

Chamber Of Commerce Was Organized 1950

(Feb. 9, 1950)

The formation of a Chamber of Commerce was consummated in Mount Puaski, Monday evening, following a meeting attended by some 40 business and professional men.

An election of a board of 12 directors was then held with the following being chosen:

Three Year Term: Sam Bertoni, Robert Dittus, Dale Ingram and Lawrence Holmes.

Two Year Term: Frederick Lipp, Richard Hayes, Floyd Kelly and Raymond Hahn.

One Year Term: Wilbur Stoll, Wilbert Schahl, Ed Stahl, Lyle Frazier.

Sam Bertoni was elected as the first president.

An organization meeting will be held next Monday evening at the Schahl funeral home to elect the various officers and formulate a program for the year.

Four Main Projects

The Chamber of Commerce has been active since its formation in coordinating the various activities of a community-wide nature.

Street markers were one of the first projects completed and a partial listing of the house numbering has been made. This will be completed by Sil-Tennial time.

Four projects are on the annual program of the board of directors and all of them proving quite important to the community welfare. Starting with the annual Easter Egg Hunt for the youngsters the Saturday before Easter on the courthouse lawn. Then comes the Fourth of July celebration which they have sponsored for the past several years. They furnish the money for the fireworks display as well as operate a concession stand on the grounds to help defray the expenses of the event. Last year the Fire Department contributed to the display, almost doubling it.

The organization in 1955 took over the major portion of the Fall Fiesta which is held the first week in September. Since that time they have sponsored the Kiddie and Homecoming parades, the Merchant tent, the raising of funds and the entertainment features.

Their Christmas party is staged every holiday season and is a giant party given for all the children of the area with outstanding shows of interest to youngsters and free treats. This is done in cooperation with the PTA as an appreciation of the business interests to their patrons in the community.

Presidents who have served the organization since its founding include: Sam Bertoni, Edd Dittus, Wilbert Schahl, Joe Doud, Wilbur Stoll, George Wolcott, Harry Wible, T. A. Gupton, Jr., Dean Hild, Richard Hayes.

Backed Cob Factory

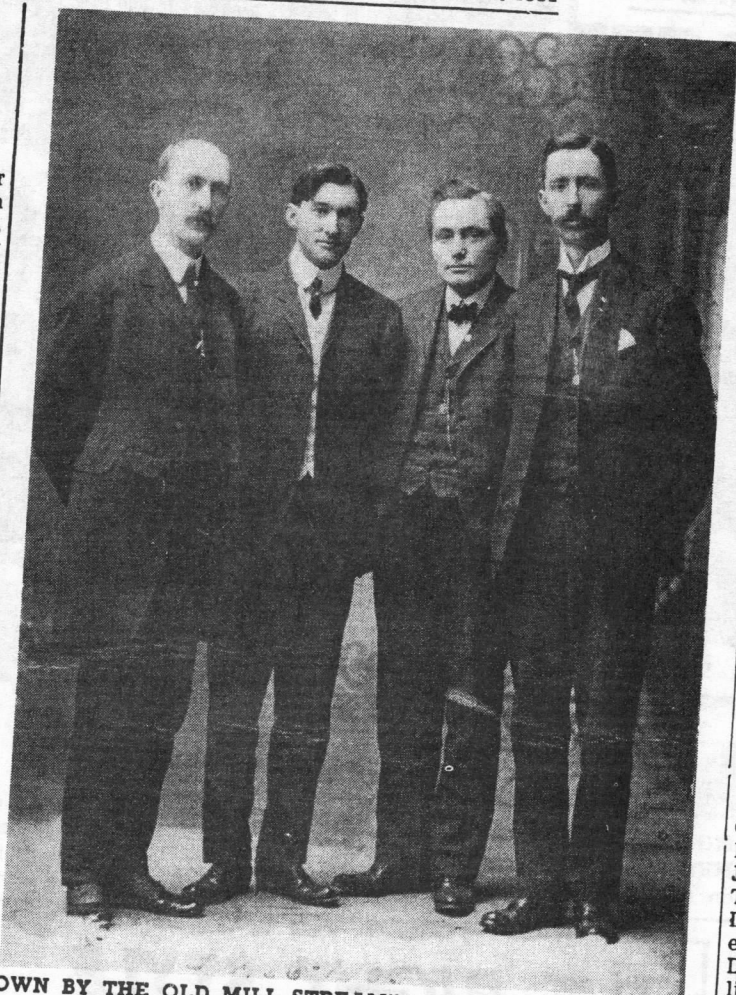
One of the organization's efforts which has proven highly successful was the support given the Mount Pulaski Products in the way of subscribing stock and getting a building erected for the use of this industry.

Commonly called a cob factory, the growth of the business as directed by Robert Steinfert, owner, has grown far beyond the expectations of the men who helped finance the project. A nice, steady payroll as well as the buying and hauling of cobs has created quite a number of additional active dollars in the community. The men who subscribed to the project have long ago been paid off in full with interest as well.

1961 Board and Officers

The present officers and members of the board of directors are: President: Thos. A. Kennedy Vice-President: Gene Howe Secretary: Harry J. Wible Treasurer: Sheldon Copeland Directors—Sheldon Goodman, Paul R. Moore, Walter Moll, Donald Huston, Fred Stahl, Robert Steinfert, Loren Hassebrook, Ivan Leimbach, Delbert Horn.

The latch-string is always out when you come to Mt. Pulaski. Next week the "door" will be wide open.



"DOWN BY THE OLD MILL STREAM" was probably a favorite of this male quartet of years gone by. Left to right: Edward O. Mayer, Wm. Lachenmyer, G. J. Lobberecht and Frank Snyder.

LIONS CLUB PRESENTED CHARTER THURSDAY, MAY 9, '57; ARE ACTIVE

Club Sponsoring Brothers of Brush For Sil-Tennial

Approximately 110 Lions and their guests attended the Mount Pulaski Charter Night Banquet held at the high school Thursday, May 9, 1957.

District Governor Roy Wentz installed the officers of the Mount Pulaski Lions. Those taking office were: Harold Ryan, President; Harry Milner, Vice-President; Duane Shanle, 2nd Vice-President; Ken Johnson, 3rd Vice-President; Don Neaville, Secretary; Robert Barstead, Treasurer; Julian Sams, Lion Tamer; William Dittus, Tail Twister; Directors, Russell Curtis, Roman Romer, Allister Lyons and Robert Mayer.

Charter members of the club include Robert Barstead, Kenneth Brooker, Dee Buckles, Russell Curtis, William Dittus, Carleton Drake, Dean Downing, Raymond Gee, Thomas A. Gupton, Jr., Tom Havener, Fred Holmes, Kenney Johnson, Joe Kafka, Floyd Kelly, Tom Kennedy, Robert Keck, Al Lyons, John Martin, Robert Mayer, Harry Milner, Richard Mueller, Dale Neaville, Don Neaville, William Prather, Roman Romer, Harold Ryan, Julian Sams, Robert Shanle, Jr., Duane Shanle, Fred Stahl, Richard Talmage, Lee Taylor, Frank Turley, Herschel

Vandevender, Dan Volle, Richard Yagow.

Present officers of the Lions Club are: President, Julian Sams; Vice-President, Tom Kennedy; Secretary, William Dittus; Treasurer, Dean Cates.

MANY ACTIVITIES

The Lions Club has been a very active organization since its formation and are doing a lot of good deeds in various ways.

They organized the Little Leaguers last year and after a successful season are again sponsoring the league this year. Money from the sale of candy is used to help pay expenses of the six teams.

Attractive trash cans have been placed around the square and answer a long-needed improvement.

The furnishing of glasses for underprivileged children, as well as being a contributor to the Hadley School for the Blind, in furnishing seeing-eye dogs, is one they cooperate with the national organization in carrying out.

Their Sil-Tennial efforts have been the formation of the Brothers of the Brush and they have a large membership in this order, as well as have been very active in promoting the celebration.



42 Years of Service To This Community



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A new warehouse and bulk plant was completed in September of 1919. Louis Sams started as Agent at this time. He delivered with a 300 gallon tank mounted on a Model T Ford. John Reinders, Dave Connolley and Byron Schaffnacker assisted him as drivers during the next 27 years. Mr. Sams retired after he fell and broke his leg in 1946.

C. A. Harvey took over as Agent and was assisted by his son and E. J. Maxheimer as drivers, for the next 2½ years. In 1949 Mr. Harvey was transferred to the Springfield bulk plant.

January 7, 1949, Charles W. Hanslow started as Agent. During the past 12½ years E. J. Maxheimer, Henry Feese, and Harold Scheuler have served as drivers.

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