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Special COVID-19 Edition

From the Editor

All of us here at HHS hope you are all safe and healthy. These are unprecedented times we are experiencing. Almost all of us have been abiding with the "stay-at-home" orders from PA State Government. We cannot predict the near future but we believe that ultimately the current pandemic restrictions will be eased and our lives can soon return to some normalcy to spend with our families, friends and neighbors.

Our organization, as well as many others, has been forced to close and virtually shut down for the time being. Our beloved Hellertown and the country will take time to recover. But with cooperation and strength from all of us, we will persevere. Please follow the directives from our local officials.

This is not to downplay the seriousness of the current pandemic but my thought is at this point we all could use some uplifting of our spirits. So, as Editor, I've contacted some of our members to submit some stories and information in an attempt to provide our readers with something to take your minds off the current situation. Please enjoy this special edition of our Newsletter for May.

Hellertown Historical Society Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Hellertown Historical Society was held on Thursday, March 12, 2020 at 6:00PM in the Society's Millers House located at 150 W. Walnut Street, Hellertown, PA. The regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the Society's Board of Directors was held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting.

The following were elected as officers serving a three-year term:

- President Stacie Torkos
- Vice President Joseph Sofka
- Secretary Gloria Michael
 - Treasurer Gil Stauffer

The society's by-laws, as modified in September 2019, require the Board of Directors' three year terms to be staggered (that is...not all terms begin and end at the same time). In order to comply with this directive, transitional terms of one to three years were determined during the Board's February Meeting, with actual staggering of terms to begin in fiscal 2021. As a result, no election of Board Members was held at this annual meeting.

A complete list of officers and Directors can be found on the Society's web site at hellertownhistoricalsociety.org.

Submit Articles or Stories

Hellertown Historical Society
Newsletter seeks any stories or news
articles pertaining to Hellertown's History
and its people. Anyone is encouraged to
submit articles, stories or news to the

newsletter Managing Editor for consideration in upcoming editions. Submissions may be edited for content and/or space requirements. Please use the contact information on this page to submit your entry.

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President's Message:

Dear Members and Friends,

I hope that you are all staying safe and hanging in there during this time. Although we had to cancel many HHS events this season, we are still active preserving and sharing history at a distance. This edition of the newsletter is just one of the ways that we are doing so.

We are positively looking forward to 2021 and celebrating our milestone 40^{th} anniversary next year.

We miss working in our community and can't wait to see you all soon!

Stacie Torkos, President

HHS Word Scramble

By Dolores Stauffer Di Paolo
Theme: All Around Town
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Unscramble the above words.

Answers will appear in the next issue of the newsletter.

Answers to the last word scramble appear below. Congratulations to all who submitted the correct answers to the Editor:

THEME: Our facility offers much in the way of Hellertown's History, but no more than our buildings

do themselves...

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NATERV MORO

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MUSEUM NABR

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HHS Cryptogram

By Dolores Stauffer Di Paolo

See if you can solve this "Hellertown Historical Society"
Cryptogram. The answer will be published in the next issue of the Newsletter. If you cannot wait for it, send your answer to the Editor at the email address below for confirmation...

editor@hellertownhistoricalsociety.org

L KOFOU VHX VC
AHKB XHRZOUV, JLZOUV
HKP ICMMOUV CK NQO
NUHLR HV L QHFO VOOK
PEULKM NQOVO
NUCEJRLKM NLAOV

J=R

The last cryptogram appears below along with the answer. Congratulations to all who submitted the correct answer to the Editor.

"Happenings"

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J=R

Help to Preserve the History of St. Theresa School

By the time you read this article, the news is no longer news. St. Theresa School, located on Easton Road in Hellertown, is closing for good at the end of the 2019 – 2020 school year.

St. Theresa School began as a mission school in 1938 with a handful of students. Remarkably, during the past 82 years, thousands of girls and boys have spent 9 years of their young lives (K through 8) learning the three R's, "Reading, Riting, and Rithmetic" along with life's lessons. There is so much history wrapped around St. Theresa School and yet the Hellertown Historical Society has very little memorabilia about its long and storied history in its archives.

With the school closing, launching an effort to preserve its place in Hellertown's heritage is very important. What a shame it would be if 82 years of history would be lost forever!

- Are you a graduate of St. Theresa School? If so, when? Do you have photos of your classmates? Did you play CYO sports? Do you remember your teachers (back in the day the teachers were Sisters of St. Francis)?
- Of course not everyone reading this newsletter attended St. Theresa School.

If you didn't, perhaps you know someone who is an alumnus and (with a little encouragement) could share a story or two...or even has a piece of memorabilia to donate.

Best of all, through the magic of all donated technology memorabilia will be digitally preserved bγ the Hellertown Historical Society for future generations to research and enjoy.

Your stories will be preserved, too. In fact, many of your anecdotes may appear in a future issue of this newsletter.

Help us preserve this important piece of Hellertown's history...this important piece of Hellertown's heritage!

Hellertown Historical Society Posts Loss of Devoted Members

Marcella Irene Dimmick



Marcella Irene Dimmick, 105. of Bethlehem, formerly Hellertown, died Thursday, March 12, 2020 at Kirkland Village, Bethlehem. She was born in Lower Saucon Twp. on October 14, 1914 to the late Morris J. and Carrie L. (Boehm) Dimmick. She had a great interest in family and local history and was well known for telling stories of her more memorable ancestors. She was also very proud of her father's achievements as mayor of the Borough of Hellertown.

Miss Dimmick was employed at the Saucon Valley School District for 42 years, retiring in 1977. She taught English, French and History for 25 years and served the School District as a guidance counselor for the last 17 years of her career. She was honored to have her younger brother, Ray, as a student in her first class and was known among her students for her great collection of scarves. She is a graduate of Hellertown High School and a 1935 graduate of Moravian College. She received a Master of Arts degree from Lehigh University in 1950 and a guidance and counseling degree from Lehigh in 1960. Miss Dimmick was a member of Central Moravian Church, Bethlehem, where she sang in the choir for 35 years and was past Secretary of the Friendship Bible Class. She was past President of the Moravian Alumnae Home Club and of the former Lehigh-Northampton County Teachers of English. She was a member of the Moravian College Alumni Board of Directors, the Lehigh Valley Guidance Association, the PA Association of Women Deans and Counselors, Delta Kappa Gamma (Honorary Teachers' Society) and the State and local Retired Teachers' Associations. She served on the Governing Board of The Hellertown Historical Society, was a Volunteer Guide at Moravian Museum for 12 years, and a charter member of Hellertown Woman's Club. Marcella had a great love of travel, beginning with early automobile trips with her family, and later spending her summers travelling widely in North America and Europe.

SURVIVORS - Nieces and nephews. Predeceased by brothers: Gordan, Kenneth & Ray, Sr.

SERVICE - Burial will be private at the Union Cemetery of Hellertown. A Memorial Service will be held at a later date. Online expressions of sympathy can be recorded at:

www.heintzelmancares.com.

Arrangements are by the Heintzelman Funeral Home, Inc. – Hellertown.

CONTRIBUTIONS - Memorials may be sent to: Moravian College, Bethlehem, for the Saucon Valley High School Scholarship Fund (established by Miss Dimmick in 1975), or the Hellertown Historical Society, or Central Moravian Church.

Stanley 'Bud' Prosser



Stanley "Bud" W. Prosser, 83, of Lower Saucon Twp. died Friday, March 27, 2020 at St. Luke's Hospital, Fountain Hill. He is the husband of Nancy K. (Kessler) Prosser. He was born in Fountain Hill on July 1, 1936 to the late Earl K. and Margaret (Weaver) Prosser. Stanley is a 1954 graduate of Saucon Valley High School and Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science.

Bud began his career at his family's pharmacy in Hellertown as a clerk, at age 14, He eventually became a pharmacist and part-owner of the Prosser Pharmacy until its closing in 1995. He remained a fixture and full-time volunteer for the town he loved. Bud was a faith filled member of Mountainview Moravian Church, Hellertown serving as a

trustee, elder, and youth director and starting the church's Annual Christmas Putz display. Bud Prosser was the first President of the Hellertown Jaycees and was the organizer of the successful Sidewalk Sales in Hellertown, which later evolved into the annual Hellertown-Lower Saucon Community Day celebration. The Cemetery Tours were founded by Bud during the H-LS Community Day period.

Bud served as a Board Member and President SauconFest, was the first President of the Hellertown Historical Society and headed the committee responsible for Hellertown's Centennial Celebration in 1972. He has devoted countless hours to activities in the Saucon Valley community: as an umpire at baseball games, an emcee at numerous local events and as a weekly columnist in the Valley Voice newspaper. Bud Prosser has earned the title "Mr. Saucon Valley" and Lower Saucon Township is justifiably proud that one of their residents was recognized for this outstanding service by the Saucon Valley Community Center on June 4, 2010. In 2016, he was inducted into the Saucon Valley Alumni Wall of Fame for community involvement. He was an active member of the Saucon Valley Farmers Market Volunteers, Chairman of the Hellertown Centennial Committee in 1972, Past President of the Hellertown Historical Society and The Union Cemetery of Hellertown. Bud was the Parade Marshall in 2018 of the SV Spirit Parade where he was a commentator of its parade for many years. Bud was an avid Phillies and Eagles fan.

SURVIVORS - In addition to his loving wife of 60 years last August; sons: Bruce S. (Karen L.) of Easton, PA; Kevin S. (Patricia) of Easton, MD; Pop Pop and pecan pie to his grandchildren: Michelle (Drew) Collina, Tyler, Dylan, Sarah; sister-in-law: Elizabeth Prosser of Springfield,

VA. Predeceased by a brother: Earl Prosser.

SERVICE - A celebration of Bud's life will be announced at a later date. The private interment will be at Union Cemetery of Hellertown. Online expressions of sympathy can be recorded at: www.heintzelmancares.com.

CONTRIBUTIONS - In lieu of flowers, memorials to the Mountainview Moravian Church, 331 Constitution Ave. Hellertown, 18055.

Richard Lee Kantor



Richard Lee Kantor, 88, passed away May 10, 2020. He was the beloved husband of Elaine (Nothstein) Kantor. Born Hellertown, he was a son of the late Joseph and Edith (Koch) Kantor. Richard received a BA in History from Moravian College, and an MA in History from Lehigh University. He taught history for 35 years at the Saucon Valley Junior High School (now Middle School), where he was a member of the Schoolmen's Club. For many years, he and fellow teacher, Ed Zamiskie were regulars in the ticket booth at Saucon Valley High School sporting events.

He was active in both the Hellertown and Lower Saucon Historical Societies. He often lectured on local history and included it in his school curriculum. During the borough's centennial celebration in

1972, he authored a booklet about Hellertown.

Dick was an avid fisherman and a member of the Delaware River Shad Fishing Association. He was a circus model builder for many years and displayed at Castle Gardens in Dorney Park among other local venues. He was an avid Yankee's fan.

Dick was a member of Lower Saucon UCC, Hellertown.

Surviving with his wife, are daughters: Cindy, wife of Michael Morley, of Williams Township; and Susan, wife of Paul Pugliese, of Wyndmoor; and a grandson, Nic Pugliese; a sister-in-law: Mary Jo, widow of David Kantor, of Chantilly, Virginia; a nephew, Joseph and his wife, Grier and their children, George and Alice; as well as nieces and nephews in Minnesota; and his beloved cat, Sylvia.

Due to the pandemic, services will be private.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions to Lower Saucon UCC, 1375 Third Avenue, Hellertown, PA 18055. To offer on-line condolences, please visit his "Book of Memories" at falkfuneralhomes.com.

Hellertown Historical Society to Celebrate 40th Anniversary

HHS will be 40 next year and we will celebrate this milestone with all our members and friends.

While plans have yet to be formulated, we look to you, our readers, to offer any thoughts, experiences and other memories you have of Hellertown Historical Society to share with us. Help our 40th Anniversary become a celebration not to be forgotten by being a part of it.

Submit your information to the Editor or the Hellertown Historical Society via the contact info on the front page and we look forward to your wonderful memories.

A Retrospective of the Dewey Fire Company

By Don Mills

As the Editor of the HHS Newsletter I have been provided with many unique articles and information concerning Hellertown's history. I was recently offered some information on the history of the Dewey Fire Company to provide to our readers in the form of an article. As some of you may know, I was a member of Dewey Fire Company from 1976-2012, serving on the Fire/Rescue Squad from 1976-2009 and simultaneously on the EMS Squad from 1977-1983 as an EMT. Some of my HHS colleagues have asked that I share my experiences while serving Borough with Dewey Fire Company. But first, in this article I'll start by sharing some of the rich history of the Dewey Fire Company. In future editions, I'll provide more including my own experiences. So, let's get started...most of this information is from the Hellertown Centennial Guide Book - August 17-26, 1972.

Most people probably know the Dewey Fire Company was established after two severe fires destroyed important structures within the Borough. This was the catalyst that started the need for an 'organized' fire department in the Borough.

The first fire was at the Christ Lutheran Church at Northampton and Saucon Streets on April 18, 1896, which was ignited by a lightning strike on the steeple, setting it ablaze and completely destroying the structure.



Christ Lutheran Church Fire 1896 (Courtesy www.clcht.org

The second blaze occurred the evening of August 30, 1897 when four structures were destroyed. Affected by the second fire was a barn owned by Jacob Hagey, a barn owned by Milton Bright and two stables belonging to Squire More. Sadly, in the Hagey barn were several horses, sheep and nearly a dozen pigs. Despite attempts by onlookers, no one could enter the structure to save the animals from their "furnace of death" as it was written in the pages of the Bethlehem Daily Globe the next day.

It's stated that a large degree of credit for organizing the fire department goes to Milton H. Keller, proprietor of the Cottage Hotel. On December 17, 1897, a meeting was held at his establishment with approximately thirty-five people in attendance. Committees appointed to draft a constitution and by-laws. Several weekly meetings followed thereafter. organizational meeting was held January 18, 1898 where the first officers were elected and the new organization formally established.

One of the key factors in those recent fire losses was lack of sufficient water supply. Borough Council began the discussion after the first fire and also at their July, 1896 meeting when they appointed a committee to confer with Thomas Iron Company for the purchase of land near the present Reservoir Park where springs were present. The committee was also empowered to secure the right of way from property holders for laying of main pipelines. Council set August 18, 1896 as the day for citizens to vote on a proposed water system at an estimated cost of \$15,000. The vote passed 84-30 but a state law limited the sale of bonds at 2 percent to only \$7,000 and slowed the project.

A new council was seated early March 1897 and the project immediately was resurrected. Council

appointed a civil engineer to begin preliminary planning after reviewing nearby water plants. By the end of 1897, the issue was ready to be put before the people once again. In February 1898 the issue passed 143-29. Two acres of land were immediately purchased from the iron company, bonds were offered for water works for public sale and shortly thereafter work began. The original two acres of land for the borough water shed is now about 600 acres. The water supply issue was now resolved.

The first pieces of fire-fighting apparatus were procured. A hook and ladder truck from Center Valley in March 1898 and a two-wheeled, handsomely painted, hand drawn hose cart in January 1899.



A proper, working storage facility and meeting area was needed for the growing department. In 1900 the borough erected a combination police station/fire house/council meeting room and jail on Saucon Street for \$4,000. The fire brigade used their own labor to excavate and dispose of the ground as well as securing the stone for the mason work. The new building was accepted from the contractor by council on

January 8, 1901 and became the new headquarters for Dewey for the next fifty years. Eventually after substantial growth and additional equipment needs, the fire company grew out of the Saucon Street headquarters and erected a new building at their present location on Durham Street at Tobias Drive which was dedicated July 3, 1955.

Dewey Fire Company had come a long way since 1898 to have an effective fire fighting force with proper equipment, manpower and an established water supply.

From the <u>Souvenir Book for</u> the Road Celebration and Old Home Day for Hellertown PA, July 4th, 1925, the following excerpts are provided...

"The first meeting members for the purpose organizing a company was held in an unoccupied storeroom adjoining the business property of Jacob Leith. Very little encouragement, however, resulted from this meeting and similar meetings and the matter organizing remained unfinished. Subsequent to these rather fruitless endeavors the Christ Lutheran Church, during a cyclone was struck by lightning and burned to ruins; the volunteer members of the proposed company then and there took root anew and on January 18, 1898, they organized. Admiral Dewey's victory at Manilla Bay caused Milton Keller to suggest to the members the name Dewey Fire Company, which was accepted. The first Officers of the Company being: Milton Keller, Chief; Joseph Harris, President; George Leith, Hoffert, Secretary; Jacob Treasurer; Owen G.A. Riegel, Foreman. Different members of the Company have held the various offices from time to time with the exception of Secretary, which office has been held by Granville Abel for the past 25 years, and Charles Zimpher as Chief Engineer for the past 20 years.



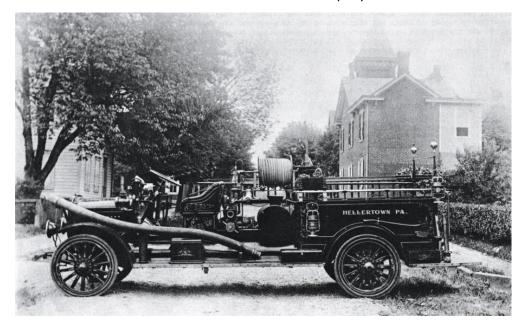
CHARLES ZIMPFER Chief-of-Police and Fire-Marshal

The Company since its organization and incorporation has been very active in equipping the department and its members for all emergencies with a result that today they possess modern trucks and chemicals and stand ready and willing at all times to protect property and lives against loss by fire, in a community that appreciates its efforts."

So that last sentence, a very long one, says quite a lot. You have to remember this was back in 1925 and the Dewey Fire Company was already a quarter of a century old at that time. Much has happened since then and the Dewey Fire Company has evolved along the way as well. More modern

equipment has been developed and secured by the Fire Company over the 122 years of its existence. Many persons have volunteered over those years to serve this community and those who continue to serve, receive better and more advanced training to maintain the most up to date fire suppression prevention and practices. Today's Dewey Company can be compared to most any paid fire department as far as training, equipment and response. Sadly, one criterion where it falls short is manpower. Dewey is a 'volunteer only' fire company. Like so many others in PA, and around the nation for that matter, Dewey relies on unpaid volunteers for manpower. There are never enough persons willing to commit the time for training and emergency response that are desperately needed to fulfill the needs of the Department, especially during daytime hours when most have employment persons obligations. If anyone wishes to serve the community, this is by far one of the best ways to do so...and you'll feel good about yourself as you do. Full training and protective equipment are provided at no cost to you.

More to come about Dewey Fire Company in future editions.



Dewey Fire Company's First Motorized Vehicle - 1920 Howe-Dodge Fire Engine

A Dewey Fire Company Event Timeline - The Beginning

<u>April 18, 1896</u> - The First Fire. The Christ Lutheran Church at Northampton and Saucon Streets is struck by lightning and set on fire. The lightning struck the steeple and descended through the interior setting the wood work ablaze. As soon as the flames were seen, residents rushed to the scene and succeeded in saving two organs and the pews of the church.

Owing to the fact that the borough is without a fire company, the flames could not be successfully fought and it was with some difficulty that adjacent buildings and residences were saved from destruction. Owners of nearby buildings, with buckets, drenched their homes to keep the flames from catching. The church was built of brick and only the walls and other parts of masonary (sic) now stand. The loss will amount to a considerable sum, which is covered by insurance.

<u>September 1, 1897</u> – The Second Fire occurred August 30, 1897. Local attention is absorbed in events of Monday night's blaze and the providing of municipal means to combat flames that may arouse residents or endanger their properties. Never before was there such universal enthusiasm engendered for a real and sufficient water supply and an effective fire department. It is hoped by all who live within the borough's limits that council will make a proper move in the right line.

The properties destroyed by fire on Monday night were, with the exception of Squire More's, insured. The risks were placed with the Citizens Mutual Insurance Company of Northampton County, for which Justice More is the local agent. The estimated losses are: Jacob Hagey, \$1425; Samuel Smulls, \$201; Milton Bright, \$142.25; or a total of \$1768.25. The squire's case is that of the shoemaker, with his wife going bare footed, and points out a moral that may be used to form an argument for insurance solicitors. The origin of the fire seems as much of a mystery as ever. Incendiarism is the popular thought.

<u>December 8, 1897</u> – In keeping with the foremost strides of its borough fathers, a number of the younger as well as older male element are urging for the establishment of a fire company.

The boys say that the town shall own a red shirted brigade and will hold a meeting on Thursday evening of next week at M.H. Keller's Cottage Hotel for the purpose of taking the proper steps in this direction. The meeting promises to be well attended.

<u>December 22, 1897</u> – A meeting for the purpose of establishing a fire company in town was held last Friday evening in the Cottage Hotel. About 35 persons were present who expressed much enthusiasm in the matter. Committees to draft a constitution and by-laws were named. A meeting to hear the report of the committees will be held this evening at the Cottage Hotel.

<u>December 29, 1897</u> – The "Hellertown Hook and Ladder Company No.1" will meet at the Cottage Hotel on next Tuesday evening.

<u>January 18, 1898</u> – An organizational meeting was held at which time the first officers were elected. Milton Keller was elected the first Fire Chief

<u>January 26, 1898</u> – A regular meeting of the "Hellertown Hook and Ladder Company" was held last evening at the company's new quarters in the Rentzheimer building on Main Street.

<u>March 17, 1898</u> – The committee appointed to look after the purchase of the Centre Valley Hook and Ladder truck reported that the truck had been purchased and a voucher was immediately ordered to be drawn in payment of same.

<u>May 1, 1898</u> – Admiral Dewey won his victory at Manila Harbor in the Spanish-American War and the nation's patriotism was highly aroused, so much so that Chief Keller suggested that the new fire company be called the "Dewey Fire Company".

<u>January 11, 1899</u> – The hose truck for the Dewey Fire Company was shipped last week from Seneca Falls, NY, but up to yesterday did not reach its destination. The truck is expected to arrive at almost anytime and the boys of the company are anxiously awaiting its delivery. <u>January 12, 1899</u> – The Dewey Fire Company of Hellertown received its hose truck yesterday afternoon. The cart is a two-wheeler, handsomely painted and striped. Its arrival was made known to the townsfolk by ringing of its gong as the cart was drawn to the Dewey

quarters last evening.

The cost of the fire company's first new hose cart was \$183.00, plus \$7.00 shipping.

<u>August 27, 1919</u> – Dewey Fire Company No.1 has just started a campaign to raise by public subscription a fund of \$1,000.00 with which it is intended to secure a motor truck to pull the hose truck and for fire purposes. The recent addition of a large territory to the borough makes more modern fire-fighting apparatus an imperative necessity. The campaign started on Tuesday and will continue until October 1, by which time it is hoped the goal will be reached.

(Editor's Note – The recent addition of a large territory described here is the annexation of a portion of Lower Saucon Township generally known as the Cross Roads on July 1, 1919. By doing so, the borough's population grew to nearly 3500 people. Reference that the 1910 census reported Hellertown's population as 915 and reported very slow growth in thirty years – in 1880, the population was 550. You can see how this made a huge impact on fire-fighting needs.)

September 10, 1919 – As a part of their campaign to raise \$5,000.00 for the purchase of a motor fire truck, Dewey Fire Company has arranged to hold a series of three carnivals and picnics at the new athletic field on September 13, 20 and 27. A ball game will be played each day as well as other athletic events, for which suitable prizes will be awarded. Square dances will be held in the evenings to music by a Jazz orchestra. The Hellertown Band will play.

<u>March 10, 1920</u> – The Dewey Fire Company has been informed that the Howe fire engine recently purchased for \$6,000.00 has been shipped from Anderson, IN and is expected to arrive at the local station shortly. Upon arrival of the engine a test will be arranged, providing the traffic conditions permit, and the apparatus will then be turned over to the company if the test is satisfactory. Some of the equipment now in the firehouse will be turned over to a fire company about to be organized in the newly-annexed Cross Roads section of the borough.

<u>March 25, 1920</u> – D.L. Howe, a representative of the Howe Apparatus Sales Company, is in town setting up the apparatus just received by the Dewey Fire Company. As soon as the apparatus can be put in proper shape a demonstration of the merits of the apparatus will be given which may be at the end of the week.

Hellertown's Distinct and Historic Homes - #3

A new series featuring distinctive and historic homes in Hellertown – Answer to this home will appear in the next issue Look at the home on left side circa 1925 and see if you recognize the same home at its current site and condition...





Hellertown's Distinct and Historic Homes - #2 Answer

A new series featuring distinctive and historic homes in Hellertown

This was the home of Attorney V.J. Abel, Borough Secretary at 338 Main Street.





The Borough of Hellertown announced the first group of Hometown Hero Banners have been erected. You will find these striking banners on utility poles along Easton Road, Water Street and Walnut Street. The banners will remain in place from Memorial Day through Veteran's Day. This is the time to remember the generations of Hellertown Heroes who sacrificed so much that we may remain free to live as we do in our community.





