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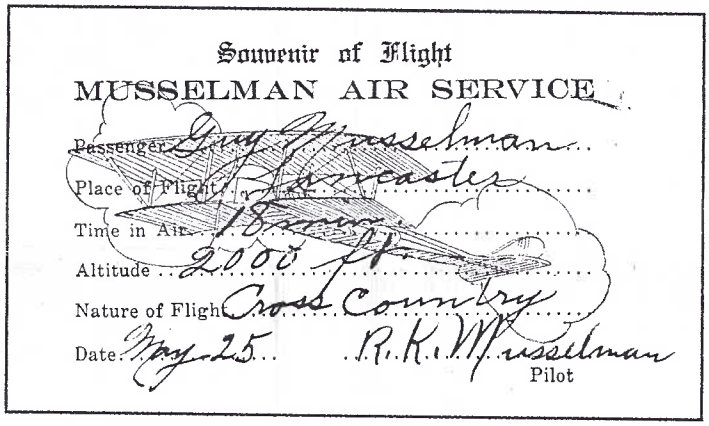
Souvenir of Flight

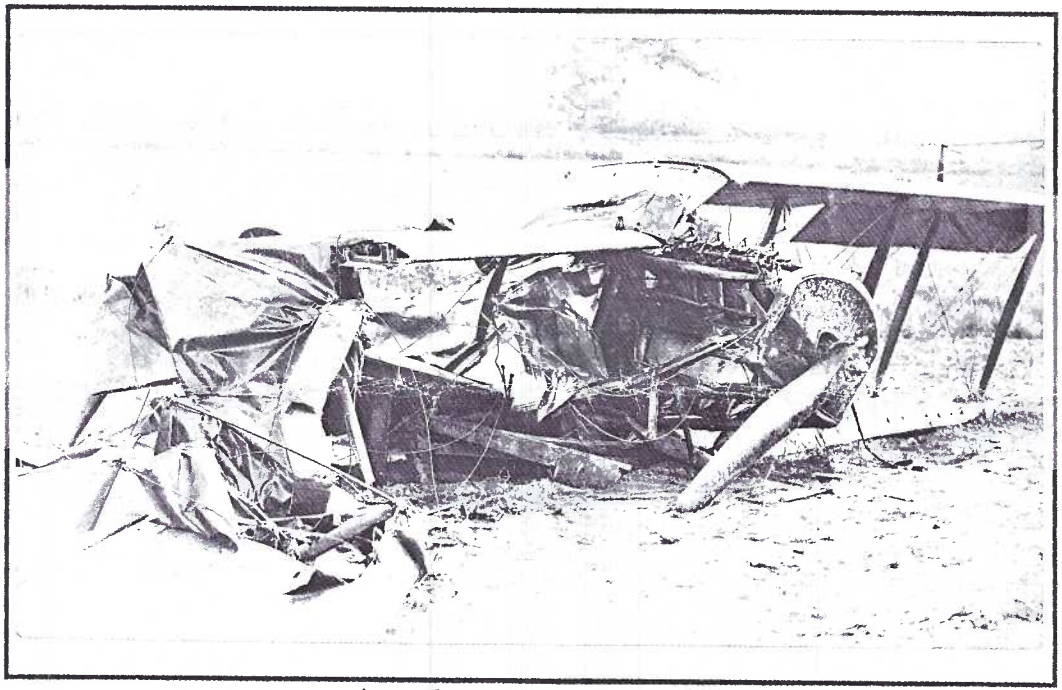
The Souvenir of Flight card shown on the right (reduced 22%) is also a souvenir of the pioneering days of air flight in Lancaster County. It was signed by R.K.(Roy) Musselman who is the subject of our lead story. Guy Musselman went into the air on this trip for 18 minutes and reached an altitude of 2,000 feet. Although the year is not included,it had to be 1920 (see story).

We thank Brian Frankhouser and his mother,a former Musselman,for contributing this little gem to our story.



FLYER PLUNGES TO DEATH NEAR EDEN

Roy Musselman Unable to Prevent Tragedy
Although Exercising Greatest Care at Request of Parent
(Headline from The Intelligencer,June 11,1920)



Lancaster City and Lancaster County shared in the enthusiasm of the days of early US aviation.

Three Lancaster County Historical Society Journals (see list at end of story) recount those early days of young barnstormers,World War I veteran pilots and the mayors and businessmen whose foresight saw to it that Lancaster would become a part of the Aero Age. Aside from two postcards of the Municipal Airport,we have little or no records of local aviation on postcards.

One group of six real photo cards,however,*does* record a tragedy that occurred soon after local pilots took to the skies. The locale was northeast of the city on the New Holland Pike. The incident resulted in a fatality,an injury and the near demise of a fledgling airplane club.

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Flyer Plunges to Death Carrying 4-Leaf Clover and Promise to Mother

Was Engaged to Marry and Home Was Prepared; Lititz Man,His Student,Badly Hurt in Plunge

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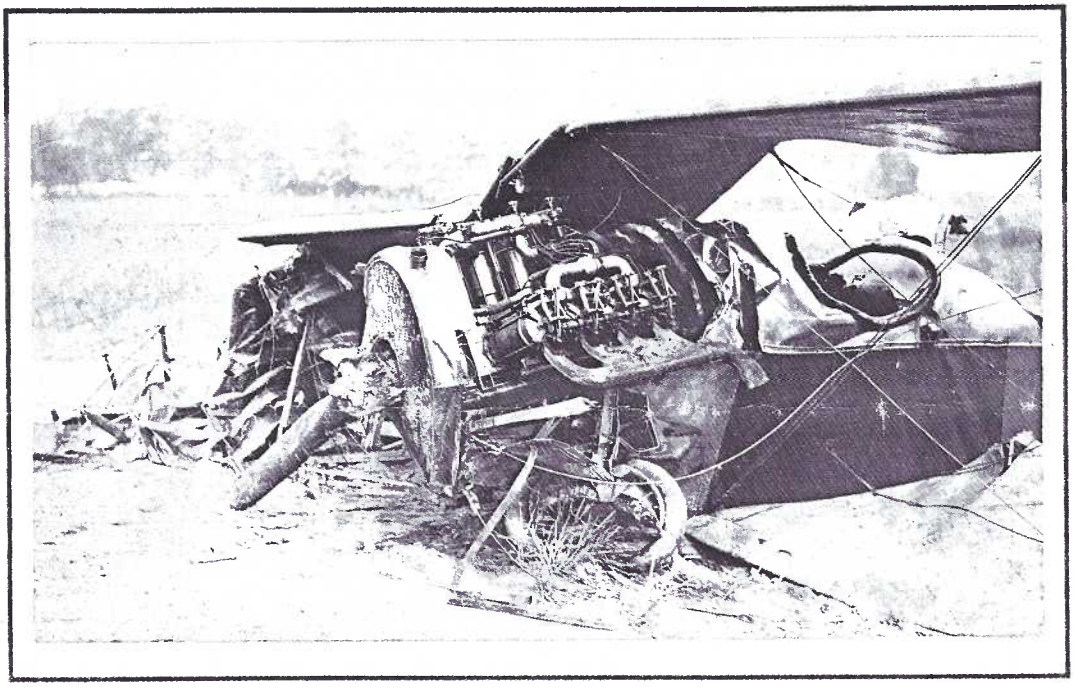

Before World War I had begun,twenty-five year old Roy Musselman had gone to the west coast where he served as a government airplane tester and flight instructor. After the war Roy returned to his home in New Holland and became engaged to a local girl. Roy bought a government plane,a new Curtiss. He began flying passengers around the state as well as giving exhibitions. His in-air miles were mounting much to the chagrin of his mother and his fiancee. His father had died in a railroad accident while driving a truck. and this sudden loss of life was paramount in the ladies' thoughts.

Even so,young Musselman's enthusiasm would not be checked and in 1919 he help in erecting "an Aero Club field opposite the Country Club". The club was granted a charter by the Lancaster County Courts on Sept.30,1919. It had the backing of prominent citizens - Arthur Dodge, Pres., Sumner Brown,Secy., and Charles Long, William Raub and John F. Steinman, Directors.

Two weeks later young Roy announced he had carried over 100 residents on short flights about the area. Private lessons became a part of his weekly routine as his fiancee accumulated furniture for their future home. A wedding ring had also been purchased.

Another young man,Robert Behmer of Lititz,who was a member of the Stahr Ambulance Company, met with Roy on June 10,1920 to continue Behmer's aviation instruction. The previous fall he had begun classes in the mechanism of airplane motors and then actual flights. By June Behmer had become experienced enough to take a turn at the pilot's seat.

Shortly after 4 PM the two aviators ascended from the Aero Club field. Witnesses saw the small plane attain an altitude of about 1500 feet. It dipped forward and started earthward at an ever-increasing rate of speed. As it came within 100 feet of the ground the engine began to

The real photo postcard views on this page as well as page one show close-ups of the wreckage of Roy Musselman's Curtiss airplane. Only half of the wooden propeller is still attached, as is one of the biplane's wings. Heavy canvas served as covering for the wings, fuselage and tail. A rubber tired wheel can be see below the engine in the above view.

Brian's mother also has the top view with an unidentified man standing by the wreckage.

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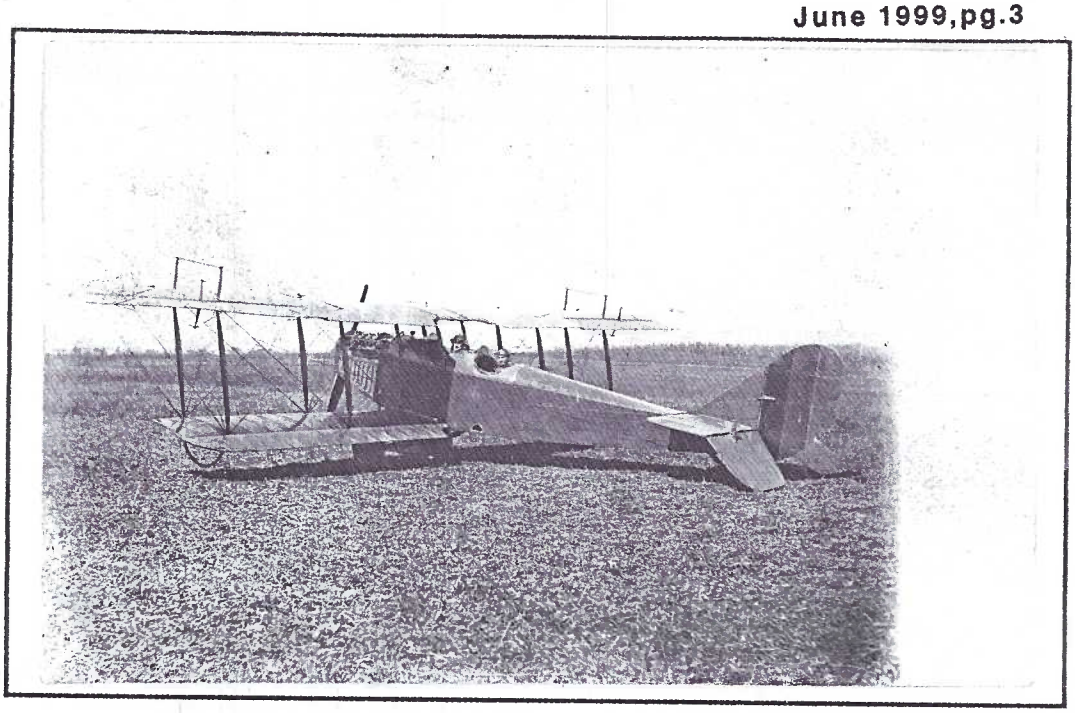
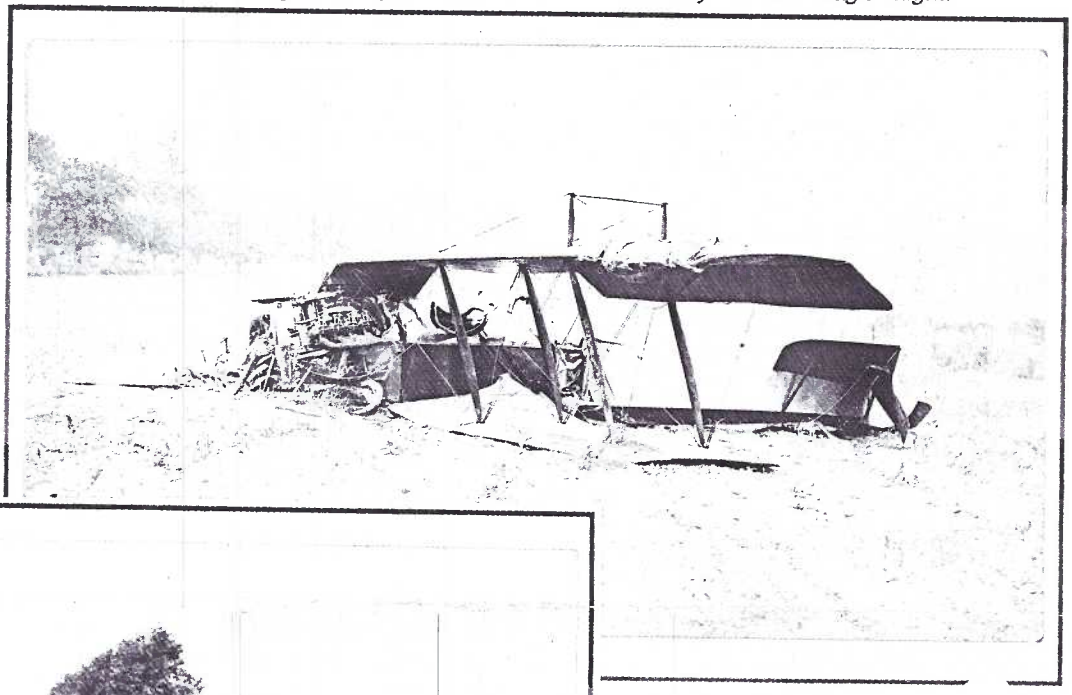
throb once more but it was too late to recover. In the front seat Musselman appeared to work frantically to regain control but it was too late.

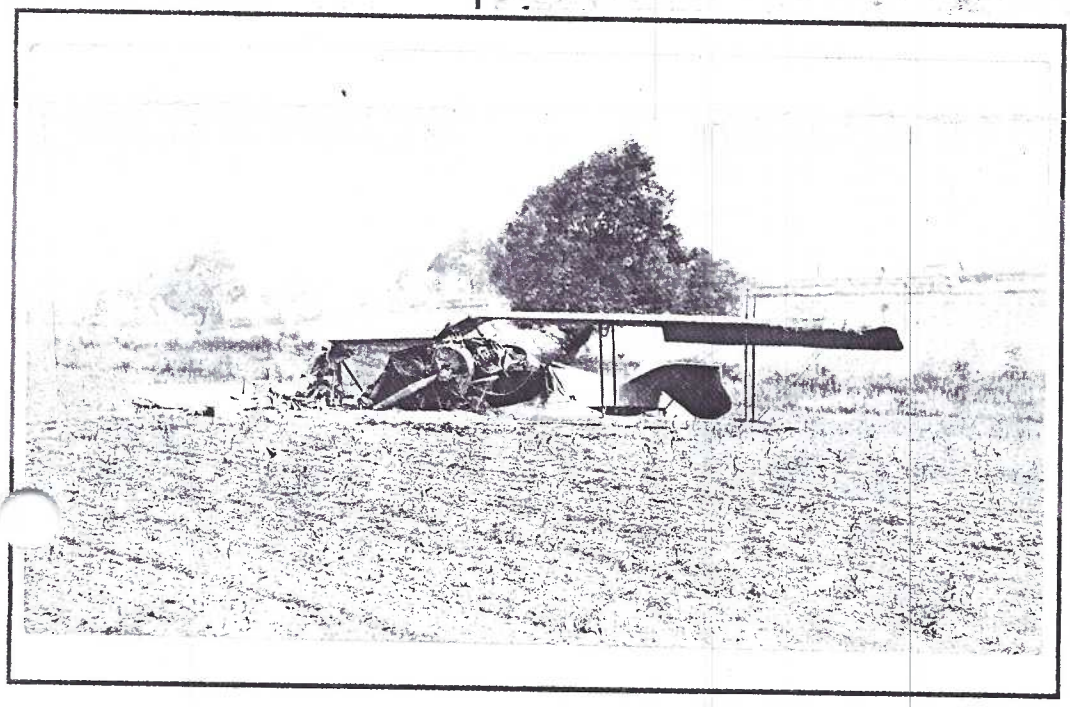
The wreckage,in the field of Jesse Kilheffer, was approached immediately by on-lookers. Both men were taken to the Lancaster General Hospital where Musselman died at 10:45 PM. Young Behmer recovered and continued to fly,in fact,he formed the Behmer Flying Service with his two brothers,Ivan and John. They used the field at the Lancaster Gun Club along the Oregon Pike. Robert Behmer died along with three others in an airplane crash near the Gun Club field on July 10,1924.



The plane above is too far away to determine which man is Roy Musselman. Although all six postcards were found together,this one,with plane intact, wasn't necessarily taken on the day of the tragic flight.

ED.NOTE: I thank Paul Smoker(an air enthusiast himself) for pointing out the LCHS articles. If you have information about local airfields used for either plane,glider or balloon flight,Paul would like to hear from you. Contact him at P.O.Box 185, Intercourse,PA.,17534.





The Curtiss,like many small aircraft, could be piloted from either seat.

Info gleaned from
The Intelligencer,6/11/1920
and
Lancaster County
Historical Society Journals
Vol. 39,No.2,1935
Vol. 88,No.3,1984
Vol. 90,No.3,1986

An Early Lancaster Aviation Non-Event

Gerald Hostetter found these excerpts in a reprint of old Mount Joy WEEKLY BULLETINS.

Wednesday,Sept. 20,1911 -

THE FIRST AVIATION EVENT IN LANCASTER COUNTY

The first aviation event here in Lancaster County is to take place Thurs.,Sept.21,1911.Through the kindness of Burgess Clay Hoffman we have secured the spacious grass field,formerly the baseball diamond, just beyond the trolley tracks south of Mount.Joy.The aviator will land somewhere in the field,will alight from his machine and be taken to the Exchange Hotel.The plane is a Glenn Curtis biplane owned by M.B. Cumbler of Harrisburg,the aviator is S.A.Tickell of N.Y. This will undoubtedly be the rarest treat ever offered the people of this town and many towns a dozen times larger than this cannot boast of such an event.

These gentlemen have consented to allow the employees a recess: Mr. J.W.Eshleman of Grey Iron Casting Co.,Mr.T.J.Brown of Geo.Brown's Sons,Mr.Wm.Tundall of the Industrial Works,Mr.M.A.Rollman of New Standard Hardware Works, Prof. I.R.Kraybill of the Mount Joy schools and Mr.H.M.Stauffer of the Rollman Mfg.Co.

Immediately upon the aviator making his ascension at Rossmere,near Lancaster,the Bulletin will notify all the above industries.The big whistle at the cotton mill will then be blown. This will notify that the biplane left Lancaster.It can be expected here in from 16 to 18 minutes.

Spectators can make as close an observation of the biplane as they choose.It will be roped off.The people can get as close as they like and may "look but do not touch".An admission of 10¢ will be charged and you can get as close as you like.Of course if you don't care to pay the admission you can readily see the biplane from nearby,but the Bulletin will certainly appreciate everybody's presence.

Wednesday,Sept. 27,1911 -

WHERE IS IT?

What has become of that much talked about biplane?The owner is determined to make it fly,but thus far it is still flying on the McGrann farm at Rossmere.The much talked about biplane did not appear here last Thursday on account of weather conditions.It was then advertised to come Friday.Everything was in readiness and the proprietor of this paper was notified at 5:05 last Friday afternoon that the biplane was about to start on it's way to Mount Joy.After five unsuccessful efforts,the last of which resulted in an accident,the flight was abandoned for that day.

Five men were put to work Saturday morning who toiled nearly all day Sunday until they had the machine in shape again.Monday it was tried out and could not get away.Yesterday ditto.The same thing is expected to be done this afternoon and the best and surest time of it's coming now is when we see it on Hoffman's field. When it does put in an appearance, all who wish can go and see it free of charge and we would also state that we will send out no further notice until we know the biplane has landed here.

Ed.Note: The Wright brothers made their first successful flight in 1903. Five years later Wilbur Wright flew 30 miles in 40 minutes.

WANTED

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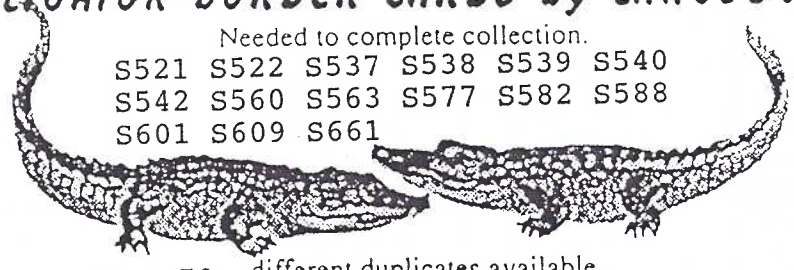
S601 S609 S661



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A local aero collectible - an old matchbook cover

POSTCARD RATES

20¢ Postcard Rate Remains
First Rate Letters Go To 33¢

The penny postcard disappeared in 1952 - not too long ago was it? Since then,we've seen more than a dozen increases,all of which can be clues to when a postcard was used. If it's a government *postal card* (with the rate imprinted on the card)then we also know the card's age.

We offer here a list of Postcard Rates over the years. Remember, though,sometimes old cards will be used in modern times,then the postage rate paid is the determining factor.

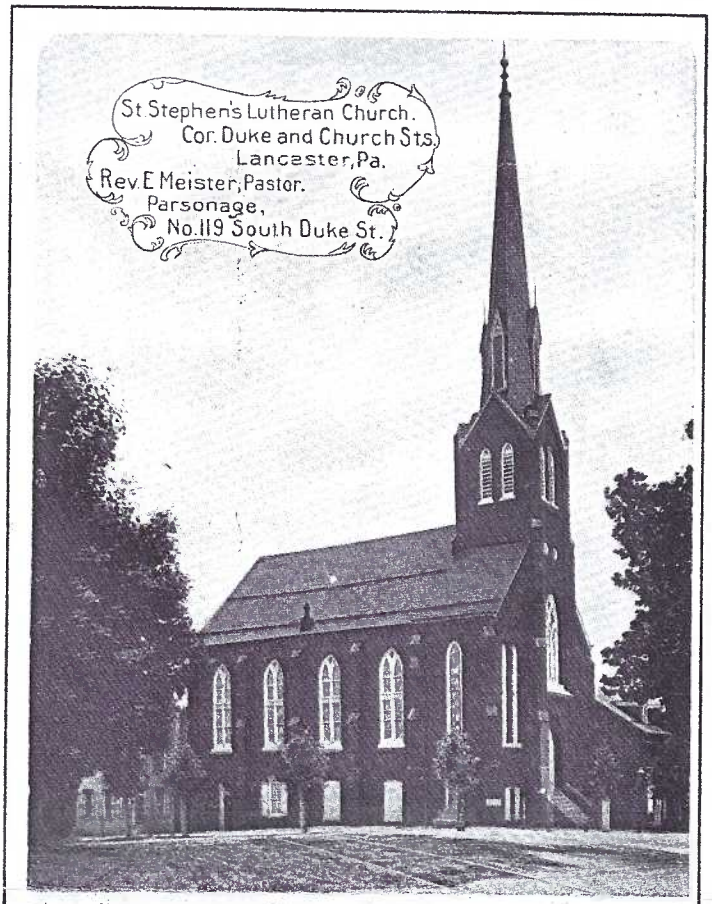
1¢	May 1873	Nov 1917
2¢	Nov 1917	July 1919
1¢*	July 1919	Jan 1952
2¢	Jan 1952	Aug 1958
3¢	Aug 1958	Jan 1963
4¢	Jan 1963	Jan 1968
5¢	Jan 1968	May 1971
6¢	May 1971	Mar 1974
8¢	Mar 1974	Sep 1975
7¢*	Sep 1975	Dec 1975
9¢	Dec 1975	May 1978
10¢	May 1978	Mar 1981
12¢	Mar 1981	Nov 1981
13¢	Nov 1981	Feb 1985
14¢	Feb 1985	Apr 1988
15¢	Apr 1988	Feb 1991
19¢	Feb 1991	Jan 1995
20¢	Jan 1995	present

*short term roll back of rate

Local Church History

Lancaster's St.Stephens Lutheran Exemplifies Great Use of Postcards

By the time you get this month's **CARD** the handsome church that sits atop the hill at Church and S. Duke Streets in mid-city Lancaster will have changed ownership. According to a recent Sunday News article, the congregation is marking its 125th anniversary on June 6 as well as its last service in the building. A month ago it approved sale of the edifice to a neighborhood congregation,the S.Christian Street Mennonite Church.



RE-DEDICATION SERVICE
Sunday, September 6th, 1908,
At 10 o'clock a. m., German, and 7 o'clock, English.
Seats free.
A Souvenir Programme with hymns and music for every person.

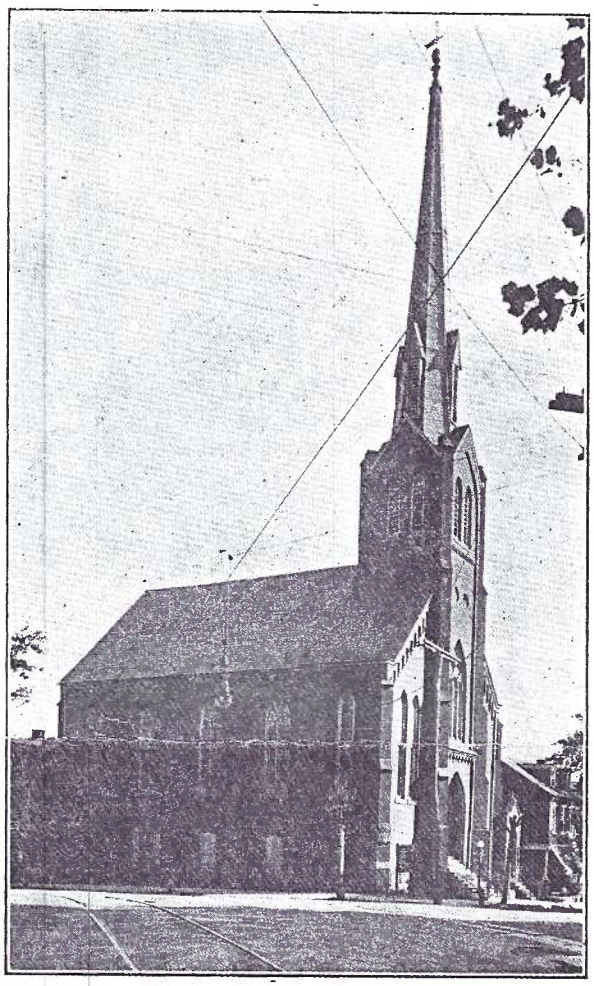
The St.Stephens congregation has dwindled to 112 members and will merge with St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Millersville. Such mergers and moves from center city are a common occurrence,a major factor being limited downtown parking in addition to a constant exodus of residents to the suburbs.

During its long history,St.Stephens published several postcards two of which we show here. The first card (full color but unidentified printer) lists Rev.E. Meister as pastor. A more common version is without the re-dedication service announcement. Many Lancaster congregations offered services in German and English. In the case of nearby Trinity Lutheran when the members elected to have their services entirely in English,many members left Trinity and formed their own church,Zion Lutheran, just around the corner.

The 1908 Re-dedication Service was to celebrate "many extensive improvements made during the last three months...you and family are cordially invited to be with us on the coming Lord's day."

The second card (black and white and also by an unidentified printer) is slightly longer than normal. It was issued during Anniversary Week in October,1935. The entire message section is filled with church history and the celebration schedule. It was the sixtieth anniversary of the founding of the church as well as the fiftieth anniversary of the pastorate of Rev. C.F.Bergner at St. Stephens.

Postcards of churches are certainly windows to our past. They are sometimes our only physical evidence when the buildings have been razed.



ST. STEPHEN'S EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH
LANCASTER, PENNSYLVANIA

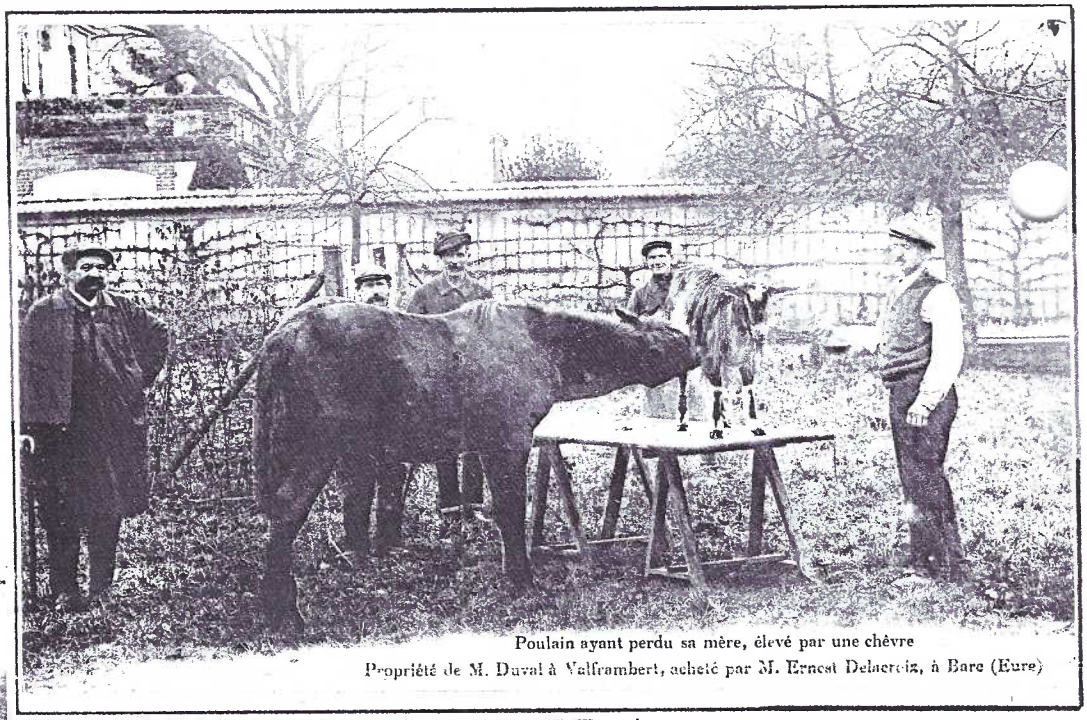
WHERE ARE YOUR POSTCARDS?

Hot,humid summers can be harsh on paper items. Are your postcards safe? Are they standing up so they can breathe? Albums should stand up-right on bookshelves. Cards in boxes should stand up,too. (Take up the slack by laying - not cramming - a clean T-shirt or sock in the back of the box.)

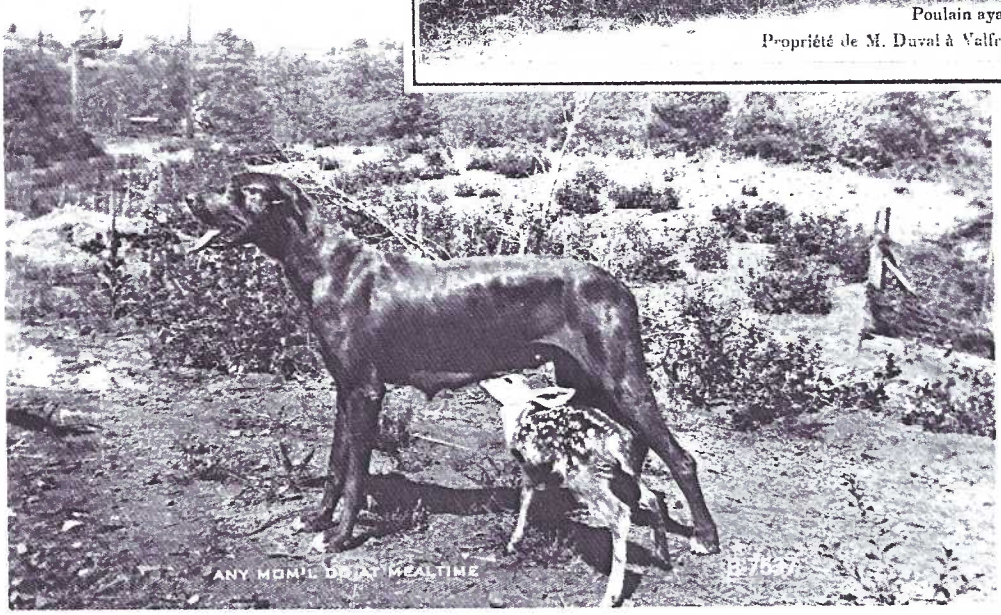
Did You Know?

JUNE *is National Dairy Month*
JUNE 3 *is Family Day*
JUNE 15 *is Smile Power Day*
JUNE 16 *is National Juggling Day*
as so,have we made our point with these three unusual Milking Postcards?

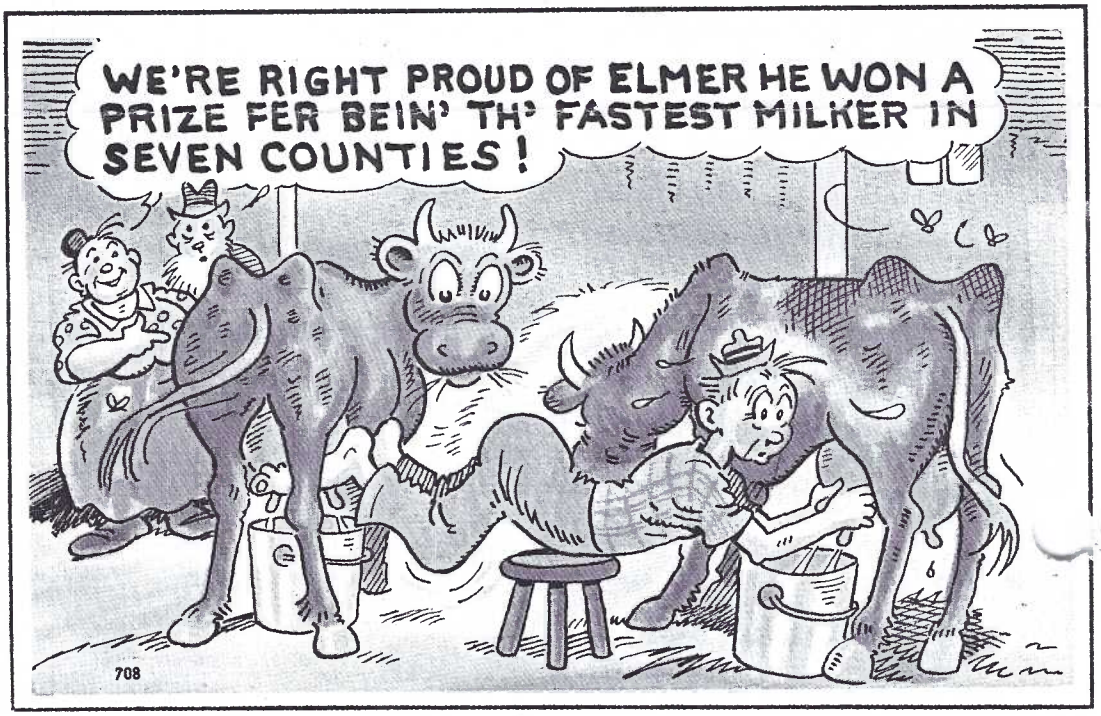
Any Frenchman - or other will tell you goat's milk is a great cure-all.



Poulain ayant perdu sa mère, élevé par une chèvre
Propriété de M. Duval à Valframbert, acheté par M. Ernest Delaercix, à Bare (Eure)



In the 1959 real photo,the mother dog willing offers a young fawn a nourishing meal.



#708 in a comic series by Tichnor might have occurred in Lancaster County - and then,maybe not!

TOMB of UNKNOWNS in LITITZ,PA.

Revolutionary Monument Rededicated by the same girl at age 11 and 80.

80 year old Helen Bender Whitaker left Cape Cod and returned to her childhood home in Lititz to rededicate a memorial to unknown Revolutionary soldiers. They had been hospitalized at the Lititz Moravian Church following the Battle of Brandywine. She and her father,the late Dr. Harry Bender, had learned that 110 soldiers had been buried in unmarked graves at the east of the village. In fact, excavation of a neighbor's house back in the 1920's had first revealed the bones of our country's early freedom fighters.

The discovery led to the Lititz Revolutionary War Memorial which is shown on the accompanying unused photo postcard. This year the VFW Post 1463 and the Lititz American Legion Post 53 sponsored a similar memorial which recognizes *all veterans who came after the Revolution.* Little 11 year old Helen Bender had dedicated the first memorial nearly 70 years ago. This spring she rededicated that memorial as well as the newly erected monument in the little cemetery across from her childhood home on East Main St. in Lititz.

Soldiers' memorial Lititz, PA.

A b/w postcard was published by Walmer of Harrisburg showing a similar view but panned to show more of the stone wall and evergreens in the background.The caption reads "Revolutionary War Memorial, Lititz, Pa. #282".

EXPO '99

At the May meeting **Jere Greider** distributed postcards advertising our Annual Expo which will again be at the Farm & Home Center. The date is August 21.

Below is the entry form all exhibitors should use. Categories are listed and NOW is not too soon to begin work on your boards! The Expo Committee has decided to give cash awards in addition to the usual Expo Exhibit Award postcards as added incentive and to help defray board expenses (see entry form).

VP **Walter Mowrer** is asking for volunteers for set-up on Friday evening,unloading dealers Sat. AM, selling tickets ($1) at the door,policing exhibits during the show, manning the table for prospective new members as well as distribution of the Membership Roster to active members and tear-down Sat. at 6 PM.

NEW MEMBERS

Robert Newsome#531 and **Arden Newsome#532** RD9, Box 9257, Stroudsburg, PA.,18360.Dealers.

Elizabeth H. MacDonald #533 and **William D. MacDonald #535** 48 Dillingham St., Bangor,ME. 04401.,Ph.1-207-942-2579. She likes covered bridges, horses,Amish,Steiff,southern Lancaster County particularly Peach Bottom,Fairfield,Drumore area(her roots). He likes railroads: trains,depots,RPOs and turn-of-the-century ocean liners.

Vivian S.Ziegler #534 1720 Pioneer Rd., Lancaster, PA.,17602.Ph.464-5616.General interest.

Clarence R.Swinehart #536 603 Hilton Dr., Lancaster,PA.,17603.Ph.393-4251. Likes Lancaster, trains and covered bridges of Pennsylvania.

UNPAID MEMBERS,May 22,1999

These members are NOT paid for the year Apr.1999-Mar.2000. If you recognize a name,you might remind them that all paid members will receive a new roster this summer.

Florence Alexander,Clarence Armbuster, Beth Clark,Mae Clegg, Frank Coho,Helen Cox,Lee Fry,Stephanie Griffiths,John Hartman,Jim Haverstick,John Kendig,Iris Miller,Frank Ressler, Reynold and Mary Sue Schenke...only fifteen members from about 300!

LANCASTER COUNTY POSTCARD EXPO 1999
Exhibit Rules,Categories and Awards

1. All LCPC members may enter one (1) board per category
2. Postcards must be mounted on poster board, 22"x28",vertically oriented
3. Exhibitor's name and category must be placed on the back of each board.
4. Four Categories: **HOME TOWNS** **SUMMER ACTIVITIES** **WINDOWS TO OUR PAST** **CHILDREN**
5. Awards: 1st Place ($10),2nd Place($5),3rd Place in each category
   Best of Show ($20),chosen from 1st Place exhibits
   Peoples/Popular Choice ($20),voted on by Show visitors
   All entries receive special 1999 Expo Award Postcards incl. Honorable Mentions
6. Judging based on:

Postcard Information	1/3
Presentation and Originality	1/3
Condition,Completeness,Rarity	1/3

7. All boards must be delivered to the Exhibit Committee before the Show or at The Farm & Home Center between 7:00 and 8:00 A.M. They may not be removed until after the Peoples Choice Award has been presented (between 5:30-6 P.M).
8. Deadline for submission of entry form: **July 31.**

THIS IS THE ONLY ENTRY FORM YOU WILL RECEIVE.

You may submit a copy if you wish to keep THE CARD intact. Mail to either:
Barb Mowrer,786 Kames Hill Rd.,Columbia,PA.,17512 or
Earl Carver,212 Pheasant Dr.,Columbia,PA.,17512.
I will enter a board in the following categories: ----------,

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Mainzer Cats Still Available

In the Pittsburgh airport last month Jim Rudisill spied Alfred Mainzer animated cat postcards. More specifically,they were in the terminal's Kits 'n Pups Store. A revolving rack held twenty different standard size (3 1/2" x 5 1/2") cards. The popular series was first printed in Switzerland and later in Belgium. This latest series is printed in Turkey. *The quality has not been lost.* The series numbers are identical to the Belgian series. Here's a good way to fill in those numbers you're missing. Have YOU see them anywhere?

Cat Picnic and Bear Intervention,#4981 in the Belgian Mainzer cat series,reprinted in Turkey. *Ed.'s name.*

Map locates Heim's home n. of Rte.#30,Columbia exit.

JUNE PICNIC - SAT.,JUNE 19

Barb and Bud Heim (ph.684-6533) will once again host the club picnic at their home on Old Chickies Rd. north of Columbia. You're invited after 1 PM. Bring lawn chairs and hot or cold dish. LCPC will provide barbecue,rolls, drinks and place settings. If you wish to sell PCs,supply your own table. **President Susan Glass** reports eating will commence at 4 PM followed by board competition (animals) and announcements.

MONTHLY EXHIBITS

62 members attended the May meeting and were entertained with single Decoration/Memorial Day cards from nine exhibitors. Since all were from the holiday category,we're by-passing the usual format that normally includes poster board titles.

WALTER MOWRER FIRST,**MARY ANN GUNTOW** SECOND and **HAROLD MOYER** THIRD. As is the usual case,they received,respectively, $5, $4 and $3 cash awards plus their exhibit award postcards. Receiving HONORABLE MENTION postcards were: **DOROTHY AUMENT, EARL CARVER, JACOB FISHER, GWYN FULMER, BOB KRAMER** and **JIM WARD,** It's always nice to see new faces. Thanks to all for participating!

June's theme will be boards of ANIMALS. Exhibitors:Note separate story of Expo Exhibit subjects.

MAY MINI SHOW et al

The popular **Free-For-All** program occupied an expanded room in May. Ten tables offered a wide variety of cards and related paper. Members selling were: Gordon McKinzie, Ruth and Harold Moyer, Paul Weidman, Bill Buckwalter, Leo Frantz, Dede and Daisy Schaeffer, Dick Bishop, Mike and Bill Middleton, Bob Kramer and Jim Ward.

Door prizes of postcard pages and sleeves were won by Jacob Fisher and Ed Harris. Barbara Heim won the 50/50.

Follow-up sales of Windows to the Past from a recent Sunday News story brought buyers to the meeting. **Ray Dennis** reported fewer than 300 books remain

FUTURE SHOWS

June 26-27 Fort Washington,PA.,10-5,10-3.Adm.$5.50
July 10 York,PA.,10-6.Adm. $1.50
Aug.6-7,Havre de Grace,MD.,10-6,10-4.Adm.$3.00
Aug.21 Lancaster,PA. LCPC EXPO. Adm. $1.

Standing Tall...
is the way your postcards should spend the summer.

ALL paper products,especially old ones,must breathe. Keeping your postcards *upright* lets them breathe - in the rooms where you live and breathe in the summer. Don't store them in the attic or the basement! If *you* can't stand the heat and the humidity,your postcards can't either!

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Jim Ward - phone 717-PA1-WARD anytime