

Fried's Restaurant

5822-26 York Road, Philadelphia
Oct. 28, 1943

My mother, Helen (Leitzel) Kelchner (1925-2014) of Berwick, Pa., collected menus from the lunch counters and restaurants where she ate while she lived in Philadelphia in the summer and fall of 1943.

She had graduated from Berwick High School the previous year and lived in Philadelphia while she took a short course to be certified as a mortuary technician at Eckels School of Embalming at Diamond and 17th streets. A letter from the period indicates that she lived at 2013 N. 15th St., about three blocks from the school. She was receiving the training in order to take a job at the Kelchner Funeral Home in Berwick, which was owned by her future father-in-law Willard F. Kelchner



Helen Kelchner (center, back row) in graduation photo from Eckels School of Embalming, 1943

It appears that the Eckels School may have held a graduation dinner at Fried's, which is about a 20-minute drive up North Broad Street from the school. It was a popular restaurant for a variety of organizations' meetings. There were dozens of advertisements during the restaurant's lifetime. On Helen's menu there is a hand-written note: "Farewell Banquet Faculty and Students."

We found advertisements in the Philadelphia Inquirer for Fried's Restaurant from February 1936, through February, 1946, when it appears to have moved to 6900 York Road.

In September of 1946, there was an ad for "Sam Weisberg's Most Beautiful Suburban Restaurant" at the 5822 address. Weisberg's advertised itself as specializing in seafood with a "Sea-Going Aquarium Bar.

At the 6900 address, Fried's Restaurant apparently operated until the mid-1960s. Dozens of advertisements in the Inquirer indicate that it was a popular place for social and veterans' organizations to meet, as it had been at its earlier location.

By 1968 the "Pamper Corner Health Salon" was listed at that location.

SERVED WEEKDAYS FROM 11 A. M. to 2 P. M.

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5822-26 YORK ROAD IN PHILADELPHIA
AIR CONDITIONED

Good Afternoon!

STILL THE BEST VALUE IN PHILADELPHIA
LUNCHEON

Fresh Garden Plate (Choice of (3) 35

Apple Fritters, Maple Syrup 35

Broiled Fresh Mackerel, Parsley Butter, Braised Celery, Candied Sweet Potato 45

Baked Lamb Hash with Green Peppers, Cole Slaw, Escalloped Potatoes 45

Luncheon 65c or Over Include Appetizer or Soup and Dessert

Parsley Omelette, Braised Celery, Escalloped Potatoes 65

Chicken a la King on Toast, Creamed Fresh Spinach, Candied Sweet Potato 65

Fried Prime Oysters, Cole Slaw, Escalloped Potatoes 65

Cold Virginia Ham, Potato Salad, Pickle Chips 75

Our Own Baked Rolls—Butter

Choice of Desserts
Stewed Fruit

Layer Cake
Assorted Pies

Water Ice
Jello

Coffee

Tea

Milk

DAILY SANDWICH SPECIAL

HARD BOILED EGG and LETTUCE SANDWICH 25c

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Thursday, Oct. 28, 1943 Not Responsible for Articles Lost or Stolen

All prices are our ceiling prices, or below. By OPA regulation, our ceilings are based on our highest prices from April 4 to 10, 1943. Our menus or price lists for that week are available for your inspection.

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