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Enjoying postcards through education and entertainment.

Next Meeting: November 21, 2016. Farm & Home Center. Buy, Sell & Trade from 5:00. Meeting – 7PM.

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OCTOBER MEETING

Thirty-two people signed in for the October meeting, with 21 staying for the meeting and program. After calling the meeting to order and pledging allegiance to the flag, President Susan Glass welcomed Sally Cliff as our guest for the evening and Frances Crespo and Ed Close as new members. The minutes were approved as read, and the treasurer's report showed a balance of \$8,869.91.

Under new business, Sharon Gromis announced that the annual Christmas party would be held on Monday, December 19 (our regular meeting time), but starting at 6:00 p.m. There will be a sign-up sheet at the Club Table at the November meeting.

President Glass asked for volunteers to run for different offices such as Vice President, Secretary, and Board of Directors. Next year, Walt Mowrer will become president and Barb Mowrer will stay on as Treasurer. We are asking for topics for the board competition for the 2017 Expo. If you have a suggestion, please see one of the officers with your choice. It's helpful if members suggest topics that reflect their collections. Next year, we have slots open for more programs given by members. It is not necessary that you bring any special equipment or even have slides. The club has an Elmo projector that will show your cards on the screen without any preparation on your part. Please volunteer.

The 50/50 drawing of \$14 went to Betty Beck.

Dick Pendergrast entertained us with a postcard program showing dachshunds, a short-legged dog which has been the favorite of many famous people such as Queen Victoria, John Kennedy and Andy Warhol. A wide variety of cards showed dachshunds in various situations including in love, in uniform, at play, and being good/bad dogs.



**LCPC BOARD of DIRECTORS
MEETING
NOVEMBER 21 @ 6:15 PM**

FUTURE SHOWS

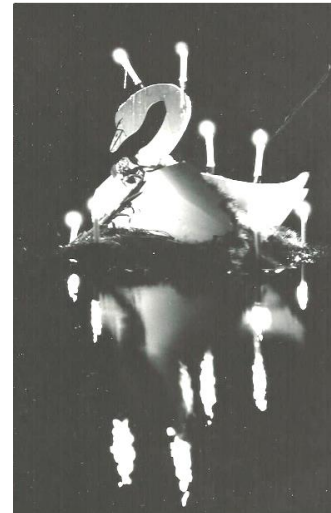
November 18/19 – York International Postcard Expo, York Fairgrounds, Horticulture Hall, York, PA, Fri. 9-7, Sat. 9-5, Adm. \$5.00 good for both days

November 25/26 – Lancaster Fall Postcard Show, Farm & Home Center, Fri. 10 – 6, Sat. 10 -4, Adm. \$2.50

NOVEMBER PROGRAM

The November program entitled "Lititz: The Coolest Small Town in the USA" will be presented by Betty Beck. An array of historical real photo cards will show the town of Lititz from the early 1900s and recount some of the stories that helped shape the community.

Included will be a few real photo cards taken and published by her father, a local photographer and writer. One of these cards, the Fourth of July "swan card" shows the swan that was created by Betty's grandfather and other family members. One of these cards will be offered as a door prize.



2016 PROGRAMS

December – Christmas Party



OCTOBER POSTCARD COMPETITION

Eight members competed in the single card competition on the subject "Pumpkin".

First: Don Tribit A Merry Halloween
Second: Barb Mowrer Halloween Wish
Third: Walt Mowrer Halloween Greeting

Honorable Mention:

Annetta Buettner – Timely Message, Paul Smoker – A Pumpkin Field, Maria Schurz – Netherworld Haunted House, Kenneth McClain – Pumpkins on a Wagon, Betty Beck – Cat and Mice

2016 POSTCARD COMPETITION SUBJECTS

November – Political card

December – Snow Person

WHY "SALT RIVER"?

By Jim Ward

The Dictionary of American History explain the phase emerged during the 1832 campaign between Henry Clay and Andrew Jackson. Clay hired a boatman to take him up the Ohio River to Louisville where he was scheduled to speak. The boatman, a Jackson supporter, mistakenly rowed Clay up Salt River, a branch of the Ohio. He missed the important speech and eventually lost the election.

The Oxford English Dictionary describes a salt river as a tidal river located away from the river's mouth. Traveling on Salt River implies traveling the wrong way, often to oblivion.

SALT RIVER PASSAGE TICKET



→ **The Boat "Beaver"** ←

Will start from Government Headquarters (Recorder's Office), West Main Street, Strasburg, Pa., on **MONDAY, NOV. 13th, at 5 A. M.**, with the following O-be-joy-ful Crew on board.

<i>Captain</i> —Benjamin Excursionist Long-necker. <i>Second Mate</i> —Joseph Mouth-Organ Long. <i>Butcher</i> —Benjamin Fertile Book. <i>Notary</i> —Christian Stupendous Bachman. <i>Drum</i> —B. Flip-jack Musselman. <i>Bar Tender</i> —Daniel Egotism Potts. <i>Propeller</i> —Isaac Know-it-all Groff. <i>Deck Swabber</i> —Joseph Liver-Grown-Hole. Old Michael Noozey, with head down and hands thrust to the bottom of his pockets, will furnish Tripe, Bologna and sitch for the rich, rare and racy crew. Hen sell will discount all tankable paper. H. Fantail Andrews will keep them posted on time. After remaining an indefinite length of time they will be permitted to return to their respective domiciles by way of Behring's (Whisky) Straight. A. Marksman McKinney will act as Tonsor General. Farewell. Prof. Charles Bric-a-brac Miller will read the riot act prior to embarkation.	<i>First Mate</i> —Isaac Senatorial Mull-lie-Gin. <i>Surgeon</i> —Doctor Saint-Ike Kenagay. <i>Rover</i> —Walton Blow-house Miller. <i>Greaser</i> —John Zollkoffer Taylor. <i>Engineer</i> —A. Miraculous Hare. <i>Collector</i> —Jacob Weather-cock Hildebrand. <i>Surveyor</i> —H. Gusto H-o-o-k. <i>Pilot</i> —Joseph Dang-the-thing Bowman.
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SALT RIVER TICKET

Good for one Trip up Salt River on the Big Steamer

"BULL MOOSE"

No Limit to Amount of Baggage, since you never hope to come back.


Boat leaves daily at 6 p. m. from Bull Moose Wharf, Denver, during month of November, 1912

Captain, Harry Everlasting Imitator;
 Chief Mate, Chas. Simply Go-ahead;
 Steward, Prof. W. R. Puddinhead
 Chef, M. M. Skinny W W. Fightem, High Cockalorem
 will give daily lectures to all passengers on T. R.'s Sweeping Victory. Teddy and Hiram will be on hand to welcome all followers as they land and passengers will be royally entertained at three of the Principal Hotels The "Johnny Hetrick", "The Klein" and the "Milton".

The "Bull Moose" ticket (this and Strasburg are actual size) is one of only a few seen from Denver, PA and refers to Teddy R's loss in the 1912 election.

ANOTHER FIGHT! GRIEST IS WHIPPED! NEXT!

BILL



FRANKIE

Says Frank to Bill: "I whipped your valet last year; this year it's you, Willie, and next year we'll clean up the whole god darn bunch."

A PARODY ON "BILLY BOY."

Oh, where have you been, Billy Boy, Billy Boy,
 Oh, where have you been, you Old Billy?
 I've been in a big scrap,
 And I got an awful rap,
 Frank Musser did it, and it makes me feel quite silly.
 And what will you do now, Billy Boy, Billy Boy,
 And what will you do now, you Old Billy?
 Well, the gang is feeding old,
 And their feet are getting cold,
 We'll go up Salt River, where it isn't quite so chilly.

DEPARTURE OF THE RUBBERNECKS.

The Steamer "Billy Griest," with its burden of superannuated gangsters, among whom you will find many of Lancaster's notorious, dyed-in-the-wool, boss-ridden Republican Rubbernecks, will sail from Sorehead Dock, Nov. 14, for the realms of the disconsolate, up Salt River. Andy Gump will be there, too.

ARE YOU A RUBBERNECK?

The Boat "Beaver" is the only Salt river ticket that is known to survive. Its poor condition is testament to the old collector's axiom, "If you neve saw it before, don't pass it up." Bachman, Andrews and Bowman are notable Strasburg names.

Bill Greist (R) lost to the very popular Frank Musser who ran as an Independent in several local elections.

THE STEAMBOAT on SALT RIVER POSTCARDS

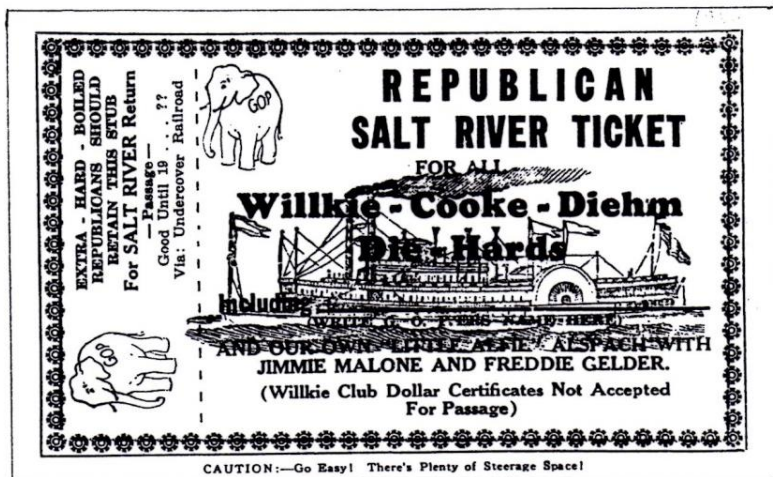
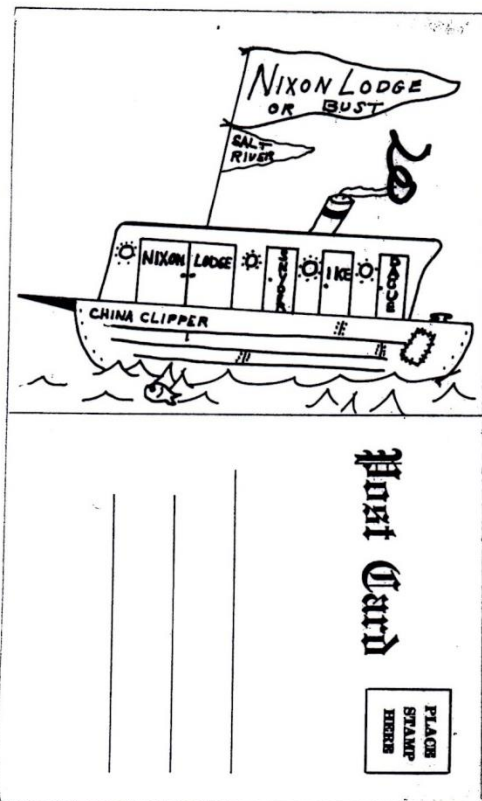
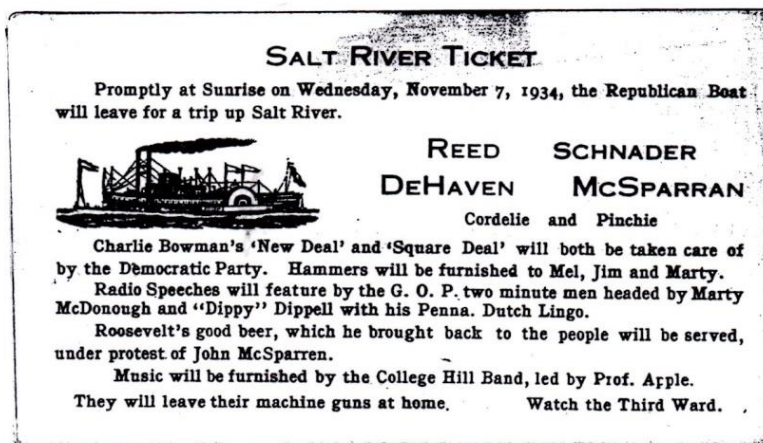
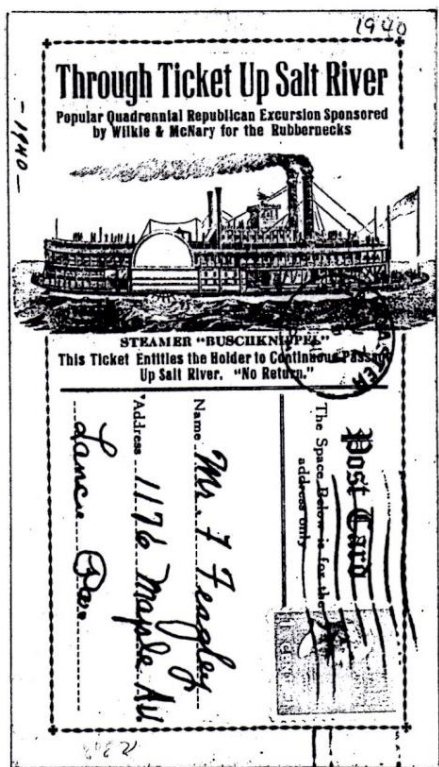
Most likely to honor it's native son, Lancaster Salt River PCs often used steamboats to honor Robert Fulton, credited with the first successful steamboat, though none of these were his. The "China Clipper" gives credit to Nixon's China diplomacy. Lower left steamboat appears most often.

NOTE: Though he never had concrete proof, our friend, John Long, thinks his older sister remembers seeing that printer's cut on their grandfather's desk in his job printing office and that he may be responsible for many 11th hour print runs of Salt River PCs.

Boat names we've seen:

Anaias Truman ('52)
Billy Griest ('22)
Buschnippel ('40)
Dismal Dell ('24)
G.O.P. Depression ('30)
Rotten Deal ('42)
Sunflower ('36)
Tommy Rot ('44)
Windy Steinman ('22)
Woodrow ('20)

Most referenced the nominee for U.S. President.



LOCAL RECIPIENTS

Of the nearly 40 Salt River PCs in the collection, only eight (8) were addressed and mailed. Here are the recipients and related data.

Joe McCord, Nine Points P.O.
Lancaster, PA October 8, 1920

Mrs. Lottie Bailey, c/o Miesse
Store, Lancaster, November 1932

Mrs. Chas. Hughs, Cambridge Sta. ,
Lanc. County, November 4, 1936

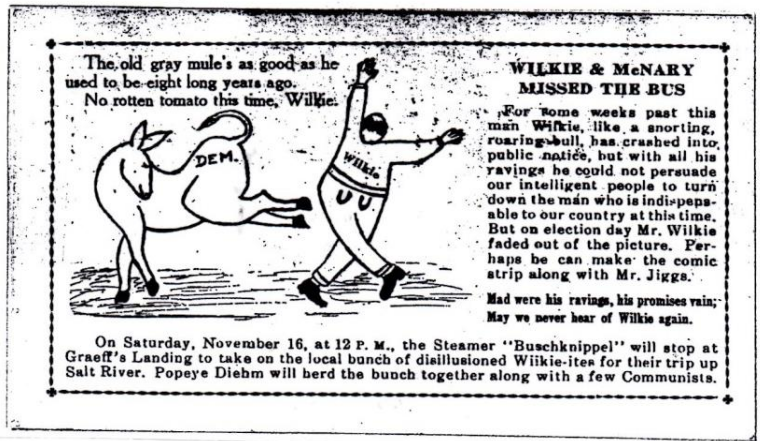
H. Lewis Witmer, Stores' Dept.
PP&L Co., Engleside, 1940

Mr. F. Feagley, 1176 Maple Ave.,
Lancaster, PA, November 1940

George Kline, Post Office Florin,
PA, November 8, 1940

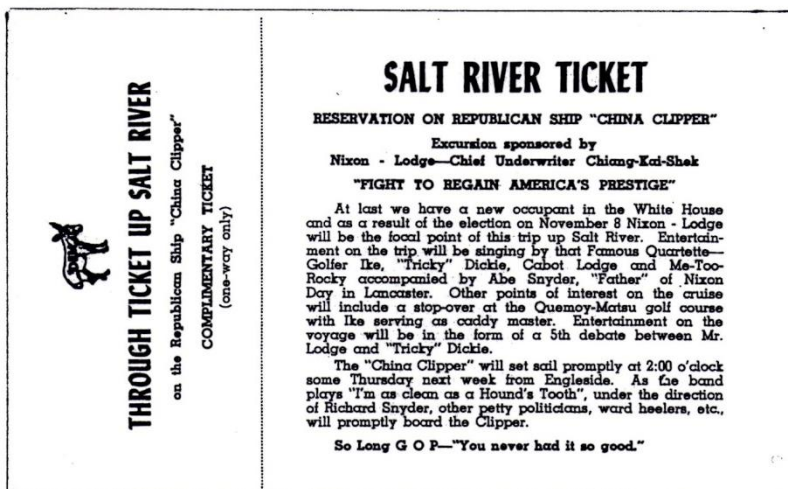
Bruce Myers, Quarryville RD PA,
November 10, 1952

Mr. Frank Allen, Clintonville, PA,
possibly 1920 (non-local)



Salt River Tickets often spelled out
"One Way Ticket, Through Ticket, Good
for One Trip Only."

Early Lancaster City Salt River trips
began at the Old Graeff's Landing, later
Anglo-sized to Groff's Landing, a
popular embarking point on the
Conestoga River, south of town.
Grofftown Road is the only of the era.



This comparatively recent (1972)
SR card was by the Carter
Democrats. It lists their defeated
opponent Golfer Ike, Tricky Dick,
Cabot Lodge, Me-Too-Rocky, Abe
Snyder, "Father of Nixon Day in
Lancaster." (See front of PC
elsewhere)

HO! HO! FOR SALT RIVER

The BOSS, W. W., with his Lieutenants, will leave the Woolworth building, at Office Holders time, Nov. 10, 1921, for a trip up Salt River. They will go by way of the Raub-Musser Chamber of Commerce route, headed by a Rubber-neck band, and proceed up North Queen Street to Trout's cigar store, where they will pick up a few sore heads and then up to Cabbage Hill, where they will meet the Stumpf's, Herchelrider, H. Kopp and Renegade Fatty Gill. From there they will go to the Gas Run and proceed up to Rocky Springs, where the Steamer W. W. will leave the dock.



There will be various forms of amusements and songs during their four-year trip for the entertainment of all their guests. They will also see that the poor workingman's taxes are raised and the big Corporation's lowered.

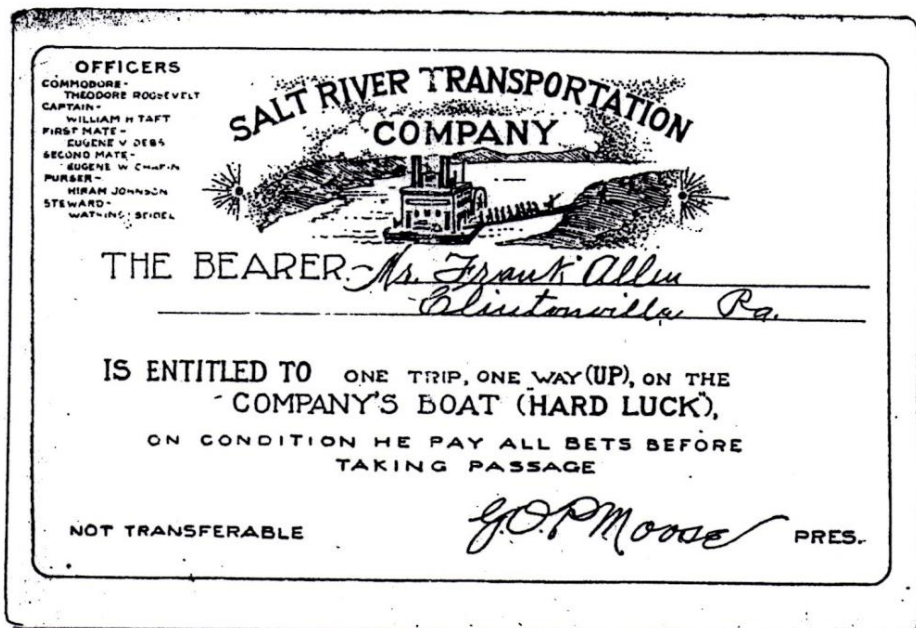
Every sore head who goes on the trip will be assured a safe return. The following gentlemen have signified their consent to go: The Imperial Wizard, Sammy Diller; Ed. Smeltz, Elmer Stoner, Geo. Eckert, Ches. Cummings, John Leinbach, The Deens, Stony Hoover, Capt. Fiero, Walter Buckius and his street sweepers; Sargt. Negley Lew Weiler, the Bushong's, Dave Daily, Red Dorwart, Chas. Wills and Cossy Shaum. Gust Forrest, Peck Hebbel, Jonny Able, Trapnell, Resh, Bowers, Smith, F. Bowman. B. C. Atlee, Frank S. Groff, Isadore Rosenthal and Oliver S. Schaeffer will be the speakers—Charles Strickler, Porter.

Send a Salt River Card to Your Friend

This Salt River postcard with a plain reverse, typifies many that speak disparagingly of the local citizens, most of whom were popular merchants and fellow church members. But when it came to politics, there were NO HOLDS BARRED. This was particularly true in "off-year" elections when local offices were at stake.

One of the few SR cards is in the collection not from Lancaster, is this one sent in Clintonville, PA. T. Roosevelt and Wm. Taft are Commodore and Captain. Eugene Debs is First Mate on this 1904 card, though he was a perennial candidate for the Socialists from 1900 to 1912 and then in 1920.

Notice the President's Signature – "G.O.P. Moose" – a reference to T. Roosevelt's affiliations as a Bull Moose and a Republican.



MEMBER NEWS

Walter Mowrer is having surgery on Monday, November 7, 2016 at the University of Pennsylvania Hospital. Please remember Walter & Barb and their family in prayer.



Leon E. Rowe, Jr.

August 17, 1945 - October 19, 2016

Leon E. Rowe, Jr., of Kennett Square, age 71, passed away on October 19, 2016, at Neighborhood Hospice, after a courageous twelve year battle with prostate cancer.

He was the son of Leon E. Rowe and Ramona Fraser Rowe of West Grove. He raised by his grandparents, George A. and Margaret I. Fraser of West Grove, PA.

Leon attended Avon Grove High School where he came back to teach for thirty years after graduating with honors from West Chester State Teachers College (now University). He also attended the University of Hawaii on a scholarship to study East/West Cultures and American University. While teaching at Avon Grove, Leon was class advisor for many years as well as Social Studies Chairman. He was a PIAA official for several years, a poll worker, and former Kennett Square Historical Commission member.

An antiques buff, he collected presidential campaign memorabilia. With his wife, he was a postcard dealer for over forty-five years and an estate appraiser for Larmore Scarlett for over twenty five years. They also gave talks on many aspects of collecting.

Leon is survived by his wife of forty-nine years (and high school sweetheart), Dolores Del Nero Rowe.

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SCRAPBOOK



"Maybe this don't look like some cabbage!"

by Charles A. Wright

This was what a friend of my father's wrote on the back of this post card, mailed to dad from Lamartine, Pa., on August 21, 1911.

But, before you hurry to Lamar-

tine (it's in Clarion County) to buy a package of cabbage seeds, with growing instructions, be warned. This is a type of faked photograph that was popular on post cards

years ago, especially in communities too small to rate having their own scenes put on cards.

Stanley Johnson, of Waupun, Wis., who was the photographer as well as the publisher, probably made the picture of the Wisconsin and Michigan Railroad car near his home, with men posed as if loading something huge. Then he enlarged some pictures of normal-sized cabbages and pasted them in the positions shown. Johnson added the hand lettering about "loading cabbages" and had large quantities of this and other similar post cards printed. He had a line in red ink, such as "How We Do Things at Lamartine, Pa.," imprinted on small quantities of the cards for each of the communities in which they were sold.

Apparently the idea was effective. My father saved the card long after he would have saved a post card of a sylvan scene. And I have saved it since the death of my dad in 1928.