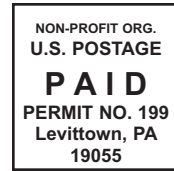




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## Enjoy Bristol In Summertime

Bristol is an ideal location for summertime activities. Historically, many people came from the more urban areas and lived in homes along the Delaware River. At that time not only would they swim in the river, but also they would sit along the river to take advantage of cooler breezes blowing from over the river. (Remember that air-conditioning had not yet been invented). Bristol still remains an ideal location for many activities along the river. This is true especially in the riverfront park.

Some of the activities available at the present time are weekly concerts in the bandstand in the park and special ethnic festivals along the river (Celtic Festival, Puerto Rican Festival, African-American Festival, and the Italian Day Festival)

Why not stop at the Grundy Library and get information about a self-led tour of the historic homes along Radcliffe Street or enjoy a free tour of the Grundy Museum.

Remember that Bristol has several restaurants that provide outside tables for eating. (Annabellas, King George II Inn, Kelch House).

If you would like to move away from the river area, Grundy Park and the Canal Lagoon area provide a great place to sit and relax, drop a fishing line into the canal, enjoy the passing trains or stop by Memorial Park to see a baseball or softball game (along Jefferson

Avenue). Near the Canal Lagoon area on Jefferson Avenue, there is also a basketball court for those wanting a little more physical activity.

Have you ever walked the Spur Line Park area? On this paved trail you may walk or ride your bicycle and completely circle the town. Keep in mind that once you reach the Fillmore St. area you will need to walk on the regular sidewalks to return to the Mill Street area.

Silver Lake Park (County operated) is a neat place to fish, enjoy the picnic area and playground, or just sit and relax.

A nice walking tour where there are many shaded sidewalks is the Harriman Area of Bristol.



This neighborhood was originally constructed to provide homes for the workers of the area that were employed at the Merchant Shipyard where merchant ships were being constructed during World War One and later an area where airplanes were built during World War Two for military

purposes.

If your time is limited in the summer, BCHF provides the Annual Peach Social on Sunday, August 2nd in our air-conditioned headquarters. The monies from this project are used to provide award money for Bristol High School Seniors at the time of their commencement.

Hope to see you at one of Bristol's Summertime Activities.

## Trip Talk

As expected, there was a tremendous demand for reservations for our September 18 bus trip to New York City to visit the National 9/11 Memorial and Museum, followed by free time at the 89th Annual San Gennaro Festival in Little Italy. 45 out of 54 available openings were gone in the first half-hour. To check on current availability, contact Helen Younglove at 215 788-9408.

The December 2-4 bus trip to Newport, Rhode Island, is more than half-filled. If you wish to see three magnificent mansions - The Breakers, The Elms and Marble House - in their holiday splendor, a \$200 pp deposit is all that's required to secure your reservation. Balance is due by October 2. Contact Helen Younglove at the above number for a detailed flyer.

## BCHF Calendar of Events for 2015

**Note:** Since "THE GAZETTE" is not issued during the month of July & August, we suggest you retain the Calendar of Events as a reminder of our upcoming activities.

**AUGUST** - Sun. 8/2 2 - 4 pm. Annual Peach Social. Angel food cake topped with fresh peaches and ice cream, plus beverage. Takeouts available with own container. Baked goods table. \$5/adult, \$3 under age 12. BCHF air-conditioned headquarters. **BENEFITS BCHF AWARDS TO BRISTOL HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES.**

**SEPTEMBER** - Fri., 9/18. Bus trip to National September 11 Memorial and Museum, followed by free time and lunch-on-your-own at the annual San Gennaro Festival in "Little Italy." \$70 for BCHF members age 65 and over, U.S. Veterans or U.S. college students; \$73 for BCHF members in other categories; \$75 for non-members age 65 and over, U.S. Veterans or U.S. college students; \$78 for non-members in other categories. Call 215 788-9408 for current availability.

**OCTOBER** - Sat., 10/17, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. 39th Historic Bristol Day, Fee for House Tour & Tea. For details, visit the BCHF website given below.

**NOVEMBER** - Wed., 11/18, 7:30 p.m. BCHF's annual business meeting, incl. election of Board members. Program and refreshments follow. Free. BCHF headquarters. Call 215 781-9895 for info.

**DECEMBER** - Wed. - Fri., 12/2-4. "Newport Mansions at the Holidays" bus trip, featuring The Breakers, Marble House and The Elms. 2 nights lodging, 2 breakfasts, 2 dinners. Stop at Olde Mistick Village, guided tour of Newport, tours of the three-stated decorated mansions. All taxes & meal gratuities, driver & Newport guide gratuities. \$370 pp double, \$360 pp triple, \$445 single. Call 215 788-9408 for info/reservations.

- BCHF Headquarters are at 321 Cedar Street, Bristol
- For current information about activities and events, check out our web site at [www.bristolhistory.org](http://www.bristolhistory.org).

## Bristol Riverside Theater - Summer 2015

During the summer months BRT provides performances on the stage that are not part of the regular season. For information about these performances or any question about autumn or winter plays, contact the theater. Phone 215 785-0100

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## Annual Peach Social - Sunday, August 2nd

Juicy sliced peaches mounded on fluffy angel food cake topped with yummy vanilla ice cream - doesn't this sound like a good way to enjoy a Sunday afternoon? Join your friends and neighbors at the Bristol Cultural & Historic Foundation Building at 321 Cedar Avenue on Sunday, August 2nd from 2 to 4 PM for this tasty summer dessert. If you can't stay, take outs are available. (Bring a good-sized container!) A baked goods table featuring peachy delights will be on sale, as well.

Adults - \$5.00 Children under 12 - \$3.00

**The BCHF Peach Social is a fundraiser that benefits the awards given to Bristol High School Graduates.**

*a note from Ways & Means . . . the Canal Festival (at the lagoon) and Celtic Day (at the wharf) are coming!*

. . . volunteers are needed to help transport tables to and from our headquarters on Cedar Street and to sell goodies that night on **Friday, June 19th**. Consider helping out on this fun-filled family night. Call 215 943-0258 or kbarniskis@juno.com

. . . volunteers are needed to help at our saleable

table on Celtic Day, **Sunday, June 28th**. We participate that day from 11:00 to 5:00 and meet under the wharf to sell our BCHF items. Hopefully, we will be selling chances for the Historic Bristol Day picture, a watercolor by local artist, Joseph Sagolla. The time slots are: 11:00 to 1:00 (includes setting up), 1:00 to 3:00 and 3:00 to 5:00 (includes packing up). Please let Kathy Barniskis know if you can help for an entire time slot or even part of one. 215 943-0258 or kbarniskis@juno.com

. . . your help is needed at the Peach Social.

If you can come to slice peaches **Sunday, August 2nd** for the peach social, we get started that morning at about 11:00 - our desserts are really fresh! You can volunteer to scoop ice cream, plate up the desserts, serve them, man the beverage table, sell the baked goods and of course help to clean up from 2 to 4 pm. Again, please call Kathy Barniskis, using the info above or Debbie Pinney, chairperson for this event, at 215 788-7537 or pinney@pcbi.upenn.edu.

Help out and meet some of our friendly Ways & Means members. It's a good way to "get your feet wet" and see if you'd like to join our committee, which will have its next meeting on Monday, August 17th at 7:30 pm at the BCHF headquarters on Cedar Street.

## President Number Sixteen

On Monday, April 24, 1865 at 5:00 a.m. the Funeral Train carrying the body of our Sixteenth President, Abraham Lincoln passed through Bristol Borough at street level on Pond Street. The slow moving train, with the bell of the steam engine ringing, was witnessed by some of the people of our town. They had come to the side of the tracks with bowed heads to mourn the death of Mr. Lincoln who had been assassinated in the Ford's Theater in Washington, D.C. on the night of April 14th, 1865. This was the same month that the American Civil War in which Lincoln had led the United States ended.

Accompanying his father's casket was Robert Todd Lincoln, oldest of Lincoln's children. Also in that same train was the body of William Wallace Lincoln, who had died in the White House, February 20, 1862 of typhoid fever. The President's wife, Mary Todd Lincoln did not accompany the Funeral Train. First Lady, Mary Lincoln was too distraught over the President's death and absolutely refused to even set foot in the Funeral Train car. (Lincoln was the first U.S. President to have been assassinated.)

There have been 43 men serve as U.S. President and President Abraham Lincoln is the only one for whom there was no portrait painted as he sat for an artist. Fortunately there are many photographs. There are artist's renditions of Mr. Lincoln; however they were painted from photographs.

### DEFEATISM OVERCOME

Failed in business . . . . .	1831	Defeated for Elector . . . . .	1840	Defeated for Senate . . . . .	1858
Defeated for Legislature . . .	1832	Defeated for Congress . . . .	1843	Elected U.S. President . . . .	1860
Again failed in business . . .	1833	Elected to Congress . . . . .	1846		
Elected to Legislature . . . . .	1834	Defeated for Congress . . . . .	1848	(above information about Abraham	
Sweetheart died . . . . .	1835	Defeated for Senate . . . . .	1855	Lincoln taken from the <u>Readers</u>	
Had a nervous breakdown .	1836	Defeated for Vice-President	1856	<u>Digest</u> , July 1951	
Defeated for Speaker . . . . .	1838				

## Out Of The Past

The following items were excerpted from **JUNE 1925** issues of THE BUCKS COUNTY GAZETTE.

6/5 - - IN MEMORIAM. In memory of these 31 comrades, the members of the Robert W. Bracken Post No. 382, American Legion, on Sunday held the first annual memorial service of the Post in the Legion headquarters: Comrades Bracken, Bolton, Weik, Rhoades, Flannigan, Delker, Roberts, Nocito, Puchino, Watkins, Marsh, Leisher, Shultz, Brady, Delia, Cox, Marshall, Stefano, Steinhilber, Downs, Vandegrift, Schumacker, Long, Carrol, Lake, Sutch, Dakin, Tansio, Angelilio, McIlvaine and Freed.

BRISTOL AND HULMEVILLE TALENT TO GIVE ENTERTAINMENT. Bristol and Hulmeville residents will combine in giving an entertainment on the evening of June 18th. It will be presented in the Sunday School room of the Bristol M.E. Church. One of the outstanding numbers will be a sketch "Twelve Old Maids."

SCHOOL TAX RATE SET AT 15 MILS WITH \$4 HEAD TAX. Board Urges Children Not to Participate in County Athletic or Scholastic Events. The Treasurer's salary increased from \$350 to \$500 annually. 19 Cases of truancy were investigated during the month.

"Cut glass can be told by its ring, also by the way it falls. If it doesn't break, it came from the five and ten."

6/12 - - 46 MARRIAGE LICENSES WERE GRANTED IN BUCKS COUNTY DURING MAY. Many Second-Timers Were on Cupid's List. The brides ranged in age from 15 years to 63 years, while the grooms ranged in age from 18 years to 60 years. Six of the female applicants were older than their partners.

TITLE PASSES FOR NEW AIRPLANE PLANT TO OPERATE HERE. Pennsylvania's first airplane factory became a reality Friday when title was closed and possession taken by Huff Daland & Co. of part of the plant of the Merchants & Sterling Corp. in Bristol. Huff Daland & Co. is moving its plant from Ogdensburg, N.Y., and actual work is expected to start in the Bristol plant within a few weeks.

WEFT WEAVERS ENJOY OUTING DESPITE HEAT. On Friday, the weft weavers of Leedom's Mill held their first annual picnic which, despite the intense heat, proved to be a tremendous success. Leaving Bristol by auto, brief stops were made at Harriman Beach, Scudders Falls, and Washington's Crossing, where the management of "The Three Lanterns Inn" served the party. After partaking of an assortment of refreshments and eats, a twilight tour was made of West Jersey. Returning by way of Harriman Beach, a final dip in the Delaware was had. The employees were so well pleased, that it was voted to make the affair a monthly institution, that is so far as the summer is concerned.

BOROUGH PLANS TO OPEN BROOK STREET EXTENSION THROUGH TO RADCLIFFE STREET. Sewers to Pine Grove Section Can Then Be Laid.

RAILROAD EMPLOYEE IS PROSTRATED BY HEAT. Bathing Now Popular. Bristolians continue to suffer from the intense heat and two prostrations have been reported here within the past 24 hours ending Saturday noon. On Saturday morning, C.J. Kenner of Bristol, a brakeman on the local drill engine of the P.R.R., collapsed at Jefferson Avenue while engaged at his work. Every available piece of bathing ground has been filled to capacity this week. On Friday night, firemen in various sections of the borough three-great quantities of water upon the streets and pavements so as to cool them off. Police officers were ordered to take their coats off on Wednesday by Chief McGucken, who told them to do duty in their shirt sleeves.

"Flattery isn't at all essential unless you are trying to marry a rich, old widower."

"The wonder worker isn't the one who wonders what's to be done next."

6/19 - - NUPTIALS. On Thursday afternoon, June 11th, at 3 o'clock at St. Mark's Church, Miss Sara Sackville, daughter of Mrs. Sara Sackville, 633 Race Street, became the bride of Frank Wildman, son of Mr. Elmer Wildman of Market Street, Bristol. The bride was handsomely gowned in a French blue satin-faced crepe gown trimmed with blonde lace. She wore a French blue picture hat and blonde slippers and stockings, and carried a shower bouquet of bridal roses.

TENDER CONTRACTOR A TESTIMONIAL DINNER. A banquet in honor of Angelo DiRenzo, the contractor, was held on Sunday afternoon in St. Ann's parish hall. Salvatore Conti warmly praised Mr. DiRenzo's work on the building of St. Ann's new parochial school. The guest of honor was presented with a marble lamp and stand cut out of the best Italian marble, imported from Italy.

FROM SCHOOL. Miss Rodrock's 7th graders at the Wood Street School have not missed a spelling word during the month of May.

AVIATOR DIES OF INJURIES RECEIVED IN FALL OF PLANE. Four Bristol Men Work to Rescue and Save Him from Drowning. An Army aviator had an escape from instant death here Saturday when his plane nose-dived from a height of at least 1,000 feet into the Delaware River. On Tuesday evening, he died after an operation had been performed for serious internal injuries. His plane, a total wreck, is in the Delaware River off the head of Burlington Island. Four Bristol men - George Buckley, Granville Stephenson, John Hibbs and H.O. Brunner - worked like beavers to save the man from drowning.

BRISTOL 9 WALLOPS ROEBLING TEAM. 13 to 6. Playing for Bristol were: Cochran, Brady, Rogers, Dudley, E. McDevitt, Allen, D. McDevitt, Johnson, J. Fine, Cooper and W. Fine. Dudley made the longest hit ever made on the P.R.R. field here.

CLASS NIGHT EXERCISES ATTRACTED LARGE CROWD. On Thursday evening, June 11th, the innovation of holding class night exercises in the open was tried on the campus of the Bristol High School. Seats were provided for between 500 and 600 people. The stage was erected in a corner formed between the main building and wing extension. Big electric flood lights made the stage brilliant.

MANY CROWD CHURCH TO WITNESS ANNUAL H.S. COMMENCEMENT. The 38th annual commencement of the Bristol High School was held on Tuesday night in the Methodist Church before an audience numbering about 800 persons. 31 Graduates received their diplomas. Miss Isabel Cohen gave the salutatory.

6/26 - - BRISTOL BOY ATTENDS SCHOOL DAILY FOR NINE YEARS. Nine continuous years of school without missing a single session is the record of Bristol boy Lester Grimes, son of Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Grimes of Swain Street. Grimes is a student in the first year of high school.

FOUR AWARDED MEDALS BY AMERICAN LEGION. The Robert W. Bracken Post, No. 382, American Legion, has awarded medals to two students of the 8th grade Bristol public schools and to two students of St. Mark's parochial school. The recipients are H. Stuart Paynter, Jr., and Gertrude Geoghegan of Bristol public schools, and George Hoffman and Rebecca Malcolm of St. Mark's parochial school. The medals are awarded on the basis of honor, courage, leadership, service and scholarship.

17 GRADUATE FROM ST. MARK'S AT ANNUAL EXERCISES. On Saturday afternoon in St. Mark's School hall, with elaborate and impressive exercises, 17 of the young people of the parish were graduated with honors from the parochial school of Bristol. The salutatory was made by Fenton P. Larrisey, the valedictory was rendered by Miss Agnes M. Gaffney.



## Studying For The Eighth Grade Final Examination

BCHF member, Alan Vogenberg, submitted the 1895 “final exam” for the eighth grades classes in Salina, Kansas. He thought that our readers may enjoy seeing it (or perhaps trying to see how many questions could be answered).

In 1895, Salina, Kansas was primarily a farming community and very often questions would involve terms used on a farm. To help peak your interest, here is one of the questions from the arithmetic portion. “What is the cost of a square acre farm at 15 cents per acre, the distance of which is 640 rods?”

The Final Examination was a five hour test and was divided into five sections.

Grammar (Time: 1 hour)    Arithmetic (Time: 1 hour 15 minutes)    U.S. History (Time: 45 minutes)  
Orthography (Time: 1 hour)    Geography (Time: 1 hour)

### THE TEST

#### Grammar

1. Give nine rules for the use of capital letters.
2. Name the parts of speech and define those that have no modifications.
3. Define verse, stanza and paragraph.
4. What are the principal parts of a verb. Give principal parts of “lie”, “play” and “run”.
5. Define case; illustrate each case.
6. What is punctuation? Give rules for principal marks of punctuation.
7. - 10. Write a composition of about 150 words and show therein that you understand the practical use of the rules of grammar.

#### Arithmetic

1. Name and define the Fundamental Rules of Arithmetic
2. A wagon box is 2 ft. deep, 10 feet long, and 3 ft. wide. How many bushels of wheat will it hold?
3. If a load of wheat weighs 3,942 lbs., what is it worth at 50 cents per bushel, deducting 1,050 lbs. for tare?
4. District No. 33 has a valuation of \$35,000. What is the necessary levy to carry on a school seven months at \$50 per month, and have \$104 for incidentals?
5. Find the cost of 6,720 lbs. of coal at \$6.00 per ton.
6. Find the interest of \$512.60 for 8 months and 18 days at 7 percent.
7. What is the cost of 40 boards 12 inches wide and 16 ft. long at \$20 per meter?
8. Find the bank discount on \$300 for 90 days (no grace) at 10 percent.
9. What is the cost of a square farm at \$15 per acre, the distance of which is 640 rods?
10. Write a Bank Check, a Promissory Note, and a Receipt.

#### U.S. History

1. Give the epochs into which U.S. History is divided
2. Give an account of the discovery of America by Columbus.
3. Relate the causes and results of the Revolutionary War.
4. Show the territorial growth of the United States.

5. Tell what you can of the History of Kansas.
6. Describe three of the battles of the Rebellion
7. Who were the following: Morse, Whitney, Fulton, Bell, Lincoln, Penn, and Howe?
8. Name the events connected with the following dates: 1607, 1620, 1800, 1849, 1865.

#### Orthography

1. What is meant by the following: alphabet, phonetic, orthography, etymology, syllabication.
2. What are elementary “sounds”? How classified?
3. What are the following, and give examples of each: trigraph, subvocals, diphthong, cognate letters, linguals.
4. Give four substitutes for caret ‘u’. (HUH?)
5. Give two rules for spelling words with final ‘e’. Name two exceptions under each rule.
6. Give two uses of silent letters in spelling. Illustrate each.
7. Define the following prefixes and use in connection with a word: bi, dis, mis, pre, semi, post, non, inter, mono, sup.
8. Mark diacritically and divide into syllables, the following and name the sign that indicates the sound: card, ball, mercy, sir, odd, cell, rise, blood, fare, last
9. Use the following correctly in sentences: cite, site, sight, fane, fain, feign, vane, vain, vein, raze, raise, rays.
10. Write 10 words frequently mispronounced and indicate pronunciation by use of diacritical marks and by syllabication.

#### Geography

1. What is climate? Upon what does climate depend?
2. How do you account for the extremes of climate in Kansas?
3. Of what use are rivers? Of what use is the ocean?
4. Describe the mountains of North America
5. Name and describe the following: Monrovia, Odessa, Denver, Manitoba, Hecla, Yukon, St. Helena, Juan Fernandez, Aspinwall and Orinoco.
6. - 7. Name and locate the principal trade centers of the U.S. Name all the republics of Europe and give the

## Philadelphia Culture & Culinary Bus Trip, April 22 - Photo Gallery



Left: Tour escort Pat Thomas holds door as our group enters The International Culinary School at 2300 Market Street, Philadelphia.

Below: Culinary School student conducts tour of the facility.



BCHF group enjoys a 4-course luncheon in the school's “Petite Passion” restaurant.



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### THE TEST . . . continued

- capital of each.
8. Why is the Atlantic Coast colder than the Pacific in the same latitudes?
  9. Describe the process by which the water of the ocean returns to the source of rivers.
  10. Describe the movements of the earth. Give the inclination of the earth.

Time is up. You may put your pen/pencil on your desk. You may go out for recess today, since it is a sunny day. This writer is quite sure this would have

been the final comment made by the teacher after the test.

*Editor's comment:* By the time a student correctly answered the test questions, they were ready for university or at least to start teaching in a one-room country school. Perhaps many of the farm boys “quit” school and went to work on the family farm.

NO, THE ANSWERS WERE NOT SUBMITTED BY MR. VOGENBERG NOR ARE THEY BEING PROVIDED BY THIS WRITER.