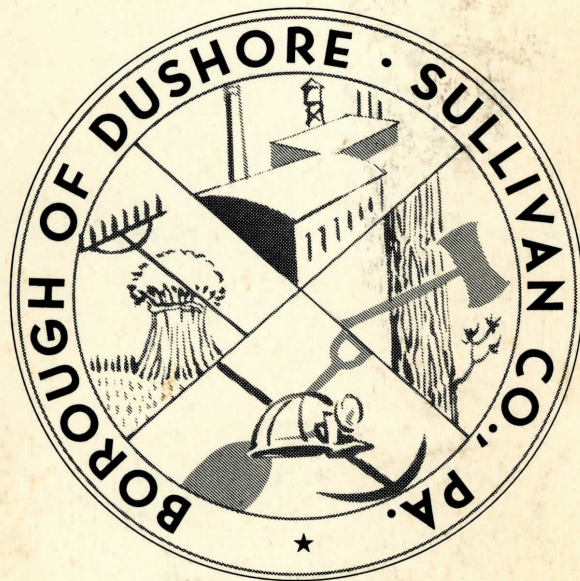


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1859-1959

August 6-7-8-9, 1959

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Loans and Discounts	2,072,449.20	Surplus	300,000.00
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Other Bonds and Investments	461,633.75	Reserves	57,520.70
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CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Program



THURSDAY, August 6—All Day—Rides—Antique Displays—Carnival—Games

1:30 P. M.—Parade of U. S. Air Force Group From Benton Base

8:30 P. M.—Colorful Pageant of the History of the Growth of
Dushore Since 1859

10:00 P. M.—Crowning of Centennial Queen

FRIDAY, August 7 —All Day—Displays of 100 Years Ago—Rides—Games—Carnival

2:00 P. M.—Boy Scout Demonstration

8:30 P. M.—Magnificent Pageant of the Growth of Dushore

10:00 P. M.—Gigantic Fireworks Display

SATURDAY, August 8—All Day—Rides—Antique Displays—Carnival—Games

2:00 P. M.—Parade of Antique Cars Through Streets of Dushore

3:15 P. M.—Drum and Bugle Competition and Show

6:30 P. M.—Mammoth Centennial Parade With Brothers of the
Brush and Sisters of the Swish—Marching Firemen
Drill Teams—Floats and Bands—Fire Apparatus—Drum
and Bugle Corps—Novelties

10:00 P. M.—Beard Judging Contest

SUNDAY, August 9 — 1:30 P. M.—Chicken Bar-B-Q Dinner

DUSHORE ADMINISTRATION

The men who manage the affairs of Dushore Borough give many hours of work and worry to the care of streets, lighting, water supply, keeping "law and order" and to the costs of all these services to taxpayers. People seldom speak of what they accomplish, although all are proud of our town and grateful for the efficient management these men give. Once in a while there is a healthy difference of opinion in town; which in the end, brings improvements and appreciation of the work needed to run a town like this, which is used to having many services not always found in places of fewer than 1000 people.

Burgess Gordon Tubach has served several terms. The chief-of-police is Richard Dodson.

The president of the council is Douglas Cook. The borough secretary is James Schoch and Gene Avery is treasurer. Harley Hunsinger, Floyd Steafather, Robert Pond, and Jack Gerrity are members. Harland McCarty and William P. Sick have served a total of over seventy-five years. The unselfish, intelligent, and tireless service of all of these men can hardly be realized by those who have not been councilmen.



WATER COMPANY

People use much more water now than they did when they used shoulder yokes and buckets to bring it to the home.

Since 1934, when the Borough Council bought the Water Company from a private concern, water service has steadily improved. In 1934 the water works consisted of a few acres of land, a reservoir, one well, and about 20,000 feet of pipe. Some sections had no "city water" and therefore little fire protection.

Today the supply is made more pure and more steady. About fifty acres of land planted with 38,000 trees surround the springs which are piped to the reservoir. Water is chlorinated. All streets have water service and hydrants. Another well has been drilled, 326 feet deep, near the old trestle site. A new "main" was laid in 1958.

Ordinarily the springs supply enough water to keep the reservoir full. The two nearby wells can supply an additional 100 gallons per minute, and the "down town" well can supply 140 gallons a minute.

The Dushore Water Company, under the management of the late Mart Obert and the Borough Council, is responsible for the town's having such improved service and supply.

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HISTORY OF DUSHORE



The Frenchman's Spring

One day in early summer a hundred and sixty-five years ago, a young Frenchman came through the woods from Azylum, a new settlement on the Susquehanna, in search of a three hundred acre piece of land which had recently been assigned to him, on the upper waters of the Little Loyalsock Creek. Here he planned to build a cabin and then send to France for his sisters, who were to live with him. Near a strong spring on the west side of the creek he built his house "twelve feet square." He brought overland from Azylum the food and supplies he needed, carrying them on his back. His diaries and letters show that he did not stay here long, although he did commence some clearing. He returned to France three years after his arrival at Azylum. Captain Aristide de Petit Thouar lost his life while commanding a French ship in the Battle of the Nile in 1798. He was only thirty-eight when he died.

For a long time after that there were very few travelers up or down the Sock. When the settlements at the Forks and at Eagles Mere began to grow, naturally there was more travel past the Frenchman's spring and decaying cabin.

THE TURNPIKE BRINGS SETTLERS TO THE HIGHLANDS

The first road to be built through the present Dushore was the Susquehanna and Tioga Turnpike.

The turnpike was started after a company was formed in 1806 to build a road by the shortest route from the Susquehanna River at Berwick to the New York State line at the nearest point to Newtown, now called Elmira.

The turnpike was finished to what is now Ganoga Lake by 1809 and was then extended through the wilderness to below Ringdale, then to Cherry Mills and from there over the hills to a point near Overton. It was later built over the Huckleberry Mountain to what is now Powell and Monroeton and from there to Elmira.

About 1817 the road was extended from Ganoga Lake to a point near Lopez called Seeman's and from there to about where Sugar Hill is now. In 1819 it was built from Sugar Hill to Dushore, directly over the hills to Bahr Hill, or South Turnpike Street.

At the time the turnpike was built, it was the custom for local people to bid on the actual road building of short pieces in their area. However because of the roughness and inaccessibility of some stretches, no bids were received. As a result, for the first time in the history of Pennsylvania, the State sent their own engineers to build these sections.

There was an early settlement along the turnpike on Bahr Hill called Cherry Hill. There was a tavern here run by Freeman Fairchild. It was located on the land where Raymond Obert recently had a chicken farm. There were also a Church, a Post Office, and the first school in Cherry Township.

The road was built through what is now Main

Street and up Church Hill toward Towanda and on to Elmira.

Many of the men who worked on the turnpike from Berwick were given their pay, or part of it, in land and so many German people who had come to Berwick found their way to this vicinity. It is said that they greatly admired the huge hemlocks growing here and thought that when the land was cleared it should be very fertile.

Many of the early Irish settlers who came a little later found their way from the canal along the Susquehanna where they worked.

The second road to be built here was Payne Road named after Ezra Payne who lived on Bahr Hill. It started where Edward Dailey, Jr. lives and crossed where Route 487 now is and continued to what is known as Hunsinger Corners and from there to where Route 87 passes the Lutheran Cemetery. The old road continued to Wyalusing near the present road. The section around Wilmot used to be known as "Payne Road."

In 1821 a road was built from Bahr Hill to Eagles Mere, or Lewis Lake as it was then called. This road served as a mail route from Lewis Lake to the turnpike.

HEADLEYVILLE

About 1818 or 19 a cabin was built at the falls of the main branch of the Little Loyalsock Creek (near where "Farm" Dunn's garage now stands). Soon afterward a dam and a saw mill were put in nearby. This section became the center of a separate settlement.

From 1840 to 1850 John Dieffenbach, a miller by trade, owned and operated the grist and saw mill

This is Main Street—1862—looking westward.



there. A flood damaged his property in 1850 and he left it to farm in Cherry Township. Soon afterward the Honorable S. F. Headley purchased from John Dieffenbach his rights at the falls, built a new mill pond dam and a new saw mill and grist mill there. Later he also built a store in that area near the mills but sold it to James Deegan in 1852 who later sold to a Mr. Shaffer and John M. Heacock. The part of town above the mills gradually became known as Headleyville.



Cleaning 100 years ago was done with things like these: Bucket made by Lyman Baker; broom by Ed. Weisbrod's father; homemade soap and linsey-woolsey rag by Susan Williams' people.

THE HOLLOW

John Mosier, a Swiss blacksmith, was the first permanent settler on the land that had once belonged to the Frenchman. He came here in 1825 and began clearing his farm of about eighty acres of land. His blacksmith shop was somewhere near where the Green Swan Inn is now located. His house was on the opposite side of Main Street.

By 1825 other settlers were gradually coming into the area. A store was built in 1829, somewhere near the present bank building. In 1847 Mr. Mosier sold the blacksmith shop site to Cornelius Cronin who built a store there. (Green Swan). Josiah Jackson bought the Mosier home and replaced it with a store (Ben Franklin) and a dwelling (Acme) for himself.

Soon the little valley, where the muddy track of the turnpike crossed the branches of the Little Sock, took on the character of "Main Street." There the nearby farmers could get horses shod or nails made, could buy such necessities as salt and spices, gunpowder, a few drugs, some tools and cloth.

Cherry Township lands were taken up, settled and

cleared. Mosier's Hollow became a trading center. There are no pictures of the place because it was too early even for the tintypes of the traveling photographers.

Meantime on the hill southeast of "The Hollow" (Bahr's Hill) the settlement called Cherry Hill around the Fairchild's Tavern on the turnpike had grown considerably.

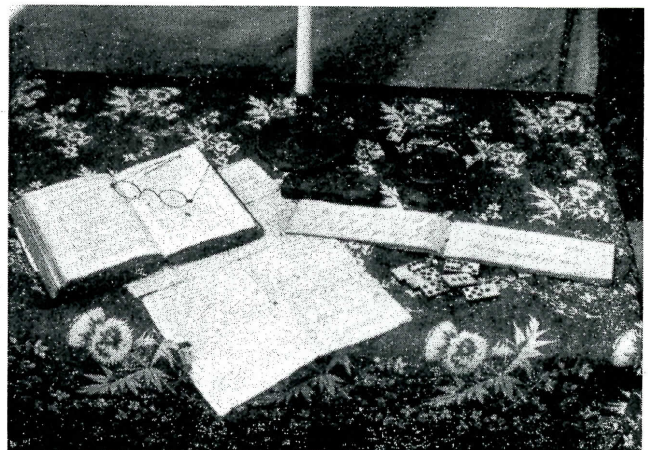
Gradually the business on Main Street extended. In 1852 the building now occupied by Diltz' Drug Store was built by George H. Wells and F. N. Wilcox for a general store. Later Nelson Ackley became a partner and Mr. Wilcox went back to New Albany. The house where Mrs. Harlan Miller now lives was probably built by Mr. Welles about 1855 and used for many things during its long history—the bakery of John Hamer, for instance.

HOW DUSHORE GOT ITS NAME

By 1859 the town was ready for incorporation and got a charter in that year. Various names had been used for the area. Mosier's Hollow, Jackson's Hollow, The Hollow and Cherry Corners were used for the Main Street part. Headleyville was the term for that above Headley's Mills and the pond. Sometimes the area on the hill, including Carpenter Street and Headleyville was called the Fairchild's Addition.

According to tradition there was a lively discussion about a name for the proposed borough. Mr. Charles F. Welles of Wyalusing proposed to Dr. Josiah Jackson that the matter could be safely settled by calling the place after the Frenchman who first came there. But some of the older Germans objected, saying they wanted something they could pronounce. So, instead of DuThouar, the name became Dushore. The number of votes in its first election was 36!

Old Joseph Priestley deed, cook book, spectacles, candlestick, quill pen and ink holder.





DUSHORE LIONS CLUB

The Officers and Members of the Dushore Lions Club join in congratulations and best wishes for a Prosperous Centennial.

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Joe Broschart

Andrew McDonald

Ted Czygier

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RAILROAD BRINGS PROSPERITY

Soon after the formation of the county in 1847, there began much discussion of the need for railroad connections with the outside world. After coal was discovered near Bernice, the dream became a reality in the formation of the State Line and Sullivan Railroad. It started at Monroeton, connecting there with the Barclay Railroad to Towanda. It was finished through Dushore in 1867, to Bernice in 1871.

The railroad also brought good telegraph service to the area, bringing good news or sorrow in a more rapid way than had been possible before.

Mr. Henry Hovey and Mr. John Lumley were probably the best known of the station agents.

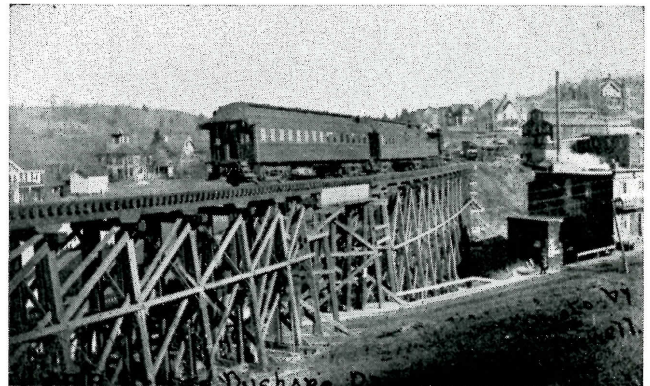
Coal, lumber, tan bark, cattle, sheep, poultry, leather, wool, butter, buckwheat, apples, potatoes, eggs, maple sugar and ice were carried out over the road. Later, silk cloth, milk and ice cream were added. Passengers, "drummers" and even "tramps" filled the coaches of the four trains daily. The hotels sent their "hacks" to the station to accommodate their patrons. It was sociable for people to stroll to the "depot" "to see the train come in." Others sat on their porches evenings to watch the people from the train.

FREIGHT

When freight trains came in, they brought all the supplies needed for a growing trading town. At first, cars left on the Dushore siding to be unloaded, held a



Obert House and Carroll House hacks at the railroad station—1909.



Passenger train on the trestling.

Early picture of part of East Main Street. The Cronin Home stood much as it is today on the outside, (S. Charnitski home). The creek had not been walled nor the wide bridge built. The store buildings shown in the picture preceded the present brick building owned by A. L. Tubach. The people shown are (left to right) Sol Mosier, Bill Cook, boy with dog, George Deegan, Cornelius Donahue, Myron Wilcox, Henry Heisz, Daniel W. Pealer, Bill Fairchild, Freeman Thrasher, Amos Reeser, James Cunningham and Cyrus Connors.



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large assortment of necessities for the blacksmiths, tanners, storekeepers, tanneries and lumber camps: plows, tools, barrels of salt fish and barrels of linseed oil, furniture, organs, carpets, drugs, cloth and millinery supplies, guns and ammunition. Later, after parcel post and mail-order books, the cars contained even greater variety. At the freight station the wagons of farmers and townspeople often lined up to pick up their freight.

The "tresseling" was long a landmark of the town. It was put up about as people now remember it, in 1884. It had 29 wooden spans with a total length of 333 feet. It was repaired in 1909 and the wooden trestle combined with a deck plate girder construction. Bridge timbers were renewed in 1911 and again in 1945. It was taken down in 1955 when the railroad which once connected with Wilkes-Barre was again discontinued on that end as far as Dushore.

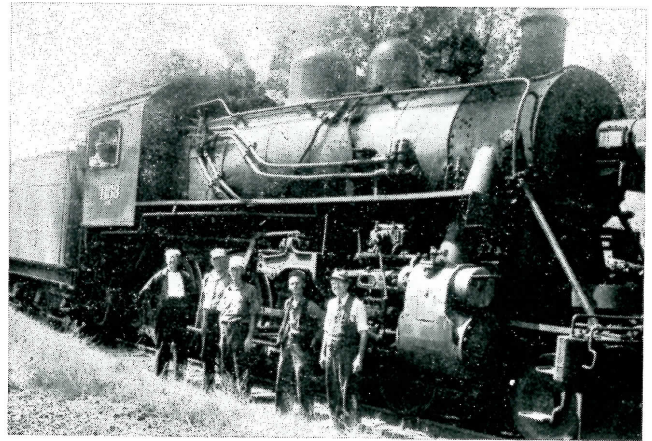
MORE RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

The railroad business had begun to decline when changes in the making of leather removed the tannery business from the area. Lumbering and mining also waned as years went by.

When the gasline automobile, and later the "jitney bus" and truck became common and roads improved, there was less and less use of the railroad. The last steam locomotive went through here and the Diesel took its place. The road is presently in use from Dushore to Towanda. During most of its history it was operated by the Lehigh Valley Company.

Today near the station they are unloading cars of asphalt and other road building materials, telephone poles for the R. E. A., lime, heavy machinery, fertilizer, grain and feed. There is little of the miscellaneous freight of fifty years ago. That is all now carried

by freight trucks, and passengers go by car or bus. The outgoing freight carried by the railroad now includes cars of pulpwood, lumber, powdered milk, condensed milk, and wool.

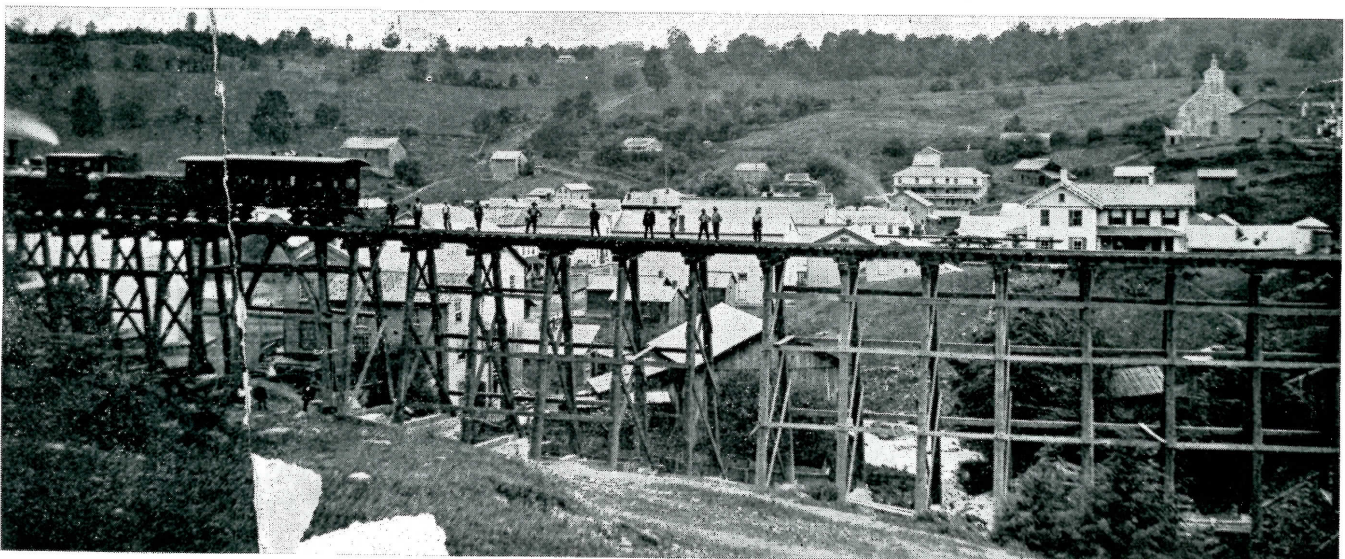


Last steam engine over the line—at the Dushore Station.



Dushore "Depot"—1911.

This picture is one of the earliest views of the railroad trestle.



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The Dushore Electric Company Plant.

LIGHT AND POWER

In 1906 The Dushore Electric Company was established with John Black as owner and manager. Soon the busiest street corners and many homes were wired for "lights." The plant stood on the hill near the trestle, just above the railroad switch that took coal and grains out to Obert's Mill and the silk mill. It was equipped with a 100 K. W. generator at first. Then 125 K. W. was added and later a 300 K. W. machine was acquired.

Many will remember the operators: Walter Streby, Victor Bahl, Ned Smith, Bob Pealer and Rino Waxman. At first there was only night service; then as irons, toasters, cleaners and electric curling irons came into demand the service was extended to full time.

A line was built from Dushore to Mildred in 1912 and on to Lopez in 1914. In 1920 the first Sullivan County Electric Company was formed. In 1923 the second was formed, furnishing power to many townships in Wyoming, Bradford and Susquehanna Counties. Later the whole area was connected with the Pennsylvania Electric Company and the power house in Dushore was torn down.

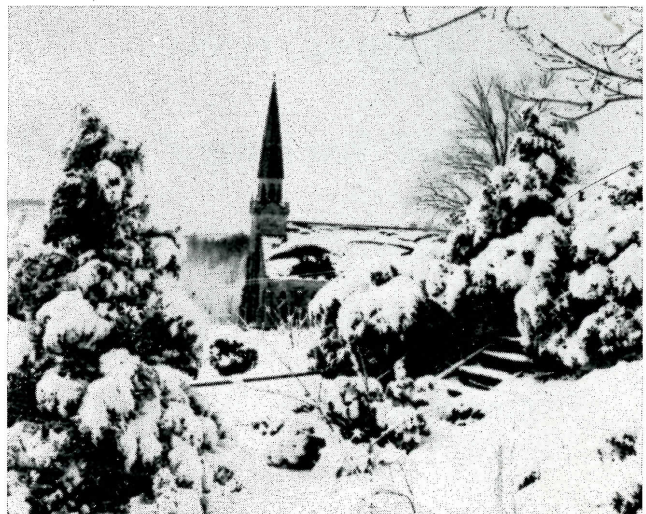
ST. BASIL'S

The history of the Roman Catholic church in Dushore dates from 1836. In that year at the suggestion of Freeman Fairchild, who knew the name of the Bishop of Philadelphia to which this section belonged, James Dunn wrote to the Bishop, Rt. Rev. Francis Patrick Kenrick, asking that a priest be sent to the settlement.

In those days mails were slow and uncertain. Nevertheless in the course of a month or so Mr. Dunn received word from Bishop Kenrick that he would be in Wilkes-Barre on a certain day and that he would be glad to accompany him to Dushore to learn the state of affairs and to administer to the spiritual needs of the Catholic families in the new settlement. Mr. Dunn, who had his own horse and buckboard drove to Wilkes-Barre to meet the bishop.

Darby Deegan had shortly before arrived here from Dublin so Bishop Kenrick, who was a Dublin man, decided to make his headquarters at the Deegan cabin. He remained three days. He advised the people to buy enough land for a cemetery. Then clear a place for a small chapel. When these things

St. Basil's in winter.



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were done, he would visit them again. A chapel, probably of logs, was built.

In 1837 he returned and made arrangements to have Fr. O'Reilly of Susquehanna to come once in three months to say Mass and to preach in English. Fr. Steinbacher of Nippenose Valley, Lycoming County was also to come once in three months and hold services in the German language. These priests had to travel over sixty miles to reach this church. These arrangements continued until 1846 when a priest was stationed at Towanda and conducted services at Dushore. A second church, a frame structure, was built in 1859.

The parish was established officially July 4, 1838, its first pastor being Father McNaughton who had been born in Scotland and educated in Germany. He remained in this parish five or six years. Then he returned to the old country and died there.

In April 1863, the year after his ordination, Father Kaier was ordered by Bishop Wood of Philadelphia to go to Dushore to be there for Easter Sunday. He did not know where Dushore was, nor could he find anyone who did. Finally, a postmaster gave him that information. He came by train to Muncy, and from there to Laporte by stage. The hotel keeper in Laporte brought him to Dushore next day. His first wedding in Dushore, April 5, 1863, was the marriage of Jerry Deegan and Ella Smith. Mr. Deegan was a Union soldier, home on a furlough.

When the present stone church was built, stone was hauled by ox team by members of the parish from a quarry four miles away. Lime was hauled from Montoursville, a distance of thirty-six miles. Two winters were spent hauling materials. The cornerstone was laid Oct. 28, 1863 by Right Rev. William O'Hara, D.D., first bishop of Scranton. Two sermons were preached that day. Bishop O'Hara spoke in English. Father Buethe of Honesdale spoke in German. The church had been nearly three years in building. The painting and frescoes of the church were finished in April, A.D. 1875 and pews put in during the fall of 1876.

The people lived in log cabins on small clearings, but there was never a Sunday when there were not from one hundred to two hundred teams of oxen and horses in Dushore bringing the people to Mass. Ox teams predominated about four to one. There was a cemetery here before there was one in Towanda and Catholics who died in Towanda were buried in Dushore for a number of years.

A school was built in Dushore in 1877—St. Basil's Academy. At first the Sisters of Christian Charity, a German order, taught here and remained about three years. Shortly afterward the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary came to teach in St. Basil's. At present there are two hundred forty-seven students enrolled in twelve grades.

Father Kaier remained in this parish until his

death, March 24, 1921, and was buried in front of the church he had worked so hard to build.

Father M. F. Sweeney succeeded Father Kaier. During the time that he was pastor the cornerstone for the present stone school building was laid (1924). The stone was hauled from the same quarry which furnished stone for the church many years before. The building was completed in 1925.

At the present time there are one thousand ninety people from two hundred eighty-four families who belong to St. Basil's parish. Two priests are stationed here at this time.

Pastors who followed Fr. Sweeney were:

Father John King	Father Aloysius Rafferty
Father Maurice Hughes	Rev. Dr. (now Mgr.) Griffin
Father Harold Kennedy	Father Leo Granahan
Father William Langdon	Father Joseph Barrett

Oldest living member of the parish is Miss Mary Cline of Albany Valley.

HISTORY OF ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

O where are kings and empires now
Of old that went and came?
But, Lord, Thy Church is praying yet,
A thousand years the same.

It is an established fact that the congregation of Zion Church is more than 100 years old. Services were held at least twelve years before 1851, but so little is known about these early years that the date of the laying of the cornerstone of Old Zion in 1851 is the first definite date that can be established.

Occasional Lutheran services were held in what is now Sullivan County early in the nineteenth century. About 1825 a number of Lutheran families came to this area from Berks, Luzerne and Columbia Counties and settled in the wilderness. A log church was built and called Frieden's (Peace), perhaps as early as 1826, for a while it was used by Lutherans, Reformed and Roman Catholics.

The earliest record of baptism is that of Caroline, daughter of Jacob and Catherine Hoffa in June 1827. Holy Communion was administered in April, 1830 to thirty-nine parishioners. Until 1839, ministers of Reformed and Lutheran churches served irregularly. They were probably traveling free-lance preachers. Pastors Miller, Schmeckenbecker and Benninger ministered at intervals in rude, log structures.

The first regular Lutheran pastor in this area was Rev. Ludwig Erle. He was born March 10, 1805 in Germany. He was sent by the Ministerium to develop congregations in what was then known as the Cherry Valley mission field.

From the beginning of Pastor Erle's pastorate, he had four preaching points about which he made regular reports at the annual meetings of synod. They were: Frieden's (Peace Church), Zion, Eberly's (St.

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John's Wilmot), and Belletemer (probably Bella Sylva). Eventually the first three were organized into regular congregations. Peace church was disbanded about 20 years ago. St. John's and Zion are flourishing congregations and have always been united under one pastor and known as the Dushore parish. During Pastor Keener's pastorate (1941-1952) Trinity Church, Mildred, Pa. was included, making it again a three congregation parish.

The preaching point which became Zion congregation was established by Pastor Erle in his own home about two miles east of Dushore. What year the congregation was organized cannot be determined from records. The cornerstone of the first church building was laid in 1851 on land which George Thrasher had consecrated for a burial ground in 1829. In that year he had buried his son, Joseph in a field on his farm. In the year that followed other members of the Thrasher family were buried there, also members of neighboring families. Because of this Zion Cemetery is still called "Thrasher Cemetery" by many people.

In 1851 Ransom Thrasher, grandson of George, owned the farm on which Thrasher Cemetery was located. When a site was needed to build a church he gave the cemetery for that purpose. Lumber for the building was secured from the sawmill of Benjamin Thrasher (Uncle of Ransom) and Levy B. Hunsinger. Levy was a carpenter and built the church. Due to the few members and limited means it was not completed until 1853. Finally on September 1st of that year the first Zion Church building was dedicated by Pastor Erle, assisted by Rev. Isaiah Bahl of Berwick and Rev. Simon Boyer of Turbotville.

This building was the home of Zion congregation for 39 years, until the present church in town was built. For some years after that it was used for Sunday School purposes. Then it was abandoned. Some years ago funds were raised and it was renovated and restored to its original beauty. Several times each summer it was used for services and occasionally for funerals. As the congregation grew and more members came to live in Dushore, many of them began to wish for a church in town. In 1890 by resolution, the congregation determined to build in the borough, convinced that it would be for the best interest of Zion. Two lots were purchased for \$500.00 on Carpenter Street, at the eastern end of Dushore. A building committee composed of Rev. S. Wenrich, Samuel Cole, C. W. Hoffa, J. H. Yonkin and L. M. Barth began the work.

The foundation walls were laid in September 1890. On October 26th the cornerstone was laid. A Bible and copy of the Constitution and by-laws and the deed were sealed within the stone. Rev. Wenrich was last pastor of Old Church and first in the New Church. He continued to hold services in Old Zion while the new church was in course of erection. On September 4, 1892 the people assembled in the new home of the congregation to join in the dedication services. The pastor was assisted by the Rev. H. B. Strodach,

a former pastor and the Rev. S. E. Ochsenford, D.D., president of the Danville Conference to which the parish then belonged.

The plans and specifications were drawn by L. M. Barth of the firm of Barth and Kester and the work done by contract under the careful supervision of H. G. Huffmaster.

In the meantime, while all this work was going on, the congregation was incorporated on December 22, 1890 in the Courts of Sullivan County.

In 1896 during Rev. J. W. Klinger's pastorate, a 1553-pound bell was placed in the steeple. During pastorate of Rev. Calvin Fassold the Luther League presented an Italian marble baptismal font. In 1906-07 a parsonage was built beside the church.

During the long pastorate of Rev. William Fehr an Esty pipe organ was installed and a beautiful new altar was consecrated.

About 1925 the Dushore parish transferred from Danville Conference to the Wilkes-Barre Conference by action of the Ministerium. Last year the congregations or parishes were reassigned into districts. The Dushore Parish now belongs to the Scranton-Wilkes-Barre District.

During the pastorate of the Rev. Harold Deisher, the Dorcas Society sponsored the renovation of the basement of the church. Social rooms and a well equipped kitchen were provided.

The 100th Anniversary Service of Zion Congregation was observed June 10, 1951. Pastor John Keener was serving Zion at that time.

In recent years many gifts or memorials by individual members and catechetical classes were presented. One of the most recent, the "Carillon Bells" by Mrs. Elizabeth (Hileman) Meyers. Within the last year the Altar Guild purchased a Pall, the beautiful covering to drape the coffin at funerals.

During the present pastor's guidance a Junior Choir was organized with Mrs. John H. Hileman as director.

"Remember the days of old; Ask thy elders and they will tell thee." Deut. 32:7.

Pastors of Zion

Rev. Carl L. Erle	1839-1872
Rev. Henry B. Strodach	1874-1876
Rev. Lewis Smith	1877-1880
Rev. Reuben S. Wagner	1881-1884
Rev. Samuel Wenrich	1884-1893
Rev. John W. Early (Supply pastor)	1893-1894
Rev. John W. Klinger	1894-1903
Rev. William H. Kline	1904-1906
Rev. Calvin Fassold	1906-1907
Rev. Andreas Bachofer	1907-1912
Rev. William H. Fehr	1913-1935
Rev. Harold Deisher	1936-1941
Rev. John D. Keener	1941-1952
Rev. Charles A. Souders	1953-1955
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Two pastors of the parish rest from their labors in graves near the old church. Rev. Charles L. Schmeckenbecker, died May 1, 1834 and the Rev. Reuben S. Wagner died May 19, 1884 while in pastorate. (Mr. Raymond Wagner and Bertha Wagner Orlieb of this place are his descendants).

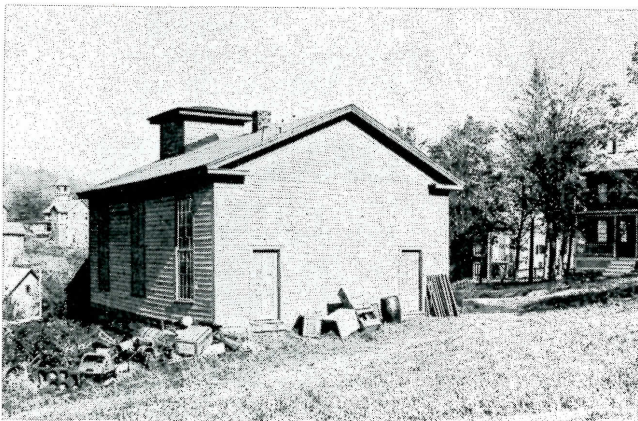
A son of Zion entered the ministry, the late Rev. Walter J. Hunsinger, a grandchild of the first "baumeister" of old Zion Church.

The first Church Council: John Hieber, Levi Hunsinger, Jacob Kraus, Jacob Meyer, Isaac Schafer, Reuben Thrasher, John Saam, Jr., Bernard Weaver, Jacob Ycnkin.

The present Church Council: Kemerly Conner, Richard Hileman, Charles Kschinka, Leslie Miller, Sr., Lewis Neuber, Albert Setzer, James Schoch, Sr., Miles Miller, Jr.

A few of the organists who have served Zion were Anna Wenrich (daughter of Rev. Wenrich), Mary Hoffa, Emma Cole, and at present Marion D. Young (great granddaughter of Levi B. Hunsinger).

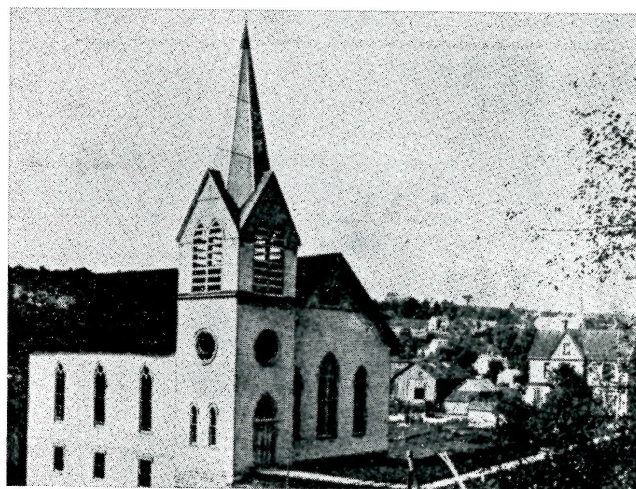
*"Zion stands with hills surrounded
"Zion kept by power divine!"*



Old Community Church on Church Street, torn down in 1958. There used to be a steeple on the church but it was blown off in one of the "big winds." See views of east end of town for this building. It was used in later years by Mr. Cole for a warehouse.

HISTORY OF THE REFORMED CHURCH OF DUSHORE

The Germans who came to Sullivan County built a log church in Cherry Township in the year 1825. The Reverend John Miller was their first minister and preached in the German language. Some of the men interested in building this log church were Henry Yonkin, William Graiffly, and Dennis Thrall. It was a community church, and different denominations worshipped there. (Rev. Carl Erle, a Lutheran minister held services in this church about the year 1843). Some years later, a frame church was erected on the same grounds and was called the German Church. It



Old Reformed Church before the fire of Jan. 1935.

When the First Reformed Church was being built they had many troubles. After the lot was purchased, foundations made, and lumber delivered, they were almost "sold out" by the sheriff, \$75.00 donated in the nick of time saved the project.

During the delay grass grew up within the foundation walls and there being a good spring inside, a calf was pastured there for one summer.

Many older people of all denominations remember the ice-cream socials and strawberry festivals on the lawn there. Mrs. Edward Yonkin, Mrs. Addison Yonkin, Mrs. Lewis Zaner, Mrs. Julius Long, Miss Manda Zaner and Miss Susan Williams usually produced the homemade ice-cream and cakes.

was also a community church. Later, some of the Germans from this church and from the Thrasher Church (situated some distance from Dushore) becoming dissatisfied with the old churches and their locations, effected a new organization under the pastorate of Phaen H. Kohler in the year 1880. This new merger was called the "Redeemer's Reformed Church" of Dushore, Pa. This group worshipped in various buildings including the old building on Church Street—just torn down in 1958, for a number of years until plans were laid for a new church edifice in the year 1885. A lot was purchased on German Street, and under the pastorate of the Reverend C. H. Mutchler, a new church and parsonage were built—began in 1885 but not completed until 1897. This new church was called "The Reformed Church of the Redeemer." The laying of the cornerstone was held Aug. 18, 1895 with the Rev. E. S. Noll in charge, and the sermon was given by Rev. George S. Sorber of Watsonstown, Pa. The Dedication Service was held Feb. 7, 1897, with the Rev. Noll in charge, and Rev. D. M. Ebbert of Milton, Pa. and Rev. George S. Sorber above mentioned, as the speaker.

The great storm which visited the Eastern States on Sept. 30, 1896, nearly demolished the building. The last coat of plastering was being put on when the storm struck the building, moving it eighteen inches off the foundation and wrecking it badly. The church was moved back on its foundation, damage repaired,

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and the work progressed again. The following is a description of the church in 1897: "This church building is located on German Street. The dimensions are 40'x70'. The tower is 14'x14' and holds a bell weighing 2300 lbs. The recess for the pulpit is arched and with the side walls is plastered and finished with a coat of terra cotta. The ceiling is finished with southern pine, its panels ornamented with heavy mouldings of natural wood. The pulpit, seats and chandeliers were furnished by the Ladies Sewing Circle; The Cherry Mills Sunday School gave the organ; Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Lilley presented the Bible in memory of their son, Leonard; Mrs. H. W. Super presented the scarf for the Communion table. Memorial windows were presented by Henry Stahl, Rev. P. S. Kohler, C. P. Kehl, E. S. Noll, H. S. Huffmaster, A. H. Zaner, D. E. Diffenbach, Charles Yonkin, John Weisbrod, Hiram Long, Charles Bahr, Benjamin Thrasher, the Ladies Sewing Circle, D. E. Mingos and the Graiffly brothers. The interior view is very fine and shows artistic skill."

The parsonage was built under the pastorate of Rev. Teste, with Lewis B. Zaner, C. S. Bender, Addison Yonkin, J. J. Long, Lloyd Streeby and Joseph Dieffenbach as his church council.

On Jan. 27, 1935, "fire, fanned by a frigid wind, destroyed the Reformed Church of the Redeemer and the home of Jairus H. Thayer and threatened the residential section of the town before the flames were finally brought under control. The parsonage, occupied by the Reverend Clement B. Meyers and family was afire at time, and the homes of Lloyd McCarty and Jarius Thayer were in imminent danger." The loss of property was estimated at \$20,000.00.

In a few days, plans had been completed for the building of a new church. A few months later the cornerstone laying service was held on March 31, 1935. The new building was dedicated on June 30, 1935 with an impressive service. "The size of the building is 28'x58'. The design is Gothic with a main auditorium seating approximately 200 people. The basement consists of a recreational room, kitchen, electric stoves, lavatories, showers and furnace room, men and women's dressing rooms and a cloak room."

The pews were purchased from a remodeled Lutheran church in Williamsport. The pulpit furniture is of walnut colonial design and was presented by Lenora Kunes and Louise Miller. The offering plates were given by Mr. and Mrs. Addison Yonkin. The hymn board was donated by Mrs. Minnie Zaner. The used organ was donated by the Bernice Presbyterian Church, and the Bible was presented by Mr. Fred Rogers of Forksville.

Some time ago the church title was changed to The Church of the Redeemer, United Church of Christ. It was completely renovated in 1953, made altar-centered, and new pews installed. In 1954 an oil-burning furnace was installed and other changes made.

Pastors of the Reformed Church of the Redeemer were as follows:

The Reverend John Miller	1825-1839
The Reverend Schmeckenbecker	1839-1845
The Reverend Jacob Yonkin	1845-1880
The Reverend Phaen H. Kohler	1880-1885
The Reverend C. H. Mutchler	1885-1888
The Reverend George H. Miller	1888-1893
The Reverend C. P. Kehl	1893-1895
The Reverend Elias S. Noll	1895-1901
The Reverend P. H. Hoover	1901-1909
The Reverend Malcomb P. LaRose	1909-1911
The Reverend T. C. Josat	1911-1914
The Reverend Gustave Teske	1914-1917
The Reverend Walter J. Yingst	1917-1920
The Reverend A. F. Dreisbach	1920-1924
The Reverend William F. Schacht	1924-1925
The Reverend E. C. Mussleman	1926-1927
The Reverend W. B. Duttera	1928-1929
The Reverend E. C. Mussleman	1929-1930
The Reverend Clement B. Meyers	1930-1951
The Reverend Elden E. Ehrhart	1951-1959

The oldest member is Mr. Samuel Shaffer who is 94 years old.

The oldest member in the borough is Mrs. Mary (Barth) Long, widow of Julius Long.

UNITED EVANGELICAL CHURCH

The Evangelical Church serving the Dushore area was officially organized in 1847. This was known as the Cherry Circuit. It is likely that Evangelical Ministers had visited and held meetings in this community prior to 1847. As no Church building was available one hundred and twelve years ago, the services were held in private homes and school houses.

The school house on Bahr Hill was used as the first meeting place. It was of plank construction, 22x26 feet with chimney at one end. It was rent free to any denomination wishing to use it for religious purposes.

On March 20th, 1849 a plot of land was secured on which the first Evangelical Church (known as the Cherry Church) was erected. For the consideration of five (\$5.00) dollars, John and Magdalena Bahr, conveyed to John G. Bartch, John Reeser and William Reeser (Trustees) this plot of land located on the Susquehanna and Tioga Turnpike in Cherry Township.

The Church built on this lot was of very rugged construction, about 30x40 feet in size. The frame was made from hand hewn timbers about eight inches square and secured with mortises and wooden dowels. The sheathing was 2 inch thick plank, over which were placed weatherboards. The interior was finished with lath and plaster, and the building was heated with a wood stove.

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In the recorded minutes of a Steward's meeting in Cherry Church, February 26, 1872, we find the following item: "Resolved, that the Steward's hire Lewis Bahr for the term of six months to build fires, keep the church clean and light the lamps, for the sum of one (\$1.00) dollar per month."

In the year 1872 a decision was made to build a new Church in the Borough of Dushore, and two lots were purchased in the newly surveyed Fairchild's Addition on Headley Avenue. The Agreement was to erect and have finished by November 1, 1872, a frame or wooden Church building on lots numbered 51 and 52 in the Headley Addition. Specifications (in part): main building 40x60 feet outside measurement; height from floor to ceiling 18 feet inside; a vestibule to be built in front of the main building 9x12 feet with a section above with spire; the spire to be 24 feet above the belfry and to be built according to the plan and draft of said Church.

In the year 1880 the Church was incorporated,

under the name of "St. Paul's Church" of the Evangelical Association of North America, Dushore, Pennsylvania. This was approved April 5, 1880 by Thomas J. Ingham, President Judge. This document was signed by the following members: Lyman Baker, Amos Cox, William D. Bahr, J. B. Cox, Daniel Bahr, William Gravely, H. G. Huffmaster and C. Kinsley, Jr.

Because of differences which arose in the denominations, a division occurred and the group was separated from the parent Church, organized in 1894 under the name of "The United Evangelical Church." The Church properties therefore had to be purchased from the parent denomination. This was accomplished through Amos Cox, who "bid-in" the properties for two thousand (\$2,000.00) dollars and transferred them by deed to A. D. Hoag, R. H. Hoag, John Vaughn and Frank Kast, Trustees of the United Evangelical Church of Dushore, Penna.

In 1905 a new bell was purchased and installed in a belfry at a cost of \$122.55. In 1908 the Church was repaired and painted and three shade trees were planted in front by Frank G. Kast.

In 1914 new oak seats were installed. In 1920 a new furnace was installed and new chimney built on outside of the Church.

About 1925 a hardwood floor was placed in the Church auditorium. In June 1926 Mrs. John Scherr gave a beautiful quartered oak pulpit as a memorial

The Evangelical Church when first built. Note the absence of the big maple trees which stand in front now.



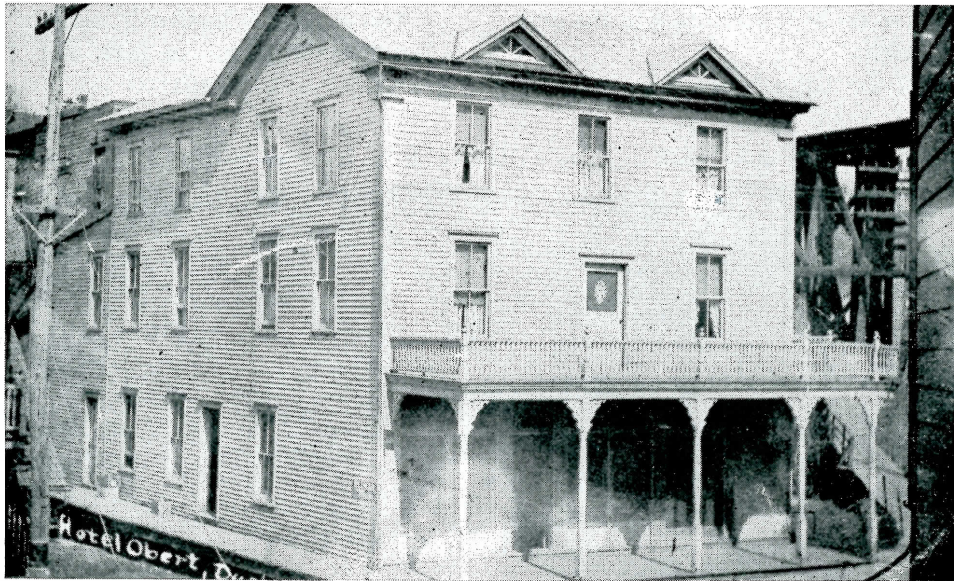
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for her son who died in an Army Camp. In December 1928, a new organ was installed. In 1934 the interior of the Church was redecorated and dedicated.

In 1946 and '47 the interior of the Church was remodeled and redecorated. Two rooms were made in the back of the Church which are used for Sunday School purposes. The present Church auditorium is finished in light green, white and bone white. A red velvet dorsal hangs back of the new altar. A new altar rail was installed. This all adds to the beauty of the Church. In 1957 Mr. and Mrs. Harland McCarty presented an electric organ to the Church.

In the near future the Church is planning one more needed improvement:—To put a basement under the Church for the use of the Sunday School and Social Life of the Church.

The oldest living member of the Church is William H. Kast who is 89 years of age.

PASTORS SERVING THE CHURCH—1847-1959:

Cherry Circuit

Rev. Joseph Dick	1847-'48
Rev. A. Valterschamp	1849
Rev. A. Valterschamp, Rev. J. Young	1850
Rev. C. F. Deininger, Rev. Isaac Lees	1851
Rev. M. Zulauf, Rev. S. W. Seybert	1852-'53
Rev. W. H. Berry, Rev. A. J. Bender, Rev. Jacob Young	1854-'55-'56
Rev. S. Aurand	1857-'58
Rev. Samuel Smith	1859
Rev. Z. Hornberger	1860
Rev. A. Rearick	1861-'62
Rev. A. H. Irvine, Rev. J. G. Swengel	1863-'64
Rev. S. E. Davis, Rev. F. Metfessel	1865
Rev. I. M. Pines	1866-'67
Rev. S. I. Shortess	1868-'69
Rev. T. M. Morris	1870-'71-'72
Rev. H. H. Ream	1873
Rev. A. W. Bower	1874
Rev. G. E. Zehner	1875-'76
Rev. S. P. Remer	1877-'78
Rev. W. N. Wallis	1879
Rev. B. F. Keller	1880
Rev. C. L. Burson	1881-'82-'83
Rev. W. H. Hartman	1884-'85-'86
Rev. C. L. Sones	1887-'88-'89
Rev. J. D. Shortess	1890-'91
Rev. H. Minsker	1892-'93-'94
Rev. D. A. Hartman	1895
Rev. D. L. Kepner	1896-'97-'98
Rev. W. H. Stover	1899-1900
Rev. W. J. Campbell	1901-'02-'03-'04
Rev. J. F. Hower	1905-'06-'07
Rev. H. R. Wilkes	1908-'09-'10-'11
Rev. R. S. Starr	1912-'13-'14
Rev. W. K. Shultz	1915
Rev. J. C. Shearer	1916
Rev. C. E. Jewell	1917-'18-'19
Rev. A. W. Campbell	1920-'21-'22-'23
Rev. D. W. Stock	1924-'25-'26

Rev. H. M. Texter, Rev. H. Davis	1927
Rev. C. H. Banks	1928
Rev. D. C. Carus, Rev. H. W. Heisley	1929
Rev. H. W. Heisley	1930-'31
Rev. G. R. Mergenthaler	1932-'33
Rev. C. F. Gunther	1934-'39
Rev. I. C. Bailey, Jr.	1940-'42
Rev. W. F. Woods	1943-'44
Rev. Glenn E. Aderhold	1945-'46
Rev. L. A. Fuhrman	1947 to 1955
Rev. R. W. Schloyer	1956-

WHO WAS WHO 100 YEARS AGO

Who was here in those years when the borough of Dushore was young and the Civil War was raging? The following list gives the names of those assessed for taxes in the borough in 1861. Although many names are unfamiliar now, there are people living in Dushore in 1959 who are their descendants.

The list is made from the tax duplicate of 1861. In some places the old list is faded and words are obscured. The spelling is just as it appears on the list.

- Akly, W.
- Armstrong, Rev.
- Bendorf, Fredk
- Benjamin, W. F.—practiced medicine here from 1860 to 1869.
- Boyd, John—a mason and plasterer.
- Cronin, Cornelius—merchant who came in 1857.
- Cline, G. D.
- Cronin, James
- Colsa, John
- Deegan, James—raised a company in the Civil War and became its captain. He built the Dushore House.
- Dipling, Joseph—A wheelright, wagonmaker and later an undertaker.
- Dubach, Rosalea
- Ellis, Amos
- Evans, William — A shoemaker, Leo Cunningham's grandfather.
- Farrell, John H.—Great grandfather of Don Fries.
- Fairchilds, Daniel H.—One of the first born in Headleyville—a son of Freeman.
- Gansell, Obediah
- Gansell, Mary
- Haring, Solomon
- Hoffmaster, Christian—weaver and farmer.
- Headley, S. F.—Richest man in town. Owner of mills and store. Assessed at \$2125.
- Hall, D. C.
- Heisy, M. B.
- Heisy, Henry
- Hoffa, Aaron—tanner.

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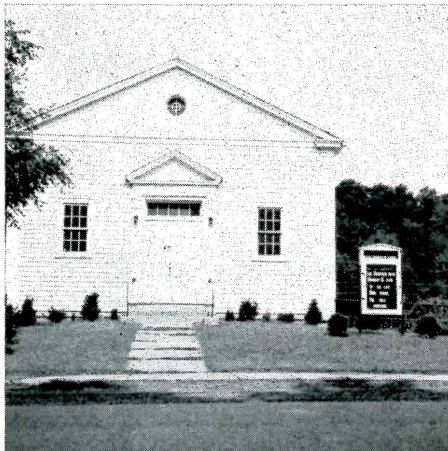
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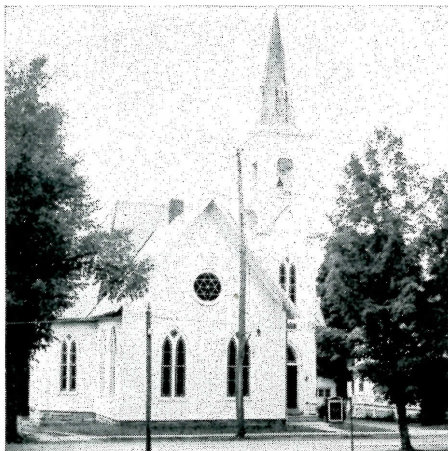
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Jackson, George—Representative of four counties in Harrisburg when Dushore was incorporated. He helped get the railroad built through town. Later a state senator.

Jackson, Dr. Josiah—With Dr. Jackson, his father, and his brother, Samuel, he fought in war of 1812.

Jackson—

Jackson, Samuel—One of the proprietors of the store.

Kisner, Charles

Koons, J. S.

Kentner, William

Lemon, Michael

Mosier, Peter—Earliest settler, blacksmith and farmer.

Murphey, Morris

McHenry, William

McMahon, R.—Early settler. Laborer.

McMahon, Eliza

Metcalf, Henry—Organized a company to fight for the Union.

Musselman, Reuben—Father of Otto, the painter.

Mosier, John (Dec.)

Mosier, Daniel

Mosier, John (Heirs)

Ortlieb, Benedict—Cabinet maker.

Pealer, Thomas—Boot and shoemaker.

Reeser, Amos—Hotelkeeper. Managed all the hotels in town at one time or another, except the Carroll House.

Richart, E. D.—Had a tailor shop.

Snyder, Adam L.

Sugrew, Michael

Saxer, Geo. L.

Strevy, Jacob—Innkeeper.

Sadler, Wm.

Strevie, Eliza

Sylvarry, B. M.—Proprietor of the Dushore House 1861-64. Then of a store, a mill and a farm, also helped organize the bank.

Smally, W. R.

Smith, J. S.

Tubach, Phillip—Carpenter.

Throne, S. W.

Utz, John M.—Blacksmith. Began buying horses and cattle during Civil War. Continued in stock business.

Voland, Comar

Wells, George H.—Merchant.

Walsh, Jas.

Wells & Ackley—Merchants.

Wilcox, Wells—Later a miller and storekeeper at New Albany.

White, Phil

Yonkin, John—Farmer and seller of agricultural implements.

Yonkin, Joseph—Farmer.

KLINGE'S BLOCK

The three story building in Main Street occupied by Klinge's Store and the Western Auto Store was known as the Garey Block until Oct. 5, 1899 when it was bought by B. Klinge.

When the building was owned by Mr. Garey, the third floor was used mostly by medicine shows, glass blowers' acts, and Indian shows. These show people came for one-week stands and were given living quarters on the second floor where Gareys also lived.

After it was purchased by Mr. Klinge it was known as the Opera House Block. Weekly shows were continued on the third floor. Mr. Henry Meyer, uncle of Julius Meyer, introduced weekly movies there, (no sound). He turned the film on his projector by hand, and showed a reel or two, plus feature slides and song slides. He usually stayed in Dushore about three days—moving his show elsewhere for the remainder of each week.

Mr. Klinge remodeled the living quarters on second floor for a dental office in front on one side and a law office on the other. A large dining room and kitchen were back of the dentist's office and the Knights and Ladies of the Macabees' lodge rooms were back of the law offices.

The L. O. T. M. sponsored the annual Pre-Lenten Ball and the K. O. T. M., the Easter Ball—the Ladies' Lodge serving food for both affairs. There never were social affairs during Lent in those days. Many other groups held dances in Klinge's Hall but these two were high spots in the social life each year. Oppenheim's Orchestra of Wilkes-Barre played for the L. O. T. M. and Luft's, also of Wilkes-Barre, played for the Knights' affairs.

Clancy's and Walker's Orchestras from Towanda; Alexander's from Bloomsburg; and Guy Halls and Harry MacDonalds of Wilkes-Barre played for other dances in the Hall.

These were very pleasant and sociable affairs. People came from Towanda, Sayre, Wilkes-Barre and nearer places on the train, and stayed at hotels or with friends all night.

Those who can remember these affairs say they were unmatched by anything since.

Regular sessions of dancing school used to be held in Klinge's Hall with Jennie Roach as the first teacher followed by John Cummings and a Miss Fleisher.

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annually usually between Christmas and New Year's, the teachers arriving on Monday morning and boarding at private homes or the hotels during the week. Regular instructions were held each day under the direction of the county superintendent of schools. During the first four evenings there were concerts or other entertainments followed by a dance on Friday night. Institutes were generally attended by almost everyone in town and their effect is hard to visualize now except to those who remember them.

Dances and other events were discontinued in Kline's Hall after St. Basil's Auditorium was opened in 1926.

Kline's Store is the oldest business continued by the same family in town. The first store Mr. Kline opened in Dushore was in the Saxe Building. (Later occupied by Holcombe's and now by the Green Light Restaurant). Later Mr. Kline moved to the Scouten block where the Edna-Ann Shop is at present. The present location was previously occupied by Pomeroy's Drug Store.

Kline's Store is now operated by Mrs. Edward Trautwein, who continues to supply the area with the modern form of the same lines her father sold—fabrics of all kinds, ready-made clothing and "notions."

THE CREAMERY

Looking back over the years in Dushore, there is probably no industry that has improved conditions as much as has the dairy business. Not only because the milk plant has furnished market for milk and has grown and employs about 100 people (June 1959) but also because it makes Dushore the center for doing business for a large number of dairy farmers who need services and buy equipment and supplies.

When farmers first raised more cows than were needed to provide milk for their families, they made butter at home in hand churns from cream skimmed from pans of milk. Most of the butter was sold at stores in Dushore and the farmers received groceries in exchange. The merchants shipped the butter to city markets. Separators to take the cream from the milk were later invented and were very helpful in making butter.

About 1900 a small co-operative creamery was established in Dushore in a wooden building situated where part of the present dairy plant is located. It was not too successful and the building was vacant when it was purchased by James S. Harrington. His son, Maurice, completed a creamery course at State College and took charge of purchasing equipment and setting it up to make butter. The equipment con-

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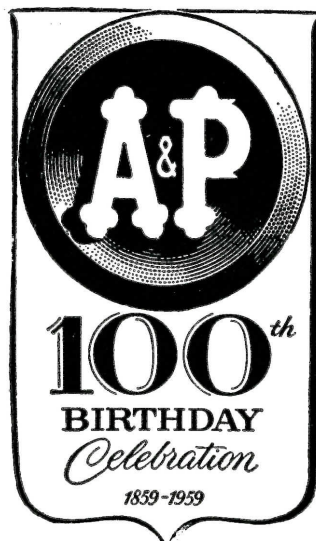
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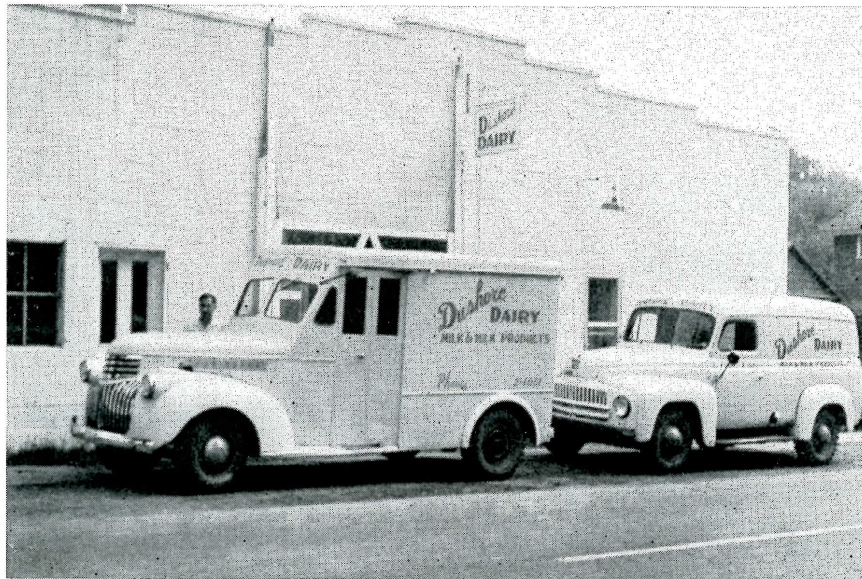
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sisted of a ten horse boiler and engine, a churn, a cream vat and seven cream cans. The cream was collected from farms in two wagons each with a team of horses.

In 1910 James Harrington retired from the business and Maurice Harrington operated it. The original butter plant was soon expanded and ice cream manufacture was started. A few farmers delivered whole milk to the plant. This led to great changes. Facilities were added to receive more whole milk. Sale of milk being more profitable to the farmers than selling cream, it soon expanded and led to a great increase in the amount of milk produced on farms around Dushore.

In 1917 a large addition to the original plant was built with the first condensed milk pan, and facilities for making ice cream mixtures and heavy cream for shipment to other ice cream plants.

The business was incorporated in 1919 as "Harrington and Company." Maurice Harrington was president. Each year more milk was produced and new outlets had to be found for the products. A plant was opened in Newark to distribute ice cream mixtures and later to distribute retail milk which was bottled at Dushore. A retail and wholesale business was purchased in Wilkes-Barre known as "Glendale Farms" where milk and ice cream were sold. This business expanded to include a plant in Scranton. Ice cream distribution plants were also established in Towanda, Sayre, Wellsboro and Williamsport.

Many changes were made in the plant in Dushore to keep pace with the expanding business. Receiving plants were first established at Muncy Valley and Estella but were abandoned as road conditions improved. Later plants were opened in Benton, Rushville and LeRaysville.

In 1946, the business was sold to Philadelphia Dairy Products Co., Inc., who consolidated some of the operations. In 1950 the manufacture of powdered milk was started at Dushore, with the installation of new condensed milk pans and milk powder equipment.

The stock of the Philadelphia Dairy Products was purchased by Foremost Dairies, Inc. in 1956. The Foremost Company which operates plants in many parts of the United States as well as in foreign countries, has a very extensive market for condensed and powdered milk. They have expanded these facilities in the Dushore plant. Milk is brought here from LeRaysville and Benton and at some seasons of the year when there is a surplus, it is brought from Boiling Springs and York Springs in Cumberland County. The milk from these places is normally sent to Philadelphia. In May 1959 about 12,000,000 pounds were processed at Dushore. It varied from 300,000 pounds to 450,000 pounds each day.

The farms surrounding Dushore have greatly improved their stock and their facilities over the years. They are regularly inspected and meet the require-

ments of boards of health wherever the products are sold. All have up-to-date milking machines and equipment for cooling milk.

During the past two years many farmers have purchased refrigerated bulk tanks where milk is stored on farms until collected in large stainless steel tank trucks and delivered to Dushore.

PIONEER PHYSICIANS, DOCTORS FIFTY YEARS AGO AND NOW

Doctor Josiah Jackson, born in 1791 at Catawissa, Pennsylvania, was the first practicing physician in this area. An older brother, Samuel, had moved to what is now Sullivan County in 1819 and engaged in store and hotel business at Dushore.

Dr. Josiah Jackson followed, and records of 1840 mention his efforts to promote the formation of the new county, as well as his activities as a practicing physician. The work of a doctor, was no small endeavor when one considers the area served, the primitive condition of the roads and the lack of facilities.

Dr. John M. Heacock came about 1847, married and had a large family. There are several descendants in this area, although none have the name of Heacock.

Dr. Backer (Baker), one of the Colony of Germans who settled at Bella Sylva about 1850 opened an office in Dushore. He and his family, wife and six daughters, had come from Hildesheim, Germany. Pioneering may have palled on them, for within a few years they moved to Wilkes-Barre where the doctor continued his practice.

Dr. William F. Benjamin came in 1860. He was active in general practice, in examination of Civil War recruits, and as Pension examiner afterward. His son, Sanford E., followed him in medicine and practiced until his death in 1883.

A grandson, John D. Benjamin practiced dentistry in Dushore. Another grandson, Dr. Meyer Kline and his son, Dr. Ben Kline are practicing in Dalton and Scranton.

An assessor's list of 1877, now in the Museum at Laporte contains the name of Doctor Everett. He moved on to another field but returned and spent his later years in Dushore.

Another name on the list was M. E. Herrmann, M.D. Born and educated in Germany, he came to America in 1866, landed in Philadelphia and entered private practice there. However, he was urged to enlist as a Contract Surgeon and serve in hospitals in and about the city under contract to care for army and navy personnel, which he did for three years.

One day Father X. A. Kaier walked into the hospital and asked if one of the young doctors would like to go to a booming new community in the beautiful mountains of Pennsylvania. Father Kaier was per-

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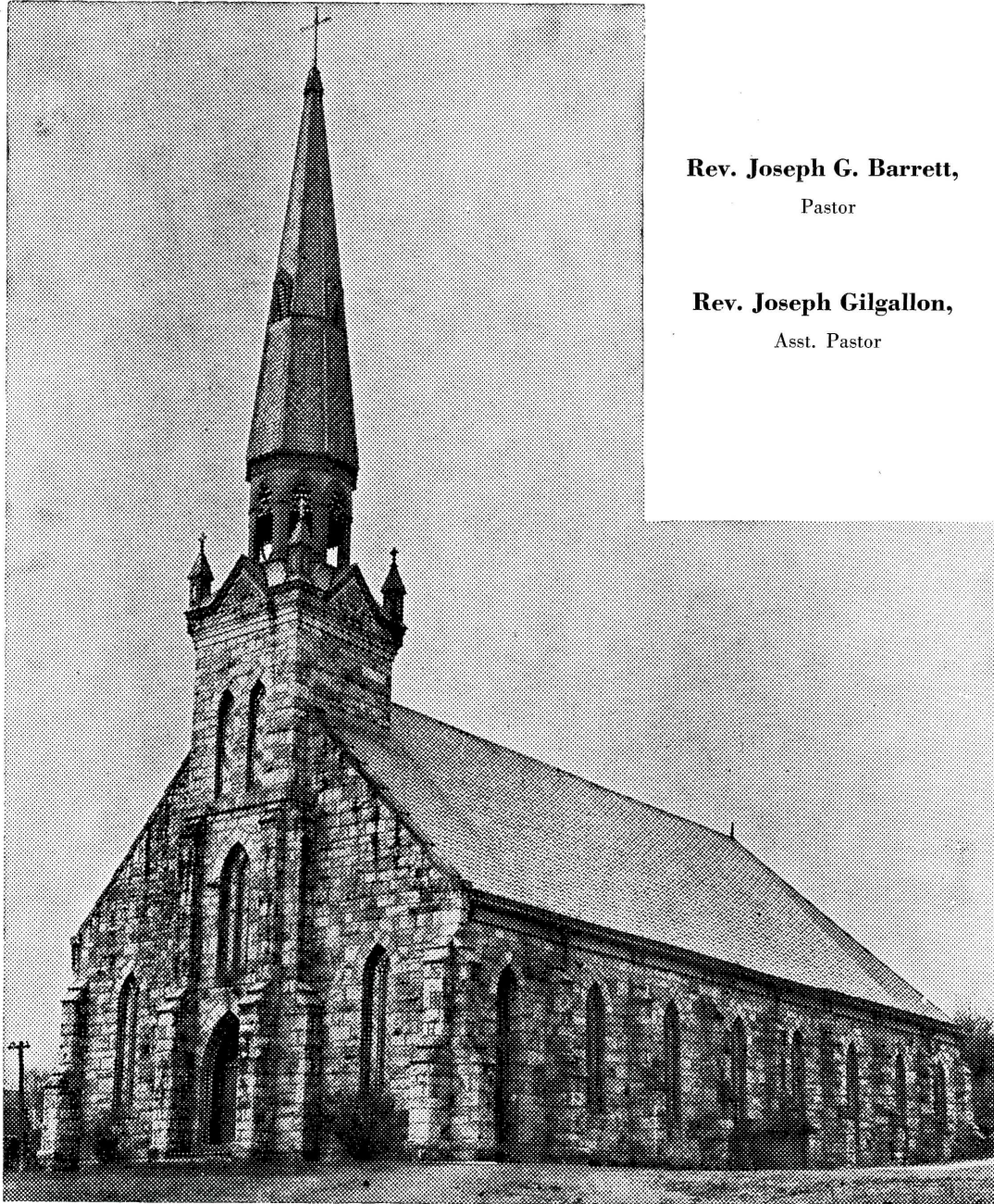
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suasive and as a result the new doctor arrived August 13, 1870.

Dr. Herrmann was awakened early next morning to meet "Dolly" the first of several horses so named which he had through the years. There were many tales of the prowess of the first Dolly.

Dr. Herrmann was a real country doctor, serving an unbelievably large area, going even as far as Barclay with his horse and buggy. He met any emergency and performed operations which would seem impossible now under the same conditions. His reputation in the great "flu" epidemic of 1918 was so widespread that he was called from the Packer Hospital in Sayre to find what treatment he was using.

In addition to his record as a physician, Dr. Herrmann was an outstanding example of civic-mindedness.

Dushore Business Directory of 1908 lists the following physicians: M. E. Herrmann, W. F. Randall, P. G. Biddle, Rush J. McHenry and E. M. Daily, whom we still have with us. Dr. Theodore Wright had moved away temporarily.

Dr. William F. Randall was the son of a pioneer physician who settled in Forksville in 1859. Dr. Randall came to Dushore in the nineties and served the community until his tragic death.

Doctors P. G. Biddle and McHenry were native sons who served the community long and faithfully.

Today we have Doctor T. J. Saul who is taking care of the medical needs, locally, of the entire area. The community is grateful for his conscientious service, which even with improved conditions is a tremendous task for one man.

Excerpt From a Letter to Joseph Frawley From Joseph Ingham

"Among the people who made the settlement that stuck and resulted in the Community that is now Dushore, were the Irish Immigrants who came there direct from Ireland and settled first on the Irish Ridge, then spread out. Mike Rouse told me that his grandmother told him of their trip in over the Turnpike in wagons, and said the hemlocks were so tall and thick that they could not see the sun except in the middle of the day. It has always struck me as odd that coming from the country where the potato was such a major item of sustenance, they should pick out the Irish Ridge, where the soil, so I have been told, is the best for potato raising in the whole United States, except for a section of Idaho and Aroostock, Maine. This information was supposed to come from State College and might be checked there. John Taylor also told me some interesting facts about how the land was cleared, when they piled the big logs together for burning, they had to be sure to have enough pine and hemlock logs in the pile to make the hardwood logs burn well."

The Automobile Comes to Dushore

The first automobile in town was owned by John Hileman.

The first person to sell gasoline was Samuel Cole who had a siphon type pump near the spot where the old Firehouse stands. The next was John Hileman, whose "gasoline house" was between Holcombe's barn and Obert's Mill on Mill Street. At that time gasoline had to be stored a certain distance from any building. Gas was pumped into a five gallon can, then poured through a funnel with a chamois skin strainer into the gasoline tank of the automobile.

The Atlantic Refining Company was the first oil distributor in this area. Their storage tanks for kerosene and gasoline were beyond the Lehigh Valley Railroad Station and were gravity fed.

The first person to distribute kerosene and gasoline was Fred Glover. He used horses for his deliveries. He sold more kerosene than gas. In 1914 Clayton A. Bahr took over the distribution with a hard rubber-tire truck in summer and horses in winter. He delivered from Dushore to New Albany, Colley, Bernice and Lopez; Laporte, Nordmont and Eagles Mere; Forksville and Hillsgrove; Overton, Shunk, Eldredsville and Campbellsville. In winter, with horses, the Forksville-Hillsgrove trip took two days. C. A. Bahr serviced this territory (with improved equipment) until his retirement in 1941.

Joseph Bird had the first repair garage in town. It was located on Center Street. The next one was A. R. Meehan's, first, on Center St., then in the building on Railroad Street where the old bakery had been. (Where Mary Harvey now lives). He had the first real gas pump. Later he moved into the old Jack White blacksmith shop near the pond. (Where Walter Dunn now has his garage). Meehan's moved to the present location on North German Street when Route 220 was built. Early "jitney bus" service was connected with Meehan's garage.

C. A. Bahr, in 1914, installed the first "modern" gasoline pump for retail sales in town. It was hand operated and stood in front of the harness shop (where J. A. Daly's Electric Shop now is).

Another gas station and garage was established in the old Den Carroll Hardware store by Pealer and Ballentine (now Fitzpatrick and Lambert show room on Main Street). The firm name changed (when Robert Pealer went into the Army in World War I) to that of J. H. Ballentine and Company. Later it became Carroll and Ballentine, at which time they moved to part of the Carroll Hotel Building (now occupied by Holcombe's Furniture Store). From this building, Carroll and Ballentine moved to the present location of Hamer's Service Station, which John D. Hamer purchased after the death of Mr. Carroll and Mr. Ballentine. Sammy Bender had a garage on that site before Carroll and Ballentine.

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changed to Fitzpatrick and Connolly, who built the new service station on Route 220 (North German Street), with Ford and Mercury Sales and Service. Later still, the firm changed to Fitzpatrick and Lambert, Inc., and Mr. Fitzpatrick retired from active business.

Before World War I there was a repair shop known as the Central Garage (at the location of the Tubach second-hand store) which was operated by Pomeroy Appleman and Guy Diltz, both now deceased. They did business there until they both enlisted in the Navy in World War I.

After A. R. Meehan moved from the garage on Railroad Street, mentioned above, Harold Miller purchased the building and operated a garage there for a number of years.

Leo Sick had a garage for some time where the Foremost Dairies Refrigeration building now stands. Later he purchased the Jackson buildings and converted the carriage house into a garage-service station-hardware store. He also had the Dodge Agency. The hardware and service station was sold to the present Miller Farm Equipment Service.

Robert L. Kast opened a gasoline station on Route 220 (North German Street), when the highway was built. At various times he has combined several other occupations with that of running his service station, including trucking, ice, feed, fuel, etc. The beautiful lake he has recently developed in front of his place is a real improvement to the appearance of the town.

Jack Lentz, after World War II, opened a garage in the Sherm Bahr blacksmith shop building on Center Street. He was succeeded by Glenn Plotts.

Just outside the Borough line on the South have been the business places of W. C. Taylor, Ralph Ambs, Glenn Plotts, Sam Bender, Gerard Kaier, and Judson Battin.

The evolution of transportation, the gradual replacement of the horse by the automobile, is responsible for many changes in the business and occupations of the citizens of the community.

LEATHER CRAFTS IN DUSHORE

The first leather craftsman to come to Dushore was Henry Hoffman who settled about where the Henninger Home now is on the West end of Main Street. He tanned the leather that he used in making harnesses. He was followed by his son Christian who built his shop near the Frenchman's spring. (Steafather's house). He was succeeded by his son Fred in the same place. The business lasted over three fourths of a century.

On the site of the tannery built by the first Mr. Hoffman in 1840 (on the lot recently graded off for Miss Eleanor Hartzig) another tannery was later built by Jesse Stalford. This was purchased by Aaron Hoffa

and later by John Hoffa, whose granddaughter says the vats are still in the ground on their lot.

Other early leather crafters were Thomas Rouse, Michael Burke, William Evans, Wendell Sick, James Morrison and D. W. Pealer.

Another early harness and saddlery business was that of George W. Hayman who worked for Mr. Hoffman and married his daughter. He was in business for himself most of the time from 1874 until 1892 when he sold to Clayton Bahr who operated a harness shop for several years after. R. H. Hoag came to Dushore about 1892 and learned the shoemaker's trade from Ed Carl who had a shop where the present State Liquor Store is now. Later Mr. Hoag went into business for himself, making leather boots and shoes by hand. His son Albert, (the only leather worker here now) went into business with his father in 1919, selling and repairing shoes. Their business is over 65 years old.

James Harrington came here as a shoemaker and started out in that business although he is better known for his store and creamery.

DUSHORE STREETS

Did you know that at one time there was a toll gate across the Turnpike? (between Sherm Bahr's and A. L. Tubach's). Drivers had to pay toll to drive cattle, sheep, pigs or turkeys over the Pike to market in Wilkes-Barre. Streets and roads have changed greatly since those days 100 years ago.

After World War I there was definite need for better roads to connect Sullivan County with the outside. Cars were becoming more plentiful. Even the best dirt roads, with jolting "thank-you-mams" on the hills were not very good for automobile traffic. Businessmen with trucks hated to have to jack them up in the winter and use horses instead. Vell B. Holcombe, assemblyman, and several delegations of businessmen went to Harrisburg to try to get some "hard roads."

Sullivan County's early share of this plan was a short stretch of brick and concrete between Ringdale and Tannerytown. In 1928 the construction of Route 220 was completed, and an all day celebration was held, with a motor cavalcade from Muncy to Dushore and from Towanda to Dushore. At this time the "native stone" War Memorial monument, at the town square, was unveiled.

Black tops soon connected Dushore with Colley, Forksville, Mildred and Overton. The Cherry Mills road was a unique experiment combining concrete and asphalt.

After the main route through the town was paved, the borough arranged to have Main Street concreted and parts of other streets—property owners along the way being assessed proportionate parts of the cost. Gradually all the other streets have been surfaced.

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FIRE PROTECTION

Dushore residents have long been aware of vulnerability to fire and have had active volunteer fire fighting organizations since early times. Most of the buildings in the town are constructed of wood, but the town is so divided into sections that never has the majority of the town been threatened by any one fire. However, the Fire Company members are aware of extreme exposure and at present have over three times the pumping capacity required by insurance underwriters. The early development and constant attention to the borough water supply is another indication of interest in good fire protection.

The Dushore Fire Company building, called the "Central City Station," is a modern 38x60 brick and steel garage, capable of holding four major pieces of equipment, with facilities to repair and maintain all fire fighting apparatus. In future if additional equipment is needed, ample space will be available.

It is completely fireproof! At present, equipment consists of three modern pumpers, augmented by portable pumps, portable lighting facilities, resuscitation and inhalation appliances, and practically all of the small equipment used by a modern fire fighting organization.

Although there is some claim that a fire company of sorts was in existence in Dushore as long ago as

1888, it was not until July 11, 1892 that the Dushore Fire Co. No. 1 was legally launched with the stated purpose, "To protect property within the Borough of Dushore." Of course, it has always done its best to help protect surrounding areas also.

Presiding at this meeting was George O. Englebrecht, chief engineer. The officers chosen at that time were: President, Fred Newell; Vice President, Frank Wolliver; Secretary, George T. Deegan and Foreman, Garrett Donahue.

The first meeting was held on July 19, 1892 for the purpose of drawing up by-laws and making corrections. The first class of new members was initiated at this meeting and dues were fixed at \$2.00 per year.

In 1893 the first hand pumps were put in use, and in 1895 a committee was named to purchase a suitable whistle.

The first building for the use of the firemen was furnished by the Borough Council in June 1903. This was the Fisher-Welles barn which was rented for \$5.00 per year for storage of pumpers, hose, and ladder carts.

Active men at this time who devoted much time and labor to keep the young company working smoothly were: J. S. Harrington, J. B. Corcoran, Oscar Hammond, B. T. Martin, V. B. Holcombe, B. F. Cross-



The Central Fire Station with truck and some members of the Centennial Committee. Left to right: Bob Diltz, Bob Obert, Jim Schock, Reese Meehan, Gene Avery, Joe Frawley, Abe Snyder, Dick Holcombe, Harold Thomas, Kelt Meehan, Gale Steafather, Gordon Tubach and Art Yonkin, Jr.

ley, H. E. Obert, John Coyle, Thomas Carroll, Chauncey Cunningham, Fred Newell, F. P. Vincent, Samuel Cole, J. E. Reese Killgore, Charles P. Lauer, and A. F. Heess. Of this group of public spirited men Mr. B. T. Martin is still living and active.

In 1908 more interest was being shown in the company and there was a feeling that Dushore Fire Co. No. 1 should have its own property and charter. On April 1, 1908 the company decided to purchase property at the corner of the Main Street bridge at the junction of Water Street. The company was incorporated on May 6, 1908. Of the committee active at this time, John Hileman is still living and much interested in the Fire Company.

In August of 1912 the building at the corner of Water and Main Streets was begun.

During this time the members held yearly excursions by bobsled to Hotel Gross at Cherry Mills. The entire company would turn out. Each team was equipped with one or two sets of sleighbells to add music to the occasion.

The first effort to modernize came in 1919, when a Ford truck was purchased to transport hose and chemicals. When Cole's home caught fire, they had a soda and acid chemical truck and hose wagon which the company had bought second hand from South Williamsport. As the driver, Lou Connolly, got under the tresseling, the engine failed. Clayton Bahr, with his White truck, (used for distributing Atlantic gasoline) towed the fire truck up Cherry Street. The truck caught fire on the way and there was some delay in getting the hose on the hydrants at Church and Cherry Streets. A modern pumper built by Sanford Motor Truck Company was purchased on May 11, 1927. To obtain funds to pay for this truck a huge Fireman's Fair was held in St. Basil's new auditorium on February 9, 10, and 11, 1928. The sum of \$2,321.87 was raised at this affair.

The Sanford served well but in 1941, a Ford American LaFrance was added. A "1946" four-wheel

drive Chevrolet army truck was purchased and in 1953 a new Ford was added.

The company has working agreement with mutual aid with surrounding companies in both Bradford and Sullivan Counties.

In 1955 it became evident that a new and larger garage was necessary to house more equipment. The Building Committee named at that time was: A. F. Snyder, chairman; with Paul Rush, Vell Holcombe, R. L. Holcombe, Robert McDonald, and Gene Foley members.

Some older residents of town will remember the night when the Planing Mill fire occurred, back about 1909. Others will remember when the Feed Mill, on the same site as the old planing mill, burned with such heat that trees, several homes, and even some planking on the railroad trestle, caught fire. Although the mill was destroyed in both cases, the other properties were all saved. It took every resource of the time to do this, even an engine sent by the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company to help.

The fire in bitter cold and windy weather, when the Reformed Church and Mr. Thayer's home were burned, is mentioned elsewhere.

About 1898 a spectacular fire occurred in the Samuel Cole Hardware and Emil Tubach Furniture Stores. Many stories are told of that fire, but it was controlled even with the meager equipment of the time.

It used to be the custom for boys to put their names in for admittance to the fire company as soon as possible. Those who were admitted to membership while they were still attending high school, were always the first at the fire if it occurred in the day time! When the Samuel Cole house fire near the public school occurred, the boys were among the "coolest heads" there, and gave worthwhile help.

Most expensive fires were the ones that consumed the creamery garage, and the one that burned carloads of asphalt on the railway switch above town.

Members of the Dushore Fire Company Including Active and Honorary Members

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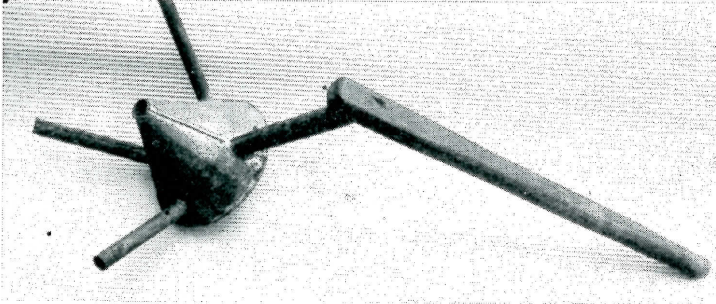
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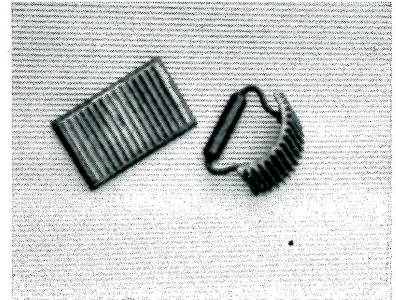
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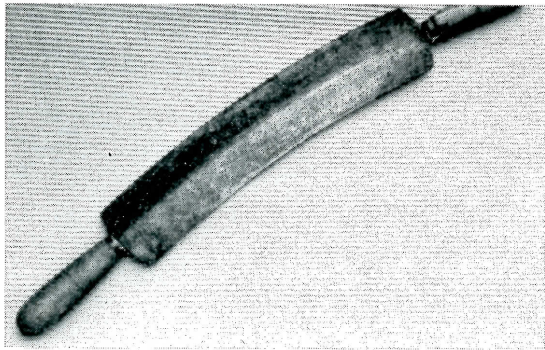
How many of these articles can you describe the use of?
 All were used in Dushore in the past hundred years.
 See page 70 for key.



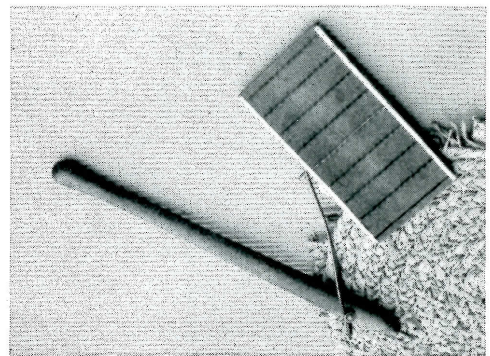
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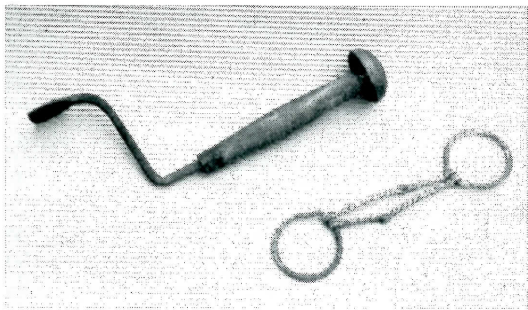
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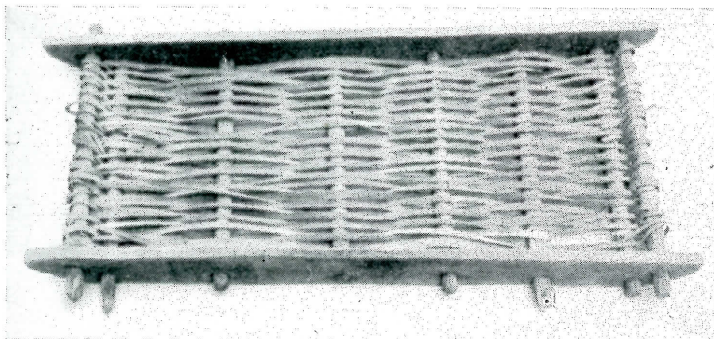
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Answers to

“WHAT IS IT?” Photo Page

1. A kerosene torch made by a local tinner. Wicks were put in three tubes and lighted. It could be used for fishing at night, etc.
2. A fluting iron for crimping ruffles or flounces.
3. A skiver, used in scraping hides in Hoffa's Tannery.
4. A carpet stretcher. Wall-to-wall carpet used to be made by sewing the strips together. Carpets were taken up and beaten thoroughly or washed at house cleaning time. Then the problem of getting it taught again was solved by the use of the carpet stretcher.
5. A blacksmith's tool.
6. A wire bit.
7. A candle snuffer.
8. Handmade tray for drying cherries, apples, beans, etc.

(Photos on Page 67)

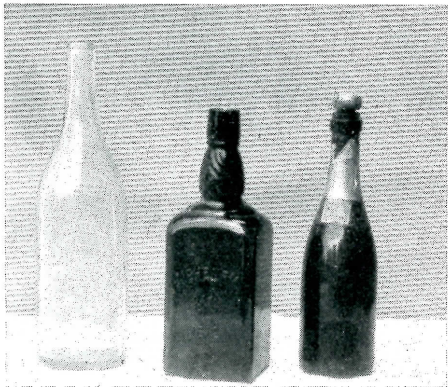
DO YOU REMEMBER?

When the post office building stood across the path of Route 220? Hartsig's Jewelry store, the post office and Crimmin's Clothing store occupied the lower floor and Mr. Jarius Thayer's office was upstairs? This building was moved to its present location before the concrete highway was put in about 1928.



Do you remember when young ladies came to town to learn a trade—either millinery with Miss Mary C. Finan, Mrs. J. D. Reeser or Mrs. B. Kline; or dressmaking with Mrs. Joseph Cook or Miss Ettie Bahl?

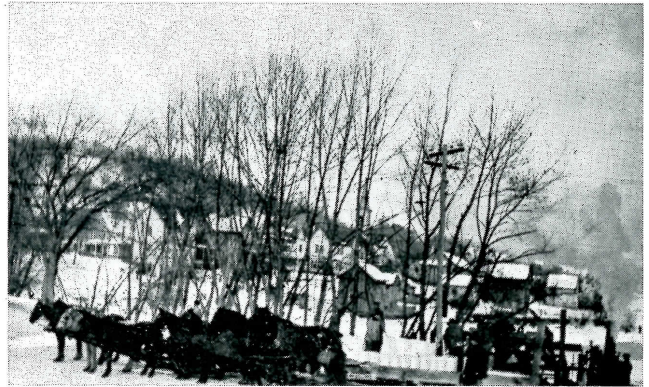
Dushore had several good springs and wells that are part of the story of each area. A great spring came out of the rocks south of St. Basil's Church. This supplied water for several families who lived in the wooden building that stood there, before St. Basil's School was built there. Long's laundry was also supplied by this spring. The big spring (behind Ambs' house) was once used by Cronin's tannery, later by Frank Farrell for his Temperance Beverages. The unfailing spring at the head of Headley Avenue known as McHenry's spring is famous even today. Rettenbury's pump on Main Street (beside the Sullivan Review office now) was taken up only two years ago, but it supplied drinking water for years for many people.



Familiar bottles, 60 years ago: a. 30 ounce bottle for "temperance beverages"—J. H. Farrell Bottling works. b. McHenry's Whiskey. c. Old wine bottle.

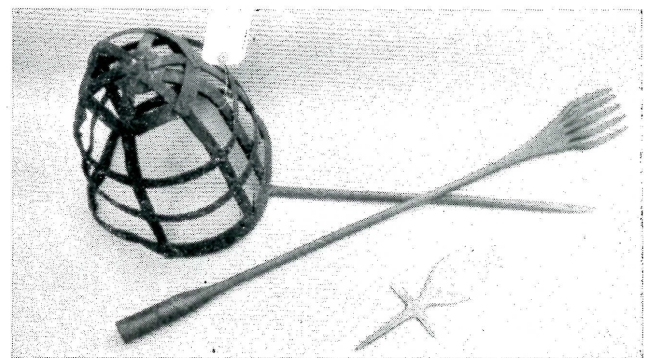


Do you remember when ice harvesting was a big business in Dushore? Here is the steam engine used to hoist the ice to be loaded on the sleds which carried it to various ice houses to be packed in sawdust for later use. One year the creamery harvested 2500 tons.



Do you remember when boys and men took torches and "spears" and went out to gig fish? Do you remember when the eels were plentiful on the Little Sock?

Do you remember the sleigh rides to Cherry Mills and the bounteous meals Mrs. Cora Gross served at the end of the ride?



a. The basket made of iron bands was used as a pine torch for any night light like spearing fish, political rallies, etc. b. Fish gig. c. What is it? We don't know. Guesses include 1. Head of a bear spear. 2. Tool for splicing rope.



The articles in this booklet cannot pretend to give the whole story of the Community. The material may form the beginning of many family scrapbooks in which local facts and legends may be accumulated. It is good for the young to learn respect for the work of men of the past and for their thoughtful attack on problems of their times.

Many persons have contributed to this booklet and many more could have done so if there had been time and space.

Write the dates and the names on pictures you have. Write down the stories that circulate in your family. Sometime you may treasure these.

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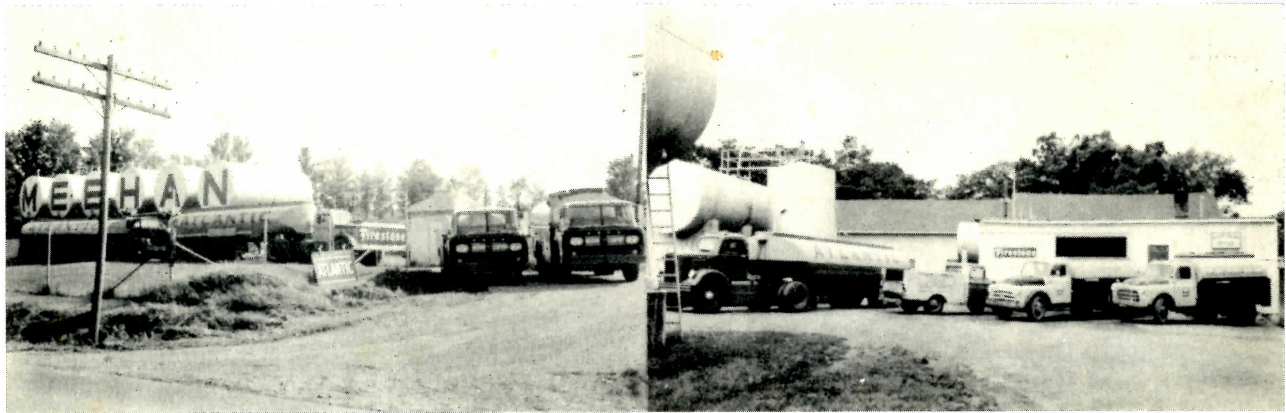
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