

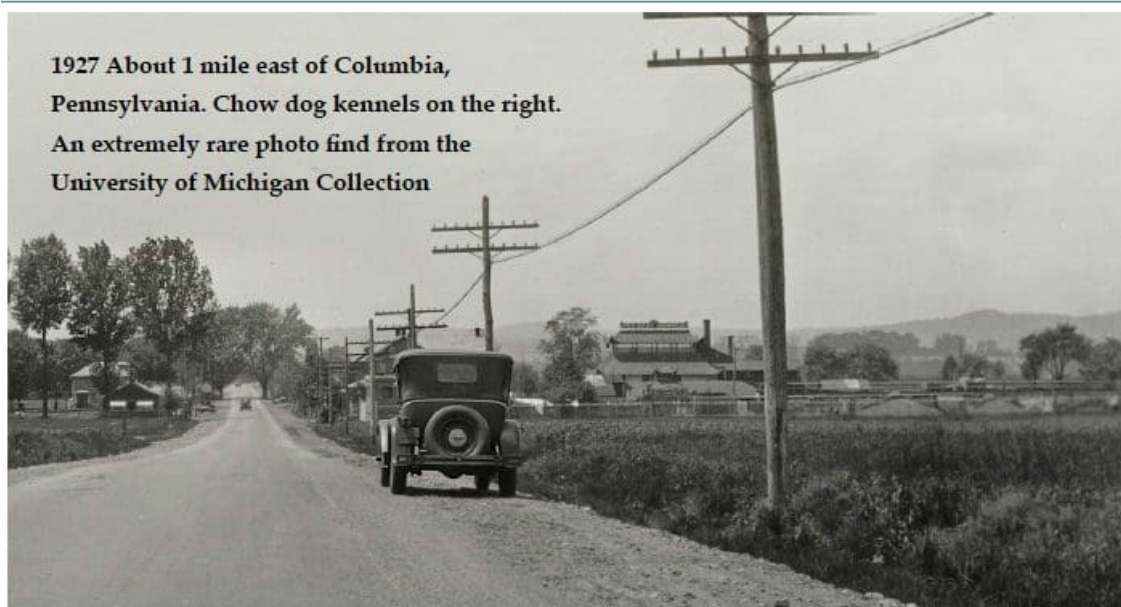
**FAR EAST KENNELS – TEMPLE OF  
CHOWS in Columbia  
Pennsylvania – Lothar  
Zifferer**

# THE FAR EAST KENNELS

OF LOTHAR R. ZIFFERER

A PHOTOGRAPHIC ROADTRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE ON HISTORIC LINCOLN HWY

1927 About 1 mile east of Columbia,  
Pennsylvania. Chow dog kennels on the right.  
An extremely rare photo find from the  
University of Michigan Collection



## FAR EAST KENNELS - FINEST IN THE WORLD

The world's most beautiful kennel has been dedicated to the task of producing the greatest chows of the country.

The breeding stock of the Far East Kennels consists of the finest selected blood lines of Europe together with America's most out-

standing Chow Champions. These dogs are raised under ideal conditions in an up to the minute kennel.

The Far East Puppy is an example of what fine stock and ideal breeding can produce in type, character and—quality.

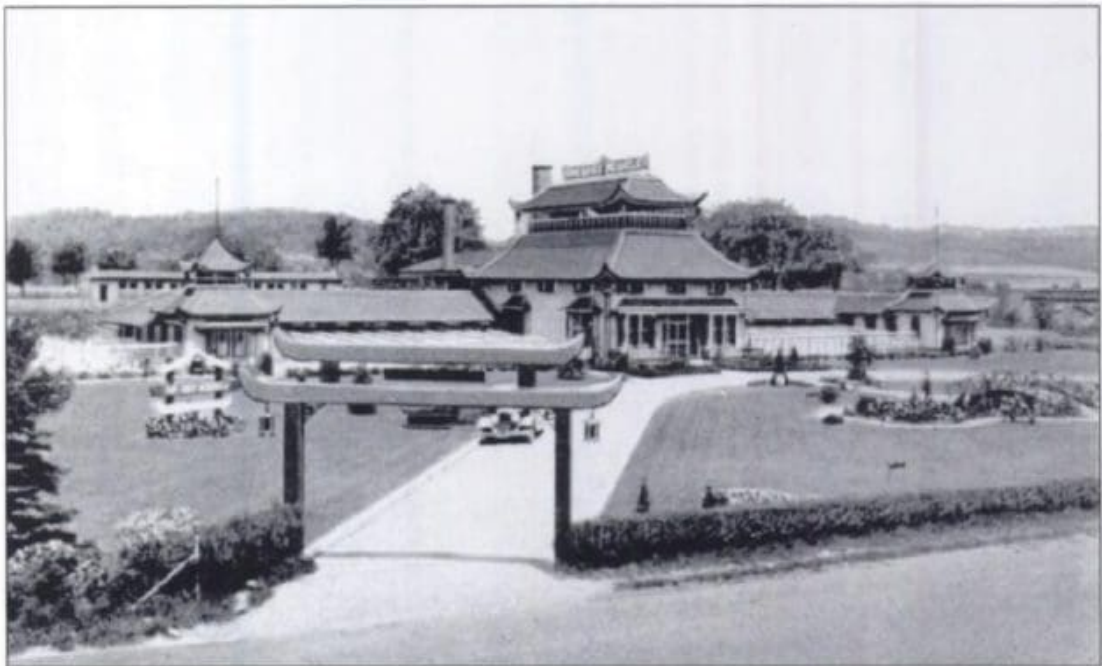
BROOD MATRON AND STUD DOGS - usually available  
Puppies Priced from Fifty Dollars Up



A. V. Farrington, Manager

L. H. Zifferer, Owner

Far East kennels, Columbia, Pennsylvania. View of kennels through gate - photo National Archives

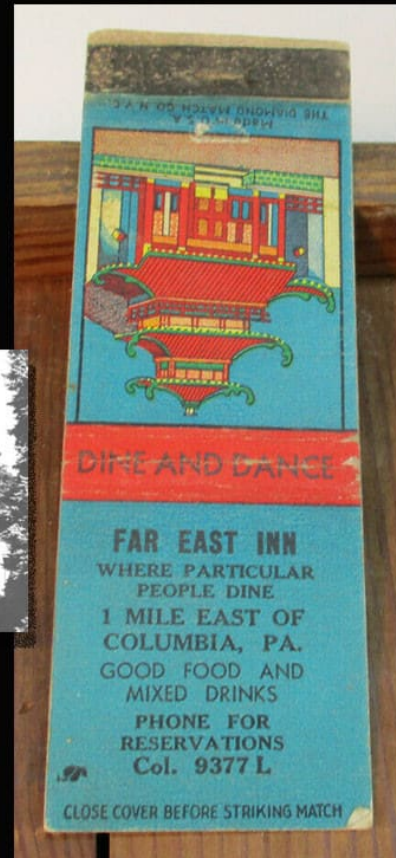
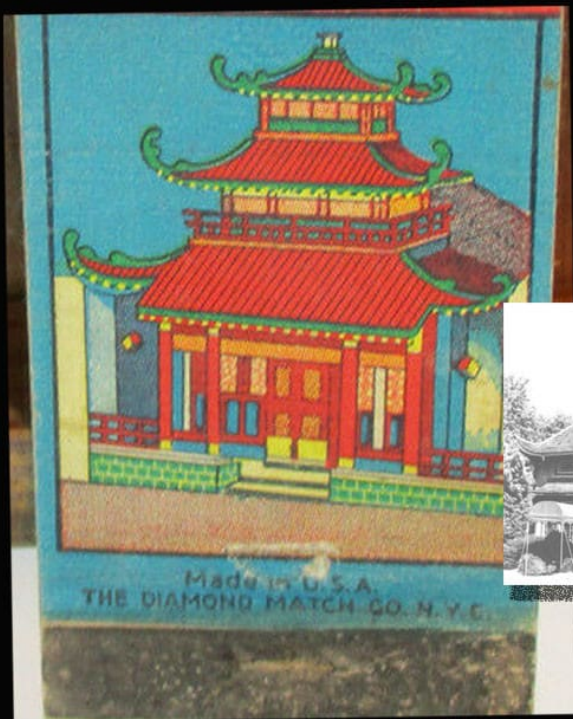


Not every business located along the Lincoln Highway was geared to service travelers. In the case of Far East Kennels, just east of Columbia, chow puppies were the specialty, with prices starting at \$50. Like many other buildings along the roadside, this ornate landmark was razed to make room for industry.

PHOTO SOURCE: Along Pennsylvania's Lincoln Highway by Richard W. Funk

Circa 1920s-1940s FAR EAST INN advertisement on matchbook

This was an amazing find as there is little available about the inn that Chow breeder Lothar Zifferer of the famous Far East Kennels owned.. It is still unclear as to whether the Inn was a separate structure from the kennels, or the kennels were converted to an inn after they closed in 1930. - or BOTH.



chowtales.com

Not only did Mr. Zifferer give his kennels an Asian flair, he created the FAR EAST INN . The full article below about this fascinating man is worth the read.



ABOVE: On Lancaster Avenue, east of Fifteenth Street, was the Far East Inn. Lothar R. Zifferer, manager of O.K. Clutch and Manufacturing Company and holder of many patents, started the inn, which with it's upturned corners and hanging lanterns, looked oriental. There one could , "bring your friends with full assurance of a delightful hour or two --or a full evening"

(courtesy John Hinkle Jr.)

Quote below is from the book Lincoln Highway by Brian Butko 2001

The Far East Kennels, on the east end of Columbia is now a large parking area for Anvil International. BERNIE HEISEY

Now we head uphill into Columbia, with a sign telling us that the town was founded in 1788. Just after that, at Malleable Road, to the north is Anvil International. For a long time this was the Grinnell factory, but the site is remembered as the location of the pagoda-style Far East Kennels. Proprietor L. R. Zifferer advertised that "the world's most beautiful kennel has been dedicated to producing the greatest chows of the country. . . . Brood matrons and stud dogs usually available. Puppies priced from fifty dollars up."

## UPDATE TO THIS ARTICLE 02-05-14

I can't believe my eyes...wedged in an old dog book I have had packed away from the 1930's still wrapped in paper and tape... was this photo. The Far East Kennels

up close and personal!!! The caption reads "1929 Far East Kennels. Mr and Mrs. J.T. Hartwell at Mr. Zifferer's Famous Far East Kennels at Columbia, PA., during their recent visit to America. Inside the railing is Mrs. Farrington."

NOTE: More research shows Mr. and Mrs. Farrington were the kennel managers at Far East Kennels...Kang Shi is the Hartwell's famous kennel in England)

It was faded and torn so I did some restoration work on this beauty





AND YET MORE AMAZING DISCOVERIES- READ THE 7 PAGE ARTICLE FROM  
1927

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THE ARCHIVES BY MARY COUNIHAN

I have inserted all the images from the article below so you  
can study the details easily

[CLICK HERE TO READ ARTICLE – TEMPLE OF THE CHOWS 1927 ARTICLE  
PDF](#)

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CLICK ON GALLERY THUMBNAILS TO ENLARGE BIG AND BEAUTIFUL



FAR EAST KENNELS AS THEY APPEAR FROM THE HILLS TODAY  
time noting the details in this picture you will be able to imagine scenes  
in dollars to date. One of the three big formal gardens is in the foreground  
be removed easily. Many trees are due to appear on the grounds in 1

Restored 1920's image from the ©Sandra Miller Collection



LITTLE HAS BEEN FORGOTTEN IN THE KITCHEN  
try to think of something needed in a kitchen and no doubt you will find it  
in most modern of kitchens at Far East. Electricity has been utilized to the  
advantage. No germs here

Restored 1920's image from the ©Sandra Miller Collection



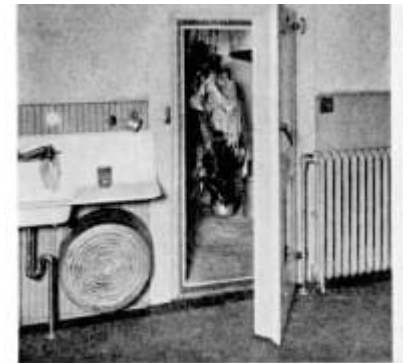
**AMERICA'S ONLY LITTER OF WHITE CHOWS**  
 People will say that there is no such thing as a white chow, but these look like? The owner of Far East intends to make of this attractive and unusual type of dog.

Restored 1929's image from the Charles Miller Collection



**WHERE FAR EAST PUPPIES SEE THE LIGHT**  
 Although he is ward in a hospital, it is so quiet and quiet. All puppies are helped and raised in this room until they are of a sufficient age to take care of themselves. Notice the beds under.

Restored 1929's image from the Charles Miller Collection



**AN IDEA FOR TIRED HOUSEWIVES**  
 All of the work used at Far East is killed in the above and.



**A CORNER OF THE BATHING ROOM**  
 It is in this room that such clean dogs come due to keep.



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CIRCA 1925

Mrs Zifferer of the famous Far East chow kennels is pictured on the human interest page in the paper returning from Europe with her newest white chow puppy

The Zifferer's were some of the first in America to breed and market an almost pure white strain of chows.

CIRCA 1925 – In my continuing research on the beautiful Chinese themed “Far East” Kennels, I discovered this rare photo of Mrs Zifferer. She is returning from Europe with a new addition to the kennel. There are many ads in the period newspapers for their “rare” white chows.



### AMERICA'S ONLY LITTER OF WHITE CHOWS

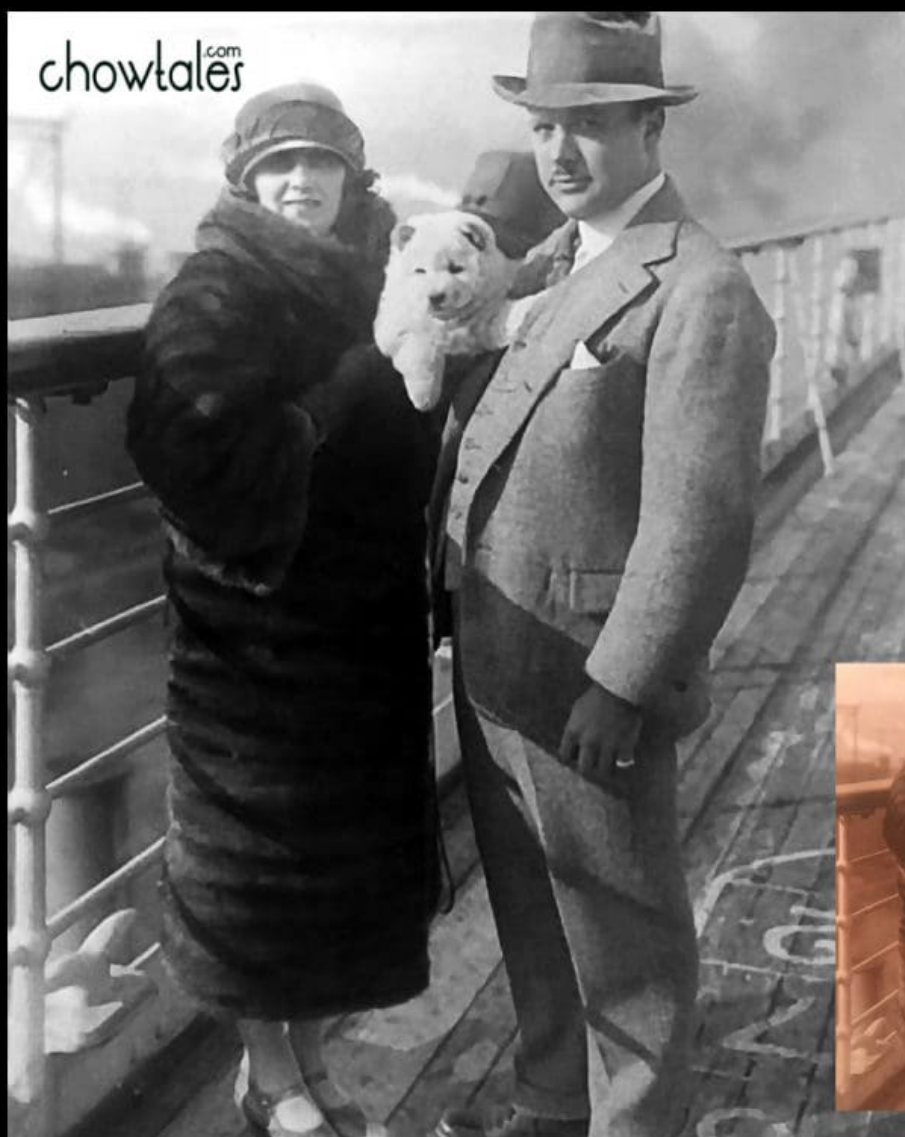
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Lothar Zifferer of Far East Kennels with his wife, aboard the Queen Elizabeth (or Mary) with a rare white/cream chow puppy. This photo is most likely from the 1920's

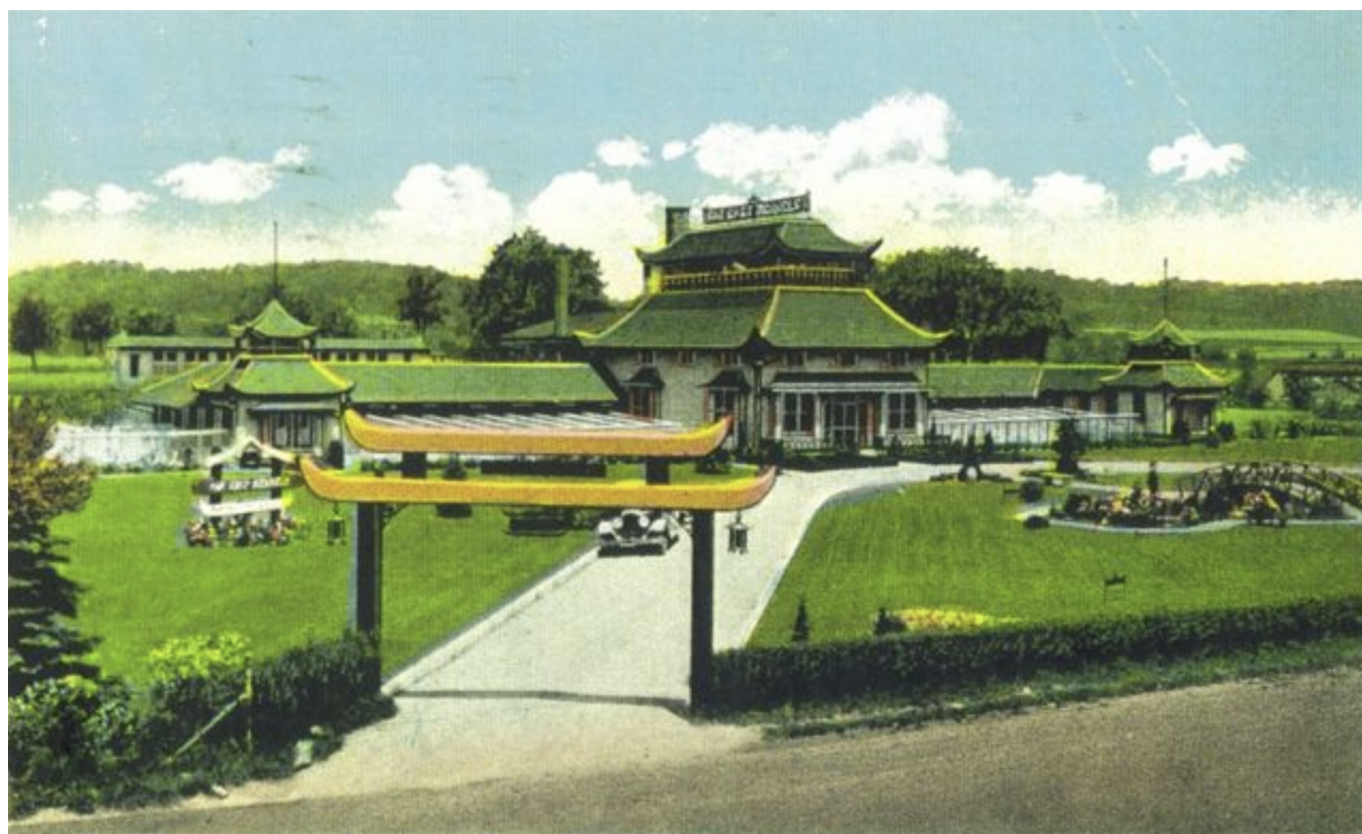


Thank you so very much Graham Zifferer for sharing this exquisite image of your great grandfather with the ChowTales archive!

I restored the photo for your family records as a heartfelt thank you!



Original photo in the private collection of Graham Zifferer ©

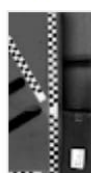


20 FAR EAST KENNELS ON LINCOLN HIGHWAY, COLUMBIA, PA.

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1927 - Snippet view - [More editions](#)

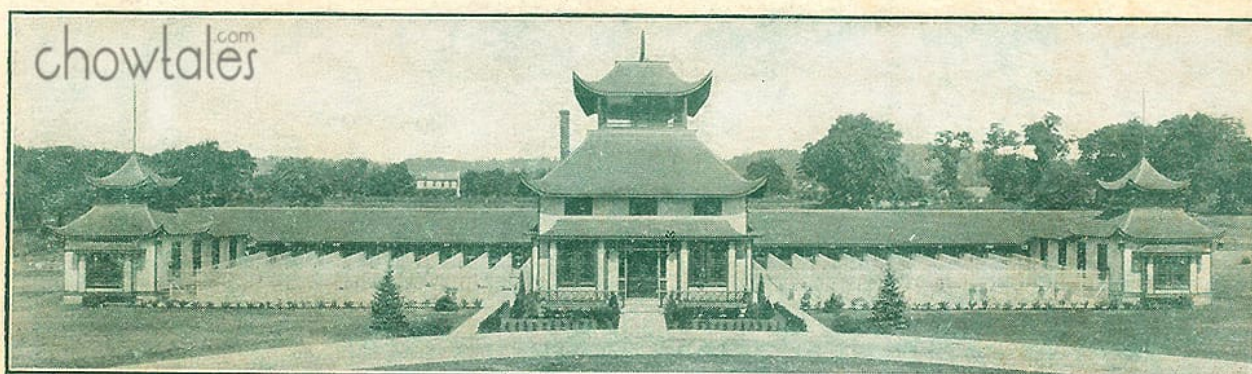
Louis Weber & Son have just furnished to L. R. **Zifferer**, proprietor of the **Far East** Kennels, Columbia, a splendid silver cup of Grecian design, costing \$500. It will be donated by Mr. **Zifferer** as a prize for the best American bred **chow dog** at a ...

Closing Out  
**SALE**  
Entire Stock of  
Fine Pedigreed  
**DOGS**  
AT THE  
**Far East Kennels**  
Columbia, Pa.

These beautiful Dogs will be sold at **SACRIFICE PRICES** with the main object to secure them good homes. The Dogs originally ranged in price from \$50 up. They will go at bargain prices.

ABOVE DATED FEBRUARY 1930, FAR EAST KENNELS IS GOING OUT OF BUSINESS. I HAD BEEN LOOKING FOR A DATE FOR SOME TIME

Circa 1920 rare ink blotter advertising Lyonore Metal being used in the construction of the famous Far East Chow Kennels Built and owned by Lothar Zifferer



FAR EAST KENNELS, L. R. ZIFFERER, OWNER, NEAR COLUMBIA, PA.

**Lyonore Metal**  
*an alloy*

was used for all sheet  
metal work on the  
above building.

THIS rust-resisting alloy  
costs less because it  
lasts longer.

**Lyon, Conklin & Co. Inc.**

BALTIMORE

WASHINGTON

In the private collection of Sandra Miller

This is yet another unique view of the kennels to add to the growing collection I have of Far East Kennel ephemera. The puzzle pieces all fit together as a wonderful story for our breed