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Where and What Is This?



The first person to correctly identify the site in this photo will be recognized as a truly perceptive scholar. Please send your identification entries to: Info@downingtownareahistoricalsociety.org.

Local news originally published 67 years ago

Noted below are items which were first published in local newspapers in early June 1946.

Members of **Girl Scout Troop 17**, Downingtown, who earned second class art-craft and home-making badges, were Anna Horsey, Beulah and Marion Wilkerson, Julia and Harriet Boggs, Kathryn Watson, Dorothy Flowers, Frances Sweeney, Lucille McNeil, Geneva Smith and Frances Styer.

And members of **Troop 94**, Downingtown, who earned second class pottery badges included Joan Forbes, Betty Gilkin, Nancy Brookover, Connie Hamilton, Sara Taylor, Frances

Mascherino, Barbara Conley, Patty Kennan, Catherine Myers, Doris Ann Cox and Joan Thomas. Marilyn Rogers and Mary Jane Bird received badges for clothing.

Upper Uwchlan honored local men and women who served in World War II by having their names engraved on a **marble monument**, which was installed on a plot where an Honor Roll had been located.

The DHS auditorium was filled at the high school's **64th commencement**, when 101 students graduated. Eight of the graduates included boys who were in the military service: Henry Hall, Willard McKinney, Paul MacIntire, John Mascherino, Albert Menna, Anthony Mattioni, James Powell and James Stewart. Students who received faculty awards in various subjects were Margaret Roop, English; Jane McCausland, social studies; George Windolph, mathematics; Marjorie Windle, science; Barbara Hemphill, language; Betty Jane Zook, commercial; Irma DelPaggio, home economics; Anthony Cozzone, shop; Theresa DiBerardinis, vocal music; Jean Esworthy, instrumental music; Roger Van Valkenburg, agriculture; and Harry Crosson, art.

Eighth graders who graduated from **West Bradford Consolidated School** were Arnold William Laird, Betty Wallace, Virginia Elaine English, Robert Ernest Martin, Rose Caroline Nixon, Ronald Francis Yetter, Lilyanne Gyger, Frances Adella Sweeney, Shirley May Lamborn, Carl Bane, Kathryn Marie Griffith, Daniel Frank Place, Frances Agnes DiMatteo, Margaret Alice Newman, Clair Harold Plank, Freda Lorraine Seeds, Guy Thomas Hadden, William Flinn and Joyce Powell. The girls wore long dresses and the boys wore dark coats and white trousers at the graduation ceremony.

Elected as officers of the Live Wire Class of **Downingtown Methodist Church** were Mrs. George Barr, president; Madeline Laird, vice president; Mrs. Paul McCombs, secretary; and Emily Lewis, treasurer.

Don White was appointed DHS **head football coach**; he succeeded Vincent Daher, who served in that capacity for three years.

Newly elected officers of the **Women of the Moose** were Dorothy McClure, senior regent; Marian Judd, junior regent; Mary Algiers, recorder; Carrie Francella, treasurer; and Ethel Bagshaw, chaplain.

Students at **Lionville Elementary School** who had the highest average for their grade included Schuyler Rennard, first grade; Alice Smedley and Samuel Matthews (tie), second grade; Kathleen Matthews, third grade; and Meredith Ruark, fourth grade. And

Mazie Smedley and James Moses were eighth grade graduates; both planned to enter West Chester High School.

Eighth graders who graduated from the **Upper Uwchlan School System** were: Windsor School, Sara Funderwhite, Dorothy Edwards, Dickey Moore, Curtis Jones, and Richard Gottier; Font School, Betty Peck, Barbara Trego, Mary Henley and Joseph Styer.

And eighth grade graduates of **Indiantown School**, Wallace Township, who planned to enter the ninth grade at Downingtown Junior-Senior High School in September were Esther Irey, who had highest average, Joseph Young, Richard Adams, Merle Hannum, Betty Simmers, Janice Shingle, Betty Sensenig and Helen Miller.

Clip Joint will be open Sunday, Nov. 3

The next clipping and pasting session will be held from 1-4 PM on Sunday, Nov. 3 at Ashbridge House, our headquarters on East Lancaster Avenue, in the Ashbridge Shopping Center in East Caln. Parking is available in the lot at the Chick-Fil-A restaurant next door, which is closed on Sundays. You're welcome to arrive and leave at your leisure.

Early DHS Homecoming Queens and their chaperones



Jennifer Wagner sent the photo above of early DHS Homecoming Queens and chaperones, after she saw the article in our October 17 Hist-O-Gram about the 50th anniversary of the first DHS Homecoming in 1963. The photo includes those who were Homecoming Queens and chaperones between 1963 and 1971. They were, left to right: front row, Dianne McDermott* (1963), Diane Mitchell (1970), Paula Scharek (1965), Donna Usher (1967), and Susan Patrizio*(1968); back row, chaperone Mrs. Nikki Anderson*, Cheryl Jordan (1964), Rosemary Gazzo (1969), Cindy Kent (1966), Ivy Bertocini (1971), and chaperone Mrs. Gladys Brookover*. The women who have an asterisk behind their name are now deceased.

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It's the Old Caln Friends Meeting House



Bud Bruton, who called in his guess from Dallas, TX, is a truly perceptive scholar because he was the first person to correctly identify this building as the Old Caln Meeting House. Located at Old Caln Meeting House Road and East Kings Highway, the Meeting House is the oldest building in Caln Township. For three centuries, it has been a place of worship for Quakers, or members of “The Religious Society of Friends of the Truth”. Built in 1726, the east room was added in 1801. Today, the Meeting House is maintained by a board of trustees, all of whom are Quakers, and the Old Caln Historical Society. You’ll find more information about the Meeting House by accessing www.oldcalnmeetinghouse.org/history.htm.

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Free ads for Non-Profits

Programs at the Downingtown Library

Pre-registration is required for the programs listed below, which will be offered at the Downingtown Library, 330 E. Lancaster Ave., Downingtown. You can sign up by accessing <http://www.downintownlibrary.org/> or by calling 610-269-2741.

Friday, November 15 from 4-7 PM and Saturday, November 16, from 9 AM to 4 PM, The Friends of the Downingtown Library will hold a **Fall Flea Market** upstairs at the Downingtown Library. Look through your attics, closets and drawers, and plan to recycle your unused or gently used gadgets, linens, glassware, toys, etc. to help the library. Donations will be accepted from October 21 through November 13. No clothing or furniture. Goods may be dropped off upstairs at the Downingtown Library Monday through Thursday (9 AM to 7 PM), Friday (9 AM to 4 PM) and Saturday (9 AM to 3 PM)).

Thursday, November 14 at 6:30 PM-**Backyard Birdwatching**. Learn about the histories, habitats and lifestyles of common Chester County birds. Register online via www.downingtownlibrary.org or call 610-269-2741.

Tuesday, November 19 at 6:30 PM-**A Brief History of the Trains of King of Prussia**. Historian Michael Shaw will present a program on the past, present and future of the King of Prussia railroads. Register online via www.downingtownlibrary.org or call 610-269-2741.

Senior Center's Harvest Hop

7-11 PM Saturday, November 9, Griffith Hall at Ludwig's Fire Co.

Enjoy Swine, Wine & Brew Too!!! Featuring a fabulous Pig Roast and our signature drink: Apple Pie. Live Music provided by local band: Holt 45. Basket Raffles, Beer-A-Mid Raffle, Games & More.

Benefits Downingtown Area Senior Center. Sponsorship opportunities are still available. Reservations are \$40 per person (tickets are held for guests at the door). Cost includes: buffet dinner, local craft beer and selection of wines. For ticket reservations, or sponsorship opportunities, call Sue McIntyre at 610.269.3939 or email Sue directly at

Susan.McIntyre@downingtownseniors.org.

Pancake Breakfast

Downingtown Lions Club's William Woodruff Memorial Pancake Breakfast will be held Saturday, November 23. Serving will be from 7:30 AM until 11:30 AM at Central Presbyterian Church 100 W. Uwchlan Ave., Downingtown. The cost for adults is \$6 and children (4 to 12) is \$4; 3 year olds and under are free. Benefits: "Sight First Kids" and local groups in need.

Downingtown Farmers Market

The Downingtown Farmers Market at Kerr Park is open from 3-7 PM every Thursday. All of the farmers and food artisans at the market must grow, raise or make what they sell – meriting its classification as a "producer only" market.

Consistent with the market's social mission, food drives will be held periodically to benefit the Lord's Pantry and other organizations in need of food donations. Additionally, market space will be made available to non-profit groups if their mission is similar to that of the market.

There is plenty of parking in the Kerr Park lots, as well as in the Borough Hall parking lot.

Savings opportunities available at DARC

Discount Movie Tickets: \$8, cash only. Honored at all Regal Entertainment Group locations (Regal Cinemas, United Artists Theatres, and Edwards Theatres). Valid for all show times. There may be a \$2.50 surcharge for the first 12 days of select films or a \$2.50 surcharge for IMAX Giant Screen Theatres.

For more info/complete price list on these opportunities and upcoming programs, go to the DARC website: www.darcinfo.com, or call 610-269-9260, or stop by the DARC Office (8:30 AM-4:30 PM, Monday thru Friday), 114 Bell Tavern Road Downingtown.

Banquet Room for Rent

The Downingtown (Williamson) Masonic Lodge, a non-profit organization located at 210 Manor Ave. has a Banquet Room for rent. The area is perfect for parties of up to 80 people and has a full kitchen. Rental fees are very reasonable. Call 610-269-3555 for more information.

Joseph's People, Downingtown Chapter

An ecumenical support mission to help un/underemployed people; run entirely by volunteers. We have been at St. Joseph's since 1995. Meets 7:30 PM on the 2nd & 4th Tues. of the month. All are welcome. Visit web page, www.josephspeople.org or just come to a meeting at St. Joseph's Parish Meeting Room behind the school, 460 Manor Ave., Downingtown. Call 610-873-7117. Leave Message. Leader: Cheryl Spaulding, Email: JPCheryl@verizon.net