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President's Message from Owen Moe

The Power of Streetscape

As I was making the loop on Historic Old Annville Day, going from the Free Library on the East end to the Coptic Church on the West, and then crossing Main Street to return on the North side, I couldn't help but notice what a great boon the streetscape project has been to this annual town celebration. Especially now that we have expanded Old Annville Day to include vendors on East Main, the many recessed parking spaces provided natural niches for booths. As I looked East from West Main Street, I saw a street extending into the distance with brightly covered canopies, flags, and banners all waving in the wind on a beautiful sunny day. The town projected a festive, Camelot-like atmosphere. The many and varied vendors provided an interesting day about town, but the streetscape project itself provided the perfect scaffolding for such an event, with the bump-out islands used to good effect for seating, for vendors, or for other activities, with the new (and old) trees providing well-appreciated respite from the sun.

But beyond Old Annville Day, the Streetscape Project remains a singular, town-changing project that has enhanced our lives in many ways. The wide, brick-lined sidewalks, the fast-growing and ever more apparent trees that line Main Street, the unique plazas formed at several locations, the beautiful light posts with Historic Annville banners, and the complete absence of utility poles and associated wires has created a near-perfect setting for a downtown historic district. Our historic buildings are now framed and beautifully enhanced by a streetscape that evokes strong hints of a 19th century ambience.

I for one relish every opportunity to walk in Annville (and I do it every day to and from work at the College). I have found that when I cross Main Street several times a day, I have little problem if I cross specifically at the bump-out intersections. The drivers through Annville are increasingly more attuned to pedestrians, and when I stand at the crosswalk drivers are more likely than not to yield to a pedestrian. I also think that the series of bump-outs and clearly-marked crosswalks has had a traffic-calming effect, slowing the speed of cars through the center of town. The Streetscape Project was long, dusty, inconvenient to some of our local merchants, expensive, and it required an almost Herculean effort on the part of our Township Commissioners and the Greater Annville Committee to plan and fund such a project. In my mind the final results were well worth the effort and temporary discomfort. We owe all of our commissioners, and project leader Dick Charles in particular, a resounding vote of thanks. ■



FOOA's First!

Façade Grant Award for 2009

The Friends of Old Annville has announced the recipient of the 2009 Façade Grant Assistance Program. A Special Committee of FOOA has approved the application from Denyse Haupt, 215 W. Main St, Annville.

Prior to submitting her grant application, she had obtained a HARB Certificate of Appropriateness for the proposed improvements to her façade. She will replace and restore her front porch to its original appearance using time period materials. She will also paint the façade and its original woodwork.

FOOA must inspect the improvements prior to the release of the grant. The award is for \$4000.00. The owner is planning on completing the project by the end of the summer.



SAVE THE DATE

for the Friends of Old Annville's Fall Program

NATIVE AMERICANS IN THE LEBANON VALLEY

Saturday, October 17, 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Heilman Log House

437 West Main Street in Annville

Look for details in the next Landmark and at www.fooa.org.

Love the look of a brick floor but want an easier alternative? Try brick tile. I recently created a beautiful floor out of 4"x8"x 1/2" thick tile from Inglenook Tile Design.

You can use this tile over stable existing concrete without the inconvenience of dealing with standard 2" bricks. Two or three sided brick tiles can be made to cap over concrete steps and a variety of personalized designs can be incorporated into the "bricks" to create a custom look. Using a special firing method, these tiles possess a rich spectrum of brown and earthy reds, and have the appearance of antique bricks. For grouting I used a colored cement, using a mixture of 3 sand to 1 cement.



These tiles can be used in any room in the house and outside on patios, porches, steps and walkways. To view these unique brick tiles go to www.inglenooktile.com ■

20th Historic Old Annville Day – June 13, 2009



On what turned out to be a beautiful and sunny Saturday in June, many hundreds of people poured into downtown Annville for Historic Old Annville Day. The opening ceremonies at 9 AM featured speaker Phil Feather who talked about community events (and disasters), the founding of Friends of Old Annville, and 41 years of being a lawyer in Annville. Owen Moe presented the Property Pride Award, a painting by Jenny Paulson, to St. Anthony Coptic Orthodox Church on West Main Street for their beautiful and grand entrance doors made with wood imported from Egypt.

With 50 vendors this year, and many new ones, the event was expanded to include the first two blocks of East Main Street, giving a four block event extending from the Coptic Church on the west to the Free Library on the east.

Music at the bandstand at Kettering Corner included performances by the Quittapahilla Highlanders, the Washington Band, folk and bluegrass singer Jay Smar, Lee Moyer of Marty's Music, and the rock band Ragged Glory from Palmyra. There was even a music venue in front of the Allen Theatre for individual musicians to play.

Food stands drew big lines much of the day and many kids activities made



the day a perfect family event. The Friends of Old Annville raffle winners were drawn at 1 PM at the bandstand and the following winners were selected: first place to Marcus Newman of Annville, second place to Philip Palanzo of Palmyra, and third place to Frances Dorman of Harrisburg.



All in all, it was a lively day in Annville. ■

Installment #3: A Physician's View of Annville in the 1930's

In this issue of the Landmark we're printing the third installment of an essay about Annville that was written by Dr. James Monteith, a local physician. In the installment for today Dr. Monteith covers hygiene in the local production of milk (important to disease in those days), housing, and communicable diseases. As you read over the list of key diseases of the day, you will get an idea of how far we have come since the 1930's – many of those diseases that greatly worried families we now no longer even think about. It is also clear how important quarantine was in the fighting of disease.

Dr. Monteith writes . . .

Milk. Report on the sanitary conditions of our farms and one city dairy. A visit made to Mr. Herr's farm, about 3 miles north of Annville. Mr. Herr is an average farmer - his barn was white washed, floor of concrete & good drainage, stalls were of ample size and well lighted both natural and artificial. All cows were regularly tested and kept in the best possible dirt free manner. Attendants wear white clothing and all utensils shine from frequent cleaning. Mr. Herr is an uneducated man thus unaccustomed to the danger of bacteria - he has always insisted on a careful washing of cows and workers hands as a pre-milking precaution. Mr. Herr submits his milk to the cool confines of a marvelous spring house until the earliest moment of delivery to the Hershey Dairy in Hershey, Pa.

Hershey Dairy. All incoming milk each day is pasturized [sic] and represents a bulk of 5000 gallons per day & they serve all the rural communities including Annville which is 7 miles from the dairy. Every drop of milk is pasteurized by the flash method (160° - 165° for 60 seconds or more). I sincerely believe that the flash method of treatment is ideal because of the conditions of the farms from which the Dairy gets their milk.

Housing. There are no tenements in Annville, nor are there any apartment houses. In fact, it is next to impossible to procure an apartment. The few that are in town are made from the second floor of a private dwelling - but these are very few indeed. There is little if any problem with housing - the inhabitants live in single or double houses which are usually ample for their needs. Almost all the houses of Annville are occupied & it is seldom that one is empty for more than a few weeks. The only large building in town which has any ventilation system at all is the school & this system will be explained later in the unit on schools. The factories and college buildings are ventilated by the old system of raising & lowering windows.

Communicable Diseases. The following is a list of communicable diseases as adopted as notifiable by the State Dept. of Health, Sept. 28, 1933 "to safeguard human lives & for the prevention of infections therefrom: (1) acute anterior poliomyelitis

(infantile paralysis); (2) anthrax; (3) bubonic plague; (4) epidemic cerebrospinal meningitis (cerebrospinal fever, spotted fever); (5) chicken pox; (6) Asiatic cholera; (7) diphtheria (membranous croup, putrid sore throat); (8) epidemic dysentery; (9) encephalitis lethargic; (10) German measles; (11) rabies; (12) leprosy; (13) malaria; (14) Malta (undulant) fever; (15) measles; (16) mumps; (17) pellagra; (18) psittacosis; (19) relapsing fever; (20) Rocky Mt. spotted fever; (21) scarlet fever; (22) smallpox; (23) trachoma; (24) trichinosis; (25) tuberculosis in any form; (26) tularemia; (27) typhoid; (28) paratyphoid fever; (29) typhus fever; (30) whooping cough; and (31) yellow fever.

Tuberculosis. Tuberculosis is a notifiable disease & the physician has the liberty to make it quarantinable if he considers the case to so serious that quarantine is necessary. This is seldom necessary in Annville for T.B., according to the statistics of the cases which were reported from this town, is not very prevalent. However, if more cases develop they are treated immediately. There is in Lebanon one of the 100 Chest Clinics established by the State & here the Annville physician brings his patient for diagnosis if necessary & treatment. If conditions at the home of the patient are extremely poor & if he is becoming a health menace he may be removed to one of the State Sanitoria situated fairly nearby.

Typhoid. All of the cases of typhoid are notifiable and quarantinable. The local doctor, should a case appear, immediately quarantines the house, keeps those exposed under observation & conducts an intensive search for the source. He examines milk and water conditions & examines all those in contact with the patient in order to find carriers if any. These are immediately restricted to their homes if found. Vaccine is used as much & where the physician deems it necessary.

Diphtheria. Any new case is immediately isolated, the household quarantined & the authorities notified. If infection seems to be centered in the school or other well defined group of individuals, a nose & throat culture of each is taken for identification of carrier. Last year 85% of the

Annville children were given inoculation against diphtheria & no epidemic has swept the town for years.

Venereal Diseases. Venereal diseases are not reportable in Penna. except by local ordinance & there is no such ordinance in Annville & it is almost impossible to find accurate figures of the number who have venereal diseases. The State is very much interested in the control & has established venereal

disease clinics to diagnose & treat actual cases & to get sources of infection. Sometimes the contacts of a patient are rounded up for examination by the clinic & they are made clinic patients. Venereal diseases are not quarantinable but there are several stations for women (but none for men), where the worst patients may be sent by the local physician & where they are kept until they die or are rendered non-infectious & no longer a menace. However these cases are all kept very quiet.

Membership Renewal

Please remember, your MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL DATE can be found on the mailing label of this issue of The Landmark. Please send your dues and address change to: Rachel Noll, 1673 Louser Road, Annville, PA, 17003-8856.

Have questions? Call: (717) 867-2137.

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The Station is also available for parties and meetings. Please write Friends of Old Annville, P.O. Box 99, Annville 17003, or call (717) 867-0770 for information.

Reminders:

- ❑ Watch your Landmark for details on FOOA’s Annual Dinner, coming up quickly in November!
- ❑ Stay in touch with FOOA new & events anytime, at www.fooa.org
- ❑ Mark your calendar for October 17th : “Native Americans in the Lebanon Valley”
- ❑ Keep abreast of a host of programs for children and adults at the Annville Free Library.
Library Hours: Mon. thru Thurs., 10 AM – 8 PM, Fri. & Sat., 10 AM - 5PM,
 Closed Sundays & Sept 7th Call 867-1802 and ask for program details!

In recent weeks FOOA was delighted to receive two contributions from Members who have shared their experiences with first employment, as teenagers, in Annville. Look for the 2nd part of Mr. Swope's piece and the chronicles of an ice boy in upcoming issues of the Landmark.

John McClure's Newspaper Carriers

Submitted by Robert M. Swope, Annville High School Class of '54

John McClure managed the sale and delivery of newspapers for Annville, Cleona, and Indian Town Gap in the 1950's. He ran the business out of his home and his barn on the Southeast corner of Main and Poplar. He employed teenagers to deliver the papers to his customers. I was one of those teenagers.

I came to Annville when I was thirteen, in the summer of 1949. My family moved there from inner-city Lebanon. Mr. Liskey, an Annville contractor at that time, built a house for my father in his new development on East High Street. Bob Kless lived right across the "Quittie" from me and he became my first new friend. He was soon followed by Bill Heeter, Rich and Ken Hoffman, and then by many more when I entered seventh grade at Annville High school. It was Rich Hoffman who introduced me to John McClure in the summer of 1950. John hired me to deliver a daily newspaper route.

My route had a hundred customers on both sides of Main Street from Ulrich to Weaber Road, and then on both sides of Maple coming back to Ulrich. Each afternoon I met the other carriers in the barn behind John's house to prepare the papers for delivery. The Lebanon Daily News was a thin paper in the 50's (about twenty to twenty-eight pages). I folded them into a small tight square that I could throw as far as twenty five feet. Throwing the paper saved a lot of time. I packed the folded papers into my oversized bicycle basket and in a canvas shoulder bag. Then, I delivered them in one long loop. It took about an hour and a half when the weather was good. But, snow, wind, or rain added to the time and the difficulty. In the 50's, Moms didn't come to the rescue in a mini-van. It was my job and I had to get it done. I learned about responsibility and commitment.

Thursday's were different. The retail stores filled that issue with advertising for their weekend sales. The paper was thick and heavy. I could only fold and lock it into thirds and, I could only throw it a short distance before it would disassemble into a shower of pages. Thursdays were long delivery days regardless of the weather.

Saturday was pay day and the daily carriers usually ended the week at Della's Restaurant. Her restaurant was next to John's house, both were across Main Street from Fink's Bakery. While Della served her original cherry Coke, we all tried to beat the pinball machine to 50's jukebox music.

John McClure also supplied newspapers to Indiantown Gap. At that time, the Gap was full of soldiers. They were returning from Korea and waiting for their discharge. I worked there in the summer of 1952. John would fill his large panel truck with newspapers and boys for the daily selling trip. My responsibility was Area #12 on the Northwest side of the base. John always dropped me at the area's mess hall. Two long lines of soldiers would be slowly filing into the hall for their evening meal. First I gave the mess sergeant a free paper. (He could make my life difficult if he chose to.) Then I walked the lines, selling my papers with smiles. The GIs were just glad to be home in the States. They were always friendly and many of them would give me a tip when they paid. I could usually sell all of papers at the mess hall but, if not, I zigzagged through the barracks until the papers were gone. (Can you imagine getting away with that today?)

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