

Old Frackville Tales

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These businesses were all located at the following addresses in 1925. Let's go back to that year and reminisce and see how many people we can remember.

Did you buy your insurance from Joseph J. Zeigler when he had his office in the G.A. Haupt, Jr., Building, or from James S. Hicks or A. Hower Glick who had their offices in the Sanner Building? John Frew, sold insurance at 503 West Spring street and Nathan G. Thomas at North Center street.

Was A. August at 46 South Lehigh avenue your plumber or was it Robert Filer, of 31 South Lehigh avenue or Sebold's at Spring and Balliet?

Did you go to the Central Pharmacy with Carl F. Steidle as proprietor at 27 South Lehigh avenue where Blanche's is now located or did you go to the E.Z. Drug Store where the Home Savings and Loan Association is now located?

Did you buy your shoes at the William Norbitz Shoe Store at 9 South Lehigh avenue which was later Sam Friedman's Electrical Store and is now Victor Smith's Furniture Store or did you shop at Dengler's Shoe Store at North Lehigh avenue?

Did you buy your soft drinks from Strenkofsky Brothers at 223 South Middle street or dance at Wasitis Dance Hall on North Balliet street?

Did you shop at The Ladies Hat Shoppe operated by Mrs. Glen Sobey, at 114 South Lehigh avenue, Stern's Men's and Boy's Outfitters at 24 South Lehigh avenue which is now the Allan Drug Store, or The Felix Shoppe, featuring the latest in summer wraps, dresses, underwear and hosiery at the corner of Balliet and Frack streets?

Did you buy your furniture from Weaver, The Furniture Man, at 25 South Lehigh avenue where the State Liquor Store is now located, or stop by The Consolidated Syndicate 5, 10 and 25 Cents Store at North Lehigh avenue?

Did you buy your car from Dave Robert's garage at 220 South Lehigh avenue where the Model Garment is located? Mr. Roberts was the agent for the Studebaker car, or did you buy a Chrysler, Maxwell or Chevrolet from the White Garage on South Lehigh avenue?

Were you a member of W.O.W.? (The Woodmen of the World), The Keystone Service Club, The Equity Council No. 91 Order of Independent Americans, The Washington Camp No. 66 P.O.S. of A. (Patriotic Order of Sons of America). This camp celebrated it's 50th anniversary in February 1926.

The Junior Order United American Mechanics was also an organization in town which admitted members from 16 years of age. The dues were .19 per week.

Come to think of it—were you in Frackville in 1925?