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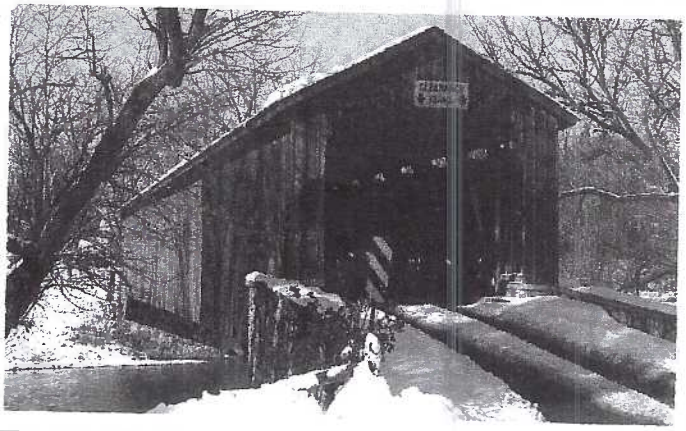
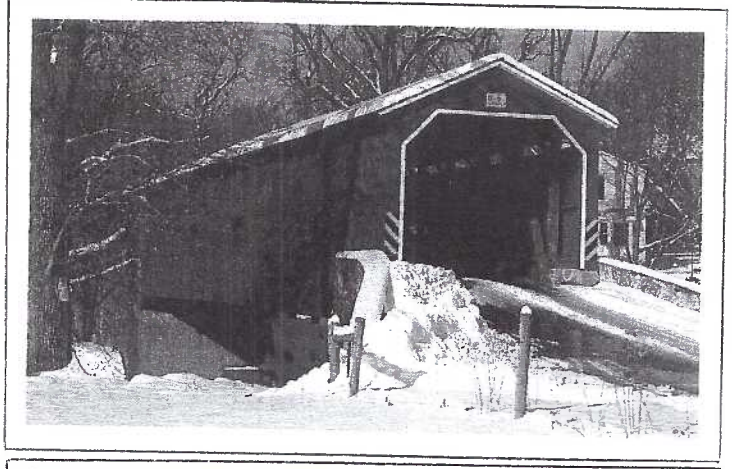
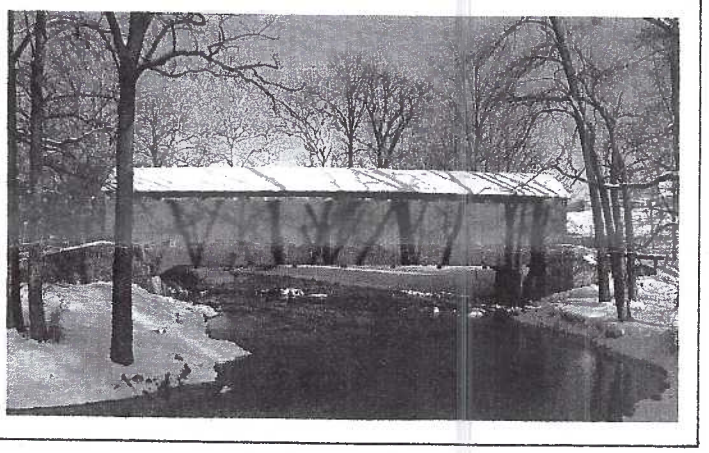


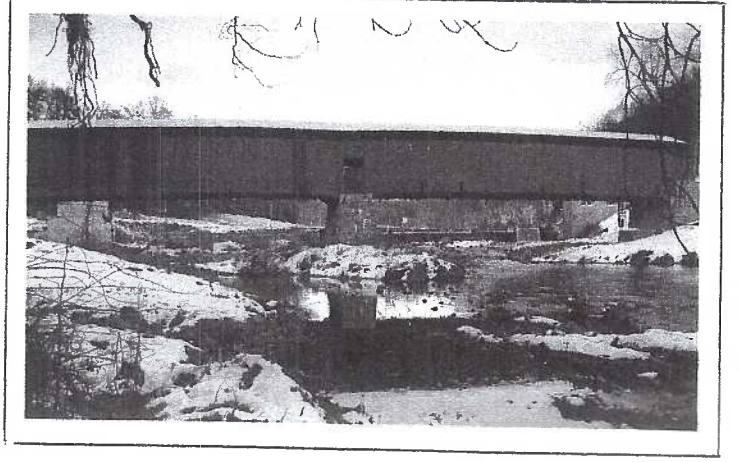




Celebrate Our Keystone Heritage
See Pennsylvania's Covered Bridges
May 8-16, 2004

Seven Lancaster County snow scenes featuring local covered bridges are included in a 50-card set recently published by LCPC member Bob Shirk. See complete list in this issue of *The Card*.

Top to bottom, left to right: Hunsicker's Mill CB, Pinetown CB, Jackson's Mill CB, Rettew's/Keller's Mill CB, Pool Forge CB, Zook's Mill/Rose Hill CB and Pine Grove CBV.,



WARNING!..... This is a test.

If you're not in a testing mood – feeling a little "testy" instead – come back and try it later.

Can you remember what those little thingys are that hang from alder bushes? They bloom about the same time pussy willows are in bloom. You saw them on greeting postcards in last month's *Card*, primarily on Easter cards.

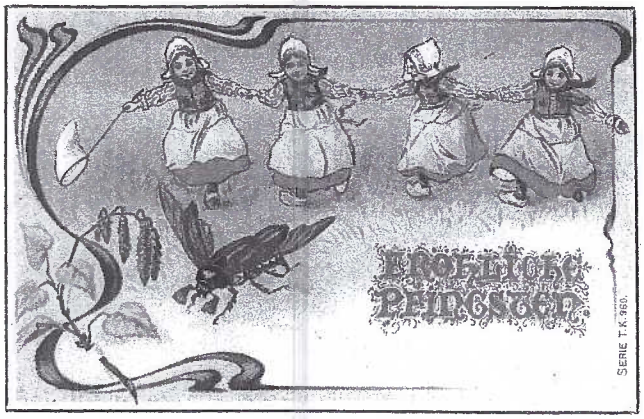
1) What is their English name?*

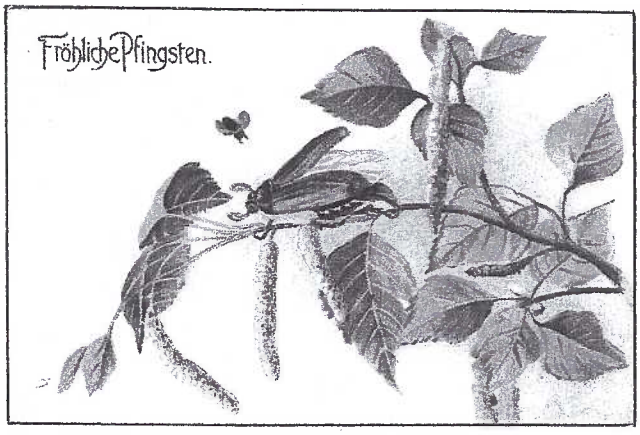
2) What are they called in deitsch?*

For a reminder of what they looked like, here are the same plants but now on Pfingsten, Pfingstag or pinsten (deitsch) postcards. These holiday cards were sent to friends who celebrate Whitsunday or Pentecost, 50 days after Easter – a holiday we've mentioned before on pages of *The Card*.

Pfingsten is also about the time when certain large bugs emerge from the ground, especially a large species known as Maybug or June bug. These bugs get their common name depending on whether Easter is celebrated early (Maybugs) or later (June bugs) in a particular year. This is a good reason, by the way, why entomologists (bug scientists) give insects scientific names – name that aren't hinged to holidays or the like.

*For answers see page 5.





1) alder catkins 2) alley schwentze

New CB Set

Bob Shirk Publishes Second Set of Local CBs

This will seem like déjà vu to some of *The Card's* readers, but it was in the May issue two years ago that we proudly announced that LCPC member #690, Bob Shirk, had published a set of 41 postcards from photos he made of local covered bridges – in color. The sets sold well but Bob felt he could do more to record Lancaster's record number of CBs. He made treks to the 31 sites this time in winter as well as in the spring and fall. There's even an interior view. In some cases, different seasons are included for the same bridge. Risser's Mill CB is seen before and after it was burned in 2002.

This even grander set of 50 PCs – again in color - are printed with a satin finish on glossy, heavier stock and still at a bargain price - $17.50 + $2.50 postage = $20. plus $1.20 PA sales tax. *Make your check to Paul S. Shirk & Son.* You can save the $2.50 postage by picking up your sets at Bob's Business - Paul S. Shirk & Son, (used cars) 881 W. Main St., New Holland, PA. 17560.

Celebrate Covered Bridge Week this year with your new set of Lancaster County CB postcards!

Shirk Set #2 of 50 Full Color Covered Bridge Postcards

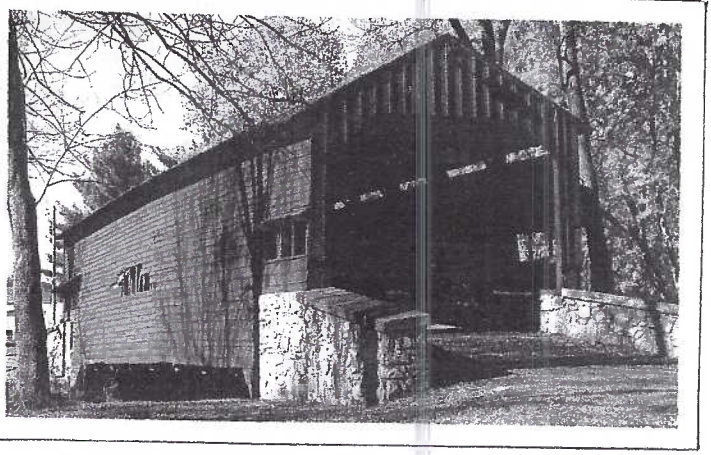
2-1 *(Four)*: Eshelman's Mill CB, Hunsecker's Mill CB, Rettew's Mill CB, Bitzer's CB
2-2 Baumgardner's Mill CB
2-3 " "
2-4 Bitzer's Mill/ Eberley's Cider Mill CB
2-5 " "
2-6 Brubaker's Farm CB
2-7 Bucher's Mill CB
2-8 Buck Hill Farm CB
2-9 Colemanville CB
2-10 Erb's CB
2-11 Eshelman's Mill CB
2-12 " "
2-13 " "
2-14 Forry's Mill CB
2-15 Herr's Mill CB
2-16 " "
2-17 Hunsecker's Mill CB
2-18 " "
2-19 Jackson's Mill CB
2-20 " "
2-21 " "
2-22 Kurtz's Mill CB
2-23 Landis' Mill CB
2-24 " "
2-25 Lime Valley CB
2-26 Mercer's Mill CB
2-27 Neff's Mill CB
2-28 Pine Grove CB
2-29 " "
2-30 Pinetown CB
2-31 Pool Forge CB
2-32 Red Run CB
2-33 " "
2-34 Rettew's Mill/ Keller's Mill CB
2-35 " "
2-36 Risser's Mill CB
2-37 " "
2-38 Schenck's Mill CB
2-39 Shearer's CB
2-40 Siegrist's Mill CB
2-41 " "
2-42 Sporting Hill/ Kauffman's Distillery CB
2-43 Weaver's Mill CB
2-44 " "
2-45 " "
2-46 White Rock CB
2-47 " "
2-48 Willow Hill CB
2-49 Zook's Mill CB
2-50 " "

I've been in touch with Bob today (April 28) and he still has a few of the earlier sets. You get 40 different full color views of our local covered bridges (with no duplicate views in the two sets).

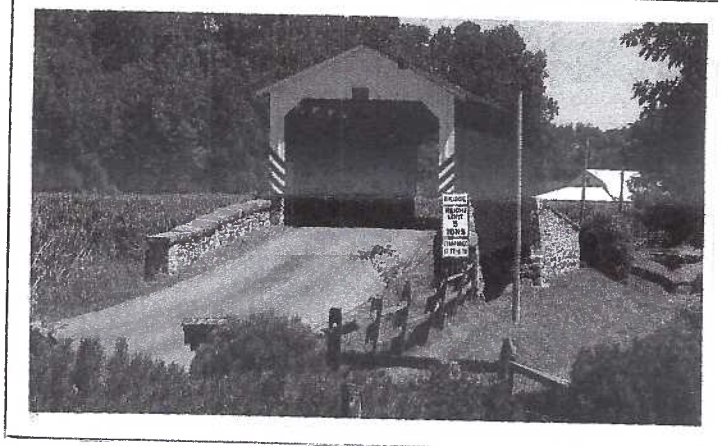
Here's a recap -
Set #1 - $10 + $2 shipping + .72 tax = $12.72.
Set #2 - $17.50 + $2.50 shipping + $1.20 tax = $21.20.

First and Second Set Combo

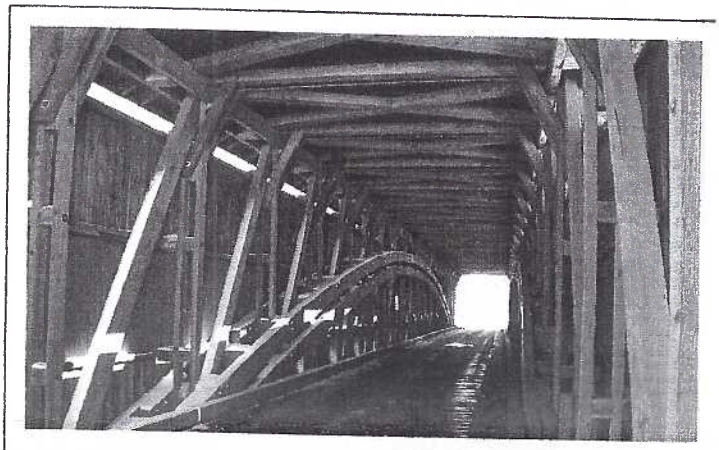
Set #1 and #2 for $25.50 + $3.50 shipping + $1.74 tax for a total of just $30.74 (saving more than $3).



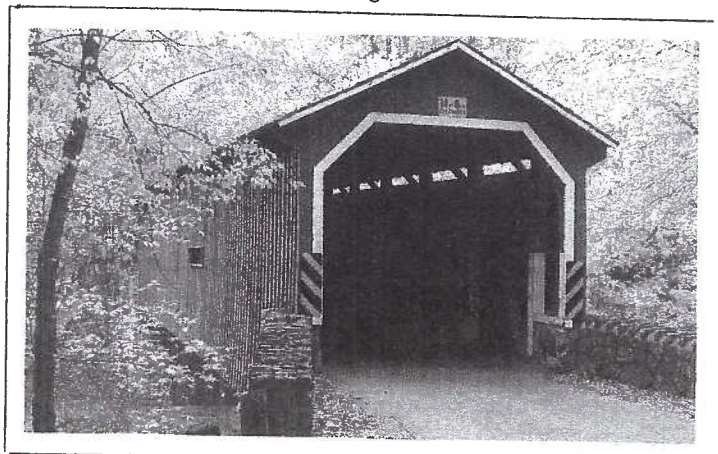
2-39 Shearer's Covered Bridge was moved from Lancaster Junction to Veteran Memorial Park in Manheim some years ago. A huge hole in the side doesn't speak well for either the upkeep or the policing of the borough's property.



2-44 Weaver's Mill Covered Bridge near Union Grove.



2-18 The Hunsecker Mill Covered Bridge interior features the Theodore Burr truss used in most of Lancaster County's covered bridges.



2-22 Kurtz's Mill Covered Bridge is framed in bright spring foliage.

New Members

#728 and #729 Doris Kay and Jim Feight 806 Stanley Ave., Chambersburg, PA 17201-2838. Dealers. Kay also chairs the biannual Morlatton PC Show.
#730 Aaron Heckler P. O. Box 118, Salford, PA 18957-0118. Collects views of PA.
#731 Lee Dixon 2400 Busic Church Rd., Marigold, Md 21649. Ph. 410-438-3536. Dealer.
E-mail address: antiquepostcards@yahoo.com.

This 'n That

We're sorry to hear **Elizabeth Graver**, member #15, is having serious back ailments. Let's hope this wonderful, warm weather will see her back to the meetings.

Attendance was down to 58 – highly unusual for nice weather. **Dede Schaeffer's** postcard rabbits on slides were enjoyed by all, though, with her voice gone, **Jim Ward** presented her notes.

Set up and selling **were Dick Bishop, Howard Steinberg, Leighton Stover, Al Schaub, Bob Kramer, Mike Middleton** and **Jim Ward.**

Ruth Moyer and **Chet Corrigan** won door prizes (magnifiers) donated by **Dede Schaeffer. Sharon Gromis** won $23. in the 50/50.

Silent Auction Debuts

Several directors donated paper items incl. postcards for the club's Silent Auction debut. It will be a small way in which to donate/increase our treasury.

An item is placed next to a numbered sheet. Place your name next to the lowest number with your bid for the item. Go back and check periodically to see if you wish to increase your bid should someone have bid higher than you. When **Pres. Doug Milliken** calls for the end to the sale the highest bid pays LCPC and buys the item. The total bid goes to the club since these will be donated items.

Another Silent Auction will commence before the May meeting begins and continue during the program. Bring you unwanted items: postcards, books, etc. (let's stay with paper items = not general garage junk). The May program will be the Annual Free-for-All. Any member may share a table or use a full table and sell or trade postcards or any other paper items. We'll stop the program for a brief business meeting and the monthly competition.

Future Shows

May 6-15 Brimfield, MA
May 15 Harrisburg Show at Linglestown Am. Legion 505 N. Mountain Rd.
May 21-23 Metropolitan PC Club Show, NYC
May 22 Chambersburg. Four Points Sheraton. Bob Bigler. 717-749-7090. CAUTION – This show was cancelled at the 11th hour last year.
May 28-29 Hagerstown, MD. John McClintock's Show at the Plaza Hotel. 703-368-2757.

World War II Postcard Memento

Your editor was one of the lucky ones to be able to buy some cards from Harry Lines' collection. One (an aerial view of Armstrong Cork Co.), was sent to Sgt. Harry K. Lines, A.S.N. 33720044, 4148th A.A.F. Base Unit, (Elec. Expr. Sqdn.) Bedford Army Air Field, Bedford, Mass. His mother, on Jan. 24, 1945 writes, "Hello Son, Everybody just fine, but we have the snow everywhere. Rained a little yesterday and froze as it came down; made traveling very bad. Got to see the show. Will write later. It's snowing right now."

Harry has the postcard again, to add to an autobiography he's writing. Thanks for your help in WWII, Harry. All of us appreciate it.

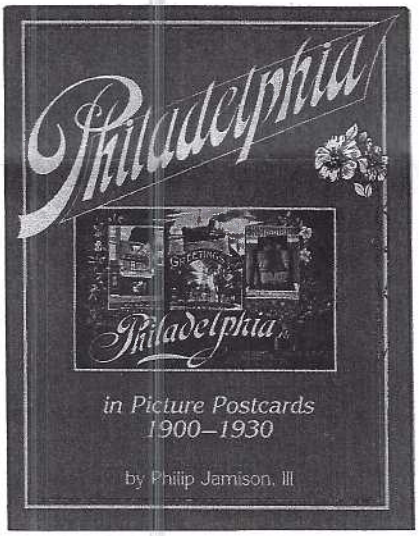
Monthly Competition

Attendance was unusually low – just 58 members and guests showed up in April despite good weather – maybe it was too good and minds were on outdoor interests.

The topic was April Fool postcards. Single examples were submitted and these were the participants –

Carol Giona	FIRST	A tormented puppy
Harold Moyer	SECOND	"Four Feet" surprise
Ruth Moyer	THIRD	A French poisson fish card
	Honorable Mention	
Bob Kramer		"An Important Letter"

May's topic is FLOWERS and deserving of a full board. Let's see an array of beauty and color to welcome spring to Lancaster County.



Editor's Note: Carol Giona heads our club's Library Team this year. She has offered to write a column about books in the LCPC library for *The Card.*

Library Highlight

Philadelphia in Picture Postcards 1900-1930

By Philip Jamison III

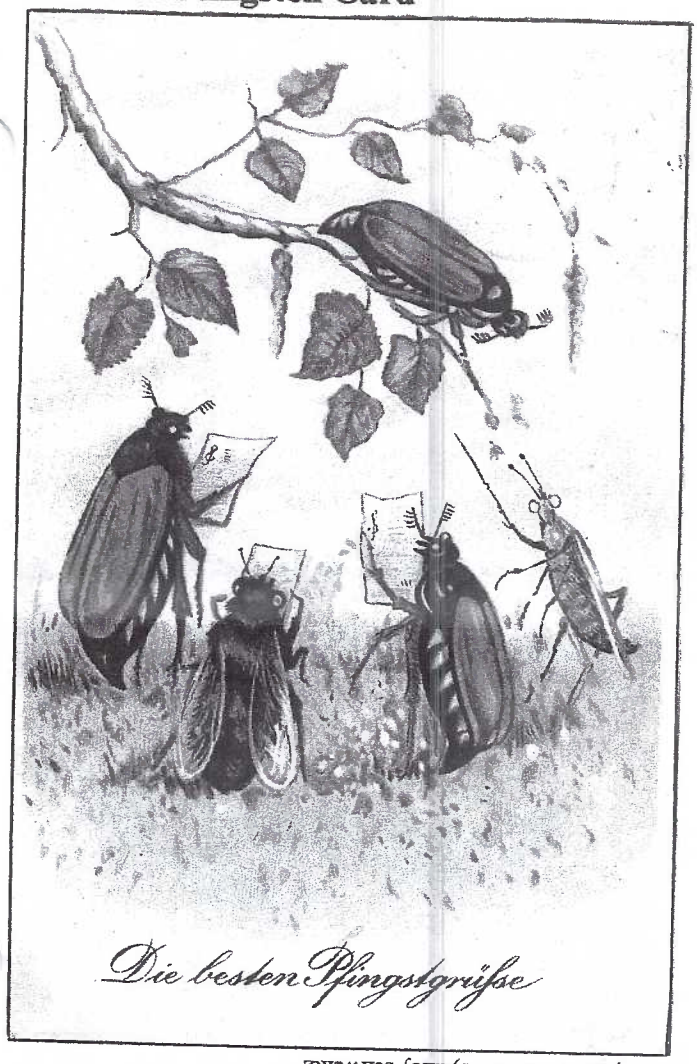
For 300 years Philadelphia has been, and continues to be, a unique combination of history, charm and remarkable consistency. Consequently, this beautiful city presents both pictorial connections with the past and a large still-standing collection of original buildings, grounds, streets, and neighborhoods. The pictorial connections are seen, not only in museums and institutions, but also in innumerable private collections.

The author presents a pictorial collection of Philadelphia's past in an informative and entertaining fashion. The book is also a factual representation of history made up almost entirely with postcards collected by Mr. Jamison. Organized by chronology and subject matter, it can be used as an important addition to Philadelphia's history or as a nostalgic tour through the city.

This book is a delightful stroll down memory lane for those of us who grew up in Philadelphia (as I did) and remember the scenes themselves or remember hearing our parents discussing them. But more importantly, it enables younger Philadelphians to learn about their city in an enjoyable way.

If you are interested in borrowing *Philadelphia in Picture Postcards 1900-1930*, please call Teresa Jumper at 569-1679.

A Final Pfingsten Card



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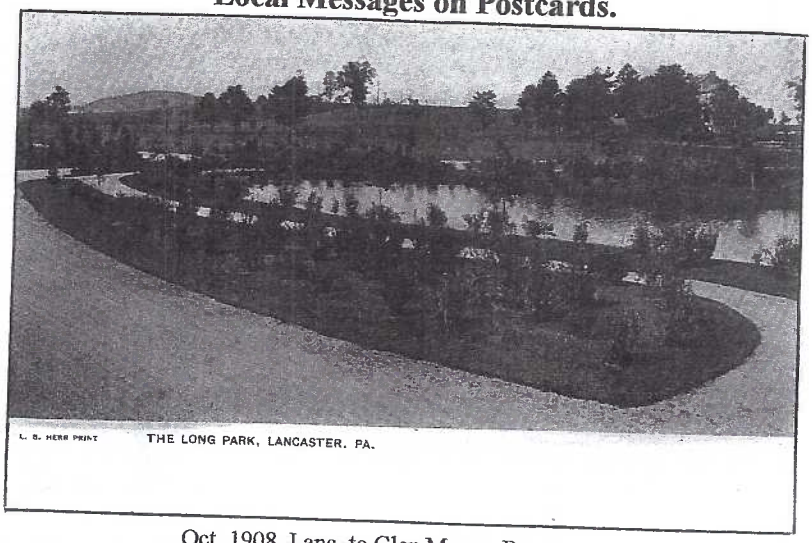
It Pays to Read the Back...
Local Messages on Postcards.



Oct. 1908. Lanc. to Glen Moore, Pa.
Was driving in the Park a few days ago. It's great. The trees are small but in time it will be one of the finest parks around here. It has lovely drives.

Mar. 1907. Lanc. to Bellmonte (Lanc. County).
We will not be down till twenty minutes of seven; leave here at quarter of six. If the weather is bad, meet that car. (Reference is to the trolley car, most of which kept dependable schedules.)

Sept. 1915. Hopeland to Mamaroneck, NY
Seen your name in Parks Floral Magazine, so here's a card. I am Paul Nessinger, Lititz, R. 5, Pa.

Dec. 1910. Lititz to Schaefferstown.
Dear cousin, If the weather is favorable and is convenient for you, I will be over Sunday after next. Write and tell me where you live. Last Thurs. there were 28 girls and 19 boys walked to Mt. Airy Fair.

Editor's note: I had a chance to peruse the proofs of this book and it will be a long time before anyone writes and illustrates a history of Kennett Square that equals this monumental achievement. Dolores is LCPC member #209.

Announcing the Pre-Publication of

Greetings from Kennett Square

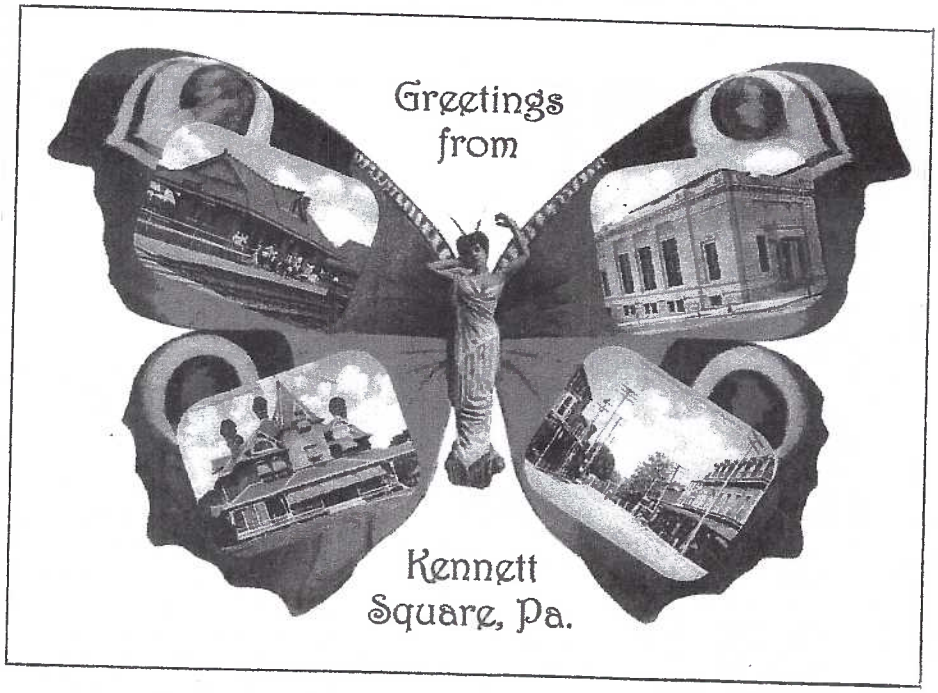
by Joseph A. Lordi & Dolores I. Rowe—

A 240 page hardcover full-color book (retailing at $47.50) with over 600 images, including postcards, photographs, and other ephemera of Kennett Square and environs.

Anticipated release date, September 2004

Advanced orders: **$39.75** (including tax)
Orders must be received by July 2, 2004.

Send your name, address, quantity and check (made out to Dolores I. Rowe) to Dolores I. Rowe, 123 Magnolia Street, Kennett Square, PA 19348 or call Dolores at (610) 444-0641 or Joe Lordi at (610) 444-2988 for further details.



NPW – National Postcard Week

The first full week in May is **National Postcard Week.** Individuals and organizations issue their own postcards and exchange with others to promote our hobby.This year's NPW is missing one of its faithful participants. We've seen several issues of Earl Carver and his slush pumps, but we've seen his last. Many of us, including LCPC have those postcards as memories. And isn't that what postcards are all about?

This letter came to your editor from LCPC member #144 – "Dear Jim,

Enclosed are two cards, one for you and one for LCPC. As usual, I will be glad to trade with anyone making or publishing a card and if anyone wants to buy my card it is available for $1 plus SASE. I printed 60.

I think this may be my last NPCW* postcard which is why I chose the Harrisburg Market Square postcard. It is not only a memory of the area I live in (though not *my* memory) it is also an example of markets of central Pennsylvania and also closely connected to the many types of markets of Europe.

My NPCW postcard, however, is not a true real photo because the back of my original is the back used from 1901 to 1907 and titled "Post Card". These were also single backs and in the case of my copy had no special paper design in the stamp box and no photographer, printer or publisher listed.

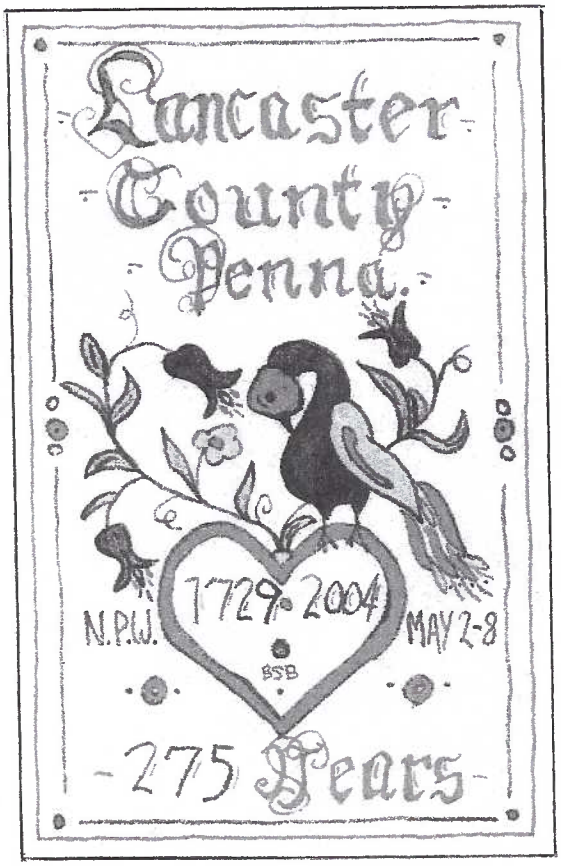
Thank you for your newsletters. I enjoy them very much.

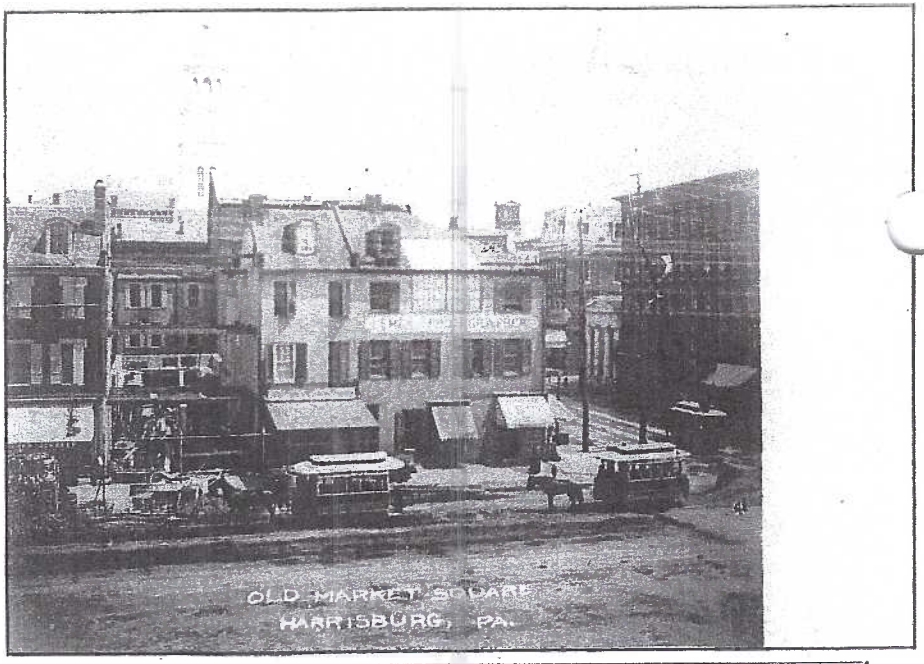
Sincerely, Anne P. Valsing."

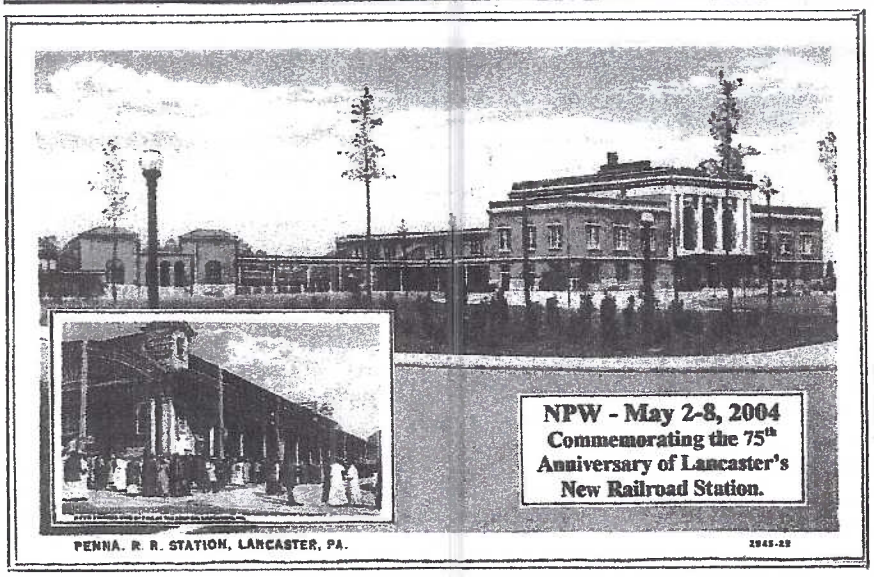
*Some collectors prefer to write it as National Post Card Week. Anne's card is 4" x 6".

On the back of her card, Anne writes, "This picture may be an enigma! When was it made? Can you see faintly the old Court House? Is Market St. to the south? Are the buildings on the Square stall or trolleys? How do you find the answers? Was it like this in 1904?"

You can write to Anne at Box 223, Camp Hill, PA 17017-0223.







Jim Ward has issued his 14th NPW card. He chose to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of Lancaster's "New" Railroad Station. It opened north of the city in 1929 on McGovern Avenue. The insert shows the old station that operated at East Chestnut and North Queen Streets from 1859 to 1929.

Growing up just two blocks from the station, he remembers walking there with his sisters and Dad and standing on the curved wooden benches in the upper level to look out of the windows and watch for the trains coming in from Harrisburg in the west and Philadelphia in the east. A nearby machine gave him two Chicklets for a penny. Beiler Printing made 100 full color copies 3 ½" x 5 ½" size. They're 50¢ plus SASE or available at the meeting.

With this issue of *The Card*, you have received LCPC's 2004 issue for National Postcard Week. The subject was chosen by members voting on several subjects offered by the NPW committee.

The 275th Anniversary of Lancaster County was hand drawn and colored by Bryan Benner. A brief description of frakturs on the reverse was written by Carol Dennis. We had Beiler Printing (our current *Card* printer) make 400 copies, 3 ½" x 5 ½" size. Your May *Card* includes one for each paid member. Additional copies are available for 50¢ plus SASE. Make check to LCPC and send to the club address (see masthead on the front page). This is the club's 15th NPW card – one each year since we began in 1990.