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Summer Salutations

Dear Members and Friends,

Once again, we are providing a summer issue of *The Corridor* comprised of reprinted newspaper articles of varying degrees of historical import. Even if you are not reading this on the beach or in the mountains, we hope you are able to take a brief respite from the current day and travel back in time with us.

We look forward to many exciting events and activities in the service of Old York Road history in the coming year. Thank you again for your continued support of the Society.

The Board of Directors

From the *Philadelphia Inquirer*
June 8, 1952

From *Public Spirit*
February 12, 1916

10,000 Attend June Fete and Fair at Justa Farm

More than 10,000 people jammed Justa Farm, on the estate of George W. Elkins, yesterday to attend the 39th Annual June Fete and Village Fair to benefit Abington Memorial Hospital.

The featured event at the fair, an annual horse show, got off to a late start and horses and riders worked under floodlights until late last night.

Earlier in the day Phyllis Lose, riding Cassadol, took top honor in two jumping classes. A veteran campaigner, she did well at Devon, and at Newtown Square last week took the jumping class championship.

Another veteran despite her age, 14-year-old Betsy Crozer, was first in maiden jumping horsemanship and novice horsemanship.

Margaret McGinn, who took the junior championship at the Wyola Horse Show, won the Justa Farm Cup for Working Hunters and followed that up with top honors in obstacle jumping.

From *Public Spirit*
November 24, 1917

While delivering milk on Tuesday, the team of horses attached to the Cairnwood Dairy milk wagon, took sudden fright and ran away. No damage, however, was done to either wagon, or horses, and no milk spilt. But the driver, Clarence Leedom, was nigh fagged out when succor came.

The Jenkintown Trust Company has put up a large clock in front of their building. It will be a great accommodation to passers by, as all can see the time of day.

From the *Philadelphia Inquirer*
August 9, 1906

Hatboro Girls Surrender to Cupid; Town Making Record

Cupid has been working overtime in this little borough this summer. Investigation of the records of the Marriage License clerk at Norristown shows that in Eastern Pennsylvania of this size has there been a larger number of weddings in which the bride is a resident of the town.

Hatboro has a population of possibly 1500. Since June last no less than half a dozen weddings have occurred. Six pretty Hatboro girls have resigned the charms of single life for the more serious claims that devolve upon the matron. Two or three weddings are scheduled to occur this month and next, and at least two engagements are announced, to be followed by fall weddings.

Of the weddings to occur in the near future, Gideon Stoddart Lever, chief of the Abington police force will be married to Miss Lillian Williams at the home of the bride's parents on August 18. The wedding of Russell D. Rockefeller, of Jenkintown, and Miss C. Walton, of this place, is expected to occur in September.

At least four of the brides have accepted Jenkintown young men as their life companions.

From the *Philadelphia Inquirer*
July 15, 1908

"Cheltenham House", Lightning Kindled, Burned to Ruins

Cheltenham House, the magnificent country estate of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Elkins, was struck by lightning this afternoon at the height of the storm and reduced to a pile of smoking ruins within two hours. Mr. and Mrs. Elkins are at Woodshole, Mass., and the exact amount of damage could not be ascertained last night, but members of the Elkins family said that it would not be less than \$200,000.

Heroic work by the twenty-two employees of the Elkins Estate who were in the house at the time the fire started moved all of the priceless works of art stored in the art gallery. Heedless of their personal safety, the house servants permitted their own effects to be burned, and under the leadership of Mrs. Nelson, the housekeeper, every picture in the famous Elkins gallery was taken down from the wall and carried to a safe distance.

William Kerr, the chief gardener of the Elkins Estate, was working with a force of men planting a hedge near the house at about quarter of 5 o'clock, when the heavy thunderstorm came up. The men took shelter on the porch of the servants' quarters, when there was a terrific clap of thunder, accompanied by a blinding flash. Kerr looked out, and saw a thin spiral of smoke ascending from the middle of the roof.

Shouting for help, the gardener ran to the telephone, intending to give the alarm to the Old York Road Fire Company. It was found that the flash which had set the house on fire had also burned out the telephone connection. Kerr then ran across the lawn to the marble palace of Mrs. Elkins, and an effort was made to telephone to the nearby fire companies.

While Kerr was trying to get the Branchtown fire company on the telephone, William Elkins, the son of George W. Elkins, called up the house from the city to order a carriage to meet him at the train. He broke in on the connection, heard the conversation between Kerr and the fire company, and rushed out to the estate in an automobile just in time to see the walls in the centre of the building fall in. Mr. Elkins was the only member of the family to witness any part of the fire.

All of the fire companies had long runs, and it was more than half an hour before the first company reached the scene of the fire. By that time the whole roof of the house was ablaze, but most of the valuables in the house had been carried out, and pictures, marbles and priceless tapestries to the value of hundreds of thousands of dollars littered the lawn.

One of the first pictures to be carried from the house by the volunteer fire brigade of servants was the famous "Reading of Omar" by Alma Tadema. This picture was propped up against a tree, a hundred feet from the house. A stream of water from a fire hose narrowly missed the picture, which was hurriedly carried over to the Elkins stables.

Cheltenham House is located on Ashbourne Road, a quarter of a mile from the Old York Road. It was a three-story house, of stone and stucco, built in the old English style, with broad porches and a porte cochere to the eastern wing. The building was about two hundred feet in length, and stood a hundred yards from the highway. To the west a hundred yards away is the marble castle of Mrs. William L. Elkins: to the west, across the road, is the Widener estate, and nearby are the Stetsons, the Roelofs, the Tylers, and other estates of prominent society people.

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From the *Glenside News*  
July 25, 1940

## New ACME Self Serve in Glenside

This morning, Thursday, at nine o'clock, the American Store Company will officially open its newest modern ACME SELF SERVICE in Glenside at 113-115 North Easton road just around the corner from the Keswick Theatre.

Temporarily closed to permit extensive alterations and the addition of several attractive departments, the new ACME SELF SERVICE will offer this fast-growing community a complete grocery department, meat department, large produce department, and one of the first self service dairy departments.

Charles C. Beck, manager of the ACME SELF SERVICE, is well known to countless local shoppers, having been connected with the store at the same location for more than two years. The same company operated the former store but without self service.

"With the enlargement and addition of departments, we will have a larger sales force at the new ACME SELF SERVICE," Mr. Beck told the Glenside News yesterday. "Thousands of persons who prefer to shop at our stores will appreciate the clean, modern new facilities here and I am sure that they will enjoy shopping 'on their own' at the savings of time and money."

The new ACME SELF SERVICE conveniently located in the middle of the block on Easton road between Wharton and Parkdale avenues, will open each morning at nine o'clock and close at six o'clock in the evening. Friday and Saturday evenings the store will remain open until ten o'clock.

From the *Times-Chronicle*  
April 21, 1932

## 47 Schools in District 2 Entered in Marbles Test

Competition is in progress on no fewer than 47 schools in the suburban district, to determine the school champions who will compete in the Marbles Tournament as the representative of District No. 2.

When these school champs have been determined, the playoff is scheduled to be staged on the grounds of the War Memorial Building in Glenside, Saturday April 30, under the supervision of District Leader Richard Chubb and the Glenside Post of the American Legion.

Interest is running high, it is declared, in the schools of Cheltenham Township, Abington Township, Upper Moreland Township, Springfield Township, Upper Dublin Township, and in the borough of Ambler and Hatboro, and the selection of individual school champs is producing the best and highest type of rivalry.

The results will be worth-while – bronze medals to all school winners, with a trip to Valley Forge assured; a gold medal to the District Champion to be determined in the Glenside event; and the participation by the District Champion in the tourney scheduled to be held in Philadelphia next month, with the possibility, if District 2 Champion is a high-caliber performer, of surviving for the National Tournament and the chance to win the highest marbles honors in the United States.

It sure will be some event, at the War Memorial Grounds, on the afternoon of April 30th.

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Jenkintown Journal
October 22, 1937

Runaway Dog Costs Roslyn Owner \$178

It is going to cost Henry Chubb, Roslyn, \$178 because his dog ran away 2 years ago. The trouble was that the dog turned up in Trenton, N.J., afflicted with rabies and bit a girl.

The victim of the attack was Frances Elizabeth Fischl, 25, Trenton, N.J., who was bitten on the left calf, causing a serious wound.

The dog later was caught and killed by a dog catcher, who found a license, and traced it to Chubb. Miss Fischl then sued Chubb for \$78 for medical expenses and a jury before Judge Corson at Norristown, gave her another \$100 for “pain and suffering.”

From *The Central News (Perkasie)*
July 18, 1889

A man, who objected to being sent to the Philadelphia Hospital because he had been there “50 times already” for being “stewed,” is lodged in that institution today despite his objection. Before this was accomplished, however, he worsted Sergeant John Little, the “terror of the battle of Waterloo,” and several other officers in a spirited mix-up at the 4th and York streets police station last night. He is William Beaber, 40 years old, of Hatboro, Pa.

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From *Glenside News*  
July 18, 1940

## York Road to Lose Trolley Tracks Before December 1<sup>st</sup>

According to E. Raymond Ambler, Secretary to the Board of Commissioners in Abington Township, all work in conjunction with the substitution of buses for trolleys on the Old York Road from City Line to Willow Grove and the removal of the trolley tracks over the same area must be completed by November 30, this year.

This date, Mr. Ambler said, has been fixed by the Public Utilities Commission in its order of June 13 ordering the removal of the tracks. The order states that the work is to be completed “on or before” that date.

The order also provides that where the tracks to be abandoned cross highways the disturbed area is to be repaired in kind; that where the tracks are imbedded in concrete the rail heads are to be burned off and the resulting groove filled with bituminous compound; and that where rails are removed from open construction this trackage area is to be leveled off and made safe.

Officials of suburban municipalities are highly elated over this order, for they realize that it means that the first step in an improvement that has been urged for more than a decade will have been completed prior to the end of this year. No announcement has yet been made by the P.T.C. as to the date of substitution or the commencement of the work of removal of the tracks. Workmen are busy, however, on the construction of a large bus garage at Easton and Moreland roads, Willow Grove, to house the transportation equipment.

The State Highway Department, according to Mr. Ambler, has indicated that the widening and improvement of the Old York road will be made a part of the 1941 program.

From the *Times-Chronicle*  
November 22, 1919

## CHICKEN DINNER AT THE HOSPITAL

Patients and attaches of Abington Memorial Hospital had a roast chicken dinner at the expense of two chicken thieves.

Near Willow Grove the trolley men saw two men standing by the roadside, each holding a well-filled bag. They hailed the men--and the men dropped their bags and ran. When the trolley men found the bags containing fifteen large chickens, freshly killed, they notified residents of the district and an unsuccessful hunt for the thieves followed.

The chickens were taken to the Abington Police station. Some hours later a farmer north of Willow Grove reported his henneries looted--but in the meantime, Chief Lever sent the confiscated chickens to the hospital.

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From *Public Spirit*
August 17, 1918

Agree on Sunday Base Ball

Enlisted men hereafter will be free to play base ball on Sundays at Rockledge, without fear of interference.

This is the result of a compromise reached by Irvin S. Knipe, of Norristown, representing the Sabbatarians, and District Attorney Anderson, of Montgomery county. The compromise is as follows:

- No admission to be charged to the grounds or grandstand.
- Additional policemen will be placed on duty on the grounds.
- The fence around the ball field will be completed.
- No ice cream or peanuts to be sold outside the grounds on Sundays.

The "Blue Laws" of 1794 were invoked to stop ball games at Rockledge on the first day of the week. There was a hearing last Friday, which was continued until Monday, but a further hearing was not held because of the compromise. At the opening of court in Norristown, Judge Miller announced the settlement.

"I am greatly pleased by the compromise and feel that the cause of the men has been vindicated" was the comment under Commander Payne, U.S.N. a director of the Club. He has asked Philadelphia Superintendent of Police Mills for two policemen to be placed on the grounds, which are in Montgomery County, on Sunday to maintain order.

From the *Philadelphia Inquirer*
August 31, 1913

Proposed Local Motor Speedway

In the development of the proposition to construct a model motor speedway in the East, by the Philadelphia Motor Speedway Association, it is announced that Warren M. Cornell, a broker of Hatboro and the treasurer of the Association, has secured options on numerous properties near this place.

The lands that have been taken comprise most of the farms in the township, aggregating hundreds of acres of almost-level land, easily accessible by train, trolley, and automobile from Philadelphia and other Eastern points. The area is bounded by Old York Road, the Northeast Pennsylvania Railroad, the County Line and the Street Road. Owners within the area are the Mitchell Estate, John Raab, Alfred Yerkes, Stephen Yerkes, while other properties include the former Torr Farm, the Beans Farm and the Ford Farm.

It is proposed to finance the construction of the track and proposed clubhouses by a series of life memberships, and it is believed that easily 2000 automobilists, many of whom will be Philadelphians, will ultimately be interested in the project. The track, when completed according to plans submitted by engineers, will be a better Speedway than the course at Indianapolis, or the famous track at Brooklands.

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From *Public Spirit*  
November 10, 1917

## FOR JOINT HIGH SCHOOL

A public meeting was held Friday evening of last week in the auditorium of the Jenkintown club to forward the movement in the interest of a joint high school. Excellent music was furnished by the Cheltenham high school orchestra. Then Dr. Jameson introduced the speaker of the evening, Dr. J. George Becht, secretary of the State Board of Education, who made an excellent address upon educational topics. This was followed by a general discussion of the value of better high school facilities for the lower end of Montgomery county. It was the consensus of opinion that by uniting together the several districts could get better results for the money expended than is possible by having a high school in each district. Further action was left to a committee to be appointed by the chairman. The districts represented were Jenkintown, Cheltenham, Abington, Upper Moreland, and Hatboro.

## **Spread Eagle Inn Demolished**

The wrecker's crowbar has leveled the old Spread Eagle Hotel at Bethayres.

The bridge which will carry the Huntingdon pike over the inn's site will eliminate a railroad grade crossing that has cost three lives.

The word "old" in this case means 143 years and so takes on speech forces as a term of affection. A lot of people knew and loved the Spread Eagle, from the time it was licensed, in 1793 to provide "for man and beast" til a week ago, when the last bit of cheer was passed over its antique mahogany bar.

Its crumbling walls have yielded at least one secret.

That was the written record of a horse theft, dating from the days when it was crime that struck at the victim's very life. The yellowed paper was found in the floor, just underneath the attic, and supports the theory the room was used as a temporary jail.

Iron bars, embedded so firmly that the wreckers had a hard time budging them, ran horizontally across the chamber's only window. Here were incarcerated horse thieves and outlaws who lay in wait for the stage-coaches at deserted turns of the pike to steal the mail.

Holding prisoners until they could be moved to the county jail was only one office the old inn performed as a center of 18th and early 19th century life. Mail was sorted there, meetings held, marriages performed and of course every comfort provided for wayfarers and their horses.

The names of great and near-great who crossed the hal-  
lowed threshold have been lost forever but many a well-known name of modern times is preserved in the hotel register.

Ray Webb, the inn's last owner prizes that book highly. Here are some names he reported finding in the roster of guests: the late Governor William C. Sproul, Senators Matt Quay and Boise Penrose, Mayor Rudolph Blankenberg, Jimmie Walker, John McCormack, Stanford White, Hohn (Circus) Ringling, Oscar Hammerstein, Stanley Mastbaum and, by the way of variety, one Al Capone.

The hotel's career moved definitely into the checkered class back in 1930, when it was operated by the last Samuel L. Griffin known in those days as Philadelphia's "millionaire cop."

Before his purchase of the Spread Eagle Hotel was actually consummated, Montgomery county detectives swooped down on it and found beer and whisky buried

near a pigsty at the rear and also in a nearby automobile. They confiscated the liquor and arrested Griffin. As a result of the raid, the Spread Eagle was ordered padlocked for a year and its proprietor sentenced to seven months in the county prison. After his release, Griffin reopened the hotel and lived there until his death in June 1933.

With repeal, the aging inn started to recapture its atmosphere of old-time hospitality.

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From the *Willow Grove Guide*
December 20, 1944

Gas Stamps Taken in Theft

The Sun Oil Company pumping station and supply depot along the Pennsylvania Cut-Off tracks south of Hatboro, was robbed over the weekend of a huge quantity of gasoline coupons for the second time in six months.

The burglary was discovered by Andrew Doney of Grovania Avenue, Willow Grove, and had occurred sometime between 2:30 p.m. Saturday and 6:30 a.m. Monday, while no one was in the office.

Entrance to the building was gained through a skylight, according to the Upper Moreland Police Chief who is making an investigation. The thief evidently knew the details of the office for he secured the key to a filing cabinet in which the stamps, collected from service stations, were kept from a desk drawer without having to ransack the place.

Ration stamps worth 26,000 gallons of gasoline were taken but nothing else was disturbed. The stamps were of the denominations A, B, C, E, R, and T.

A similar robbery occurred on an afternoon last summer at the Sun plant while the employees were enjoying an outing.

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From *Public Spirit*  
April 29, 1916

There will be plenty of work for mechanics and laborers in this vicinity this summer, as ground has been broken for two large building operations, that of the Nurses Home at Abington Memorial Hospital and the new Ogontz school on Cloverly Lane. On Wednesday some twenty or more girls from Ogontz School brought their little shovels and broke the first earth for the new building.

From *Glenside News*  
June 27, 1963

## What's Your Zip Number? Everybody Will Have One

It's something new you'll be adding to letter addresses. Beginning July 1, nationally, letters will have zip code number. The code is the post office department's new system of improved mail dispatch and delivery. Here's an address example:

The Times Chronicle  
413 Johnson Street  
Jenkintown, Penna. 19046

Using the code, a clerk just needs to glance at the code to know what national area, state and post office the letter is destined.

If you use Abington-Roslyn Post office, zone number is 19001.

If you use Wyncote, the number is 19095.

If you use Jenkintown, your number is 19046.

If you use Glenside, the number is 19038.

Other local post offices will be assigned numbers shortly.

Glenside postmaster Francis J. Dillon stressed the importance of learning the zip number and using it also in return address. When answering a letter check the sender's envelope for his code number too.

G.T. Van Buskirk, Jr., Abington postmaster, says the plan means a short-cut to repeated address reading by eight or ten different postal employees. Each handling slows the process of mail dispatch and adds to the chance for human error.

Jenkintown postmaster James J. Martin, Jr., says that the new code will help cut up to 24 hours off the time between deposit and delivery.

From *Public Spirit*  
June 3, 1916

Mrs. G. Henry Stetson and Mrs. Caleb F. Fox left on Thursday for Manchester, Mass., where they will take part in a golf tournament.

From *Public Spirit*  
December 22, 1917

Harold Pitcairn visited Private Harold Doering at the school of Aeronautics, Princeton, on Thursday. Mr. Pitcairn was so impressed with everything at the school that he is desirous of becoming one of its pupils.

From *Public Spirit*  
June 24, 1916

David W. Winder, of Abington, has been in the blacksmith business for 47 years. He was at the corner of York and Susquehanna roads for 41 years. He is now located at his home on York Road, where he has erected a new shop with all modern equipments.

The old land mark, the blacksmith shop at the corner of York and Susquehanna roads is no more. The building was being dug inside of the present wall. During the storm the early part of this week the walls fell and what was left had to be thrown over. The stone of the old wall will be used for the foundation and the building itself will be of brick. Although the old walls were very thick they had been much weakened by cutting holes for windows and doors.

From *The Daily Intelligencer*  
May 5, 1958

## U. Moreland Boys to Vote For "Miss Little League"

A novel contest to select a little "Miss Little League" will be staged by Upper Moreland Little League.

A ballot has been mailed to all Upper Moreland Little Leaguers to select a girl of their choice for this honor. The rules of note that she must live within Upper Moreland Township and be between eight and 12 years old.

The top vote-getters will be invited to opening day on May 30 when the winners will be chosen by a panel of judges and receive trophies inscribed with their names.

The committee in charge of the event consist of Mrs. Barbara Zachodyny, Mrs. Anna May Keyser and Mrs. Dottie DeFord.

A total of 488 boys registered for Little League this year and will comprise a record 28 teams. Two new sponsors Rutehrford Russell Co. and David's Men's Wear, insure all boys of playing in full uniform. Eight year olds will be given a Little League shirt and cap.

Remaining tryout days for ten year olds are today and tomorrow at 6:30 p.m. and Saturday at 9 a.m. For 12 year olds the days are Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. All tryouts are held at Little League Field.

Opening dates for season play are May 24 for Major Leagues and May 30 for American Leagues. Programs have been arranged for boy days with officials of Upper Moreland Township greeting the boys and the school board in attendance for the flag raising ceremonies. In charge of opening day is Ray Flood.

From *Philadelphia Inquirer*  
December 4, 1916

## Patrol Beats in Autos

The Cheltenham Police Department has inaugurated the motor type of patrol service. The first consignment of machines - two lightweight cars - were put into service yesterday. In order to fully test the efficiency of motor equipped officers, Chief Hallowell has assigned the cars to outlying sections of the township. Later, it is expected, additional cars will be added to the fleet.

Officials of every Old York Road police department and patrolmen in Abington and Cheltenham Township, are now using motor cars instead of horses to patrol their beats. In the Abington section, the method has been thoroughly tested, and Chief of Police H. S. Lever declares it is the best type of suburban service.

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From *Public Spirit*
January 31, 1914

It is reported that John B. Stevenson, Jr., has sold his property on Edge Hill road to the Springfield Water Company, whose grounds it adjoins and on which two large water tanks stand. By this purchase the company secures the balance of the tract. The company will use the ground as its business expands.

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From *Jenkintown Journal*  
July 17, 1936

## *Richard Bach Recitals At Hillside Cemetery*

Richard Bach, prominent Philadelphia organist, continues to present organ recitals at Hillside Cemetery in Roslyn, every Sunday afternoon from 2:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. These recitals are amplified throughout the Cemetery property, and may be heard while strolling about the grounds or in the comfort of your own automobile. Modern equipment, particularly designed for outdoor broadcasting makes these concerts well worth hearing while a visit to the studio conveys interesting information regarding broadcasting. Each Sunday afternoon program is composed entirely of requests, received by mail or by Mr. Bach at the studio.

There are ample parking accommodations, and all are invited to attend any or all of Mr. Bach's recitals. The admission is free.

From *Willow Grove Guide*  
June 19, 1980

## **NORTH WILLOW GROVE SCHOOL CLOSES**

By Bill Power

A small pile of sympathy cards lay on the principal's desk at North Willow Grove Elementary School Friday morning.

"Dear Mr. Stephenson:

"I think you're the best principal. Sorry your school is closing... I'll see you next year..."

North Willow Grove Elementary School was dying. Nobody wanted to see it go, but after a disease called declining enrollment set in, it was only a matter of time.

James W. Stephenson - a big burly bear of a man with the gentleness of Captain Noah - sat in his simple office talking about what made the 26-year old school on Blair Mill Road so special.

He talked about its spirit - its mascot the Whale - and how the 432 kids in the Upper Moreland District school like to sing their school song.

Mr. Stephenson looked the reporter square in the eye, smiled, and started pounding his massive fist on the desk in a steady rhythm. His foot was tapping, too. A driving jungle beat set the tempo and Mr. Stephenson's golden tenor echoed through the office and out into the hall.

*We're known as the home of the Whales. Our spirit's as strong as our tails. We're North Willow Grove School, North Willow Grove School, where only the best prevails!*

Mr. Stephenson was smiling from ear to ear.

They loved the Whale at North Willow Grove Elementary School. Now the North Willow Grove family will go its separate ways: To Cold Spring, to Woodlawn, to Round Meadow... a third of the students to the middle school. It is the third area school to close this year.

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From *Public Spirit*
July 15, 1916

A new branch of the Southeastern Division of the Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Red Cross has been formed by Mrs. George Horace Lorimer in Ogontz, to be known as the Ogontz and Huntingdon Valley branch. More than 100 members have been enrolled, but 400 are expected. This branch will make comfort bags, nightshirts, pajamas, nurses' aprons and other articles.

From the *Glenside News*
February 29, 1940

Old Fox Chase Hotel Bows to Filing Station

The dinner bell which, for more than two centuries, has summoned nearby villagers for their mid-day meal, is silent at the Old Fox Chase Hotel.

No longer does Proprietor Alfred J. Young stand outside the ancient hostelry at Rhawn street and Oxford pike at noon and set up a clamor that can be heard for blocks – even above today’s motor traffic.

For the old hotel (which Young claims was built in 1705) has been sold and soon will be torn down to make way for another gasoline station – one more ancient landmark to perish in the name of progress.

Also, to be sold are the mahogany bar, carved by hand and brought to this country when America was an English colony: the few remaining pieces of old furniture – and the bell.

Young will move across the street March 10 and open a “New Fox Chase Hotel”. But the oldsters mourn the passing of the old building.

But the old bell won’t go with Young to the new location. Although Fox Chase still has many of the earmarks of a country cross-roads town, the hurly-burly of modern life has changed its character, and the bell – which Young’s father used to ring before him – just doesn’t fit into the modern picture.

From *Jenkintown Journal*
June 11, 1937

INJURED IN PARK

Willow Grove Park was the scene of an accident Saturday when George Bruno, 23, of Spring Mill Hotel, Spring Mill, suffered injuries from a ride on the “Thunder Bolt” ride. It is said the hotelman was pitched from a car while it was traveling at high speed. Bruno was taken to the Abington Memorial Hospital where it was necessary to amputate his left leg at his knee. He suffered scalp injuries and dislocation and fracture of the hip. Several of Bruno’s friends gave blood for three transfusions given at Abington Hospital.

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From *Public Spirit*  
January 29, 1916

Henry W. Hallowell this week purchased a new Willes-White touring car.

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From *Times-Chronicle*
January 4, 1933

Will Dedicate New Chapel

The newly completed St. Anne’s Protestant Episcopal Chapel and Parish House, at Willow Grove, will be dedicated tonight by the Right Rev. Francis M. Taitt, Bishop of the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

Clergy and representatives of the Episcopal congregations of Montgomery County will participate in the exercises.

Construction of the chapel and parish house was started last summer when the congregation voted to proceed with their plans for a new church as a contribution to President Roosevelt’s re-employment program. Services were held in the church for the first time on Christmas Eve.

The chapel has a seating capacity of 250 and the parish house will accommodate 300. The Rev. George C. Anderson is minister-in-charge of the congregation.

On Sunday at 10:30 A.M. Bishop Taitt conducted a confirmation service and dedicated the memorial window at the Church of the Holy Nativity Rockledge Montgomery County. The window is a gift of the Ladies Auxiliary and friends the parish in memory of Mrs. Maude R. Argo, wife of the Rev. Fordyce H. Argo, rector of the church. The window portraying Biblical scenes occupies a space of about nine by six feet in the nave of the church.

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