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Summer Diversions

Dear Members and Friends,

As has become our practice in recent years, this summertime issue of *The Corridor* is comprised of reprinted newspaper articles of varying degrees of historical import. Some of the articles are humorous, some edifying, some that will make you think of how much things have changed and others of how little things have changed. In the end, hopefully, you find that they all shed light on what was going on in this area over the years. So happy reading and thanks for your continued support of the Society.

The Board of Directors

From *Philadelphia Inquirer*
October 30, 1927

From *Glenside News*
March 21, 1963

Pageantry Features Hatboro's Hallowe'en

Hatboro's annual Hallowe'en celebration was staged last night under the auspices of the Hatboro Board of Trade with a parade and other events. Thousands of electric lights were strung over York Road to turn the throughfare into a "White Way" for the occasion.

Details of State Troopers and police of Ogontz and Abington handled the flow of traffic and the parking of more than five thousand automobiles which brought visitors from surrounding towns and boroughs and from Philadelphia.

Competition for more than one hundred prizes, ranging from a dollar's worth of merchandise to an \$800 automobile was keen. These were awarded after the parade of masked revelers, which began at 8 and lasted until 10 o'clock.

During the afternoon women of Hatboro presided over booths from which "hot dogs" and pumpkin pies were sold. Starting at 5 o'clock and lasting until the beginning of the parade, the participants and visitors were "feasted" with barbecued sandwiches. The annual celebration was underwritten by business men of Hatboro two months ago, when each contributed \$25 to a general fund to assure success of the affair. It was announced last night that more money was raised than was needed had been realized and that the underwriters would be reimbursed to the extent of their guarantee. It was announced that the affair was the "most successful yet held" in Hatboro.

Art Alliance Gives Medal to Lessing J. Rosenwald

Lessing J. Rosenwald, Abington, internationally known collector of prints and rare books, benefactor and philanthropist, is the 1963 winner of the Philadelphia Art Alliance Medal of Achievement.

The medal was presented at the 48th annual meeting of the Art Alliance members last Thursday night in Philadelphia. Since Rosenwald is in Europe, the award was accepted by his son, Robert L., New York, a sculptor.

Presentation was made by Laurence H. Eldredge, Art Alliance president. The award is identified with a Philadelphian for his advancement of, or outstanding achievement in, the arts. It is the highest honor the Art Alliance can confer.

Rosenwald has given his entire collection of prints to the National Gallery of Art, Washington; collections of rare books to the Library of Congress and Princeton University Library, and has presented many prints to the Philadelphia Museum of Art.

He is president of the Phillip H. and A.S.W. Rosenbach Foundation, the Free Library of Philadelphia, Philadelphia Orchestra Association, Philadelphia Museum, and the Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton.

Rosenwald also is president of the Friends of the University of Pennsylvania Libraries and a member of the American Council of Learned Societies, American Philosophical Society, and the American Antiquarian Society. In addition, he is a member of the board of the American Council for Judaism Philanthropic Fund.

From *Glenside News*
April 4, 1940

FOUR ELKINS HEIRS GET INCREASED INCOMES

A two-thirds interest in the income from the \$20,000,000 trust estate of William L. Elkins, former traction magnate, was awarded last Thursday to the four children of his son, George W. Elkins, also deceased.

In a ruling granting this award, the Supreme Court by a five to two vote reversed a previous ruling by the Orphans' Court of Montgomery County.

The four children are William M. Elkins, George W. Elkins, Jr., Stella F. Tyler and Louise E. Sinkler.

The remaining one-third of the income from the estate was awarded to two other grandchildren, George D. Widener and Eleanor Widener Dixon, children of Elkins Rice, deceased, a daughter of the testator. They had claimed title to a one-half interest and were sustained by a decree of the Montgomery County Court.

From *The Jenkintown Pestle*
December 1875

Local Items

Chicken thieves are around. Mr. Hellings lost twelve one night last week.

Elijah Singleton, James Barry and Jacob Smith were committed to prison by C. Mather, Esq., of Jenkintown, charged on oath of Alfred Lower and Jacob P. Birchall with being confirmed vagrants. They were committed for 30 days.

The scarcity of well-water continues, but Abington fire-water is plentiful.

A fifty foot street has been surveyed from West avenue to the railroad. It will open up a fine part of the town, giving some of the best building sites in the place. Extending this, our finest avenue, to the depot, will increase the value of all the property in Jenkintown.

Some of the street lights give as much light as a love-sick glow worm.

On walking on a double tract railroad always face approaching trains. To do this on the N.P.R.R. will require that you walk on the left hand track. When a train approaches, always step off the road, not on to the other track. Death from carelessness in this respect is of frequent occurrence. Nothing but the greatest care will insure safety, for even railroad hands sometimes step out of the way of one train and into the way of another. An instance of this kind occurred on the 11th ult., by which a man lost his life near Ashbourn station.

From *Philadelphia Inquirer*
July 1, 1946

10,000 See Navy Air Show at Willow Grove Station

Thousands of spectators yesterday watched a carrier-based Navy attack demonstration on land as the activation of the Naval Air Reserve program was marked at the Willow Grove Naval Air Station.

10,000 VISIT FIELD

Twenty-four planes, including Hellcats, Corsairs, Avengers and Divers, staged a thrilling take-off on a field which had been marked off to emulate a carrier, made their rendezvous in the air, then leveled a mock attack on the field.

This was only one of the features of an "open house" program held at the station during the afternoon. When the program closed at 5 P.M., it was estimated that 10,000 persons had been visitors.

The new F8F Bearcat, the Navy's fastest plane, which was only completed a short time before the end of the war, also roared into the sky for the delight of the spectators; and there were demonstrations with the 6F6 Hellcat, flown entirely by radio and being used in the Bikini atom bomb event, and helicopters.

EIGHT TAKEN ALOFT

Eight visitors were taken on half-hour trips over the city in various planes and all facilities were open to the public. There were motion pictures of navy exploits and displays of all types of aircraft.

The Willow Grove station is one of the 22 units in the country which will conduct the air reserve program.

The program calls for refresher training of more than 6100 pilots and more than 20,000 enlisted personnel.

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From *Public Spirit*  
August 5, 1916

### Jury to Lay Out New Road

Judge Miller has appointed Joseph Fornance, Thomas S. Gillin and William R. Diller a jury to pass upon a petition to lay out a road in Moreland township, to run from Paper Mill road to a road running to Huntingdon Valley station. The township already has more roads than it can afford to take care of. A new one may accommodate a few at the expense of the many.

From the *Philadelphia Inquirer*  
July 5, 1941

## Battle of Abington: Arsenal Worker Fires Barrage from Cannon

A ONE-MAN Fourth of July blitzkrieg on the peace and quiet of Willow Grove, staged with the aid of a four-foot cannon, was put to rout shortly after 7:30 a.m. yesterday by motorized police battalions.

The defending forces sent out Patrolman Noah Kirkley as a reconnaissance unit after Abington township police headquarters were swamped with telephone calls telling of "terrible explosions."

Kirkley, deploying himself in the direction of the booming, made a left flank movement on Lukens Ave. near Welsh Rd. in Willow Grove, spotted the enemy and called up reinforcements by field radio.

And when the reinforcements arrived, they found Kirkley had already captured John Lenhardt, 53, a Frankford Arsenal employee, and had put the artillery out of commission. The war was over and Willow Grove residents could go back to their peacetime pursuits – such as sleeping late on a rainy holiday.

Lenhardt and his military equipment were removed to the defending army's headquarters somewhere in Abington and Kirkley, giving Chief Patrick McKee a smart salute, announced: "Sir, we have met the enemy and they are ours."

"You should get a medal for this," said McKee joining his men in examining the captured artillery – a stoutly-constructed field piece with a four-inch bore, in which black powder was fired with a fuse. Kirkley said Lenhardt had anchored the cannon in his side yard.

In a special communique, it was announced that Lenhardt would appear before a magisterial court on charges of violating the rules of warfare set forth in the State Fireworks Act.

From the *Times-Chronicle*  
January 25, 1951

## Aircraft Spotters Still Needed

Volunteers to man the Willow Grove aircraft spotters post are still needed to fill the berths for contemplated test day and night. Housewives, professional people, teachers, or anyone else who can give one or two hours a week are needed. The response to past appeals has been poor. Phone or call at the Township Building in Willow Grove 24 hours a day if you wish to volunteer.

From *Public Spirit*  
July 29, 1916

The Fern Rock Lyceum Association is holding a carnival on the lawn at the intersection of Park and Nedro avenues, Branchtown, on July 27, 28 and 29, the proceeds to be devoted to the needs of the association.

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From *Ambler Gazette*
March 23, 1933

CAR RIDDLED WITH BULLETS FROM FLYING PLANE

The efficiency of the autogiro for police work was demonstrated recently when a "bandit" automobile was chased and destroyed by machine gun fire at Pitcairn Field, Hallowell, Horsham Township.

Officials of the field had offered the Abington and Cheltenham police the use of an autogiro in case of emergency after the Southampton bank robbery.

Recently, with J. Paul Lukens at the controls and Chief of Police Hallowell of Cheltenham Township handling the machine gun, the autogiro took off. On the field an old truck was locked in low gear and started so that it would continue to go in a circle, although no one was in it.

The firing was done at various altitudes, varying from 300 to 800 feet. Occasionally however the aircraft swooped down within fifty feet of its helpless prey.

Of seventy-seven bursts of shot, thirty-five found their mark. Thirteen tore through the top, destroying it, Then the windows were torn out to make sure that the imaginary occupants were killed. Another burst tore off the front tires.

Chief Hallowell then devoted his attention to the motive plant, riddling the vacuum tank and putting the engine out of commission. One of the first hits was directly over the driver's seat.

"A good pilot is more important than a good marksman," said Chief Hallowell in praising Lukens. "With a good pilot, an autogiro can be brought to a full stop or it can hover over a car it is pursuing. Then the marksman can get in his work.

"Perhaps the autogiro might be too expensive for a small police force, but I believe that it will be of great value to organizations such as the State police. Soon after word of a bank robbery is received the autogiro can be in pursuit, and after a fleeing car is spotted, there need be no question about the outcome."

From *Public Spirit*
January 24, 1914

The Jenkintown auditorium opens for its first performance this Friday night, January 23, and they will have two performances each night and a Saturday matinee. The work of completing the auditorium building was pushed rapidly this week. The seating capacity is between 500 and 600 and the exits are both front and rear and along one side and the building is excellently adapted for entertainments, the floor slanting so that there is a good view of the stage. The auditorium company has expended in the neighborhood of \$30,000 to erect this theatre. The front is composed of two stores with offices over the stores, also the whole rear of the building is thrown into one large auditorium with high ceilings, up-to-date ventilation and steam heating. Theodore M. Delany is general manager and the offices of the company are J. Herbert Ervin, Eugene L. Shloss and Clarence J. Shilcock.

From the *Philadelphia Inquirer*
July 23, 1914

Armed Posse Trails and Captures Burglar Suspect

HATBORO, Pa., July 22 – An all-night vigil of Hatboro men resulted in a thrilling chase over the streets and avenues shortly before daylight, and the later capture, in which the use of revolvers was necessary, of an alleged burglar. The prisoner gives his name as John Harris, of New York, and was held for trial in the Montgomery County courts, after a hearing before Magistrate Hockman at Hatboro tonight.

Weeks ago, a series of robberies angered Hatboro residents. Garages and houses were broken into, and finally Hiram Reading, of Hatboro, was arrested, charged with the crimes, and on what appeared to be strong circumstantial evidence was held under bail. There were, however, many in the York Road borough who believed that Reading was guiltless.

On Tuesday evening Harris arrived in Hatboro and his peculiar actions attracted attention. Ernest Jones, son of Paul Jones, a Jenkintown banker, notified Officer Winter, Frank Fite and other Hatboro men, and they armed themselves with guns and revolvers and trailed the suspect from midnight until nearly 3 o'clock in the morning. At that hour Harris, it is alleged, crawled on his hands and knees across the lawns of the Dr. Dager estate and worked for twenty minutes to force the lock on the doors of the garage. It was then that Harris was captured.

From *Willow Grove Guide*
June 4, 1970

Just Like the Army: Up At 4:30, Ready To Eat At 5, Chow at 6

Upper Moreland Marching Unit members felt like little bugs as they paraded around the immense racetrack of the Indianapolis speedway last Saturday, according to Ross Smith, musical director of the band.

As the band marched past the grandstand, "it was very impressive to have all those thousands of people applaud you." Smith commented.

The Upper Moreland unit was one of 27 bands which paraded at the speedway. The bands didn't have any trouble getting there on time, according to Smith – at 4:30 in the morning Saturday, a man ran through the dormitories blowing a whistle, turning on lights, and calling, "Time to get up, time to get up."

The marching unit also enjoyed the pre-festival parade held Thursday night in Indianapolis, Smith reported. Purdue University Band led the parade, the governor of Indiana was next, then the Upper Moreland unit, followed by the 33 race drivers riding in a dozen white convertible pace cars.

The musical director had nothing but praise for the Upper Moreland students. He reported there were no incidents of any kind and the "kids were just wonderful. The behavior of ours was outstanding, even over that of other bands. We did not have to bawl them out even once and or stop any shenanigans from going on."

The students went out to do a good job and had a good time doing it." He added. It was all just a wonderful trip."

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From *Glenside News*  
March 21, 1963

## *Dial A Meditation For Spiritual Lift*

Those who need a spiritual lift at any given time during the day may dial a meditation by phoning 885-0229. The Kiwanis Club of Old York Road is sponsoring this service. Giving the meditation this week is Rev. Curtis Bedsworth, Huntingdon Valley Mennonite Church, and next week Rev. H.M. MacDonald, First Presbyterian, Willow Grove.

From *Glenside News*  
March 14, 1963

## Weight Control Clinic Planned

Abington Memorial Hospital will again hold a series of its Reduction Courses under the supervision of the Weight Control Clinic. Registration will be held 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., March 18, 19, 20, in the Diagnostic Clinic of the Hospital.

The courses, consisting of 12 sessions, will begin April 9 and will be open to men and women who feel that they are above the optimum in weight and wish to make a sincere effort at reduction.

Pioneering in this field, Abington was the first community hospital in the country to offer such courses and after nine years, the records show that more than 400 have attended, with an average loss of 20 pounds during the course.

From *Public Spirit*  
December 18, 1915

THE SNOW THE FOREPART OF this week brought out conclusively the fact that there are very few sleights left in our community.

A few years ago when there was such a fall of snow as we had this week, the roads would be alive with speeding steeds and jingling bells.

This change has principally been made by the fact that our farmers no longer keep driving horses for their personal use, but only the draft horse that is used for the market team and the work about the farm.

The automobile has superceded the driving horse in this as well as nearly all other rural communities.

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From *Our Community (Glenside)*
January 2, 1925

Edge Hill Post Office Growing

On January first the Edge Hill post office goes into third-class. The next jump is into second-class which requires a ten thousand population or a ten-thousand – dollar a year business. This is quite some jump ahead of third-class, but it, of course, is a possibility.

Mr. Edward Hoffner is postmaster of the Edge Hill office and deserves credit for the service he gives his patrons, which number is well up into the hundreds.

We congratulate Edge Hill on its elevation in prestige, no little credit for which goes to Mr. Hoffner, for his efforts.

From *Jenkintown Journal*
October 2, 1936

Police Begin Gambling Clean-Up

Cheltenham township police, led by Chief Hallowell, last Monday raided a house on Beach avenue near Penrose avenue, Lamott, and arrested John Welsh, 49 of the 5700 block in N. 21st street, on charges of running a gambling house.

While the raiding police were battering down the door, Welsh tore the telephone from the wall and allegedly attempted to destroy tally sheets, which police pieced together and held as evidence against him. Some 100 bets had been listed, police said. Welsh, according to Chief Hallowell, had established his gaming room about a week ago.

Welsh was later held in \$1000 bail for the Grand Jury by Justice of the Peace Tiefenbach at Jenkintown, charged with conducting a gambling house and being a common gambler

Continuing their drive to keep Philadelphia gamblers from getting a foothold in Cheltenham township, Cheltenham police on Tuesday arrested James Mayoni, 52 of W. Olney avenue near Lawrence street, at his cigar store on Cheltenham avenue near 5th street, Oak Lane terrace.

Mayoni was held for court in \$1000 bail by Magistrate Frederick Tiefenbach, at Jenkintown police station, on charges of possessing run-down and tally sheet and keeping a numbers book.

The raiders, Lieutenant Simon Fenimore and Sergeant John Walsh, charged that Mayoni took bets over a telephone in his store.

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From *The Breeze*  
December 28, 1944

## ROCKLEDGE SOLDIER PROMOTED IN FRANCE

Private Howard J. Booz, 147 Central avenue, Rockledge, was promoted recently in France to the rank of Private First Class.

Pfc. Booz serves with Plans and Training Section, a part of the Army Group commanded by Lieutenant General Omar N. Bradley. It was this famed Twelfth Army Group that guided the lightning drives of the American First and Third Armies in their sweep across Northern France and into Germany.

From *Philadelphia Inquirer*  
January 30, 1905

## **WATCH DOGS OF YORK ROAD**

The recent crusade against speed violating automobilists has brought the Cheltenham police force into general notice to residents of Cheltenham.

Four of the Cheltenham police force have been termed by automobilists the "Watchdogs of York Road." They are Chief Haddington and Policemen Steen, Morris, and Brinker - the men who patrol York Road. Since June 1 they have intercepted about 60 autoists, some arrests being made at risk of personal injury.

Total fines and costs paid by autoists in Cheltenham Township and Jenkintown will come close to \$1000. That the crusade has been effective is shown by the fact that only half a dozen arrests have been made since July 15. Five of the force patrol districts are not frequented by autoists, and in consequence their work is hardly as exciting.

From *Our Community (Glenside)*  
January 2, 1925

## **Grade Crossing Hearing**

The early part of December a crowd of several hundred persons from Glenside attended the hearing before the Public Service Commission at City Hall, Philadelphia, relative to the grade crossing elimination at Easton Road.

Testimony of many witnesses was taken relative to the dangerous conditions existing, the getting caught between gates while trains were approaching, the heavy traffic over the crossing, etc.

After bringing out the main points of danger through numerous witnesses, the whole matter was referred to a committee of engineers, representing the commissioners of the two townships, the county and the railroad.

But the sitting commission made no secret of the fact that the crossing was a dangerous one, and the only thing that remained to be done was to solve the problem to the best interests of all.

F.X. Renninger, District Attorney of Montgomery County, indicated the hearing for the prosecution, which is the Improvement Association. Much praise is due him for the able way he mustered his facts and marshaled them before the commissioners.

A report of the engineers should be available shortly and "Our Community" will be only too glad to publish the results as soon as they are available.

From *Jenkintown Journal*  
October 2, 1936

## **Dixon Divorce Suit Started**

Married in 1912, Mrs. Eleanor Elkins Widener Dixon of Elkins Park, has filed suit for divorce at Norristown against Fitz Eugene Dixon, banker and sportsman.

Mrs. Dixon is the daughter of Mrs. Hamilton Rice, of New York. Her father was George D. Widener, who lost his life when the Titanic went down. Mr. Widener, his wife and son, Harry, had gone abroad to purchase a trousseau for their daughter.

Mrs. Dixon is the granddaughter of P.A.B. Widener and of William Elkins, both of whom became multimillionaires through their investments in Philadelphia traction underliers.

The Dixons, report says, have been separated for some time. She is living at "Ronale Manor," Spring avenue, Elkins Park, near "Lynnewood Hall," where she once lived, with her grandfather, Mr. Widener. Mr. Dixon is residing with his sister Mrs. Edward Bell Krumbhaar, and his brother-in-law, Dr. Krumbhaar, Mill road, Chestnut Hill.

The Dixons have two children, Miss Eleanor Widener Dixon, 22, who recently was presented to society, and Fitz Eugene Dixon, Jr., 14.

The law firm of High, Dettra & Schwartz filed the suit, the grounds of which were not disclosed.

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From *Public Spirit*
December 18, 1915

Gimbel Re-Elected President

Inaugurating its tenth year, the Philmont Country Club Wednesday night re-elected Ellis A. Gimbel, president. He urged upon the members the earliest possible liquidation of the \$30,000 floating indebtedness, either by the flotation of a bond issue, or by the accession of 50 additional members. Mr. Gimbel's report closed with a resume of the increased popularity of outdoor sports at Philmont, and he gave as an indication of the development of golf that in one single day no less than 185 caddies were employed. These officers were elected: President, Ellis A. Gimbel; vice president, B. J. Wasserman; secretary, Charles Edwin Fox; treasurer, Ely K. Selig; directors, Charles Gimbel, Milton Herold, Joseph Snellenburg, Edward Wolf, Benjamin Wolf, and Henry Strouse.

Preceding the annual meeting there was a dinner, the guest numbering 150 members of the club.

From *Jenkintown Journal*
October 2, 1936

New Roadable Autogiro

The newest output of the Pitcairn autogiro plant at Hallowell is a plane that can land on a road and by a shift of gears can be driven along on its own power. It was recently demonstrated for Department of Commerce officials at Pitcairn Field, Hallowell.

Along the road the autoplane travels on three wheels, two in front and one in the rear. But with a twist of a gadget or two, vanes spread out, the power is transferred from rear wheel to propellor and away it goes into the air.

The demonstration included a short flight, after which the machine landed near a highway. Of light construction, it was easily propelled to the road for a trial run with folded wings. John H. Geiss, of the Division of Air Commerce, Department of Commerce, said the auto "offer unusual possibilities and facilities." It will land on a very small field.

From *Times-Chronicle*
May 31, 1951

York Road Improvements Expected to Start Soon

Widening and modernization of Old York road, between Wyncote road and Noble Station is scheduled to get under way shortly after July 1, the East Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce has learned. In a reply to a letter from the chamber's secretary, Horace Bowman, E. J. Kinney, District Engineer of the Pennsylvania Highway Department, said it is anticipated that completed plans will be ready by July 1.

The improvements include the removal of the trolley tracks in the Borough of Jenkintown. The tracks have been responsible for many automobile accidents and injuries.

From *Philadelphia Inquirer*
August 6, 1916

Six volunteer fire companies of the northern suburban section will be the beneficiaries by the holding of a matinee race meet at the Horsham track next Saturday, under the direction of the Warminster Driving Club. The affair has been made an annual one, and all of the proceeds and admission charges are given to the volunteer fire companies in Abington, Willow Grove, Hatboro, Horsham and Jenkintown.

From *Public Spirit*
January 29, 1916

A unique service is to be held in Roslyn chapel next Sabbath evening. Mr. Lawrence B. Saint, of Wyncote, the author of "A Knight of the Cross" will give readings from his book. This book is one of the most interesting of the modern religious stories, and presents in a modern form Bunyan's "Pilgrims Progress." It is a religious allegory, and has been eagerly read by many during the last two years. The entire community should endeavor to be present at this unusually interesting service.

From *The Breeze*
March 1, 1945

Abington Starts Dog Quarantine

In a measure of safety for its citizens, a dog quarantine has been put into effect in Abington Township, starting today (Thursday, March 1st) and will remain in effect until June 1st.

Township police will place cards throughout the township, bringing the quarantine to the attention of the citizens and more especially dog owners. All dogs running the streets are to be shot by police whether they are licensed or not and the only way a dog is permitted outside of the owner's yard is on a leash, and then it must be muzzled.

A similar quarantine has been in effect in Cheltenham Township for several weeks, after a known to be rabid stray dog bit another dog when the dog's owner came to the rescue of a woman who was likely to have been attacked by the stray.

From *Glenside News*
March 28, 1963

COMPANIES RUSH TO PRIMEX CALL

A report that a building was on fire sent three companies of the Cheltenham Fire Department, La Mott, Ogontz, and Elkins Park, rushing to the Primex Garden Center, 435 W. Glenside Ave., Glenside, shortly after noon Monday. On arrival, they discovered that a recently acquired stock of peat moss was ablaze.

William Green, Primex proprietor, said that the fire had originated from burning trash and that it had spread to nearby grass and then to the pile of peat moss. A utility pole also was consumed in the blaze.

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From *Old York Road Press*
March 17, 1932

Borough Goes Blue to Avoid 'Bunion' Dancers

Jenkintown has gone "Blue."

And the fine of \$3.50 which previously has been imposed for violation of blue laws has been jumped up to \$100 or imprisonment.

No theatrical performance of any type can be given in the Borough on Sundays for commercial purposes even though they be "under the guise of charity."

No public halls, buildings or places of amusement can be kept open on Sunday either, under an ordinance adopted at a meeting of Jenkintown Borough Council last Friday night, and authorization has been given Chief of Police Rodney Shaver to close all "objectionable" places.

This action was decidedly more drastic than that recently taken in Abington township where Sunday blue laws were modified in many instances and made more stringent in other cases.

George F. Jones, councilman who sponsored the Jenkintown action, declared Jenkintown "is essentially a residential town" and added that the residents in his opinion do not want commercialized Sundays.

The Jenkintown ordinance was prepared by Samuel H. High, borough solicitor, who was ordered by Council to "put teeth" into the laws. The action was the result of a report that the marathon dancers who appeared at Willow Grove Park and later in Philadelphia, where they were banned, were going to locate in Jenkintown.

From *Public Spirit*
December 18, 1915

Herkness & Stetson, real estate brokers, representing the Inverness Land Company, have sold two acres of land, situated on Washington lane, Bethayres, to Anderson MacPhee, of Philadelphia. Mr. MacPhee has had plans prepared for a stone colonial house and garage by DeArmond, Ashmead & Bickley, Architects, and upon the completion of the buildings will occupy the same as his yearly residence.

From *Glenside News*
January 4, 1940

Horse Thieves Return for 128th Annual Rendezvous

No, it is not the same type of individual who made history years ago, by real horse thievery. It is the annual meeting of that famous old society – the Union Society for the Prevention of Horse Thievery and Detection of Horse Thieves and Recovery of Stolen Property.

Everybody in this area knows about this famous old organization, and its annual gatherings – an event each year devoted to purely reunion purposes. More than 200 business and professional men – and it's a safe guess that everyone of 'em knows more about carburetors and gas-taxes than he does about a set of hames and traces – will get together for that annual good time, down at Melrose Riding Club in surroundings which are real horsey. There they'll have that big dinner and that big time which make each year's event more outstanding than the last preceding one.

Bill Pickwell and Harold Pike, with associate members of an arrangements committee, have virtually completed all plans. Among the guest speakers will be former Governor Harold G. Hoffman, of New Jersey; Congressman J. William Ditter, of Ambler; acting president James E. Mooney of Beaver College, Leroy Miller, KYW announcer, and other well-known men. There will be the usual annual meeting, presided over by Arnold Aiman, president; and with genial Bob Aiman, secretary, officiating largely as a master of ceremonies. There will be the usual semi-serious conduct of the annual meeting, with the usual imposition of fines for parliamentary violations; and there'll be the annual election of officers and a Board of Directors.

And, in this hearty fashion, many old acquaintances will be renewed, new ones formed, and the 128th anniversary of a fine and notable organization will again be made history.