

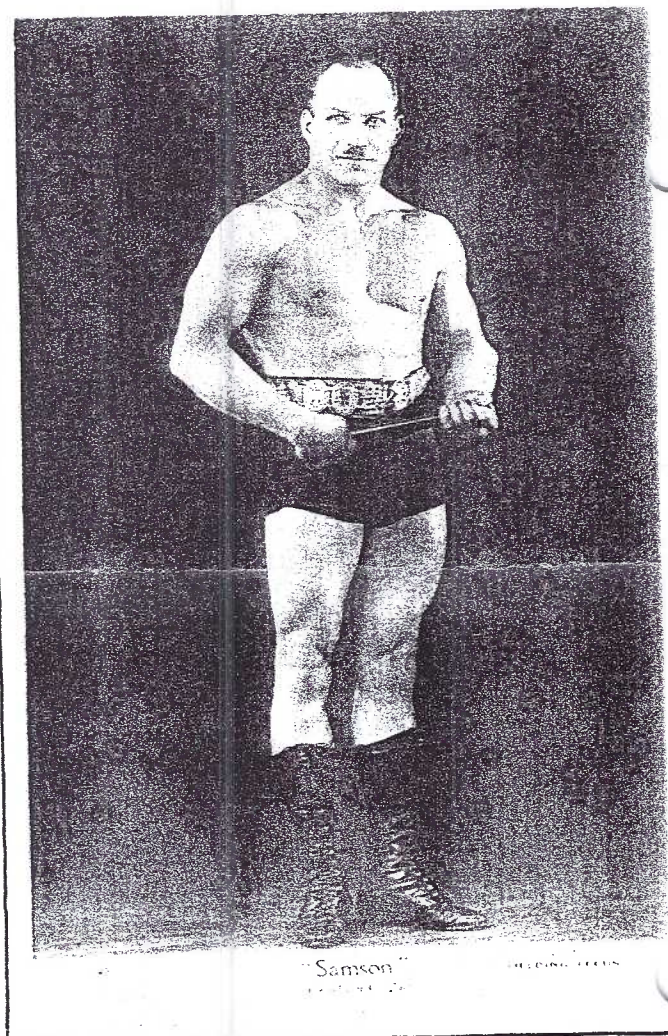
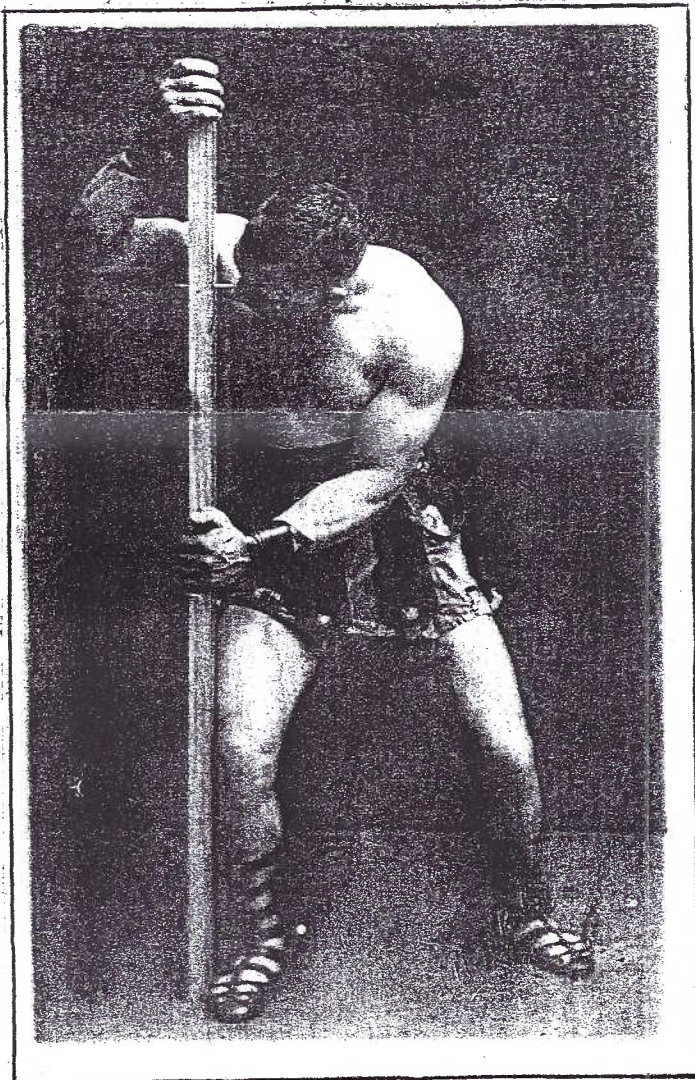


## Strongman Postcards

In the days before Professional Wrestling was on TV on a regular basis. There were 'Strong Men' who did various shows to exhibit their strength. Two such performers were Alexander Zass, known as 'Samson' and J.C. Tolson, known as 'Apollon'. They are pictured in this article on real photo postcards used to advertise their shows.

Zass was originally from Poland and from the 1920's lived in Britian. He was known for lifting a 500 pound girder with his teeth, carried a small horse, caught a woman fired from a cannon and allowed professional boxers to hit him in the stomach. His greatest talents were in bending steel bars and breaking chains which were the center piece of his music hall exhibitions. He also developed his own methods of body building and sold mail order courses in them.

Below: J.C. Tolson - 'Apollon', real photo card, photo by Mark Cross, Dewsbury, This photo was taken in March 1927 in London at the National Sporting Club where he did a large exhibition.



Above: Alexander Zass - 'Samson', real photo card, photo by Fielding Leeds.

J.C. Tolson was from England and was discovered in 1925 at one of Alexander Zass's strength competitions. He was so good at this he began following Zass's show and winning the competition each time he attended until they dropped it from the show.

He started his own show and did various feats of strength. He would start with breaking a steel chain with his fingers, lifting a 100 lbs with his little finger and tearing playing card packs into quarters. His climax was driving six inch nails into a plank of wood with his bare hands and then pulling one back out in one straight pull with his teeth. He was also known for supporting twenty men on his chest with a bridge. He also developed a mail order body building course to sell his methods.

### About the cover cards:

Top row left to right: 1, Tuck's Postcard, Comic Thanksgiving Day Series, postmarked 1909, 2, card marked only Made in Germany, 3, marked only Thanksgiving Series No. 4

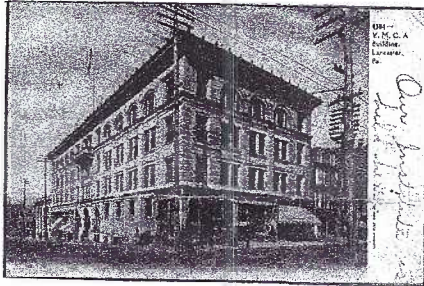
Bottom row left to right: 1, back has no markings, does say 'Mail Card' instead of postcard, 2, Uncle Sam choking a Turkey has no markings, 3, Tuck's Postcards, Comic Thanksgiving Day Series.



## Teachers' Institute

County Teachers' Institute was an annual event beginning in 1853. The weeklong event was held in November, usually in the city. In the early days it was a potent influence in the life of rural teachers, giving them nearly their only contact with the 'outside world' during the school year. In 1932 Institute was replaced by a series of Saturday conferences.

Postcards reveal the life of local teachers as they planned for and attended Institute in those days.



Y.M.C.A. Building, Lancaster, Pa.

On Nov. 15, 1905 a message along the right margin told Luther Weiler in Churchtown "Our Institute is held here."

### Cards to Brother and Sister.

Two more 1905 cards were sent from Chester T. to Master J. S. Terrill and his sister Mary in Peters Creek. Both refer to attending Institute. "I see Miss Margaret often" is included on one.

### A Rendezvous

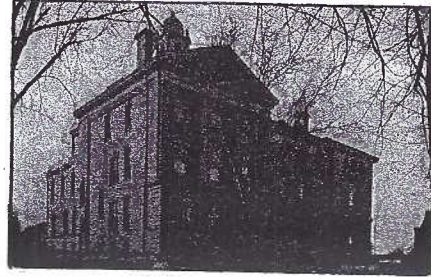
Samuel Shank, wrote in 1906 to Miss Daisy Wolf in Hopeland, "Well I suppose I will be in Lancaster on Wed. Will be at Institute in the afternoon so look for me and I will look for you."

### To the Point

Alice Wanner, Cambridge (Salisbury Twp.), got the briefest message, "Institute fine" from M. E. R. at 506 W. Chestnut St. in November 1906.

### Among Other Things...

Barbara Kreider in 1913 asked Wm. Oberholtzer in Manheim, "Will you not be one of the class of boys which can be formed next Sunday? May I look for you at Institute?" (Nov. 13, 1906.)



Ephrata Venue

On this early view of General Hospital, Mary wrote to Eva Royer in 1910, "I would like to see you at Farmers Institute at Ephrata on Wed. eve. You should try and help to swell the crowd. Ha. Ha. Your cousin Mary."

### Sister Homecoming

In 1912, Olive wrote to Viola Beers in McVeytown, "My two dear sisters will be home this week on account of Institute."

### Room Rented

Lillian Hummer in Manheim heard from Lydia L. in 1914, "Mrs. Eby will give us a room during Institute week. Had a card to that effect this evening."

### Fine Grub

To Mrs. Ella Simpson in Churchtown, R.E.S. sent this 1917 message, "Dear Ella, OK, but cold which is worse. Fine grub and good Institute."

## Learn more about postcards and have fun doing it!

Each issue of *The Journal of the Postcard History Society* has 16 pages packed with postcards and the stories they tell. It's written and published by Jim Ward, LCPC's editor of *The Card* from 1990 to 2005. In *The Journal* Jim steps beyond his local postcard interest to include a myriad of postcard subjects.

A regular feature takes readers on a "Trip around the World" with unusual postcards. "Our Readers Write" is another column appearing on a regular basis. In recent years *The Journal* averaged 70 illustrated postcards per issue and many of these were offered for sale. Every issue has a full color cover. The 3-holed pages can be stored in a binder for future reference.

Here are some subjects in recent issues.

Adpostal Corporation  
Alley Schwentz  
Arriving by Train  
Bakers Cavern  
Beach Denizens  
Clara Miller Burd  
Confederate \$100  
Correspondence from Japan  
Cute Xmas Pictographs  
Diabolo!  
Dirty Disagreeable Jobs  
Double Coca Cola Card  
Early Postcard Price Lists  
Easter in Many Languages



Hackney's Lobster Girls  
Happy Birthday Boy Scouts!  
Haussner's Restaurant  
Ice Cream in Europe  
Jamestown Exposition  
Just for the Novelty of It  
Love Can Be a Puzzle  
Max and Moritz  
Miserere Seats  
Newspapers on Postcards  
Nursery Rhymes  
PFB Alpine Children  
Pickaninnies Puzzle PC  
Rubber Capital of the World



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Stengel Price List  
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The Paige #6-66 Racing Car  
The Whole Dam Family  
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7:00 PM MONDAY NOV. 19, 2007  
PREVIEW 5:30-7:00

\*\*\*\*\*BE SURE TO BRING THIS LISTING TO THE AUCTION\*\*\*\*\*

1. 8 FL St. Petersburg/Tampa
2. 14 San Francisco, CA
3. 4 Molly Brett
4. 9 Atlantic City Hotels
5. 3 York, PA
6. 11 Boston, MA
7. 4 Lititz, PA
8. 7 NY City Hotel/Restaurants
9. 3 Paris, France
10. 30 Poems/Verses 15 Linen, 15 Chrome
11. 20 State Capitols+1 Governors Home
12. 24 Expo 67 in Montreal-Unused
13. 25 Maps States Foreign Countries
14. 30 Ships/Boats Cruise
15. 60 Motels, Motor Inns Etc. 1960-70
16. 19 Worlds Fairs 1982-1984-1986
17. 50 Gen. Greetings Birthdays, Holidays
18. 20 RPPC Domestic, Foreign, Views
19. 26 Trains and Trolleys
20. 9 York, PA
21. 4 Millersville, PA
22. 17 Lancaster, PA
23. 23 Assorted State Views
24. 47 Assorted State Views
25. 25 Trade/Calling Cards
26. 56 Assorted Greetings, 1 Halloween
27. 56 Assorted Greetings, 1 Halloween
28. Album Greetings and Views
29. German Troops with Burgoyne 12 Card Set
30. 3 Albany Disaster Cards
31. Lovers in Hammock
32. Artist C.E. Engle Western Cards Set of 12
33. Sun Bonnet Babies 7 Days of Week
34. Lord's Prayer Set of 8
35. 11 Early Cleveland Cards 1909
36. Reading Panorama Card
37. 48 Rocky Springs Pool+Roller Rink
38. 16 Assorted Souvenir Folders
39. 83 Trade Cards 65 Lancaster 18 Others
40. Assorted Miniature Prints
41. A Darcy's Prayer Black W/Alligators
42. Set 10 Cards Indiantown Gap Late 1930's
43. Period Postcard Album Topics & Views
44. Box Misc. Prints & Magazines
45. Fancy 1800's Autograph Book
46. 46 Misc. Postcards
47. 12 Pcs Valentines
48. Set of 20 Stamped Postcards
49. Framed Niagara Starch Ad
50. Box Lot Misc. Calling Cards, Books, Etc.
51. 7 Misc. Childrens Books
52. Box Lot Xmas+Easter No Postals
53. Box Lot Misc. Christmas No Postals
54. Phila. Inquirer Picture Parade of History
55. 5 Misc. Ads
56. Book New Xmas Cards
57. Book New Santa Cards
58. Book 24 Fashion Cards
59. Book 24 Dinosaur Postcards
60. Book 24 American West Postcards
61. Book 24 Art Nouveau Postcards
62. Book 24 Poster Cards
63. RPPC Town Intersection W/Horse & Wagon
64. RPPC Greenhouses Near Railroad Tracks
65. RPPC S. Am. Oil Co. Derrick Adams Co., PA
66. RPPC Horse W/Owner, Church In Background
67. RPPC Family W/Dog Lounging Before Home
68. RPPC St. Scene Brick Church Horse+Wagon
69. RPPC Church Addressed to Mastersonville, PA
70. RPPC REX? Co. Wagon {York Photo Studio}
71. RPPC Meeting House, Church W/Steeple
72. RPPC M.E Church Conestoga Center Lanc Co.
73. Hotel Weber, Lancaster, PA
74. Antes Café, Lancaster, PA
75. 2 Lancaster, PA Factories
76. 2 Lanc. Theo. Seminary
77. 3 Willows Lancaster County PA
78. 2 Lancaster Downtown Street Views
79. 3 Lancaster Co. Views
80. Lanc. PA Court House+St. Anthony's Church



1. RPPC Lanc. Co. Tobacco Field
2. RPPC The Inn Crystal Cave, Berks Co. PA
83. RPPC 3 Englewood Dam, OH, US 40
84. 6 Leap Year Series 1908
85. 8 Valentines Day
86. 16 Alfred Mainzer Cats
87. 8 Lords Prayer Set
88. 4 Santas
89. 4 Santas
90. 4 Santas
91. 4 Santas with Silk Suits
92. 3 Santas
93. 4 Santas Tucks
94. RPPC Geo. Danner Co. Manheim, PA
95. RPPC E.L. Nissley Warehouse, Florin, PA
96. RPPC 4 Muddy Creek Church
97. 4 New Holland, PA, Clarion Prints
98. 32 Millersville College
99. 24 Columbia, PA
100. 32 Ships and Boats
101. Album 264 View Cards Mostly PA
102. Album 200 Cards Topics and Views
103. Album 192 Roadsides
104. 4 White Chimneys
105. 8 Ship Postcards
106. 19 Ephrata Cloister
107. Lancaster, PA 1905
108. RPPC Sacred Heart Lancaster, PA
109. 4 Red Run New Holland, PA
110. 4 Lancaster County Postcards
111. 57 PA Postcards
112. 25 Lancaster, PA Postcards
113. 25 Brownstown, PA Restaurant
114. Laughlin RPPC CVS, Shippensburg, PA
115. Laughlin RPPC Birds Eye Shippensburg, PA
116. Laughlin RPPC Brethren Ch. Shippensburg
117. Laughlin RPPC Meth. Epis. Ch. Shippensburg
118. Laughlin RPPC Church of God Shippensburg
119. Laughlin RPPC Wilson Col. Chambersburg
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124. 36 Lanc. Co. Amish Area
125. 66 Amish Postcards
126. 12 Local Motel Postcards

127. 25 Covered Bridge Postcards
128. 16 Linen Postcards
129. 49 Roadside Postcards
130. 14 Historical/Political Postcards
131. 30 State Maps Postcards
132. 80 Native American Postcards
133. 25 Automobile Postcards
134. 10 Postcard Books
135. 2 Postcard Carrier Suitcases
136. 2 Drawer Metal File
137. 15 Lancaster City
138. 11 Lancaster County
139. 4 Planes
140. 5 Amish
141. 22 Pennsylvania
142. 21 Midwestern States
143. 6 Germany-Echlarach
144. 17 Western States CO,AZ,NV
145. 17 Louisiana, Mississippi, Texas
146. 24 Beaches CT,DE,FL,MD,NJ
147. 8 California
148. 13 Nature
149. 9 Smokey Mountains
150. 31 New York and New Jersey
151. 91 Foreign
152. 4 Avon by the Sea, New Jersey
153. 8 RPPC Lafayette College Fraternity Houses

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## Club Page by Al Schaub

### October meeting

On behalf of all Club members who attended our October meeting, I want to thank Bud Heim for his outstanding program on the building of the Holtwood Dam. Many of Bud's postcards appeared to be one-of-a-kind and the number of interesting cards was far in excess of what we would otherwise have a chance to see.

The competition category was titled: "The Most Unusual Occupation." The winners were:

1 <sup>st</sup> place	Brian Frankhouser	One Man Band
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	Harold Moyer	Cutting Mill Stones
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	Gisela Withers	Automatic Road Sweeper

Honorable mention went to: Don Jumper, Theresa Jumper, Don Tribit, Jim Ward, Karl Hellman, Ruth Frankhouser, Jere Greider, Carol Dennis, Bud Heim, Carl Haffly, Jan Weitzel, Paul Smoker, and Jim Tanis.

The door prizes were won by: Kathy Kreider (\$3.00), Bud Heim (\$2.00), Herb Kaufman (\$1.00), Ray Dennis (refrigerator magnet), and Brian Benner (NPW Postcards). The 50/50 prize of \$29.00 was won by Betty Gregg.

### November meeting:

The feature event of this meeting is a postcard auction which will be held at 7:10, immediately after election nominations for 2008 are concluded. Auction manager Jere Greider has received over 135 lots, a listing of which is enclosed in this newsletter mailing. Be prepared for an evening of lively bidding!!

A brief business meeting, prize drawing, and board competition will follow the auction. The board competition topic is: "Most Interesting Dressed Animal(s)."

The October 21, 2007 Executive Board Meeting included discussion of some new initiatives and the need for volunteer help on the part of Club members. It included the following:

- Under consideration is the purchase of equipment and software for power-point presentations. Needed is a Club member who has an interest in and knowledge of power-point who will join Betty Beck and Jim Ward in exploring the options and cost of power-point.
- Newsletter editor Bryan Benner has indicated that he wants to retire from this position at the end of this year. Needed is someone, or a team of people, who will coordinate the newsletter preparation on a monthly or bi-monthly basis. Included in this position is a great opportunity for personal creativity.
- Needed is an inventory of the books we have in our Club library. Requested is that all deputy librarians who are in custody of books prepare a list of books they have and give it to head librarian, Jan Weitzel, at our October meeting. Also needed are one or more persons who will oversee the signing-out of books at each meeting.
- Board member Sharon Gromis is looking into the possible rental of a climate controlled storage locker in which Club property can be stored.
- As a follow-up to discussion at our last meeting, there will be no gift exchange at our Christmas party. However, greatly appreciated will be the donation of wrapped door-prizes.

Look forward to seeing you at our November meeting!

