Let's walk up Lehigh avenue and see how many people we can remember from the past! Perhaps you can think of some that I may have missed.

Do you remember the Barrett Butcher Shop? Mr. Barrett is presumed to be the man in this picture wearing a white apron. His market was in the building later occupied by the Palsgrove Hardware Store where mining tools and supplies were sold. The other man in the picture is presumed to be Mr. Thomas.

Walking further up the street we come to a three story building on the corner where Sam Burchill had a saloon. This building was dismantled years ago and the Blue Star Diner was later located here. A Laundromat is now on this site.

Let's cross Spring street and visit with Mr. Darby Foulk at his taproom. This building burned down in 1887 and in 1922 was rebuilt as a three story building where Charles Kirelawich had his tavern. Later, occupants of this dwelling were Charles O'Donnell and the Moran families who also conducted a business here. In 1974 Mr. Giorgio bought this building and is now in the process of renovating. We will soon have another restaurant in town—this one specializing in Italian food.

Further up the street at 47 North Lehigh avenue was the Westminster Hotel built by John Stone. He conducted this hotel for many years and it was later owned by Daniel Shay. At this time there were sheds for horses built on the right side of the building for the patron's horse and buggies. A roof extended on the front and right side of this building over the sidewalk. This was a usual thing in those days and many businesses and homes were built this way. Years later Joe Rice bought this building and remodeled it into a niteclub. Round tables with umbrellas were placed in the landscaped garden and young couples enjoyed the music and refreshments under the stars.

His son-in-law, Fred Dengler succeeded him and today Paul's Inn is located here. Frackville had a private Electric Plant on South Middle street in the early 1900's and an employee, Lewis Anstok, lived in the dwelling now occupied by the Berkheimer Tax Office. Mr. Anstok read the meters around town and many of our senior residents still remember him.

The Seitzinger family lived next door and for many years George Williams had a barber shop in the basement rooms. William Breslin, one of our truant officers, lived in the next house which was later torn down and replaced by the Zetuski Building which was later known as the Berkshire Building.

Do you remember the Bradley Building on the right side of the picture? This is now owned by Fred Brennan and is an apartment building.

As you cross Spring street you come to the first American Store in town, which was known as the Bell store. This is now the dwelling of Tafusko's Barber Shop and home.

The second building from the corner was Doctor Bleiler's Drug Store. Many years later it was occupied by Big John Navitsky, Sr. and presently it is the R & R Bar.

The streets were unpaved at this time and flagstone slats were placed at each intersection over the gutter. Many of the sidewalks in town still have a flagstone curb. There were no cars then and you can see horse and buggies in the picture. There were also no lights and the trolley had not yet arrived in town.