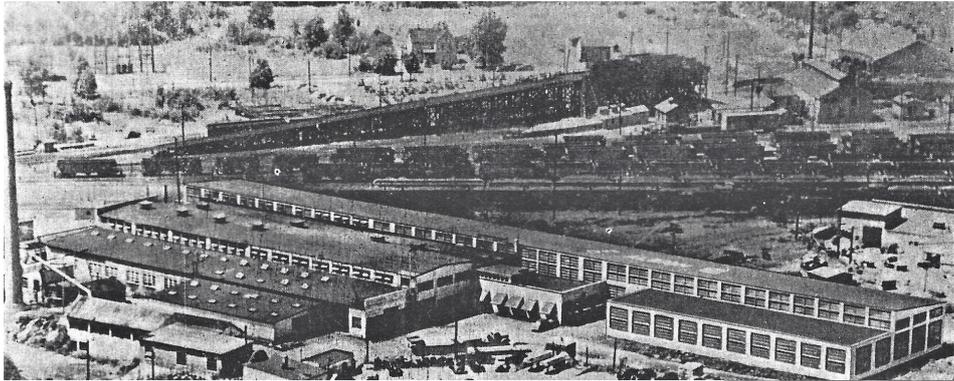


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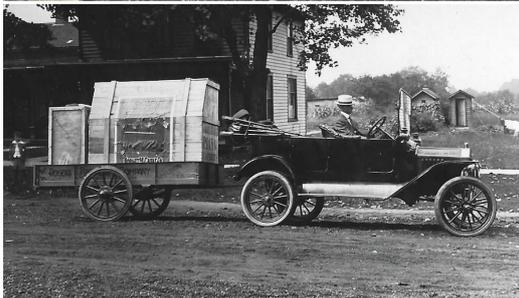
Rogers Brothers Plant



Aerial Photo
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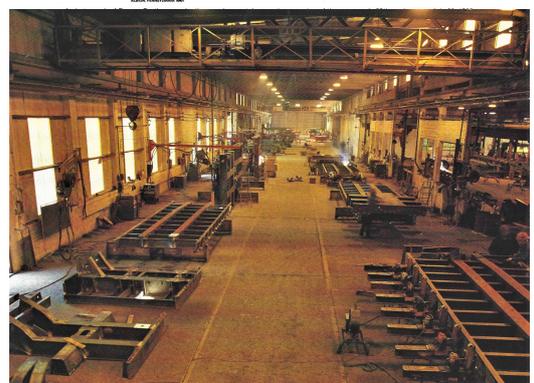
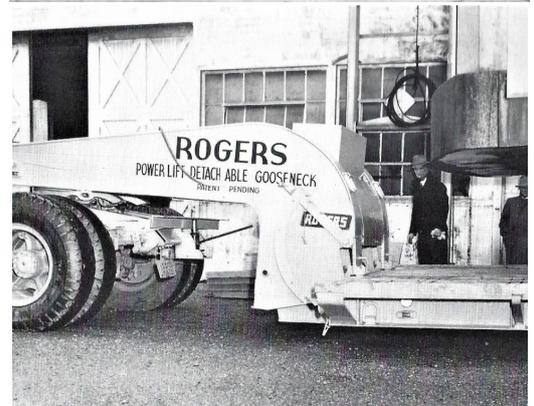


Rogers Bros. Bridge Works, Albion, Pa.



Charles, Louis, and Hugh Rogers grew up helping out on their father's farm and lumber mill during the 1890s. In 1904, the elder brothers were in charge of selling bridges in western Pennsylvania for Kellogg Brothers Ironworks in Buffalo, N.Y. Younger brother, Hugh, was employed by Kelloggs' to build the bridge abutments and steel superstructures. The brothers started their own company in 1905, and built the structure in the top left photos just north of Albion Mill, where they made bridges and structural ironwork, including the culvert and railroad bridge that is still located in Cranesville off Bessemer Street. In 1907, the plant was moved to its' present location.

They also built railroad cars until WWI in 1917, when they got a contract for military equipment trailers. Other military contracts followed. At the war's peak, 75 frames were made every 24 hours. In 1923, the 1st arched gooseneck trailer was built. Rogers Bros. was so well respected they got the 1st military contract awarded for WWII, for a 45 ton tank transport & retrieval trailer. By July, 1942, 480 men were working round the clock, & 10 trailers were produced every 24 hours. A dark, nonetheless interesting fact, is that Rogers Bros. trailers transported Fat Man and Little Boy (The code names for the two Atomic Bombs that were dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki), which brought about the end of World War II.



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Monthly Book Program Selection For Elementary Age Kids

Good Night Owl by Greg Pizzoli

Will Owl ever get a good night's sleep? He's ready for bed, but as soon as he settles in, he hears a strange noise. He looks everywhere—in his cupboard, underneath the floorboards—even in his walls. He'll never get to sleep unless he can figure out what's going on! But as he's busy tearing his house apart, he doesn't notice one tiny, squeaky, mouse-shaped detail—the culprit! Every observant young reader will point again and again to the answer to Owl's persistent question, laughing all along the way.

This Month's Toddler Selection is a choice of two titles by the same author

I Love My Daddy by Giles Andreae

With verses and bright pictures designed to inspire smiles, this book from a toddler's point of view captures the love between father and child. Joyful and sweet, it is sure to be enjoyed many times over.

OR

I Love You, Baby by Giles Andreae

With delightful verse and cuddly pictures, this book captures the joy and excitement of welcoming a new baby to the family from a toddler's point of view. Sweet and loving, it's the perfect introduction for older siblings as they wait to meet their new brother or sister.

This Month's "Tween" Selection is: *Beauty and the Beast : Lost in a Book* by Jennifer Donnelly

Smart, bookish Belle, a captive in the Beast's castle, has become accustomed to her new home and has befriended its inhabitants. When she comes upon Nevermore, an enchanted book unlike anything else she has seen in the castle, Belle finds herself pulled into its pages and transported to a world of glamour and intrigue. The adventures Belle has always imagined, the dreams she was forced to give up when she became a prisoner, seem within reach again.

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