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Enjoying postcards through education and entertainment.

Next Meeting: July 25, 2021 – LCPC Picnic

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JUNE MEETING

Susan Glass called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All rose to recite the Pledge of Allegiance. Twenty-eight (28) members signed in.

Reports and Announcements:

Gisela Withers read the minutes of the May meeting. They were accepted as read. Barabra Mowrer gave the Treasurer's Report.

The July meeting will be a covered-dish picnic held at the home of Barabra Mowrer on July 11. The subject for the competition that day is Handmade Card.

The August meeting, to be held on the 16th at the Farm and Home Center, will be a Mini-Postcard Show. There will be no table rent or admission fee. Sellers may begin setting up at 1:00 p.m.

Door prizes consisted of two \$2.00 vouchers. They went to Tom Schaum and Don Wert. Donald Fox won \$11.00 in the 50-50 drawing.

Program:

For the evening's program Bud Heim gave a photo- and postcard-illustrated talk on the "Reading Rutherford Yards of Harrisburg and Train Wrecks in the Local Area."

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Here's an update of a postcard hunting trip I did lately. The June 26 weekend was the Extravaganza weekend at Adamstown. Saturday June 26 I went to Renninger's outside flea market and Shupps Grove to see what I could find. No luck at Renninger's but did find some postcards at Shupps. The weather was delightful, not too hot or humid, nice to sit or stand and look at cards. I found some cards related to Pennsylvania coal mining, a topic I usually check.

One of the cards was of a coal breaker near Bernice PA. I had never heard of Bernice, turns out it's an abandoned town near Dushore, on what was/is the most northwestern anthracite coal fields in Pennsylvania. So besides getting out and getting some fresh air, I learned something new from the postcards I found.

A reminder about our mini postcard show on August 16 - Hope you're planning to attend to look for cards or bring some cards to sell.

Mark

****Page 6 of the newsletter has the information about the show. Please make copies and post them or send it to your friends.**

JULY PICNIC

The LCPC Picnic will be held on Sunday, July 25 at the home of Barabra Mowrer. Rain or Shine we are pleased to be invited back to her home at **4614 Marietta Avenue, Columbia, PA.** Phone 717-684-5331.

Directions: Take Route #30 to the #441 exit. Go north on #441 over Chickies Rock to Route #23 (Marietta Pike), then go east to her home. You can also pick up Route #23, Marietta Ave in Lancaster and head west. Continue on until you see the Village of Florinel sign and then look for her home on the left

You are welcomed to arrive any time after 2:00 PM. Bring your favorite cards or albums of postcards to show other members. Please bring a covered dish to share. Barbecue, paper products and beverages will be provided. **The picnic meal will be served at 4:00 PM.**

LCPC 2021 PROGRAMS

August – Members Market – "Mini Postcard Show"

September- Leighton Stover

October - **Need a volunteer to do a program**

November - Brian Frankhouser - 1915 Lancaster County RPPC Set

2021 POSTCARD COMPETITION SUBJECTS

July – Homemade Cards

September – Large Letter Cards

October – Horse Drawn Vehicles

November – Lancaster County



JUNE COMPETITION WINNERS

Seven (7) members participated in the evening's single card competition on the subject Baseball.

Brian Frankhouser won first place for Joe DiMaggio's Restaurant in San Francisco, Gordon Smith won second for Caught on First and Bob Kramer took third for Baseball—The Army Game.

Honorable Mentions went to Jere Greider (Hillcrest Baseball), Annette Buettner (Brian Boehringer—NY '76 World Series), Leighton Stover (Giants Stadium — Weather Disaster) and Jean Schopf (Chicago Cubs Stadium)

LCPC MEMBER OPPORTUNITY

Now is your chance! There is no cost to sell postcards at our "Mini" show. If you would like to participate please contact Susan Glass - sfg47@comcast.net or 717-371-7846 and tell her the number of tables needed. Thank you!

CRACKERS, BANGERS, and NOISE MAKERS

By Jim Ward

We all know the history of fire crackers begins in China. Exploding bamboo “baozhu” soon followed the invention of gunpowder. Fire crackers are generally made of cardboard or plastic with flash powder, cordite, smokeless powder, or black powder as the propellant.

Until the 1980s firecracker production was low-tech. They are used commonly in a dozen countries and for a dozen different holidays. But these “jacky-jumpers” have come under close scrutiny due to the loss of fingers, hands and lives.



Fire Crackers are:

- Illegal w/o a permit in Australia
- Banned in Canada since 1972
- Restricted to .95 grams of black powder in Finland
- Banned in Hong Kong, as well as Hungary
- Not permitted in Ireland
- Banned in Malaysia
- Partly banned in Singapore
- Illegal in the United Kingdom



Firecrackers are:

Allowed only with permits in urban China

Allowed most places in India

Okay in North Ireland

Okay in Norway

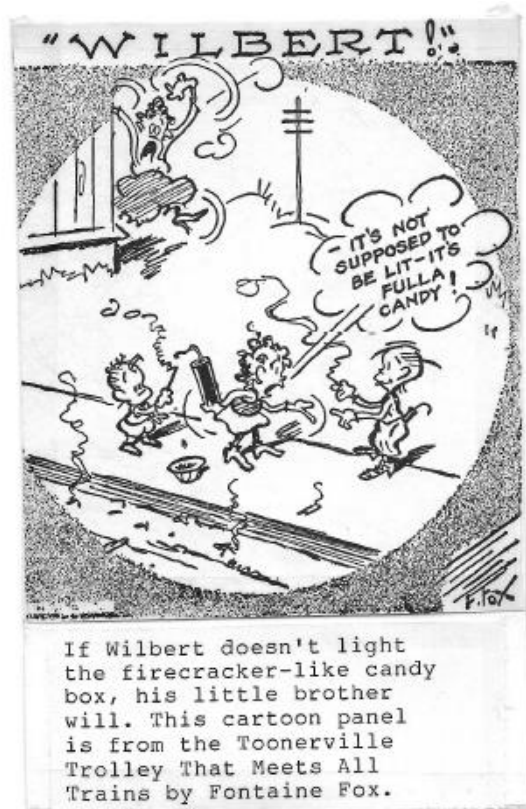
Only rocket-type in Sweden

Only certain municipal areas in the Philippines

Ban in NYC lifted in 2007 for Chinatown, as well as LA's and SF's Chinatown



In 1826 John Adams and Thomas Jefferson both died on July fourth, Just hours apart.



ROLLER SKATES

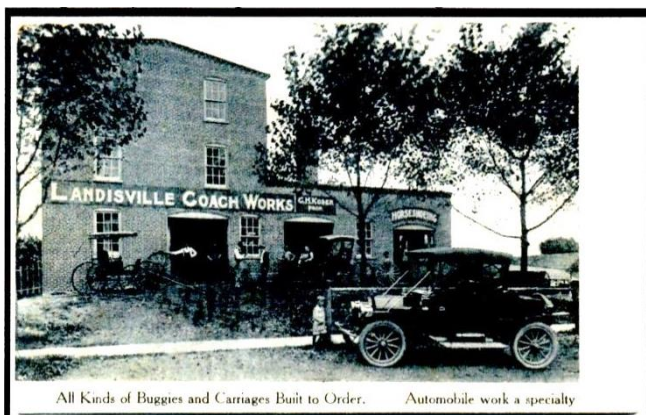
By Annetta Buettner



The first roller skates were perfected more than two ago by Joseph Merlin – who unfortunately, failed to perfect the art of skating as well. His first public demonstration ended in disaster.

A renowned maker of violins and harpsichords, the Belgian born Merlin moved to London in 1760, where he dreamed up the idea of replacing the blades on ice skates with metal wheels. To dramatize his invention, Merlin dressed as a minstrel and made a spectacular entrance on skates at an elegant masquerade gala. He dazzled the other guests as he wheeled gracefully about the ballroom floor while playing a violin. Then as his admirers watched in horror, Merlin lost control and sailed headlong into a crystal mirror, demolishing it and his handcrafted violin. Whatever chances of immediate success the new invention might have had was shattered with the mirror.

Fearful that Merlin's creation was unsafe, Europeans virtually ignored roller skating and it wasn't until the 1850's when a skating craze swept the U.S. and Europe, that the sport finally enjoyed real popularity.



CAN YOU HELP?

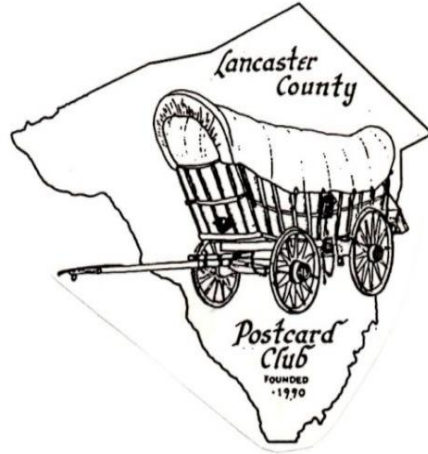
This 1911 postcard is in the Lancaster County Postcards: Windows to Our Past", Vol. 1, pg. 130. Jim Keener would like to contact the owner of this card. This card was one of a number of PCs that recorded the Ocean to Ocean Run of the Premier, a auto of the 1920s. Jim can be contacted at jim@jimscape.com.

“MINI” POSTCARD SHOW

Sponsored by the Lancaster County Postcard Club
Lancaster, Pennsylvania

Monday
August 16, 2021
2 PM to 8 PM
FREE ADMISSION

FARM & HOME CENTER
1385 Arcadia Road
Lancaster, PA



East of Lancaster:

Rt. 30 W to 283 W, Exit @ Rt. 72, Left onto 72. Then straight for approx. 1 mile, left onto Service Road

West of Lancaster:

Rt. 30 E, Exit at Rt. 72, then left onto Service Road.



Our Annual Postcard Expo will return in 2022. Until then please join us for this special “Mini” show. Support our dealers, see old friends, and search for that elusive postcard.