

# SEWICKLEY TOWNSHIP



1776 - 1976

John J. Wilson





November, 1976

Fellow Citizen:

It was thought there should be a book compiled showing the business places now in Sewickley Township. This will be interesting reading fifty years from now when the capsule is opened. Had this been done fifty years ago, the list would have been at least twice as large. This complements my HISTORY OF SEWICKLEY TOWNSHIP; hence some things have been omitted.

This is not an all-inclusive list. Some of the names of the business places have been written after the owners or reputed owners were sent letters and did not reply. That is one reason some do not have a complete history beside the picture.

Some of the business places are so poorly kept it would be an injustice to show their pictures. Then others have no signs or poorly kept signs or too small to be photographed. So, as a compromise, places were chosen to represent various businesses. No one should be offended if a picture of their place does not appear. No offense was intended. There is considerable money involved for letters, postage, film, developing, negatives for printing, etc., not counting my time involved.

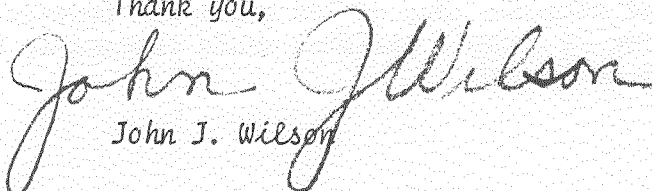
Had it not been for Anthony J. Shuster, Sr. volunteering to do the printing it would have cost around \$10.00 per book. Hence, those who want extra copies are asked to contribute \$5.00 toward expenses, other than printing. Free copies are being given to those who replied to the letters. Their replies made this possible. I hope you understand; this is not a money-making project.

Through the courtesy of Major Homer L. Redd, we were able to get some aerial views of the Township from the Pennsylvania State Police as their contribution to the Bicentennial of the Township.

I am not a member of the Sewickley Township Bicentennial Committee. So the Committee is in no way responsible for the contents--although some have cooperated in the venture. The same goes for the Sewickley Township Business and Civic Association.

Please take the good with the bad, and hope we have left something collectively for posterity fifty years from now.

Thank you,

  
John J. Wilson

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June 14, 1976

Fellow Citizen:

How many times have you reminisced about old stores of your childhood? Or, for that matter, people who rendered service ten years ago?

When I compiled "The History of Sewickley Township", not much was written about the businesses and services available to our people. It was too much to add to the material then being published.

But now, I am trying to compile a list of services available to Sewickley Township residents, along with a picture when possible. Many of the establishments have already been photographed. When possible, a picture will accompany your reply if we can get the book published.

With your full cooperation, it might be possible to have a book put in the "Time Capsule" when it is buried around Labor Day. Wouldn't a book showing the business places be good reading 100 years from now? At least your offspring can say "That was my grandfather."

So please cooperate and fill out the form on the other side \* and mail it to me before July 10, 1976. The book will be edited to make all articles correspond. So write all you want, better too much than not enough.

There will be no responsibilities on your part or mine. But one thing is sure, it won't cost you anything to cooperate. You will be under no obligations.

Thank you,

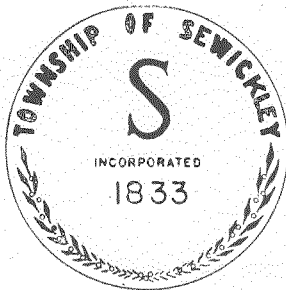
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One West Newton Road  
Herminie, PA 15637

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\* you may put the information on another sheet if you wish.

PS: The original idea of 100 years was lowered to 50 years thinking that some of today's children would appreciate being present when the capsule is opened.



## SEWICKLEY TOWNSHIP BI-CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

HERMINIE, PENNSYLVANIA 15637  
December 1975

### To All Residents of Sewickley Township

The Bicentennial Committee of Sewickley Township has been appointed by the Board of Supervisors to plan Township activities in celebration of our Country's Bicentennial Anniversary.

The hope is that every man, woman and child in our great Nation will become involved in this celebration and we believe the people of Sewickley Township will want to participate in the observance of the 200th birthday of our Country.

A calendar of events is now being prepared which will indicate activities and special projects planned for our Township in 1976. It will soon be available in the newspapers and local business establishments. We hope this schedule will get into every home.

The one activity scheduled in which we all can be involved is the "Clean-up--Fix-up-- Paint-up" Project. First, we are asking everyone, whether they are owners or tenants, to do something that will improve the appearance of their homes or places of business. Second, to get involved in a similar project in your own neighborhood and then in your own community.

Look around and you will see some evidence of what we mean. Some home owners started last summer, painting & decorating in Red, White and Blue, planting flowers, flying the flag every day. This way we will be making our Township a nicer place in which to live and at the same time be participating in our Country's Bicentennial.

We encourage everyone to participate in as many of the planned activities as possible. Let's show some of the Spirit of 1776 in 1976.

Sincerely

*Patrick A. Lavella*  
Patrick A. Lavella Chairman

### Committee Members

Louise Fenton  
Robert L. Britt  
Irene Middlemiss  
Av Mayers  
Joseph Korpar

Nancy Faust  
John T. Woods  
Margaret Orange  
Glenn Holmquist  
Emil Catone

P.S. The Herminie V.F.W. Post has a limited number of Flag Kits for sale now. The committee encourages every home to fly the Flag, if not every day, then every holiday in 1976.

## BICENTENNIAL DATES AND EVENTS

These are the dates submitted by the various groups. Some did not submit, others changed their dates to suit the times.

- Jan. 11 Church services by all churches to open the Bicentennial Year.
- 22 Bicentennial Concert, Yough High School Band, presentation of Official Certificate and Flag.
- Feb. 27 Sewickley Junior High Band and choral concert.
- 28 St. Edward's P. T. G. Bicentennial Mardi Gras
- Apr. 12 Senior girls and mothers reception-Herminie Women's Club.
- May 2 Slovenian Ballroom Banquet-ethnic salute to red, white, and blue.
- 16 Country Jamboree-Slovenian Ballroom (2 to 10).  
Sewickley Ambulance Open House-blood pressure tests (12 noon to 8 p.m.).
- Jun. 12 New Mar's Hill Baptist Church Strawberry Festival.
- 13 Flag Day ceremonies, Junior Order of United American Mechanic's, Workmen's Benefit Fund (German Club).
- 16 National Wagon Train passes thru Gratztown, Lowber, Cowansburg, Dick's Station--Herminie--on way to Valley Forge.
- 19 Shaner Sportsmens Flea Market, Pleasant Ridge Homemakers Arts and Crafts Show.
- 27 Herminie Firemen hold 50th Anniversary Banquet, Bicentennial Ball & Floor Show--Slovenian Hall.
- Jul. 3 Bells Mill's Covered Bridge Festival, Colonial Arts & Crafts.
- 4 Old Fashioned Basket Picnic--events--ball games, races, etc., dedication of tennis courts, dedication of additional picnic area, sealing of time capsule (all of above at Crab-apple Lake Park) Note--capsule not sealed
- 5 Burying of Time Capsule at Sewickley Township Municipal Building
- 11 Antique Car Parade-Sewickley Lions Club.
- 19 Herminie V. F. W. Veterans Parade (Firemens Week in Herminie).

- Jul. 24 Herminie Firemen's Parade
- Aug. 1 Thru Seven Olympics Week--Bruno Field by Sewickley Township Recreation Board.
- 8 Shaner-Guffey annual reunion.
- 11 Sewickley Township Community Picnic-Idlewild Park (near Ligonier)
- 14 New Mar's Hill Baptist Church-chicken noodle supper.
- 16 Sewickley Community Fair-Grange Hall, Sewickley Home Makers will present themselves during week of this Fair.
- Sep. 3 September 3-6--National SNPJ Days-held at Evanstown (by Westmoreland County Federation of SNPJ Lodges).
- 26 125th Anniversary of United Methodist Church in Herminie, PA.

**\*\*Note\*\***

New Mar's Hill Baptist Church building was 100 years old on May 28, 1976. Some organizations changed the dates from those shown on the calendar.

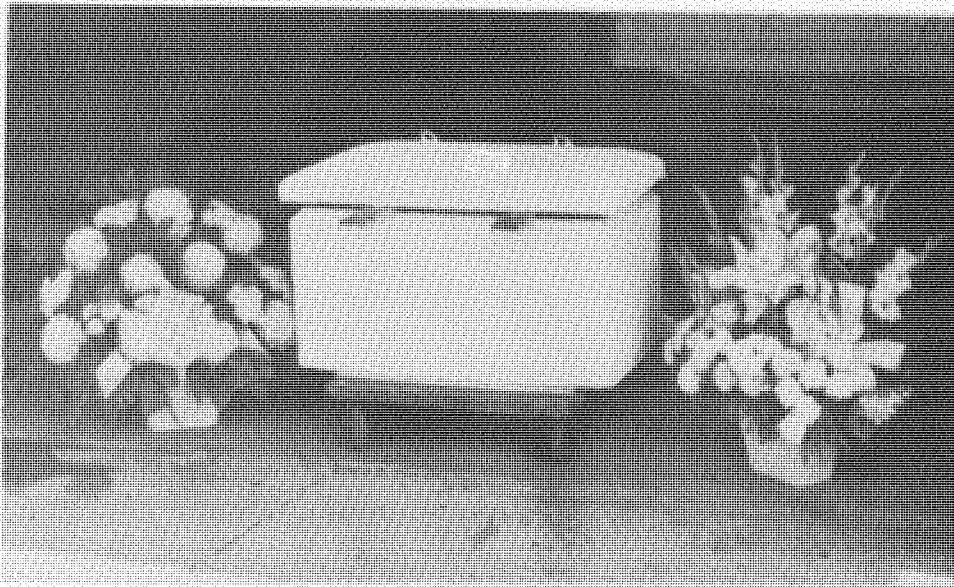




*Dedicated May 17, 1969*



*This red, white and blue sign was attached to the rear of Joseph Cochenour's wagon when he led the Wagon Train thru the township. It is now at the entrance of the above building which is located next to New Mar's Hill Baptist Church on the Rillton-Sutersville road.*



### Time Capsule

It is a small burial vault which is airtight and water tight when the lid is placed on the lower part, hence the boards separating the lid from the bottom. Its inside dimensions are, 16 inches wide, 32 inches in length, and ten inches deep.

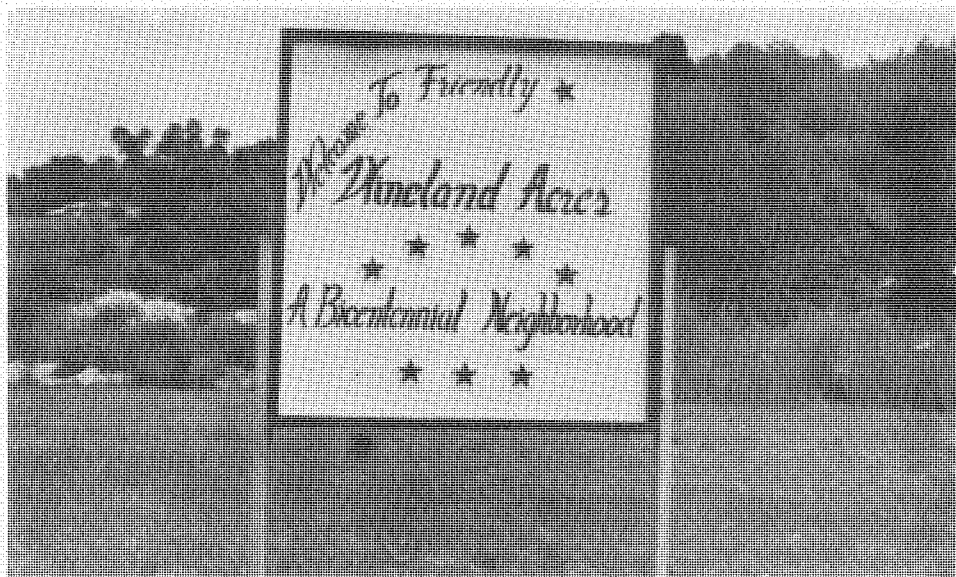
It was interred at the Sewickley Township Municipal Building on Mars Hills Road at a point from the center of the 50 foot public road where the Mars Hill property and township property meet S65 degrees, 18', 46" East 195.83 feet. A granite marker, shown on the last page, marks the site of the interring.

A ceremony relative to the interring was held on Tuesday evening, October 12, 1976 at 5:15 p.m. (Daylight Savings Time). Along with the Committee and the well wishers in the audience, the following students were selected by the Committee to be present 50 years from now when the capsule will be opened:

James R. Wilson	Son of Mr. & Mrs. James H. Wilson
Lisa Mae Woods	Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. John Woods
Charlie Mayers	Son of Mr. & Mrs. Avra Mayers
Mary C. Holmquist	Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Holmquist
Jodi Lynn Korpar	Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Korpar
David Faust	Son of Mr. & Mrs. Robert Faust
Amy Middlemiss	Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Middlemiss
Mari Ann Klassen	Daughter of Mrs. Angeline Klassen
Carol M. Holmquist	Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Glenn Holmquist
Sean Keegan	Son of Mr. & Mrs. August Keegan
Cary Lindich	Son of Mr. & Mrs. Henry Lindich
Dawn M. Peters	Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Charles Peters
Alexander Belak	Son of Mr. & Mrs. Alex Belak

Also present was the winner of the Bicentennial Essay:

Catherine Shorkey	Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. James Shorkey
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Wineland Acres is a group of homes diagonally across the road from Crabapple Lake Park. It adjoins the eastern side of Wineland Cemetery.

It is the only community in the township that has such a Bicentennial sign. The black community of Scott Haven (12 black & two white families) painted the bridge railings red & blue with white stars. They have a streamer across the road leading into the village. Just as some other places, they have their mail boxes painted red, white & blue. In the township some stores have streamers for the Bicentennial, along with Bicentennial flags. The fronts of the Herminie Post Office & Sons of Labor have been painted red, white & blue. Sewickley Township's road equipment has also been painted in these colors.

Prejza's Service Station (page 24) has its front painted the three colors. The outside north wall has a Bicentennial flag with 13 stars painted on it.

The Sewickley Township Business and Civic Association bought 100 flags which the supervisors attached to utility poles in the township. Some of the pictures show these flags which are three feet by five feet. The Herminie V. F. W. sold 100 of these flags at \$6.00 each. So there are several hundred flags flying, 24 hours a day in the township.

#### --THE WAGON TRAIN--

At the request of the Sewickley Township Supervisors, Joseph Cochenour (R.D. #1, Dick Station, Irwin, PA) and his "rig" were the "official guide" for the Wagon Train through Sewickley Township. They met the train when it crossed the river at Sutersville, and led it to Madison, PA.

On June 16, 1976, the Bicentennial Wagon Train Pilgrimage came into Westmoreland County, when it crossed the bridge at Sutersville. Mules pulling the Missouri wagon panicked on the bridge, even though hay was on the floor to hide the river, there were several minor injuries. They were greeted by the Westmoreland County Commissioners and Sewickley Township Supervisors.

The supervisors read an official proclamation making the week of June 16, 1976. "Wagon Train Week".



Joe Cochenour led them up Legislative Route 64258 through Gratztown. At Gratztown it crossed the main line of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad from Pittsburgh to Washington, DC. It took Legislative Route 64104. It was on its way to Valley Forge for a July fourth celebration. As it traveled eastward, it acquired more wagons, horseback riders, & other "pioneers".

It stopped at Lower Firemen's Club that morning for a "cookie & water break" About 12:30 p.m. it took a dinner break at Crabapple Lake Park. Herminie Homemakers, Herminie's Womens Club, & Keystone Homemakers baked 200 dozen of cookies, packaged them in three-dozen portions, & presented each wagon train with a portion. The riders and the state police also received some of the "goodies".

Joseph Cochenour standing by the horses, Scott Foster on left, Keith Cochenour center, George Foster to right.

William Critchfield (R.D. #1, Irwin, PA) joined the caravan at Herminie & accompanied it all the way to Valley Forge. Around 2 p.m. it made its journey out Sewickley Avenue to Eighth Street. Then it went up Eighth Street to the Herminie-Madison Road and proceeded to Madison, PA. People came from all around to see the spectacle. Small children had their pictures taken in the wagons, and with riders. They were a very congenial group. There were easily several thousand people lining the parade route in the township.



Wagon Train at Crabapple Lake Park, complements of The Standard Observer

The last remnants of the Wagon Train arrived at Valley Forge on July third. Sunday and Monday were days of rejoicing, then came Tuesday, what to do with the covered wagons and animals? Some had been on the road for 391 days, and there were about 200 wagons. Some had their funds exhausted. Some of the 16 official riders and the 50 official wagons had plans to stay in Valley Forge until October. Gulf Oil of Pittsburgh gave \$1,000,000 toward the project. The drivers were paid \$500 a month. It was those that were on their own that had problems. Some had arrangements made to use vans to return their animals and wagons home, as did Harry (Bud) White of North Huntingdon, PA.

This is where the ironic part comes in. Some sold their animals and equipment to interested people. Some returned them home. Others were broke and it was too costly to return everything back several thousand miles. Some who could not return their gear home arranged for an auction to sell their animals. The auction was to be held on July 9, 1976, and buyers would, more than likely, be representatives of factories making dog food.

The Federated Animal Society and the Women's Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals bargained with the owners of the 21 mules that remained, to pay them \$200 for each mule, instead of having the auction. The animals were sent to the Montgomery County S. P. C. A.'s "old horse farm". Marie Long Michaels of Greensburg, PA, (she was reared in Herminie) a long time animal protector, who had opposed the wagon train idea from the beginning, joined in the efforts to buy the animals.



William Critchfield joined the above "rig" at Crabapple Lake Park and went with it to Valley Forge. It was sponsored by the Irwin Bank and Trust Company of Irwin, PA. It was under the direction of Harry White, of Irwin. He was accompanied by Barry Walker also of Irwin, Ken Davis of Adamsburg, Howard O'Neal and son Randy from Straw Pump. The conestoga wagon was made by them to be an authentic replica.

William (Bill) has horses of his own, and has always been interested in horses. So naturally, when he had a chance to join Harry White's outfit, he readily accepted. But the Jeannette News Dispatch wrote "Sadder but wiser Bill Critchfield joined Wagon Train in Herminie."

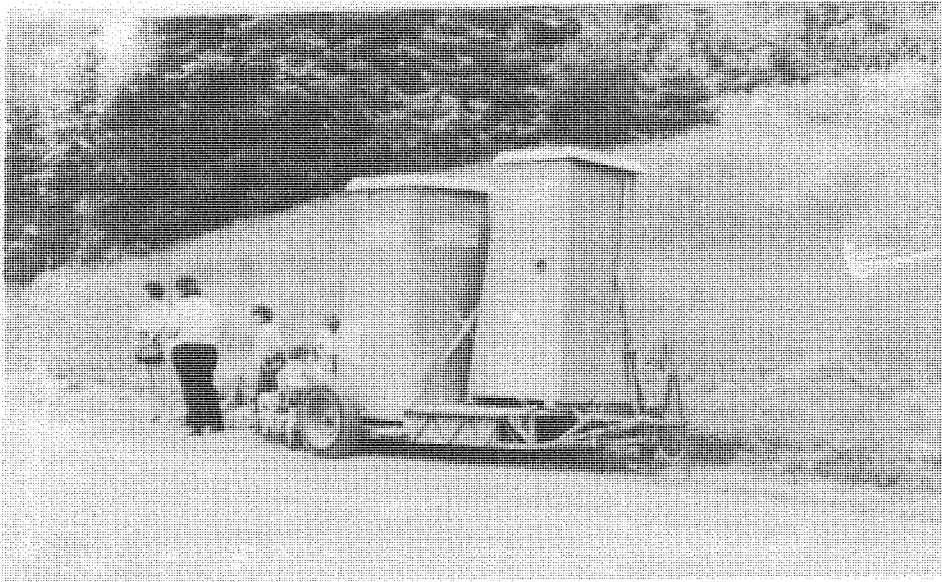
He said it was like a big parade from Herminie to Valley Forge. Some who joined it in this county did not go all the way. Many had opinions that it was grossly mismanaged. Bill thought many of the drivers and the public were very unhappy. They were not shown the courtesy he believed they deserved. Only the 50 official wagon trains received first class treatment. At Valley Forge some of them had to stop two miles away from the park, and thus were not active participants in the activities. Some who went were denied admittance to the park on "technicalities." All the independents had to pay their own way. The chuck wagon for the train charged \$6 a day for their meals. Feed for the animals was bought from the train or along the way.

One thing that impressed Bill was the fine reception that they all received from the people along the way. The day started any time between five a.m. or six a.m. The animals had to be tended to and breakfast prepared so as to be ready to roll at seven they stopped at prearranged parks or farms. Thus, they traveled from nine to 30 miles a day. Showers were secured at schools along the way. Something the old conestoga drivers never had.

Just as when they went through the township, the Pennsylvania State Police provided an escort all of the way through Pennsylvania to Valley Forge, where they arrived on July 3, 1976.

This outfit of White's had two mules and a horse. Only two were hitched to the wagon at any one time. The other was tied to the rear to use if three were needed to haul the wagon up a hill. The men divided the work between themselves. Rotating the chores, one had to drive, one sat by the driver to brake the wagon, one checked the harnessed animals, and one drove the pick-up truck, which was following with their provisions. Ken Davis was the out-rider for the train.

With all the moaning we hear about ecology, the train had no complaints about the "mess" that was left by the horses.



The two "sanitary" shanties the wagon train had.



SEWICKLEY TOWNSHIP RECREATION CENTER  
Highland Avenue  
Herminie, Pennsylvania

In the fall of 1966 the Sewickley Township Recreation Commission was established. The purpose of the Commission is to supervise the entire recreational program of the township.

The Recreation Center is the former Sewickley Township High School and gymnasium. It is utilized for a comprehensive recreation program consisting of an adult program as well as a youth program.

During the summer months, the Commission supervises an organized play ground program for the children. This program is conducted at various communities throughout the township.

During the ten years of its existence, the Commission has steadily expanded its scope of operation. The Recreation Center houses the Recreation Program, as well as the meeting place for the Golden Age Club, The Girl Scouts, and also the Sewickley Township Kindergarten.

It is the firm conviction of the Commission that a well-rounded recreation program is an asset to any community, and the Commission will strive to continue to expand its programs. In 1976 they received \$1,200 from the United Fund.

The Recreation Board oversees the operation of Bruno's Field, baseball fields, tennis courts, and all other recreation property in the Sewickley Township supervisor's name.



#### JOHN C. BRUNO MEMORIAL FIELD

The community wanted in some way to honor John C. Bruno after he died on October 16, 1970. He had served so many years as coach at Sewickley Township High School, and then the Yough School District. So it was decided to make improvements to the football field used by the teams to play home games.

The field is located at the southwest corner of the Hutchinson Road and the Lowber road. It is owned by the Sewickley Township Supervisors. About \$10,000 was spent on improvements, mostly from contributions.

The bleachers were painted, fences installed around the entire field and around the playing field. The parking lot was improved. The whole project provides a football and baseball field. The baseball field is used by the community. The football field is equipped to play night football.

It was dedicated on Friday, September 10, 1971. A bronze plaque was placed into a seven ton blue stone, which reads:

"John C. Bruno, born March 22, 1912, died October 16, 1970, 36 years dedicated years guiding, coaching, and teaching. The measure of life after all, is not its duration but its donation."

Presentation was made to his late wife Harriet Bruno. Remarks of acceptance were made by his late son, Currie Bruno.



SEWICKLEY FAMILY PRACTICE CENTER  
Monsour Medical Center

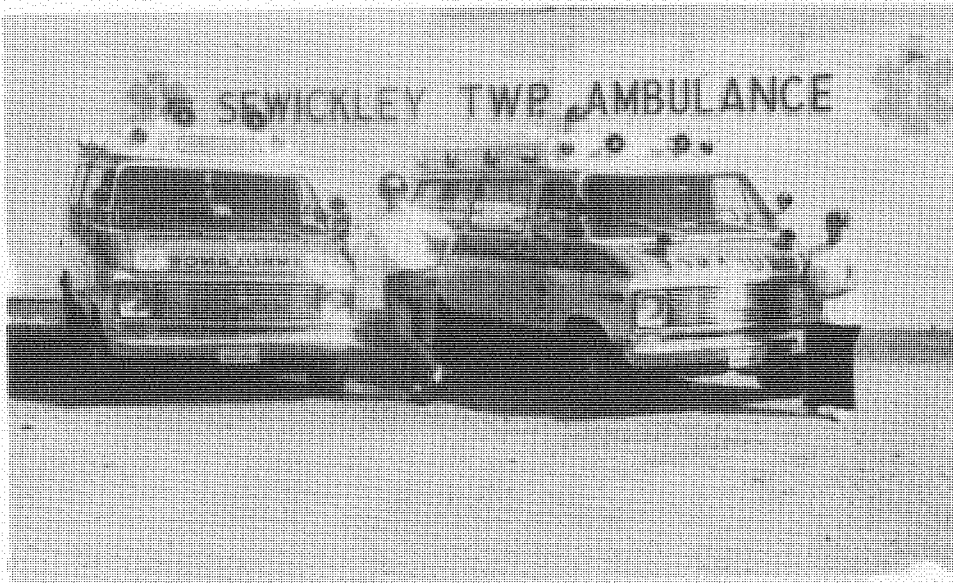
When the mines were in bloom, every village around had a doctor. Herminie had three, but with the going of the mines also went the doctors. For many years there was only one doctor in Herminie. So the medical problem became acute. The emergency rooms of nearby hospitals could tell when Dr. Cerne was not available, their emergency rooms were filled with citizens of Herminie and nearby.

To overcome this situation, Sewickley Family Practice Center at 24 Highland Avenue, Herminie, was built under the auspices of Monsour Medical Center, located in Jeannette, PA. It represents an investment of about \$115,000. It is equipped with suites for two physicians, five examining rooms, and a laboratory for minor tests. Major tests are made at Monsour Hospital. The new building is designed to meet the demands of modern technological advances.

The purpose of the center is to provide family oriented medical care and services to the community utilizing a team approach. The primary orientation is the family unit, in other words, when dealing with an individual, they approach him or her as a part of a larger family unit.

The office is staffed by receptionists from 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays. Appointments are preferred. House calls will be made if the doctor feels it is the most appropriate method of dealing with the patient's problem. Often a house call is made by the nurse who relays the data to the doctor for his evaluation.

The basic charge is \$9 for the first visit and \$6 thereafter. It was dedicated on May 1, 1976. It opened for business May 10, 1976. Dr. John Nemec is in charge of the center.



**SEWICKLEY TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY AMBULANCE SERVICE**  
 Thomas McDonough & Lucy A. Abbott

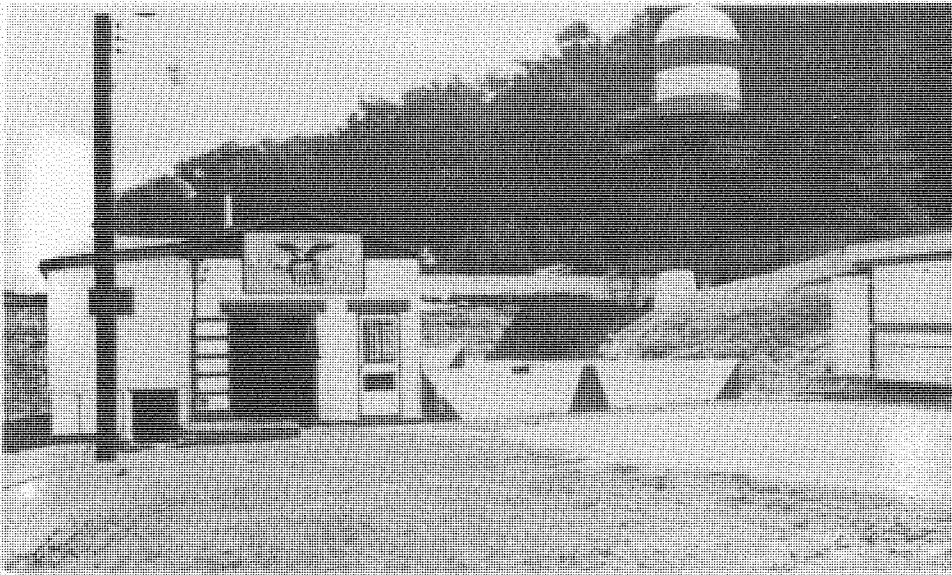
The Sewickley Township Community Ambulance Service was organized in 1972 after a meeting at the Keystone Shaft Athletic Association. Its first head quarters was a four foot by four foot room in John Costanza's barber shop on Sewickley Avenue in Herminie. They then moved to the Herminie Fire Hall. In October of 1972, they moved into a building part of which was a machine shop. The machine shop part was demolished, but their part was left standing. In September 1972 two rooms were added to the building at Fifth Street, which they now occupy.

Their first ambulance was a hearse donated by Hilary E. Stader. Later a used ambulance was purchased. In May 1972, a used 1971 Chevrolet ambulance was purchased. In January 1975, a new 1974 Chevrolet ambulance was bought. So now the two are kept busy. Prior to the ambulance service, Funeral Directors took the critically ill or accident victims to the hospital. Others got there the best way that they could.

In April 1972 they purchased a new base station for communications and mobile units so as to have communications with the other units and hospitals.

All are volunteers who have taken first aid training by trained instructors. They have at the time of this writing, 17 Emergency Medical Technicians I, and one Emergency Medical Technician II Paramedic. Some are going to Westmoreland County Community College for training. One goes to Westmoreland Hospital in Greensburg. This ambulance outfit is the only one having a EMT II Paramedic.

They have 55 members, all volunteers. All these improvements have been made possible by donations from the public and Sewickley Township Supervisors. No charge is made for services rendered. The two ambulances traveled 13,340 in 1975, taking patients to 18 different hospitals. It operates 24 hours a day. In 1975, it made 495 calls, received \$1000 from the United Fund in 1976. On May 16, 1976 they held an open house in honor of the Bicentennial Year.



HERMINIE WATER WORKS

When the Ocean Coal Company went out of business in February 1938, it left Herminie without any fire protection. They had a fire truck, but no water in the hydrants. The pumps at Howell's Dam were started when there was a fire so as to give enough pressure, being there was no reservoir in Herminie. There were no inside toilets using the supply, except a few on company property. The water was not drinkable.

Faced with the loss of a water supply for fire purposes, John H. Stubbs stepped forward and bought the system until something could be worked out. Authorities as we know then did not exist by the law then. The law prevented the township from taking over the system. The Herminie Fire Company became the custodian of the system. They operated it and made repairs. The occupants paid \$1 a month so as to pay the \$60 a month electric bill and other expenses.

A bill was introduced in Harrisburg to permit second class townships to enter into the water business. All water companies in the state were controlled through John H. Ware. He opposed the bill because it would establish a precedent. The legislature was Republican controlled. Things looked hopeless as the legislature was getting to adjourn the end of May 1929.

Squire A. T. Evans, a Republican and president of the fire company; and others made arrangements to have Squire John J. Wilson, a democrat, go to Harrisburg in the middle of May to keep track of things. Squire Wilson spent two weeks in Harrisburg and finally in the closing days of the legislature the bill was passed. But, only after it was agreed that the township would buy the system and use it only "for fire protection." Thus not giving the other water companies competition.

So from the "fire protection only" system has the present system evolved. Lowber acquired a similar system by the same law when they purchased Cool Springs from Joseph N. White. But they started from scratch and paid their own way. Had there been laws about municipal authorities then as they are now, things would have been different from then on.

To help the people, the supervisors applied for funds from the Works Progress Administration (WPA). They extended the water lines, put in fire hydrants, and built a bowl-like reservoir on the hill in Herminie. All this time and money was being used to supply what the WPA did not cover. It was a case of legally wrong, but morally right. If there is such a position. These were depression times. Improvements by succeeding supervisors has given Herminie and environs a first class drinking water system with spring water as its source.

The taxpayers in other parts of the township created a furor because so much of their money was being spent on the Herminie system. We must remember the WPA did its work when costs were low, materials cheap, and laborers were paid \$52.80 per month.

Supervisors, Mathew Solomon, William W. Shoaf, and Louis Beddick, arranged for a bond issue of \$45,000 which was to be used to repay the general fund of the township for funds advanced. Their foresight is to be commended. What would we have to pay later for such a system? But the bond deal became a victim of politics. Whether by design or otherwise, the bonds were sold a few days before the November 1945 election. This caused the defeat of supervisor Louis Beddick, the prime mover of the system.

About a year ago, the present supervisors created an "authority," the Herminie Water Authority of five citizens to manage and supervise; but not own the system. Thus freeing the supervisors of managing responsibilities.

Notice in the picture how these men have decorated it for the Bicentennial. The Bicentennial design is over the pump house. The water tank to the right is painted red, white, and blue; with a sign "Braddock's Encampment." The men take great pride in how they keep the system.

The rates in 1936, if the water bill was paid on time was \$1.50 for homes, \$2.25 for restaurants & hotels, and \$3 for garages & stores. This was for a monthly period, as there were no meters at this time.

Foresight on the supervisors part can also be said about the sewerage system. In the late 1940's the supervisors spent \$5000 to have a survey made about sewerage. But legal maneuvering, etc., caused the auditors to surcharge them. This was another case of legality and morality. But think of what we will pay in the future when a sewerage system is built, compared with that of 1948? You can be right and yet wrong.

With no major industries, the township has become a bedroom community. People live here and work elsewhere. Who would think there would be a day when there was not a coal mine in the township? There are several coal stripping projects such as at Cowansburg, Scott Haven, & Gratztown.

Arrangements are now trying to be made by the authority to have some kind of a standby connection with the Westmoreland County Municipal Authority so as to provide water to the system in case of an emergency or disruption of the present water system.

Once it was free, but if you want to tap into the Herminie Water District lines now it will cost you \$215. This includes costs of water meter, curb box, valve, and tubing to the property line. If you have these, it will cost \$75 to have the meter installed; \$12 a quarter for a minimum of 6000 gallons is the basic fee. The next 4000 gallons costs \$1.15 per thousand, over 10,000 gallons it is \$1 per thousand. One third of the meters are read each month.

Coal was "king" when the mines were operating. But today, it is still "king" in a different way, cost. Coal delivered to homes, still using it, runs from \$40 to \$50 a ton. Thus, it costs around \$500 to heat the average home for the winter. Those who heat with it generally use bottled gas, electricity, etc., for cooking and hot water tanks.

One thing that makes electricity so expensive is the Fuel Adjustment Charge. This is the charge that fluctuates from month to month depending on what the utilities have to pay for the fuel they use to generate the electricity. Our electricity for the 12-month period of May 1975 through April 1976 was \$169.51. This included the state tax and Fuel Adjustment Charge. For the first four months of 1976 our electricity costs \$66.72, plus state tax of \$2.85, plus Fuel Adjustment Charge of \$19.73, thus the Fuel Adjustment Charge averaged about 30%. We have two colored televisions, two air conditioners, lights, electric washer and dryer, and a refrigerator.

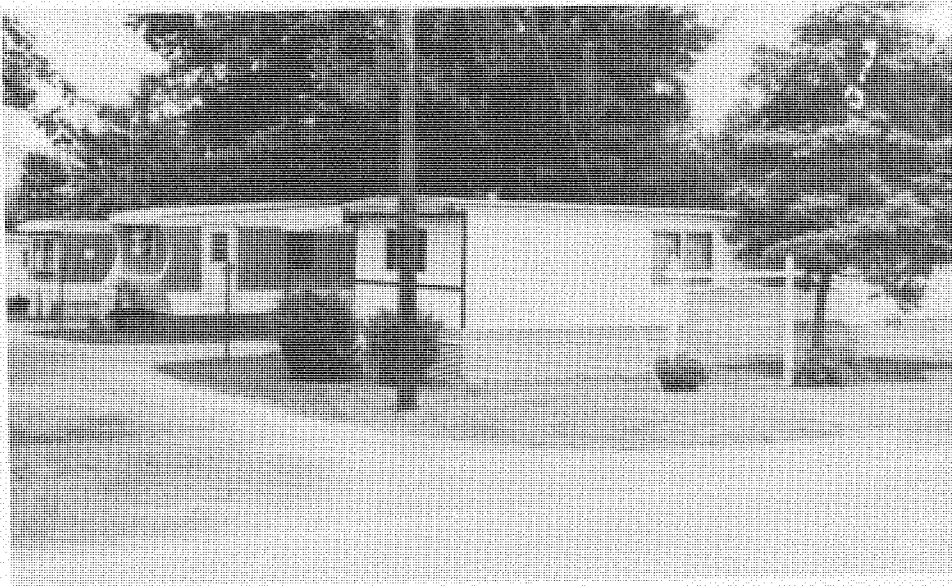
In the all-electric homes the costs average about \$60 a month the year round. These people pay a fixed charge for 11 months and the difference according to the meter reading is paid the last month. Others who do not have all-electric homes can do likewise. The gas company has the same arrangement so as to keep down the high costs during the winter months.

Our gas bill for the home consisting of five rooms, bath, and cellar, for the 12-month period of May 1975 through April 1976 was \$354.42. The five winter months cost \$239.67. So you see gas is the cheapest fuel for heating. We use gas for heating, cooking, hotwater tank, and forced air heating.

Oil heat is not much different from the preceding. Oil for heating is selling for around 39.9 cents a gallon. The average costs for heating a home is about \$380. But again, these homes cook and heat water with electricity, and electricity is used to operate the oil furnace.

The telephone appears to be the best bargain. The costs of a private line with no extensions is \$4.93 a month, plus Pennsylvania surcharge of 20 cents and state tax of 41 cents. This gives unlimited use to call places served by the local Herminie exchange and those covered by Irwin, Jeannette, and Greensburg exchanges. But this arrangement is a "crime" to future generations. In the past there was letter writing that shed light on conditions of the time. Now with first class postage being 13 cents a letter, and prospects of it going higher in the fall, there is very little letter writing when a phone call will do.

As we tell elsewhere, there is garbage pick up in the township. Most of the haulers charge a home \$3 a month for weekly pick up. Once a year the township supervisors have a trash pick up week when they haul away free anything the garbage men will not take, such as used appliances, furniture, etc.



### VALLEY VIEW MOBILE HOME PARK

This park owned and operated by Louis V. and Ilona M. Venich is located on Route 136, R. D. #1, West Newton. It is located where the road goes east to the covered bridge. It provides space for parking mobile homes. Besides rental of the lot, the tenant is furnished with water and sewage disposal. Roadways and utility lines to the home are serviced by the park owner.

This park was put into operation in July of 1970. Lot rental, at that time, was \$40 a month which included water, sewage disposal, and garbage collection. The present rental is \$50 a month. In 1970 the average cost of a mobile home using the park was \$6,500. In 1976 the average cost is \$9,000 -- inflation.

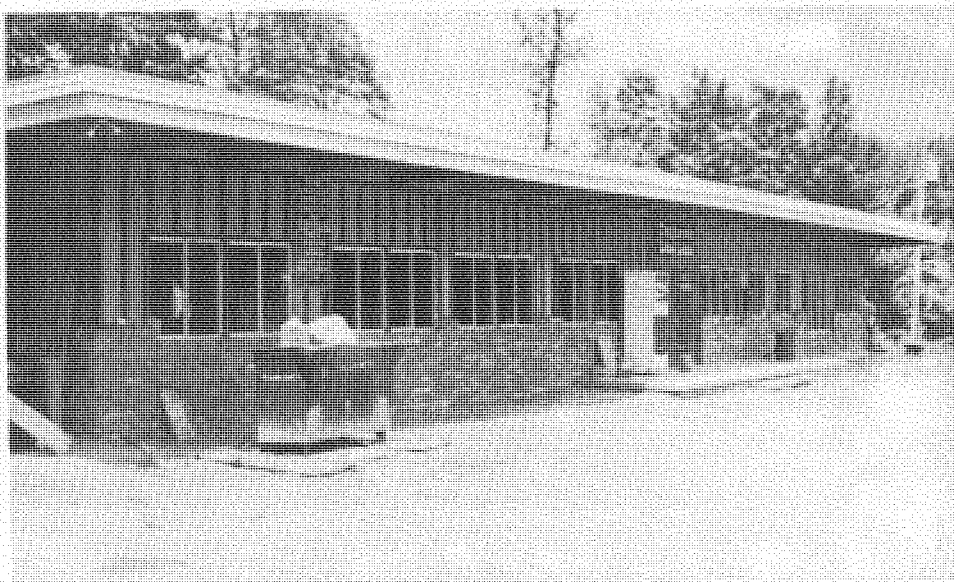
Mobile home parks started to flourish in 1970 to accommodate the need for housing for young married couples. Because of inflation in 1975, however, the demand for space is not as great. The cost of purchasing a mobile home has increased so that young married couples can no longer afford even this supposedly low cost housing.

The picture above gives a good view of mobile homes which about 200 families in Sewickley Township accommodate. They have become a great thing in the past ten years. There are many reasons people prefer them. Some prefer them because there is only one individual, or only two people-- husband and wife, or they have a job that requires working here and there and moving with their work. They are in no way cheap.

At the present time a mobile home can be purchased at a minimum of \$9,000 fully equipped. Some buy lots and park them there, others go to a mobile home park. They are assessed and pay real estate taxes like a regular house on their own land. The biggest problem they have is finding a plot of ground that will pass the "perk test." A house cannot be erected or a mobile home used unless the ground is tested for drainage so the water from the septic tank and sewage will sink in to it.

The ground varies so much, some places are not suitable for them. Hence the need for a central sewage system for the township. Some have homes similar to these but they are attached to a "truck" frame and they move about as an auto would. These mobile homes shown in the picture come with rear wheels attached. The front is hoisted to a vehicle equipped for this purpose, and moved to the location they are to be parked. The rear wheels are taken off. The home is put on supports or a foundation. When people put them on their own lot, they sometimes put a concrete slab under them and skirts around the outside to keep out the cold and for a much neater appearance.

There are two mobile parks in the township. This one can accommodate ten trailers. The Sewickley Pines Manor, operated by Thomas Berch can accommodate 100 mobile homes. It is located east of this park on Route 136.



Lodge at  
Tanglewood Lake Campground

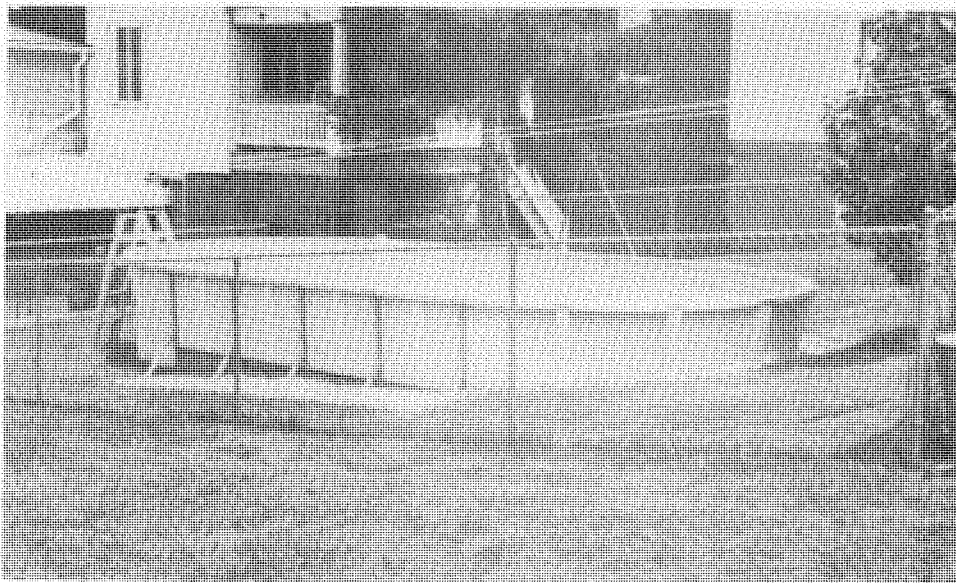
Tanglewood Lake Campground is located in the east side of the state highway going from Madison to Waltz Mill. The post office address is R. D. #2, Box 77, Ruffsedale, PA. It is owned and operated by two brothers, Frank and Herbert Menoher. It can accommodate travel trailers, pick up campers, motor homes, and campers using tents. It can efficiently serve 100 customers at once.

Many individuals or families go camping in the above vehicles, or they go on vacation and stop off here for a short interval. It serves mostly transient visitors. One of the permanent buildings has rest rooms, showers, laundry and dryer facilities. There rest rooms contain regular toilets, free individual showers and private dressing rooms.

## EXAMPLES OF TYPICAL RATES FOR A FAMILY OF FOUR

	Per day	Per week	Per month
Without hook up	\$3.50	\$21.00	\$ 70.00
Water and electric	4.00	24.00	80.00
Water, electric, & sewer	4.50	27.00	90.00
Water, electric, sewer, & air conditioner	5.00	30.00	100.00

Seasonal rates are available. Rates are for one family consisting of husband, wife, and two unmarried children. For each additional person in the family the cost is 50 cents a day. Visitors 50 cents a day, overnight guests \$1, extra car 50 cents. One day deposit required per site. All holiday weekends are a minimum of three days payable in advance. Check out time is four p.m. Refunds one week prior to reservation date only.



Frank Natale's Swimming Pool  
412 Sewickley Avenue  
Herminie, Pennsylvania

The facilities at Crabapple Lake Park are available to members and others who want to use it. But, the past several years private pools in back yards have become "the thing." There are several hundred in Sewickley Township. A small pool, nine feet in diameter and 30 inches deep, sells for approximately \$100 with filter and accessories. The prices go up to several thousand dollars for pools above the ground and those in the ground. This pool is in the average price range. The build of the pool and also its size is how the pools price is established. Some winterize them and leave the water in all year. These are ideal for families because the children can be easily supervised and family cook-outs are convenient.

In the 1920's and 30's, there was a Blue Dell pool and a Byerly Crest pool in North Huntingdon Township, the Sensenich free pool in Irwin, and one at Oakford Park in Jeannette. Today there is only one pool in this district, so hence the need for private pools.



### AUEL INDUSTRIES

The red brick building is the old Ocean Company's supply house. It is used as a machine shop by Auel Industries and is located on the road going from Church Street to Limerick Hill, at the rear of the ambulance building.

In the corrugated steel and fiber glass-insulated building. At the right is the "roundhouse" in which familiar locomotives are custom-built to a particular era. The building is 84 feet long, 42 feet wide, and doors are 16 feet high.

A 36-inch gauge engine, built in 1910 by Baldwin Locomotive Works, near Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, was sent to Alaska. When it was through being used there, it was disassembled and shipped to California as scrap. Learning of this, Mr. Auel went to California and brought it back in pieces on trucks. There were 75,000 pounds of engine parts and 30,000 pounds for the tender. Special permits had to be obtained for each state it traveled coming back because of this weight.

This 75,000 pound engine can develop 13,500 pounds of traction and hit a top speed of 40 miles per hour. It is complete with the familiar headlight and outreaching cow catcher. The 30,000 pound tender holds six tons of coal and 2,500 gallon of water. Not a toy, by any imagination. It was sent, after being rebuilt from the pieces, by special railroad cars in 1976 to Genesee County Park, which is near Flint, Michigan. See it the next time your out that way.

Auel Industries has built and delivered two engines and three cars for the L K P Railroad in Hawaii, two engines and six cars for Opry Land in Nashville, Tennessee. A 1868 model engine and its two passenger cars were built and are now displayed at the Ford Museum in Dearborn, Michigan.

Being you cannot buy parts for these old engines, Auel's Machine Shop has to make them. What looks like scrap in the picture are parts of approximately 50 freight cars. They were brought from California on 15 trucks. Normally, he has six or seven regular workers. At peak periods it jumps up to 25 or 30 men. They are men who know their railroad business, old time railroad men who know their engines.

The Auel Industries was established in 1934, by Carl Auel of Irwin and Dr. Walter Teskey of Penn Hills, Pennsylvania. They started in the red brick building. They started out building model trains; the kind that children use for pleasure in the basement or living room. Some were electric, but some were made by hand to be steam operated.

In 1960, they got into the 19- and 20-inch guage trains. Some of these were sent to Alabama, to haul people around the Battleship Alabama. In 1969, they started building the 36-inch guage. Business grew as they became suppliers of engines and cars for amusement parks around the country. People from Herminie who visited Hawii, several years ago, rode on some of his trains. Here is another instance where a hobby has been built into a business.

This plan has been written up several times, including the Greensburg Tribune Review on August 25, 1975, from which some of this material was compiled.

There are three attorneys at law living in the township:

Peter Cherebia, Jr. residing at 18 Dester Street, Herminie, PA  
 Robert M. Stefanon residing at 3 Madison Avenue, Herminie, PA  
 Paul Welty residing at 14 Judy Drive, Herminie, PA

Janet's & Josephine's Beauty Salon, which is located at 40 Wineland Drive in Herminie, Pennsylvania, was started in 1956 by Josephine Kaminsky. In 1967 her daughter, Janet, also went into business with her. They specialize in cutting and styling of hair, tinting and frosting, permanent waves for women, and also styling and permanent waving for men.

#### PRICE LIST OF SERVICES RENDERED

In 1956 and 1976

	<u>1956</u>	<u>1976</u>
Permanent wave	\$ 3.50	\$10.00
Budget wave	5.00	12.50
Deluxe	10.00	20.00
Hair styling	2.50	4.00
Hair cuts	1.00	3.00
Tints	5.00	8.50



### *The First National Bank of Herminie*

*This bank is located on the corner of Sewickley Avenue and Fourth Street, with the entrance on Fourth Street. It is a commercial bank rendering full service of a bank, except it does not have a trust department.*

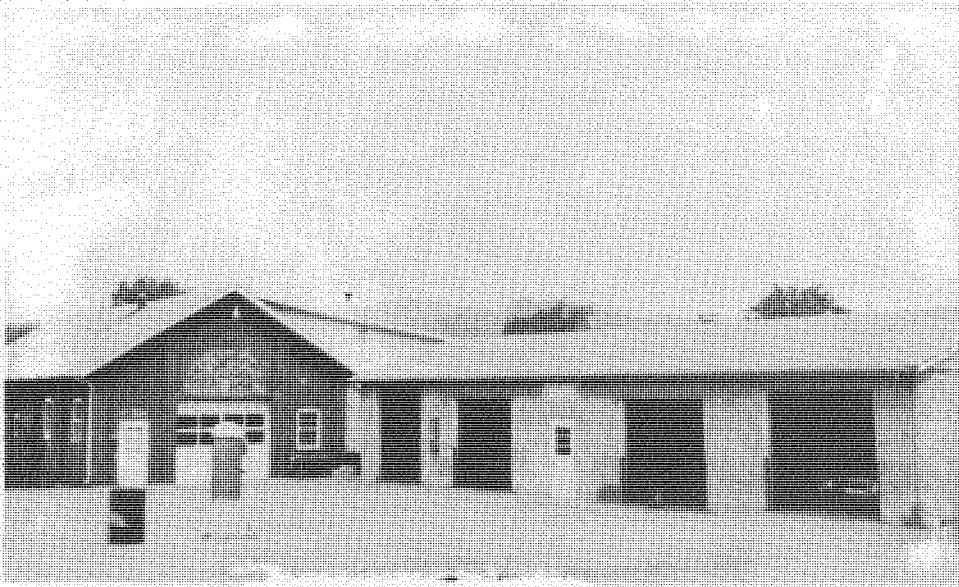
*It offers free checking account with no minimum deposit, 5 per cent is paid semi-annually on savings accounts. Five per cent interest is charged on money borrowed to buy a new automobile on installments. The average rate for mortgages is 9 per cent, depending on the building. Saving Certificates are issued bearing interest, depending on the time for which they are issued.*

*John Pittavino, a former cashier of the bank, was instrumental in getting some of the banks of the county to set up the Westmoreland Computer Service, which is located in Greensburg. All the banks demands, such as, deposits, checking accounts, Christmas Clubs, installment loans, payroll, etc., are fed in to this computer.*

*Herminie and surrounding areas pay their utility bills such as, West Penn Power, Columbia Gas, Bell Telephone, water, garbage, etc., here.*

*The First National Bank of Herminie was the second bank to be founded in Sewickley Township (the first was Sutersville, when it was part of the township). It was organized March 29, 1912, with a capital of \$25,000. Thomas B. Brown was its first President. Lloyd U. Dick was cashier. In its first annual report the bank's assets were \$91,000. It has had only three presidents and four cashiers.*

*The bank has been remodeled several times to expand its facilities. Its first branch bank, The Stone House Office, near the turnpike, was opened in 1968. In 1976, it opened the Fort Allen Office, on Route 136 in Hempfield Industrial Park, Greensburg, PA. As of June 30, 1976, its reported assets are \$29,112,490. It employs 27 people in its operations.*



*Lavella Self Service Car Wash*

*This building is located on Church and Fourth Streets in Herminie. It was started in July 1966. It is a four-bay coin operated self-service car wash. It was started by her late husband, Vito (Duke) Lavella. Now his wife, Jennie, operates it with the help of her father, George Caviggia and Wayne Hileman. It costs 50 cents for five minutes of washing and this includes water and soap. The vacuum shown in the middle of the picture costs 25 cents to use.*

*V. Lavella & Son, Inc. operates out of the red brick building to the left. It was built in 1918 by the Ocean Coal Company as their barn, after the wooden barn burned down. Sewickley Township School District used it for years as a bus garage for their school busses. Lavella bought it in 1966.*

*V. Lavella & Son, Inc. was Vito Lavella and his son David. Since Vito died, his wife Jennie and son David, operate the business which was started in a one-car garage by Vito in June of 1955. It was a new Bowes franchise opening in Westmoreland County. They distribute automotive supplies and tools. Now they have three trucks calling on new car dealers and service stations in Westmoreland, Allegheny, and Fayette Counties. As with the car wash, Jennie and her son, David, operate the business with the help of Janette Lavella, Ron Tumbry, and Tom Tumbry.*

#### *Hutchinson Preparation Plant*

*When the Pittsburgh Coal Company closed the Hutchinson Mine in 1973, they sealed all the mine entrances. But, they continued to use the part of the tipple and preparation plant. When the mine was in operation, the coal was mined and cleaned before being shipped, that is, most of the slate, dirt, etc., were removed and the coal washed.*

*Since the mine closed, the plant has been used to process low-sulphur coal with low-ash content. It is called "mat" coal. Coal is hauled here from other sources, depending on its sulphur and ash content, and blended and washed to make the finished product which is used to make coke. Some of the coal hauled by a truck, a distance of 70 miles. Some from Clymer region of Indiana County, some from the Brownsville region of Fayette County, along with local coal.*



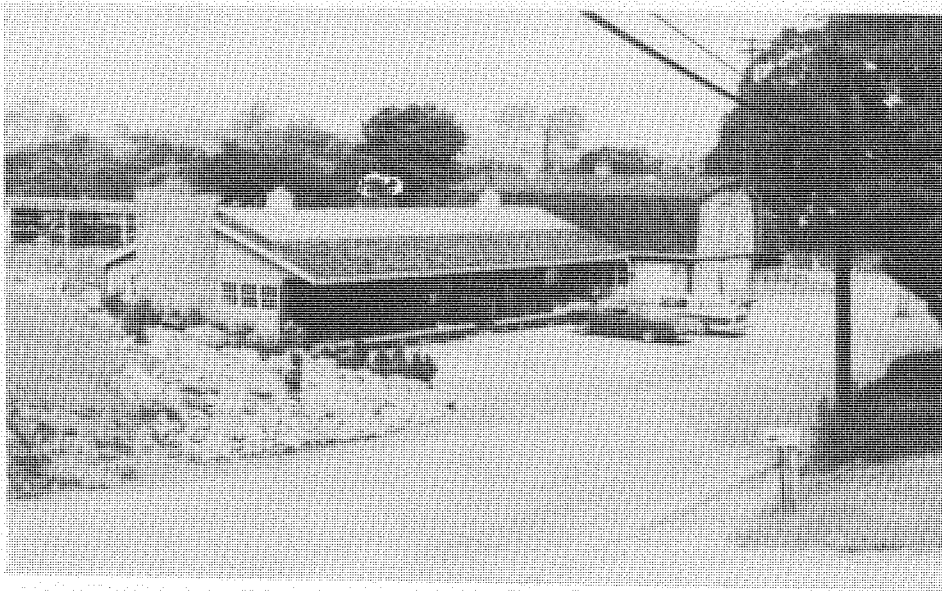
The finished product is a coal of a specified size, sulphur content, and ash content. It is sent by train to Astabula, Ohio, then by boat to Canada. All the processed coal is shipped to Canada. With the fuss now going on about the ecology and environment, and the court cases about the United States Steel Company who make coke at their Clairton works in Allegheny County, it is odd, all this product is shipped to Canada to make coke for steel mills there because it does not pollute the air. Twelve men are employed at the plant.

#### -Schools-

How schooling has changed . . . the calculator has replaced the slide rule.

You go to a supermarket to buy, and you see a woman with an electronic calculator in her hand counting the price of each item as she puts it in her shopping cart, so as not to exceed her budget.

The calculator has become a permanent feature on the American scene. All this has happened within the past few years, because of the convenience and low prices available. Housewives and students are the big buyers. Students use calculators in classrooms and (or) doing their home work. What ever happened to the "Three R's" (reading, riting, & rithmetic).



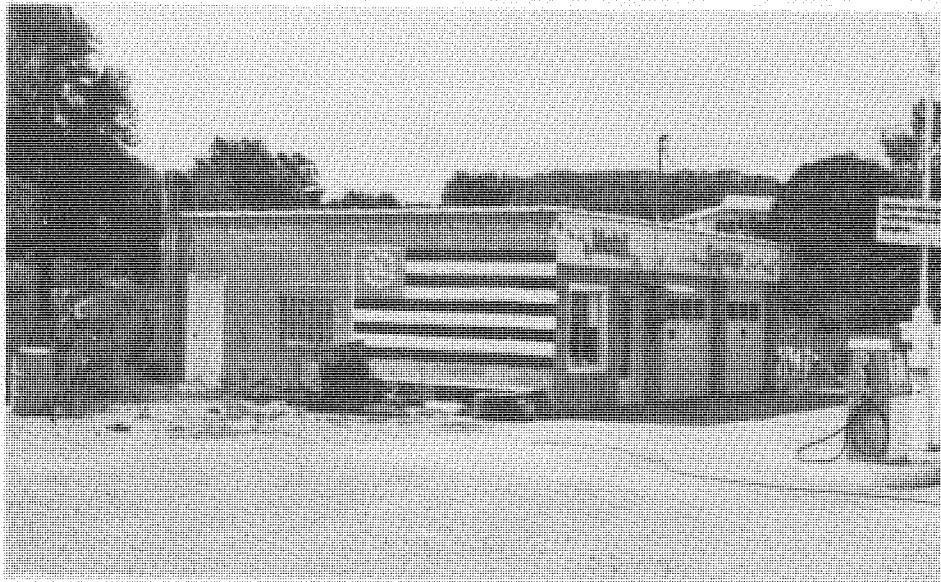
### *Rudy's Farm and Garden Center*

*Rudy's, is located on the Herminie-Madison Road, and is owned by Rudy Golobish who resides at Morris Road in Herminie. He started the business around 1950.*

*There is a produce and garden center to provide the public with fresh garden produce all year round, and to furnish products for making and maintaining a home garden and lawn. He sells seeds, flowers, fertilizer, plants, shrubbery, lawn ornaments, fresh produce, and groceries.*

*This business started in a school-bus-stop shed, where pupils waited to get the bus to go to school. The oldest sons, Larry and David, sold the excess vegetables from the garden. The vegetables were displayed on a bench with the prices marked. People selected their produce and left the money in a box. Year by year it grew. Once when Rudy was in the hospital for several months, this was the family's only source of income. Rudy gave up his trade as a carpenter to devote his full time as a gardener. In 1972, the old building which had been built to replace the bus stop shed, was torn down and this building erected in its place. The building was designed by Larry to give the appearance of a rustic-styled barn, thus, the roughly cut timber and beams. It was entirely a family project, being designed and constructed by the family with each one doing something to contribute to its erection.*

*The business is now 15 years old, and has grown from a hobby to a profitable business large enough to support a family of ten people. Rudy's is opened throughout the week, the only day in which he does not conduct business is on Sunday.*



*Prejza's Mobil Service*

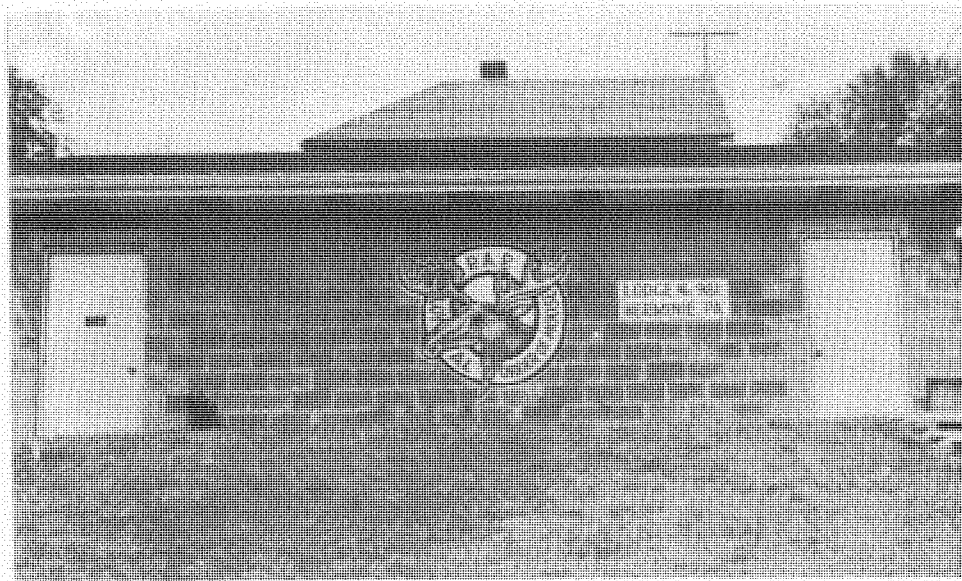
*This service station is located on Legal Route 64104, just before coming into Lowber from Cowansburg. It is owned by John Prejza who resides at R. D. #1, Irwin, Pennsylvania.*

*Different places in "The History of Sewickley Township" tell about the devastating floods which visited throughout the township, because of the melting snow and ice. But, in June 14 to 23 of 1972, some places were as bad as any of the previous floods. The tropical storm Agnes followed a direction new to hurricanes. It came inland instead of going out-to-sea. There were five days of unabated rains. Places along creeks and rivers went through flood stages again, many areas were without power, telephone service, and drinking water.*

*A good idea of how high the water was in the Big Sewickley Creek at Lowber, can be estimated when you realize the water was three-fourths (about six feet) up the glass in the door panels. So imagine what it was farther down the stream where the creek empties into the Youghiogheny River. So you see Gratztown received more than its share.*

#### *Loyal Order of Moose-Lodge #981*

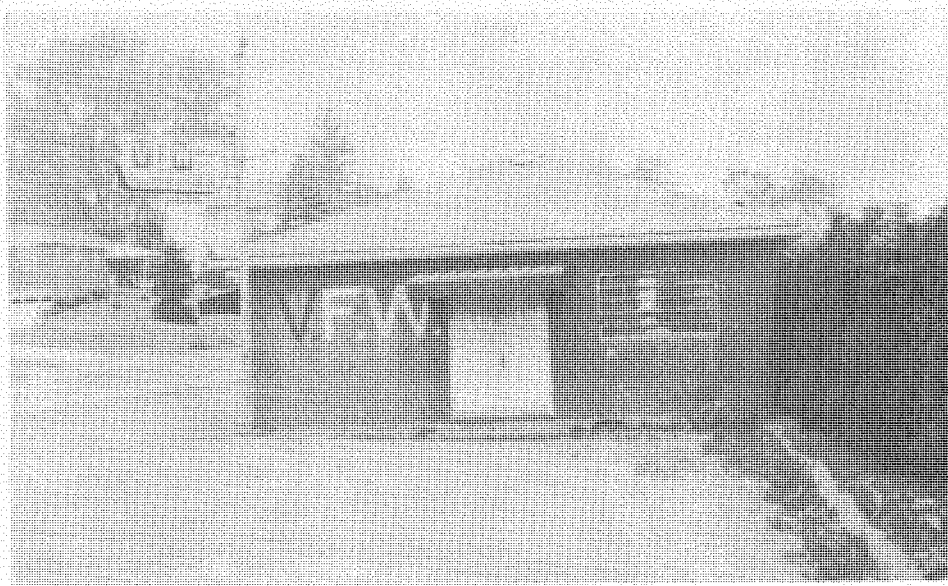
*The Loyal Order of the Moose, is a fraternal and beneficial society, dedicated to take care of its sick and needy and to care for the widows and children of departed Moose members. The Moose believes that every child is entitled to at least a high school education and a trade. It dedicates itself to every child under 14 years of age, whose father has been a member of the Moose for five years and remained in good standing all the time, to see that they get an opportunity. The Loyal Order of the Moose #981, was instituted February 24, 1918, when organized it has 100 members. There is only one charter member still living, who is yet a member, Harry (Dutch) Glunt. The lodge has helped maintain the Home for Orphaned Children at Mooseheart, Illinois. The Home for the Aged is at Moosehave, Florida.*



*Loyal Order of Moose Lodge*

*This building of the Loyal Order of Moose was built in 1972, on Second Street in Herminie, between Sewickley Avenue and Madison Avenue. For years they had no place of their own. They generally met in the Commercial Restaurant, owned by Dutch Glunt. When it started in 1918, they met for a time on top of Luck's Poolroom at 114 Sewickley Avenue also in Herminie.*

*A "new breed" of young ones has taken over the control of the lodge and are working to make its impact felt in the community. They were instrumental in getting this building erected. They had a float in the parade during Fireman's Week.*



*Rillton's V. F. W.-Post #8518*

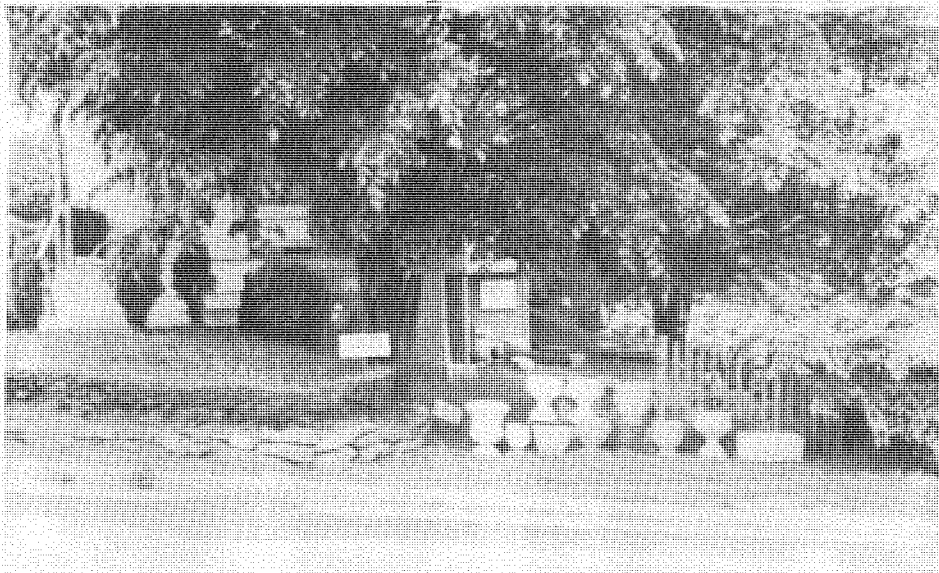


*John F. Keck, Watchmaker*

*This business is located on the Madison-Waltz Mill Road. It is owned by John F. Keck and Alva C. Chellman, their addresses being, R. D. #2, Ruffsedale, Pennsylvania.*

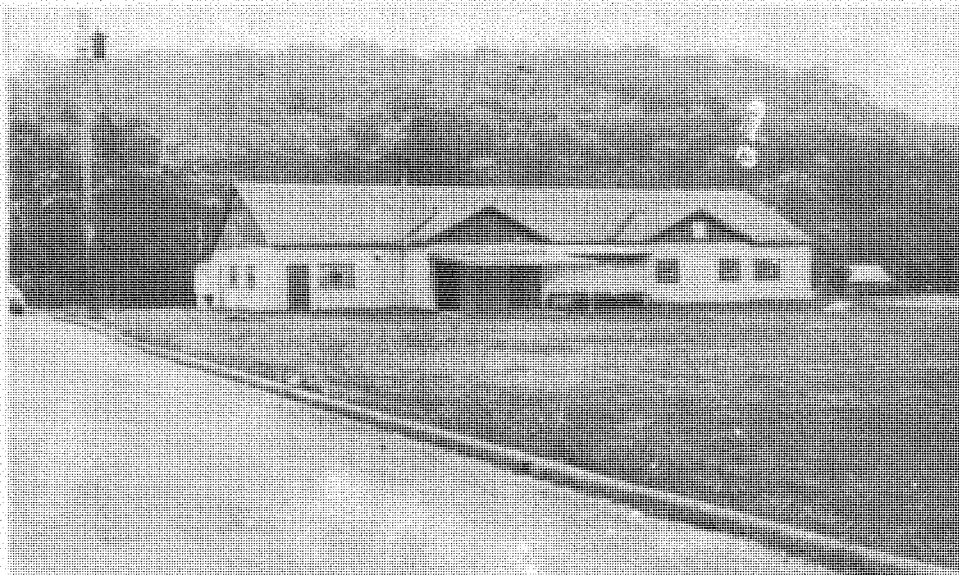
*The business was started in 1968. It repairs watches, clocks, and jewelry. Custom-made jewelry, antique watches, and antique clocks are sold.*

*They specialize in repairing and rebuilding old clocks and watches. They have the facilities to manufacture any part necessary to make repairs.*



*Ornamental Concrete Products Company*

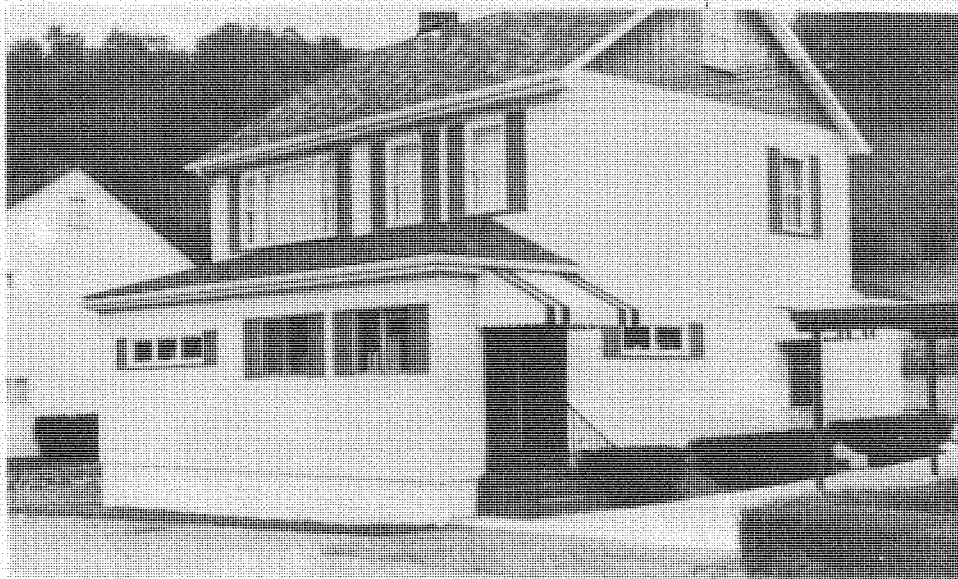
*These planters are made at home by Roger Drummond who resides in Herminie.*



*Lower Volunteer Firemen's Club*

*After using the "swing shanty" for years, the firemen built this building, southeast of the fire house, for their social activities. It was dedicated on May 17, 1959.*

*It has spacious picnic grounds which are used by the community. It was here that the Wagon Train stopped for a rest and water on its way through the township on June 16, 1976.*



*Bob's Place*

*Bob's Place is a tavern which is located in Lowber, and operated by Robert Vay.*



*Keystone Bar & Grill and Lovely Lady Beauty Salon*

Keystone Bar & Grill and the Lovely Lady Beauty Salon are both located in the same building, which is located at 12 Wendel Road in Herminie. The entire establishment is owned by Al Mech. Al's wife, June operates the beauty salon in which she specializes in waving, coloring of hair, and she also sells and styles wigs.



*Lemon's Market*

Lemon's Market is located in Rillton in one of the oldest buildings still there. Trozzo's opened a store in 1905 after coming from Robbin Station. The Trozzo boys operated it for awhile after both parents died. Angelo Bazzo bought it in 1963. On April 1, 1972, it had a new owner, William Lemon of North Huntingdon. Lemon's now sell a variety of items besides foodstuffs some of which are shoes, ice, some clothing, hats, gasoline, and many more.



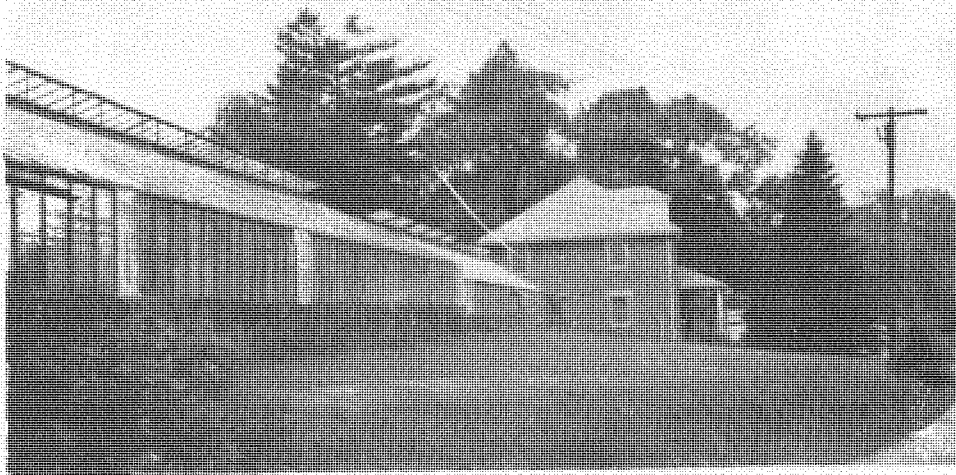
*Stefanon Building*

*The Stefanon building is located on Sewickley Avenue and Fifth Street in Herminie. The Justice of the Peace office is on the left, Shirley Miller of Madison is the Magistrate. Sarah K. Evans was the first woman to be Justice of the Peace in the township.*



*Dave's Portable Welder*

*It is owned and operated by David Ritenour of R. D. #2, Ruffsedale.*



*Reiter Greenhouse*

*Reiter Greenhouse is located at 13 Reservoir Road in Herminie. It is operated by Julius Reiter. For many years prior to its operation by Julius Reiter it was operated by Boerio's.*



*Commercial Restaurant*

*The Commercial Restaurant is located at 302 Sewickley Avenue in Herminie. It is the site of the old Tillbrook farm house, one of the two farms on which Herminie grew. It was once the Hickey Hotel (Dutch) Glunt bought it in 1925, when the Volstead Act went out. He then secured a liquor license. It is the first, or at least one of the first hotels in town. They sell fine foods, liquor, beer, wine, and soft drinks.*



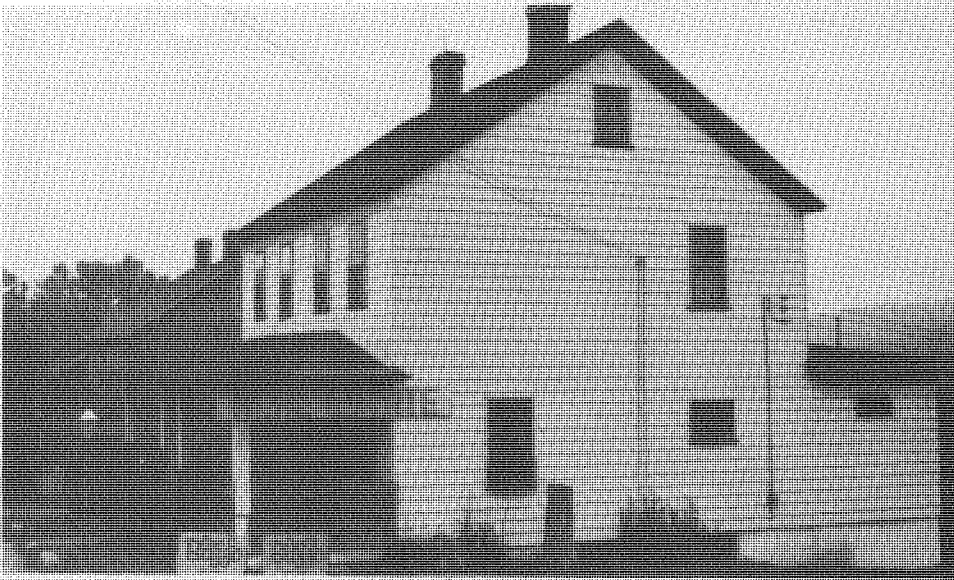
*Labuda Farm Service*

*Labuda Farm Service is located on the Herminie-Irwin Road. It is owned by Paul E. and Jean Labuda. The business was started by John Lauffer (Jean's dad) in 1915. Labuda's took it over in 1952. It gives sales and service to farm equipment, lawn and garden equipment, and they also sell wheel horse lawn tractors.*



*Hotel Carbaugh*

*Hotel Carbaugh was formerly the Dodd's Hotel, which was one of the first hotels in Herminie. It is located on Fifth Street and Sewickley Avenue. The owner of of the Hotel is Orville Carbaugh.*



*David D. Bazzo Agency*

*David D. Bazzo Agency is located at 100 Herminie-Irwin Road, in Rillton. It is owned by David D. Bazzo also of Rillton, who started his enterprise in 1952. He conducts a real estate brokerage and an insurance agency. He deals in all types of insurance--with both old and new homes.*

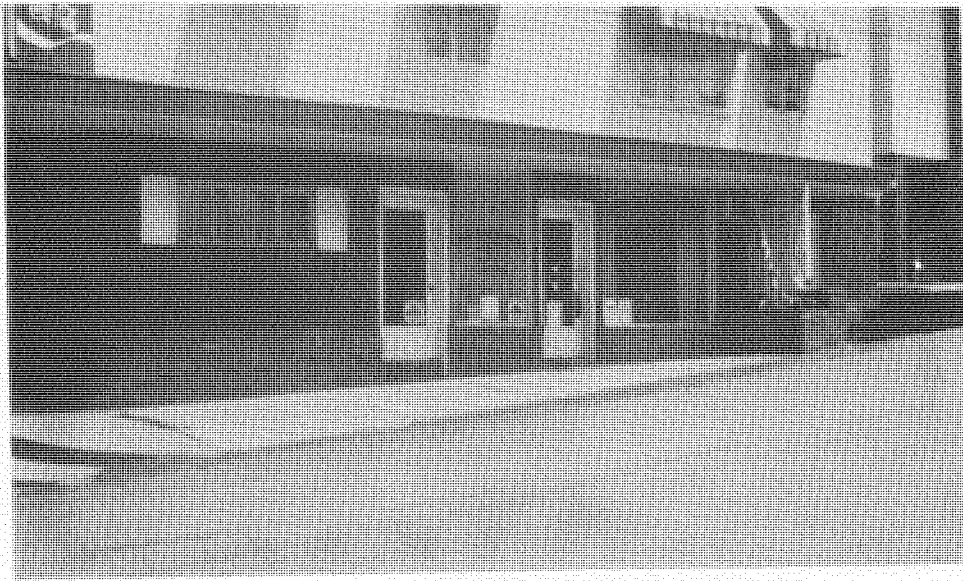
*Elizabeth Bazzo, wife of David, has her Notary Public office here. She acts as secretary to her husband. She started her business in 1967.*

*Kiss Company which is from the same agency, with David D. Bazzo acting as President, started in 1972 as the franchised dealer in Westmoreland County of Stylex Homes. Stylex Homes are factory built homes.*

*Yough Area Cab Company is also run by Dave Bazzo. It provides Taxi service to the Sewickley Township, Madison Boro, Sutersville Boro, and local surrounding areas. The business started in 1926. Herminie Cab Company owned it for awhile, then in 1967 they sold it to Mr. Bazzo.*

*Hugh Smith, Sr. started a junk yard across from his home at 25 Limerick Road in Herminie, in 1925 while working at the coal mines. He kept his junk yard throughout the years while he was a township supervisor. Since his retirement as supervisor in 1965, he works daily, even though he is now 80 years old.*

*When occasions demand it, his daughter, sons, and grandsons are available to help. All types of metal are collected. It is separated and trucked to people who can use it. Much of it goes into the making of steel, being that the prices for copper, steel, aluminum, etc., fluctuates a great deal, he has to keep it until the market is favorable.*

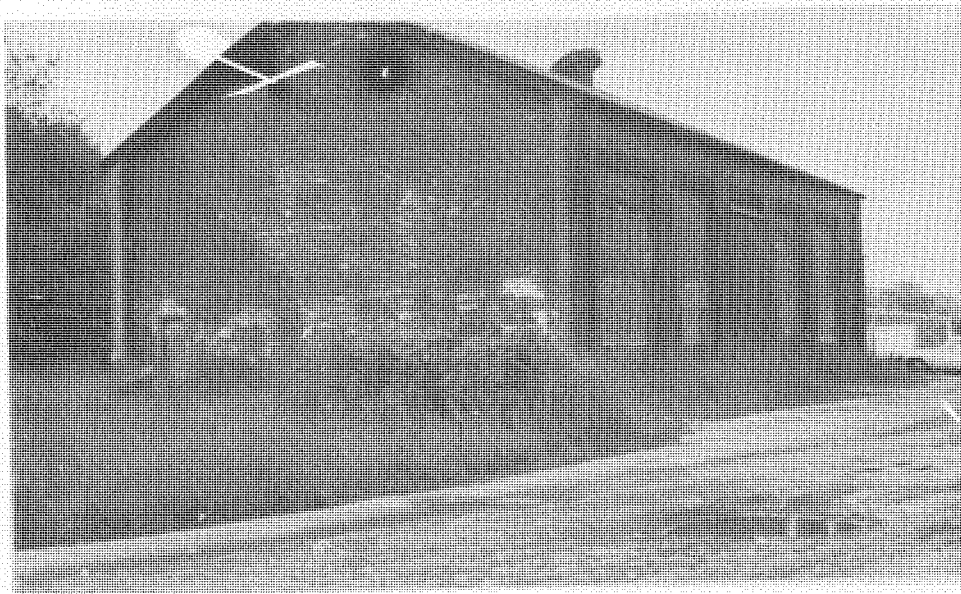


*State Farm Insurance*

*State Farm Insurance is owned by Nick Kroll. It is located at 31 Fourth Street in Herminie. Nick started in business on December 16, 1960. As a representative of State Farm Insurance, he provides for auto, life, fire, and health insurance. He also provides for bonds.*

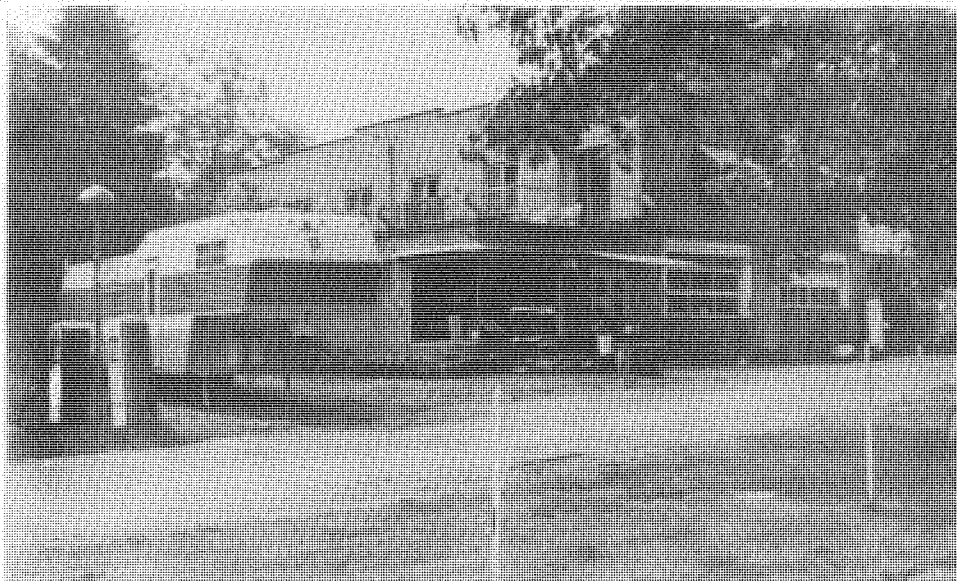
*The office at the right door is that of Patrick A. Lavella, Tax Collector.*

*Before this front was added, Serro Motor Company had a garage here, Township used it as a bus garage, Charles Morvetz used it as a repair shop before going to 103 Sewickley Avenue, in Herminie. Dean Ghion has his soft drink distributing plant at the rear.*



*T. C. Woomer Company, Inc.*

*T. C. Woomer Company, Inc. is located in one of the old Westmoreland Coal Company buildings in Rillton. It is owned by Thomas C. Woomer who resides in North Huntingdon. The company deals in steel fabricators, machining, manufacturers of Eagle Jet Spreader, which is affixed to a truck to spread ashes and salt on the roads during the winter months.*



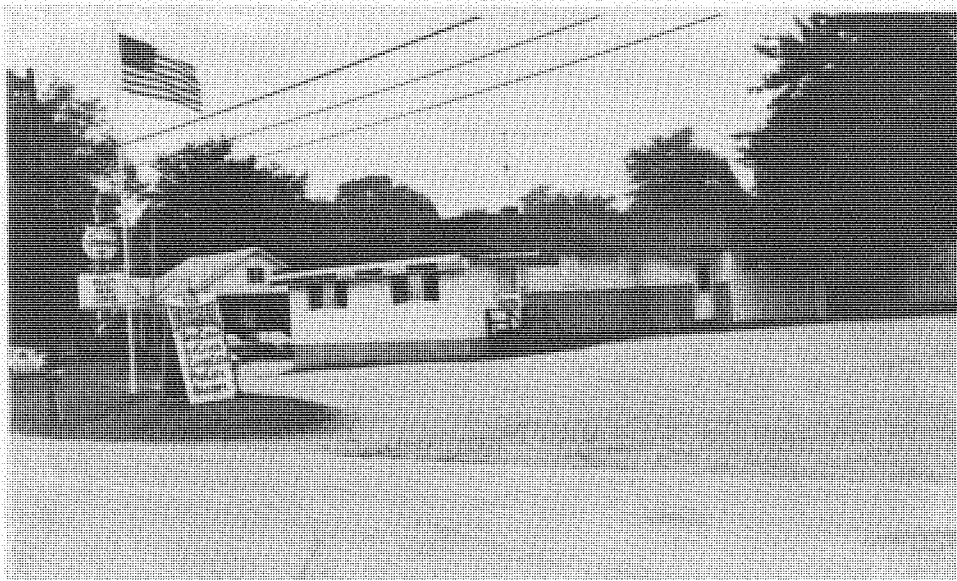
*Leasure Repair Service*

*Leasure Repair Service is owned by Mr. & Mrs. Fred Leasure who live on Madison Road in Herminie. The company was started in 1943.*



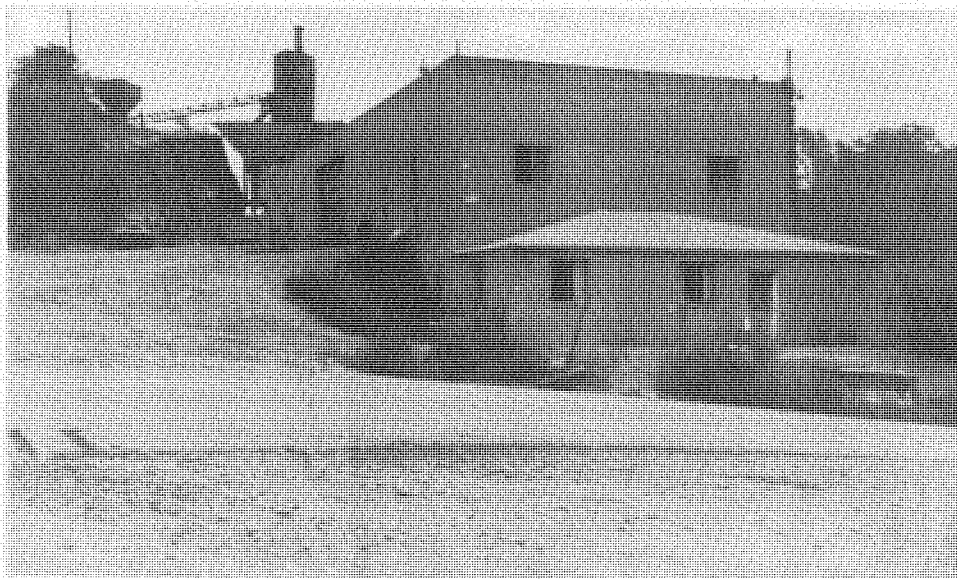
*Gradisek Auto Body & Frame*

*Gradisek Auto Body & Frame was started by Philip Gradisek in November of 1960. It is located at 100 Wendel Road in Herminie. Gradisek specializes in complete collision service, front end alignment, frame straightening, state inspection, welding, and painting of automobiles.*



*Betty Lou's Lounge*

*Betty Lou's Lounge is the site of the "old" Argonne or Argonne Forest, as it was once known when it was a picnic ground and restaurant, in the early 1930's. It was in competition with Oakdale Park in those days. Betty Lou's is now operated by Betty Uster. As the sign on the building shows, they serve draft beer, lunch, sno-cones, ice cream, candy cotton, popcorn, and hoagies. The location of Betty Lou's is on Route 136, near where the road goes east to the covered bridge.*



*Penn Aggregates*

*Penn Aggregates is located in Cowansburg. The owner is Sam Laspina, Jr. Laspina started quarrying and crushing limestone in August of 1966. The crushed limestone is used for road construction and driveways.*



*Hal Mar Tavern*

*The Hal Mar Tavern is located on Third Street in Herminie. Hal Mar was bought by Harold Vestrand on June 28, 1976. It is one of the original "beer gardens" in Herminie. For years the Acme Market was here. It became a tavern when liquor became legal and Regazzi opened it. Ciocci's ran it for many years. Lately Hal Mar has changed proprietors quite often. Years ago, the second floor was occupied by Dr. Jones, a dentist, from Irwin.*



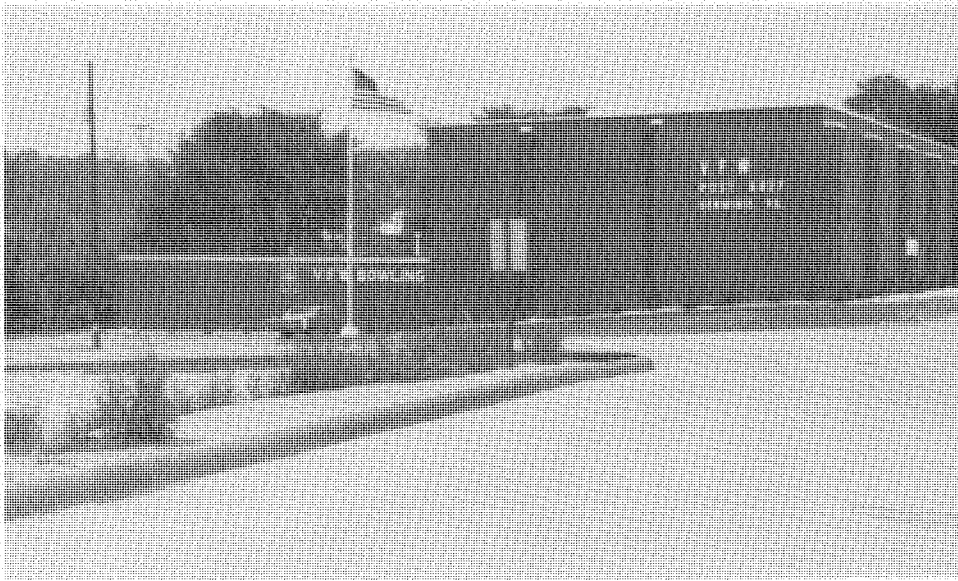
*Cook Asphalt Company*

*Cook Asphalt is located in Rillton. It is owned by Theordore Cook of Herminie. Cook started in June of 1959 to supply liquid asphalt to various municipalities for their road and street work. Cook also constructs roads.*



*King's and Queen's Lounge*

*King's and Queen's Lounge is located on Route 136. Starting in the late 1920's it was known as Oakdale Park, it was then "the" dance place in the area. Picnics were held on the grounds. Card parties were frequent, but with times changing, people's taste changed. Now under the name of King's and Queen's, owned by Mike Jursic, it serves refreshments, meals, and liquor. Owners have come and gone, but the "old timers" still refer to this district as Oakdale Park.*



*Prior to World War II, the veterans had no post in Herminie. They joined either West Newton or Irwin. On October 27, 1946 a charter was granted to Veterans of Foreign Wars--Herminie Memorial Post #8427. They bought what was once the Ocean Coal Company office on Fifth Street in Herminie. In 1974 this building was erected. The Veterans of Foreign Wars Home Association was organized on July 6, 1947. Bowling lanes were added in 1956, in 1961, six Brunswick Automatic Pinsetters were installed, and in 1965, the bar was remodeled.*

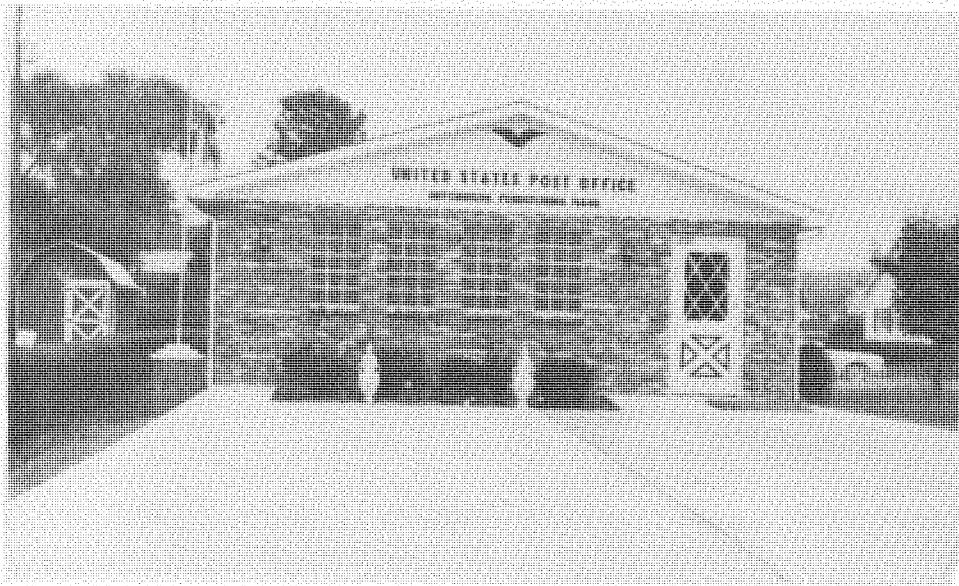
S & S Chrome Plating Company is located in Lowber. It is owned by Gene Suskalo of Sutersville and Olga M. Suskalo of Buena Vista. It was founded on February 18, 1968. S & S provides Industrial Hard Chrome Plating. The business was started because no one in this immediate area provided this type of service. It is directly involved in the nuclear industry.

The immediate area has several industrial machine shops who have developed the expertise to produce high quality products required by the nuclear industry. However, there was only one hard chrome shop in this area, and it was in Pittsburgh. It was so swamped with work that delays of four to six weeks were expected to get an order processed.

So the S & S Chrome Plating Company was founded. Hard chrome plating is used as an anti-galling process, to prevent galling between two like metals, such as stainless steel to stainless steel, nickel to nickel, etc. It is also used as a wear metal, because of its extreme hardness. Because of its properties it is extremely valuable in the industrial work, and particularly in the nuclear field.

The S & S Chrome Plating Company although, just a small two man operation, had developed expertise to successfully chrome plate articles to the most demanding specifications. They have customers all over Eastern United States, from Florida to Connecticut, from Illinois to New York.

The operation was founded by three local people, Gene Suskalo of Sutersville, his father Steve of Buena Vista, and Robert Slonecker also of Buena Vista. The increase in business has caused them to be in the process of drawing up plans to further serve the nuclear industry.



This new post office in Hutchinson was opened in September of 1975.



Leo's Barber Shop

Leo's Barber shop, which is located at 19 Dexter Street in Herminie, is owned by Leo Caviggia of the same address. Leo provides the general duties of a barber shop, such as hair cuts, shaves, and accessories. He has a stock of tonics, razor blades, combs, nail clippers, shampoos, styptic pencils, and shaving lotions.

When Caviggia came from the United States Army, he went to barber school in Pittsburgh for fifteen months. He served his apprenticeship at what is now Miracle Mile Shopping Center in Monroeville. After working there for two-and-a-half years, he opened his own shop in the front of the Herminie Cleaners, across from the V. F. W.

In 1963, he moved his shop to its present location, at his home. Here Leo started to cut hair by appointment. Same price as otherwise. Those who had no appointments would have to wait until there was a vacancy in his schedule, or some other person cancels an appointment.

At one time it was fashionable to have a hair cut every 10 days or two weeks. With long hair starting the craze in 1970, a hair cut once a month or longer is now in order. The teenagers and elders, do not go at all, or they go every now and then. Thus men's hair styling became the practice. With the prices ranging up to \$15 and \$20. It is "the thing" to do. Seeing a teenager from the back, you cannot tell if it is a boy or if its a girl, as both generally wear blue jeans or Levis and long hair. Being Leo did not take up hair styling, he secured work as the State Regional Correctional Facility in Greensburg, as being in charge of the commissary. So now there are no full time barbers in the township. But he cuts hair by appointment depending on his work schedule.

In 1968, when he started in Herminie, he charged \$1 for a haircut. Now he charges \$2.75 during the week and \$3 on Saturdays. Those few who get a shave pay \$2.25. The Bicentennial doings had no hard time finding men with beards as they can be found of all descriptions. In 1958, when he started in Herminie, there were seven barbers, and each was making a living of it. Now there are two working part-time, at the trade.

Dan Kurpick of Lowber, does all types of electrical services, both residential and commercial, and light remodeling. Kurpick started full time in January of 1976. Dan worked for years with his father, John, when his father retired, he worked for other people. When he worked with his father they built buildings, stone walls, garages, sidewalks, along with extensive remodeling. Kurpick now does new wiring and rewires old buildings, entrances, panels, and provides 24 hour emergency service.



Oakdale Body Shop

Oakdale Body Shop is located on Route 136, R. D. #1, in West Newton, opposite where the road goes east to the covered bridge. It is operated by Louis V. Yenich. Yenich provides service and repairs, collision damage to late model automobiles. He also sells windshields at a discount price.

The business started as a small service station in 1961 when Louis was 19 years old, he did general auto repairing. In 1963, a new shop was erected. In 1968, the gas pumps were removed and auto collision became a specialty.

The labor rate per hour in 1963 was \$4. The labor rate per hour as of July 1976 is \$12, so you can see the difference of wages in just 13 years.

It took the name "Oakdale" from the Oakdale Park area where picnics were held in the 1920's and later. To "old timers" it is still "Oakdale Park." In the 1930's to have several thousand people at Oakdale Park at a Country Music Jamboree, such as Slim Bryant and his Wildcats, was not unusual.

Robert Ruozzi, taxidermist, living at R. D. #1, in Irwin, started in 1957 as a taxidermist. Ruozzi has State and Federal taxidermist licenses. Also the State and Federal firearm licenses to sell firearms.

Ruozzi manufactures Papier Mache which is used by leading museums, taxidermists, train hobbyists, and hobbyists in general. Over three tons of Papier Mache were sold to the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D. C. in 1975 for projects in connection with the Bicentennial year of 1976. Ruozzi purchased this business in 1967 from Paul E. Miller from Cambridge, Ohio.

In 1957 he started the taxidermy work, also he sells taxidermy supplies, guns, ammunition, and shooting supplies. He does business all over the United States. Ruozzi and his wife, Louise, are very active in the Shaner Sportsmen Club.



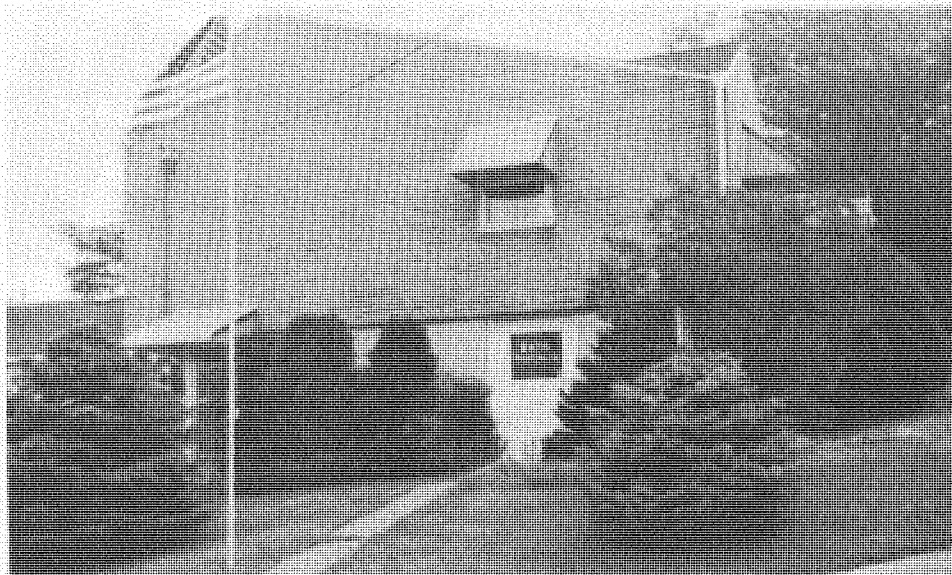
Herminie Texaco

In 1940 Vincent (Mike) DiSalvatore opened this place at Highland Avenue and West Newton Road as a full service station. DiSalvatore also repaired batteries and hauled coal for heating purposes. He and his wife, Katherine, operated it until his death in 1967. Several people have operated it after that.

Now it is operated by Donald Marzole of 45 Fifth Street in Herminie. Marzole took it over in September of 1975. But, it is not a service station in the common meaning. All he sells is gas, oil, and anti-freeze in the winter. He does not sell or repair tires. He does not change oil or grease automobiles. He makes no minor repairs. This is odd for a service station. Regular gas sells for 55.9¢ a gallon, unleaded gas for 58.9¢, and premium for 61.9¢ a gallon. These prices include the 9¢ state tax and the 4¢ federal tax on each gallon. The state and federal taxes are returned in the form of aid for highway work. This is the only service station opened seven days a week and until 10 p.m. After 7 p.m. you must have the correct change because of robberies.

Hazuza's Evergreen Nursery and Greenhouse is located outside of Rillton, on the Rillton-Guffey Road. George John Hazuza and Betty Jean Hazuza began business here in 1957, their greenhouses are so extensive, an overall picture could not be taken from the ground level.

They raise and sell nursery and greenhouse items, nursery stock, flowers, and plants for retail trade.



### Batis Printing Company

Batis Printing Company is located at 69 Third Street in Herminie, in the basement of John Batis, the owner. The B & B Printing Company went defunct in 1941 and John Batis took over.

It does offset and letter press printing. All types of commercial and job printing is done. This includes cards, letterheads, envelopes, tickets, invoices, statements, and all types of factory forms.

This business started as a one man operation, assisted by his wife, Laurine. Now it includes two additional full time employees. It began business with one open plate press and type. The shop is now fully equipped with automatic letter press and offsets, including offset camera, intertype machine, plate making, dark room, cutter, folder, stitcher, etc. Batis Printing Company feels that no job is too small or too large for them to facilitate.

Enea's Beauty Shop is located at the corner of Oak and Pine Streets in Rillton. The property is owned by Joy DeShash and Enea Damiano, both beauticians. The business is owned by Damiano, who started the first beauty shop in Rillton in 1946. She still has some of her original customers. When she opened the business hair sets were only seventy-five cents.

Damiano provides a beauty shop, permanents, manicures, shampoos, sets, and all hair colorings. She sells sprays, nets, shampoos, make-up, combs, brushes, and body cosmetics.

Mrs. Damiano is employed second shift at Westinghouse Electric Company, at East Pittsburgh, and works in her shop in the morning hours.



### *Batis Insurance Agency*

During America's Bicentennial Year, the Batis Insurance Agency at 11 Highland Avenue in Herminie, reached its 30th year. Joseph A. Batis is the owner and his wife, Mary, is in charge of the office duties.

The agency provides a full line of insurance, for homes, business, and including life. Acting as an independent agent and broker, Mr. Batis selects and adapts the insurance for the best interests of his clients. His offering of such service and dependability in the best interest and most professional manner has made this an outstanding agency.



*Bill's Dandy Dollar Market*

*Bill's Dandy Dollar Market is located at 315 Sewickley Avenue in Herminie. It is owned and operated by William C. Freund of 301 Caperton Street in Pittsburgh. Freund assumed ownership on December 15, 1969.*

*It is a retail food store and supermarket selling groceries, meats, and produce. The only other large store in the township is the Red & White located in Rillton. There are several other smaller grocery stores.*

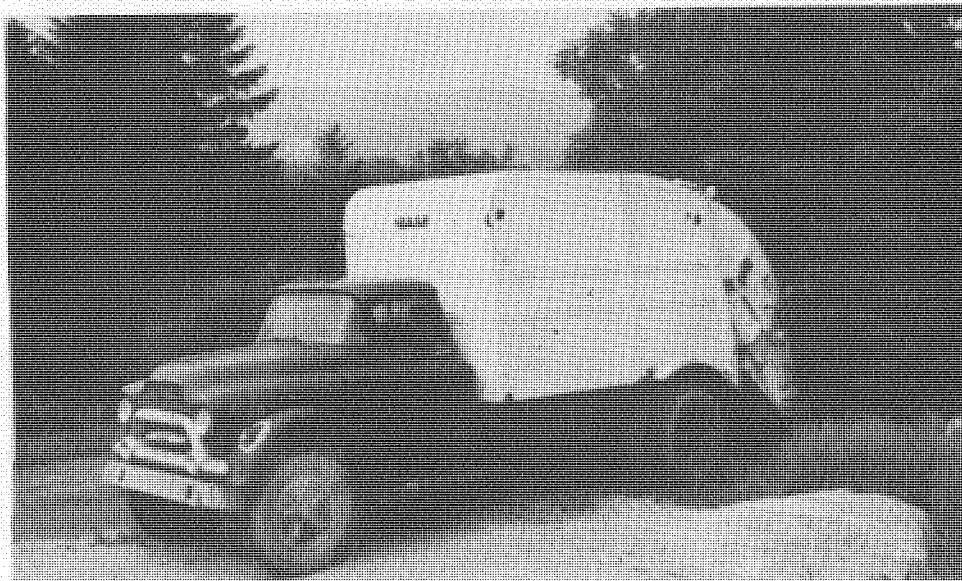
*Unfortunately, at this time we are the only store in Herminie, due to a fire at our competitors in June of 1975 (Foodarama on Fourth Street). It can be hard being the only store in town, because when you are out of a product there is no where else in the local surroundings to go. It is kind of sad to see so many empty business places in town, it gives an indication people won't support their own community. A community is only as strong as the people who support it. All the town's organizations and churches rely on the local businessman for support in all their products. Someday they may not be around. So they should support him now, or else in a few years there may not be a town.*

*This is the building formerly known as Eureka Store. This building was built in 1919, after the fire destroyed the other brick building.*

*It is hard for people to realize that 50 years ago with the mines in full swing, there were more business places in the town than there is today. At least several times more. The advents of the shopping centers in nearby places, and automobiles have given people an easy access for a wide variety in their shopping stores. To some, it is a break to go to these places to shop.*

Vinsick Battery Alternator Service is located on Route 136, R. D. #1 in West Newton, across from the Sewickley Grange. It is owned by Lennie and Priscilla Vinsick. They started the business about ten years ago in West Newton. They moved to their present location in August of 1975.

Vinsick's sell and service batteries, generators, alternators for automobiles, trucks, and off road equipment, and also for farm implements. Along with selling these things, they have parts and accessories for them. They have new and rebuilt units on stock for most machinery.

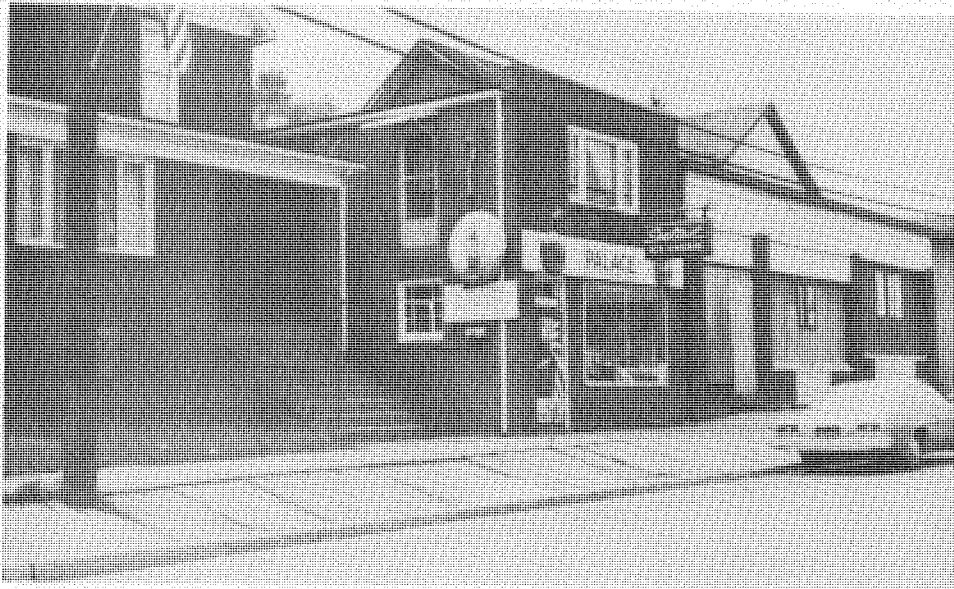


*Resnick's Sanitation Truck*

The Resnick garbage hauling was started in March 1961, and is owned by Joseph Resnick of 116 Highland Avenue in Herminie.

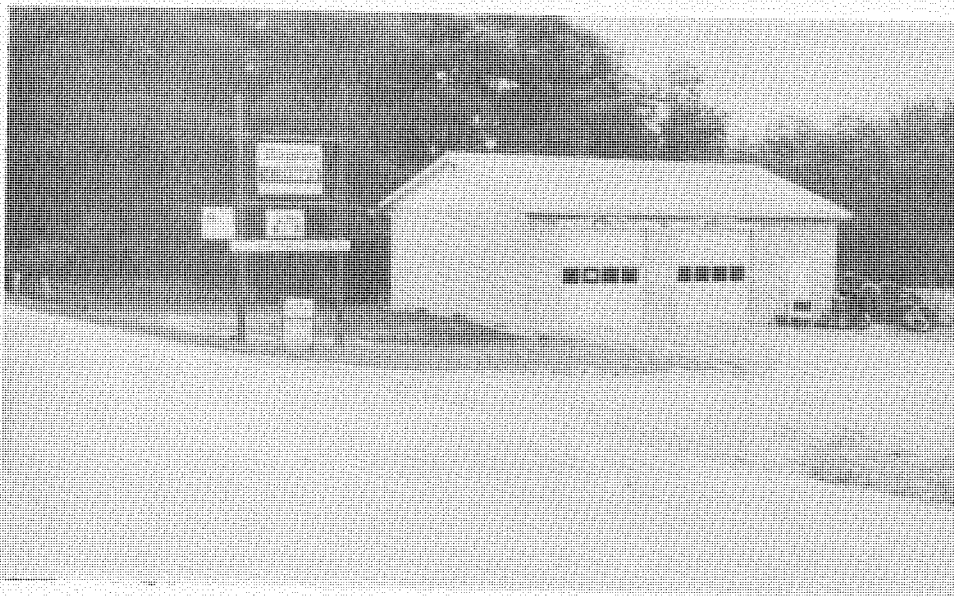
In 1946 the people of the township decided they did not want garbage dumped at their back door and alleys anymore. The township supervisors agreed. So they commissioned Joseph Sadowsky to start hauling garbage. He expanded it until he retired, then Clifford Couchenour and John Esasky bought the routes.

On March 22, 1961 Joseph Resnick bought the Keystone, Limerick Hill, Sunshine Road, and Herminie No. 2 routes from Mr. Couchenour. In March of 1963, he bought the Rillton and surrounding areas from Joe Mochar. They provide at lease once a week pick up. Some places require more often service. All the garbage men haul their loads to land fill dumps for sanitary reasons.



*Palace Lunch*

Tony (Guva) Monstrolla started the Palace Lunch around 1930 in a building across the street from the fire house in Herminie. Then in 1948 he and his wife, Elizabeth Anselmino Monstrolla, built the above building at 204 Sewickley Avenue. Later he sold it to Patrick A. Lavella, whose brothers, Frank and Ralph, operated it until 1964. The business is now owned by Robert Keller. His parents, Wilfred and Mary Keller, operate it. They provide lunches, hot and cold meals, a delicatessen store, ice cream, cakes, bread, pies, candy, chewing gum, gloves, milk and eggs. Always a good home cooked meal.



*Dayton Tires*

Dayton Tire is operated by Carl Medsger of R. D. #1, West Newton. It is located on the Herminie-Hutchinson Road. Dayton Tire deals in new and re-tread tires.

In 1957 the United States Army purchased 58 acres of land along the Rillton-Sutersville Road for a missile base to protect Pittsburgh from missile attacks. It was activated on December 17, 1957, and consists of about ten buildings, such as barracks, administrative, storage, maintenance, along with underground missile structures.

In May of 1976, the Leprechaun Land Place Company was formed by four local men; Paul Welty, Paul Prejza, Charles A. Mayers, and Patrick A. Lavella, who bought it at an auction for \$58,710. They have the idea of establishing an industrial park where small manufacturing businesses can locate. A picture of the layout is on page 212.



*Campfield and Bourke*

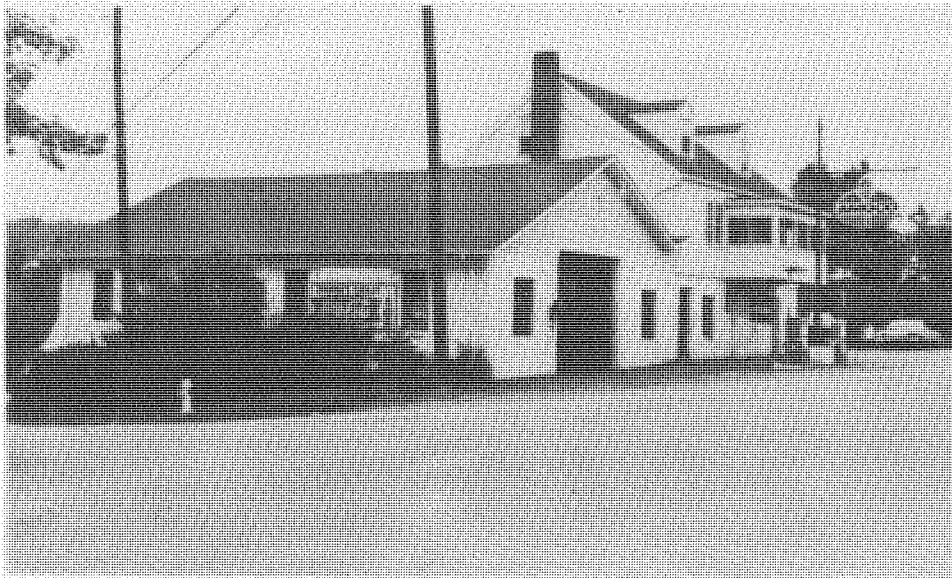
*Campfield and Bourke is located at 212 Sewickley Avenue in Herminie. The partners are Francis T. Campfield and Francis E. Bourke, both of Herminie.*

*They started this business on August 1, 1946, although Mr. Campfield had been engaged in the insurance business prior to going to war service. They sell all types of insurance, including life. They are also involved in selling real estate. Both are Notary Publics. In addition to routine business transactions, services of all descriptions are provided, including building appraisals and personal problems.*

*They are located in what was once the old Central Theatre when Charles Trozzo and his wife Inez operated it. In the teens and twenties, it was the Brock (Casino) Theatre, then the Villa, then the Covi, then the Central. The present building was built in 1924 by the Brocks, after a fire. Tony Bissin started his restaurant business in 1924 where Campfield and Bourke are. Then he moved to 114 Sewickley Avenue. Squire John J. Wilson had his office here from 1937 until he moved it to his home in 1944.*

Lillian Poche's Beauty Salon located at 149 Oak Street in Hutchinson, was started by Lillian Poche in March 1967, and was the first one in town.

In 1966 Lazar Construction Company built a twenty foot by twenty foot addition onto the house for the beauty salon. Poche services customers from Hutchinson, West Newton, Madison, Greensburg, Herminie, and other surrounding areas.



Zumbro's Garage

Zumbro's Garage is located on Route 136, R. D. #1, West Newton, where the road from Herminie and the road from Hutchinson joins Route 136. It is a landmark because for years it was known as Sewickley Garage, and people yet today give directions in relation to "Sewickley Garage." Before modern communications, there was a red flag attached to a pole which notified the State Police on motor cycles that they were to contact headquarters by telephone.

The garage was built in 1924 by Arch Hunter and Frank Robertson. In the late 1920's, Sam Albright bought out Mr. Hunter. In December 1936 Frank L. Martz purchased the business. Martz operated a repair shop, service station, and sold Oldsmobile automobiles. His son, Richard, helped until World War II when he went to the service.

In 1946 John Zumbro came home from the service and worked for Mr. Martz. In 1962 Mr. Martz retired and John Zumbro and his wife, Dorothy Martz Zumbro, took over the business. They continue to operate the general auto repair shop and Amoco service station, but they have no automobile dealership.



*Herminie Feed and Supply Company*

The Herminie Feed and Supply Company is what the name implies, everything. D. C. Andrews started the feed business in the early 1900's at 4 Pike Street in Herminie. Around 1917 he moved this location to 24 Pike Street. His son, Clyde, carried on the business until 1926 when David, Charles Trozzo, and Joseph Diamon purchased it.

Joseph retired, Charles left the business, so David Trozzo operated it. When he died his wife sold it to William H. Miller of North Huntingdon, on June 2, 1969.

They sell just about everything; including fertilizers, animal feeds, plumbing fixtures, shoes, kitchen utensils, crocks, churns, hardware, paint, washboards, seeds of all types, window glass--installed, electrical supplies, etc. Hunting and fishing licenses are issued and their accessories sold.

Herminie Feed and Supply Company has built a reputation over the years of having the most complete stock of hardware and farm supplies in the area. The business is a throw-back to the way business was conducted 50 years ago. This is proved by the fact that within a two month period (in 1976) we were written up in two newspapers as well as being featured on Channel 11 television news. Our motto throughout the years has been, "If you can't find it any place, try Herminie Feed and Supply Company."

The plates used to print, "The History of Sewickley Township," were deposited with the Westmoreland County Historical Society in Greensburg.

Some of the pictures in this book were taken by Steve Gyory of Herminie.



#### *Shaner Sportsmen's Club, Inc.*

*This club is located on the Smith Farm, south of Shaner. It is on one end of "Nigger Knob" which was the athletic field used by the people of Armstrong, Shaner, Guffey, etc., around the turn of the century. It was "the" picnic ground and athletic field in the 1890's.*

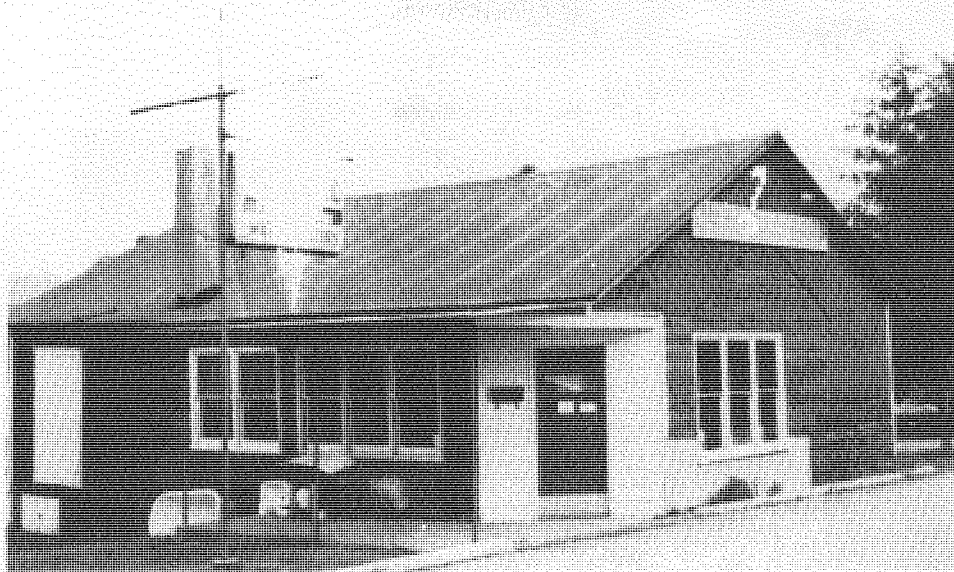
*It engages in small and big game hunting. It is state licensed as a dog training area. They have a trap and rifle range. They belong to the Westmoreland Trap League and have been the trapshooting champions for ten of the 13 years.*

*The building and grounds are also used for local celebrations, weddings, meeting place for Pleasant Ridge Homemakers Club. A yearly event, the second Sunday in August, is a get together of old residents of Shaner-Guffey area. They come from far and near for this event.*

*Shaner Sportsmen's Club was organized in 1932. As of today, there are six original members.*

#### *John's Plumbing and Supply Shop*

*John's Plumbing and Supply Shop located near Second Street in Herminie, is owned by Frank Johns, who is employed elsewhere. His wife, Helen, keeps the shop during the day. They sell and service all plumbing supplies, repair old and new plumbing, sells electric and gas hot water heaters and tanks, bath tubs, commodes, lavatories, and all things connected with plumbing; including copper tubing, galvanized pipe, plastic pipe, and fittings.*



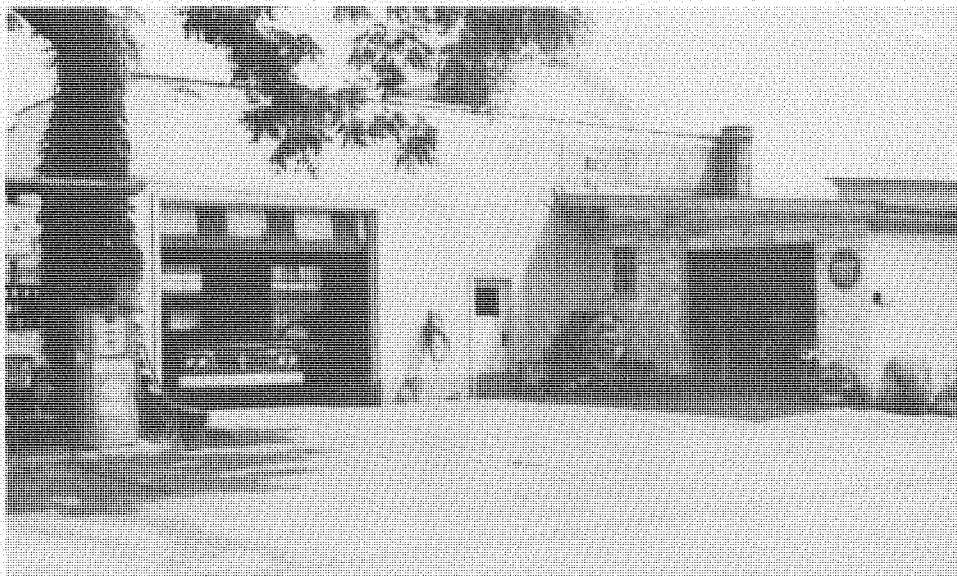
*This building has a varied history. It was used as a "pest house" where influenza victims were kept during the 1917 to 1918 epidemic. As a school after the public school burned down, as a Methodist Church, and now as John's Plumbing and Supply Company for the past 25 years.*

#### *Unwanted Materials--Where do they go?*

*At one time every community had a common dump where they disposed of unwanted things, such as when they bought a new bed, new furniture, appliances, etc., then much of the old things were thrown over the dump or given to less fortunate neighbors. There was no other way because transportation to a second hand dealer was too troublesome. Then with automobiles, they were taken to second hand dealers for a mere pittance of its original value. Then a few years ago some one concocted the idea of having "garage sales," "yard sales," "house sales," etc. Here things are sold, that normally would have been disposed of other ways. Some still give to Goodwill Stores, Salvation Army, etc., now several families get together and have a sale.*

*Some arrange to have "flea markets" for the same purpose. Antique dealers, and "buffs" travel the flea market circuits looking for things they need to complete their collections. Different parties come with different articles, rent a space or table, and proceed to sell articles of all descriptions. It is surprising what you may find at these sales.*

*Flea market shopping, haggling, and bargaining are a refreshing change from retail buying and usually good second hand merchandise can be bought at a fraction of the original costs. Today we have begun to appreciate the old and the second hand."*



*Frank (Red) Scarpari's Auto Repairs*

*Frank Scarpari's Auto Repairs is located in Lowber, opposite the fire house which is shown in the picture. It is owned by Frank R. Scarpari who purchased it from Kendall Speer on January 8, 1958. Kendall Speer operated it after his father started the business in the 1920's and retired.*

*They do general auto repairing, sell parts and accessories, and have a service station. Like all garages and some service stations, they do state auto inspections. Motor vehicles have to be inspected twice a year. The current price is \$7.50, whether the automobile passes or not, repairs, etc., are extra if needed to pass inspection. This also applies to motorcycles.*



*Vivio's Bakery*

Vivio's Bakery is located at 8 Pike Street in Herminie, where there has been a bakery since the early 1900's when Leutinger opened it and sold bread, house to house with horse drawn wagons.

In 1920 John Kopcak took over and operated it until September 1, 1949. When Leutinger and Kopcak ~~had~~ the bakery, they operated a retail grocery store and bake shop where the store is now. In 1949 his two sons, Paul and Jack, took it over and ran it under the name of Oven King. When Paul died on July 14, 1969, Jack operated it himself until December 1, 1974. Elsie Boerio ran it from then until December 24, 1975. It was vacant until Albert E. Vivio of Monessen bought it and opened it on May 26, 1976. He also has other bake shops.

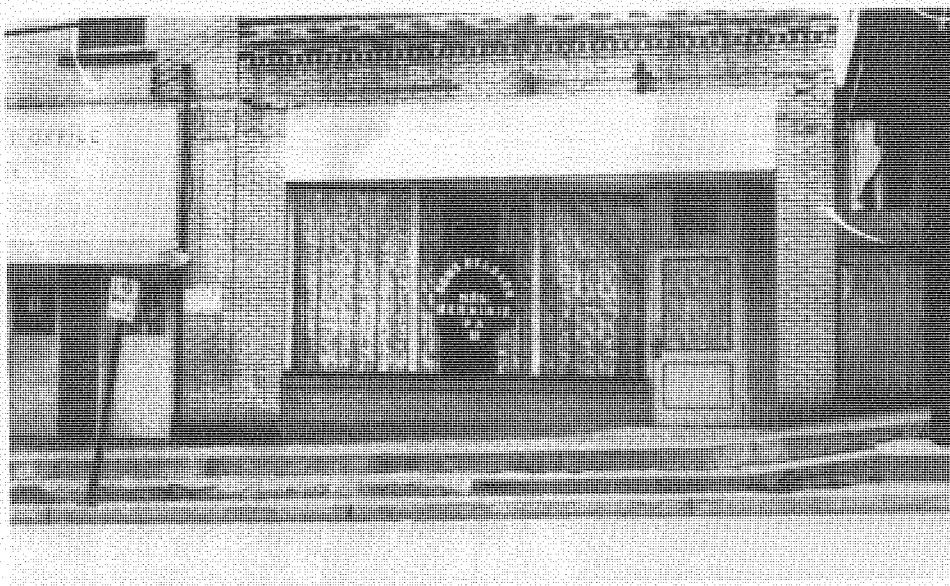
Besides bread, pastries, etc., they specialize in cakes for all occasions. It has been years since there has been house to house delivery. Kopcak's had trucks going house to house in surrounding towns. At one time in the late 1920's they practically delivered to every house in Hutchinson.



Bob Moore's Shoe Store and Repair Shop

Bob Moore's Shoe Store and Repair Shop is owned by Robert M. Moore and is located in the basement of his home on the Herminie-Madison Road. He started on January 1, 1974, to supply shoes from infants to men, even size 14. They have shoes ranging from slippers to work shoes in larger sizes also.

Moore sells dress shoes, boots, tennis shoes, play shoes, and slippers. They have a shoe repair set up so they can repair shoes from straps to soles that have to be put on. Belts of all kinds are repaired, purses mended, and shoes shined.



### *Sons of Labor*

*This lodge is located at 216 Sewickley Avenue in Herminie, in the building that dates back to the 1920's. It was built around 1920 by Louis Averbach as an adjunct to his large building. Lew Swartz had a clothing store here for years. Then he bought both buildings and used them for stores. There has been a newsstand, barber shop, etc., in it. Its front is painted red, white, and blue, for the Bicentennial.*

*The Italian Lodge, Mutual Benefit Society was founded January 1, 1909. None of the twelve members who founded it are alive now. At that time there was an Italian community at the west side of the foot of Limerick Hill, complete with some business places.*

*When the lodge started the dues were \$15 a year, \$1 a day sick benefits were paid, but not more than \$135. At death, \$200 was paid to the widow, along with a basket of flowers. On April 16, 1976 the by laws were changed to eliminate sick benefits, and death benefits were raised to \$400. The dues are \$12 per year. At this time there are 105 members, 11 of them have more than 50 year memberships.*

*Originally they met at Ernesto Stefanon's home. Then they bought a horse stable on Third Street. This was remodeled and a dance floor added. In 1966 this building was sold to the S. N. P. J. In February 1966 they moved to their present rented quarters. Social members pay \$2 per year as dues.*

*Many of their members had a rough time in the 1922 coal strike when they were evicted from the company blocks. To help them, the lodge built a building in Boltontown (12 Madison Avenue) Herminie and fed the striking miners, some of whom lived in tents nearby. A well was dug to provide drinking water. A picture of the building is in the latest copy of the "History of Sewickley Township."*

## Greenawalt Poultry Farm

This farm is located on Route 136, R. D. #1, West Newton, between Madison and Sewickley Garage. It is owned by John Greenawalt of the same address.

Table eggs are produced, processed, and delivered to local stores. They also sell at the farm. The extent of operations is too huge to be photographed for this book. The business was founded around 1952.

The present Greenawalt farm of 263 acres is the accumulation of several family-owned adjoining farms which were previously sold to various people. The original farm was divided to the various brothers and sisters, and now it has been regrouped.

The existing poultry farm was started on 14 acres of the original farm which was given to LeRoy Greenawalt. The present owner, John, LeRoy's son, started as a helper to his father. In 1969 he became sole owner. Due to the vast changes in agriculture between 1959 and 1969, the family had to up date its way of doing things which resulted in a complete change. Changes are still being made on the farm.

The area houses 34,000 laying hens, some hogs and cattle, and the finished products are sold to consumers in the surrounding areas. Thus, the original 14 acres are the hub of the business. The balance of the land (some in various stages of development) is put in crops that are harvested and brought to the feed mill on the farm. Additional land is rented and additional food is bought to supply what is needed. They plan to continue its existence for generations to come.

Food can be bought and made to satisfy hunger, but it takes some one who cares enough to give the best of what they have to really make the taste worthwhile, and only with the help of God and his creations is this possible.

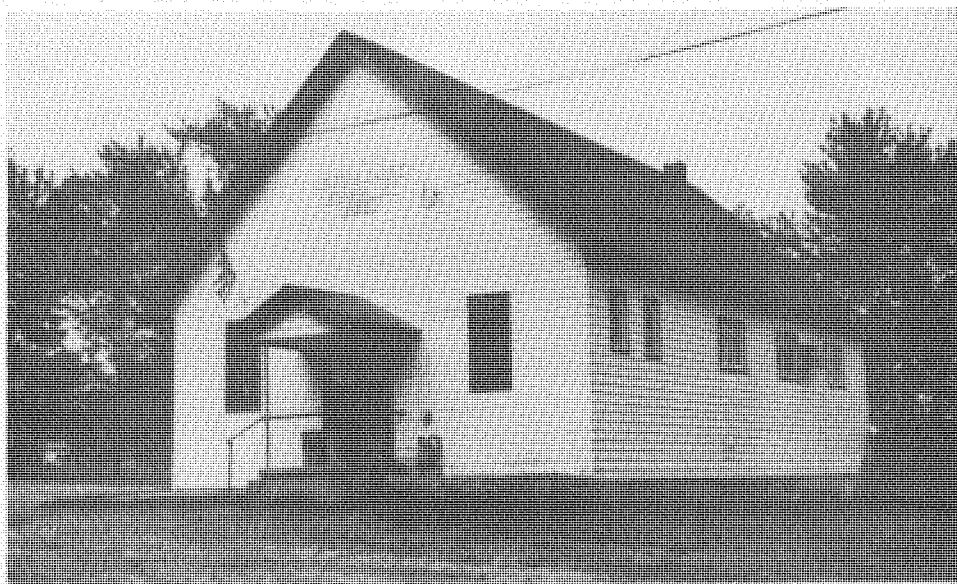


Mary's Laundromat is located at 26 Pike Street in Herminie. When it started, there was a laundromat at 512 Sewickley Avenue, which for years was operated by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Stefanacci. Now this is the only one in the township. Once Stefanacci was open all nite when the Nike site was operating.

Mary Gigliotti of 103 Dutchtown Road in Herminie, opened this business on January 2, 1972. J. W. Wilmot had a butcher shop and grocery store here during World War I and later, John Arch had it for years as a meat market and store. Tony (Tony the Wop) Bissin had a store here for a while. So it is an old building. Because so many of the residents have no place for a laundry, or their water, because so many of the residents have no place for a laundry, or their water supply is inadequate if they don't have "city water." it serves a useful purpose.

It is open from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. There are 17 washers for ordinary clothes and a big washer for rugs, etc. A cycle of the ordinary washer costs 10¢ while the big one costs \$1. Soap powder can be purchased there, if you do not bring your own. There is a change machine so you can have the proper change. There are six dryers and each cycle costs 40¢. Some loads require more than one cycle to dry. A dryer cycle is ten minutes and can be adjusted from warm, medium, to hot.

They proudly say "next to your home," it is the cleanest place in town to do your laundry. It is coin operated, but an attendant is generally present.



German Club

This club is located on Oak Street in Herminie, and is known as the Workmen's Benefit Fund Branch #154. It was started in 1899, making it one of the oldest fraternal organizations in the township. It is a fraternal non-profit benefit society providing family, life, and health insurance. It is a social club having a liquor license.



*Library and the Sewing Room*

*This is a picture of The Sewickley Township Public Library on the right, and the Sewick Room on the left. Both are located in the Brock Building at 208 and 210 Sewickley Avenue in Herminie. For many years N. Brock & Son conducted a grocery store in these rooms.*

*The original community library was in a building the Moose tore down at the alley and Second Street. It was torn down to erect the present Moose building. The library was started by Annie C. Mitchell in 1952, when she volunteered her help. She had the help of two of her high school students. They went out and got books donated to start the library. It continued with free help until a few years ago. Now the librarian is paid \$100 a month. It is supported by the United Fund. They received \$1,400 from the United Fund in 1976.*

*The library grew in size and the building was too small. So they moved to the old First National Bank Building on Sewickley Avenue. When the bank wanted to expand, the building was torn down in 1967, and they moved to their present location. Now again it is crowded. It has about 6,000 volumes of books. It serves the communities of Sewickley Township by providing free lend of books, magazines, movies, fiction, non-fiction, and references.*

### *The Sewing Room*

*The Sewing Room on the left of the picture, is owned by Joan C. Suskalo, 39 Seventh Street in Herminie. Sewing is taught, alterations to men and womens garments are made also. Articles are made, anything that has to do with sewing can be done here, such as drapes, slip covers, etc.*

*The business started on September 9, 1974. It was a new business for the community. In August of 1975, George Suskalo, her husband, started to do upholestry work. His untimely death on June 20, 1976, scotched those plans he had for retirement. On September 1, 1976 Dorothy M. Menart of Youngwood, bought the business. She will continue to provide the services Mrs. Suskalo provided and also give decorating hints.*



### *Mullaert's Service Station*

*On this site at 14 Sewickley Street (Keystone Shaft) in Herminie. Mr. and Mrs. Archie Mullaert started a "mom and pop" store and service station in 1940. Of course, the exterior of the building and other parts have been remodeled since then. They continued to operate the store until 1962 when they both became ill. The store was gradually phased out.*

*Archie Mullaert, Jr., operated the service station part time until he went to the United States Army in 1942. (He was captured by the Germans in the Battle of the Bulge and held prisoner for four months.) When he was discharged in 1945 he served his apprenticeship at Central Service in Jeannette, learning the fine art of operating a body shop. All this time he was working part time at this establishment. In 1947 he started devoting full time to the service station and body work, while his parents operated the store.*

*They do body repairs, general auto repairs, and have a 24 hour towing service. They sell Sunoco gas, tires, batteries, auto accessories and used automobiles. In 1967 when Alan Mullaert graduated from Yough High School, he joined the business as a full time auto body man and mechanic. Robert Mullaert, another son, joined the business in 1975 as a mechanic, having worked part time since 1970.*

### *Keystone Shaft Athletic Association*

*It was organized on June 30, 1935. This is the building used as a Lamp Shanty by the Keystone Coal and Coke Company, when the mine was operating. The club for years, was active in soccer and soft ball. Now they show free 16 mm movies, with sound--about sports. It is a social club.*



Keystone Shaft Athletic Association

#### Slovenian Ballroom

The Slovenian Ballroom is located on Third Street in Herminie, and is "America's Polka Capitol." It is the Slovenian polka palace. This makes Herminie "America's Polka Capitol."

Slovenian polka bands perform regularly every Saturday night of the year for dancing by the best Slovenian polka bands in the country. The bands come from as far away as Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and Canada. On two occasions there were bands from Yugoslavia. The ballroom was highly instrumental in promoting polka dancing way back at least eight years ago, when not too many groups or organizations would sponsor Slovenian polka music and dancing. Now, especially western Pennsylvania, is the most popular spot in the state.

The ballroom is known to all people of Slovenian heritage in all the states, Canada and Yugoslavia, the mother country. Many of the guests have been from out of the state. Many people of the tri-state area are social members of the ballroom.

Among the many ethnic groups which crossed the ocean and settled in these coal fields were the Slovenians. As with all ethnic groups of that period, they had to band together because they were in a strange land with a strange language. They had to help each other. It was the only way they could help themselves and keep track of what was going on with other groups. In this area, the Slovenes, in Rillton and Herminie were among the first to organize the lodge. A charter was granted to Herminie in June of 1908 and given Lodge No. 87, Prostomisci "free thinkers." They raised \$4,000 and erected their own lodge building on Eighth Street in Herminie. During the 1910 coal strike, some families were evicted by the coal companies and used this building as their temporary homes.



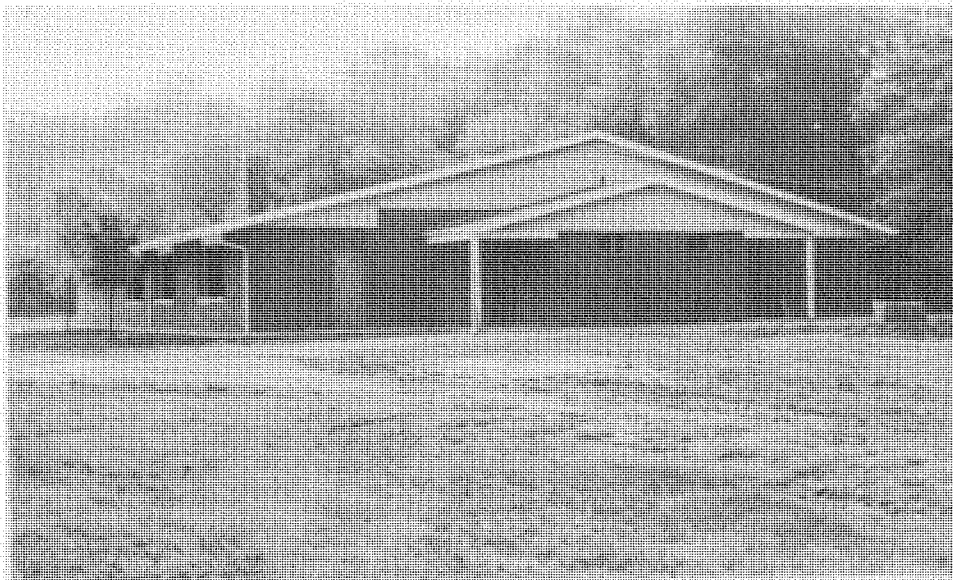
English speaking S. N. P. J. Lodge 613 Keystoneians was organized in 1927 and new life added. Membership opened to other nationalities. Youth Circle 52 Junior Keystoneians was organized and chartered in 1944. On January 1, 1948, Slovene speaking Lodge 87 and English speaking Lodge 613, were merged and have since been known as S. N. P. J. Lodge 87 Keystoneians.

The Junior Keystoneian Circle has been very active in youth improvements. For three years Miss S. N. P. J. Queens' were from this circle. Miss S. N. P. J. Activity, was captured four times. The Keystoneian Horizon, is published monthly by the lodge to keep all members fully informed as to activities, etc.

Due to increased activities the lodge purchased the building at 23 Third Street in Herminie (Sons of Labor Building) on March 1, 1967. This is their present home, after many improvements.

Regular social events such as picnics at the Westmoreland Federation Recreation Area, spaghetti, goulash, and Zganci dinners, by the Ladies Auxiliary, Slovenian Festivals, games, euchre card parties, Saturday nite dances and polka bands, appreciation dinners, jam sessions, have all played an outstanding part in the social and financial success of the ballroom.

From August 30 through September 2, 1968, it was the official headquarters for the 1968 National S. N. P. J. Days.



### *Westmoreland Federation Recreation Area*

The Westmoreland County Federation of S. N. P. J. Lodges was organized in Herminie in 1932. Its purpose is mainly to coordinate and complement the functions and activities of the county lodges. A few years ago, it acquired 23 acres of land in Evanstown and erected thereon a large all-purpose pavilion now being used for cultural and recreational purposes. Many picnics are held here. Lately an addition was made to the building.

### *M & J Tax Service*

After Louis Morrison's clothing store burned down in 1926, Mathew Solomon bought the property and remodeled the front of it for a garage. He moved his Ford Agency from Pike Street in Herminie to this place at 112 Sewickley Avenue. A skating rink was put on the second floor for roller skating, dances, and card parties. After he went out of business, the bottom has been used as a restaurant, bowling alleys, newstand, etc.

On the left side of the building (downstairs) is now located the M & J Tax Service, operated by Melvin Messner of R. D. #1, West Newton, and Mrs. Helen Joseph of Mohawk Drive, Fort Allen in Greensburg. They do personal and small business returns for the state and Federal government, income tax and other returns. They started here in January 1976, although, they have previously worked together for another tax service for the past six years; they felt with the complex tax problems of today such a service was needed and they are fully gratified with their reception.

Their clients occupations' went from farmers, truck drivers, apartment owners, individuals, and elderly persons. With the state and Federal government wanting income tax returns filed, they get complicated. This is the first full time tax service in Herminie.



*Valore Building  
M & J Tax Service  
(on left)*



*Stader Nickels Funeral Home  
404 Sewickley Avenue  
Herminie, Pennsylvania*

### Stader Nickels Funeral Home

In 1932 Hilary B. Stader came to Herminie and opened a funeral parlor. In 1935 Hilary E. Stader, his son, took over the business. In 1968 Mr. Stader took Joseph W. Nickels in as a partner. Mr. Nickels now operates the business on a regular basis being Mr. Stader is not active in the partnership.

They furnish complete funerals, including caskets, clothing--if needed, and vaults, at reasonable rates. They are the only funeral directors in this area.



### Cheselske's Red & White

This store, located in Rillton, was started in 1939 by Frank Cheselske in the basement of his home. From this one room came the store shown in the picture. Later, his son, Theodore took over the store and is currently operated by he & his wife Dorothy, and some part time help from his family.

They sell groceries, meats, and specialize in home made kolbassi and sausages. Cheselske's and Bill's Dandy Dollar are the two largest grocery stores in the township.

In 1973 the name was changed from Cheselske's Market to Cheselske's Red & White. The building on the right is the old Greer Store and post office.

### Dan Gaich Trucking, Inc.



Dan Gaich Trucking is located in Rillton. It was started by Dan Gaich in 1947. Gaich deals in freight transportation. He provides daily direct service serving Allegheny County, Irwin, Jeannette, Greensburg, Somerset, Bedford, Breezewood, and McConnellsburg.

### Debco Products



Debco Products, located on Sewickley Avenue in Herminie is owned by Leo Pedley of Irwin. They machine electric insulating materials.

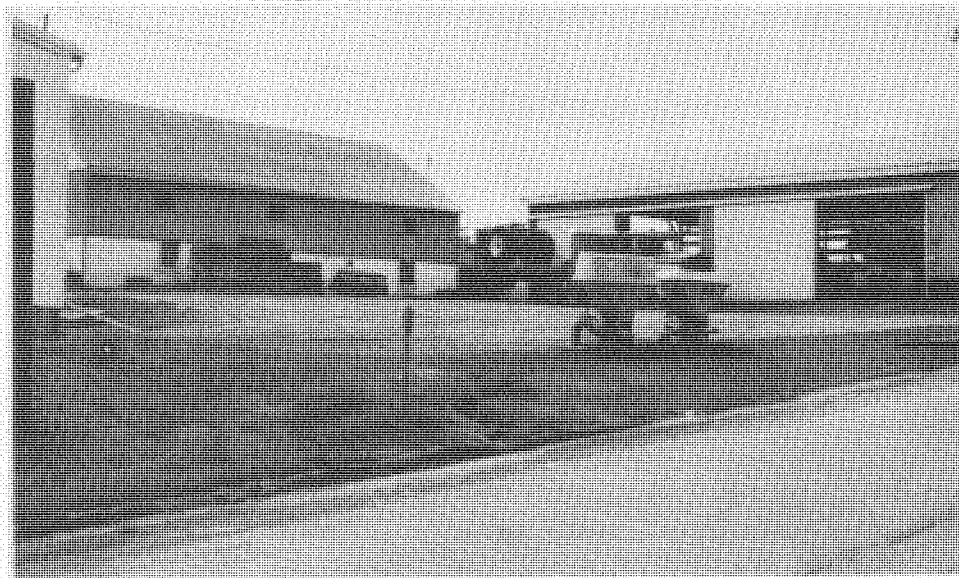
In the mid 1920's Peter A. Vassia had a garage here. Then August Pearson had the Central Garage here. They sold Whippet and Willys Knight automobiles.

### Bruno's Restaurant

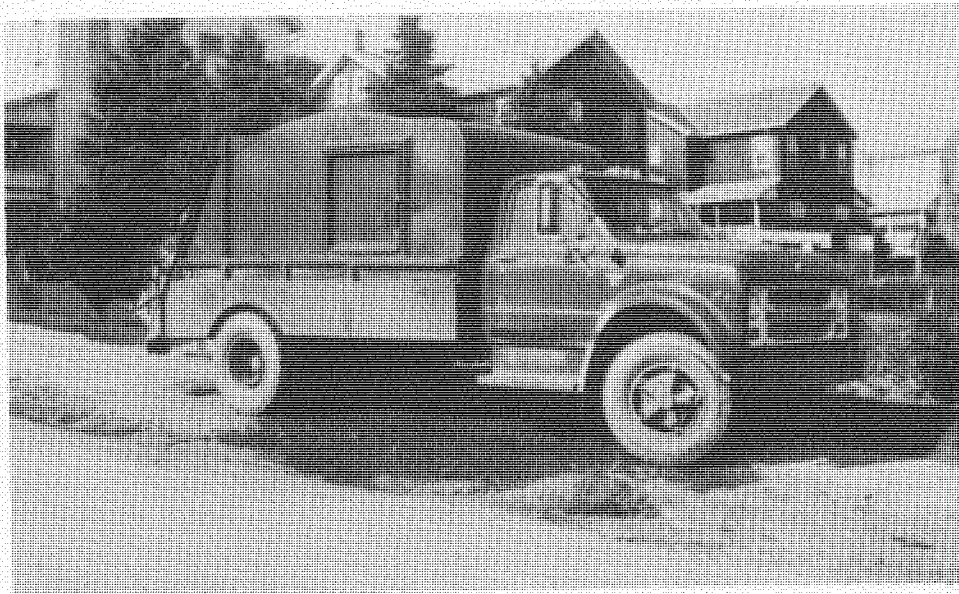


Bruno's Restaurant is located on the Irwin-Herminie Road. It was started by Howard Bruno in June of 1947. They serve lunches & dinners consisting of a variety of delicious meals, & they also serve liquor. They have family dining and welcome private parties. Bruno's is open seven days a week, and their motto is, "Where every person is special."

### Hildenbrand Lime and Fertilizer



Hildenbrand Lime and Fertilizer is located on the Madison-Waltz Mill Road. It is owned by Fred A. and Joan L. Hildenbrand of R. D. #2, Ruffs-dale. They sell lime and fertilizers to the farmers and spread it on their fields. They are self employed farmers raising freezer beef, grain, and hay. The business was started in 1958.



*Couchenour Garbage Hauling*

*Couchenour Garbage Hauling is owned by Cliff Couchenour of 519 Sewickley Avenue in Herminie. He services most of the Herminie area.*

*When Joseph Sadowsky started this business in 1946, the garbage was disposed of by dumping it in some secluded spot in the county. Today it has been taken care of by depositing it in a privately owned land fill where it is disposed of according to law. It has to be properly covered and placed so that the water that runs off from the fill does not pollute the near by streams and surrounding areas.*

*In February of 1959, Cliff Couchenour and John Esasky purchased the business from Mr. Sadowsky. In January of 1961, Mr. Couchenour acquired full control. They make garbage and trash pick ups to houses, businesses, churches, parks, etc. The number of pick ups at a place depends on the quantity of garbage it has, but it is all done on a scheduled basis.*

### *Septic Tank Service*

*There being no centralized sewage system in the township, the waste empties either into septic tanks, streams, some into holes drilled into the ground. The average septic tank is about 500 gallons. When it is filled with solids, it has to be pumped out. This is the kind of business Donald Maughan of R. D. #1 (Whyle) Ruffsedale, is engaged in. This is a picture of the truck he uses. There are others who excavate and install septic tanks.*

*The lack of a sewage system has impeded the growth of the township. Before a septic tank can be installed the ground has to be officially tested to see if the overflow from the tank will be absorbed by the ground around it. This is "perk testing." Some of the ground being of clay, will not absorb the fluids.*

*With prospects of Volkswagen using the Chrysler plant near New Stanton, the supervisors are making arrangements to have a planning commission zone and plan the township for the expected future growth.*



*Maughan's Septic Tank Truck  
Started in 1970*



*Rhodes Mobil Service Station*

Rhodes Mobil Service Station is located at Madison exit of Route 70, R. D. #2, Ruffsedale (Waltz Mill). It is owned by Clarence & Ruth Rhodes. It was started in 1959. Their four sons; Jack, Van, James, & Wayne, work at the station where they fix flat tires, repair autos, sell new tires, change oil, grease autos. Along with accessories, gas and oil for autos, they have other items such as bread, cakes, pies, potato chips, etc. It is an official inspection station. Much of their business comes from Route 70, hence, it is opened seven days a week.

### *Audrey's Market*



When Adolph Baloh's store burned down in 1975, the people of Hutchinson were left without a store. So on March 5, 1976, Robert and Audrey Hoover started Audrey's Market.

It is a "convenience store." They sell food, soft drinks, lunch meats, candy, ice cream, cigarettes, cigars, home remedy drugs, tools, cosmetics, toys, ice, bread, milk, etc.

There is a recreation room, they have three pin ball machines and a juke box. Hutchinson people, thus, have things in their own town.

### *Superior Auto Body Shop*



Superior Auto Body is located on Sunshine Road in Herminie, and is operated by George Harvey and Robert Blatney. They provide complete body and fender repairs. They also do towing.

### *Seven Up Royal Crown Cola Bottling Company*

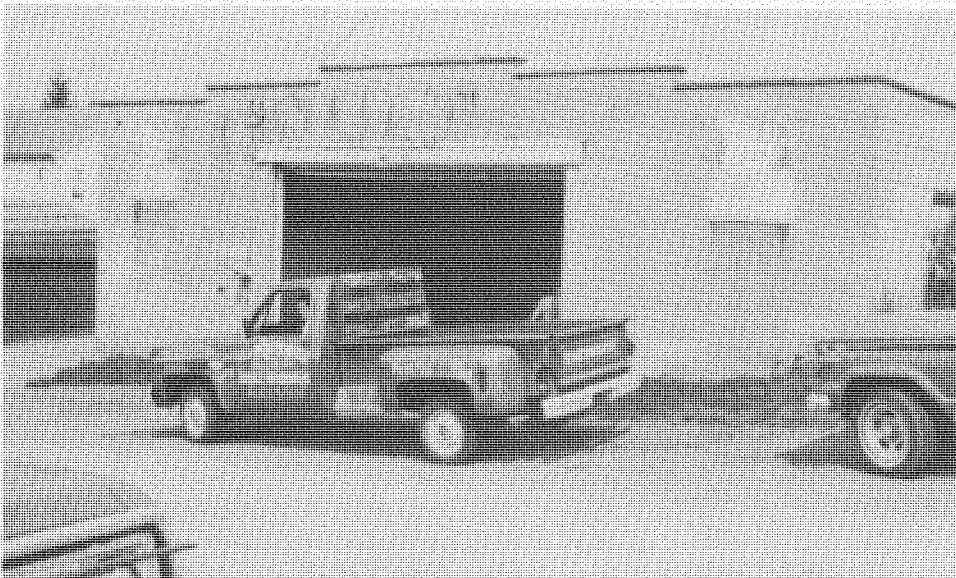


*Seven Up Bottling is located on Sunshine Road in Herminie. They are distributors and manufactures of soft drinks.*

### *Abie & Bimbo*

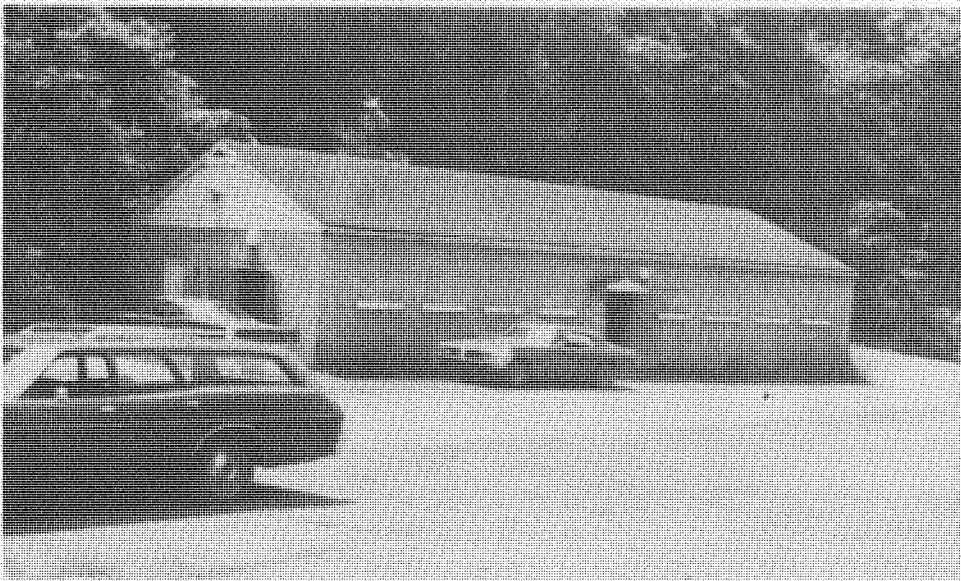


*Abie & Bimbo is located on Fourth Street in Herminie. They make pizza to take out. It is also a delicatessen. It was taken over from Dean Ghion on August 30, 1976. Dean Ghion started it in 1975. He furnished pizza and delicatessen articles. James Panichella and David Shane are the new owners.*

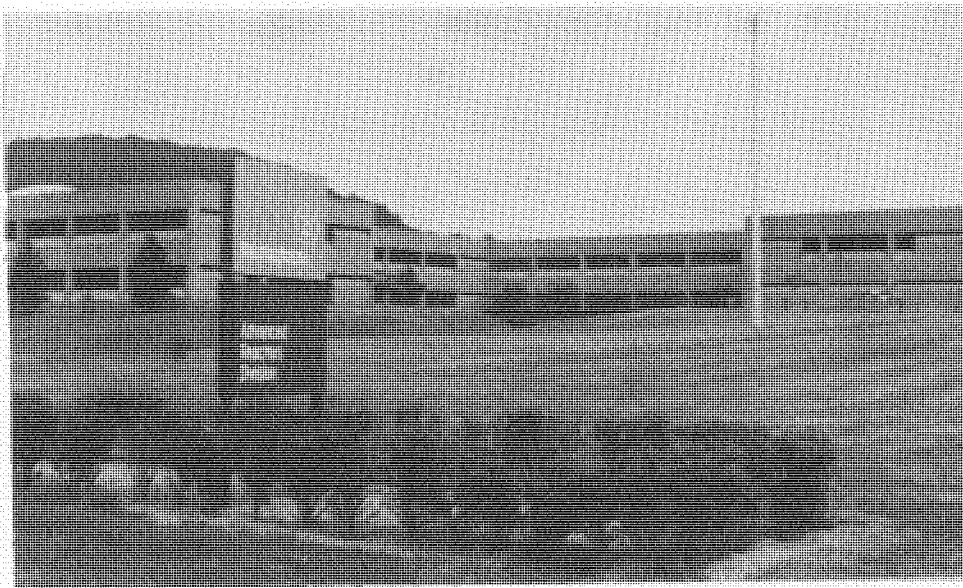


After Prohibition went out, there were several beer distributors in the township, such as Michael Smith, Wilps Brothers, Maylan Vackovich. In 1947 John Polandick became the owner of Sewickley Distributing Company, which is located in the building used by Michael Smith on Third Street in Herminie. On August 17, 1976, Lee T. DeBone became a partner. This is the only beer distributor in the township. They sell beer and soft drinks to taverns and also to individuals. Some of the other distributors were Frank Drop, Harry Gondean, Amerigo Stefanacci, etc.

#### *Italian Brotherhood*



The other Italian Club was the Continental. Both the Italian Club and the Continental existed at the same time. The Italian Brotherhood is located in Guffey.



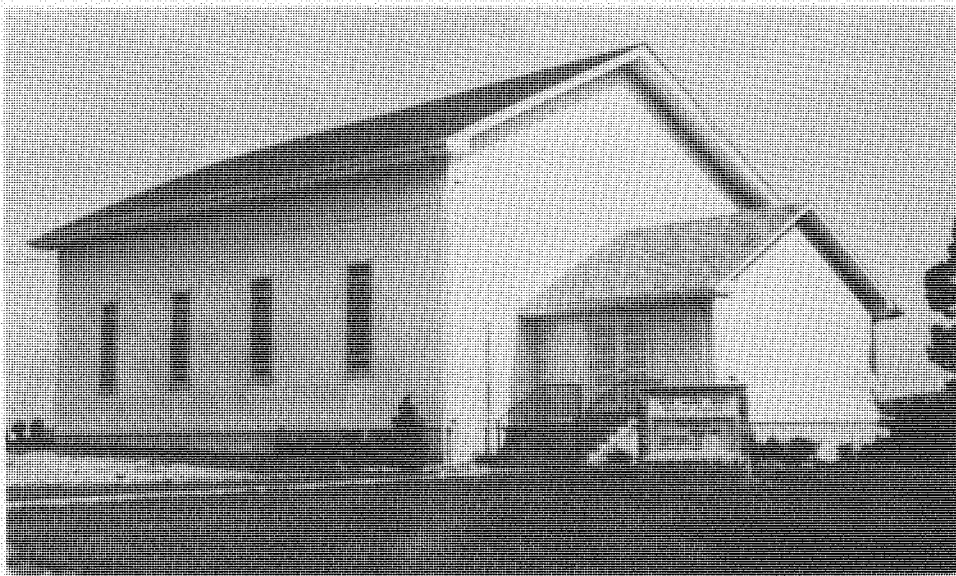
Westinghouse Advanced Reactor Division

It is located at Waltz Mill. They are conducting experiments with breeder reactors, which produce more nuclear fuel than they use while generating electricity. The reactor creates three atoms more fuel than it consumes, and makes 70 times more efficient use of the fuel, due to the higher temperature. The excess fuel can be used to power other reactors, conserving the limited supply of Uranium. The plant has just completed a five year program to test the reliability of a control system, an important safety feature of liquid metal fast breeder reactors.

The purpose of the program was to provide a design of a control rod system that could be used in commercial reactors. All the tests conducted at the Waltz Mill High Temperature Sodium Facility, the largest privately owned test facility in the world. The first History of Sewickley Township was written in 1962. It tells more of the Westinghouse activities at Waltz Mill complex.

Another project Westinghouse is conducting at Waltz Mill, is a process to convert the nation's plentiful supplies of high sulphur coal to a clean, low heat content gas for electric power companies generation plants. In November 1975, they began testing, using lignite char! Various types of coal are being tested. When one reads off the different ways they are trying to get gas from coal one must remember that the Penn Gas Coal Company had many mines in the township in 1876 because their grade of coal was used then to produce gas. Irwin had street lites made from this gas until around 1900.

The Pittsburgh Press on Sunday, January 12, 1969, had an article about Pittsburgh using gas made from coal 140 years ago (1829), long before the natural product was dreamed of for use here. But the production of such gas was both dirty and expensive, compared to getting it right out of the ground. Interest was lost when the huge gas reserves were discovered. "One of these days, in 20 years or so, perhaps we'll reverse the pumps (on the huge transmission lines which bring us gas now from Texas) and start shipping gas back to Texas."



New Mars Hill Baptist Church  
 Rillton-Sutersville Road  
 Dedicated May 28, 1876

Looking at the map of Sewickley Township as it appears in the Atlas of 1876 makes good reading when we compare the business places then as to the business establishments now in 1976. Sutersville was then a part of the township in 1876, but not now in 1976. So its places have been excluded. So have the post offices because they are treated in the history.

The locations described are designated so you can compare them with today's locations:

Armstrong

C. H. Armstrong Coal Works  
 Jones and Loughlin Lime Stone

Cowansburg vicinity

Shoe shop  
 Butcher shop  
 slaughter house  
 Cowan's store  
 Runt & Freeman clothing store  
 2 Penn Gas Coal Company Mines

Dick Station (Millville)

Store  
 Blacksmith shop (McCubbin's)  
 Grist Mill (Mains)  
 2 Penn Gas Coal Company Mines

Evanstown

Clarkson Woolen Mill

Fulton (Old Mars Hill)

Black Smith Shop  
 Saw Mill

Gratztown vicinity	4 Penn Gas Coal Company Mines
Guffey vicinity	Brinewell House Salt works Black smith shop Todd Shoe Store Youghioghenny Coal Hollow Coal Company
Lowber (Marchand)	Penn Gas Coal Company Mine
Millgrove	Markle Paper Mill Black smith shop Furniture factory Grist mill
Scott Haven (Moore's Station)	Store Coal works Distillery
Shaner (Youghioghenny area)	Hayes Coal Works Zimmerman Drug Store Hotel Thomas's Store Youghioghenny Coal Hollow Coal Company
Waltz Mill	Store Grist Mill

Then there are business places that cannot be identified, such as sugar, syrup, & saw mills, tannery, Struble's Cider and Vinegar Works, Cope's Nursery, shoe shops, etc. In those days shoes were made to order, both feet the same. There were no shoe stores where you went in and chose the kind you wanted off of the shelf. The mines were not shafts, they were drifts or slopes into the side of the hill.

#### Dean's Distributing Company

Deans Distributing Company is located on 35 Fourth Street in Herminie. It is owned by Dean Ghion of Herminie. Ghion distributes soft drinks, Cott beverages, Dad's Root Beer, etc. The business is located in what was once the Kretchek Livery Stable, then John Serro's Garage, then Charles Morvetz Garage. It is at the rear of Patrick Lavella's tax office.

## -Taxation-

The value of the real estate for tax purposes is determined by the Westmoreland County Board of Assessments. At present the valuation is set at 20 per cent of the value of the property. A property worth \$5,000, is assessed at \$1,000. This valuation is the basis for levying taxes in the township and county. A person 21 years old pays the township Per Capita Tax, while at 18 years of age, they start to pay School Per Capita Tax.

The rates are as follows:

1. Road or Township taxes for operation of the township by the Supervisors--11 mills.
2. School for Vough School District--87 mills.
3. County for operation of county government and Westmoreland Manor (Home for aged)--19 mills.
4. Light tax in Herminie district is 40 cents a foot for improved property and ten cents a foot for unimproved. Other districts have rates depending on the number of street lights in that district.
5. Per Capita Tax is \$5 for township and \$10 for school people over 65 years who apply for exonerations.
6. Occupation tax for those employed is \$5 for the township and \$5 for the school.
7. Wage Tax is 1 per cent of wages, commissions, profits,  $\frac{1}{2}$  per cent for Township and schools.

There is a state law that refunds a percentage of the amount of taxes paid by those with incomes less than \$7,500 a year, widows, widowers, renters, those on public assistance (relief). Ten dollars is the minimum they will refund and \$200 is the most tax that the state will refund.

## -Electric Appliances-

When televisions came to the township in 1949, the sky was poked with holes made by antennas. They became weatherbeaten, the wind destroyed some, reception varied as to where you were living. Then a few years ago, came Covenant Cable TV, Inc. of Greensburg, who strung cables on the utility poles. Many homes subscribe to this service, which is \$4.75 a month. Each additional TV set in the house costs \$1 a month more. With the cable it is possible to get stations which antennas will not pick up, also the reception is much improved.

C. T. Mayers Appliance Store, services generally only the television and radio sets which they sell. Other than that, there is no one in the township who services radios, televisions, or electric appliances. When

we had radio and TV men previously, it was because of the tubes which were used at this time. But now, we have a more modern type of television, radio, etc.; namely, consisting of closed circuit and solid state electronics. Also with the low cost of radios (ten dollars and up) and televisions (compared to costs in 1949, when a ten-inch television cost \$389). It is cheaper to buy a new one than to repair the old television or radio. Some televisions now sell for less than \$100.

#### Partial Listing of Businesses in Sewickley Township

Costanza, John	Is one of the two barbers in Herminie. He has other employment. His shop is in the old post office building.
Vissat Brothers	Located on Limerick Road in Herminie. It was founded by William & Edward Vissat in 1941. They construct roads, demolish old buildings, excavate, grading, & install septic tanks.
Andy's Garage	On Sunshine Road in Herminie. Andy Carosella is the owner. He sells International trucks, does general auto repairs & state inspections.
Hoffman Garage & Service Station	Located near Madison Borough line. Operated by Fred C. Hoffman, Jr. He does general auto repairs lawn mower repairs, and sells gas & oil.
P & M Welding	Located at Ten Fourth Street in Herminie, they do heavy duty welding.
Jay's Hair Styling Salon	Located in Rillton, the owner is Jay Herrera. He does men & ladies hair cutting & styling, only by appointment.
Stubb's Auto Wrecker	Located at Whyte, its owned by Paul Stubbs of Hutchinson. He collects old autos & metal scrap for resale to steel mills.
Violet's Beauty Salon	Operated by Violet Leasure from her home at 2 Reservoir Road in Herminie.
Knapp Shoes	They are sold by Ira Leasure of 2 Reservoir Road in Herminie.
Miller, Sr., Wayne	Located on 5 Mary Drive in Herminie, is a general contractor. He builds new homes, remodels & repairs.
Faletto, George	He is located in Herminie. He does general contracting.
Scheeley, Helen	She is a beautician in her home in Rillton.
Evans, Sarah K.	She does Notary Public work in her home at 9 Sewickley Avenue, in Herminie. She also prepares income taxes.

Drop, Ronald	He does home construction, & he is located in Rillton.
Francis, Gerald	Residing at 33 Orchard Drive in Herminie, does roofing, heating, & cooling.
Keystone Light Rail- ray Products Company	It is located at Auel Industries in Herminie.
John's Body Shop	Located at 14 Fourth Street in Herminie. It is owned by John Gercher of Yukon. It is an old established business doing auto body repairs & repainting.
Marvich Garage	On Sunshine Road in Herminie. It is owned by Edward Marvich, also of Herminie. Marvich does repairs to auto bodies.
Matt's Roofing	Owned by Matt Pypich of R. D. #1 Irwin. He does repairs & installs new gutters & down spouts, soffit & fascia, additions & also remodeling.
Windswept Knoll Kennels	It is operated by Al Lang of R. D. #1 (Dick Station) Irwin. Dogs are groomed, as well as cats, boarded & stud service is offered.
Seigfried, Walter	Of R. D. #1, Irwin. He does excavating work.
Stetz, Edward J.	Of R. D. #1 (Hutchinson) West Newton. He does carpentry & is a sub-contractor.
Hoffman, Calvin	of 105 Ducthtown Road in Herminie. He has an "auto grave yard." Old autos are junked & parts are sold.
Hopkin, R. D. Machine Shop	Located on Fourth Street in Herminie owned by Rowan D. Hopkin of 221 Center Road. He makes jigs & fixtures used in machining, nuclear components & general machining. Located in old engine house of Ocean Coal Company.
Smith, Hugh Jr.	Conducts general plumbing business from his home at 25 Limerick Road Extension in Herminie. He sales & services of plumbing & heating equipment. He is a registered plumber. He also has another occupation, besides plumbing.
Wilson, Charles O.	He operates a watch repairing service from his home at 402 McClerge Avenue in Herminie.
Creek Gun Shop	John Podraza of R. D. #2 (Whyle) Ruffsedale owns & operates it. He has ammunition, gun supplies for sportsmen.
Misty Hollow Ceramics	Located in R. D. #1 Irwin, they offer knots & pots, macrame, & plants.

Dee's Yarn Shop	Located at R. D. #1 West Newton.
Bonnybank Kennels	Located on 10940 Guffy-Rillton Road, North Huntingdon. It is operated by Joan McCloskey. They groom dogs & board them, offer stud service, & sell collies.
International Paper Company	Located at Waltz Mill. They handle paper products. (Youngwood Post office)
Fulmer, Dave	33 Madison Road in Herminie, he handles heating.
Herminie News Company	Located at 23 Madison Avenue in Herminie. They distribute morning, afternoon & Sunday <u>Tribune Review</u> daily & Sunday <u>Pittsburgh Press</u> , morning <u>Pittsburgh Post Gazette</u> , throughout the area.
Heltebran, Bert L.	A registered plumber who conducts his business from his home on Herminie-Madison Road. He does plumbing & sells plumbing supplies.
Helen's Greenware Shop	Located at R. D. #1 Irwin.
Main, N.	Of R. D. #1, West Newton, he has a fleet of trucks.
Korpar's Sports & Trophies	Operated by Joseph Korpar from his home at R. D. #1 West Newton, across from the brick church. He handles sporting goods & trophies.
Pytlak, Joseph	He is a cement contractor. He started business in 1958. He does patios, steps, driveways, porches, sidewalks, & other cement work. Lives in Rillton. His motto is, "Have trowel, will travel."
Continental Automotive Corporation	A New Jersey firm operating at Waltz Mill. It services trucks used by International Paper Company of Waltz Mill.
Electrical Tool & Die	Located at 40-Eighth Street in Herminie. It is machine shop.
Kosor Auto Wreckers	Located on Route 136, R. D. #1, West Newton.
Bazala, Joe	Of R. D. #1 Irwin, does home improvements.
Beck, Thomas	Of R. D. #1 Irwin, does excavation & backhoe work at \$15 an hour. Septic tank systems, tree removal, & perk tests.
Roller, Charles	Of 2 Shady Lane in Herminie does hand painted signs, window lettering, for personal use or business.
Lyons, John S.	Of R. D. #1 West Newton, does new home construction & remodeling of all types. He started in 1967. Operates the business as full time during the summer months & part time during the school year, as he is a school teacher at Vough Senior High School.



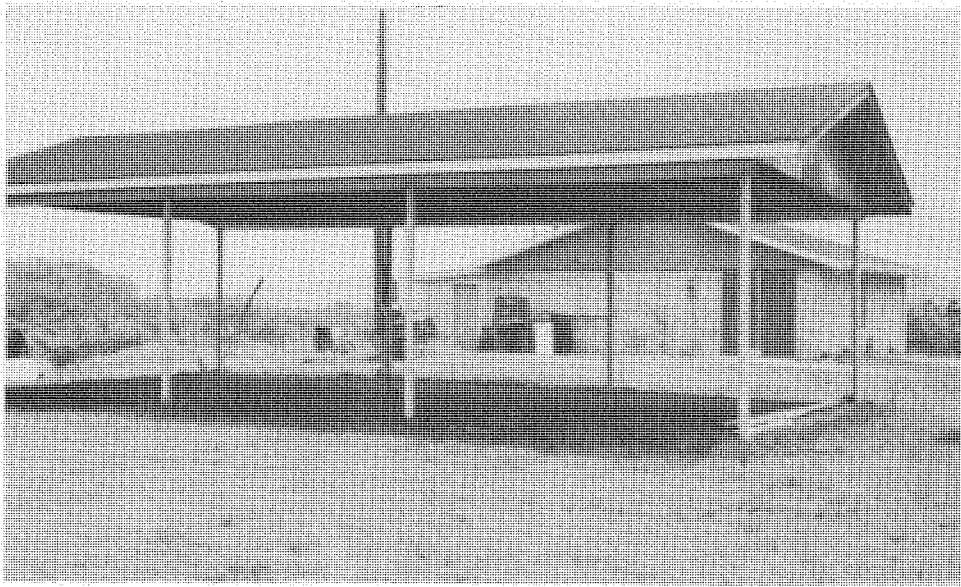
Grace Bible Church  
Dedicated October 29, 1972

Grace Bible Church is an outgrowth of the Whyte Gospel Mission. The idea grew out of the wish of some Christians of Gospel Ministry in the Yukon & Whyte areas. So Sunday school & gospel preaching was started on October 1, 1934, when the Whyte Gospel Mission was started in a vacant store room in Whytes (picture in the history book). In 1958 it received a charter as an independent fundamental church & the name was changed to the Whyte Gospel Church.

In 1966 the plans were approved for a new building. It was built piece by piece as funds became available. For three years nothing was done, but finally on October 29, 1972, the building was dedicated.

In December 1971 the congregation voted to change the name from Whyte Gospel Church to Grace Bible Church. This is an independent fundamental church standing true to the original purposes of the founding. The original organization was established firmly on the fundamental doctrines of the Christian faith and has continued steadfastly to maintain such testimony. The Bible being verbally inspired, inerrant and infallible word of God, has been continually emphasized as the true basis for faith and conduct.

Several years ago the church began operating a bus to bring mostly children from the surrounding communities of Yukon, Waltz Mill, Wyano, & Hutchinson to Sunday School. It has been operated regularly and a good number who would not have otherwise received Christian instruction have heard the good news of Salvation through faith in Jesus Christ, and have been confronted with the claims of Christ upon their individual lives.



Herminie No. 2 Game Association

Herminie No. 2 Game Association was started in 1963 in Herminie No. 2. Now they have purchased 70 acres of land on Limerick Hill in Herminie. In 1975 they started erecting the building shown in the picture. They have about 200 members. They also have about 1,500 acres, paid and leased property for hunting.

They are affiliated with the National Rifle Association, Westmoreland County Sportsmen's League, and the Pennsylvania Federation of Sportsmen.

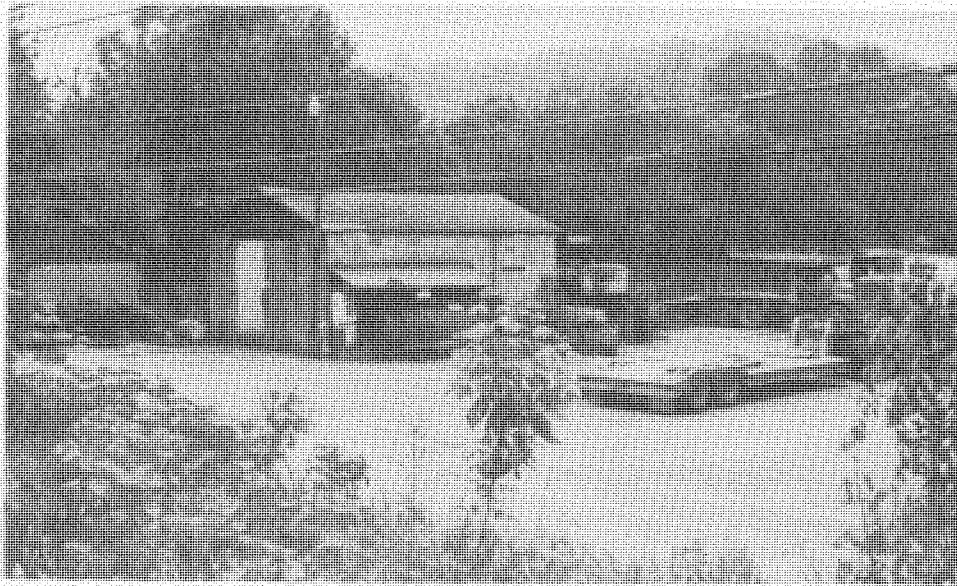
The object of this organization shall be the encouragement of good sportsmanship, hunting, obtaining land to hunt on, organized shooting, stocking and feeding of game, teaching of hunters' safety, safe handling of guns, and proper care of firearms and laws.

Citizens between the ages of 12 and 18 years can be Junior members. The membership includes both male and females. This is made evident by the plaques on the restrooms which read, "Bucks" and "Does". Regular adult members have to be citizens over the age of 18.

Tuition fee is \$25. Adult members pay \$6 per year in dues. Junior members pay \$3 a year.

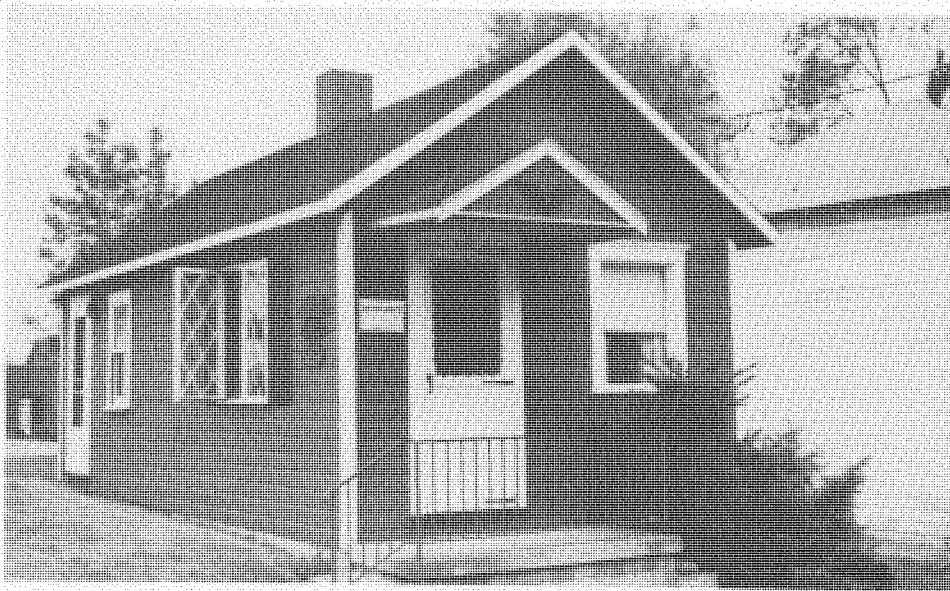
#### Reuss Engineers

George F. Reuss is the owner of this business. He resides at R. D. #3 in Irwin. The business was started at Waltz Mill (Box 22, Madison) in 1974. Their motto is. "You name it, We'll build it."



*Laurel Construction Company*

*Laurel Construction Company's garage is located in Gratztown, while the construction company itself is located in Lowber. It is owned by James Brown of R. D. #1 Sutersville.*



*Wilson Insurance Agency*

*Wilson Insurance Agency is located on Ten-second Street in Herminie. They sell insurance of all kinds such as automobile, fire, life, & business. The owners are Edith L. and William H. Wilson. The business was started here in June of 1974. Wilson has been an insurance agent for 17 years.*



*Herminie Auto Parts*

*It is located on 104 Sewickley Avenue in Herminie. The owner of Herminie Auto Parts is Lawrence Arch. He supplies automotive parts to garages, service stations, and individuals. The business was started on May 5, 1963. Herminie Motor Company operated a business similar to this before 1963.*



*Herminie Motor Company*

*It is located on 15 Pike Street in Herminie. Part of this building was Crosby's Livery Stable. Mutz Solomon made it into a garage when he took the Ford Agency which D. C. Andrews had. When he moved to Sewickley Avenue, John Serro moved his Dodge agency from the Kretchek Garage. On October 1, 1948, Paul Prejza and Stanley Arch bought the business. In 1971 Paul Prejza retired and Stanley's son, Lawrence, became a partner. They deal in new and used autos, service and parts, and are dealers in Dodge cars and trucks.*



*Raffaelli's Tavern*

*Raffaelli's is located on 606 Sewickley Avenue in Herminie. Albert Raffaelli is the owner.*



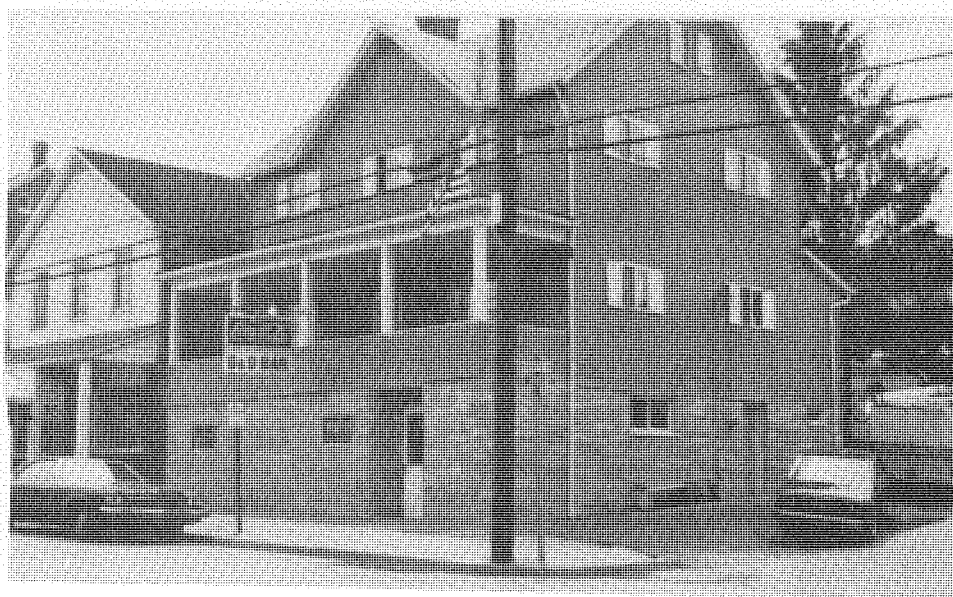
*Welcome Inn*

*Welcome Inn Midway Cafe is located at Dick's Station (R. D. #1 Irwin). The owner is Leonard Tucci.*



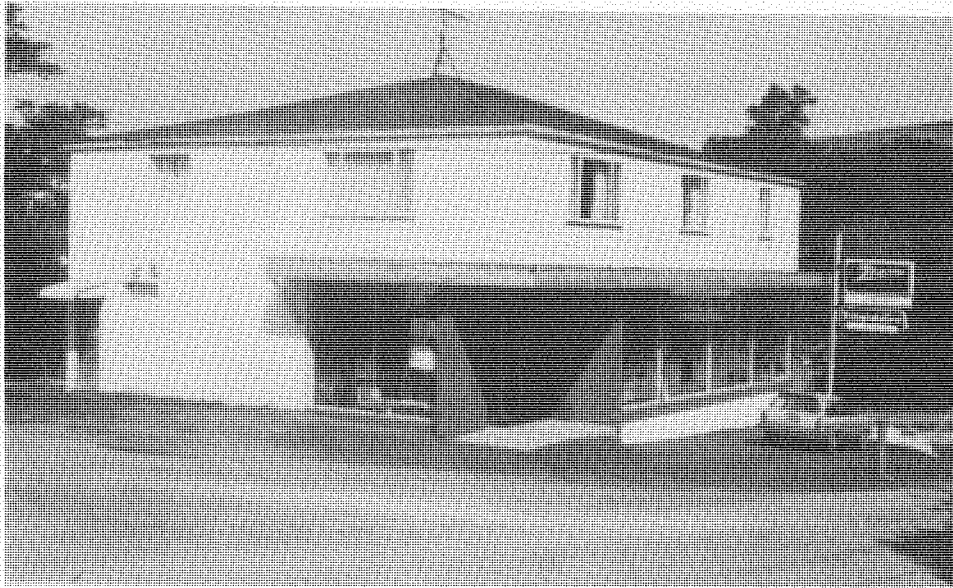
*Mary's Lunch*

*Mary's Lunch and Grocery is located at R. D. #1 West Newton, Herminie-Hutchinson Road. It is owned by Mary Mismas.*



*D & D Bar*

*It is located at 402 Sewickley Avenue in Herminie. The owners are Dorothy & Richard Wilson. Max Ghion and then his son, Deno, operated the bar previously.*



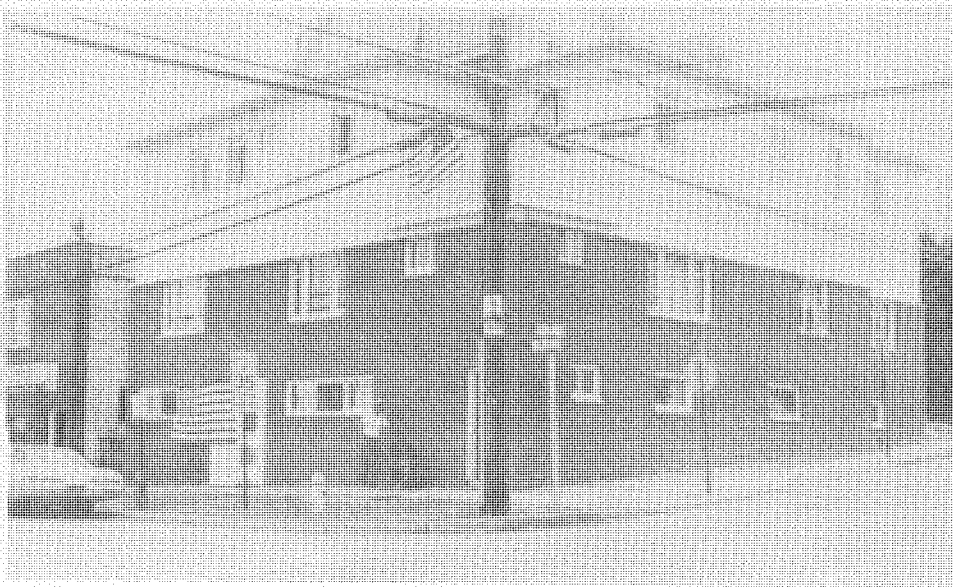
*C. T. Mayers Appliance*

*It is located on Pike Street in Herminie. They sell electric and gas appliances, radios and televisions. Their motto is, "We service what we sell."*



*Morvetz Chevrolet*

*It is located at 103 Sewickley Avenue in Herminie. A. T. Evans built the building when he moved from across the street. At his death Sarah K. Evans, his wife, ran it until she sold it to Charles Morvetz in 1950.*



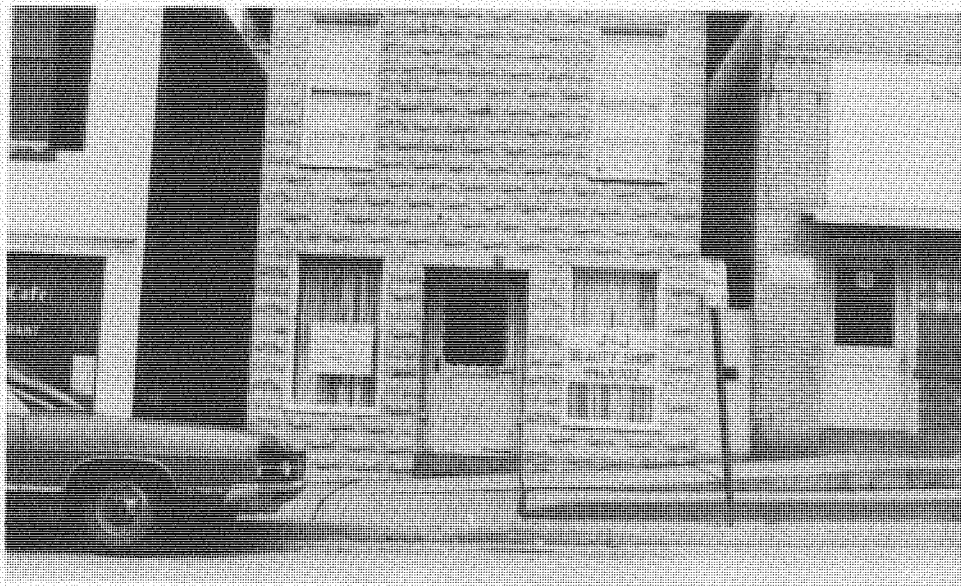
*Julie's Hotel*

*It is located at 102 Sewickley Avenue in Herminie. Julie Silko is the owner. This was previously the Creighton Hotel and John Harenski Hotel.*



*Kavel's Pharmacy*

*It is located at 408 Sewickley Avenue in Herminie. The Registered Pharmacist there is Stanley Kavel.*



*J & J Beauty Salon*

*It is located at 220 Sewickley Avenue in Herminie. Jean Ogg and Joyce Phillips are the operators.*



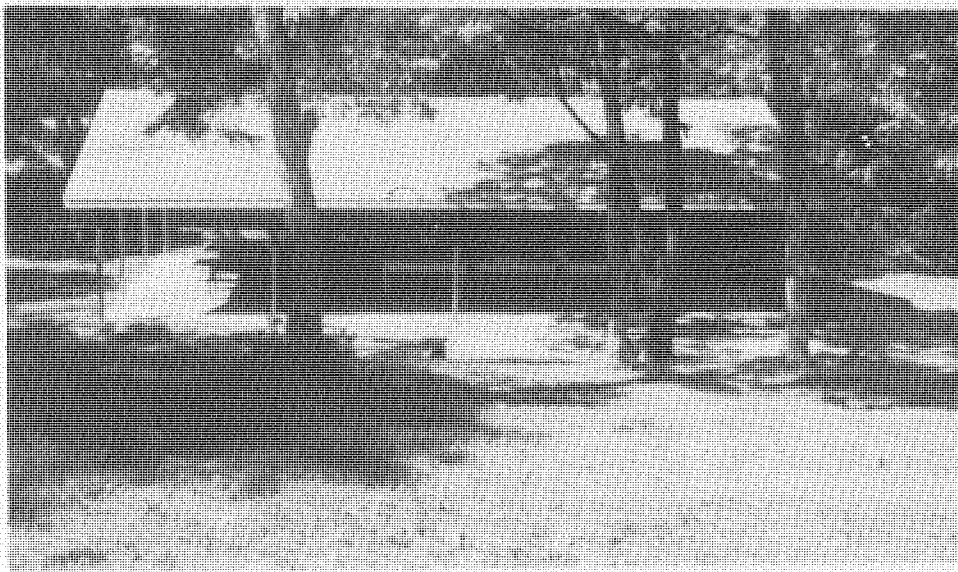
*J & M Bar and Grill*

*It is located at 114 Sewickley Avenue in Herminie. The tavern is owned by John and Mary Premich. Tony Bissin remodeled the building as a restaurant. Then Oggie Kaiser had a tavern here.*



### *Gary's Service Station*

*This building is located on Sunshine Road in Herminie. It was built as a service station in 1948 by Adrian Newhouse. He operated it for two years. He sold it to his brother Morgan Newhouse in 1950, who operated it until his death in 1963. In the meantime several people, including Walter Ginter, operated it. Gary Newhouse is Morgan's son. It is open six days a week, Sunday's closed.*



### *Evanstown S. N. P. J. No. 23*

*Evanstown S. N. P. J. No. 23 has the picnic grove at the Hempfield Township line. It is used by everyone for picnics and gatherings. It is across the creek from the Westmoreland Federation Grounds.*

## Citizen Band Radios

Like other times, this era has a "craze." In 1976 it is Citizen Band Radios or "CB" as it is called.

The CB system goes back to the early 1940's when certain channels were set aside for hobbyists to manipulate their projects and some people used it for short communications. At that time, many experimented and built their own sets. This is now not permitted.

In 1958 the Federal Communication Commission (FCC) created 23 channels of radio frequency to satisfy the needs of business, farmers, etc. The purpose being to provide them with means of communication with their base, such as farmers with their home when they were working in the fields. Also for scattered business complexes in a local area with one center. Thus, the right hand knew what the left hand was doing.

But now, in 1976, CB is the fastest growing way of person to person communications since the telephone. The rate of applications for CB licenses has increased twenty fold this year. This is because it is so easy to acquire. No tests, no theory to learn, no demand for electronic knowledge. It's just like flipping a switch at home, anyone can do it. In fact, it has become a useful toy for "children" of all ages, along with the walkie talkies with one channel.

So now, from starting as a hobbyist and business adjunct, it has become a way of life for many people. Shut ins, housewives gossiping, motorists traveling--keeping track of conditions, pleasure boating--keeping track of where fish are, and trying to out smart the police or "Smokey Bears." It has one good point of being a life saver. If stranded or in a wreck, CB's are used to summon help. Women do not have to get out of their automobiles if help is needed. Police tune in on CB looking for emergencies. One of the fastest selling records today is "Teddy Bear" about a crippled child whose father was a truck driver before he died. Now the child keeps in contact with other truckers.

Along with all its blessings is its cost and size. The 1940 and later sets filled the trunk of an auto. Now you get a cigar box size apparatus with solid state construction for around \$100. They generally have a range of about five miles. Being anyone can install them has been the biggest boom.

The rush started with the Arab oil embargo in 1973. Contacts were made as to where gas was available. Then came the truckers strike where every truck had one. When 55 miles an hour speed limit was imposed, the motorists and truckers keep the air waves crackling about "Smokey the Bear" so as to not get caught speeding. One thing is sure, they could confuse any invader with the language the CB'ers use. They have their, and each operator has his individual "handle" instead of using his correct name. Very confusing to an outsider. Using codes squeezes a complete sentence into a few words, such as 10-4 means ok or 10-20 means what is your geographic location. They are a radio short hand. The emergency vehicles such as ambulances and fire trucks use mostly the same code.

**Futurists say**

Standard Observer August 6, 1976

# CB radios could lead to chaos

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) — Protesters orchestrating demonstrations over the air, prostitutes soliciting customers and police fighting back with electronic jamming — all are possibilities envisioned in a federal government study of the future of citizens band radio.

The wild proliferation of the small-talk medium could cause international protests in the next few years as CBers snarl world-wide communications, the report speculates.

And through it all, the Federal Communications Commission may be powerless to step in and regulate the chaos.

The report was prepared by Arthur D. Little Inc., a private consulting firm, for the White House Office of Telecommunications Policy.

In a series of scenarios, the

study speculates about developments in telecommunications over the next 15 years. The scenarios are not predictions but, in the words of the study, are "futurable" — they could happen.

The report also envisions:

—The American Telephone & Telegraph Co. carrying all television service into homes over phone lines. TV stations stop broadcasting on the air.

—The U.S. Postal Service jeopardized by competition from private firms. The rivals deliver color facsimiles of letters into homes over the telephone network and electronically provide newspapers and magazines that can be read on television screens.

—A government-run communications satellite system that carries educational programs, medical information, defense

data and also competes with private carriers, such as AT&T.

The CB scenario envisions antibusing demonstrators using radios to organize riots. But by 1977, it says, police will have learned to jam CB conversations by broadcasting noise on the channels.

Other uses will create prob-

lems as well. Lookouts will warn bandits of approaching police, and prostitutes will cruise the streets broadcasting their offers.

In 1977, the scenario says, scrambling equipment will be on the market that will allow private conversations. And there will be calling equipment that will let CBers dial base stations as though they had telephones.

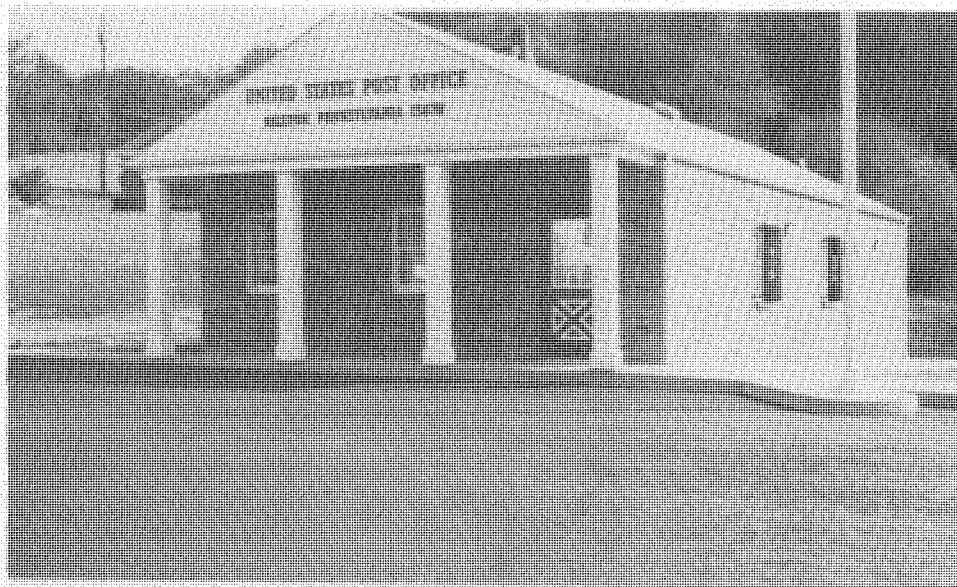
In 1978, the report says, increased sunspot activity will cause American CB conversations to skip thousands of miles, disrupting communications in Europe and South America. This will bring complaints to the United Nations.

By 1979, the FCC will have virtually abandoned efforts to enforce its rules. Faulty CB equipment will interfere with television and FM radio.



*Stella Shoaf Beauty Salon*

*It is located on 304 Highland Avenue in Herminie. It started business in 1933.*



*Rillton Post Office*

*Rillton Post Office was first established on June 28, 1888. It moved into this facility on September 25, 1976. They have no home deliveries, but a rural route was started in August of 1974. The building was erected by Anthony Shuster, Sr., and leased to the United States Postal Service.*



For a man 56 years old, and being in Herminie since 1949, Dr. Andrew J. Cerne has certainly left his mark on our community.

He came to Herminie from West Newton in 1949 to fill a vacancy that existed in our medical services. He came, he saw, and he went to work to do what he could to make this a better community. He pitched in to make a better community by advocating "law and order," has helped the volunteer fire companies, and was one of the committee members instrumental in getting the Sewickley Family Practice Center. He is very active in the social and civic affairs of the community.

He has been doctor for the Sewickley, now Vough School District, served at the football games as their doctor, has been a medical doctor for Hempfield Township School District. He has been president of Westmoreland County Medical Society, and the Westmoreland County Academy of Family Physicians.

The community at large showed its appreciation on Sunday, November 10, 1974, when it held a testimonial dinner and reception for him at the Slovenian Ballroom in Herminie. The ticket quota for the dinner was sold out. There were so many others who wanted to show their appreciation that an informal open house was held there prior to the dinner so people could come and say "hello."

The program was in three phases, consisting of; his practice for over 25 years, where the first baby he delivered was present along with eight of the first patients he had. One was 90 years old. He delivered 11 of Mr. & Mrs. Wreford Greenawalt's children.

His community services, besides those listed above, included the signing of the mortgage for the Crabapple Lake Park by he and his wife Olga, so as to have money available, without which the project would have fallen through.

He was presented with a portrait by the community, along with kind words by members of the community, by the Medical Profession members, and by the Clergy. His office is located on Church and Fourth Streets in Herminie.

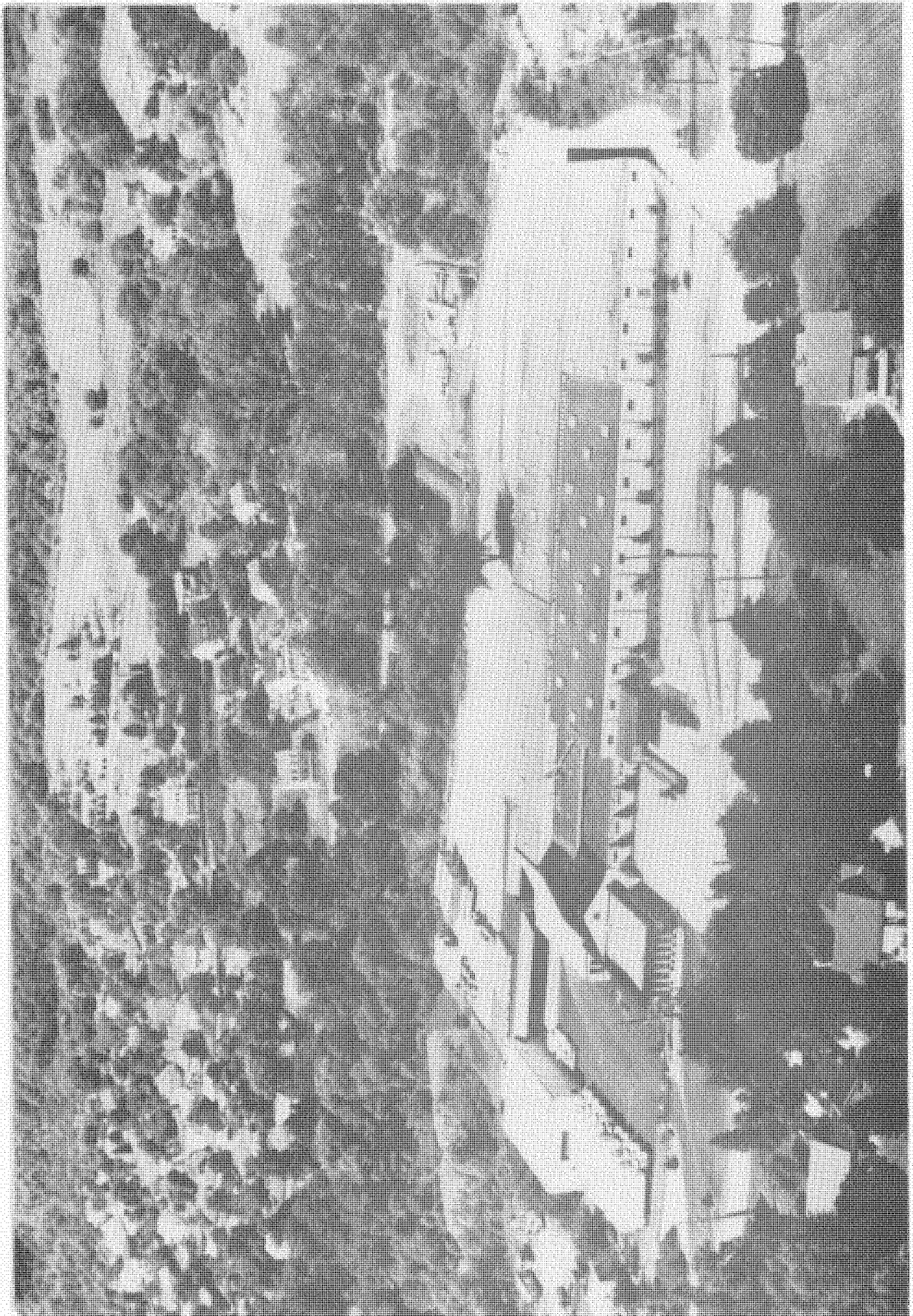
Anthony J. Shuster, Sr., and his sons, Robert, Joseph, Anthony, Jr., and daughter, Cindy, were born and reared in Sewickley Township. All of which are currently active in Shuster's Building Components. They have always "been there" when something is to be done to help the township. Hence, it was this spirit of helpfulness which led Anthony to volunteer to print this book. His son, Joseph, did much of the work in setting up and overseeing the printing for the same reason.

Shuster's Building Components had its beginning in 1927. Anton, Frank, and Louis Shuster organized Shuster Brothers, General Contractors. The company's first project was the Herminie Fire Hall. Anton, being the senior member of the company, left due to illness early in 1930; and several years later, Louis also left. Frank Shuster remained as sole owner. Anthony J. Shuster, son of Anton, dropped out of high school and went to work for his Uncle Frank in order to support his family. He was drafted into the Armed Services; and served in Europe in World War II. In 1950, Frank, Louis, and Anthony formed Shuster Construction. In 1952, they purchased the slate dump along the Irwin-Herminie Road, with the intent of constructing homes; but after clearing the area, they decided to start a builders supply business and formed Shuster's Building Supplies; including as partners in the venture were Richard and Ed, sons of Frank and Louis. In 1953, a 40' x 30' building was erected. In 1959, Anthony purchased all interests, making him and his wife, Lillian, sole owners; and he continued to operate under the trade name of Shuster's Builders Supply,

In 1962, active in retail lumber sales, Shuster's pioneered the idea of setting standards for doors and pre-hanging them in their shop for approximately the same price as selling the parts to make up the door units. Many changes have been made in the process of pre-hanging doors in the past fourteen years. Modern automated equipment and methods have been implemented at Shuster's in the pre-hanging of door units. By using standards in door unit manufacturing today, the housewife can very easily replace a door which has been damaged. The concept of pre-hanging doors has been beneficial to the building industry and home owner. Shuster's Building Components is located in Rillton, Pennsylvania.

The retail lumber supply was discontinued in December of 1972 to concentrate on the wholesale division, Shuster's Building Components. In recent years, major product lines such as Andersen Windowwalls, Weiser Locks, Leigh Products, Morgan Millwork, Steelcraft commercial metal doors, and Weiser & Russwin hardware, have been added to the lines. These products are sold to retail lumber dealers, pre-cut home builders and modular home manufacturers in the tri-state area, and Shuster's even supplies a company in Reykjavik, Iceland. Deliveries to over 600 lumber dealers are made with Shuster's own fleet of 30 vehicles. The manufacturing process is divided into interior and exterior door sections and window sections are backed by a planned flow of parts from a scientifically cataloged storage area and inventory control. Speed is achieved by production planning. It is necessary to keep pace with the short lead times and specialized orders. The key to Shuster's ability to produce doors quickly, and meet builder's specifications can be found in their specialized and modern machinery. Nationally recognized consulting firms in inventory control, production procedures, warehousing, and shipping techniques are used extensively.

Presently, Shuster's employ eighty persons, with four road salesmen covering the tri-state area. Their modern plant facilities cover an area of 81,000 square feet of floor space. It is one of the most modern and automated pre-hung door operations in the eastern United States.



*Shuster's Building Components*

Explanations of the three pictures furnished by Anthony Shuster, Sr. which were taken from a helicopter on Sunday, July 25, 1976.

### Saint Edward Complex

When this picture was taken, the helicopter was coming from Madison, and looking towards the southwest. This complex is located on the Herminie-Madison Road and Sixth Street extension, which continues around to Wineland Acres.

The buildings on the left of center are connected with the Grove when it is used for picnics by the church and others. Towards the center is the Convent. Then on the right is St. Edward's Church and Rectory, which were dedicated June 23, 1968 by Bishop Connare. At the center (top) are the school rooms. Three more rooms are being added. The school and convent were dedicated on November 10, 1957. Everything is debt free. Reverend Charles Kobylarz is the pastor.

Across the street from the school, on the left, is Mae Hunter's home. Then on the right is Edna Stubb's home. Between these two, but toward the top, is the home of Richard Zisek.

### Herminie

This photo is from Second Street, looking east. The street on the left is Church. Then an alley, Sewickley Avenue, an alley, then Madison Avenue on the right. The slate dump in the top center is Keystone's. The houses on the upper left belong to Limerick Hill. Those on the right, Keystone. The building you see in the upper clearing is Keystone Bar & Grill.

Along the left (north) side of Church Street you have Lavella Car Wash. Then the Ambulance Depot, and the V. F. W. Auel's is at the rear of the Ambulance Depot. The brick building at Fourth Street and Sewickley Avenue is Bill's Dandy Dollar. On the right (south) side of Sewickley Avenue the first building at Second Street is the old Vissat Hotel. The large flat roof building along Sewickley Avenue is the post office. Across from Bill's Dandy Dollar is the First National Bank of Herminie. The building at the upper left end of Sewickley Avenue and to the right, is the old St. Edward's Church, which Joseph Nickels has converted into apartments.

On Second Street between the alley and Madison Avenue, is the L. O. O. M. Building. On Third Street between the alley and Sewickley Avenue is Sewickley Distributing Company, then between the alley and Madison Avenue is the Slovenian Hall.

## Shuster's Building Components

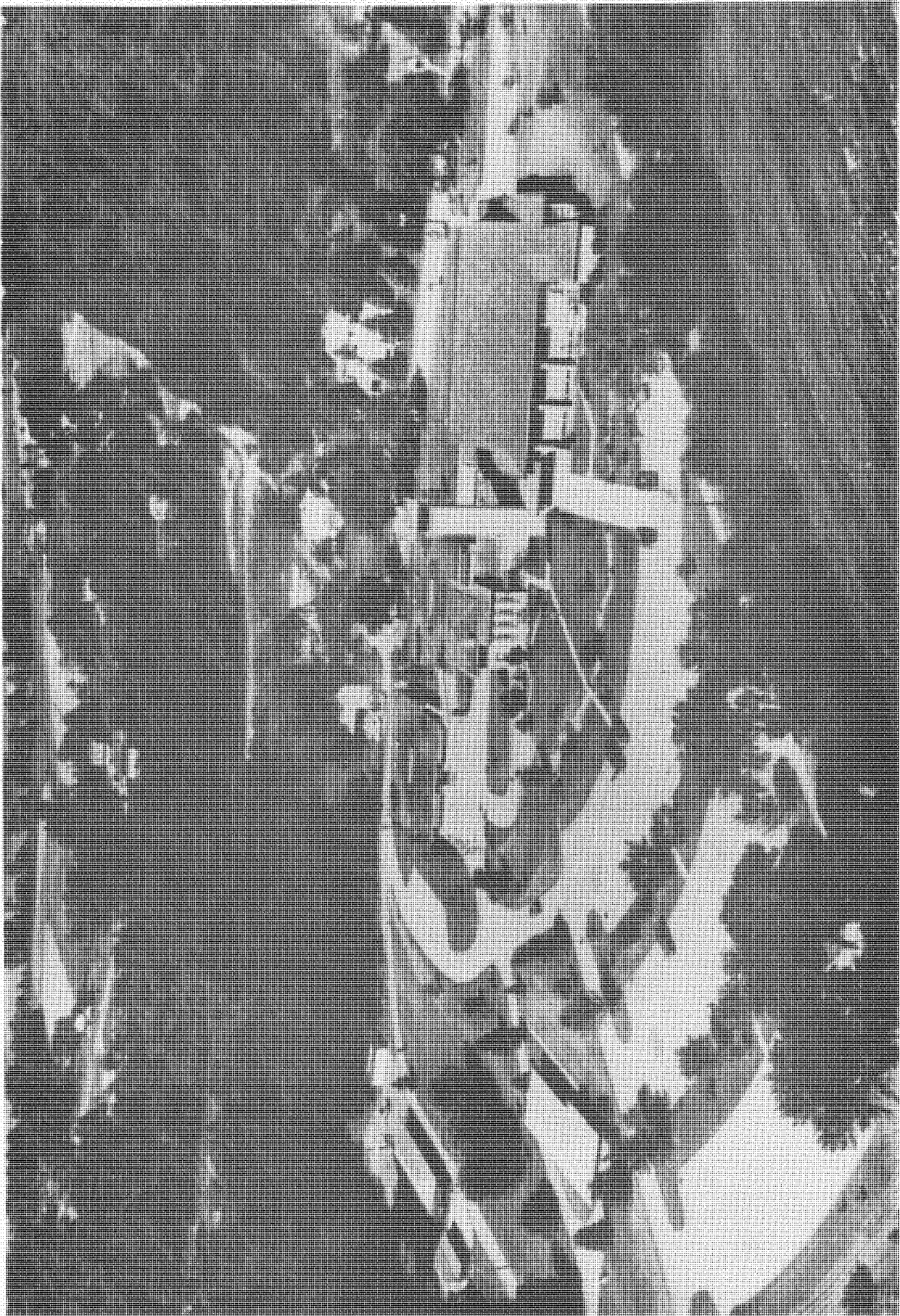
This complex is located across the Sewickley Township line in North Huntingdon. The round tanks you see at the rear are of the Indian Lake Sewage Treatment Plant located in North Huntingdon Township, also. The road along the bottom of the picture is the Herminie-Irvin Road, now known as Clay Pike. You are looking towards the West. The town in the upper left part of the picture is known as Rillton. Shuster's is maintaining 33 pieces of motorized equipment which are serviced by their garage on the left.

Their story is continued elsewhere in the book.

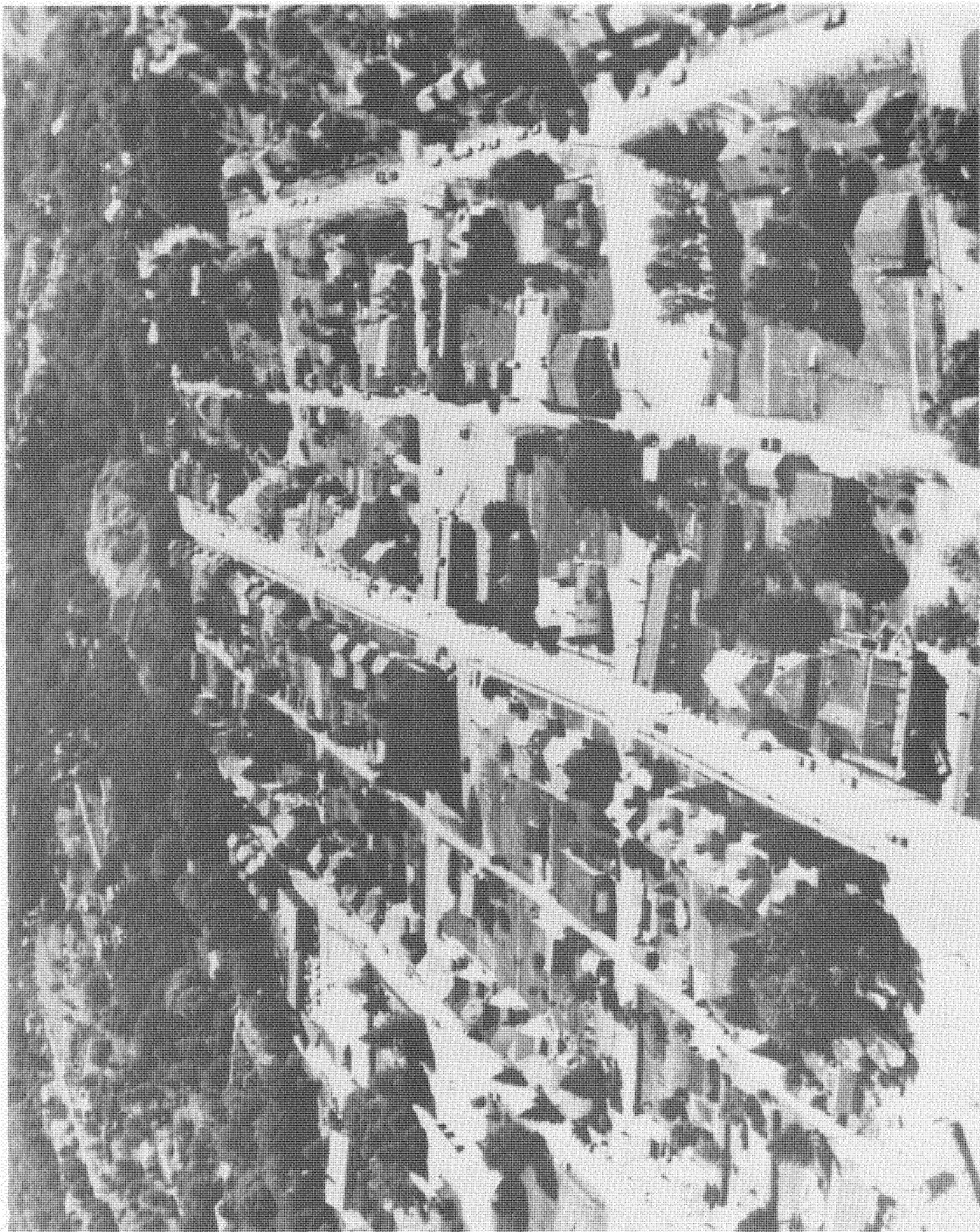
### Listing of TV & Radio Channels in 1976

AM		<u>RADIO</u>		TV CHANNELS	
			FM		
KDKA	1020	KDKA	92.9	2 KDKA	(Pittsburgh)
KQV	1410	WAMO*	105.9	4 WTAE	(Pittsburgh)
WAMO	860	WDUQ	90.5	6 WJAC	(Johnstown)
WEDO	810	WDVE*	102.5	7 WTRF	(Wheeling)
WEED	1080	WEED	107.9	9 WSTV	(Steubenville)
WIXZ	1360	WJOI*	93.7	10 WTAJ	(Altoona)
WKTQ	1320	WLOA*	96.9	11 WIIC	(Pittsburgh)
WLOA	1550	WNUF*	100.7	13 WQED	(Pittsburgh)
WPIT	730	WPEZ*	94.5	16 WQEX	(Pittsburgh)
WPLW	1590	WPIT	101.5	53 WPGH	(Pittsburgh)
WPSL	1510	WQED*	89.3		
WTAE	1250	WRCT	88.3		
WWSW	970	WSHH*	99.7		
		WTAE*	96.1		
		WVDD*	104.7		
		WVEP*	91.5		

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ST. EDWARD'S



HERNINIE

Crabapple Lake Park  
Herminie-Hutchinson Road  
Herminie, Pennsylvania

In the 1920's and on there were swimming pools at Blue Dell, Bylery Crest, Sensenich's Free Pool in Irwin, and Oakford Park, Jeannette. To go to the park for a day meant going to Olympia at Versailles, Oakford, Idlewild at Ligonier, or Kennywood. After World War II, Blue Dell was the only place to go for a swim, unless you went to the old swimming hole in the creek. But it soon became polluted with the installations of inside toilets, so what to do?

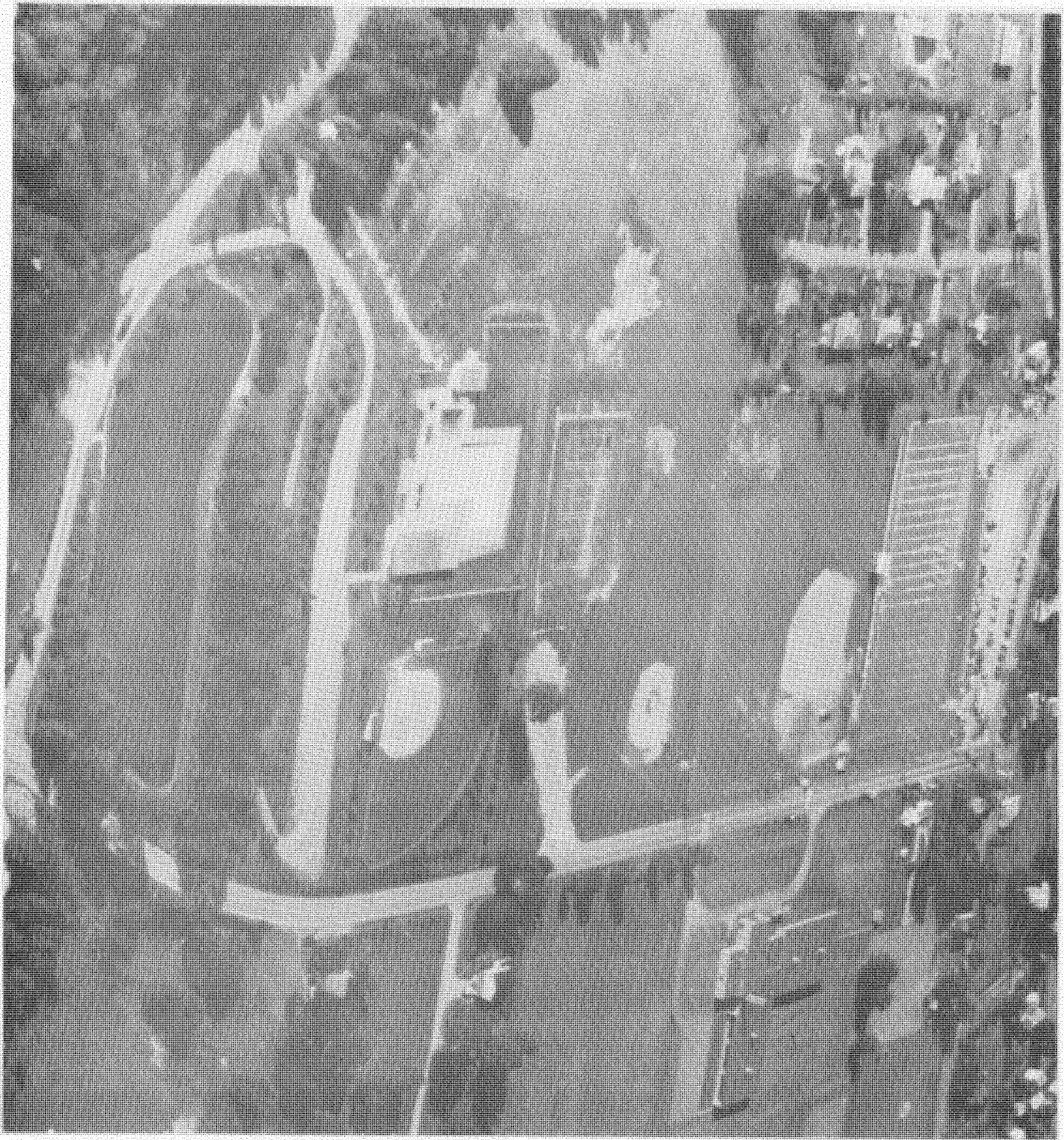
The Herminie Lions decided that it was time for Herminie and surroundings to have a park and pool of their own. A place where families could spend the day without expenses, and nearby. The Hannah Jane Struble place was decided on. It was here about 6:45 on June 23, 1944. The tornado came up from McKeesport and over where the pool is now located.

Crabapple Lake Park started in February 1956, with only 13 acres of land. In 1959 four more acres were added. A picnic pavilion and three foot bridges over the streams, and paths were added in 1960. In 1961 four more acres were bought. Then the \$70,000 swimming pool, utilities, and Little League Baseball Field came into being. In 1963, there was more expansion when additional pavilions and modern rest rooms were installed. Ten fireplaces and 26 picnic tables were donated by the public.

Through Project 70, they were able to acquire 39 more acres in cooperation with the Sewickley Township Supervisors who have always given a helping hand. Dr. A. J. Cerne was the big pusher for this park and its improvements. He put his money where his mouth was, when he and his wife, Olga, signed the mortgage to get money to pay for the improvements. He had wonderful cooperation from other members and non-members of the Lions.

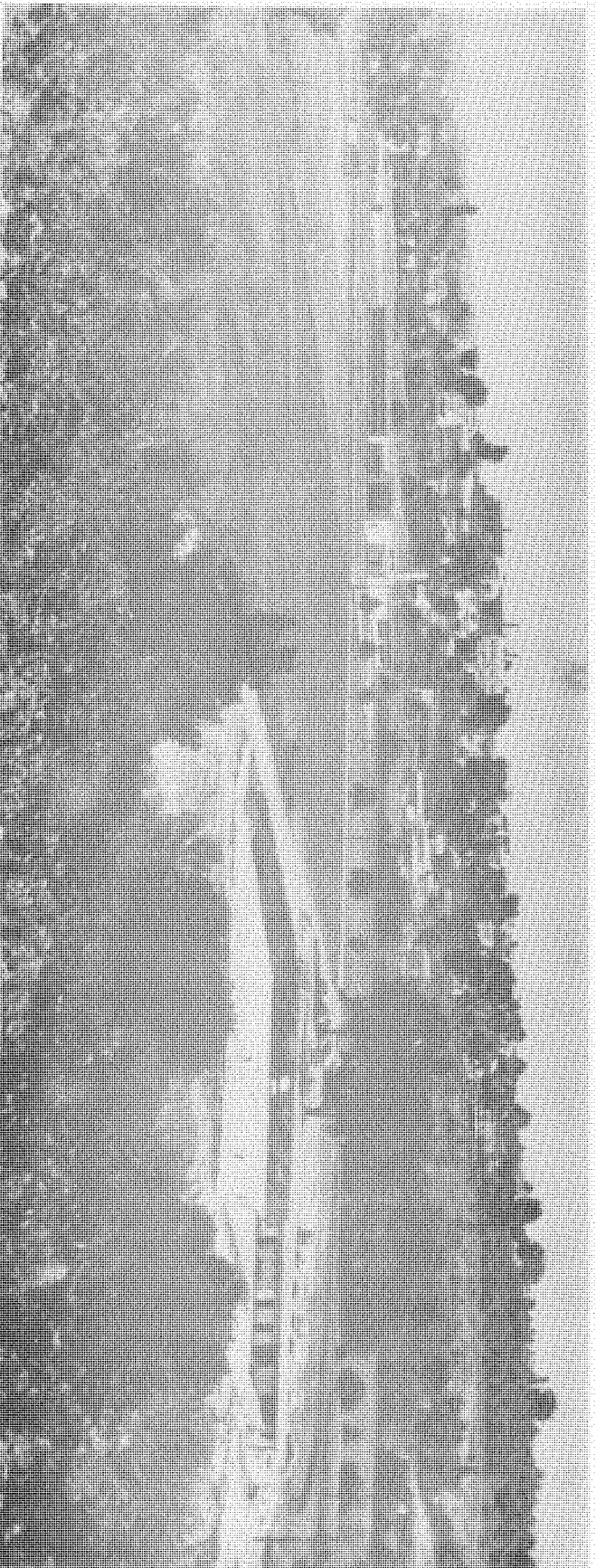
Crabapple Lake Park embraces about 70 acres. It has an unofficial value of about \$175,000. In the 1962-63 period, Pennsylvania State Community Development Contest this project won a citation. In this 70 acres of land, there is now a swimming pool, fishing lake, Little League Baseball Field, pavilion, and a large wooded picnic area, supplied with tables and fireplaces. It has parking for 500 automobiles. Everything for a good time.

Creating Crabapple Lake was the first improvement when the course of the stream was changed and the contour made suitable for recreation. Much of the labor and machinery were donated. Each year they have a fishing contest for youngsters. The second improvement was the construction of a 30 foot by 50 foot concrete floor building with an open fireplace. It was put to use in 1960. It has since been modified for use during inclement weather. Other organizations use it for meetings. Then came the construction of the swimming pool which was informally opened on August 6, 1961. It is used by members paying an annual fee, and by those paying as they use it. The Herminie V. F. W. provided funds for a memorial garden and flagpole located near the bathhouse. No charge is made for use of the park. The pavilion is used by reservations. The project is an ever expanding one, ever seeking to help the community.



*Crabapple Lake Park Complex*

*The complex was dedicated September 6, 1961. Taken September 13, 1976 by Ralph Stauffer, Jr. The road on the right is the Herminie-Hutchinson Road. Henry W. Good Elementary School is at the right. At the bottom is Crabapple Lake, then the pool and Little League Baseball Field, then the tennis court, and girl's softball field, then the baseball field, the John Bruno Football Field, and parking lot on Lower Road.*

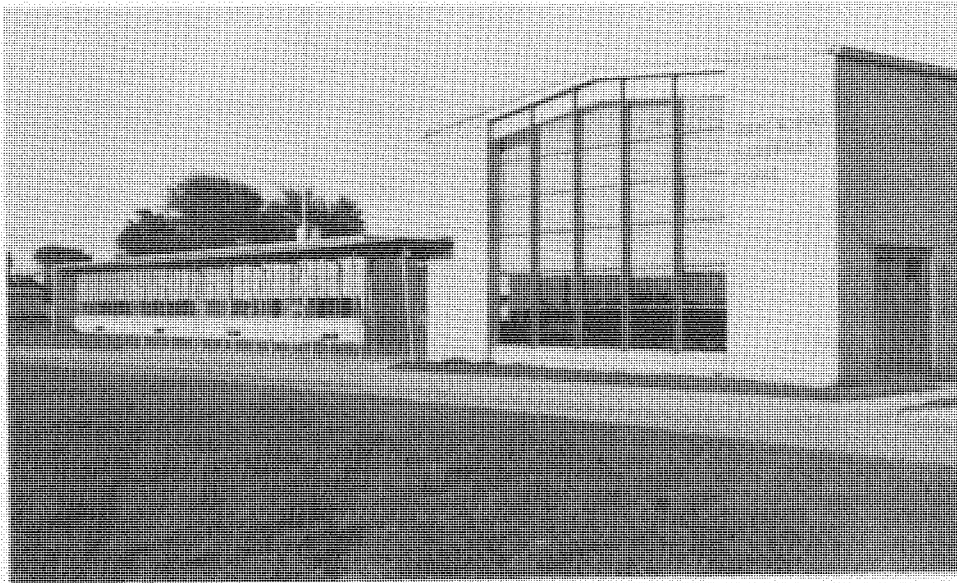


Joseph Batia's picture of Chabapple Lake Pool in 1962. The picture was taken looking northeast.

The tennis court is now to the left of the pool, then the baseball field. The brick building in the center is the Henry W. Good Elementary School. The brick building in the upper center is the old Sewickley Township School District High School. The Recreation Board now occupies part of it.

As a token of the appreciation for the many years Henry W. Good served as a teacher and supervising principal in Sewickley Township School District, and as Assistant Superintendent after the merger into Yough, the school board named this school in his honor. Adrian Nounhouse is now the principal.

While on the subject of schools, did you know there are non-Catholic parents who pay tuition to have their children attend the St. Edward Parochial School in Hermantown? This year they added three more rooms onto the present building. Sister Mary Victor is principal of St. Edward's Parochial School.

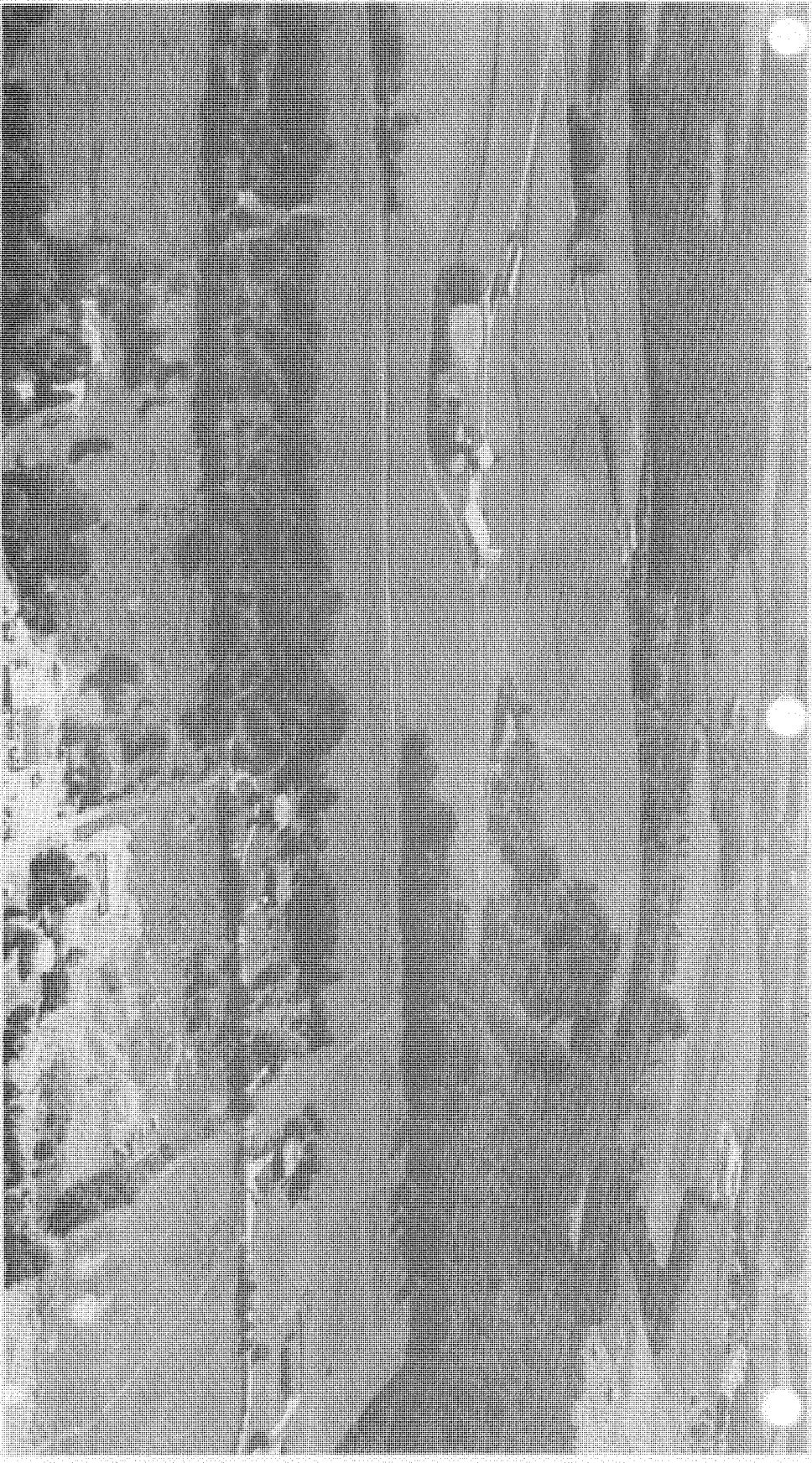


On July 1, 1966 there was a "shot gun marriage" merger of the schools of Sewickley Township, Arona, Madison, West Newton, Sutersville, Smithton, and South Huntingdon Township as decreed by law. There was no sentiment for it.

James Sterner was Superintendent of the new Vough School District, and Henry W. Good, who had been Supervising Principal of the Sewickley Area School District, became Assistant Superintendent. When Mr. Good retired on July 1, 1972, the school board renamed the above school Henry W. Good Elementary School. Each school in the district continued to use its same identity.

With the school year beginning September 1, 1976, the merger first achieved a "true marriage." Prior to this, West Newton, South Huntingdon, and Sewickley had their own high schools. This year there was a consolidation. All the students in the first six grades were to go to schools in their neighborhoods or districts. For the first time all the seventh grade pupils in the district were to go to West Newton High School. Eighth and ninth grade pupils attended school at the Vough Junior High, which was formerly the South Huntingdon High School. Ronald Vid is principal. The students in the tenth, 11th, and 12th grades attend the Vough Senior High School, which was formerly Sewickley Township High School. Samuel Hopkinson is the principal. It is hoped this will result in better conditions for the students, and with less friction between the schools, pupils, parents, and school board members. Each thought their school had been short changed. The district maintains a fleet of 26 busses to transport the children to the various schools. Alan Smith is the acting Superintendent of the Vough School District.

The "shot gun marriage" merger did not work out as had been expected, now that they are "living together," it is hoped conditions will improve. Modules have been rented to supply extra rooms needed at Vough Senior High School until other permanent arrangements can be made.



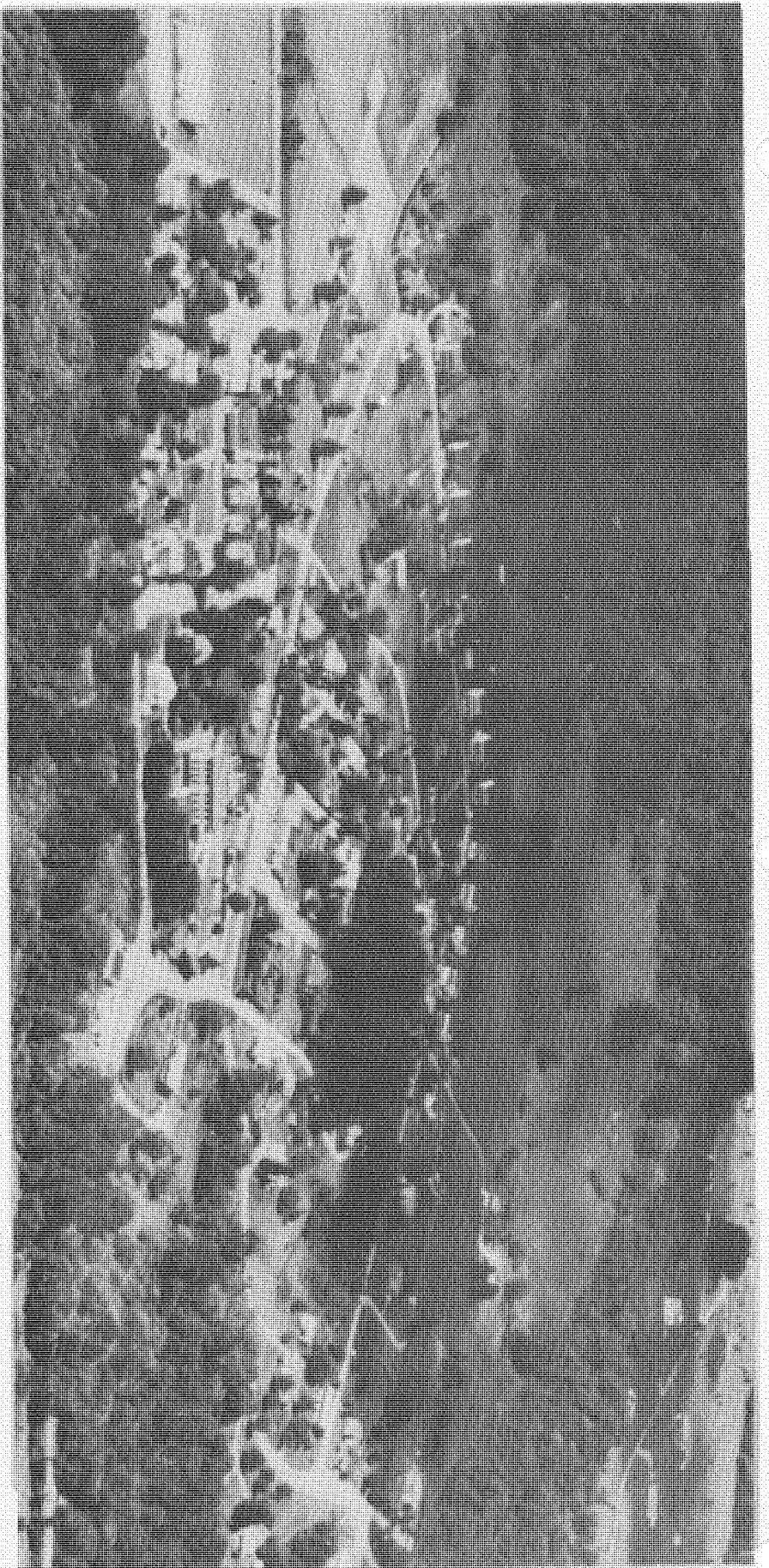
#### SEWICKLEY TOWNSHIP

Sewickley Township has some beautiful farm lands. This is a picture of Green Hills Farm, owned by John and Patricia Illich. The milk they produce at the farm is sold to United Dairy, who operates a chain of dairy stores. The house above Illich's, on Green Hill Road, is William Andrew's home. In the far upper right are the homes of the old Nike Site, on Mars Hill Road. To the left of them is Sewickley Township's Municipal Building, on the same road. The road across the picture is Sunnyside Drive. At the far right is John Labuda, then Mrs. Paul W. Koepke, John Kane, James C. Buck, and James Cavezza's homes. At the left is Robert Holme's home, then Andy's Garage on Twin-Hermine Road, then his home. Above his home is the trailer of Larry Grifson, across from the trailer is Helen Lutzovich's home. This photo was taken on August 30, 1976 by Pennsylvania State Police.



## RILLITON

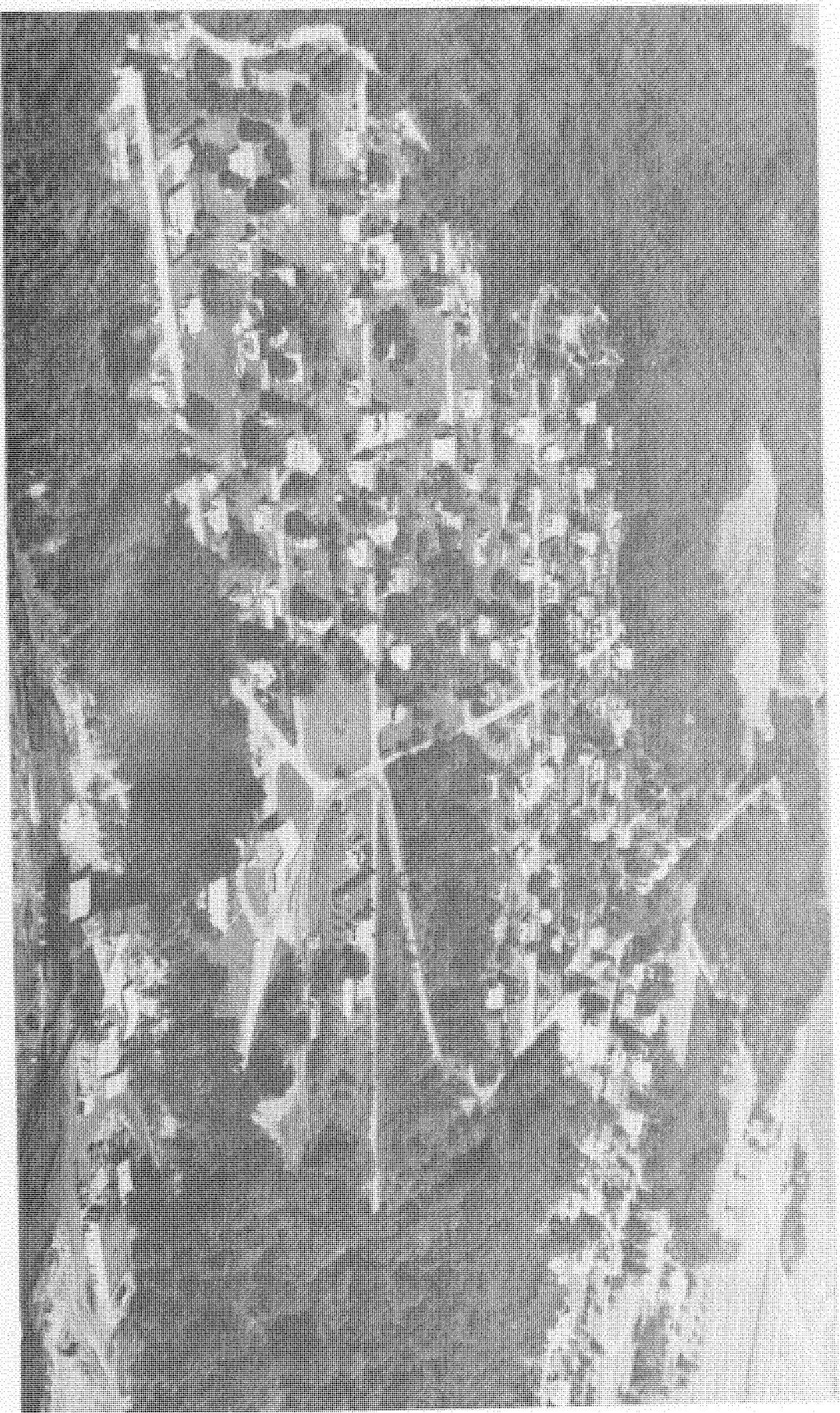
Rilliton looking to the north. Photo was taken by Pennsylvania State Police on August 30, 1976. The road on the left goes from Rilliton Sutersville. The building on the lower far right is the fire house, with the ball field next to it. This is on the road going from Irwin-Herminie Road intersection to Sutersville. The building across the road from the fire house is Lemon's Store. The building on the top right is Shuster's Building Components. It is just over the line in North Huntingdon Township. The road on the right is the Irwin-Herminie Road at Lord's Farm.



#### LOWER

Viewer is looking northeast at this picture of Lower taken August 30, 1976 by the Pennsylvania State Police. The building at the left is Lower Firemen's Club. The road above it goes to Gratztown. The large building in the center is the old Lower School. The building at the left center is Lower Elementary School. The lowest building toward the right is Prejza's Mobile Service. Above it is where the post office is. The road on the right going toward the top is the road leading to the Rilleton-Sutensville Road.

With the exception of the police photos, all others were developed by Twin Photo Lab, owned by Bill & Bob Weaver.



HUTCHINSON

*You are looking northeast of this picture of Hutchinson, taken on August 30, 1976 by Pennsylvania State Police. The building at the bottom is of the old Hutchinson Mine. They are used now in the preparation plant discussed elsewhere in this book. The brick building within the triangle is the office.*

*The firehouse is near the right of center near the bare spot. It is located along the road leading in and out of town. The road off to the right goes to Route 136 at Zumbro's Garage. The upper bare spot along this road is the baseball field. The blackened road is from coal trucks hauling coal into the preparation plant.*

When thinking about this New Mars Hill Church, there are some things we must keep in mind. The original Mars Hill Church was built at Mars Hill, which is on the Reservoir Road. The cemetery is still there. It was a Union Church, used by the United Brethren and the Baptists. The Mars Hill Church at this location was organized in 1839. The first services were held in Mars Hill School House at the request of Mrs. John Tilbrook. The school which was nearby, burned down in 1922.

On October 31, 1840, the church was recognized by the council. The first church at this location (the Union Church) was built in 1841 at a cost of \$1,500. The ground for the church, school, and cemetery were donated by John Tilbrook from his farm.

John Ogg lived in a log house south of this complex. He was a very influential member of the Baptist Church. He moved to the vicinity of what was then the Quaker Settlement. A new Mars Hill Church was built there in 1875. It was dedicated on May 28, 1876. In 1878, it was incorporated. It had 100 members.

The United Brethrens continued to use the Union Church until they built a new church in Herminie which was dedicated on January 6, 1895.

The Irwin and Greensburg Baptist Churches partly sprung from this Baptist Church.

The land at Mars Hill was originally donated by the Tillbrooks' for Baptist's denominational purposes. The Baptists' consented to permit the United Brethrens to use it. The Brethrens held services on Sunday afternoons. They were known as Mars Hill United Brethrens.

In the churches of that time, it was customary for the men to sit on one side of the aisle, and the women and children across from the. The church has two doors for this entrance purpose. There were "Amen Corners" in each of the front corners, one on each side of the pulpit. Here older men sat and signified their approval of the minister's sermon by the number of "Amens" they called during the service. All non-Catholic churches at that time had two front doors.

The parsonage for this church was built in Rillton, across from the old Trozzo Store. Trozzo's wanted a liquor license. The coal company opposed it, so the coal company built a new parsonage on the road going to Mars Hill, and bought the old one. McDonald bought it and started McDonald's Hotel which burned down on May 14, 1910, during the bitter coal strike. So you see religion and liquor mixed.

A picture of the new Mars Hill Church with the front addition which was added in 1975, appears on page 72.

They have also built an outdoor pavilion for their lawn fetes and suppers.



#### HERMINIE

This picture of Herminie was taken on August 30, 1976 by the Pennsylvania State Police, looking southeast. The road on the bottom right is the Green Hills Road, which crosses Sewickley Creek. The road it intersects is the old railroad bed. This road goes to Lowber, to the right. On the left this road intersects the Irwin-Herminie Road which is Pike Street and goes up past the old school house near the top center of the picture. The road which goes from left to right across the center of the picture, with Keystone slate dump at the left, is Sewickley Avenue. The town in the upper left is Keystone Shaft. The complex at the top right is St. Edward's. In the bare spot at the center right is part of the Henry W. Good School ground, along Highland Avenue. In the center left the bare spot is the loading dock where the railroad stops coming from Greensburg. Here Shuster's Building Components receive their car loads of materials. More buildings can be identified from the other view of Herminie.

Think August was Chilly? Right.

Coldest in Century

by Caren Marcus

Area residents have not felt such a chilly August since the Federal government began logging temperatures in 1875.

"This is the coldest August we have on record. The mercury probably hasn't dipped this low for at least 100 years," said Paul Jacoby, meteorologist with the local National Weather Service.

The average temperature for last month (August) quivered at approximately 66 degrees. This bettered the coldest August record set 49 years ago by one degree. In August of 1927, the average temperature was 67 degrees.

"We never even reached 90 degrees this August," said Jacoby, using Greater Pittsburgh Airport's official readings. The highest for the month was 84 degrees; the lowest, a shivering 42 just two nights ago. July also set a record for the lowest average temperature," Jacoby said.

Farmers frowned on August. Harvests for corn, tomatoes, and other vegetables were delayed three weeks, because cool weather retarded their growth, according to Phillip Silers, Allegheny County Agricultural Extension Agent

August's chill did not make a big splash with swimmers either. Attendance at swimming pools dipped considerably compared with last August. North Park, for example, reported 40 per cent drop in pool usage last month compared with August of 1975, park manager, Robert Kenig said.

The brisk August came from cool northwest winds over Western Pennsylvania. "There was warm weather in the Midwest and East Coast, but the Pittsburgh area kept getting hit with northwest wind flows," Jacoby said.

August's cool temperatures do not mean an even colder September ahead. Autumn should fall in the usual way with temperatures in the 60's and 70's, according to Jacoby. Jacoby reported that the past two months were unusual and may not happen again for another 100 years.

-Pittsburgh Press, September 1, 1976-

President Ford's wife, Betty, is causing ripples by advocating the passage of Equal Rights Amendment to the United States Constitution, but here in the township the women are ahead of her with Women's Liberation. Each of the township's post offices have a woman postmaster:

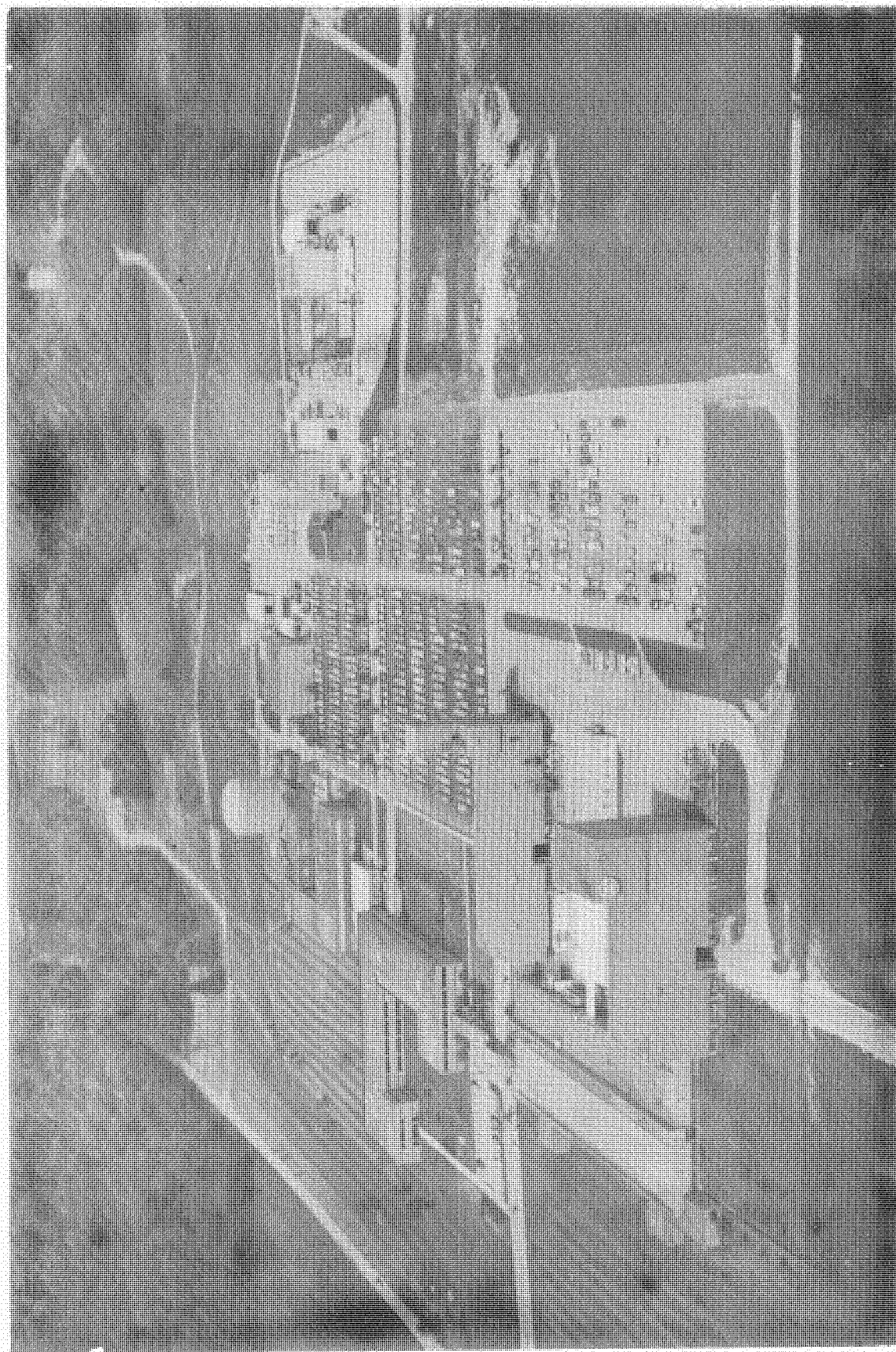
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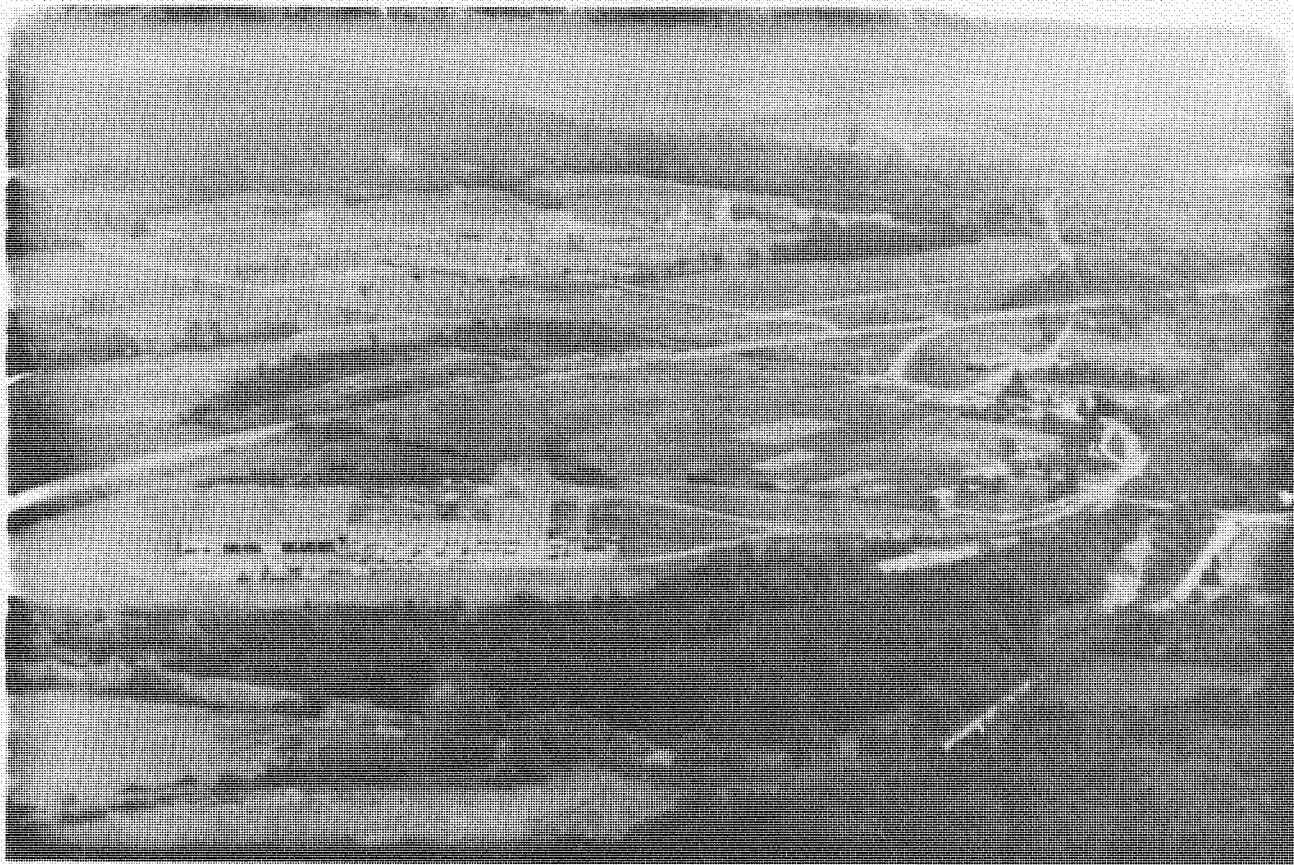
Lowber  
Rillton

June Peters  
Wilda Kertis

We also have a woman Township Supervisor, Mary Zakutney. Dorothy Wilps of Sewickley Township is on the Vough School Board. Louise Podbesek is one of the Township Auditors.



WESTINGHOUSE COMPLEX at Waltz Mill. Taken by Pennsylvania State Police, June, 1976.



*Waltz Mill  
Westinghouse Complex at Waltz Mill.*

*Picture was taken by the Pennsylvania State Police on June of 1976.*

*The road from left to right is Interstate 70. The building in the center left is International Paper Company. Notice Big Sewickley Creek on the right which is the boundary. The road at right of the creek goes to Yukon. The buildings toward the top center are Westinghouse.*

*Bicentennial Essays*

*Yough Junior High School*

*The eighth and ninth grade students did not take part in the contest because the principal said he was not told about it.*

*Yough Senior High School*

*The only two who wrote essays were seniors. The school **refused** to pick the winner.*

*St. Edward Parochial School*

*Thirty-three eighth grade students wrote essays. Miss Judith Brammell chose Catherine Shorkey's as the best.*

Ruth W. Love in her column in the Sunday, September 26, 1976, issue of the Greensburg Tribune Review, quoted the following from the Tuesday evening, September 10, 1901 issue of the Greensburg Daily Tribune:

"Westmoreland Reds Frightened by Popular Sentiment. The Guffey Station Gang of Anarchists Will Not be Tolerated by the Law-Abiding Citizens--Hot Bed of Anarchy." (Read pages 105 and 108 of the last edition of The History of Sewickley Township. JJW)

"Excitement of Several Years Ago Recalled by the Attempt on the Life of McKinley and the Good Farmers of Sewickley Township Will Take Matters in Their Own Hands at the First Move."

The anarchist element in the Italian Colony at Guffey Station in the Yough valley, this county, will be stamped out. The citizens will not wait for laws to be enacted affecting the brand of treason which has the murder of the president for its motive, but will rise in a body and check any attempt that may be made to laud the crime of Leon Czolgosz. So incensed have the people become since the attack upon President McKinley that violence would be used against any person expressing sympathy for the Buffalo assassin."

"The mining village of Guffey has long been a hotbed of anarchy."

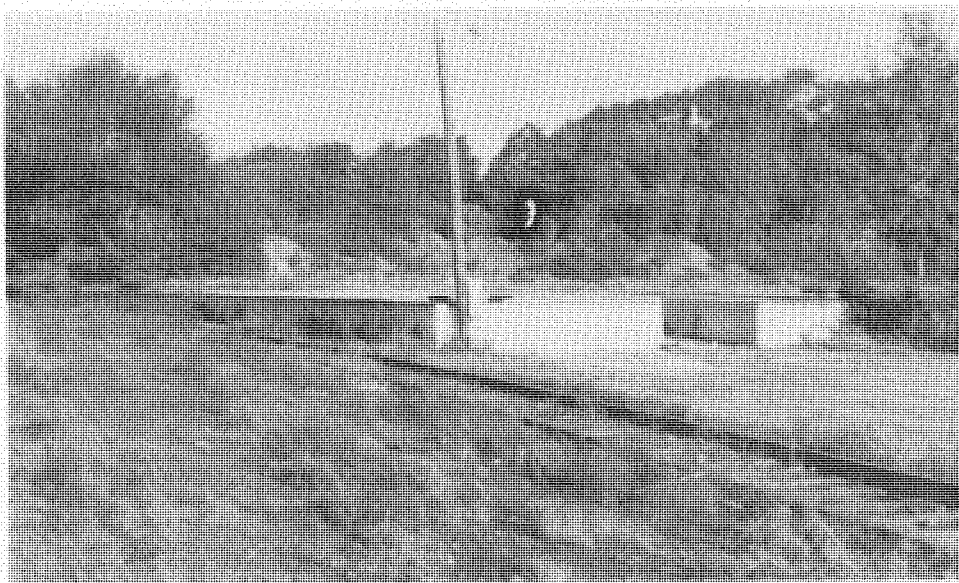
"From persons who live in the town it was learned that the usual meeting would be held next Sunday and that all the latest feeling of delight over the president's misfortune would be allowed to flow. An extra order has been given for beer for the occasion and arrangements are in progress for an elaborate demonstration. (Meeting place was Thompson School. JJW)

"I had not learned any details to commemorate the crime of Czolgosz," said Superintendent, William Goldsborough of the Shaner mine, but in case any meeting should be held the better class of citizens would not permit it to continue long. The farmers of Sewickley where the village is located are particularly averse to the anarchistic element and any treasonable act there would meet with a forcible rebuke. It is pretty safe to say the praises of Czolgosz will not be sung unless it is done in secret or in the late hours of the night. One farmer said he is ready to down there with his shotgun." (Remember this was before the FBI or the CIA.)

"---Emma Goldman, the most wanted Red in this country," was arrested this morning in Chicago. The news release stated, "it is believed she was directly connected with the plot," against the president's life.

The Guffey section of The History of Sewickley Township tells about the night riders chasing the Reds out of Guffey in Wild West fashion. JJW.

"West Newton, the Eden of Westmoreland County, we are informed, has one hundred and one unmarried women above 25 years of age. It must not be inferred from these figures that the girls are homely or unable to catch a beau. There is no other town in the county that can boast of so many real pretty girls, but they are particular as to choice, and require a guarantee with each package. None accepted without approved security." Quoted from the same paper.



This unloading dock at Herminie was built by Shuster's Building Components, to unload the box cars of material they receive. It is still used by them today.

Along with the opening of the coal mines, came the railroad. At first, the Pennsylvania Railroad had their tracks running from Greensburg to Darragh, which had mines at that time. Then in 1893, when Herminie mine began to sink its shaft, the track was extended from Darragh to Pike Street in Herminie. Around 1900, the track was again extended to Cowansburg to connect to the Voughioghenny Railroad used by the Westmoreland Coal Company to connect its mines at Gratztown and Marchand. Thus, there was a connection between the Pennsylvania Railroad, the Voughioghenny Railroad, and the Baltimore and Ohio at Gratztown.

As they came with the mines, the tracks left with the mines. In 1926, coal burning engines were changed over to diesels. Then in 1928 passenger trains were discontinued. As the mines started to close around 1939, the tracks were left without repairs. The freight sidings at Darragh and Herminie continued to be used by the Herminie Feed and Supply Company and Shuster's. Then shortly afterward, the tracks from Herminie to Cowansburg were lifted and a public road laid over part of the right of way from Pike Street to the Lowber Road in 1967. But the siding at Herminie continued to be used with the track falling into neglect.

With the Pennsylvania Railroad going bankrupt, and being taken over by Conrail, the fate of the road from Greensburg to Herminie hang in a balance for years. Finally it was decided to discontinue the track from Greensburg to Herminie.

In early 1976, Conrail Corporation, which now operates the defunct Pennsylvania lines, planned to abandon the line from Greensburg to Herminie. This would have played havoc [total destruction] with freight shipments to Herminie and environs.

One of the principal reasons the railroad was not abandoned and is still in operation was the time consuming efforts of Mr. Anthony J. Shuster, Sr. He has expanded since 1973 toward retaining this critical service for Sewickley Township and its surrounding neighbors. It is the only siding in Sewickley Township. The nearest ones would be Greensburg, West Newton, Sutersville, and Irwin.

Mr. Shuster's active participation and leadership in meetings ranging from Pittsburgh to Harrisburg and to Washington, D. C., has contributed a great deal towards obtaining a State subsidy to continue the operation of this line for the next several years and; thus, strengthen the security of several hundred area residents whose livelihood is so deeply dependent upon this line. For on its way to Herminie it services other industries along the way, which also would have had no rail service for freight.

It was because of his concern about such community projects such as this ConRail situation that led to Shuster's appointment to the Westmoreland County Industrial Development Authority, by the Westmoreland County Commissioners.

#### -Farm Markets-

There are two farm markets in the township which yearly sell their wares, along with Rudy's Market, and several others who from time to time sell produce. One of these is Regis Vango of R. D. #1, Irwin. He and his wife, Eileen, own the market. They started the business in 1966. Now it is operated by their children, Sharon, Andrew, Regis, & William.



Some typical prices are as follows: tomatoes @ 15¢ a pound, corn @ \$1 a dozen, beans 20¢ a pound, cabbage @ 35¢ a head, cucumbers @ 10¢ each, peppers @ 10¢ each, and other produce which is grown on the farm; thus, freshness is assured.

## Trivia

On page 90 we tell about Citizen Band Radios, but did you know they were invented in 1885?

On January 1, 1902, Nathan B. Stubblefield of Murray, KY, wrote, "The present invention relates to means for electrically transmitting signals from one point to another without the use of connecting wires and more particularly comprehending means for securing telephone communications between moving vehicles and way stations."

There is documentary evidence that he actually completed his invention in 1885. Now wasn't that the first CB. Pittsburgh Press, September 25, 1976.

Around 2 a.m. on December 16, 1811, a great earthquake devastated parts of the Mississippi Valley and awakened people as far away as Pittsburgh, and Norfolk, Virginia. It was followed by two quakes jsut as severe in January and February of 1812.

Joseph Evans (Evanstown) planted one potatoe last spring and raised 22 pounds.

The Sewickley Fair Grounds (Millville) was a lively place. In August of 1890, a temperance meeting was held at Sewickley Fair Grounds followed by an excursion train ride to Irwin. (Voughioghenny Railroad)

Four thousand visitors attended the Sewickley Township Fair sponsored by the Sewickley Industrial Association in September of 1891.

In December of 1924, it was possible to travel by street car from Pittsburgh to Fort Wayne, Indiana for \$8.25, including transfers.

The flour mill at Bells Mill burned in July 1891 at a loss of \$3,000.

Daniel Boone, born in Pennsylvania, came all the way up from North Carolina to serve as a wagoner in the ill fated expedition of General Braddock.

In February 1930, W G M, the original Jeannette Broadcasting Station, began operation at Tomajko Coal Company in Adamsburg, PA.

As early as 1800, negroes in Philadelphia owned more than 100 houses and lots. In 1832 they had more than 50 beneficial societies, some of which were incorporated, for mutual aid in time of sickness and distress. Before the Civil War, negroes were studying at the University of Pennsylvania.

The Gratz Brothers, who were merchants and shippers and identified with Gratztown, belonged to the Congregation of Rabbi Seixas in Philadelphia.

In July of 1920, the fare on the street car from Herminie to Irwin, was raised from 18¢ to 25¢.

In July 1930 Westmoreland Broadcasting Company filed an application for a radio station in Irwin, it was never known to go on the air.

In November 1919, nine Americanization schools were opened in this area. The schools in Yukon, Madison, Keystone, Export, Herminie, Rillton, and Painter-town, were established to aid immigrants in gaining United States citizenship.

To show the side spread of bicycling, when gold was discovered in the Klondike in 1897, two Massachusetts women described as the "best wheel-women in Boston," decided to cycle to Dawson, and members of a Brooklyn Bicycle Club wearing broad rimmed slouch hats, blue shirts, knee trousers, and heavy woolen stockings joined them.

In March 1896, The Youghiogeny Valley Railroad Company was granted a charter to build a railroad from Versailles (near McKeesport) to West Newton. It never was built.

May 13, 1895, issue of News Dispatch, "Plans were announced that construction would begin on Pittsburgh and Eastern Railroad from a junction with Bruch Creek Road at Maheffey to West Newton, or a point on McKeesport and Youghiogeny Railroad. Just another dream."

As late as 1774, there were only five post offices in all of Pennsylvania.

The following is taken from The Greensburg Tribune Review, July 25, 1973.

"To The People Among Whom We Live. Our miners truck work on July 1st, because we refused to comply with their demand of June 25th to advance the rate of mining from 70 to 84 cents per ton."

"Twenty percent of them, steady men, earned such over \$1,000 during the year ending June 30th, and the total earnings of, good, bad and indifferent show an average of \$145 for May and June, to one mine--the one containing the greatest number of agitators--117 men averaged upwards of \$80 in May, a month in which no time was lost to attend meetings."

We consider the wages at least fair for labor which requires no more skill, no more risk to life, and is not harder than house-carpentering."

Believing that the natural law of supply and demand should regulate wages always, as it does in all business, we appeal from those who ask good men to make common cause with the idle and the designing, who have suspended industry, and have inaugurated coercion, leading to ruin, to the enlightened public sentiment that all owe submission to." (A far cry from the average daily wage of \$50 today) JJW

Signed W. Wilson, Superintendent Penn Gas Coal Company E. Z. Schellenberg, Superintendent Westmoreland Coal Company, Irwin Station. This was in 1873.

Through newspaper items and the efforts of Dr. Cerne, we were unable to find anyone born on July 4, 1976 whose parents lived in Sewickley Township. But, we did come upon an oddity: Ralph Pitetti of Rillton and his late wife, Angeline, were both born in 1887 on July 4. Both had the same midwife and were born three hours apart.

July 30, 1976

St. Edward Parochial School

Herminie, Pennsylvania

Dear Sister:

It is my opinion the children of the township should have played a more active role in the Bicentennial celebration of the township.

I was thinking of the first week of school would be a good time for the students of the eighth grade to write an essay concerning, "What The Bicentennial Means to Me." I have written a letter similar to this one to the public schools. I will give a \$25 savings bond to the student you select as having written the best essay. The essays would be included in the book I am compiling about the township today. A copy of the letter sent to the business places is enclosed.

It is expected the Time Capsule will be buried around Columbus Day of 1976. Then when it is opened fifty years from now, the student (s) could be present, God willing, to retrieve their essays.

Thank you,

John J. Wilson

1 West Newton Road  
Herminie, Pennsylvania 15637

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Herminie Author

Good News for History Buffs: New Book Penned by John Wilson

by

Bill Bartman  
News-Dispatch Staff

History buffs throughout Westmoreland County will be very pleased to learn that John J. Wilson, author of "The History of Sewickley Township and Sutersville," has just completed another work which will complement that history.

The original copy of this new work, which Wilson refers to as "Sewickley Township in 1976," will be placed in a township "Time Capsule" to be buried October 11, Columbus Day, on the Municipal Building grounds.

Furthermore, with his newest work, Wilson, a resident of Herminie, boasts to having coupled it with a plan to extend "The Bicentennial 50 years."

Wilson's latest book contains information about the businesses and services available to Sewickley Township citizens, along with a picture, whenever possible.

In addition to over 125 pictures of local businesses, Wilson says that six original student essays, "What the Bicentennial Means to Me," will be included in the book before it goes into the "Capsule," to be opened in 50 years--2026 A.D.

In letters to the Vough School District, superintendent and principal of St. Edward Parochial School in Herminie, Wilson suggested that teachers of the eighth through the 12th grades in the public school system and the eighth grade in the parochial school ask students to write bicentennial essays on opening day.

Each teacher would then pick the best essay in their class, and Wilson said that he will give a \$25 savings bond to each of the winning students.

Wilson would foot the \$150 bill for the six awards.

He said that his plan for the essay "extends the bicentennial for 50 years," as parents would tell their children and grandchildren of the event until the capsule is finally opened, and the six former students, along with families and friends, would have the incentive to return, if possible, for the event.

Wilson, himself, took most of the pictures for the book project, which he undertook on June 14.

The foregoing was printed in the Jeannette News-Dispatch on Tuesday, August 24, 1976.

## Bicentennial Essay

The preceding newspaper article and letter are self explanatory. Thirty three students in the St. Edward Parochial School, Herminie, under the guidance of Miss Judith Brammell wrote essays, "What the Bicentennial Means To Me."

This essay by Catherine Shorkey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Shorkey, residing at 100 Rockwood Avenue (Greenridge) Irwin, was deemed to be the best. She is 13 years old and an eighth grade pupil.

### What the Bicentennial Means To Me

Two hundred years ago on July 4, 1776, the Declaration of Independence was read aloud to the thousands of people.

The time was two o'clock, the date July 4, 1776, the place Independence Hall in Philadelphia. Every one was standing, awaiting the moment for John Hancock to read the Declaration of Independence. All at once there was stillness, then, John Hancock stood up. There was a loud roar beyond the crowd. Then silence. He began to read aloud the Declaration of Independence, freedom for all men. When he finished, bells started ringing, people started shouting it was a day of rejoicing for every one.

This year on July 4, 1976, we celebrated our bicentennial in the same special way with bells ringing at two o'clock and the reading of the Declaration of Independence, followed by great rejoicing.

Even after two hundred years our Declaration of Independence can be recognized as a basis for rights of all persons. For example in our schools the new process of learning includes a great deal of freedom to develop our own ideas and express them in the classroom. In the past, the procedure was quite different. Discipline was predominate and perhaps not always fair. As a result learning was often secondary and thinking for oneself unheard of. Another good example of rights is the new idea of Womens' Rights. It has been decided after years of being barely included in the rights of men that finally perhaps women do have some rights of their own. It's a whole new way of thinking and a whole new learning process for both boys and girls.

The Americans had a fabulous birthday party for our great nation throughout the whole country. A great wagon train traveled from Oregon. The wagon train was a great experience to witness. A great deal of patience must have been necessary to travel for months through the whole country in uncomfortable conditions that most Americans could not endure. One of the most exciting things about the wagon train was that it was the idea of my State of Pennsylvania.

Another part of the celebration that was an exciting experience for me was watching the ships and sail boats coming into New York harbor. I would have liked it better to have seen it live.

The part of the celebration that really got on my nerves was the money spent. I really think that spending millions of dollars was just too much. Here we are spending millions of dollars on a birthday party while so many people are starving and living like animals. Fortunately, you and I have not had that experience.

Some of the money could have gone for medical supplies or to the various societies that help the sick. Better education of Americans would have been another way of spending the money.

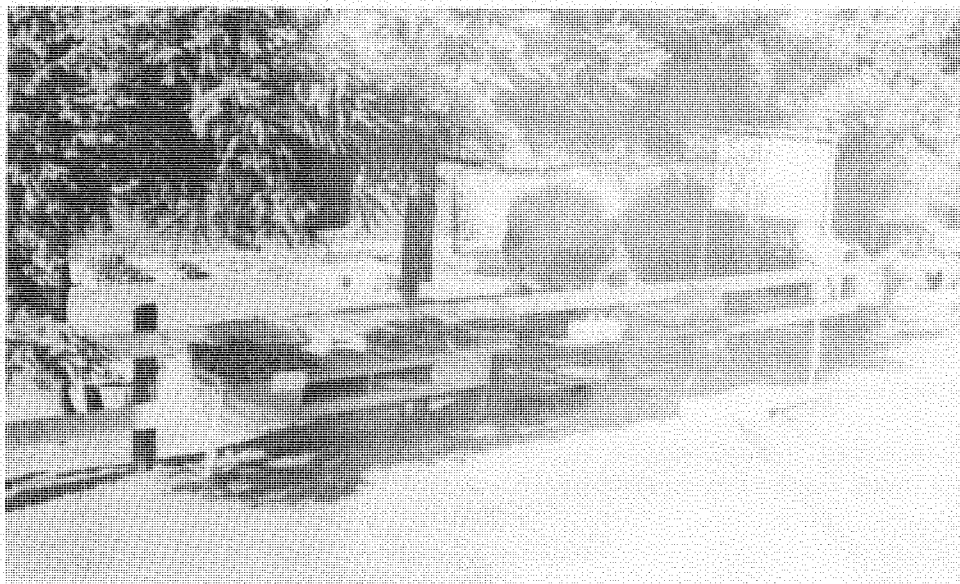
I have to admit I did enjoy a great deal of the celebration and was truly proud of America. On the other hand, I think we could have improved the American image all over the world if we would have celebrated our 200th birthday by improving many existing problems in the world."

C. A. Tod O'Rourke

Hutchinson, Pennsylvania

Cement Contractor--driveways, sidewalks, patios,  
septic systems, drainage, back hoe.

Another place selling fresh produce from the garden is at 17 Keystone Road in Herminie. The place is owned by James and Blanche Carson. They started to sell home grown produce here in 1960. Now that the children, Alan, Kerry, & Sean, are grown, they operate the stand.



Some of their prices are as follows: tomatoes @ 25¢ a pound, beets @ 35¢ a bunch, corn @ \$1 a dozen, squash @ 2 for 35¢, cucumbers @ 10¢ each, pumpkin @ 8¢ a pound, and peppers @ 10¢ each.

June 30, 1976

Superintendent  
Yough School District  
Lowber Road  
Herminie, Pennsylvania 15637

Dear Sir:

The first day of school is generally "wasted" because of the lack of a schedule. So I was wondering if the students in the eighth, ninth, tenth, 11th, and 12th grades would write an essay, "What the Bicentennial Means To Me."

I thought the teachers would pick the best essay from each of the grades. I would give a \$25 savings bond to the student in each of the five grades that the teachers deemed to be the best for that grade.

To me, it appears the students as a whole, have been left out of the Bicentennial birthday party. This might create some activity on their part, and give them something to talk about in the future.

The five winning essays would become my property so that I could include them in the book that is being compiled about the business places.

Thank you,

John J. Wilson  
One West Newton Road  
Herminie, Pennsylvania 15637

P.S. To whom it may concern: No essays were submitted by the Yough School District. John J. Wilson (dated September 29, 1976)

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"In reading this article today (September 12, 1976) I am wondering how much more truth there will be in it in the year 2026?

After the year 1900, toward the middle of the 20th century, the people of that time will become unrecognizable. When the time for the advent of the Anti-christ approaches, people's minds will grow cloudy from carnal passions, and dishonor and lawlessness will grow stronger.

Then the world will become unrecognizable. People's appearance will change, and it will be impossible to distinguish men from women due to their shamelessness in dress and style of hair. (See page 39--J. J. W.)

These people will be cruel and will be like wild animals because of the temptations of the Antichrist. There will be no respect for parents and elders, love will disappear.

Christian pastors, bishops, and priests will become vain men, completely failing to distinguish the right hand from the left.

At that time the morals and traditions of Christians and of the church will change. People will abandon modesty, and dissipations will reign.

Falsehood and greed will attain great proportions, and woe to those who pile up treasures. Lust, adultery, homosexuality, secret deeds, and murder will rule in society.

At that future time, due to the power of such great crimes and licentiousness, people will be deprived of the Grace of the Holy Spirit, which they received in Holy Baptism, and equally of remorse.

The churches of God will be deprived of God-fearing and pious pastors, and woe to the Christians remaining in the world at that time; they will completely lose their faith because they will lack the opportunity of seeing the light of knowledge from anyone at all.

Then they will separate themselves out of the world in holy refuges in search of lightening of their spiritual sufferings, but, everywhere will meet obstacles and constraints.

And all this will result from the fact the Antichrist wants to be Lord over everything and become the ruler of the whole universe and he will produce miracles and fantastic signs.

He will also give depraved wisdom to an unhappy man so that he will discover a way by which one man can carry on a conversation with another from one end of the earth to the other.

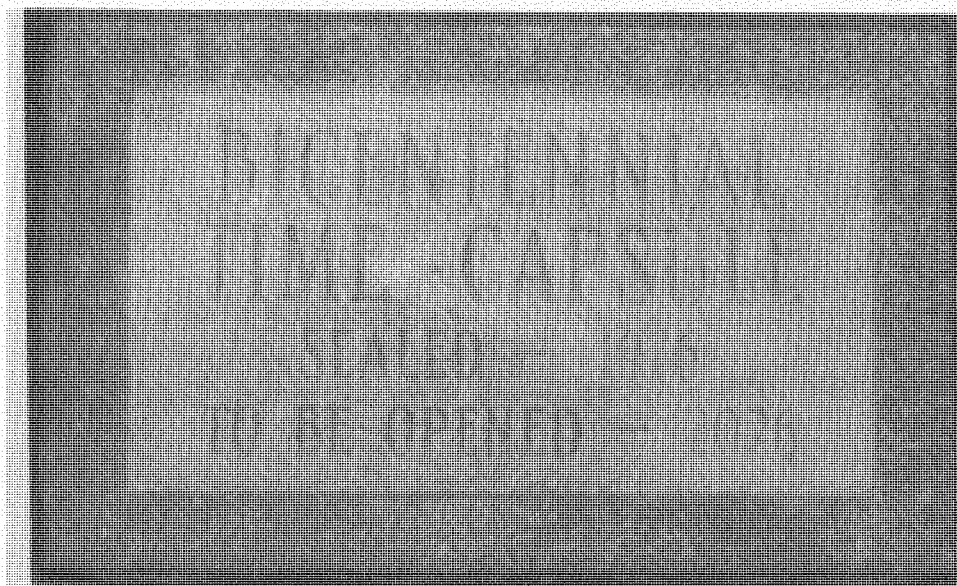
At that time, men will also fly through the air like birds, and descend to the bottom of the sea like fishes. And when they have achieved all this, these unhappy people will spend their lives in comfort without knowing, poor souls, that it is the deceit of the Antichrist.

And the ungodly one--he will so complete science with vanity that it will go off the right path and lead people to lose faith in the existence of God . . . ."

"Then the all-good God will see the downfall of the human race and will shorten the days for the sake of those few who are being saved, because the enemy wants to lead even the chosen into temptation, if that is possible. Then the sword of chastisement will suddenly appear and kill the perverter and his servants."

This prophecy is attributed to St. Nilus in *Orthodox Life*, published by Holy Trinity Monastery at Jordanville, New York. St. Nilus died on November 12, 1651.

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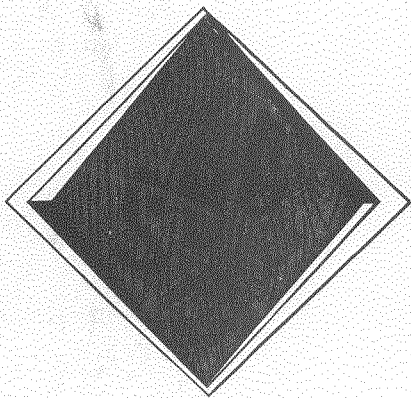
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