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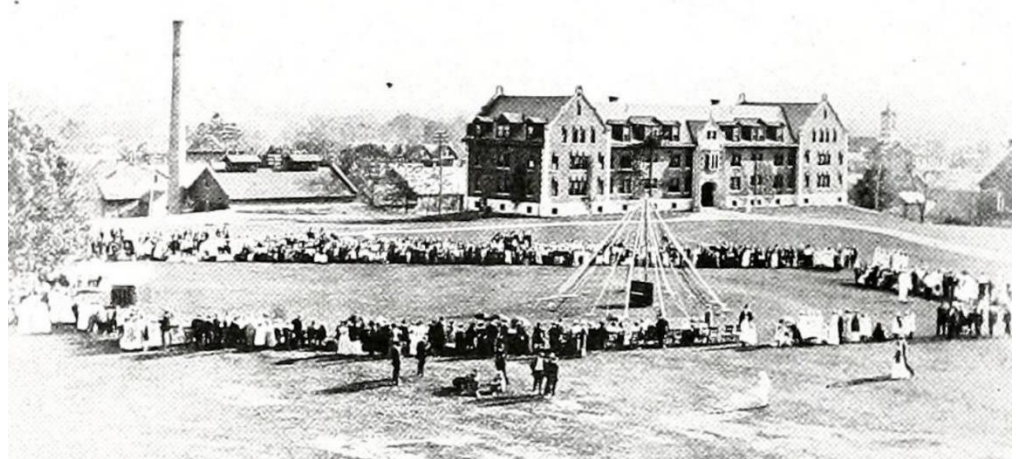
Newsletter of the Friends of Old Annville
P.O. Box 99, Annville, PA 17003

President's Message, by Michael Schroeder

Seven score and ten years ago, “a body of devout but unlearned people” brought forth on this valley a new “institution of learning of high grade,” conceived in the classics and dedicated to the proposition that “a Sanctified education is necessary to fully qualify man for the proper discharge of the duties growing out the varied relations of life.”¹ And thus in February 1866 was born Lebanon Valley College. Today, LVC’s nearly 500 full-time and part-time employees make it one of Lebanon County’s biggest employers and our little town’s economic anchor. It’s also a cultural treasure, with its public lectures and special events, concerts and symphonies, art exhibitions and film screenings and Earth Days events and more, along with some 1,500 fresh-faced young people in town for nine months of the year. This spring, summer, and fall, LVC is celebrating its 150th birthday with an exciting array of special events and programs, detailed on a special web page: www.lvc.edu/150/.

Especially notable is the “LVC Reimagined” exhibition at the Suzanne H. Arnold Art Gallery from April 1 to May 15, where the talents of Dr. Grant Taylor, Dr. Barbara McNulty, and LVC students are on full display in their multi-media approach to visualizing the architecture of the College – past, present, and future. Also noteworthy is the keynote address of internationally renowned Civil War expert Dr. Allen Guelzo, who will be speaking on “Lincoln’s Declaration of Economic Independence” on April 15 at the Arnold Sports Center. Also accessible via LVC’s 150th Celebration web pages is a visually compelling “historic timeline,” and a series of pages on the “College Archives” that includes a historic collection of yearbooks, newspaper articles, and two dozen oral histories by key figures in LVC’s past. There’s also a page where you can “join the story” and share your experiences at LVC.

Annville wouldn’t be Annville without its little “Athens on the Quittie”.² So join our town, our township, and Lebanon Valley College in celebrating 150 years of “town-gown” mutual benefit by jumping into the college’s 150th birthday events!
(Photo: May Day celebrations on the LVC academic quad, from the 1917 college yearbook.)



¹ Paul A. W. Wallace, *Lebanon Valley College: A Centennial History* (Annville PA: Lebanon Valley College, 1966), pp. 4, 8, 9.

² Former LVC President Steve MacDonald, public comments, I forget exactly where but it made an impression when he said it, ca. 2009.

**FOOA Spring Program: "The Annville Lime Company on Bachman Road"
Sunday, April 10 at 2 p.m.
Old Train Station, 155 N. Moyer St.**

A bustling industrial concern at the east end of Annville with powerful blasting, excavation, and the "burning" of lime in great brick kilns that glowed red day and night? Here in Annville? Hydrated lime shipped from Annville to as far away as Mexico? Sometimes fatal explosions and fires destroying homes and buildings? What is this all about? Come and find out!

On Sunday, April 10, at 2 PM at the Historic Annville Train Station at 155 N. Moyer St., Owen Moe will present a program on the transformation of the John Bachman farm at the east end of town into the highly successful **Annville Lime Company** which sold lime throughout Pennsylvania for the production of cement for a rapidly growing nation. In the process, Bachman's Mill (sold to John K. Bachman in 1834) was adapted from an agricultural grist mill to a stone crushing factory.



Owen has assembled historical documents and images from FOOA's Electronic Archives of Annville History and has used online newspaper archives to find plenty of new information about the Annville Lime Company and its operation on Bachman Road.

We are asking people to bring any historical artifacts they might have that relate to the Bachman Road area: old pictures, articles, and documents. We'd like to scan those artifacts for inclusion in our archives, and will have a scanner available at the train station on Sunday, April 10 to do so. Space is limited to about 40-45 persons, so please call Owen at 867-4326 (or email at moe@lvc.edu) to reserve a seat. Hope to see you there.



Other Events in Annville in April

Annville Free Library Oldies Dance & Auction fundraiser. Friday, April 15, 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.

St. Paul's Catholic Church, 125 S. Spruce St., Annville. \$30. Call the library for details: (717) 867-1802

Keynote speech for Lebanon Valley College's 150th anniversary. Friday, April 15, 8:00 p.m. Nationally renowned historian Dr. Allen Guelzo on "Lincoln's Declaration of Economic Independence." Free admission. Arnold Sports Center on LVC campus.

Washington Band Spring Concert: "At the Movies." Sunday, April 17, 2:00 p.m. Annville-Cleona High School auditorium. Free admission.

Annual used book sale to support Annville Free Library. Wednesday, April 20 through Saturday, April 23. \$5 admission for the early bird sale Wednesday from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. Free admission Thursday and Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. \$2 for hardcovers, \$1 for paperbacks, and fill a bag on Saturday for \$2.

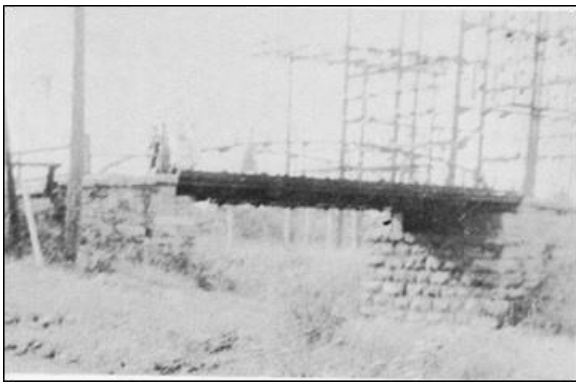
Planning a community event in Annville in June or July?

Contact Karen Feather at 867-1947 or KarenMFeather@aol.com for inclusion in the next Landmark.

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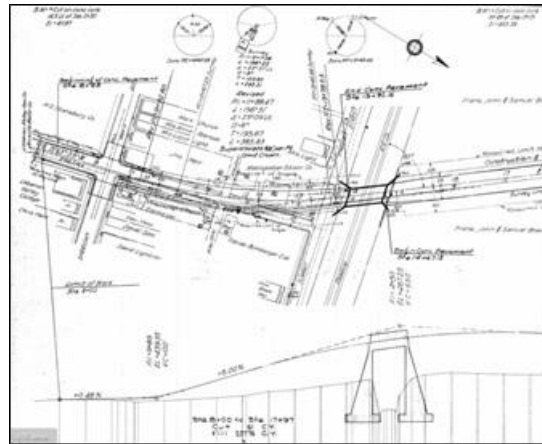
A retrospective as we re-work the situation once more on North White Oak Street

*Right: Members of the Mt. Gretna Cavalry pause on N. Lancaster Street in Annville before heading north.
(Photo courtesy of the Pictorial History of Annville)*



Left: The group would have crossed the Norfolk Southern tracks via this bridge located at the north end of North Lancaster Street (Photo courtesy of the Pictorial History of Annville).

Right: Plans from the PA Department of Highways dated March 6, 1936 detail work to relocate the crossing from N. Lancaster Street to N. White Oak. (The full set of original plans is available via the Electronic Archives of the Friends of Old Annville.)



Current renovations to this 70-year-old structure will provide the residents of Annville an opportunity to demonstrate once again an exceptional ability to demonstrate a collaborative spirit in the face of community challenges.

Save the Date:
28th Annual Historic Old Annville Day, Saturday June 11!



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Individual & Student \$ 5.00 Family (2+ persons) \$ 10.00 Business \$ 25.00 Friend of FOOA \$ 50.00 ★
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Tamara Heagy

A membership in Friends of Old Annville is a great, yet inexpensive way to welcome a new neighbor to Annville or to show you remember an old friend from the community. All gift subscriptions are acknowledged by FOOA to the recipient.