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THE FOUR FARMS

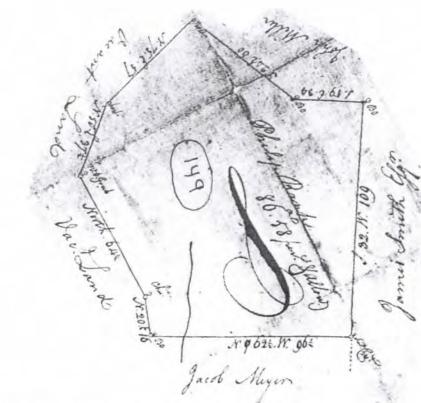
By the early 1740's, the German speaking settlement along the Codorus Creek known as York Town, was a nascent agricultural center for the reasonably well soiled farms west of the Susquehanna. Over the next two hundred years it expanded into the mostly flatlands bordering the creek. The hills to the south, first resourced for much of their timber, never were as fully or as easily farmed or settled as were the richer lowlands. Those timbered hills later were first to become the estates of the wealthy and sites for community institutions such as York Hospital, and the York Water Company. Still later, the hills were to morph into York's suburban sprawl.

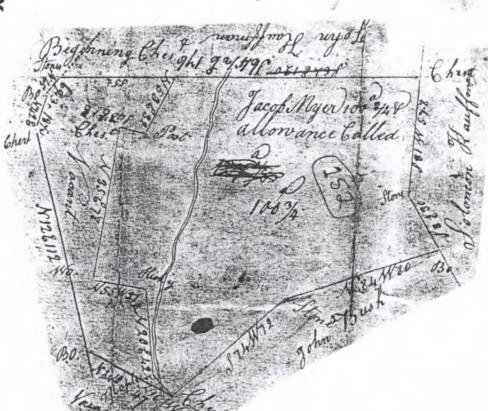
One of those hill plots, east of Queen Street, south of Rathton Road, and north of Sand Bank Road (now The Crest condos), was initially owned by land speculator and prominent lawyer James Smith (later York Town's sole signer of the Declaration of Independence). This 363-acre parcel, is also recently the subject of Charles Letocha's detailed and informative research project "Hillcroft".

And it is just to the south of Hillcroft and Sand Bank Road (a/k/a King's Sand Bank), just beyond that first layer of hills, that the story of the Owen Road neighborhood begins with the original Warrant, Survey and Patent processes for the following four farms:

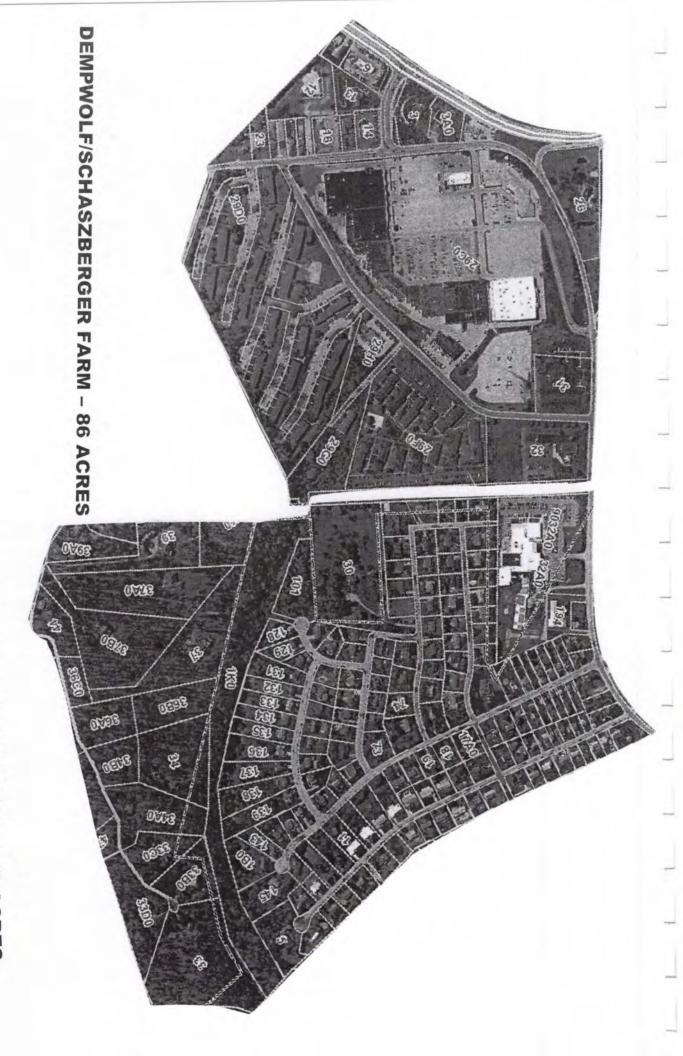
- 1. Rauch, Kauffman, John Myers, Dempwolf/Schaszberger farm (Hively #149, 86 acres). This farm is now largely Queensgate Shopping Center, the apartment complexes, and the middle-wooded areas of Owen Road.
- 2. Peter, Meyer, Kauffman, Druck, Harry Myers farm (Hively #152, 102 acres). This includes the JCC, the housing development south of it, the Boddington farm house, and the wooded areas at the end of Owen Road.
- Spangler, Hildebrand, Morris Barshinger farm (Hively #150, 16 acres).
 This is largely the Big (Grenewalt) Field and the 3 lots west of it toward
 Springwood Road.
- 4. Spangler, Meyer, Ness, Gates, Strickler, Fitz farm (Hively #151, 33 acres). This is the Fitz' family farm to the south of Owen Road.

1772 DEMPWOLF/SCHASZBERGER FARM SURVEY

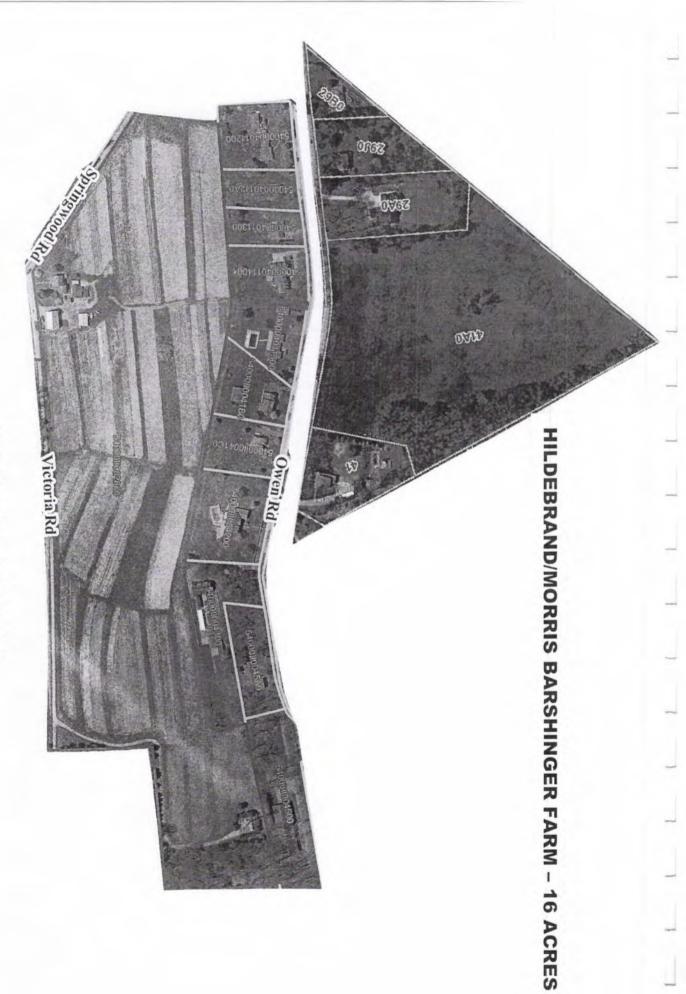




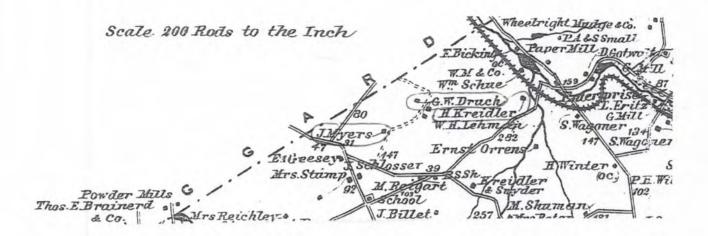
1789 DRUCK/HARRY MYERS FARM SURVEY



DRUCK/HARRY MYERS FARM - 102 ACRES



FITZ FARM - 33 ACRES



1876 POMEROY WHITMAN MAP





From gathering at Schaszberger-Dempwolf Farm in 1916
From left, front row: Edward F. Schaszberger, John Armour Dempwolf;
back row: Mrs. & Mr. Reinhardt Dempwolf, Miss Annie K. Schaszberger

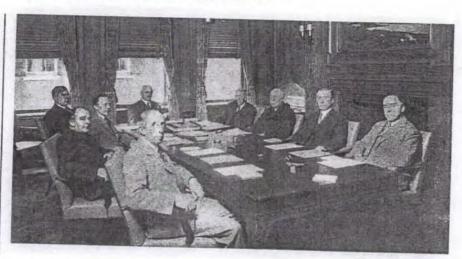


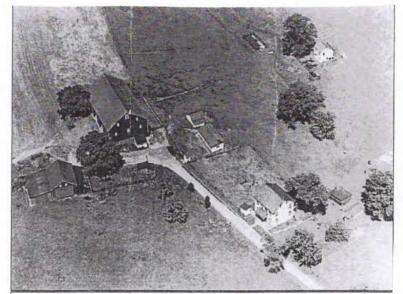
Gathering at Schaszberger-Dempwolf Farm in 1916
From left, sitting: Mr. & Mrs. Edward F. Schaszberger, Mrs. Charles
(Amanda) Herman, Rev. G. W. Enders, D.D.; standing: Mrs. & Mr. Reinhardt
Dempwolf, Master John Armour Dempwolf, Miss Annie K. Schaszberger,
Peter Z. Kesler, Mr. Jacob T. Kopp, Mrs. & Mr. Mahlon N. Haines

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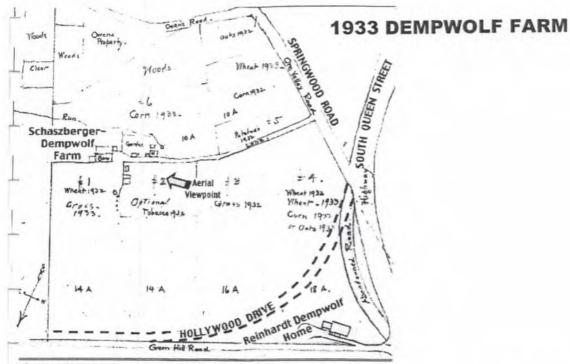




Aerial of Schaszberger-Dempwolf Farm in York Township

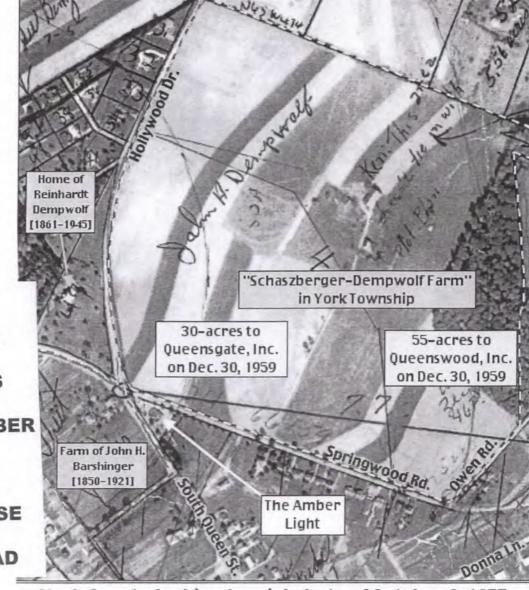
1938 OWEN ROAD AREA, FARM COUNTRY PRIOR TO ROUTE #83 & HILLCROFT





Circa 1933 southward sketch of Schaszberger-Dempwolf Farm in York Township (Present roads annotated by S.H.Smith)

1955 DEMPWOLF FARM



NOTE FARM
FIELD WHERE
SUBURBAN IS
NOW, the AMBER
LIGHT, & the
SHELLY HOUSE
At OWEN ROAD

York County Archives' aerial photo of October 9, 1955

(The handwriting, on the photo, is from county planning in 1950s & 1960s)

THE OWEN ROAD STORY

And it is because of the work of notable and distinguished local historian/blogger Stephen H. Smith that we get a good early look at the first of those farms. In his Yorkblog of 4/18/2018 Smith tells the story of how farm #1 above upon the death of John Myers in 1890, devolved first to his daughters Caroline and Amanda, then later, totally to Amanda Myers Schaszberger in 1894. Amanda had married farmer Edward Schaszberger and their daughters were Nellie and Annie. In 1897 Nellie married architect Reinhardt Dempwolf (brother of York's most notable architect John Augustus Dempwolf). When Edward Schaszberger died in 1921, the farm was inherited by the daughters, Nellie Schaszberger Dempwolf and Annie Schaszberger. At that point at least Nellie was on friendly terms with an upand-coming bachelor and wealthy scion of a York tobacco merchant family, Chester G. Myers.

But prior to that, in 1913, another up-and-coming bachelor and York City 1st Ward Alderman (since 1905), colorful namesake "Judge" Walter Owen, purchased a 1.46-acre lot from farm #3 above owner Morris Barshinger. It was this lot where prior to the summer of 1917 he was to construct his white stone "Owen Villa" (now Zaler OR 690). Later owners described Owen as an avid poker and party host who loved nights of oyster feeds and games in his large rear building. In 1918, the year he was married, Owen purchased another 14+ acre lot from Barshinger, and in the years from 1933 through 1944 he was to purchase what would be at least an additional four lots on the south side of Owen Road from Dennis Fitz. A detailed look at Alderman Walter F. Owen and his wife is included later in this document.

By 1920, Chester G. Myers (a/k/a CGM), living at the family home at 317 East Market Street, was involved in the cigar box, manufacturing business.

About the same time, farm #2 above just to the east, was in the hands of Harry Myers. He was not closely related to Chester Myers family.

In a series of transactions, beginning in 1923, Chester Myers initiated a long list of land transactions from both Nellie Schaszberger Dempwolf and Harry Myers that lasted throughout the thirties, and, in a strange twist, would additionally culminate in several both back and forth transactions with Nellie's son, John Armour Dempwolf, as late as 1951.

As CGM began to accumulate these mostly wooded lots, he soon also undertook, along a remote dirt farm lane, construction of a fine French style chateau that, it is believed, he had favorably observed in France during his earlier European travels (contrary to speculation, no records show any military service during WWI).

And by 1923 there had been other but limited activity along that dirt farm road. The Rodes "farm" (OR 641 at the road end cull de sac) was probably the road's originally occupied structure. Dwayne Rodes notes both that the foundation to his home is "really old" and that there is some evidence of other structure(s) just north toward the gully on his property. The 1876 Pomeroy-Whitman Atlas map shows a dwelling less than 200 rods directly east of the "G. W. Druch" (later Harry Myers) farm house (now Boddington's) occupied by an "H. Kreidler", but spatial relationships on that map are not reliable. In any case, Rodes' dwelling would have been a second "farmhouse" on the Druch/Harry Myers farm.

William Leschey, from Hanover, was Chester Myers first real box business partner, and in 1926 he buys a lot and builds (OR 609) next to CGM's recently constructed fine chateau (OR 623). Leschey died in 1946 and after a stagger step auction, the property was in 1947 sold Jimmy G. Wilson (a/k/a Moving and Storage). By the 1940's, however, the Leschey Myers Manufacturing Company would acquire title to a number of land parcels on or near Owen Road where the Autokraft Box Corporation would soon transfer its non-manufacturing operations there (apparently "28 employees"

worked there at one time) till vacating in December 1977. In 1979 Garnet Myers Palmer applied for a continuing non-conforming use permit to lease the business buildings. The business property would then, about 1980, transfer to the Ulman laeger Co., a Myers family holding company (Chester Myers' mother was Anna laeger from West Virginia with coal interests), and then Garnet prior to her dispersal sales starting in the 1970's.

In 1928 Isaac Fitz acquired a 34-acre farm that bordered the south edge of the farm road. He soon began a series of road fronting building lot sales to various parties that was to continue through at least 1944 when he sold a large lot to CGM and his daughter Garnet for her equestrian activities.

A first aerial photo available, from 1938, shows an initial wave of development with nine homes. Going east from the Springwood intersection are the following structures: Sponsler (Paul Shelly house), Marks, Swope, Brillhart (Jenkins house), Zaler (Walter Owen house), Dorothy Kennedy (Leschey house), Dave Kennedy (CGM house with a prominent detached garage), Townsley/Zarfos, and, of course, the Rodes farmhouse at the end of the road. That photo also shows the 1930 home of Architect Reinhardt and Nellie Dempwolf on the triangular Sand Bank Hill lot overlooking their farm.

Construction had slowed on sold lots during and somewhat after WWII. Walter Owen died in 1948. In 1954 Lester Grenewalt purchased his first large lot on Owen Road from Lida Owen and shortly thereafter began construction of his high end and modern masonry rancher (now Kirk OR 578).

In 1959 the large Schaszberger/Dempwolf farm would be sold to Queensgate interests for shopping and apartment complexes.

Chester Myers died in 1960 with his holdings passing to his widow Leah and daughter Garnet Myers Naylor (who later would become Garnet Myers Palmer). Garnet would no longer live on the farm, would spend considerable time in her later years in Florida, after having lived for years on her Springfield Township equestrian farm breeding and raising Paso

Finos (in 1985 that Palmer farm would be acquired by Arthur G. Glatfelter for the same use).

Chester Myers estate apparently took years to settle and in 1967 final documentation listed eight tracts of his final real estate holdings. Leah and Garnet in the 1970's began the sale of these various tracts which would continue through Leah's passing.

Mostly wooded lot subdivision plans began to appear in this order: 1976 Hoffman, 1982 Long, 1983 Malehorn/Moul, 1985 Jones, 1986 Rao, 1989 Leah Myers estate, 1988 Kingswood.

In 1981 Garnet Myers Palmer sells the 9.6 acre Big Field to Lester and Thelma Grenewalt which the family continued to use both for the pasturing of horses and beef cattle.

By 1984 there were numerous newly constructed homes in the wooded area of Owen Road. Together with prior residents there were then about 20 homes on the road. In February 1984, Jay Kauffman called for a neighborhood meeting of residents. This was to be the nascent act of what was to become the Owen Road Maintenance Association. See following.

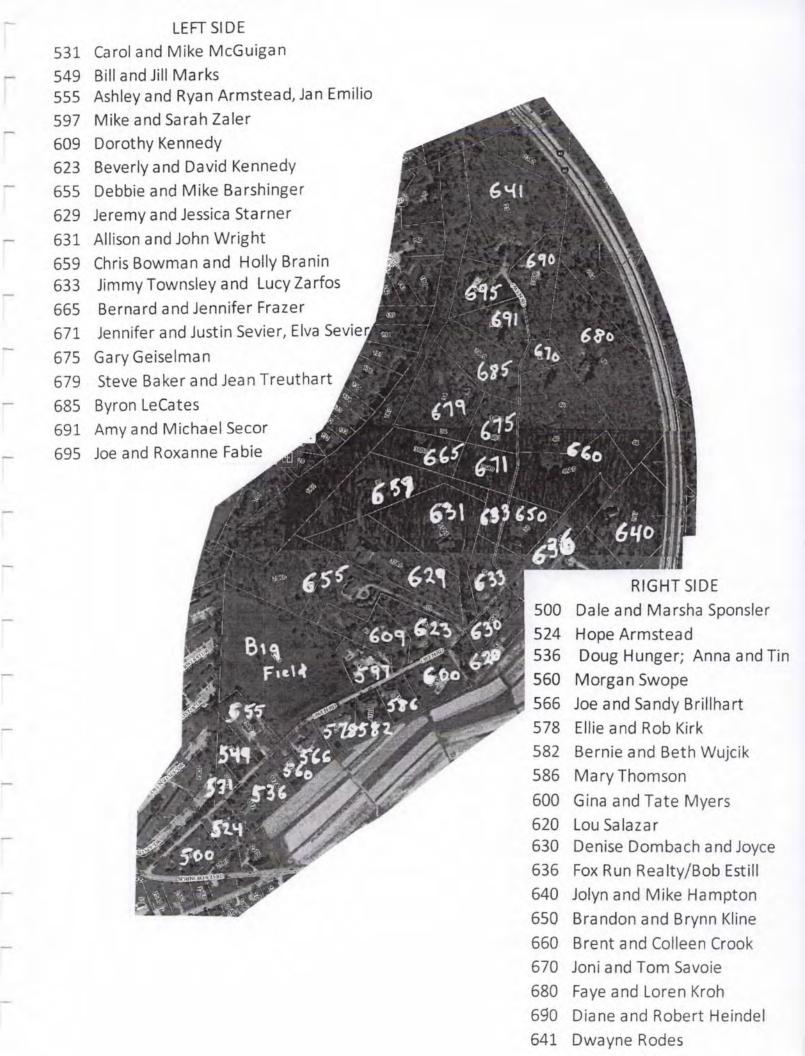
1938 BLOWUP. NOTE FARMHOUSES, DEMPWOLF MANSION, ZARFOS/TOWNSLEY HOUSE WITH LARGE OUTBUILDING, RODES HOUSE, & THAT ROAD IN WOODS MAY BE EAST OF CURRENT ROAD.



1957 AERIAL WITH YORK SUBURBAN HS UNDER CONSTRUCTION



1970'S AERIAL



OWEN ROAD AREA CHRONOLOGICAL LAND TRANSACTION DETAIL (hey, where'd my lot come from?)

1894, Caroline Myers in deed 11Z/596 deeds the 85+ farm (Hively #149) plus two long and narrow adjacent woodlots of 3+ acres each to her sister Amanda Myers who had just married farmer Edward Schaszberger. Caroline and Amanda were the daughters of John Myers and he had deeded these lands to them both at his death in 1871. The 2 lots have been plotted but, as you will soon see below, their actual placement on the map is unknown except that they were in the woods, to the northeast and not including what we now know as Grenewalt's Big Field. At least some parts of this farm would later become the property of Chester G. Myers.

1905, Joseph Druck et. al., in deed 14I/159, deeds the 96+ acre farm (Hively #152), plus a 12+ acre boxy parcel (believed to be just south of that farm and acquired from Solomon Kauffman in 1891), plus a long and narrow wooded 3.25-acre parcel (unknown whereabouts) to Harry Myers. As you will also see below, the 3.25-acre parcel would later go to Chester Myers in 1923.

1908, William Hildebrand, in deed 15V/376, deeds a 14+ acre farm (Hively # 150) to Morris Barshinger. This is the north side of Owen Road that includes the Grenewalt big field and everything west of it to include the McGuigan lot (OR 531).

1913, Morris Barshinger (no close relation to Michael Barshinger), in deed 19M/233, for the consideration of \$200., sells a 1.46 acre building lot on a "private road" to 1st Ward alderman "Judge" Walter F. Owen who has been living at 48 S. Duke Street, York. Owen did not build his "Owen Villa" until 1917. Walter Owen died in 1948 at age 72, and his widow Lida Rose, passed in 1963 at age 76. Lot is currently Zaler (OR 597).

1918, Morris Barshinger, in deed 20S/598, for \$1300., sells to W. F. Owen a 14-acre 112 perch large farmland parcel. This would be The Big Field plus the 3 lots to the west of it. In 1933 Walter Owen, in deed 25N/695, for \$1,000., resells part of that, a 2.98-acre parcel with 535 feet on Owen Road to J. Flemming. That triangular plot would then ultimately, in a 1989 plan by

Century 21–Heritage, be subdivided into a 2 lot, 2.48-acre subdivision of (OR 549) Marks, & (OR 555) R. Armstead (a 1.4-acre plot first going to Detweiler in 1989 for \$8100. in deed 104D/86), and the Mcguigan lot (OR 531), showing as already having been sold to William Stokes.

May 1923, Harry Myers, in deed 22J/651, in consideration of \$423.43, deeds a "3-acre 62 perch" narrow (only 162 feet wide) wooded parcel to Chester Myers. This is one of the parcels Harry Myers acquired in 1905 (above). It appears to be just east of the W. F. Owen lot. In 1926 CGM will sell a .95-acre part of this parcel to his partner William Leschey for his home (Dorothy Kennedy OR 609). It is CGM's first land acquisition on Owen Road and on it he also apparently soon would construct his French style chateau (OR 623 David Kennedy) which appears later as CGM Estate Tract #6.

Also in July 1923, Nellie Dempwolf, in deed 22N/69, for the consideration of \$500., sells an odd long trapezoidal parcel of unspecified but apparently about 2 acres that will not plot from the deed, to Chester G. Myers. Noted as being adjacent to "C. Myers" already owned land, this is probably additional wooded acres just to the east of CGM's house lot above. Appears later as CGM Estate Tract #3. MUCH LATER, in a January 1986 Sheriff's Sale of William Malloy's lands indicates it may very well include the Zarfos/Townsley lot as noted below.

1923 through 1928, Stuart B. Lafean, eldest son of Congressman Daniel Lafean, would acquire four tracts of land in the woods from Eli Wambaugh and in 1933 one from Isaac Fitz. The 4 tracts would also later include the 4 sided 1.26-acre Zarfos/Townsley lot (OR 633) in deed 23G/476, plus a long narrow (50' wide and .334 acre) trapezoidal lot just to the northeast in deed 24A/605. Lafean would soon construct his small bungalow which was reputed to then have received heavy social use during the late 20's and 30's and to have been a "speakeasy" among other things. All Lefean land would then pass to Pauline Gross Zeigler upon his death, and then to William B. Malloy in February of 1973. In 1973 the rectangular Fitz acquired lot would go to Leah Myers and become Garnet's riding arena, then later

pass to Estill. In 1986 the Malloy estate's remaining 2 lots would go to Sheriff's Sale (see above).

December 1923, Chester G. Myers ("single man of the City of York"), in deed 21L/577, for the consideration or \$50., sells an odd 5-sided small parcel (that will not plot but is noted as containing "54.8 perches" – less than 1/4acre) BACK to Nellie Dempwolf. Also noted as having been in the earlier 1923 sale (above), this appears to be a convenience sale of the north end of that parcel, to the rear of CGM's homesite, and adjacent to other Dempwolf land.

1926, Chester G. Myers, in deed 30P/437, for the consideration of \$3,000., sells a five sided .95-acre part of the May 1923 parcel to his business partner William N. Leschey. As above, this was next to CGM's own homesite which must have been a hotbed of construction activity about that time as Leschey was also soon to build the Dorothy Kennedy house (OR 609) on it. Of note is that the Leschey lot only had a POINT touching Owen Road, an oversight that he and Walter Owen had to resolve below in 1942.

1928, William Strickler, in deed 24A/581, \$7,000., deeds the 39+ acre farm (Hively #151) abutting Owen Road on the south, to Isaac Fitz. This is the same farm as Alexander Gates sold to Strickler in 1915. Fitz would soon begin to sell building lots along a lane on the farm's northern boundary, maybe already by then called Owen Road as Walter Owen's house had been there for 11 years.

1933, Isaac Fitz, in deed 25P/422, for a consideration of \$1. sells a rectangular 1 acre 9 perch (27.8 x 8.96 x 28.2 x 8.96 perch) lot to Stuart Lafean. In 1973, in deed 66E/961, then owner William Malloy would sell the parcel to Leah Myers as noted above.

1933, Isaac Fitz, in deed 25Q/688, for the consideration of \$4200., sells a 4-acre 3 perch 700' x 250' rectangular lot on Owen Road to Stewart Warner.

1933, Stewart Warner, in deed 30H/216, for the consideration \$1., sells a 2-acre 1.5 perch (250' x 350') rectangular lot to Chester G. Myers. This is

the lot directly across from CGM's then 10-year-old house, where later he would construct a walled pool(?) and which is now the walled homesite lot of Tate Myers (OR 600). Note that Warner had just purchased a bigger lot off Isaac Fitz three weeks prior. Appears later as CGM Estate Tract #8.

1933, Paul Shelly, in deed 25M/609, for \$1200., acquires a small lot with house from Heinemeyer et. al. at the corner of Springwood and Owen Roads. This property would become the Road's 1.35-acre anchor lot (OR 500) and eventually pass to Greg Sponsler in 1990.

1935, Nellie Dempwolf et. al., in book 26K/572, for \$1,000., sells a 2.06 acre rectangular 133' x 700' long side parcel adjacent to lands of CGM, to Chester G. Myers. This appears to be the south end of the 3+ acre 133' wide parcel #3 from 1894. This adds to CGM's wooded holdings. Appears later as CGM Estate Tract #7.

1936, Isaac Fitz, in deed 26M/293, for \$650., sells a rectangular 100' x 250' lot to Rita Glass.

1936, Isaac Fitz, in deed 26O/472, for \$700., sells a rectangular 100' x 250' lot to Florence Hoff. This was to later become the western half of the Brillhart lot (OR 566).

1936, Isaac Fitz, in deed 26K/240, for \$600., sells a rectangular lot to Thomas Jenkins, who at the time was the Bonton's "financial guy" (when it had only one store at Market & Beaver streets). In 1938 Florence Hoff sold an adjacent lot to Thomas' mother, Ida Jenkins, for \$750. Sometime in the late 40's Thomas died and Ida, who never built on her lot, stayed with her widowed daughter in law. The combined lots are now both Brillhart (OR 566). An interesting sidelight is that the widow Amelia Jenkins, in 1979, sold the stone cape cod to Lester & Thelma Grenewalt, and in 1989 Thelma, for \$1., resold the property to her granddaughter, newlywed Beth Wujcik. (Note: this is NOT the current Wujcik home.)

1936, Isaac Fitz, in deed 26O/123, for \$1344., sells a 1.07 acre (245' x 192' x 190' x245') to Walter Owen.

1937, Herbert Ehrman, in deed 27D/209, for \$700., sells a 1.63 acre, long rectangular parcel in SPRING GARDEN TWP. abutting Lefean, Hose, Brillinger. This may be in the back gully that straddles township lines. Appears later as CGM Estate Tract #9.

1942, Walter Owen, for \$1., sells a tiny 750 square foot or so triangular parcel off his lot (Zaler OR 597) to William Leschey so that Leschey's point on Owen Road is now sufficient to give him driveway access. If you look at Dorothy Kennedy's lot (OR 609), this triangle is clearly visible as diverting west from the boundary line hedgerow.

9/22/1944, Mary Sechrist, in deed 30P/575, for the consideration of \$700., sells a 4-acre 115 perch, mostly rectangular lot, to CGM. Later deeds indicate part of this was taken for the Rte. #83 bypass. In 1989, in deed 104G/179, for \$6500., this lot was sold to Paul Newcomer who was then living south and east of Rte. #83 where Springwood Golf and other large developments are now. VERY PROBABLY this is now the Mike Hampton lot (OR 640), but deed connections involving Newcomer remain sketchy.

1944, Isaac Fitz, in deed 30S/503, for \$1000., sells a large 94' x 465' tract to Garnet Myers where it is believed it was originally used for her equestrian activities. In 1950, in deed 35Q/504, CGM sells his daughter an adjacent north/south .26-acre strip that would be the lot's access to Owen Road. In 1985, in deed 89B/469 the parcel, for \$115,000., passes to Hewitt and Ferro (JT Enterprises). A plan, drawing J-7008, was attached to the deed. This was Autokraft Box & Ultra Tech commercial property and subsequently subject to some ugly sheriff sale activity involving at least this lot. But ultimately, after decades as a business property, the lot would become the Lou Salazar home (OR 620).

1944, Isaac Fitz, in deed 30U/491, sells a lot to Walter & Lida Owen. In 1949, in deed 35D/39, widow Lida Owen sells same to George Baer who built his home there in 1952. This lot (OR 536) was to pass to the Zifferers in 1955, and subsequently in 1990 to the Hunger family. The next-door tennis court lot which had been sold by Isaac Fitz to Wm. Resh in 1944 in deed 30U/489, was acquired by the Zifferers in 1963.

1944, Isaac Fitz, possibly in the same deed above, or possibly in deed 30D/494, sells a second lot to Wm. Resh. This lot apparently would later be owned by a Rita Glass and others before it would become the Swope lot (OR 560)

1945, Franklin Hovis, in deed 31W/408, for the consideration of \$353. sells a 2-acre 77 perch (2.43 acre) lot to CGM. In 1989, Garnet Myers Palmer sells this 2.422-acre lot, in book 104F/171, for \$61,000., to Sherman Properties. Only later plottable, it is clearly now the home flag lot of Mike Barshinger (OR 665) and is noted as being "lot # 2 on subdivision plan JJ/25". Appears later as CGM Estate Tract #2.

8/24/1950, as noted above, Chester G. Myers, in deed 35Q/504, for \$1., sells to his daughter Garnet Myers, a small .26 acre, rectangular, 47' x 250' lot, the eastern part of the now Tate Myers lot (OR 600) "acquired from Stewart Warner" in 1933. The Salazar lot (OR 620) clearly reflects this narrow road access addition.

3/22/1951, Chester G. Myers, in deed 36B/187, for the consideration of \$1., sells a .715 acre, probably rectangular but unplottable, parcel to John Armour Dempwolf (Sr.). Again, the "3 acre, 62 perch" parcel CGM acquired in May 1923 is being reduced. So, after sales of .715, .95 acres and 54.8 perches, CGM original home lot should now be only about 1.7 acres.

3/22/1951, in deed 36C/101, in a second deed that day, John Armor Dempwolf (Sr.), for \$1., sells two parcels to CGM, both of which are "part of farm tract 5" which in 1947, in book 4D/229, went from the Schaszberger Estate to John Armor Dempwolf (Sr.): #1 a .233 acre, 79' x 128' rectangular lot next to "lands about to be conveyed to Jimmy Wilson, Jr" (now Dorothy Kennedy and Leschey's old house lot OR 609), and #2 a .482 acre, mostly rectangular lot apparently having 3 sides on land already owned by CGM. Appear later as CGM Estate Tracts #4 and #5.

1954, Lester Grenewalt, in deed 39F/82, for \$9625., buys a rectangular 275' x 245' lot on Owen Road from Lida Owen. This is the same as TWO Walter Owen lots, one purchased from Issac Fitz in 1936, and the other

purchased from Warner in 1933. This would soon become the first Grenewalt home lot and now that of Rob & Ellie Kirk (OR 578)

1959, John Armour Dempwolf (Sr.) sells 30 acres to Queensgate, Inc., and 55 acres to Queenswood, Inc. to build apartments.

1964, the Lida Owen Estate, in book 56W/125, for \$8000., sells an approximate 247' x 262' (approx. 1.5 acre) rectangular lot to the Grenewalt family. It would appear that this land, together with the 1954 Grenewalt purchase above, would in 1995 combine to be the 3 lot Thelma Grenewalt subdivision (below OR 578, OR 582, OR 586).

1967, an Estate of CGM document for the benefit of his widow Leah Myers is filed in book 59X/845. It lists the eight tracts of land which are delineated and noted above.

1976, J. C. Hoffman files a (now) 4-lot subdivision (plan Y847), currently the Frazer (OR 665), Sevier (OR 671), Pate (OR 645), and Kline (OR 650) lots.

1979, Garnet Palmer files with the York Township Zone Hearing Board for an Interpretation of preexisting non-conforming use of the former Autokraft Box, now Salazar (OR 620), structures. She is granted the exception, noting that Autokraft vacated in 12/77 and that she has been attempting to lease office and storage since then. The exception is limited to 4 tenants with the previous limit of 30 employees lest it become a "nuisance".

1980, Leschey Myers Company, the operating box company since at least 1947, transfers numerous parcels of land (only) to the family holding company Ulman laeger Co. and then to Garnet Palmer personally in 33J/106. The total amount of acreage in all parcels approaches 60 acres.

1981, Garnet Palmer, in deed 81J/916, sells to George Long for \$27,000., a 7.077-acre parcel, the same as tract #6 and part of tract # 3 in Ulman laeger Co. above. Long, in 1982, subdivides this into 3 lots (OR 679) Baker, (OR 675) Geiselman & (OR 685) Lecates as below.

- 1981, Garnet Palmer sells to George Long for \$9,100., a 1.288-acre parcel, same as unknown tract in UI deed 81J/916.
- 1981, Garnet Palmer, in deed 83Q/277, sells to George Long for \$53,500., a 12.498-acre parcel, same as tract #5 in UI deed 81J/916. Long and J. Hopkins soon file a TWO lot subdivision, plan DD/85, including a 4.753-acre lot which would ultimately become Bowman/Branin (OR 659) and another 7.745-acre lot (originally pegged to J. Hopkins), which by 1986 had passed to Rao who again subdivided it into the Wright and Starner lots (see 1986 below).
- 1981, Garnet Palmer sells to Lester Grenewalt for \$53,000., a 9.605-acre parcel (Grenewalt's Big Field), same as tract #4 in UI deed 81J/916. Recall that Walter Owen had acquired this in 1918, but sometime later it was then acquired by the Myers family.
- 1981, Garnet Palmer sells to D. Garrison for \$67,000., a 13.201-acre parcel, same as tract #1 in UI deed 81J/916.
- 1982, Garnet Palmer sells to Bronley Walker for \$19,360., a 5.501-acre parcel, same as tract #1 and part of tract #2 in UI deed 81J/916. This is currently the Kroh lot (OR 680).
- 1982, Garnet Palmer sells to J. Jones for \$46,900. a 5.940-acre parcel, same as tract #3 in UI deed 81J/916.
- 1982, Garnet Palmer sells to Spring Valley Realty for \$3,960., a 3-acre 91 perch parcel. A 5.91-acre SVR lot is currently west of Rte # 83 and just east of both the Rodes (OR 641) and the Gaspari /Heindel (OR 690) lots. That parcel is also just north of Kroh (OR 680). SVR now also owns another 9.17-acre parcel on the other side of Rte # 83.
- 1982, George Long files a 7.077 acre 3-lot subdivision plan now including Baker (OR 679), Geiselman (OR 675), and Lecates (OR 685). G. Long bought this parcel in 1981.

1982, Garnet Palmer, in deed 87N/82, sells to J. Jones for \$33,000., a single lot now subdivided to a 3.48-acre lot (Crook OR 654) and 3.77-acre lot (Crook OR 660). These two lots total 7.25 acres.

1983, Malehorn/Moul files a 4-lot subdivision plan now including Rodes (OR 641), Gaspari/Heindel (OR 690), Fabie (OR 695), and Secor (OR 691).

1984, Leah Myers, in deed 87N/082, sells to J. Jones for \$20,000., a 2.582-acre lot. Lot not identified but this may be the 2.55-acre lot Leah Myers apparently sells to Jacobson in 1989 in book 101T/174 which relates to the current 2.51-acre Dave Kennedy lot (OR 623).

1985, J. Jones files a subdivision plan, FF-230, in which his own 7.25-acre lot (see above) appears next to a second 1.27-acre lot which is now T. Savoie (OR 670).

1986, Garnet Palmer, in deed 59X/845, sells to J. Hewitt for \$80,000. a 1.794. acre parcel, same as Leah Myers Estate Tract # 8.

1986, K. G. Rao, in plan book HH/437, files a 2-lot subdivision plan now Wright (OR 631) and Starner (OR 629) lots. This was formerly part of the G. Long/J. Hopkins plan.

1987, Leah Myers Estate, in plan book HH/778, files a subdivision plan delineating both the Estill (OR 636) and Kusunich/Dombach (OR 630) lots, see below.

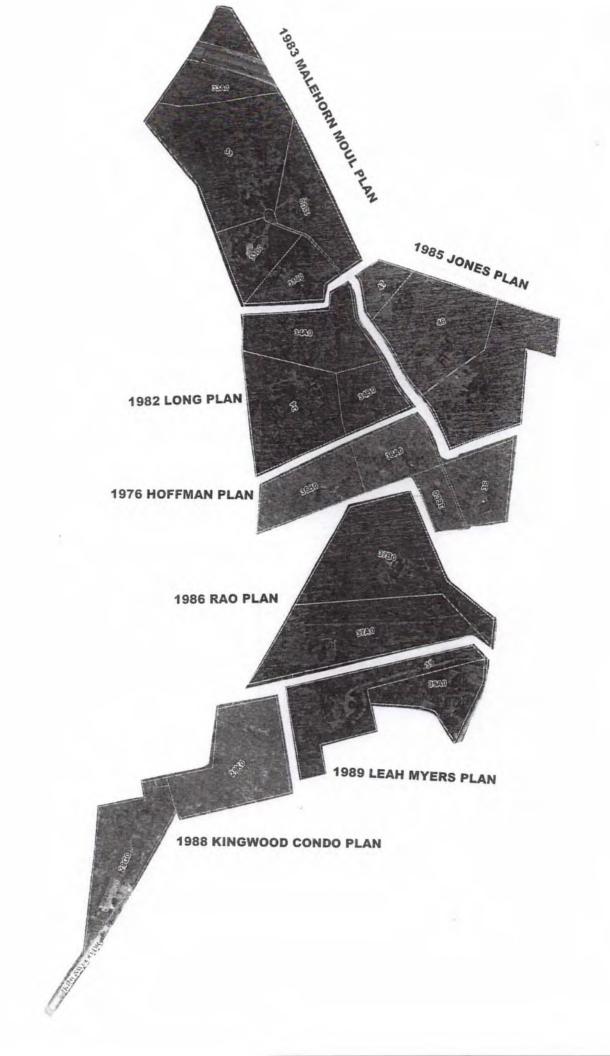
1988, Leah Myers Estate, in deed 0123/0069, files a 3-lot subdivision plan including Kingswood Road condos and Michael Barshinger's back lot designated as "Queenswood Road". York Ophthalmology Associates lot shows on this plan but it is not clear if it is part of the plan or just a preexisting depiction for reference. Also pertinent to this are deed 91I/589 Eisenhart to Kingswood, and deed 101K/ 799 Kingswood Builders to ESI VIA Building with plan book JJ/177.

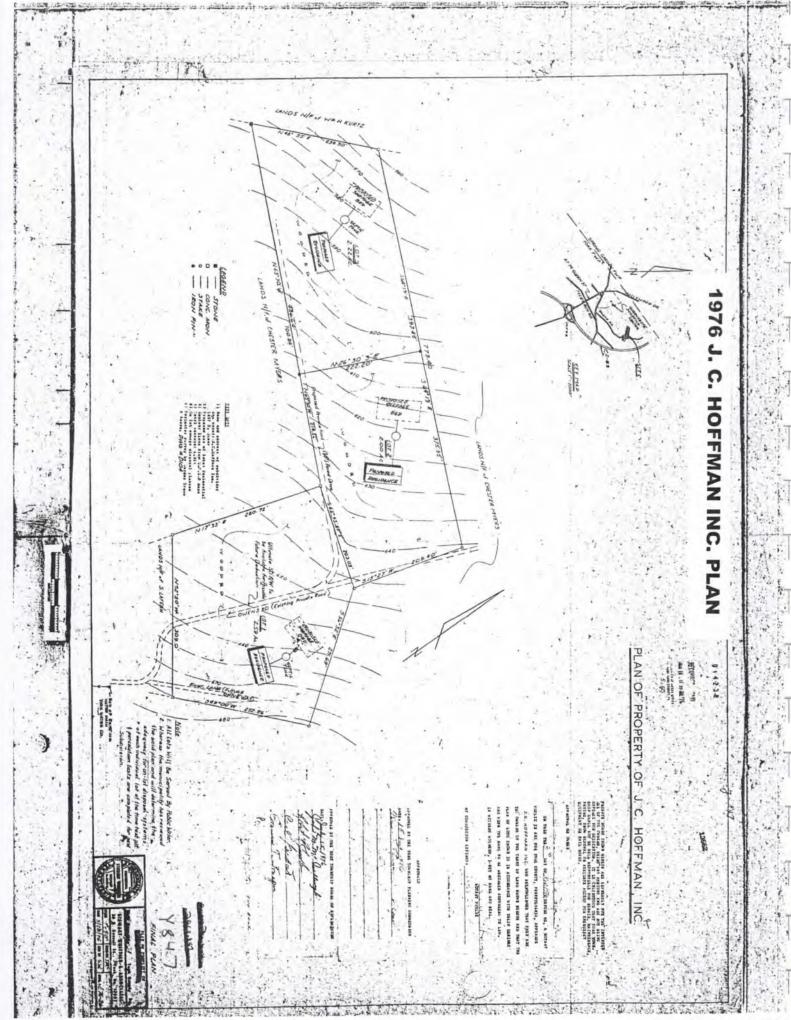
1989, Leah Myers Estate, in plan JJ/117, files a subdivision that appears to add a .185-acre slice to the Dorothy Kennedy (OR 609) lot, sets the

boundaries of David Kennedy lot (OR 623), and creates Michael Barshinger's front home flag lot (OR 655) which Garnet Palmer first sells to Sherman Properties (above reference to 104F/171).

1989, Garnet Palmer, in deed 102S/403, sells a 1 acre 90 perch parcel to R. Estill for \$36,000. (OR 636 now 2.07 acres). [Wm. Malloy still owned an adjacent lot, thought to be the current Zarfos/Townsley property (OR 633).] This is the same as the 1973 transfer from Wm. Malloy to Leah Myers in deed 66E/961. Also, this is the current Estill metal storage building property which was originally Garnet Palmer's "Tin Siding Horse Barn" as depicted in the 1987 plan HH/778. Estill notes that he added 25' to the length of Garnet's building. That plan also shows the adjacent Kasunich/Dombach 1.398-acre rectangular lot (OR 630). Another schematic attached to deed 92U/156 shows the Estill lot at 1.857 acres but now tax records show the lot at 2.07 acres.

1995, Thelma Grenewalt, in plan book NN/643, files a three-lot subdivision plan which would be her lot, now Kirk (OR 578), Wujcik (OR 582), and Thomson (OR 586).





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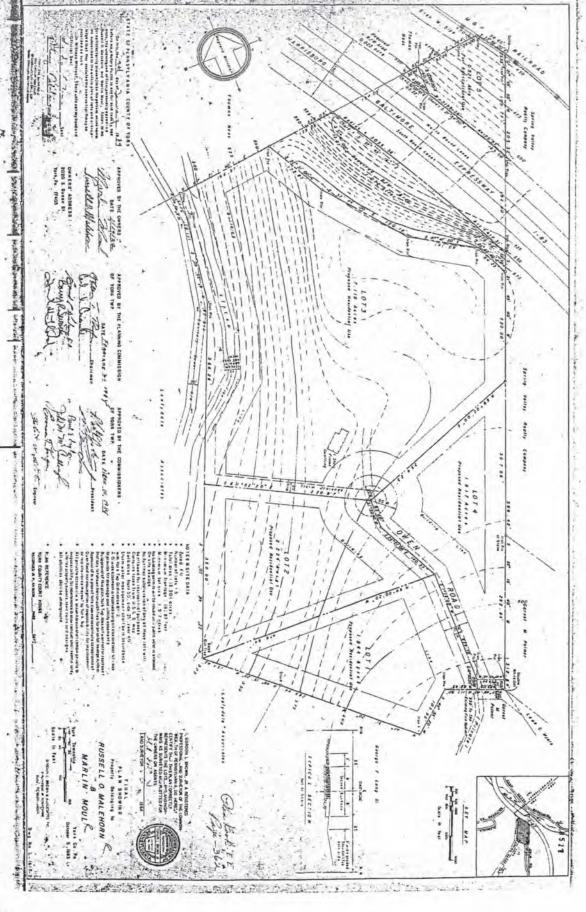
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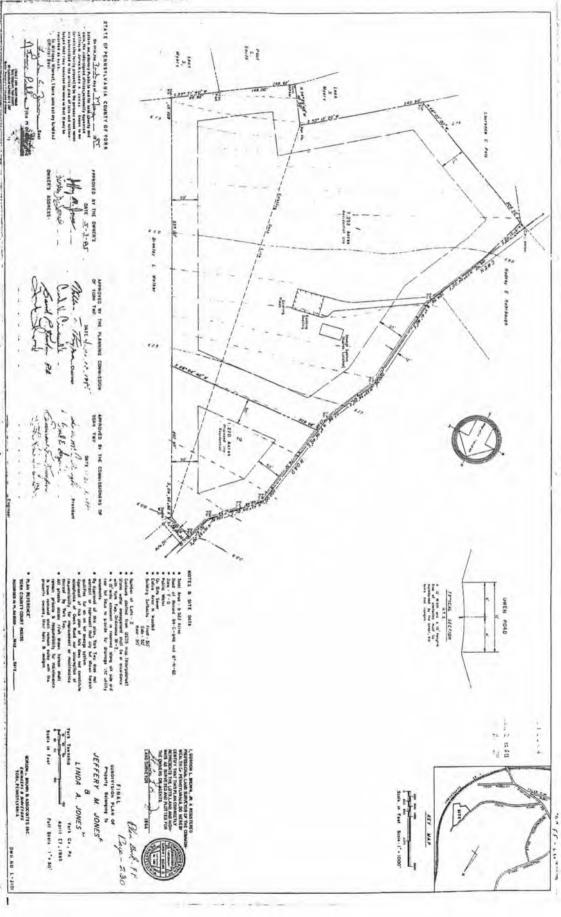
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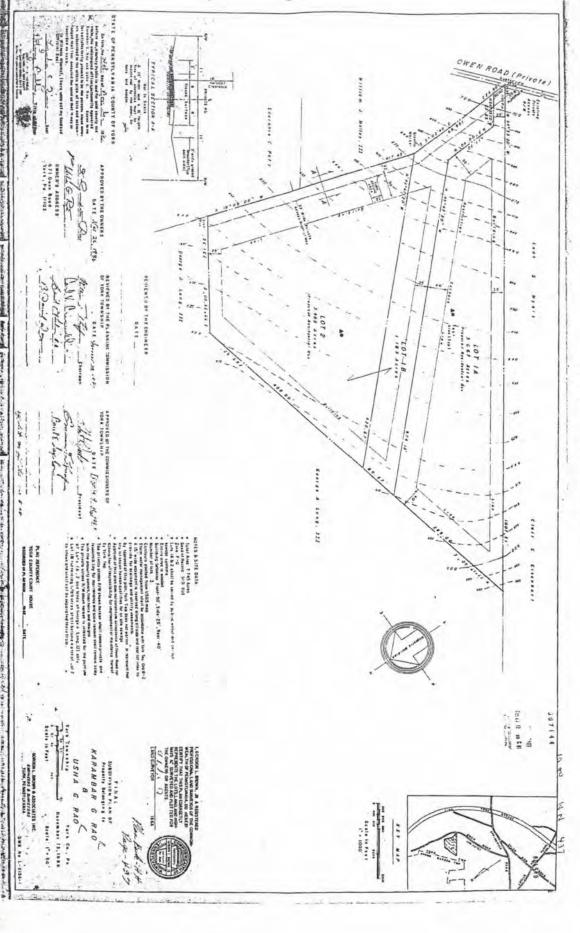
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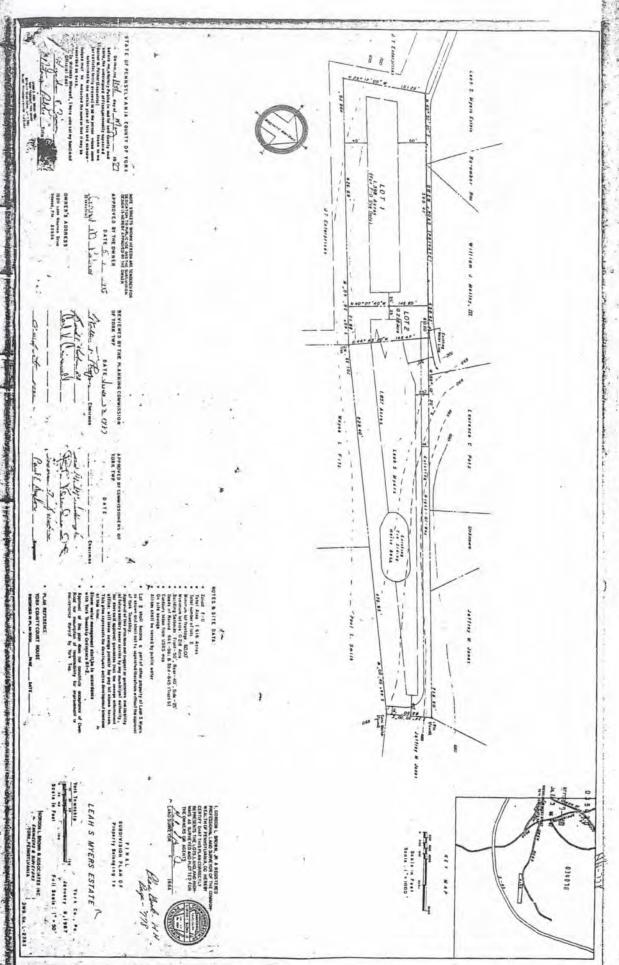
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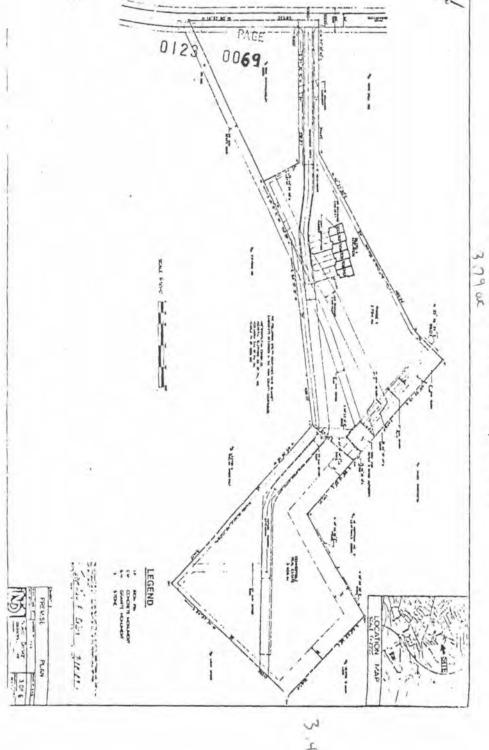


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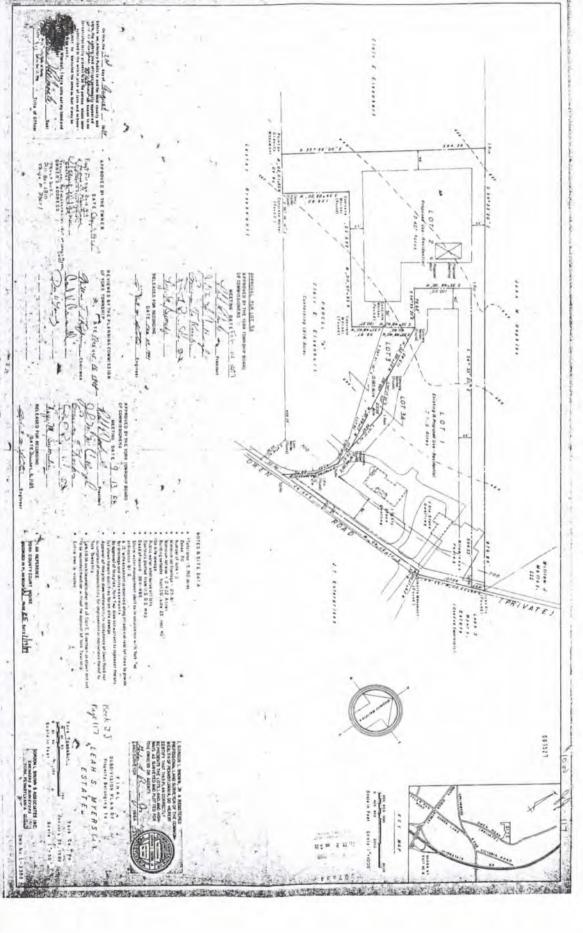


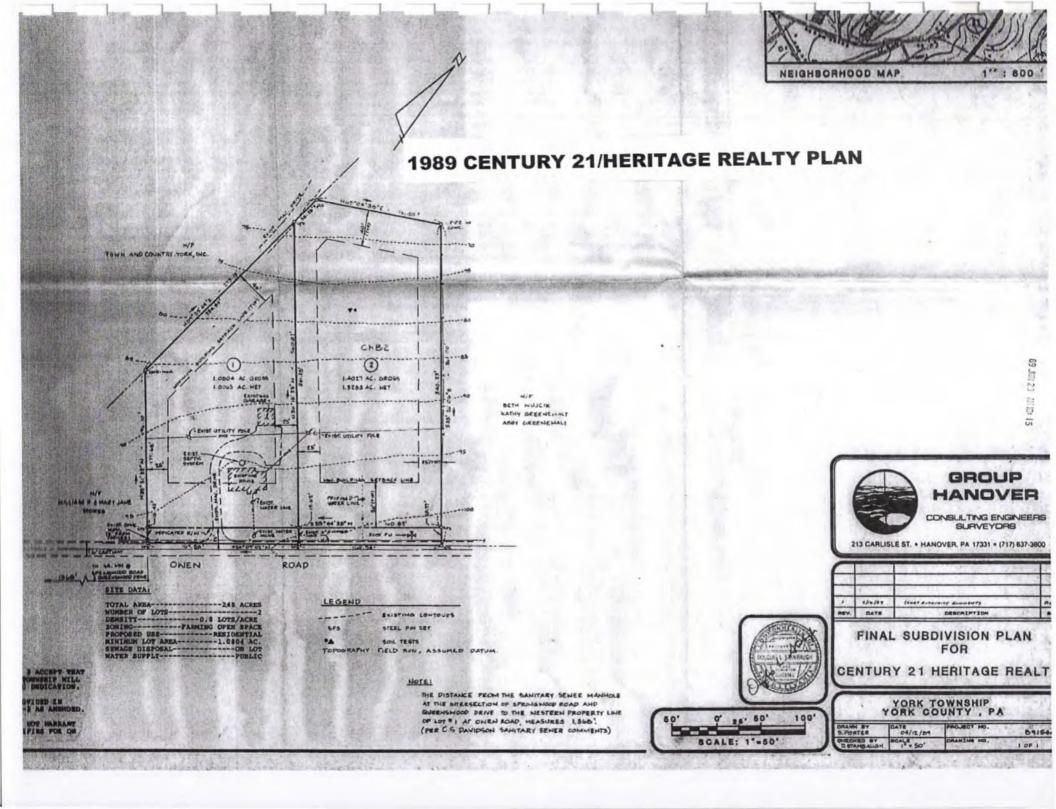
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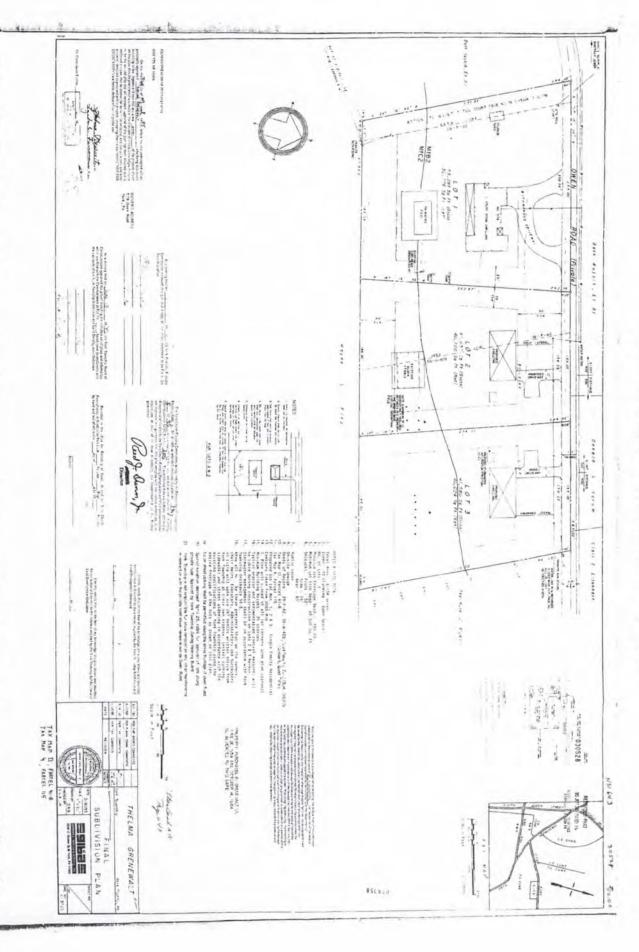
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WHO WAS ALDERMAN WALTER F. OWEN?

Walter F. Owen (1877 -1948) would ultimately be remembered as a genial but tough and respected First Ward Alderman. As a conservative Democrat he would be popularly and continually reelected over a career of 43 years. He would also serve with the Rescue Fire Company for even more years. A lifelong baseball fan and manager, he had ongoing contacts among York's major leaguers, and his musical interests led him to the presidency of the large and popular Spring Garden Band. And he was probably Owen Road's first home lot purchaser, when in 1913 he bought a 1.46-acre lot from farmer Morris Barshinger on the northside of the road that would soon take his name. By the summer of 1917, he would construct his architecturally unique, white stone "bungalow" which, he and his wife Lida, till her passing in 1963, would affectionately refer to as "Owen Villa".

An interesting common thread that emerges is that for 67 years, since Hiram Young founded the York Dispatch in 1875, and through 1942, one or more Owen family members had been in the employ of that "conservative" York newspaper. Walter became a paper carrier as an early teenager, and in 1899, as an apprentice compositor was elected vice president of the Typographical Union. After 4 years with the paper in 1902, he then left to take a Deputy Sherriff position where he worked for 3 years. In early 1905 he was appointed to the recently vacated position of First Ward Alderman, and later that year was elected in his own right. For years his aldermanic office was at 16 East Market Street, between the Court House and the Square where Wells Fargo Bank is now. It was the Dispatch's old home building, as they would later move on and it then became the "Owen-Young" building. The Young family and Walter Owen family would continue to be close for decades.

A 12-year active fireman member of the Rescue company, Walter advanced to Foreman and later to Company President, a position he held till 1932.

Maybe an early baseball player himself, records show that in the late 1890's he was the popular manager of the Penn Park team. In 1903, after

the formation of a new stock financed "York Athletic" team, he turned down the managership citing employment conflicts. But he continued to be a lifelong fan, regularly attending major league games in Philadelphia and Washington, including some World Series events, and staying in touch with his early big league York contacts which included local legend Clifford "Lefty" Heathcoat of the Cubs, and Tom Jones of Detroit.

An animal fancier since at least 1907, he owned show class English Bulldogs such as "Sub", "Bobby", and the national award winning "Frontenac Princess Pepper". Over the years he and his wife showed dogs at numerous venues up and down the East coast, including the prestigious Westminster Show in NYC. A 1928 article reports that both Pepper and Walter were rather seriously injured when attacked and bitten by another bulldog at Madison Square Garden.

Often noted as "genial" and never considered a social shrinking violet, he held ongoing memberships in the YMCA, York Country Club, Moose, Elks, Bachelor's Club, Young Men's Democratic Society, York Typographical Union, Rescue Co., Deer Social Club, Oriental Social Club, and the Non-Partisan Taxpayers League. Apparently, a frequent poker player and party host at his bungalow, some later long time Owen Road owners report the back building was clearly a party site with some built in gaming tables, and their garden expansion digs were impeded by, among other artifacts, considerable amounts of oyster shells and whiskey bottles. Owen Road may have been a very, very, active place during Prohibition!

The "1912" cover photo of 35-year-old Walter and 24-year-old Lida Rouse comes from the files of The York History Center. She had apparently been his main squeeze for years, and 5 years later appears in a newspaper published guest list of an August 1917 "turtle supper" which Walter hosted at his new bungalow. They became engaged that Thanksgiving, but prior to their long-planned large York wedding they eloped to Washington DC in September 1918, where they were married in a simple ceremony. The newlyweds denied rumors that Walter was a "slacker" that married quickly to get an exemption for military service, and that he was ready to serve if called. They honeymooned at the bungalow but soon resided in a "flat" at

803 S. George Street (Lida's parent's large home on the southeast corner at Jackson St.). While indications are that while they were not full-time residents of Owen Road for years, numerous articles point in the direction of the bungalow being both a regular weekend and yearly long summer destination. This was an era when many/most Yorker's who could afford it had a breezy "summer house" not far beyond the city limits. That it was not occupied year-round is supported by a 1929 article that notes the death of his "bungalow caretaker".

Newspapers.com, the substantive source for this personal search, typically turned up an average of 500+ articles each and every year that Walter held his aldermanic post. Most of those, predictably, concerned a "hearing" for various and sundry offenders. I soon became adept at ID'ing and ignoring this clutter in pursuit of finding the 5 to 10 articles that held some purely personal information needed for the report. Nevertheless, some "work" articles just absolutely caught my eye in passing that I was not able to ignore, and about a dozen or so are included in the following documentation. A "war baby", several about wakening for a midnight marriage, Walter gets a speeding ticket, a drayman gets busted for bootleg gin that made a state trooper sick for 3 days, Mazie Schmuck, an "incorrigible girl" is jailed, as well as a 50-mph speeding "reckless driver", cases of a woman and a couple both being charged as "common scolds", a 1935 raid on 18 "speakeasies & dives" finding "squirrel liquor", along with another raid on the West Princess Street landmark Green Tap Room where 2 Arcuri men were charged with "bootlegging", Gypsy thefts, the arrested of an abortion "Doc", and the 1944 case of a Navy man who returned home and found a naked man in his wife's bedroom closet.

An article from January 1927 purports that in the 22 years of his duty, he has handled 107,831 "civil suits". Apparently know as a marrying alderman, he performs a 1932 wedding for the daughter of a couple he married 19 years prior, and it is noted he has done 1,058 marriages in his 26 years in office.

In August of that year, he and Lida sell 16 East Market to the York County National bank (now Wells Fargo) and buy 48 South Duke (across from Laurel Fire Co.) for both office and their new in-town residence.

In 1937 Owen was recruited to be president of the notable and popular 100-piece Spring Garden Band. Often combined with the York Chorus, they were a VERY popular musical group, entertaining regularly on many public holidays. In a 1940 article Walter apparently met singer Al Jolson while vacationing in Florida and recruited him to appear in York with the Band.

In 1939, Walter Owen, "acting as agent for H. R. Rouse" (apparently a relative of Lida), buys a small triangular piece of ground just south of the Queen Street hill for uses as a "modernistic lunch room". This appears to be the (now cleared) triangular lot between the Schazsberger/Dempwolf house and the used car/gas station, that in 1955 contained the Amber Light.

As noted, the Owen and the "conservative" York Dispatch owning Young families had been very close for decades. Another competing York newspaper, the York Daily Record, was operated and published by a more activist and less conservative J. W. Gitt. A curious "Around the Town" column appeared in a September 1939 York Daily Record in which the editor displays some personal animosity and takes a few swipes at Walter Owen concerning some comments he had made at a polling place during the recent primary. In February of 1940, J. W. Gitt then files a "Quo Warranto" (don't ask me!) lawsuit to bar Owen and his Constable Ralph Keech from holding further office due to their alleged election law violations on Election Day the previous November. The following July another "Around the Town" column snipes at the alderman's office signage, alleging that he has misrepresented himself as a lawyer. Challenges and legal maneuvering go on ad nauseum for over year and the parties finally go to court in March of 1941. J. W. Gitt fails to appear at the trial in spite of a subpoena. He claims his underlings are quite capable of handling his position in his absence. After four days of trial the jury returns after just forty minutes finding for the defendants. Owen and Keech then celebrate with a beer party at the Spring Garden club on East Clarke alley. "District

Attorney Expects To Move For New Trial" headline appears, but by April of 1942, and after the statutory time limit, the then (new) "District Attorney Burg Anstine Fails To Take Appeal to Higher Court". Dead issue. Another case of the courts being the playground of political animosity and the "process being the punishment"?

The Federal Census of 1940 shows he and Lida primarily residing at 48 S. Duke Street, that he worked 45 hours the previous week, and that in 1939 his income was \$4,000.

In 1944 Walter spent 25 days at Baltimore's Eye, Ear, Nose & Throat Hospital with an infected eye. He notes his recovery was hastened with the use of a new drug, Penicillin, that heretofore was used almost entirely by the military.

Walter Owen died in January of 1948. The death certificated list ed "carcinoma of colon" as cause of death. His estate, which included several parcels in York Township, was valued at \$46,000., all of which was destined to Lida.

Lida was to remain at "Owen Villa" for 15 years till she passed in 1963. Her estate was valued at \$192,981. which went to several nonprofits and charities. In August 1964 the home property was first sold to Bobby Lee Stoner.

Walter and Lida during their lifetimes were arguably to own as many parcels on Owen Road as did the neighboring Chester Myers family. Those parcels would include his home lot, the Kirk/Wujcik/Thomson lots, the McGuigan/Marks/R. Armstead lots, the Big Field, and the Hunger lot plus one or more that abutted it.



LIDA ROUSE & WALTER F. OWEN 1912

A Birthday Treat.

Walter Owen, an employe of the Dis-PATCH office, celebrated his 16th birthday today and kindly remembered his fellow employes with two fine chocolate cakes. They were greatly relished by all hands and the boys all wish Walt many happy returns of the day. ine Gazette (Tork, Pennsylvania) - 16 Jan 1899.

Printers' Union Officers.

The following officers were elected and installed by York Typographical union at the regular weekly meeting held last night:

President-James A. Gallatio. Vice President-Walter Owen.

the fork Daily (fork, Pennsylvania) - 18 Jul 1901,

Penn Park Loses at Harrisburg. Special to the York Daily.

Harrisburg, Pa., July 17 .- The Penn Park Athletic Association Base Ball Club, of York, journeyed to Harrisburg this afternoon accompanied by fifty "rooters" of York. When the train pulled in to New Cumberland one hundred more "rooters" boarded the train. They were looking for the new manager of the crack Penn Park team, and when Capt. Harry Spangler interoduced Wafter F.Owen, said: "Well we want to inform you we intend to root for your team. You treated us like gentlemen when we were in York and we will return it today." So the rooters and the ball team proceeded to marrisours.

RESCUE BOYS' OUTING.

the York Dispatch (York, Pennsylvania) - 15 Oct 1904, 1

Left York This Morning on a Trip to Shamokin, Pottsville and Sunbury. Will Be Home Saturday.

The Rescue fire company, accompanied by the City band, left York this morning on its annual trip, which is to be through the anthracite coal region this year.

The members traveled in two special coaches attached to the 6:40 a. m. train over the Northern Central railway. In all, there were 85 in the party, 60 firemen and 25 musicians. The company is in charge of its foreman, Deputy Sheriff Walter Owen, and Jacob Seacrist, chief of the city fire department. This is the company's first trip since receiving their new uniforms.

The Gazette (Tork, Pennsylvania) - 25 Aug 1901

WALTER OWEN SECRETARY.

Chairman Bollinger Preparing for the Fall Campaign.

County Chairman Bollinger yesterday appointed Walter F. Owen as his secretary for the coming campaign. Mr. Owen is one of the youngest Democratic politicians of this city and a resident of the First ward. The appoint-

NEW BASE BALL CLUB HAS BRIGHT PROSPECTS

Organization Will Be Known as York
Athletic Association

CHARTER WILL BE APPLIED FOR

Over \$2,700 Worth of Stock Has Al ready Been Subscribed—Frank Noel or Walter F. Owen Will Manage the Team The Gazette (Tork, Pennsylvania) - 24 May 1903,

MR. OWEN WILL NOT ACCEPT.

Former Penn Park Manager Refuses Proposition to Manage Y. A. C.

Deputy Sheriff Walter F. Owen, a former manager of the Penn Park team, has refused the offer to manage the York Athletic club which was tendered him by the Board of Governors of the club after the resignation of Manager Chauncey F. Kohler. Mr. Owen's reasons are set forth in the following statement which he authorized yesterday:

"I thank the board of governors of the York Athletic club for this generous offer, but I am obliged not to accept on account of my position. To manage the club the manager should be with the team when and wherever they play to be successful. This would be impossible for me to do.

The fork Dispatch (fork, Pennsylvania) - 22 Feb 1905.

PRESENTED WITH BOUQUET

Attaches of Sheriff's Office Gave Flowers to Walter F. Owen

Walter Owen, deputy sheriff under the Peeling administration, who won the three-cornered aldermanic contest in the First ward yesterday by a majority of 256 votes, was presented with a handsome bouquet of roses, carnations and other flowers by Sheriff Manifold and his deputies this morning, as a testimonial of fellowship and esteem and in recognition of his successful election. The presentation re-

The fork Daily (fork, Pennsylvania) 4 Apr 1905, I

BOXING BOUT ON SKATES

A boxing bout on roller skates between Walter F. Owen and Grant McGlynn, with Harry Billett as referee, will be added to the program of the Twentieth Century minstrels. The route for the parade, which forms at the Vigilant engine-house at 1:30 p. m. on Thursday next, is: West Market street to Penn street, to Philadelphia street, to George street, to North street, to Duke street, to Princess street, to George street, to Market street, to Vigilant engine-house.

The Gazette (TORK, Pennsylvania) 5 Jun 1903, ___

FOUGHT DEPUTY SHERIFF.

RED LION CIGAR MEN WOULD NOT FER-MIT DEPUTY OWEN TO MAKE LEVY.

Was Compelled to Call in the Town Constable Who Arrested the Foreman and an Employe of the Cigar Factory of Belle and Charles Solomon—Security Title and Trust Company Has Claim of \$1,000 Against Them.

Deputy Sheriff Walter Owen Wednesday leviel on the cigar factory of Belle and Charles W. Solomon, at Red Lion, on a \$1,000 claimf in favor of the Security. Title and Trust company; but before he executed the levy he had to call upon G. W. Raab, the borough constable, to arrest Max Kalish, the foreman, and Andrew Tome, an employe, for interfering with him in the discharge of his official duties.

YORK BOXERS IN DEMAND

Alderman Walter F. Owen ("Kid Owen") and Grant McGlynn "(Young McGlynn"), who are to box three rounds on roller skates at next week's performance of the Eagle's minstrels in this city, have been engaged to duplicate their puglificate encounter at ministrel performances to be given in Hanover January 30-31, under the auspices of the Eagle Chemical company, of that borough. The engagement stipulates that Wendell Glassmyer shall act as referee.

ALDERMAN WON RACE

Walter F. Owen Proved to Be Better Sprinter Than Detective Cookes

To decide which is the better sprinter, Alderman Walter F. Owen, of the First ward, and Detective Jacob Cookes, ran a 75-yard dash on the Country club road in Springgarden township at 4:30 o'clock last evening. The alderman proved himself the better sprinter, winning by two yards, in twenty seconds.

At fifty yards the constable was leading by two yards, but as the goal was neared the alderman made a winning spurt. As he struck the string just ahead of his opponent Springgarden's hills echoed with the cheers of the spectators.

The Gazette (York, Pennsylvania) · Sun, Jun 16, 1907

THE MEN WHO DIRECT THE YORK CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT; WHAT LEADING MEN THINK OF OUR DEPARTMENT



HARRY L. WILLS.

Fermion Vigilant

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Walter F. Owen

First Ward Alderman

16 East Market Street, YORK, PA.

The York Dispatch (York, Pennsylvania) Tue, Aug 13, 1907

CHEWED BULL DOG'S EAR

"Sub," a valuable bull pup owned by Alderman Walter F. Owen is wearing its right ear in splints as the result of an encounter yesterday with another dog in which that member was badly torn. It was feared that without attention the shape of the ear would have been spoiled. Dr. D. S. Lehman, veterinary surgeon, treated the injury.

The Gazette (York, Pennsylvania) Thu, Jul 9, 1914

PERSONALS

Ashmer Owen, manager of the Moose baseball club, is sojourning at the bungalow of his brother. Alderman Walter F. Owen, along the banks of the Susquehanna river.

The York Daily (York, Pennsylvania) · Wed. Nov 23, 1910

TOM JONES IN CUBA

Alderman Walter F. Owen has received from First Baseman Tom Jones of the Detroit American league baseball club, a number of copies of the Havana Post containing accounts of the series of games played between the Detroit players and the Havana club. First Baseman Jones, who some years ago played upon the Penn Park club, of which Alderman Owen was manager, will spend Christmas with his York friend.

The York Dispatch (York, Pennsylvania) · Thu, Jul 9, 1914 ·

Ashmer Owen, manager of the Moose baseball team, is spending several weeks at the bungalow of his brother, Alderman Walter F. Owen, in York township.

The Gazette (York, Pennsylvania) - Sat, May 29, 1915

RE-ELECT W. F. OWEN FIRST WARD ALDERMAN



ALDERMAN WALTER F. OWEN Re-elected for the Third Term

Walter F. Oweh was unanimously e-elected alderman of the First ward, ork, in the election yesterday, and e will enter upon his third term in fice. He was first elected in 1915, some of the most important crimusi and civil cases which have gone efore the courts of York county have one from Alderman Owen's office and tall times the court has upheld his ecisions.

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Waiter F. Owen as a lad was a carrier of the York Daily. When 15 years old he entered the composing room of the Dispatch as an apprentice and learned the compositors trade. He became active in politics when 23 years old. As a member of the Rescue Fire company he was active as a fireman for 12 years. For five years he was an assistant chief of the York was an assistant chief of the York fire department. He is a member of these organizations. Rescue Fire company Young Men's Christian Association. Young Men's Christian Association. York Country club. York Typersuphical union. Deer Social club, and Oriental Social club.

ANNUAL OPENING OF WILD CAT FALLS CLUB

(Special to The Gazette) WILD CAT FALLS, May 28 .- At least 300 visitors were entertained here today at the annual opening of the famous Wild Cat Falls club. It was a perfect day and all enjoyed themselves immensely. The customary shad dinner was served and as usual the shad were baked out in the open. Music was furnished by an orchestra throughout the day and evening. Many of the visitors will remain here several days as guests of the club. The York visitors included L. Edward Herr, Esq., Alderman Walter F. Owen, Stuart Lafean, Roy Lafean, Benjamin La Motte, Walter Brillinger, Detective Charles S. White, Wilbur Mack, Urban S. Bond and Alvin F. Rowe.

The York Gazette (York, Pennsylvania) - Wed, Jan 3, 1917

MIRACULOUS ESCAPE IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Dr. G. E. Spotz and Alderman Owen Have Thrilling Experience on Railroad Crossing at Thomasville

Dr. G. Emanuel Spotz, a well-known physician, and Alderman Walter F. Owen, of the First ward, both of this city, figured in a decidedly sensational automobile accident at the Thomasville grade crossing of the Western Maryland railway yesterday evening about 5:30 o'clock, the Buick cabrolet in which they were riding turning over on its side on the railroad tracks directly in the path of a local freight train. Luckily for them, neither was injured, but the automobile was badly damaged. The train did not hit the machine for there was only a light draft of cars and the engine was quickly stopped.

property in their rock.

ENTERTAINED FRIENDS

Mr. and Mrs. George M. Bollinger, of this city, entertained a number of friends Wednesday evening with a turtle supper served at the bungalow of Alderman Owen, located a short distance south of York. Those in attendance at the affair were as follows; Walter F. Owen, Dawson Bahn Robert Fluhrer, Purd R. Smith, Misses Lida Rouse, Marie Spotz and Helen M. Young, Dr. and Mrs. L. U. Zech. Dr. and Mrs. H. W. Zech. Dr. and Mrs. G. Emanuel Spotz, and Mr and Mrs. George M. Bollinger.

The York Dispatch (York, Pennsylvania) . Tue, Oct 30, 1917

POLICE COURT

Owen Promise to Leave City
at Once

Alderman Walter F. Owen, presiding over today's police court in the absence from the city of Mayor Hugentugler, who is in Philadelphia, was lenient to the three prisoners who appeared before him. The trio were discharged, two of the after they had given the acting moor their promise to leave the city at one.

When John Shultz, a Pole, sobbed as be took the stand to answer to a charge of drunkenness, Acting Mayor Owen was reved to such an extent that he set at

The York Dispatch (York, Pennsylvania) · Thu, Sep 19, 1918 ·

ALDERMAN TAKES BRIDE

Walter F. Owen and Miss Lida E. Rouse Married in Washington—Anneuncement Surprise to Friends

After an engagement of exactly one year to the day, Walter Franklin Owen, alderman of the First ward, and Miss Lida E. Rouse, who for the past 10 years has been in the employ of Watt & Bro., East Market street, as bookkeeper, were married in Washington, D. C., where they had gone last Monday without giving their closest friends intimation of their intentions. The ceremony was performed in Trinity Reformed church, Fifteenth and O streets, Washington, by the Rev. Henry H. Ranck, Arrangements for the nuptials had been made by the Rev. Samuel H. Stein, pastor of Trinity First Reformed church, this city.

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When the pair entered upon their engagement one year ago. Thankagiving day, 1918, was set as the time for the wedding. It was then planned to have a public wedding, to take place in this city. The draft and Alderman Owen's liability to service, caused a mutual change of plans. By this it is not to be inferred that the alderman is a slacker who has resorted to matrimony as a means of avoiding military service. The facts are contrary. The alderman will not ask for exemption when he files his questionnaire and the woman who has become his wife is willing to have him go to the call of his country when the time comes.

Alderman and Mrs. Owen will spend their honeymoon in the alderman's bunglalow, in York township, after which they will occupy a flat on South George street, where they will be at-home after Friday, Oct. 4.

Alderman Owen, before he became a public official, was an employe of The York Dispatch, having learned the trade of compositor in The Dispatch office in his youth. He is first vice president of the Rescue Fire company, president of the Bachelors club, and a member of other leading social organisations of York He was foreman of the Rescue company and an assistant chief of the York fire department in past years.

The bride is a popular young woman with a wide circle of friends. She is the daughter of Mrs. Flora F. Rouse and the late John C. Rouse, 803 South George street.

POTATOES WEIGH A POUND

Alderman Walter F. Owen yesterday raised some of the potatoes he had planted on his bungalow plot in York township and was astonished at their size and appearance. Some of them weighed a pound.

The York Dispatch (York, Pennsylvania) . Thu, Nov 1, 1917

Walter F. Owen, alderman of the First ward, and Drs. G. E. Spotz, Carlisle and Linden avenue, and a party of friends, spent today hunting in the vicinity of the former's bungalow in York township.

The York Dispatch (York, Pennsylvania) - Sat, Oct 26, 1918 -

DETECTIVE CORN GROWER

Moonlight Husking Bee by Friends Overcomes Labor Shortage

Detective T. S. Stroman, who, when he is not engaged in the duties of his office. cultivates a small farm in York town-ship, has just stored a record corn crop taken from two acres of land on his fertile farm. The two acres yielded 240 bushels of corn on the ear. To husk and house the corn, Detective Stroman was confronted with the problem of lack of labor. His friends, learning of his need of help, came to his relief. Several moonlight corn husking parties on his farm hast week and a few hours of work each day of the present week, sufficed to get the golden ears in the cribs. The volunteer corn-husking party consisted of 11derman Walter F. Owen, who owns a farm near the Stroman farm: Detective Rinley and Edward Thompson. To make the work interesting, a corn husking contest was arranged. The prize was a large jug of dder, which was won by Rinley, who proved the swiftest husker of the party, beating Thompson, the next lastest man, by eight shocks.

The York Daily (York, Pennsylvania) - Fri. May 3, 1918

First Mattress Bank

A new method of banking money was unearthed yesterday when Alderman Walter F. Owen, while canvassing the Seventh ward in an effort to sell Liberty bonds, discovered the "First Mattress Bank of York." The total wealth contained in the "bank" was \$500. yum was the property of an aged washerwoman and represented the savings of a lifetime. When approached by the alderman the woman told him that she had been asked to purchase Liberty securities, but feared she might lose the money if she invested it. The alderman explained the plan thoroughly to the woman and finally convinced her that the investment was safe. In order to assure her against any possible loss; he gave her a personal note for \$500 as a guarantee of the soundness of her investment. The woman cheerfully spent all her savings in the purchase of wartime securities.

EXHIBITED A SECOND CHOP OF STRAWBERRIES

Second crop strawberries are ripening at Woodlawn Poultry farm of Desective Thad, S. Stroman, near Hollywood station, in York-township, and the detective brought a lot of them into the city Friday evening. He declared that the crop will be large unless heavy frost intervenes to kill them before ripening. Honeysuckles are in bloom again at Hollywood, according to the detective; so are violets and dandelions. Alderman Walter F. Owen, whose bungalow is in the same vicinity, has a second crop of Smokehouse apples, but these will scarcely ripen owing to the near approach of

The York Dispatch (York, Pennsylvania) - Tue, May 25, 1920 -

SHE CLAWED THE LAW

Husky Negress Engages Alderma
Owen in Rough and Tumble Battle
—Other Officers Help Him Out

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Alderman Walter F. Owen became
involved in a lively encounter with a
husky colored woman in his office
last night. The woman, objecting to
her brother, Augustus Hunter, being
committed to jall, made a violous attack upon the alderman, whom, in
her tigress-like agility, strength and
fury, she almost overpowered. But
for assistance rendered by Detective
Jacob Cookes and Deputy Sheriff Zach
S. Sheaffer, Alderman Owen would
have undowbedly fared badly at
the hands of the irate negress, who
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Julia Anderson, 128 Grant street, who it is alleged, has been illicitly cohabiting with Hunter, had preferred two serious charges against him. The prosecutions were entertained by Alderman Owen. Hunter was held under \$1,000 bail and V. K. Frey became his bondsman. It was decided yesterday to forfeit bail. Alderman Owen advised Hunter to consult his bondsman, but the defendant ignored the advice. Meanwhile Hunter's sister telephorsed to the alderman and abusively upbraided him.

Hunter and his Amasonian sister appeared at the alderman's office last night, After Alderman Owen had taken them to task for trying to trick him, he handed a commitment to Detective Cooks and instructed him to take Hunter to fail at once. This enraged both Hunter and his sister. They made a simultaneous attack upon the alderman, Hunter striking him, while the sister, clawed, mauled and bit.

AMERICAN LEGION REVUE

THURSDAY at ORPHEUM

ASK THOSE WHO WERE THERE

Below is what some of them say.

"A great show boys. You have done fine and I am , greatly pleased."

E. S. HUGENTUGLER, Mayor. "Take it from me, you fellows have a mighty fine production."

ALDERMAN WALTER F. OWEN.

Decisions y

"Wonderful—In proof that I mean what I say I have bought tickets to go again."

York Daily Record (York, Pennsylvania) - Mon, Jun 14, 1920

Alderman Walter F. Owen the other day spirited his little niece, Catharine Owen, away from his bungalow, where she had been visiting and brought her to York and had her hair bobbed, thinking to give her papa and mama a surprise, but the barber apparently did not know the alderman and fearing it was an attempt to kidnep, notified the police. It was not until the barber was satisfied as to Owen's identity that the job was proceeded with. Catharine and "Billy," the daughter of the chief of police, are chums and everything considered, had it been a sure-enough case of kidnaping there would have been a big local story break.

The York Dispatch (York, Pennsylvania) - Mon. Dec 22, 1919

BUSIEST IN 15 YEARS

Alderman Walter F. Owen Disposed of 26 Criminal Cases In Month-Six Hearings Today

Alderman Walter F. Owen's crimduring the present anal docket month has been larger than in 'any other month in the 15 years he has filled the office. From Dec. 1 up to today, he disposed of 26 criminal cases which renders the month a record breaker for him. Today was his busiest day of a busy month.

York Daily Record (York, Pennsylvania) Thu, Jun 17, 1920

Philadelphia Couple United at Squire's Office at Unusual Hour

BACHELOR CLUB GUESTS

Prevailed upon to perform a marriage ceremony at the unusual and unseemly hour of midnight, Alderman Walter F. Owen at 11:30 o'clock last night invited a party of friends he was entertaining at the Bachelor club at the time to witness the wedding, and when they agreed the party was terminated long enough for the ceremony to take place in the alderman's

York Daily Record (York, Pennsylvania) - Wed, Jun 16, 1920

ALDERMAN OWEN MAY GO TO 'FRISCO

Alderman Walter F. Owen will be a member of the staff of secretaries which Senator Robert L. Owen, of Oklahoma, candidate for the Democratic nomination for president, will have at the convention which opens in San Francisco Monday, June 28.

In a telegram received from Senator Owen yesterday, Alderman Owen was tendered an appointment on the candidate's staff. If he can arrange with another alderman to take over his business while he is absent, Alderman Owen will accept the appointment. In that event he will be absent from his office for three weeks. He will announce the time of his departure for San Francisco.

The alderman met the senator some years ago. Later he visited the Owen home in Oklahoma and from time to time has kept in touch with him through correspondence. Senator Owen also has other friends in York.

'WAR BABY' FINDS HOME THROUGH 'AD'

EAST END FAMILY OPENS DOORS TO YOUNG MOTHER CAST OUT FOR FOLLY

MANY REPLIES TO APPEAL

Through an advertisement which ap-peared recently in the columns of The Iork Dispatch, a young mother of York.

peared recently in the property of the light Dispatch, a young mother of Tork. Joseph Has found a pleasant home for herself and her "war baby" which is seen to be born in the maternity ward of the Tork hospital.

This was the advertisement which appeared in The Dispatch:

WANTEL—Home for a young moth—
We rand her war baby. The young seeman is now in the hospital. She expects to be able to go to work in about a month, but has no home to go to. She is an experienced houseworker, and while is an experienced houseworker, and while is an experienced houseworker, and while is home in the city would be accepted, ahe would prefer to go to the country. Care of The Dispatch."

This advertisement brought the home—
less young woman a flood of replies.
The doors of some of the best homes in the county were opened to her. Wealthy

The doors of some of the best homes in The doors of some of the best homes in Tork county were opened to her. Wealthy farmers, merchants and prosperous mechanics were among the writers hinted at maintimony. This was especially true of see young merchant whose wife was stricken down in the recent "flu" epidemic, leaving him with three little children. But the young woman who is control to the mother of a "war baby" met looking for a husband. She merewants a home for herself and her taby, with an opportunity to work for her support and that of her child.

After consulting Alderman Walter F.

her support and that the her after consulting Alderman Walter F. After consulting Alderman Walter F. Owen and Miss Mary Smith, superintendent of the York hospital, the young sother-to-her decided to accept the offer of an east end cittisen of respectability and brominence whose wife is in had health and preeds an assistant in the bus-hold. There are but two in the health hisband and wife. The girl and her baby will not only be provided with hed and teard in a comfortable home, but she will be paid \$4 a week for her york. The kindly man who has thus symed his home to a girl in misforma, visited his prospective protege at the Tork hospital yesterday and an agreement was entered into before Alderman Owen and Miss Mary Smith After consulting Alderman Walter F.

derman Owen and pas The story of the girl who erred is the sid one over again. Left without parents she was, raised in the home of a will-to-do farmer in the lower end of Tork county. She was youthful, innocent and unsophisticated when she met a handsome youth, a member of a wealthy family of Pittsburgh, who was attracted by her comliness and made des-perate love to her. The untutored country girl placed faith in her false moor's promises and her credulity was

when the family in whose home she lived discovered the girl's folly, their hind of religion would not permit them to condone her error. She was turned to condone her error. She was turned out homeless, and penniless. In casting her out upon the world, her foster parents thought they had done their duty toward the relentless God they worship and they no doubt found ease of conscience in their act. But it happens that all the world does not have the same rigid conception of God. There are those upon whom the teachings of the gentle Nazarene have left a more consistent impress.

The erring girl, now homeless, found that her recent woosr, who was a civil-lan when they met, had enlisted in the army, and was off to a cantonment. She made her way to York and when she arrited here she was advised to lay her case before Alderman Owen. To Alderman Owen and the superintendent of the York hospital the girl owes the improvement in her fortunes. These two Sam-eritans have steadfastly befriended her since her arrival in York.

The youth who wronged her was arrested in Pittsburgh last November on a warrant issued by Alderman Owen. The defendant was brought to York by Detective Jacob Cookes.

The defendant paid his victim the sum of 1200, paid the costs of the prosecution and the charge against him was therewend dismissed with the consent of the district attorney and the court. The war baby 'is likely to be born within the next several days. If it putes to be a male child it will be named in honor of Alderman Walter F. Owen, if it is a this will be given the name of the sup-stricted to the hospital. This the mother has decided to do to show that his appreciates the good offices of her benefactor and her benefactoress.

The York Dispatch (York, Pennsylvania) - Mon, Nov 1, 1920

HEN WITH NEW IDEAS Walter F. Owen, alderman of the First ward, has a pet hen, which has shown such a determination to furnish him with eggs for his morning meals that she will be kept out of any contemplated fricasse for a long time to come. This hen yesterday laid an egg in the alderman's automobile and he is as tickled about it as a small boy in his first knicker-bockers. The hen made several attempts to enter his machine while he was about and each time he drove her off. Finally he went into the house. When he returned to use his car he found that biddy had gained her point and had left for him good-sized egg on the seat.

Alderman Walter F. Owen, while riding in his automobile between Columbia and Mountville yesterday afternoon, lost a half hour or more of valuable time in search of his cap, which was blown off by the wind. He was enjoying the trip when the cap was lifted from his head by the wind and wafted out of the car. He stopped and walked back along the road where he made a thorough search, but no cap was to be found. ing to the conclusion that the cost of a cap was no more than the value of the time he was losing he returned to the car. There he found the cap tightly wedged in the rear wheel.

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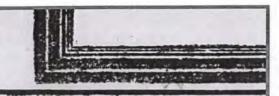
LAW AFTER ALDERMAN

Speeding Charged in Borough Which he Never Visited When Alderman Walter F. Owen

When Alderman Walter F. Owen opened a letter this morning bearing the title of the borough of Stoyestown, Somerset county, and giving an imposing list of city officials, he felt highly elated at the prospect of being honored by an invitation to visit the borough as a guest. But as he read further he found that the letter came from the Burgess Edward Smith, directing him to appear there at 8:30 p. m., June 14, for a hearing on a charge of violating the traffic regulations in exceeding the speed limit by many miles per houn, on May 30. Memorial day.

Alderman Owen's dream was given a jolt from which he did not recover for several minutes and then he began checking up his doings on Memorial day. He summoned the friends with whom he spent the day and they all agreed to stick by him loyally in his trouble and swear that he was nowhere near Stoyestown. The letter from Burgess Smith said that his car, bearing license num-







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her 5122, passed through the borough at a speed of 23 hiles an hour. This statement proved a relief to the alderman, for his license number is 5112 and the number given is that of a Pittsburgh man. The alderman replied that he would not appear for the hearing.

Alderman Walter F. Owen has sent to the state highway department his check for \$200, which represents the fines collected by him during the past three months for violations of the state automobile laws. From May 10 to July 10 one fine was imposed by the alderman for driving without a license, one for failure to stop when ordered to do so, four for driving without proper lights, five for reckless driving and nine for driving with cutouts open. Most of the informations were made by members of the state constabulary.

The York Dispatch (York, Pennsylvania) - Sat, Jun 17, 1922 -

Mazie Schmuck, who has given more or less trouble to officers of the law, was committed to jail this morning by Alderman Walter F. Owen on charges of incorrigibility and fornication. She was arrested by Constable Oscar Stoner upon complaint made by Herb B. Kain, general secretary of the Society to Protect Children and Aged Persons.

York Daily Record (York, Pennsylvania) - Tue, Dec 6, 1921

FALLS DEAD WHILE Preparing a meal

Mrs. Flora F. Rouse, 803 South George Street, Was in Apparent Good Health

DUE TO COMPLICATION

Mrn. Flora F. Rouse, widow of John Rouse, was fatally striction in the kitchen of her home, \$53 South George street, about 6:30 o'clock yeaterday morning while preparing breakfast for membars of her family

Mrs. Rouse was in usual health when she arose yesterday and had already attended to some household duties when she was stricken. Death was pronounced due to a complication of diseases.

Mrs. Rouse was a daughter of the late Captain William Frey, of Hallam. She leaves two sons, Harry R., of Philadelphia, and Arthus J. at home one daughter Mrs. Walter F. Ower at home: three alreas, Mrs. Benjaman

York Daily Record (York, Pennsylvania) - Thu, Sep 27, 1923

ANSWER VIOLATION OF LIQUOR LAWS

Richard Hamilton, colored drayman, South Water street, was given a hearing yesterday morning before Alderman Walter F. Owen on charges of possessing, selling, transporting, etc. of intoxicating liquor and was held for court. He furnished bail. It is alleged that last May Hamilton sold to a state policeman a quart of (so-called gin and later on, when state police searched his home a quantity of the stuff was found there. It was testified that a sample drink furnished by Hamilton made a state trooper sick for three days, Hamilton was represented by Attorney C. W. A. Rochow.

The York Dispatch (York, Pennsylvania) - Mon. Aug 6, 1923 -

JAIL RECKLESS DRIVER

Moses William At Wheel of Car Which Speeded Through York at 50 Miles An Hour

Moses William colored, of Philadelphia, was brought before Alderman Walter F. Owen by Sergeant Arthur B. Snyder, state police, and charged with reckless driving. The alderman ordered him to pay a fine of \$10 and costs, and being unable to do this was committed to jail for 10 days.

Williams is alleged to have driven through the city on Market street on Saturday evening at a speed estimated to have been in excess of 50 miles an hour and in such a reckless manner that lives of people were endangered. The state police man gave chase and it was not until Hallam was reached that Williams was overtaken and arrested.

It was learned that Williams had a driver's license and was operating a car belonging to his employer in Philadelphia. The automobile is in the custody of the state police. Flag Raised on Rescue

III CITO I CONTROLLE DECENDADO

Alderman Walter F. Owen, who is president of the Rescue Fire company, was informed at 9 o'clock this morning, that no flag had appeared on the company's engine house. He immediately telephoned to the custodian of the building and suggested that a flag should be raised over the engine house at once. A few minutes later, "Old Glory" was floating from the flagstaff on the belfrey of the building.

Today was the 51st anniversary of the founding of the Rescue Fire company. The company was organized Feb. 22, 1872. Court Detec-

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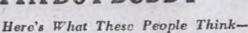
HEATHCOTE SIGNED

Clifford Heathcote, better known in baseball circles as "Lefty," yesterday afternoon signed a contract in the office of Walter F. Owen, alderman, to play with the Chicago National league club again next season. This will be the local player's fifth year in the big leagues.

The York Dispatch (York, Pennsylvania) · Wed, Jan 28, 1925

WHAT
DID YOU
THINK OF
ATTA BOY BUDDY





A clean cut show. Any one havng the blues should see it—Samuel Rutland, silk manufacturer.

Better than ever,-D. A. Shelley, 587 W. Market street.

Very snappy. Full of pep. Atta Boy Buddy far excels any show the American Legion has offered.—Walter F. Owen, alderman. The York Dispatch (York, Pennsylvania) - Thu, Jun 21, 1923

TOMMY JONES DEAD

Veteran Baseball Star Was a Member of Penn Park Club In 1902; Also Big Leaguer

Tommy Jones, former major league first baseman, whose home wast at Locustdale, near Mahanoy City, died late Tuesday evening at a Danville, Pa., hospital. Jones will be remembered in this city when he played with the Penn Park baseball club under the management or Walter F. Owen in 1902. In that year a series of seven games was played between the Penn Park team and the Y. M. C. A. club, both local organizations, which caused quite a bit of excitement among baseball fans in York.

Later Jones was traded to the Baltimore club, then in the National league, and from there went to the St. Louis team, where he played for a number of years. The year that Detroit won the pennant, Jónes was traded to that team from the St. Louis club. In one of the world series contests, while playing with the Tigers, "Tommy" was knocked unconscious when colliding with one of the players while running the bases. He was taken to a hospital and was back in the fracas the next day.

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IMPRESSED BY YORKERS

Alderman Owen and District Attorney
Van Baman Praised by Norrietown Reporters

Reporters of the Norristown Times Herald were apparently impressed by Alderman Walter F. Owen, of this city, and his oratorical ability as he demonstrated it Friday night at Conshohooken when as president of the Rescue Fire company, of York, he spoke at the 50th anniversary banquet of the Washington company of Conshohocken. Of the local magistrate and his talk, and that of District Attorney W. W. Van Baman, who was also present and among the speakers at the banquet, the Times Herald reported:

President Owen was attired in his parade attire and was a striking figure, as he delivered his interesting address with natural oratorical ability. He spoke of the strong friendship that has endured between the Rescue and the "Washies" for a half century, and

20 YEARS AN ALDERMAN

W. F. Owen Today Celebrates Anniversary-Has Had Remarkable Record, Dockets Show

Twenty years ago today, Alderman Walter F. Owen took the oath of office for the first time to whick he has since been elected three times. He rented offices in the building which is now owned by him and in which he has conducted his business continuously since he started. The building, formerly owned



ALDERMAN W. F. OWEN

by the Dispatch Publishing com-pany, is the same in which he learned the printer's trade and in which he had his first job as a newsboy.

The alderman received his first commission from Governor Samuel W. Pennypacker, which provided that he was to assume office on the first Monday of May, 1905, which happened to be the first day of the month. He has been recommission-ed in turn by Governors Edwin Stuart, Martin Brumbaugh and William C. Sproul. He was elected to succeed the late James A. Bayley.

At the time of his election Alderman Owen was a deputy sheriff under E. C. Peeling, then sheriff, in which office he served for three years. He was sworn in when only

21 years of age.

The first half year in office were months of discouragement for there was a long period during which there were no financial returns. The alderman then decided to give up the office because he could not see his way clear to meet obligation for rent, living and other expenses. Friends, however, prevailed upon him to stick. He did and then in a short time business began to pick up and by the end of the year he had the office on a paying basis.

The first information received and warrant issued by Alderman Owen was for a man who was charged with having stolen a blcycle. was never apprehended. A man true bill was found by the grand jury and the indictment still stands

against him.

The alderman's records, which are carefully kept, show that up to today he has entertained 105,612 civil The number of court cases suits. would require a considerable time to compute, but the records of them fill 16 ledger sized books.

For 19 years of the 20 that Owen has served as an alderman Detective Jacob Cookes was associated with him and served the greatest number of warrants in the criminal

cases handled by him.

Alderman, Owen has two years to serve before the end of his present term. The first two terms were for five years each and then he was elected twice for terms of six years each.

ALDERMAN OWEN AS A PEACEMAKER

Alderman Walter F. Owen yesterday afternoon, in the role of peacemaker, succeeding in bringing about a reconciliation between John and Rose Hoff, husband and wife, near Seven Valleys. Telling them that every family has a certain amount of domestic friction and reminding them of the promise one made to the other when they were united in marriage, the alderman succeeded in straightening out matters before the scheduled hearing began, in a case in which the husband was charged with non-support and intolerable treatment. The couple with their little girl of four years, left the of-fice hand in hand. Hoff it is claimed, while on a recent spree ejected his wife from their home on threat of her life. Fearing him, she went to the home of a friend

"Bobby," the brindle bull dog of Alderman Walter F. Owen, is dead. He passed from this life on Monday, and the precise manner of his passing is not stated, but it is supposed that the dog died of old age, for he was at least ten years old. And that is old enough for most dogs to linger here although many live longer than that; but maybe they are not brindle bulls. They may be just common dogs.

CITY AND VICINITY

Among those from York who will attend the World series games in Washington is Alderman Walter F. Owen. He secured his tickets for the games yesterday afternoon.

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Miss L. Grace Owen, of Harrisburg, is spending a week's vacation with her brother, Walter F. Owen, at "Owenville," in Springetsbury township.

-k Daily Record (York, Pennsylvania) · Mon, Apr 26, 1926

Mr. and Mrs. Walter F. Owen, 16
East Market street, have moved to
their summer home, "Owen Inn,"
Springettsbury township.

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York Daily Record (York, Pennsylvania) · Wed, Dec 15, 1926 ·

HELD FOR COURT AS COMMON SCOLD

The court room of Alderman Walter F. Owen was crowded by about 35 persons last evening, when Annie Rellly, \$19 Linden avenue, was given a hearing on a charge of being a common scold. A large majority of the persons present were witnesses subpoenaed by the commonwealth.

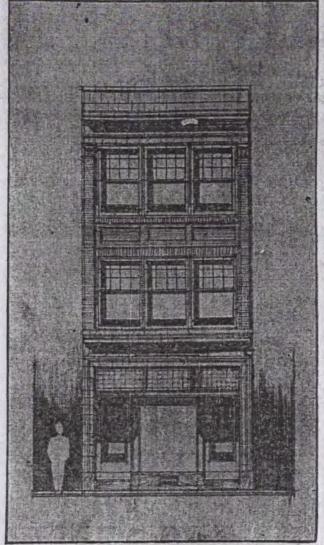
The warrant for the arrest of the defendant was sworn out by John E. Bush, \$17 Linden avenue. The warrant was served by Detective Oscar Stoner.

Witnesses, all of them neighbors of the accused, were lond in their denunciation of the defendant as a common scold and nuisance. Quarrels among the neighbors, precipitated by the defendant; counter quarrels, verbal combats over back yard fences, and wordy spats that approached violence were brought out by District Attorney Amos W. Herrmann, who conducted the case for the commonwealth. Intimations of inflidelity of husbands and wives, of parties late at night, and of the peace of the neighborhood being disturbed. were laid against the defendant in the testimony.

TOWN

The story of a recent trip to Washington, with a holdup at Towson has been revealed, and it appears that several well known York men nar-rowly missed an important baseball game. A double-loader was scheduled for Washington last week and Alder-man Water F Uwen Attorney Wilter ve Moras Soul. Max Weil and George Rinely started off in Lucia's machine. They were late in getting away from York, and as the alderman ad ordered his tickets for the game in advance it was up to them to be there in time, or the tarkets would be said to some other persons. So Lucia in the gas, and the water spends the through Towson at something it a to miles an hour, when they were inprotested that they were on urgent high business, but the offer had heard such stores before, and he said they should tell it to the judge. Attorney Luria assured the magistrate that they were on their way to Washinglon, where they had a white slav-ery case, and it was important that they be there on time. Apparently the judge had been to baseball games himself At any rate he fined them \$25 and costs, a total of \$26 to This they were at last glad to pay, in order that they might get away quickly and not forfest their baseball tickets. However, they assured both the trafno officer and the magnetrate frat if either of them ever get into trouble in York and if Owen and Lorea have ansiling to do with the case their lot will be hard indeed. But the Yorkers got to the game in time.

PROPOSED RECONSTRUCTED OWEN BUILDING



The Owen building, at 16 East Market street, when remodelled, as planned by Alderman Walter F. Owen, will have three floors as it now has. The front will be reconstructed of brick, steel and glass. The building will be continued to the Mason avenue line. On the first floor there will be a store room the entire length of the structure. Fourteen offices will occupy the second floor. The starway will be moved to the east side of the building and there will be corridors on the first and second floors. On the third floor the plans call for a living apartment. The plans have been prepared by James H. McClymont, architect.

TORK Daily Record (TORK, Pennsylvania) . 8 Jul 1929,

Martin W. Scheibner

Martin W. Scheibner, for 20 years caretaker at the bungalow of Alderman Walter F. Owen, and one of the oldest members of the Rescue Fire company, died at 6:15 o'clock last evening at the York hospital, where he had been a patient for the past three weeks. Death resulted from a complication of diseases. He was aged 63 years. Three brothers,

The fork Dispatch (fork, Pennsylvania) - 29 Oct 1928.

York Officer On Duty In Baltimore Tonight At Al Smith Rally

Alderman Walter F. Owen this morning received a telephone request from Captain of Detectives Burns, of the Baltimore police department, to send him help for the big Democratic rally in Baltimore tonight, at which Governor Al Smith, Democratic presidential candidate, will be the principal speaker.

tork ually Record (Tork, Pennsylvania) 13 Jan 1921,

ALDERMAN HANDLES 107,831 CIVIL SUITS IN TWENTY-TWO YEARS

The astonishing total of 107,831 civil suits have been handled by Alderman Walter F. Owen, during the past twenty-two years, while he has occupied his present office. During the month of December, in 1926, suits of that character handled by Alderman Owen, numbered 79 and all were settled without hearings. November was the biggest month during 1926, as 195 suits were settled in his office. Thirty-five suits have already been handled this month.

This year promises to be a banner year, he says, as a good start has been made this month.

BANK ACQUIRES OWEN BUILDING

York County National Completes Site For Erection Of New Home

PRICE ABOUT \$69,000

The York County National bank yesterday afternoon closed negotiations for the purchase of the Owen-Young building, 14 East Market street. The owner of the building, Alderman Walter F. Owen, will locate in other offices in the near future.

Attorneys William Luria and Charles H. Still, now in the building, will locate in a suite of offices, being placed in condition on the second floor of the Luria building, 49-51 West Market street. It is likely that these offices will be among the most handsomely appointed law offices in the city of York. The Owen-Young building will be turned over to the bank in the latter part of August or early September.

The Owen building has a frontage on Market street of 16 feet, and extends to East Mason alley. The line on the west is irregular so that Alderman Owen at present owns a space cutting two or more feet into the property formerly owned by Harry V. Spotz and bought recently by the bank. The bank has now secured the former Hotel York from the Appell Amusement company, the Spottie's restaurant property from Harry V. Spotz and the Owen building upon which to erect its proposed new banking house.

TORK Daily Record (Tork, Pennsylvania) - 5 Dec 1921,

CANDIDATES FILE EXPENSE ACCOUNTS

It cost Walter F. Owen \$193.11 to be re-elected aiderman of the First ward, York, according to his statement of expenses filed Saturday in the office of Clerk of the Courts J. W. Sitler. Alderman Owen, in his account, shows the enrollment of thirteen messengers at \$10 each and two clerks at \$10. The balance of his expenses, as shown in the statement, went for advertising and auto hire.

The Tork Dispatch (Tork, Pennsylvania) - 15 Feb 1925, V

Alderman Is Bitten Trying To Prevent Dog Fight At Show

Alderman Walter F. Owen is suffering with a severely injured right hand where he was bitten by a buildog at the Westminster Kennel club show in Madison Square Garden, New York city, on Monday. One of the larger teeth of the dog penetrated the palm of the hand and the back was lacerated by smaller teeth. The alderman was bitten when he tried to take off the dog which had attacked his dog, Frontenac Princess Pepper, as the animals were about to enter the judging ring. The alderman's dog was so injured in the encounter that it was lamed and was, therefore, lisqualified in the judging. The mirnal has fully recovered, howsver.

the fork Dispatch (fork, Pennsylvania) - 31 May 1941, tue

AWAKENED FROM SLEEP TO PERFORM MARRIAGE

Continued and long blasts of an automobile horn awoke Alderman Walter F. Owen from deep slumber in his bungalow in York township about 11:30 o'clock Saturday night. Scantily clad he went to the window to investigate the cause for the noise and found James McCreary Crager and Gertrude Estelle McConaughey, 429 Logan street, Lewistown, who desired to be married. They

OWEN BUYS SOUTH DUKE STREET HOME

The property of Finimore Ashbrook and Amelia McLaughlin at 48 South Duke street has been purchased by Alderman Walter F. Owen, who will make his residence there after September 1. Alderman Owen sold the property at 16 East Market street, in which he now has his office, to the York County National bank. This property is part of the site upon which the bank will erect a new building. The Alderman will move his office to the second floor of the Weiser building.

Lovers often keep the parlor dark while trying to strike a match. The York Dispatch (York, Pennsylvania) - 9 Aug 1934,

Daughter Married by Alderman Owen, Who Wed Parents

Nearly 19 years ago Alderman Walter F. Owen married a young couple, and today their daughter appeared in his office with her flance and was married. She said after the ceremony that her parents wanted her to be married by Alderman Owen, because their marriage had been "so happy."

The daughters name is Sarah Mildred Reachard, of Fawn Grove R. D. 2. She was married to Joseph Wilbur Van Hart, New Park. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Oran G. Reachard, Mrs. Reachard being the former Miss Perla R. Butler. The ceremony this morning was witnessed by Miss Catherine Hunt, the alderman's secretary.

In his 26 years as an alderman Mr. Owen has married 1,056 couples.

ine tork Dispatch (fork, Pennsylvania) 23 Sep 1932

COMMON SCOLD CHARGE AGAINST YORK COUPLE

Frank Mann and his housekeeper, Nettie Diehl, have been summoned to appear before Alderman Walter F. Owen late this afternoon to answer a charge of being common scolds. The information was made by Charles Arthur Tate, 431 Walnut street, who is backed by a petition signed by 12 residents of the immediate neighborhood. The petitioners allege that the two defendants constantly use vile language in the hearing of the public so that they have become a nuisance in the neighborhood.

TOTK Daily Record (TOTK, Pennsylvania) - 4 Dec 1929.

OWEN RESIGNS AS PRESIDENT OF RESCUE

Alderman Walter F. Owen, president of the Rescue Fire company for the past eight years, resigned last evening at the monthly meeting held in the fire hall, South George street.

TORK Daily Record (Tork, Pennsylvania) - 10 Aug 1929.

Alderman Walter F. Owen was in Philadelphia yesterday on business and while there took advantage of the opportunity to see the baseball game between the Cubs and the Phillies. He met his old frield Clif Heathcote, who returned to the Cubs' lineup yesterday. Alderman Owen on his return to York last night reported the Cubs look like sure pennant winners. He said Heathcote has fully recovered from his recent attacks of "charley horse."

STATE CONSTABLES SWOOP DOWN ON CITY BOOTLEGGERS

Eight Under Arrest With Many More To Be Served

FIND 70 GALLONS AT RAGUSA HOME

State troopers in charge of Ser-geant R. W. Harnols, of the Gettya-burg sub-station of the State con-stabulatory, armed with warrant aworn to by Louis G. Feldman, an agent of the State Liquor Control board proposed with a number of board mopped up a number of Tork's speakeasies and dives late yesterday afternoon. Eight were ar-rested while ten other warrants were

rested while ten other warrants were issued, no liquor being found at aeven of the places visited. Six warrants remain to be accred.

The raids of yesterday came as the state liquor control hoard's ancawer to the free for all bootlesging that has been going on openly and notoriously, it was learned on good authority last night.

Warrants for the raids were issued by Alderman Walter F. Owen and Justice of the race Elmer C. Myers of Bella Vista, Fairview township, York county.

Big Demand For Bootleg

Big Demand For Bootleg A number of investigations by the liquor control board have been going on hers for the past several weeks. Men, dressed in old clothes—the type on here for the past seeked.

Men, dressed in old clothes—the type which frequents those dens where squirrel liquor is sold—made the buys. It was on these buys that the warrants for the raids and arrests were issued. Several weeks ago the demand for this illegal liquor was high—in fact in many quarters it was impossible to obtain a drop because of being sold out.

Tip Off Suspected

The underworld grapevine in the city yesterday started to work overtime when the troopers and agents atacted to descend on the places. "Spill—your liquor—redeval agents and the Bulls are in town" was the favorite sentence invested over the

and the bulls are in town was the favorite sentence hurried over the telephone, it is claimed.

At no time since Constable W. W. Fickes conducted a wholesale number of raids several years ago has Tork seen such action against the York seen such action against the men and women who flout the law. men and women with a guidance of the deceased Constable Fickes fifty two Federal Prohibition agents con-ducted twenty-eight raids. Twentyeight defendants were arrested and a quantity of liquor and a number of stills were confiscated at that

The officers wasted no time yester-The officers wasted no time yearer day with the persons they plekel up. They were hurrledly thrown into the city prison until they could arrange to post ball for their appearance at a hearing at a later

PERSONAL MENTION

.. Mrs. Walter F. Owen. 25 South George street, Simons apartments, has returned from New York city recuperating from an attack of pneumonia. Mrs. Owens attended the dog show in the metropolis. She was accompanied by her husband, Alderman Owen.

fork Daily Record (Tork, Pennsylvania) - 13 may 1933, 5at

OFFICERS ELECTED BY FIRST WARD TAXPAYERS

Alderman Walter F. Owen was elected president of the First Ward Non-Partisan Taxpayers' league at an organization meeting held last night in the Central School building. Other officers are: First vice-president, J. Reed Kennedy; second vicepresident, Henry Butler; secretary. Albert C. Dudrear; treasurer, Robert Spangler: representatives to city division, Albert C. Dudrear and Alderman Owen; representative to county executive committee, A. F. Fix; and membership committee, John Deininger and Harry Spangler.

The meeting was addressed by Attorney H. O. Ruby, president of the city division of the York County Non-Partisan Taxpayers' association.

The York Dispatch (York, Pennsylvania) - 9 May 1935, 1

PERSONAL MENTION

Arthur J. Rouse, 913 South Queen street, and Mrs. Walter F. Owen, (Owen Villa," spent yesterday at Pimlico attending the races.

ARCURIS HELD FOR BOOTLEGGING

Five Face Trial On Charges Growing Out Of Liquor Law Violations

ONE WOMAN DEFENDANT

Evidence in two liquor cases was heard last night by Alderman Walter F. Owen. One of the eases was that of The Green Tap Rooms West Princess street, which agents for the state Liquor Control Board closed last week, arresting four persons. It is alleged they were selling liquor without a license. When the agents walked into the place. Drinks were being sold across the bar, and there was dancing. The place had no 1935 liquor license, the agents found.

Dunonic and Anthony Arcuri were held for court on a charge of selling liquor without a license. Antino Arcuri, Philip Ferro, Domonic and Anthony Arcuri, were held for court on a charge of interfering with an officer while in the performance of his duties.

The York Dispatch (York, Pennsylvania) - 2/ May 1935,

YORK DOG WINS SILVER TROPHY AT N. J. SHOW

"Pepper," a six-month-old English Bull dog, purchased at the Madison Square Garden dog show last February, by Mr. and Mrs. Walter F. Owen, was shown at the Dodge-Essex-show at Madison, N. J., on Saturday, where 3,175 dogs were shown. Without a doubt, it was the finest show in the East. There were 14 pupples in the ring. Pepper; won third place. winning a silver trophy and \$10 in cash. This puppy was bred by Champion Kaybob. English ace; Rice's Meridan Queen out of Cold Stream Drum Major out of Champion the Cravanspring. Champion Kaybob was champion of the Madison Square garden show in 1933.

York Daily Record (York, Pennsylvania) · 29 Nov 1934,

FINED FOR TRAFFIC CODE VIOLATIONS

Walter F. Owen, alderman of the First ward, was tagged yesterday by Patrolman Russell Schellenberger for parking in a prohibited area. He pleaded guilty to the charge and paid a fine of \$2.

The York Dispatch (York, Pennsylvania) - 26 Jun 1936

...Alderman Walter F. Owen and Detective Ralph Keech motored to-day to Philadelphia to attend the sessions of the Democratic National convention. They planned to return to York tonight.

The York Dispatch (York, Pennsylvania) · 29 Sep 1937

W. F. OWEN HEADS BAND

Spring Garden Musicians Honor First Ward Alderman by Naming Him President

Alderman Walter F. Owen was ciccted president of the Spring Garden band last night. He sccceeds

Robert C. Fluhrer, who has resigned Mr. Fluhrer's resignation was accepted and the First ward alderman was elected in his place at a special meeting of the band in their assembly

meeting of the band in their assembly room on the second floor of the Anderson building. North George street. The band men met at 8 p. m. It was with regret that the organization received Mr. Fluhrer's resignation. He was elected president Lt. January and had been proving capable in that office. In his letter of resignation he explained that press of other business prevents him from continuing in the office.

Alderman Owen did not seek the honor of the presidency of the Spring



ALDERMAN W. F. OWEN

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Wadsworth M. George, member of the band's citizens' committee on public relations, was named as a committee of one to ask Alderman Owga- to accept the office.

A thunder storm was in progress when the one-man committee called on the alderman in the latter's office. South Duke street. "Why your offer is like a bolt from a clear sky," said like alderman.

Coincidently, just then, there was a flash of lightning, followed by accounting crash of thunder.

There's your bolt, squire, observed the caller.

"I accept the band's offer with my deepest thanks," was Alderman Owen's way of expressing his decision. "I consider this one of the finest honors I've had in life," he added, "Tell the boys I'll work for the band with all the energy in me. That is my message for them."

YORKERS APPLAUD ELKS IN STREET PROCESSION

The York lodge of Elks, assisted by the Spring Garden band and American Legion drum and bugle corps, last night showed Yorkers how it carried off honors at the state Elks convention parade Lancaster in August.

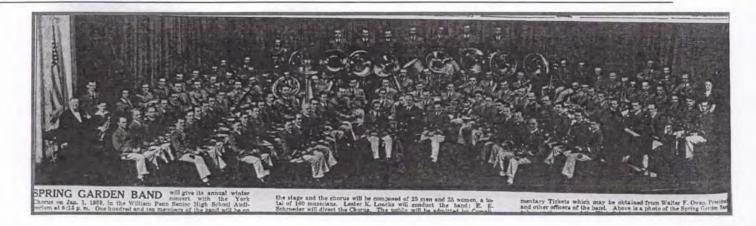
The Elks paraded before hundreds of Yorkers who lined the sidewalks to applaud their favorite and musical organizamarching tions.

Mayor Harry B. Anstine headed the marchers as grand marchal and he was assisted by Charles R. Jacobs and Walter F. Owen, members of the committee which staged the reproduction of the York lodge's part in the Lancaster convention parade.

The Elks excellent chorus sang to the splendid accompaniment of the 100 piece Spring Garden band and the Legion drum corps. Lester K. Loucks headed the band and Roland Fulton the drum corps.

Color was added to the parade by the striking appearance made by the Elks drill team in white uniforms. An entertainment followed at the Elks home with the marchers as guests of honor.

The York Dispatch (York, Pennsylvania) · 16 Dec 1938

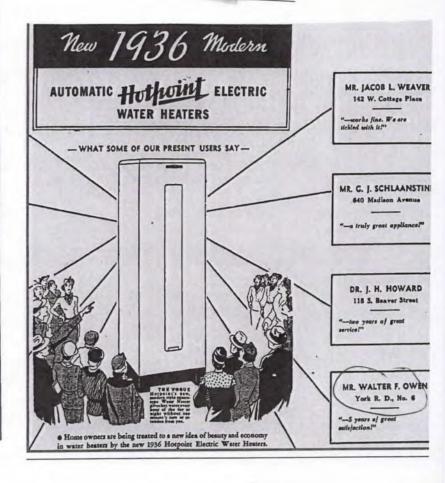


GYPSY WOMAN JAILED FOR THEFT OF PURSE

who said they were from Cleveland, was committed to the county jail yesterday afternoon by Alderman Walter F. Owen after her arrest by Pennsylvania Motor police. She is alleged to have stolen the pocketbook and the \$45 it contained from Charles Brillhart, Porters,

The woman and her companions were picked up shortly before noon in the 800 block East King street by Corporal G. J. Sweeney and Private C. W. Lutton of the local sub-station, Pennsylvania Motor police, after the gypsies were seen by Richard Heisler, 1552 West King street.

Heisler, a salesman, was in Brillhart's store when the theft occurred. He appeared later at Alderman Owen's office and identified the woman. Brillhart has brought prosecution. The Gazette and Daily (York, Pennsylvania) - 14 May 1936,



The York Dispatch (York, Pennsylvania) · 3 May 1937,

NEWLY CONSTRUCTED three room apartments, all convs., city heat, in Owen-Luria Bldg., 121-123 S. George St. \$25.00 monthly. Apply Alderman Walter F. Owen, 48 S. Duke St.

PROSECUTING YORK COUNTY RELIEF CHISELERS



Preparation of the informations on which relief chiselers are being arrested in York county is done carefully. In each case no charge is made until after the one suspected or accused is given personal investigation and has been accorded opportunity to be heard. In all cases of arrests in the drive to round up those who perpetrate frauds on the department of public assistance there is positive proof of the charge and usually an admission of guilty signed by the defendant. No criminal charge is lodged until after the accused has violated a promise to make restitution and has been given plenty of time to repay or show that he cannot do so. The picture above shows the signing of informations before Alderman Walter F. Owen against relief chiselers by Lewis B. Sellers, agent of the Pennsylvania Department of Public Assistance. The young woman in the picture is Miss Elizabeth Hunt, efficient secretary for Alderman Owen. She usually prepares the forms such as information, warrants, commitments and releases in the cases. All the arrests for relief chiseling in York county during the past year have been made by the Keech Detective agency.

Around the

ALTHOUGH WALTER F. OWEN had every reason to be his genlal self when yours truly called on him on Wednesday to ask him a question, he was not

Walter had walked away with the nomination for alderman on both the Republican and Democratic tickets and thus his well paying job is assured for another term, but he did not seem his usual happy self. -0-

I had been told that this alderman who had spent most of Tuesday hanging around the polls in his precinct, was so disappointed with the Democrats over the city for nominating Mr. Ramsay for Mayor, that he vowed he would work against the nominee in the general election.

-0-This I did not want to believe even though Walt's own precinct gave Mr. Weaver a far better vote than it gave Mr. Ramsay.

"Are you going to support all Democratic nominees at the general election?" this writer asked Mr. Owen.

His answer was an explosion; "You misquoted me once so ain't going to say anything to you!" he bellowed.

Taken back by this vociferous answer to my simple question, I asked him to name the instance I did him the wrong. He was too wroth to answer either of my questions. But he said "Good Bye" with emphasis.

Challenge Constitutional Right Of Owen, Keech To Hold Office

York Daily Record (York, Pennsylvania) · 3 Mar 1941,

Owen And Keech Will Go On Trial This Morning

On Trial



WALTER F. OWEN



RALPH W. KEECH

Quo Warranto Proceedings Before Sherwood

Attempt Will Be Made
To Oust Owen And
Keech From Offices Because Of Alleged Election Law Violations In
First Ward In 1939

Fisher Joins Defense Staff

First Ward Alderman W. F. Owen and First Ward Constable Raiph W. Keech will go on trial before Judge Ray P. Sherwood and a jury in common pleas court to-day to show by what right they hold their respective offices.

The quo warranto proceedings are an attempt to oust Owen and Keech from their offices. This ouster will occur if the aleged violations of the election laws at the November 1939 election are proven by the commonwealth in the jury trial, starting today.

The proceedings designed to oust the two from office were instituted by the commonwealth on petition of District Attorney John E. Brenneman at the request of Attorneys Spencer R. Liverant and C. M. Lawyer, Jr. counsel for the original petitioner, J. W. Gitt, editor and publisher of The Gazette and Daily.

Alf. Liverand, former instructor at the Dickinson Law school, and Mr. Lawyer, a graduate of University of Pennsylvania Law school.

AVER THEY VIOLATE PA. CONSTITUTION IN HOLDING OFFICE

Petitions Ask Attorney General Reno To Start Proceedings In County Courts

HEARING TO BE HELD MARCH 12

The York Dispatch (York, Pennsylvania) · 12 Mar 1940,

STYLE FIRST WARD ELECTION CASE AN ATTACK ON COURT

"An Attempt to Get in Back
Door When Thrown
Out Front"

OF PETITIONER GITT

Motion By Attorneys Still and
Wogan to Have Proceedings
For Quo Warranto Writs
Dismissed by Attorney General — Statutory Remedy
Is Provided, Counsel For
Owen and Keech Contend

"An attempt on the part of the pelitioner to get in the back door by way of the office of the attorney general after having been thrown out by way of the front door by a court of competent jurisdiction."

It's No Longer This Way



-Photo By The Gazette And Duily

The "law" offices of "Attorney-At-Law" Owen are shown above.

Actually Walter F. Owen is only aldreman (yes, of the notorious First ward) and not a member of the bar. Ralph W. Keech is a constable of the same ward and a detective appointed by the court.

Some years ago a member of the York county bar had his law offices in this building and the inscriptions "Law Offices Of" and "Attorney-At-Law" which appear in the picture above were accurate and not a mis-

representation.

representation.

Since the removal of this lawyer from this building more than five years ago Owen's offices were represented to be a lawyer's law offices by Owen's neglect, wilfful or otherwise, to remove the inscriptions.

Just for reference purposes The Gazette and Daily snapped the picture shown above during the Christmas season last winter. The Gazette and Daily snapped another photograph of the misrepresentation on the alderman's door last Sunday morning. Tipped off by some of his friends at the nearby fire house, Owen this week called in a sign painter and had the misrepresentations—the "Law Offices Of" and "Attorney-At-Law" inscriptions—removed. inscriptions-removed.

York Daily Record (York, Pennsylvania) · 27 Jul 1940

AROUND THE

STRANGE THINGS are happening around the

Perhaps some people have mistaken the mid-

Perhaps they think someone is turning on the

SOMETHING OVER five years ago, Attorney George S. Love moved his offices from South Duke street to North Duke street.

In the same building were the offices of Alder-man Walter F Owen and Ralph W Keeth.

When Attorney Love moved, his name was stricken from the door

But in bold letters remained the legend-LAW

And in smaller letters just above the name of Walter F. Owen remained the legend-ATTORNEY AT LAW

It was natural for people to associate the legends with the names on the door. People frequently referred to Lawyer Owen's office. Around City Hall on occasion, the Lawyer became Judge.

Fire five years this deception was permitted by the most august York County Bar association.
We have had no information from that sterling

mardian of the ethics and prerogatives of the legal profession during those live sears relative to requiring the removal of the deceptive signs.

BUT NOW, it seems, someone has taken the blindfold from the eyes of Madame Justice

The door to Alderman Owen's offices no longer bears the legends LAW OFFICES and ATTORNEY

WE MUST BE PARDONED our currently about the reason for the. Has the Bar Association finally decided that such

a situation is too raw. Has the Bar association endered the removal of the ognic

We don't know

the door bearing the "Law Offices sign has been floating around the editional rooms of The Gazette and Daily for the past week. You'll probably see it on another page of this roue of the paper.

WF HAVE WAITED a long time for that sign to come down. We have been antisipating its re-moval. On several occasions recently we have been or, the point of suggesting to the Bar association

that omething be done about it.

But the game of watching and waiting to see how long this thing could be gotten away with was too

To us, it will seem that another landmark has been removed from the South Duke street district.

We have observed that "Law Offices" sign for so

long that it will take some time before we grow ac customed to its absence.

However, we think we'll be able to stand it, (Aside to Walter F. Osen. The picture was taken before Christmas. Note the very nice Christmay wreath you had in your door at that time.)

Owen, Keech / VIUST Stand

Jury Trial In Election Case

Must Stand Trial Or Resign

The York Dispatch (York, Pennsylvania) · 5 Mar 1941,

GITT STILL ABSENT AS OWEN CASE NEARS END

RECORD SHOWS MAN WHO STARTED PROCEEDINGS HAS EVADED SUBPOENA

EVIDENCE IS FLIMSY

J. W. Gitt. Penn township, newspapers. publisher, has deserted his problem child—his attempt to oust Alderman Walter F. Owen and Constable Raiph Keech from the First ward offices to which they were elected unanimously on Nov. 7, 1939. The hearing of testimony in the quo warranto proceedings before Judge Ray P. Sherwood and a jury, which he instituted more than a year ago, is now in the third day. Defense witnesses were heard today and the trial proceeded rapidly so that there is prospect that it will end tomorrow.

The record of testimony shows that Mr. Gitt has been successful in evading a subpoens server because he is out of town. By inadvertence his counsel stated that he is sick. He has not appeared at any time since the trial began and has left those who have become involved in the proceedings at his behest to stand alone under guidance of counsel. It is doubtful, however, whether he could give any material testimony in the case since his action was based upon information gathered by those in his employment.

Judge Sherwood Refuses To Halt Quo Warranto

First Ward Alderman And Constable Can Escape Trial Only If They Resign

Have 30 Days To Answer

The commonwealth won an important victory yesterday in the First Ward election case when Judge Ray P. Sherwood handed down an opinion refusing to quash suggestions for writs of quo warranto challenging the eligibility of Walter F. Owen, alderman of the First ward, and Ralph W. Keech, constable of the same ward, to hold their respective offices.

Jury, Out Forty Minutes, Finds For Owen And Keech

Owen Celebrates His Victory With Party At Beer Club

Walter F. Owen, ald man of the First ward, celel ated his victory yesterday in quo warranto proceedings brought against him and Constable Ralph W. Keech, by throwing a party for invited friends at the Spring Garden club, East Clarke alley, near George street, last night.

District Attorney Expects To Move For New Trial

The Gazette and Daily (York, Pennsylvania) · 21 Apr 1942,

Quo Warranto Proceedings End

Anstine Fails To Take Appeal To Higher Court Within 90 Days, Time Allowed By Law, And Case Against Owen And Keech, Started After 1939 Mayoralty Election, Closes; Judge Sherwood Re-appoints Keech A County Detective

TO BUILD LUNCH ROOM ON O. P. WATERS TRACT

Alderman Walter F. Owen, acting as agent for H. R. Rouse, 203 Second street. Essington, Pa., has bought the triangular plot of ground at the forks of the York-Dallastown and the Ore Valley roads, south of the Queen street hill.

Mr. Essington plans to erect on this ground a modernistic lunch

room.

YORK Daily Record (YORK, Pennsylvania) - 22 Jan 1940, F

AL JOLSON MAY APPEAR IN CONCERT. IN YORK

Lester K. Loucks, conductor-manager of the Spring Garden band, said Saturday an attempt would be made to have Al Jolson, singing star of stage, radio and screen, to appear with the band in a concert here this spring.

Loucks said that Walter F. Owen, band president, wrote him from Florida to the effect that he met Jolson while vacationing there and the singer told him he would be available for concert appearances in the spring.

The York Dispatch (York, Pennsylvania) · 26 May 1942,

OWEN FAMILY WITH DISPATCH 67 YEARS

The York Dispatch, as a newspaper, has two distinctions. It is the only newspaper in Pennsylvania to have continued in the ownership and operation of the family of its founder who was the late Hiram Young. It is published by his heirs by the name of Young. The publishing company has two generations of the Young family represented in its ownership and management.

The other distinction is that the York Dispatch has had, from the day it was first published, and for a time before when it was "The True Democrat," a weekly, to the present, members of the Owen family as employes.

The Dispatch was founded as a daily by Hiram Young, 67 years ago.

Henry Owen, who died four years ago, was an employe of The True Democrat, and was made the foreman of the Dispatch composing room. He continued in that position to the time of his death.

At various times, from its inception to the present, an Owen or two or more of that family, have always worked for the Dispatch. They were Robert Owen; compositor; James Owen, reporter. Charles Owen, a job printer, and Kirk White Owen, a compositor. All of these are dead. Charles Owen died last Sunday.

Walter F. Owen, alderman of the First ward, was a Dispatch employe for many years. He was a compositor. Kirk White Owen was a brother of the alderman.

PAY OF POLICE JUDGE PUT IN PENSION FUND

OVER COMPENSATION FOR

COMPLETES MONTH TERM

Alderman Walter F. Owen today completed his one-month term as police court magistrate under the new system recently adopted by council, and the compensation of \$50 he is entitled to was turned over to the police pension fund.

There were no prisoners arraigned when police court opened at 9 o'clock this morning. Many of the frequent offenders have been imprisoned by Police Judge Owen. After the trial list was asked for, and there was no response. Alderman Owen addressed the police and other city representatives present, as follows:

"I desire to thank you all for the co-operation which you gave me during the past month. It was a great honor to serve as the first police mag strate of York, here in this magnificent City hall. I do not choose to accept the salary accorded me for this service and I request the chief of police to purchase a war bond and war stamps with this money for the use of the police pension fund.

stamps with this money for the use of the police pension fund.
"I am an offspring of a family that helped build this great city and I am sorry that its members could not live to see this day.

The York Dispatch (York, Pennsylvania) · 21 Feb 1944

ALDERMAN RECOVERS

Walter F. Owen Spent 25 Days in Baltimore Hospital—Penicillin Saved Sight

Alderman Walter F. Owen, after 25 days in the Baltimore Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat hospital, was at his desk in his office on South Duke street a few hours today. He credats the green-mold miracle drug, penicillin, with saving the sight of his right eye, which was infected and caused his hospitalization.

Early in January Alderman Owen contracted a severe attack of grip or influenza, which caused an eye infection. An ulcer developed on his eyeball. When he went to the hospital for examination he immediately was put to bed. First he was treated with sulfa drugs, which appeared to backfire and cause complications. His physician, Dr. Clyde A. Klapp, then started a search and was able to find a small quantity of penicillin. There was almost immediate response a ter its use.

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RE-ELECTED ALDERMAN FOR HIS EIGHTH TERM

WALTER F. OWEN OF FIRST WARD DEFEATS OPPON-ENT BY 270 VOTES

OTHER WARD CONTESTS

Alderman Walter F. Owen, of the First ward, was re-elected to that post for his eighth term yesterday. He defeated his Republican opponent, Raymond M. Sohl, by a total of 270 votes in the two districts, Auderman Owen polled 220 votes in the First district, and 255 in the Second district. Sohl received a vote of 93 in the First district and 112 in the Second district.

ACCUSED OF ABORTION

Victim of Operation, Alleged to Have Been Performed by A. K. Neiman, in Serious State

A. K. Neiman, 104 West King street, widely known as "Doc," was committed to jail today to answer a charge of abortion made before Alderman Walter F. Owen by Chief County Detective William Kasparvich.

The victim of Neiman's alleged illegal operation is reported to be in a serious condition in the York hospital, where it has been necessary to give blood transfusions in an effort to save her life. She is Dorothy Belle Rosser, aged 19 years, a Virginia girl, who has resided in York for a comparatively short time.

Neiman appeared before Alderman Owen this morning with his counsel, Attorneys William Luria and Norman T. Petow. District Attorney W Burg Anstine fixed the bond at \$3,500 because of the condition of the girl and Neiman's record for offenses as again charged against him. His counsel halted any questioning of Neiman by the district attorney or members of his staff.

The prisoner was taken to jail by Detective Ralph Keech, who served the warrant.

According to information gained by the district attorney Neiman was paid \$25 for an illegal operation, which is said to have been a crude and cruel one. The time of the offense is said to have been last Saturday morning at Neiman's West King street address. Arrangements for it were made in a taproom or restaurant at 244 South George street, where Neiman is employed. On Aug. 28, 1937, Neiman was

On Aug. 28, 1937, Neiman was sentenced by Judge Henry C. Niles to not less than three nor more than six years in the Eastern penitentiary after being convicted by a jury of one case of abortion, pleading guilty to a second and to a charge of subornation of perjury, which means that he induced witnesses to testify falsely.

The York Dispatch (York, Pennsylvania) · 5 Jun 1944

Navy Man Returns and Finds Stranger Hiding in His Home

Roman Eyster came home on leave from the U. S. Navy on Saturday night and found another man hiding in a closet in his wife's bedroom at their home at 2034 West Philadelphia street.

Just how the navy man suspected that something was amiss at his home has not been reported, but before returning there he secured Detective Ralph Keech to accompany him.

When the husband and his detective companion entered the house they heard a commotion in a bedroom, and, entering, found Mrs. Eyster clad in a nightgown, Detective Keech said. A noise coming from a closet caused the detective to open the closet door and there stood a nude man, holding his clothing in his hands, He gave his name as Irvin Kohler and his address as Yoe.

Two children of the Eyster family, one 13 and one six, were asleep in other bedrooms of the residence.

Eyster made information before Alderman Walter F. Owen charging Mrs. Eyster with adultery and Kohler with fornication. Both were committed to jail for a hearing Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock. Later they secured bond and were released from jail.

PUBLIC SALE VALUABLE REAL ESTATE AND

PERSONAL PROPERTY
Saturday, June 22, 1946—1:30 P. M.
On Saturday, June 22, 1946, the heirs at law of William N. Leschey, late of York

at law of William N. Leschey, late of York Township, York County, Pennsylvania, will offer at public auction, on the premises, the following real estate:

Beautiful residence, situate on Owen Road, adjoining lands of Chester G. Myers and Walter F. Owen, consisting of approximately one acre of landscaped grounds, improved with stone and shingle dwelling house and separate two-car garage with servants' quarters. The house contains double living room with fireplace, dining room, kitchen, pantry, 3 bed rooms, dressing rooms, 2 baths, recreation room with fireplace and built-in bar, freezer room and large closets. Oil heater and all other conlarge closets. Oil heater and all other conveniences are installed. Immediate possession available to purchaser.

A beautiful home, close to the city, with

excellent road, and situate in delightful setting.

PERSONAL PROPERTY

At the same time and place the Executrix of Mr. Leschey's estate will offer the following personal property: Westinghouse electric heater, quantity dishes, cutlery and utensils, chest of drawers, vanity, andirons, radio, cash register, domino stool. Burdick Quartz lamp, Battle Creek health machine, Pathoclast, Burdick Steam cabinet, Battle Creek Oscillo manipulator, table, chairs, cabinet, benches, Kelvinator freezer, lawn mower, wheelbarrow, tools, and other articles too numerous to mention. Sale will begin promptly at 1:30 P. M. Daylight Saving Time at which time terms and conditions will be made known by

and conditions will be made known by Heirs At Law And Executrix of Estate of William N. Leschey,

Laird & Buchen, Attorneys for Executrix. Deceased.

R. O. McLaughlin,

Auctioneer. 60-j6.11,15,17,19,21 IN THE ORPHANS' COURT OF YORK COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA—In the matter of the Estate of William N. Leschey, tate of the Borough of Hanover in the said County, Deceased.

TO THE HEIRS, LEGATEES, CREDITORS, INTENDING PURCHASERS, OR ANY OTHER PERSON INTERESTED IN SAID ESTATE:

Notice is berely given that on the eighth

Notice is kereby given that on the eighth day of October, 1947, the widow, children and legatees under the will of said decedent presented their petition to said Court praying for an order authorizing and directing a private sale of real estate of which said decedent died seized, located and described as follows to wit:

which said decedent died seized, located and desribed as follows, to wit:

All that tract of land with improvements, situate in York Township, York County, Pennsylvania, located on a roadway known as Owen Road and adjoining lands of Walter F. Owen and C. G. Myers with the appurtenances, to Jimmy G. Wilson, Jr., and Jeune Eleanor Wilson, his wife, at and for the price of \$20,000.00 for the purpose of distribution, whereupon said Court fixed Monday, the 3rd day of November, A. D. 1947, at 10:00 o'clock A. M. in open Court at York, Pennsylvania, as the time and place for a hearing thereon, at which time any person interested may appear and object to such sale on account of insufficiency of the price, and, if such objection be sustained, may offer to give or pay a substantial increase for said property, and the Court, at its discretion, may thereupon authorize or direct the same and accept any substantially increased offer and may authorize direct the same and accept any substantially increased offer, and may authorize the sale of said property to such new bidder upon compliance with the conditions of sale and giving such security as shall be directed by the Court; or such interested by the court is a constant of the constant of the court is a constant of the court is a constant of the constant party may appear as aforesaid and object to such sale on any legal or equitable grounds, in which case the Court will take such action as justice may require.

W. HOWARD DILKS, JR. KAIN, KAIN, KAIN, & KAIN, Attorneys for Petitioners.

PROPERTY WITHDRAWN June 24,1946AT BID OF \$17,800

About an acre of ground in York township on which there is a fine residence and other improvements was offered at public sale on Saturday as part of the estate of the late William N. Leschey. The property was withdrawn at the top bid of \$17,800. R. O. McLaughlin was auctioneer. Attorneys Laird and Buchen are counsel for the executrix and heirs. The property adjoins those of Chester G. Myers and Walter F. Owen.

WALTER F. OWEN DIES ON WAY TO HOSPITAL

VETERAN YORK MAGISTRATE EXPIRES IN AMBULANCE; AGED 71 YEARS

WAS POLITICAL LEADER

Walter Franklin Owen, dean of the city's minor judiciary as alderman of the First ward, volunteer fireman, Democratic leader and active in numerous other civic ventures, died about 12:30 o'clock this afternoon as he was being rushed to the York hospital. He was 71 years old.

Mr. Owen who maintained a residence at Owen Villa, in York township, suffered a release during the night from his recent prolonged illness and when his condition



WALTER F. OWEN

failed to improve today his physician, Dr. H. B. Thomas, ordered his removal to the hospital. He was being conveyed to the institution in an ambulance but expired before it arrived there.

The genial alderman, who held his post for 42 consecutive years, recently submitted to surgery at the local hospital but his condition failed to improve.

A son of the late Thomas F. and Mary White Owen. Mr. Owen leaves his widow, the former Lida Rouse Owen, who acted as his secretary for many years; one brother, Ashmer C. Owen, 336 South Duke street, deputy city treasurer; and two sisters, Edith M., wife of George C. Potts, and Miss L. Grace Owen, both of 1513 North Second street, Harrisburg.

The deceased was re-elected to his magisterial post the last time in November, 1945. He was president of the York County Magistrates association for several terms. His career as a magistrate and law enforcement officer and administrator oegan during the term of the late Sheriff Edward C. Peeling, who appointed Mr. Owen one of his deputies. He filled the post with such efficiency and integrity that when Sheriff Manifold, a Republican, took office in 1905 he retained Mr. Owen, a prominent Democrat, in the same post.

Began Career as Printer

At an early age Mr. Owen became an apprentice at printing in the plant of the York Dispatch when it was located on East Market street, between Continental square and the court house. Some years after Mr. Owen became alderman he purchased the old Dispatch building for sentimental reasons and located his offices in the structure. In it he was the presiding judge of some of York county's most widely publicized criminal cases.

He was employed by the Dispatch for four years and during this time he was elected president of the Penn Park Athletic association for two years. The association operated a basketball team on which played York's outstanding diamond stars.

In his youth Mr. Owen was an active volunteer fireman and always maintained an interest in the local fire department. He served a number of years as president of the Rescue company. Last year he was chairman of the committee that arranged the company's 75th anniversary celebration. He was also a member of the Firemen's Relief association.

The veteran magistrate was identified with the Spring Garden band for about five years as its president. Fraternally, he was affiliated with the Fraternal Order of Eagles and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Always a potent factor in local politics, Mr. Owen was a staunch supporter of Felix S. Bentzel in the latter's campaign for mayor last fall. He looked forward with fond hope to return to a turn of duty when Mayor Bentzel revived the system of alternating police magistrates. His physical condition, however, was such that he could not accept the appointment. His office was at 48 South Duke street, where he also maintained a city residence.

The body was removed to the Strack and Strine Funeral home, 1205 East Market street.

OWEN WILL FILED

First Ward Magistrate's Estate Goes to Widew-Valued at \$45,000

An estate tentatively valued at \$48,000 is bequeathed to his wife, Lida R. in the will of the late Alderman Walter F. Owen, filed this morning in the office of Register of Wills Claude P. Young

The entire estate is left to the widow

Personal property valued at \$6,000 is listed and real estate valued at 18 listed and real estate varied at \$40,000. The latter includes five parcels of property, as follows: House and lot at No. 48 South Duke street, one-half interest in the Owen-Luria building, 121-123. South George street, dwelling house and one acre of land on Owen road in York township tract. Owen road in York township; tract of seven acres in York township; tract of land and building improved with a veterinarian hospital

in York township.

The late magistrate names his wife as executrix and directs that all his real estate be converted into cash. The sum of \$10,000 is to be placed in trush, the income to be paid to his sister. I. Grace Owen, of Harrisburg. At the latter's death, the principal of the trust is given to the widow absolutely.

The remaining proceeds of the real and all unconverted assets, real and personal, is left to the widow, her heirs and assigns.

The will is dated Sept. 15, 1947.

Former Judge McClean Stock is attorney for the estate.

The York Dispatch (York, Pennsylvania) - Sat, Dec 18, 1948

Frontenac Princess Pepper, an English bulldog owned by Alderman and Mrs. Walter F. Owen, this city, was entered in the national dog show at New York's Madison Square Garden.

York Daily Record (York, Pennsylvania) - Wed, Sep 7, 1949

This so-called regular organization of the Democratic party is not old as "machines" go. It began somewhere around 1940 as a vouthful revolt against the venerable, hard-shelled city and county machine long dominated by the Hellers and such professional politicians as the late Walter F. Owen, First Ward Alderman.

The Gazette and Daily (York, Pennsylvania) Fri, Nov 1, 1963

Mrs. Lida R. Owen Mrs. Lida Rouse Owen, 75, widow of Walter F. Owen, longtime First ward alderman, died yesterday at 5 p.m. at York hospital.

Mrs. Owen, who lived on Owen road. York RD 3, was the daughter of the late John and Flora Frey Rouse. She was a member of Trinity United Church of Christ.

Surviving are two brothers, Authur J. Rouse, 34 North Queen street, and Harry R. Rouse, Essington, Pa.

Funeral arrangements were incomplete last night.

The Gazette and Daily (York, Pennsylvania) · Sat, Nov 2, 1960

OWEN On Oct. 31, 1963, at 5:00 p.m., at the York hospital, Lida Rouse Owen, widow of Walter F. Owen, 'Owen Villa' Owen Rd., RD 3, aged 75 years, 11 months, 29 days.

Private services Monday, 11:00 a.m. at the Strack and Strine Funeral home, 1205 E. Market St. Private entombment in mausoleum, Prospect Hill cemetery.

There will be no viewing. Kindly omit flowers. 58-n2-2t

Public Sale

Household Goods, Lida R. Owen
Owen's Road.

To Be Sold Sat. Dec. 7, 1963

Wilson's Auction Room 1154 Mt. Rose Ave. Starting 10 o'clock prompt

Starting 10 o'clock prompt

1957 Buick hard top 24,000 actual miles, auto. drive, radio, heater like new, one owner.

4 pc. mahog. bed room suite, 9x12 rugs, glass vanity & bench, variety nice drapes, cherry canopy bed, cherry chest drawers, Admiral 21" color T. V. set like new, mahog. credenza, mahog. slant top desk, variety of lamps singles & pairs, trunks, pr. mahog. end tables, wahnut truck-a-way table, mahog. hall table, cedar chest, mahog. coffee table with tooled leather top, variety uphols. chairs wing & barrel backs, excersizer, clothes trees, mahog. pie crust candle stand, variety uphols. bed room chairs, fire-place tools, fire-place fender, mirrors, elec. fan, 4 pc. maple living room set, Sheraton uphols. sofa, nest of tables, hassocks, maple lamps, variety maple stands, 10 pc. mahog. Duncan Phyfe dining room suite, 3 pc. chrome breakfast set, radios, Rogers flat silver ware, Remington typewriter, Hotpoint elec. stove, Kelvinator elec. refrigerator with freezer across top, variety of rugs various sizes, filing cabinet, York Safe, chest drawers, Kelvinator auto. washer like new, clothes tree cast iron, Electrolux cleaner, elec. waxer, step ladders, wheel barrows, lawn mowers, lawn sweepers, garden tools all kinds, garden hose, bird baths, 4 lawn benches, 6 pc. rattan porch set, elec. hedge trimmer, variety hand tools & lawn tools. mantle clock.

The York Dispatch (York, Pennsylvania) · Tue. Aug 4, 1964

Lida R. Owen estate to Bobby Lee Stoner and wife, property in York township.

The York Dispatch (York, Pennsylvania) - Thu, Apr 6, 1972 - Page 5

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Four institutions will share the final distribution of \$192,981 from the estate of Lida R. Owen, late of York Township, widow of Walter F. Owen, longtime 1st Ward alderman and private detective.

There is a \$15,000 bequest to York Hospital, while the residue of \$177,981 goes in equal parts of \$59,327 to York County Blind Center, Visiting Nurse Association of York and the York YMCA as memorials to Walter F. and Lida R. Owen.

WHO WAS CHESTER G. MYERS?

Born in 1887, Chester grew up in a family of both wealth and accomplishment in one of York's fine townhomes at 317 East Market Street He was the last of four children born to his father's second wife.

Edwin S. Myers, his father, a cigar manufacturer, by 1873 was reportedly operating "the largest factory of any kind in York." He also operated four farm properties where he was known as a lover of horses. He was a notable Mason and a member of the Lafayette Club among other organizations, and at his death in 1916 was both a board member and largest stockholder of The York Water Company.

His mother, Anna Parker laeger, born to a West Virginia pioneer and coal baron, came also from a family of considerable wealth. Her family line included diplomats, ties to Virginia's Custis family, as well links to German royalty. As Mrs. Edwin Myers she was prominent and active locally with the YWCA, York Hospital, and St. Paul's Lutheran till she passed in 1933.

Reputed to be a graduate of Mercersburg Academy, early on Chester was a budding tobacco entrepreneur. A 1908 article, when he would have been 21, reports the sale of his and brother Ellis' wholesale tobacco business to C. H. Stallman, a dealer. It notes that Ellis will join his father in business. Nothing on Chester.

Evidence then indicates that he would soon enter into his first box business known as York Composition Company, and by 1917 would again sell out, this time to a partner.

Staying in the box business, later records indicate that in 1926 he was once again in a partnership with Hanoverian William N. Leschey, forming Leschey-Myers Manufacturing.

By 1923, a wealthy bachelor, Chester Myers had begun to acquire a series of mostly wooded land parcels in York Township, principally from the farms of Schaszberger/Dempwolf and Harry Myers, and soon began construction of his secluded country home. While there were other homes springing up

along the Road, central Owen Road would for years just feature a cluster of four (in order): Owen, Leschey, CG Myers, Lafean.

By 1927, the Leschey-Myers company was producing one tenth of the cigar boxes used in the U. S. and a new factory under construction was designed to significantly boost that market share. CGM is elected to the board of the First National Bank and two years later he became a director of the York Water Company (note that within just a few years York Water would surprisingly come to rural Owen Road!).

In 1929, Leschey-Myers merges with three other major manufacturers then having eight plants, to form the Autokraft Box company. With its headquarters in York (soon to be on Owen Road), the Autokraft conglomerate was already producing 25 million wooden cigar boxes annually and had the capacity for 15 million more.

CGM had dated Leah Strayer, also of York, for at least a decade. It's notable that CGM, prospering in January 1933, in mid-Depression, on the cruise ship Empress of Britain, on world tour at Columbo, Ceylon, picks that point to marry his long-time squeeze. The ceremony is conducted by the Registrar of Colombo, bested by several on board apparently also wealthy Londoners, and with the bride being "given" by Baron de Marwicz of Paris. See wedding photo following!

Anna, CGM's mother, dies that midyear and leaves a \$320,000. estate to three children.

Two years later, to the month of their marriage, in 1935, Garnet Odeon Myers is born to Chester and Leah.

In 1936 Autokraft pursues and wins a significant patent infringement lawsuit. Its legal counsel is Samuel McCall, CGM's brother-in-law.

The Myers family had for years owned a 4-acre parcel along the banks of the Codorus just east of Richland Avenue, that at one time had been known as the YMCA athletic field, and later as the York Athletic Club grounds. In 1937 CGM gifs the land to York City for public use, in memory

of his parents and in honor of his two-and-a-half-year-old daughter, to be forever called Odeon Park. It still is.

By 1939, CGM earns a patent for a "special type cigar box", and another for "Pull Me Down", an adaptable infant toilet seat. As a member of the Hanover Flying Club, he becomes a dealer for Fairchild-Warner powered aircraft when he purchases his own deluxe model.

Some personally related articles tell of Garnet loaning her pet monkey Chico to the kids at the Children's Home while her family is wintering in Florida during the winter of '41. In 1943 Leah reports the theft of \$3000. In jewelry from her luggage while on a train to New York. A "Liberal reward" notice later appears.

In February 1945 architect Reinhardt Dempwolf died at age 84.

In July of 1944, CGM's partner and next-door neighbor William Leschey, died unexpectedly. In messy and contentious proceedings that were to last two years, the \$625,000.+ estate was fought over by at least the widow (got \$112K) and a daughter, plus several lawyers and accountants (got about \$65+K). There is a question as to whether or not the Lescheys were estranged at the time of his death as she apparently was residing in Hanover.

An auction for the Leschey residence (the Dorothy Kennedy house) is held in June 1946. Described as having "servant's quarters" above an adjacent garage, "double living room with fireplace", and a "freezer room". The property is withdrawn after failing to exceed a bid of \$17,880., but later is sold to Jimmy Wilson, Jr. proprietor of a moving van and storge business (who, incidentally, in August 1947 ALSO buys CGM's old "box factory building" at the corner of Mason & Howard Aves.).

Throughout the late '40's Garnet figures in numerous equestrian championships throughout the region. By 1948 she is also noted as being a YCI graduate.

A lightning strike at 9 PM on June 29,1953 burned the stone warehouse and office building of Autokraft Box across Owen Road from CGM's residence. "The fire was discovered by five domestic workers who smelled smoke while watching television in the office basement." Three riding horses were saved from an adjacent stable. Water was pumped from the pool behind the residence. The blaze was seen for miles around and drew a considerable crowd, some of whom were not above acting out in untoward ways. Some spectators amused themselves by throwing rocks at windows in the burning warehouse. Some carried off office equipment and furniture. One inebriated woman was stopped while toting away a bronze statuette, her "souvenir", that had adorned a wall pillar. Damage was later estimated at \$200,000. See article and several photos following.

By 1960, Chester Myers, at age 73, was in frequent poor health. He went to Phoenix to recuperate, but on November 13th, the "industrialist and philanthropist" passed away there. He held numerous affiliations including Masonic, Lafayette Club, CCY, YMCA, Elks, Rotary, Dutch Club, Sons of the American Revolution, and the York Historical Society among others.

Two weeks after CGM's death, his son in law, Irvin Naylor, "who is associated with Autokraft...", is elected to the board of York Water Company. Three months after the death, Garnet Naylor is elected to the board of Autokraft. In 1965 Autokraft opens a new 80,000 square foot plant in Red Lion.

By the early 1970's Leah and Garnet begin to take steps to reorganize their land holdings along Owen Road with an eye toward disposition and development. Much of that is noted in the Land Record Detail section contained herein.

By 1977 Garnet is now Mrs. Lloyd Palmer and residing on a Springfield Township farm. She files a business name of Inwood Farms to engage in "the breeding, training and racing of horses" (in 1985 she would sell the farm to Arthur Glatfelter).

Leah Myers died in 1988, 28 years after her husband. Garnet would pass in 2010 in Newark, Delaware.

PURCHASED TOBACCO BUSINESS

C. H. Stallman, the North George street tobacco dealer, has purchased the business of Ellis I. Myers and Chester G. Myers, wholesale tobacco merchants, located at the corner of Beaver and North streets. Ellis Myers will go into the tobacco business with his father, Edwin Myers.

The York Dispatch (York, Pennsylvania) - Fri, May 25, 1917 - Page 1

Printed on Jun 13, 202

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.

Notice is hereby given that the partnership lately subsisting between Philip P. Mann and Chester G. Myers, of York, Pennsylvanic, under the firm name of the York Composition Company, was dissolved on the 10th day of May A. D. 1917, by mutual consent, All debts owing to the said partnership are to be received by the said Philip P. Mann, and all demands on the said partnership are to be presented to him for payment, at 140 S. George St./York, Pa., where the business will be conducted by the said Philip P. Mann under the firm name of the York Composition Company, CHESTER G. MYERS, PHILIP P. MANN.

BUILDER OF ZARFOS/TOWNSLEY BUNGALOW IN 1920'S

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STUART B. LAFEAN

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REPUBLICAN
NOMINATION
Treasurer of York County

Nellie S. Dempwolf and others to Chester G. Myers, property in York township.

York Daily Record (York, Pennsylvania) - Tue. Dec 25, 1923

Chester G. Myers to Nettie S. Dempwolf and others, a property in York township.

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- Tue, Oct 19, 1920

FOR SALE

Truck farm of about 10 acres. Improvements consist of brick house, barn, 2 chicken houses, hog pen, implement shed, wagon shed, corn crib, well water connections with sink, fruit and berries of all kind. Situated about ¼ mile from King's Sand Bank on Green Hill road, about 2 miles out from York. Convenient to school and church. A fine property for trucking and poultry, Apply to HARRY M. MYERS, Owner.

York Daily Record (York, Pennsylvania) - Wed, May 16, 1923 -

Harry M. Myers and wife to Chester G. Myers, a property in York township.

The York Dispatch (York, Pennsylvania) - Thu, Nov 1, 1928

Harry M. Myers to E. Elwood Scott and wife, a property in Spring Garden and York townships.

York Daily Record (York, Pennsylvania) - Tue, Jun 26, 1928

20-ACRE FARM, 1/2 mile from Queen St. 'pike, on Green Hill road, 8-room house, slate roof, all necessary out-buildings, plenty of fruit, electric lights and pump. Harry M. Myers, York R. 6. 25-3t

ELECT CHESTER MYERS DIRECTOR OF A BANK

Chester G. Myers has been elected a director of the First National bank. He is a member of the firm of Leshey. Myers Cigar Box company operating a factory supplying one-tenth of the cigar boxes used in the United States. When a new factory, this company, is building is completed, it will so add to capacity that this company will be able to produce one-half of the cigar boxes used in the United States. York at present has among its numerous industries, 10 plants which are the largest of their kind in the world. When the new plant of the Leshey-Myers Clgar Box com-pany is ready to operate, York's list of "the largest in the world" industries will be increased to 11 as the new clgar box factory will be the world's largest.

The York Dispatch (York, Pennsylvania) Tue, Feb 12, 1929 - Page 2 Printed on Jun 13, 202

ELECT CHESTER G. MYERS DIRECTOR OF WATER CO.

Chester G. Myers treasurer of the, Leschey-Myers Cigar Box company, was elected a director of the York Water company to succeed the late Theodore R. Helb. This action was taken at a special meeting of the board fo directors of the company held yesterday afternoon. He is a director of the First National bank of York.

The York Disperch (York, Pennsylvania) Fri, Jan 17, 1930 - Page 2 Printed on Jun 13, 207

EXECUTIVE OFFICES HERE

\$2,000,000 Autokraft Box Corporation Headquarters in Manufacturers' Association Building

The executive offices of the recently launched Autokraft Box corporation, incorporated under the state laws of Delaware, for \$2,000,-000 will be located in the Manufirturers' association building, 25 North Duke street, according to an announcement made today. new corporation is formed by the considerion of the following leading wooden eiger bex manufacturinc tiems: Globe Box company, Lima, O.; Cideago Box company, Chicago: Wadsworth-Campbell Box company. Detroit, and the Leschey-Myers Char Box company, York, Hanover, Philadelphia and Norristown. These factories supply annually 25,000,000 boxes and have a capacity of over 40,000,000.

The Leschey-Myers Cigar Box company, which figures in the merger, is the largest manufacturer of cigar boxes in the world and for years has enjoyed an enviable reputation in the industry as volume producers of quality wooden, cigar boxes. About its years ago it was definitely realized and then decided in the firm that its interest in the cigar box industry must broaden layand the chaotic, laborious, unsurentic band-made methods then employed in the prediction and distribution of weaden cigar boxes, on account of the geographic location, it became necessary for the Lochey-Myers company in the past six years to purchase and acquire seven officer cigar box manufacturing seven other cigar box manufacturing seven other cigar box manufacturing

On account of the gorgraphic location, it became necessary for the Louchey-Myers company in the pastity years to purchase and acquire seven other cigar box manufacturing plants in order to concentrate its mass production and create greater product and transportation economics to perfect still greater mass production and transportation economies, the incorporation of the Auto-Braff Box corporation was decided upon. The consolidation is the result of a decision of Chester G. Myers and William N. Leschey to make wooden clear boxes less laboriously and in quantities never before thought pos-

stble.

The officers of the new corporation are: President, Harry W. Buckley, Globe Box company, Lima O.; vion president, William Leschey, Leschey-Myers Cigar Box company, in charge of production: transurer, Chester G. Myers, Leschey-Myers Cigar Box company, York, secretary, John A. Camphell, Wadaworth Campbell Box company, Detroit.

YORKERS WED ON LINER

Chester G. Myers and Leah Strayer Married in Ceylon Harbor-On World Cruise

Chester G. Myers and Miss Leah Strayer, both of this city, were married on board the liner Empres of Britain yesterday in a surprise ceremony performed at Colombo. a Ceylon harbor, by the registrat of p Colo.nbo. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Strayer, of a New Cumberland, formerly of 723 West Princess street. Mr. Myers is the son of Mrs. Anna I. Myers. and the late Edwin Myers, of 327 East Market street.

The brief ceremony was performed of in the ballrom of the world tour ship. The room was elaborately decorated. Baron Marwicz. of Paris. gave the bride in marriage and F. R. Tillman, of London, acted as Mr. Myers' best man, Mr. Myers and his bride will return home from the world tour on April 11, next.

Mr. Myers is treasurer of the Autokraft Box corporation. -WA 40 000 FOR BI

The York Dispatch (York, Pennsylvania) Thu. Jul 6, 1933 Page 1

LEAVES \$320,000 ESTATE

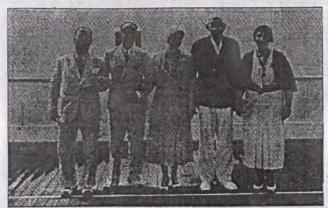
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Mrs. Anna laeger Myers Bequeaths
Property to Kin-Residuary
Goes to Children
An estate declared at \$320,000 was
disposed of in the will of Mrs. Anna
laegar Myers, York, filed for probate in the office of Register of Willia
William A. Schweitzer.
Provisions of the will follow:
The sum of \$1,000 is given each to
her granddaughter, Anna laeger McCall, and to the daughter of Thomas
A. Myers, Anna laeger Myers; \$300
to Laurel Hill cemetery and \$100
to Prospect Hill cemetery and \$100
to Laurel Hill cemetery; \$10,000 each
to be invested for Walter F. Myers,
Sr. S. Charlotts Myers, widow of
Thomas A. Myers; Ellis
Chester G. Myers and Chester G. Myers
Amyers Children of the
Henrietta Myers, children of the late
Frank E. Myers, Children of the late
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so to the children.
The residuary part of the estate is
to be divided in three parts and the

The residuary part of the estate is to be divided in three parts and the income from each part is to be paid quarterly to her children. Ellis I. Myers. Pauline V. McCail and Chester O. Myers. In the event of their death half of the income is to be paid the apouse and half to the children. Upon the death of both parents the children will receive the income until they are 40 years of age, at which time they will receive the principal. A codicil to the will provides for the distribution of all furniture, paintings, jewelry and so forth to her children, Ellis and Chester Myers and Mrs. McCail.

DISPATCH SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 1933.

YORKERS WED ABOARD SHIP AT COLOMBO, CEYLON



marriage of Chester G. Myers and Leah H. Strayer, of this city, took place shortly before the Canad-fic world crulse liner Empress of Britain left Colombo on Jan. 22. The couple had been acquainted for 2 years. The wedding party was photographed on the sports deck on the morning after the exementy right; F. R. Tillman, Loudon, best man; Chester G. Myers, of York, bridgegoom: Mrs. Myers. (for-tiles Lash Y. Mrtaye, of York); Baron & Marwicz, Paris, who gave away the bride. Mrs. F. Blandford

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BIRTHS ANNOUNCED

Mr. and Mrs. Chester G. Myers, York R. D. 6, in a New York hos-pital, today, a daughter. The mother was formerly Miss Leah Strayer, of this city.

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Property Transfers

Mary R. Finig to Harry E. Emig. property in West Manchester town-Bhip.

Alverta J. Gise to Mary R. Emig. property in West Manchester town-

Mary M. Myers estate to Edith M. Bellers, property in Delta

Amanda Schosberger estate Chester G. Myers, property in York

township Mary T. Greer to J. Oscar Updegrave and wife, Wrightsville, a lot of ground in the Fourth ward, York,

PATENT RIGHTS BATTLE WON BY A LOCAL FIRM

AUTOKRAFT BOX CORPORA-TION'S CLAIMS SUSTAINED BY FEDERAL COURT

INFRINGEMENTS ALLEGED

Litigation of three years' duration on patent rights claimed by the Autokraft Box corporation culminated yesterday with the handing down of an opinion by Judge Albert W. Johnson in the United States Court for the Middle district of Pennsylvania at Scranton.

Federal Judge Johnson, in his opinion, sustained the Autokraft Box corporation's claims to the patent rights in question and found an in-fringement upon those rights on the part of the Nu Box corporation, of New Cumberland, Pa., defendant in

the case.

New Cumberland, Pa., derendant in the case.

The Autokraft Box corporation has its main office in Hallam and operates large box factories in Hancver, Pa., Philadelphia, Wheeling, W. Va., Detroit, Mich., Lima, O., Chicago, Cincinnati, O., and New Brunswick, N. J.

The Autokraft Box corporation manufacturers cigar boxes. It holds patent rights to a machine, which it uses in its factories, designed to completely cover with paper prefabricated wooden cigar boxes of the "drop-lid" type.

Upon the exclusive rights to the use of this machine other manufacturers were infringing, the Autokraft corporation claimed.

To establish its rights as claimed,

To establish its rights as claimed, and to protect them against infringe-ments claimed, the Autokraft cor-poration brought suit against the Nu Box corporation.

It was upon this case that the fed-

eral judge ruled yesterday.

The Autokraft Box corporation The Autokraft Box corporation was represented in the litigation by its general counsel Samuel K. McCall, 31 South Duke street. York with whom were associated as special counsel John Dashiel Myers, Philadelphia; Frank H. Warner. Philadelphia; and O'Malley. Hill, Harris and Harris, of Scranton.

The officers of the Autokraft Box corporation are as follows: President, Fred W. Cook, Lima, O.; vice president, William N. Leachey, York; treasurer, Chester G. Myers, York, and secretary, John A. Campbell, De-

REGISTRATION OF TRADE MARK FOR HALLAM CO.

The Autokraft Box corporation, of Hallam, has been granted trade mark registration by the U.S. patent office for its mark "Pull Me Down" which is applied to toilet seats of the type adapted to be detachably connected to the usual toilet bowls to provide an auxiliary seat for infants small children. The registration was effected through the offices of Malcolm F. Gannett, patent attorney, 37 West Market street.

The Evening our (Hanover, Pennsylvania) - To Feb 1939,

HANOVER FLYING CLUB MEMBER TO SELL PLANES

Chester Myers, York, owner of the Autokraft Box Corporation and a member of the Hanover Flying Club, of which Raymond F. Devener is instructor, has been appointed a dealer of the Fairchild airplane, it was announced. Mr. Myers, who has been spending the winter months in St. Petersburg, Fla., purchased a Fairchild Warner-powered de luxe model and has left on a demonstration tour on the western coast.

AUTOKRAFT BOX CORPORATION

HANOVER, PENNA.

Manufacturers of

CIGAR and NOVELTY BOXES WOODEN COUNTER DISPLAYS

Office and Plant

Commerce Street 'phone 523

CITY ACCEPTS PARK SITE, A GIFT OF C. G. MYERS

COUNCIL ALSO APPROVES
PLANS FOR 15TH WARD
PLAYGROUNDS

DAYHOFF PRAISES DONOR

Parks and playgrounds occupied the spotlight at the weekly meeting of city council this morning. Upon motion of Park Director

Upon motion of Park Director Vernon K. Dayhoff the councilmen gave their unanimous approval to the park director's ordinance accepting for the city the tender of a deed for a four-acre tract of land in the Ninth ward, known as the Y. A. C. grounds. The tract is given to the city by Chester G. Myers, of York and St. Petersburg, Fla. to be used for park purposes. It is intended the donor as a memorial to his parents and will be named "Odeon Park" for his two-and-a-half-year-old daughter, Garnett Odeon Myers.

Luggage, \$3,000 in Jewels Stolen From Mrs. Chester Myers

Mrs. Leah S. Myers, wife of Chester G. Myers, Owen road, York township, lost three pieces of luggage, one of which contained \$3,000 worth of jewelry, on her way from Lancaster to New York city on Tuesday by train. The theft of the three pieces of luggage is reported to have occurred in the vicinity of Paoli when Mrs. Myers went into the train's dining car.

Pennsylvania Railroad police have asked Philadelphia city police to aid in the search for the missing luggage.

Mrs. Myers left York on Tuesday for a two weeks' visit to her sister in New York city.

MONKEY NEWEST PET

AT CHILDREN'S HOME

The little boys and girls at the Children's home at Philadelphia and Pine streets are having fun with the newest guest at the institution, Chico, a pet monkey owned by Garnet Cdeon Myers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chester G. Myers, York, R. D. 2. Little Miss Myers loaned the monkey to the children while she is spending the winter with her parents at their home at St. Petersburg, Fla.

A kitten, Tippy, is said to be Chico's only rival, each vieing for the affections of the children.

Chico is on a very special diet. His favorite food is said to be California white grapes, corn on the cob, bananas, peanuts, celery, lettuce, buttered bread, apples and candy for dessert.

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INFANT'S TOILET SEAT PATENT GIVEN YORKERS

Chester G. Myers and William Ilgenfritz, this city, have been granted a patent by the United States patent office for a detachable toilet seat for infants. It is so constructd as to be adapted for use on regular toilet seats. Two claims were filed. The first was placed on record Nov. 25, 1938. The patent has been assigned to Leschey and Myers, Hanover manufacturers. It was secured through Malcolm F. Gannett, patent attorney, with offices in the Rosenmiller building, 36 West Market street.

uen township.

GRANTED PATENT ON SPECIAL CIGAR BOX

Chester G. Myers, York R. D. 2, has been granted patent-rights on a special type cigar box, according to an announcement yesterday by the United States Patent offices. The rights which were applied for July 10, 1924, have been assigned to the Autokraft Box corporation, Lima, O., by Myers.

Lost and Found

LOST-En route from Lancaster, Pa., to New York City, June 15, 1943, on train leaving Lancaster at 1.04 P. M. for New York, traveling case, blonde leather, containing 2 strings of pearls, large star sapphire ring, numerous articles of ladies' clothing and eight-year-old girl's clothing, and Ration Book in my name, Liberal reward. Leah S. Myers, R. D. #2, York, Pennsylvania.

The Evening Sun (Hanover, Pennsylvania) · Mon, Apr 29, 1940

The Gazette and Daily (York, Pennsylvania) · 23 Feb 1945

Retired Architect Claimed By Death

Reinhardt Dempwolf, York R. D. 3, dies at York hospital in 84th year. Was vice-president of the York Chemical Works and active in affairs of Historical Society, YMCA and church.

Reinhardt Dempwolf, York R. D. 3, retired architect, died yesterday at 1:15 a. m. at the York hospital at the age of 83. In fail-ing health for some time, Mr. Dempwolf had been a patient at the hospital since last Friday.

Dempwolf had been a patient at the hospital since last Friday. He was associated with his brother as an architect in the Cussat building from 1887 until 1930, the time of his retirement. Born in Germany, Mr. Dempwolf received his early education at the York county academy and York Collegiate Institute. He studied sculpture in Philadelphia for three years, later going to Paris where he completed a course in architecture at the Ecole des Beaux Arts.

At the time of his death, Mr. Dempwolf was a Fellow of the American Institute of Architects, a member of the Beaux Arts society of New York city and secretary and trustee of the York County Historical society of which he was for the York Chemical Works, vice president for the past 10 years of the YMCA, of which he was formerly a board member.

Mr. Dempwolf belonged to

Mr. Dempwolf belonged to Christ Lutheran church and taught Class No. 5 of the Sunday school for 50 years.

school for 50 years.

He is survived by a son, John
A. Dempwolf, and a grandson,
John A. Dempwolf, Jr., both of
York R. D. 3. His wife, Nellie S.
Dempwolf, died in 1937.

Funeral services will be held
Saturday at 4 p. m. from the
Strack and Strine Funeral home,
1205 East Market street. Rev.
Gerald G. Neely, pastor of Christ
church, will officiate. Interment
will be in Prospect Hill cemetery.

LESCHEY=MYERS FIRM IN BUSINESS 26 YEARS

The Leschey-Myers Manufacturing Company, which is the Hanover division of the Autokraft Box Company, has spanned 26 years of successful operation in the cigar box and novelty box manufacturing field. The plant is located on Commerce street.

The officers of this company are Fred Cooke, president; William A Leschev vice president, and Chester Myers, freasurer. They have had wide experience in the business in which they are engaged.

General offices of the Autokraft Box Corporation are located in Hallam with the principal plants being situated in Chicago, Detroit, Philadelphia, Lima, O., Wheeling, W. Va., and Hanover,

This concern manufactures cigar boxes, silver chests, paint bottles, full counter displays, fancy boxes of various kinds in both wood and card board. The products of this company are in wide demand as representative of the best quality products in this particular field. Modern production methods, rigid inspection to assure uniformity and many other fine features combine to accomplish this excellent output.

Auction Sale

Owen road, at public auction re-

eently, brought an \$18,700 bid

from Walter Owen, First Ward

alderman, York, and was held for

house, a garage, and almost an

acre of land. Only household

The estate consisted of a frame

The William N. Leschey home,

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Takes Against Will

The election of Eleanor F. Leschey, York township, to take against the will of her late husband, William N. Leschey, who died last August, has been filed, In a will dated June 26, 1943, Leschey, bequeathed certain personal and real property to his widow, also the income from a life insurance policy. In the event she elected to take the will the bequests were to go to his five children in equal shares as in the residue of the estate after specific bequests to others of about \$20,000.

In the will he valued the bequests to his wife at \$75,000. Letters testamentary were granted to Mrs. Anna Leschey Dill, a daughter, when the will was probated Aug. 8. The record shows that she had paid state inheritance tax of \$250,000. No appraisement of the estate has been

filed at yet.

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Attorney Presses Claim

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Testimony was presented before
Judge Harvey A. Gross in Orphans
court yesterday in support of a
claim of Attorney Robert M. Laird,
for services rendered to the
executrix of the estate of William
N. Leschey, late of York township, who died on July 29, 1945.
Laird served as counsel for the
executrix, Anna Leschey Dill, a
daughter of the decoased for a
period of 14 months, when he
withdrew.
Laird spent most of the day on

daughter of the deceases. for a period of 14 months, when he withdrew.

Laird spent most of the day on the withess stand reciting services which he performed in connection with settlement of the estate.

Four members of the York County Bar testified as to their opinion of a fair and reasonable price for the services after listening to his testimony.

They were: Attorney McClean Stock who said the fee should be between \$12,000 and \$20,000; Attorney William H. Kurtz, who said it should be \$15,000; Attorney William H. Kurtz, who said it should be between \$10,000 and \$15,000, and William Lavia, who said the minimum fee should be not less than \$11,629, and for the work performed by Laird, as related by him, the fee should be in the neighborhood of \$20,000.

The matter is before the court on the audit of the first and final account of the executrix. The court will hear testimony on several other claims at a later date before making decision on all claims.

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private sale.

items were sold.

Widow Asks Court Order Removal Of Body From Plot

A widow filed a bill in equity in York County courts Monday, in which she seeks permission to move a body in Mt. Olivet ceme-tery to make room for her own

burial.

The plaintiff, Mrs. Eleanor F.
Leschey, of Shillington, wants to
move the body of her brother-inlaw, buried in the Leschey plot,
so that she also can be buried
there in accordance with a wish
husband.

Her bill sake the state of the state
Her bill sake the state.

expressed in the will of her late husband.

Her bill asks the court to order the cemetery association, in Hanover, to carry out the removal.

Her husband, William N. Leschey, a prominent box manufacturer who lived in York township, died in 1945. His will directed that his body be buried in the family plot in Mt. Olivet and that remaining space be reserved for his wife and his brother.

His brother died later in the same year and his body was moved from a Lancaster cemetery to Mt. Olivet.

Mrs. Leschey's bill complains that the brother's body was so interred as to make it impossible to carry out the terms of the William Leschey will and bury the widow there, too.

The cemetery association has not allowed Mrs. Leschey's or move the brother's body, on grounds that permission must be first obtained from the decedent's children.

Leschey Estate Ordered To Settle \$625,655 Account

Claim of Atterney Rubert M, Laird for \$10,000 for services as connect for the relate al-lowed in Orphans court. Eleca-tor V. Leschey, widow of Wil-tians N. Leschey, former Auto-free, awarded \$112,000. Other court cases.

REAL ESTATE

In York Township (31/2 Miles South of York)

AT AUCTION!

Thursday, March 28, 1946, 700 P. M.

at our Anction Rooms 40 N. George St., York, Pa. For Leschey Myers Mfg. Co.

Plot No. 1 contains is Acres 25 Perches deat missure immer or less with one-stay cuttage, bern and other build-ings.

Plot No. 2 centains 7 Acres
32 Perches neat measure
(more or less).
Plot No. 2 centains 12's Acres
(more or less).
Plot No. 4 centains 5 Acres 57
Perches Amore or less).

Plot No. 5 contains 953 Acres (more or less.)

Of the above land, 12 Acres are tiliable land and the baj-ance is woodland.

W. S. Owen & Bro.

PUBLIC SALE
YALUABLE REAL ESTATE
AND
PERSONAL PROPERTY
Saturday, June 22, 1946. The heirs
at law of William N. Leschey, late of York
Township, York County, Pennsylvania, will
offer at public auction, on the premises,
the following real estate:
Beautiful residence, situate on Owen
Road, adjoining lands of Chester G. Myers
and Walter F. Owen, consisting of approximately one acre of landscaped grounds,
improved with stone and shingle dwelling
house and separate two-car garage with
servants' quarters. The house contains
double living room with fireplace, dining
room, kitchen, paniry, 3 bed rooms, dressing rooms, 2 balls, recretion room with
fireplace and built-in ber, freezer room and
large closets, Oil heater and all other conveniences are installed, Immediate possession avalable to purchaser.
A heautiful home, close to the city, with
excellent road, and situate in delightful
settling.
PERSONAL PROPERTY
At the same time and place the Excen-

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PERSONAL PROPERTY

At the same time and place the Executive of Mr. Leachey's estate will offer the following personal property: Westinghouse electric heater, quantity dishes, cutlery and utensils, chest of drawers, vanity, androns, radio, cash register, domino stool, Eurdick Quartz lamp, Battle Creek health machine, Pathochast, Burdick Steam cabinet, Battle Creek Oscillo manipulator, table, chairs, cabinet, benches, Kelvinator freezer, lawn mower, wheelbarrow, tools, and other articles too numerous to mention. Sale will begin promptly at 1:30 P. M. Daylight Saving Time at which time terms and conditions will be made known by Heirs At Law And Executrix of Lattlet State of William N. Leschey, Lard & Buchen.

R. O. McLaughlin, 40:161-11.15.17.19.21

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PROPERTY WITHDRAWN BID OF \$17,800

About an acre of ground in York township on which there is a fine residence and other improvements was offered at public sale on Saturday as part of the estate of the late William N. Leschey. The property was drawn at the top bid of \$17,800. R. O. McLaughlin was auctioneer. Attorneys Laird and Buchen are counsel for the executrix heirs. The property adjoins those of Chester G. Myers and Walter F. Owen.

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20 MACHINERY

FOR SALE -New Chase 2-wheel manure spreader for attachment to tractor. Chester G. Myers, Owen road, R. 2, York, 20-s12-3t

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WAREHOUSE SOLD

Jimmy Wilson, Jr., Buys Old Myers Box Factory Building for Storago

Purchase of the old Leschey-Myers bex factory building, corner of e Mason and Howard avenues, by Jimmie Wilson, Jr., York R. D. 3, was completed Wednesday.

The building was bought from Chester G. Myers for \$51,000. It will be used as a furniture storage warehouse with 40 individual fireproof vaults. The warehouse will provide 38.000 square feet of floor space.

Wilson has a moving van and storage business at 127 East Newton avenue.

Barn At York RD 2 **Nearly Destroyed By Early Morning Fire**

Fire of an undetermined origin nearly destroyed the barn on the farm of Chester G. Myers, York RD 2, early yesterday morning.

Occupants of a passing car spotted the blaze and notified the Spry Fire company about 1:30 a.m. The Victory Fire company was called to help fight the blaze.

Water to combat the fire was gotten from the swimming pool

on the farm.

FIRE DESTROYS BUILDINGS ON MYERS ESTATE

Loss Placed at \$200,000 at Autokraft Box Co. Office and Warehouse

LIGHTNING IS BLAMED; DWELLING UNDAMAGED

Spectacular Blaze Seen For Miles Attracts Crowds to Site South of City on Owen Road — Several Firemen Overcome by Smoke — Horses Saved From Burning Stable

A stable, a stone warehouse and an office building on the Chester G. Myers estate in York township, one of the show places of York county, were smouldering ruins today, the result of a fire believed caused by a bolt of lightning during the thunderstorm last night.

The blaze, starting about 9 p. m., burned furiously for three hours and lighted the skies, for miles around. Damage was estimated at \$200,000. Two firemen and a spectator were slightly injured during the fire in which seven York county community fire companies and two York city companies aided in bringing it under control.

The stone warehouse and office building were used by the Auto-kraft Box Corporation of which Myers is chairman. The estate is located about three miles south of York city on Owen road, just off the Ore Valley highway.

Damage was reported at \$200,000 Fred L Bradley, manager of
the firm, refused to see a Dispatch
reporter today and also had York
county fire police stationed at the
Owen read entrance barring spectators. Many curious persons were
turned away from the site by these
guards who patroled Owen road
from daybreak through noon.

Temporary Quarters

Temporary headquarters for the box firms were set up today in the Fair Acres dining hall along the Susquehanna trail near Leader's Heights. The 15 employes of the office and warehouse affected by last night's blaze, were busy this afternoon moving equipment to the new headquarters.

Telephone lines to the burnedout office and the Myers home as well as other homes in the Owen road area were out of service due to last night's fire.

Good work by the firemen prevented the fire, fanned by high winds during the storm, from spreading to the nearby Myers home. Mr. Myers, who is convalescing from a recent appendent tomy was at home with his wife and daughter, Garnet, He had just returned at 3 p. m. yesterday from York Hospital.

The fire was discovered by five domestic workers who smelled smoke while watching television in the office basement. Most of the office equipment and records were carried from the building by volunteers and neighbors who braved the thick smoke. Three riding horses were led from their stalls by stable employes.

Statuettes and figurines, which adom pillars of the wall surrounding the estate, as well as many similar ornaments in the interior, were undamaged by the fire. Firemen complained, however, that some spectators carried off office equipment, furniture and other items. Bradley could not be contacted today to confirm or deny these reports, One woman, reportedly under the influence of drink, was reported as staggering down the road with one of the statues under her arm, Firemen relieved her of her "souvenir," it was learned.

Although the fiames spread quickly from a one-story frame stable to the warehouse and office building,

FIRE SWEEPS MYERS' ESTATE NEAR CITY

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fremen managed to keep them from firing a row of stables in the rear of the property. A cook employed by the Myers' was said to be made homeless when the fire destroyed his bedroom in a cafeteria in the warehouse basement.

Firemen injured

William Manning, 24, of 140 South Beaver street, a member of the Spir Fire Company, was overcome by smoke and Dale Kissinger, 21, of 635 Ogontz street, a specialor was struck in the left eye by glass. They were both treated at York Hospital, where they were conveyed in the Grantley ambulance. Donald Hariman, 26, another member of the Spir fire company was treated at the scene for a head injury suffered when he was struck by a nozzle as it was "whipped" from another firemen's hands.

The damaged office and warehouse was headquarters for the Kalireider Box Company, Red Lion, and the Autokraft Corporation of Hanover.

State Police, Civiliag Defense police and the York County fire

Hanover.
State Police, Civilian Defense police and the York County fire policemen, were on hand to direct the heavy traffic attracted to the area by the brilliant sky.
Harry Smith, driver on duty at Victory Fire House, said that the number of telephone calls he received after the blaze was discovered was an numerous that it was difficult for fellow-firemen to summon his company to the scene. It mon his company to the scene. It was necessary to have the call for assistance pisced through a telephone operator, he said. Victory company responded, however, with its three pieces of equipment and nearly 2,500 feet of hose.

Prior to responding to the alarm at the Myers estate, Victory was, called to a home nearby, but firemen could not find any blaze and returned to the fire-house.

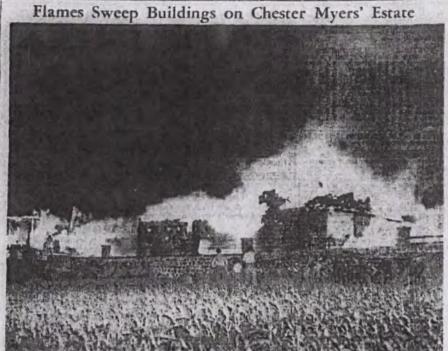
Barn Burns to Ground Lightning also was blamed for a fire which destroyed a 20 by 30-foot frame barn on the farm of Posey Boyd, about a mile west of Railroad borough around 9:45 o'clock last night.

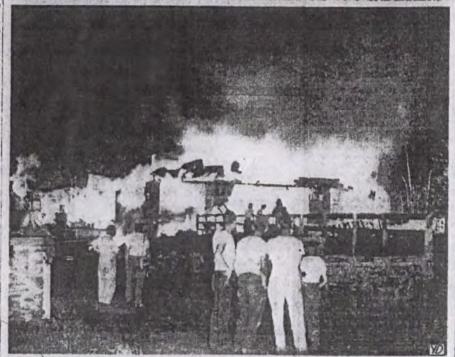
Boyd said the entire structure-burst into flames zuddenly during the storm and burned to the

burst into flames suddenly during the storm and burned to the ground before New Freedom firemen could reach the scene. Also destroyed were a tractor, grain drill and quantities of hay and straw. The estimated \$3,000 loss was reported only partly covered by insurance.

The Glen Rock Hose and Ladder Company stood by in New Freedom while that horough's firemen were at the Boad farm.

NO SWEATER GIRLS
WATERBURY, Coan. (UP),—
The U. S. Time Corporation bans
wearing of sweaters by women
workers, but not because auch
apparel is distractive to male em
ployes. Sweater lint gets iinto the
watch works.





Here are two views of the spectacular blaze that destroyed buildings of Antokraft Box Corporation, York R. D. 3, during electric storm last evening. A ligarating bolt is blamed for the \$200,000 confiagration

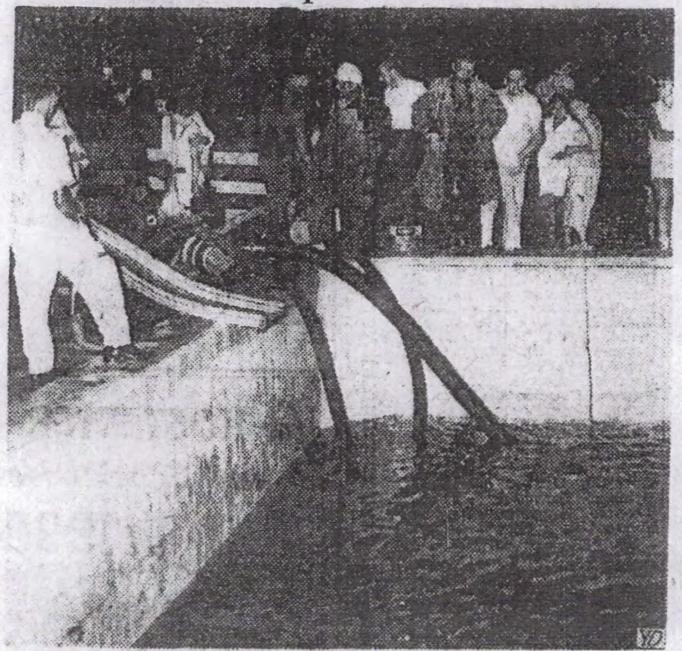
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Water Pumped From Pool

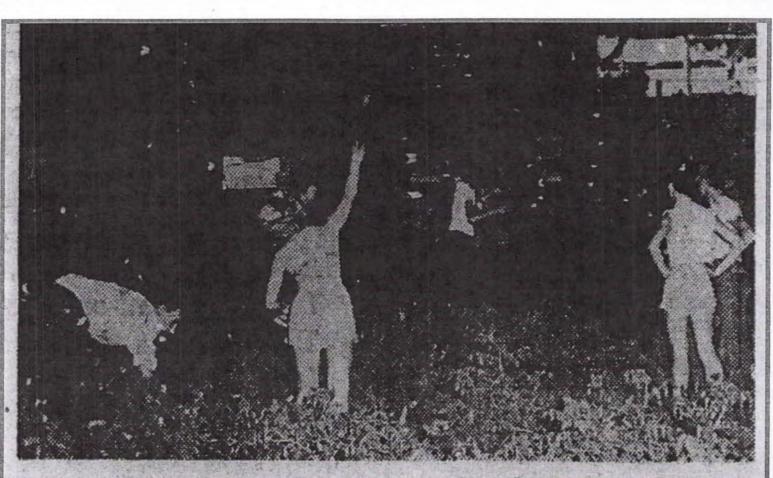
Firemen Fight Warehouse Blaze y. s. n. in y.

of County firemen playing streams of water on the flaming stone warer, house and office building during last night's \$200,000 blaze at the Auto-6 kraft Box Corporation fire. (Other pictures on page 17).

Water Pumped From Pool



Firemen pumped water from the swimming pool on the Myers J estate to play on the flames. Other water was pumped into hose lines i from a York Water Company fire plug a mile distant.

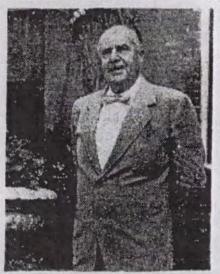


-Photo by The Gazette and Daily

NERO FIDDLED, VANDALS PITCH—A group of spectators at Monday night's fire which destroyed the Autokraft Box corporation warehouse and the Chester G. Myers stable on Owens road, York RD 3, amused themselves by throwing rocks at windows in the burning warehouse. Other vandals attempted to steal office equipment saved from the fire but were thwarted.

Chester E. Myers, Industrialist, Dead

York native succumbs in Phoenix, Ariz. Applial. Had been in ill health.



Chester G. Myers, industrialist and philanthropist, of Owens road, York RD 3, died Sunday at 6 a.m. in Good Samaritan hospital, in Phoenix, Ariz., where he had gone recently for his health. He was 73.

His wife, Mrs. Leah Strayer Myers, and daughter, Mrs. Irvin Naylor, 850 Country Club road, were with him at the time of his death.

Also surviving are a brother, Ellis I. Myers, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; a sister, Mrs. Samuel K. McCall, 345 East Market street; two grandchildren and a number of nieces and nephews.

A native of York, Mr. Myers was benefactor to a large number of schools and organizations, and particularly to the Children's Home of York for which he also had served as president for a time and member of the board of trustees.

trustees.

In industry, Mr. Myers was identified with cigar box manufacturing for more than 50 years. In 1926 he merged with William Leschey to found the Leschey-Myers Cigar Box company. This was followed in 1929 with mergers of Leschey-Myers and other companies to form the Autokraft Box corporation with operating plants in Hanover, Philadelphia, York, Mount Joy, Brogue, Minster, Ohio; Evansville. Ind. and Tampa, Fla.

Board Member

He was a member of the board of directors of York Water company, and of the board of directors of First National Bank, York.

His memberships in organizations were many, including York County Shrine club, Zembo temole, Zeredatha lodge, Scottish Rite Bodies, Harrisburg, Gethsemane commandery, Royal Order of Jesters, Red Lion Scottish Rite club, Yorktown Royal Arch chapter 304.

YMCA, Country Club of York, Elks lodge of York, Lafayette club, York Rotary club, Dutch club, Historical Society of York County, St. Petersburg Yacht club, Sons of the American Revolution, American Philatelic society, Quiet Birdmen of St. Petersburg and Harrisburg, and Mercersburg Alumni association.

Rev. Dr. Chester S. Simonton, pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran church, will officiate at funeral services tomorrow at 2 p.m. at the Strack and Strine Funeral home, 1205 East Market street. Interment will be in Prospect Hill cemetery.

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Mrs. Garnet Naylor Elected Board Chairman of Autokraft Corporation

A new post, chairman of the board of directors, was created at the annual stockholders meeting of Autokraft Box Corporation, with main offices here.

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YORK WATER ELECTS I. S. NAYLOR TO BOARD

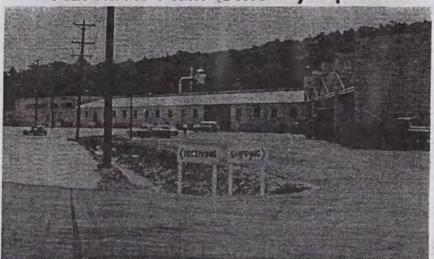
Election of Irvin S. Naylor, 850 Clubhouse road, to the York Water Company's board of directors was announced today by President,

Joseph L. Rosenmiller.

Naylor is associated with Autokraft Box Corporation. A University of Miami graduate, he was formerly associated in an engineering capacity with Stanley Building Specialties Company of Miami, Fla., before coming to York.

The Gazette and Dairy (Tork, Pennsylvania) 4 Jun 1905.

Autokraft Plant Officially Opens



Autokraft Box Corporation will officially open its Red Lion plant today. The \$425,000 plant has been in operation since May 1, but will not be finished and producing to capacity until September, a company official said.

The Red Lion factory was designed by architects Murphy, Levy, Wurmun, Philadelphia. Robert Dunbar, Thomasville, was contractor. Autokraft, which has plants in Hanower, Brogue, Mountville, Minster, O., Philadelphia and Tampa, Fla., sends its boxes all over the United States, Canada, Puerto Rico and the West Indies. The Hanover plant work-

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union, while the rest are not unionized. Plant officers are: Fred L. Bradley, president: Royal Knostman, vice-president: Carl E. Kuhlman, secretary-treasurer, and B. F. Keener, assistant secretary-treasurer.

Directors of Autobraft Box corporation, which is based in York, are: Garnet M. Palmer, Royal Knostman, Stewart Warner, Guy Miller, Clair Small, G. E. Bartholomew, Fred L. Bradley and Carl E. Kuhlman.

MISS GARNET MYERS WINS RIDING HONORS

Miss Garnet Myers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chester G. Myers, York R. D. 3, received the blue ribbon in the highest class of the fall horse show conducted recently at Oldfields school, Glencoe, Md.

Miss Myers, a graduate of the York Collegiate institute, is girls. Her prowess in riding make Miss Myers the champion equestrienne of the school.

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INDUSTRIALIST DIES

Chester G. Myers, Cigar Box Exec-utive, Expires in Arizona Hos-pital — Funeral Tomorrow

Cheater G. Myers, Owens road, it york R. D. 3 president of Auto-a kraft Box Corporation, died at 6 a m. Sunday in Good Somaritan, disputal Phoenix, Ariz, where he is an additional Phoenix Ariz, where he was 73.

His widow Mrs. Leab Strayer is Myers.

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Also surviving are a brother.
Ellis I. Myers, Fort Lauderdale, files a sister, Mrs. Samuel K.M.
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A native of York, Myers was benefactor to a large number of schools and organizatins, and particularly to the Children's Home of York for which he also had served F as president for a time and member of the board of frustees.

In industry, Myers was identiful twith cigar box manufacturing for more than 50 years. In 1925 he merged with William Leschey to found the Leschey-Myers Gigar Box Company. This was followed in 1929 with mergers of Leschey-Myers and other companies to form the Autokraft Box componion with a percaling plants in Hanover, Red Liun, Philadelphia Yurk, M. Joy, The Brogue, Minister, O.; Evanylle, Ind. and Tampa, Fla.

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Boy Knostman, Minster, O., in addition to being named to the board of directors was elected vice president, succeeding Bradley.

Carl E. Kohlman, Locust Grove road, secretary-treasurer, and Bertha Keemer, Hellam R. D. 1, assistant secretary-treasurer, were both re-elected.

The firm operates factories in Red Lion. The Brogue, Hanover. Philadelphia, Minster, O.; Evansville, Ind.; Tampa, Fla., and MiJoy.

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The main product manufactured
by the firm is cigar boxes, but it
has added facilities for manufacturing other packaging products, a
spokesman for the firm said.

The Gazette and Daily (York, Pennsylvania) · 23 Apr 1951

WILL CUT and bale Timothy or Alfalfa hay for the half or buy whole field in vicinity of Spry, Pa. Must be A-1 hay. Ulman-laeger Co., York R 3, P.O. Box 189, York. Pa. Ph. 51747.

Garnet Odeon **Myers Palmer**

NEWARK, DE Garnet Odeon Myers Palmer, 75, formerly of York, died Friday, July 16, 2010, at

her home in Newark, Delaware. She was the wife of Lloyd L. Palmer.

Born January 7, 1935, in York, daughter of the late



Chester G. and Leah (Strayer) Myers, she was a 1952 graduate of Oldfield High School and a 1959 graduate of the University of Miami.

She was an avid horse enthusiast, an accomplished Show Ring Rider, and served as Master of Foxhounds for several years with The Old Rose Tree Hunt. Mrs. Palmer also enjoyed a successful career in Thoroughbred horse racing, breeding and sales.

She was a member of the Junior League of York, and was involved in the York Little Theater. The Odeon Baseball Park on Richland Avenue was donated to the City of York by Chester Myers in honor of his beloved daughter.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Palmer is survived by her children, Vivian Little, Scott Naylor, Peter Naylor and Anne Palmer; and six grandchildren.

SHERIFF'S SALE

NOTICE IS HERBBY
GIVEN THAT ON Monday
the 24th day of September
1984, at 250 O'Clock, P.M..
Prevailing Time. by virtue
of a Writ of Execution
issued out of the Court of
County, Pennsylvania, on
the Judgment of Bernard
Jackson, non estate of Barnard Jackson, no estate of Barnard Jackson, by Jork
Bank and Trust Company,
and June L. Jackson cosecutors versus William J.
Malloy, III, No. 82-N-122
and to me directed, I will
arpose at Public Sale in the
Court House, City of York,
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the following Real Estate,

William J. Malloy, III
All the following described three GI tracts of land, cituated in York Township, York County, Pennsylvania, bounded and

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AND TAKEN INTO EXECUTION as the Real Estate
storesaid by:

OLIVER C. NACE, SHERIFF, SHERIFF'S OFFICE, TORK COUNTY COURT HOUSE, YORK, PENNSYLVANIA 1779/19/30-9/6,13 A plan showing reshuffling of land boundaries by Mrs. Leah S. Myers and Clair E. and Margaret C. Eisenhart, in conveying two small parcels of land, north of Owen, road, to Ulman Iaeger Co., was approved. A subdivision plan, together with a rezoning request, will be submitted later by the company acquiring the land, the planners were informed.

FICTITIOUS NAME ACTV

Notice is hereby given that on April 4, 1977, a certificate will be filed under the Fictitious Name Act approved May 24, 1945, in the Office of the Prothonotory of York County, Pennsylvania, and in the Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, setting forth that Lloyd L Palmer, III and Garnet M. Palmer, of R.D. 1, Dallastown, Pa., are the only persons owning or interested in a business, the character of which is Breeding, Training and Racing of Horses, and that the name, style and designation under which said business is and will be conducted is Inwood Farms, and the location where said business is and will be located is R.D. 1. Dallastown, Pennsylvania.

> Woyde P. Seidenstricker Solicitor

York Daily Record (York, Pennsylvania) · Sat, Aug 10, 1985

Garnet M. Palmer and wife to Arthur J. Glatfelter and wife, property in Spring-field Twp., \$430,000.

k Dally Record (101K, Pennsylvania) 31 Mar 1977

SHERIFF'S SALE
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Monday, the 24th day of February,
1986 at 200 O'Clock, P.M., Prevailing
Time, by virture of a Writ of Execution
Issued out of the Court of Common
Pleas of York County, Pennsylvania,
on the Judgment of BERNARD JACKSON, NOW ESTATE OF BERNARD
JACKSON, BY THE YORK BANK AND
TRUST COMPANY AND JUNE L.
JACKSON, CO-EXECUTORS versus
WILLIAM MALLOY, III, No. 82-N-122,
and to me directed, I will expose at
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the Court House, City of York, County
of York, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, The following real sating, to-will
As the Real Estate of: WILLIAM J
MALLOY, III.

ALL the following described two tracts of land, situate in York Township, York County, Pennsylvania, bounded and limited as follows, to wit:

with TRACT No. 1: BEGINNING at a stone; thence by lands formerly of Elmer Strickler, now Tract No. 3 herein, North forty-eight (48) degrees wenty-three (29) minutes East, three hundred forty-eight and three-tenths (348.3) feet to a chestnut tree; thence by land formerly of Eli Wambaugh, now Tract No. 2 herein, North fifty-our (54) degrees one (1) minute West two hundred eighty-two and lourtenths (282.4) feet to a stone; thence by land formerly of Harry Myers, now of Ulman lager Co., South sixteen (16) degrees wenty-nine (29) minutes West, one hundred eighty (180) feet to a stone; thence by land formerly of Rinehardt Dempwolf, now of Leah S. Myers, South live (5) degrees lifty-one (51) minutes East, two hundred wenty-eight and six-tenths (228.5) feet to the place of BEGINNING. Containing one (1) acre and forty-four (44) perches.

TRACT No. 2: BEGINNING at a chestnut tree, thence by land formerly of Stuart B. Lafean, now Tract No. 1 herein, North fifty-four (54) degrees one (1) minute West, two hundred eighty-two and four-tenths (22.4) feet to a stone; thence by land formerly of Harry Myers, now of Ulman lager Co., North sixteen (16) degrees wenty-nine (29) minutes East, fifty-two (22) feet to a stake; thence by land formerly of Ell Wambaugh, now of J. C. Hoffman, Inc., South Fifty-four (54) degrees one (1) minute East three hundred eleven (311) feet to a stake; thence by lands formerly of Reeser, now Tract No. 3 herein, South forty-eight (49) degrees twenty-three (23) minutes West, fifty (50) feet to the place of 8EGINNING.

NOTICE is further given to all parties in interest and claimants that a Schedule of Proposed Distribution will be filed by the Sherilf of York County on March 6, 1986, and distribution will be made in accordance with the schedule unless exceptions are filed therato within ten (10) days thereafter.

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SEIZED, LEVIED UPON AND TAKEN INTO EXECUTION as the Real Estate aforenaid by

Dliver C. Nace, Sheriff Sheriff's Office York County Court House York, Pennsylvania Mrs. Leah S. Myers

Mrs. Leah S. Myers, 86, of Palm Harbor, Fla., formerly of York, died Friday at her home.

She was the wife of the late Chester G. Myers.

She was born in York and was a daughter of the late Lewis and Catherine Althen Strayer.

Survivors include:

A daughter — Garnet M. Palmer, Palm Harbor, Fla.

Four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

The family requests no viewing. Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Etzweiler Funeral Home, 1111 E. Market St. Officiating will be the Rev. Mark S. Jordan, pastor of Fourth United Methodist Church, York. Burial will be in Prospect Hill Cemetery.

• A two-lot plan of 1.6 acres of the Leah S. Myers estate on Owen Road in a farming-open zone. Lot 1 is proposed to be joined to abutting property owned by J.T. Enterprises, while the remaining .2 acres is to remain part of the Myers' estate. Neighboring property owners questioned setbacks and intended use of the proposed expanded J.T. Enter-

Lean S. Myers Estate to Alfred G. Jacobsen, III and Nancy L. Jacobsen, wife, property in York Twp., \$275,000.

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Common Pleas of York
County, Peonsylvania
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February 20, 1985 BEGINNING at a point in the bed of Owen Road, a private road of undetermined width, at a corner of lands now or formerly of Leah S. My-ers. extending thence through a granite marker at or near the edge of said road, and along lands now or formerly of Leah S. Myers, South 29 degrees 17 minutes 00 seconds East, 158 feet to a concrete marker. thence by and along the same North 49 degrees 36 minutes 40 seconds East, 498.76 feet to an East, 498.76 feet to an oak tree at a corner of lands now or formerly of Wayne L Fitz South 41 degrees 04 minutes 20 seconds East 94.00 feet to an Iron pin, thence by and along the same, South 49 degrees 02 minutes 20 seconds West 520.60 feet to a stone at a corner of oth-

ied at the York County History Center eproduction without permission.

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V) Edwin S. Myers, son of Eli and nrietta (Eichelberger) Myers, was bom ugust 12, 1844, and died May 5, 1910. - was a student by nature, beginning studies very early in childhood, before e became a pupil in school. He attended Pe York County Academy in 1866, earndistinction by his skill in mathematics. mile still in school, he revealed the fine isiness acumen that was such a value possession in later years. Organiza tobacco and cigar manufacturing ant while he was still a very young 1, Edwin S. Myers incorporated the iness in 1873 as Myers, Adams and ompany, becoming president of the or--ization at its very inception. He held office for the rest of his life. He also erated under many trade names, as: :lestino, Costello y Ca., Edwin Myers, Myers and Company, and T. A. Myers - Company. At that time his business cluded the largest factory of any kind lork. To meet the needs of an everwing business, a branch factory was

up in Dallastown. Aside from his ork in this connection, Mr. Myers was ie of the organizers of the York City ik, and was for some years one of its ectors, and at his death was the largit individual stockholder in the York ter Company. He took an important t in the civic development of York, here he was looked upon as a sponsor every worthy project. Besides these inests he owned four farms which he perated. He was a lover of horses, and lined quite a record as a "judge of horseh." He became deeply interested in the sanization of the York Telephone Comany, and was a director of the York npike Company and the Manchester npike Company. He was a member of ie Lafayette Club; and, prominent in the e and Accepted Masons, was active in Knights Templar, serving in 1900 as mmander of the York Commandery.

Edwin S. Myers married (first), in 1864, Isabelle Frey, who died in 1874. He married (second), in 1880, at York, Pennsylvania, Anna Parker Iaeger, who died June 25, 1933, at York, daughter of William G. W. and Louise (Roderfield) Iaeger. William G. W. Iaeger was a pioneer citizen of West Virginia, an operator of vast coal mines, a financier, and owner of extensive realty throughout the State. He was United States Consul to Santo Domingo, under President Abraham Lincoln. Iaeger, West Virginia, was named after him. His father, Rev. Gottlieb F. S. laeger, was one of seven Lutheran ministers in the family. He married Maria Audenried, whose lineage traces to German royalty, equally as far back as the laeger lineage. Louise (Roderfield) Iaeger was descended from the Custis family of Accomac County, Virginia. Anna Parker (Iaeger) Myers was very active in the

local charities of York, having been a member of the auxiliary boards of York Hospital and of the York Young Women's Christian Association. She graduated from St. Joseph's Seminary of Emmitsburg, Maryland, and was an active member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church of York, until her death in June, 1933.

There were five children born to the first marriage of Edwin S. Myers, four of whom died, leaving surviving: I. Walter Frey Myers. Children of the second marriage: I. Louise, died in infancy. 2. Ellis, married Sarah McNelis. 3. Pauline, married Samuel McCall. 1. Chester G., of whom further.

(Ibid.)

(VI) Chester G. Myers, son of Edwin S. and Anna Parker (Iaeger) Myers, was born May 24, 1887, at York, Pennsylvania. After completing his formal schooling, he quickly turned his attention to business affairs of magnitude, gradually taking a more and more significant part in the general civic life of his district, his State and his times. He is now president of the Hallam Furniture Company, vicepresident and treasurer of the Autokraft Box Corporation, treasurer of the Manley Products Corporation, treasurer of the Leschey-Myers Manufacturing Company, and a director of the First National Bank of York, the York Water Company and the Community Hotel Company. It will be seen that his interests are separate and distinct from those of his father in previous times, indicating the individuality of the members of this distinguished and honorable family.

Nor has Mr. Myers permitted business to rule his life. In fact, few men have given so liberally of their time and energies to the public welfare of York as has

Chester G. Myers. His outstanding interest has been, of course, in park development, and his achievements along these lines have been numerous and valuable. For this work he has received great rewards of satisfaction and acclaim. Different experts and bodies of experts on such matters have made known to the world their approval of his accomplishments in this direction.

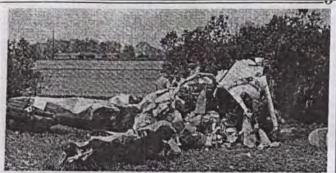
Always intensely public-spirited, as his record reveals, Mr. Myers won particular note for his gift of Odeon Park to the city of York. In June, 1937, he announced this gift of four acres or more to the municipality—a gift that was duly accepted by the City Council. This land lay partly in the Ninth Ward of York and partly in West Manchester Township, and was at one time known as the Young Men's Christian Association athletic field, more recently as the Y. A. C. grounds. The tract adjoins Bantz Park on the west and runs along the Codorus Creek nearly to Richland Avenue.

This park is dedicated to the City of York, Pennsylvania, for the use of the public, by Chester G. Myers, in memory of his parents, Edwin Myers and Anna Iaeger Myers, and named "Odeon Park" in honor of his daughter, Garnett Odeon Myers.

In 1933, Chester G. Myers married, aboard the "Empress of Britain" while on a tour around the world, Leah Strayer, also a Pennsylvanian, whom he had known for years in his native State. In Cairo, Egypt, they tried to arrange the marriage, but found themselves obstructed by a three weeks' residence requirement.

In Ceylon, they were prevented by the same law. The skipper of the "Empress of Britain" informed them that he could bury or imprison them, but could not marry them. Then the difficulty was solved by the chief registrar of Colombo, and the ceremony was performed by him in the Mayfair Saloon on board the ship.

(Family records.)



TWO KILLED, TWO INJURED IN PLANE CRASH—State police and Coroner Dr. Thomas M. Hart investigate plane crash which killed two persons and injured two others at 7:55 a.m. yesterday. The single-engine plane crashed in the back yard of the Wayne Fits farm home on Springwood road, York RD 3. Killed were the pilot, Lyans F. Schowaller, 42, Camp Hill, and James Hickey, 31, Lancaster. Two other passengers, Hickey's borther, Robert, 31, Camp Hill and Mariene Crais, 34, were reported in satisfactory condition last night at York hospital, The plane crashed in heavy feg about 80 feet west of the Fits home after scraping the house and narrowly missing the trees on the left. No one in the Fits home was hurt.

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Two Die As Plane Crashes In County

ater man and Harrisburg man killed, two other sons hurt when single-engine place smashes up farm along Springwood sood. Place acrapes side



WRECKAGE OF 'DEATH' PLANE — Remains of the pli in the back yard of the Wayne Fitz farm home, York RD 2, The Cessus 172 plane scraped the Fitz home before crashing was injured.

TWO DIE

(Coninued from First Page) yards northeast of the residence, between the barn and wagon shed. Views Crash

Mrs. Howard Fitz, an eye witness to the crash, said the plane was banked sharply as it passed about 40 feet over her car, just before the aircraft crashed. Mrs. Fitz, an aunt of Wayne Fitz, placed the time of the crash at 7.05 a.m. and said it was "awful foggy."

Mrs. Fitz, who lives 150 yards from the Wayne Fitz house, said she was backing her car out of her driveway when she heard the loud noise of the plane.

She said the plane came hurtling out of the fog, headed in a easterly direction, just about 40 feet over her car but "altogether over on its side."

The plune narrowly missed some houses in the neighborhood but "straightened up some" as it disappeared into the foe she said. Noise of the plane died away as the craft flew eastward, Mrs. Fitz said, but soon after she heard the plane approaching from the northeast and then saw it crash. Mrs. Fitz explained she was tanble to see if the plane made any effort to land on the nearby expressway.

Leroy Hetrick, neighbor of the Fitz family, told a reporter for The Gazette and Daily that "it sounded like a tin roof blew off as the plane crashed. Hetrick said he first heard the plane flying low, then the sound indicated the craft made a turn in the southwest, flew back over the crash area and made another

turn in the northeast before it came down. Hetrick said he could not hear the sound of the piane's engine after the plane turned in the northeast.

The plane wreckage did not burn. Victims of the crash were taken to York hospital in the Grantley Fire company ambulance and the Eberly Funeral home ambulance. Dallastown. Spry fire company was called to the scene.

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State and York township police

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State and York township police
joined the coroner's office in the
investigation. County fire police
detoured traffic off the Springwood road throughout the day, but
crowds of spectators made their
way to the scene of the crash on
foot.

The York crash raised the num-ber of persons who died in Penn-sylvania plane crashes this week-end to seven.

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Two Chicago men died when their Aero-cub plane crashed Saturday in a wooded area near the Pennsylvania turnpike's Donegal interchange. And three persons, one from New York and two from New Jersey, were killed Friday night when their single-engine Ceisna crashed in mountains 20 miles northeast of Williamsport.

COW BEARS QUINTS
Oslo, Norway tep — Four bull
calves, survivors of the quintuple
cow birth at a farm near Oslo
Thursday night, were transferred
yesterday to the Norwegian Veterinary institute farm.
The fifth, a heifer, died at birth.
Villros, the 5-year-old mother cow,
was reported doing well.

OLD RECORDS (hey, where'd the Owen Road Maintenance Association come from?)

By late 1983 there were approximately twenty occupied dwellings along Owen Road. Many were the newer homes were located along an unpaved section in the wooded area. Later in that year the Malehorn/Moul subdivision plan was submitted to develop the 14 acres at the end of the road. On February 29, 1984, Jay C. Kauffman, a talented and insightful attorney who resided at OR 665, called for a meeting at Jeff Jones home, OR 660, to discuss current resident interests in the proposed subdivision, blacktopping the unpaved portion of the road, maintenance of the already paved portion, and the enforcement of existing restrictions on commercial use toward "... maintaining and improving the quality character of our neighborhood."

In April 1984, the Malehorn/Moul developers entered into an agreement to allot \$5000. to pave the end of the road up to, and including (one initial time only) the spur "road" back to Kauffman's house (a \$500. set aside, which would later prove a thorny issue as a subsequent resident would fight to extend all Owen Road benefits to that spur), to enter in to a maintenance agreement for the entire road, to negotiate reasonable deed restrictions to build "in keeping with the character of the area", and other items.

On July 25, 1984 the first "Maintenance and Right of Way Agreement" was signed by the Kauffman, Long, Patz, Jones, and Voorheis families, plus Russell Malehorn, Marlin Moul and Bronley Walker. Significant provisions were to include at least a 12 foot right of way, each to grant an easement to all others for access and egress, to jointly share the expenses of maintaining the road, that each resident be responsible for any repair of road damage caused by him, to be binding on all heirs, successors and assigns, and formed the "Owen Road Trust Fund" of which Jay Kauffman and George Long were named initial Trustees. (Of note is that the founders conspicuously AVOIDED forming any kind of Home Owners' Association, which was to prove prescient.)

On October 9, 1985, a superseding agreement, the "Owen Road Maintenance and Right of Way Agreement II" was signed by the previous noted families plus Yocums, Raos, Rodes, Eisenharts, Stokes, Zifferers, Gasparis, Heidlers and Fabies. It modified some wording and provisions but did not appear to substantially change the initial agreements.

On August 27, 1986 Kauffman writes to residents outlining issues of a recent road meeting. A check for \$600. from Ultra Tech (business tenant, Anthony Ferro, Pres.) is consider "inadequate" and further efforts will be taken to "secure greater participation". The road needs patching. Cable TV is being sought by Voorhies and Rodes. Mrs. Kauffman is securing speed limit signs which will be 15 or 20MPH. Jeff Jones is looking into controlled gate access. Given that Town & Country Apartments "are part owners of a substantial portion of the road" Kauffman is working on "their contribution" (This probably means that the T&C Apts. property line extends to the middle of the road for the length of their property.)

On October 9, 1986 Kauffman updates members that road patching will be done, that Town & Country has contributed \$300., that the Shelly's (OR 500) have contributed \$100. in spite of not being signers, that Ultra Tech has refused further contributions (but did later contribute \$900. in 1989), and a vote is requested to approve snow plowing of resident's driveways out of Road funds (I think this failed), and a discussion of bringing legal action against Ultra Tech and other residents for delinquent dues.

A 1989 Kauffman letter notes Bob Estill is now utilizing the Myers' riding stable for commercial warehousing and Kauffman is consulting Township zoning about this.

Accounting records show a payment of \$17,933. to Bar-Vell for paving and patching.

A March 1992 letter from Kauffman notes payment of \$500. from Ultra Tech and \$300. from Town and Country, even though "they have no contractual obligation for their contributions." He recommends taking legal action against 2 recalcitrant residents who are seriously delinquent in payments, and also notes that he is resigning as Trustee to be replaced by

Dale Voorheis. The balance forward in the Trust Fund is noted as \$17,930.34.

In the Minutes of the October 1994 Road meeting, Voorheis recommends a lower road repaving at approximately \$17,000. A discussion of upgrading to become a township public road indicated a cost of \$8000. Per resident, and that the S-curve could be an onerous problem. Voorheis resigns and is replaced by David Newcomer.

A contract is filed to patch and pave the lower road portion from OR 647 to OR 680 for a cost of \$16,869.

In May of 2000, noting "several years since this meeting took place", Jeff Jones calls for one at his home on June 4, 2000. An agenda of that meeting by Newcomer notes a discussion of dues setting to achieve a \$35,000. fund balance, and possible sanction against non-payers of dues.

At some later point, a large print public memorandum issued by the "OWEN RD FUND" to "David Newcomer Fund Manager" demands that due to a lack of audit that he turn over all Fund records not later than 10/15/2001.

The Minutes of an Owen Road Fund meeting held 2/20/2003 by Robert Boll, indicate satisfaction with the "safer correction" to the road entrance, and that snow fencing has recently been purchased. Dues will remain at \$300.

The 2011 Owen Road Fund financial statement shows during the year Emory Peters Inc. resurfaced the Road at a contract price of \$57,925., and that the year-end fund balance forward was \$17,024.90.

Mike Grenewalt, Fund manager and unofficial "Mayor of Owen Road" passed suddenly in February of 2021 in the early stages of the Covid 19 pandemic. Some resident shut ins later began holding Friday evening outside driveway happy hour festivities. As Road issues relating to Mike's passing were occasionally discussed, Loren and Faye Kroh stepped up to form a steering committee to perhaps modernize our legal agreements. With but a few early snags, the committee eventually brought both new bylaws and a revised maintenance and right of way agreements of the then

incorporating Owen Road Maintenance Association to the residents, which were quickly and popularly adopted. Initial Trustees of the new association were Pres. Loren Kroh, Tres. Carol Mcguigan, Sec. Steve Baker plus Tom Savoie and Joe Brillhart.

EPILOGUE

The writer is in possession of copies of most of the above-mentioned deeds, and in many cases has plotted the actual visual with the deed software Tract Plotter. If you want this material for your personal files, just ask. Note that the writer is also seeking someone who anticipates being a long-term road resident, that has a keen historical interest, and is capable of being the custodian of these files "going down the road" so to speak.