



# The Herald

Spring  
2005

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### The President's Corner

I would like to personally thank all of our members who have contributed towards the Historic Langhorne Association's Computer Fund and Challenge. The response has been tremendous and donations continue to come in.

Because of the generous donations, we have been able to begin purchasing new computer equipment. Our first piece of new equipment is a laptop computer. While being used for recording donations and research, the laptop will also allow us to bring displays of our collections to various historical events off site.

Further computer and equipment purchases will be made. This new equipment will allow us to better preserve the valuable collections of material within our building as well as assist our visitors who come in search of information.

We have a busy schedule of events in the coming months. A full listing is shown here in the newsletter as well as on our website. If you would like to volunteer some time on an event or even help with work on our collections, stop in or call us. We are always looking for help.

Jim Maier  
President

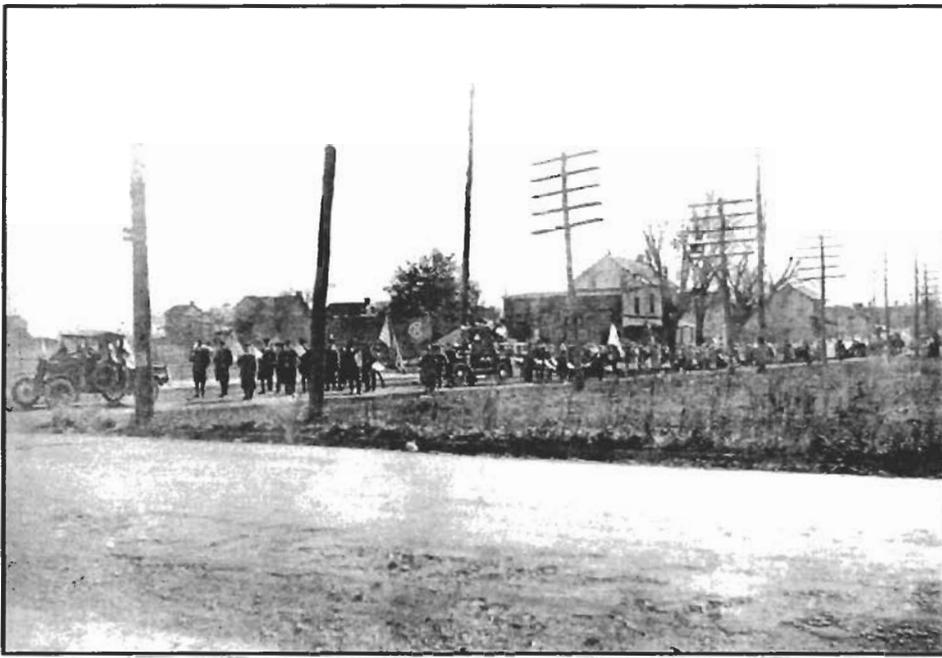
Have you seen our web site lately? You'll be amazed at all the information and photos available to view. We know you'll learn something new about Langhorne. Our web address is <http://hla.buxcom.net/>, or just search: Historic Langhorne Association. It will be time well spent.

### Volunteers needed for our Finance Committee

Historic Langhorne Association's Bylaws provide that the Finance Committee shall maintain a general oversight and care of the moneys, investments and securities belonging to the Association. In addition, no investment of any of the funds of the Association shall be made without the approval of a majority of the Finance Committee. The HLA Board would like to add one or two people to the current Finance Committee to assist in the review of our Endowment Fund and other investments. Any members who would be interested in serving on this committee are asked to contact Jack Fulton (215-752-7664) or [jfulton03@comcast.net](mailto:jfulton03@comcast.net)) as soon as possible for more information.



Our 'Spring Fling Tea' on April 2 was a great success! The integral players were: from left, Jean Noble, Lynda Johnson (chairperson), Nancy Pietsch, Elsie Knight, Evelyn Aicher & Almarita Galeone (not shown)



### **Mystery Photo #1** (left)

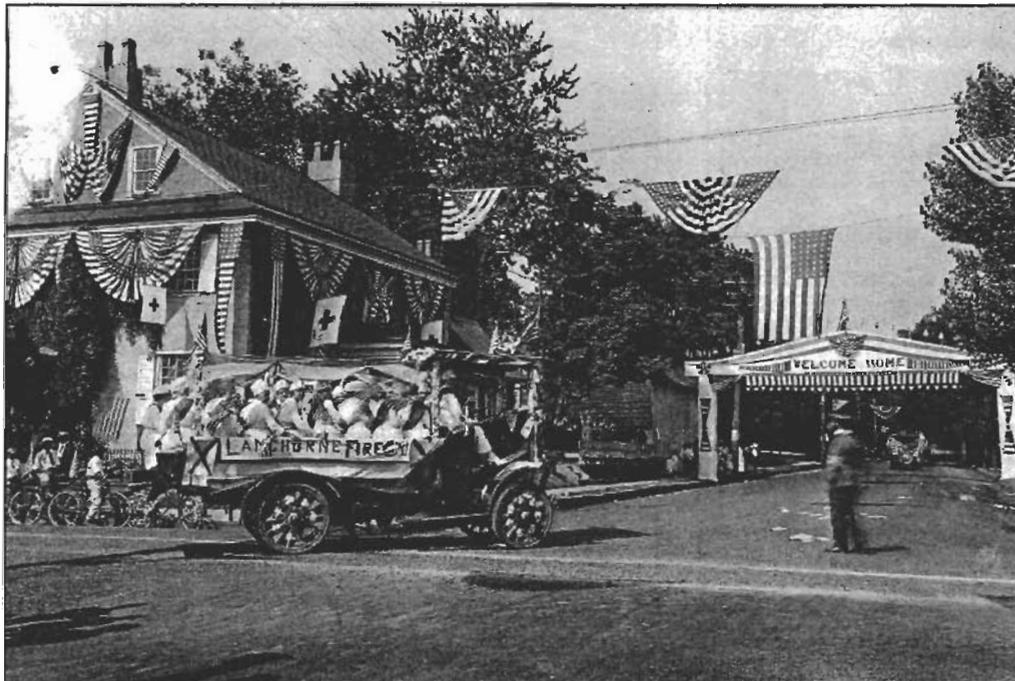
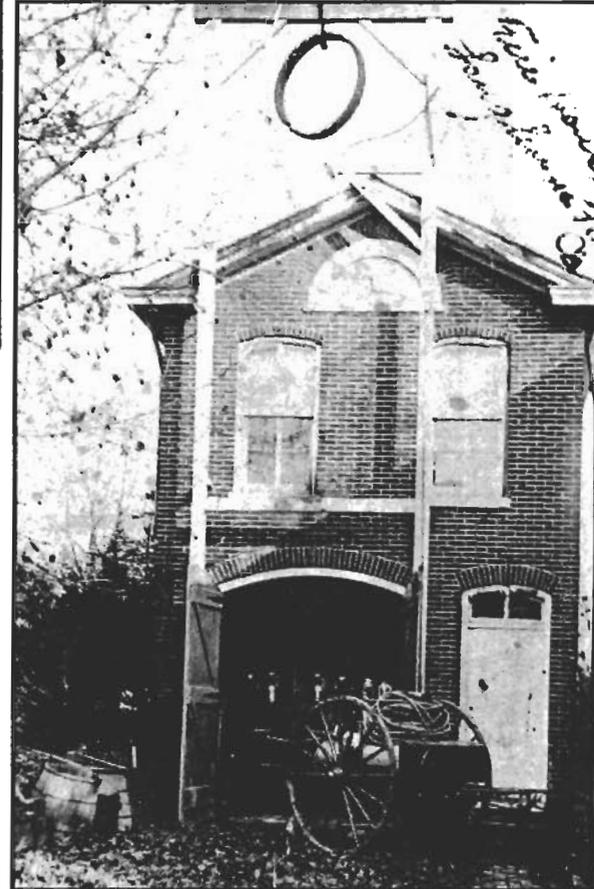
Can you guess the location of this photo? Today it's a busy Langhorne crossroad. The parade coming down the road was the WWI Armistice Day Parade on November 11, 1918. (Answers on last page)

### **Mystery Photo #2-** (right)

Can you guess this building's current location? It's a photo of the old firehouse, circa 1871. Below is an article about the wheel at the top of the photo from the *Bucks County Gazette*, August 1907...

**'The Fire Co. have been busy fixing and adjusting the locomotive wheel used as a fire alarm. By filing a piece out, and breaking the circle the alarm can now be heard for several times the distance than formerly.'**

(Answer on last page)



How many times have you walked by the WWI memorial bronze plaque on the Community house at the corner of Bellevue & Maple Avenues and thought, I should take a closer look at the plaque, someday...

On the next page we have compiled a few articles that lead up to the creation of that memorial plaque.

The photo to the left shows a 'Welcome Home' WWI celebration & parade on July 4, 1919. This parade was the origins of our annual Memorial Day parade through Langhorne.

Articles leading up to Memorial Day dedication of the Langhorne Community House and Bronze Tablet honoring the local people who served in the Great War, from the *Delaware Valley Advance*.

Complied by member Charlie Lauble

**ARE THESE NAMES ALL CORRECT? Thursday, April 14, 1921**

The committee in charge of the purchase of the bronze tablet bearing the names of the ex-service men of Langhorne, Langhorne Manor, South Langhorne and Middletown Township, has about completed its work so far as the listing of the names is concerned, and the order will be placed in the hands of the manufacturer early next week, and it is expected that work will be started at once on engraving the names on the bronze tablet. Naturally, when once there they will be permanent and the committee is very desirous of getting the list entirely correct. The list as it now stands is given below. If any errors or omissions are noticed, kindly notify by letter Mrs. Harriet W. Tomb, Langhorne, Pa., or phone Langhorne 36 by 6 P.M., Monday, April 18. (Names omitted from the article for our newsletter)

**MEMORIAL DAY PLANS ARE PROGRESSING Thursday, April 28, 1921**

The committee composed of delegates from the American Legion of Langhorne, the O. of I. A. of South Langhorne and the P. O. S. of A. of Hulmeville met again at South Langhorne on Monday night and made further plans for the Memorial Day exercises. Speakers of note have been secured, and the Red Hill Band engaged for the occasion. Invitations will be sent to the schools, borough officials and organizations to take part in the celebration. The exercise at Langhorne will be held in the morning, when the Memorial Building will be dedicated and the new bronze monument containing the names of boys from the community who served in the war will be unveiled. Following the usual Memorial Day exercise in Langhorne, the regular plan will be followed out a Hulmeville in the afternoon.

**MEMORIAL DAY PLANS IN LANGHORNE Thursday, May 19, 1921**

The people of Langhorne, Langhorne Manor, South Langhorne and Hulmeville Boroughs and Middletown Township are delighted with the beautiful Community House and Park which are about completed and are arranging for the dedication on Memorial Day.

The program will start about 9 o'clock with a parade which will end at the Community House, where the exercises will start with presentation of the flagpole, which is a gift from the children of our community, and will be placed in the park. The National colors will be raised on the pole for the first time.

A large bronze tablet containing the names of all of the men from the community who were in the War Services of the country during the Great War is being procured and will be dedicated as part of the ceremonies.

**MEMORIAL DAY IN LANGHORNE Thursday, May 26, 1921**

The Memorial Day celebration in Langhorne this year promises to be one of the greatest events of the year. The program, which is under the supervision of the American Legion Post, will be inaugurated with the parade of all local ex-service men at 9:30 A.M. Following this, the Memorial Building will be dedicated and the service tablet unveiled.

For the dedication, the post has been most fortunate in obtaining the Honorable J. W. Meekins, Congressman from North Carolina who is now directing the work of the Council of Alien Property. The Hon. Henry W. Watson, Congressman from this district, will preside at the unveiling of the tablet. The Post Commander, Samuel L. Ridge, will officiate for the legion. Luncheon will be served by the Ladies' Auxiliary to all legion men parading.

Early in the day, a detail from the Post will proceed to Newtown, where the grave of Private Tom O'Sullivan will be properly marked and decorated. In the afternoon the Legion men will meet at the South Langhorne Fire House and will parade to Hulmeville to help in the celebration there.

On Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, the Legion and all other ex-service men will assemble at the Episcopal Church in Langhorne at 7:30 P.M. and will attend the evening service in a body. Uniforms will not be worn.

The Post wishes to take the opportunity to express its appreciation for the very substantial support which it has received in conducting its dances. The last on May 21<sup>st</sup> at the Bucks County Country Club was highly successful.

**MEMORIAL DAY BIG SUCCESS Thursday, June 2, 1921**

Notwithstanding the cloudy skies which threatened rain at almost any time. Langhorne's Memorial Day celebration was a great success from every point of view. The parade was participated in by the Grand Army, American Legion, Women's Auxiliary, firemen, lodge members and children, all making a fine showing.

The program was carried out as announced in these columns last week. Following the parade a flag was raised on the Community House grounds, Senator Buckman presiding and Rev. Mr. Booth offering prayer and speaking, Chief Burgess Osterhout unfurled the flag. At the Community House, Senator Buckman presided, and gave a history of the association in charge of the Building. Alfred M. Wildman made the dedicatory address, and a stirring speech was given by Congressman J. W. Meekins of North Carolina. Dr. S. L. Ridge, Commander, spoke of the American Legion Post and Mrs. Edgar Hires for the Red Cross. Congressman Watson presided at the unveiling of the tablet bearing the names on the "honor roll" of the community.

## Computer Fund Success !

*A donation update from VP Larry Langhans*

A hearty thank you to everyone who so far has contributed to our Computer Fund Challenge. As you may remember from a letter that was sent out in February, a generous HLA supporter has offered to match up to a total of \$2000.00 contributions from members in an effort to raise money to purchase new computers, printers, scanners and other technology. The new equipment will be used to catalogue, preserve and make available to researchers and the community the extensive collection of books, photographs, maps and other material in our holdings. As of March 14, thirty-three members and friends have contributed an amazing \$3210.00. This amount includes several large donations. Together with the matching \$2000.00 that has been given, we now have a total of \$5210.00.

We have already purchased a new Dell Laptop computer and printer and are using them in the balcony to record new archive donations. This is part of a long on-going process in an effort to catalogue all of our holdings and have them searchable by computer. The laptop will also be used to take programs that Charlie Lauble has created from our collection of photographs out to the community. We next expect to purchase a computer for visitors to use in viewing the many photographs and documents that have already been scanned. We will keep you informed of our progress using the new 21<sup>st</sup> century technology at our Historic Association!

### **Thank you to the following people for their donations:**

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### A Membership Update

*from Jack Fulton*

*Historic Langhorne Association gratefully acknowledges the support of all of our members including the following who have renewed membership or joined for the first time since our last newsletter:*

#### **Century Group:**

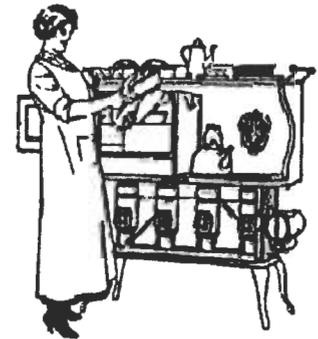
Four Lanes End Garden Club,  
Judith and Art Sloan

#### **Patron:**

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# Coming Attractions for 2005 Brought to you by HLA

Thursday, April 14

## Road Trip to Wheaton Village

A bus tour to Historic Wheaton Village, a major glass blowing industry in the 1800's. Call Jean Noble for RSVP & information at 215-757-3662

Monday, April 25, 7:30pm

## General Meeting Slide Show Presentation

Join us for a trip down memory lane as we present a slide show of photographs from the Vogenberger collection. Revisit Langhorne from days gone by. Come, sit back and enjoy the show. Popcorn will be served!

Saturday, May 14, 8:00 am-1:00pm

## Attic Sale & Silent Auction

Time to think about spring cleaning and donate your items to HLA. Join us as HLA hosts its annual yard/attic sale where we set up tables on our front lawn and sell all kinds of 'stuff'. We also feature fine antique items inside on our 'silent auction' tables.

Feel free to drop off your 'stuff' anytime during our open hours, since we have lots of storage space. *No clothing please*

Memorial Day, Monday, May 30

## Langhorne Memorial Day Parade

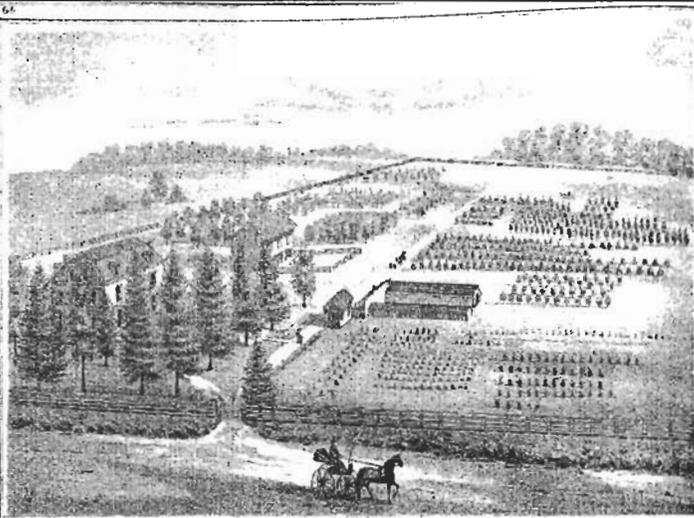
HLA will be open during the Memorial Day parade thru Langhorne. Stop in to see our own patriotic display!

Saturday, June 11, 11-2pm

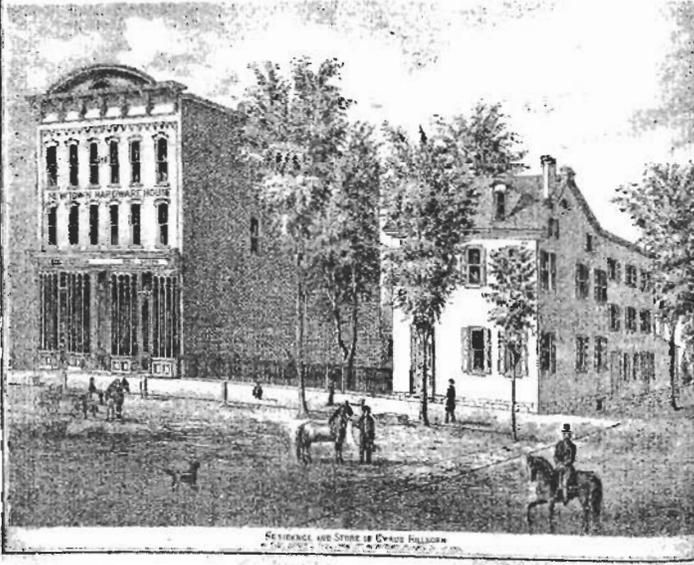
## Strawberry Festival

It's never too early to think summer as HLA is reviving a past tradition of its Strawberry Festival! Come celebrate the berry harvest with us. We'll provide fun, entertainment, ice cream, cake and strawberries, of course!

Cut out and place on refrigerator



RESIDENCE NURSERY AND GREENHOUSE OF G.W. CUNNINGHAM IN NEWTOWN, 1876



RESIDENCE AND STORE OF CYRUS HILLBORN IN NEWTOWN, 1876

A sample of one of our many exquisite 1876 lithographs from our collection, now on CD-ROM. The lithograph on top is the nursery and greenhouse of G.W. Cunningham in Newtown, and the lower lithograph is of State St. in Newtown. It shows the Newtown Hardware Store along with the residence and store of Cyrus Hillborn, which is now Starbucks Coffeehouse.

## **HLA NOW HAS MANY ARCHIVES AVAILABLE TO VIEW ON OUR COMPUTER**

Thanks to the talents and scanning efforts of Charlie Lauble, anyone can stop in and view our historical archives on the computer. We have in our possession, to name a few, the 1920-1921 *Delaware Valley Advance* newspaper in Adobe format; the 1876 Bucks County Combination Atlas and Map; over 800 pages of the *Bucks County Gazette*; W.W. Davis' History of Bucks County; CR-ROM slides of Vogenberger photos, Langhorne Speedway, Greenwood Dairies, Langhorne old and new; various years of the Chieftain yearbook, and aerial views of the area. And there's still more! The best part is you can come in and copy any of the archives right from the computer. Take a trip back in time. We are here for you!

### Bits & Pieces

- Did you know Bucks County was named for William Penn's place of origin, Buckinghamshire, England?
- The answer to page 2 Mystery Photographs...  
**Photo #1** is the crossroads of Maple & Pine Street, and the parade is on South Pine Street. **Photo #2** is now a residence at 153 North Bellevue Avenue
- HLA has a 'Tool Kit' provided by the Bureau for Historic Preservation containing tips, incentives and information for restoring and caring for your historic home. They will be available for members at our next General Meeting on April 25, 2005.

### Mother's Day...Father's Day...Birthdays...

Think beyond the mall for that person who has everything. HLA might have some gift ideas for you. Stop by and we can show you our wide selection of Langhorne pottery from our gift shop, or view & choose one of our many slide show presentations on CD-ROM's of Old Langhorne and area, or view the many old photos of Langhorne and copy one or two on photo paper and mount them for that special someone, or how about a year membership to HLA at the low cost of \$20 which comes with lots of perks including our quarterly newsletter which lists many fun community activities we host throughout the year.

### Historic Langhorne Association's 2005 Officers and Committee

#### Members

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