

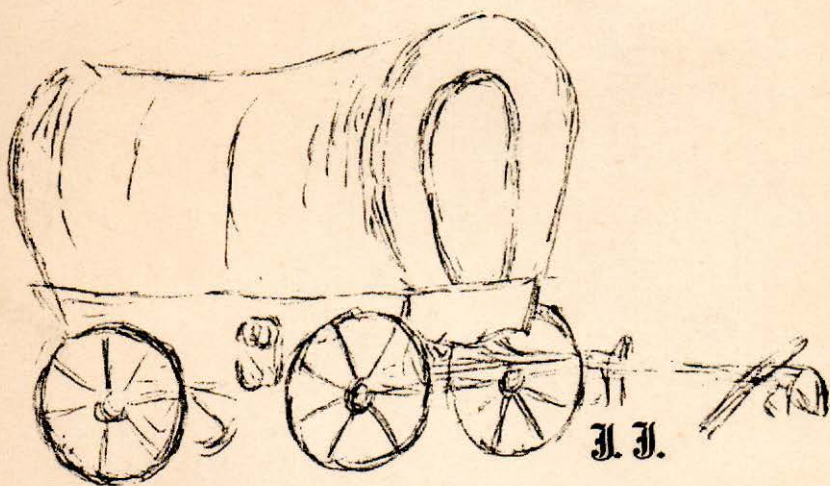
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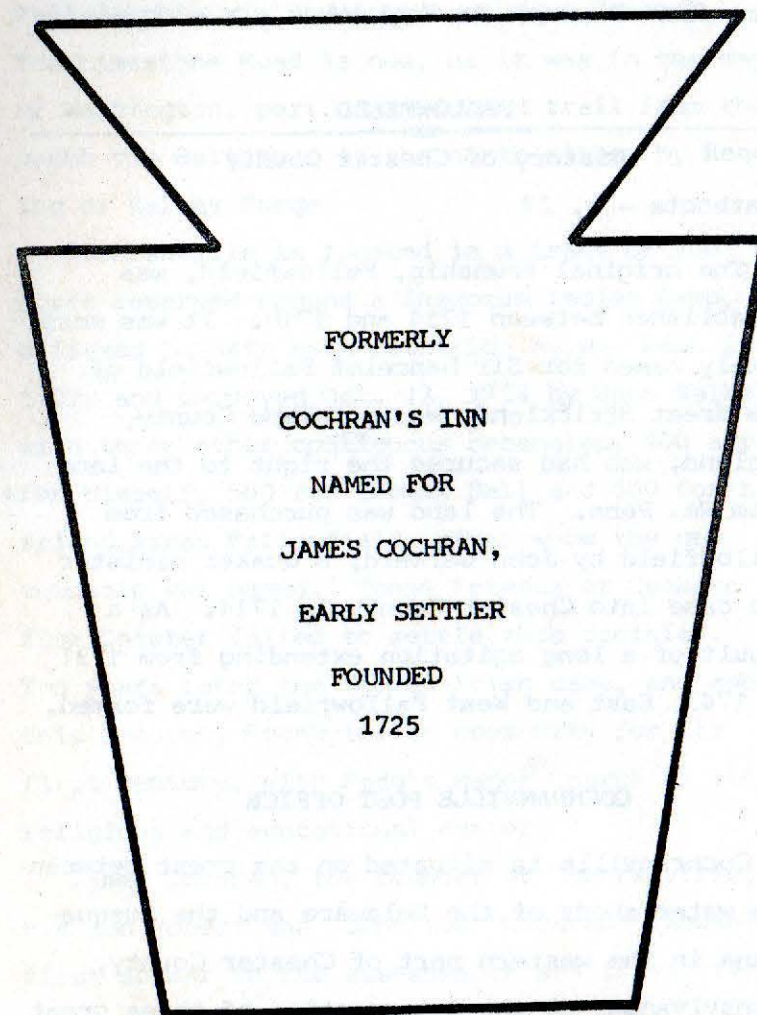
Cochranville, Pennsylvania

1725



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This can be found on a sign as you enter the Village from Parkesburg on Route 10 and one at each end of the Village on Route 41.

A. Howry Espenshade quotes from a report of the St. Paul's Church, Chester, in the year 1704.

The quotation follows:

"The people of Chester County showed very early zeal to have the Church of England worship settled among them. This County is so called because most of the inhabitants of it came from Cheshire in England."

FALLOWFIELD

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The original township, Fallowfield, was established between 1714 and 1718. It was more likely named for Sir Lancelot Fallowfield of the Great Strickland, Westmoreland County, England, who had secured the right to the land from Wm. Penn. The land was purchased from Fallowfield by John Salkeld, a Quaker minister who came into Chester County in 1714. As a result of a long agitation extending from 1731 to 1743, East and West Fallowfield were formed.

COCHRANVILLE POST OFFICE

Cochranville is situated on the crest between the water sheds of the Delaware and the Susquehanna in the western part of Chester County, Pennsylvania, at the intersection of three great and a half dozen minor Indian trails, following which nine roads center here, all improved and now mail routes. The most famous of the three

great trails is the old Limestone Road, now Trail No. 122 U. S. Another is the seaboard trail, the Gap and Newport Turnpike, now No. 41, connecting Cochranville west with Lancaster and southeast with Wilmington. The third is the Shawnese Trail, now No. 182, leading west over the Octorara at Steelville and east toward Philadelphia via Downingtown or West Chester. The Limestone Road is now, as it was in the days of Washington, part of an inland trail from the south via Baltimore to the north either by Reading or Valley Forge.

Cochranville is located in a tract of 100 acres reserved around a Shawnese Indian Camp, believed to have been set aside by Wm. Penn in 1701, and surveyed Oct. 13, 1714 by John Salkeld with three other contiguous recangles, 400 acres for himself, 500 for Thomas Dell and 500 for his friend Sarah Fallowfield, after whom the new township was named. These Friends or Quakers from Chester failed to settle this vicinity. Ten years later the Scotch-Irish came, and made this a purely Presbyterian community for its first century, with Fagg's Manor Church as its religious and educational center.

James Cochran, the founder of Cochranville, his son Robert and Cornelius "Cochran" (Rowan) first appear in the assessments and in the records of (upper) Octorara Church in 1724. James Cochran first settled here south of the present High School Building along the Limestone Road, which was surveyed "ye 8th and 9th days of

ye third month" (May) of the same year, 1724, "along the Limestone Cart Path."

"The Grate Need" of the travelers on the Road to Newcastle, now No. 41, caused James Cochran to open his first Tavern.

When the Indians vacated the Reservation, about 1737, James Cochran purchased from the Penns the coveted tract around the crossing of the three great trails, and "Built Suitable Buildings for a Public House." While Salkeld and Dell completed their titles and sold to the Scotch-Irish, Sarah Fallowfield abandoned her paltry 500 acres "in the backwoods". She was wooing a second husband. She finally captured Joseph Coeburn, widower, the wealthiest man in Chester. James Cochran shared the Sarah Fallowfield tract with his two brothers, Stephen and David.

Cornelius Rowan, the father of Mrs. James Cochran, fled from Ireland to preserve his wealth and his life. Energetic, wealthy, and aspiring, he and Arthur Parke were appointed to call Rev. Adam Boyd, the first regular pastor of (Upper) Octoara Church in 1724. Rowan, in his will, appointed Rev. Boyd a guardian of his estate.

Rowan and Rev. Boyd are believed to have planned the organization of Fagg's Manor Church. Encouraged by Cornelius Rowan, James Cochran began the development of his three tracts into a signiory or plantation of five farms, a tannery, still-house, charcoal collery, stove, shops, and

a village around the central tavern or Mansion, over which he, his son Stephen and his grandson Samuel Cochran successively reigned for more than a century. They were not only local leaders, but they all took part in the county, state and national affairs.

Cochran's, or Cochrans Ville, fifty miles distant from Chester, the County Seat, until it was moved in 1784, to Turks Head, or West Chester, was a rural village of considerable prominence; made more so by such men as Judges Boyd, Bell, Futhey, Haslet, and the Blairs, Kennedys and McKears, and a goodly number of patriots who hesitated not to defend their freedom. Gen. Washington enjoyed the hospitality of the Bells, where the S. E. second story room is still known as "Martha Washington's room."

Beginning in the needs of the plantation of transportation, the Cochrans developed a stage system operated from their stables on Wood Street, just back of the present postoffice. In the halo days of the 30's (1800) when the Conestoga wagons were as numerous on the turnpike as never to be out of sight of another, their "Coach and Four" dashed in and out among the teams twice a day to Wilmington and to Lancaster, and the daily to Downingtown or West Chester, and to Conowingo.

The mail service in the early days merely happened through neighbors or friends; if urgent, a messenger was sent by horseback. Each colony

had its own postal system. Massachusetts seems to have sanctioned the first postoffice at one penny per letter in 1639. Wm. Penn established his postoffice in Philadelphia in 1683; and in 1704 the Penns arranged Colonial post roads to their chief centers and extended from Philadelphia to Maryland, the seaboard route from Boston, which Rev. Francis McKemie in 1706, describe as "The First Post Road in America". The carrier rode this part of it eight times a year.

The stage Routes from their regularity became the mail carriers to the mutual benefit of each. We may infer the frequency and the rates in those early days from the following advertising in a Philadelphia paper: - "Beginning April 24, 1776, the New Holland and Ephrata Post will leave Philadelphia every Wednesday morning, and will deliver letters at 4 pence each; small errands at 6d each."

In 1792, the new National Government passed a law taking over all the colonial postal systems. From Graydon's Digest, published in Harrisburg in 1803, we learn that the first three National Post Roads through Chester County were - - From Philadelphia via Downingtown to Lancaster; "From Newport by Chatham, Cochran's and Strasburg to Lancaster"; and from Downingtown by West Chester, Kennett Square, and New London to the Brick Meeting House in Maryland. An Act of Congress, approved May 3, 1802, estab-

lished these roads. From the same records we learn that the Post Office at Cochranville was established September 7, 1802.

From Notes & Cochranville Post Office

Dr. H. F. C. Heagy

COCHRANVILLE POSTMASTERS & POST OFFICES

The Acting Postmasters in earlier days were the innkeepers.

James Hollis was appointed in 1802 and was the first at Cochranville. The "S" was not dropped by the department until June 1894. It was in the Tavern. In 1809 he moved to the Old Tavern Over The Spring, one mile south of Atglen where he built a new stone tavern on the west side of the turnpike, this was the residence of Parke Buckwalter.

Samuel Cochran was the second postmaster. He had retired after two terms under Gov. Thomas McKean. He was elected Representative in 1816-1817 and Senator in 1819-1820. In 1821 to 1824 he was again Surveyor General under Gov. Heister. He retired later in 1824 in Cochranville. He later became the seventh postmaster in 1829 and died in 1831. The financial crisis of 1833, the excessive expenses of his public life, investments in new lands, the bankruptcy of Glenville Woolen Mill, changes in trade and travel from their Hotel & Stage Coach routes to the new Railroad, coupled with the death of Samuel Cochran and his two sons within five years caused the collapse of the Cochran Plantation. It was divided into

five tracts and sold in 1835.

Joshua Hartshorne, a merchant, became the tenth postmaster in 1834. He moved the Post-Office to the new frame store he built between the turnpike and Manor Street. He later sold his store, went back into the iron business, later retired in West Chester and died at the age of 81 in 1884.

John A. Morrison was the twelfth postmaster. He was a physician. He moved the office to his newly built store on South Limestone Road. (Now building next to the Township parking area.) He served eight years as Drug Inspector & Examiner & Druggist in Philadelphia and graduated from U. of P. in Medicine. Returned to Cochranville and continued the Drug Store until his death in 1904. His store was later sold to Joseph Walton.

Joseph Walton was the fourteenth postmaster. He had a merchantile business at Fernville & Steelville. In 1855 he sold out and spent twelve years on his Glenville farm. In 1867 he retired to a home he purchased next to the Brick Hall. He bought the store and lot on S. W. corner of the square and built a stone store and a hall. (Which was burned and was then Garver's residence and garage)

Joseph Gilmore was sixteenth postmaster. He was a wealthy wagon trader he bought the store in 1846 and sold it in 1857 to Rhodes and Hartshorne. He later returned to Franklin County

from where he came.

Robert L. McClellan was a dentist. He was seventeenth postmaster. He was elected State Representative. He supported laws establishing roadside watering troughs, the Independent School District in Cochranville, no Public school on Saturdays, etc. He later built a mansion between New Street and Homeville Road. He had a large dental practice, did surveying, acted as administrator, trustee and Justice of Peace. He was active in politics, lodges etc. until death in 1889.

John B. Snead was twentieth postmaster. He was an invalid harness-maker. Samuel Rhodes conducted the office in the frame store. Mr. Snead lived and died in one of the dwellings in the Brick Hall. His widow became postmaster and Rhodes continued acting for about 22 years. His grandfather owned and operated Hodgson's Mill about one mile west of Cochranville on the Steelville Road. Rhodes and Hartshorne bought the store from Joseph Gilmore in 1855.

Milton Snead was a tailor and was appointed twenty-second postmaster. He lived in Jackson's Academy ** The original school house of Cochranville, It was in the triangle between the Homeville and Glenville Roads from the Limestone Road. He proudly recalled living in the original Cochran house, famous as the birthplace of Gov. Thomas McKean. (Now gone, near the Manor

Road in Irwin Engles meadow.)

R. Frank Cochran sold his harness shop and became the twenty-third postmaster. He set up the postoffice in the old frame store which had been moved in back of the new brick store and faced Manor Street.

Freeland Brown, a merchant, was twenty-fourth postmaster. His wife, Elida, a former teacher, conducted the office. He succeeded his father and Morrison in 1881. He later built the brick store. Near the end of World War I he sold out and moved to West Chester into the end house on Linden & Walnut Streets. F. S. Brown was sole proprietor for 34 years of the brick store. Dr. Morrison made him promise to never endorse a note. He kept his promise. He was told never to trust or charge anything to anyone. He would take the money from his pocket to pay the bill and then be paid in return later. His wife was Elida Snodgrass. They had one son, J. Clyde Brown, whose last home was where Carroll Miller resides. Clyde's wife was Lydia Webster.

R. Frank Cochran was again appointed as twenty-fifth postmaster. Miss Mabel Martin was his assistant. She later married J. B. Leaman, druggist. The office needed more room so an addition was built for it to the drug store on corner of the turnpike and Woods Street. This is the area, on the same side, as the township building and is part of Charles Kauffman's yard. Some of his assistants were Misses Mary & Annie

Burner, Mabel Bair, etc. R. Frank Cochran was a decendent of the David Cochran branch.

I. Herbert Albright, a conveyancer, was twenty-sixth postmaster. This was a Democratic award in 1915. His assistants were Miss Bertha Hamill & Miss Pearl Albright. (Now Mrs. Ruth P. A. Davis) A mistaken idea of war economy, the rural deliveries were taken to the R. R. Post Office. This was very unsatisfactory and with due protest the Star Route to Parkesburg and Rural deliveries were again restored. He continued thru the Hoover administration. He was a Justice of Peace, assessor, conveyancing, Insurance Agent, Clerk at sales, etc. He died in 1937.

S. Wilson Hodgson, a retired farmer, was twenty-seventh postmaster. His assistant was Miss Bertha Hamill and Pearl Albright (Mrs. Robert Mendenhall). He was a school director and helped in the developement of the consolidated and Vocational School in West Fallowfield in Cochranville.

William McGinnis was a retired farmer and was the twenty-eighth postmaster. Miss Bertha Hamill who had been with the office since 1915 was his assistant along with Mrs. Mabel Bailey Hess. Miss Hamill was the daughter of Robert Hamill who conducted and later bought the Cochran Creamery.

Thomas C. Ferron was a farmer and became the

twenty-ninth postmaster. He was active in organizations, clerk at sales, etc. He retired in 1956.

George Linsay was postmaster from 1956 to 1958. He was appointed the thirtieth postmaster and retired after 17 years. He was previously with the State Highway Department for 32 years and served as equipment operator and superintendent in construction and maintenance areas. Mr. Linsay was the last Presidential appointed postmaster. July 1, 1971 the U. S. Post Office Department was replaced by U. S. Postal Service.

Frank Jacquette of Wallingford was the next postmaster but for only a few weeks. Another man was appointed and served but a few weeks.

Mrs. Jean Kelly Melrath was appointed in 1973 and at present is still in this office. (1975)

Jack Wilson is now the R. D. # 1 carrier.

Mr. Elmer Watterson the R. D. # 2 carrier. He started in 1964. Mr. Percy White is assistant to Mr. Watterson and Mr. Jessie Black to Mr. Wilson. Mrs. Mary Lawn Franklin Melrath is the assistant in the office at present. (1975)

RURAL FREE DELIVERIES

Hon. Thos S. Butler suggested that Cochranville might have one of the three (3) Rural Free Deliveries allotted to Chester Co. R.F. Cochranville called a meeting May 10, 1900. Ten (10) men

were appointed to confer with the Postal Inspector. The following routes and carriers were arranged:

1. - East thru Londonderry - Jack Pickel
2. - South thru Russellville to Brick Corner -

William Dunkle

3. - West thru Homeville & Steelville - E. W. Bailey
4. - N. E. thru Gumtree & Highland - Emmett Hennies

Each route was about 25 miles and the carriers furnished the teams. This started August 1, 1900.

The next year they had special numbered delivery wagons. About 10 years later these were extended to 35 miles each. They were automobile routes.

An assistant aided when roads were bad and to give the carrier a 2 week vacation.

The rural deliveries and parcel post more than doubles the Cochranville services. During World War the deliveries were transferred to West Grove, Coatesville, Oxford and Parkesburg. This was not satisfactory and the Star Route (Parkesburg) was about to be absorbed. An indignation meeting was called by Harvey Spencer, F. S. Brown and Dr. H. F. C. Heagey. These were appointed to go to Washington with Branson Slack to show how the mail could be delivered from 1 to 30 hours earlier and at no greater cost. The second Star Route was later expanded west over Highland Township. Carroll Criswell was appointed carrier in 1919. R. E. Dale was appointed for Londonderry areas & continued until he drowned in Canada in 1929. John Bailey succeeded him.

Some assistants have been; M. M. Bailey, Herbert Gallagher, Walter Gifillan, Carroll Benner, Walter Watterson, Walter McGinnis, Percy White, Lloyd Jebb, Joseph Coates, Jessie Black, Jack Wilson, Elmer Watterson, etc.

WEST FALLOWFIELD TOWNSHIP

History of Chester County

Heathcote - 1932

West Fallowfield was also a center of English settlement. Henry Hethfinton was the largest landowner in 1765. He held 700 acres then, but according to the assessors report for that year his farm stock consisted of 1 horse. Dorington Boyle owned 295 acres of land, 3 horses, 5 cattle and 6 sheep. Boyle and John Bell employed two servants each, the only ones reported for the township. John Postan and Anthony Roberston owned 250 acres of land and 2 horses each. Postan also had 3 cattle and 6 sheep, while Roberston owned 1 cow. There were a number of mills in the township in 1780. Andrew Moore owned 2 then and Ellis Pusey owned one. David Loughhead and George Gibson each operated saw mills, and Andrew Gibson owned a fulling mill. Patterson Bell, Esq'r, had a tan yard here. There were 4 inn keepers in West Fallowfield also. They were Samuel Futhey, John Irwine, Charles Black and Stephen Cochran, Esq'r. Black and Cochran with John Bell were the largest landholders in 1780. Each of them owned

400 acres. Glennville was a leading village of the township in 1881. Cochranville and Steelville, both post offices, are important communities in the township now. Cochranville is located 7 miles south of the Lincoln Highway on the direct road leading from Washington and Baltimore to Reading and other cities in Pennsylvania. Steelville is located near the Lancaster County boundry line, a little northwest of Cochranville. The population of West Fallowfield is 801 according to the last census report in 1932. Available records indicate that West Fallowfield Township was incorporated from Fallowfield in the year 1743. You might be interested in knowing that in our early years we had a Shawnee Village of Indians. (Friendly, of course) Also, Route 10 was, at that time, called the Nanticoke Trail and extended from Honey Brook to Elkton and Chesapeake Bay.

The population of our township has not grown rapidly but has steadily increased from 864 persons in the year 1820, to 1,960 in the year 1970. The total area is 18 square miles. 38.4 miles of township roads and 19 miles of state roads enable our residents to move about quickly and easily. Mercer Ford, one of Chester County's seventeen bridges is located at the northern end of our township and was built in the year 1880.

For the benefit of those who may, fifty or more years henceforth, be searching for histor-

ical facts I shall mention that in the year 1964 your supervisors purchased 10 acres of land to be used as a Landfill Development to alleviate the problems of trash disposal in the township. In 1970 they purchased the Passmore Building and lot. The building is adequate for storing the township equipment, the meeting room is suitable for meetings and the lot is convenient for parking. It all belongs to you, the residents of West Fallowfield Township. (The supervisors invite you to attend their meetings, voice your opinions, offer suggestions, etc.) Always remember, because there were men who believed local government keeps liberty in the hands of the people, our nation will be able to celebrate its 200th birthday, our township has been on record for 232 years and the village of Cochranville can proudly celebrate its 250th Anniversary in this year of 1975.

THE FRAME STORE

1834 - 1974

When James Kelton Cochran administered the sale of the Cochran Estate - this parcel of land was sold as Lot # 4.

In 1834 Joshua Hartshorne became the tenth postmaster of Cochranville. It was then that the post office moved from the brick hotel lob-

by to the "Frame Store". Mr. Hartshorne had just built in the angle of Manor Street and the Gap-Newport Pike.

The first three "Frame Store" proprietors being Hartshorne, Thomas Janney and Oliver Alison. Other businessmen associated with this building were Ezra Gray, Joseph Gilmore, Rhoades & Hartshorne, R. L. McClellan and W. S. Brown.

Here too opened the first drug store in the county. W. S. Brown was land holder. He being the dry goods merchant in partnership with Dr. John Morrison who handled the medicine and drugs.

In 1884 Freeland S. Brown inherited the Frame Store from his father, W. S. Brown. Freeland Brown built the brick store later.

The little "Frame Store" was put on logs and rolled off its foundation - east-ward some distance and then turned a full 90° angle so that its front entrance now faced Manor Street.

From newspaper clippings in the Chester County Historical Society: "Mr. Brown has a large business stand in Cochranville but will not have the Post Office in his main building. He is having a separate structure erected for that purpose."

Two weeks later: "The artistic iron barred windows of the building devoted to the purpose of office would indicate it a safe repository for checks, money orders and registered packages as well as those tender mellow missives known as love letters."

Proprietors of the brick store and the "Frame Store" after F. S. Brown were: Mr. Ruff who rented from F. S. Brown. Purchased by L. L. Moyer in 1919, here the "Frame Store" doors closed forever to business. C. Clifford Thomas rented from Moyer in 1943, purchased by Carroll Miller in 1967, John H. Muller took ownership in August of 1974.

Mr. Miller found the "Frame Store" dangerously unsafe and after a year of consideration he had the structure removed. (March 2, 1971)

The only thing left to attest to the clapboard "Frame Store's" presence is the scar on the rear of the brick building.

THE OLD HOUSE

"Long A Landmark"

The Bootjack has long been a direction mark from the village. It was a small frame building for many years on the opposite corner in the field across from the Edward Propst residence. Mr. Propst's father, John D. Benner, said it had "To Go" when the new road was built. This was exceptionally well built of stout oak timbers, pinned together with wooden pins & handwrought nails. It was very well preserved even tho over 80 years old.

Miss Jessie Cochran, once a village resident, tells her father's brother built it. Her mother was Susan Gibson. The Gibson's property took in

an area of land along the Guntree Road in Highland Township. A farmhand lived with them, his name was Frank Kenny, an Irishman, who wanted to bring his wife here so the house was built for him.

Miss Jessie's mother was a small girl and she and her father helped eat the first meal in the Bootjack with the Kennys.

The Cochrans said Jacob Gibson named it from the 3 cornered piece of land between the Limestone and Guntree Roads. (Limestone Road now 41) Another person says that Frank Kinney climbed a tree - A big locust - and lost his footing and fell. His boot caught in the forks of the tree so giving it the name "Bootjack".

Some others who lived in it were: Martin Taylor and his mother, Eugene Rigg, who was found dead there. It was not used in later years but never lost its quaint appeal or name to local people and passersby. (Notes from a photostatic copy in a paper which Miss Jessie Cochran had given)

Per D. Pelehart & H. Hagel

COCHRAN CREAMERY COMPANY

A Creamery was started by J. R. Watkins and Dr. R. L. McClellan as both were in the dairy business. It was a butter & cheese factory. A "Float" was used at first to take the amount of cream from the milk. Usually it was about $\frac{1}{2}$ of

it off the top. Later a machine called a "Separator" was introduced which took ALL the cream. Cheese making was spoiled and soon stopped. The first milk was received in 1881. It was 525 quarts. The superintendent lived in part of the building which was a dwelling. The creamery was destroyed by fire in 1885. They rebuilt at once and 66 days later they started receiving milk. Stock sold for \$8.00 a share. A question arose as to whether the creamery would be open on Sundays which had not been brought up for discussion so no decision had been made. Mr. Hinkson withdrew his pledge to buy 5 shares of stock. If a farmer diluted his milk a committee was appointed to go to the farm and test it and if he is found guilty he was fined \$10. and could not ship milk until the fine was paid and could not sell his stock until it was paid.

Milk was received at varied hours depending on the season. A director, Joseph P. Walton, resigned April, 1881 due to trickery which he would explain later. The seal was ordered and paid for in June 1881. A well was drilled with 372 feet of water. A 300 gallon cedar tank was ordered and cost \$22.00.

Oats straw was used to keep the ice in the ice house. Ice cost \$1.00 a ton. A carpenter received \$1.85 a day. The ice house held 230 tons. The Oxford Press gave a favorable "Write Up" and was given 2 lbs. of butter and quarter of cheese.

Robert Hamill was elected superintendent & F. S. Brown was made a director in his place. Sums of money were given to fight the production of "oleo", a butter substitute. It took from 8 to 9 quarts of milk to make a pound of butter. Gold Dust was used for washing the equipment. Butter was shipped to Baltimore and Philadelphia later.

Taken from Cochran Creamery Secretary's book to 1900.

(D. Pelehart Book & H. Hagel Notes)

The same creamery burned in about May, 1923 for the second time. It was rebuilt and later torn down to make a place for a new bank at routes 41 & 10 across from Leon Gill's Garage.

(per H. Hagel)

WEST FALLOWFIELD EDUCATION

The first Institution was the classical School at Fagg's Manor. This was in 1739 by Rev. Samuel Blair. His brother continued it after his death until 1767 when he moved to Princeton, N. J.

Jacksons Academy, supposedly the oldest school in the Cochranville area, was a log structure in a triangle made by the Homeville, Glenville and the Limestone Roads. The land was owned by the Cochran family. Teachers taught for three (3) months and were paid one to three cents for each scholar. The boys were trained to march and were drilled for the army. The building was also used

as a Sunday School. The regular teachers often taught Sabbath School too.

There were three (3) pauper students in 1818 but by 1837 there were seventy-eight (78). The free school Act was passed in 1834 but the township did not take advantage of it until 1838.

Between 1838 and 1904 there were many rural schools. These were Poplar Grove, Cedar Grove, Spring Grove, Prospect Hill and Centre Hall. Between 1875 to 1900 the most popular and well organized was the Fernwood Academy. Its influences were greatly felt in the area. Upon its closing it was moved in 1903 to Daleville, a distance of about 2,000 feet to be used as a Grange Hall. West Fallowfield had no High School before 1904. Between 1904 and 1919 there was a three (3) year Acedemic High School. In 1919 it was made a four (4) Year High School. In 1931 a new Jr. & Sr. High School was built and the areas were consolidated and the system reorganized. This continued until 1956 when the Octorara High School was opened. Mr. Byron Judy was principal from 1927 to 1956.

COCHRANVILLE FIRE COMPANY

The Cochranville Fire Company was chartered in West Chester, Pa. on February 5, 1946. The charter was signed by twelve men who are listed as Charter Members.

Previous to applying for a charter these same twelve men served as a Water Committee and were instrumental in getting enough money to complete 5 water cisterns in the town. These cisterns were located so that every house in the village, at that time, was within 700 feet of a cistern. On February 11, 1946 the new officers of the Fire Company made an agreement with Dr. H. F. C. Heagey to buy the old barn and a plot of land containing about 3/4 acre for \$1,375.00. This land is the present site of the Fire Company. The company had very little money so it borrowed \$150.00 from one of the charter members for down payment. The balance of the money had to be paid in 90 days.

In July and August of 1946 we held our first carnival. With the borrowing of stands from our neighboring Fire Companies and the aid of the newly formed Ladies Auxiliary of the Fire Company, the carnival was a success.

The Fire Company was fortunate in being able to buy a 1924 American LaFrance pumper from Coatesville West End Fire Company. This pumper had a chain drive, no cab, gear shift on the running board and 2 wheel brakes. This piece of equipment was housed in the newly purchased barn in August 1946.

During the balance of 1946, 1947 and 1948 the company made plans for a new fire house. After visiting many fire companies and much discussion a contract was awarded to George F. Gill, local

contractor, on a time and material basis. The work was completed in March, 1950 at a cost of \$53,000.00. The fire house was estimated to cost \$60,000.00. The difference was due to the wise buying of the contractor.

In July of 1950 the fire company obtained a \$22,000.00 mortgage on the building held by Atglen and Christiana Banks.

The Ladies Auxiliary used their profits from the carnivals to equip the fire house kitchen. They also donated \$500.00 toward a new fire engine and bought the first portable pump, radio truck unit and helped with the purchase of the siren, neon sign, memorial plaque and radio base station. Since the first carnival, it is estimated the Ladies Auxiliary has given the fire company about \$50,000.00.

At the second annual banquet of the company (1955) the mortgage on the building was burned.

In 1951 the company bought its first new engine. It was a 1951 Ford chassis with a 500 gallon Hale pump and a 100 gallon booster tank. In 1956 the second new engine was purchased, it was the same size as the 1951 engine.

Because of the need for water at fires outside of town the company bought a second-hand tractor trailer tanker that held 2600 gallons of water. In 1968 a new piece of equipment was purchased. This is a water tanker with 3500 gallon capacity.

In 1970 a Bronco field truck was purchased

and equipped.

Early in 1972 the 1951 pumper was sold and in July a new engine was delivered. This pumper is a 1972 Ford chassis with a canopy cab, 1000 gallon pump and 1000 gallon booster tank. With four pieces of fire fighting equipment and the members attending County Fire School each year the company is well prepared for fire protection in the community.

Per E. Hagel

COCHRANVILLE FIRE CO. AUXILIARY

Cochranville Fire Co. was started in 1946. The Auxiliary was organized in 1948. The first 6 presidents served 1 year each. Then it was changed to a 2 year term if she could serve. There have been 23 presidents to date. The first meetings were in Dr. H. F. C. Heagey's barn. The barn was purchased and the present Fire house and Post Office were built upon the site.

Suppers were served in the area which now houses the equipment and engines. The first banquet was served in the part which is now a meeting and banquet area on March 8, 1958. Margaret Mullin operated a restaurant previously in that part.

The Auxiliary has been very active. They serve banquets and have the food stand at the carnivals. They also serve food at sales and to the firemen when at a fire or when they come back if needs arise.

The Auxiliary meet the first Thursday of each month. During the meeting business is conducted, a few games of Bingo are played and light refreshments are served by the members. The first president was Mrs. Frank Hart and the present one is Mrs. Lorraine Bromell.

(Per T. McHenry & L. Brommell)

COCHRANVILLE METHODIST CHURCH

Methodism had it's beginning here in 1830. Previously itinerant preachers conducted their services at points on the Chester Circuit - 1796 - 1833. In 1831 - 1832 Thomas Sumpson (Father of Methodism in this area) preached in an old red building of frame which was a part of a Calendar Mill on the Glenville Road and Jebb Road Corners. Jacob Edwards preached in the same building from 1835 - 1836. In 1837 a camp meeting was held under the oaks at Sam Lloyd's place along Route 10 across from Leon Smoker's home. Many preachers served in a church in a year. The last preacher to serve in the Glenville Red Frame was Cassoway Oram in 1842 - 1843. On June 18, 1843 the Red Frame was vacated and they met in the cabinet shop of William B. Reynolds (Along Route 10 in the now Arthur Morrison home across from the fire hall) On October 24, 1843 the church bought 24 square perches for \$40.00 from Louis Walker. A brick building was erected on the southern end of the present church cemetery. It was dedicated in

1844 and cornerstone laid in 1843. In 1848 - 1849 the Cochranville Circuit was formed of the following points - Ashbury, Wasteland (Steelville), Friendship, Cochranville, Christiana, and Penningtonville (Atglen). June 3, 1871 the first quarterly conferance was held at the Friendship Church. In 1888-1889 Cochranville & Friendship became separate charges. The present church land was bought by Samuel Rhodes from R. F. Cochran and presented to the church. The old cemetery church was torn down, the pews were stored in sheds at the present location over the winter and installed that spring. Kerosene lamps were used which hung from hooks from the ceiling beams. The present church's ground was broken in the spring of 1903. Samuel Rhodes dug the first shovel of dirt and several ladies followed. Horses with scoops & men with picks and shovels soon dug the cellar. The cornerstone was laid on Sunday, October 25, 1903. The church was dedicated on Sunday, Sept. 4, 1904. The mortgage was burned Sunday, March 8, 1908. The church has had a building addition, improvements have been made and a Hammond Electronic organ purchased in 1953 which cost \$2400. A new organ was purchased in 1975 and installed. It was a Rodgers Cambridge 220 and the cost was about \$12,000.00.

In 1957 additional land was given, 200 ft. the full length of the property, by Robert Stoltzfus. A new Christian Education wing was built at the

cost of \$32,000.00 plus \$3,500.00 for equipment. It was dedicated on March 15, 1959. The mortgage was paid off in six short years, many additional improvements have been made to list a few: Storm windows for protection of the stained glass ones, new windows in the basement, new tile floor in basement, new light fixtures in the church upstairs areas. A new brick bulletin board outside welcomes visitors. Rev. Arthur Rettew is the pastor at present. (1975)

Data with a few changes was taken from the Membership Directory & year book of the Methodist Church (Per H. H.)

** (Ashbury was near the present Octorara School site)

COCHRANVILLE

METHODIST UNITED WOMAN'S SOCIETY

This was organized in April, 1900. The leader was Mrs. E. T. Randolph, the minister's wife, and ten (10) other women. Namely: Mrs. Thomas Gill, Mary Gracy, Mrs. Marshall Harris, Mrs. Lindecamp, Mrs. R. E. Long, Mrs. John Moore, Mrs. M. Emma Osmond, Miss Emma Smith, Mrs. S. W. Smith and Mrs. Thomas Taylor.

The first meeting was held in the old cemetery church to form a "Ladies Aid Society". Its purpose was to help build and help furnish a new church edifice. Meetings were held the last Thursday of each month. Membership fee was ten cents (10¢). Dues were five cents (5¢) a month. Funds were raised so they petitioned the trustees

to build a new church. The Shepherd window was placed in the sanctuary at a cost of \$125.00. They also placed the carpet in the church and in the vestibule at a cost of \$150.00. They also gave the church an additional \$125.00.

The new or present church was started in 1902. The mortgage was burned in 1908. The ladies did much to help financially. Their next goal was to purchase a parsonage and furnish it. Their membership in 1910 was 45. Today the membership is 53. This debt was settled so next they started to furnish the church basement. This was done so they could hold suppers. A Thanksgiving supper was held that year.

Their name was changed in 1940 to the "Women's Society of Christian Service". The name was again changed in January, 1974 to "The United Methodist Women".

Data from membership directory & year book of the Methodist Church.

A few changes or additions were made.

(per H. Hagel)

THIRD HERD

OF COCHRANVILLE METHODIST CHURCH

This group of around Junior High & Senior High age was organized in the Cochranville Methodist Church. Later pins were secured to be worn by members. About twenty-five (25) to thirty (30) meet once a week, usually at the church, for

religious purpose. Various number go in missions in groups. The largest was about twenty-eight (28). Mr. William Bittle was telling a story about a sign on a college boy's desk which read "I'm third". He was asked one day what it meant. He said that "God was first, others are second and I'm third". This was the start of the group name.

(per B. Gartley)

UNITED METHODIST YOUTH BASKETBALL TEAM

(GIRLS)

The youth have been involved in the Octorara Church Basketball League. It is sponsored by the area churches for about five (5) years. The games are played Saturday mornings in the Octorara High School & Intermediate Gyms. They play from January thru March each season.

The boys have entered every year. This past 1975 season they had to combine with Faggs Manor to have the required members for a legal team.

The past season the boys won the Sportsmanship Award. This award is a new award given to the team & coach who shows outstanding qualities in the area of sportsmanship as rated by the officials.

The girls have entered a team the past two (2) years. They not only won the Championship both years but also the Sportsmanship Award this past 1975 season. Mrs. Carroll Warrick is the present coach.

UNITED METHODIST VOLLEYBALL TEAM

(GIRLS)

The Summer Volleyball League has been in existence for four (4) years. This is sponsored by the area churches. All games are played on Thursday evenings from June thru August. These are played on the Christiana Lions Memorial Park Field. The interest grew so since it included from the 6th thru the 12th grades. It was divided into the Jr. High and Sr. High Leagues. An adult League was also formed at that time.

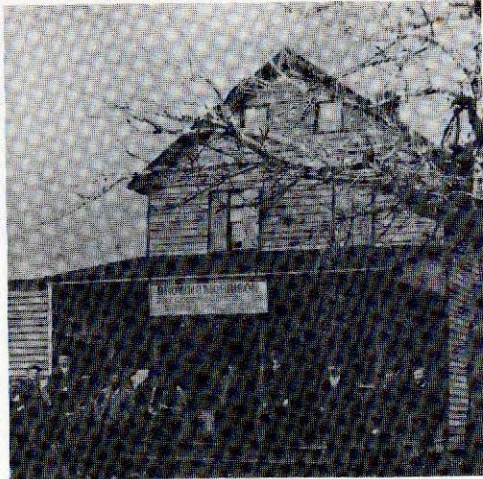
The first two (2) seasons our youth team was first in standings at the end of the season but lost in the play-offs.

Last year our three (3) youth teams did not place in the top teams but they enjoyed the fellowship and physical activities. The adult team ended the season in first place (1974).

This year, due to rains on game nights, the five (5) teams are progressing a lot slower than usual but are determined to enjoy the fellowship and fun. Mrs. Carroll Warrick is the coach.

METHODIST CHURCH SOFTBALL TEAM

This is one of several church sponsored groups. It was started about 15 years ago. This year there were about 14 teams in the Southern Chester County Church League. The team list had about 15 boys listed. This church team won the Championship this year. The games are played on the Octorara School Grounds.

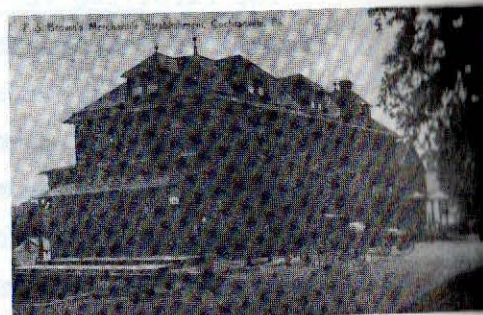


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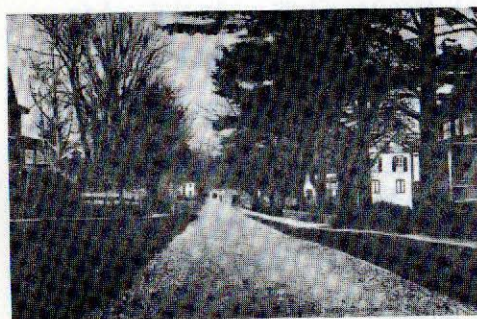


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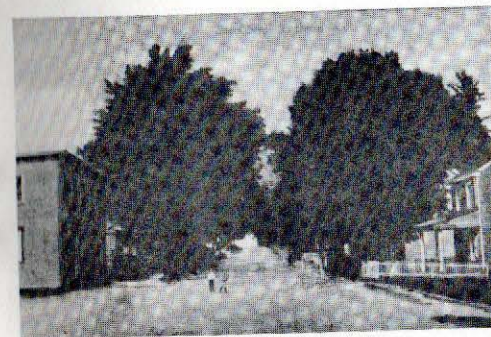
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Present M. E. Church



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on Manor Road
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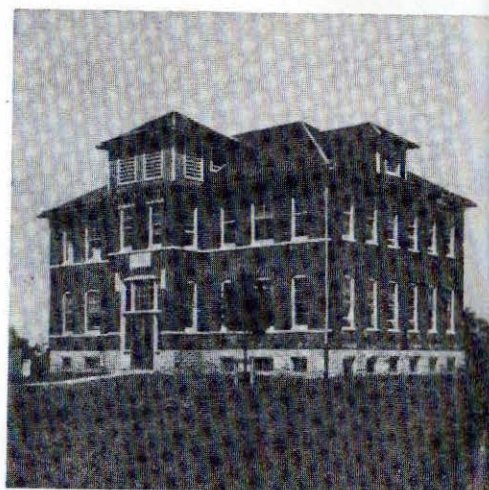


Looking North
on Newport Pike
Leaman's Drug Store
& Post Office



Cochranville Hotel
Built about 1809

West Fallowfield
Vocational High School
Built 1904 -
Torn Down 1968



Coming into Village on
Newport Pike from Atglen



Their coach was Dave Simmons and assistant coach was Larry Althouse.

METHODIST BASKETBALL TEAM

(BOYS)

There has been a team for about the past 6 years. Each team has about 10 members on their list. The games are played in the Octorara High School Gym. The two coaches were Larry Althouse and Ronald Miller.

NATIONAL WOMAN'S

CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION (W.C.T.U.)

The organization was founded about a century ago by Frances E. Willard. She realized that the American home was the foundation for the security of a nation. She believed that adults should remove the many alluring attractions that destroy youth, family life & society.

The emphasis of the organization is on alcohol, drugs and smoking areas. Much information is available to individuals, schools, libraries and groups. This is a non-partisan, non-sectarian and non-profit organization. The departments of the union are: Legislation, Publicity, Christian, Youth Temperance, Social Service, Education, Citizenship and Projection Methods.

The groups meet in homes. Some of their activities are: Poster, Essay & Speaking Con-

tests for Youth & Adults. A Scripture memory contest is also held. The ill and persons in institutions are remembered. The W.C.T.U. is in all our states, Puerto Rico and seventy-two (72) nations around the world. The White Bow is the International Emblem. The Cochranville group meets usually the second Thursday of each month. Dues are a penny a day and a prayer a day. The President is Mrs. George Maule and Vice-President is Mrs. Jackson Myers.

COCHRANVILLE GOLDEN AGE CLUB

This club was started in July of 1974 by Henrietta W. Hagel. The Charter closed in December, 1974. There were 66 Charter Members. The club was very sorry to have lost three (3) members before the Charter closed. They were: Mrs. Ola Simmons, Mrs. Mary Radcliff and Mrs. Alta Haubert.

The club was founded to promote Spiritual, Intellectual and Social needs of the aged along with building morale in the members & community. Varied programs have been an aim. There have been work-shops, speakers, trips, etc.

A meeting is held the SECOND & FOURTH Tuesday of the month from September to May.

The officers are: Henrietta W. Hagel - Director, Assistant Directors - Zilla B. Grier and Byron Judy, - G. Clifford Thomas, Treasurer - Mrs. Anna Laffey, Recording Secretary - Mrs. Lillian Miller, Corresponding Secretary.

The club has 76 members at present. (1975) This is just one year after its beginning.

(per H. Hagel)

THE GOLDEN FLEECE 4 H CLUB

This club was organized in December, 1972. Several youngsters were influential in the club's inception, namely: Jeannette Troop, (Now Mrs. Jeffrey Swartzentruber) Helen Carnes, Christine Ambler and Gary Barrett. Jeannette Troop was the first president. The 1975 president is Starr Hamilton.

Other assistants have been Mrs. Arthur Yeatman, Mrs. Robert Ambler and Mrs. William Myers.

There are twenty (20) members at present. They are taught breeds of sheep, care of sheep, how to market them, uses of wool, breeding, etc. Each member has at least one (1) sheep. The leader has been Mrs. Warn G. Menhennett.
(per A. Menhennett)

GLENVILLE 4 H CLUB

Nine (9) years ago I started this club as my daughter wanted to join a club. There were no such clubs in the area. Many members have had a chance to benefit thru the years. They learn to cook and sew. All the girls have done real well and have been fun to have in the club. Mothers have had a big part in the club programs and have been much help to us. We have had many

craft meetings and social gatherings.

The leader is Lois Laffey and her assistant is Bonnie Czarntoa.

(per L. Laffey)

GLEN - HI 4 H SEWING CLUB

The group organized in 1967 under the leadership of Mrs. Robert Bush. The assistants were Mrs. John Leaman and Mrs. Daniel Herr. There were twelve (12) girls. They met at the home of Mrs. Bush.

The area included girls from area bounded by Glenville & Highpoint Roads - Hence the name "Glen-Hi Club.

There are at present thirty-one (31) in the group. The leader is Mrs. John Leaman. They meet in the Leaman home. The assistants are Mrs. Lloyd McHenry, Mrs. Richard Beam and Mrs. William Bittle.

The girls sew from April until August. During the winter months they are taught cooking, crocheting, knitting, etc.

Other leaders and assistants have been: Mrs. Robert Janney, Mrs. Larry Hershey, Mrs. Harold Umble and Mrs. Joseph Evans.

(per J. Leaman)

GLENETTES

The Glenettes were formed in 1969. Nata & Betty Wilson started the group. There were

about fifteen (15) girls then but now there are about sixty (60).

It is a volunteer group and none are professional. They work out planned routines and practice themselves. Two years after it was started Miss Wilson left to join the Octorara High School Band. Mrs. Cheryl Smoker next directed with Sharon Stoltzfus assisting. Mrs. Helen Thomas is another assistant. The prize money won in parades is used for equipment.

(per H. Thomas)

KADETTE GIRL SCOUTS

The troop was started in 1961 by Mary Franklin Melrath. The ages of the girls are those in the 7th, 8th & 9th grades in school. These girls have about the same program as the Junior Girl Scouts but their challenges should be much greater depending on the troop leader. They work on Badges, go camping, do service projects, etc. They meet once a week in the Methodist Church on Monday evening from 6:30 to 8:00.

There are twelve (12) in the group at present. The leader is Mrs. Lois Feather.

JUNIOR GIRL SCOUTS

Junior Girl Scouts were started in 1962 by Kathy Hidabaugh. The present leaders are: Kathy Ferguson & her assistant leader Lonnie Thomas. The girls do many things such as: Trips, Camping, Hiking, Bike Hikes, Bake Sales, etc.

The troop meets in the Cochranville Methodist Church once a week for 1½ hours. Badges are earned. The girls in general help where and when they are needed.

(per K. Ferguson)

BROWNIE TROOP # 162

The Troop was organized in 1969. It was started by Mrs. Betty Evans with the help of several other area women. Mrs. Penny Beam became leader in 1971 - 1972. Mrs. Linda Mallalieu became leader in 1973 - 1975. A Brownie can be any girl in the second or third grades in school. The Brownies are taught many interesting and educational things such as: Making book markers, decorating Easter eggs, how to bake cookies, make a salad, etc. Trips are taken from the dues; they sell Girl Scout calendars and help their parents and friends. They visited Brandywine Battle Field, Dutch Wonderland, etc.

They have a "Fly-Up Ceremony" and advance to girl Scout troops.

(per L. Mallalieu)

BROWNIE TROOP # 746

The Troop was started in February, 1962. Mrs. Ruth Lonas and Mrs. Harner, wife of the Methodist minister, founded the group. Their meetings were held in the Methodist Church and have continued thru the years to meet there.

The ages of the girls are about 8 and 9 years. It is an introduction into the larger Girl Scout family. They could help in community affairs and be thoughtful of others. This helps make the little girls feel important. Meetings are held every Thursday eve from 3:15 to 4:30. Games are played and articles made for the parents. We travel to Kennett Square Friends Home during holiday seasons taking small gifts and singing to the guests. We take hikes, go roller skating, take straw rides, take bags along and pick up litter, etc.

The Brownie investiture is held in November and "Fly-Up" in June. Our closing picnic is held at Brandywine Park, Chadds Ford.

A teenage girl is my assistant. Her name is Judy Snyder. There are 16 in the Troop. Mrs. John Shaffer is the leader and has been in this program since 1971.

(per M. Shaffer)

COCHRANVILLE KARATE ASSOCIATES

Cochranville Karate Associates maintains a maximum class of about thirty (30) students. Classes are located in the basement of the Cochranville Fire Hall on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 6:30 to 8 P. M. The class started in February of 1975 in Cochranville but the roots are deep in the Tang-Soo-Do, Korean Karate.

Classes are designed to promote body and mind co-ordination and conditioning. Instructions

include, self-defense, art forms and sport karate. Anyone is welcome to observe the classes. The instructors are: Anthony Valenti, Patricia Valenti, Geraldine Burke and Chris McMinn.

(per A. Valenti)

COCHRANVILLE NEEDLEWORK GUILD

The membership is made up of an appointed member from each community organization. Each group is responsible for ten (10) or more donating members and one or more cash donating members. Each member give at least two (2) articles alike for wearing apparel & household or hospital uses. Each November the "Ingathering" is held to receive all donated articles and cash. Many articles are handmade. Soup sales are held to buy material for sewing. Cochranville N.W.G. was started by Susie Heagey Miller about fifty (50) years ago. Some of the contributing local groups are: Faggs Manor Community Club, Highland Grange, Fernwood Grange, The 4H Clubs, Maple Grove Sewing Circle, W.C.T.U., Homeville Village, Farm Women, Faith Bible Chapel, Eastern Star, etc. Individual Directoryships include: Mrs. Marvin Althouse, Mrs. George Maule, Mrs. Robert Mendenhall and Mrs. Harold Martin.

Their slogan is "A garment to wear while the other garment is laundered". The articles are divided among county charities, School Nurses, and a home reserve in case of an emergency. All articles must be new. The local President is

Mrs. Robert Mendenhall.

HEBRON #437, INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS

Seventeen charter members began Hebron Lodge # 437 under a charter granted by Grand Lodge of Pa., I.O.O.F. on July 8, 1851. The two presiding officers that first year were Noble Grand Henry Burk and Vice Grand Joseph Gilmore.

A review of the local family names associated with the history of Cochranville and the Lodge would reveal the names Thompson, Null, Williams, Walton, Thomas, Bailey, Martin, Criswell, Watter-son, Heagey, Esbenschade, Coates, Gill, Cochran, Jebb, Leaman, McClellan, Shivery, Freeman and others, these being the best known to us today.

Odd Fellowship was organized on the North American continent in 1819 in Baltimore, Maryland. Thirty-two years later the Cochranville charter was issued.

Today members proudly hail their order for its wide ranging accomplishments and as the largest fraternity in the world under a single international leader. Odd Fellows and their sister Rebakahs number more than a million members in the United States and 17 foreign countries.

Through our teachings and ceremonies, we seek to elevate the character of men and women and thus create a more enjoyable and lovable social environment for people.

Though the Order is not a religious one, its

doctrine proclaims that a member ever be faithful to God in the religion of his choice and agrees to uphold the laws of the land.

One of our main projects include a program of eye research and is associated with many eye banks. Last year over 200 successful transplants brought sight to those in need. We are associated with the Wills Eye Hospital in Phila., Western Eye Bank in Pittsburg and John Hopkins University in Baltimore, Md.

The Education Foundation through its Revolving Loan Fund helps students further their education. (We are the only fraternal order permitted to conduct an educational program at the United Nations.) So far more than 16,000 high school speaking contest winners have received their trips to the U. N. as guests of the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs.

Odd Fellows originated the home for the aged concept. Odd Fellowship was among the first to work to reunite the North and South after the Civil War.

There are many things we are proud of and like about our order, the lessons of Friendship, Love, and Truth, of Faith, Hope, Charity and Universal Justice, are precepts which promote peace and harmony among men.

NEW CENTURY REBEKAH LODGE NO 244 I.O.O.F.

New Century Rebekah Lodge was organized on

June 21, 1952. The Marcella Lodge No 459 of Spring City did the initiating in the auditorium of West Fallowfield Consolidated School. There were thirty-two initiated, and they are charter members. The Lodge is a branch of the Hebron Lodge No 437 Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

The first regular meeting was held July 17, 1952, third Thursday of the month in Hebron Lodge No 437 at 8 P. M.

The Noble Grand Henrietta Hagel presiding. There are five elective officers and nine appointed, musician, and three trustees.

Julian Beltz is treasurer and has held this office since the lodge was organized. We had four brothers, Odd Fellows, that joined our lodge.

A Ways & Means Committee to enlarge the treasury, by chancing off ceramics, a rummage sale and bakes. The lodge donates to cancer, Eye Bank, Orphan's Home in Phila. & Rebekah Home in Harrisburg.

The past Noble Grands receives a gift after 2 years being in that office.

The lodge has had three deceased members,
Ruth Davis, November, 1970
Bertha Herr, March, 1973
Harry McCormick, February 18, 1974

(per C. McHenry)

SKERRETT LODGE #343

Skerrett Lodge #343 of Free & Accepted Masons

in Pennsylvania was constituted in Philadelphia on July 10, 1862, by the Grand Master Dr. David C. Skerrett and the other Grand Lodge Officers.

The ten petitioners were granted a warrant by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania on July 16, 1862. After being examined for his proficiency Dr. Robert L. McClellan, a former member of West Chester Lodge #322, was elected Worshipful Master.

The lodge met on the third floor of the I.O.O.F. building in Cochranville. The night of meeting was Tuesday on or before full moon. The Lodge is generally called off from labor during the months of July and August of each year.

Skerrett Lodge is one of the few Lodges in Pennsylvania which have been constituted over 100 years and still meets in the same lodge room.

Skerrett Lodge celebrated its 100th anniversary on June 2, 1962. The Lodge was honored when Brother W. LeRoy McKinley, Right Worshipful Master, and his Grand Lodge Officers visited the lodge for a special meeting.

Skerrett Lodge is one of the eleven lodges in the 5th Masonic District, it is in Area A for Masonic Culture instruction and the officers of the Lodge attend the School of Instruction held in the Masonic Building in Coatesville.

(per E. Hagel)

COCHRANVILLE CHAPTER #347, O.E.S.

On April 14, 1921 there was a meeting of 35 persons desiring to organize a Chapter of the

Order of the Eastern Star. The chapter was to be named Cochranville Chapter. The first Thursday evening of each month was set for meeting.

On May 5, 1921, the Chapter was constituted in full form under the title of Cochranville Chapter #347. There were 38 charter members.

The first meeting was held in IOOF Hall, Cochranville. In August, 1921, the meetings were changed from IOOF Hall to Garver's Hall. In 1929 it was voted by 2/3 vote to move to Highland Grange Hall. May 10, 1946 marked the 25th Anniversary at Highland Grange Hall.

In 1971 the 50th Anniversary was celebrated at Dutch Town and Country. October 6, 1959 was the moving date of our meeting place from Grange Hall to the present site, Cochranville Fire Hall.

The Cochranville Chapter #347 meets the first Tuesday of each month, except July and August, at 7:30 P. M.

(per minutes of books & history)

per G. Gill

OCTORARA AREA ROTARY CLUB

The Octorara Area Rotary Club was organized and chartered as the Cochranville-Atglen Rotary Club at an organizational meeting held at the Cochranville High School on June 29, 1949. The Oxford Club was the sponsoring unit and their special representative was John H. Ware III of Oxford. There were eighteen (18) charter mem-

bers. The first officers were: Elwood W. Bailey, President - M. Fred Wentz, Vice President - George Sener, Secretary - L. D. Null, Treasurer.

The object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster: First - The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service; Second - High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying by each Rotarian of his occupation as an opportunity to serve society; Third - The application of the ideal of service by every Rotarian to his personal, business, and community life; Fourth - The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional men united in the ideal of service.

Current Club projects include the sponsoring of exchange students and fund raising for the emergency mobile unit (heart machine); the latter a cooperative project with the Christiana Fire Company. Money has been raised over the years by many different projects: "Mirthquakes", horse shows, barbecues, and the sale of fruit cakes.

The Rotary Club meets every Wednesday evening for a dinner meeting. The Club's first meeting place was Zimmerman's Restaurant in Atglen. For several years they enjoyed meeting at Mullen's

Restaurant in Cochranville. The Ladies Auxiliary of the Atglen Fire Company served the club for the greatest number of years. Currently the Club has been meeting at the Fireside Inn and the Arms Hotel in Parkesburg and has 25 members. On October 7, 1971 the name was changed to Octorara Area Rotary. Officers for the 1975-1976 Rotary year are: Andrew Lemheney - President
Fred Kemmerly - Vice President
Cliff Thomas - Secretary
George Coates - Treasurer

CUB SCOUT PACK 26

Cochranville Cub Scouts started in 1961. Their sponsor has always been the Woman's Society of the United Methodist Church. The ages of the Cubs are 8 & 9 years of age. They meet with a Den Mother weekly. The Webelos are age 10 years and meet with their leader weekly, also. These groups do crafts, other projects and work from their book on earning badges. These groups prepare the boys for Boy Scout Troops. Parents are expected to be a part of the Scout work. They attend Pack meetings and see skits and awards given. They go on trips and do some good deeds in their community. Their leaders are Mrs. Mary Shaffer and Mr. Francis Brown.

BOY SCOUT TROOP #63

It was started by Edward Hamilton in 1956. It

later disbanded and was again reorganized in 1958 with Frank Rhoades and assistant Donald Norris. It was started at Faggs Manor Church but later moved and meets in the Cochranville Fire House with the Fire Company as sponsors since 1965. Frank Rhoades was leader from about 1958 - 1964. The age group is from 11 to 18 years. Maurice Alexander, Jr. was then Scout Master from 1965 to about 1973. Four (4) boys became Eagle Scouts namely: Bernard Alexander, Wesley Alexander, Mike Wood and Larry Althouse. Since about 1973 the Master has been Donald Norris. Donald has been assistant since 1958. The troop meets every Monday evening at the Fire House from 7:00 to 8:30. They are fixing a Tenant house along the Homeville Road for camp sites. They are opening a fire place, have bunk beds, tables, etc. The troop now has about twenty (20) members. They do the regular scouting program with the building of citizenship along with teaching of life skills.

(per D. Morris)

COCHRANVILLE BLOCK COMPANY

The Cochranville Block Company began February 15, 1947 when a partnership was formed between Lloyd A. Murphy and Paul Hastings. At that time concrete blocks were made on a hand operated machine, 500 units in a 10 hour day.

In 1948 a new semi-automatic machine was purchased and increased production to 1500 blocks

per day.

On March 3, 1949 Paul Hastings sold his half of the business to Roy Anderson. In 1950 an automatic machine was purchased and production reached 2500 per day. On January 15, 1953 Roy Anderson sold his half of the business to James Kerr. Business continued to prosper. On March 1, 1956 James Kerr sold his half to Lloyd A. Murphy who was now sole owner.

In 1957 a new machine was purchased and production rose to 3500 blocks per 8½ hour day. Business was good and it was necessary to increase production. In 1966 a new machine was acquired and production rose to 7000 per day.

January 1, 1968 the business was Incorporated and became Cochranville Block Co., Inc.

In 1970 the entire operation was automated and with a few refinements production rose to 8000 per 8½ hour day. The steady progress of the Company was due to a ready market and a quality product.

(per E. Murphy)

JACK'S DRIVE-IN RESTAURANT

Jack Wilson, a native of Cochranville, is observing his 25th year in business in the village.

He is owner of Jack's Drive-In located on Rt. 10 and old 41. Prior to his Drive-In Restaurant, he owned and operated a grocery and meat market in the village which was opened for business from June 1950 to 1957, closing in 1957 to devote full time to his restaurant.

LEON GILL - WELDING

Leon Gill, a resident of Cochranville, has been in business longer than any other person in Cochranville. It has been about 40 years since he started in a garage owned by Frank Goss. (Now Becker's Garage)

He later left Frank Goss and went to New York to further his education in welding. He returned and opened a shop in the sheds at the hotel property. He roomed in the Hotel which was owned by Harry Hart. Later he built his present garage and added many extra accessories.

LEROY STOLTZFUS - ARCTIC CAT AGENT

It was in November, 1965 that Leroy Stoltzfus bought his first snowmobile. A distributor from Lock Haven asked him to sell them and promised he'd help anyway he could.. The first year he sold two (2). His interest grew and his sales increased. The whole family became interested and involved. They went as a family to snowmobile races. A little later Leroy became one of the Top Ten racers in the U. S.

He now has a very successful Arctic Cat business. He gives service as well as sells them.

G. FRANCIS GILL - BUILDER, INC.

G. Francis Gill has been a self employed con-

tractor since 1955. At that time he employed six (6) men. His business was incorporated in 1972. He now employed eight (8) men. His son is one of his employees.

He does all custom work - New Houses and all types of renovating - Remodeling and restoring old homes has been a specialty.

One of his most recent structures is the Harrison Home in Christiana, Pa. He works in both Chester & Lancaster Counties and the state of Maryland.

PATRONS

Arnold & Maryalice Alexander & Children

Mr. & Mrs. Maurice Alexander, Jr.

Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Althouse & Family

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Ambler & Family

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Mr. Lyle Armstrong

Mrs. Ann Bailey

Mr. E. Willard Bailey - Insurance Agent

Mr. & Mrs. Percy Bair

Bill & Olive Baker

Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Baldwin

Mr. & Mrs. John F. Barkley

Mr. & Mrs. David Barrett & Family

Mr. & Mrs. Robert F. Baughman

The Richard Beam Family

Mr. & Mrs. Norman Becker

Mr. & Mrs. James Beltz

Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Berkich & Stephany

Rev. & Mrs. Leroy Bernard

William Clyde & Anna E. Beyer

Mr. & Mrs. Jesse Black & Family

Mr. & Mrs. Josh Black

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