

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF CAMP HILL



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Message from the President :

Greetings to Historical Society members. I hope you all had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May 2010 be a good year for all of us.

Make yourself a cup of coffee, hot chocolate, tea, or whatever, sit in your comfortable chair and READ THIS NEWSLETTER WORD FOR WORD. Our Editor, Jinny, does a marvelous job on every newsletter and we should all give her a job well done. [Thank you, Wayne. Thanks to all who supply ideas, photos, and articles.]

We are all members of the membership committee. Use this newsletter. Show it to everyone you know and ask them to join the Historical Society of Camp Hill.

In 2010 the Historical Society is going to have a project with pole banners. That is, the red banners up now on poles along Market Street. The purpose of the new banners is to tell some of Camp Hill's history to people driving and walking along Camp Hill's Market, North 21st and South 17th Streets. The graduating classes of Camp Hill High School will be asked to sponsor the banners. If you are a graduate and would like information, call me at 737-8522.

See you at future meetings!

Wayne Yost, President

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Mark your calendars:

We have plans to continue the popular Soup 'n Sandwich evenings this year. The dates will be the first Thursday of April (1st), June (3rd), and October (7th).

In addition, we're aiming for August 5th for our "picnic" in the Log Cabin in Siebert Park. This one can be tricky, and has occurred on dates other than the first Thursday recently.

June 17th is the date Barb McGeary has scheduled for the Bus Trip to Pennsbury Manor. Another site will be included, but so far two that she'd researched have found themselves among the Pennsylvania Historic locations that have been closed due to severe cutbacks in the state's funding. Do not despair, Barb will find something fascinating. And you can write letters to members Senator Vance and Rep. Grell!

Lastly, our Annual Meeting and Covered Dish Dinner will be on November 4th at another of Camp Hill's churches.

Corrections:

The brass World War I plaque was affixed to the exterior of the Camp Hill High School beside the old Chestnut Street entrance. And yes, Nevin Miller "rescued" it from being carted off in a dumpster, but it was Chick Siebert who arranged for it to be presented to the American Legion Post for preservation.

The original stone figure on the Sixteeners monument was broken and rumored to be buried in the yard at 22 North 25th Street well before the 1970's. Chick Siebert said, "the identity of the vandal was strongly suspected, but not proved, so far as I know." The bronze replacement figure was just plain stolen.

In spite of our Annual Covered Dish Dinner & Annual Meeting falling on the evening of what turned out to be the final game of the World Series, we had an enthusiastic turnout at Trinity Lutheran Church with wonderful food, fellowship and presentations by new President Wayne Yost, Leslie Bishop and Pastor Hardy. Leslie Bishop and George Wirt led tours of the Church, which has been built, rebuilt, and expanded quite a bit during the last 60 years. Thanks to all who helped make this a memorable evening. We hope to see you next November, if not before!

News from the Archives:

Since last report, the following are owed special thanks for their contributions to the Archives: Mary Garrett Duggan, Bob Landis, Barbara Boggs Novak, and Chuck Traub.

Nead Miller, Curator, says that there is no news from the Archives themselves. We have utilized some of our photos to enlarge (and enlighten) for display in Borough Hall. Check out the new display. In addition to photos of Marching Mailmen (below), the Silas C. Swallow home (see Chick Siebert's article page 5), the Oyster Tavern, and Three Gables photos make up the new display. Life Member, Bob Brandt has begun a series of portraits with those of Dr. Chloe Fry and Christian L. Siebert, Sr. More to come....



Annual Pot-Luck Dinner Recipes from the Church Social Hall to Your Kitchen

Christmas Salad,

courtesy of Mary Duggan (from her friend Libby Hitch)

- 1 #2 can cranberry sauce
- 2 packages (3 oz. size) strawberry Jello
- 2 cups of boiling water
- 1 #2 can crushed pineapple, drained
- 1 cup chopped nuts

Dissolve the strawberry Jello in boiling water. Mix together the cranberry sauce, pineapple, and nuts. Add cranberry mixture to Jello and mix well. Pour into mold and refrigerate until firm.

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### Please extend a warm welcome to this quarter's new members:

Jane Bailey and Carol & Thomas Green.

Special thanks to renewing Supporting Members: Janet Koons D'Agostino, Nancy & Earl Besch, Dot & Bill Forrey, Martha Dapp Hempt, Mary Alice Kirkpatrick, Ken Maxwell, Gale & Roy Prescott, Loma & William Slike, and Jinny Long Springen.

Special thanks also to the following renewing members who added donations from \$10 to \$100 to their "dues": Ruth & Don Dietz, Ann Marie & Paul Garrett, Joe Heffron, Janet L. Miller, Ben Peters, Jim Ramsey, and Peggy Reck.

Member Chuck Traub, has become our most recent Life Member. Thank you so much.

### Membership dues for 2010 were due January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010.

You don't need to cut up this Newsletter, just send a scrap of paper with the requested information along with your check.

Frequently asked question: How do I know if my dues are due? Answer: look at your mailing label on your envelope. On the line above your name there is a "year". That is the year that your current dues cover. If it says 2009, your dues are due. If it says 2010, you are a member in good standing through 2010 - congratulations and thanks.

## **HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF CAMP HILL**

### **Membership Application or Renewal for 2010**

Member        \$10 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Family        \$20 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Supporting    \$50 \_\_\_\_\_                      additional gift \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I'd like to help at an event or with a project \_\_\_\_\_



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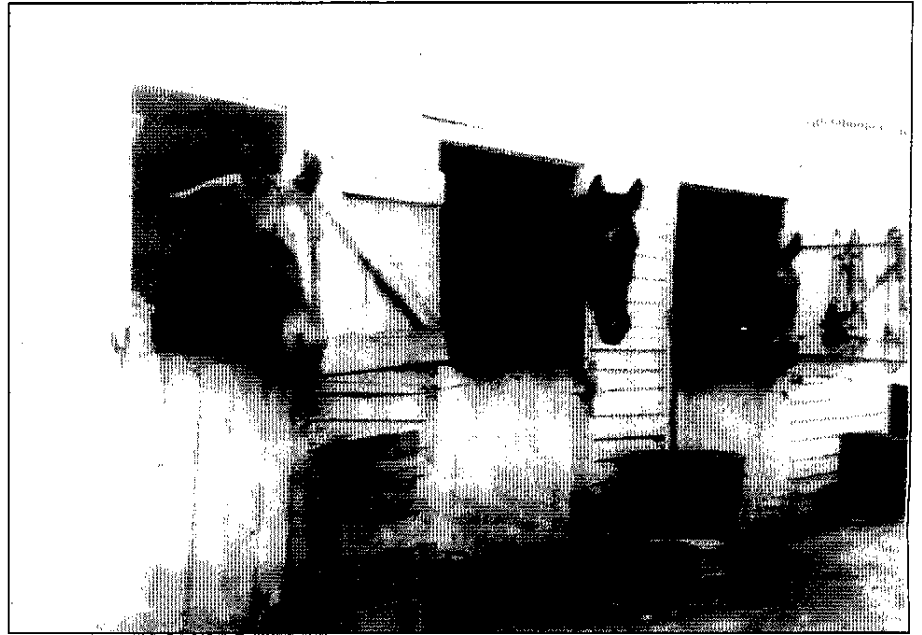
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## *People, Places, and Things... horses on North 21<sup>st</sup> Street!*

Frank Frownfelter had his polo ponies stabled behind his home at what is now 100 North 21<sup>st</sup> Street. In the 1950's, when this photo was taken, the front door of the house faced 21<sup>st</sup> Street. It now faces Walnut.

To the right are Quiz, Point Blank, and Norma Jean.

On match day, the horses would be taken by van to the polo field just beyond 36<sup>th</sup> and Market Streets. Several generations of C. H. children "visited" the horses while going to and from school. A few even got to ride them (including riding through the cemetery).



*Photo courtesy of Paul Sheaffer*

*and farther up the hill*

## *People, Places, and Things... a parsonage on 21<sup>st</sup> Street*



*left: Church of God's original parsonage at 122 N. 21<sup>st</sup> and above, the house as it was this past summer of 2009.*

Across the street from the Church of God, on Church Street, (North 21<sup>st</sup> Street, since 1922), stands the Parsonage of the Church of God. Please get out your magnifying glass to better admire the decorative trim around the windows. The trim was "lost" during a window replacement or siding updating.

For the longest time, this house did not have indoor "facilities". When Oscar Shulte came to the Church in 1967, he encouraged the congregation to sell this home and purchase one on Mayfred, near Irwin's Dairy. That house was sold later, too. By this time, most ministers wanted their own home in order to have some equity with which to buy their retirement home.



*photo courtesy of Chuck Traub*

Yawn. At 2 a.m. every Monday morning, back in the 1920's, Jacob Cline, Brownie Weber, and several cows left the stockyard near Mechanicsburg's cemetery to go toward Marysville. One to three cows (heifers or steers) were "delivered" to butchers along the way – including Chuck Traub's grandparents and parents at 24<sup>th</sup> then later at 21<sup>st</sup> & Market Streets in Camp Hill.

This photo, taken from the south side of Market, looks across to the Holler properties just east of the corner of 22<sup>nd</sup> Street where the PNC Bank is located today. The building on the left housed a sundry shop and Fickles Drug Store in the 1940s and 50s.

About 10 o'clock that evening, after the cattle were delivered, the men boarded a streetcar in Marysville to go to Harrisburg where they transferred to the last trolley of the day that came back through the Bottle Neck and Camp Hill – back to their homes in Mechanicsburg. Every week! Come rain, or shine, or SNOW!

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**Reminder: Check your address label for the date.  
If it says, "2010", you are a member in good standing.  
If it says, "2009", get out your pen and checkbook and write that check!**

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