 1934, W. A. Stromeier and C. H. Limberger joined the partnership and in the summer of that year the firm entered the automobile business by purchasing the Cadillac-Oldsmobile franchise from T. Edgar Walter. At this time they moved from North Walnut Street to the building occupied by Mr. Walter at 121 North Church Street.

Due to expanding business they leased larger quarters at 121 North Walnut Street, moving into "The Big Garage Next to the Post Office" in January, 1936, where they continue to operate a large automobile Sales and Service business employing 21 local people. This building was purchased by the General Sales Company in 1943.

The General Sales Company is very grateful for the loyal support of their employees and customers for making their business a success. It also extends congratulations to West Chester on its 150th birthday and trusts the community may prosper for centuries to come.

SPEER BROTHERS—FUELS

This business was established in 1856 as a coal and wood yard by S. Emlen and William P. Sharpless and Edward H. Hall trading under the name Sharpless and Hall. Their office was 215 North Walnut Street. Between 1898 and 1908 Edward H. Hall operated the business under his name. His son-in-law, Roland Smedley, continued the business until 1915 when he sold it to John H. Speer, & Sons. The sons, John H. Speer, Jr. and Paul E. Speer changed the firm to Speer Brothers after their return from service in the Armed Forces in 1919.

Since this time the yard has been completely remodded and is known through the trade as one of the best equipped and most up-to-date in this area. Builders supplies were added in 1922. This firm was the first among coal dealers in Chester County to enter into the retail distribution of furnace oils to the general public from their own storage tanks and with their own tank trucks. This new line was started in 1926.

One son of each partner, namely John H. Speer, III and Richard I. Speer, Naval veterans of World War II, are now associated with the firm. Operations have again been expanded. The furnace oil department now includes the installation of York-Heat high pressure oil burning equipment and Winkler low pressure units as well as complete household baseboard radiation for the home owner.

EDW. BRINTON & SONS

This is one of the oldest of West Chester business establishments, having been busy with supplying "everything a farmer needs" for approximately 60 years. The building at 226 North Church Street originally was purchased from Stephen Black and had been built for a roller skating rink, making it ideal for the showing of buggies, wagons, farm machinery and farm supplies. Later, H. P. Worth became a partner and bookkeeper and the firm of Brinton & Worth existed until 1911 when Edw. Brinton took his sons into the business and began trading under the present name. Since the death of Mr. Brinton in 1931 the business has been conducted by his son Edw. G. Brinton.

For many years one of the unique features of the business was the annual auction sale held each second Saturday of March. On this occasion literally hundreds of people came to West Chester from all parts of the county to share in the activities and enjoy the free lunch that regularly accompanied the sale.

As it was in the early 1890's, this firm continues to be a house of utmost reliability where a complete line of garden, farm, dairy and poultry supplies are sold in any quantity.

No history of West Chester in the last half-century would be complete without the mention of Edw. Brinton. He was a tireless worker in the civic and spiritual life of the community and no movement for community betterment failed to have his active support and interest.

HOWARD WEANER PHARMACIST

100 West Gay Street

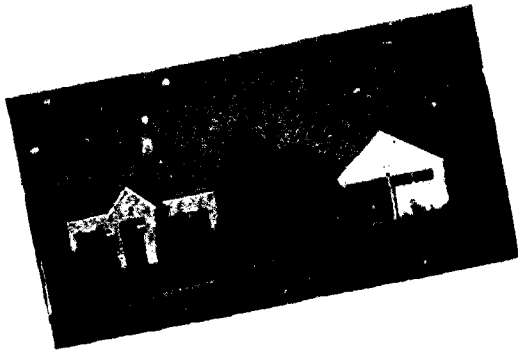
Erected in 1795, the building now standing on the southwest corner of Church and Gay Streets, presently the site of Weaner's Drug Store, has witnessed most of West Chester's history and is outdated by only a few of the buildings in the borough.

A study of the title of this property reveals that it was sold in 1826 by Abraham Darlington, Esq., for \$1026. This deed as well as many others, in accord with the times, reads "the right of one-third of the well and pump in front thereof in Gay Street."

In 1853 the property passed to Joshua C. Smith who conducted a dry goods business with Jonathan Travilla. In 1876 Smith sold the property to Maurice Travilla, already in the dry goods business in West Chester.

He continued business until in 1921. H. A. Jones, purchased the property and established, for the first time in the building's century old history, a drug store there. He continued his business until Howard H. Weaner, in 1925, purchased both the property and business.

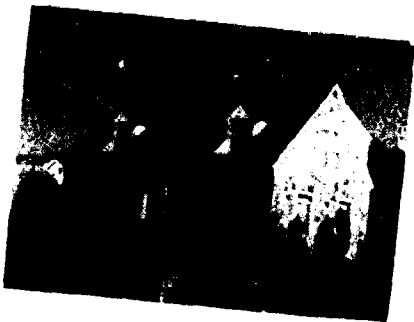
For nearly a quarter of a century Mr. Weaner has remained in that location operating the drug business. The establishment is today one of several prosperous, ethical drug stores in West Chester.



NORTH HILL



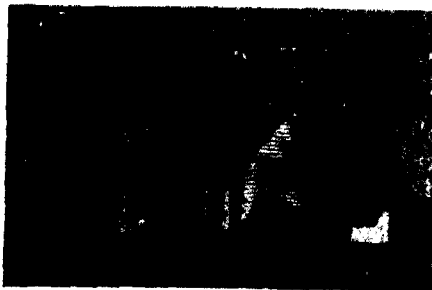
After varied business experiences, John D. Jacob founded in 1929 Chester County's first airport, "Sky Haven" located on the Paoli pike east of Goshenville. This quickly became popular as a home for local private fliers and glider pilots, but was closed two years later by order of the courts as constituting a danger and annoyance to adjoining property holders. In 1938, while employed by Schramm, Inc., he became inspired by the constantly increasing housing shortage in West Chester and purchased the William P. Marshall farm and later the Abner Hoopes farm on the Goshen Road just north of West Chester borough.



*On the latter tract is located the oldest home in the West Chester area. It was built by Joseph Collins in 1727. Bart Anderson recently purchased this old home, and after completely restoring it to its original condition has presented it to the Chester County Historical Society.



On the combined tracts John D. Jacob has added curving drives, utilities and recreational areas and assembled a complete building organization. One by one fine individually designed homes have appeared on this high rolling tract to form what is now considered by many West Chester's finest residential suburb, "North Hill." This rapidly growing community now has forty-five homes completed and occupied by their happy owners.



We whose names are written below are now in the first or second grade in the West Chester schools. We are glad to be here for the Sesqui-Centennial Celebration and hope also to help West Chester celebrate her 200th anniversary in 1999.

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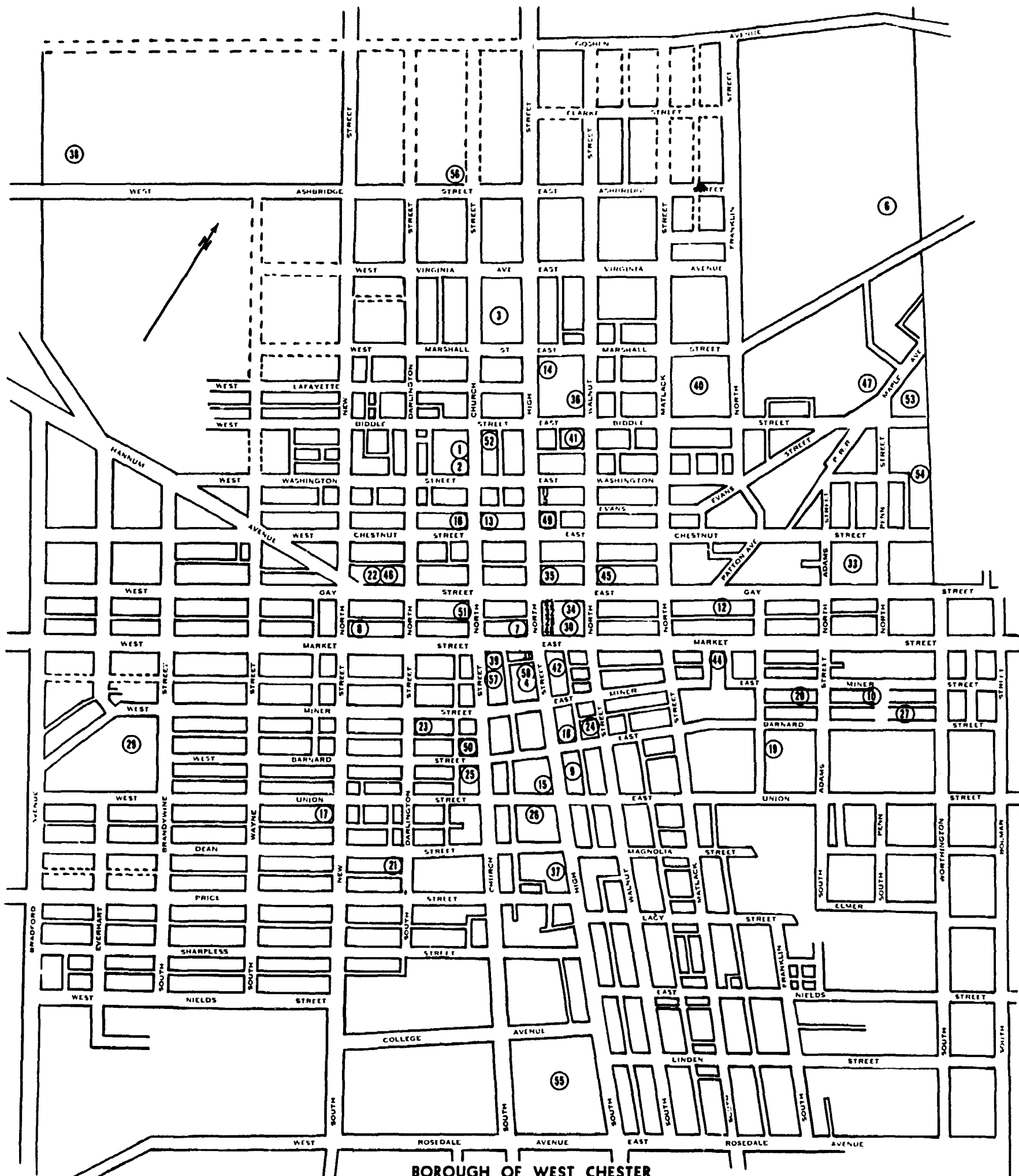
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| 2 Auditorium School | 12 Church of the Ascension | 24 Second Presbyterian | 36 Hickman Home | 48 Turks Head Inn |
| 3 Barclay Home | 13 Friends, Chestnut Street | 25 Westminster Presbyterian | 37 High Street School | 49 Y.M.C.A. |
| 4 Bas Center | 14 Friends, High Street | 26 Reformed Episcopal | 38 Hoopes Park | 50 Wentworth Home |
| 5 Chester County Historical Society | 15 Holy Trinity | 27 Community Center | 39 Mansion House Hotel | 51 First West Chester Fire Company |
| 6 Chester County Hospital | 16 Keshet Israel Synagogue | 28 Dime Savings Bank | 40 Marshall Square Park | 52 West Chester Junior High School |
| 7 Chester County Court House | 17 Lutheran | 29 Everhart Park | 41 Memorial Hospital | 53 West Chester High School |
| 8 Chester County Prison | 18 Methodist | 30 Fame Fire Company | 42 Municipal Building | 54 West Chester M. S. Athletic Field |
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