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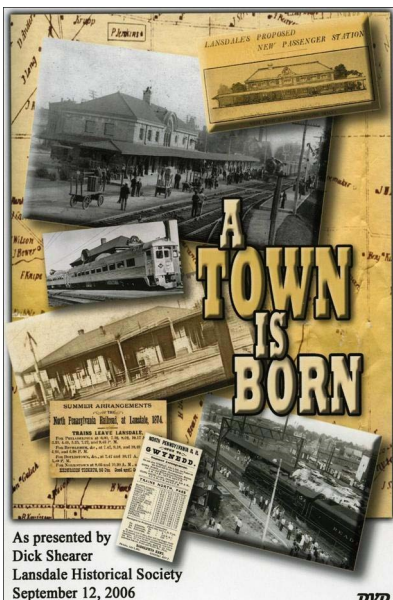
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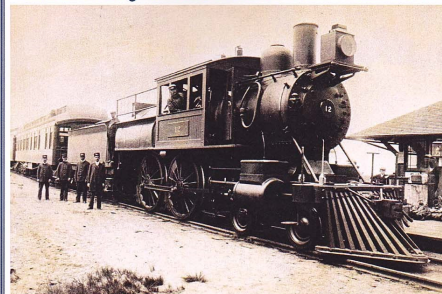
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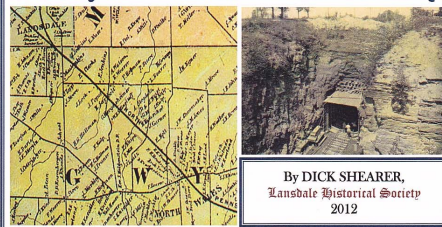
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A Surveyor's Decision Puts Lansdale on the Map



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Samples of our daily Facebook postings



What was probably the most dangerous fire in Lansdale's history took place on Nov. 24, 1974, when the Allied Paint Co. warehouse on West Third Street burst into flame. The mid-day inferno turned the skies dark as night.

The biggest danger came from the contents of the building – hundreds of aerosol cans containing flammable material and 55-gallon drums of paint thinner that were launched into the sky like mortars. Some landed two blocks away. Despite 20-mile-per-hour winds, volunteers from Fairmount Fire Company and neighboring brigades were able to limit most of the damage to the warehouse. Fairmount Chief Jay Daveler is seen here directing the firefighters.



Occasionally, one of Lansdale's most attractive structures gave way to a higher calling. In this case the home of Dr. John Jacobs at 336 N. Broad St. was demolished in 1958 to make way for the educational wing of the Lansdale Methodist Church.

This Milton Bean-designed home was befitting of its owner. John Jacobs, a Civil War physician turned banker, was perhaps the town's most influential founding father. He remained a political force to be reckoned with up until his death in the early 1920s.

**New postings every day. Just Google
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Coming January 12...

... Our next Community Program:
"Old Time Trivia - Lansdale-style"

Lansdale Parks and Recreation Building,
7th St. and Lansdale Ave. 7:30 p.m.

Announcements...

- There will not be a Saturday Seminar in December. Programs will resume in January.
- Postponements due to weather will be announced on 1440 WNPV.