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Where and What Is This?



The first person to correctly identify the building, shown above, will be recognized as a truly perceptive scholar. Please send your responses to: Info@downtowntownareahistoricalsociety.org.

Local news published in July 1946

Noted below are Downingtown area items, which were originally published in local newspapers 67 years ago.

The **YMCA Camps** in West Bradford had to turn away many local people who had community memberships because they failed to make reservations for over the July 4 weekend.

The following kids participated in the Children's Day program at **St. Pauls' Reformed (UCC) Church** in Lionville: Janet Samworth, Caroline, Martha and Edward Matthews, Diane Myers, David and Christine Shaeffer, Frank Dewees, Jimmy Rennard, Happy and Bobby Pringle, and Jerilyn and Peggy Ann Whitely.

Marjorie Thorne was hired as the Downingtown School District's first **kindergarten teacher**, at East Ward School.

New President Leta Tweed appointed the following chairpersons to the **Downingtown Junior Woman's Club** board: Mrs. Thomas Pollock, Mrs. Charles Sigle, Mrs. Henry Stehman, Mrs. Edward Fahey, Mrs. Robert Williams, Mrs. John Rogers, Mrs. Thomas Lee, Dorothy Francis, Mrs. Victor Amway, Mrs. Carl Engle, Mrs. Devitt Law, Mrs. John Kaempfer, Mrs. Donald White, Mrs. Mylin Plank and Mrs. Nelson Norris.

Officers who were installed to lead Camp 293 of the **Patriotic Sons of America (POSA)** in Eagle included John Garvine, president; Robert Simpson, vice president; Harold Jones, master of forms; Clyde Harner, conductor; Raymond Garvine, inspector; Joseph Taylor, junior guard; Irvin Dewees, trustee; Walter McCardell, corresponding secretary; Herman Arters, financial secretary; and Walter Garvine, treasurer.

And those elected as officers of **Camp 338 of the POSA**, based in Downingtown, were Frank Swarner, president; Allan Harris, vice president; Thomas Phillips, master of forms; William Barrett, conductor; Robert Laird, inspector; Frank Bicking, guard; and Thomas Phillips, trustee.

The **Valley Creek Terrace**, Lincoln Highway, Exton, opened. It served ice cream, milk shakes and sandwiches, as well as dinners. And it offered dancing on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday nights. (*Editor's note: Does anyone know any more about this place?*)

Since its president since 1925, Cloyd Baldwin, had recently passed away, members of the **Marshallton School Reunion Committee** considered discontinuing its meeting.

Members of the **Marshallton Grange's** Youth Committee were Sidney Montgomery, Edith Webster, Jean Cann, Esther Hill and Robert Hayman.

New members of the **Downingtown Lions Club** were Aubrey Goudie, Carl Klunder and Joseph Atkinson. And members on the club's publicity committee were Frank Bishop, Mervin Thomas and Edward Towson.

News found in fall of 1956 editions of *Blue and Gold*

DHS grad Caroline Ash, who now lives in Chicago, has donated many interesting items to the Historical Society. Recently, she sent us a bunch of copies of the *Blue and Gold*, the DHS student newspaper, from the late 1950s. We'll start off the series of highlights with news items from editions published in the fall of 1956.

October 26 edition

Ruth Hall was crowned Harvest Queen at the 15th annual DHS Farm Show. Her court included Betty D'Attilio, Jean Timmerman, Susie Norris and Susie McCue. Members of the Future Farmers of America who were committee chairmen were Tom Newlin, entertainment; Richard Ruth, decorations; Henry Roth, commercial exhibits; Lee Stanford, prizes; Richard Rice, set-up; Henry Jankowski, refreshments; and William Smith, advertising.

Class officers were Seniors: Joe Bird, president; Barry Wickersham, vice president; Susie Norris, secretary; Helen Pannebaker, treasurer. Juniors: Bill Pollock, president; Park Plank, vice president; Mary Ann Hamilton, secretary; Bob Supplee, treasurer. Sophomores: Frank Marcocci, president; Buddy White, president; Gerry McCombs, secretary; Ann Yerkes, treasurer. Representatives-at-large were: Seniors—Ruth Brookover, Jimmy McClintock and Laura Phillips; Juniors—Nancy Powell and Bob Stevens; Sophomores—Don Yannascoli.

Officeholders on Youth Day, when seniors took over the local government for a day, included Allan Lammey, burgess (mayor); Tom Hughes and Woody Bossert, school directors; Dave Whittaker, borough manager; James DiSante, water superintendent; Dominic Mattioni, health officer; Joel Gee, fire chief; Donald D'Ginto, building inspector.

Jayvee cheerleaders were Annette Valentino, Mena Massimini, Deanie Stratton, Judy Scarborough and Nancy Jo Jefferies.

November 28 edition

Mary Jean Lillard, Suzanne Robinson, Geraldine Deets and Dominic Mattioni were named to the District Chorus.

Members of committees responsible for putting on the Senior Play were: tickets—Lee Shoemaker, Nancy Brown, Anna Marcocci, Pat Pechin, Ruth Collins and Jean Celii; costumes—Andy Reeves and Shirley Mercer; sets—Charles Berstler, Pete Sarmiento, John Hostetter and Dick Draper; properties—Grace Fry, Dolly Luminella and Doris Shank; publicity—Marge Eppolito, Jeanne Charles, Laura Phillips, Susie Norris and Joanne Quartucci.

Seniors who gave the best speeches in the “I Speak for Democracy” contest were Nancy Brown, Ruth Brookover, Marjorie Lawn, Judy Orr and Edward Popjoy.

December 21 edition

Students who participated in the talent show during the Winter Carnival included: singers Evelyn Eshleman, Ronnie Davis, Anna Marie Yannascoli, the duet of Suzanne and Eleanor Robinson, impersonator Susan Frank, acrobatic dancer Carol Shisler, an organ duet by Helen Burkhart and Jean Emery, and a piano duet by Bebe and Irvin Rubincam.

Officers of the newly formed Girls Athletic Association were Mary Ann Hamilton, president; Judy Manning, vice president; Ann Yerkes, secretary; and Polly Pennypacker, treasurer.

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It's at 150 Devereux Road in Glenmoore



Bonnie Radford is a truly perceptive scholar because she was the first person to correctly identify the house in the photo as at 150 Devereux Road in Glenmoore. The house was built in the early 1850s by David Dunlap. It is for sale. For more info on the house, go to: www.trulia.com/property/3073686774-150-Devereux-Rd-Glenmoore-PA-19343.

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