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“A Book Worth Having”

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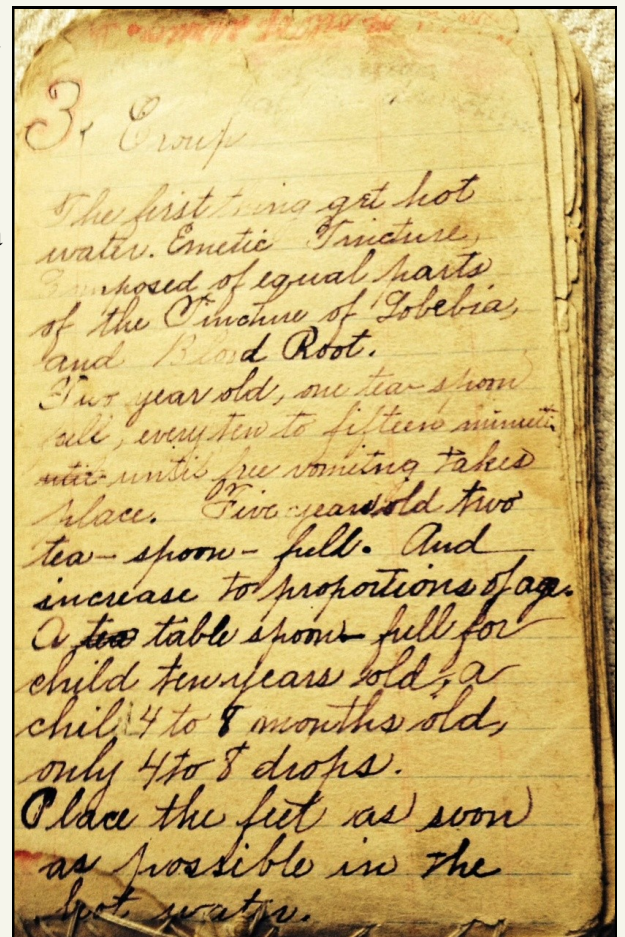
In the early years of the Lititz Historical Foundation, the founding members put out a plea for items relating to everyday life in the community. This has proven to be a huge asset for revolving displays as well as furnishings for two buildings – The Johannes Mueller House and The Lititz Museum both located on historic Main Street.

For more than fifty years, many interesting local items have filled the rooms, walls, shelves, and display cases. The majority have been donated by interested historians or people who love Lititz. For example, a clock made of 55,000 tiny pieces of wood and another smaller version made of 35,000 pieces, both meticulously built by Lititz native Rudy Carpenter, are enjoyed by every visitor thanks to the generosity of his family. Among a collection of old books in the museum library is a dog-eared, tattered, 3”x5” faded brown notebook with words written mostly in pencil: “A book worth having. Good receipts are in here” and signed C.Y. Becker, Lititz, Pa. The booklet contains many pages of home remedies collected by Mr. Becker.

Home remedies were very common during the 1800's and into the 1900's. Most of the “receipts” were handed down from family members and friends and thought to be useful for curing everything from sprains to the common cold. Parts of plants, spices, animals, and vegetables along with many more unusual ingredients were used for healing.

A few “receipts” included in Mr. Becker's notebook appear on page 5 inside...

Right: A page from C.Y. Becker's home remedies book.



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We are pleased to announce many new donations to our ever-growing archives. We thank all of the donors for thinking of us as they decided where these items should go. We encourage you to consider donating any Lititz or Warwick Township related items to our archives where they can be studied, interpreted, and preserved for generations to come!

1. An 1800s Bible; a tobacco seeder; and a tobacco cutter. Gift of Kenneth Bomberger.
2. A original watercolor painting of Dr. Roebuck's home on Broad street. Gift of Carl Haldeman. Given in memory of Ruth Haldeman.
3. A 13 and 1/2 foot wooden gutter, which was part of the former Warwick Farms at the corner of Center and New Street in Lititz. Given by William Hazlett.
4. A pencil drawing by L.G Henkle from 1941 of the Mueller House. Gift of Nancy Brown. Given in memory of Dorothy Habecker.

*The Foundation is very thankful for the above generous gifts!
Additional donations will be printed in future issues of the
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ATTENTION MEMBERS!

In an effort to be more environmentally friendly, we are now giving you the option of receiving your quarterly newsletter via email. This not only saves paper and postage, but it also serves as a great way for you to receive the journal in a much faster way. If you would like your newsletter emailed to you going forward, please send an email to Cory Van Brookhoven at cory@lititzhistoricalfoundation.com and he will be happy to add you to the email newsletter list. *Thank You!*

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Our Garden Pond Receives a Makeover!

Thanks to board member Karen Genevish and Stauffer's of Kissel Hill, our garden pond located in our Mary Oehme Gardens, recently received a makeover! The pond was completely drained and refilled with fresh water. In addition, new water plants, stones, as well as a new pump and filtration system now adorn our lovely pond. We thank Karen for leading this project, and continuing to be our "official" good steward of our pond. We'd also like to thank Stauffer's of Kissel Hill for their generosity in supplying us with the items needed.

Seen to the right is board member and tour guide Donna Olah, showing the newly-renovated pond to her grandchildren.



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Introducing a GPS-Driven Walking Tour of Lititz!

Here's how it works:

While downtown with your smart phone, visit www.tutouria.com to discover 20 historical sites throughout the town. Set to narration with music, the user can scroll through historic photos of each destination to learn the rich history and interesting story behind each place.

The 1793 Christian Schropp House (our museum), along with our 1792 Johannes Mueller House are just two of the many stops along this FREE interactive walking tour of Lititz!

Stop into the foundation today for more information!

The Political Riot of 1908 Part 2 (Excerpted from the Lititz Record in 1908)*(Continued from our Summer 2014 newsletter)**Cory Van Brookhoven*

In less than no time six of the bullies were felled to the ground and showed no disposition to renew the fight. Owing to their conspicuous uniforms they were easily distinguished as they ran and were closely pursued by the Lititz crowd. Many of the red coaters were caught and those who had roared before like lions were bleating like sheep for mercy. The public mind was far from calmed and they received just and deserved punishment for having disturbed the public peace. They were a miserable looking lot by the time they reached Lancaster. It is said that doctors had a busy time in the Fourth Ward and several went to the hospital for treatment. One fellow was knocked over and thrown in the creek. A vicious attack was made on James Leed with a knife, but only scratching his skin. One of the Lancaster men threatened Constable George Butzer with physical injury if he interfered and the officer promptly showed the white feather.

Earlier in the evening when Sherman Carpenter created the first disturbance, the borough's protector failed to take him to jail when Burgess Pfautz issued the order. Pfautz complained about the officer's inefficiency and said that if had he rendered assistance the disturbance might have been quieted without much trouble. Some of the Lancaster bunch were afraid to touch Broad Street, and ran through the Lititz Springs Park grounds, and by a circuitous route made the Lititz turnpike. Some caught trolley cars returning to Lancaster, and some walked the whole distance. Pfautz and his deputies went all the way to Kissel Hill, catching four men along the route as they were about to board the car. These men were taken back to Lititz and placed in the local lockup. They were Edward Caldwell, William Campbell, Frank Dussinger and Harry Sears.

All day Sunday the burgess answered telephone messages from Lancaster politicians, who wanted to get the men out of jail. In the evening County Chairman Samuel W. Diller, with M. G. Sheaffer, Esq., came to Lititz, but when they heard the correct story they refused to have anything further to do with it. One Lititz man, who forgot that citizenship does not consort with lawbreaking, also tried to use his influence in getting the men free. Monday morning the prisoners were given a hearing before Squire Derr, and Campbell was discharged, there being nothing whatever against him. Caldwell had to pay the costs. Dussinger and Sears were held for rioting, assault and battery, both paying \$300 bail. There were a number of others who were in the riot, but were not arrested. The Borough Council stood by the burgess, and did all in their power to put the men in jail. Another hearing was held Friday of that week.

The riot was the all-important topic in town. On Sunday morning there was a gathering of about one hundred persons on the street who were discussing the incident. Torches, sticks, and campaign caps were picked up all around the town and were kept as souvenirs. A huckster stand which stood along the pavement a few hundred feet west of the Springs Hotel was upset when the crowd began running and a kettle containing oyster soup and sandwiches was thrown in the street. A large plate glass window at Bomberger's hardware store was broken, apparently by a stone, a number of which were freely tossed during the melee. The last trolley car which left the scene, gathering up the bullies along the route was unfit for other passengers. Two girls who had attended a party in Lititz, not knowing the circumstances, boarded it. The drunks fought among themselves and the language used was frightful. The conductor was hit twice, and begged the men to consider the girls, but he at once saw that it was unsafe for him to say anything further. The girls were scared and it was a great relief to them when the car finally reached Lancaster. The conductor even feared for their safety and kept a watchful eye on them.

Early Home Remedies:

C.Y. Becker's Dark Diarrhea Medicine:

1 oz. Tincture camphor
 ½ oz. Capsicum
 1 oz. Spirit lavender
 1 oz. Tincture opium
 1 oz. Aromatic spirit of ammonia
 1 oz. Tincture rhubarb
 Take until the “runs” stop

To Keep Good Health:

1 pt. Burdock root
 1 pt. Celery root
 1 pt. Dandelion root
 Boil down in one gallon water
 Strain and add ½ pt. Good whiskey
 Take 3 tablespoons every day
 “In 1903 a man who sold inhalers gave us this receipt”

Martin Hess's liniment for sore bones:

½ pint alcohol
 1 oz. Oil tar
 1 oz. Turpentine
 1 oz. Camphor
 ½ oz. Peppermint

FOR UGLY CUTS or if you run into the point of an iron:

Take a crock and put fiery wood coals in it and woolen rags on the wood coals and hold the wound over the smoke for a long time and cover the wound with a cloth to keep the smoke at wound.

NEVER FAILS

A WORD OF THANKS FOR A SUCCESSFUL BAKE SALE!

Oh, those homemade cookies! Oh, those homemade cakes! Oh, those homemade pies! Oh, those cherished family recipes! Oh, those bake sale donations! Foundation bakers and donors hear this: **THANK YOU.** Thanks to every foundation member and otherwise who cared enough to gift our historical foundation time, dollars and goods. Your efforts are the most delicious of our antiques show weekend and account for a remarkably sterling 20% of the dollar income of the antique show proper. **HOW SWEET IT IS!**

CATHY DOREMUS—Thanks for the dependable and expert leadership you always deliver in seeing this important, delicious bake sale remain the quality gem it is.

Henry Paul—LHF Board Member

DID YOU KNOW...?

The Grand Opening of the Lititz Community Theatre was held on March 21st, 1935. The first film that was shown was "The Gilded Lily", starring Claudette Colbert.

From 1935 to when it finally closed its doors for good in 1964, the theatre showed hundreds of different movies.



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