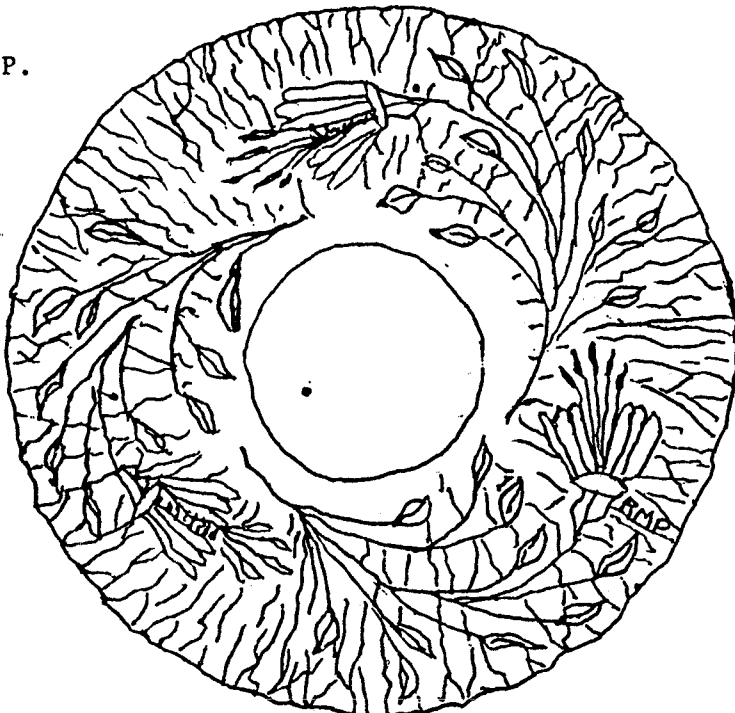


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STRETCH GLASS SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER

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A message from your President . . .

Success is a wonderful thing and I'm satisfied that our 1979 Convention was a success. Evidently the gas supply scare kept many out-of-towners away, but the ones that did make it and the "locals" combined to make it a decent outing.

I am deeply grateful to the Bicksler-Presznick Carnival Glass & Antiques Club members who worked hard to make this an enjoyable and worthwhile experience. Many of them were there long and-or frequent hours and the banquet attendance (55) was largely made up of Bicksler-Presznick Club members. My undying gratitude goes to Alma (Mrs. Magenau) for her excellently done job of coordinating committees. As is usually the case in an undertaking like this, if you try to name each person who helped, you are sure to miss someone. Evelyn Guest, who secured our entertainment, did a great job, as anyone who was there will tell you. Most of us had a good time both round and square dancing (I had an especially good time polka-ing).

While we had plenty of 'gas' in Ohio, perhaps again due to the shortage in other areas, attendance at the Auction was so limited we decided to cancel it. Those who were there were given an opportunity to purchase pieces at a "base price" and numerous pieces were sold. We are grateful to Joe Presznick, who came to be our auctioneer, and we are truly sorry he had no chance to exercise his talents. Betty Kenyers, ably assisted by George and Margaret Smith and Wilma Baranchik, was in charge of the hospitality corner, and, as anyone will tell you, the cookie trays were always well filled with a superb selection - which were all supplied by Bicksler-Presznick Club members.

Ray and Evelyn Hipple and Lena Hossler did an excellent job of wrapping and distributing table favors and door prizes. Incidentally, everyone at the banquet received a table prize and a door

prize. A special thank you to Mary Gilmore who spent long hours at the registration desk and collecting money. Also, to Dorothy Youkel who collected the money for the souvenirs, of which more later. Dolores Sawan made all of the signs for us -- they were great. Jabe Tarter and his committee did an excellent job with table decorations at the banquet and in the display room, where, as usual, there were a number of displays of beautiful stretch glass. The motel people were very cooperative and filled our requests as soon as possible and the setting and location were both excellent. Don't know how many made it to different attractions, but some of us visited the Hoover Museum and the Stark County Historical Society Museum and McKinley's Tomb and really enjoyed that.

I sincerely trust that I have not missed anyone, but if I have, it's a standard failing and so let me say "Thank You" now to all of you who helped so much. Again a special thank-you to the members of the Bicksler-Presznick Club who helped make it such a nice experience.

Mary and Virgil Henry and Bill and Dorothy Medsger tendered an offer to hold the 1980 Convention in Indiana, Pennsylvania, and - after consultation with those directly involved - the offer was accepted. Hopefully, the 'gas situation' will be firmer by then, enough to permit the out-of-staters to attend in larger numbers. However, if they have a club anywhere near like the Bicksler Presznick Club, we will have another successful Convention.

The souvenir, this year, was made by Terry Crider of Wapakoneta, Ohio. It is a lovely jack-in-the-pulpit toothpick holder in light green stretch with a white pulled feather design. It is a lovely piece of glass and only 50 of them were made. There are not 50 of them left and if you want one, it is first come, first served. They are only \$20.00 each, plus \$1.50 for mailing if you want to order one - and send your remittance to me. If you consider where the value has gone to on the 69 pieces made in 1975 by The Fenton Art Glass Company, under the supervision of Mr. Frank M. Fenton, you will certainly want one of these. Better order at once.

Ken Magenau

MINUTES OF BUSINESS MEETING

The business meeting was held at 10:00 AM after the group breakfast on Friday, June 28, 1979, at the Imperial House, North Canton, Ohio.

Only those who were members in good standing attended this business meeting. Twenty-three (23) members were present. Included in this number were President Kenneth D. Magenau, Secretary-Editor Paul B. Miller, Treasurer Roger Van Patten, and Directors Mrs Emma Tilton and Virgil (Bud) Henry.

The meeting was called to order by the President. Minutes of business meeting of last year were read by the Secretary-Editor and approved by the members present.

Treasurer's Report. A great number of members on the roster have not yet paid their 1979-1980 dues. All dues are due on April 1st of each year. If they are NOT received by the second newsletter after the Convention, your name will be dropped from the roster and you will not receive any more copies of the newsletter until all dues have been paid to date. We have picked up sixteen (16) new members since the Convention last year.

The treasury balance is \$791.30, but this is before the costs of the banquet. The Bicksler-Presznick Carnival Glass & Antiques Club paid all the expenses for this Convention from their treasury so there were no expenses to be paid out of the SGS funds. Five new members joined from this Convention and the money for the registration fees was turned over to me.

The largest expense for The Stretch Glass Society is the printing and postage to get you the quarterly newsletter. Therefore, we need your dues at the time they are due as this expense

ne runs between \$300.00 and \$400.00 yearly. The cost for printing one picture in the newsletter runs approximately \$10.00, and Paul makes no charges for his services. Get your dues in!!

Respectfully submitted,

Roger M. Van Patten, Treasurer

No comments, corrections or additions to Treasurer's Report. Accepted by the membership.

Old business. A discussion by members present regarding the \$1.00 per associate member charge which was passed last year to be put into effect on April 1, 1979, was brought to the floor. All members present voted unanimously to rescind this \$1.00 charge and leave the dues as they have been at \$5.00 per year per family and refund any of the \$1.00 associate member dues that may have been paid. Motion made by Alma Magenau that the \$1.00 extra be refunded. Seconded by Dorothy Youkel. No more old business.

A membership application form was passed around for everyone to see. At last year's business meeting Mr. Fred Lynn volunteered to make up a sample form for approval of the membership. A motion to accept the form (with minor modifications) was made by Jabe Tarter. Seconded by Alma Magenau. Vote unanimous.

(Ed. Fred has promised to have these available by Fall and members can order as many as they wish but money for the postage to get them to you MUST be sent to me with your order. They measure $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x $5\frac{1}{2}$ " in size and are printed on bond paper. The logo used on our letterhead is also used on this application form and on the reverse side the following messages:

The Stretch Glass Society Benefits... Quarterly SGS Newsletter/Annual SGS Convention/Annual SGS Glass Show/Annual SGS Glass Sale And Auction/Contact With Persons Nationally Having An Interest In Stretch Glass/An Educational Source From Which To Learn The Origin, Sources, And History Of Stretch Glass. The fan vase logo is at the bottom. An excellent job, Fred.)

New business. A discussion was brought to the floor of combining the Stretch Glass Convention with the Fenton Glass Club Convention. The Fenton Glass Club meets in Convention every year in Marietta, Ohio. Since Fenton made a great contribution to Stretch Glass, it would give everyone an opportunity not only to see but perhaps to buy Stretch Glass from those of that club who attend every year. Many of the SGS membership belong to and have attended the Fenton Club Convention. The SGS Convention would be separate and apart from the Fenton Club Convention, either in the same motel or in a different one.

Mr Berry Wiggins volunteered to see into this for the convention in 1981 and more will be given you on this in future newsletters. If any of you have any thoughts or suggestions and-or comments on this subject for the 1981 convention, please write them to the Sec'y-Ed to be published in a future newsletter. Many pros and cons about this were brought out and discussed. A motion was made by Alma Magenau, seconded by Dorothy Medsger, that Berry Wiggins look into what can be done toward this end for 1981. This motion by Alma Magenau was withdrawn after all the discussion, seconded by Jabe Tarter. Vote unanimous.

The discussion continued that the SGS Convention could be held immediately prior to or following the Fenton Club Convention. A motion was made by Jabe Tarter that we have the Convention in Marietta, Ohio, in 1981, with Berry Wiggins doing the coordinating to set the time and place as he determines would be the best for SGS. Berry accepted this job and will talk with people in the Fenton Club and with Mr. Fenton and see what can be accomplished. Seconded by Alma Magenau.

The invitation to have our 1980 SGS Convention in Indiana, Pennsylvania, was extended by Mr & Mrs Bill Henry and Mr & Mrs Bill Medsger. Since everyone enjoyed the 1978 Convention in Indiana, Pa., so much, the vote was unanimous to return there for the 1980 Convention. This invitation means a lot of work for the Henry's, Medsger's and others, and their enthusiasm in having us there again is greatly appreciated by all.

July 1979

No further new business. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul B. Miller, Secretary-Editor

CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS AND COMMENTS

Since Ken has given you a pretty good run-down on our 1979 Convention there is not too much I can add to his comments. I do have my own thoughts though and I'd like to fill in the details for you.

It was disappointing to say the least that only a few from out of the State of Ohio made it to the convention. The Bicksler-Presznick Club had been working very hard on this convention since September, 1978. A collection was taken at each of our monthly meetings to add to our treasury to pay for the expenses that would be incurred in order that SGS would not have to pay one cent out of the treasury.

Everyone in the B-P Club (and we have 85 members) was eager to help with anything they could do and signed up for different committees. Ken has mentioned this in his message. We had reserved 25 rooms at the Imperial House Motel but there are so many motels in the immediate area that if anyone not making a reservation had wanted to come, there would be no problem. It is a great area to hold a convention of any kind.

I couldn't believe it when I called the Motel 3 days before the convention to be told that they only had reservations for 8 rooms (including 2 rooms from Akron). I wondered if all our work and plans would go down the drain and no one would come at all. We saw long lines at the gas station on TV of both the West and East Coasts, but we had no lines here. We did hear that Pennsylvania had gone into odd and even day rationing and that could be a problem getting across that State. Many Ohio motorists were caught in this drag net and could get no gas at all if their license plates happened to have the wrong number and were required to spend the night at some Plaza on the Turnpike. This was soon stopped when the big noise over the situation reached the ears of Governor Rhodes, and motorists from all States were allowed to buy about \$6.00 worth of gas to get them from one Plaza to the next.

It looked hopeless but everything became bright again when I remembered all the nice people we have in the B-P Club and what wonderful times we have at every monthly meeting and what talent exists in our local Club. If no one else came at all we could always have a great time at any time we got together.

Those coming from out of State were: Mr. & Mrs. Martin Stozus, Connecticut; Mr. Berry Wiggins, Virginia; Mr. & Mrs. Roger Van Patten, New York; and what a wonderful surprise to have Bud and Mary Henry show up from Indiana, Pennsylvania, accompanied by Bill and Dorothy Medsger who did the driving for them. Both Bud and Mary looked exceedingly well after their terrible accident last winter. From out of the immediate area came Mr. & Mrs. Richard Tilton, Ohio; and Mr. & Mrs. Fred Lynn, Ohio. That was all.

But don't feel sorry for us. We feel sorry for you for having missed all the fun, food and festivity. The advanced advertising for the convention was well carried out by Mr. Jabe Tarter of the Akron Beacon Journal, and Mrs. Evelyn Guest, whose write-up appeared in the Canton Repository. Our thanks for the publicity to Evelyn and Jabe. The public was invited to come to the Imperial House to see the glass on display at \$1.00 per person. A few came. They were also invited to attend the Auction at no cost on Saturday afternoon at 2:00. As Ken has told you, the Auction did not take place because no one came. Again, our grateful thanks to Mr. Joe Presznick who came to be the auctioneer, and the members of the B-P Club who showed up to handle all the paper work an auction involves. There would be no way to estimate the amount of money lost to the SGS treasury because no one came and the auction was cancelled. Too bad. We can only assume that most all of you were afraid of the gas lines or shortages, or, there is a tremendous lack of interest in Stretch Glass. We hope that it is NOT the latter.

There were six display tables all holding beautiful glass, some unusual pieces not seen before. Some of the glass on the display tables was for sale. The Stozus' had a huge display in their room - every piece for sale. I purchased the big three-dolphin black glass base from them. The other one I've ever seen was the one Jim Farr had a big punch bowl sitting on at the Indiana, Pa., convention. I have no punch bowl to put on the base but I do have the base just in case. SGS member, Mrs. Lena Hossler of Akron, told me that after much research on her part that the base resembled some dolphin candlesticks which she once had and that they were made by The New Martinsville (West Virginia) Glass Company.

Members of the B-P Club did an admirable job of taking care of the registration and displaying and taking in the money from our 1979 souvenir (mentioned elsewhere). Cookies were coming in fresh all the time and the Motel furnished plenty of hot coffee and punch, so no one went hungry. In fact, there were so many cookies left over that they were put on sale by the paper plate full for 50¢ a plate on Saturday. And still there were plenty left over.

The breakfast on Friday morning was well attended (47) and many members of the B-P Club drove down from Akron to attend. The same for the banquet (55) and as Ken has told you, and everyone present received a door prize (many of them were quite expensive) as well as a table prize. The lovely ribbon roses which decorated the tables were made by Jabe Tarter and were given to all the ladies present.

When the fun began when the professional square dancers appeared and the music started for dancing. All of the couples were long-time friends of Mr. & Mrs. Norman Guest who made no charge for their appearance to entertain us. A token of appreciation was given each couple by the B-P Club, a blue milk covered glass rabbit which was purchased from The Summit Art Glass Company. The Caller (and teacher) was the best at the business any of us had ever heard. His name is Earl Gulley from Canton and when he's around you learn to square dance even if you have only seen it on TV. He had a great many of us dancing before we knew what was happening to us, and we loved it. There were other forms of dancing also. Due to the "house rules," the dancing stopped at 10:00 PM. Our thanks to the Guests' and their friends who provided such great entertainment. I should mention that the ladies of the dance couples were each dressed in a lovely dress and each was the color in the pastel shades of Stretch Glass. Moreover, the ladies had made their own dresses and they were exquisite.

As you know, the business meeting took place right after the breakfast on Friday morning. One thing I left out which I meant to tell you was that no mention of the naming of Stretch Glass patterns was brought up and no discussion on that project took place at all. It is my opinion that if this is to be a project for the membership of SGS that the initiative will necessarily have to come from the authors of the books.

In the afternoon on Friday, Mr. & Mrs. Norman Guest conducted a tour for all wishing to drive to the local places which were well worth seeing. We went first to see the new Hoover Museum, recently established in the old and remodeled Hoover home close to Canton. There you can see all the weepers from the first inventions to the modern times. A nice Security Guard was our host who was from New Jersey and working there for the summer. Just ahead of us was a delegation from The Peoples Republic of China. They seemed to be enjoying all they saw and heard through an interpreter. The first and old models seemed to interest them very much, as well as the lovely home and its furnishings.

From there to the Stark County Historical Society at the foot of the handsome McKinley Monument. There are 105 steps from the base to the top of the monument. The Lynn's and Ken walked up the steps to see the monument close up, inside and out, and the lovely view from the monument. I talked half way up and that was about as far as I wanted to go. Many people use these steps for their daily jogging practice and I had watched one young man go up and down twice, and as he was coming back down, at the half-way point, I asked him how many times he had run up and down. He managed to get out "eight" breathlessly.

The Historical Society is at the present time undergoing a large expansion, which is badly need Mr. Guest, who has conducted tours for many years, was our gracious host and guide through the treasures preserved from the past, including one whole room of things belonging to and-or related to our martyred and 25th President William McKinley and Mrs. McKinley. This alone was well worth the effort and price to get there. There are many "McKinley buffs" in this area, our President being just one, and the memorabilia that turns up for collectors is amazing.

A display of the glass made in the Canton (Ohio) Glass Company in 1883 is a must for lovers of pressed and pattern glass. A Jumbo pattern glass spoonholder is on display, an extremely rare piece of glass said by one author to be "the rarest piece of glass in the world." And well it might be as I know of only two more that are in private collections in the area. The owner of one of these gave a talk on Canton glass to our B-P Club and brought along this rare Jumbo piece to show us. It is highly sought by all pattern glass collectors. Our thanks to Norman and Evelyn Guest for taking the afternoon to show us around. They are great square dancers, too.

Saturday, the last day. Most everyone slept late obviously because they were worn out after the square dancing and other dancing the night before. It is a bit hard on a person if he isn't used to it. Many had breakfast right there in the Motel dining room - it was raining outside. Then back to the "hangout" - the hospitality room, to await the proceedings for the Auction. As you already know, no one showed up and at almost 2:00 PM our President decided, along with those present, that we had best call it off. Soon everyone was packing and heading out in different directions toward home. It was a GREAT convention in spite of everything. Ed.

Since we have published a history of Tiffin Glass Company, Tiffin, Ohio, an article appeared in the June, 1979, issue of China, Glass & Tableware Magazine that might be of interest to many of you. It reads as follows:

LEONARD BUYS TIFFIN, MARION IN SPREE - "In what seems like a corporate buying spree, Leonard Silver has purchased certain assets of Marion Manufacturing and has made an agreement to purchase the Tiffin Glass Company from Interpace Corporation.

Marion Manufacturing produces gift items, ice buckets, and laminated trays under the name Drulane. Tiffin Glass produces hand-blown and hand-cut leaded stemware, and handpressed casual stemware and gift items. Tiffin had been part of Interpace's tabletop division, which at one time included Franciscan, recently sold to Wedgwood.

Towle Manufacturing and Leonard Silver have under their corporate wing such names as Shelton Ware, Frank Smith sterling flatware, Blackington gifts and sterling, Javit Crystal, Eales of Sheffield, PMC of Sheffield, and Delli silverplate."

Most of this newsletter has been taken up with the events of the annual convention but I will start publishing the article on the burning of the Diamond Glass Company's plant and will continue it in future issues. This article was printed from microfilm at the University of Indiana archives and is not easy to read. It is from THE EVENING GAZETTE, Indiana, Pennsylvania, Monday, June 29, 1931. Since the fire occurred on Saturday, that would give us the date of June 27, 1931, for the big fire. The headlines were in 1" high black letters covering the whole front page, and read "\$100,000 FIRE AT GLASS-WARE CO." In the middle of the front page is a picture of the big fire and over the picture the words - "SCENE OF SATURDAY'S DISASTROUS FIRE." Under the picture the following: "The two gentlemen at the lower left, with their backs to the camera are James C. McGregor, a stockholder, and H. Wallace Thomas, manager of the Diamond Glassware Company, as they watched the destructive flames late Saturday afternoon. Directly in front of them are Chief of Police, George Anderson (with the cap) and William Rees, a member of the Indiana Fire Department. Directing the hose line are, from left to right, William Helwig and Dale Henry. The identity of the other men are not known."

headlines were: LOCAL PLANT BADLY DAMAGED LATE SATURDAY -- Flames, So Far of Unknown Origin, Practically Beyond Control when Discovered by Near-by Residents.

FACTURE NOTES

Loss estimated at \$100,000, was sustained when flames swept the plant of the Diamond Glassware Company, College avenue and Glass street at 4:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon. The frame section of the plant containing the stockroom, decorating room, packing room and the office, were burned to the ground.

The factory of the plant is still intact and was saved by the heroic efforts of the firemen, who had six high pressure streams of water continually playing on the fire. The origin of the fire is not known. Three theories are advanced by General Manager Wallace Thomas and Superintendent John Richards, Jr. First, that the fire may have originated from a spark from a P.R.R. passenger locomotive, which passed the plant a half hour before and, second, that it may have originated from spontaneous combustion, caused by rags containing turpentine and banana oil used in the decorating room, and third, that it may have originated from a smouldering spark ignited during the freak electric storm Friday afternoon, at which time the lights in the factory were put out of commission.

About twenty minutes before the alarm was turned in by residents of Glass street, opposite the factory, smoke was seen circling over the roof of the burned section of the plant. Those who saw it believed it originated from burning brush at the west side of the building, so paid no attention to it. A few minutes later, flames broke through the roof over the decorating room. The fire then spread with lightning like speed to all sections of the building.

When the firemen arrived the roof and walls of the entire building was a mass of flames. When it was realized the building was doomed the firemen confined their efforts to saving adjacent buildings and from keeping the fire from reaching the factory. Through their excellent and efficient efforts a much greater loss was averted. The firemen fought the fire like professionals. The intense heat which kept the spectators at a distance of 200 feet did not seem to hamper the firemen.

Within forty minutes the roof and walls fell and the fire was then soon under control. By eight o'clock the flames were practically extinguished. Three lines of hose were kept at the scene during the night.

Four members of the fire company sustained injuries and were given first-aid at the scene of the fire. They were: Harry Barnett, nail in right foot; Murray McCoy, contusions of left side, caused by a nozzle when it tore loose from the nozzle men; Ward Eicher, left hand cut to the bone by glass when he fell through the roof of a one-story building from where he was playing water on the fire; Oliver Barry, badly burned about the right shoulder. With the exception of Eicher, the men were able to report for work today. Six other men sustained minor injuries.

During the fire, lunch was prepared by and served to the firemen by Mrs. Thomas Allison of Glass street. The members of the fire company wish to publically thank and express their appreciation and gratitude to their benefactor.

The Diamond Glass Ware Company, owned by Indiana people, has been Indiana's leading industry for the past 40 years. When the factory was on full-time production over 200 men, boys and girls were employed in the several departments. Like all other industries the company has only been on part-time the past several months, but according to Manager Thomas and Superintendent Richards they were looking forward to a busy season starting August 1st. A number of orders had already been received for delivery during July and a large number of orders pending for August, would have kept the factory running on full-time for several months.

A part of the \$30,000 worth of stock in the wareroom, which was destroyed, was ready for shipment, according to the records, which had been removed from the office after the fire started. (Ed. I sure wish someone knew where these records are now.)

During an interview yesterday, Manager Thomas and Superintendent Richards stated the Company's plans for the future were at present undecided, but they believed the plant would be rebuilt. The company owns and controls many valuable methods for manufacturing glass and many exclusive designs and patterns for which they have patents. These expensive moulds were saved.

The last fire at the plant was in February, 1912. At that time the mould shop, cooper shop and straw shed were destroyed. Successful efforts of the firemen kept the fire from spreading to other parts of the factory." The End. It was not as long as I thought it would be but the print was very fine, which made me think it would be much longer.

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Below is the obituary of Samuel Dugan, the father of Thomas E. A. Dugan, Manager of the glass plant, which is interesting:

Samuel Dugan, a skilled glass worker, died on Friday evening at about 9:30, of apoplexy, at the age of 69 years. The deceased was born in Staffordshire, England, and came to this country in 1881. Along with his family he first settled in Pittsburg (sic). He had also resided in Martin's Ferry, O., and Ellwood City, Pa. When the Northwood glass works were opened here in 1894 the deceased, who was a stockholder in the company, moved his family to Indiana. Mrs. Dugan died about four years ago. Four children survive. They are: Two sons, Thomas and Alfred, manager and foreman of the National glass works plant in this place, and two daughters, Misses Fannie and Lizzie, who conduct a millinery store in this place. The deceased is also survived by three brothers and two sisters: John, William, Mrs. Green and Mrs. John Northwood, all of Great Britian, and Thomas Dugan of Wheeling, W. Va. The funeral services, which were held at the residence of his son, Thomas, on Oakland avenue, on Monday afternoon, were conducted by Rector George Rogers, of the Episcopal church. The interment was made in Greenwood cemetery. This was dated September 26, 1902.

The above was probably Samuel Dugan, Sr., as there is another obituary for one Samuel Dugan, Jr., which is dated June 29, 1898; it reads

SAMUEL DUGAN, JR.

Minutes Adopted by Indiana Glassworker's Union

In the death of Samuel Dugan, Jr., Local Union No. 171, lost a devoted member and kind brother, and a valued citizen and a prominent and skillful workman. In the short time of two years he became known to hundreds of citizens of this city, who loved him for his gentleness and kindness and industrious ways. He belonged to that noble army of unselfish and single hearted citizens who devoted their lives to help the cause of mankind. He went about doing good, but he did it so quietly, so earnestly and cheerfully that only the Recording Angel knew and noticed the full extent. He devoted himself to his wife and family. After them his first thought was for the welfare of the A.F.G.W.U. He represented local Union No. 171 in Pittsburg convention. He was elected to represent local Union No. 71 at Zanesville, Ohio, this coming July. (Think it should be local Union No. 171. Ed.) He had made all arrangements for the Zanesville convention and his mind and thoughts were what he could do for his fellow workmen's best interest. Mr. Samuel Dugan, Jr., was born in England, Feb. 28, 1870. He came to this country in March of 1881 with his father, Samuel Dugan, Sr., his mother, his brothers, Thomas and Alfred, and his sisters, Fannie and Elizabeth. His father located in Pittsburg. He learned the glass trade under his cousin, Harry Northwood. He was married May 9, 1893 to Miss Gertrude Yeager, daughter of George W. and Florence Yeager. He leaves a wife and two children to mourn his loss. The family of the deceased brother has the sympathy of the community in this hour of trouble. It seems that the hand of fate has been hard upon them. In less than 18 months, four of their family have been taken. Mr. Thomas Dugan buried two of his children and Mrs. Fannie Dugan, mother of the deceased, was called to rest.

Indiana, Pa., June 27, 1989

At a special meeting of Local Union No. 171, A.F.G.W.U., the following resolutions were passed:

RES: It has pleased God in his infinite wisdom to call home our esteemed and worthy brother, Samuel Dugan, Jr., and

RES: In the loss we have sustained by his death and the still heavier loss to those who are dear to him, therefore be it

Resolved: That it is but a just tribute to the memory of the departed to say that in regretting his removal from our midst we mourn for one who was in every way worthy of our respect and regard, and

Resolved: That we, the members of the Local Union, No. 171, A.F.G.W.U. sincerely condole with the family of the deceased in the loss of a loving husband and a kind brother, and most devoutly hope that Time, the healer of all wounds, will eventually lighten the burden they now have to bear, and

Resolved: That this testimony of sympathy and sorrow be forwarded to the family of our deceased brother and be published in the Commoner and Glassworker, and the Indiana Gazette and recorded on our minutes.

Committee, M. J. Morton
John Alker
Charles E. Brand
James E. Carter
Harry Pilgrim

The obituary that appeared in The Indiana Evening Gazette of Samuel Dugan, Jr., was dated June 18, 1898 and read:

Samuel Dugan, Jr., of this place, died Saturday about noon of pneumonia. He had been ill but a few days. He was an employe in the Northwood glass works and the employes of that factory the number of 68 attended his funeral, on Tuesday afternoon in a body. The funeral services were conducted at the home of the deceased by Rev. H. M. Clarke, of the Episcopal church, after which interment was made in Greenwood cemetery. The deceased was a member of the glassworker's union and more extended notice of his life will be found in the minutes, passed by his fellow workers, which appears on page 8.

The obituary of Alfred Dugan is also listed from the papers in the Indiana Historical Society and died of a heart complaint. The date listed is July 18, 1928. It states that he had been a resident for the past 30 years and was an expert manufacturer of glassware and was a member of the old firm of the Dugan Glass Company, later absorbed by the present company, by which he was retained as general manager. He was born in England and came with his parents to this country when he was fourteen years old. Surviving, wife Marie, and these children: Alfred S. Dugan and Harold N. Dugan of Indiana, Ernest R., Carl E., Fanny, Alice, William, Helen, and Edward Dugan, all at home. He was a member of the Zion Lutheran Church and was buried in Greenwood cemetery.

This is just about all of the important information I have to bring you on the fascinating history of the famous glass plant in Indiana, Pennsylvania. I told the membership at this year's convention business meeting that if there was no further input from the membership, you just might end up receiving the letterhead with whatever the message from the President says. It would be nice if it were really great if the information such as you have thus far received could still be obtained and published for you, but from here I do not know where to turn next for information. This is an early notice to all of you that, as I feel right now, this will be my last year as your Secretary-Editor. It is not an easy job, as you can imagine, and I'm getting no younger. So I am now looking about for a brand new Secretary-Editor with lots of new and fresh ideas. The change will be good for you and may even furnish a lot more enthusiasm for Stretch Glass. Your input is greatly needed for the October, 1979, issue of the Newsletter. No input - no output. Fair enough?

**STRETCH GLASS
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