

LEMOYNE AND ITS HISTORY

Rapid Growth of Young Borough, Home of Bricker's Bakery

Lemoyme is just twenty-seven years old. If you were to view the land in the lower end of Cumberland county from Fort Washington, 27 years ago, you would have been unable to notice any indications of a settlement, where the little town now stands. Several farms dotting the landscape here and there at that time were the only traces of any inhabitants. This seems unusual as New Cumberland, the neighboring town which is more than 100 years old, at that time was in the height of prosperity and this tract of land was unoccupied for several miles around.

In 1889, the Hummel estate that had jurisdiction of the territory for miles around, commenced to lay out the town. Work on the streets, and the division of the territory into building lots was completed the following Spring and the first building erected in the town was that of Charles Steckley in Bosler avenue. The double dwelling now occupied by Frank Shuff and Charles Shuff marks the birthplace of the borough.

From the time the first house was built the town started to grow and in 1892 the town was struck by a large building "boom." More than 25 houses were built at that time. With the building siege came a very important improvement. A bridge was erected over the Cumberland Valley Railroad at the end of Rossmoyne street, adjoining the highway leading to Harrisburg.

Heretofore, the residents were compelled to go to Witte Hill or to the State road near the river to get into the territory across the railroad. Some of the prominent persons who lived in the town during the first several years of its growth were H. B. Witman, D. C. Hamilton, Dr. J. W. Bowman, William Fetrow, William Davidson, George Gephart, Samuel Long, Victor Shope, George Slothower and George Walker.

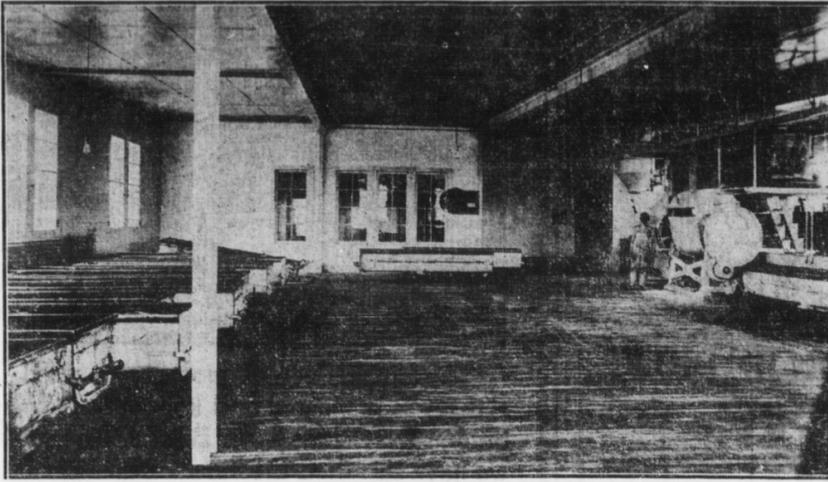
The early settlers realized the need of public schools in the community, and in 1892 proceeded at once to work on the proposition. The village was under the jurisdiction of the township and after much trouble, a school was secured. The building was erected in Herman avenue, at present occupied by J. A. Smith.

The population greatly increased with the building during the next year and the year following the brick building which forms a portion of the present building was erected. Several additions have been made at intervals in the last ten years.

The United Evangelical Church was the first in line of the religious organizations, being formulated in 1892. The Church of Christ was next and shortly afterward the Trinity Lutheran congregation organized. Organizing on a small scale the Lutherans were unable to erect an edifice at once and the Evangelical church was used until a building was erected.

The work of the churches stand out brightly in many phases. All three churches have enlarged considerably and the Church of Christ has recently built a new edifice which is the largest in the town. The United Evangelical Sunday school in a bright light in school work on the West Shore. This school is the largest in Lemoyme and can boast of having the second to the largest Men's Bible Class along that side of the river. The Bible class

DOUGH MIXERS AND RAISING TROUGHS



The above view shows but one of the two giant dough mixing hoppers located on the top floor. The troughs hold the dough during process of fermentation.

movements in the other churches are also reaping good results.

Four years after the founding the town was given car service. A line was erected between this town and New Cumberland and proved to be great assistance in developing the community. At the outset of the service, it seemed to be quite an inconvenience as passengers traveling to and from Harrisburg, were compelled to walk a considerable distance from the end of the line at the lower end of the town to West End Bridge to board another car for the city. The refusal of the Railroad Company to allow the company to erect a bridge over their tracks prevented the erection of a street car bridge across the river near the present Reading Railroad bridge. The route of the line was changed later, and this town today has the best car service of any town in this section.

The town was first named Riverton by its founders. When applications were made for a post office about 1891, the name was changed to Lemoyme. Application was made for a post office under the name of Riverton but postal authorities at Washington refused to grant it on account of two other towns in the State having the same name. A list of names was sent from Washington and the present name selected by the citizens from the list.

Continuing in the state of prosperity the town was incorporated as a borough in 1905. The present population is estimated at 2,200.

Residents of the town recently showed their progressiveness when they backed council in its move to pave Bosler avenue, the street on which the new Bricker bakery is located. Had it not been for the failure of several property owners of the street, who are not residents of the town, to affix their signatures to the petition effecting the paving this little town would be the first borough on the West Shore to have a paved street. No possible method can be put into force to have the pavement laid, and as the result the town will boundary line of the borough can be extended. Almost all of the available building lots have been taken up in

the borough and the town will have to grow out in the direction of New Cumberland if it is to grow in the coming years. Plans are under way by residents of the lower end of Washington Heights to secure admission to the borough of Lemoyme. Should this spend several thousand dollars in laying macadam on the street. Plans are under way at present to secure more property on the opposite

of the Reading Railroad, so that the come about Lemoyme would increase greatly in size and population as this community contains considerable space for enlargement. Although mostly a residential section the town surrounded by three railroads and connected to the city with four bridges possesses a great industrial future, which is forthcoming.

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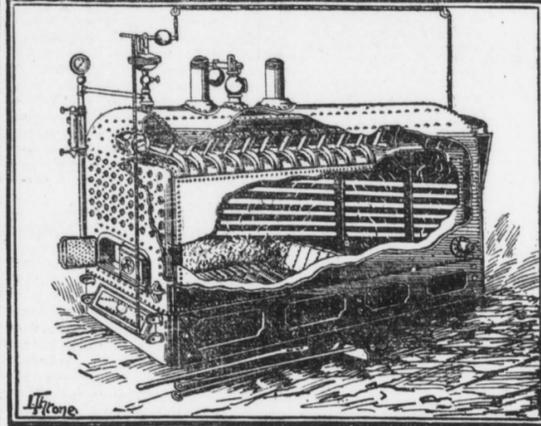
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