

The oldest sports team photograph found, shows the "Tigers" at the Institute in 1901 with Lawrence Homes as a mascot; from the left, 1st row: unidentified, John Leonard, William Brier, Richard James Guy; 2nd row: Samuel Stevens, Edward Messmore, John Snyder, Adolph Rosemyer, George Henderson; 3rd row: Charles Gemmill, Ross Anderson, Patrick Callahan, Peter Morrow, Robin Hood.



Owned by the late Wade Stillwagon.

Since the 1870s when our first sports team of record, the "Coterie" baseball players, Randolph, Coldsmith, Zuck, C. Overholt, Unicapher, Mullin, Shupe, Overholt and Eicher, won our community's loyalty, the enthusiasms for local sports has multiplied as the number and variety of teams has increased. Among the newest additions to those which have become traditional, tennis, football, basketball, and track and field, are our girls softball teams, who formed their own League in the 1970s.

Sports

1907 Mount Pleasant Team coached by Prof. Walter Graul will play 1st game Nov. 8, against Greensburg Lyceum. Starters are: Hurst, King, White, Kalp, Swartz and Harkins.

High School team beats Institute team at Slavish Hall 19-17. Next game with Connellsville YWCA to be played at new state Armory.

Local basketball Independents players, Pfaadt, Skiles, Bowman, Hatfield, and Nelson defeats Greensburg, 32-10 and 44-7.

High School girls basketball team defeats Jeannette girls, 6-5; players: Braddock, Cunningham, I. Bowers, Stoner, M. Bowers.

1908 Mount Pleasant Barkeepers vs Greensburg barkeepers; won by locals 38-37; battery: Kelly and Dolan; OF, Brown, Malloy and Funk. *"Everybody made base hits galore except Johnny Moore."* Game began at 3:15 and ended before it was very dark.

Scholastics football team reorganizes: Nelson elected captain. ". . . Expect to make a fine showing against all teams of their weight, which is 90 lbs." Coach, Edward D. Steinman, Jr. Team played 2 games on Thanksgiving Day: beat Connellsville, 8-5 and lost to Scottdale, 11-0.

Tennis tournament held at Warden South Side Court. Robert Evans and Miss Edith Warden win in the finals over Rev. H. S. Wilson and Miss Nettie Fox.

1911 The Uniontown Tossers at the last minute cancelled the basketball game with the Independents here Friday evening, but the Youngwood boys came down on the 9:00 street car and were trounced 31-12.

The Jeannette Independents who came down here Saturday evening were a bit too husky for the Smith Glass Workers whom they defeated 32-12.

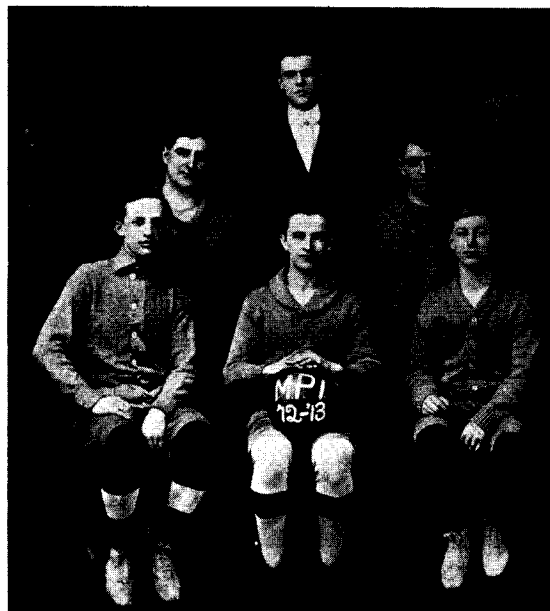
The majority member of the park commission have decided to permit ball games being played at Frick Park. Contractor Frank Hurst started to work yesterday to get the grounds in shape and to erect a grandstand and backstop, expecting to have the field ready for two games on Memorial Day.

Mount Pleasant now has two good fields for baseball, football and tennis. . . one at Frick Park and the other on the old Duncan farm in the east end just across the Pike from the Duncan Plan.

In the 3rd game at Frick Park on Wednesday evening between teams made up of local merchants, the Northsiders won their second game easily 25-9 although there were numerous mishaps. Billy Miller ran a leg off and was laid up for 24 hours. Billy Shupe, cashier for the Peoples National Bank, in making a grandstand stunt in the middle garden, tied himself in a knot and ended up in a little faint from which,



In 1911 the Westmoreland Outing Club held its first tennis tournament of the season one Saturday afternoon in the Byers orchard that was like one great bouquet of apple blossoms. The members served a nice lunch at the close of the contest. Lloyd Rumbaugh and Ola Stoner won out in the finals over Robert Cunningham and Margaret Bower.



On Dec. 3, 1913 the Mount Pleasant Independents played the Boston Girls at the Armory. Although they proved a very lady-like basketball organization, the girls made a sorry showing against Manager C. L. Spence's men who won 73-3 and didn't half try.

Mount Pleasant High School "Bloomer Girls" of 1915-1916: King, Galley, Donnelly, Ong, Easton, Mullin and McCracken with Coach Stewart, at the center rear.



Donated by Robert Crusan



FRICK LEAGUE CHAMPIONS 1913
 1. Fultz. 4. Speelman. 7. Roskey. 10. Quashnock. 12. Brown.
 2. F. Jones. 5. Devorek. 8. Stesl. 11. E. Jones. 13. Long-Mgr.
 3. Salters. 6. Carbaugh. 14. Vavrek.

Donated by Joe Valiante

however, he came out all right barring all side kinks. Captain Carson suffered a severe attack of "Charley Horse" that left him with a limp for several days. Kenneth Coldsmith turned an ankle and had to lay up for repairs.

The Everson baseball team came up Saturday and in the 8th inning had the score 10-7 on the Bridgeport boys. The visitors claiming nine innings had been played, left the field, forfeiting the game to the glass workers, 9-0.

1913 Bryce Brothers shutout Connellsville at Bryce Brothers Park on Saturday, forgetting to count after making a score of runs. Shoaf baseball team ends Standard team of Frick League winning steak at 37 games. The League opened May 1 with 40 clubs in 8 divisions.

Fraternal Baseball League organizes teams of K of P, IOOF, LOOM, POS of A and O of IA. The League will appoint two umpires and pay each of them \$25.00 for the season.

A group of high school boys organizes a football team known as the High School Independents. Apparently the school does not sponsor the team.

1915 Mike Popovich, local acrobat and contortionist, is appearing in many high school auditoriums with his special program.

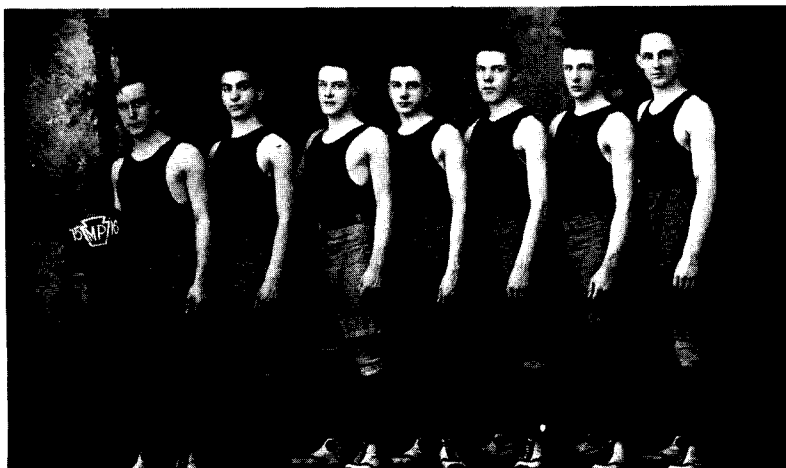
1916 Official high school football team is organized. Games will be played at Frick Park. The field there is only 90 yards long instead of the regulation 100 yards plus an additional 10 yards for each end zone.

Donated by George Elmo

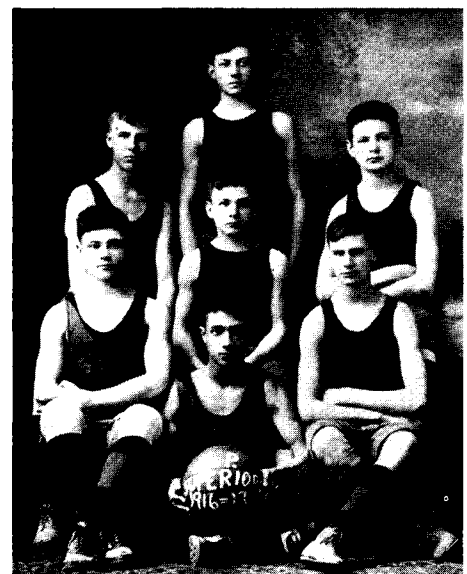


An early Bryce Brothers Team: W. Miller, center front, was the manager.

The Keystone, an independent "play for pay" team had its last season in 1915-1916; Crusan, Volkin, Robertson, Overly, Schaub, Bobbs, and Queer.



Donated by Robert Crusan



The Superiors of 1916-1917: Miller, McKinney, Crusan, Brown, Stevens, Lohr and Haas. This team formed as the Keystone quit. They held dances after their games at the Armory; the price for the game and dance was 50¢. At that time basketball was played in a cage.



George Elmo, 1917 Western Pennsylvania lightweight boxing champion.

1922 A powerful Bryce Brothers baseball team defeats Uniontown by a score of 31-6.

The high school football team will move this season to the Bryce Brothers Park on Bridgeport Street for the season.

1923 "Doc" Meigs finished his second season as coach for Bryce Brothers football team with only 3 losses in two years. Meigs is probably the only black coach of a white football team in the state.

1927 The first broadcast of a Mount Pleasant and Hurst football game was aired last night on our local station owned by James Crosby. Sponsor Arthur Paige had "Pee Wee" Posta do the play-by play. This station operates on 4 watts of power.

The Tennis Club was officially organized on May 5 when officers were elected: President, Richard B. Fox; Treasurer, Charles L. Bobbs; Secretary, Glenn D. Hershberger. Other members are Claude Harrer, Lawrence Rehanek, R. H. Easton, John Naylor, Dr. W. H. Robinson, Reuban Barnhart, Lester Duncan, Paul Mullen, Bud Warden, Lloyd Rumbaugh, Floyd Harrer, Paul Truxel and Edwin Swink. The annual \$5 dues will be used to keep the clay court in playing condition. Claude Walker will care for the court for 50¢ a day.



Company E Football Team of 1921 ended the season with 7 wins and 3 losses. 1st row: H. Jacquette, C. Gherke, G. Elmo, F. Elmo, E. Gearhart, E. Jones, G. Crosby, J. Greger; 2nd row: T. Smith, B. Lakin, C. Brier, J. Kochinsky, E. Davis, M. McCort, H. Hess; 3rd row: W. Roth, J. Rodgers, J. Kelly, L. Sargent, R. Holmes, H. Wahley, H. O'Hara; standing: L. Shaw, E. Dullinger, J. Bollinger, J. Costabile, W. Spirko.



Loaned by "Pee Wee" Posta

The Bryce Brothers Team of 1922, one of the best in the district, won 17 consecutive games in a row. 1st row: Pravlik, T. McKinney, M. McCloy, C. Horak, R. Etze, W. Davis. 2nd row: J. Benedict, R. Bell, J. Pokorny, J. Zahrobsky, C. Rosky, J. Posta. 3rd: E. Weaver, bus. mgr.; E. Davis ass't mgr.; Burrell Milliron, ass't mgr.; E. Davis, umpire; J. Bollinger, and W. Miller, mgrs.

The Superiors of 1924, an independent team, played other teams in the district. With the ball: F. Bobbs; 1st row: H. Truxal, J. Slaminko, B. Gove, J. Mullen, H. Carleton, C. Mullen, A. Fasano, A. Strelec, B. Fitzpatrick, G. Klinchock, J. O'Hara; 2nd row: V. Murphy, C. Smitley, J. Kubiak, E. Dunn, P. Kubiak, F. McKenna, C. Gherke, W. Hare, N. Sargent, Cedro, W. Rasche, mgr. Standing M. Kelly, ass't mgr.

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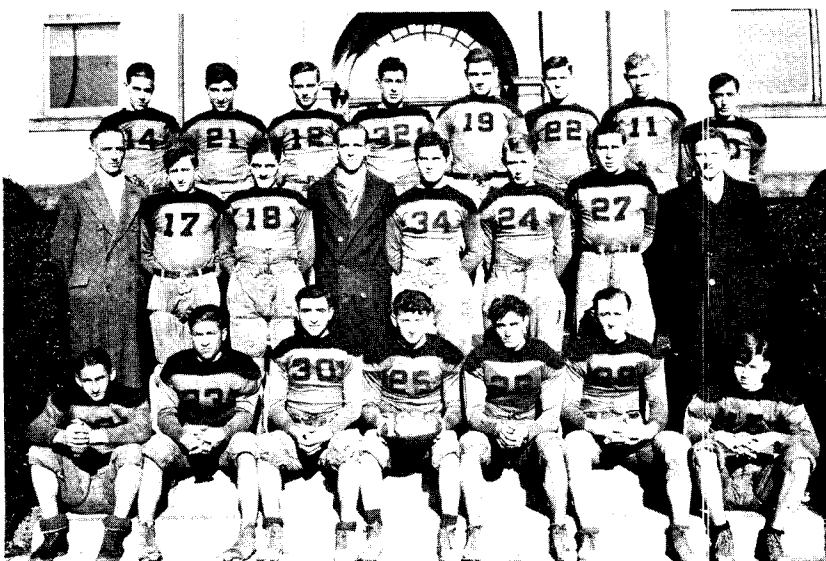
The undefeated Mount Pleasant High School Team of 1924. 1st row: Shaw, J. Donnelly, A. Benjack, R. Treber, G. Brier, B. Hass, W. Keffer, K. Gihachte, 3rd row: F. Pfrogner, H. McCloy, E. Rogoff, M. McCloy, J. Posta, G. Lamb, N. Cort, Coach Jelbert. They beat Hurst for the first time since 1916.



Loaned by John Brier

The Sokol Baseball Team of 1932. Bat boys: J. Topley and J. Sedlacko, 1st row, G. Baluch, S. Hanicak, S. Hanicak, sec'y.; M. Dzurica, coach, J. Melga, mgr.; Rev. Janda, Paul Latsko, T. Gatewood, umpire, A. Topley, pres.; M. Topley, scorer, 2nd row: F. Melega, J. Melega, M. Borza, L. S. Topley, W. Borza, 3rd row: S. Sikora, L. Kurtik, A. Hanicak, J. Brier, capt.; G. Ondich, J. Foriska, M. Borza. 4th row: J. Kredatus, S. Topley, Sr.

The Dutchtown Athletic Club of 1932 lost only one game, 6-0 to the Superiors. 1st row: Ceroni, R. Biancardi, A. Leech, S. Rumancik, W. Hurst, M. Borza, E. Siska. 2nd row: F. Bieleski, mgr.; S. Visconti, M. Borza, S. Bieleski, P. Vanlinter, W. Hudec, R. Scrobot, J. Posta, coach. 2nd row: Long, P. Miele, F. Siska, B. Paladino, A. Anderson, J. Petzel, G. Cavezza.



Loaned by Bill Hudec



1933 Ramsay Bobcat football team wins Class B Section Championship, winning the final playoff game over East Pittsburgh, 10-6.

1934 The Pittsburgh Professional Football team left yesterday after training all summer here at the high school field (Falcon's). The National Hotel where the team stayed seems strangely quiet today. The Pros will miss their nightly eggnog at Coldsmith's Drugstore and some of our girls are going to miss the Pros. Dick Guy, a native son and sports writer for the Pittsburgh newspapers, was influential in bringing the team here.

1937 Bobcats over Scottdale Scotties 7-0 to gain the Westmoreland County championship. The winning touchdown came on a pass from Rudnik to Milliron and Lanzino dropkicked the extra point.

Cedric Spence, Jr. has been named honorary captain of the Allegheny College football team for the 1937 season.

Ramsay Bobcats assured of a full house for basketball games. A total of 289 season tickets have been sold.

Finishing touches are applied to the new athletic field at Ramsay High School. These will make the field "one of the finest in the state."

Frick Park being readied for season with a revival of baseball expected.

Tennis courts at Ramsay are open to the public. Four clay courts are reported to be in excellent playing condition. Rules to be drawn up.

Carmen Etze, former Bobcat star gridder, has been shifted from center to tackle at the University of Pittsburgh.

Standard Firemen win opener over Irwin 19-0. Leach scored two touchdowns and Bellush added the other.

Norwin defeats Bobcat wrestlers in close match 22½ to 16½. Winning for the Bobcats were Gettemy and F. Cernuto with Gabos getting a draw. Losers included Zeglin, J. Cernuto, Kalp, Ryan, and MacDonald.

Mount Pleasant American Legion baseball team defeats Greensburg Legion 8-7. Battery for Mount Pleasant were Anderson and Tylka.

Local football fans will be given a real treat

on Saturday, Sept. 4 when the Pittsburgh club of the American Professional Football League will appear at the Ramsay field in a contest between two teams picked from the squad for the benefit of the boy scouts.

Two complete football teams left by train on Thanksgiving morning for Birmingham, Al. for a game with the Erskine Ramsay Technical High School scheduled for Nov. 27. The Ramsay band leaves Friday. (Birmingham defeated Ramsay 33 to 7. Louis Mongelluzzo scored the Bobcat touchdown and Ernie Lanzino added the PAT on a dropkick.)

G. Clifford Singley announces that the Bobcat football season showed a profit of \$3.20. Total receipts were \$1,393.10 and expenses were \$1,389.90.

Church Basketball League is organized to include Transfiguration, St. Joseph, St. Bernardine, Visitation, Tree of Life-Presbyterian, and Reformed-Baptist.

Ramsay Bobcats win first WPIAL Section 9 basketball game over Jeannette 23-21.

WPA project to renovate Frick Park is hampered by rain. Total cost of the project is \$39,844.92 of which the borough's share is not to exceed \$300.

1938 For the second straight season, track has been dropped as an interscholastic sport at Ramsay in order that a cinder track may be installed at the Ramsay football field.

Nick Etze finished the season in the Church Basketball League as high scorer with 139 points. Rutkowski of the Transfiguration team was second with 122 points and Smail of Visitation finished third with 119.



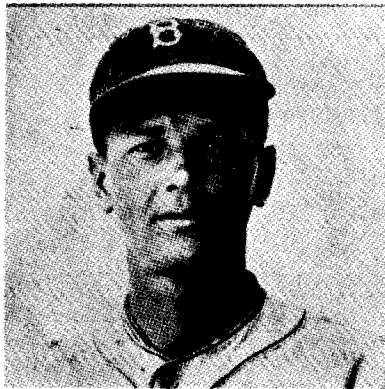
Loaned by Zeb Biller

The J. C. Penney Team of 1932 1st row; J. Posta, C. Zahrobsky, F. Niezgoda, Benedict, Brooks, Z. Biller, A. Jacquette. 2nd row: W. Rasch, F. Pfrogner, Jurkovic, A. Benedict, N. Benedict, R. Gardner, 3rd row: V. Anderson. 4th row: Bailey, mgr. of J. C. Penney, G. Etze, C. Horak, N. Sargent, J. Zahrobsky and ass't mgr. of J.C. Penney.

Ramsay High School Football Team of 1933, the WPIAL Class B Champions. 1st row: Mitchell, Tullio, Leach, H. Coleman, Weinberg, Sherrow, Jones, Hogan, T. Coleman, Jordan. 2nd row: A. Splendore, H. Splendore, Wilson, T. Wible, Volkin, Etze, Nixon, Yanniello, Patterson, Harkins. 3rd row: Cesario, Santarel, Copeland, Rega, Skero, E. O'Shinsky, Kantorek, Myers, H. Antonette, Smith. 4th row: Kenyon Conforti, Pfaadt, Farrell, E. Haas. Standing: Coach Culler, Addleman, Shibal, Yeager.



Loaned by Marjorie Sherrow



John A. Tyler ("Katz" Tylka) was born in Mount Pleasant July 30, 1906. In his first game with a major league team, the Boston Braves, he hit a triple, had a home run the second time up, singled the third trip to the plate, and lined out on his fourth time up. He drove in 3 of the Brave's 4 runs. Tyler finished the first season with a .341 batting average. In his 19 years of professional baseball, his average was .301 with a lifetime total of 411 home runs. When sold outright in 1935 by the Braves to make room for Babe Ruth, his batting average was .340.

The Westmoreland County Tennis Association held its annual tournament at the Ramsay courts in August of 1940. The association's officers included seeded player Claude Harrer of Mount Pleasant, 2nd from the right, who ranked No. 2 in the county that year.



Hornets' baseball team, before Pony or Little League 1st row: Sal Juliano, Ron Farrell, Tom Patrick, Mike Farrell; 2nd row: John Novinski, Clarence Pfeifer, Dan Rimlinger, —Fasano, Larry Albright; 3rd row: Joe "Buster" Patrick, Jack Nicholson, Jim Farrell, Jim Ridl, —Quashnock; 4th row: Joseph Patrick; Sr.—manager, Jerone Urban, —Zelko, Bob Drowser; "Abe" Zaiden, "Herkie" Echard, "Hicker" Gesinski, Lloyd Shaw.

Ramsay High School's tennis team is a 4 - 1 winner over Youngwood. The Bobcat team included Walker, Pfrogner, Zelenka, Jordan, and Volkin. Youngwood's only point was scored by their girl star Fisher.

American Legion baseball team completes plans for the observance of Sponsor's Day when the squad's new uniforms will be displayed. Following the meeting at the Post on Church Street, a band will lead the team to Frick Park for a doubleheader with Greensburg, the 1937 Legion champions.

Carmen Case, local lightweight boxer, suffers a fractured jaw in the first round of a bout in McKeesport.

Birmingham, Al., Ramsay High School makes return trip to Mount Pleasant and defeats the Bobcats 31 to 7. Stefl scored the touchdown on a pass from Rudnik and Mongelluzzo added the PAT via a dropkick. More than 3,000 paying customers witnessed the game.

Mount Pleasant Merchants independent basketball team organizes with such stars as Nick Etze, Joe Slaminko, Jack Reilly, Pete Marne, Jack Murtha, James Kuhn, Charles Forejt, and Pete Damico on the roster.

Mount Pleasant's adult tennis team is preparing for the season and includes Harrer, Matulay, Biller, and Trout.

1941 Regis "Peck" McKnight, football coach at Greensburg High School, is the main speaker at the Ramsay football banquet. Other speakers include Edward Gridler, president of Kiwanis; Edward Macdonald, team captain; G. Clifford Singley, principal; John C. Habermen, superintendent of schools; and Leonard Volkin, Ramsay football coach. The invocation given by Rev. E. G. Sawyer, Fred Houseman led the singing and Kramer Thompson was the pianist. The dinner featured stuffed pork chops. (Tickets for the affair cost 75 cents each.)

1943 Bobcats in Section 13 ends another successful season under Coach Don Gibboney. Gibboney's coaching record from 1937-1942 is 115 wins and 19 losses.

1944 Ramsay ends baseball season in 3rd place in league with a 9 and 3 record.

C.C. Clausner, local auto dealer attends All-Star game at Forbes Field and brings home a souvenir, a foul ball hit into the stands.

Financial report for the 1943-44 Ramsay basketball season shows total receipts of \$441.16 and expenditures of \$436.66 for an overall profit of \$4.50 for the season. This included the sale of 82 season tickets at \$1.50 for the ten home games.

1945 New Mount Pleasant Bowling League formed with ten teams: Moose,

Kiwanis, Galone's, Elks, Rotary, Macaluso's, Business Men, Twin Parlors, VFW, Auto's.

Private Calvin Eicher takes heavy-weight title at Keesler Field Air Force Base in Miss. Wins the 3-round bout by decision. He weighed 177 lbs.; his opponent, 188. This was his first fight.

1946 (?) "Chet" Smith, sports editor of the Pittsburgh Press called on his boyhood memories of Mount Pleasant last week in his column "The Village", referring to South Church Street as a "muddy cow-path". Chet's family had lived in the Wesley Methodist parsonage at 209 Church Street during his father's short pastorate here from 1900-1903.

1947 Included among the expenses for the football season are the medical and hospital charges for injuries. Physician's bills totaled \$215.50 and hospital bills came to a total of \$89.99.

1951 C. Kensey Dillon, Ramsay High School principal, releases the *WPIAL* report for the Ramsay - New Brighton football playoff game played at Dormont. Participating teams each received \$1,185.55. The Bobcat's with a season of 9 wins and 1 loss were defeat by New Brighton for the Class A Title.

1954 The Little League Baseball is off to a good start with financial aid coming from the American Legion, VFW, Moose and Elks, who each donated \$300. Officers for the League are Joe Rudnik, v. pres.; George Miller, sec'y.; Wade Stillwagon, treas.; and Sam Freed, player agent. Games will be at Frick Park.

New softball league formed, Jacobs-Santorell, VFW, Firemen's Club, Ruffsedale, Caletri's Company E, George and Cunningham-Rega. Ruffsedale took 1st place.

1957 Little League enlisted the legal assistance of Attorney Henry Abromson this week to petition the court for a charter for the Mount Pleasant Recreational Association.

The Pony League is to begin some time in the next month. This new league is being sponsored by the Firemen's Club, Boosters Club, Kosciuszko Club and Shaffer Chevrolet. Joe Rudnik is the manager of the Kosciuszko team.

1958 Mount Pleasant in particular and the entire sports district in general is saddened by the death of Peter "Pete" Balog. "Pete" is generally recognized as one of the most successful coaches in scholastic football.

The Fay-West Baseball League, one of the fastest in the area, is reorganized after being inactive for several years. Sam Freed has been named as the commissioner.



Ramsay baseball team-one of the first baseball teams at Ramsay; kneeling: Shumar, Tate, Sucanic, Morrison, Pawlikowski, Jurkovic, Linardi, Whetsel; standing: Grabiak, Loscosky, Wisniewski, Czerniak, Deffenbaugh, Hartigan, Steeber, Gabos.



The 1949 Falcons team was the Fay-West League Champions. 1st row: Bailey, J. Karfelt, R. Brier, Nitkiewicz, Czekaj, R. Zelenka, J. Rodger, C. Pfeifer, J. Schwab, R. Hunter. 2nd row: H. Biller, Benedict, L. Sibal, J. Szolek, J. Santmyer, J. Baloh, C. Biller, J. Testa, J. Czekaj, B. Bellush.



The Standard Shaft Team of 1954, the Westmoreland County League Champions; 1st row: J. Polakovsky, M. Sibal, T. Gatton, R. Brier, D. Slyman, J. Rodgers, B. Benedict, M. Kozak, M. Gelet, F. Bailey, 2nd row: Joe Witek, E. Attenberger, Bailey, L. Sibal, B. Gearhart, Glamp, Remias, J. Fiedor, P. Grega, T. Kaminsky.

Loaned by Ray Brier

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Loaned Charlotte Sheaffer

In 1954 the two bowling teams of the Rebekah Lodge No. 353 held their first season of competition: seated: the captains Dorothy Kantorik of the Jays and Jane Simmers of the Cards; standing: Viola Crosby and Mary Kantorik, Jays: Helen Kundly, Margaret Smith, Charlotte Sheaffer, Peg Sager and Lily Coffman, Cards: Ann Roth, Jays.



Booster Club baseball team, 1957 champions; 1st row; Stohl, Flannagan, Centofanto, Komarny, Heller; 2nd row: McCloy, Proud, Ray, Cunningham, Santmyer, Ryan; 3rd row: Pravlik, Sofranko, DeLuca, Wisniewski, Etze.

The jointure of school districts brought to the end one of the most intense scholastic football rivalries that has existed anywhere. This was the annual contest between the borough high school, Mount Pleasant, known as Ramsay since 1930, and the township high school, Hurst. Team supporters paid little notice to the season's record and many placed wagers on the game's outcome. This victory meant a successful season regardless of a team's win-loss mark!

The Monday following the Friday night or Saturday game, the winning school took a holiday; students paraded down Main Street, made a "friendly visit" to the losing school and toasted the win with a bonfire in the evening.

Mount Pleasant's first victory, decided by a field goal by Merritt "Jake" McCloy, the present doctor of the MPAHS team, is still talked about. McCloy's effort was about 35 yards with "Curley" Shaw holding the ball.

Unfortunately the borough students and fans had fewer opportunities to celebrate over the years than did the Hurst Scarlet Hurricane as the following record, provided by Daun S. Grimm, shows:

Year	Mount Pleasant	Hurst	Coach
1921	6	7	Swank
1922	0	14	Edmondson
1923	6	12	Sullivan
1924	3	0	Jelbert
1925	0	26	Beachem
1926	0	26	Beachem
1927	0	19	Beachem
1928	0	14	Beachem
1929	7	26	Singley
1930	7	38	Singley
1931	0	27	Singley
1932	0	7	Culler
1933	13	0	Culler
1934	6	6	Culler
1935	0	12	Culler
1936	0	6	Culler
1937	8	0	Culler
1938	0	12	Culler
1939	0	7	Culler
1940	13	7	Culler
1941	0	19	Volkin
1942	13	20	Wiley
1943	0	6	Gibboney
1944	0	25	Gibboney
1945	0	13	Gibboney
1946	6	13	Rich
1947	0	32	Rich
1948	6	34	Rich
1949	12	13	Balog
1950	21	0	Balog
1951	12	0	Balog
1952	12	7	Balog
1953	7	34	Balog
1954	19	6	Balog
1955	38	13	Balog
1956	28	0	Balog
1957	0	0	Balog
1958	0	55	Izzo
1959	7	44	Izzo

1959 Ernie Hefferle, former East Huntingdon grid mentor and now an assistant at the University of Pittsburgh, is booked as the main speaker at the Ramsay All-Sports Banquet.

Hurst girls basketball team defeats Ramsay girls 26 to 22 in the preliminary to the Church League final game. Hurst team includes Agnes Sibal, Dolores Seaman, Mary Kromer, Louise Albright, Phil Pavuk, Mary Lou Casner, Janet Wilson, Helen Hoyman, Mary Ann Puskar, Elaine Oravets, and Peg Carey. The Ramsay team included Nancy Kaczmarek, Rosalee Monroe, Leah Ahlborn, Irene Soforic, Ann Borza, Bonnie Brush, and Diane Coppula.

Richard Rosky hurls a no-hit, no-run game for the Booster Club against the Corvettes in local Pony League action.

Eighty boys brave heavy rainfall to register for Little League baseball. Many parents notified league officials that their boys could not register because of illness.

Eddie Kuhn of the Trinity Lutheran Church wins the Church Basketball League individual scoring title with 168 points. Steve Anthony of Visitation Church is second with 159 and Stohl of St. Joseph is third.

Jill Gunsalus, 13-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gunsallus has been qualified as a distinguished rifleman. She is a member of Braddock Trail Rifle Club of which Orray D. Zuck is the instructor.

Rainbow Gardens is the site of the state championship horseshoe tournament. Jim Ohler is the defending champion.

Forty-one players report to Carmen Izzo, head football coach at Ramsay, for the beginning of the new season. In addition, 50 boys have been outfitted for Coach Sam Freed's junior high team.

Joe Patrick, ex-Ramsay quarterback, paces St. Vincent College Bearcats to 6 - 0 win over Waynesburg College. Patrick went over the goal from the one-yard in the second quarter.

James Kuhn, owner of the Coffee Pot restaurant, donates \$100 to start the fund to purchase a Little League baseball field.

Annual banquet is held by the Mount Pleasant Area Church Dartball League with 175 persons present. The league officers include William Blaine, pres.; Joe Siska, v. pres.; Ed Bergman, Jr., sec'y. Dave Swartz, treas.; Sam Freed, publicity.

1960 Paul Caletri and son Anthony both bagged a deer on first day of season. They were hunting in Indiana County.

Local Little League officials vote to begin work on new baseball field on ground given by Mount Pleasant Borough. The site is in the area of town known as "The



The lone star of field and track at Ramsay High School in 1957 was senior Jan Sikorsky, who without a team or uniform had just broken the oldest existing national scholastic record with a javelin hurl of 222' 10 3/4".

Left: With Sikorsky is Tom Copeland, (right) football and former track coach who had encouraged and entered Jan in the WPIAL meet that year and his basketball coach, Sam Freed who had provided the needed ride to the WPIAL finals where the record was set.

On May 18, 1957 Ramsay High School senior, Jan Sikorsky, made national scholastic history as he smashed the oldest existing high school track and field record by hurling the javelin 222' 10 3/4" at the WPIAL meet in Mt. Lebanon, Pa. His feat that day was the climax of years of self-determination.

Although track had been dropped as a sport at Ramsay that year, Sikorsky continued his daily practice routine. Then in early May, at the WPIAL qualifying meet in Greensburg his practice paid off. Prior to the competition his credentials were questioned as Jan, the lone Ramsay entry, without a team or a uniform, appeared in trousers, a sweatshirt and football shoes. Once the red tape was cleared, Sikorsky broke the county record with a throw of nearly 200' and qualified himself for the WPIAL finals.

At Mt. Lebanon the following week, Jan, wearing a Ramsay basketball shirt, white gym trunks and football shoes, managed a best morning throw of 194', just a foot short of the WPIAL record. That afternoon, using the new type "Held" javelin borrowed from the Mt. Lebanon team, he threw 214' setting a new WPIAL and state record. Quiet engulfed the stadium as Jan prepared to throw again. This time the spear carried farther still. The crowd responded with a standing ovation. Jan had set a new national scholastic record.

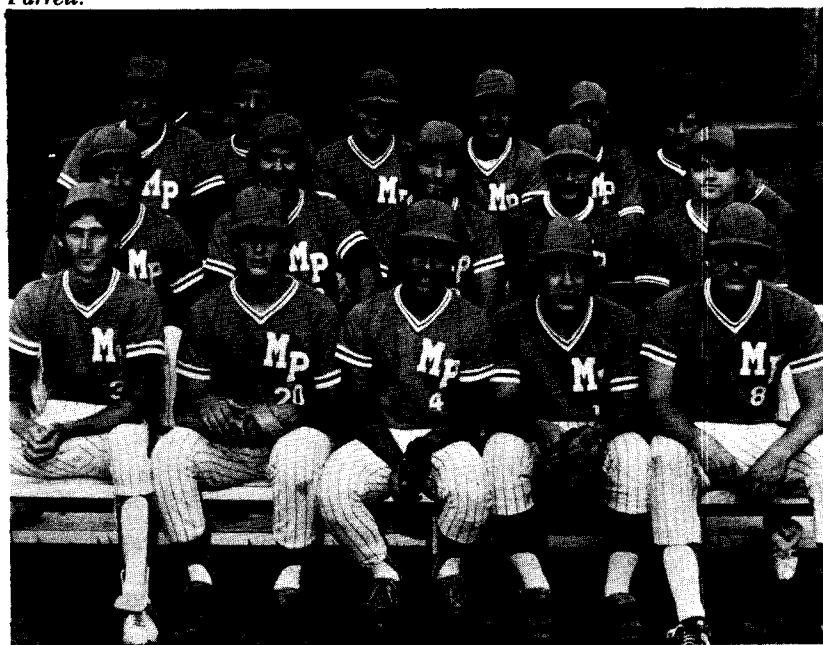
Deluged with college scholarship offers, Jan eventually chose Southern Cal and went on to become the nation's premier javelin thrower, setting many international, collegiate and armed forces records, some of which still stand. Among Sikorsky's later honors were: his selection by the NCAA as All-American and being chosen as one of the two javelin throwers in the first US-USSR track meet.

Sadly, Jan's story has a tragic ending. On Oct. 12, 1971, while working in northern Peru as a geologist on an offshore oil rig, a freak natural gas explosion claimed his life and those of seven co-workers. No trace of Jan was ever found.

Jan's trophy for his accomplishment in 1957 while a Ramsay High School senior, is housed at MPAHS with other awards of athletic achievement won over the years by Mount Pleasant students. His is the only prize of national merit to be brought to Mount Pleasant. *From material submitted by Sam Freed and Robert Sikorsky*



The 1961 Jr. High School Squad, the only undefeated basketball team in the history of the school, was coached by Sam Freed. 1st row: T. Zellers, T. Cernuto, R. Ceroni, R. Fiesta, W. Wilson, F. McCloy, W. Mongeluzzo, G. Balog. 2nd row: D. Kattera, C. Turner, T. Bell, G. Strelec, J. Lentz, P. Martin, R. Gerecter, T. Farrell.



The 1977 Mount Pleasant Merchants, Connellsville Area Baseball League, finished the season in 2nd place with 16 wins and 4 losses. 1st row: M. Yoder, M. Lambert, S. Roberts, R. Sofranko, D. Pocratsky. 2nd row: B. Miscik, S. Bohatch, A. Garsteck, K. Iwaniec, J. Delaney. 3rd row: C. Moore, P. Bohatch, E. Gorinski, R. Zoracki, J. Filapose, D. Smodic. Players not present: Hendrickson, Crock, Lewis, Murdock and Porterfield.

The Viking Football team



Journal Photo

Willows" and was formerly used as a borough "dump".

Bobcats end successful basketball season under Coach John Nock with record of 16-7. Leading scorers for the season were Bob Oravetz with 350, Phil Beanner with 338, Randy Turley with 209, Bill Stohl with 194, and Jack Benedict with 93. (The team won the WPIAL Section 17 title.)

Bob Oravetz is named to All-Section Ten WPIAL basketball team.

Dennis Gibboney defeats Jim McCloy for Ramsay High School table tennis championship. Gibboney also was the school's checkers champion as he defeated Rich Sikorsky in the finals.

Construction is to begin for new golf course at Carpentertown by R. J. Crosetti.

Kosciuszko Club defeats Yukon 8-5 for its 20th win against 10 losses to remain in first place in the Westmoreland County Baseball League.

Nellie King, ex-Pirate hurler is the main speaker at the local Little League banquet. Richard Dressler is given the Herbert Gerecter Memorial Award.

George Firmstone, Randy Zelenka, and Alex Wisniewski of the local American Legion baseball team are named to the district all-star team.

1960 Don Skupinsky and Bill Coleman, Ramsay gridders, make the football squad at California State College where they were letter earners in 1959.

1961 "Meanest person in town" steals coin container placed in The Coffee Pot to raise money to help overcome \$63 deficit of Little League and PONY League.

Phil Beanner has good night at the foul line for Ramsay as he hits on 10 for 10 fouls against Dunbar. He is now 46 for 57 at the foul line for the season.

Randy Turley is named as the most valuable player in the Westmoreland-Fayette American Legion All-Star game. He is also named to play in the all-state game.

Bobcat Bob Oravetz scores 280 points to lead all WPIAL Section 17 point makers.

Eighty-five candidates report for the first Mount Pleasant Joint football team's practice on Friday, August 18. Coaching staff includes Head Coach Charles Muchoney, and assistants George Ceremuga, Clarence Gorinski, Nick Bracco, Joe Stas, Joe Brody, and Don Rega.

Mike Potoka, president of the Mount Pleasant Township Quarterback Club, announces a drive for new members. The club was organized this year and will support the athletic activities of the Mount Pleasant Area Senior High School.

Vikings defeat Rochester 40-7 in first football game played by the jointure. The starting offensive lineup for the Vikings included: ends - Noble and Yuhouse; tackles - Fornal and Yarabinetz; guards - Puskar and Burtyk; center - Cibulus; backs - Boytim, Coleman, Queer, and Bitner. Scoring for the Vikings included touchdowns - Bitner - 2; Barr - Cernuto (pass from Ludwig); Queer, and Coleman. Barr placekicked the points after touchdown.

1965 Midget Football League forms with officers Ed Hogan, "Bunny" Lucas, Joe Yancosky, and Ed Bilik.

1970 Bob Gorinski, MPAHS outstanding fullback in 1967-1969 was named most valuable player in Foothills Conference and named on Scholastic Magazine's All-American high school football team.

B. Malesky resigns as head football coach and is replaced by Joe Arrigo.

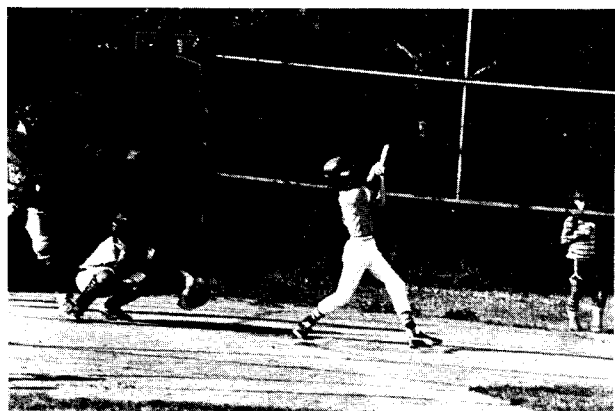
Viking's baseball season ends with 14 wins and 2 losses. Team clinched Section 10 crown beating Brownsville, 2-0; W. Mifflin North, 9-5; North Hills, 2-1 and Bethel Park, 4-2 in 8 innings at Forbes Field. In this 4th game of the playoffs WP was Gesinski, with 3 hits by Gorinski and 2 hits by Welc and Miscik.

1975 Borough Council completed the renovation of the courts at Ramsay, making them into some of the better courts in the area and one of the few with lights for night playing. Councilman Regis Kraisinger was in charge of the project.

1977 The Little League has eight teams this season. The girls' softball League of the Independent Athletic Association has eight excellent teams also. The girls have permission to use the diamond at MPAHS.

From material and photographs submitted by Sam Freed and Donald Bischoff

Batter-up at the Little League Field in the "Willows."

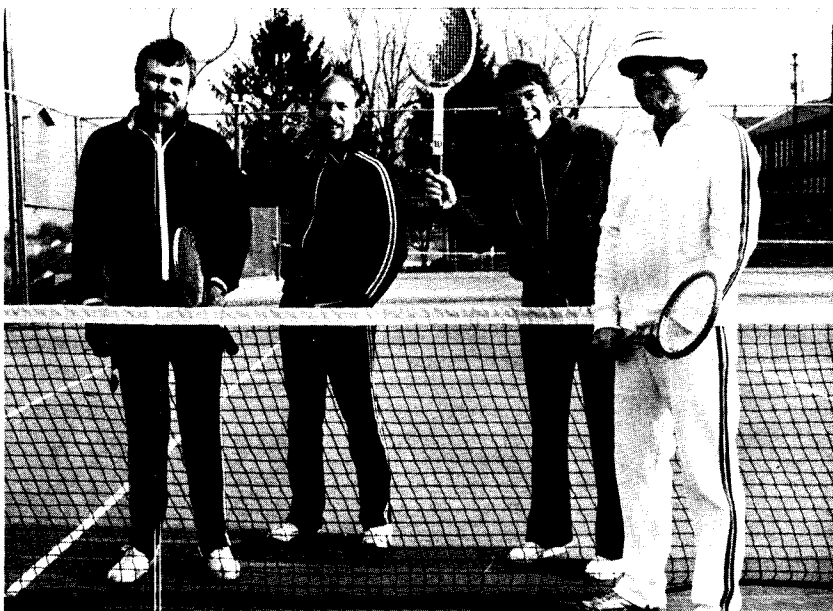


Viking Golf Team of 1977, winners of the Section 15 title; kneeling David Copula, Andy Lipko, Ron Reese; 2nd row: Paul Cornock, Sam Yothers, Jeff Leaf, Steve Bosdosh, Mark Lipke, Jeff Burzawa, Clarence Smith, coach; 3rd row: Ken Toth, Scott Jendras, Martin Trach, Bryan Lazor.



Pam Knouse, Vikette cager in white, at the 1978 playoff against Franklin Regional High School, takes charge of the ball. Behind Pam is Diane Wisniewski. Coach was Tony Splendore.

The seeded (seedy?) players of the Independent Seven A.M. Daily Tennis playoff, held during 1977-78 at Ramsay Courts, where emotions and expletives did abound. From the left: James Murtha, James Cook, Rev. Neil Mumma, Robert Weisgerber.



The return of Company "E", 1919, at the junction.



Loaned by W. Hixon



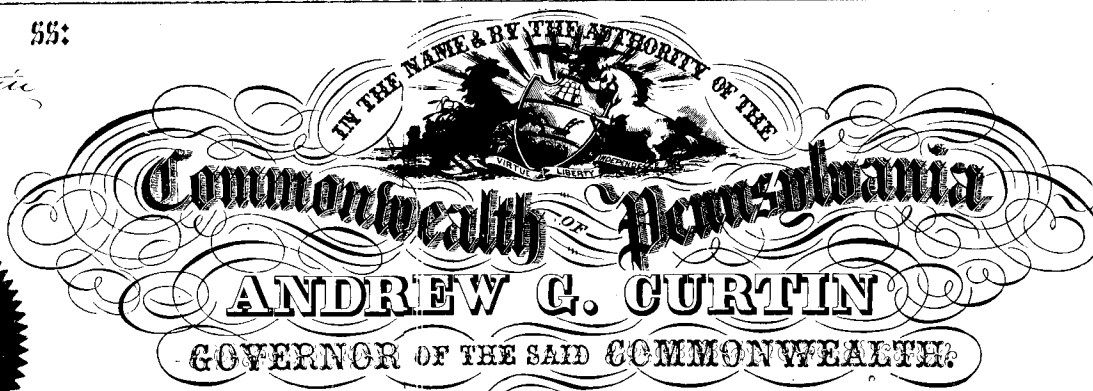
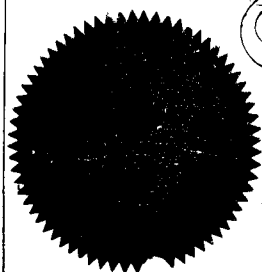
In every war in which the United States has been engaged, either within its own borders or that of other countries, Mount Pleasant has furnished its full quota of patriotic citizens who were willing to sacrifice home comforts and life itself in defense of our flag.

"Centennial Celebration," 1928

The Military

Pennsylvania, ss:

A. G. Curtin



To all to whom these Presents shall Come, Sends Greeting:

Know Ye, That *William M. Jordan* of the County of *Westmoreland*

having been duly appointed by me, the said Andrew G. Curtin,

of the *Twenty-Eighth* Regiment of *Infantry* *Pennsylvania* Volunteers, mustered into the service of the United States, for the defence of the General Government.

I do Commission him to rank as such from the *Twenty-Eighth* day of *June* A. D. one thousand eight hundred and sixty-*one*.

He is therefore carefully and diligently to discharge the duty of *First-Lieutenant* by doing and performing all manner of things thereto belonging.

This Commission to continue in force, until the same shall be lawfully determined or annulled.

Given under my Hand and the Great Seal of the State, at Harrisburg, this *Twenty-Eighth* day of *November*

in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-*one* and of the Commonwealth the eighty-*seventh*.

By the Governor:

W. H. Fisher
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

The Civil War commission of William M. Jordan, First Lieutenant of Company B, of the 28th Regiment of Infantry Pennsylvania Volunteers, dated June 28, 1861, is the oldest military document to have been uncovered during the Sesquicentennial Year. Jordan served under Captain Robert Warden.



Major Robert Warden
Company B, 28th Regiment
Pennsylvania Volunteers

Loaned by Mrs. John Trice

William Jordan, whose commission appears above, was one of about 100 area men who volunteered for service in the Civil War. From the roster of Company B officers listed in the county history of 1882, the following names of Mount Pleasant men have been excerpted:

Major Robert Warden, must. in June 29, 1861 as capt. of Co. B; promoted to major April 25, 1862; died in Winchester, Va. June 30, 1862.

Capt. William M. Jordan, pro. from 1st lieutenant to capt. May 1, 1862; wounded at Antietam and Chancellorville; res. June 13, 1863.

Capt. William Armor, pro. from 1st sergt. to 1st lieut. to brev. major, March 13, 1865; wounded at Antietam and Chancellorville.

1st Lieut. Benjamin F. Mechling; pro. to sergt; to 2nd lieut.; to 1st lieut.; wounded at Antietam; veteran.

2nd Lieut. Alfred Robertson, res. Jan. 5, 1862.

2nd Lieut. Charles H. Walker, pro. to sergt.; to 2nd lieut.; wounded at Antietam; veteran.

Sergt. George Eicher, disch. Oct. 24, 1862.

Corp. Samuel Byerly, veteran.

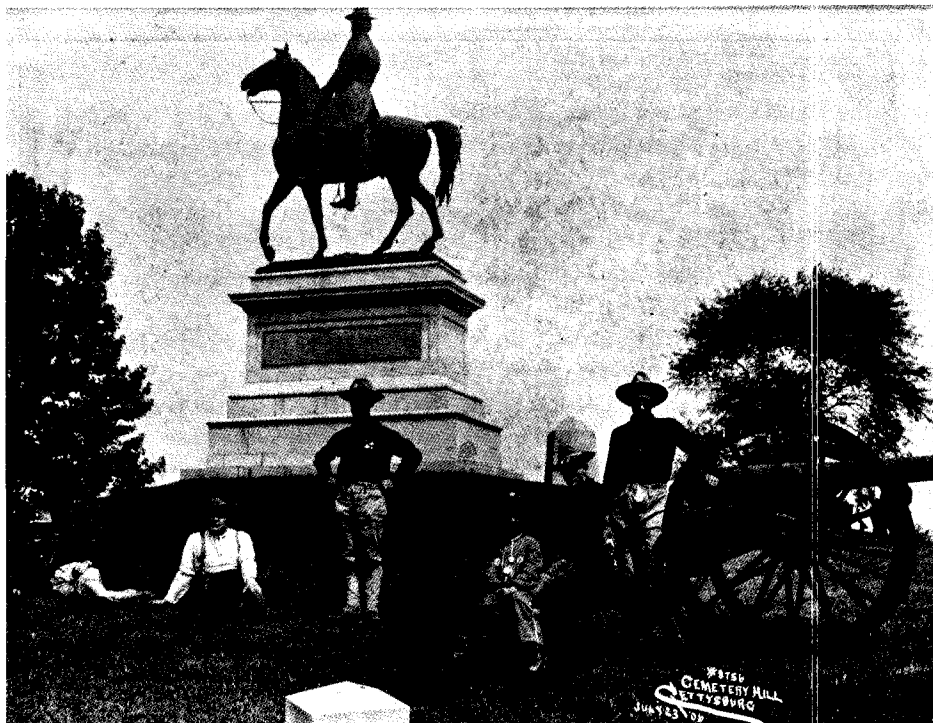
Corp. Jacob R. Zuck, pro. to corp. wounded at Antietam; disch. Jan. 22, 1863.

Musician James Milbee, trans. to Co. G. April 1864.

Musician George W. Gibb, trans. to Co. H. April 29, 1864.

Musician C. W. Swartz.

A number of local names also appear on the roll of Dick's Independent Cavalry Company: 1st Lieut. James Loar: 1st Sergt. H. O. Tinstman; Sergeants: Ezra Eber-sole, J. J. Fox, O. P. Shupe, W. J. Hitchman; corporals: Isaac Sherrick, Isaac Stouffer; privates: C. A. Ebersole, J. W. Fox, D. W. Shupe, A. F. Lemmon, D. W. Keister, Reuben Sherrick.



Loaned by Judy Cooper of Greensburg.

The Reunion of the Grand Army of the Republic held in Gettysburg to mark the 40th anniversary of the end of the Civil War, brought three Mount Pleasant veterans: photographer Robert Goodman (left) and restaurant owner Jess Henderson (in white shirt) and C. W. Swartz (standing). "Uncle Bob" Goodman was captain of Mount Pleasant's first military organization, the Silver Grays, established here before 1845, and succeeded by the Jackson Blues commanded by Robert Warden of the gallant 28th Pennsylvania Volunteers of old Company B. This company was filled at the time Goodman enlisted and so he was transferred to Company K.

The Military 1861

The first record of military in Mount Pleasant dates to June 21, 1861, when Robert Warden, James Warden and Clark Warden organized a group of volunteers to fight in the Civil War. The original muster roll indicates 150 men. Elected officers were: Captain Clark Warden, First Lieutenant William Jordan and Second Lieutenant Alfred Robert Robertson. The company proceeded at once to Camp Copeland near Philadelphia, where it became part of the 28th Regiment.

Albert's history (1882) gives the following account of the 28th:

Early in June, 1861, Col. John W. Geary obtained permission from President Lincoln to raise in Pennsylvania a regiment of volunteers to serve three years. He accordingly established a camp at Oxford Park in Philadelphia, and on the 28th of that month the Twenty-eighth Regiment, which was uniformed and equipped at his own expense, was mustered into service of the United States. It re-enlisted as a veteran organization and was mustered out July 18, 1865, near Alexandria, Va. This regiment participated in battles of Bolivar, Front Royal, Second Bull Run, Cedar Mountain, Antietam, Gettysburg, Chancellorsville, Lookout Mountain, Peach-Tree Creek, and in Sherman's march to the sea and achieved a name for its gallantry and services hardly surpassed by that of any other organization in the Union Army.

Re-organized as Company B 142nd Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers, it re-enlisted. Officers were: Captain William C. Armor, First Lieutenant B. F. Mechling and Second Lieutenant Charles H. Walker.

Some of the other area men on the roster of this company were:

Capt. John G. Andrews, disch. Aug. 20, 1864.

Capt. Daniel S. Wilkins, pro. from 2nd to 1st lieut. to capt.; must. out with company May 29, 1865.

For many of the men and women who fought in the Revolutionary War, no record remains. A number of the soldiers who survived that long 7 year war, emigrated to the western territories.

In the partial list of Revolutionary War veterans compiled by the editors of the Greensburg Democrat (1853-1869) two borough residents were named:

William Farrell died in Mt. Pleasant borough, June 30, 1828, aged 82. He enlisted in 1777 in the Seventh Regiment Pennsylvania Line, under Col. William Butler (the Flying Camp), and participated in the battles of Brunswick, Trenton, Germantown, Monmouth, Brandywine and Paoli and was wounded in the head in the latter place . . . his remains were interred with honors of war by the Mt. Pleasant Volunteers, under the command of Lieut. A. Miller.

Jacob Himinger died in Mt. Pleasant borough, April 1842, in the 86th year of his age, and his remains were interred with military honors by Captain Clark's Volunteer corps of Jackson Greys.

Four residents of the township were also listed: Christopher Aukerman, William Hitchman, Captain David Kilgore, Jacob Peter Long.

Women often traveled with their soldier-husbands fighting along side of them. General Washington, in an attempt to keep the women from the battle line ordered them to travel with the baggage. However, at the close of the war, 38 women, including 4 widows, were among the 120 citizens of Westmoreland to receive pensions from the State for their service rendered in the Revolution.

In a 1910 "Old Home Week" booklet on file in our public library the following entry was penned alongside a picture of Arron T. Mechling, Oldest Citizen, who had served in the Civil War with Knapp's Battery attached to the 28th.

Henry, son of Mr. Mechling, was with Custer's Army in last Stand in valley of the Little Big Horn, June 1876, Sunday. He was a blacksmith with Army and had been left apart to do work for horses—hence he was a lone survivor of the expedition. We have heard him tell the story.
M.L. Montgomery Marsh



From the Armory Collection

The first officers of Company "E", organized at Mount Pleasant in 1888; Harkins had just replaced Second Lieutenant Elmer Critchfield.

Company E's Baptism of Blood

In a Fierce Night by 3,000 Spaniards
Near Manila
Tenth Regiment Covered with Glory

Company E received her baptism of blood at far-off Manila, late Sunday night, July 31st, and right nobly did these brave boys of ours stand the fiery ordeal, although but meager accounts of the fight have so far been received.

General Greene had 4,000 American troops confronting the strong Spanish fortifications at Malate, near Manila, the Tenth Pennsylvania or at least its First Battalion, being in the command. Sunday being a feast day, the insurgents, who formed the right of our lines, withdrew and were replaced by the Companies E and K of the Tenth, and the Utah battery. It was at this point, late that night and during a heavy storm, that some 3,000 Spanish regulars made a sudden and fierce attack.

...the Spanish were hurled back with some 350 killed and many more wounded, the victors receiving the thanks of General Greene for bravery and skill displayed. We lost 10 killed and 44 wounded, our dead being buried in the cemetery of the Maracaban convent. The following list shows that Company was in the forefront of the battle:

Dead

Private Jess Noss
Private William Stillwagon
Private Jacob Hull, Jr.
Private William Burton

Seriously Wounded

Private Lee Snyder

Slightly Wounded

Captain Loar, scalp
Sergeant N. J. Hurst, scalp
Private S. B. Bobbs, left arm
Private Chas. Eminheiser,
right hand and arm
Private Geo. Washabaugh, left
shoulder
Private Howard Miner, left hand

The Mount Pleasant Journal
August 12, 1898

1st Sergt. Urganus Hubbs, pro. to sergt. to 1st sergt.
Corp. M. S. Lohr, pro. to corp. Nov. 1, 1863.

After the war the men may have met at the College Avenue Armory before organizing the Robert Warden Post, Grand Army of the Republic in 1880. The roll of this post included veterans from New York, Ohio, Indiana, Iowa, West Virginia, Maryland, Kentucky, Maine and Michigan as well as the US Artillery, Infantry and Coast Guard, a number of independent units as Captain Dick's, Anderson's Troop, and Knapps Battery, and 33 Pennsylvania Units.

The 10th Regiment Infantry National Guard was formed pursuant to Special Order No. 96 on November 18, 1873, with Company B being known as the Mount Pleasant Rifles. One of the first officers of the new regiment was Adjutant H. W. Overhold. This division encamped at Mount Pleasant in 1874. In 1878 an entire reorganization of the state's guard was made and the company at Mount Pleasant was disbanded.

In February, 1888, Company E was organized here under Colonel Alexander Hawkins. The officers were Captain James A. Loar, First Lieutenant John B. Berryhill, and Second Lieutenant Elmer E. Critchfield. Under the able direction and discipline of Captain Loar, this company took a front rank in the regiment and for many years was known as the fighting company. Soon after its organization Lieutenant Critchfield was named to the staff of Colonel Hawkins as inspector of rifle practice and Dr. James Harkins was elected Second Lieutenant.

Some examples of duty served by the regiment were during the labor strike in the coke regions of Westmoreland County in April of 1891, and the Homestead riots of 1892. These services showed the soundness of the National Guard plan. While many men in the National Guard sympathized with the strikers, they diligently served to uphold the law.

In the Spanish American War of 1898, Company E was called to the service of our nation and sent to the Philippine Islands. The company at that time was commanded by Captain James Loar, First Lieutenant Dr. James Harkins and Second Lieutenant John G. Thompson. During this service and under the command of Colonel Hawkins, the 10th Regiment became known as the Fighting Tenth, with Company E retaining its title as the fighting company of the regiment.

In 1906 a new armory for the local military was built on a parcel of property acquired from the borough being a part of Frick Park. The dedication festivities on November 10th were climaxed by a parade that reportedly attracted 5,000 participants.

In the fall of 1917, Company E was once again called to join the forces of the United States; it became part of the 7th Division which was redesignated the 28th division with the Regiment changed from the 10th to the 110th. This infantry regiment strength was to include 3,750 officers and men who were sent to fight in France. The company was soon sent to the front and in the advance on the Ourcq and Vesle Rivers, Captain Zundell and Lieutenant Stevenson were killed, and in the drive through the Argonne Forest, Lieutenant Cort was severely wounded. With the loss of officers and with many other members killed or wounded, the company had to be completely re-organized when it returned home.

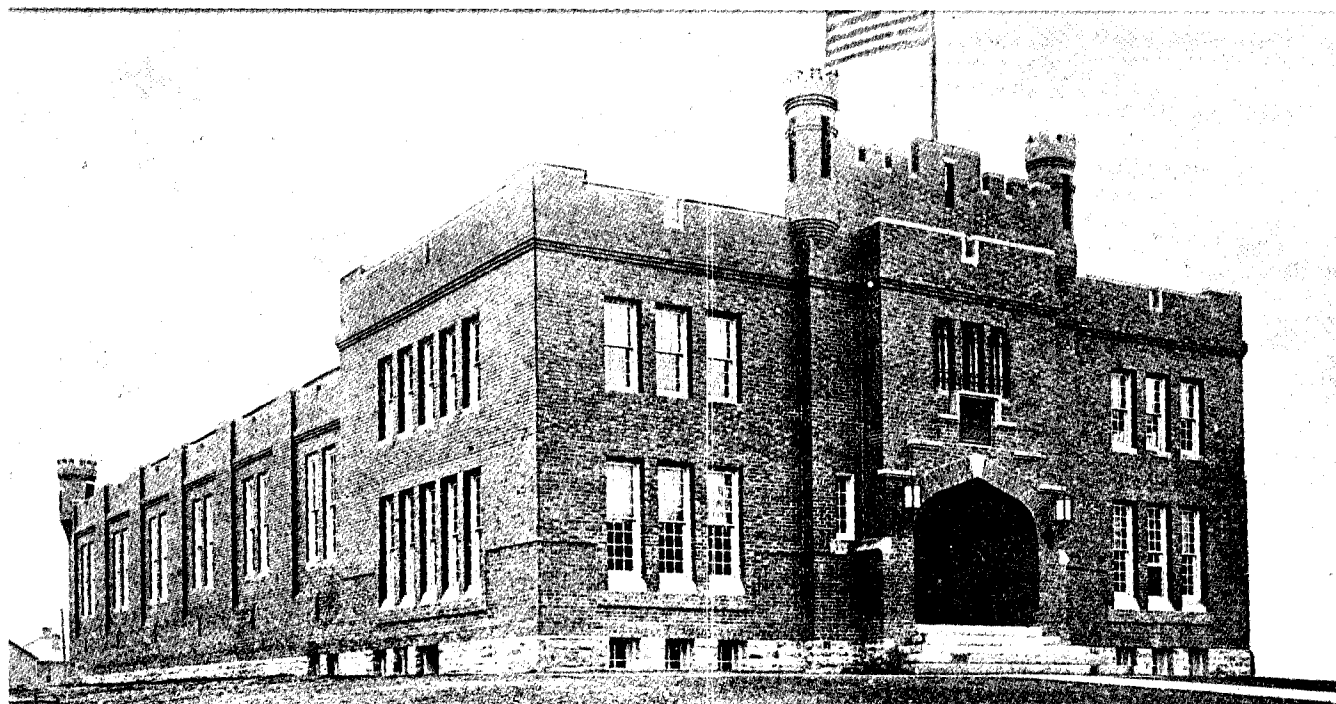
The 110th Infantry along with the other units of the 28th Division under the command of Gen. Edward Martin were called into federal service and assembled at Indiantown Gap on February 17, 1941. After participation in various phases of training and maneuvers the Division sailed for England in October 1943. Here they remained until the landing at Normandy Beach on July 22, 1944.

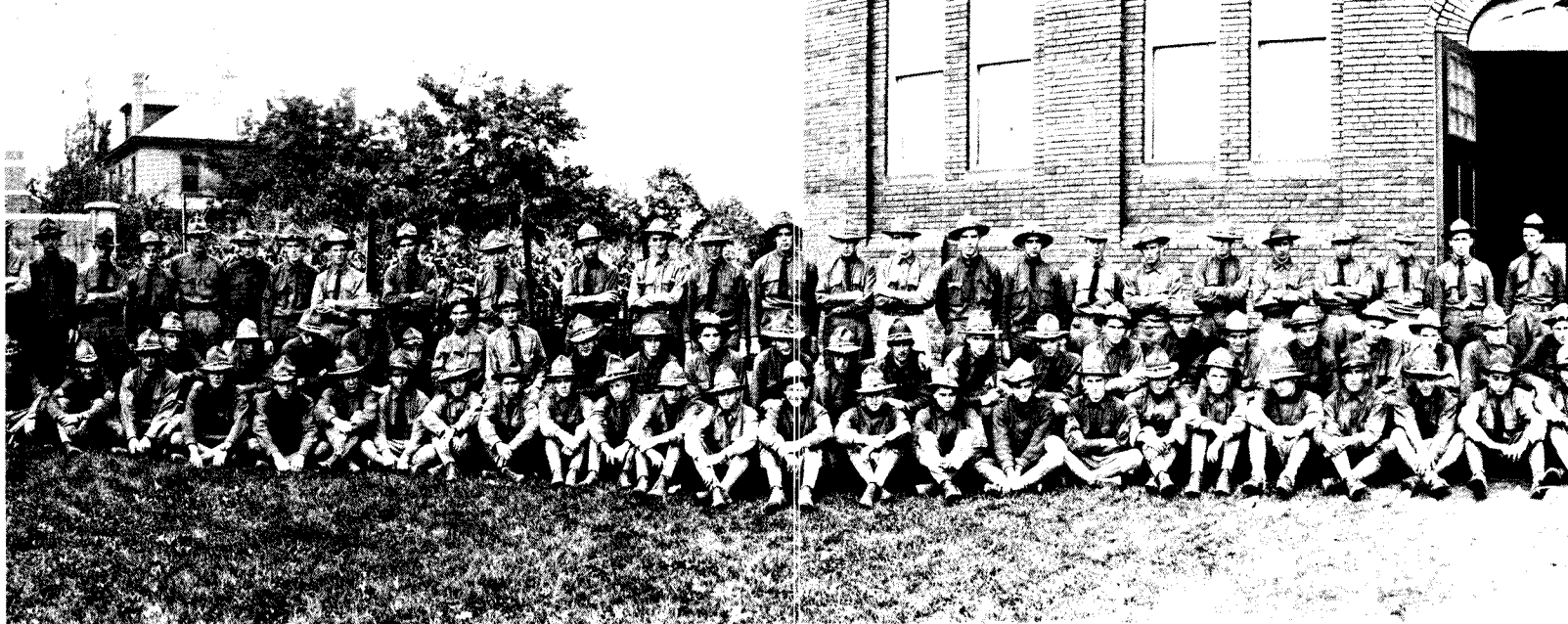
Encounters by the division included Percy, St. Sevor, Martain, Martogne, Folioire Gap, St. Quentin, and much the same terrain over which the 110th fought in World War I. The division was given the mission of capturing the Hurtgen Forest. The 110th suffered severe casualties



Company E, 10th Pennsylvania Volunteers, photographed in San Francisco, California, in 1898 soon after their arrival at Camp Merritt.

In 1906 a new armory was built on a parcel of ground facing Eagle Street, acquired from the borough being part of Frick Park. Erected by the State of Pennsylvania, the \$20,000 brick building, adapted for military use, contained a drill room, rifle range, ammunition vault, reading and storerooms and a kitchen.





Company E 110th Regiment

Those Who Gave Their Lives in Service
During the Great War 1917-1919

Name	Date of Death
Capt. James E. Zundell	July 30, 1918
1st Lt. William C. Stevenson	July 29, 1918
Corp. Robert Ramsay, Jr.	Sept. 29, 1918
Corp. Herbert Stuck	July 27, 1918
Pvt. 1st Class Joseph Pikosky	Aug. 25, 1918
Pvt. 1st Class Frank Forejt	Oct. 25, 1918
Pvt. 1st Class John Nesgoda	July 29, 1918
Pvt. 1st Class Albert Stefl	July 29, 1918
Pvt. Floyd Brookman	July 29, 1918
Pvt. Andrew B. Cruthers	Oct. 8, 1919
Pvt. William Fuoss	July 19, 1918
Pvt. Daniel Kelly	Oct. 6, 1918
Pvt. Joseph Malek	July 28, 1918
Pvt. Clifford A. Sheppard	Sept. 27, 1918

In 1916 President Wilson ordered the governors of various states to mobilize their National Guard because of aggressions on the territory of the United States by Mexico. With the 10th Regiment, 65 men from Company E were sent to train at El Paso, arriving July 8th. These men were stationed at the border in the Big Bend District; a few pursued Poncho Villa across the border into Mexico. On October 4th the Regiment departed for home stations and were mustered out October 27th.

"This was the first actual battle experience for the guardsmen; on their return home, the married men of Company E were discharged and training began for entry into the Great War in 1917. Only five area veterans of this Mexican conflict are still living: Carl Barnhart, Robert Faust and me, Ed Bergman of Mount Pleasant; George Hyde of Norvelt; William McWhiney of Youngwood. We were all privates at the time."

From an interview with Ed Bergman.

In 1917 the men of Company E, 10th Infantry assembled on the lawn of the Armory prior to leaving from Camp Hancock, Georgia where the men under the command of Edward Martin, joined the 7th Division. In October before being sent to Europe, redesignation of forces took place: the 7th became the 28th Division and the 10th Regiment became the 110th. From a passenger list of this unit, Headquarters Port of Embarkation, Hoboken, New Jersey, the names of the following men with Mount Pleasant

mailing addresses has been compiled showing 58 of our men who were sent to France in 1917: Capt. James Zundell, 2d Lt. Thomas Cort, 1st Lt. William Stevenson; Corp. Edward Bergman, Corp. Joseph Briercheck, Corp. Charles Brooks, Sgt. John Burns, Pvt. Harry Cain, 1st Sgt. Frank Carbaugh, Pvt. Arthur Crusan, Sgt. William Crossland, Pvt. John Donnelly, Pvt. Frank Forejt, Corp. William Fox, Corp. John Franey, Bugler Michael Garstecke, Cook Albert Grimm, Corp. James Harkins, Jr., Pvt.

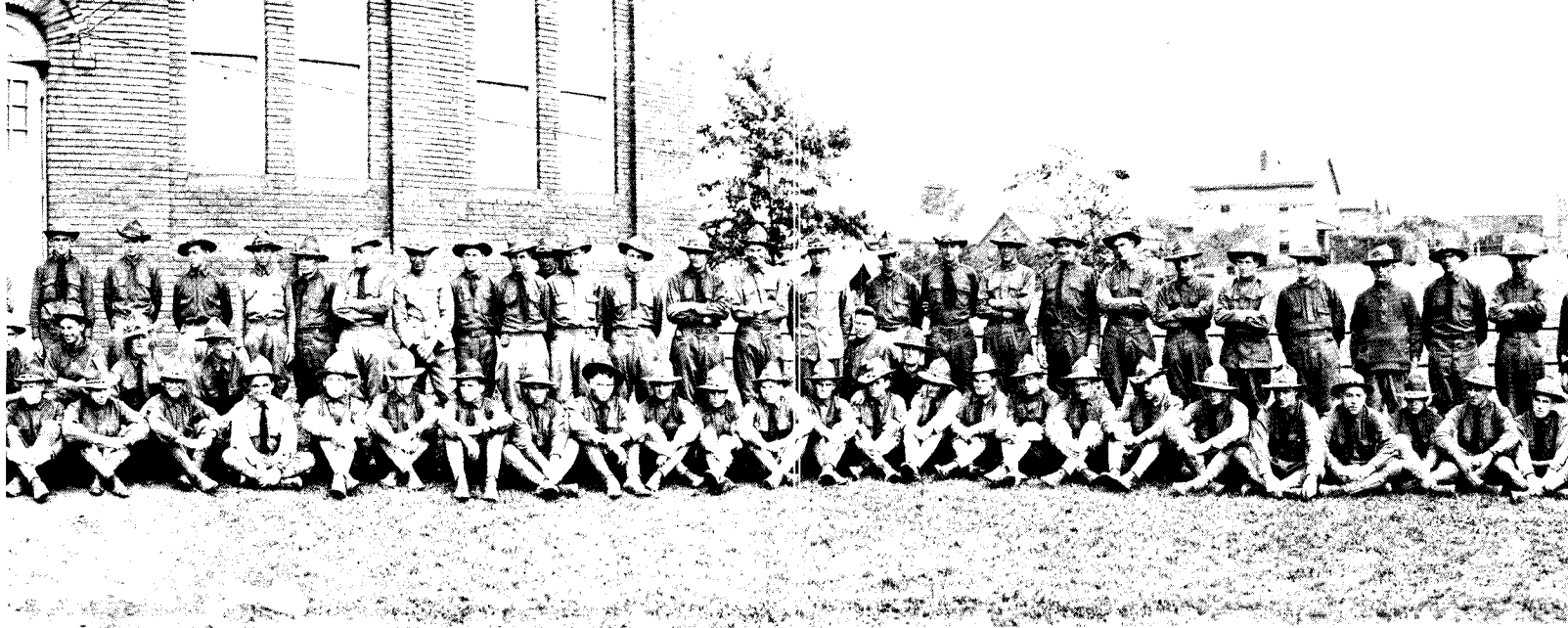
during the six weeks of this engagement. This group was also instrumental in halting the German offensive at Bastogne. About 500 survivors of the regiment regrouped at Neufchateau. Other areas of encounter were at St. Croix aux Mines, Colmar, and areas near the Rhine River. The last European duty of the regiment was the occupation of the Saarland. The regiment sailed from France in July 1945.

After a 30-day leave period for all personnel, the regiment assembled at Camp Shelby, Mississippi, for re-deployment to the Pacific Theatre. The Japanese surrender making this unnecessary, the regiment was deactivated on October 25, 1945.

Following World War II, the 110th Infantry was reorganized as a major unit of the 28th Infantry Division, Pennsylvania National Guard in July 1946, under the command of Col. James Hawkins of Waynesburg. Lt. Col. Fluck assumed command of the 110th Infantry on July 19, 1947, following the retirement of Colonel Hawkins.

With the invasion of South Korea on June 26, 1950, the 110th started field training at Indiantown Gap on July 29, 1950; four days later the 28th division was alerted for federal service. Induction into federal service occurred on September 5, 1950. The 28th division was sent to Camp Atterbury, Indiana to begin intensive training. At the time of induction, Company E was under the command of Capt. Ralph R. Ferrell. In November 1951 the division sailed for Germany to join NATO forces near Mannheim. The regiment continued intensive training in Germany and took part in several training exercises and maneuvers for the next several months. By May 1952 most of the Pennsylvania Guardsmen had completed tours of duty and started returning to the United States.

Reorganization commenced in June 1953, as a 20-company Regiment of the 28th Infantry Division, Pennsylvania Army National Guard. The commander at this reorganization was First Lieutenant Leonard W. Santorella. Following reorganization the officers were:



John Hostoffer, Pvt. William Hunter, Jr., Pvt. Sol Jacobson, Pvt. Thomas Jordan, Pvt. Steven Jurella, Mech. Frank Kattera, Corp. Joseph Keegler, Pvt. Daniel Kelly, Pvt. Joseph Kelly, Corp. Vincent Keller, Pvt. Joseph Killar, Bugler Fred Klaas, Pvt. William Kurnot, Pvt. Eugene Kostelnock, Pvt. Mike Kurimcak, Pvt. John Labiak, Pvt. Joseph Malek, Pvt. Mike McCort, Pvt. Lewis Michalsky, Pvt. Thomas Miller, Pvt. John Mosake, Pvt. John Nesgoda, Pvt. John Novak, Sup. Sgt. Morris

Pigman, Pvt. Frank Pinsky, Corp. William Queer, Pvt. Webster Queer, Pvt. Frank Rosky, Pvt. Michael Roth, Pvt. Clay Shaffer, Pvt. Clifford Sheppard, Pvt. Marion Sheppard, Pvt. Gerald Shaumar, Pvt. Benjamin Smetak, Pvt. William Spirko, Sgt. Fred Stefl, Pvt. Albert Stefl, Pvt. John Szoyka, Pvt. Joseph Veneasky, Pvt. Richard White, Cook Andrew Wilson.

Three other officers from Mount Pleasant serving the 110th Infantry were Capt. John D. Hitchman, Regimental Adjutant; Capt. Gerald S. Bryce and First Lieut. Howard C. Braddock of the Supply Company.

Capt. Leonard W. Santorella, Second Lieutenant George W. Hyde, and Warrant Officer Alfonso M. Maida.

During the year 1953 the local drill team was division champs and also performed at halftime of the Ramsay-North Huntingdon football game. Company E was Regimental Basketball champs in both 1955 and 1956, and in 1957 fielded the best nine-man drill team in the battalion, commanded by SFC Charles M. Pravlik.

In 1959 Company E was split into two locations-Mount Pleasant and Ligonier, and in 1963 Company E became Company C.

The local guard was assigned from the 28th Division to the 42nd Division on February 17, 1968. While in the 42nd, Company C spent one week in April 1968 in the "Hill District" of Pittsburgh during the racial riots. Other areas of active duty while in the 42nd division included Hurricane Agnes on June 23-24, 1972. During this duty the local guard was assigned to the police department, fire department, and hospital. Emergency housing was provided at the armory and many men spent hours in the Laurelville area.

The year 1974 also found the guard on active duty for the trucker's strike. Deployed to Somerset, the company had duty on the turnpike from Somerset to Bedford in below zero weather. During a snow storm in early December the guard was assigned to the mountain areas of Fayette County to clear rights-of-way for West Penn Power Co. in drifted snow up to 20 feet deep.

A reorganization on April 1, 1975 brought the company, now known as Company A or Alpha Company, back to the 28th Division.

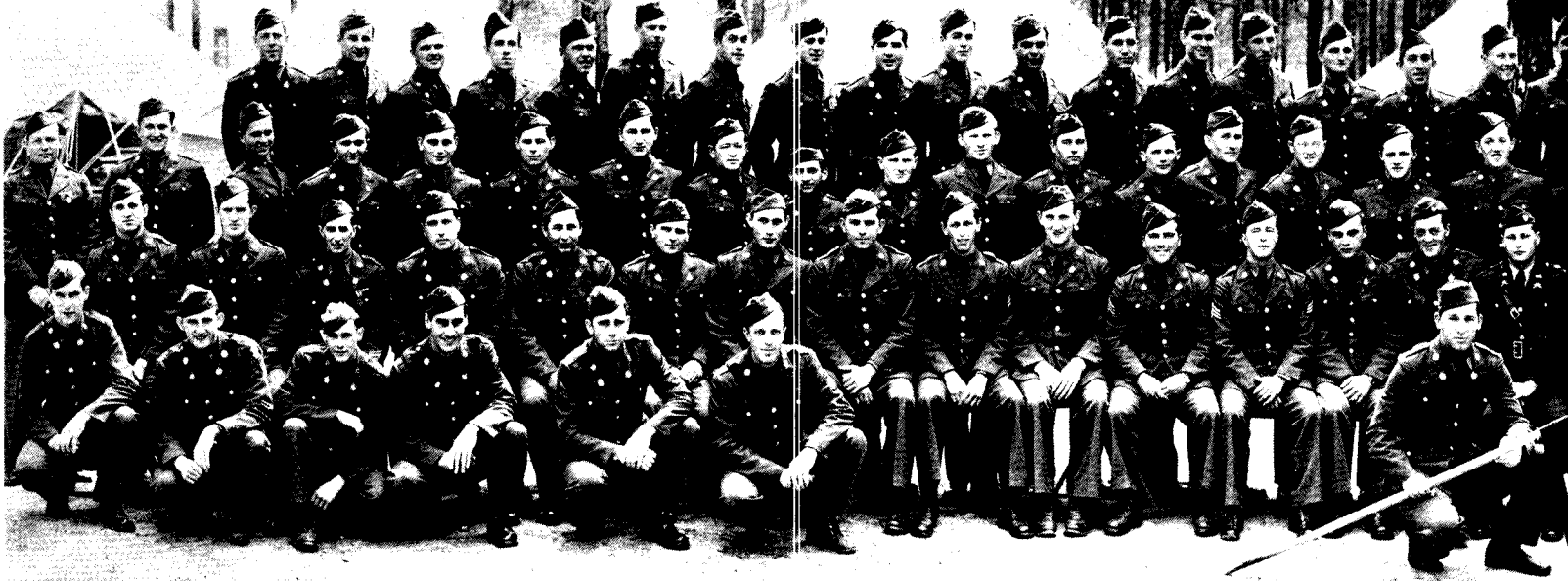
With the abolition of the draft in 1976, strength of the company has not been full, making recruiting an important facet of duty.

Ronald Kozak

In 1953, following a reorganization as a company of the 28th Infantry Division, Pennsylvania Army National Guard, Company E officers were, from the left: Warrant Officer Alfonso M. Maida, Captain Leonard W. Santorella and Second Lieutenant George W. Hyde, Jr.



Sergeant First Class (Platoon Sergeant) Alfonso M. Maida, who signed up on a part time basis when a high school sophomore in 1947, became the federal caretaker at the armory for 1949. After returning from the service in 1953, he was rehired with new administrative duties. Efficient management of the Armory continues today with Sergeant Maida as the Administrative Supply Technician, one of the two officers authorized for the armory with up to 80 guardsmen from the area under this command. Maida has perhaps the longest active service record at this post.



WWII Camp Livingston, Louisiana

Company "E" 110th Infantry

First Row, Left to Right
Pfc. Edward A. Lobingier
Pfc. James D. Wehr
Pfc. Fred Whitlock
Cpl. Joseph B. Kudranski
Sgt. Elmer S. Bundorf
Pvt. Amos S. Tobias
Pfc. Merle R. Long
Cpl. George R. Stairs
Cpl. William L. Mellors
Pvt. Albert Caputo
Pvt. John W. Eastwood
Pvt. Rocco J. Gentile
Pvt. William E. Sykes
Pvt. Harold Alwine
Pvt. John G. Oster

2nd Row, Left to Right,
1st Sgt. Millard E. Metz
Stf. Sgt. John N. Fornal
Sgt. Daniel M. Donohoe
Sgt. Kenneth N. Crusan
Sgt. Maurice E. Long
Sgt. Paula Tullio
Sgt. John S. Pravlik
Sgt. Eugene H. Pfrogner
Sgt. William J. Proud
Sgt. Michael E. Kowalewski
Sgt. Edward W. Cronin
Sgt. Ralph R. Ferrell
Sgt. Edward P. Smith
Sgt. John A. Frederick
Sgt. Paul F. Haley

Lt. Ernest L. Clausner
Lt. Thomas D. McPhail
Capt. Ted J. Smith
Sgt. Leo T. Lang
Sgt. John T. Krol
Sgt. Carmen J. Crivella
Cpl. George J. Blaine
Cpl. Bernard S. Hanusek
Cpl. Robert R. Vantosky
Cpl. Steve A. Popovich
Cpl. George D. Proud
Cpl. Paul W. Kennedy
Cpl. George A. Gantos
Cpl. John C. Klamar
Cpl. Frank J. Kowalewski
Cpl. William E. McBeth

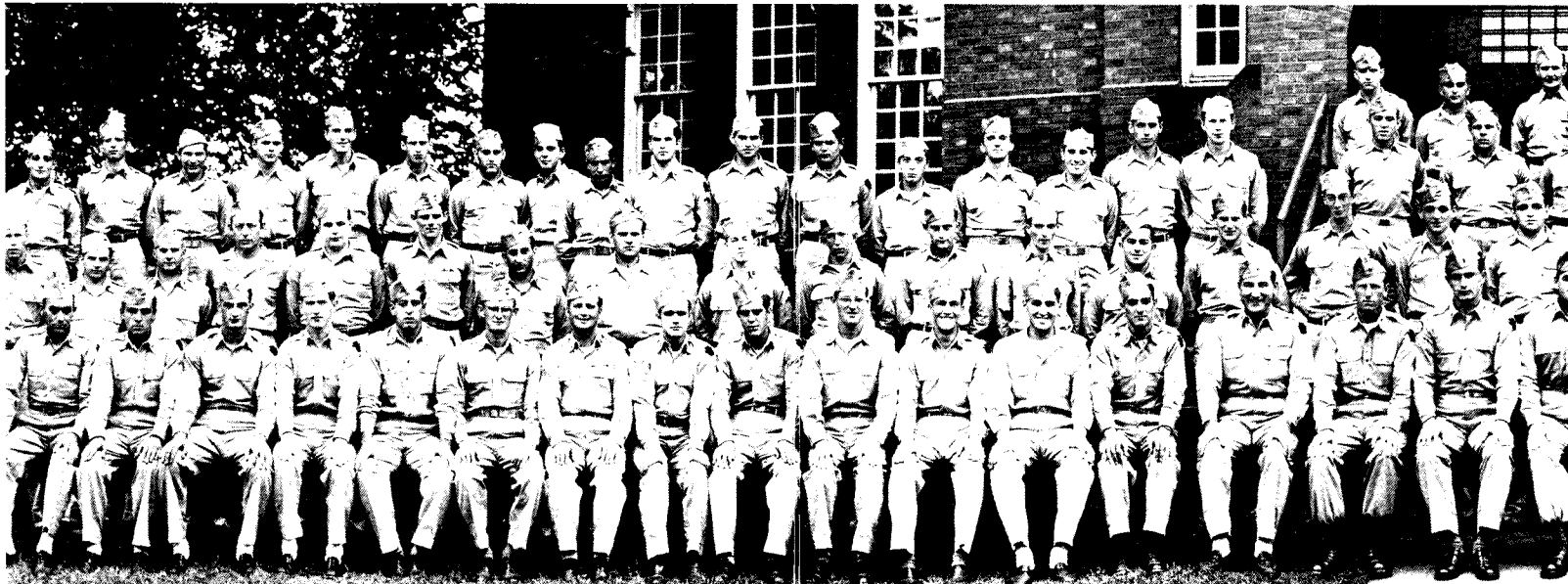
3rd Row, Left to Right
Pvt. David J. Raroha
Pfc. Joseph W. Sefchick
Pvt. Steve W. Shander
Pfc. Robert C. Lowstetter
Pfc. Delmar A. Faust
Pfc. Jerry J. Miele
Pfc. Ernest J. Kattera
Pvt. Michael A. Galderise
Pfc. Elmer J. Petrosky
Pfc. Edward A. Shutt
Pvt. Vincent P. Meisner
Pfc. John J. Francis
Pvt. David M. Purdy
Pfc. Donald H. Harkcom
Pfc. John T. Kelly

Pvt. Thomas J. Zaucha
Pfc. Edward A. Ogradny
Pvt. Andrew J. Stoker
Pvt. Charles L. Matish
Pfc. Steve A. Patrilla
Pvt. Ralph E. Sheppard
Pvt. Joseph J. Slavik
Pvt. Robert B. Shearer
Pvt. Joffre R. Rosenfeld
Pfc. William V. Showman
Pfc. Harold J. Morgan
Pfc. Amos J. Pfeifer
Pvt. John Hreben
Pvt. John T. Newhart
Pvt. Frank F. Uman

In June of 1950, following the invasion of South Korea, the Company E was sent to Indiantown Gap to train; 1st row: John Grim, Charles Popovich, Eugene Pawlikowski, Stanley Nezgoda, Anthony Santorella, John Boytim, Andrew Vahaly, Albert Schultz, Donald Reese, C. James Kearney, Charles Quashnock, John Miele, Orlando Isola, Jerry Miele, Robert Davenport, James Cook, Allen Boyer, Ralph Covert, Leonard Santorella, Ralph Farrell, Michael Levendowsky, William Jurkowski, Charles Machoney, Ralph Myers, Samuel Daniels, Stanley Keto,

William Hixson, James Rodgers, James Wilson, William Moore, Andrew Turik, Andrew Neizgoda, Anthony, John Jurkovic; 2nd row: Sherrill Marks, Abel J. Blaney, Marion Garsteck, Fred Heller, James Bailey, Regis Jackson, Charles Galderise, Albert Tokarcik, Donald Pfeifer, Harry Sherbrick, John Sherbrick, Philip Hribal, Richard Kattera, Edward Zeglin, Edward Parfitt, Jack Gradler, Stephen Zuback, Joseph Idzik, George Hyde, Edward Blaskowski, Thomas Patchell, James Dillon, Clyde Stoner, Richard Rega, Casmir Wisniewski, James R. Weaver, Jack McIndoe,

Thomas Luft, William Krol, Eugene Levendowski, Edward Gorecki, Stephen Kubasky, Edward Paulikowski, Thomas Czeka, Joseph Blaskowski, Clinton Boyer, Robert T. McElfresh; 3rd row: Anthony Rega, Michael Coppula, Martin Myercheck, James Burkholder, Louis Sargeant, John Kattera, James Hoke, Jan Smith, Nick Tressatti, Curtis Parfitt, Patsy DePalma, Stanley Markiewicz, Daniels, William Grunick, John Maricondia, Edward Bielecki, John Guzy, Donald Skergan, Robert Etling, Darrell Blystone, Vincent Misiak, Clinton Hilland, Donald





Company E 110 Regiment

Those Who Gave Their Lives in Service
During World War II 1941-1944

Name	Date of Death
S/Sgt. John T. Krol	Sept. 17, 1944
PFC. George D. Proud	Dec. 20, 1944
PFC. Paul W. Kennedy	Apr. 21, 1945
2nd Lt. Wm. E. McBeth, Jr.	Feb. 14, 1945
PFC. Joseph W. Sefchick	Aug. 10, 1944
Sgt. Delmar Faust	Aug. 1, 1944
2nd. Lt. Harold J. Morgan	Sept. 12, 1944
S/Sgt. Leo T. Lang	July 30, 1944

Pvt. Jacob Neerin
Pvt. John P. Dykie
Pfc. George W. Cressman
Pfc. Charles F. Baker
Pvt. William S. Kems

4th Row, Left to Right

Pvt. Gordon N. Turner
Pvt. William T. Balak
Pfc. Hubert E. Snyder
Pfc. Charles L. Kurpiel
Pfc. Peter P. Kacmar
Pvt. Charles R. Morrissey
Pfc. Joseph Q. Damato
Pfc. Arthur N. Bando
Pvt. John F. Antonette

Pfc. Ralph E. Hough
Pfc. Martin V. Fasano
Pfc. Herman C. Schultz
Pvt. Sterling P. Hoch
Pvt. Joseph P. Zintak
Pvt. John Toth
Pfc. Walter F. Funk
Pvt. Zigmund T. Petrosky
Pvt. John J. Vagasky
Pvt. John M. Perry
Pvt. James W. Speer
Pfc. Edward A. Martin
Pvt. Herman J. Rowland
Pfc. Alfred E. Lauvar
Pfc. Charles P. McCann
Pvt. John Makara

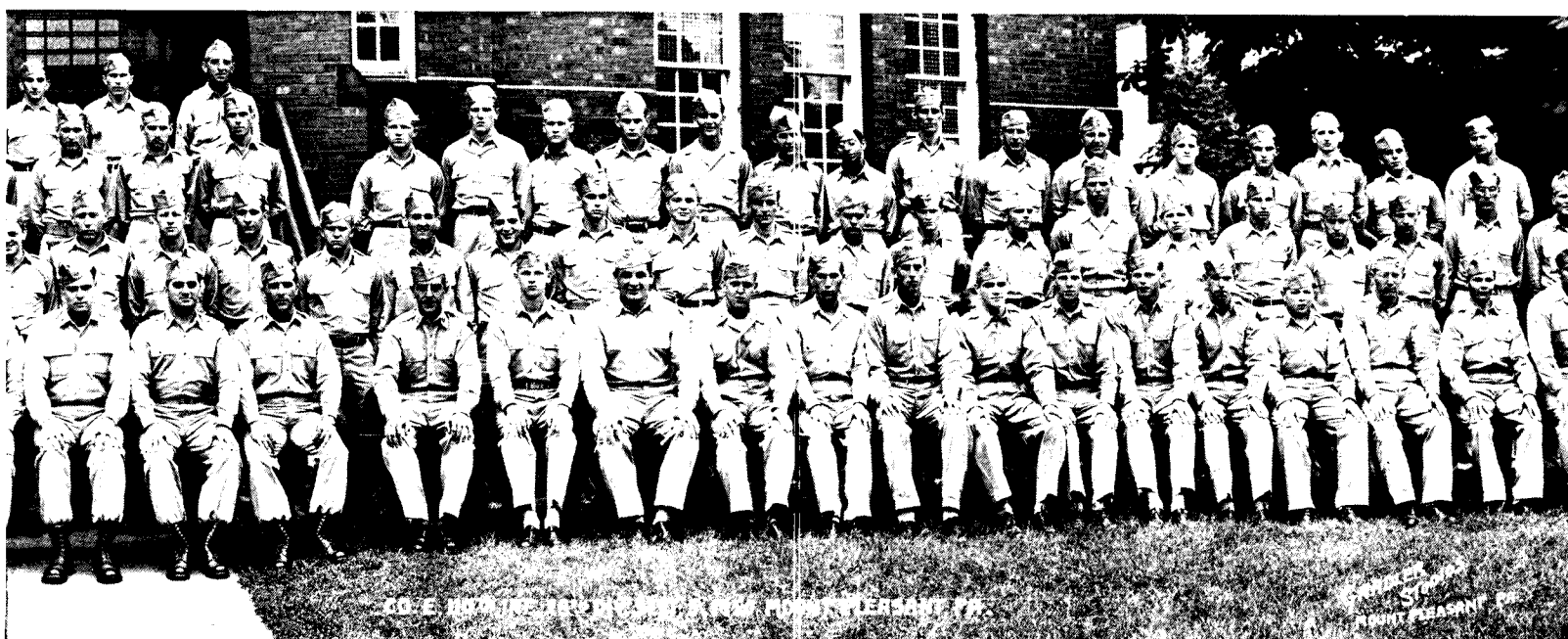
Pvt. Walter W. Ware
Pvt. John Pitchon
Pvt. Sol Salzman
Pvt. John V. Perziglin
Pvt. Glen E. Smith
Pvt. Joseph P. Sankey
Pvt. Joseph D. Sharp
Pvt. James L. Shields
Pvt. Henry R. Randall
Pvt. William E. Sutton
Pvt. William G. Shelton
Pfc. Donald F. Swartz
Pfc. Carl T. Gonda

Gearhart, Ted Wadsworth, Arlin Wadsworth, Bruce Johnson, Carl Stahl, Steve Ludwig, Aloysius Idzik, Carl Giganti, Joe Ray, Louis Auer, Charles Clausner, James Minard, Jackson Snyder, Walter Killar, Sam Coyette, Anthony Fasano; 4th row: Bernard Ponko, Nevin Clausner, Lawrence Schroll, Al Maida, Walter Misiewicz, John Funk, Sr.



Sergeant John W. Bobbs

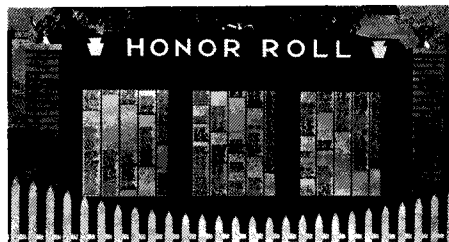
Sergeant John Bobbs, a 19 year-old Ramsay High School Graduate, class of 1949, was the only borough resident to lose his life during the Korean Action. He was serving with Company L, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, on a drive toward Manchuria when he was reported missing in action.





Loaned by Sarah Horner Ruth

Doughboy Monument on Memorial Square, 1924.



Honor Roll at Second Ward School, Diamond Street.

Loaned by Lawrence Rehanek



Left: New monument replacing Honor Roll, for those who fought in this century's wars: World Wars I and II, Korea and Vietnam.

We are free because they served.

Below: Three Mount Pleasant men, all casualties of World War I, have been honored by having a veterans organization named in their honor.



**Captain
James E. Zundell**



**First Lieutenant
William C. Stevenson**

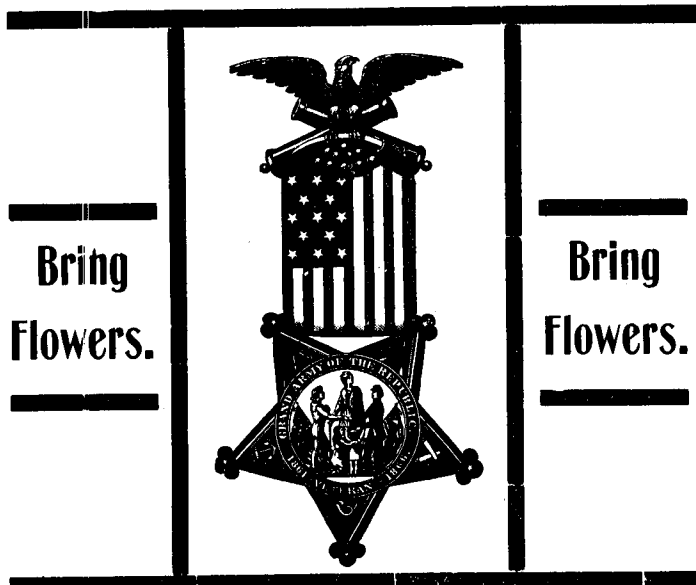
**Sergeant
Joseph Malek**



VFW Post 3368 also honors the first Company "E" soldier killed in the Spanish-American War, William Burton, an army regular from Gunsallus, Texas, assigned to the Mount Pleasant Unit shortly before embarkation for the Philippines in 1898.

MEMORIAL DAY, 1902.

MOUNT PLEASANT, PA.



....Program....

SUNDAY, MAY 25.

Memorial sermon in the First Baptist church, Main street, at 10:45 o'clock a. m., by the pastor, Rev. C. W. Haines.

Members of Robert Warden Post, G. A. R., in uniform and wearing the Memorial Badge (as far as possible) will assemble at the Post room at 10:15 o'clock a. m. preparatory to attending the Memorial services.

FRIDAY, MAY 30.

Robert Warden Post, G. A. R., will assemble in the Post room promptly at 9 o'clock a. m. At 9:30 o'clock a procession will be formed in front of the Grand Opera House, right resting on Church street, as follows:

Marshall and aides; Company E, N. G. P., Capt. J. A. Loar; Mount Pleasant Drum Corps, Robert Warden Post, G. A. R., and other veterans; Civic and Patriotic Societies and Citizens

The procession will move west on Main street and to the cemetery, where the following program will be rendered:

Prayer.....Rev. D. M. Lyle.

Reading President Lincoln's Address made at Gettysburg

on Nov. 19, 1863.....

Address.....Rev. C. L. Smith.

Song.

God bless our native land
Firm may she ever stand
Through storms and night;
When the wild tempests rave,
Ruler of wind and wave,
Do Thou our country save,
By Thy great might.

Our fathers' God, to Thee,
Author of liberty,
To Thee we sing.
Long may our land be bright,
With freedom's holy light;
Protect us with Thy might,
Great God! our King.

Benediction.

Decorating graves by members of Post and others.

After which the procession will reform and march to the place of starting. Details will be made from the G. A. R. post to decorate the graves in the old churchyard in town, the Middle, the St. John's, the Fairview, the Greenlick and the Dunkard grave yards in the country, in the afternoon.

Everybody is invited to bring flowers and take part in the exercises.

J. A. STEVENSON, }
W. M. JORDAN, } Com.
J. R. ZUCK. }



Loaned by Mrs. Judy Cooper

Mount Pleasant Drum Corp as it appeared about 1920, paused after marching in a parade. All the members of the band were veterans, and most of those pictured were members of the Grand Army of the Republic; standing: Dr. Jess Mullin; Stillwagon; Charles Hawkins (of Mattress Inn); unidentified; John Hawkins; "Hud" Jordan the postmaster; James Hawkins; seated: Peter Matorella, a local barber, James Braddock; next two unidentified; Wesley Swartz, Robert Goodman, photographer.

The Grand Army of the Republic, Robert Warden Post No. 103 1880-1923

An examination of the roll and minutes of this Civil War veteran's organization, stored in the Mount Pleasant Free Public Library, brings alive the memories of the soldiers who settled or returned here after fighting the "War of the Rebellion" 115 years ago, and of their rallying point, the GAR.

The names of 165 men from many regiments appear on the post's roll; "died" followed most names when the final entry was made in the minute book, Feb. 3, 1923. They had led Mount Pleasant in celebrating the great victories of the nation's wars, organizing and marching in the parades and decorating the town and the graves of their comrades, and providing aid to members, their widows and orphans. In 1922 during the post's final months of existence "... *Special meeting called to execute papers to send and admit orphans of Comrade W— deceased, to Orphans Home and School,*" continued the acts of charity which had characterized the group's 43 year history.
Jill Cook, ed.

American Legion, James E. Zundell Post 446 1919

Post 446, American Legion was organized Dec. 14, 1919 with the backing of Burgess Samuel P. Stevens, and through the efforts of many local veterans of World War I, the majority from Company E, 110th Infantry. Named for Captain James E. Zundell of Company E. who was killed in action in France, the post held its first meeting in the local Armory; Frank Carbaugh was elected Commander; with other officers: Jay Pigman, Wilbur Fox, Morris Pigman, and William Stiner.

Now in their 60th year, the Post has grown to be one of the foremost in the state, active in all facets of the American Legion program: rehabilitation, Americanism, community service, youth activities and others. When needed, the Post has provided aid to veterans, in need of rehabilitation, through their able service officer.

After renting quarters in the Ruder Inn building, and then in the Cernuto building, the Post purchased the Dullinger building at 27 South Church St. during the tenure of C. L. Rehanek in 1938. Through the volunteer services of many members, the building was converted into the first post home.

In 1951, the Kuhn property at 752 West Main St. was purchased. On

1880 July 16 Recruits waiting at the outpost were as follows: John Dullinger, William M. Jordan, John A. Stevenson, J. A. Lohr, M. N. Stauffer, David Slonider, Urbanus B. Hubbs, Daniel H. Eicher, Jacob Zuck, Wm. Hughes, George W. Overholt, J. W. Russell, Abram Shawley, William Zimmerman, William Horton, Thomas D. Freeble, Jerry Fineefrock, Henry Lentz, Henry Snitehurst, Dr. F. L. Marsh, Chas. D. Reed and Samuel Nutting ... On motion it was resolved to name the post Robert Warden Post No. 163; carried unanimously.

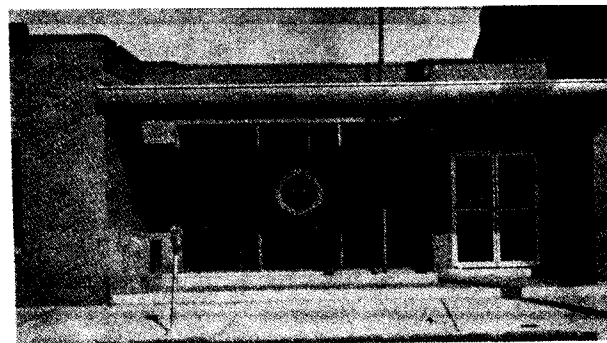
July 23 ... On motion it was resolved to pay the IOOF five dollars per month for use of their Lodge-room one night (Friday) per week.

J. S. Stevenson, Adjt.

1919 Jan. 4 ... No meeting held since July 6, 1918 on account of death of Adj. Stevenson and the flu epidemic.

U. B. Hubbs, Adjt.
J. W. Miller, acting Adjt.

The new American Legion Post at 752 West Main Street, was built in 1954.



Past Commanders

Frank E. Carbaugh	1919-20
Francis A. McIntyre	1920
Crosby A. Thompson	1920-21
Harry L. Fidler	1921-22, 1927-29
Frank E. Walker	1922-23, 1939-43
Joseph J. Zema	1923-24
Wm. S. Queer	1925-27

Ray F. Gelsthorpe	1929-30
John S. Kosbelt	1930-31
G. Wylie Overly	1931-32, 1935-36
Wilmer E. Fox	1932-33
Howard G. Shrader	1933-35
Edward C. Bergman	1936-37
Charles L. Rehanek	1937-38
Joseph E. Briercheck	1938-39
Samuel M. Craig	1943-46
Michael Topely	1946-47
Herbert Gerecter	1947-48
Herman Antonette	1948-49, 1964-65
Steve Urban	1949-50
Albert Kozak	1950-51
Kensy Dillon	1951-52
Frank Stevens	1952-53
Robert E. Garstek	1953-54
George D. Hyde	1954-55
Frank L. Zipnock	1955-56, 1965-66
	1968-69
Edward J. Frederick	1956-57
Ernest L. Clausner	1957-58
Joseph R. Garstek	1958-59
James E. Bailey	1959-60
Joseph W. Rudnik	1960-61, 1972-77
John R. Muir	1961-62
Daniel Kelly	1962-63
Donald King	1963-64
Anthony Garstek	1966-67
Richard Olinger	1967-68
Jack McIndoe	1969-70
George Smithnosky	1970-71
Walter Dombrosky	1971-72
Willard Stevens	1974-75



Officers in 1978 were; seated: Donald Jahoda, adjt.; Joseph Rudnik, 1st vice cdr; John Hudock, commander; Edward Bergman, Fin. officer; standing: Joseph Garstek, past-cdr.; Henry Abromson, judge advocate; George Smithnosky, historian; Rev. Eugene Newell, chaplain; Charles McCann, 2nd vice cdr; Amos Linardi, sgt-at-arms.

Nov. 14, 1954 the new post home was dedicated. George B. Hyde was Post Commander, with past Post Commander Albert J. Kozak serving as 31st District Commander. A major remodeling program was accomplished in the 1974-75 term of Willard M. Stevens, Commander.

Due to the influx of World War II, Korean, and Vietnam veterans, the post membership has grown to 1,537 members under the leadership of Joseph W. Rudnik; its membership is exceeded by only Latrobe and Jeannette in this county. John J. Hudock shares his great enthusiasm and aspirations for his present command with the community during Mount Pleasant's anniversary year.

From material submitted by Willard Stevens

An American Legion Auxiliary, organized in December 1928, at the home of Mrs. Edward Bergman Sr., was chartered Jan. 2, 1931. Presently the Auxiliary meets monthly at the Post Home, giving active support to the veterans by participating in Armistice and Memorial Day activities; they handle the Poppy Day project each spring, co-ordinate the Americanism programs for youth, donate to the Veterans Hospital and Scotland School, are sponsors of the Junior Auxiliary and work closely with the county and national organizations. This group has enthusiastically co-operated with this year's borough Sesquicentennial celebration.

The Gold Star Mothers, which meets monthly in the Legion home, was founded to honor and support those women whose sons gave their lives for their country. Mrs. Susanna Anderson is the president and other members include: Agnes Bobbs, Rose Rudnik, Alice Bauman, Reba Roadman, Eva Jones, Pearl Clausner, Eva Huffman, Christine Howard, Ida Whetsel, Livia Kemerer, and Sara Wilkens.

The Junior Auxiliary is a group of teenagers who meet monthly at the Post Home. With an emphasis on national and community pride, they direct their activities to the Legion youth affairs, demonstrating their civic responsibility.

Auxiliary officers, 1978 1st row: Joan Permuka, 2nd v. pres., Ellen Matthews, dist. pres., Jane Hudock, pres., Janet Shawley, v. pres. 2nd row: Rose Zeman, corres. sec'y., Mary Kozbelt, historian, Josephine Beanner, treas. 3rd. row: Blanche Bungard, sgt. at arms, Helen Flowers, rec. sec'y, Helen Karfelt, chaplain.

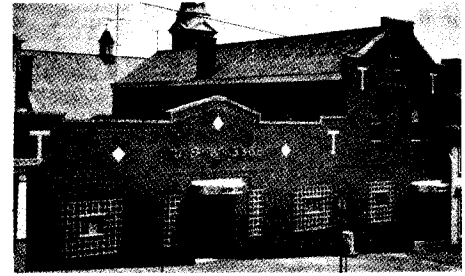


Junior Auxiliary officers; seated: Theresa Hudock, v. pres.; Karen Ovitsky, pres.; Dorothy Briercheck, jr. ch.; standing: Joni Santore, sgt. at arms; Denise Margiotti, chaplain; Connie Franchen, historian.



Officers 1977-78, from the left: George Hresko, Tom Beckerleg, Thomas Proud, Phil Hysong, John Null, McClellan Snyder, Alvin Pfrogner, Martin Wilttrout.

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post Home



Veterans of Foreign Wars Bunton-Malek Post 3368 1935

The Veterans of Foreign Wars was granted its national charter in 1935 with Ernest Gearhart, first commander. From its original rented post facilities in the DeLuca building at 27 South Church St., the VFW moved to its present location at 416 Main St. on June 3, 1937; purchase of the property occurred the following year.

Following World War II, membership soared as the post provided services and orientation for returning veterans. In 1949 the Frank Cooper residence and property adjoining their building on the west was purchased; here an addition was erected including a ballroom, social hall and offices; all the existing facilities were completely renovated and modernized. By early 1951, with the most modern facility in the area, the local VFW became the center for public meetings and many community fund-raising events.

The post, having grown from a few Spanish-American and World War I veterans, is the county's largest veterans organization with a membership of 1,100. Their support of Little League baseball, Midget football, Jr. Olympic wrestling, American Red Cross Blood program and other groups continues with an emphasis on all veterans programs.

With the 1977 acquisition and razing of the former L. S. Rhoades residence abutting their building on the west, the VFW will add a new parking facility and accomplish interior redecoration, as it joins in the borough's 1978 Sesquicentennial celebration.

VFW Auxiliary, founded in 1937, has over 100 active members working, to augment the efforts of its post and state and national affiliates. In addition to monthly meetings conducted on the second Wednesday, the auxiliary holds socials regularly or as needed for the men and guests of the post. This group which has assumed the housekeeping responsibilities of the VFW facilities raises funds to support veterans and community projects on a continuing or emergency basis. Having celebrated their 40th anniversary in 1977, the VFW Auxiliary joins the borough's festivities this year.

In January of 1976, as the nation celebrated its 200th year, recognizing and honoring its first heroes, the soldiers of the Continental Army, the VFW Post of 3368 marked its 40th anniversary. On this occasion the Women's Auxiliary officers presented a Bicentennial flag to the post officers: Norma Penn, Bud Wilttrout, Joe Szolek, Alice Wawrzyniak, Jake Wildy, Margaret Puskar.

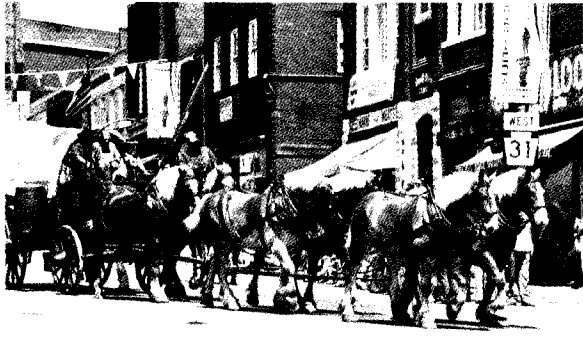


The William Stevenson Barricks Post 390 1963

In 1963 about 100 veterans of World War I formed the Stevenson Barracks, exclusively for the men who served in the great war of 1917-1919. These men who met bi-monthly at the VFW Hall, enjoying each other's companionship, have always taken an active part in the patriotic activities of the community. In 1978, the roll carries the names of only 20 living members. Edward Bergman has been the commander since 1972; Charles Hribal is the secretary-treasurer.

Sesquicentennial

On June 24 the Appalachian Wagon Train with 100 wagons, passed through town at noon. One of the most exciting events of the Sesquicentennial year, the train delivered specially prepared envelopes carried from Somerset. Their camp site at Adams' field on Slope Hill Road was open to visitors to view pioneer life.



Bob Decker's Belgian horses led the first wagon into town. (Decker and his horses appeared on the television production "Centennial".) The wagons circled the Diamond Square as they did 150 years ago. After delivering the mail and receiving the warm welcome of the town, the train followed Main Street to Kennedy Avenue and then back to their camp.

Journal Photo



Everybody's friend, Bill Howard, delivered the mail to Postmaster Vernon Nicolette.



Chairman George Wood then addressed the crowd assembled to welcome the wagon train. Mayor Potoka presented a 1900 Mount Pleasant map to the wagon train scouts, Jerry Hershberger and Jim Crosby. After presenting a commemorative crystal bowl made by Lenox Crystal, a product of Mount Pleasant, the Mayor accepted a gift of maple syrup, a product of Somerset, from that town's Mayor Bill James.



George Wood Photos

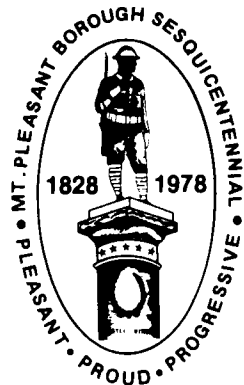
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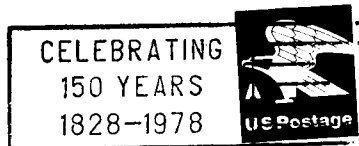
Left: Not many can prepare dinner for 500 guests or more, but our Mamie Yancosky can! As a small reward, she received a hug from two of the wagon train personnel. The way to a man's heart must still be through his stomach?

Below: The feeding of the 500.





Know Ye All that this commemorative envelope, issued during the Borough of Mount Pleasant's One Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary Year, and being delivered in this place, in the County of Westmoreland, in the State of Pennsylvania on this twenty-fourth day of June, in the year of our Lord Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-Eight, has made the difficult and dangerous five day journey from Somerset over Laurel Hill, conveyed in a special mail pouch by the Appalachian Wagon Train, following along what is now known as Route thirty-one and re-tracing the historic route of the old Glades Road, by which our earliest settlers and mail arrived here from the East two hundred years ago.



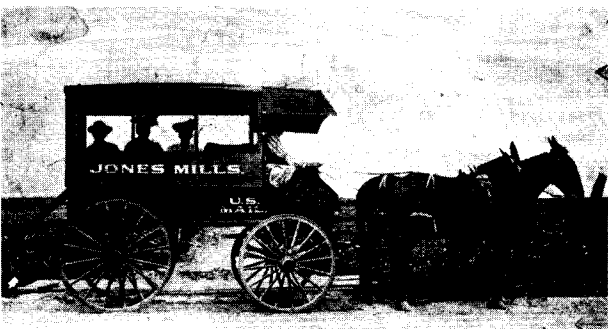
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of Chamber of Commerce
Borough Building
Mount Pleasant, Pa.
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The Post Office

"Neither snow, nor rain, nor heat, nor gloom of night stays these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds."
Herodotus (c. 430 B.C.)

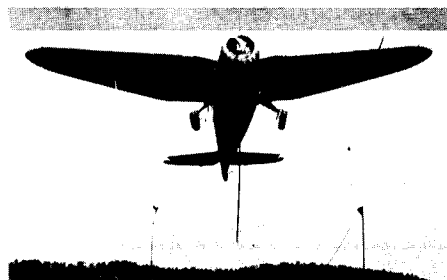
This is the unofficial motto of the United States Postal Service.



Loaned by Olive L. Shaffer

In 1900 the mail hack of independent contractor, Jim Logan of Jones Mills, also carried passengers on the daily mail trip from Jones Mills, leaving at 7 a.m. and arriving in Mount Pleasant at 10 a.m. Before the return trip the mules were watered and fed at Simpson's Stable located on the alley at the southwestern side of the Diamond Square where Frank Olinger worked as a young boy.

The picture is from a 1907 postcard sent from Alice post office to Mount Pleasant.



Mount Pleasant Mail Pickup, 1939

In May of 1939 Mount Pleasant became one of the 53 communities in a five state area where local airmail service was introduced by All American Aviation, now Allegheny Airlines.

Mount Pleasant's base was located on the former Eugene Warden Farm just east of the Visitation Cemetery and owned presently by the Miele Family. Late each afternoon as children and adults watched expectantly the pilot and his flight mechanic in a monoplane descended at 100 miles an hour to an altitude of 60 feet. Flying over two steel masts, set 20 feet apart with the outbound mail slung over a wire strung between, the pilot simultaneously dropped the inbound mail container as he picked up the outgoing mail, reeling it into the plane in flight.

One of the first pilots on this route was Clyde Hauger of Donegal, a veteran commercial and pioneer airmail pilot. He later became chief pilot for Latrobe Construction Company and while in their service, he was killed in a plane crash south of Charleston, W. Va., January 1957.

Photo and information provided by Mary Jane Hauger of Donegal.



The Post Office Compliment in 1910, as pictured in the "Old Home Week" booklet, posed in front of the office on South Church Street.

United States Postal Service, Mount Pleasant Post Office 1804

Until some time after the Revolution all correspondence into Westmoreland County was carried by express riders or by the casual traveler. About 1786 government authorities ordered the establishment of a post route from Philadelphia to Pittsburgh and from Winchester to Bedford. In 1804 a line of coaches was established between Philadelphia and Pittsburgh through Bedford, Somerset and Mountpleasant that could make this twenty-day trip in only five days.

In the *Greensburg and Indiana Register* of Nov. 12, 1812, the information was given that a post-route had lately been established from Bedford to Greensburg, leaving Greensburg every Saturday morning and arriving in Bedford on Sunday evening. This fast newspaper delivery by the post would keep the most distant inhabitants well informed about the war with England and selling price of grain.

During this period the Mountpleasant post office received the mail for the entire township which continued after the incorporation of the borough. The newspapers advertised the arrival of the mail and the names of people having letters left at the post office. From 1789 until 1863, letter mail rates did not include city delivery service. Mail and newspaper patrons had the option of using the service or not.

A courier collected two cents for the delivery of each letter and a similar fee for each letter received by the carrier for deposit in the post office; all fees collected were kept by the carrier. In 1858 letter boxes for deposit were introduced and about 1863 free delivery began. Beginning in the 1880s rural area's mail was carried by private contractors using horses and wagons on what the post office designated as "Star Routes." These hacks called mail-wagons were on the principal of a one-horse shay, built to withstand the roughness and jolting of the rocky roads, swamps, marshes, and climbing over logs or up the sides of hills and ravines if necessary.

In the post-Civil War period, a combination store and post office was operated on West Main Street adjacent and east of the Methodist



Loaned by Elizabeth Overholt Robinson

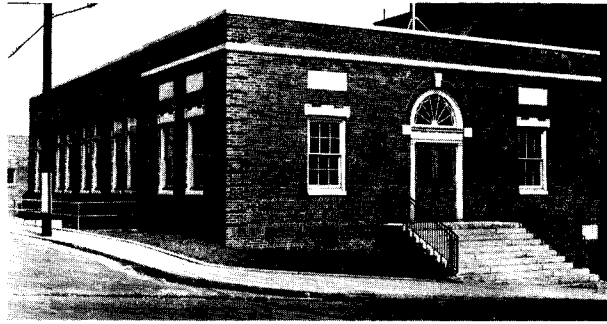
Post Office Compliment of 1931 posed in front of rented headquarters at 612 Main street; 1st row: Claude Harrer, Joe Lawson, John Barkley, William Overholt, postmaster; G. (Doc) Kurtz, Ray Bingaman, John Walker; standing: John Dodson, Lewis Brown, Floyd Harrer, William Andrews, Neal Berg, Lloyd Shaw, Robert Berg, Squire Elliot, Robert King, Robert Faust.

Episcopal Church; John D. McCaleb was postmaster at that time. By 1876 the post office had moved to South Church Street in the building at the southeast corner of the Main Street intersection. Jacob Zuck who was appointed postmaster in 1897 and in 1901, served at this location. Sometime after 1910 the post office moved to 612 Main St., the last of the rented quarters. In 1936, while William A. Overholt was postmaster, the first post office building at the northeast corner of Main and Church streets was completed. Since moving to this facility five others have served as postmaster: Clark Queer, Charles Fencil, Robert W. Stahl, Joseph M. Patrick and presently, Vernon Nicolette.

In 1978 the Postal Service is planning to build a larger facility on Rumbaugh Ave.

From the history of the U.S. Post Office, the *History of Westmoreland County*, maps and local sources.

The Mount Pleasant Post Office, at the northeast corner of Main and Church streets, was completed in 1936; it stands on the site of one of the first fine hotels of the town, the Hitchman Hotel.



Below: the Postal Service Compliment of 1978 in the postmaster's office in the Post Office building at the corner of Main and Church Streets. 1st row: George Miller, clerk; Richard Crawford, clerk; Vernon Nicolette, postmaster; Andrew Garsteck, city no. 3; standing: Richard Covert, clerk; Robert Whipkey, R.D. #5; James Palanko, city no. 5; Lawrence Clausner, supt. mails; Thomas Tepper, R.D. #1; Julius Kurimchek, city no. 2; Ernest Clausner, R.D. #3; George Hockenberry, R.D. #4; Dennis Baluh, city subst.; Rodger Geary, subst. clerk; Thomas Coleman, R.D. #2; Robert Covert, clerk; Dean Walker, clerk; not present: Ray Fencil, clerk; Richard Skilone, subst. clerk; Denver Hudec, carrier technician all routes; William Dodd, city no. 1; Richard Kowash, city no. 6; Dennis Baca, city subst.; Ronald Tinkey, Frank Lemmon, Edward Smartnick, Erwin Rysz, Marshall Busko, R. D. subst.; Mrs. Sadie Gonda, custodian.



Sesquicentennial

Proclamation

Mayor Potoka has signed the following proclamation to give official sanction to the ruling:

WHEREAS, the year 1978 has been officially designated as the Mount Pleasant Borough Sesquicentennial Year by Mount Pleasant Borough Council in recognition of its 150th anniversary; and

WHEREAS, the committee in charge of the official observance of said Sesquicentennial Year has set out a list of events which will officially recognize this anniversary and in which the residents of said Borough have been invited to participate; and

WHEREAS, it is felt that the residents and visitors to Mount Pleasant should show some sign of their support for the programs being planned.

NOW, THEREFORE, I as Mayor of the Borough of Mount Pleasant officially proclaim that all residents and visitors to said Borough during the year 1978 shall be required to participate in said observance in the following manner, i.e., all males over the age of 18 years shall be required to grow a beard and all females over the age of 18 shall be required to wear a bonnet.

Anyone wishing to be exempt from the above requirements must purchase a permit from the Sesquicentennial Committee and display it on their person when in public. The official slogan for this portion of our celebration shall be "Beards, Bonnets or Buttons".

Anyone found in violation of the provisions of this proclamation shall be subject to a fine of \$2.00 or imprisonment in the stockade for a period of one (1) hour.

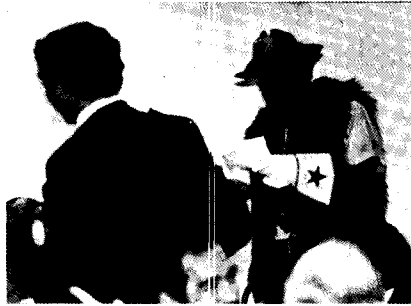
This proclamation shall remain in effect for the calendar year 1978.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal this 7th day of February, 1978, which is the actual anniversary date of the founding of the Borough of Mount Pleasant.

(signed)

William Potoka,
Mayor

Among the ladies who took no chance of being put in the stocks were these lovely Bonnet Belles - Beverly Fiedor, Ann Ondrako and Dee Henry.



George Wood read the proclamation regarding beards and buttons.



Frank Eckels had two violators, Armin Abromson and Bill Potoka, in tow.



First to the "paddy wagon" was Bob Blum.



Jim Cook called the "court" to order.

The verdict was announced!



Placed in the stocks for punishment...



The Day the Rotary Club Got Busted

Mayor William Potoka's address to the club on "Police Brutality" was interrupted abruptly by the Sesquicentennial Raiders.

Zig Prevenslik and Mayor Potoka were wet down by fireman Henry Sargent.

