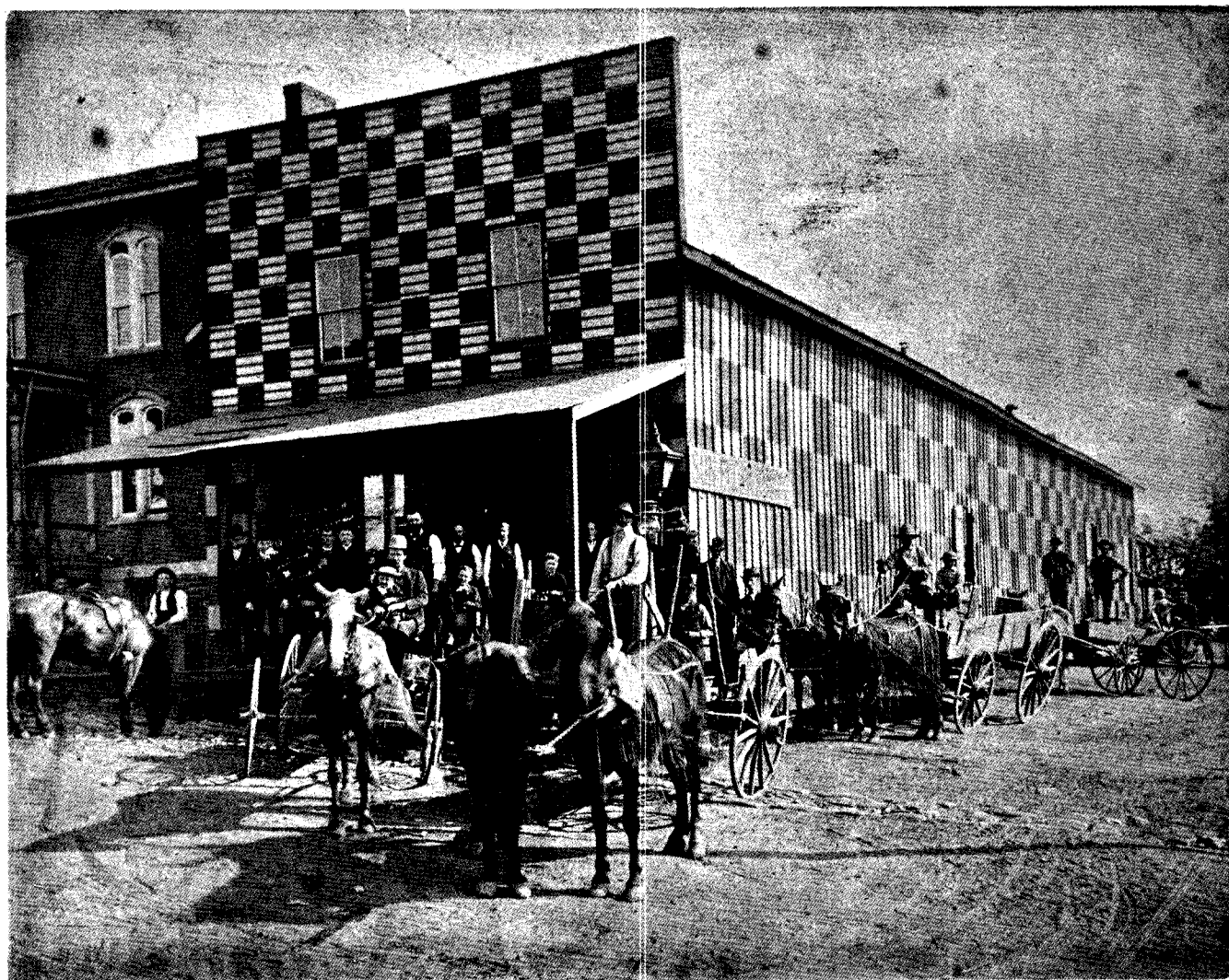


In competition with 64 Union Supply stores, a local forerunner to present-day grocery chain marketing was established when W. S. Leeper started business as a boy in his home near the historic grist mill at Laurelville. He got his initial start in Mount Pleasant in the last decade of the 19th century when he purchased the well-established "Checkered Front" store built by D. P. Lowe and John Husband at 100 E. Main St. (Corner of Main & Depot Streets). With a most successful cash grocery the W. S. Leeper and Son operation expanded to include three stores on Main Street-the original on Bunker Hill and others at 302 and 651. The former became Eicher's Market and the latter was in the Grand Theater block.

Checkerboard Front General Store owned and operated by David Porter Lowe. Picture probably taken about 1885. Corner of Depot and Main.



Loaned by Mrs. H. W. Schooley

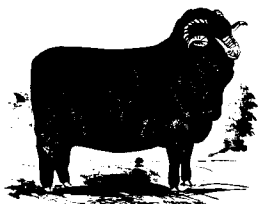
"The business community of Mount Pleasant, always projecting the needs of the future, must first pause and reflect on the past, the people and their achievements. In this, our Sesquicentennial Anniversary year, a pleasant opportunity again unites us to rejoice and be proud of the progressive spirit that has delivered us to our present prosperity."

Zigmund Prevenslik, President of the Mount Pleasant Area Chamber of Commerce, at the Sesquicentennial Birthday banquet, February 7, 1978.

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A Rare Chance for Wool Growers.



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C. W. FOOTE

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Mount Pleasant Hotel, Mount Pleasant, Vt.
And has with him a small and Very Select lot of pure bred SPANISH SHEEP, Bucks and Ewes, of the BEST quality. They were selected from some of the best Flocks in Vermont, and are amongst THE BEST.

We invite all to Call and Examine for themselves.

April 12, 1882

C. W. FOOTE.



F. S. Dullinger had a steam laundry on Church Street and Lee Wing had a Chinese laundry on Church St.

Business Directory, 1978, compiled by Sue Spence.

MAIN STREET

Dively Real Estate, 101 E. Main est. 1977, Wm. C. Dively

Mount Pleasant Horse & Saddle Shop, 101 E. Main, est. 1977, Sally A. & Wm. C. Dively

IGA Super Dollar, 20 E. Main, est. 1971, Jack Wood, prop.; George Wood, mgr.

Ben Franklin Store, 20 E. Main, est. 1973, Wilma & Jack Wood, prop.

JunXshun Restaurant, 20 E. Main, est. 1975, Food International, prop.

Jo-Cid Laundry Care, 20 E. Main, est. 1971, Dom Iannarelli

Diamond Auto Parts, est. 1960-7 E. Main, 1977-2 E. Main, Stanley Yanuck, prop.

Cook Lumber Co., 25 E. Main, est. 1941-Dan Cook; 1976-James Cook

Barron's Used Cars, 24-25 E. Main, est. 1938, Morris S. Barron

Brown's Candy Kitchen, 36 E. Main, est. 1951, West & Lucille Brown

Penn Theatre, 100 E. Main, est. 1940-Mr. & Mrs. Harold Cohen; 1974-Abe Beter

East End Pharmacy, 107 E. Main, est. 1978, Frances Maida Lobur

Brush & Hostoffer TV, 108 E. Main, est. 1960, Carl Brush & Robert W. Hostoffer

Lobingier's Restaurant, 114 E. Main, est. 1976, David Lobingier

Arco Service Center, 120 E. Main, est. 1954, Bill Potoka, prop.

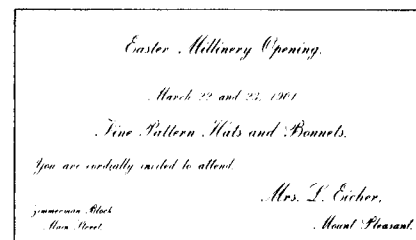
Loaned by Sarah Weisel

"It is very evident, not to count on local authority, that there was a splendid class of business men in the early day settled here . . . one of the institutions of the town in the early century was a joint-stock company, organized about the year 1814, for the purpose of carrying on the merchantile business under the name of "The Farmers' and Mechanics' Store." The company occupied as a place of business a log building which stood on the lot latterly occupied as a store room of Ebersole, Trauger and Zuck; this is on the left side of the main street going northward."

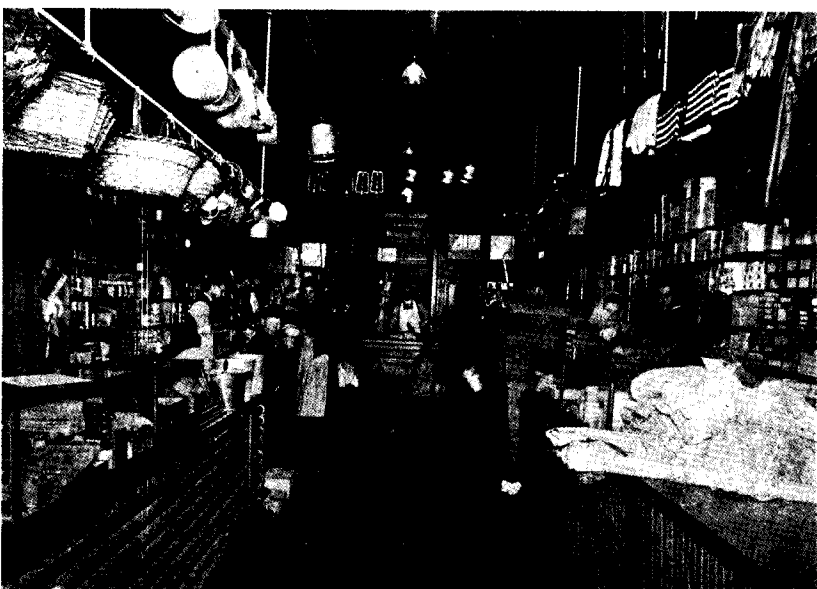
Albert 1882



Lillian Eicher Hats early in the century topped the finest wardrobes.



Vetesk's Store, Main and Shupe Streets, about 1905.



Grand Opera House.

H. C. MORRISON, Manager.

To-Night

DEERSLAYER

2 Reel Feature by Fenimore Cooper

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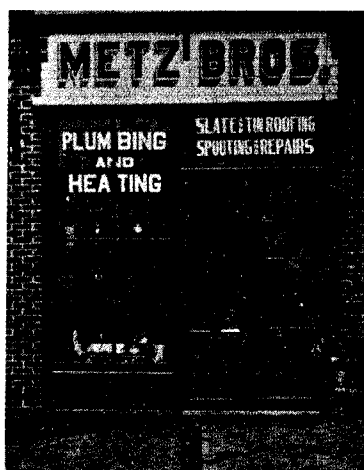
2 Big Vaudeville Acts

Monday, Sept. 8—

Girl Spy in Mexico

2 Reel Feature.

1913, Mount Pleasant Journal

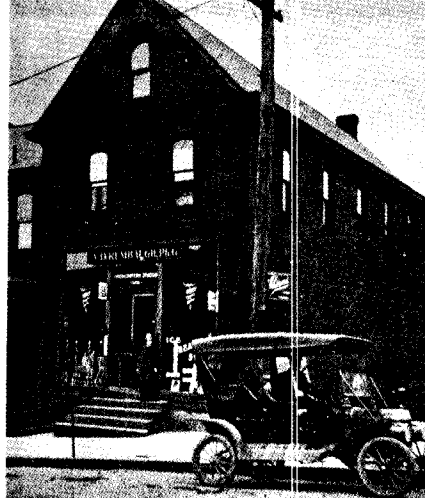
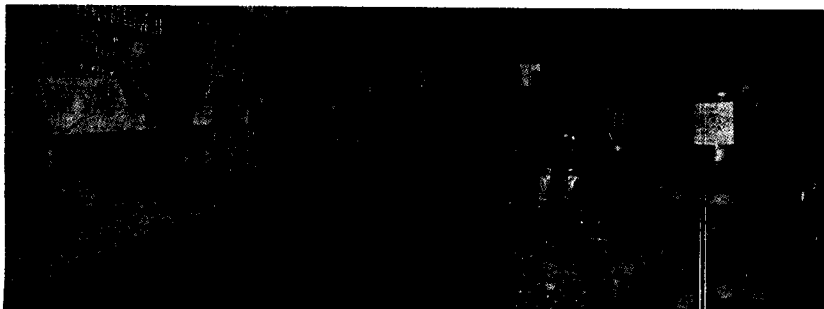


About 1910



Gerecter Bldg., in 1910, same location as present

Doncaster Grocery about 1910 Richard Doncaster in foreground, Paul, a clerk to rear. One sign advertises "Tasty Cheese, 10¢ lb." 1910—15.



A. D. Rumbaugh registered Pharmacist had a "full line of foreign and domestic drugs and chemicals". Located in a building where the Diamond Mini Mall now stands.



The Watch Repair Shop of Charles H. Jaquette, at his 734 Main Street location, 1910.



George's Racket Store interior at 655 Main St.

Leeper's Store E. Main Street



Coppula's Market, 200 E. Main, est. 1934, Vincent Coppula, prop.

Coppula's Restaurant, 202 E. Main, est. 1920, Fred Coppula, prop.

Kirby of Mount Pleasant, 203 Main, est. 1976, Patrick Schimmel, mgr.

Rega Tailor, 216 Main, est. 1963, Dom Rega, prop.

MAP Hotel & Rest., 220 Main, est. 1977, Patty Puzak, Mgr.

Mount Pleasant Auto Parts, 228 Main, est. 1975, Ray Novotny

Madeline's Slipcovers & Draperies, 232 Main, est. 1976, Madeline Fabian

Laurel Valley Heating & Air Conditioning, 234 Main, est. 1978, Wm. G. Cavill, prop.

Village Hotel, 236 Main, est. 1963, Gene & Ralph Rega, prop.

Dick Buzzy Chrysler-Plymouth, 239 Main, est. 1978

Prager Hdwe. & Electronics, 300 Main, est. 1958, Thomas & Emogene Prager

Karfelt's Dept. Store, 306 Main, est. 1938, Charles W. Karfelt Family

Town & Country Construction, 335 Main, est. 1977, John J. Spadafora

A&A Hair Styling Salon, 401 Main, est. 1955, Al DeStefino, prop.

John Jordan, Barber, 429 Main, est. 1965

H. Brooks White Insurance, 429 Main, est. 1966

Coke's Barber Shop, 438 Main, est. 1963, Joseph Yancosky, prop.

The Style Center, est. 1976-647 Main; 1978-Mini Mall, Sue Hoke, Kathryn Lobingier, Florence Guzy, prop.

His & Her Sportswear, Mini-Mall est. 1978, Gary Bailey & David Ankeny

Diamond Pharmacy, Mini-Mall, est. 1977, Thomas & Linda Ahlborn Degentesh, prop.

Brown's Record Center, est. 1957-524 Main, 1977-Mini-Mall, Lee & Bertha Brown, prop.

The Hair Affair, Mini-Mall, est. 1978, Angelo Ross, prop.

Harpo's Rest., Mini-Mall, est. 1978, Mark E. Krystyniak, prop.

J&M Inc., 445 Main, est. 1969, John P. Krystyniak, Pres.

Panny's Discount Music, 501 Main, est. 1970, Panfield J. DiNicola, III, prop.

Mount Pleasant Hdwe. est. 1954-200 S. Diamond, 1970-502 Main, Michael Farrell, prop.

Devorak's Market, 503 Main, est. 1916, Jean & Anthony Guadino, prop.

Saloom Shoe Center, 506 Main, est. 1960, Joseph Saloom, prop.

Twin Parlors-Roma Room, 507 Main, est. 1960, tony, Panfield, and John DiNicola, prop.

Saloom's Dept. Store, 508 Main, est. 1928, George Saloom, prop.

Ronnie's Discount Fabrics, 509 Main, est. 1975, Mary M. Rodriguez, prop.

Edward's, 511 Main, est. 1977, Mary Jane Edwards, prop.

Sann's Bar & Restaurant, 512 Main, est. 1965, Mrs. Harry Sann, prop.

Chantous Store, 515 Main, est. 1948-Alex Ghantous; Reorg. 1953-Ghantous Family

Marne's Market, est. 1939-512 Main; 1965-516 Main, Philip M. Marne

Montgomery Ward Catalog, est. 1945-656 Main; 1949-520 Main, Virginia Dolan, Mgr.

Stern's Camera Shop, 520 Main, est. 1966, Morris & Margery Stern

J.C. Penney Co., Inc., 525 Main, est. 1922, Robert Waldrop, Mgr.

Gatling's Auto Stores, est. 1951-651 Main; 1961-525 Main, J. Patrick Graham, Mgr.

William's Restaurant, 526 Main, est. 1972, Wm. Tartal, prop.

Kropff's Jrs., 532 Main, est. 1974, Richard Kropff, prop.

Simon's 533 Main, est. 1943, David Simon family

F.W. Woolworth Co., est. 1914-525 Main; 1961-535 Main, Nellie Arroto, Mgr.

Burn's Drug Store, 544 Main, est. 1937, Earl Stern

Levin Furniture & Colonial House, 600-610 Main, est. 1919, Levin Family

George & Cunningham Hdwe., 607 Main, est. 1922-M.R. George; 1942-M.R. George & Charles Cunningham; 1952-

Robert George & Charles Cunningham

Herbert Furniture, 609-611 Main, est. 1908, Richard Gerecter; 1941-Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Gerecter & Leonard Feldman

Allison's News, 612 Main, est. 1948; 1966-Howard & Elinore Allison

Frey's Jrs., 614 Main, est. 1944-Nathan & Florence Frey; 1977-Bernard Barron

McCrary's, 615-19 Main, est. 1913, Gayle Eicher, Mgr.

Gigliotti's Menswear, 616-18 Main, est. 1972, Bill Sapanara, Mgr.

Davidson's, 620 Main, est. 1958, Dolores Neiderhiser

The Fashion Shop, 621-623 Main, est. 1915-Louie Levinson; 1946-Leonard Levinson

The Hub, 624 Main, est. 1941-Israel Samuels; 1976-Steve Samuels

Kard Korner, 625 Main, est. 1976, Marge D'Amato, Mgr.

Something Different, 631 Main, est. 1974, Vonda Queer, Mgr.

Candyland, Main & College, est. 1919-Sam Samer; 1970-George & Spero Manousakis

People's Wallpaper & Paints, est. 1952-529 Main; 1977-Rr. 638 Main, Peter Cavezza & Angeline Bielecki

Gunsallus & Armor Pharmacy, 644 Main, est. 1949-Lawrence Rehanek & Jack Gunsallus; 1966-Jack Gunsallus & Wm. Armor

Pizza Emporium, 646 Main, est. 1975

Pat's Stereo, 655 Main, est. 1976, Bruce Felker, Mgr.

Pennsylvania State Liquor Store, 656 Main, est. 1934, Anthony Farrell, Mgr.

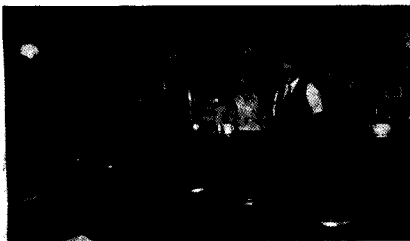
The Hearth Shoppe, 656 Main, est. 1977, Bonita Sabota & Earl Langland

The National Hotel, 658 Main, est. 1946-

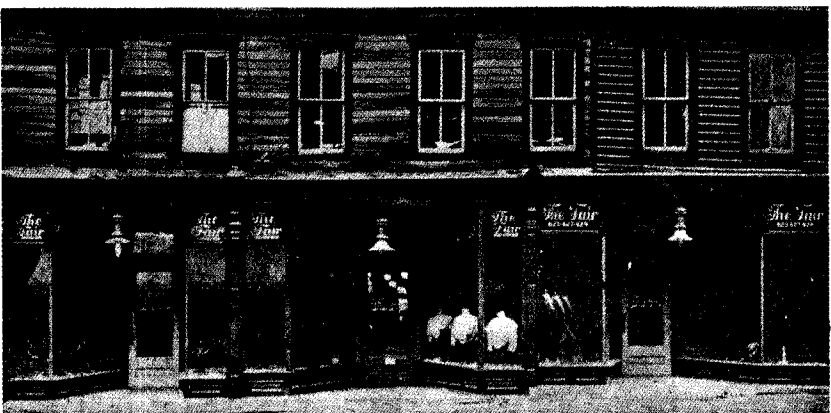


S.P. Zimmerman Furniture Company, 600 block, Main Street, 1920—Today's antiques.

Jack and Mary Lou Cameron were the congenial couple who operated Cameron's next to the bank at 706 W. Main St. from 1948 until 1971. Jsoeph, and son Robert Hartman were the friendly competitors across the street at 705 W. Main St. with their Hartman-Maytag business, which is now located east of town.



Morrison's Restaurant at 103 Main Street about 1925, Ella Mae Overly and Dorsey Morrison (parents of William and Robert).

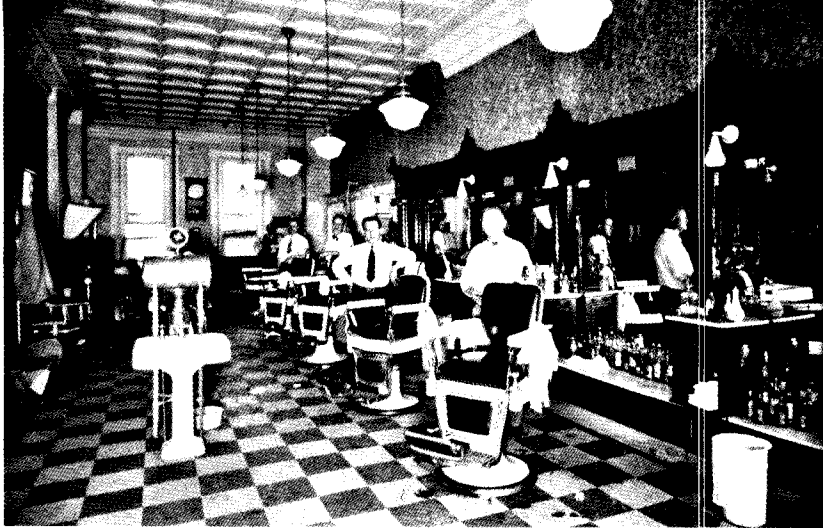


Kobacker's Dept. Store, 1910. Also known as The Fair Dept. Store, located at the present J. C. Penney location.

Tony Mongelluzzo, 1925, opening Barbershop at 417 Main Street (retired, 1973).



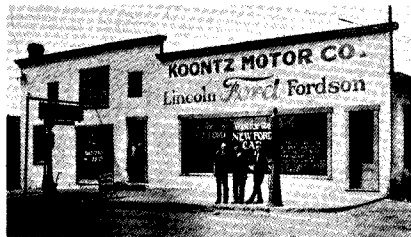
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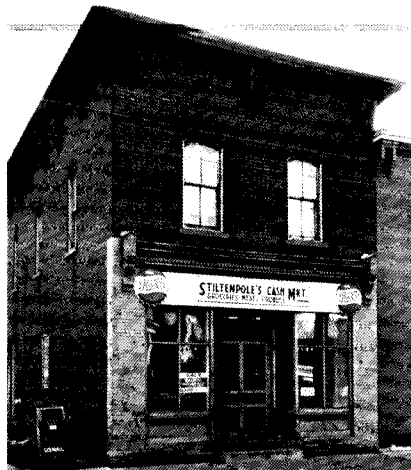
Sam Schindel's Barbershop 650 W. Main St. 1920's pictured front to back: Sam Schindel, Lou Barron, Harry Hartigan, Harry Fidler.

Helen's, a ladies high fashion apparel shop, was located at 647 Main St. in the old Peoples National Bank Building. For three decades, 1942-1972, the proprietor, Helen Faigen, and her dual salesforce of Emma Geiger and Evelyn Fox, encouraged a large clientele from a wide area to dress with "a touch of class".



1928

Pies and people made the East End Restaurant at 117 E. Main St., owned by Margaret and Walter Forys, the pleasant place for a coffee break or inducement to a good home-cooked meal. Burned out in the 1970 fire, Margaret and "Frosty", with little interruption, were back in business at 107 E. Main St. until they retired in 1977.



Katie Ultz had the restaurant at 526 Main St. and when she moved down to Diamond Square at the new Mini-Mall site, Dan Zaidan moved his eatery there and called it the G&D Restaurant. In 1967 until 1971 Vi and John Tokar owned and operated it under the name of La Fiesta. Now it is William's Restaurant, owned by William Tartal.

Corner of Eagle & Main was often a grocery store, now Herd's Chiropractic Clinic.

Coldsmith's Drug Store, 1931. From left: Jim Pfrogner, clerk; Charles F. Coldsmith, Druggist and owner; Lawrence A. Rehanek, Druggist; Arthur Woehler, Druggist; lady customer.



Harry & Mary Pfeifer; 1968-1978-Robert & Gladys Pfeifer Bailey

Prudence Snyder Beauty Academy, 661 Main, est. 1963, Prudence Snyder, prop.

H&R Block Income Tax, 661 Main, est. 1971, John Mulhorn, Mgr.

Gradler Studio, 701 Main, est. 1943-Frank Gradler; 1952-Jack & Carol Gradler

James R. Murtha Insurance, 705 W. Main, est. 1976

Sadies Outlet Store, 706 W. Main, est. 1977, Sandy Thomas & Diane Carrick

Joe Ziskind Home Remodeling, 706 W. Main, est. 1977, Mr. & Mrs. Milton Poster, Reps.

Eugene G. Saloom Funeral Home, 730 W. Main, est. 1964

Stop & Go Store, 741 W. Main, est. 1977, Barbara Herpak, Mgr.

S. Kubiak Wholesale Dist., 765 W. Main, est. 1970, Stella Kubiak, prop.

Poster's Tire Service, 757 W. Main, est. 1977, Leonard & Jack Poster

Kearney's Dist. Co., Rr. 767 W. Main, est. 1934-C.J. Kearney, Sr.; 1958-C.J. Kearney, Jr.

Shreffler's Nursery School, Eagle & Main, est. 1976, Rebecca Craig Shreffler, prop.

Luther J. Grimm Funeral Home, 806 W. Main, est. 1934-Luther Grimm, Sr.; 1976-Luther Grimm, Jr.

Hacker Real Estate, 808 W. Main, est. 1968, Thomas E. Hacker

Don Gunther Associates, 810 W. Main, est. 1973

Jack Caruso Arco, 819 W. Main, est. 1965

Modeler's Workshop, 821 W. Main, est. 1978, Nick Samios

Laughrey-King, Inc. Insurance, 902 W. Main, est. 1976, Howard L. King, pres.

State Farm Insurance, 908 W. Main, est. 1973, Tom Jollie, agent

Ye Olde Coffee Pot Restaurant, 918 W. Main, est. 1974, James Kuhn

Oldland's Gulf Service, Main at Morewood, est. 1968, John Richards, Mgr.

American General Life Insurance Co., Main & Morewood, est. 1971, Edward Koleski, District Sales Mgr.

DIAMOND STREET

Car Wash & Laundramat, 320 S. Diamond, est. 1967, John Dudinesky

Reboy Tire Service, 315 S. Diamond, est. 1977, Robert Reboy

Veteran's Service Station, 315 S. Diamond, est. 1930-Dom D'Amato; 1978-Robert Reboy

Roy Allison Tire Service, 208 S. Diamond, est. 1955, Roy Allison

Mount Pleasant Floral & Greenhouse, 208 S. Diamond, est. 1933-Edwin Swink; 1968-Chester & Jeannie Echard

Mount Pleasant Distributing, 206 S. Diamond, est. 1945, Anthony Antonette, prop.

House of Ceramics, 203 S. Diamond, est. 1975, Edie Treber & Elmina Antonette, prop.

Thrift Sales, 200 S. Diamond, est. 1957-

Leonard Santorella; 1978-Jack Keane & Dominick Tarantini

Clausner's Retreading, 115 S. Diamond, est. 1962, Jordan Clausner

Michael Costabile, Barber, 106 S. Diamond, est. 1932

Jordan-Miller Rust Proofing, 111 S. Diamond, est. 1970, Bob Miller & Vic Jordan

Caruso & Son Mobile Service, Diamond & Main, est. 1951, Wm. Caruso Sr. and Wm. Caruso Jr.

Mount Pleasant Coin Exchange, 1 N. Diamond, est. 1976, Paul Vanella, prop.

Virginia & Grace Beauty Shoppe, 5 N. Diamond, est. 1946, Virginia & Grace Gillott

Marks Starcraft Camping Center, 9 N. Diamond, Est. 1970, Robert Marks

Graft Oil, 101 N. Diamond, est. 1971, Robert Graft, prop.

Coffman Enterprises, 109 N. Diamond, est. 1973, James Coffman

Aggie's Beauty Shop, 110 N. Diamond, est. 1952, Agnes Horak

Rug & Remnant World, 200 N. Diamond, est. 1978, Herbert Z. Stout

Shop & Save, N. Diamond, est. 1976, John P. Krystyniak, prop.

CHURCH STREET

Mount Pleasant Insurance, 147 S. Church St., est. 1947, Ralph Hostetler

Mount Pleasant Journal, est. 1873, 1970-21 S. Church St.

Bill Ceroni's Coiffures, 19 S. Church St., est. 1967

Spot Cleaners, 18 S. Church St., est. 1974, Frank Pantalone

F.R. Hauser Insurance, 16 S. Church St., est. 1950

Daily Courier Office, est. 1947-509 Main St.; 1957-1 N. Diamond St.; 1963-10 S. Church Street

Rega's Shoe Shop, 8 Church St., est. 1961, Richard Rega

Alverton Fuel, 101 N. Church St., est. 1950, Oliver Painter

Alverton Coke Co., Inc., 101 N. Church St., est. 1973, Oliver Painter, exec. officer

Shore Sub & Pub, 207 N. Church St., est. 1977, Harold W. Haupt & Vincent P. Altieri

Hoza Tire Service, 208 N. Church, est. 1951-Alex & Robert Hoza, 1970-Robert Hoza

Laurel Communications, 208 N. Church, est. 1975, Larry Hoza

Gary's Garage, 404 N. Church, est. 1948, Gary Polanofsky, prop.

Billingsley Chevrolet-Olds, Inc., 600 N. Church, est. 1969, James Billingsley, prop.

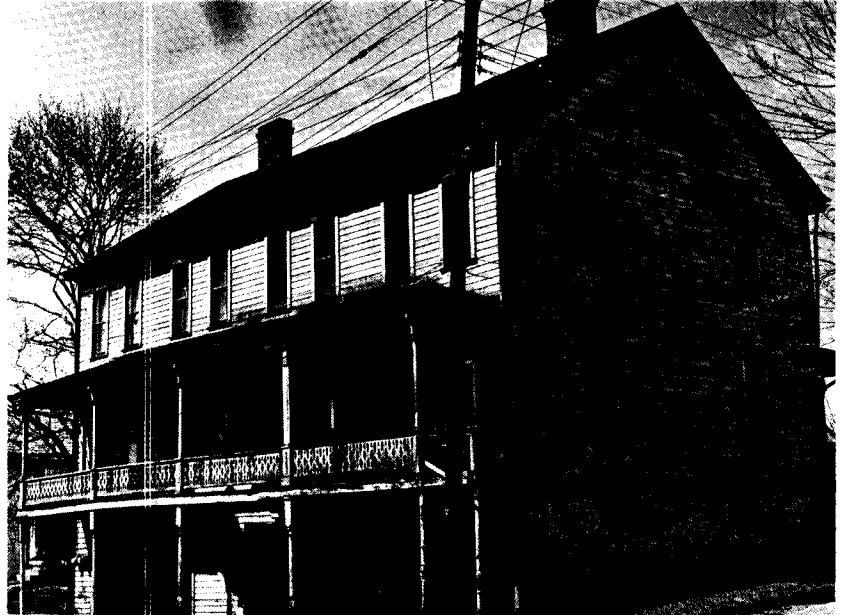
Caruso's Amoco Service, est. 1938-120 Main; 1953-Diamond & Church, Herman Caruso, Jr.

Bart's Texaco, Diamond & Church, est. 1977, Ray Guthrie

WASHINGTON STREET

V. Rosso Florist, 218 Washington St., est. 1925, Philip & Antonette Miele, prop.

Visconti Cleaners, est. 1925-315 E.



Built in the late 1800s, the Commercial Hotel, corner of Shupe and Vine streets, became the residence of four families in 1908 when Jerry Rega was born there, razed in the 1960s.



Maida Building, formerly Spelker Building at 107 East Main Street

Vic Novinsky, 1932, Main Street A&P, now Levins



Loaned by Frank Janesko



Mount Pleasant's century Old Saddle and Harness Shop est. in 1873 by George and Abner Cooper and later operated by sons Frank and J. A. Cooper at 790 West Main Street. A 1959 photo of J. A. Cooper the last harness maker until the late '60s.

Freed Building, 1976, razed in 1977





Sam Levin Furniture Co., 1953

Guy Macaluso photo



Visconti Dry Cleaning, Rr. 305 Washington St., oldest dry cleaning establishment in borough.



Meagher Funeral Home, 406 Washington St., 1949-1976.



Mount Pleasant Hotel in 1953, now MAP Hotel



Charles Karfelt and family in front of their East Main Street Store about 1940; this building is about 110 years old.

Ferner Hotel in 1953, now "The Village."



1953



1953



Washington; 1947-305 E. Washington, Salvadore Visconti, prop.

John's Barber Shop, 437 Washington St., est. 1955, John Fornal

Farrell Motor Co., 422 Washington St., est. 1923-Carl & Joseph Farrell; 1969-Richard F. Farrell

Joe Valiante, Barber, 433 Washington St., est. 1948

Goo's Corner Cafe, 445 Washington St., est. 1935-Frank Antonette; 1951-Val Antonette

David Valiante, Barber, est. 1918-445 Washington; 1927-505 Washington

Amdy's Religious Gifts, Washington & St. Clair, est. 1945, Joseph Amdy

Janesko Neon Signs, 820 Washington St., est. 1946, Frank Janesko

Cecelia's Beauty Salon, est. 1959-448 Main; 1970-830 W. Washington, Cecelia Crossland, prop.

Joe E. Palanko, Electrical Cont., 838 W. Washington St., est. 1946

Kathy's Kut & Kurl, 839 W. Washington, est. 1976, Kathy Kuhn

The Original Galleys, 900 Washington St., est. 1860, Wm. R. Galley

OTHER STREETS AND AVENUES

Potoka's Towing Service, Bridgeport St. Ext., est. 1974, Bill Potoka, prop.

Eleanor's Hair Styling, 299 Bridgeport St., est. 1958, Eleanor Tucci Rega, prop.

Charlotte Slonecker's Beauty Salon, 631 Broad St., est. 1953

Virginia Puskar's Beauty Shop, 1 Carnegie Ave., est. 1968

Sandy's Beauty Shop, 105 Center Ave., est. 1963, Sandy Scott, prop.

Maricondia Beer Distributor, R. 20 Cherry Ave., est. 1938, Louise Tomei & Wm. Maricondia, prop.

Galone Funeral Home, 204 Eagle, est. 1946, Michael P. Galone, 1978-Michael P. Galone & Richard Rega

Albert Beranek Garage, 150 Morewood, est. 1931

Dom F. Cesario, Insurance, 207 Oak Street, est., 1967

Caliguire & Kunkle Assoc., Insurance, 207 Oak St., est. 1978, Ron Caliguire & Gib Kunkle

Laurel Highlands Real Estate, 207 Oak St., est. 1978, Jerry Caudi & David Kunkle

Tax & Accounting Services, 207 Oak Street, est. 1978, Stan Kaminski & John Olsavsky

Salyard's Studios, 207 Oak Street, est. 1975, Glenn Salyard

Mid's Beauty Salon, 708 Park Ave., est. 1956, Mildred Heley, prop.

Hostetler Bldg. & Remodeling, Orchard Hill, est. 1973, Howard Hostetler

Kraisinger's Market, 112 Quarry St., est. 1930-James J.; 1960-Regis

Yezek & Yancosky, 118 Quarry St., est. 1946, Charles Yezek, Frank Yancosky

Quack's Inn, 120 Quarry St., est. 1966, Emro Quashnock, prop.

Richard W. Palmer Ins., 140 Quarry, est. 1970

Terri Palmer Beauty Salon, 140 Quarry, est. 1965

Figurama, 22 Rumbaugh Ave., est. 1978, Germaine Grabiak & Dorothy Leonard
Smith & Grabiak Cabinet Co., 24 Rumbaugh Ave., est. 1955, Ray Grabiak

Rocco Coppula Garage, est. 1930-201 Main St., 1933-1 S. Shupe St.

Jerry Rega, Barber, est. 1920-22 N. Shupe St., 1929-21 N. Shupe St.

Zimmerman Funeral Home, 627 Smithfield, est. 1957, Frank Zimmerman, Mort.

Jendras Plumbing & Heating, est. 1927-520 Smithfield; 1950-750 W. Smithfield, Robert P. Jendras, prop.

Marcy's Beauty Shop, 815 Spring Street, est. 1963, Marcy Sebek, prop.

Richard's Beauty Salon, 225 Summit St., est. 1958, Richard Macaluso, prop.

Zimmerman's Beauty Shoppe, 233 Sycamore, est. 1964, Clifford "Blue" Zimmerman

Lou Rega, Barber, 211 Vine St., est. 1940-Mike Rega; 1953-Lou Rega

Riggs Funeral Home, Walnut & Eagle, est. 1950, Wm. E. Riggs, Mort.

DePalma Plumbing & Heating, 204 Warden Ave., est. 1957, John & Patsy DePalma

Professional Directory

Abromson & Abromson, Attorney, 653 Main, est. 1975-Henry Abromson & Nathan Abromson

Orphan Alponat, M.D., 55 W. Main, est. 1972

John M. Amorosa, D.M.D., 627 Main, est. 1972

Robert L. Blum, Attorney, 355 E. Main, est. 1977

V. L. Boerio, Podiatrist, 101 E. Main, est. 1952

DeBone & DeBone, Chiropractors, Mullin & Smithfield, est. 1949-Richard V. & Helen B. DeBone

Michael DiMichele, Chiropractor, 433 Main, est. 1955

East End Medical, 107 E. Main, est. 1978, Frank Maida, M.D., Charles Chang, M.D.

J. E. Erwin, D. D. S., est. 1925-State Bank Bldg.; est. 1977-801 W. Main.

Yahya Fadl, M.D., 603 N. Church, est. 1976

Donald Hacker, William Wilkens, Richard Pohl, Attorneys, 640 Main, est. 1968

C. F. Kantorik, CPA, 207 Oak Street, est. 1972

Kantrowitz & Walker, CPA, 19 College Ave., est. 1976, Dale Walker

Amel Langford, Chiropractor, 923 W. Main, est. 1978

Eli Levinson, D.D.S., 530 Main, est. 1931

Wm. Levinson, M.D., 530 Main, est. 1949

T. W. Lyons, Jrs. & Associates, Engineers, 802 W. Main, est. 1977



Herd Chiropractic Clinic, 801 W. Main, est. 1977-R. S. Herd, P. M. Herd

Medical Center, 599 N. Church St., A. Aboosi, M.D., est. 1972; Y. Lim, M.D., est. 1977; S. & A. AlMallah, M.D., est. 1970; M. Bankaci, M.D., est. 1977; Philip F. Kearney, Jr. O.D., est. 1977

M. J. McCloy, M.D., 784 W. Main, est. 1977

Milton V. Munk, Attorney, 450 Main, est. 1960

H. Arnold Papernick, O.D., 705 W. Main, est. 1973

Dirk A. Romito, Podiatrist, 207 Oak Street, est. 1977

Frank R. Santamaria, M.D., 55 W. Main, est. 1964

Richard S. Silvis, Attorney, 512 Main, est. 1977

J. A. Slezak, M.D., 603 N. Church, est. 1969

Klaas Vandyk, M.D., 600 Washington St., est. 1966

R. G. Weisgerber, Attorney, 802 W. Main, est. 1977

Westmore Dental Arts, 101 E. Main, est. 1963, E. Briner, J. E. Nicolette, J. L. McCloy, D. C. Santora, W. Cameron, R. Juriga

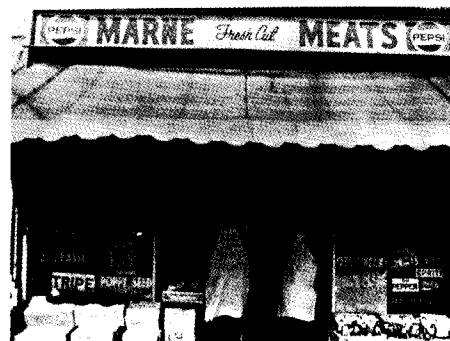
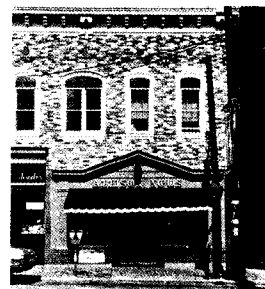
C. Edward Wible, Jr., CPA, 17 N. Diamond, est. 1975

Robert D. Flaherty, Attorney, 17 N. Diamond, est. 1977

Larry E. Wilkins, D.C., 659 Main, est. 1975, Chiropractor

Fred Zaidan, M.D., est. 1946-Mullen Ave.; 1951-Orchard Hill

1978



Musical Groups

Four-of-a-Kind, est. 1971, Don & Ron Rinaldi, Terry Faust, Jim Bowman

The Gentricks, est. 1974, George D'Amato, Stanley Michalczyk, Porter Kerlin, Russ Spath, Gary Galentine

The Romanos, est. 1967, Lou, Mike, & Terri Lynn Rega

Strawberry Hill, est. 1967, Don & Ron DeFilippo, R. Wawrzyniak, M. Yanniello

Polish All Stars, est. 1966, Joe Lubovinsky



Shupe's Run Industrial Center, about 1910.

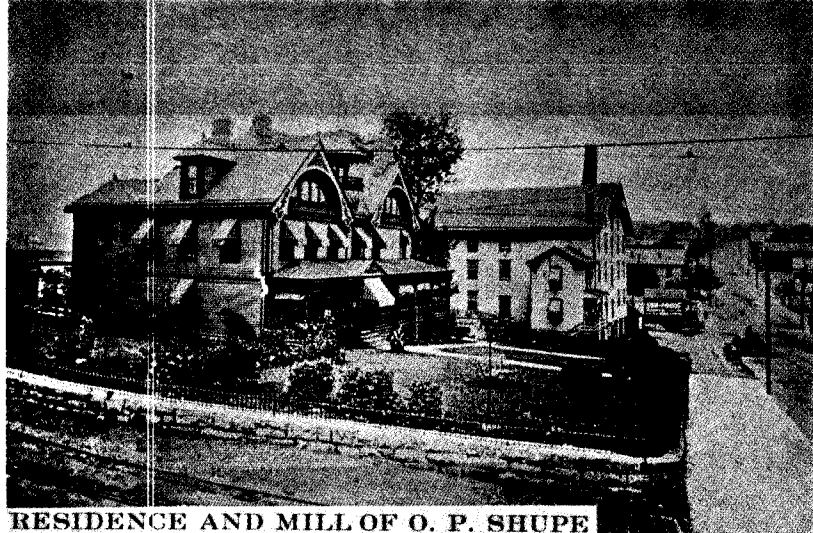


A mile east of the borough, upon the west bank of a rambling clear stream which fed into Jacob's Creek and bisected the Mountpleasant and Somerset turnpike, Isaac Shupe established his grist mill in 1843. Small rude taverns clustered about the road and a few houses were scattered on the large tracts of cleared farmland. As no law existed here, the place took on the name Texas, probably after the Mexican War when the stream became known as Shupe's Run. Water power and its converted forms, steam and electricity, brought other industry. Later railroad and trolley lines, following the stream's course, were laid to serve the busy industrial center which became part of the borough in 1885.

Industry

In Texas Shupe's company houses and cheap accommodations, near the railroad stations and stock pens, attracted a rough crowd. In 1876, a column called "Texas Items", an infrequent feature in the Mount Pleasant Dawn, carried this quip: "*Three things are necessary to constitute a paradise of Texas: shut up the cows, pen the hogs and shoot the dogs.*" More than one half of the space was given over to reporting fights "settled in the back alley."

Just beyond Texas, Bunker Hill, another lawless place in the early 1800s, probably earned its name in 1794 when the federal troops occupied the area during the whiskey rebellion and arrested Patrick Jack, whose tract of land lay in this area, for illegal distilling. This is the only known military action ever to take place in the area. In 1904, with the laying out of the Duncan Plan, Bunker Hill became the site of new industrial development. In 1978 it continues to be part of the township.



RESIDENCE AND MILL OF O. P. SHUPE

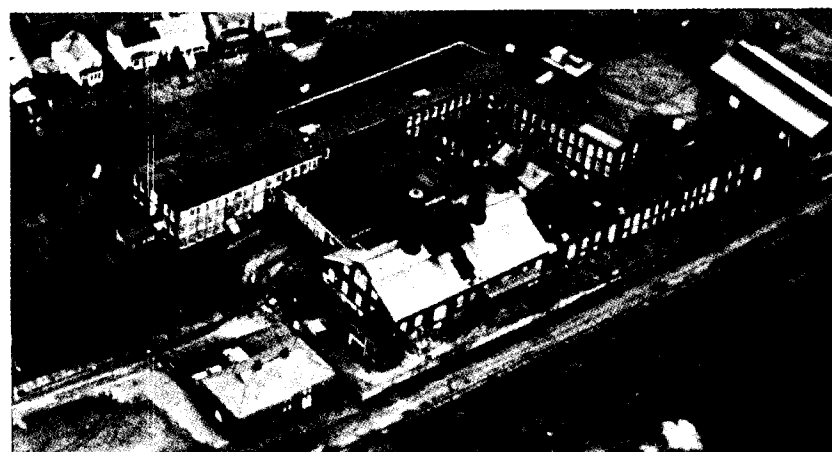
Five thousand wage earners live in the immediate vicinity of Mount Pleasant and almost as many families patronize home merchants . . .

Among the more important enterprises upon which the wage earners and the business men as well depend are the following, with an approximate estimate of the number of men, women and children employed:

	Employees.
O.P. Shupe, flour and feed mill	20
Smith Brothers, glass works.....	150
Bryce Brothers, glass works.....	1,000
Shovel factory, now commonly known as the Tool Works	50
Morewood Coke Works, 800 ovens	1,200
Standard Coke Works, 1,000 ovens	2,000
Mt. Pleasant Supply Company, up to date coke plant, store, etc.....	500
Pittsburgh Brewing Company.....	50
Husband Lumber Company, variable number of employees.	
Standard Distilling Company.	
Mount Pleasant Journal, printing establishment.	
Miller & Tighe, produce, with up to date cold storage, modernized brick and concrete plant.	
Mount Pleasant Ice Plant.	
Alice Works, H. C. Frick Coke Company.	
Keystone Printing Company.	
Hecla and other coke works, immediately adjacent to the town.	

"Old Home Week" booklet 1910

Aerial view of former Bryce plant, now Levin Furniture Co. warehouse.



In 1895 Bryce Brothers chose our town. A decision to rebuild and relocate was made and competition to lure the flourishing new industry was keen. There were flattering offers from Scottdale, Latrobe and land-boom schemers in new towns throughout Western Pennsylvania and Eastern Ohio but the local inducemen "carried the day". That major inducement was the posting of a \$20,000 bond by Mount Pleasant citizens to help defray the cost of the plant's construction which was expected to reach an initial \$35,000 price with an additional \$15,000 cost for a proposed second furnace after operation of the plant.

Pritts Feed Mill

The Pritts Feed Mill represents the oldest industry within the borough and its presence denotes nearly a century and a half of the town's importance to area farming including parts of Westmoreland, Fayette and Somerset counties.

Isaac Shupe, a farmer, tanner and a merchant, with his eldest son Daniel, built a flour and grist mill just east of the borough. Daniel married Caroline Hitchman, the daughter of one of the town's founders, Robert Hitchman, and later their eldest son, Oliver Perry, at age 21, was to become the third Shupe to own and operate this important industry.

Isaac Shupe died in 1847 and Daniel was well prepared to continue and expand a flourishing operation; with a close associate, James R. Wade, he gained substantial oil holdings; and developed a profitable distillery.

With Daniel's death in 1878, Oliver Perry (O.P.) purchased the distillery and in 1882, converted it into the first roller process flour mill in Western Pennsylvania, "with a capacity of 125 barrels a day". O. P., like his father Daniel, participated in the development of local school construction and the expanding study curriculum with forceful leadership and also a concern, always, for underprivileged youth. Shupe was instrumental in bringing the first railroad, the Broadford Branch of the B & O, to Mount Pleasant.

Mr. William E. Pritts took over management and then ownership of the mill in 1940 with no interruption of operation. Although manufacturing has replaced farming in our local economy, this industry, with 10 employees, is run capably with innovations as they occur and continues as that important link between Mount Pleasant and its supportive farming neighbors. Bill Pritts, like the three Shupes before him, also serves his community and his church with a humble generosity. *Compiled from material submitted by Bill Pritts*



Pritts Feed Mill 1960

Mount Pleasant Foundry 1880

In 1880 Henry Justice Lentz established the Mount Pleasant Foundry after having operated a foundry at Donegal for four years. The Donegal operation had burned and he moved his small industry to Mount Pleasant on its present site.

After his death in 1918 at the age of 83 his son Roy C. Lentz became owner and operator until his death in 1955. During the R. C. Lentz years his sons Chester, Henry J. and Harry were included in the operation of the family foundry. Following his father's death, Henry J. bought his brothers' interests and by 1961 was sole owner of the operation. In 1975 Henry J. Lentz died and his wife Doris Brown Lentz inherited the business. Her son, James H. Lentz is presently the manager and employs his sister, Pat Lentz of Donegal to assist him. Today this foundry, although rebuilt in 1921 with no production stoppage, still operates in the same basic manner as it did in 1880. It stands as one of the borough's unique landmarks.

On June 22, 1977, James H. Lentz also became the owner of the new J. H. L. Foundry, Inc. at Bridgeport. His consultant is an uncle, Kenneth J. Lentz, semi-retired, having had a lifetime of foundry experience in the area. The J.H. L. Foundry complements the Mount Pleasant operation by manufacturing brass and aluminum castings. Both operations include approximately 16 employees.

In honor of this Sesquicentennial year, the foundry produced a limited edition commemorative desk set sold as a souvenir.

The Mount Pleasant Foundry at the corner of Smithfield and Hitchman Street is one of the borough's oldest manufacturing concerns. On this site the 1876 Westmoreland County Atlas indicates "Foundry, H. Lentz" already in existence there.





The \$3.5 million dollar Lenox Crystal plant, the first new plant built in the United States since 1905 for the sole production of hand-blown lead glass. Located on Route 31, east of Mount Pleasant, just a few miles from the original Bryce Brothers factory, the new plant carries on a 120-year old glassmaking tradition.

In 1970, Frank Kowanda, 59, was the most experienced glassblower in the new plant built by Lenox Crystal. He joined Bryce Brothers in 1926 at the age of 15 as an unskilled worker earning \$8.45 a week.



Bryce success had been due to two factors: the manufacturing processes they developed and the skilled craftsmen who fashioned the ware down through the history of the company. The plant, originally a non-union operation due to the first Bryces and labor representatives having a fallout in 1896, became unionized in 1941 after a four-month strike, which was orderly and had no violence. Following a vote, the American Flint Glass Workers of North America became the bargaining agent for both the skilled and unskilled laborers.

Union officers for 1978: American Flint Glass Local 24, Edward Cronin, pres.; George Gowton, v. pres.; Earl Henkel, sec'y.; Charles Snyder, Jr., treas.

American Flint Glass Local 597, officers for 1978: Ernest Hough, pres.; Thomas Brown, v. pres.; Stephen Polander, sec'y.; Ernest Meader, treas.

Lenox Crystal

In 1965 Lenox Corporation, renowned for the finest American china, acquired Bryce Brothers Glass Company of Mount Pleasant, a family held firm with a long history of fine quality and design in hand-blown crystal manufacture. With the acquisition of Bryce molds, design, technology and local skilled craftsmen, Lenox Crystal, Inc. was born. It continued a glass-making tradition that began more than a century earlier.

In 1827, James S. Bryce, a ten year old Scots immigrant boy, apprenticed in the Pittsburgh glass industry and for most of the 19th Century participated in that industry for which Pittsburgh had national prominence. In 1893, because of an uneasy period of corporate power, James S. Bryce broke from United States Glass, the last of several firms with which he had partnership associations.

The available unused Brudewold Steel plant in Hammondville, south of Mount Pleasant, came to Bryce's attention as a site to experiment in some new glass-making procedures. Coincidental to his coming to the area James Bryce died; when his three sons, who were experienced in the trade, undertook the supervision of this new industry, the firm assumed the name, Bryce Brothers. While business prospered, and the antiquated steel plant proved inadequate and poorly located for future growth, Mount Pleasant was selected as the site to build a new plant. Located on Depot Street, the site was on Hitchman heirs' property just below the East End Brewery, and on October 12, 1896 production was first started from one 12 pot furnace. With the construction of the second furnace and placement of its stack, the twin towers became the familiar landmark of Mount Pleasant's most historic industry of this century.

Continuing the experiments of the early 90's the Bryce Brothers developed new techniques of making pressed stem pieces which gave them an advantage over their competition who in most cases were making drawn stem pieces. With a higher lead content (12%) adding lustre and strength, they moved even further ahead of the competitors.

Business thrived and by 1900 the Mount Pleasant plant was employing 400 persons. Bryce became the yardstick of the crystal industry in the United States with a high quality of ware that was its own best salesman and required little advertising.

In an effort to offset sagging sales due to Prohibition, Bryce made some shifts in emphasis and started to push a retail line aimed at household purchase and use of Bryce Crystal. Although some production curtailment resulted during the depression, the plant continued to run, sometimes working two weeks and closing the third.

Though Bryce's retail trade continued to grow, the commercial line again regained volume with the end of Prohibition. Government interest in the Bryce line went beyond the White House and in the early 40s a relationship with the U. S. State Department started and even today

Loaned by John Guzzy



BRYCE BROTHERS COMPANY
MOUNT PLEASANT, PA.

Bryce stemware graces tables of American embassies around the world.

Reading like the Who's Who of fine restaurants a few on the list of Bryce crystal customers include: Four Seasons, the Sahara in Las Vegas, Stouffers, Eden Roc, the Mark Hopkins, Fontainebleau Hotel, the Seattle World's Fair Space Needle.

With the 1965 Lenox acquisition, Thomas H. Brasher, vice president of manufacturing, and Douglas K. Hill, technical director, an employee training program was inaugurated to attract young men to master the art of glassmaking. By combining the experience of former Bryce personnel and new diversity of training, technical knowledge and management skills, Lenox retained the quality of Bryce crystal while increasing production and employment.

The first Embassy crystal with the Lenox hallmark was produced in 1966. That year their first collection of "Dimension" and "Moonspun" were introduced making Lenox, Inc. the first United States manufacturer to offer the discriminative customer an opportunity to coordinate that once-in-a-lifetime selection of a china and crystal pattern.

Plans to modernize and expand were made but when tests revealed that the undermined land surrounding the 75 year-old Bryce plant could not carry an increased surface load, another industrial site was sought. In August, 1970, Lenox Crystal began production in a new \$3.5 million installation on Route 31, just east of the borough on a 50-acre tract purchased from Carroll Shupe.

Respecting tradition but always innovating, Lenox Crystal has become the largest manufacturer by producing more than 50% of all American made lead crystal.

To help Mount Pleasant Borough celebrate this Sesquicentennial year, Lenox presented the first of a limited edition of 20 hand-made bowls to Mayor Potoka in honor of our 150th birthday. The bottom of the bowl is etched with the names of the major craftsmen who produced this bowl.

L. E. Smith Glass Company 1907

Today L. E. Smith Glass, with a history of 80 years as a major employer in the Mount Pleasant area, is a significant landmark of the old Duncan Plan just east of the borough. Here, on the site of the unsuccessful Acme Lumber Company, several businessmen from Greensburg and Jeannette formed the L. E. Smith Company in 1907; they prepared and bottled "Smith's German Mustard."

The Panic of 1907 forced the failing Farmers and Merchants Bank to foreclose on many companies of the Duncan Plan. The Smith Company purchased one of these, the Anchor Glass Company where they began producing their own jars and other small glass items. Other factories there, including the Searchlite Manufacturing Company, came under the Smith direction.

In 1913, the former Anchor Glass plant burned leaving only the bare steel frame. That afternoon, because of little damage to the tanks the decision was made to rebuild at once. Employees returned to their jobs and worked in straw hats and shirt sleeves until a new roof was erected.

Exactly six weeks later the Searchlite plant burned to the ground. The citizens of Mount Pleasant, fearing the industry would vacate because of poor fire protection, raised \$800 to install several water hydrants and a 4 inch pipeline to the factory site.

When this new plant, now factory #1, was completed, Smith changed its line to include vault lights for three of the largest outlets in the country. These heavy, 6x6x2 inch glass blocks were embedded in the walls of buildings to utilize natural daylight and yet prevent view of the interior.

Officers and Personnel

Bryce Glass:

James Bryce 1817-1893, started Bryce Glass in Hammondville, Brudewold Steel Plant

Bryce Brothers:

James MacDonald, Andrew and Allen Gerald, son of James MacDonald

Bryce Career personnel:

Thomas L. Cort, (dec) 40 year service (1916-56) advanced to v. pres. production (1948-56) retired

William P. Morrison, service 1922-71 advanced to v. pres. sales (1955-65) commercial sales mgr. Lenox (1965-71) continues since 1971 as Senior Consultant, retired

Nevin A. Cort, Jr. service 1934-76 advanced in production to v. pres. mfg. (1955-65) Lenox production management until deceased 1976

William P. Morrison assisted with the Bryce portion of this report.

Smith is a large producer of the fine Early American milk glass replica and leads in the handcrafted punch bowl business. Using crystal, as well as colored glass, the L.E. Smith name became synonymous with "antique reproductions" in the hand-plant industry.

In the late 1920s Smith had made glass dinnerware, used by movie theatres as premiums for attendance promotion, glass novelties, such as toy telephones and houses filled with beads of candy and in the 1930s and for several decades, glass shades for the lighting fixture business.

A new Visitors Center in 1968 containing a modern display and sales facility and base for professionally guided tours of the plant, brought area visitors and tourists from every state to witness the "true romance of glass."



Until 1919, automobile headlight lenses had been made from window glass; but soon law decreed they be made of non-glare quality. Smith came forth with 23 varieties and were the first to manufacture lenses for the Ford Motor Company. For 22 years they produced more than 50 percent of all that company's headlights; after World War II Ford started making their own glass components.

1907 Founding Officials:

Louis E. Smith, pres., Charles N., Walter S. and Thomas E. Wible, (father and investor only)

1937 Officials and Majority Stockholders:

J. Swaney Hall, pres., Richard A. Wible, v. pres., and Cedric L. Spence, Sr., sec'y. & mgr.

1959-77 Stock Purchase Control:

Thomas E. Wible II, pres. & sales, Cedric L. Spence, Jr., v. pres., treas., and plant mgr.; George Hutchinson, sec'y., office mgr.

1959—T.E. Wible II, and ass't. Henry J. Opperman, Jr. organized the first sales force with nationwide representatives.

1972 employment 450 \$6,865,000 total production

1977 employees 340 \$8,600,000 total production

Union Officers 1978:

Local 102

L. Brown, pres.; J. Michalczyk, v. pres.; J. Gazda, cor. sec.; T. Pocratsky, fin. sec.

Local 537

L. DePalma, pres.; M. Benedict, v. pres.; J. Luczak, cor. sec'y; S. Postlewait, fin. sec'y; J. Crossland, committee.

Vault lights were also constructed into city sidewalks to light underground basements and boiler rooms; samples can still be observed in the present plant office building. Eventually the vault light customers organized their own factory: the Jeannette Glass Company.

L. E. Smith made barber shop shaving mugs and originated the first glass dome on the coffee pot—a visual aid to coffee brewing. They were the first with an egg separator, and in the 30s started the production of glass mixing bowls, water coolers and many glass kitchen accessories.

Still expanding in the early 1970s, Smith opened a warehouse distribution center in Los Angeles which employed 410 workers.

With a modernization program in the recent past, it is interesting to note the removal of the last remnants of an old Gas Producer; this complicated system, considered an antiquated method, Smith used early in the century for converting the vein of coal under their property into coke and then gas as their main source of fuel.

On December 8, 1975, Smith Glass was purchased by Owens-Illinois, Inc. of Toledo, Ohio, a manufacturer of glass containers and a wide range of allied products. L. E. Smith Glass operates, independently, as a wholly owned subsidiary of Owens-Illinois. With the death in 1976 of C. L. Spence, Jr. and the retirement of T. E. Wible II in 1977, a two-family involvement that covered this small but significant hand glass operation was ended.

From a recent statement, R. N. Guinessey, president, is quoted: "Smith is proud of its heritage and proud, too, of its vital part in the economy of the borough of Mount Pleasant. In the intimate relationship that has been dependent upon all the craftsmen and laborers, the men and women of the past and present, L. E. Smith reaffirms its pledge by continuing to display the label *"Fine Handcrafted Glass."*

To help us celebrate this Sesquicentennial year, Smith has produced a limited quantity of 173 clear glass paperweights with a molded image of the doughboy.

From material compiled by Sandra Spence

Klocek Vault Company 1947

On August 14, 1947, Stephen Klocek started producing concrete burial vaults in a two-car garage under the Parfitt Town Hotel at Quarry and Reservoir streets. His equipment consisted of a mortar box and a hoe.

Today the family business, at 203 Charles Street, is operated by Stephen and his son, Thomas, with five employees. Headquartered in a modern facility, the Klocek Vault Company supplies both concrete and fiberglass vaults and offers complete cemetery service.

Permali, Inc. 1956

For Mount Pleasant, the story of Permali began in 1955 when Eugene T. Rogers, through representatives of West Penn Power Company, contacted the Mount Pleasant Industrial Real Estate Company for a possible plant location. Discussions led to definite plans by Permali to erect a plant on a ten-acre site located southeast of the town.

Ground was broken for the plant in August of 1955 and was completed in 1956 with production getting underway that same year. The firm has grown, through several plant expansion programs, to its present facilities that cover approximately 100,000 square feet and provides employment for about 200 people from Mount Pleasant and surrounding areas.

Permali manufactures a variety of reinforced plastic and cast epoxy

Permali, Inc. completed its building in 1955 along the Mount Pleasant Bridgeport Road, about a mile south of the borough. In 1978 the original building is nestled among a complex of new additions to the plant.

products serving several major industrial markets, the predominant market being the high voltage power and electrical distribution industries.

In addition to the electrical industries, Permali also makes products for the military and cyrogenic industries. Permali is the largest manufacturer of non-metallic structures for use throughout the world.

Permali's current sales are approximately \$8 million annually from the Mount Pleasant facility. The company's goal is to become the leading manufacturer of technical plastics in the United States. To further emphasize this, Permali has set in motion a new facility located in the south to manufacture fiberglass compression molded parts serving several major industries. In addition, the Mount Pleasant facility will expand its filament winding capabilities and will become the largest manufacturer of custom engineered filament wound components in the country.

Permali, Inc. is a member of BTR Ltd., a \$400 million conglomerate with manufacturing facilities throughout the world, headquartered in London, England. Paul A. Doorley is president of Permali, Inc., whose headquarters are in Mount Pleasant.

There are Permali plants in Mount Pleasant and Toronto, Canada, with the third one now being established in Statesville, N.C. The Vice President-General Manager of the local operation is Robert J. Mann.

Gulisek Construction 1965

The Gulisek Construction Company was established in 1965 by John Gulisek, Sr., who had twenty years experience in concrete installations. With one truck and three employees, his new company initially accepted subcontracts for catch basins and sidewalks.

In 1969, John Gulisek, Jr. became a partner and the Guliseks were contracted for the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation's 40-foot bridge near Kiski High School. They were soon awarded the contract for Westmoreland County's 200-foot Craig's Mill Bridge over the Loyalhanna Creek.

In the early 70's with Michael Kaczmarek and Larry Paul as regular participating employees, they took on larger projects such as: two Penn-DOT bridges at Jennerstown, a flood control project at Meyersdale for the Department of Environmental Resources, which included a mile long retaining wall using 7,000 yards of concrete.

With John Gulisek Sr. retiring in 1974, son Jack, Mike Kaczmarek and Larry Paul formed a partnership under the Gulisek name. Presently about one-half of the firm's work force of sixty in the building season are residents of Mount Pleasant.

Although retired, John Gulisek, Sr. remains a strong influence as a consultant for the young firm.

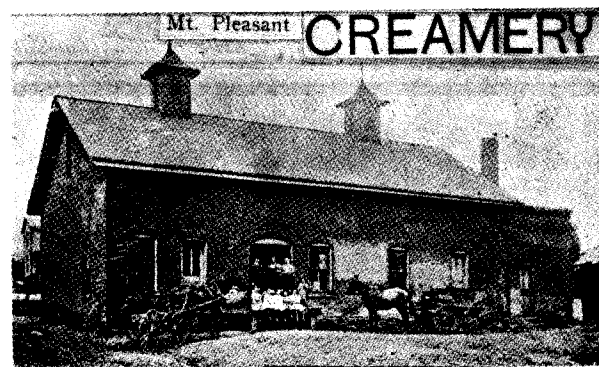
Fretts and Leeper 1967

Fretts and Leeper Construction Company, one of the more recent partnerships on the local scene, was established in 1967.

Ronald E. Fretts and Charles E. Leeper, in the first year together, their efforts in construction totaled a mere \$35,000; their 1977 construction total reached the \$2 million figure.

In 1971 the Gallatin Bank building was their first major job. The local Municipal Authority let the contract to them for the South Church Street Central Firehouse dedicated October 12, 1969. They were selected to

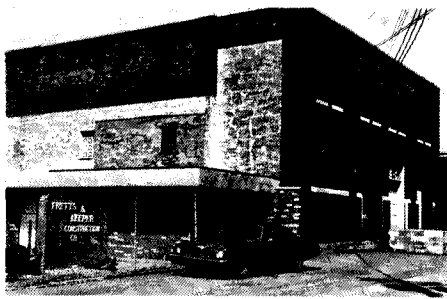
Permali, Inc. in Mount Pleasant is represented by Local 5729, United Steelworkers of America. Local officers are: Darrell Hill, pres.; Ron Struble, v. pres.; Bill Harbaugh, rec. sec'y.; Bill Rapp, fin. sec'y.; and Tom Johnson, treas.



The former creamery on South Depot Street shown here in 1910, presently houses the Gulisek Construction Company.

Other projects completed or near completion include a concrete pumping station for Carroll Township in Washington County, a bridge over Sewickley Creek in Mount Pleasant Township, and several Penn-DOT projects. Sewage projects in Mount Pleasant, Connellsville, and Monessen will total over one million dollars.

In 1972 Fretts and Leeper moved into their headquarters in the old Mount Pleasant Brewery plant at 116 S. Depot St. From this base they are responsible for the past decade's most significant new building completions in the borough. In Mount Pleasant's Sesquicentennial year, Fretts and Leeper completed Mount Pleasant's Standard Savings and Loan building with a drive-in facility at the town's historic "Freed Corner" at Main and Church Streets.



erect the Fireman's Club on Smithfield Street which opened in 1972.

Their work force, which at times includes the personal brick and mortar talents of the owners, reaches 70 in the building season. Other examples of their buildings in the area, completed or under construction, include Citizen's Telephone of Kecksburg, Standard Savings and Loan buildings in Ligonier, Scottdale and Mount Pleasant, the Pennsylvania Game Commission building at New Florence, a Westmoreland County Municipal Authority structure in the Norwin area, the Trinity United Methodist Church in Scottdale, and extensive additions and renovations to the local Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

The Print Shop 1968

One of the newer industries in our community was started by the present owner, Zigmund Prevenslik, in Greensburg in 1968. By providing engineering and drafting services to industry in southwestern Pennsylvania, two years later they moved their operation to Irwin and extended the services to include technical publications with a growth to eight employees.

When the Print Shop was moved to the former Freed building here in Mount Pleasant in 1972, printing was included in the business. The former Borough building on Mullin Avenue was purchased in 1976, giving expanded facilities for the present employment of thirteen. With present plans to include color printing in its continuing optimistic future, this progressive industry faces the possibility of securing an even larger building.

Zig, as president of our local Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Sesquicentennial Committee, has given unselfishly of himself and his printing services during this important year.

Volkswagen 1978

The automobile industry became a part of the local economy with the opening of the Volkswagen Westmoreland Assembly Plant in East Huntingdon Township this sesquicentennial year.

In September 1968 the Chrysler Corporation announced its computers had chosen the site along U.S. Route 119 northwest of Mount Pleasant as the location for an automobile assembly plant. Construction began in November of that year and the following March an office was opened to accept job applications.

Target date for putting the plant into production was the fall of 1972. However, the auto industry was hit by two slumps in sales, one in 1970 and another in 1973 which first delayed and then halted construction with only the exterior shell completed.

As early as the summer of 1975 there were indications that Volkswagenwerk A.G. of Wolfsburg, West Germany was interested in the plant as the location for its first U.S. assembly plant.

Intensive negotiations between officials of Volkswagen and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in the spring of 1976 resulted in purchasing the plant from Chrysler on a lease/purchase agreement coupled with a system of payments in lieu of taxes which made it possible for Volkswagen to occupy the plant and equip it for manufacturing automobiles.

Construction proceeded on schedule and VW officials set April 10, 1978 as the date for production to begin. The plant is expected to employ about 4,500 persons and turn out some 200,000 of VW's Rabbit model annually when the plant reaches full capacity in December of 1978.

The commonwealth agreed to complete a four-lane 6.4 mile section of Route 119 from just west of Mount Pleasant to the New Stanton-Youngwood area at a cost of \$2.7 million; also, a railroad spur 3.8 miles in length and costing \$12.5 million was constructed from Mount Pleasant to the Volkswagen plant. These links were dedicated and opened officially on October 13, 1978. The railroad spur was leased to the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad for eventual purchase and was also to be used by the Norfolk and Western Railroad.

This 1880s photograph shows the Mount Pleasant Bank out of which the Citizens Savings and Trust formed. This building was razed in 1902 for the construction of a new building which the Citizens Savings and Trust shared with the First National Bank. Housed in the building were, from the left: the post office, with postmaster J. D. McCaleb in front; the banking office with Henry Jordan, J. C. Crownover, D. W. Skryock, J. A. Stevens and Judson Prescott in front and J. B. Jordan to the right; at the center entry Henry Stoner, bank president stood with George Boyd; Ess Bell barber shop in the basement; Stoner's residence at the rear. On the left of the building was Morrison Brothers Jewelry.



In the 1850s the robust business and trade of Mount Pleasant was served by a banking house. Part of a small private chain which included branches in Connellsville, Bedford, Somerset and Brownsville, towns which had grown up along the old Glades Road, it was run by John T. Hogg of Uniontown. In 1864 the First National Bank of Mount Pleasant formed.

Taking advantage of the benefits of a new federal law creating national banks, the Mount Pleasant bank was the first formed in Westmoreland County. Its first office of record was at what is now 757 West Main St. In 1905 a new bank building was completed at the corner of Main and Church streets, used by both the National Bank and Citizens Savings and Trust.

Banks

The Mount Pleasant Dawn,

Thursday, August 12th, 1875.

C. Tinstman. J.C. Crownover

BANKING HOUSE

OF

C. Tinstman & Co.

MT. PLEASANT, PA.

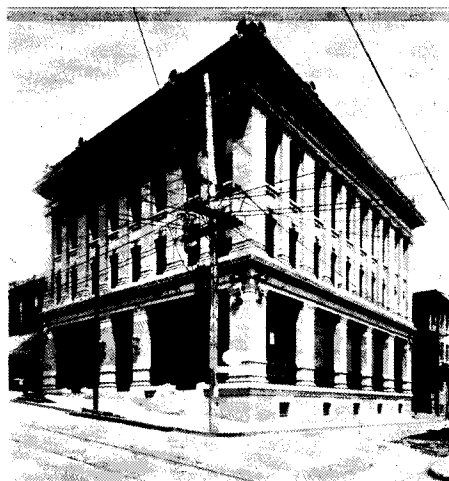
Collections made on all points in the United States or Europe. Drafts sold on all foreign countries.

Interest allowed on time deposits.

The Peoples National Bank, 1910



Citizens Savings and Trust Company and First National Bank Building, 1905.



A Brief History of Mount Pleasant Banking Institutions

The First National Bank of Mount Pleasant, organized Feb. 20, 1864 was the first national bank in Westmoreland County. In 1873 the Mount Pleasant Bank and later the Farmers and Merchants Bank formed. In 1901 an exchange bank, with Julius Reichman "at its head", opened to serve the large number of Europeans, new residents of the Mount Pleasant area, many of which were employed by the coal and coke industry. This bank specialized in foreign currency exchange and also handled steamship tickets.

Sometime before 1905 the Mount Pleasant Bank became the Citizens Savings and Trust Company which occupied the new building at the corner of Main and Church streets with the Mount Pleasant National Bank. While each had a separate entrance, they shared the single vault in the center of the building.

During the financial panic of 1907, the Citizens Savings and Trust Company and the Farmers and Merchants Bank failed. In 1908 the Peoples National Bank formed. As a result of the Great Depression, this bank and all the others in Mount Pleasant were forced to close their doors, never to be reopened.

With their remaining assets, the First National reorganized as the Mount Pleasant State Bank in 1934. Until Gallatin National of Uniontown opened an office here in 1958, this was Mount Pleasant's only bank. In 1969 it became a branch of Pittsburgh National.

As a result of the 1970 merger of the Mount Pleasant Building and Loan Company and the Wilkinsburg based Standard Savings, a third financial institution in Mount Pleasant formed.

From material submitted by Sue Spence and Scott Lane

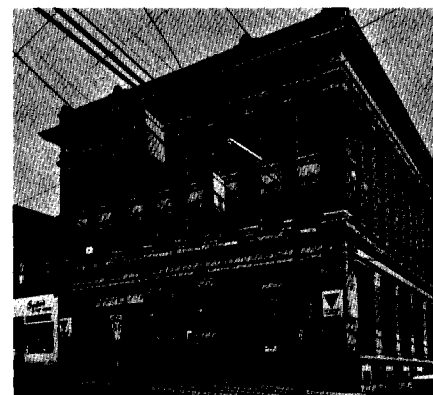
Pittsburgh National Bank, Mount Pleasant Branch

The Mount Pleasant State Bank became a branch of Pittsburgh National Bank, October 18, 1969. At that time Gilbert P. Clark, cashier of the State Bank, was named manager of the new Pittsburgh National Branch with James R. Murtha the assistant manager. In 1970 Murtha became manager and later vice president. Richard J. Schreiner, vice president, became manager of Mount Pleasant's Pittsburgh National Bank in October, 1976. Mount Pleasant is presently one of Pittsburgh National's 105 community banks in a six-county area of southwestern Pennsylvania.

Mount Pleasant State Bank, 1955



The Pittsburgh National Bank, 1978



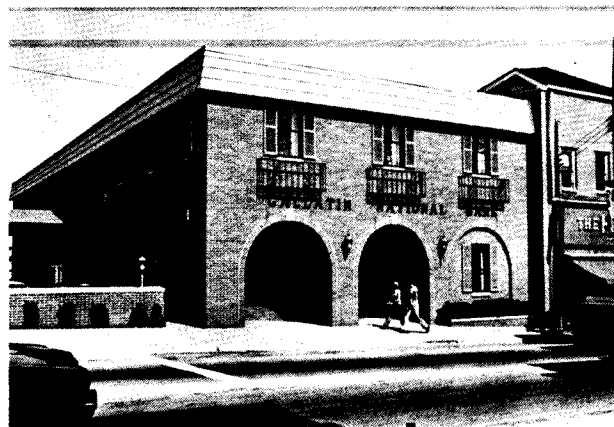
Gallatin National Bank

Gallatin Bank opened the doors of its 12th office on Friday, August 22, 1958, in Mount Pleasant, Pennsylvania. Joseph C. McGill, assistant vice president and Miss Alice Cropp, assistant cashier, managed the office at 632 W. Main St. with two tellers and one bookkeeper. Business was transacted in this small office until August 30, 1971, when the move was made to the newly constructed building adjacent to it. The old building was then torn down to make way for the landscaped parking lot and drive-up window facility.

This new office attracted much interest with its early American decor and spacious terrazzo floor. A large room, seating 250 people and accessible by private entrances, on the second floor was designated strictly for use of the community for public functions.

Samuel B. Magie, assistant vice president and manager since 1965, has seen this office grow to a full-service bank employing 15 with Edward J. Franczyk, assistant manager; John E. Kovacs, installment loan officer; and Mary Beth Melega, operations officer.

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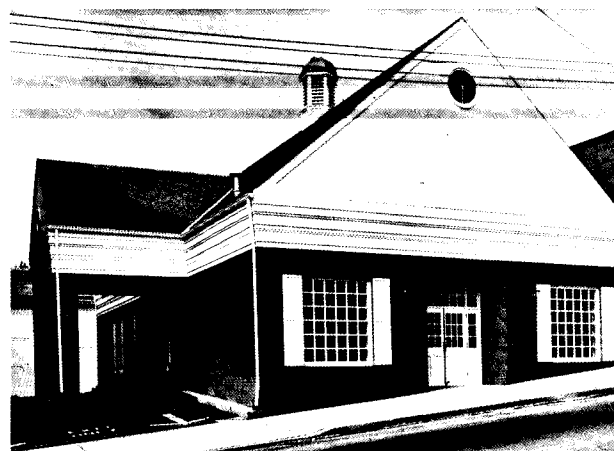
Gallatin National Bank, 1978

Standard Savings and Loan

Standard Savings and Loan Association became a financial institution in Mount Pleasant at 640 Main St. as a result of a merger with the Mount Pleasant Building and Loan on January 1, 1970. At the time local officers were: Paul J. Doncaster, president; Lawrence A. Rehanek, vice president and treasurer; Henry Abromson, solicitor; Cedric L. Spence, Robert L. George, Homer Huhn, Jr., Robert Bradley, William D. Mullin and Henry Lentz, directors.

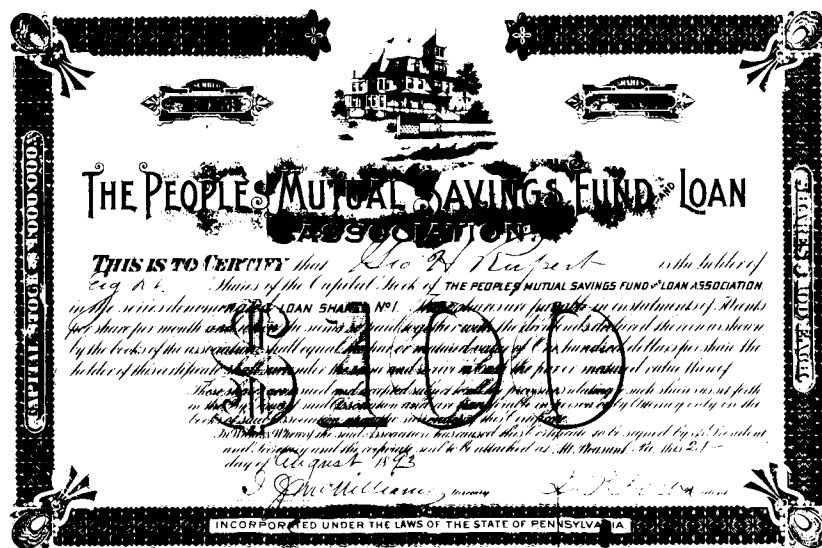
Chartered in 1887 under the direction of John D. McCaleb the Building and Loan combined with the Wilkesburg-based Standard Savings, chartered in 1913. The office moved to 652 Main St. in August of 1971, and in 1976 purchased the old Freed building at Main and Church Streets. Demolition during 1977 prepared for a new facility with drive-up window and customer parking which opened July 31, 1978.

Since 1961 Daun S. Grimm has been manager of operations; he succeeded Miss Leota Tobin who retired after 41 years of service with the Building and Loan. Mr. Grimm was elected vice president of Standard Savings in 1978 and is assisted by Douglas L. McIndoe.



Standard Savings and Loan, 1978

Loaned by Lawrence Rehanek



Over the years many loan or finance companies have located here, but records are scant. In 1978 our Business Directory lists the following:

- Beneficial Finance System, 650 Main, est. 1964, Robert Flockovich, Mgr.
- Investors Loan Corporation, 651 Main, est. 1966
- Commercial Credit Corp., 638 Main, est. 1972, J.R. Glassburg, Mgr.

Sesquicentennial

A slogan contest was sponsored by the Journal and Chamber of Commerce. Shown receiving her award from Len DeCarlo is Linda Thomas. Linda's prize-winning slogan was "Pleasant, Proud and Progressive."

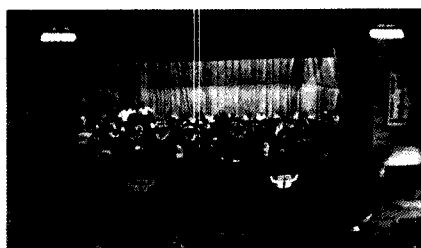


The Library Volunteers sponsored a children's Sesquicentennial Art Exhibit. Jody Lupher and Carol Kloczek, ass't librarians presented awards of merit to Cheryl Kulczak, Otis Cook and Billy Simanovich.



Chuck Hixson and Basil Hawanchak were co-chairmen of Western Days.

The history book became a year-long project for editors Sue Spence and Jill Cook.



A standing ovation was given the symphony for its excellent performance at Ramsay auditorium.

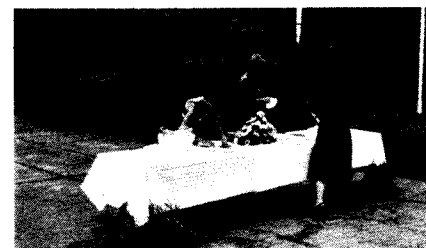


While the Mount Pleasant Area Chamber of Commerce provided street decorations and the firemen helped hang them, the repair work fell to a dedicated few. George Wood and his faithful pickup truck became a familiar sight on Sunday mornings in 1978 as the wayward banners were once again secured.

Dale Walker, co-chairman of special events, presented Frank Eckels, Sesquicentennial treasurer with a check after the successful "Town Fair" held in Frick Park. This was one of the many anniversary events which generated funds donated to creating a new borough recreational area.



Mary Jo Kraisinger won the Rotary sponsored logo contest for her entry (left). Doug Hauser made the award presentation.



Preparing for refreshments after the Westmoreland Symphony Concert on July 19 are Sandy Coppula, Florence Potoka and Colleen Wood.



Antique exhibits were featured in store windows, some arranged by "Coke" Yankosky and Watson Lupher, display chairmen.

The captured beardless citizen, "Tiny" Fatla, was escorted to the stockade by our friendly firemen.



Wylie Overly, Mount Pleasant's beloved clown and magician.



Loaned by William Pritts

*...The mere fact that a man resides in Mount Pleasant has for more than half a century been an open sesame to all business and social circles everywhere."
"Old Home Week" booklet, 1910*

People and Times to Remember

As a young boy, G. WYLIE OVERLY, born in 1894, wanted to be a clown. But after finishing school he began his working career as a clerk in the men's clothing store of Chas. Pross.

Invited to become a teller in our People's National Bank, he suddenly changed to banking. Associated with our Municipal Band, under the direction of Orray Zuck and Bob Goodman until called into the service late in World War I, prepared him for the Army Band and dance orchestra. After his discharge, Wylie became a bank examiner for the tri-state area. When an attractive job in the Citizen's National Bank of Washington, Pa. surfaced, he settled there for some years, returning to his home town to become manager of the Mount Pleasant Lumber Co. until bought by the Cook Lumber Co. in 1941. As the Citizen's Savings & Trust Co. and the First National Bank merged, he returned to the banking business to be a cashier.

All this time, an intense desire to become a circus clown that had persisted from boyhood was growing. In 1937, yielding to that dream, he spent his two weeks' vacation with the Tom Mix Circus. He put away cares and responsibilities - donned baggy trousers - battered hat - floppy shoes and grease paint to enter the fascinating world of spangles and saw-dust rings, appearing with Downie Bros. Circus, Russell Bros. Circus, Parker & Watts, Wallace Bros., Cole Bros., and Ringling Bros., Barnum & Bailey, granddaddy of them all! Although it took a long time, Wylie Overly realized his boyhood dream to be a clown if only for two weeks at a time. His joy in the profession he shared with his community year round.

Accepting invitations to speak before clubs and various organizations all over this tri-state area, he gave a program divided into two parts: the first half consisted of reminiscences of his experiences "clowning" around the country; then, proceeding to show the intricacies of grease paint makeup, there appeared before the audience the most unusual creature imaginable - the clown!

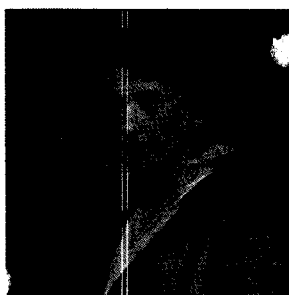
He especially enjoyed an audience of school children for not only were they fascinated with the art of makeup but his various magic tricks left them speechless and wide-eyed.

In 1918 Wylie Overly married Marguerite Zundell of Mount Pleasant; she died in 1935. Their children were Ann Overly Bell of Littleton, Colo. and Louise Overly Culp of Cookville, Tenn. He remarried Mundy Reba Pore in 1939. At the time of his death in 1949 he was 56 years old.

Submitted by Susan Overly Swink



BRANDON SCOTT GEORGE was born a Sesquicentennial infant on January 9, 1978 and represents the fifth generation of Georges - a family name synonymous with business on Main Street. The first George, Daniel Lowery, early in this century operated a five and ten referred to then as a "Racket Store". The site was in the Grand Theater block. Daniel's son, Milton R. George, learned the hardware business from W. F. Smith whose father, William H. Smith, had started that trade on the north side of the street. It was in 1924 that M. R. George purchased the W. M. Overholt Hardware store at 607 Main Street, and two decades later it became George and Cunningham when Charles W. Cunningham was taken into the organization. Upon M. R. George's retirement in 1953, his son, Robert L. George, advanced to the partnership. Young Brandon Scott's father, William R. George, is an active participant in the present hardware organization. The great grandmother, Mrs. M. R. George, still resides on Vine Street and represents a line of wives who have with their husbands taken a very active part in the church and civic life of the community.



VIOLA STEVENSON, the town's oldest resident, was born July 25, 1885; when she was 16 months old she moved with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Stevenson, into a new home at 18 Eagle St., where she still resides. The packing crates served as chairs at that first Thanksgiving dinner.

Young Viola was baptized in the Reunion Presbyterian Church and in October of 1897 became a member of that church. After public schools, she attend-

ed the University of Pittsburgh and for 13 years taught in the Mount Pleasant schools before going into her father's insurance business at 726 Main St., and later at 16 S. Church St.

Always active in her church, she has served as trustee, taught Sunday School, and held offices in the women's organizations. She has been a very respected member of the Hospital Aid Society, Saturday Afternoon Club, the DAR, and the Par-ci Par-la Bridge Club.

She is a great lady with a keen mind that can recall much of the past history of the town which has been her home for 93 years.

Submitted by Mrs. Robert George

FRED R. HOUSEMAN came to Ramsay High School in 1936, fresh out of Penn State. His hometown was West Newton. With him he brought a flair and enthusiasm for music to the entire community that was unmatched.

In the succeeding thirty-four years, his bands became known for their spectacular half-time shows with precision marching, intricate formations, and their trademark—the fast step. His use of colored flares and lights on helmets brought a whole new concept to area bands. Few people left the stands at half-time and many attended parades to witness those Ramsay bands.

Each spring the marching band turned into a concert band and one of the finest; they could be a Sousa band or a symphony orchestra with an overture, always displaying a love for music and pride in accomplishment.

It was Fred who taught musical instrumentation to the students in junior high, Ramsay, and briefly at the Mount Pleasant Area High School before his untimely death in 1970. Though he is gone and his bands will never grace our eyes and ears again, those who knew, respected and loved him, will always be able to faintly hear the "Sound of Music," Fred Houseman style.

Submitted by Reverend Gregory F. Premoshis

GILBERT E. CLARK, retired cashier of the Mount Pleasant State Bank, and his wife Sally, have been very active participants in community life. Gilbert, his brother Edward and sisters Gail (Chandler) and Marguerite (Houseman) were the children of Charles E. and Carrie Gilbert Clark and lived at 124 College Ave. Charles Clark was a director of the Mount Pleasant Institute and the local school board as well as working with Charles Bossart in the construction of the Ramsay High School in 1929.

MARTY GREGOR was Mount Pleasant's product to the music of the "roaring twenties". A brilliant trumpet player in his youth, later talented in violin, and then sideman to many local dance orchestras, he formed his own band that was in demand through the entire area.

When the Roof Garden of Greensburg's Penn Albert Hotel was having its entertainment heyday, the houseband was Marty Gregor's. From there he was soon a fixture at Pittsburgh's William Penn Hotel; later Gregor headed the band at his own club, the Gay Paree, on the northside of Pittsburgh. With radio and the "big band era", Marty played and recorded in New York and other big cities before a lengthy engagement and close identification with Miami Beach's most famous night spot, King Arthur's Court. Now retired in Pittsburgh, Marty and many of his fans far and near reflect on the musical past with a Marty Gregor interpretation.

From material submitted by Scott Lane

SAM and JESSIE LEVIN raised a remarkable family in their home at 355 Main St. on the corner of South Hitchman. To support their children, in 1916 they founded the Sam Levin Furniture Company at 600 Main St., and there they built a thriving business upon the principles of good quality, lowest price, and complete service.

As each of the six daughters and one son grew up they shared in the early growth of the furniture store with a spirit of service to the community as well. After the elder Levins retired into advisory roles and later died, the same family enthusiasm and spirit persists as son Leonard and his wife Sally, and the youngest daughter, Norma and her husband, Milton Gesspass creatively operate the Levin Furniture Company and serve Mount Pleasant as a total community.

In 1940 an adjacent building was purchased to enlarge the furniture facility; with the purchase in 1970 of the Zimmerman town house, a unique furniture boutique, The Colonial House, was added to the Levin complex, adding charm to the basic business. Later in 1970, with a need for more storage space, the final acquisition of the former Bryce Brothers-Lenox Glass factory was made to facilitate the warehousing of Levin Furniture.

The late JACK ROLLINS, a former resident of 414 Smithfield Street became a well known songwriter, having composed such popular lyrics as: *Frosty the Snowman* and *Here Comes Peter Cottontail*.

Two LOUIS LEVINSONS were Main Street merchants more than half a century ago. To distinguish these gentlemen, their businesses and their families, the town affectionately referred to one as Little Louis and the other as Big Louis.

Leonard Levinson, a life-long dynamic force in community affairs, now owner, with his wife Bessie, of the Fashion Shop at 623 Main St., is of stature that clearly indicates he is heir of Little Louis and his wife, Ella.

From the Big Louis Levinson family of eight, the town proudly honors four outstanding heirs: Florence, Mrs. Nathan Frey, recently retired from Frey's Jewelry; a life-time resident and still practicing dentist, Eli; another native physician, William; and perhaps the tallest was the respected Sam Levinson, who with his mother, Jennie, operated the L. Levinson clothing store at 638 Main St. and resided in the former F. L. Marsh residence at 802 W. Main St. He, his wife, Bertha, and children moved to California in 1960.

MR. WADE S. STILLWAGON (1899-1978) was tax collector for Mount Pleasant Borough for thirty-four years. His first job was office manager of the National Hotel under Bill Templeton. He was then employed in Youngstown, Ohio, New York City, and Wheeling, West Virginia. He was married to the former Olive Haus of Youngstown, Ohio. Wade was a native of Mount Pleasant, the son of William "Ott" Stillwagon and Elizabeth Ann Hann; "Ott" being a former member of Council and an engineer for the H. C. Frick Coal and Coke Company at the Morewood Mine.

FRANK L. OVERLY (1886-1967) was a bookkeeper for several years in the S. P. Zimmerman Furniture Store, before serving in the Westmoreland County office of the newly elected District Attorney from Mount Pleasant, Nevin A. Cort, Sr. In Judge Wm. T. Dom's court he was assigned as official court reporter, later moving into Judge Charles Copeland's office where he served the rest of his county courthouse career.

Coinciding with his courthouse positions, locally Frank assisted Mr. Avery Overholt as secretary of Mount Pleasant Borough Council. Following Mr. Overholt's death, John H. Heffling filled the secretary's position for one year. On January 5, 1920, Mr. Overly was appointed borough secretary serving for the next 34 years. With help and advice to the Council Finance Committees and accurate preparation of statements and reports, he brought a

new expertise to the secretary's position, as a steady increase in the volume and complexity in records and reports to state and federal governments took place.

While still borough secretary he helped persuade council to purchase the Brown property on the west side of North Church Street opening Smithfield Street and providing a second east-west bound street. On crucial decisions, Frank would often close his books during a council meeting, stand up and say, "*I want to appeal to council as a citizen of our town*" - and then state his opinion.

Secretary Overly's carefully revised and compiled single volume of borough records and ordinances serves as a reminder of his many contributions to "hometown rule".

Frank L. Overly married Sarah Lightcap in 1934. He was the father of two children, Dr. Wylie L. Overly of Latrobe, Pa., and Mary Overly Mowry of Boca Raton, Florida. On March 10, 1967, he suffered a fatal heart attack in the Law Library of the Court House in Greensburg, Pa.

Submitted by Susan Overly Swink

The progenitor of the HITCHMAN family in Mount Pleasant was William Hitchman. Emigrating to America as an officer in the British army during King George III's reign, he became a sympathizer of the colonists. Consequently, he resigned his commission and lived as a Virginian. After the Revolutionary War, his son William married Nancy Gillespie of Maryland and moved to Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, settling in Mountpleasant Township where William became a successful farmer. Six sons and two daughters were born to the couple. Their first son was John; born in 1789 he served in the Pennsylvania militia during the War of 1812, attaining the rank of Major. Married to Mary Thompson, he had only one son, William J., born 1838. For many years William J. was proprietor of the Mount Pleasant Bank, becoming a leader in finance and real estate as well as in politics. In 1860, he cast his first vote for Abraham Lincoln. In 1861, he married Elizabeth Shields and to them were born eight children. Their family home was on the site of the present Ramsay Elementary School.

The fourth son of William Hitchman was Robert, born 1793. In 1818 he married Elizabeth McCready, daughter of Alexander McCready, who is credited with laying out the town of Mountpleasant about 1797. In May of 1828, the first election of the town was held in Robert Hitchman's house. He was elected a councilman; his brother, John, treasurer. Acquiring large tracts

of land and "plantations", Robert, a carpenter by trade, became the owner of most of the land on which the "east end" of Mount Pleasant now stands. Besides farming, for about forty years Robert was also the proprietor of the Hitchman House (now the site of the post office). He was a director in the Glade Pike Company, a commissioner of the County Poor House, a Mason and a Democrat.

Of his fourteen children, two became farmers: Alexander B. and William Robert. At the death of their father in 1872, William took charge of the farm land which bordered Hitchman Street on which the original farmhouse and later springhouse still stand on East Main Street. Married to Margaret Bingaman, he had eight children, one of these William Albert Hitchman, a lifelong resident of Mount Pleasant who died in 1928. Living today in Mount Pleasant are his daughter Caroline Hitchman Rusmack and his granddaughter, Harriet Burge, a teacher in Mount Pleasant Area High School. *From material submitted by Harriet Burge*

ISSAC PERCY SHUPE (1881-1960) and CARROLL B. SHUPE (1887-1974), were both sons of Louis Barnhart Shupe. He built the 131 N. Diamond St. family home in 1902 where Carroll B. and his wife, Sarah Baird Good, a Greensburg school teacher, lived for over 50 years and raised their two children, Lewis B. and Mary Jane.

Percy Shupe, a Kiwanian and bachelor, and Carroll B., a forty year Rotarian, were both most active in the town's civic and religious activities. Carroll, a life-long democrat served on council, school board, and was local party treasurer for many years. For fifty-eight years he was deacon, then elder in the United Church of Christ and when Carroll Shupe died January 22, 1974, the last Shupe was stricken from this borough's records.

The HONORABLE CHRISTOPHER LOBINGIER II arrived in Mount Pleasant Township in 1772 and was a delegate in 1776 to the first Continental Congress of Pennsylvania. Extensive acreage east of town to Laurelville was Lobingier farmland; on a portion of that land stands Rumbaugh Elementary School.

When Christopher Lobingier's great-grandson, William Lobingier, died in 1931 at the age of 76, another heir to a historical name was honored. At age 14 young William started as water boy for the B & O Railroad and became an expert at track laying. Learning the trade of well drilling, he served nearly every area coal operation as a test driller and was noted for his knowledge of this

area's earth formations. Because of his operation of the Shupe Stone Quarry in the Center Avenue part of town, he became a contractor and was responsible for the foundations of the present Levin Furniture Store, their warehouse in the former Bryce plant, the Baptist Church and the adjacent Gradler building. He served the borough as street commissioner for an interrupted total of 26 years.

William Lobingier was married to Eva Lamb of this town and they had nine children. Three of them are living—Mary, Kenneth L., and Kathryn—together these Lobingiers represent 225 years total residency in Mount Pleasant Borough.

From a family history submitted by Kenneth Lobingier.

Born in 1887, JOSEPH WHITE was first employed in several area mines; large in stature and aggressive by nature, Joe White served the local police force from his first part-time patrol assignment in 1913 until his retirement in 1952 with a 25-year term as chief of police from 1926 until 1951.

Few people have contributed to the fact and fiction of Mount Pleasant as has Chief White; the town loved parades and Joe White led most of them on horseback. In this period of industrial integration some of the male population, young and old, enjoyed a weekend fisticuff and with the arrival of the automobile many dangerous situations occurred; but seldom did things get out of control when the ever vigilant Joe White appeared on the scene. Therefore, it was a complete contradiction that his active service came to an end because of two accidents. The first, a fall on the icy pavement, and the second, a gunshot wound suffered in May 1950 when his pistol discharged, accidentally, while he was seated at his desk in the borough building.

Borough council of 1926 must have made the right decision in their choice of Joe White as chief of police, because for a quarter of a century he gained the respect of the community and actively demonstrated that Mount Pleasant was going to be a better place in which to live.

ANDREW F. SOFRANKO, a Frick coal miner for 23 years and then a 30 year Robertshaw employee, now retired, and his wife, Mary Nalepa Sofranko, who is retired after 22 years with Connellsville Sportswear, raised four children at 143 Quarry Street.

Having learned their A B C's and respect for education at Visitation School, the four Sofranko children were all Ramsay honor students—Dolly with the class of '55; Andrew, '57; Joseph, '60; and Judy, '63. Not satisfied with under-

graduate degrees from their respective colleges—Seton Hill, St. Vincent, Harvard, and West Virginia University—Mrs. Dolly Ferrier has an M.A. from West Virginia, lives in Philadelphia and is mother of four; Andrew, with a Ph.D. from the University of Illinois in Campaign is an associate professor of history there; Joe, a Pitt medical and University of North Carolina M.D. is an Ophthalmologist and eye surgeon in Nashville, Tenn.; and Judy, with her MA in social studies from the University of Illinois is employed by the Children's Bureau of Boston, Mass.

The Sofrankos represent a family with goals of determination for education through labor and true dedication.

In 1903, JOHN JOSEPH and PAULINE GENTILE CARUSO with a daughter, Jennie, arrived here from Italy and at 416 Howard St. raised a family of six sons, Herman (dec'd), Anthony, Joseph (dec'd), Henry (dec'd), William and Frank (dec'd), and another daughter, Elsie.

To many, the Caruso name is almost synonymous with the town's auto service business; but perhaps more than any other family, the Caruso name has changed or been changed by marriage with other familiar local family names such as: Santorella, Rich, Belzer, DiMichele, Grosser, Ceidro, Pfeifer, Balcerak, Brooks, Cost, Fasano, Harman, Roman, Baker, Cibulas, Reese, Queer, Hostoffer, Forys, Jurkowski, Fichtner, Snyder, Gentine, Albright, Scott, Sutherland, and Tullio.

HENRY R. FREED (1864-1914), having operated a country store at Donegal, came to Mount Pleasant in 1879 and purchased a building at Main and South Church Street from the Hitchman family.

Freed's store rapidly became one of the town's outstanding merchandising establishments with the rest of the structure leased to prominent residents, professionals, civic, retail, and even governmental tenants for the ensuing years.

Two of the four sons born to Magdalena Stoner and Henry Freed, Walter and John, took over the business which was now dealing in women's wear after their father's death in 1914. With John Freed's death in 1935 his son Gordon and daughter, Katherine Freed Barnhart, operated the store until 1957. For two decades, during which time Katherine had married the late Dr. James Cowan, Jr., Mrs. Cowan administered the century old family business until the tenants moved out and the store closed its doors October, 1976, to make way for the new Standard Savings and Loan facility on that corner.

PETER AND MICHAEL MULLEN were brothers and forebears of a large well-established family with roots in the former St. Joseph parish. Peter managed the old brewery on Depot Street, known as both the Mount Pleasant or Pittsburgh Brewery, early in the century. Michael married Frances Gribbin whose father, James Gribbin, was the renown owner of the Mount Pleasant Hotel which flourished in the 19th century and in which the young Mullens became associated.

Among the many Mullen heirs have been such notables as: Patrick J., a councilman Edward; the squire; Charles, a production foreman with Smith Glass; William and Hugh, salesmen; Henry was with the post office; James and John were steelworkers, with John becoming Mayor of Clairton. Mary, Catherine, Elizabeth, Margaret, Alice, Evelyn and Ellen were but a few of the names of Mullen ladies.

This clan of Mullens spelled with an *en* is unrelated to that other Mullin family spelled with the *in*; but together all are well qualified to celebrate the past of the same hometown.

JAMES J. KRAISINGER married Kathryn Kikta in 1926 and the following year at 106 Quarry St., the first Kraisinger Market, several doors north of the present store, was opened. The Kraisingers raised seven children and six have become an integral and contributing force to this, their home town. Virginia, Mrs. Ed Chlebowski, is Transfiguration's church organist; William is an aggressive, three-term member of the school board; Patricia, Mrs. Richard Sofranko, is a Frick Hospital L.P.N. with time for family and community; Regis, a First Ward Councilman with public recreation his forte, now owns the family market complete with coolers, freezers, smoke house, and eight employees assisted after school by the third generation Kraisingers; Mary Kathryn married Rich Bailey and lives in Virginia; while Marcy, Mrs. Lloyd Sebek, has a beauty shop; and Janice, another Frick employee, is a lab technician. To know and follow the interests and activities of the 21 grandchildren is enough evidence that the community should be grateful for the presence of the Kraisinger clan.

WILLIAM P. (dec'd) and SADIE RIDENOUR LOZIER were married in the spring of 1909 and had one son William Henry who died suddenly in 1946. The Loziers lived at 61 Vine Street, next to the present Levin parking lot. William P. Lozier had a cigar factory and shop in front of which stood one of this area's finest woodcarved cigar store Indians which is now

preserved as an historic feature of Colonial Williamsburg, Virginia.

But of far greater historic significance was the 100th birthday anniversary of Mrs. Sadie Lozier in October 23, 1977. Although she now makes her home with her daughter-in-law, Edythe Lozier Kettering in Greensburg, Mount Pleasant proudly stakes a major claim to the love and life of a very alert and proud "Grandma" Lozier.

JOHN and MARIE TESAURA with their young daughter, Theresa, came to Mount Pleasant in the first decade of this century from Salerno, Italy. During Old Home Week in 1910, this young, proud Tesauro family felt their dreams fulfilled, for that year, John had become an American citizen and had purchased from Mrs. Sarah Breckbill their rented home at 421 Washington St. which for a time, they continued to share with tenants, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Antonette, newly arrived from Italy.

As the Tesauro family eventually increased to eleven children, John's hard labor in the mines was augmented by gardening, odd jobs, and home improvements, but always finding time to discipline his family by encouraging patriotism, a respect for education, and a love for God and fellow man.

During the 1929 depression years, John and his wife, both excellent cooks, became a catering couple for neighborhood events. But Mr. Tesauro really established himself in local history with a little machine. He and Mellon, a son, each weekend and parade night for many years positioned themselves on Diamond Square dispensing to countless customers fresh popcorn in colorful cones for 5¢ or in a box for 10¢. This friendly ambitious gentleman earned his title "Pop Corn" John.

Presented by a daughter, Tristine Tesauro who resides at 421 Washington St.

The first SHUMARS, George and Mary Ellen, were parents of a large family and just one of their sons had fifteen children. Thus there have been Shumars in abundance to fill nearly every vocation whether it be police, plumber, clerk contractor, nurse or good neighbor.

Mount Pleasant had its share of MURPHYS, past and present and not all related, with Edward, the retired bank clerk and sports enthusiast; Dan, who met a tragic death in an airplane accident at Rath's Crossing; and a list of well-respected women with names like Catherine and Margaret. Eugene was manager of the American Store at Main and Eagle in mid-century; and William

P. was the reliable butcher for the Acme Stores. At one time in the 60s there were four John Murphys residing on Washington Street—John J., a Montgomery Ward employee; John D., a Sears salesman; John A., the bookkeeper for Kecks Bottling Company and President of the School Board; and his son, John M., who was in area radio communications. To the local mailman those Murphy middle initials were most important!

The MULLIN family is among the town's pioneers, starting with W. D. Mullin who married Mary A. Shupe from another family of note. Their son, C. E. Mullin, born in 1861, was known in financial circles after establishing several businesses in the Mullin block (in an area now comprising Gallatin Bank), as well as owning farms in and near the present borough.

In a partnership with W. A. Kalp in 1902, the historic James Neal farm, a ninety-acre tract in the North Church Street area, was purchased, laid out in lots, and an important expansion occurred. This area is still referred to as the "Mullin Plan" with the family home still standing at 108 North Church St.; and Orchard Avenue was named for "Charlie" Mullin Orchard. A larger "Mansion" on South Church Street where the Ezra Harman family resided for seventy years, until 1977, was built, but never used as a residence by the C. E. Mullins.

Charles E. Mullin was married first to Mary Louise Evans (daughter of W. H. Evans, New Stanton) and after her death to Sally Woodward. Sons of note were: Charles, teacher and principal of West Newton High School; William D. (still living), a long time and the last principal of Hurst High School; Frank, the superintendent of Westmoreland Construction; Woodward, an instructor in the East Huntingdon Schools; and Paul, who operated several retail businesses, is remembered as Mount Pleasant's sole real estate agent for many years in the mid-century.

PHILIP GALLEY (1775-1852) son of a German emigrant, came west to Fayette county before 1799. In 1968 a 500-page revision of the Galley family history was published; Mount Pleasant soil has been blessed with roots from this large family tree and several of its many branches.

Our schools and others have been benefactors of Galley instruction in the 20th century with teachers names including: Esther, Joseph, Mary and Grace. Peg Galley Metz, a bookkeeper, confidentially prepared the paychecks of all Smith Glass employees for nearly four decades.

Thursday, August 12th, 1875.

SHORT STOPS.

A match game of base ball was played on Wednesday last, near West Overton, by the "Active" of that place and the "Ontario" of this place, resulting as follows: Coterie, 35; Active 5.

Mount Pleasant Dawn

October 31, 1901

Two bodies lay in the morgue, another in a casket, at the S.P. Zimmerman Funeral Home Halloween night 1901 and not for foolishness or childish prank.

Much earlier on that date, the Frick Company paymaster, John Hosler, with Harry Burgess, an armed black attendant, were making the rounds and delivering the pay to the area coal mines; having left the Morewood Mine, they were suddenly halted as they headed up the hill toward Alverton. Four bandits, jumping from their perches on a fence to the left, quickly positioned themselves; two on either side of the wagon, one grasping the reins, another shooting driver Hosler. Harry Burgess, reacting quickly and fearlessly, pulled his weapon, killed one of the thieves, wounded another and allowed the unreined frantic team to carry the dead Hosler and himself on to Alverton where a call was placed for retaliation.

From Morewood and Mount Pleasant a posse was organized under the town's sharp-shooting constable Jack Thompson, hero of both Civil and Spanish-American Wars. Before dark a search in the wooded area near the scene of the assault resulted in the death of another bandit and the capture of the other two, including the one Burgess had wounded earlier. Only one of the captives was ever tried, for the wounded thief hanged himself several days later in the county jail.

Mount Pleasant's Harry Burgess was not only acclaimed the hero of the day, but was awarded a life-time pension by the Frick Coal Company for his bravery in saving the pay.

The episode was related by Frank Olinger

A horse-drawn funeral hearse owned by Luther Grimm pictured in Somerset in 1964.



The Calvary Unit of Company E parades after 1898 Spanish American War (before street car tracks).



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Zazzaro's Italian Band, about 1900. This group played for weddings and celebrations, usually at the band hall at Tony Lombardi's (now the Antonette building, Washington & Diamond). Left to right, 1st row: David Valiante, Tony Gismondi, unidentified, John Figarato, Michael Santora; 2nd row: Dominic Costabile, unidentified, unidentified, Director Zazzaro, Michael Valiante; 3rd row: Dominic Costabile, Joseph Maricondia, unidentified, unidentified, James Nicolette.

Old Home Week July 4-9, 1910



Freeman E. Gerhart and Levi Davis, Union Supply butchers.

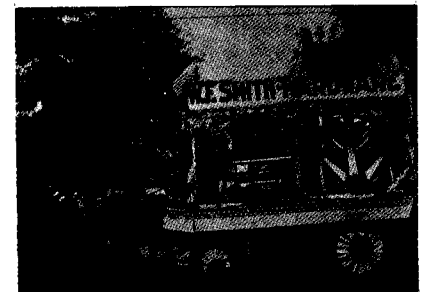
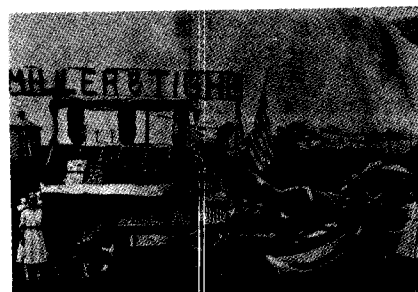
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The produce company across from the rail station. Left to right: Ruth Miller, Ray Davenport, Bessie Miller and Frances Chidsey.

Photo loaned by Joseph Amdy

M.R. George and friend ready for the parade.

Photo loaned by Robert George





Elizabeth Overholt (Robinson) going to a party in 1903.



Loaned by Jerry Rega



The United Brethren Sunday School Orchestra about 1912. Left to right, seated: Florence Loar, Joseph Hunter Gamble, Violet Crosby, Helen Simpson, Sarah Shupe Hood, Orin Alberts; standing: Wilmer Fox, Arthur McCloy, Orray Zuck, Harry Harkcom, Walter DeVaux, Charles Sauerwine.



A May Pole Dance celebrating May Day in the 1920s on the lawn of Reunion Presbyterian Church. Photo loaned by Viola Stevenson

St. Joseph's Literary and Dramatic Club shown above as the cast of "Just Plain Folks - A Comedy Drama of Rural Life in Three Acts". The play was presented around 1914 in Cox's Theater in Mount Pleasant. From left, sitting: Thomas Keller, Terry Donnelly; standing: Hilda Fitzpatrick, Steve Mullen, Florence Francis, Thomas Murphy, director Julius Reichman, Dan McCort, Susan Fitzpatrick, Dan Bevil and Peg Mullen.



St. Joseph Church members were Doughboy fund raisers in 1919. Left to right, 1st row: Thomas Murphy and Clyde Carnes; 2nd row: Ellen Mullen, Joseph Reichman, Margaret Mullen; 3rd row: Sabina Glen, Elearnor Murphy, Sarah Kearn, Marie Jackson (Houck), Julius Reichman, Rose Hass, Susan Fitzpatrick, Hilda Fitzpatrick. Photo loaned by Mrs. Thomas Murphy



CHRISTIAN JAMES KEARNEY and his wife, the former Adelaide Murtha, daughter of the noted John Murtha, live in retirement at 767 West Main St.; the well-preserved home which served also as office to Dr. James McConaughy in the 19th century.

The week of Mount Pleasant's Centennial Celebration in June 1928, their first daughter, Marie, was born. Their son, C. J., Jr. (Jim), who now owns the family distributing business, married Dorothy Ferrell. A daughter, Adele Fumino, works for I.B.M. in Palo Alto, California; Thomas J. is with the World Trade Center in Fairlawn, New Jersey and is married to the Bill Morrison's daughter, Mary Jo; Kathleen is with the Chicago Tribune and married to Edward Naureckas; John, who married Marjorie Simon, manages a base exchange in Michigan; and Patrick, with his wife, Peggy, are in Washington where he is an attorney for I.R.S.

The C. J. Kearneys, Sr. have 23 grandchildren and on September 7, 1977, celebrated a half century of marriage and represent so many other couples having pride and satisfaction that Mount Pleasant is truly "Home Town" to their successful families.

FRANK OLINGER was born January 9, 1890, one of six children born to Samuel and Margaret Hemphill Olinger, whose residence at 411 Spruce St. is still the home of Frank's brother, Charles Roy (Rip) Olinger, 82, another of Mount Pleasant's favorite sons. As members of the Class of 1909, Frank and Lloyd C. Rumbaugh share honors as the oldest living male graduates of Mount Pleasant High School.

During those high school years, Frank spent his extra hours making and bottling soda pop at Lloyd Koontz Bottling works at 206 S. Diamond St. After graduation he became an expert carpenter and through his participation with Mount Pleasant Lumber and several area contractors, prepared himself for his service as one of this century's most important borough employees; as street commissioner (1931-55) his services varied from engineer to maintenance operator for countless old and new borough services.

His lifelong avocation has been an intense interest in local people and the happenings and history of the borough, which he attributes in part to an early teacher, Miss Anna Barron, "who encouraged pupils to appreciate their local past".

Still keen of mind, Frank Olinger has been an invaluable source of this year's Sesquicentennial search for information and unrecorded events of the town's more recent past.

CHARLES THORNTON MEIGS, born July 15, 1896, was the son of John Henry and Elizabeth Sheppard Meigs. John, employed as a crusher in the Standard mine was also a "horse doctor." The Meigs had a large family and "Charlie" was next to the youngest. He attended school through seventh grade before securing a job at Bryce Glass where he was employed for 52 years until his retirement in 1960.

Mr. Meigs was married to Geneva Braxton (dec), a preacher's daughter, and they made their home at 413 Warden Ave. with their five children. In addition to his glass factory career, Charlie was a noted musician who could play eight instruments but was expert on the slide trombone as he participated with many local orchestras and bands for nearly five decades, the Fireman's Band being one of his favorites.

Charlie claims with pride that his benefactor, Mr. Gerald Bryce, encouraged his music, membership in many organizations, and participation in sports, another field in which he excelled.

Meigs, 82, lives alone, cooks for himself; but with family and many friends to support his contentment and gratitude for a life filled with memories such as: "Old Home Week in 1910-The 'wild man' who performed on Diamond Street came to our house-he wasn't really wild, and all the streets were dirt roads then."

Still holding annual reunions, the "old" Bryce football team, includes with pride as one of its most honored members, the first and only black coach, Charlie T. Meigs.

JAMES C. KUNKLE, a Ramsay High School graduate, and Sophia Furwa, a Hurst High School graduate, were married November 17, 1947 at the St. Bernardine Church by Father DiSantis.

Parents of two children, Suzanne, an administrator of juvenile services in Canton, Ohio, and James William, employed by C & C Builders, the Kunkles also have two grandsons.

Borough Council President Kunkle and his wife Sophie are both longtime employees of C & C and at home and in the community are living proof that a combined Ramsay and Hurst team can live together most compatibly.

WILLIAM J. POTOKA was born on February 7, 1924 in Tarrs. In 1954, he moved to Mount Pleasant and opened a service station at 120 Main St.

A veteran of World War II, he served in the Pacific as a sergeant in the U.S. Paratroopers, 11th Airborne Division, during which time he married the former Florence Testa of Mount Pleasant. They have two children, Sandra

(Mrs. Donald Coppula) and William, Jr., both residing in Mount Pleasant. They have five grandchildren, Lisa Marie and Brad William Coppula, William James III, Douglas Andrew and Christopher Michael Potoka.

In 1963, Bill began serving a six-year term as school director in Mount Pleasant Area Schools. He served as President of that board for three years, was treasurer for two years, and was chairman of the building committee during the construction of the area high school.

In addition, Bill has been active in other civic endeavors: President of the Rescue Squad of the Volunteer Fire Department for four years; two years as President of the East End Civic Association. He also served on the Board of Directors of the Mount Pleasant Chamber of Commerce, and began serving as mayor in 1970. Bill is currently serving his third term as mayor of Mount Pleasant.

In 1975, he was appointed by Governor Shapp to the Governor's Justice Commission—Southwest Regional Planning Council to serve a term ending December 31, 1976.

Mayor Bill is proprietor of the Arco Service Station at 120 East Main St., but has maintained his office in the Potoka Towing Service operation which he established in 1974. Both son, Bill, and daughter, Sandy, are associated with his business.

Few people get as much mileage out of each day and many an evening as does Mount Pleasant's present chief executive.

Born in Mount Pleasant Township on Friday, November 13, 1914, FRANK ECKELS will long be remembered as a faithful and conscientious borough secretary for the past 12 years. At the close of 1978 Frank will be retiring from this service to Mount Pleasant Borough. Frank graduated from Hurst High School with the class of 1932. However, he had previously graduated in 1930 from the Western Pennsylvania Institute of Music majoring in the violin. It was this type of training that has enabled him to be a member for over 50 years in the Trinity United Methodist Church Sunday School orchestra which is the oldest orchestra in the borough.

He also attended New York University for the processing of lumber.

In 1939 Frank married Irma Smith from East Smithfield Street. The union has brought forth three children, Dr. Dennis Eckels of Bolivar, Sandra Atkins of St. Paris, Ohio, and Roger, a sergeant in Mount Pleasant's police department.

Frank has served his church and his community well throughout the years and this will undoubtedly continue even though he will be retiring.

When CEDRIC L. SPENCE, SR. (1889-1959) went to work at the three year old Smith Glass Company as bookkeeper in 1910, his ambition and enthusiasm for the industry encouraged his father Jacob Spence (1865-1939) to participate as maintenance supervisor of the same firm. Jacob Spence, with his wife Alice, had owned a feed outlet just east of the railroad on Main Street, and later he had been associated with C. A. Springer in the contracting business.

Cedric Spence, Sr., married to the former Ruth Eicher, advanced to production manager and secretary of Smith Glass and was no doubt responsible for his son, Cedric L. Spence, Jr. (1915-1976) continuing in the glass business. A seven-year metallurgist with U. S. Steel, the younger Spence, his wife Sue, and three young preschool daughters moved into the parents' home at 611 S. Church St. in 1946.

Both Cedric Spences were most active in their respective churches, both were Rotarians, each served on the Frick Hospital and Building & Loan boards, and were recognized as capable leaders in the glass industry as well as their community.

Cedric L. Spence, Jr., a major stockholder of Smith Glass, became plant manager and was vice-president and treasurer at his retirement on January 1, 1976 at which time Smith merged with Owens-Illinois. He died 8 months later while on vacation with his wife at their Deep Creek Lake, Maryland summer residence several days after having agreed to head a committee for publication of Mount Pleasant's Sesquicentennial Anniversary book. "Sonny's love and tireless service to his community led the borough to rename Standpipe Alley to Spence Way-a tribute to a man who will long be remembered."

LEAH CARLSON LOHR is representative of this century's dedicated nurses that have cheerfully tended the illnesses and injuries of patients in the two Frick Hospitals, the doctors' offices and in local homes.

Leah Carlson of Connellsville was recruited by the Red Cross in 1921 to come to Mount Pleasant, graduating from the Frick Hospital School of Nursing in 1925. She married Harry A. Lohr in 1930 and was an operating room nurse for over 40 years, interrupted only in 1932 for graduate work at the University of Pennsylvania.

In her last three years (1968-71) before retirement, Leah Lohr met the public at the new Frick Hospital as an Admissions officer. Mrs. Lohr, has been a member and continual officer of the H. C. Frick Community Hospital Nurses Alumnae Association for 53 years, and serves as volunteer historian.

She reports that the first class of the Frick Hospital School of Nursing graduated in 1907 and that the following are the four earliest graduates still living: Mrs. Homer Rumbaugh (Beatrice Walker, 1912); Mrs. Frank Carbaugh (Sarah Hood, 1914); Mrs. Dom Isola (Olive Rega, 1921); and Mrs. Chris DeLuca, (Pauline Gomery, 1922).

It was JEAN MARSH BROWNFIELD'S grandfather, Dr. F. L. Marsh's dream and untiring efforts that led to the opening on October 13, 1903, of the Mount Pleasant Memorial Hospital after he had secured the old Lippincott property from Christian Overholt. The Marsh family name has preceded and been a vital part of the 75-year history of the community's well-equipped hospital.

Married in 1869 to Margaret Speigel, a native of Wurtemberg, Germany and arriving in this country in 1851 at age six, Dr. F. L. Marsh and his wife were lifelong residents at 802 W. Main St. Dr. Marsh served the new hospital devotedly for two decades until his death in 1923; Mrs. Marsh died at age 87 in 1932.

The F. L. Marsh's had three sons: Edward Marsh, a Greensburg physician who died early in his career; W. A. Marsh, another well-respected local physician; Rabe F. Marsh, a Greensburg attorney of note; and a daughter, Mary Leona Van Oss of Plainfield, N.J.

Dr. W. A. Marsh (1872-1954) and his wife, Dr. Mary Montgomery Marsh (1872-1966), a native of Lancaster County and a most active local practicing physician, together continued to make the Marsh name synonymous with medical calls and hospital care. "Dr. Will" and "Dr. Mary" also had four children: Jean, Mrs. M. D. (Rebecca) Baker of Claymont, Del., Louise Cafferty of Natrona Heights, and William E. Marsh, M.D. of Jeannette.

Bill Marsh, in Ramsay's 1930 first graduating class is still an active member of the Westmoreland Hospital staff and represents the third generation and more than a century of medical contribution by Marsh physicians to Mount Pleasant and Westmoreland County.

The W. A. Marsh's eldest daughter, Jean, a member of Mount Pleasant High School's Class of 1921 and a 1925 Swarthmore graduate, returned home to a most reputable ten-year (1925-35) career in the local hospital where she founded the laboratory as its first and sole technician, became an X-ray specialist and an instructor in the School of Nursing.

Married to E. C. Brownfield and the mother of William E. Brownfield of Washington, D. C., the Brownfield's still reside in the W. A. Marsh family home at 729 W. Main St., a 19th century

residence purchased in 1903 from the widow of Dr. Joseph H. Clark. Jean Marsh Brownfield is the last resident heir of Mount Pleasant's most illustrious family of practicing physicians.

ERNEST WILLIAM COPELAND, from Sheffield, England, was a foreman in the H. C. Frick Morewood Mine and married a Scottish lady, Janet Finnicum Dougan and together were active in local and state politics, lodges, and the Reunion Presbyterian Church.

As parents of 7 children - Alexander, Ernest, Janet (Randolph), Edythe (Lozier Kettering), Sarah (Stull), Thomas, and Harry, there is little wonder that the Copeland name has continually surfaced in the recent history of the town as well as at the county level.

Alex Copeland served many years in the Westmoreland County Courthouse as clerk for Judge Copeland, in the District Attorney's office, and an eight year term as County Sheriff.

On the local scene, Tom Copeland was teacher, coach, and administrator in the Mount Pleasant School system for 41 years before retiring in the 70s.

The accomplishments and volunteer works of all the Copelands, men and women, sons and daughters, read like a chapter from the town's "Who's Who."

CHARLES W. CUNNINGHAM, while a small boy, had a dream of working in a store like his grandfather, an Alverton grocer. That dream became a reality sooner than expected-for during his sophomore year in high school (1924), he secured a Christmas holiday job with M. R. George, who six months earlier had taken over the hardware business at 607 Main St. After true Charlie Cunningham persuasion, he was given reluctant permission to retain his employment when other youths returned to classes.

Having pursued his merchandising at the same location, he became Mr. George's partner two decades later, and following the elder George's retirement shared that partnership with son Robert George.

Married to the former Mabel Cooper, a local lady, both Cunninghams have been community leaders and raised their family, Richard, Donald, Charles, and Patty at their former residence, 343 College Ave., before moving to their present home near Mt. Joy.

When business, industry, his church, the hospital and other segments of the community needed Charlie's services, he answered the call. Now retired from the board of Trustees of the H. C. Frick Community Hospital, another trustee is quoted-"If any one person in the com-

munity were to be singled out for having been responsible for the new Frick Hospital, it would have to be Charles W. Cunningham, a one-time perennial member of the hospital building committee."

SAM FREED, a member of Ramsay High School's Class of 1937, has won the respect and gratitude of all throughout the area as a teacher, recreational leader, world traveler, first aid specialist. And as "Mr. Candyman", each year late in the fall, first at Ramsay, now at the area High School, it is Mr. Freed who directs the candy sale of the Junior Class. The profits from this project are usually sufficient to give total support to the school's Junior-Senior Prom, when again he shares the efforts and plans with the students for their biggest social event.

There is perhaps no better authority on all local sports teams and participants than Sam, who for years has not only coached and scheduled, but been reporter as well.

It was on January 19, 1974 that several hundred friends and fans gathered at Rainbow Gardens to testify to their appreciation of Sam Freed's total community involvement.

PATRICIA KALP CUNNARD is the first woman tax collector for Mount Pleasant Borough, elected in November, 1977. She was employed by Wade S. Stillwagon for twenty-one years prior to her election. A daughter of Oran D. and Frances Swink Kalp, she graduated from Ramsay High School in 1951. She is married to George "Lex" Cunnard, and resides at 127 Bridgeport St. They have one son, Eddie, who is a seventh grade student at Hurst Junior High School.

OLIVER S. SHIELDS, local retired attorney, is the great-grandson of James Shields, who, in 1846 built his home on his farmland which was to become an important residential area and center for civic activities in that western portion of the borough encompassing the former Ramsay High School, which replaced the original Shields' homestead. James and Mary Shields' only daughter, Elizabeth, married W. J. Hitchman, accounting for the Hitchman name appearing on many deeds in the area.

A post Civil War residence was built by a son Wilson, at 138 S. Church St. which was to the right of the lane leading to the farm home; another was constructed by son Matthew, to the left

of that lane at the present 725 Walnut St. address. This home later became the residence of Matthew and Sarah Larimer Shields' daughter Susan and her husband Dr. Kennedy, a Presbyterian minister and brief participant in the local newspaper.

James, a bachelor, and John Larimer Shields were the two sons of the Matthew Shields. It was John, having attended Princeton and returned home to marry Hannah G. Ramsay, that built his home at 741 Walnut St., presently the Riggs Funeral Home.

The John Shields' son, Attorney Oliver Shields, survives brothers Matthew and James R. and a sister Dorothy Shields.

Married to the former Rosemary Cooper, daughter of J. A. Cooper, Oliver Shields, a Dickenson Law School graduate, conducted a local law practice from the 30s until the early 70s. He gained county-wide respect as a solicitor for many institutions in the area. The Shields have a son, James, and reside on Braddock Rd. Ave. in one of the newly developed areas of the community.

SUZANNE KREINBROOK MADER was born August 26, 1939 in the Frick Hospital to Shannon and Helen Shipp Kreinbrook; a 1957 graduate of Ramsay High School, she attended Radcliff College and attained her M.D. and Psychiatric degrees from State University of New York and other institutions before serving a three-year residency at Western Psychiatric Institute of Pittsburgh, June, 1968.

She had the distinction of becoming the youngest state hospital administrator and the first woman appointed in that capacity when she was named in that position at Woodville State Hospital in Carnegie, Pa. in 1973. She has also become involved with counseling and clinical directorships in other areas of her field in western Pennsylvania; and yet, with her husband, Albert, enjoys a pleasant family relationship with their three children.

SCOTT LANE was a school teacher, theater owner, musician, public official and journalist. Any one of those occupations would have made a respectable career for most people, but Scott worked at them all and was recognized in two by the state legislature.

Winfield Scott Lane was born at 15 College Ave. in Mount Pleasant on Dec. 15, 1892, the son of Abram Tintzman and Flora McVey Lane.

After attending the local public schools and graduating from Mount Pleasant High School in 1910, he received

a bachelor of arts degree from Allegheny College, Meadville, Pa., in 1914.

In 1914-15 he served as elementary school principal at Leisenring No. 1 and taught at Dunbar Township High School located next door. During 1915-16 he taught in Mount Pleasant High School.

The following year Lane was co-owner of a motion picture theater on Pittsburgh's North Side. For the next 7½ years he was employed as clerk and head bookkeeper at First National Bank in Connellsville.

He began his career as a journalist with the *Mount Pleasant Journal* on June 29, 1925, and remained with the *Journal* for more than 50 years, retiring as news editor in October of 1976, just prior to his 84th birthday.

During the 1920s and early 1930s he played piano for dance bands in the area, among them the Marty Gregor Orchestra and the Clef Six. Lane served as auditor for the borough of Mount Pleasant for 48 years.

He received citations from the Pennsylvania House of Representatives for both his 48 years as auditor and his half century as a newspaper man.

When LEWIS A. HARRER, SR., was killed in a Scottsdale railroad accident in 1906, his young widow, Ola Marie Moymont Harrer, with four young children all under six years, moved to 531 Washington St. Floyd (dec.), Claude, Lewis A. Jr. (dec.), and Ruth (Mrs. Randall Kreinbrook), all became very active in their contribution to the total community of Mount Pleasant and are a tribute to a very courageous mother.

Born in Sicily in 1898 JOSEPH CERNUTO arrived in America to become a coal miner at age 16. In 1920 he married Mary Caletti, purchased a truck and sold meat products door to door. The next year he established his first grocery at 501 Washington St.

Salesman Cernuto relocated his fruit market in the Kelly Building at 516 Main St. in 1928 until the early 30s when he moved to 654 Main St. and there conducted the grocery and then the hardware business from but a portion of the building he soon purchased. For half a century that portion of the 600 block of Main St. with residential apartments above, has been designated the "Cernuto Building". It was not until 1968 that the hardware store was closed and integrated into the flourishing C & C Builder's Co. that had been founded by Mr. Cernuto in Tarrs in 1940.

A one-time councilman, Cernuto was

a member of the parking authority, Chamber of Commerce, board member of the West Newton Building & Loan and Torrance State Hospital. This life-long member of the local Sons of Italy gained national stature as the Supreme Treasurer of Sons of Italy of America.

Mr. Cernuto died in 1973 leaving his wife, sons Frank and Joseph, Jr., daughter Theresa Hostetler, nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

FRED ZAIDAN, M.D. as one of Mount Pleasant's few native physicians, has developed a keen interest in geriatrics and amusingly admits that in recent years his creative extra hours have been spent in the preservation and reclamation of antique automobiles from every inner mechanism to the restoration of sleek new body finishes.

His first step to national recognition came in September, 1977, when at the antique car show in Auburn, Indiana, his 1935 Auburn Boat-tail took first place in the Speedster Primary Class. He and his engineer son, Fred Jr., of Sharon, Pa. continue the restoration of a 1937 Cord Sportsman and a 1935 Packard limousine.

Fred Zaidan, youngest son of the late Abe and Helen Zaidan who had fruit markets in the Freed block of Church Street and at 618 Main St., is married to Ruth Brush, a 1943 Frick Hospital nursing graduate. Fred and Ruth, together, conduct his medical practice from a building they constructed in 1953 on the lower portion of the former Bryce residential complex and have lived in the Kirk Bryce home where they raised their children, Fred, Jr. and Kathi Skowronek, proprietor of Kathi's Floral in Youngwood, Pa.

The VALIENTES, upon arriving from Italy early in this century, settled on Washington Street as Joseph became associated with his brother-in-law, the affable Tony Lombardi. Together they operated businesses and resided at the corner of Washington and Diamond Streets, now the Antonette corner; another brother, David, became a barber in the Lombardi building which also had a band hall in the rear, later a grocery with imported and domestic foods, and eventually a tavern.

David Valiente, now 84, is still a barber at his home and shop located at 505 Washington St.; two nephews, Phil, a Permalu retiree, and Joe, another barber, still live down the street from where the Valientes made their local start so many years ago. Their brother, Ernie, a Cook

Lumber salesman, resides on Rumbaugh Avenue.

SAM ETZE was born February 7, 1911, one of six children of Mr. & Mrs. Carmen Etze of Washington St. His brothers Anthony, Robert, Nick, Carmen, and sister, Nellie all work or live in their hometown of Mount Pleasant.

After graduating from Ramsay High School in the class of 1930 he attended St. Vincent College. He was associated with the County in the Dept. of Weights and Measures.

Sam married a local girl, Irene Devorak, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Devorak of Diamond St. Sam and Irene had three sons, Frank, Sam and Anthony, and resided at 222 Washington St.

Sam has the distinction of being Mount Pleasant's last burgess and first mayor, capacities in which he served for 16 years. This is the longest recorded time anyone has served Mount Pleasant in this role.

His untimely death in 1970 left the town in mourning for a man who had served his community with love and devotion.

The marriage of GERTRUDE FELDMAN and HERBERT E. GERECTER in 1936 following a University of Pittsburgh courtship was important to Mount Pleasant in countless ways.

The Herbert Furniture Store, founded by Herb's father, Richard Gerecter, at 609 Main St. on former Duncan property was the first beneficiary; and again in the early 50s when Leonard Feldman, Gertrude's brother arrived from Pittsburgh and became a member of a new partnership with Gerecter. This trio applied their business acumen to a support of the town's institutions such as schools, Red Cross, recreation, hospital and other civic implements.

With the sudden death, in 1959, of Herbert Gerecter, then president of the local school board, the entire community responded in shocked tribute to Herb's many contributions. His widow, Gertrude, and their children, Linda Weinstein and Richard, as well as Len Feldman, have continued to use their talents in a variety of voluntary programs most beneficial to the needs of Mount Pleasant.

When CARRIE E. NOSS died on October 21, 1956 at 82 years of age, the town then acknowledged the passing of an era—her operation of the Noss Hotel at 446 Main St.

The daughter of John and Emma

Noss, who became residents of Mount Pleasant in the late 19th century, Carrie was a graduate of California (Pa.) State Normal School and for a number of years was an elementary teacher in the public schools.

Today, a quarter of a century after her death, local and area art and antique collectors recognize Miss Noss as the most talented local artist of the early 20th century. Her paintings of local scenes and still life are prized possessions of but a few local families. And in several homes today are sets or individual pieces of hand-painted china of the Carrie Noss period, done by the artist herself or one of the several other women of the community who became avid students and with whom she shared her style and creativity.

WILLIAM ROBINSON, M.D., born in 1896, the second child of Joseph and Mary Robinson of Greensburg, served the Mount Pleasant Area with his practice of general medicine for nearly 50 years. A graduate of Penn State 1917 and the University of Pennsylvania Medical School, 1922, he interned at St. Francis Hospital, Pittsburgh. In 1923, Dr. Robinson married Elizabeth Overholt, a recent Drexel University graduate and daughter of W. A. and Annie May Colvin Overholt of Mount Pleasant.

Encouraged by Drs. Marsh and Burkholder to establish his practice here, Dr. Robinson opened an office in 1924 on South Church Street, moving a year later to his newly acquired residence at 15 College Ave. In 1937 the family moved to the Overholt home at 100 College Ave. where an office was opened in a separate building at the rear to accommodate the many patients.

While caring for this large office practice, Dr. Robinson spent much of his time making house calls, delivering hundreds of babies and tending the sick and injured in their homes all over the surrounding countryside, often working days without sleep if an emergency arose.

Dr. Robinson was a member of the staff of the Frick Community Hospital, Westmoreland County Medical Association and a trustee of the Reunion United Presbyterian Church. He retired from active practice in 1971, two years before his death. A man of large stature with a warm reassuring manner, he was dedicated to his profession.

The Robinsons had two sons: William Jr. who is a surgeon and head of Emergency at Mercy Hospital, Pittsburgh and John, who was on the faculty of Allegheny College for 15 years and professor of the French Department at the time of his death in 1971.

Friday, June 25, 1926—Matinee treat for local boys to see silent movie - Zane Gray's "The Vanishing American". Photo loaned by Lawrence Rehanek



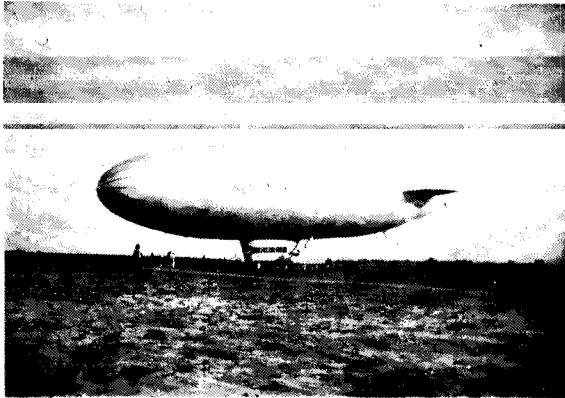
A.C. Robinslaw became superintendent of Mount Pleasant Water Company, but remembered here as Chief Jacob in the 1928 pageant.



Miss Liberty Float in the 1928 Centennial Parade. Photo was taken at Keller's Garage across Main from the rail station. From left: 1 and 2 unidentified, Josephine Splendore (Tesauro), Anne Splendore (Spadafora), Theresa Galone, Rose Cavezza (Sinkovic), Dorothy Steiner, Rose Farrell (Siesek), Miss Liberty, Evelyn Koontz (Sloan). Photo loaned by Ange Bieleski



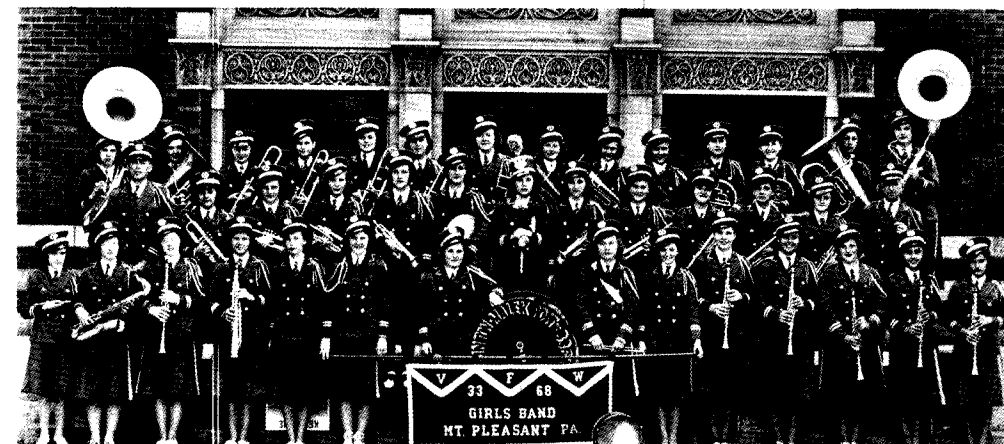
October 5, 1930—Mount Pleasant residents had an opportunity to ride the Good Year Blimp from mooring at Hitchman's field just south west of the present Jack Bobbs playground. Photo loaned by Lawrence A. Rehanek



Governor John S. Fisher arrived in Mount Pleasant on July 5, 1928, a rainy Thursday which had been designated as Governor's Day in the week-long Centennial celebration. He was to be presented with the key to the town. Mysteriously, the reappearance of the four foot, fifty-year old key indicates either a slip-up of presentation plans or the return of a unique memento by a generous governor. This well preserved key to the town is presently in the possession of Elias Farrah of Tarrs who is pictured above.

Mount Pleasant All Girls Band was organized in the spring of 1938 and was sponsored by Bunton-Malek Post 3368 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. The Director was Wilbur Boyer, assisted by Carl Barnhart.

Photo loaned by Claudia Canose Stahl





Memorial Day parade in the early 1940s. The line of march for this parade is always going up Main Street for the annual services at Mount Pleasant Cemetery.



Winter, 1940 on South Church Street
Frank Janesko Photo

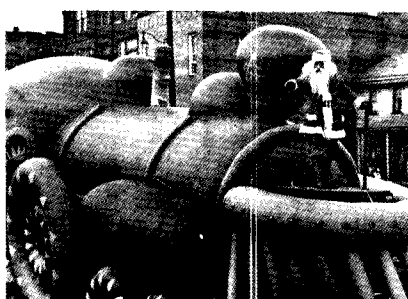


Remember the Farmer's Institute held annually for several decades in mid-century when the area farmers, businessmen and professionals met for several days to promote intercommunity activities and fellowship. Sessions held in the Grand Theatre were filled to capacity and meals at various halls and churches were sellouts. Pictured above is one of the Institute Committees in the late 1940s. Seated: John Ruth, Shannon Kreinbrook, John K. Fox; standing: A.D. Rumbaugh, M.R. George, Clarence Vance, Joseph Simon, Brooks Horner, Frank Stoner, Frank Barnhart.

Spectacular Christmas Parade on Wednesday, November 28, 1945 at 2 p.m. drew thousands of spectators. Sponsored by the Mount Pleasant Merchants Association it featured 78 unusual balloons that thrilled millions in the big cities. In the first picture Joe White leads that parade; second picture is one of the giant balloon figures being maneuvered by Ramsay, Hurst and East Huntingdon students who got free movie tickets for their efforts; third picture shows the last and best balloon - a 442 foot long train with Mount Pleasant's one and only SANTA - ssh - Arthur Kortright - of course! Photos loaned by Mr. and Mrs. William Pritts

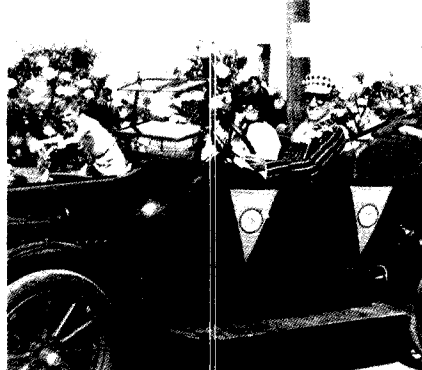


"Gone with the Wind"—an exterior wall of the Nevin Cort, Jr. residence on Depot Street, near the Bryce factory entrance, where a babysitter and the two Cort youngsters were unharmed in the March 19, 1948 tornado that ripped through the borough lasting only a few minutes at 8:25 p.m. Leaving a path of destruction, debris and an estimated \$250,000 worth of damages to homes, garages, and industrial roofs, only one minor injury was reported. Cort's home, the former Bryce Brothers' guest house, was never replaced.





Queen and Court—1953s 125th Celebration. From left; Patricia Krempasky (Mardis), Joyce Gearhart (Lowstetter), Queen Margaret Garstecki (Tepper), Joan Karfelt (Hardig), Phyllis Randolph (Forrest).



125th Anniversary Parade (1953) Bette Shaffer having a ride with Gus Martorella (boy on bike - Robert Boyer, now Sr.)



On the Diamond, in 1953, a "Mock Wedding" was held.



*Winter of 1959 at Diamond Square
Frank Janesko Photo*



Swimming in Bridgeport Dam during the 1960s could really cool us off!



The American Legion sponsored this home talent Minstrel at the Ramsay auditorium in mid-century with Eugene Heffling the master of ceremonies.



The William Hudec home, 14 Rumbaugh Ave. Perennial winner of West Penn Power's Christmas lighting contest - no shortage of energy or Christmas cheer in '50s and '60s.

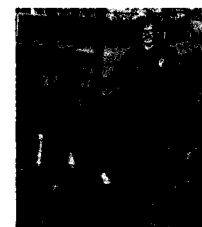


A familiar face, Joe Silvis, selling Kiwanis peanuts in 1961.

The 1976 Halloween parade sponsored by the local fire department.



In 1977 our local police were quite adept at rounding up strays. On left, Officer McElfresh poses with a pony that got loose from its owner; and on the right, Officer Grimm with a turkey found trotting down Main Street just hours before Thanksgiving.



1978 marks the 20th anniversary of the huge Nativity scene displayed on Diamond Square each Christmas season. Originating under the inducement of the Reverend Renato Gianni of the St. Bernardine parish and continued for the past two decades by representative local citizens under the leadership of Guy Isola, who also assumed leadership of a fund drive early in 1975 when it was necessary to replace the weather-worn settings and figures. Isola and volunteers spend several days each year in erecting the stable on a huge elevated stage for placement of the 17 life-like figurines and two live sheep. Musical and choral groups are scheduled for several weeks during the holidays to entertain the countless people attracted to Mount Pleasant's traditional affirmation of the birth of Christ.



ESTELLA BLACKBURN, wife of the late John S. Blackburn, dentist, and sister of the late Mrs. Kensey Dillon, has resided at 15 College Ave. during her career as wife, teacher, and community leader. Having no children of her own, "Rusty", as she is affectionately called by friends, took the time 40 years ago to start the Junior Woman's Club, now the Woman's Club of Mount Pleasant. With the Woman's Club as her tool, it was Mrs. Blackburn who, with community support helped organize the local library in 1938.

The GLICK family of Mount Pleasant will long be remembered for their farmland adjacent to the west and to the south of the borough. On the former was located one of the area's important meat processing plants.

Three Glick families participating in that business also resided in impressive red brick homes on South Church Street. Joseph and Hannah Glick purchased the Charles Bossart home at 208 in 1945 and resided there with their family of three sons and a daughter; the youngest son, Robert, a Mount Pleasant High School instructor, still lives there. At 138 South Church Street, William and Ruth Glick raised a son and daughter in the home they purchased from the Jess Mullin heirs. This house was built in the 19th century by Wilson Shields. Across the street at 127, Morris (dec.) and Mildred Glick raised their two daughters in the former Harvey Shupe residence.

JOHN MURTHA and Mary Ann Boyle, soon after arrival from Ireland, were married in 1884. From this union were born 12 children, 3 of whom died in infancy.

One daughter, Nell, became Sr. M. Theodosia, a Sister of Charity at Seton Hill. Two other daughters, Mary Cronin and Adeline Kearney and the six sons including James, Felix, John, Harry, Frank and Joe produced a total of 48 grandchildren in the John Murtha family.

With two additional generations in their genealogy, the Murtha clan has not only added quantity but quality to this area's population and progress.

Jack Murtha, a son of James Murtha, is a United States Congressman from Johnstown; his brother, Jim, president of Frick Hospital Board, has contributed greatly to Mount Pleasant in recent years.

MILTON SUTTON KUHN (1857-1938) and Nancy Edna Marsh (1881-1970) were married October 14, 1909. Milton was the son of a 19th century family established in the grocery and drug businesses having purchased the

Josiah Strickler drugstore in 1886. Of the Kuhn brothers, Milton became one of the town's most popular druggists and active citizens evidenced by his two terms as burgess in the 30s. The five children of the M. S. Kuhns' include: Mary K. (dec.) married to Chris Rose; Martha who with her husband Ernest F. Zundell, a career postal employee from another pioneering family, are active Lutherans; Milton S. Jr. married Kathryn Hostoffer; Samuel (dec.) who married Marie Tober is identified as the last local "ice cream man"; (he purchased the old creamery on Depot Street from Bert Stahl and dispensed ice cream from trucks and various other locations in town); James M. Kuhn, first married to Eleanor Bair and then Barbara Maney, has been Main Street's restaurateur as well as an active Republican; Daniel M. Kuhn is a Permal employee; and Nancy (dec.) was married to John Fox.

EDWARD B. HOSTOFFER (1894-1975) married Anna Stemmler (1890-1978) in 1914 and had three children: Mrs. Milton (Kathryn) Kuhn, Jr., Edward E., and Mrs. Alexander (Rebecca) Echard.

Edward B. Hostoffer, a butcher's apprentice at age 12, started several meat supply businesses including both the Smelko and Glick slaughter operations before establishing the Hostoffer Meat Packing business in 1927 off Route 31, just west of town. E. B. Hostoffer was also a most active participant in the flurry of successful gas drillings in the Armbrust area in the early 40s.

On September 10, 1964 the Hostoffer families gathered at the family residence at 110 Eagle St. to celebrate the 50th wedding anniversary of the Edward B. Hostoffers and many local and area friends acknowledged a family of note supported by an important industrious career.

DR. CHARLES L. DePRIEST (1902-1975) practiced medicine in Mount Pleasant for more than forty years, from depression days until the 70's. Working out of his office, which was situated directly across the street from the original Main Street Frick Hospital, "Charlie" was quite literally on 24-hour call. He thrived on it, though at times it was much to his wife's consternation.

Charles DePriest was born to Fred and Mary DePriest of Mount Pleasant. A graduate with Mount Pleasant's Class of 1921, he attended Washington and Jefferson for one year and received his Bachelors degree from Penn State in 1925. A 1930 University of Pennsylvania Medical School graduate he interned at Allegheny General Hospital in

Pittsburgh. Between his college and medical training he taught mathematics at South Huntingdon High School where he met Betty Hoover, a commercial subjects teacher, who he married in 1937. The DePriests had two children, David and Diane. His sister, Lily Maude now resides in the house Dr. DePriest built at 729 Main Street on the site of the 19th century frame structure in which the William Jordan family resided.

With a love of community, over the years Dr. DePriest contributed to a number of professional societies and civic groups. He served on the Frick Hospital Board and took enormous pride in the development of the new hospital, and was a lifelong and faithful member of the First Baptist Church. Charles DePriest was a person who was devoted to principle and high standards, yet the demands of character he made were always tempered by generosity and cordiality towards others. He was the gentlest of men who was as comfortable with toddlers and babies as with anyone.

Submitted by Diane DePriest, daughter, a University of Virginia Law School graduate and now a practicing attorney with the Federal Internal Revenue Service in Washington, D.C.

HENRY ABROMSON, outstanding civic leader, died unexpectedly April, 1978. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Abromson of W. Main Street and a 1930 graduate of Mount Pleasant High School. In 1932 he entered Duquesne Law School after successfully passing the college equivalency examination for which he prepared in two years of home study. His son, Nathan, continues the law practice his father began nearly four decades ago.

ANTHONY "SKIP" GAUDINO became a butcher and married the grocer's daughter, JEAN DEVORAK. In 1961 the Gaudino's took over Frank Devorak's market on the Diamond and together this happy couple have proudly served the town in which they take great pleasure in promoting. Few residents have as many keepsakes and mementoes as do the Gaudino's who are continual students of local history.

SADIE GONDA, the post office custodian, for the past decade has been as regular as the mail, keeping constantly and cheerfully at work in this, the town's busiest building. Unlike the Postmaster, Sadie is a lady of motion and ever present with a big smile and quiet word for friend or stranger; a "people-person", she has been housekeeper in a funeral home and for a politician; and Nicolette states, "She's worth her weight in gold!"

No attempt will be made to relate the REGA FAMILIES, other than they are all kin to the community. Remembering there was a Rega grocery early in the century at 22 North Shupe Street, there are presently Regas in the building supply, contracting, masonry, and plumbing businesses; barbers and hair stylists include Jerry, Mike, and Lou; in shoe repair are M. J. and Richard; another Jerry and his sons operate the Village Hotel and Joan Mongelluzzo Rega, another barber's daughter, is an elected member and currently secretary of the Mount Pleasant School Board.

Since the start of the century this industrious clan has found the time to contribute to the musical background that has monitored Mount Pleasant's manners and moods. P. J. (Patsy) Rega (dec.), the stone mason, had been one of the town's outstanding trumpet soloists and instructed many bandsmen in the intricacies of "temp di rubati", a delayed beat. His cousin, Jerry, the Shupe Street barber, has been one of our most talented violinists for more than half a century. While for this same period Jerry's sister, Frances Rega Spinelli, an accomplished pianist, was a professional accompanist in the silent movie era and most often at the piano for family or other of the town's musicians.

It is most fitting that 1978's most popular local trio of modern musicians, appropriately named "The New Romano's", are third and fourth generation Regas—Terri Lynn, Mike and their father, Lou.

The RUMBAUGH family name appears in many journals throughout Westmoreland County, with the John Christman branches contributing to local history.

From two locations on Main Street, one directly east of the Diamond, the other on the west at 509 W. Main there were grandsons A. D. and A. C., and even for brief time a Homer Rumbaugh, in the pharmacy business for the first half of this century.

Lloyd C. Rumbaugh, PhD., son of Daniel and Flora Duncan Rumbaugh, was an educator and served for over three decades as Mount Pleasant Township Superintendent of Schools, having retired in 1958. It was for him that the Rumbaugh Elementary School was named.

Born on October 31, 1885, Miss Marie Rumbaugh, granddaughter to John C. and the daughter of John H. Rumbaugh, survived three brothers - John, Charles and Amos. A 1909 Findlay College graduate, she had been a life-time members of the Church of God and participated in countless community activities. Miss Rumbaugh was born at 612 Main St. in the brick building her father

built in 1878 as both a family residence and a sales room on the upper side providing for his wholesale and retail meat and grocery business. John H. Rumbaugh had his slaughter house on his 100 acre tract two blocks north of Main Street and to the west of Diamond Street. Later sold into lots, a portion was reserved for an athletic field and at one time was called Rumbaugh Field.

Miss Rumbaugh had never lived anywhere but on Main Street, Mount Pleasant, with the historic Jacob Justice home at 924 West Main having served as her residence the past several decades, until last year when it was purchased and razed for parking for the Church of God. It was then Miss Marie Rumbaugh moved back to what is now the Allison Building at 612 Main St., in the home her father built one century ago. She slept each night in the room where she was born until her death in July of this year.

LAWRENCE A. REHANEK and RICHARD B. FOX have many things in common - both live on Frick Avenue, neither has had time for marriage, each has pursued a professional career, (the former, a pharmacist; the latter, an engineer) both have belonged to same or similar organizations such as the early Nemacolin Club and the local Elks lodge.

Similarities abruptly cease that week each November when Larry, an avid alumni and fan of Pitt, and Dick, alumni and fan of Penn State, decree each other's school in football supremacy.

Each has submitted and given local background material for the 1978 Sesquicentennial Book concerning clubs, business, sports, hospital and Borough progress because both have been involved in so many ways.

JOHN EDWARD DULLINGER was born in 1900 to Frank S. and Minnie Clark Dullinger, who were also the parents of Frank Clifton, Edith Irene, Ferne Catharine; the four Dullinger children were known by their middle given names.

Today there are few people as well known and a part of Mount Pleasant as "Eddie" Dullinger.

For 36 years, the approximate period that Ramsay served as high school, Mr. Dullinger was not only custodian to the meticulous premises, he sponsored the candy sales before Sam Freed, was set manager for all stage productions, chaperoned buses for band or athletes, was doorman and gatekeeper to most events.

Because of love of people, Eddie was friend to administrators, teachers, coaches but most of all, the students. Ed Dullinger retired in 1966.

MICHAEL DIMICHELE was born June 16, 1905, one of twelve children, to Dominic and Carmella DiMichele. Young Michael at age 14 apprenticed in the shoe repair trade under his uncle, Joe Amdy. At just 19 he opened his first shop at Tarrs. In 1930 he took over the shoe shop at 4 S. Church St. and soon became attracted to local politics.

He was elected councilman of Second Ward for three terms starting in 1935 and was elected burgess in 1945. His second term was shared by Russell Myers, president of council, with DiMichele's decision to pursue a new career and his enrollment in the Palmer Chiropractic College in Iowa, from which he graduated in 1951.

At age 50, Dr. DiMichele purchased a home and office at 433 Main St., married Concetta Renda of Uniontown and continued to serve as real estate administrator for PennDOT. The DiMichele's have a daughter, Maria, who is a 1978 graduate of Seton Hill

KRAMER THOMPSON, a former Junior High principal, retired in October 1974 from a second career as a local church organist for fifty years. A few weeks later he moved to St. Paul Homes in Greenville, Pa. and continues his duties as a librarian and organist.

Although JOHN C. HABERLEN was born in Mount Pleasant Township, September 12, 1887, Mount Pleasant Borough now claims him as one of its most respected and eldest male citizens. No other name has appeared on the lists of institutions, organizations and public service committees more frequently than has the name of John Haberlen.

A Gettysburg College graduate with a Doctor of Philosophy degree from the University of Pittsburgh, three decades of the 37 years he spent in Mount Pleasant education were as the superintendent of the borough schools.

He was married to the former Leone Rial (1894-1967), one of the high school's very highly respected French and English instructors. The Haberlen's son, Lee, a Dickensian Law School graduate, died shortly after starting his law practice here in 1950.

Designated the 1957 Man of the Year by the Junior Chamber of Commerce, among the many people paying tribute to him were his devoted daughter-in-law, Jane Forejt Haberlen, a school nurse; his two granddaughters.

Having retired in 1958 and presently in his 92nd year, for the past twenty years John Haberlen has continued his concern and service to people, interspersed with time in his meticulous garden that is evidence of another form of "tender loving care."

When MISS ELLA McCALEB was buried on January 11, 1933 at Poughkeepsie, New York, many friends and constituents from across the nation mourned her death. A graduate of Vassar College in 1878, Miss McCaleb served her alma mater as secretary for 20 years until she became Vassar's first dean in 1913. In 1923, she retired to the emeritus list. Mount Pleasant honors this famous native, the daughter of John Dickey and Sarah Biedler McCaleb, very prominent 19th century citizens who lived at 14 Eagle St., the present residence of John Simon, Mount Pleasant High School's Political Science teacher.

JOHN GRIGGS, who was employed at W. J. Rainey Coal Company, and his wife, America, were industrious and devoted parents to five children. One son, Joshua Griggs, until after mid-century was one of the area's last blacksmith's and many farmers also depended on this most capable tradesman to repair their wagons and tools in his shop on Route 31 west of town near the Glick slaughter house. "Josh" Griggs' sister Madie married Austin Thomas and they had nine children, two of whom still live in Mount Pleasant, Mrs. Sara Clifford and Donald Thomas, who is married to the former Ethel Rawls.

ORRAY D. ZUCK (1875-1965), the last member of an historic family was employed as secretary to Webster Overholt who like others in that family had many successful coal operations from Bridgeport to states throughout the nation. But Orray Zuck is remembered more for his great voluntary involvement in the town's music and youth programs.

In 1914, Zuck organized the Mount Pleasant Municipal Band that for over three decades, attired in military blue-black, was a talented organization that functioned as a marching band or concert orchestra, in parades, attending soldier and veteran functions, or in entertainment at the Grand Opera House or open air concerts from a bandstand in Frick Park.

Orray Zuck endeared himself to youth and their parents through his dedication to the Boy Scouts, efforts in conservation, and safe handling of firearms, resulting in a most active chapter of the National Rifle Association.

At a community testimonial dinner sponsored by Rotary, Orray D. Zuck, a quiet humble man was proclaimed Citizen of the Year on Feb. 21, 1956 by a most grateful community.

In 1915 the late DAVID SIMON arrived from the middle east and secured a room with Mrs. Fiesta at 408 Howard St. With his last three dollars he invested in buttons and shoe laces to become a door to door salesman. He kept reinvesting and expanding his line of merchandise until he had sufficient funds to marry Miss Katherine Assa.

Like many other enterprising families, the Simons eventually established their own retail store at various locations, purchased excellent residential property and fine college educations for their children John, George, Gloria and Robert. George and Robert, with their mother, still retain the Simon Clothing business that was established in 1943 at the 533 Main St. location.

JOHN and ISABELLE DUNCAN lived on a farm just east of Mount Pleasant and from their family that area is still referred to as the "Duncan Plan" or "Bunker Hill."

The Duncans' children-Robert, Hosea, Flora J. and her husband Daniel C. Rumbaugh, Sara E. and her husband Lewis S. Rhoades, became deeply entrenched in the real estate transactions and some of the political background of the borough. With their widowed mother, Isabelle, they promoted the Duncan (Industrial) Plan at the start of this century; their names also appear on many early deeds of Main Street properties.

Sara and Lewis Rhoades had six children, three of whom are still living. Their eldest daughter, another Flora, married Demster B. Stairs, a bookkeeper for D. P. Lowe and the local tax collector. Their daughter Sara Stairs, the wife of the late Robert W. Weisel, local bank cashier, is the only member of the Duncan lineage residing in the borough.

WILLIAM HISSOM EVANS married Mary McAfee in the Civil War era and they had nine children. Representative of this family was a son Walter E., an ordained Presbyterian minister, professor at the Mount Pleasant Institute, a Captain of Company E in the Mexican War, and the first chairman of the newly chartered Red Cross in 1917. He died in 1923 in California where he went because of poor health. Three of his sisters, Margaret, Lyda, and Eleanor were notable school teachers in the area and extended their careers as mid-20th century hostesses at their 608 S. Church St. home where they entertained social clubs and events for nearly two decades. Each of these remarkable ladies attained ages 95, 100, and 87 respectively.

In 1970 FLOYD W. DANIELS was retired with 31 years service at Westinghouse. And in the succeeding decade has proven retirement is "the Best to Be". Floyd did not just join the various senior citizen groups, he has aggressively taken many leadership responsibilities in most of them. Although he lost his wife, Jean, in April 1978, this father and grandfather continues to proudly wear his "Mr. Sunshine" title on his regular hospital visitations or as he greets friends and strangers on the street with a smile, a kind word, and on occasion a few lines of verse.

On a list of promising playwrights, the name of LARRY MYERS* emerges. Currently employed as a playwright for the Iron Clad Agreement, a Pittsburgh-based repertory company, and a teaching fellow completing his Ph.D. in Speech Theatre at Ohio's Kent University, Larry is writing more than ever-building from real people and actual incidents, all rooted in fact. Behind him are productions of his play "Hannah", "Jinx", "Caliban Rising", and "Eastman", at theatres off Broadway, Villanova, the University of Pittsburgh, and the Edinburgh Festival. Ahead—with David Rabe, Artaud, and Grotowski as his mentors—looms a successful future as a playwright of yet-to-be-written works and a producer of plays at the college level or in the New York Theatre.

By Robert W. Myers, English faculty for 31 years in the Mount Pleasant schools; director of over 50 plays in 25 of those years.

*Mount Pleasant High School Class of 1966

The ANTONETTE name is most important to the entire area and is locally best represented by two jovial brothers; Anthony (Tony) who operates the Mount Pleasant Distributing Company at the 206 S. Diamond location of the former Lloyd Koontz Bottling Works, and Valerie (Goo) who has Goo's Corner Cafe in the renovated building at Washington and Diamond where early in the century Tony Lombardi had a grocery, band hall and apartment complex.

Lest we forget - KATHRYN KALP, now deceased, still holds all records for having sold more insurance than any other lady in the town's history.

GEORGIA KORTRIGHT, the widow of John Kortright, was this town's "first liberated woman" in her very business-like manner, as reporter for the Connelville Courier in the middle decades of this century.

