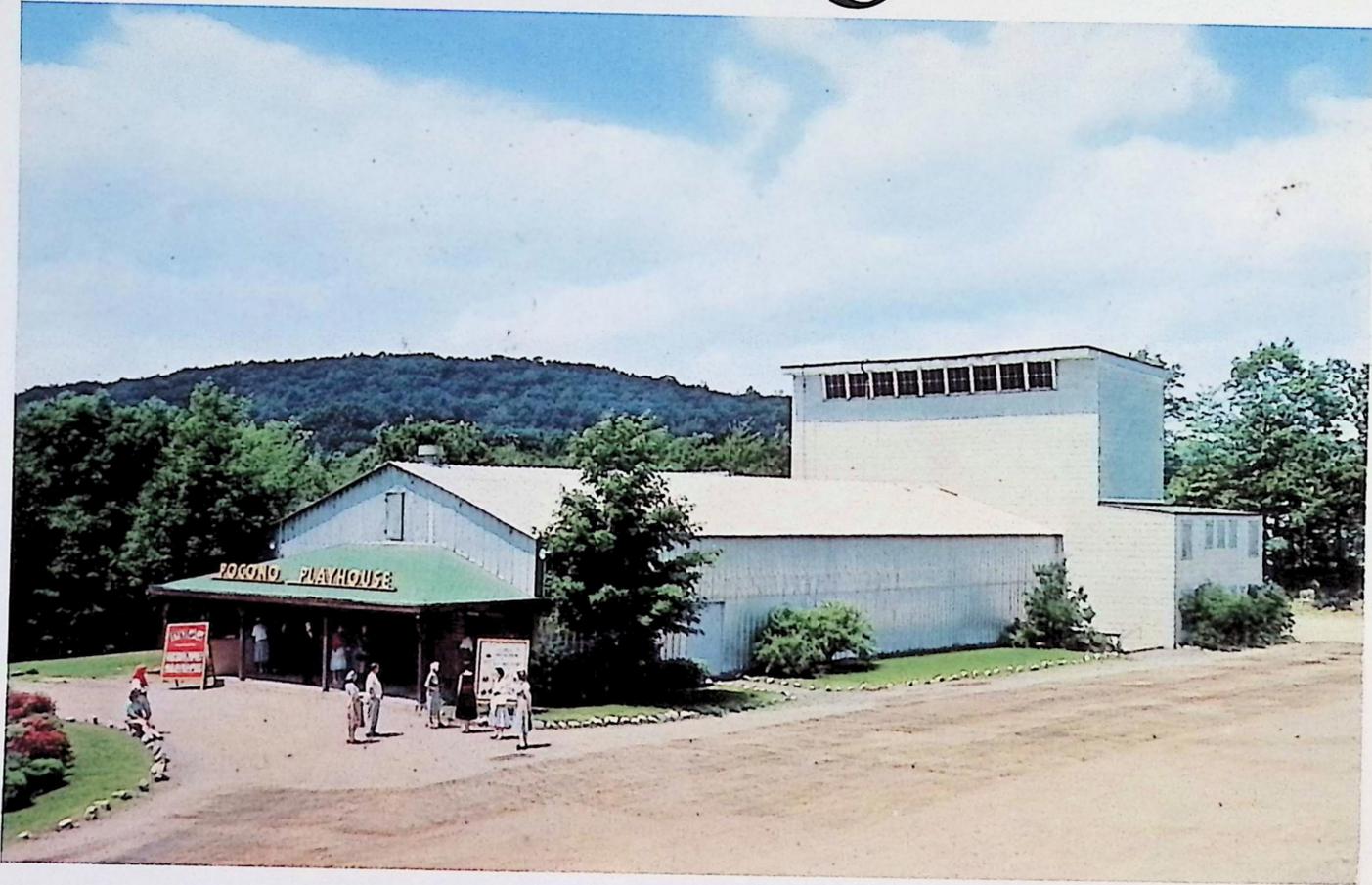
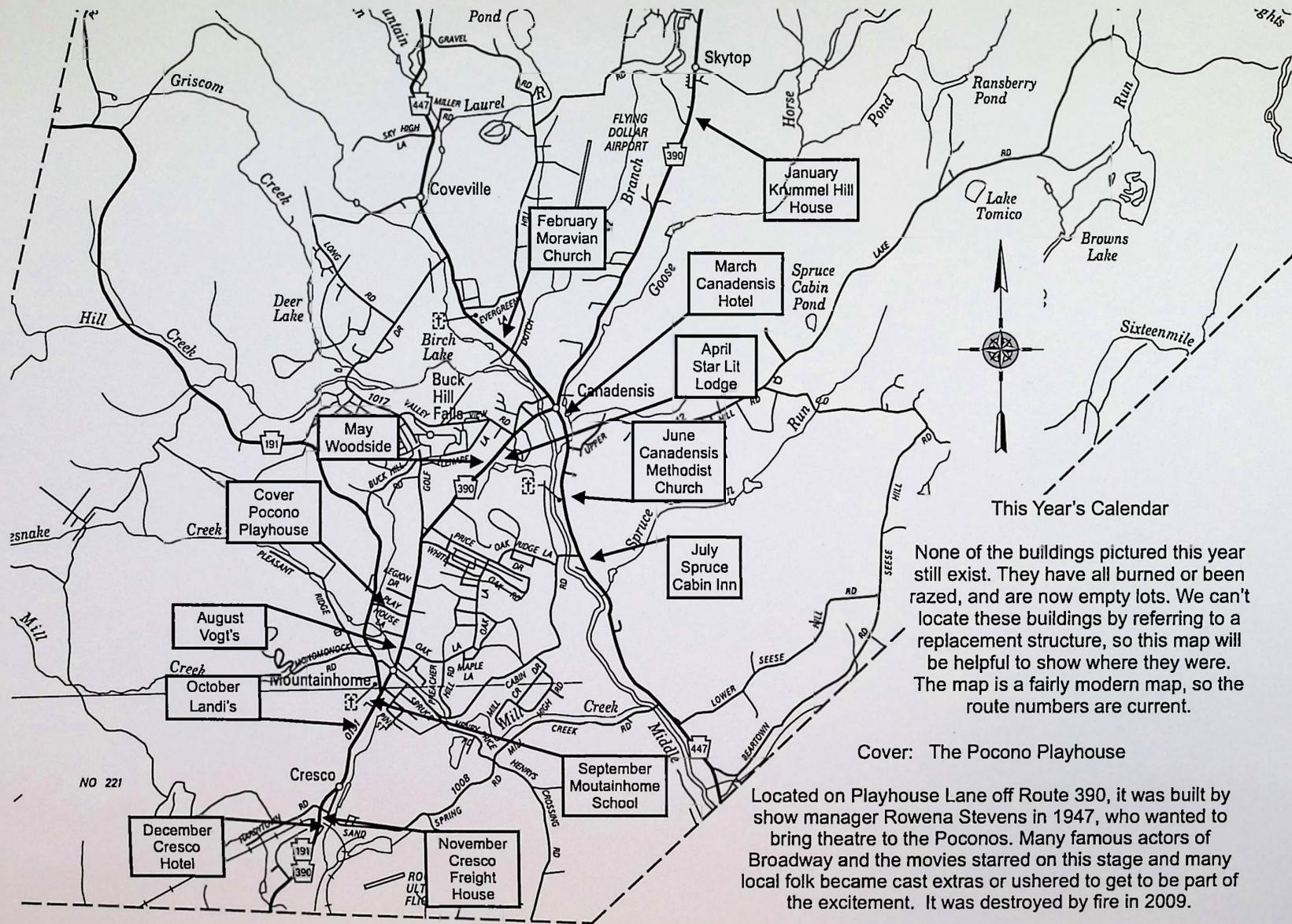


# *YESTERYEAR*



*No Longer There 2021*



This Year's Calendar

None of the buildings pictured this year still exist. They have all burned or been razed, and are now empty lots. We can't locate these buildings by referring to a replacement structure, so this map will be helpful to show where they were. The map is a fairly modern map, so the route numbers are current.

Cover: The Pocono Playhouse

Located on Playhouse Lane off Route 390, it was built by show manager Rowena Stevens in 1947, who wanted to bring theatre to the Poconos. Many famous actors of Broadway and the movies starred on this stage and many local folk became cast extras or ushered to get to be part of the excitement. It was destroyed by fire in 2009.



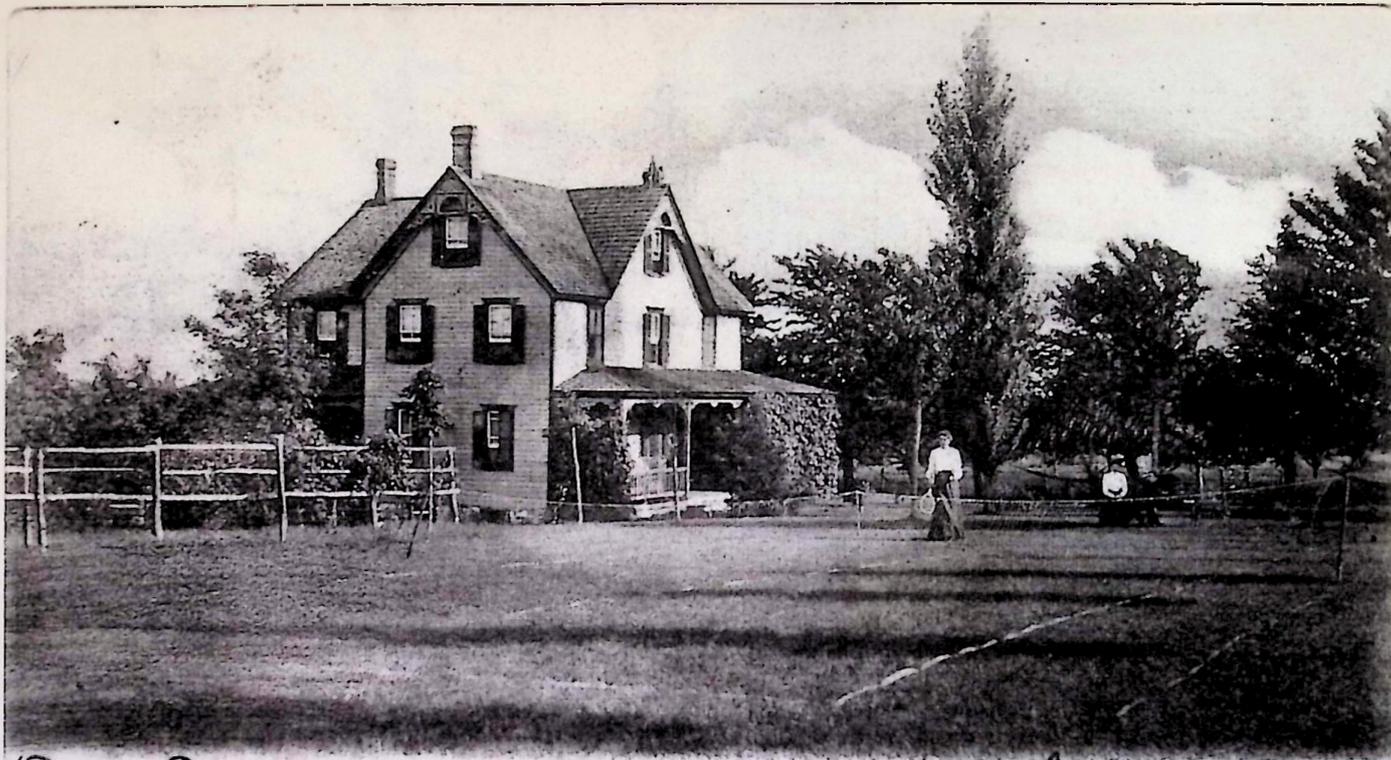
*Cresco Station Museum, 142 Sand Spring Road, Cresco*

The Station Museum was closed most of 2019 for a complete replacement of the floor and supporting structure. Just as that work was completed, the Covid 19 pandemic closed both the Cresco Station Museum and the Library and Research Center for nearly all of 2020.

About the Barrett Township Historical Society  
The BTHS celebrated our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2018. We have operated the Cresco Station Museum since 1999, housed in the circa 1880s Cresco Station built by the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad. In 2018, we opened the Library and Research Center across the street from the Station, in a building built in 1928 for the Cresco Post Office. The Weiler Family Foundation very kindly leases both buildings for our use. The Station is at 142 Sand Spring Road, and the Research Center is at 145 Sand Spring Road – but do NOT use these addresses for mailing purposes. Contact information is provided on the back of this calendar.



*Library and Research Center, 145 Sand Spring Road, Cresco*



Dear B - We *Krummell Hill House. Canadensis, Pa.* July 18, 1906.  
drove to Mt. Pocono yesterday and had some fine  
views that would have delighted you. Love to  
your mother - "Bess"

Krummell Hill House

Also known as Harley Farm and Mountain Top The Poplars. From the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western *Mountain and Lake Resorts* 1915:

"Located 3 miles from Cresco accommodates 25, large rooms and bath. Beautiful groves near house, air pure and dry, trout fishing in 3 nearby streams."

It was purchased by Skytop Lodge and razed and remains an empty area just before the Skytop Townhouses.



Canadensis Moravian Church

This original Canadensis Moravian Church was located at the corner of Dutch Hill Road and Route 447. This building was dedicated in 1872, enlarged in 1909, and remodeled in 1914. It was torn down after the present church was built and dedicated in 1955.



HOTEL CANADENSIS, CANADENSIS, PA.

### Canadensis Hotel

Located just south of the light in Canadensis was one of the oldest Hotels in Barrett Township. Built in 1867 and then known as the Albert's House, it catered to avid fishermen from outside the area. As well as the plentiful fishing in the local streams, it was also one of the only places to get a mug of hard apple cider, a welcome refreshment after a long day of fishing. It was renamed The Green Valley House and later Canadensis Hotel. It burned in 2002 and was razed in 2003.



STARLIT LODGE

*BON HILL*

CRESCO, PA.

Starlit Lodge

Just recently torn down, this 3 story lodge was located at the top of Canadensis Hill. In 1933 it was described as a picturesque playground with modern appointments, good beds, good food, good service. Reasonable rates.



Woodside Cottage

Originally a small boarding house called Brewer's Cottage, a three story building and several others were added to accommodate around 100 guests and renamed "The Woodside". Buck Hill Falls Inn was the last owner before it burned. It was in the large wooded area across from the small pond on 390, at the top of Canadensis Hill.



Canadensis Methodist Church

Thought to be the oldest church in Canadensis, it was located in a wooded area just beyond what was Pine Knob and opposite the Canadensis Methodist Cemetery on Route 447. It was built by Northrop and Palen who owned and operated the tannery. It cost \$1,200.00 to build and the deed is dated 1863.

Spruce Cabin Inn, Canadensis, Pa.



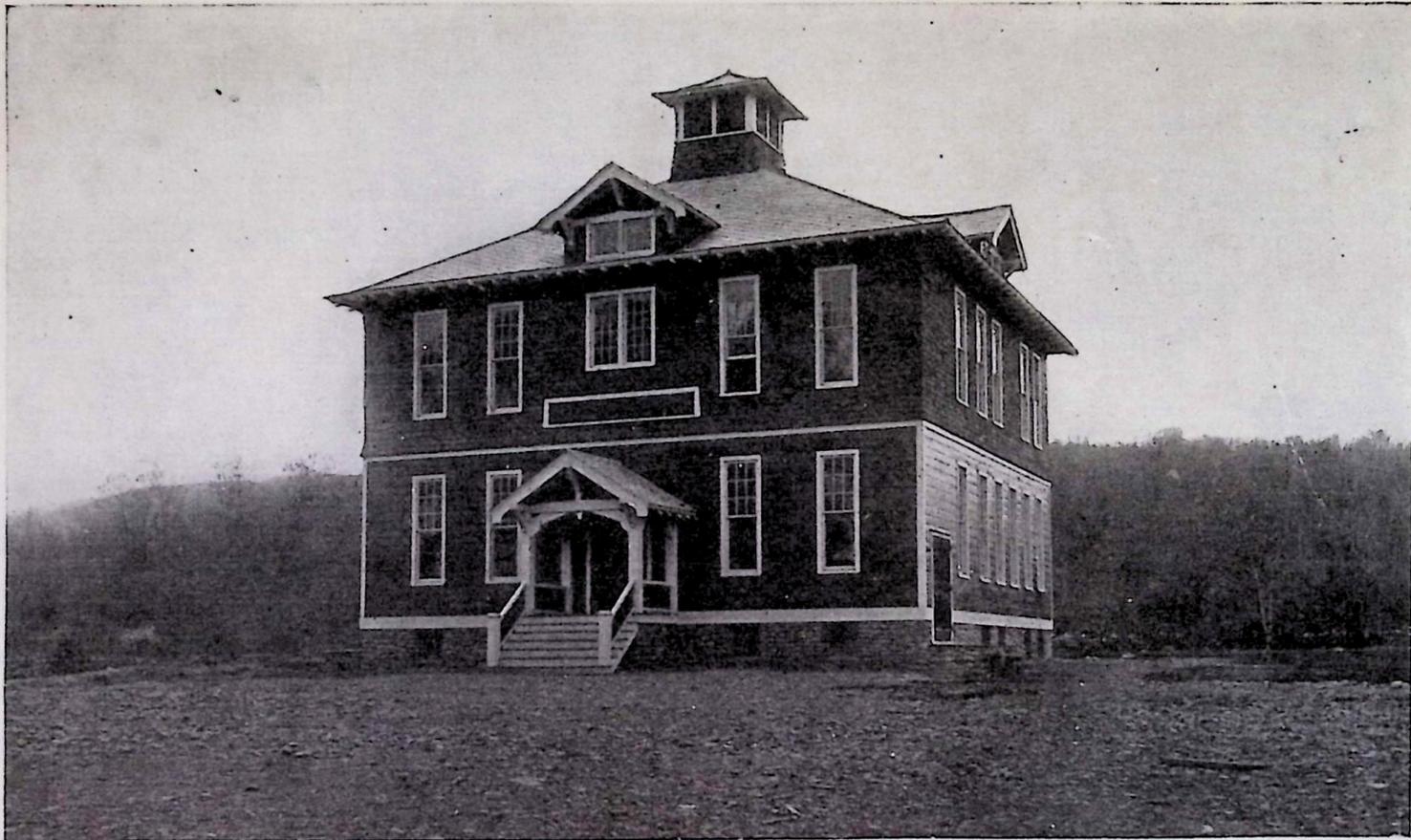
Spruce Cabin Inn

Originally built in 1887, burned and rebuilt in 1891, burned and rebuilt again in 1902, and burned a third time in 1920 and never rebuilt. This picture shows the 1902 version; there was a major addition to the left end in 1914. Considered by one reviewer to be the “Swankiest hotel” with hot and cold water, private bathrooms, and the only hotel with a liquor license in the area.



### Vogt's Tavern and Diamond Jim's

Located across from Lewis's Market and originally owned by Wilmer and Madge Vogt, this was a very popular spot with the Pocono Playhouse crowd, both actors and visitors. Imagine eating dinner with John Travolta or Elizabeth Taylor. Later, under a new owner, and renamed Diamond Jim's, it was known for a very large renaissance painting over the bar. I



PUBLIC SCHOOL, Mountainhome, Pa.

### Barrett Grammar School

Built in 1914 and in operation until 1926 when the school on Route 390 opened. This new school was very modern and the students were warned "not to do any damage". Many will remember this building behind Mick's used cars, in total disrepair and ready to collapse.



Landi's

Located on 390, behind the Rotary Club sign, this popular restaurant later became Cappuccino's. Cappuccino's was known through out the area for it's large portions (a single plate of spaghetti and meat balls could easily feed 4). It was a popular spot to take visitors and challenge them to "clean their plate". It burned August 2, 2001.



Lackawanna Railroad Freight House

The railroad built this unusual wedge-shaped building in 1902, replacing a smaller rectangular freight house. It was demolished in April 1960. As can be seen, it was next to the Cresco Station, and had a loading platform along the Mountainhome branch, which passed behind the freight house. This picture was taken after the present overpass was built in 1954, and before the station canopy collapsed in March of 1958.



Cresco Hotel or House

This information is taken from "Ringing Axes and Rocking Chairs" by Peggy Bancroft. Built in 1886, this is one of the oldest hotels in the area. An estate sale in 1890 listed 36 acres, a 3 story frame hotel, a slate roof, attached kitchen, and out buildings including a barn and livery stable, icehouse, milkhouse, wagon shed, and well. We have documentation that the railroad purchased the Hotel to use as a waiting room for ladies but this never happened. It was located opposite the Cresco Station on the other side of the tracks.

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