



Scenes from past Lithuanian Days at Lakewood Park



Memories of Anna Klizas Wargo

When I was a child many years ago there were three important holidays in my year: Christmas, Easter and Lithuanian Day. A week before the big day my mother started preparing food for the picnic- what food it was - breaded pork chops, bandukes, mesina desra barscai, dill pickles, homemade bread and cakes, baskets and baskets of goodies, homemade root beer and for the men – beer, schnapps, and “Virtas”.

Memories of Bernice Mickatavage

A call was issued to priests...to assemble in Mahanoy City, Pa. shortly after Easter, 1914. *“Let us unite at least once a year and enjoy the friendship of each other. Let us sing the songs of the hills and plains of Lithuania and let us observe our ancient and honored customs.”* According to Bernice the First Lithuanian Day was held in Lakeside Park on August 15, 1914. **Note: On August 15, 1916, Lithuanian Day was held at both Lakeside and Lakewood Parks with almost 30,000 in attendance. (Evening Herald)**

Lithuanian Days
Catalpa Grove – Lakewood Park
August 13 & 14, 2022
A festival of Lithuanian
culture, cuisine, song, and dance



Lithuanian Days at Catalpa Grove
26 Park Ave. Barnesville, PA 18214



Lithuanians in Mahanoy City

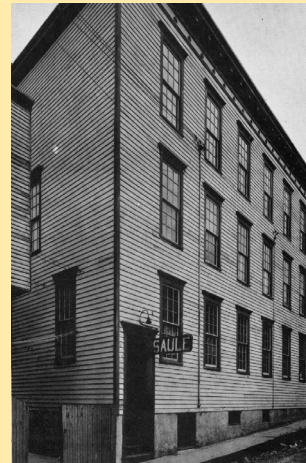
Mahanoy City was just 10 years old when the first Lithuanian immigrants arrived in 1876...the flow of immigrants from the little Baltic nation was slow to gain momentum. In fact, by 1886, a full decade after the first arrivals, the local Lithuanian colony numbered only 70 persons in a borough of 8,000 residents.

The worship of God had high priority in the lives of the Liths. By 1888, St. Joseph's Lithuanian parish was formed. In the same year, *Saule*, a Lithuanian newspaper, began publication in Mahanoy City. A bank was established by a Lithuanian priest and an elementary school opened, staffed by an order of Lithuanian sisters.

The coal regions of Schuylkill County quickly became known as Little Lithuania.



St. Joseph's Church



Saule Building

Visitor Information



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