



THE BRADFORD LANDMARK SOCIETY

The Inkwell

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Another year in Bradford draws to a close. It's hard to believe that the Millennium was nine years ago! So Merry Christmas, no matter how you celebrate the holidays, to you all.

This is always one of our favorite newsletters, the very last one of the year. This edition of *The Inkwell* always lists the chronology, and necrology, of the buildings of Bradford – those that were erected, and those that were demolished. And we look at the new businesses – and once again, are happy to report that many new businesses were started in Bradford over the past year. True, we lost Mayer Brauser's store, when Joe Brauser retired, but we hope that one or more of the new businesses that opened in 2008 will earn the same fond memories that Brauser's created.

It was a year that saw the old Arcade building on East Washington Street come down, as well as the Sixth Ward Elementary School. It was a year that saw the Oak Hill Cemetery begin a restoration, as a small group of volunteers took on the huge task of maintaining one of the city's oldest burial ground with little or no money – just a willingness to work.

It was a successful year for us in the book business – we published two books in 2008 – *The Dresser Mansion*, which was a reprint of Solomon Dresser's own book on his home, with a new foreword and chapter on Dresser's life; and a wonderful aerial photograph book, entitled *Looking Down From Above*. Literally, the first book of this kind ever published in Bradford, it is an incredible historic record of Bradford and the surrounding area – from the air – back in the 1950s and 1960s. Next year, we have four new books projected – another aerial book, that encompasses a farther geographic range; a book on the 1909 Old Home Week Celebration. Next year marks the 100th anniversary of the Old Home Week, which was the first such celebration in the history of the city, and we are currently sifting through over 240 photographs of the marvelous parades that were held that year. We will also publish a book on Bradford houses again, not just the mansions this time, but a true look at homes that make up the architectural fabric of our city. And lastly, we are planning a book called *A Time Capsule*, which will be a collection of short stories about the various events, people or happenings that make Bradford so interesting. It promises to be quite a year, so enjoy the last few days of this year, and get ready for

NEW YEAR 2009!

Coming Lectures

at the Bradford Public Library
Sponsored by the Bradford Landmark Society

January 21, 2009 7:00 PM

***Looking Down from Above* by Mike Fuoco**

Mike Fuoco, author of the aerial photograph book, *Looking Down From Above*, will describe the path to publication of this one-of-a-kind book, covering such topics as acquiring the negatives, obtaining the copyright, identification and research required for each photograph. Selected aerial photographs of the Bradford area will be on display.

February 18, 2009 7:00 PM

***The Dresser Mansion* by Diann Hatch**

Local historian and researcher at The Bradford Landmark Society, Diann Hatch will give a history of Solomon Dresser's fabulous mansion. Built in 1903, but totally destroyed by fire on February 28, 1986, this wonderful house, which Dresser called "a splendid creation of rare charm and rich elegance", is still considered by many to be one of the finest mansions ever built in the oil region. Hatch, who worked at the mansion when it was the Dresser Home, will present her memories and show color slides of the interior of the mansion, as it appeared shortly before the disastrous fire.

March 18, 2009 7:00 PM

***Architects of Bradford* by Sally Costik**

Learn about the men that designed our city! Sally Costik, curator of the Bradford Landmark Society will present an overall look at Bradford architects with special attention to Thomas Hendryx, a local architect, who was the only registered architect in Bradford during the 1930s, and designed nearly every school in Bradford, as well as many houses and well known buildings. An exhibit of Hendryx's building designs will be on display.



Last Minute Christmas Shopping? Looking for
the perfect gift? Join us at a

Christmas Open House

At

The Bradford Landmark Society
(the old Herbig Bakery)

45 East Corydon Street

December 22, 2008

11 AM to 2 PM

Light Refreshments



As Time Goes By

For the past several years, the Bradford Landmark Society has compiled a special list and published it in our last yearly edition of *The Inkwell*. This list serves as a fitting tribute to those businesses that were opened or expanded in Bradford in 2008 as well as a farewell to those that have closed, whether it's due to retirement, relocation, or just lack of business. In addition, we also list those buildings that have ceased to exist, by destruction or demolition, and new buildings that were erected inside the city.

It has become one of our most popular features of the December newsletter, and once again this year, we are encouraged by the start of new businesses, saddened by the end of others, dismayed by the loss of some of our buildings, and yet heartened by the erection of others. We invite you to take a trip 'down memory lane' with us, as we say both goodbye, and hello, to history in the making.....

New Businesses (in no particular order): (And if we missed your business, we are sorry!)

- **Dynamite Stop Bar and Grill**, a small restaurant for air travelers, opened April 1, 2008 at the Bradford Regional Airport.
- **Cavallero Custom Picture Framing**, opened in August at 25 Main Street. Steve Cavallaro recently purchased the old Nickel Paint store building (Jensen's Paints to you really old timers) on Kennedy Street, and will be moving his painting business and picture framing business to that location in 2009.
- **Evolution Pool and Arcade**, 22 South Avenue, a family oriented pool hall and arcade, opened in February 2008. It is now closed.
- **Little Fabric Garden**, 12 Northgate Drive, opened in February as a fabric shop with the quilter in mind.
- **Jennifer McMillen State Farm Insurance**, 93 Congress Street, changed name in March 2008. New owner and new name since retirement of Cyrilla Koekler.
- **Lloyd Burkhouse Auctions**, 819 S. Kendall Avenue, opened for business in May, specializing in estates, appraisals, liquidations, farms, livestock, and real estate.
- **Yum-Yum's**, 56 West Washington, re-opened after being closed several years; it closed again by the end of the summer.
- **Michelle's Flair for Hair**, at 399 East Main Street, opened for business in June of 2008, promising hair treatments from conservative to "crazy fun".
- **Sirline's East Main Street Diner**, 940 East Main Street, opened for business in June 2008. It is now closed.

- **Roseart**, selling unique gift items of marble and wood, recently opened a new store on July 15th, at 119 Main Street, moving from its former location on Lincoln Avenue. Roseart is a partnership between Ralph and Judith Rose, and Mark and Kelly Platko.
- **Booth Family Corner**, at 79 Main Street is a thrift store owned by the Salvation Army. It opened in September.
- **Mascioni Catering**, in Limestone, NY opened its doors in October 2008. It offers full service catering to all groups.
- **Our World** declares that it's "something for everyone gift shop". This gift shop in Westline opened in September (2007).
- **Sportman's Outlet**, located at 570 Chestnut Street carries brand name outdoor sports gear and clothing for recreation or outdoor sports. It opened in November 2008.
- **Brenda's Furniture 'N More**, at 23 Pine Street, carries second hand furniture, household items, and next-to-new clothing. It opened in November 2008.
- **Madison's Neighborhood Eatery** at 585 South Avenue opened in November 2008. It offers a casual upscale menu.
- **Trico Interiors**, custom interior millwork and casework for commercial customers, opened at 57 Holley Avenue in November 2008.
- **Quality Care Internal Medicine**, an adult internal medicine practice, opened at 195 Pleasant Street. Dr. Greg Ambuske is the owner and physician.
- **Club Shock Wave**, a game room with video games, air hockey, and pool table, opened at 66 Main Street in August 2008. It is now closed.
- **Main Street Fitness** opened at 80 Main Street this past summer. It is an open gym, with cardio, circuit machines and free weights. Membership is required.
- **Lighter Side** Located in the old Charlie's Pub (the Star Restaurant to you old timers), this bar/restaurant features casual dining, "where everything is made with a Twist of Love".

Closed Businesses:

- Bradford Sub Shop, Congress Street
- Brauser's, Main Street
- La Herradura, Mexican Food Restaurant, Main Street
- Saint Vincent Diagnostic Testing, Davis Street

Buildings that ceased to exist in 2008:

- The former Sixth Ward Elementary School on South Kendall Avenue was demolished in April of 2008 after years of neglect created a public nuisance. An apartment complex is planned on the site.
 - The Arcade, a deteriorating building on East Washington Street, was razed last spring. Snow from the previous winter had caused partial collapse of the roof onto the top floor of the structure. Its close proximity to the street and Tuna Creek created a dangerous situation that forced demolition.
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There were also some anniversaries in 2008 as well, and we offer our congratulations to the following businesses that celebrated birthdays this past year:

- **Bisett Building Center** celebrated its 125th anniversary on May 17, 2008. Started as a freight hauling company back in the early oil days, the company soon expanded into selling building supplies and concrete. The two large silos, still standing behind the Bisett property, were erected in 1927 to contain sand and coal.
- **Lang Surveying** marked 20 years in business, holding an open house on November 14, 2008 at their offices at 1059 Lafferty Hollow.
- **The Emery Towers** held a 25th Anniversary Celebration in the Community Room of the Emery Towers on November 8, 2008. Bob Costello was the master of ceremonies, followed by a presentation plaque from the PA Housing and Finance Agency that regulates the housing operation. A special added feature was a speech by high school senior Leah Costik, in her portrayal of Grace Emery, the woman who built the Emery as a tribute to her father, Lewis Emery, in 1929.
- **Futures Rehabilitation Center**, founded in 1968, celebrated its 40th year in Fall 2008. Futures provides vocational and social service resources for persons with disabilities, and is located at One Futures Way, Bradford.
- **The YWCA of Bradford** celebrated its 60th year at its current location at 24 W. Corydon Street in the Fall of 2008.

And finally, some miscellaneous items that deserved mentioning, too!

- A groundbreaking ceremony for a new **Pennsylvania National Guard Armory** was held on April 4, 2008 at the Bradford Regional Airport in Mt. Alton. The 28,000 square-foot, \$8.3 million facility will serve troops of Company C, 1st Battalion, 112th Infantry of the 56th Stryker Brigade Combat Team. Completion is expected in 12 to 18 months.
- **American Refining Group** erected a new, \$20 million hydrotreater, the single most expensive project in the history of the refinery and commenced operations on April 22, 2008. The new equipment will allow the refinery to provide low sulphur diesel fuel, and will process about 3,800 barrels per day of feedstock when running at full capacity.

- **The Soap Box Derby** returned to the city in late Spring. This non-motorized car race was held every year from 1951 to 1968, and once again in 1972, with the race taking place down North Center Street. This year's race saw both boys and girls competing for the first place award and a trip to the national races in Akron, Ohio.
- **Oak Hill Cemetery** was the scene of intensive cleanup, as a local group of volunteers began to restore and repair the cemetery grounds.
- **The Koch Chatley Gaeto Funeral Home and Cremation Services** changed owners in March of 2008, as Vince and Becky Gaeto sold the business to Michael and Olivia Mascho, due to poor health and planned retirement. Vince sadly lost his battle with cancer on April 13, 2008.
- A \$2.4 million **streetscape project** was initiated in April, and completed in time for Christmas in the Boylston, Kennedy and Davis Street areas. New decorative "acorn" streetlights, new curbing, and brick inlays on the streets and portions of the sidewalks have created bright and charming city streets.
- **The Bradford High School football field** installed a new artificial turf surface to its athletic field, and completed it in time for the Fall football season. Although there was much controversy over the cost, estimated to be \$1 million, the new field is a wonderful addition to the school system and our sports program. As an added bonus, *The Bradford Era* chose an aerial photograph of the field as the subject of next year's *Era Calendar 2009*.

The first day of winter is nearly upon us! December 21, 2008

In the United States and the rest of the northern hemisphere, the first day of the winter season is the day of the year when the Sun is farthest south (on December 21st or 22nd). This day is known as the Winter Solstice.

The declination of the sun on the winter solstice is known as the tropic of Capricorn (-23°27'). In the Southern hemisphere, winter and summer solstices are exchanged so that the winter solstice is the day on which the Sun is farthest north.

A common misconception is that the earth is further from the sun in the winter than in the summer. Actually, the Earth is closest to the sun in December which is winter in the Northern hemisphere.

The day of the winter solstice is the shortest day of the year. The length of time elapsed between sunrise and sunset on this day is a minimum for the year. In the United States, there are only about 9 ½ hours of daylight on this day.

At latitude 40° north, the earliest sunset of the year occurs around December 8, and latest sunrise occurs around January 5. The day with the least amount of daylight (the first day of winter), occurs around December 21.

But Don't Worry – the first day of Spring is March 20!

All I Want for Christmas is

As Christmas draws near, the stores become filled with toys, and remembering the toys that we played with as children is always a wonderful memory. In this edition of *The Inkwell*, we are taking a look at toys - toys of a hundred years ago, and toys of today. This year, one toy in particular made the headlines in November in newspapers across the county -- and you will be surprised to see which toy was so newsworthy!

Each year, the Strong Museum in Rochester, New York inducts several nominated toys into the National Toy Hall of Fame and this year one of those choices drew a combination of admiration, disbelief, and approval. The three toys inducted this year were: the baby doll, the skateboard, and the ... stick. Yes, a common, wooden, grows on a tree, easy to find - stick. Other nominees included the game of Yahtzee, the dollhouse, the Magic 8 Ball, the Game of Life, Hot Wheels, Rubik's Cube, Thomas the Tank Engine, Wiffle Ball, the game of Clue, and the Flexible Flyer Sled.

Toys nominated for inclusion into the Toy Hall of Fame must have the following characteristics:

- 1. Icon-status:** The toy is widely recognized, respected, and remembered.
- 2. Longevity:** The toy is more than a passing fad and has enjoyed popularity over multiple generations.
- 3. Discovery:** The toy fosters learning, creativity, or discovery through play.
- 4. Innovation:** The toy profoundly changed play or toy design. A toy must be inducted on the basis of this criterion without necessarily having met all of the first three.

The stick met all this criteria. In the words of the Strong Museum "Found in all sizes in nature, sticks inspire spontaneous, unstructured play and can be used in unendingly imaginative ways - to draw in the sand on a beach, or to use as a magic wand, slingshot, light saber, fishing rod, or walking stick; not to mention playing stickball, toasting marshmallows, or playing "fetch" with your dog.

Sticks are the original construction toys: children make toy buildings out of sticks and design toy boats with leaves for sails. Many an adult has picked up a driftwood souvenir from the beach, and artists and crafters use sticks in wreaths, chairs, and sculptures. The stick now keeps proud company with another untraditional "toy" - the Cardboard Box - inducted into the hall in 2005. After all, the best toy is often a plaything that's free, easy to get and a source of endless creativity.

The stick joins a well known list of toys in the Hall of Fame, and many of our readers will remember playing with almost every one of these famous toys:

Alphabet Blocks	G.I. Joe®	Play-Doh®
Atari 2600® Game System	Hula Hoop®	Radio Flyer® Wagon
Barbie®	Jack-in-the Box	Raggedy Ann and Andy™
Bicycle	Jacks	Rocking Horse
Candy Land®	Jigsaw Puzzle	Roller Skates
Cardboard Box	Jump Rope	SCRABBLE®
Checkers	Kite	Silly Putty®
Crayola® Crayons	Legos®	Slinky®
Duncan® Yo-Yo	Lincoln Logs®	Teddy Bear
Easy-Bake Oven®	Lionel® Trains	Tinkertoys®
Erector® Set	Marbles	Tonka® Trucks
Etch A Sketch®	Monopoly®	View-Master®
Frisbee®	Mr. Potato Head®	

But what of toys a hundred years ago? What did the children of the 1900s play with? Or were there other toys that children loved, and that are now, for some reason, forgotten? Let's find out.

Top Ten Toys of Yesterday: 1900-1920

1. Teddy Bears

Most people have heard the story about President Teddy Roosevelt being the inspiration for modern day teddy bears. The story goes that while on a hunting trip in November of 1902, President Theodore Roosevelt refused to shoot a helpless bear, spared its life, setting it free. A political cartoonist drew a cartoon of Roosevelt and the bear; the story then follows that a toy store owner in New York created a stuffed bear for his store to match the bear illustrated in the cartoon. Teddy Bears became famous across the Nation and by 1915 every child had to have their own Teddy Bear.

2. Erector Set

Created by former Gold Metal Olympian (Pole Vault in 1908) A.C. Gilbert, the *Erector Set* made its debut in 1913. Then, it was called *The Mysto Erector Structural Steel Builder*. Gilbert was taking the train from his home in Connecticut to New York City and was inspired by watching workers set and rivet steel beams for the electrical power line tower they were building. While watching these workers, he decided to create a children's construction kit that was more than a toy. It would be something they could use to create and build and add to.

3. Lionel Trains

Lionel Trains have been around since 1901. The first train was used to attract customers through the famous New York City window displays, but it was not long before consumers wanted them in their own homes.

The Electric Express, Joshua Lionel Cowen's first model train, was created in 1901 by fitting a small motor under a model of a railroad flatcar. The motor was powered by a battery and the *Electric Express* ran around thirty inches of track. By 1953, *Lionel Corporation* was the largest toy manufacturer in the world.



4. Lincoln Logs

After seeing how a hotel his father designed survived an earthquake in Tokyo, Japan, John Lloyd Wright (son of architect Frank Lloyd Wright) was inspired to create a building toy using interlocking pieces, similar to the hotel's design. *Lincoln Logs* were introduced to the market in 1916 and were a big hit. Lincoln Logs were the first toy to ever be promoted on television (1953).

5. Raggedy Ann

Newspaper cartoonist, Johnny Gruelle had this doll made for his daughter and decided to begin selling copies. Those copies have found their way into countless homes, even today.

6. Radio Flyer Wagon

Already known as a toy wagon maker, Antonio Pasin, chose to name his toys in a way to capture the spirit of the era he lived in. In 1917, the radio was the newest invention everyone was talking about. As a radio

worked by waves of sound, the idea of naming his newest wagon after flying radio waves, thus the *Radio Flyer* was born and became the icon of his company.

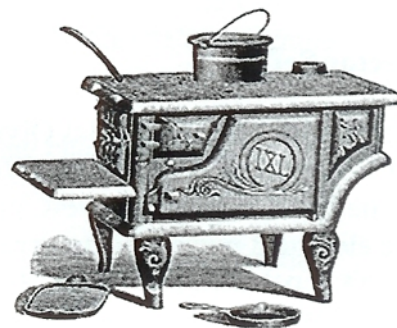
7. Tinker Toys

Designed for children too young for Erector Sets, Tinker Toys were made with little hands in mind. Creator, Charles Pajeau was actually inspired by watching young children poke sticks into empty spools of thread.

Pajeau designed the first set in his garage and took his toy to the 1914 American Toy Fair where nobody cared about his creation. That Christmas, he hired several little people to dress as elves and play with his toy in a Chicago department store window. Within one year, over a million sets were sold.

8. Crayons

Crayola Crayons debuted their first box of eight crayons in 1903 and have not looked back. Creators Edwin Binney and C. Harold Smith could not have imagined that their new product would become a necessity in every classroom in the Country.



9. Tin Toys

Even though tin toys were being produced in Germany for years, it was not until the 1900s before American companies began producing these toys, thus making them available wide scale. These toys were made from metal, covered with tin and painted and many were mechanical in nature. A common name is "wind up toys".

10. Tiddlywinks

Today, this classic child's game has become a professional sport. Tiddlywinks are still sold in stores and marketed to children, but most players today are adults who enter competitions held around the world.

Tiddlywinks is a simple game played with small discs, called winks. The winks lay on a flat surface and players use a large disc, called a squidger, to pop the winks into the air by pressing the squidger down on one side of the wink. The goal is to get your winks into the cup. Adult competitors also attempt to have their winks land on top of their opponents' winks, thus creating more difficulty for the other player.



Creator, Eugene Tiedler owned a clock making shop where his workers filled their spare time by playing simple games. The men would use disc shaped scraps of wood and try to flip them into their co-worker's drinking cup. As the discs were the scraps from making the eyes of owls for the clocks, one worker happened to call the discs the owls' winks and it soon caught on. After the game and the name caught on throughout the city of Cincinnati, Tiedler decided to quickly design a set of rules and began painting the discs in bright colors. He marketed the game as "*Tiddler's Winks*" and stopped making clocks by the year 1889. By the Turn of the Century, *Tiedler's Winks* had spread across the Country and in 1938, was renamed *Tiddlywinks* when *Parker Brothers* bought the rights.

Streets of Bradford

The Bradford Landmark Society

As you drive around this year, looking at all the Christmas lights, try to remember the names of the streets, then come home by the warm fire and try your hand at finding all the Streets of Bradford!

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**Happy Holidays from all of us
at the Bradford Landmark Society!**



*Larry Costik Larry Richmond
Mike Snow Mally Lindahl
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