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IF IT IS SUMMER IT HAS TO BE "PEACH TIME"

Sunday, August 4 is the date set for the Annual Peach are encouraged to respond in order to help our organiza-Social held at our headquarters, 321 Cedar St., Bristol. Be sure to carefully read the included article and hopefully we will see you there. Watch your mail for an envelope in which you will find chance tickets to which you

tion carry out its mission. Included with that letter is a request for a donation for Historic Bristol Day - 2013. Thanks for your consideration and response.

Juicy sliced peaches mounded on fluffy angel food cake topped with vummy vanilla ice cream - does this sound like a good way to enjoy a Sunday afternoon? Join your friends and neighbors at the Bristol Cultural & Historical Foundation Building at 321 Cedar Street on Sunday, August 4th from 2 to 5 PM for this tasty summer dessert. If you can't stay, takeouts are available. (Bring a good-sized container!) A baked goods table featuring peachy delights will be on sale.

Adults \$5.00 Children Under 12 - \$3.00

Annual Peach Social - Sunday, August 4th

This is a good opportunity to view and buy a chance to win the beautiful watercolor by local artist, Joseph Sagolla that we raffle off each year at our Historic Bristol Day Event. This year it's being held on Saturday, October 19th from 10 AM to 4 PM. Inspired by Historic Bristol Day's theme this year, "The Delaware Canal in Bristol", the watercolor is a beautiful image of people enjoying skating on the lagoon. Depicted in the background are the Grundy Mill and gazebo.

The BCHF Peach Social is a fundraiser that benefits the awards given to Bristol High School Graduates.

BCHF Calendar of Events for 2013

JUNE - Sunday, 6/30, 1 - 6 PM. BCHF sales & info table at Annual Celtic Day sponsored by Celtic Heritage Fdn., Lions Park, Bristol. 215 788-5232 for info.

AUGUST - Sunday, 8/4, between 2 & 5 PM at BCHF. Details to follow. Fee for house tour and tea. Annual Peach Social. Angel food cake topped with NJ peaches & ice cream, plus beverage. Takeouts available; bring container. Baked goods table. \$5/adult; \$3 under age 12. BENE-FITS BCHF AWARDS TO BRISTOL HIGH GRADUATES.

SEPTEMBER - Thurs., 9/12. Bus trip to NYC incl. 9/11 Memorial, free time and lunch in "Little Italy" for annual San Gennaro Festival, visit High Line Park. \$90/BCHF member; \$95/non-member. WAITING LIST BEING TAKEN AT 215 788-4138.

OCTOBER - 10/5 - 13. Avalon Waterways' "Romantic Rhine" river cruise from Basel, Switzerland to Amsterdam,

Holland. Call 215 788-9408 for info.

OCTOBER - Saturday, 10/19, 10 AM - 4 PM, 37th Annual Historic Bristol Day, spotlighting the Delaware Canal.

NOVEMBER - Wed., 11/20, 7 p.m. BCHF'S annual business meeting, incl. election of Board members, followed by program and refreshments. BCHF headquarters. Free. Call 215 781-9895 for info.

DECEMBER - 12/6, Bus trip to Fairmount Park Holiday Houses + Belmont Mansion and sit-down lunch. \$90/BCHF member; \$93/non-member. Call 215 788-9408 for flyer/reser-

- · BCHF Headquarters are at 321 Cedar Street, Bristol
- · For current information about activities and events, check out our web site at www.bristolhistorv.org.

Learning More About Bristol's History

During the month of May, the children in Grade 5 from St. Mark School and Snyder-Girotti School had a lesson presented by Harold and Carol Mitchener in the Grundy Library Classroom setting followed by a tour of the Grundy Museum under the direction of Donna McCloskey and her museum staff. The children learned about the "Industrial Revolution" in Bristol and saw the

home of the Grundy family adjacent to the library.

Another group to visit Bristol were middle school students from the Armstrong School in Bristol Township. Their lesson was presented at BCHF headquarters by Harold Mitchener and following the lesson, the teachers took them to see the water front park area of the town.

MANpower Needed

October seems a long way off - - but not for Kathy Barniskis and Jan Ruano who have agreed to chair Historic Bristol Day again this year. One of the major challenges for HBD chairpeople is getting enough volunteers to adequately handle the myriad tasks that need to be done the day of the event. One of those tasks occurs before the start and at the end of that big day and requires MANpower. To be specific, volunteers are needed for the Grounds Crew. Prior to 10 a.m., signs, tables, and other weighty items have to be delivered to various

sites throughout the Bristol Day area. At 4 p.m., when the event has ended, dismantling begins and those same items have to be returned to BCHF headquarters or some other designated site.

There is no GAZETTE in July and August, so we're pleading with the males in our reading audience to give some serious consideration now to lending a hand on Saturday, October 19. We'll check back with you in September/early October but, until then, please think

Welcome Anthony Russo

At the May meeting of the Board of Directors of BCHF, Anthony Russo of Bristol was elected to the Board of Directors. Tony is one of our tour guides and is very interested in Bristol's history. He and his wife, Margaret, live in Bristol. Welcome Tony.

Summer 2013 Concert Schedule

The Bristol Lions Club summer concert schedule, held in Lion's Park on the waterfront, was not available at the time of this printing. Be sure to check the local newspapers and posted schedule at the waterfront park.

"Up, Up and Away" - Dates in June / "O'l Man River" - Dates in July "BRT Broadway Collection" - Dates in August

Phone 215 785-0100 for tickets, dates and additional information.

Bristol Riverside Theater - 2013

Summer Musicales

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Trip Talk

bus trip to Charleston, SC, had to be cancelled because of insufficient interest. On the stated deadline of April 26 for "Steamin' Days" at Auburn Heights, DE, only twenty reservations out of the required forty-three had been received, forcing us to cancel that excursion, also

Fortunately, the response to our September 12 trip to New York City was overwhelming and we're hopeful that the Friday, December 6, bus trip to Philadelphia for the Fairmount Park Holiday House Tour will be well received. That day's itinerary includes a guided tour of Mount Pleasant, Strawberry Mansion and Belmont Mansion which is an Underground Railroad Museum, as well as a three-course lunch at the Water Works Restaurant on the banks of the Schuylkill River. The all-

Reptile Alive and Well

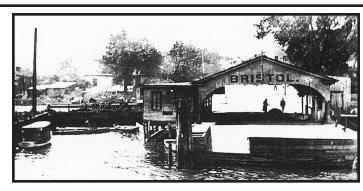
In the June 2009 issue of THE GAZETTE, we had an article about the Bristol Elks Lodge, which was built in 1911 on Radcliffe and Walnut Sts. The story told of a member who had brought a live alligator back to Bristol from a trip to Florida and a special fenced area was placed to keep the reptile in the Elks yard. It was also mentioned that the alligator broke away and went into the river.

After several days they managed to capture the animal; however, this is where the news coverage stopped. It had been especially dangerous due to the use of the river for swimming. The Elks also had a "float" in the river behind their headquarters where swimmers could go to dive or jump into the water. The alligator had been spotted there but could also easily jump into the

The August 23, 1916 edition of the "Bristol Courier" newspaper reported that the alligator was finally caught. It had been spotted in the cove at the Mill St. wharf sunning itself on a log under the waiting room at the wharf. (See photo of wharf in this issue. The waiting room is the small room on the left.)

As stated in last month's GAZETTE, the May 19-13 inclusive cost is \$90 for BCHF members; \$93 for nonmembers. To book our luncheon reservation, the Water Works requires a sizable non-refundable deposit. Therefore, we're asking that those wishing to take this trip send a \$25 per person deposit ASAP. The balance is not due until November 1. A trip flyer/reservation form is available from Helen Younglove (215) 788-9408).

> The Ways & Means Committee has been looking into a 5-day/4-night bus trip next September (2014) to Cape Cod, which would include a visit to Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket. The cost would be approx. \$650 per person based on double occupancy. An indication of possible interest from our readers would be helpful. Please contact Helen Younglove at the number listed above.



Bristol Wharf in 1918 - - Note the small room over the water on the left side. This was a waiting room and ticket office for steamboats. It ws under here on a floating log that the alligator was finally captured.

Walter Bowker was fishing at the wharf and got the alligator fastened on his hook but it managed to break away. When it was finally captured by Walter Bowker and Agent Cook of the Dolphin steamboat line, it was taken to Joseph A. Fox's fish market where it was placed in a tank in one of his windows. Mr. Fox promised to take care of the alligator and all could stop by to see it. It was then safe again to swim in the river.

Burlington Island and Amusement Park

At the end of August in 1925, one of the men who helped make Burlington Island more enjoyable, drowned on his way to the island from Bristol. Oscar Clegg, operator of the bath houses at the park lost his life when the canoe in which he was traveling with park owner Robert Merkel upset. A swift current of the river helped cause the tragedy. Merkel managed to swim to shore but Clegg, not being able to swim, drowned.

One of Clegg's two sons helped drag the river to recover his father's body which was taken to Bristol at the H.S. Rue Funeral Home on Cedar St. (presently Carter Funeral Home).

Oscar Clegg was from the Frankford section of Philadelphia and had managed the bath houses for many years. He was survived by his wife, two sons and a

daughter.

Burlington Island had an amusement park from 1917 until 1934 when fire destroyed most of the amusements. The carousel from the park escaped the fire and was taken to Seaside Heights, NJ where it continues to operate at the present time.

Steamboats that traveled from Trenton to Philadelphia and the ferry boat that connected Bristol and Burlington served as the transportation to bring people to this island.

Presently the island has returned to its natural setting. It is owned by the City of Burlington. Any revenue earned from the island must go to the Burlington City School District.

Out Of The Past

The following items were excerpted from June 1903 issues of THE BUCKS COUNTY GAZETTE. Price Three Cents

Please note: There were only two issues for June 1903 on microfilm at the Grundy Library

6/4 - - A PROSPEROUS CLUB. The Catholic Club of Bristol has given out contracts for the refurnishing of its rooms at St. Mark's Parochial building on Radcliffe Street. The Catholic Club is the oldest social organization in Bristol, having had a successful existence for fourteen years. It has a membership of over one hundred young men.

FIRST COAL BY CANAL. The first boatload of coal that has been shipped from Mauch Chunk via the Delaware Division Canal since December 1901 was consigned to W.F. Leedom, the Bath Street dealer, on Thursday, May 28. This has been followed by additional shipments.

"FRANK G. RISLEY wishes to announce to his numerous patrons and friends that he has opened for the season with Ice Cream and Soda Water. Strawberry ice cream made from fresh strawberries. Ice cream soda, flavored with genuine crushed fruit, 5 cents. Mill and Pond Streets."

"A branch of The New Fiction Library, New York City, has been established at the stationery and newspaper store of J.K. STREEPER & SON, 207 Mill Street. Yearly subscription, \$1.50; subscription tickets 6 for 25¢.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE:

During the dry weather, the trolley stirs up a cloud of dust on Radcliffe and Mill Streets and so provoked have become the annoyed housekeepers, the subject is being agitated of petitioning council to limit the rate of speed with which the cars go through Bristol, unless the streets are sprinkled in some man-

The Board of Health has issued its annual notice to property owners and tenants calling attention to its sections of Rules and Regulations adopted by the Board and approved by the Burgess and council, which require the occupants of every house within the limits of the borough to cleanse the cellars of all dirt, vegetable and impure matter calculated to engender disease and to cause them to be thoroughly white-washed with fresh lime at least once a year prior to June 15. The health officer is required to visit every house in the borough at least once a year and investigate the sanitary condition thereof. Failure to

comply with the regulations causes liability to a fine of ten dol-

6/11 - - COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES. The commencement exercises of the Bristol High School will take place in the assembly room of the high school building on Tuesday evening, June 23, at 7:45 o'clock. There are five members of the graduating class of '03: Misses Florence Marshall, May Raylman and Mattie Robinson; Earl Brown and William Pike.

FERRY BOAT STRANDED. While returning from Burlington last Thursday night on a special trip with a theatre party, the ferry William E. Doran got stranded on the sand bar between Bristol and Burlington. Help had to be summoned from the Jersey town to take the passengers home in row boats. The night was damp and foggy and, as the ladies were gowned in filmy costumes, considerably distress was caused. It was two o'clock in the morning before the party reached Bristol.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING. An adjourned meeting of the Bristol school board was held on Monday evening when an organization was perfected for the new year. The school tax was fixed the same as last year, at fifty cents on the hundred dollars valuation. It was decided to ask the Bristol dealers for proposals for 125 gross tons of egg coal.

"Special Sale of Watches. I have now on sale a selection of gold-filled watches for gentlemen. A 20-year gold filled case with 7 jeweled Elgin movement, stem wind and stem set, is now selling for Ten Dollars. B.F. FOSTER, Watchmaker and Jeweler, Mill and Pond Sts."

"GRAND MOONLIGHT EXCURSION. The Members of Martha Washington Chamber, No. 2, O.K.F., will give another of their popular moonlight excursions to Washington Park on Friday evening, June 12. The Liberty Cornet Band and the Tiptop Glee Club will entertain. Excellent Dance Music. Steamer Columbia will leave Bristol at 8 p.m., Burlington at 8:15 p.m. and Beverly at 830 p.m. Tickets 50 cents. Children under 12, accompanied by parents or guardians, free."

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE:

The Sons of Veterans, which was organized recently, is growing in membership and now has nearly fifty members on its rolls. All sons of old soldiers are invited to join.

C.C. Strumfels has a big ad in this week's paper calling attention to the famous "Bill Dugan" 5¢ cigar.

Special Thanks

BCHF is extremely grateful to Harold and Carol Mitchener, Nancy Maren, Mary and Jodi Kehoe, Lucy Papotto and Pauline Michalski for the time and effort they put into THE GAZETTE. Initially, the Foundation issued an 8 1/2" x 11" typed communiqué to its membership. THE GAZETTE, in its present format, rolled off the presses in May 1983 and Harold Mitchener has been its editor since its inception. One can only imagine the countless hours which Harold and his wife, Carol, spend researching information and incorporating same into articles for this publication.

After the articles have been written, Harold takes the material to the United States Sign Council office of Nancy Maren. Nancy. a former president of BCHF and current Board member, voluntarily enters the material into her computer, designs the layout, and produces a disk which Harold takes to Liberty Press in Levittown. Additionally. Nancy, who also serves as BCHF's membership chairperson, supplies the printed mailing labels for THE GAZETTE.

The next step involves Harold and Carol proofreading a

printed copy and making any necessary changes/corrections. They then telephone Nancy who make the final copy on a disc for Liberty Press. Harold picks up the final disc from Nancy and takes it to Liberty Press for the printing of the copies. Those copies are then brought back to Bristol and divided between The Kehoe Sisters, Lucy Papotto and Harold. They fold and place the required number of stickers to each copy. Mary Kehoe delivers their portion to Harold who then places the mailing labels on all of them and divides them by proper zip code. They are then taken to Pauling Michalski who completes the necessary paper work for the bulk mailing at Levittown Post Office. Pauline then delivers the mailing to Levittown Post Office.

Barring any unforseen circumstances, THE GAZETTE lands in most of our members' mailboxes within five busi-

And, so, we extend "Sincere Thanks" to all the aforementioned volunteers for making this interesting and informative publication possible.

Carnivals Have Been A Tradition In Spring

In May of 1916, between the 15th and 20th, Fire was Minnie Wah Wah. She was 17 years old. Her big Company #3 (Good Will Hose Company) sponsored a attraction was that she had a "pet" water snake. During Carnival which brought a big crowd of people to attend. The location of the carnival was at the corner of Pond and Mulberry Sts. where a lot was available for such an event. (Presently the Bristol Municipal Building, erected in 1927, occupies that corner site).

those attending was a new ride called the "Whip." It was first used at Coney Island in New York the year before and had been invented by C.F. Mangels. He made it so that it could be disassembled and travel on wagons to other locations. The one that came to Bristol was on eight twenty-foot wagons. The lines to ride on this amusement in Bristol were reported to be very long.

Another event that occurred at the end of the evening was a person leaping from a raised fire company ladder into a pool of water below. The height of the extended ladder was 75 feet. With this at the end of the evening, patrons were interested in staying until they could witness this event; hence, they would spend more money for rides and foods. The carnival closed at 11:00 pm.

One of the side shows at this carnival was MINNIE HA-HA. They claimed that she was a native of Australia and was a 50 year old chimpanzee. Patrons could watch her eat and do various tricks. Later in the summer there was another carnival (July 25, 1916) and they claimed that they had a "sister" of Minnie Ha-Ha - - whose name Bristol, PA 19007.

the show, the snake actually escaped and this caused much activity. They said that possibly the snake was 18 feet long which later was reduced to 5 feet long and eventually was only about 1 foot long when caught. A reward of \$100 was offered for the capture. When two men found One of the features that drew much attention from the snake on a bush at the passenger railroad station across the street, the owners refused to pay the reward and the two men announced that they would kill the snake rather than return it and not receive the reward. It also seemed that the carnival people greatly exaggerated their claims to win visitors to the carnival.

> The purpose of the carnival is primarily to raise money for the organization while patrons enjoy the time there & have fun.

> Over the years this writer recalls carnivals in various locations in and around Bristol Borough and some continue at the present time. (Sullivan's Field where Penco Tech School is located, Leedom's Field where Snyder Girotti School was recently relocated, Silver Lake Park along the Bristol Township side, the former field where the Wawa Store and Gas Station stands at Green Lane and Route 13, St. Ann parking lot at Pond and Washington Sts., and the large carnival on the Levittown Parkway next to St. Michael's Church.)

> Can any of our readers recall locations of other carnivals? Please tell us by writing to BCHF, P.O. Box 215,

A Delicious Dinner Enjoyed By The Pomanalie Club

a dinner held at the Bristol House Hotel (Mill and Radcliffe Sts.) for the Pomanalie Club of Bristol. This club was a newly-organized men's club that met for a banquet twice each year (Thanksgiving Day and one in May). The organization was formed in 1908 on Thanksgiving Day by Charles Rommel, proprietor of the Bristol House Hotel. There were seven charter members. Mr. Rommel was selected as president of the group and Horace Wright was the Secretary-Treasurer. Their colors were white and green.

Items on the menu for the Spring Banquet included Cape May salts on half shell (oysters), horse radish, crab soup a la Baltimore, mixed pickles, queen olives, soft shell crabs on toast, radishes, roast duck, roast chicken, applesauce, new potatoes, new peas, string beans, tomato salad, mayonnaise, cheese, salted wavers, Neapolitan ice cream, assorted cakes, mixed fruit and Pomanalie milk.

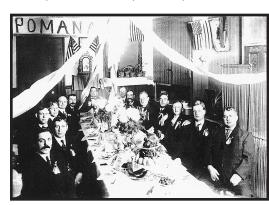
Those present were Charles E. Rommel, Horace Wright, William K. Fine, Harry Green, Samuel Bell, George W. Buckley, Gustav A. Rathke, Robert Rue, L.B. Gilkeson, Claud Harris, Ishmael Dawson, Henry E. Ancker, Melvin E. Jeffries, L.J. Bevan, William H. Murphy, Martin Allen, W.G. Bennett, W.D. Bush, Thomas J. Pierson, William H. Sims and Max Cohen.

At the 1911 meeting, it was decided to form a committee to draw up a ritual that could be used at meetings. Due to the popularity of the club in Bristol, it was hoped that other communities would soon have the same organization.

The photo with the men seated around the banquet table was taken at their 1909 meeting. Charles Rommel,

Reported in the "Bristol Courier" on May 23, 1911 was founder of te club and president is seated in the foreground on the right. Mr. Rommel retired from his proprietorship of the Bristol House and moved with his wife Caroline and two daughters to Jenkintown. He had been born in Bristol. In August of 1936, following surgery at Jefferson Hospital, he died and was buried in Bristol Cemetery. He was age 66 at the time of his passing.

> What was the meaning of the Pomanalie Club? If any of our readers can supply the answer, kindly contact BCHF Editor, P.O. Box 215, Bristol, PA 19007.



These are the members of the Pomanalie Club No. 1 at their first annual Banquet, Nov. 25, 1909 (Thanksgiving Day). The picture was taken at the Bristol House Hotel at Mill & Radcliffe Sts. The owner and president of the club was Charles E. Rommel. He is seated on the lower right side. Mr. Rommel was the proprietor of the Bristol House Hotel. Each year they would also hold a banquet meeting in May.

2013 B.C.H.F. Membership

The following individuals, families and businesses have joined the Bristol Cultural and Historical Foundation as members for the year 2013. If your name does not appear below, and you would like to continue to support the work of the Foundation, you may join now using the coupon at the bottom of this page. Additional members will be noted in our September newsletter.

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Doron Green's History Book

1911 and one in 1938.

In his first book, he assembled much valuable information that documents some of the town's history. History of Bristol Pennsylvania was first published in 1911 and was printed by C.S. Magrath of Camden, NJ.

In his writings he divides the text into nine chronological "epochs" of the town. 1. Construction, 2. The Market Town, 3. Bristol Becomes a Borough, 4. The Revolutionary Period, 5. Bristol a Fashionable Watering Place, 6. Bristol a Coalport Town, 7. Period of the Civil War, 8. Bristol a Manufacturing Town, 9. Bristol of Today.

Mr. Green had not set out to publish a book as his objective but was interested in gathering information for a scrap book of the town's useful information. Some of the source materials that were used were from General Davis' History of Bucks County, from the scrap book of William Kinsey, <u>Battles' History of Bucks</u> County, Bache's History of Bristol, "Bucks County Gazette", "Weekly Courier", and in particular from the following individuals who provided valuable information: Charles M. Foster, C. Wesley Milnor, Frank Woodington, Sr., Captain Burnet Landreth and Joseph M. Vanzant.

of financial reward or profit. He states that "compiling of the data has been a labor of love" and hopes that those who read its pages will find that it creates a greater love by the people for their town. Doron Green was satisfied that the book's price was .75 cents. At the time it was a sufficient price to cover the cost of the publication.

It was William V. Leech, President of Bristol Public School Board, to whom Mr. Green dedicated the publication. It was Mr. Leech who encouraged the author to have the book published.

This writer has found that this book serves a valuable source of information of the town's history from its beginning until the publication in 1911. There are those who, from time to time, have been critical of the manner the author used in gathering materials. The usual way of research was not applied. The question becomes "What would be known about a major portion of our town's history had Mr. Green not taken the time

Bristol is fortunate to have two books about the his- to publish his book?" The answer may be "very little". tory of the town published in the 20th century. Doron Thanks Mr. Doron Green for your "love of Bristol" and Green of 319 Radcliffe St. in Bristol authored one in your projection in providing something of value for posterity.

> Doron Green was born in Bristol, January 10, 1868 and completed his education in Bristol Public Schools. The first school he attended was the Otter St. Public School which was opened in 1854 and closed in 1881 when the Bath St. School was opened.

> The author was the Secretary of the William H. Grundy Company, Inc. and was associated with the firm for 54 years before retiring in 1941. He was a member of the Bristol School Board for 40 years and served as the president of the Bucks County School Directors Association.

> At one time he was the secretary of the Artesian Company, secretary of the Jefferson Land Association and secretary of Bristol Improvement.

In the town, he was a member of the Bristol Lodge, No. 970, Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks and served on the building committee for the erection of the Elks' headquarters which stood at the corner of Radcliffe and Walnut Streets, (that four story edifice has been removed and a fountain area was placed there), Bristol Exchange Club, Bristol Lodge, No. 25 Free and Accepted Masons, Fidelity Council No. 21 Fraternal Patriotic Americans. He was a member of The author had the book published without thought the Junior Order of American Mechanics and was elected to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. He was an active member of the Bristol Methodist Church and for 26 years served as the Sunday School Superintendent. He was also a director of the Union Building and Loan Company and was treasurer for over 30 years. He was also a charter member of Goodwill Hose Company No. 3. Doron Green served as treasurer on the Board of Trustees at West Chester State Teachers College (presently West Chester University).

> His second book, published in Bristol by the Bristol Printing Co. was in 1938. That book's title is Old Homes on Radcliffe Street, dedicated to Mr. Joseph R. Grundy. The first section of that book gives a brief history of the town. It is followed by a photograph of 37 individual houses and a history of the house and their owners. (The history provided in this section about the home owners has served as a valuable source of reference about many of the residents of the town.)

SAVE THIS DATE . . . Sat., Oct. 19, 2013 . . . Historic Bristol Day!!

Check Us Out On Celtic Day

The Celtic Heritage Foundation will be holding Annual Celtic Day on Sunday, June 30, from 1 to 8 p.m. in Bristol Lions Park on the banks of the Delaware River. As usual, our Ways & Means Committee will be staffing a table of Bristol memorabilia, raffle tickets on a winter scene of the Canal Lagoon painted by local artist Joseph Sagolla, and literature on various area attractions and events. We look forward to seeing many of BCHF's members and friends that day. Some of the items we'll have on sale are pictured here.

MY HOME TOWNE -BRISTOL COLLECTION

Mignoni Jewelry Shop King George II Inn Wachovia Bank (now Wells Fargo Bank)



BRASS ORNAMENT

Canal Lagoon in

Grundy Park



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Book by local historians Harold & Carol Mitchen





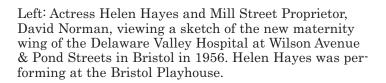
MAGNETS Municipal Building Former Jefferson Avenue School

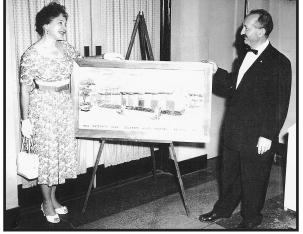




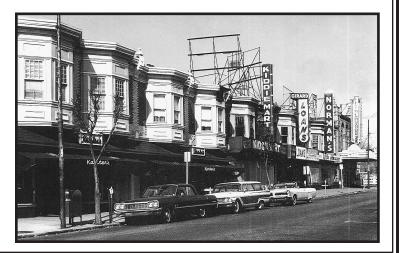


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Right: Mill Street (400 block) showing stores with Bristol Playhouse (former Grand Theater) at the end of the street. This summer theater was active during the 1950's and hosted major theater and movie stars



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