Mrs. Ivy Kershner was born and raised in Frackville. Her parents came to town in 1882 and lived in the house next to the Trinity Church. Her father was a lamp-man on the railroad and they were the parents of seven children.

Mrs. Kershner recalled attending school in a small building on the site of the present Franklin School and Mrs. Minnie Edwards was her first grade teacher. Teachers at that time taught two grades in each class room and there were eighty pupils in this class. Small individual stoves were used by each child and they sat at desks with two other pupils. Mrs. Kershner was double promoted to third grade and Miss Barbara Leiser was her teacher who taught third and fourth grades. When Mrs. Kershner was promoted to fifth grade, Miss Leiser was assigned fifth and sixth grades as she enjoyed each other for another two years. Miss Leiser was later killed by an automobile while crossing Lehigh Avenue. She taught her eighth grade class. She then went to the Roosevelt School where she taught from 1918 to 1954 and then substituted for Miss Mengel for one year. She was the principal of the school for a short period of time. She had many laughs and stories to tell about the old school days. Best remembered was the time she had to clean the glasses and fill these lamps every day. All the students and Miss Jane Dingle taught Junior and Senior students. There was not a separate room for each grade. She also remembered how people ran out of their homes to see an airplane. She also remembered how people ran out of their homes to see an automobile when they heard one coming. She attended the Grace Hepler Beauty Shop today or Harrison K. Rode's Shoe Store at 2 North Balliet Avenue where the Grace Hepler Beauty Shop is today.

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