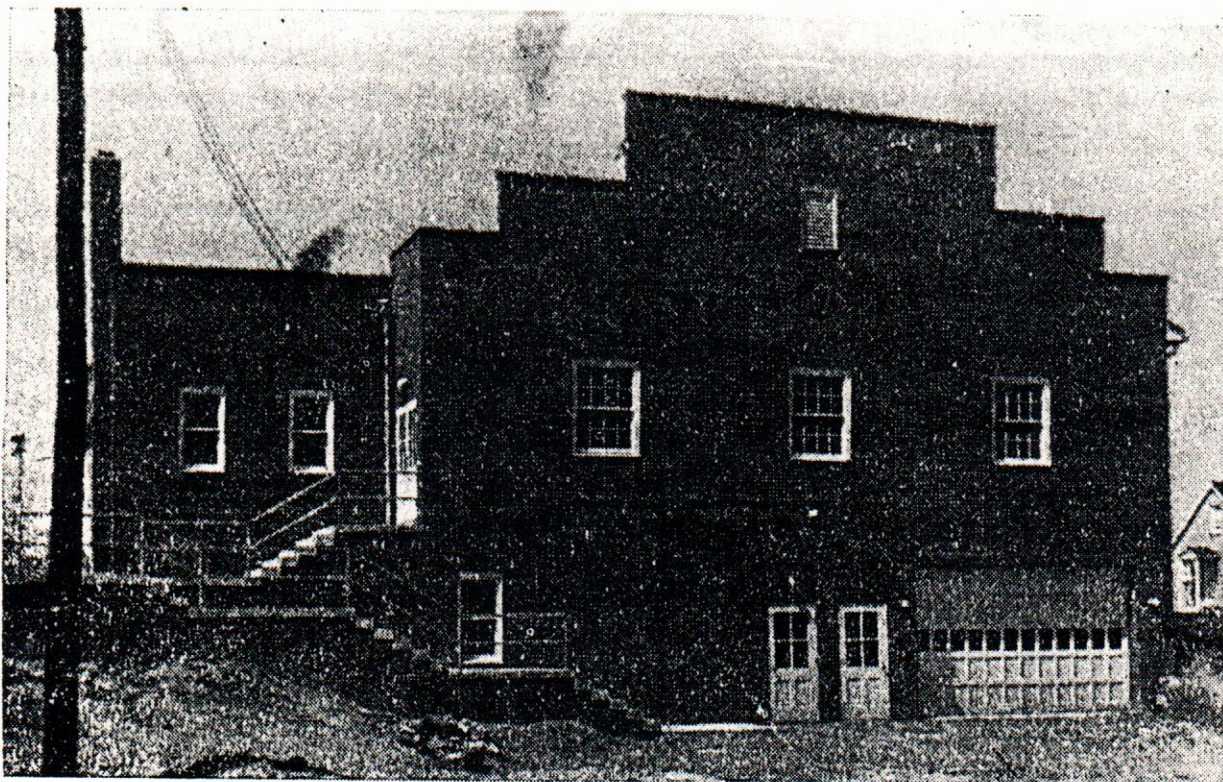


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DEDICATION  
Franklinton & Community  
Fire Company  
Saturday May 29, 1954

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DEDICATION PROGRAM



MAY 29, 1954

FRANKLINTOWN, PA.

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Saturday, May 29, 1954

4 P. M.

RAYMOND SCHAR, Presiding

1. Invocation ..... Rev. Roland M. Banes  
Pastor, Lutheran Parish
2. National Anthem ..... Dillsburg Citizens Band
3. Introductions ..... Cameron Ralston  
Noted Lecturer and Traveler
4. Hon. George M. Leader ..... State Senator  
Gubernatorial Candidate
5. Benediction ..... Rev. Myrl Slaybaugh  
Pastor, U. E. in Christ Church

5 P. M.

CHICKEN CORN SOUP

Served by Ladies Auxiliary

7 P. M.

FESTIVAL AND GAMES

8 P. M.

CONCERT

Dillsburg Citizens Band

FRANKLINTOWN & COMMUNITY  
FIRE CO

THANK YOU

Progress requires courage, initiative, perseverance and, most of all, cooperation.

Without the cooperation of all members, this new fire house and community building could not have been realized. Without the cooperation of all committees appointed, the results would not be here. Without the cooperation of the citizens and many friends, this would remain a dream. And without the wholehearted cooperation of our merchants and advertisers, the financial burden would be heavy.

We believe that all those who have given of their time, their efforts and their support must have a feeling of genuine goodness and satisfaction within them for the value of this new modern community center for our citizens will bring untold benefits and happiness for years to come.

Words are mighty feeble in expressing our sincere gratitude to all of you who have made this great event possible. But our hearts are warm realizing the many, many friends who are whole-heartedly behind this great community effort.

*Harry W. Arbegast*

President  
Franklinton & Community  
Fire Company

# FRANKLINTOWN & COMMUNITY FIRE CO.

The Franklinton & Community Fire Company has a unique history in that a fire house and fire fighting equipment was available before a company was formally organized.

During the late 30's, Mr. George D. Byers, a man of vision, realized the great need for a fire-fighting organization in this area. A near-catastrophe fire in town further impressed additional people. However, Mr. Byers received little real encouragement and, in desperation, finally bought a used fire truck without authorization from anyone. He then solicited the area for donations and soon had secured enough funds to pay for the truck.

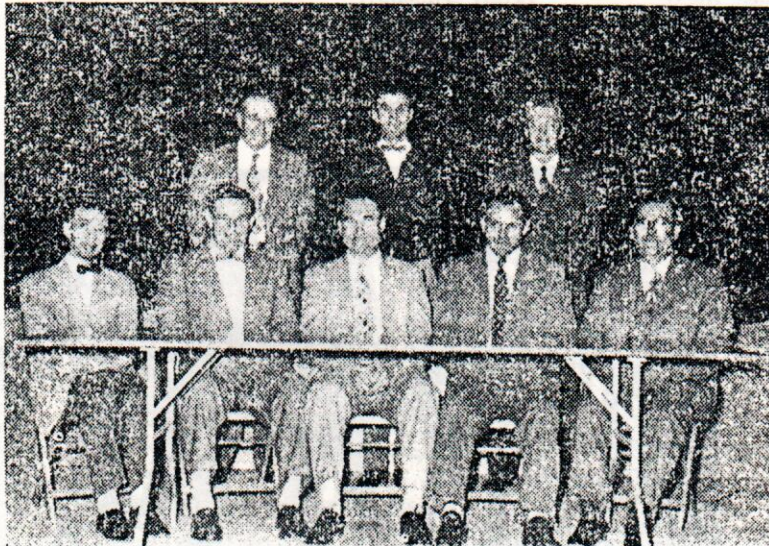
With the acquisition of a fire truck it was necessary to find housing which soon led to the purchase of a piece of land at the present site followed shortly thereafter by a one-story, concrete block garage.

Finally, on February 1, 1940, the citizens of the community gathered in the school building for the purpose of organizing a fire company. The first officers were

President ..... H. B. Nell  
 Vice President ..... B. F. Harbold  
 Rec. Secretary ..... R. K. Sealover  
 Treasurer ..... Joseph Harbold  
 Fire Chief ..... Charles King  
 1st Assistant ..... M. A. Sealover  
 2nd Assistant ..... Roy Hursh

As the years progressed it was evident that the existing facilities were not satisfactory for the needs of the community. Plans were in the "talking stage" for a number of years until 1953 when the present structure was started.

The present building has a second floor 50x100 feet planned for meetings, stage presentations and banquets. The first floor, 30x50 feet houses the fire apparatus, a meeting room and furnace room. The building is modern in all respects having dual heating plants, emergency lighting equipment and public rest rooms. It is constructed of concrete block with brick front. With the completion of present grading plans and landscaping, this community building and fire house will be one of the most beautiful of its kind in this area. The total cost will approximate \$40,000.00



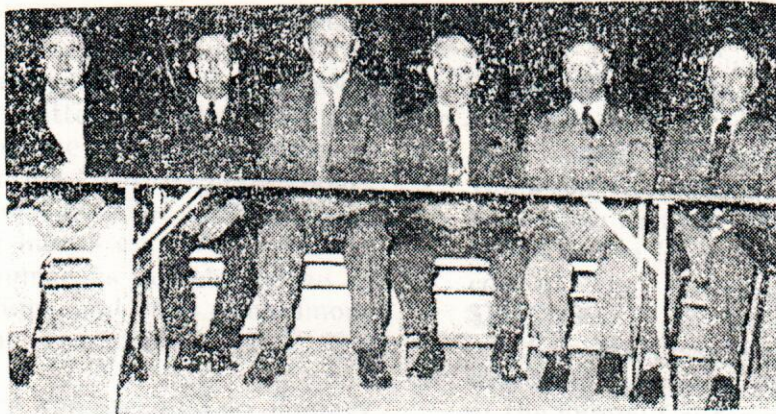
FIRE COMPANY OFFICERS  
1954

Front Row:  
 Douglas Harter, Secretary  
 George Deardorff, Treasurer  
 Harry Arbogast, President  
 Lester Wise, Vice President  
 Irvin Stough, Financial Secretary

Back Row:  
 L. L. King, Chaplain  
 Harold Weigle, Asst. Fire Chief  
 R. E. Harbold, Fire Chief  
 Paul Arnold (not pictured), Asst. Fire Cf.

**MEMBERSHIP**  
**Franklinton & Community Fire Company**  
 (as of May 3, 1954)

- |                      |                     |                         |                    |
|----------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Altland, Lewis       | Graham, Calvin      | Lamparter, Wm. Jr.      | Schar, Raymond     |
| Anthony, Wm. H.      | Graham, Robert      | Lau, A. B.              | Sealover, Ralph    |
| Arbegast, D. P.      | Grove, Walter       | Lehman, Stewart         | Shank, Gurnay      |
| Arbegast, Harry      | Gundrum, Ralph      | Lehr, John S.           | Shive, Edwin       |
| Arnold, Boyd         |                     | Lehr, Vernon            | Shrive, Fred       |
| Arnold, Filmore      | Haar, Elmer         | Livingston, John        | Shumaker, Robert   |
| Arnold, Harrison     | Haar, Harold        | Lucas, Clyde, Sr.       | Slaybaugh, Myri    |
| Arnold, Paul         | Haar, Harry         | Lucas, Clyde, Jr.       | Smith, George D.   |
| Arnold, Robert       | Harbold, Benjamin   | Lucas, Paul             | Smith, Gordon      |
|                      | Harbold, Charles    | Lucas, Thomas           | Smith, Harry       |
| Baker, John          | Harbold, Curvan     |                         | Smith, Kenneth     |
| Bentz, Carson        | Harbold, Lynn       | Mace, Stephan           | Stambaugh, William |
| Bentz, Lloyd         | Harbold, R. E.      | March, William, Sr.     | Stine, John        |
| Bollinger, George    | Harter, Douglas     | Markel, David           | Stough, Ervin      |
| Bowman, Charles      | Heiges, Lloyd       | McKinsey, Robert        | Stough, Gerald     |
| Byers, Bruce         | Hershey, Clyde      | Marks, David            | Stough, Joel       |
| Byers, Earl          | Hershey, Clyde, Sr. | Miller, Arthur          | Stough, Willis     |
| Byers, Firman        | Henry, Benjamin     | Miller, Charles         | Strayer, Elmer     |
| Byers, Kenneth       | Hess, Dean          | Moose, Robert           | Strickler, George  |
|                      | Hess, Merle         | Mummert, George         | Strickler, Lorin   |
|                      | Hess, Roy           | Mumper, Harry           |                    |
| Cook, Wayne O.       | Holstine, Frank     | Murphy, Sam             | Thunma, Norman     |
| Coulson, Charles     | Hunter, Ray         | Murray, Claude          | Trostle, John      |
| Coulson, Maurice     | Hursh, Roy          | Murray, John            | Trump, Ervin       |
|                      |                     | Murray, Lester          |                    |
| Deardorff, Firman    | Karns, Richard      | Murray, Roger           | Volland, Donald    |
| Deardorff, George    | Kemper, Dale        | Myers, David            |                    |
| Deardorff, J. C.     | Kimmel, John        | Myers, Firman           | Wallace, John      |
| Detter, Ivan         | Kimmel, Joseph      | Myers, Glenn            | Wagner, Harry      |
| Dickensheets, George | Kimmel, Lewis       | Myers, John             | Wehler, Glenn      |
| Ditmer, Charles      | Kimmel, Luther      | Myers, Lester           | Wehler, Paul       |
|                      | Kimmel, Peter       | Myers, Ronnie           | Wehler, Roy        |
| Elicker, Leroy       | Kimmel, William     | Myers, Roy              | Weigle, Harold     |
| Engle, H.            | King, A. M.         |                         | Weigle, Lester     |
|                      | King, Charles       | Nell, Michael           | Wierman, Wm.       |
| Farence, Woodrow     | King, Clyde         | Nelson, Boyd            | Williams, James    |
| Fishel, George       | King, Eugene        |                         | Wise, Bruce        |
| Fleming, Charles     | King, Harry         | Pentz, Earl             | Wise, Lester       |
| Fleming, Richard     | King, L. L.         | Phillips, Lloyd         | Wise, Paul         |
| Frederick, Lewis     | King, Robert        | Rinehart, Charles       | Wise, Richard      |
| Fulk, Harold         | King, Robert E.     | Rinehart, Harry         | Wolf, Claude       |
|                      | Kline, Ralph        | Rosenberger, Clyde, Sr. | Wolf, Paul         |
| Geiling, Harold      | Klugh, Fred         | Rosenberger, Clyde, Jr. | Wolf, Roy          |
| Gerber, Lawrence     | Knaub, Paul         | Rumsey, Ralph           | Wonders, Charles   |
| Gladteiter, Glenn    | Krull, William      | Runk, Charles           | Wonders, Clyde     |
| Gochenaur, M. S.     |                     | Ruppert, Harvey         | Wonders, Henry     |



**FIRE COMPANY DIRECTORS**  
 Claude Murray, Elmer Haar, R. E. Wise (Chief),  
 Will Stough, Stewart Lehman, Maurice Coulson

# UNITED BRETHREN IN CHRIST CHURCH

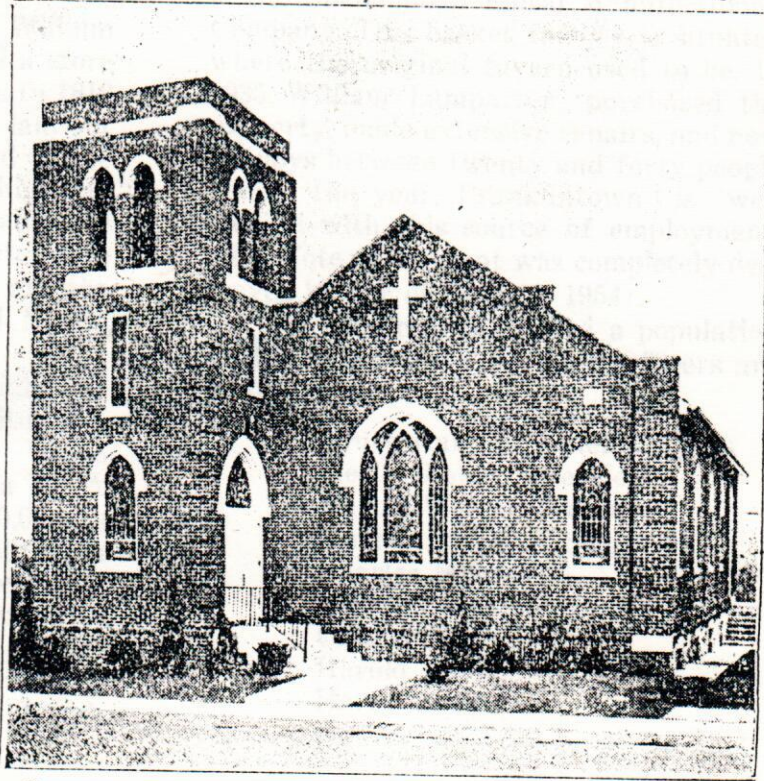
## Franklinton

The original church building was dedicated on December 23, 1851 by Rev. J. C. Smith, Presiding Elder. The cost of the structure was \$1000.00. The first Class was organized in Franklinton on February 21, 1851. It was a mission field, traveled by John Fohl for two years, and Samuel Enterline, one year. The second year it was made a Circuit, Samuel Enterline the Pastor for two years. Rev. Fohl was Pastor when the original building was erected. It was a one story, brick building built by Capt. John Klugh, contractor.

In 1849, the Conference decided to divide the Circuit in two, as Mr. Fohl reported 32 appointments and 10 organized Classes. All appointments north of the York - Chambersburg turnpike became Franklin Circuit. Mr. Fohl was assigned to the Franklin Circuit and at the next Conference in 1850, reported 19 appointments, 3 organized churches and 99 members.

From the early part of the century there were two societies, Franklinton and South Mountain Union. Today, at both churches, there are 283 members. In 1936 the Sunday School enrollment reached all but 200 with an average attendance of 110. At this point more space was considered. A building committee met the later part of December on the grounds to stake off for the foundation of additional rooms. After much consideration and debating, two stumbling blocks appeared (scarcity of land and numerous defects in the 86 year old building) and the unanimous opinion of the committee was a new church.

A land deed was executed on January 11, 1937 and excavation began immediately. Interested men and youth of the congregation spent many hours of day and evening work. The cornerstone was laid Sunday afternoon, November 14, 1937. The



wall was then built to window sill height and a temporary roof was put on this part of the building. During the winter, the basement was completed and on March 6, 1938 the last service was held in the old building. During the summer the old building was completely razed. The brick was cleaned and together with as much other materials as possible were worked into the new structure. After two full years the new church was completed. In 1939 the valuation was placed at \$12,000.00. The parsonage was started in June of 1950 and completed in December of 1950. The total cost of the parsonage and land was \$15,876.35.

Rev. Myrl Slaybaugh, present Pastor, was assigned to the Franklinton Circuit at the annual Conference held on September 24, 1950. He had previously served at New Goshen, Ind., Missal, Ill., in the Rock River Conference and the Mt. Vernon Circuit in the Penna. Conference.

# FRANKLINTOWN

The village of Franklinton is delightfully situated in the eastern corner of Franklin Township with a commanding view of four townships—Warrington, Carroll, Washington and Franklin, all of which meet at a point a short distance east of the town.

Early in the 18th century William Butt and Jacob Schultz conducted a store and tavern on the site of the town. In 1813 a tract of land was surveyed and laid out in streets and 186 lots. It is located on the main Harrisburg to Baltimore highway having the main street called Baltimore Street. The two parallel streets were named Water and Church Streets and the three cross streets were named North, Spring and South Streets.

In order to sell the lots rapidly the founders, Butt and Schultz, instituted a lottery, selling tickets at \$30.00. There were no blanks - each one drew a lot. A ticket for the store, valued at \$1000.00 was included. Thirty dollars for a small lot in those days meant much to the purchasers. Many were disappointed and referred to the town as "Buttstown".

In 1849 there were about a dozen houses in existence. Captain John Klugh

bought a number of vacant lots, built some houses, and encouraged building. The town was incorporated in 1869 with a population of 270. Daniel Hershey was the first Chief Burgess.

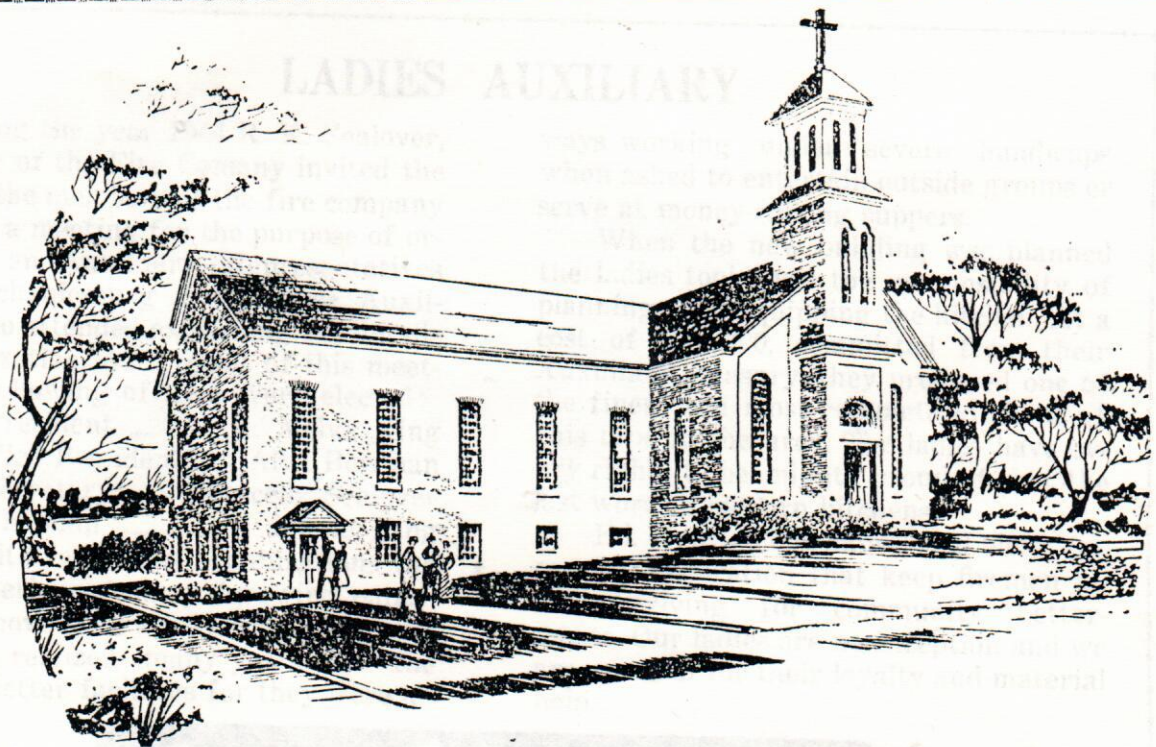
Franklinton's only sizable industry is the Shenandoah Floral Manufacturing Company. This basket factory is situated where the original tavern used to be. In 1935 William Lamparter purchased the property, made extensive repairs, and now employs between twenty and forty people during the year. Franklinton is well pleased with this source of employment. (Ed. Note: This plant was completely destroyed by fire on May 13, 1954).

The 1950 census showed a population of 328. The present Borough Officers are as follows:

Bruce Harbold, Chief Burgess  
Merle Diener, President  
Harold Weigle, Treasurer  
Marion Rinehart, Secretary  
Charles Myers  
Melvin Lucas  
Charles Runk  
Harold Fulk  
Harry Gettys



FIRST FIRE HOUSE



## SALEM (BARRENS) UNION CHURCH

Salem Union, or (Barrens Church) as it is commonly known, is one of the old landmarks of Washington Township, situated in the upper end of the Township in York County.

The first building was a log church which was dedicated to the service of God on the first day of January, 1812. This building stood for fifty-three years. The Lutheran pastor at this time was Rev. John A. Rudisill, and the Reformed pastor was Rev. Charles Helfenstine. There is no information available in existing records as to the date when the congregations were organized.

The first grave in the adjoining cemetery was that of Barbara Shetron, who died August 11, 1811. Near this building was a stone schoolhouse used as a parochial school by the church until the introduction of the free public school. On April 1, 1863, plans and specifications were adopted for a new church to take place of the old log church. The new church was built of brick, 38x50 feet, with a gallery on three sides of the church. The cornerstone was laid May 16, 1864.

Dedication services were held on May 21, 1866, with the following ministers participating: The Lutheran pastors, Rev. Peter Warner, M. J. Alleman, of Hanover, and S. Dasher; and the Rev. J. Ault, of the

Reformed Church of Mechanicsburg, Pa. The total cost of the church is given as \$4,710.10½. This building still stands and forms the nucleus of a new and modern church edifice which was needed to meet the growing requirements of the church for more adequate worship and educational facilities.

Ground was broken on February 11, 1951, and the following pastors participated: Reformed pastor, Rev. A. T. Kaup, and Lutheran pastor, Rev. George N. Young. The cornerstone laying took place on April 8, 1951, with the Reformed Pastor, Rev. A. T. Kaup, and the Lutheran pastor, Rev. Roland M. Banes, participating.

Architecturally, the new addition and the alterations to the present church building have been designed to create an early American atmosphere, which is commonly known as Colonial architecture, a derivative of the Renaissance style, originated in Italy and further developed in England during the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. The new addition has been made to harmonize with the original building where possible, so that it will be possible to reuse the existing building, which is particularly noticeable in the face brick, cornice and windows.



## LADIES AUXILIARY

During the year 1944 R. K. Sealover, Secretary of the Fire Company invited the wives of the members of the fire company to attend a meeting for the purpose of organizing an Auxiliary. Representatives from Mechanicsburg and Carlisle Auxiliaries also attended explaining the details of organization. As a result of this meeting the following officers were elected:

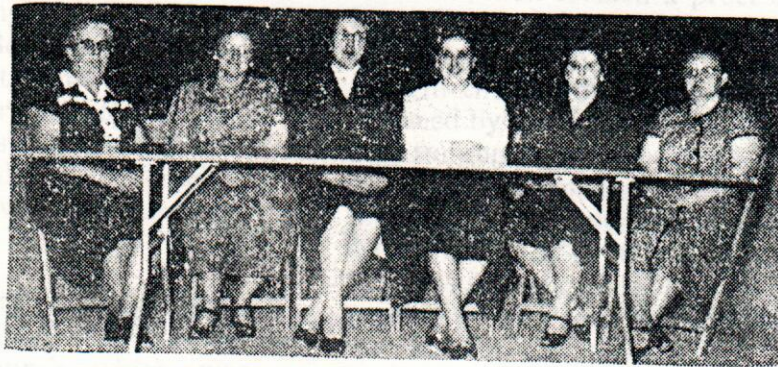
President ..... Melva King  
 Vice President ..... Alva Bowman  
 Secretary ..... Marcella Sealover  
 Chaplain ..... Jennie King

As with most new organizations the ladies experienced many "growing pains" but kept moving forward slowly each year. They, too, realized many years ago the need for better facilities for they were al-

ways working under severe handicaps when asked to entertain outside groups or serve at money-raising suppers.

When the new building was planned the ladies took over the responsibility of planning and equipping the kitchen. At a cost of \$3000.00, committed from their Auxiliary treasury, they produced one of the finest and most complete kitchens of this type in the area. The ladies have every right to be mighty proud of this, the last word in modern kitchens.

Ed. Note: The ladies, God bless 'em, are the inspiration that keep firemen always striving for community betterments. Our ladies are no exception and we are grateful for their loyalty and material help.



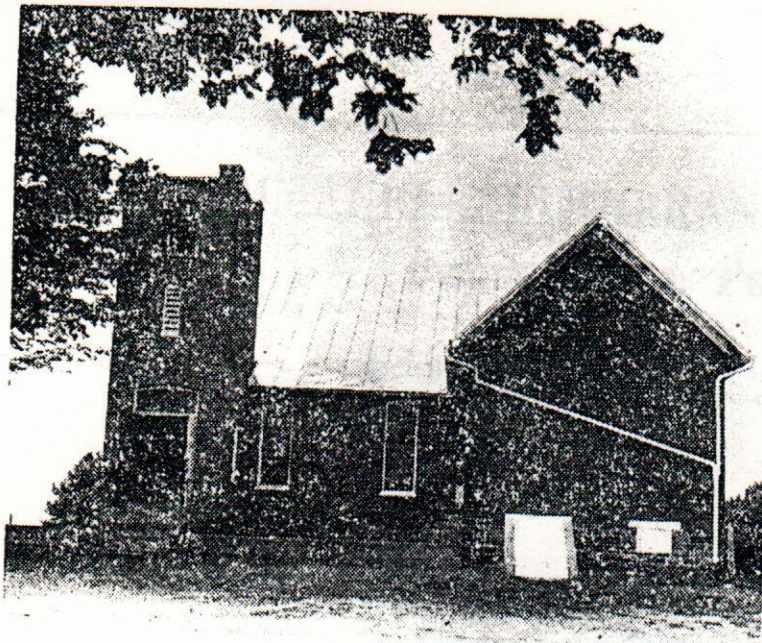
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Mabel Wolf .....	Secretary	Miriam Deardorff .....	Vice President
Mary Haar .....	Treasurer	June Haar .....	Chaplain
Martha Arbegast .....	President	Roberta Diener .....	Cor. Secretary

### MEMBERSHIP

#### Auxiliary—Franklintown and Community Fire Company

Arbegast, Martha	Farence, Elizabeth	Ingle, Mary	Pentz, Eva
Anthony, Mazie	Farence, Judy	King, Jennie	Ruppert, Frances
Altland, Florence	Frederick, Edna	King, Melva	Stough, Nettie
Anderson, Doris	Folge, Helen	Kearns, Ida	Strickler, Ethel
Bowman, Alva	Fortney, Reba	King, Jean	Schar, Mary
Bentz, Dollie	Fishel, Evelyn	King, Grace	Stambaugh, Hannah
Bentz, Mattie	Gochenour, Lizzie	King, June	Shive, Tilly
Criswell, Helen	Grubb, Martha	Lau, Mary	Shoemaker, Fay
Cassell, Francis	Gerber, June	Lucas, Helen	Vaughn, Kathryn
Deardorff, Wilda	Ceiling, Elmira	Lyter, Pauline	Wise, Theda
Deardorff, Mrs. Firman	Harbold, Helen	Myers, Jennie	Williams, Pauline
Deardorff, Luella	Hess, Bertha	Myers, Clara Mae	Wise, Romaine
Deardorff, Miriam	Haar, Mary	Murray, Isabelle	Wolf, Mabel
Dickensheets, Bernice	Hursh, Sylvia	Myers, Mabel	Wise, Dorothy
Diener, Roberta	Harbold, Ada	Marks, Geraldine	Weigle, Loretta
Diener, Patty	Harbold, Sara	Myers, Alice	Weigle, Donna
Elicker, Ruth	Hess, Caroline	McKinsey, Margaret	Wise, Charlene
	Hunter, Helen		
	Hess, Evalene		



## RED MOUNT E. U. B. CHURCH

Worship services first began on the grounds presently belonging to Red Mount church in Bower's (Bermudian) school house which was constructed in the extreme southeast corner of the present cemetery in 1829. The structure was built at a cost of \$136.75 and the ground on which it was situated was purchased for the sum of \$5.00.

A second period in the history of worship on the present grounds might be designated as Bower's Church which was constructed in 1853 and continued in service until 1888. The building was a brownish-gray stone structure with a gable roof and no steeple or other unnecessary adornment. Since this church is believed to have cost less than \$200, it must have been small and meager in design. Perhaps this accounts for its short history.

The corner stone of the present sanctuary was laid April 29, 1888, by Rev. Ammon Stapleton. In August of the same year the church was completed and dedicated. The cooperative spirit of the community at this time is reflected by the fact that when lumber contracted for was to be delivered, farmers brought their teams, the

total of which formed a procession a mile long. The church as originally constructed was entered from the west end by a single door in the center, which has since been replaced by a window of stained glass. Except for construction of the belfry and the purchase of stained glass windows in 1933, the building is basically the same as when dedicated in 1888. It is believed that the name was changed to Red Mount at the suggestion of David Smith when the present church was constructed on the red knoll some 150 feet northwest of the old Bower's church.

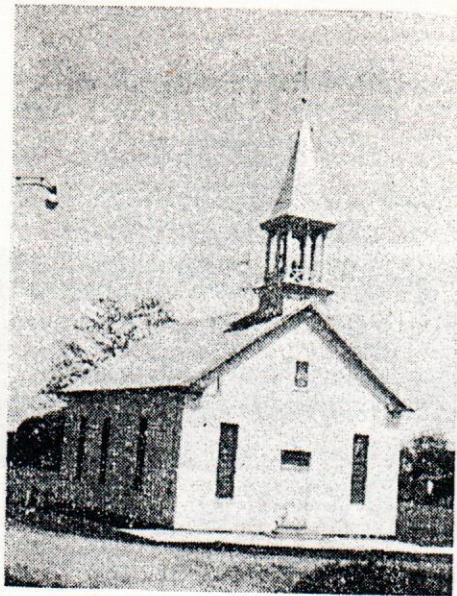
The Red Mount congregation as first organized was a member of the First Evangelical Association, then later a member of the United Evangelical, following which it became affiliated with the 3rd Evangelical church. Since the 1946 merger with the more progressive wing of the U. B. church, it has been called Evangelical U. B.

Mr. Ralph Sealoover is currently serving as superintendent and Rev. Percy Brown as pastor. At present the church is undergoing extensive interior redecoration.

St. John's (Franklin) Lutheran and  
Reformed Church

## EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

### Franklinton, Pa.



On June 12, 1882, the first meeting was held to consider the erection of a Lutheran Church in Franklinton. Jacob Lau was elected temporary chairman and P. R. Lehmer, temporary Secretary. On May 30, 1883, after an effort to raise the necessary funds, a second meeting was called, at which time the Rev. Henry Seifert was elected permanent chairman and P. R. Lehmer, Secretary. The Building Committee was composed of the following: John Klugh, P. R. Lehmer, William Straley, Jacob Lau, and Frederick Murray.

On July 13, 1883 John Klugh donated ground on Water Street upon which to build the church. The cornerstone was laid July 19, 1884 and the church was dedicated May 16, 1886.

46 members were enrolled when the church was organized. The first Council was elected March 24, 1887 at which time the new Pastor, the Rev. W. L. Heisler presided. The Council consisted of: TRUSTEES: Wm. Straley, P. R. Lehmer, Frederick Murray; ELDERS: John Klugh, Allen Kline; DEACONS: D. B. Baker, W. H. Strickler. A constitution was adopted March 31, 1887. On October 17, 1887 the congregation was received into the West Penna. Synod. A charter was granted in 1887 and the first Sunday School was held on December 27, 1885.

The present Council consists of: TRUSTEES: Alfred King, Cyrus Markel, Harlan Yoder; ELDERS: Elmer Haar, Roy Hursh; DEACONS: Lloyd Lerew, Charles Harbold.

The following pastors have served the church:

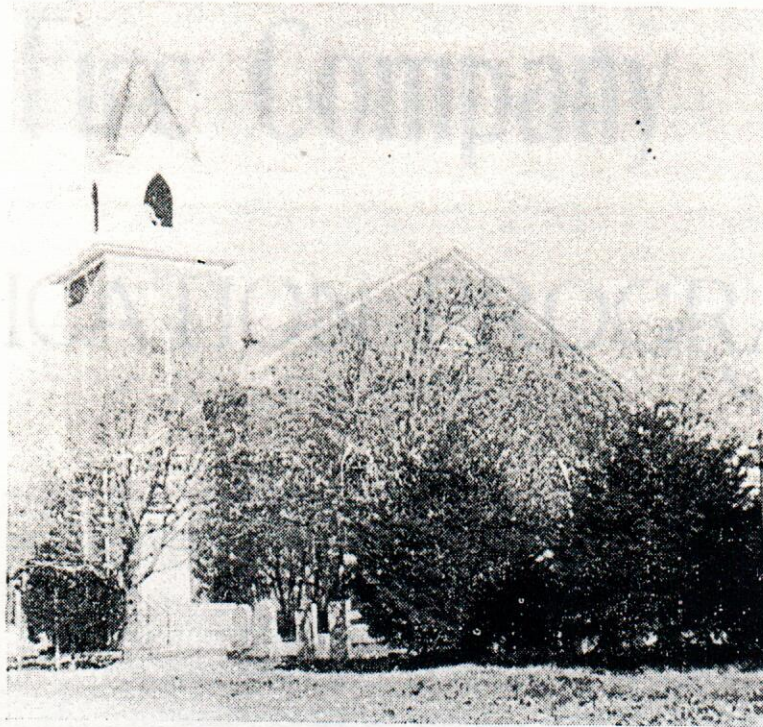
Rev. Henry Seifert .....	1883 - 1887
Rev. W. L. Heisler .....	1887 - 1891
Rev. W. S. T. Metzgar .....	1891 - 1899
Rev. A. R. Longanecker .....	1899 - 1902
Rev. H. E. Zimmerman .....	1903 - 1905
Rev. J. T. Fox .....	1905 - 1907
Rev. Ira W. Trostle .....	1907 - 1913
Rev. George H. Eveler .....	1913 - 1922
Rev. G. A. Livingston .....	1922 - 1936
Rev. George Young .....	1936 - 1951
Rev. Roland M. Banes .....	1951 -

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#### FRANKLINTOWN SCHOOL BOARD

Clyde Lucas, President  
Gene Wonders, Treasurer  
Marion Rinehart, Secretary  
Irvin Diehl  
Ralph Gundrum, Sr.  
Edgar Shope

## St. John's (Franklin) Lutheran and Reformed Church



St. John's Lutheran and Reformed Church is better known as the Franklin Church. Very little information of the early years is available, including the date of the congregations' organization. As early as December 1794 however, a warrant was granted to George Heigas for a survey of 15 acres of land for a German Lutheran and Presbyterian Church. Even before this date, in the year 1766, Valentine Kinter was buried in the cemetery in what is believed to be the first grave. The church itself was a log building and nearby stood a schoolhouse that was supported by the congregation for more than fifty years. This building was abandoned in 1847 and was replaced by a new brick building costing \$3000.00. Serving on the building committee at that time were Peter Wolford, George Dick and Jacob Stickel. It was a two-story building and the auditorium on the second floor contained a gallery on three sides. In March 1901, major renovations were made to this building and in 1919 a Lally Electric plant was placed in the building.

In 1922 the Ladies Aid bought carpet costing \$600.00. In 1929 excavations for a social room and other facilities were sponsored by the Young Men's class of the Sunday School and the Rainbow division. In 1940 the modern steam-heating system now in use was installed. Early the following year, improvements and remodeling of the chancel, etc., were sponsored by the Loyal Sons and Daughters classes of the Sunday School. More improvements and major remodeling was carried out in 1949. In 1950 more improvements to the social room were added.

In 1953 a Baldwin electric organ was purchased and installed in the auditorium of the church. The piano was moved to the Primary Department and a Lester Spinet piano was purchased for the use of the adult departments.

Rev. Roland M. Banes has served the Lutheran congregation as its Pastor since 1951. Rev. Arthur T. Kaup has served the Reformed congregation as its Pastor since 1927.