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Don't Miss This Program on March 29!

"Little Street, Big City; How Elfreth's Alley Tells the Story of Philadelphia"

At 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 29, Mr. Ted Maust, Associate Director of the Elfreth's Alley Assn., will give a presentation at BCHF headquarters, entitled "Little Street, Big City; How Elfreth's Alley Tells the Story of Philadelphia," documenting how the Alley is the product of cycles of urban renewal, decay and on-going preservation efforts.

He will elaborate on the heroic efforts of residents and local historians from the '30s to the '60s to combat deterioration of the Alley, secure National Historic Landmark status, and ensure that Interstate 95 construction did not eliminate Elfreth's Alley from the landscape of Old City, Philadelphia.

Following the presentation, light refreshment will be served by our Ways & Means Committee members.

A donation of \$4 per adult attendee is requested; there is no charge for students.

No reservations are needed. Invite your family members and friends to join you!

In the event of inclement weather, visit BCHF's website, www.bristolhistory.org, or call 215 788-9408.



President's Corner

On February 9th at 2:00 pm, Linda Salley of Bristol Township presented a program about the Underground Railroad and Harriet Tubman. She used a quilt she designed and embroidered showing several patterns that provided codes used by slaves trying to escape from the south. She also said that hymns were used to tell slaves where and when to go. Most slaves needed to get to Canada where laws were passed by parliament in England which forbade slavery.

St. Catharines in Canada had a church that was attended by Harriet Tubman. Harriet eventually made her home in Auburn, New York. She always said "Don't look back, but look forward." In Bristol there are three families who are directly related to Harriet. Louise Davis attended our program and she is a member of one of the families that are descended from Ms. Tubman.

Bristol has a statue of Harriet Tubman in our waterfront park. There are three documented homes on Radcliffe Street that were part of the

Underground Railroad; however, there could have been more because the homeowners did not put out signs saying "Welcome slaves."

We had hoped to have at least 30 people attend this program. As it turned out, it was standing room only with about 90 people in the building.

Check out the photos on page 3 on this outstanding event inside this newsletter.

I thank all those who attended, made and served the refreshments and cleaned up after the program.

I especially thank the Ways and Means Committee, led by Kathy Barniskis, for all of their work.

I invite you to come on the 29th of March at 2 pm to learn about "Little Street, Big City; How Elfreth's Alley tells the Story of Philadelphia" by Ted Maust, Associate Director, Elfreth's Alley Association. Mark your calendar!

Harold Mitchener, President

Anchors Aweigh!

If you haven't already signed up for our Saturday, May 30, two-hour "Jazzy Champagne Brunch Cruise" around Lower Manhattan, it's not too late. A few reservations remain! Think about it as a belated Mother's Day gift, a birthday or anniversary celebration, or "a day on the town."

The bus is scheduled to depart from the Grundy Recreation Center at 9:30 a.m. sharp and return at approx. 7:00 p.m. Our Hornblower Cruise Line's vessel will sail from Pier 15 at the South Street Seaport, which is a historic area in the borough of Manhattan, centered where Fulton Street meets the East River, and adjacent to the Financial District. It is one of the most beautiful and well-preserved areas of the 19th century.

You'll take in spectacularly iconic sights as you sail on the East and the Hudson Rivers and sip the unlim-

ited mimosas. Have your camera ready!

Enjoy the music of a live jazz ensemble while you sample the many offerings at the food stations, including two fresh salads and a variety of cold and hot classic brunch fare. Be sure to save room for the decadent dessert station!

Following the cruise, our bus will transport us to the popular Chelsea Market in the Chelsea section of Manhattan, where we'll have time to walk The High Line and check out the many offerings at the Market.

To check on current availability and make a reservation, contact Ellanna Delaney at 215 788-4138. Cost is \$155 for BCHF members; \$158 for non-members. Reservations close on April 25.



Anthracite Coal to Bristol

There are two main kinds of coal - Anthracite and Bituminous. Anthracite Coal was found in Eastern Pennsylvania and Bituminous Coal was found in Western Pennsylvania.

In 1827, the Pennsylvania Legislature passed an act for the construction of a canal from Bristol to Easton. Easton is 168 feet higher in elevation; hence, 24 locks were needed to raise and lower the barges that would carry the coal. Mules pulled the barges with boys ages 12-14 walking with the mules.

What is now the Mill Street parking lot was all water at that time and the area was known as the Canal Basin where the barges would be unloaded.

Anthracite coal burned without a lot of smoke and it was used to power Bristol factories and homes. The last canal barge left Bristol in October 1931. Railroads could easily deliver coal and, with railroad siding, it was often delivered directly to the factory.

Interesting facts about the use of the canal.

There was no tide in the canal since it was dug by hand and in winter the water would freeze. A newspaper article on Dec. 11, 1908 stated that the canal was just about ready for winter and the barges were placed in quarters for the cold season. This was also a time when the boys from Bristol would attend the Otter Street School so it was a perfect time for recreational ice skating.

At the Bristol terminus of the canal, a warehouse was built measuring 50 x 100 feet.

Freight could be delivered by steamboat to Bristol and then transferred to the canal boats for a trip back to

Easton.

Up to 1843, expenses for one barge for one trip from above Easton (the source of the coal at Mauch Chunk, presently Jim Thorpe) to Philadelphia and return was \$3.00 for provisions and animal feed. Bacon cost 4 cents per pound and ham 6 1/2 cents, pork shoulder 4 cents per pound, coffee 12 1/2 cents per pound and brown sugar 4 cents per pound. Until 1843, boats ran on Sundays, the canal being the only means of bringing freight to Philadelphia from northeastern Pennsylvania. The roads were poor and water transport was the cheapest means of transport.

The boat captain was paid \$14 - \$20 per month; the bowsman (a person who works at the bow of the barge) \$8 - \$14 per month; and drivers \$5 per month. The bowsman's position was soon dispensed with and the captain, with a two-man crew, could manage. When the barge arrived in Bristol loaded with anthracite coal, there were two procedures for the return journey. If the captain owned the barge, he stabled the mules in Bristol and stayed with the barge while it was towed to where it was to be unloaded. If the captain did not own the barge, he surrendered the loaded barge at Bristol and received an empty barge for the return trip north. There could be great differences in barges in age, in ease of handling and also in the level of housekeeping that it had received. Cabins were often infested with bedbugs which presented problems.

The drop from Mauch Chunk (Jim Thorpe) to Easton had 48 locks and barges dropped a total of 353 feet. Remember, the Canal from Easton to Bristol had 24 locks

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Celebrate Our 25th!

We are pleased to be celebrating the 25th Anniversary of Our Annual Tea on Sunday, April 19th from 2 - 4 pm. As many of you may remember, Carol Mitchener started and chaired this event for 20 years! Now, the Ways & Means Committee has taken it over. Darlene Carey of "Something Special" will cater our sandwiches and desserts, and Leeann Reider will provide her delicious scones. There will be raffles, great conversation, and entertainment by guitarist, Karen Rodriguez for you, your family and friends to enjoy. Ticket reservations will be taken on Sunday, March 22nd starting at 9 am. Please call 215 788-9408 to reserve. Tickets are \$22.00 per attendee. Come celebrate with us!



Right: Darlene Carey of "Something Special" will provide our sandwiches and desserts.

Below: Leeann Reider will once again make her delicious scones.



Anthracite Coal . . . Continued

and a 168 feet elevation difference. If one wishes to see 168 feet in height in Bristol, look at the Grundy Clock Tower which is 168 feet tall.

Canal barges were 85 1/2 feet long and 10 to 12 feet wide.

Most barges had the names of women. Example: Molly Polly Chunker. Chunker was from Mauch Chunk and Molly Polly were two mules.

Toll charges in 1849 were 2 cents per mile.

Lock dimensions were 95 feet long and 11 feet wide.

Food for workers: breakfast - bread, bacon, coffee; lunch - cheese and crackers, bread and molasses, coffee; dinner - bacon, flour gravy, crackers and cheese. There was no refrigeration on the barge. In the farm, fields of corn would often be harvested by the canal workers.

It should be noted that in the summer, local Bristol boys loved to swim in the canal.

A crane at the end of the basin lifted the coal for local

use, there were also coal wharves along the Delaware River at Bristol.

Using the exit lock at the Delaware River, 21 barges lashed together could be pulled by tugboat to Philadelphia or New Jersey opposite Philadelphia.

At Christmas time some Bristol people would skate north on the canal until they spotted a nice pine tree and they could cut it and skate back with it to Bristol.

Today, electricity, gas and petroleum have replaced the way factories and homes are powered or heated.

It is still fun to remember the canal, In Bristol, from Washington Street to Green Lane, the canal still has water in it. At the Lagoon on Jefferson Street, this is a great spot for catching small fish and on the island is a pergola which has become a perfect spot for wedding photographs. There is also a statue of Michael Dougherty here who was from Bristol and fought in the Civil War and awarded the Congressional Medal for his valor.

We Get Letters . . .

Recently we received this e-mail from the grandson of one of the individuals who started BCHF in 1967. His name is Jeffrey Sobel and his grandfather was Julius Sobel.

"Hello, I found it incredible to see Mill Street revitalized. The last chance I had to see the town, it was near ruins. My grandfather was a town physician and my grandmother was the attending nurse. The office was in back of their home. My aunt and uncle had a store on Mill Street - - Richmond's - - where they sold linens. Sadly my grandparents were the first to have bottled water deliv-

ered. Back then it would come in glass bottles. I remember struggling to lift them in an attempt to help. The reason for bottled water was the chemical plant would have chemical spills polluting the water. I heard stories of the local fire engine going up and down the streets blowing the horn to warn people of the spill.

My eyes teared to know the community is thriving.

Sincerely, Jeffrey Sobel"

Editor's note: It is always enjoyable to hear from former members or relatives of former members.

“Human Fly” On The Coleman House

It was announced that Henry D.D. Roland will perform in Bristol on Oct. 16, 1925 (weather permitting) . . . “Mr. Roland will attempt to climb the front wall of the building without aid of ropes or any other assistance. The “Human Fly” will perform various kinds of stunts on chairs and tables placed close to the edge of the roof.” Newspaper: Bristol Courier

Henry D.D. (Dare-Devil) Roland attained the name “Human Fly” from his ability to climb various kinds of structures with only his feet and hands. He became famous for free-climbing buildings in the 1920s and 1930s. He began his act in 1924. Born in Germany on March 2, 1894; he came to the U.S. with his parents in 1898. He taught himself balancing, juggling and tumbling. He became proficient and joined the circus in 1915. He traveled from city to city scaling outsides of buildings and performing balancing routines on the edges of the roof.

He survived one highly publicized fall from the McAlpin Hotel in New York City. The accident involved falling seven stories. He dropped through five awnings. It put the daredevil in the hospital for 29 weeks. When he came out of the hospital, he went back to his act again. After his return, he worked to make his show even more thrilling.

The advanced publicity on Oct. 14th and 15th in the Bristol Courier stated that the Coleman House was selected because it was the “most difficult to scale in Bristol.” The spectacle would take place at 7:30 on Friday evening (Oct. 16th). There would be an immense flood light to make the area seem light as day. It was reported that he would balance himself on a chair that had only two legs touching the roof. He would stand on his head and hands near the edge of the roof, would balance a table at the top and possibly do a trapeze act. The exhibition would be free and a large crowd was expected. It noted that Roland prepared for his climbs by eating a heavy meal and drinking plenty of coffee to “soothe his nerves.”

The newspaper reported on the event the next day. “Human Fly thrills large crowds here. Several hundreds

were treated to a real thriller.” Roland went from the cornice of the Coleman Building, but rain began to fall and mar the exhibition. Hecklers standing on the street yelled,

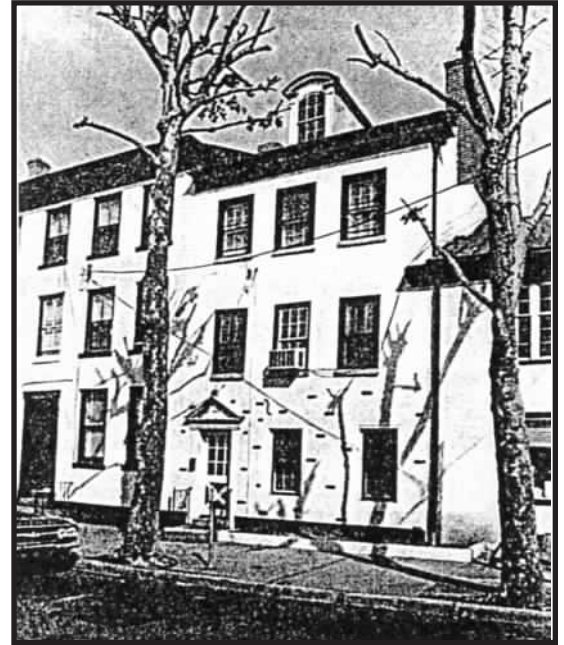
“Want a ladder?”

The tin roof was wet and slippery and Roland was unable to get a good hold. Roland told the crowd that it was too dangerous to go over and said if someone

would dry the edge of the roof, he would do the trick. That silenced the heckler who was booed by the crowd. Roland then went from the cornice where it joined the Silbert House. Upon reaching the top, he did a balancing act on the edge of the roof. He stood on his head right along the edge of the roof. It was the consensus of the crowd that he took his life in his hands and he was applauded.

Roland’s “final act” occurred in Greenville, TN in 1937. He again fell during a stunt, but this time there were no awnings to break his fall. The trick was performed 110 feet above the ground. It involved a trapeze and a pole. A gust of wind blew his trapeze bar out from under him.

Note on the Coleman House at 111 Radcliffe Street: Mrs. Elizabeth Coleman had returned to Bristol in 1918 to take over the local hotel. She and her husband, John, had owned the building. After his death, she went to New Brunswick, NJ to live.



A Note from Ways & Means

What a wonderful turn-out for Linda Salley’s presentation on the Underground Railroad. She’s president of the African American Museum of Bucks County. It is actually a traveling museum brought to schools and historic sites. The museum is fund-raising for a permanent home but right now, you can view their exhibit at the Bucks County Visitors’ Center on Street Road in

Bensalem.

Please see the particulars for our next program in our Calendar of Events on the back page of the Gazette. On Sunday, March 29th, Ted Maust, Associate Director of the Elfreth’s Alley Association will present a program on Elfreth’s Alley. As always, light refreshments will be provided following the program. Join us at 2 pm.

Remember our Bristol throws, selling for \$50.00 make a great gift for a friend or yourself. We have a complete assortment of the three colors: Williamsburg blue, green and cranberry. Our items are on sale at all our events. Checks are accepted.

A School, A Fishery, Farm Land and A Race Course

These are examples of how Bela Badger left his name on the history of Bristol. Bela was a citizen of Bristol in the early 19th century. He was a successful farmer and breeder of racehorses. His farm was located in Bristol Township in the area where the Burlington-Bristol Bridge now terminates. He owned 800 acres in all, fronting on the Delaware River. Bela came from Connecticut in 1807 and bought the Fairview and Meadow Farms; he spent money in banking out the river for very fine meadowland. He owned an island in the Delaware (Yonkin's Island) which was eventually named Badger's Island. Bela built a racecourse on his property that enlivened the lives of citizens and visitors during the Bath Springs era. Bela and his partners owned some of the best racehorses such as *Messenger*, *Hickory* and *Postboy*.

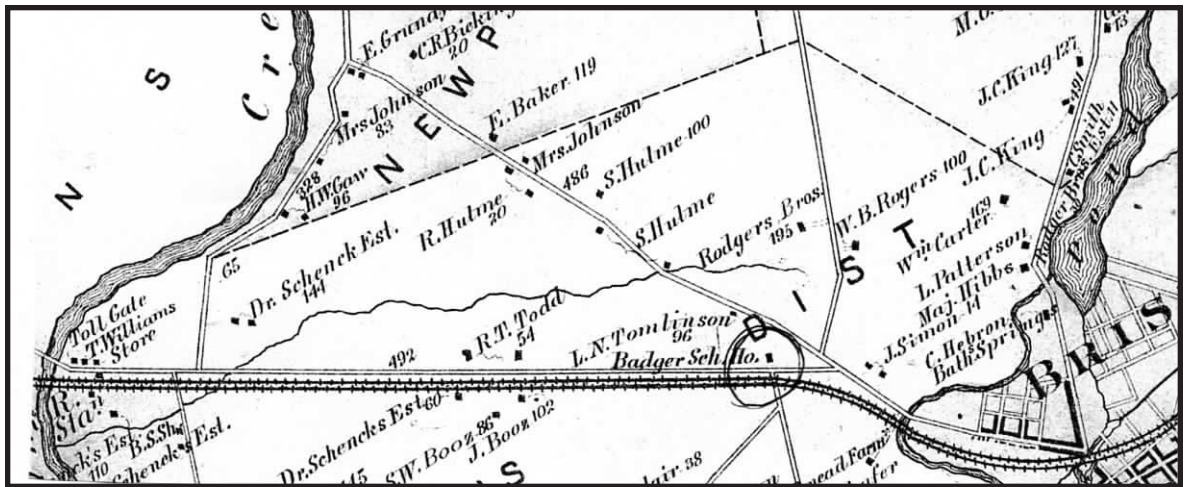
The Badger School stood at the site of the gates of the present Bristol Cemetery, closest to the Pennsylvania Railroad underpass. The ungraded one-room school was attended by local children. The school, according to Albert Mendenhall (an instructor), had "a most sensible curriculum that furnished a well-rounded education." The students studied Latin, bookkeeping, algebra, geometry, arithmetic, reading, writing and spelling. Among

the students were the four Rodgers Brothers who lived in the farmhouse that was on the property of the present day Winder Village. Two of the brothers eventually purchased the Bristol Grist and Saw Mills and two other brothers ran a successful sage farm along the present Rodgers Road.

The fishery at Maple Beach was very productive. Within his property, Badger was able to create one of the best fisheries for shad and herring along the Delaware River.

Bela Badger died in Bristol on Sept. 16, 1833. He had no family. He is buried in the St. James Church graveyard. He spent 30 years as a citizen of Bristol.

This information is from Doron Green's History of Bristol, - - 1911, articles from the Bristol Courier and an 1876 map.



February 9th Program A Huge Success

The presentation on "Secret Codes of Slaves and the Underground Railroad" drew a standing-room-only crowd. BCHF was honored to have Linda Salley, president of the African American Museum of Bucks County, as the presenter.



Above: Ways & Means Chairperson, Kathy Barniskis, greeted the attendees and shared information about our upcoming activities.



Below: Featured speaker, Linda Salley, decoded the secret messages contained in each square of the quilt.



Refreshments were served following the program.

“WILLOW COTTAGE”

Thanks to one of our long-time members, Helen Younglove, we have finally located Willow Cottage, the home of the well-known actor from England, Thomas Cooper, 1776 - 1849. Cooper was considered one of the best Shakespearean actors.

He had gone to Paris and, in a card game at the hotel where he was staying, won a house on Radcliffe Street in Bristol.

The house was at 722 Radcliffe Street. The last family to live there was that of Dr. Romano.

Thomas Cooper married Mary Fairlie of New York City. They came to Bristol and liked the house, but felt that since they entertained often, they would build an adjacent home for their children and a nursemaid. They built the home at 800 Radcliffe Street and had a covered walkway connecting the



Priscilla Cooper Tyler and son

two. Presently this is the home of the Quattrocchi family.

One of his daughters, Priscilla Cooper, followed her father as an actress. She made her debut at the “Old Bowery” Theater in New York City as Juliet in Shakespeare’s Romeo and Juliet.

On the evening of March 18, 1837, she was at a theater where the play was Shakespeare’s Othello. Priscilla played the part of Desdamona. After the play Robert Tyler, a son of John Tyler (10th U.S. President) went back stage to see Priscilla. They fell in love and were married in September 1839 in Bristol at her father’s home, Willow Cottage, by Reverend William S. Perkins of St. James Episcopal Church.

Willow Cottage was eventually removed to build the Patton House at Radcliffe and Mill Streets. They subsequently removed the Patton House to erect the Bristol House, Charles E. Rommel was the proprietor. The Bristol House became a hotel called Stock’s

Hotel. Stock’s Hotel was then removed to build the present condominiums.

When First Lady Letitia Tyler died, Priscilla was called to the White House by her father-in-law John Tyler to assume the role of acting First Lady.



President Tyler later married Julia Garner of Long Island, New York. The Robert Tylers moved back to Bristol and rented a house which is presently the Grundy Museum. Robert traveled by steamboat to Philadelphia where he held the office of Clerk of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania.

As the country was nearing a Civil War (1862-1865), Robert, whose father was originally Governor of Virginia, moved to Montgomery, Alabama. His feelings were with the Confederacy. Priscilla followed. Their daughter raised the first Confederate Flag over the Capitol Building.

Priscilla died in June 1890 and is interred in Alabama.

Thomas Cooper and his wife, Mary, are buried in St. James Episcopal Cemetery on Walnut Street in Bristol.

The location of Willow Cottage was one of the houses that former BCHF President, Paul Ferguson, often discussed with this writer. The two of us had thought that it was somewhere on Otter Street.

Helen Younglove found this invaluable information from the Bucks County Gazette. One article was dated January 2, 1890 and the second was January 9, 1890.

Out Of The Past

The following items were excerpted from **MARCH 1910** issues of THE BUCKS COUNTY GAZETTE

3/5 - - BRISTOL IN WAR TIMES. A reminder: According to the Civil War journal of Burnett Landreth, nearly 500 men from this little borough enlisted in the Union cause.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE:

March came in like a lamb, but has been "acting up" since its advent.

A seventeen-cent supper will be given at the Baptist Church on the 17th inst.

Mrs. Cecelia Julliano, aged 23 years, died during childbirth at her home, 421 Lafayette St., last Friday evening.

The railroad employees of Bristol and vicinity will attend special services at the Methodist Church Sunday evening next.

Fourteen patients are now under treatment at the local tuberculosis dispensary. Dr. Abbott, in charge, says the patients have averaged a gain in weight from two to four pounds each.

"We have just received a consignment of Landreth's Garden & Flower Seeds. These seeds are all fresh and guaranteed new seeds. E.C. ERTHAL, Bristol."

"Vin Tone, a Powerful Nutrient Tonic. Reconstructor and Digestant. Invaluable in all Lung, Throat and Bronchial Afflictions. Anemia, Rheumatism and General Disability. DOUGLASS' PHARMACY, Cor. Dorrance and Wood Sts."

3/12 - - SPECIAL LAW AGAINST PEDDLING. At a recent meeting of the Business Men's Association of Bristol, a communication was addressed to the Burgess, requesting him to use his good offices in the endeavor to prohibit the growing practice of peddling by non-residents of Bristol.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE:

The Artesian Ice Company has two handsome new delivery wagons on the street.

On Monday, the Boys Club of the Presbyterian Church entertained the women and girls who assisted in the boys' Valentine's Tea given recently.

James Lawler, of Buckley St., was one of the pupils who received a Philadelphia Ledger Medal in the Lincoln Centenary Competition to the out-of-the-city scholars of public, private and parochial schools. The successful Bristol youth is Miss Eva Gould's pupil at the Bath Street public school.

"Fresh Shad! Now is the Lenten season and I have nice fresh fish on hand. Southern shad just arrived. Fresh Steak Cod from the Jersey Shore. GEO. L. HORN, 308 Mill Street."

"Chickens and Turkeys for sale at all times. CHAS. CANNON, 508 Bath Street."

3/19 - - FUNDS FOR THE LINCOLN MEMORIAL. The chairman of the local Lincoln Memorial Committee, Burgess Henry E. Ancker, called the final meeting of the committee on Tuesday evening, when the subscriptions

received were turned over to treasurer Clifford L. Anderson. The total sum received was \$30.25, all in twenty-five cent subscriptions by 121 persons.

NO ACME STORE HERE. A brief communication has been received from the Acme Company, refuting the statement in last week's Courier that the Acme Tea Company of Philadelphia intended to establish one of its chain of grocery stores in Bristol.

BIG SHOOTING MATCHES. Tuesday was a great day at the grounds of the Bristol Shooting Association when marksmen of national reputation from Pennsylvania and New Jersey were in a contest for supremacy. It is estimated that 500 spectators were present.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MINSTRELS. Large crowds attended both the afternoon and evening performances of the minstrel entertainment given by the Knights of Columbus, Musical Company, in St. Mark's hall for the benefit of the School Improvement Fund, on St. Patrick's Day. Edward and John Gallagher were good in an Irish sketch entitled "Irish Blarney."

SPECIAL NOTICES: First-class boarding to be got at 317 Dorrance St.

WANTED: Partner with \$60 to take half interest in peach orchard. Apply Gazette office.

3/26 - - LOCAL INTELLIGENCE:

Edward Swangle caught the first shad of the season.

The new building being erected for Enterprise Fire Company, No. 5, is practically completed and will be turned over to the company in a few days.

Max Cohen, the owner of the Family Theatre, has sold that place of amusement on Mill Street to the Philadelphia Amusement Company. The new company of owners are said to be experienced in the theatrical business and will give first-class vaudeville and moving picture shows.

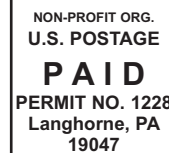
The nineteenth anniversary and supper of Golden Key Court, Ladies American Protestant Association, No. 3, of Bristol, will be given on April 15 at Mohican Hall, Otter Street.

"HORN & THOMPSON, Bristol . . . We give Yellow, the best trading stamps! Fresh Butter - we have the exclusive agency for the celebrated Fulton County Acorn Butter, always fresh and guaranteed to suit the most fastidious taste - 35¢ a pound. Fat Norwegian Mackerel, the kind you like - 5¢. 1/4 lb. Chipped Dried Beef, which we cut ourselves as ordered - 8¢. Fresh Eggs from nearby farmers - 25¢ per doz."

CORRECTION . . . to February Gazette's Out of the Past, 2/22/1900. LOCAL ELECTIONS. The great surprise of the day was the defeat of H.T.W. Bickel, the Republican candidate for Burgess, by Edward L. Leigh, the Democratic candidate, by 94 votes.



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BCHF Calendar of Events For 2020

MARCH Sun., 3/29, 2:00 p.m. Presentation on "Little Street, Big City: How Elfreth's Alley Tells the Story of Philadelphia," by Ted Maust, Assoc. Director, Elfreth's Alley Assn. Light refreshment. \$4 donation requested; no charge for students. BCHF headquarters. Info at 215 788-9408

APRIL Sun., 4/19, 2 to 4 p.m. Silver Anniversary Tea. Brewed tea, scones, and traditional tea sandwiches and desserts by "Something Special by Darlene Carey"; featuring a musical interlude. \$22. BCHF headquarters. Limited capacity. Advance reservations required; call 215 788-9408 beginning Sunday, March 22.

MAY Sat., 5/30. Bus trip to Manhattan for a "Jazzy Champagne Brunch Cruise" and free time at the popular Chelsea Market. \$155 for BCHF members; \$158 for non-members. For flyer/reservation form, call 215 788-4138. Reservations close on April 25!

AUGUST Sun., 8/9 between 2 & 4 p.m. Annual Peach Social. Angel food cake topped with fresh peaches & ice cream, plus beverage. Takeouts available. Baked goods table. \$5/adult, \$3 under age 12. Benefits BCHF awards to four Bristol High School graduates. BCHF's air-conditioned headquarters.

OCTOBER Sat., 10/3. Bus trip to Boyertown, PA for 2-hr. train ride on the Colebrookdale Railroad, incl. full-course luncheon in the

Dining Car, and a visit to the Boyertown Museum of Historic Vehicles. Cost and reservation info available in early April.

OCTOBER Sat., 10/17, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. 44th Historic Bristol Day. Private homes open & Riverfront Tea, free entertainment, car show, boat show, sailboat regatta, children's activities, food court, exhibits, crafters & merchandise vendors, and more. Ticket required for House Tour & Tea. Details at www.bristolhistory.org.

NOVEMBER Wed., 11/18, 7:30 p.m. BCHF'S annual meeting, incl. election of Board members. Program and refreshments follow. The public is invited. BCHF headquarters. Call 215 788-6912 for info.

DECEMBER Thurs., 12/3. Bus trip to Tarrytown, NY, for tour of the Lyndhurst Mansion, highly acclaimed for its holiday decor, lunch, and tour of "Sunnyside," the home of author Washington Irving. More info in future issues of the Gazette.

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

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