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Phoenix Redux

President's Message from Owen Moe

On Christmas Eve 1904 at 6:45 o'clock a passerby discovered an already raging fire in the original 1867 Administration Building of Lebanon Valley College. The Rescue Fire Company was soon on the scene but could only watch as all three floors and the roof were consumed in fire. A strong east wind fanned the flames, which could be seen from Lebanon City, and blew burning shingles through the west end of Annville and into the fields beyond. A steady sleet prevented any secondary fires in the town, but the college had been dealt a near-fatal blow. In a desperate but heroic effort, the college's president, Dr. Hervin Ulysses Roop, only six days later made a special visit to Andrew Carnegie at his residence in New York and, incredibly, secured a gift of \$50,000 to be paid after the college had raised a match of \$50,000.

Friends, alumni, and faculty reached deep and met the \$50,000 match, allowing the construction of a new administration building to begin in spring 1905. Like the mythical Phoenix, the new building arose magically from the ashes of the old, and was under roof by the end of 1905. That new building, built in Tudor Gothic style, still stands today as the college's administrative/ humanities center. Now, some 100 years later, the building is reborn once again, only this time through meticulous restoration rather than through fire.



Lebanon Valley College has undertaken an ambitious, expensive, and necessary renovation of the entire outer shell of the building: a new roof, window replacements, brick restoration, terra cotta replacements, and a refurbished parapet and domed bell tower. The 2.3 million dollar project is being directed by John Milner Architects of Chadds Ford, PA, a firm that specializes in historic restoration.



The restored parapet, the wall at the front entrance extending well above the roof line and flanked by two great towers, features a new clock face and restored decorative terra cotta embellishments. The striking metal dome of the large cupola/bell tower, which rises above the parapet and can be seen from many blocks away, is an Annville landmark. The replacement windows are now not only energy efficient, but they are historically correct.

We applaud the college's decision to give such a valuable historical landmark a thorough and accurate restoration. The building has genuine character and provides a powerful architectural presence not only on the LVC campus, but also in the town of Annville. The protective measures now being completed by the college could well carry that landmark safely into the next century.

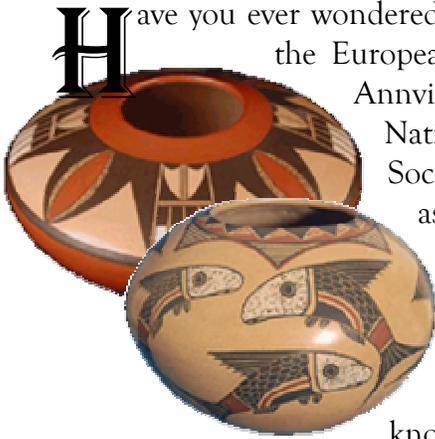
- *Historical information taken from Lebanon Valley College: A Centennial History (1966) by Paul A. W. Wallace*

From Mastodons to Moccasins:

Pre-Historic Times & Native Americans in the Lebanon Valley

Annville Free Library, 216 E. Main Street in Annville

2 p.m. Saturday, October 17, 2009



Have you ever wondered what life might have been like in the Lebanon Valley before the advent of the European settlers? Community members are invited to join the Friends of Old Annville for a presentation of information and images related to prehistoric and Native American life in Lebanon Valley. Daniel Simpkins, a Lecturer in Sociology at Lebanon Valley College, will share information about his research as well as his own reflections on the question at the Annville Free Library (216 E. Main Street) in Annville at 2 p.m. on Saturday, October 17. Local resident Ruth Krebs will also share pieces from the collection of artifacts that she has gleaned from the fields in the Annville area.

Drawing upon his knowledge of broad trends from prehistory through the rise and decline of Native American civilization, Simpkins will sketch a picture of early forms of life in this area. He will also describe communities in North Carolina that helped inform researchers about the history of European contact in that region which can inform us about research in this area.

“Here’s a wonderful opportunity to see Annville and the valley in which it is situated through native eyes,” said Annville resident Paul Fullmer, one of the primary organizers of the event. “We’ll explore the migrations of mastodon hunters and the nature of life for the Native Americans who lived in this region. Simpkins has some interesting ideas about how we can increase our knowledge of prehistoric and early historic life in this area through continued exploration and mapping.”

Simpkins has also expressed a willingness to help individuals assess—within a broad range—the approximate date and source of artifacts they have found in the area though, he cautions with a smile, “I can’t promise an ‘Antique Road Show.’” Community members and local historians with local Native American and other artifacts to share are encouraged to bring them to the event.

Local artifacts discovered in the area by Ruth Krebs will include axe heads, spear points, and worked stones. The pieces will be on display for viewing before and after Simpkins’ presentation.

The event is free and open to the public; reservations are recommended. To reserve a seat, call Jill Palanzo at (717) 867-2476 or e-mail djpalanzo@comcast.net. Free-will donations to the Friends of Old Annville may be made at the event.

Friends of Old Annville Slate of Candidates for Board of Directors

To be elected at the Annual Meeting on November 14, 2009

- Vice President (2 Year Term)Paul Fullmer
- Secretary (2 Year Term) Jill Palanzo
- Treasurer (1 Year Term)Alice Diehl
- Member-at-Large (2 Year Term) Mike Bowman
- Member-at-Large (1 Year Term)..... Dennis Flake
- Member-at-Large (2 Year Term).....Rachel Noll
- Member-at-Large (2 Year Term)..... Valerie Weiner



Friends of Old Annville Annual Dinner Meeting

Saturday, November 14, at 6:00 PM
St. Anthony Coptic Orthodox Church
118 West Main Street in Annville

Come and join us for a delightful meal of Egyptian food including many of the same wonderful dishes that the Coptic Church serves during Historic Old Annville Day - including their special Baklava for dessert.

Program includes:

- ❖ Pictorial Review of FOOA Activities in 2009
- ❖ Presentation of 2009 Historic Building Award
- ❖ Update on Annville Downtown Center Project
- ❖ Slide Program/Tour of Coptic Church

Hors d'oeuvres, Buffet Dinner, Dessert and Coffee

Cost: \$20 per person



Friends of Old Annville Annual Dinner Meeting Reservation Form

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Number Attending _____ @ \$20/person Payment Enclosed \$ _____

Mail this form and payment made payable to "FOOA" to:

Owen Moe
308 East Main Street
Annville, PA 17003

Deadline for reservations: November 6, 2009

John McClure's Newspaper Carriers *(Cont'd)*

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

This job was a real eye opener for a fifteen year old. The soldiers came from many different backgrounds, religions, cultures, races, and places. Some of them were not much older than I was. But, they were all a lot different. Korea had changed them. Most of them had grown into strong men but, there were a few who were broken by their experience. It wasn't difficult to tell them apart. After selling my papers, I talked to the soldiers and listened to their experiences and their plans. They treated me like their younger brother. I learned a lot about life, and the world outside of Annville.

During the week, the Lebanon Daily News was the only paper we delivered. But, on Sundays we delivered the Philadelphia Inquirer and Bulletin, the Pittsburgh Post, the Harrisburg Patriot, the Baltimore Sun, the New York Times, News, and Herald Tribune. For John McClure, keeping track of the order quantities and shipments from this variety of publishers must have been difficult. It was the era before interstate highways, Fed/Ex, computers, e-mail, cell phones, and voice mail. I don't know how he did it but, John handled everything on a rotary dial telephone without much fuss or fluster.

The Sunday deliveries were the most difficult. Just three boys delivered all of the papers for both Annville and Cleona. They didn't have written notes, maps, or computer screens to prompt them, and had to remember all of the 100's of customers' houses, delivery instructions, and newspaper combinations. I was one of these carriers.

The feature articles and advertising sections of the Sunday papers were delivered on Friday and Saturday by bus, train, or truck. Some came directly to Annville. Others had to be picked up at the Harrisburg terminal. The current news sections arrived throughout Saturday night and early Sunday morning. I went to John's barn at 5:00am, on Sunday. The three carriers assembled all of the paper's sections and loaded them into John's

specially reinforced 1948 "Woody" Ford station wagon. The tailgate, on the Woody Fords, opened with the upper half hinging up and the lower half hinging down. John designed a brace to hold the upper half open while the lower half of the tailgate was left closed. He also designed a metal platform that sat on top of the rear bumper. This provided a place for the three carriers to stand and to ride on the back of the station wagon.

We started to deliver the papers at about 6:00 am. John drove slowly through the route with the three of us standing on the rear platform. As I approached my customer's houses, I leaned through the tailgate and selected the four or five newspapers I needed for that run. Then, I stepped off of the platform and adjusted my pace to avoid a nose dive onto the street. At each house I had to remember where to put the paper; inside the screen door, under the mat, in a milk box, and many others. When those papers were delivered, I ran to catch up with the moving station wagon. I jumped back onto the platform to prepare for my next segment. We ran steadily for the next six hours. The only breaks came when we returned to the barn to reload and at 9:00am when we stopped in Cleona to refuel with a Heath bar and an iced bottle of Coke. Unless there was heavy snow or rain, we finished the deliveries at about noon.
Watch for the final segment next issue.

Installment #4: A Physician's View of Annville in the 1930's

In this issue of the Landmark we're printing the fourth installment of an essay about Annville that was written by Dr. James Monteith, a local physician. In this section, Dr. Monteith discusses the new school, with emphasis on ventilation as a key to reducing illness. As we know, this concept has gained new respect in

recent years as physicians recognize the not-always-positive health impact of over-insulated, tightly-sealed homes. *Dr. Monteith writes . . .*

Schools

Annville has a very modern and up-to-date school building which was completed in 1928 at a cost of \$233,529.00. It is designed in the colonial style of architecture and the exterior walls are of broken range blue limestone from the local quarries, while the interior walls are of stone and brick. The building is reinforced with stone and structural steel. Corridors are cement and floors of hardwood maple. The building is entirely fireproof throughout its 155 foot length and 110 foot depth. It contains 775,620 cubic feet. There are 23 large classrooms and 15 smaller rooms. The gymnasium-auditorium is 80 by 56 feet with ceiling of 22 feet. There is a large study hall, teachers' restroom, pupils' lavatories and shower rooms, health room, physical director's room, etc. The building is of the two story type with basement and sub-basement with locker and shower rooms.

The building is well lighted throughout by indirect lighting and has an emergency lighting system and complete electrical time system. The grounds are well graded and landscaped in the front of the building - the large athletic field is on the left and the playground in the back. There is adequate space for playgrounds, etc., as this building stands on about 10 acres of ground. All this ground belonging to the school is very well cared for as to grass cutting, etc. The school population is 766 with 110 in junior high school, 233 in senior high school, and 423 in grades 1-6.

The ventilation of the school is excellent. It is equipped with a low pressure steam heating system of ventilation and the Johnson Temperature Control. Each room has one or more units which are large metal boxes fastened to the wall - each containing a motor and fan. Air is sucked into these units by the motor thru a grill opening in the outside of the building. The amount of air brought in is constant, but its temperature is affected by the thermostatic conditions. There is a thermostat in each room, and the thermostat is set for 72 degrees. When the rooms gets colder the damper automatically goes on in the unit and fresh air is brought into the room. Thus the room is guaranteed a constant supply of fresh air - but never raw air. The air is shot up from the unit with such force that it goes directly to the ceiling and from there thru the room, thus eliminating any drafts.

The necessity of removing the used air is taken care of in the following manner. Each classroom has a cloakroom which has a door with a grill opening in the bottom. As the fresh warm air is shot into the room, the used air, which has become cooler, sinks and is forced out by the continuous rush of fresh air into the cloakroom. At the opposite end of the cloakroom a conduit takes the foul air to the attic. These conduits leading to the attic take the bad air directly out of the building.

Each unit has a hand damper for the teacher or janitor to regulate early in the morning or at night. This will keep out most of the cold air until the janitor has gotten the steam up and the fire going. There are also supplementary automatic radiators in the north and west rooms to use in case of extreme cold. These do not come on unless the temperature drops to 60 degrees. If the Johnson control system is not turned on, the units act as simple radiators. There is one or more unit in each classroom, 4 in study hall, and 6 in the gym - each costing \$300. The whole system cost about \$30,000 and the Johnson Temperature Control cost an additional \$2,500.

There is a special motor in the attic to suck air out of shower rooms and toilet rooms. The toilets are in blocks, one block for boys and one block for girls on each of the two floors. There are also toilets in the various small rooms and show rooms and offices such as the health room, etc.. Each of these blocks is ample in size and facilities. In back of each commode there is a small grill leading to an opening between the walls. As

air is brought in by the unit, bad air is pushed out through these grills to the opening and through a conduit to the outside. The attic motor facilitates this process. The toilets are thoroughly cleaned three times a week and the floor scrubbed once a week. As a result of the ventilation and cleaning, no deodorant is ever used – nor is there need for any.

There is a hospital room for any cases which need immediate attention, equipped with a hospital bed, a dental chair, a Johnson First Aid Kit, etc. There are also first aid kits on each floor, in the athletic director’s room, in the home economics room, and in the principal’s office. The county nurse comes in at call.

There is medical inspection once every three years by a local doctor appointed by the State who examines the pupils of grades one to eight. The results are sent to Harrisburg and cards are made out and sent to the teachers who give them out to the pupils. There is no follow-up work at all done by the State.

All this inspection would do little good if it were not closely followed up. This work is done by the Annville Health Council which is maintained by the sale of Christmas seals and bonds, and also by gifts from townspeople. Last year the Council had 50 children fitted up with glasses. It also conducts a health inspection and follow up work in the years between State inspections. One of the noteworthy things this Council has done is the inoculation against diphtheria of 85% of the school children – thus giving Annville the highest record of the State. This is done every year. A Baby Clinic is also maintained which meets in the school every week. The local doctors alternate at each clinic. The County nurse is paid to do follow-up work of the results of the clinic. The Council gives \$100 a year for membership in the Lebanon County Crippled Children’s Association which gives attention to crippled children all over the County. Last year 15 Annville children were taken to this clinic, and there received treatment. Dr. Gill of Philadelphia conducts an operating and diagnostic clinic for these children and follow-up work is done by a prominent Lebanon physician.

The school is probably the most hygienic place in town. It has been proven that epidemics like measles, etc. do not spread as rapidly in this new building, with the constant supply of fresh air, as they did in the old buildings. There are relatively few epidemics among children. *Look for the final installment next issue.*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Saturday, Oct 17th at 2 PMFrom Mastodons to Moccasins
- Saturday, Oct 17th from 5-7 PM Paint Annville Day Reception & Silent Auction
- Tuesday, Oct 27th “Tales of Poe” presented by Steve Anderson (Annville Free Library)
- Friday, Oct 30th from 7-9 PMPumpkin Walk at the Quittie Park
- Saturday, Nov 14th at 6 PM Friends of Old Annville Annual Dinner Program
- Tuesday, Nov 24th “Adult Gingerbread Houses” (Library)*
- Saturday, Nov 28thDecorate a Gingerbread Cottage (Library)*
- Tuesday, Dec 8thSpecial Holiday Program at Annville Free Library*

* For a host of children’s offerings, more adult/family programs, and details on the special events above, please call the Annville Free Library at (717) 867-1802.

PAINT ANNVILLE DAY

The Suzanne H. Arnold Art Gallery at Lebanon Valley College invites artists, professionals and amateurs alike, to participate in the first annual Paint Annvilley Day, on Saturday, October 17, 2009. Artists will spend the day painting, drawing or photographing their favorite view of historic Annvilley and submit their work for a Silent Auction that evening.

Pre-registration for this event is preferred and will take place from now until October 16. Same day registration will be held on October 17 from 8:30-10am

Auction: A Silent Auction and wine and cheese reception will be held from 5-7pm. Fifty percent of the proceeds will go to the artist and fifty percent will go to the Suzanne H. Arnold Art Gallery in support of future exhibitions and programming.

All are invited to the auction and reception. Participating artists will include Rob Evans, Dan Massad and Jo Margolis. Come and bid on your favorite view of Annvilley!

The registration fee is \$15.00; \$5.00 for students. Artists are asked to please bring their own supplies to the event.

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, Annvilley, PA, 17003-8856.

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

Individual & Student	\$ 5.00
Family (2+ persons)	\$ 10.00
Business	\$ 25.00
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And don't forget - a membership in FOOA makes a great gift to welcome a new neighbor to Annvilley or to honor a special occasion.

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