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Enjoying postcards through education and entertainment.

Next Meeting: April 17, 2023 Farm & Home Center, Buy, Sell & Trade from 5:00. Meeting - 7 PM

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MARCH MEETING

After the pledge of allegiance to the flag, President Susan Glass opened the meeting with 5 Spring Facts in which we learned that spring occurs from September 1 to November 30 in the southern hemisphere, Ben Franklin was the first to propose daylight savings time, Arizona and Hawaii do not participate with daylight savings time, the flower for March is the daffodil and aquamarine is the color for March.

The secretary's report was then approved as read. In Barbara's absence, the treasurer's report was tabled till April. Dick Pendergrast announced that dues are due and being collected for 2023. Gordon Smith announced that the expo contracts have gone out.

The subject for the postcard competition was 'Places of Worship'. Next month's competition will be "Waterfalls".

Door Prizes were awarded to Franz Heymann and Don Fox. The 50-50 drawing of \$12 was awarded to Gisela Withers.

A very interesting program was given by Ed Close, in which we learned about rural free delivery, a system that tied communities together as post cards with messages were delivered 'up the road' with 100 farms on each route.

Respectfully submitted, Jeanne Schopf, Secretary

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Spring is here and the beauty of nature is all around us. I hope you can join us this month for another one of Mark's informative programs. If you have not yet paid your dues please do so now. A thank you goes to Brian Frankhouser for sending me the article for "The Card". Everyone is encouraged to do so. Help is always needed at the club table so please volunteer.

** MEMBERSHIP REMINDER – TIME TO PAY DUES

If you have not paid your dues please do so now. **Individual dues are \$15.00 or \$20.00 for two people residing at the same address.** You can pay Dick Pendergrast or Barabra Mowrer at the meeting or you may send a check to:

Richard Pendergrast
950 Willow Valley Lakes Drive, I-506
Willow Street, PA 17584

FUTURE SHOWS

April 29-30 – Allentown Spring Paper Show, Allentown Fairgrounds, Allentown, PA, Sat. 9-5, Sun 9-3, Admission \$10

June 3 – Washington Crossing Postcard Show & Sale, Union Fire Hall, Titusville, NJ. Saturday, 9-4, Admission \$3.00

August 5 – Summer Chesapeake Postcard & Civil War Show, Havre de Grace Community Center, 1 Lagaret Lane, Havre de Grace, MD Sat. 9-4, Admission \$3.00

APRIL PROGRAM

The program for the evening – "Early Susquehanna River Views from Columbia to York Haven" will include the Accomac and Wildcat Falls Resort Hotels. The presentation will be given by LCPC member Mark Arbogast.



2023 PROGRAMS

May – Amusement Parks – Aaron Heckler

June – Women in the Military WWII – Bob Kramer

July – Picnic

August – Expo

September – "Railway Post Office System (RPO)" – Ed Close

October – "Harvard's Glass Flowers Models 1886-1939." - Betty Beck

November - "Women in WWI" - Pam Tronsor

December – Holiday Party

MARCH POSTCARD COMPETITION

The topic for the postcard competition was "Places of Worship".

First: Annetta Buettner - "Mt. Gretna Tabernacle"

Second: Bob Kramer - "Landisville Church"

Third: Donna Bashaw – "St. Anthony of Padua"

Honorable Mention: Paul Smoker – "Winston Salem", Gisela Withers – "Lotus Temple", Susan Glass – "The Great Auditorium, Ocean Grove, NJ"

2023 POSTCARD COMPETITION SUBJECTS

April: Waterfalls

May: Amusement Parks

June: Scenes from American History

July: Children Playing

August: Expo

September: Lighthouses

October: Famous Interiors (and the stories behind them)

November: Eating/Drinking



Bowmansville Youth Hostel

By Brian Frankhouser

In 2005, a horror movie called “Hostel” was released and told the story of the torture of its guests in graphic detail. By this time, the popularity of youth hostels had been waning, and I’m sure this movie did nothing to reverse the trend. The idea of hosteling first took shape almost 100 years earlier in Germany by Richard Schirrmann, who envisioned wholesome opportunities for the youth that would give them cultural and educational advantages.

The youth hostel movement was started in America by Isabel and Monroe Smith in 1934. Henry Woolman, president of the Horse Shoe Trail Club, opened one of the early accommodations in the old Musselman store in 1937. The store was located on the southeast corner of the square in Bowmansville in northeastern Lancaster County. This location was chosen because Bowmansville is on a spur of the Horse Shoe Trail that stretches from Valley Forge to the Manada Gap in Dauphin County, where it meets the Appalachian Trail. The Bowmansville House was able to accommodate ten girls and twelve boys at the same time. The October 19, 1969, issue of “Hosteling America” listed it as “one of the most popular Hostels in America”.

By the time youth hostels were introduced in America, the purpose expanded beyond “cultural and educational advantages” ... it was a very economical way to travel for young people. Each guest was required to have a valid Youth Hostel pass that cost \$1 per year. An overnight stay would cost 25 cents (1940 rate). Each hostel would be managed by a house father and a house mother, and guests would be expected to follow a strict set of rules, including separate rooms for boys and girls, no smoking, and lights out at 10:00PM.

Most of the guests during the early years at Bowmansville were traveling afoot or on a bicycle, or even by horseback, and spent a great deal of time outdoors. This site continued to serve youthful travelers until 1992.

Anyone wanting to learn more about this subject should read the source for most of the information in this article... “Bowmansville Youth Hostel and Trails” compiled by workers of the Lancaster County Unit of the Writers Program of the Work Projects Administration in the State of Pennsylvania in 1940.



Store and Residence of J. B. Musselman, Bowmansville, Pa.

Photo #1:

Lithographed postcard of J. B. Musselman's store and residence published about 1907. The town was named after Samuel Bowman who built this structure in 1820.

Samuel Bowman operated a general store in the building pictured on the previous page, but it was also used as an abolitionist meeting place and a stop on the underground railroad. Bowman's daughter married Jonas Musselman, who ran the store until his death in 1862. The third generation of the family of merchants (J. B.) also managed a cigar factory in the complex of buildings. J. B. Musselman died in 1911, and was succeeded in the mercantile by his son, Theodore.

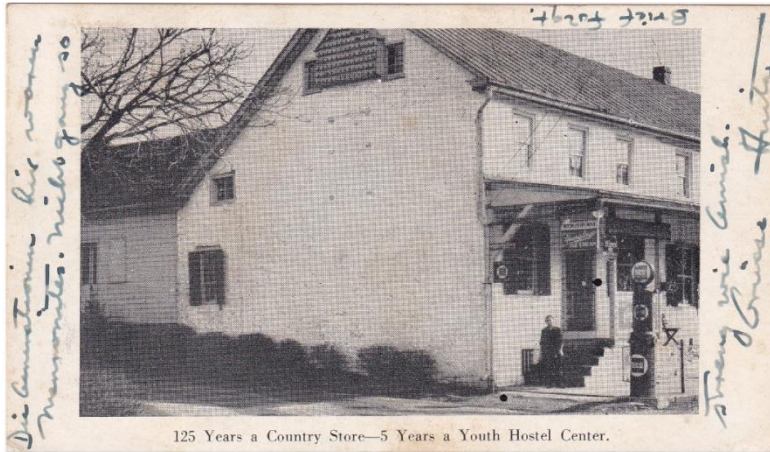


Photo #2:

Wayne K. Musselman was the fifth generation of the family to run the mercantile. This lithographed postcard was of a photo taken shortly after his death in 1938, but not published until 1942. The postcard has a cancellation date of August 18, 1943, during WWII, and all the correspondence is written in German!

Photo #3:

Postcard published by Clear-Vue – David Lionel Press from Chicago. This view has also been distributed as a real photo. The handwritten date on the back of this card is May 28, 1955. Part of the description on the reverse states "Boys now sleep where cigars were once made by hand and girls rest where calico lined the shelves long ago."



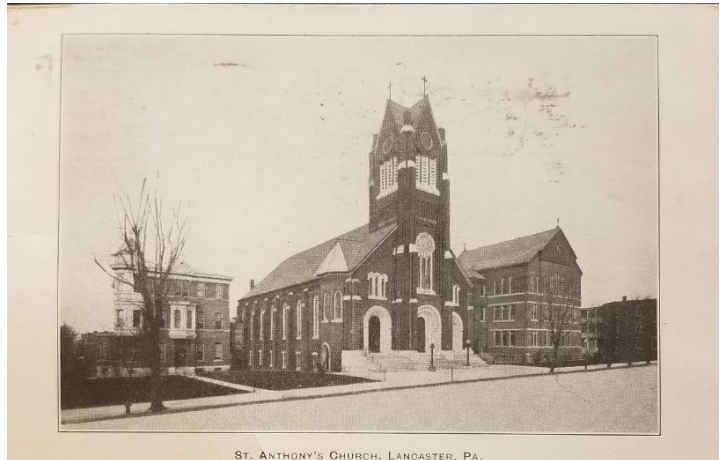
Photo #4:

Color chrome postcard published by Mel Horst Photography, Witmer, Pa. for the Bowmanville sesqui-centennial in 1970.

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