

Herr House Happenings



November Lecture

The Foundation's Lecture Program will resume on Thursday, November 14th from 7-8pm in the Gamber Auditorium in the Viva Centre of Woodcrest Villa. Jack Brubaker, whose column, the Scribbler, which appears in the Lancaster News-paper, will be the speaker. His lecture will include topics such as the history of the Scribbler Column (which turned 100 years old in May) and how he creates the column each week.

20th Annual Amos Herr 5K Honey Run & Kids' Fun Run Update

The event took place at the Amos Herr Park on Sunday, August 25th, 2019. The weather was absolutely beautiful! Dutch Gold Honey sponsored the 5K Run and Sardina Dental Group sponsored the Kids' Fun Run. This year we had 210 runners participate in the 5K and 62 children participate in the Fun Run. Many thanks to the sponsors, the volunteers and to the participants for making the 20th Annual Amos Herr 5K Honey Run & Kids' Fun Run a success!

Notes from Emma's Diary

Tuesday, December 26, 1916

"A beautiful day so I get on the job — Boy has no school & he just lays around. I dust & clean upstairs all but our bedroom. Eve I hull a lot of peanuts."

ANNUAL MEETING

All members are invited to attend the Annual Board Meeting on Wednesday, November 13th at 6:30pm in the basement of the house. The purpose of this meeting is to elect officers to serve on the Board of Directors of the AHHF.

NEW MEMBERS

Jim & Susan Dohren
Suzanne Kohler

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IRA M. HERR BUTCHER SHOP

The business was founded in 1876 by John Herr, a member of the old Pennsylvania family to which Ira M. Herr also belonged. When Ira assumed control of the business, it had a long record of painstaking service to the community. By his devotion to the highest standards of business and his belief in the value of good service and products of the best quality, Ira won himself a secure place in the community and was regarded as one the most substantial and public-spirited citizens of Salunga.



COMMUNITY FAIR

The Amos Herr Community Fair was held on Sunday, September 15th and it was a huge success. 130 people toured the house. Visitors enjoyed touring the barn and seeing the old tools, tractors, and hit and miss engines. Thanks to John Houston and Gary Bender for all their hard work in getting the barn ready. Faye Forwood was in the tobacco barn. Thanks to everyone who volunteered!

MEMORIES OF THE BUTCHER SHOP

Written by Millie Witman Brubaker

I was born in Salunga across the alley from the butcher shop and lived with my grandparents until we moved to Holland Street. The animals were brought by truck to a type of shed and kept there until they were butchered, which was usually on Monday. There was a chute leading from the shed into the butcher shop and Russ Herr (the grandson of Ira) and I would often watch the animals run through the chute. I never saw the animals being killed, but would hear the rifle shot. Then, the animals were hung and butchered, and the meat was placed in the large walk-in refrigerator. A lot of meat could be stored in that refrigerator! After the butchering was done, the place was thoroughly cleaned. My grandparents and I often went into the butcher shop to purchase meats.

They had a horse and hooked it to a white wagon with lettering on it to identify the business. The wagon went through Salunga and Landisville once a week for selling and delivering meat to the residents. The horse was stabled in a shed attached to the butcher

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shop. Above the shed/butcher shop was the place where the large blocks of ice were kept. Once a week, the ice was delivered, and I would enjoy watching it being pulled from the delivery vehicle to the top of the building. I think straw was used to keep it cold.

Several of us kids would enjoy playing hide and seek throughout the many buildings. There were so many nooks and crannies that made excellent hiding places!

Ira Herr was like a grandfather to me and I remember sitting on the stoop of the butcher shop with him, eating peanuts. Ira's son, John, followed in his father's footsteps and kept the butcher shop running. Of course, the horse and buggy were ultimately replaced by a truck.

Closing the House and Gardens

The last day for house tours will be Saturday, October 26th. The gardeners finished their work on Friday, October 11th.

This year, the decision was made to eliminate Sunday tours due to a shortage of docents.

Special Thanks

Special thanks to the three volunteer docents. They are doing an excellent job! The AHHF would also like to extend a big thank you to the gardeners for maintaining the grounds around the property.

A special thank you to Gary Bender and John Houston for the many hours they have volunteered to prepare the barn for tours. Their was a lot of work in “redding” up and tossing out items and also cleaning up the gardeners section of the barn.

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NOTES FROM AMOS' DIARY

Saturday, September 21, 1963

“Rose at 6:30. An overcast sky — cloudy weather predicted. No tobacco calling for us today. Pick sweet corn — take to Reinholds. Ethel was busy preparing dinner. To village and Bender’s — home by 10:00. Work in garden. Help Ethel pot flowers after lunch. Read — watch Villanova defeat W. Chester 21-9. To village for paper — supper — watch NCAA game. A startling upset Air F. Acad. Defeated Washington 10-7 in a last minute touch-down drive via forward passes culminating in QB Isaac 7 yd spring for a touchdown. Pandemonium broke loose in Falcon Stadium. Studied SS. Lesson. Study. Movie “Seven Year Itch” on TV. M. Monroe. To bed early.”

LITTLE TEXAS

Yes, there is a place called “Little Texas” and it’s located in Salunga on the “other side of the railroad tracks.”

When it was first named, there were seven houses on the right hand side of the road. The Salunga Church of the Brethren and Myers Well Drilling business, plus their house, was located on the left hand side of the road. There was an alley with two houses and the Ira Herr Butcher shop, plus several outbuildings of the butcher shop. Several houses were later built on both sides of the road, which was named Holland Street.

It is speculated that “Little Texas” got its name because the area was similar to the shape of Texas and also because the well drilling business was located there. Texas is known for its well drilling.