Red Cross knitting and sewing organization of Frackville

Group of men parade up South Balliet street from Oak to Frack.

Two hundred new homes were built in town since the beginning of the year 1914, and with Makeira Hill Company offering mining jobs, several thousand additional inhabitants moved to Frackville.

This was one of the reasons for the tremendous rush of visitors from surrounding towns. All the townsmen invited their friends and relations to visit Frackville during Old Home Week.

One of the problems of the committee was feeding the visitors. A committee of about thirty prominent young businessmen, who divided themselves into various sub-committees, made arrangements with all churches to serve on their lawns or in auditoriums.

St. Joseph's Parish built tables to accommodate 250 people on the lawn while the auditorium seated 100 people. Cooked meals were prepared on gas ranges and served from 7 a.m. to Midnight at a moderate charge. A dancing platform was built on the lawn and several bands furnished the music for "refined dancing." A building lot was given away by Rev. T. J. Hurt onto one of the tagged people wearing a St. Joseph's tag.

Visitors who signed the register's docket on September 16 were: Leroy and Samuel Sobey of Pittsburgh; John Davis, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Elmer Williams, Chicago; James Malloy, San Francisco; Albert Braro, Mexico City; Mr. and Mrs. George K. Bolduc, Hazen City, New Jersey; Leo R. Archipell, Dallas, Texas. "On To Frackville" was the slogan of surrounding towns, and the usual greeting of the time "How Fares It With You" was the welcome given to every friend, neighbor, and relative during Old Home Week.

Mr. Rieck of town personally went to New York to ask Mr. John Mitchell, former president of the United Mine Workers of America, to be the guest speaker for the last day of festivities. They greeted him at the Pottsville station and journeyed to town to a beautiful hamcheon which was held in the tastefully decorated dining room of The Mountain City Club. There were thousands of people to cheer him as he spoke. Many of the men earning their livelihood in the mines were thrilled to see this great man.

The Weather Man had cooperated with the committee completely and Frackville had a glorious sunny week.

Profits gained in holding Old Home Week were turned over to the Borough for the purchase of the Gamewell Fire Alarm System. The alarm for fires was first given from the Water Works, but later was transferred to the Hose House where the borough installed a whistle on the Hose House for this purpose.

Patriotic Order Sons of American on the lot occupied by Hartenstein Baker buildings. Houses with high porches are 110-112 North Lehigh avenue. The R&R Tavern now occupies this spot and Mike Tatusko's barber shop is on right.