



# The Millmont Times

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### The Millmont Covered Bridge

The red covered bridge near Millmont has been a part of the landscape of the west end for well over 100 years. People who live near the bridge, or those who drive by it on a regular basis, treasure this county owned relic, not only for its simple beauty, but also because of its historical significance. As many longtime residents can attest, the bridge is also a popular tourist attraction. These are reasons why it is important that this bridge continue to be supported by the general public, as well as the county and state government. Recent reports indicate that the Federal government has also appropriated funds to secure the future of the bridge. That is welcome news to the people who are concerned about the condition of the bridge. We don't want to lose another historic landmark, which is why it is important that this bridge is preserved and maintained.

As I began working on this article, and researching the history of the covered bridge, there were a number of questions that I wanted to resolve. In books and publications over the years I have seen various dimensions as to the length of the bridge, as well as two conflicting dates concerning the year the bridge was constructed. Resolving the question of the length of the bridge was simple. A tape measure was all that was needed. When measured from end to end, the bridge is 157 feet long. The question of the exact age of the bridge was far more complicated, and required considerably more effort to attain. The two dates most often seen in print are 1855 and 1857. My determination to resolve that discrepancy led me to the Union County Courthouse where I was able to examine numerous public documents pertaining to the Millmont Covered Bridge.

The north entrance to the bridge bears a plaque erected by the Union County commissioners in 1955. That plaque is inscribed with the dates 1855 - 1955. People reading that plaque would logically conclude that the bridge was constructed in 1855. My search to find the origins of the date "1857" resulted in some interesting discoveries. Documents I examined included the minutes of the meetings of Union County commissioners between 1852 and 1858.

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### Millmont Mailbox by Postmaster Sam Smith

It's hard to believe that Christmas will soon be here! The Christmas stamps have arrived! Madonna and Child and Holiday Music Makers. It is our busiest time of the year at the Post Office. I'd like to offer a few tips to make things easier for everyone. Most important: MAIL EARLY!! One of the most disappointing things that can happen is receiving cards and packages after Christmas.

Mailing early really helps us, so that there is a more even flow of mail, and if someone has an incorrect address on a letter or package, it can be returned or forwarded with time to arrive before Christmas. APO and FPO packages and letters should be mailed no later than December 11, 2003 for delivery before Christmas. I recommend sending packages by Priority Mail as they are delivered in 2-3 days, or sooner, to anywhere in the US, starting at just \$3.85! Express Mail is guaranteed to most areas overnight and 2 days to others, starting at \$13.65. We even offer delivery of Express mail on Christmas Day!! This is also a good time for those of you whose addresses have changed with the 911 system to notify others of your new address with your Christmas cards. In the spirit of Christmas, I will have a customer appreciation day on Friday December 19; coffee and cookies etc. Stop in before or after your shopping. I'll also be busy preparing for my annual Sports card and collectible toy show for the Shikellany Band on January 3, 2004. (See Add on page\*\*) Merry Christmas!!!

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The December 2003 issue of TMT was the first newsletter made available to Internet subscribers.

posed the idea of a local newsletter to keep Millmont residents informed about community events. At the time, she and I were both members of the Lewis Township Village Green Recreation Association (V.G.R.A.). The association sponsors fundraisers in support of local youth oriented activities. To encourage and solicit public support, Brenda suggested an informative newsletter that could be distributed to each household in town. From that inspiration, The Millmont Times was born. Brenda's passing in April 2002 was a significant loss to me personally, and to the community.

After receiving publishing software from Kim Blyler, one hundred copies of the premier issue of the newsletter were distributed in May 2000. Those copies were delivered door to door in Millmont at no charge. A limited number of extra copies were made available for pick up at

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## Millmont Mailbox by Postmaster Sam Smith

Mail Count is finally over and spring is here! I'm looking forward to attending minor league baseball games and everything else associated with spring and summer. It's a very busy time of the year, sometimes too busy to make a stop at the Post Office. That doesn't mean that you still can't do business with the Postal Service. You can have the Post Office brought to you by going online to [www.usps.com](http://www.usps.com) from your own home or office! Just about everything you can do at the Post Office, you can do from [usps.com](http://usps.com). (except see Bev's and my smiling faces!) You can buy stamps, get shipping supplies, (FREE Priority envelopes, boxes etc.) pay for postage, print shipping labels, notify your letter carrier that you have a package pick-up, find a zip code, locate a Post Office, change your address, have your mail put on hold, and request redelivery! You can also use our track and confirm services online. It's quick and convenient to use [www.usps.com](http://www.usps.com), but don't stop coming to the Post Office altogether!

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*"I always read Sam's column.....I want to see what is going on at the post office and find out what new stamps are coming out."*

Delphia Shirk,  
Millmont

the Millmont Post Office and at Shirk's Store. Using donations from local residents, as well as my own resources, I continued to publish and distribute the newsletter free of charge for nearly three years.

What started out as a four-page newsletter soon grew in size and content. From four pages, the paper expanded to six, eight, ten, and currently twelve pages. As the size of the paper continued to grow, so did the expenses. Demand for the newsletter was often higher than the number of papers I could afford to print. With increasing interest from people living outside of town, I solicited subscriptions in June 2001. Subscribers were

asked to pay \$8 for a one-year mail subscription. The first person to subscribe to The Millmont Times was the late Robert Davis. His wife Florine, a resident of Libby Road, has been a subscriber ever since.

The expenses associated with distributing free copies of the newsletters to Millmont residents forced me to discontinue that practice in February 2003. Since that time the newsletter has been available by subscription only.

The early issues of the newsletter dealt with the activities of the V.G.R.A. and the community outreach program under the direction of the Millmont Mennonite Church Youth Group. As the paper attracted a larger audience outside of Millmont, I felt compelled to broaden the content to include topics from the surrounding area. This issue of the newsletter will be distributed to more than 520

households by mail, Internet, or over-the-counter at Dormans Country Store in Hartleton. Of those 520 households, thirty-two are located in the town of Millmont.

The columnists who are featured in the newsletter each month have played a significant role in increasing awareness and interest in The Millmont Times. Postmaster Sam Smith began writing an article for the newsletter in October 2000. His column "Millmont Mail Box" has been a front-page feature ever since. "Field Notes" by WCO Bernie Schmader also began in October 2000. That column often contained humorous

*"Hertha Wehr's writings have been very meaningful to me..... Keep up the good work Hertha, I'm sure it invokes memories for many more besides me"*

The late Marie  
(Blyler) Sampsell

events in the life of this longtime Wildlife Conservation Officer. Following Schmader's retirement, I enlisted Union County WCO Dirk Remensnyder to submit his "Field Notes" each month. Remensnyder's column is currently on hiatus because of his military obligation. "Field Notes" will return to The Millmont Times when Remensnyder's tour of duty is concluded.

"Meanderings" by Hertha Wehr began in May 2002. Hertha explores the diverse and varied aspects of her life, and educates us through her national and international journeys. "Bird Talk" by Jim McCormick began in February 2003. As everyone who reads this column knows, Jim has a passion for birds. His interest in wildlife and the environment evolved from his daily routine of walking the outskirts of Millmont. Each month he encourages us to enjoy nature's bounty with his familiar refrain: "grab your binoculars and take it all in."

"Hartleton As I Remember It - 1930 - 1950" by Eleanor (Hoffman) Hoy was published from May 2003 through July 2004. Eleanor reflected upon her memories of Hartleton, and the way things were when she resided there. "Penlines From my Kitchen to Yours" by Lucy Hoover began in April 2004. This article chronicles the lives of the Wenger Mennonites living in the Buffalo Valley. "Recipe of the Month" by Janice Shively began in July 2004. Each recipe featured has been tested in the Shively kitchen.

*"The first thing I read when I get my copy of The Millmont Times is Bird Talk."*

William Bastian,  
Weikert

"Remembrance" by James Randall Chambers, now living in Dillon, Montana, began in October 2004. In his column, Chambers, a nonagenarian, reminisces

## Articles Featured In The Newsletter Over The Past Five Years

May 2000: Brandi Catherman, by Bradley Catherman

June 2000: Eddie Weaver, by Lori Weaver

July 2000: William C. Eisenhuth

August 2000: Pearl Kaler

September 2000: Millmont Community Picnic

October 2000: Youth Group Hayride

November 2000: Happy Thanksgiving

December 2000: Merry Christmas and

Happy New Year / The Editor of The

Millmont Times, by Brenda Weaver

January 2001: Best Wishes in 2001

February 2001: V.G.R.A. Annual Report

March 2001: Boyd's Bear Bingo / L. G.

White, by Brenda Weaver

April 2001: Marie (Blyler) Sampsell

May 2001: The Times is One Year Old /

Harlan Zimmerman

June 2001: Open Air Concert / Brenda

(Shirk) Rowe

July 2001: Village Green Association News /

Robert Davis, A Compassionate Project

August 2001: Open Air Concert with Gospel

Harmony / Postmaster Sam Smith /

Maude Boyer of Swengel

September 2001: Beverly Catherman / Allen

Martin Gun Maker of Swengel / Tea

Springs CCC Camp

October 2001: Youth Group Hayride /

Randy Lyons / Charles Mabus

November 2001: Shirk's Store by Brenda

Weaver

December 2001: A Christmas Day

Wedding / Thomas Guyer

January 2002: Horace B. Cawley

February 2002: Keystone Wood Products

March 2002: The Sugar Camp

April 2002: Bridget Catherman - Millmont

Artisan

May 2002: Brenda (Shirk) Rowe

June 2002: Martin's Steel

July 2002: Pvt. John Wesley Showalter Co.

E. 150<sup>th</sup> PA Regiment

August 2002: LuLu Hoffman

September 2002: William O. Dale & Family

October 2002: WCO Bernard Schmader

November 2002: Lewis Township Board of

Supervisors / Penn Mills

December 2002: Christmas at Fred and

Margie Yarger's

January 2003: The Hook Natural Area

February 2003: The Immigration of the

Wenger People to Buffalo Valley by Eli

Reiff

March 2003: Collecting Together for Fifty-

Five Years, by Brenda Weaver

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# BIRD TALK

By Jim McCormick

*“Sounding like Daffy Duck...”* March is a fantastic month for bird-watchers. In February we have the faint beginnings of spring migration, but it is in March when the large flocks of Robins, Red-winged Blackbirds and Common Grackles start to be seen across the fields and entering into town. You would have to be deaf not to hear the tremendous increase in bird chatter, but I can remember when I didn't ‘hear’ it.

I came to bird watching very late in my life and I am continually amazed at what I missed all those years. As I watch the unfolding of the newest spring season, I am in awe of the spectacular display of Nature's renewal. As I listen to the increasing calls of the birds, now that I know which bird is calling, it is like meeting old friends after they had been ‘away’ for a while. Some had, of course, migrated south for the winter, but many stay here all year round, remaining non-vocal for much of the winter. Now when I step out in the morning, I am surrounded by a chorus of Cardinals, Mourning Doves, House Finches, Carolina Wrens, Tree Sparrows, and Titmice, all singing to the glory of spring. I sometimes smile to myself when I hear a call I have not heard since last year, amazed at how much of what we hear changes all year long. As I was walking one morning, I could just faintly hear a sound that only gradually entered my conscious mind. It was the call of a large flock of Canada Geese flying so high above I could hardly see them. I knew they were there somewhere, but I just could not see them. Then, a large V-shaped flock seemed to appear out of thin air, only to disappear again. Wave after wave flew overhead. As I have said before, now is the time to start to learn all the birdcalls. There are no leaves (so you can see which bird is calling) and there are fewer birds to be confused by. As you learn their calls, it adds a new and wonderful dimension to bird watching. Do a Google search for “bird calls” and you get over three million links, so log on and start clicking. Birds don't just ‘sing’, of course, they make all kinds of sounds for different reasons: distress calls, territorial calls, mating calls. Nuthatches travel all winter long in pairs; keeping track of the other's location by constantly calling “akk, akk, akk”. I watched a pair one winter morning, as they flew from one tree to another, calling back and forth. Then one called and the other didn't answer. The bird started to call again and again, with no response. It seemed to panic, calling louder and louder “akk, akk, akk!!” Finally, in the distance, across the creek, it heard its mate and flew to be reunited. I wonder what that conversation was like! That reminds me of the time I watched a Mallard hen and her brood of about eight ducklings. I was walking along Penns Creek and must have scared her out of her hiding place in the overhanging grass. The creek was swollen with the spring rainfall and was moving rapidly. The hen swam to the other bank across the swiftly moving water with her tightly packed brood behind her. Just as she reached the shoreline, the drake shot across the water and began quacking violently, *sounding like Daffy Duck* in one of his tirades. It was almost as if he was scolding the hen for endangering the ducklings by leaving her hiding place and crossing the dangerous water. That drake was still quacking back and forth on the bank when I finally left them to their domestic dispute.

As you can see, there is much to be seen and heard just outside your door or down the road. Give your children or grandchildren the gift of the wonderful world of birds. They are there whether we watch them or not, but it's much more interesting if you do; so grab your binoculars and take in the wonderful spectacle of spring and its promise of renewal.

## Hartleton Community Yard Sale & Chicken Barbecue

The 17<sup>th</sup> annual Hartleton Community Yard Sale Day will be held on Saturday, April 30, 2005 beginning at 8:00 a.m. For those that set up a yard sale, a \$3.00 donation per family will be collected the day of the sale. All money will be used to maintain and improve the playground.

Chicken Bar-B-Q will also be available at the Hartleton Playground, south of Rt. 45. Chicken will be available from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. The cost of 1/2 chicken is \$3.00. Meals are priced at \$6.00. Tickets are available from members of the Playground Committee as well as members of Christ Community Church in Glen Iron. Tickets can also be purchased at the Hartleton Post Office, and will be available at the picnic pavilion on yard sale day. Proceeds benefit the Christ Community Church Relay for Life Team and the Hartleton Playground.

Please contact Joyce Loss at 922-1357, Sue Snyder at 922-1754, or Wendy Styers at 922-1892 with questions.

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about the years he spent living in the environs of White Springs. Shirley Kerstetter keeps us informed as to "What's Happening at the Four Bell Church" each month. "Bible Quiz" began in June 2002. Each month readers are provided an opportunity to test their knowledge of the Bible. A winner is chosen from the entrants who submit their answer by mail. An anonymous benefactor provides a cash prize each month. Marge Schmader and Wendy Bilger each submit the minutes from their respective board affiliations, the Municipal Authority of Lewis Township, and the Lewis Township V.G.R.A. Those minutes are included in the column "Lewis Township News."

*"I love reading Lucy Hoover's articles. I enjoy reading about the Mennonite families."*

Beverly Catherman, Millmont

Others have also contributed to the success of the newsletter over the past five years. Brenda Weaver has written several cover stories and poems for the newsletter. Past issues have also featured articles by Norma J. Sauers, Linda Fox, Sharm Liddick, Carl Catherman, Jeannette Lansansky, Norman Clements, and Laura Peffer, and the poetry of Miriam Hoffman, Quinten Dorman, Jr., and Jeff Libby. The late Marie Sampsell wrote two songs that were featured in the newsletter, "The Millmont of Long Ago," and "The Millmont of Today."

My grandfather, the late Jacob G. Shively, and my great-grandfather, the late Elder Greene Shively, were both local historians. Greene published a periodical entitled "Then & Now." That publication dealt with local, family, and Buffalo Valley Church of the Brethren history. My uncle, Donald L. Shively, furnished a copy of Elder Greene Shively's diary to me in 2004. As a result "From the Diary of Elder Greene Shively" became a regular column in September of that year. One of Jacob Shively's best-known published works was a book entitled, "Navigation of Penns Creek." In some ways I have tried to emulate the accomplishments of my grandfather and great-grandfather through this newsletter.

I have had an interest in local history since my youth. I have also been a collector of Millmont photographs and memorabilia. In December 2002 I started a column called "Looking Back." Through that column I am able to utilize some of the thousands of newspaper clippings I have collected over the years, some of which date to the 1870's.

The generosity of my mail and Internet subscribers has been a tremendous blessing. I am mindful and grateful, and I acknowledge those people in the newsletter at every opportunity. When I first began distributing the newsletter, each issue cost me \$15 per month. Today the expenses related to printing and distributing the paper are now approaching \$330 each month. It costs me 91 cents to print and mail one twelve-page copy of this newsletter. As a result, it has become necessary to increase the price of a subscription from \$8 to \$10 per year (effective May 1, 2005). The good news is this; anyone with access to a computer and an Internet connection can receive a color version of the newsletter each and every month "free of charge."

Putting the newsletter together each month can oftentimes be a struggle. I am never sure if the contents will be of interest to the readers or not. It is encouraging each time I get comments from someone regarding a particular story or article they read in the newsletter. The July 2004 article about two local Civil War soldiers

*"Just finished reading The Millmont Times. It reminds me of a good mystery, when you start reading it you can't stop until it ends."*

Eugene Wertz, Millmont

who lost their lives in the battle at Gettysburg inspired Kenneth Lepley to pay a visit to both of their gravesites. Colonel Joseph R. Ruhle is buried at Rays Church cemetery in Lewis Township, while Colonel Joseph J. Gutelius is buried in the Gettysburg National Cemetery.

The past five years have been challenging, yet at the same time rewarding and fulfilling. Interest in the newsletter has far exceeded anything I ever imagined or expected. I am awed and humbled by it, while at the same time gratified and encouraged because of it. This small newsletter has brought me in contact with so many wonderful, generous, and helpful people. Regrettably, some of those folks are no longer with us: Brenda Rowe, Pearl Kaler, Maude Boyer, Kenneth Shively, William Eisenhuth, Paul Reamer, Lionel and Helen Blyler, L. G. White, Robert Davis, Marie Sampsell, Amelia Ely, Ethel Ruhl, Hazel Coup, Frank Long, and others.

Union County has a rich and exciting history, far more than I can ever hope to cover through this 12-page monthly news-

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April 2003: Jack's Mountain Silver Mine

May 2003: Hartleton As I Remember It, by Eleanor (Hoffman) Hoy

June 2003: The K/Catherman Family Reunion by Carl Catherman

July 2003: History of the Lewis Township High School

August 2003: Jim P. McCormick, "Bird Man of Millmont"

September 2003: "L. S. Shirk Millmont"

October 2003: Thomas E. Boop

November 2003: The Wedding of Aaron and Rachel / Emilie (Freer) Jansma

December 2003: The Millmont Covered Bridge

January 2004: Helen (Schnure) Harter

February 2004: Memories of a One Room Schoolhouse, by Linda Fox

March 2004: Elder Greene Shively 1870 - 1954

April 2004: Top Outdoor Products of Hartleton

May 2004: The History of the Eberhart Family, by Eleanor (Hoffman) Hoy / Century of Memories, the story of Pauline (Moyer) Rotering

June 2004: U. H. Eisenhower Millmont

July 2004: Corporal Joseph R. Ruhle & Corporal Joseph J. Gutelius, 150<sup>th</sup> Bucktail Brigade

August 2004: Martin's Orchard

September 2004: "Old Doc Glover"

October 2004: Richard V. B. Lincoln

November 2004: Nazarene Church

Celebrates 60 years, by Norma J. Sauers

December 2004: Giving Thanks With Judith, by Brenda Weaver & The Ruhl Family by Eleanor (Hoffman) Hoy

January 2005: African Americans in Hartley Township: Slave and Free, by Jeannette Lansansky

February 2005: Rev. John W. Yeisley

March 2005: A Picture Worth a Thousand Words, the story of John Sholter

April 2005: The Millmont Times Fifth Anniversary

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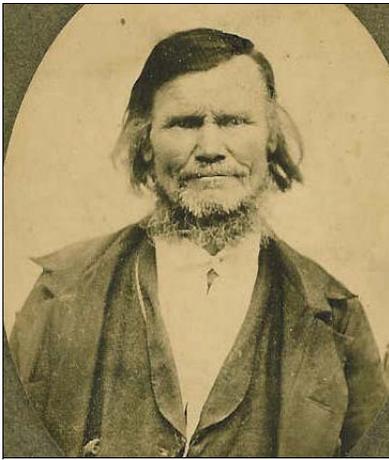
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letter. My goal is to continue focusing my attention on the west end of the county. There are many people and places from this section of the county that are of interest to me, and that I hope to explore in more detail. With the aid and assistance of likeminded people, I will continue researching, preserving, and documenting those stories in future issues of the newsletter.

We have made numerous changes to the newsletter since April 2000, including the size, appearance, content, and quality. Although no issue has ever gone out error free, Janice and I strive to do our best. We hope that as you read future issues of The Millmont Times, you will find them as interesting and informative as they have been over the past five years.

Editors note: At the risk of possibly forgetting to name some individuals, I take this opportunity to “thank” the people who have helped with this newsletter over the past five years: Brenda Weaver, Emilie F. Jansma, Eleanor Hoy, Delphia Shirk, Donald L. Shively, David Diehl, Bernie Schmader, Glenda Sheaffer, Darlene Hackenburg, Jane Foster, Jeannette Lansansky, Wayne Shively, Norma J. Sauers, Pauline Shively, Judy Wagner, Carl Catherman, Joe White, Linda Fox, Helen Harter, Sharm Liddick, James Randall Chambers, Carolyn Catherman, Beverly Catherman, Randall Boob, Charles Mabus, Laura Pepper, Miriam Hoffman, Eli Reiff, Jim Walter, Bettie Catherman, Helen Raker, Evelyn Miller, Nelson Clements, Faye Lyons, Sonny Strickler, Ralph Kuhns, Pauline Rotering, Grace Englehart, Helen Englehart, Marge Schmader, Wendy Bilger, Luke Bilger, Shirley Kerstetter, Elwood Showalter, and Delight Showalter.

## How Far is it from Weikert to Washington?



John Sholter



Newt Gingrich

Since the March issue of the newsletter was published, several people who read the article noted their family connection to John Sholter. Sholter was the subject of the main story last month. Some of those people include Delphia Shirk, Everett Bingaman, and John L. Sholter. What many readers might be surprised to learn is that Newt Gingrich is also a descendent of Sholter. Leona (Sholter) Wirt mentioned the connection between Gingrich and her great-grandfather to me during our conversation. However, I was not sure she was convinced that there was a direct connection.

Additional research revealed that the former Speaker of the United States House of Representatives was in fact the biological son of the late Newton S. McPherson of Dauphin County. Newton S.

McPherson was the son of Clarence McPherson. Clarence McPherson was the son of James and Sarah (Sholter) McPherson. Sarah (Sholter) McPherson was the daughter of John and Catherine (Goodlander) Sholter.

So just how far is it from Weikert to Washington? Two hundred miles and five generations.

## Union County Historical Society Program

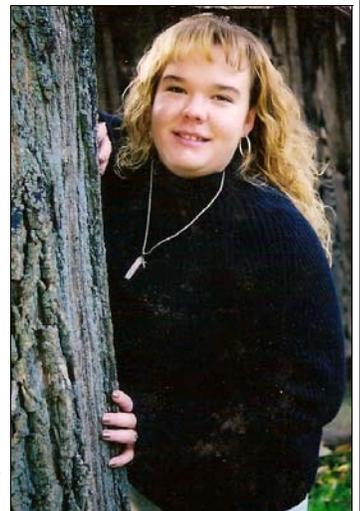
A program entitled “The History of the Kentucky Long Rifle” by Swengel resident Allen Martin, will be held on April 14th at the Union County Sportsmen’s Club near Weikert. Martin is a well-known maker of historically accurate interpretive reproductions of Pennsylvania Flintlock rifles of the 1760 - 1820 period.

A buffet style dinner will be held at 6:00 p.m. for those interested in enjoying dinner prior to the presentation. Meal reservations, and a \$12 per person fee, are required in advance. To make your reservation, or for additional information, please call the historical society office at 524. 8666.

The 7:30 p.m. program is open to the public at no charge.

Randy and Tina Musser, State Route 235, Millmont, are proud to announce that their daughter, Nicole, was recently named to the Deans List at Pennsylvania College of Technology for the fall 2004 semester.

Nicole, a freshman at the university, had a grade point average of 3.5 at the conclusion of her first semester. Nicole, a 2004 graduate of Mifflinburg Area High School, is majoring in paralegal.



Nicole Musser



# Meanderings

by

*Hertha S. Wehr*

## From Hired Hand to Tenant Farmer

Several weeks ago I came across a circular from Pennsylvania State College issued in 1934. This was before the college became Pennsylvania State University. The circular was from the School of Agriculture, Division of Agriculture Extension.

Today Extension has the name of Co-operative Extension and its functions are many and varied. Today it covers child-care, 4-H, with dozens of projects; programs for adults; farm problems; gardening information and almost endless services to the public.

The circular I have is an earlier version. It was entitled *Farm Tenancy and Lease Forms in Pennsylvania*. But I found it contained a lot more than forms and agreements. A lot of information was included from census figures from 1880 to 1930.

Tables showed the distribution of tenancy in the United States. It was interesting to note that tenancy in Pennsylvania remained fairly constant in that time frame. However, the number of tenants slowly declined toward the end of the recordings.

Sometimes a tenant spent time on a farm as a hired hand. Supposedly he learned management practices in crops, livestock and money management. The move to a tenant farmer was the next step. He was not necessarily a tenant on the farm where he had worked as a hired man.

Leases varied a great deal. Sometimes a landlord furnished land, livestock, and machinery and paid the farmer. Sometimes adult children were also included in the arrangement. It was not uncommon for tenants to own the livestock and part of the machinery. There seemed to be lots of room for all kind of arrangements, and lots of room for misunderstandings as most of the early agreement was verbal. Some of the arrangements called for the landlord and tenant to split fixed costs such as taxes and small improvements. Threshing and fodder shredding were mentioned in some agreements. I even found one that specified that the expense of the telephone was to be split. Usually the agreement was splits of one-third or one-half of cash income but they had so many variations that it was hard to really say what was counted and what wasn't involved. Several stated that no roughage could be sold off of the farm; it was all to be fed to livestock and put back on the farm as manure. That lease also said there was to be no commercial fertilizer used. No wonder it was not unusual for tenants to move every year or two.

I once talked with a woman who grew up on a tenant farm.

She said they moved almost every year. They were looking for a better farm (land) or a better agreement. She said one winter they moved from Union County to a farm in Snyder County. She said she felt so sorry for her brother as he hauled their share of the crops by horse and wagon nearly all winter, in the worst kind of weather. Leases usually began in April to allow for starting spring crops. What her brother was hauling was the tenants' share of crops that would not be fed until April.

The verbal agreements were usually only for a year at a time, and each year seemed to see either the farmer or the landlord wanting changes. With 1930 came drastic price changes and cash flow was a real problem. Tenants began looking for ways to increase income. Suppose a farmer wanted a silo to better feed his milking herd. Or perhaps he wanted to start a field of alfalfa to replace the usual timothy/clover mix. The question arose as to who should pay for these things. The landlord was reluctant to spend the money. The farmer wasn't willing to even help pay as he might not be there next year to benefit, and obviously he couldn't take it with him.

If you're wondering why alfalfa is mentioned it's because alfalfa seed is expensive but it is not plowed down every year as the grasses were. These conditions prompted both landlord and tenants to think about written leases and to think of more than one year tenancy. Some of these arrangements had provisions for farmers to gain some equity, which eventually enabled them to become farm owners.

The written leases became somewhat cumbersome when all conditions were tried to be spelled out. This brought about another change, which found some farmers renting for cash. The tables showed that 6.7 % of farmers went to cash rent by 1930. But it wasn't until farmers owned the land that they felt free to plant fruit trees or establish a market for truck crops, or put up silos or enlarge barns.

Pennsylvania farms had a 15.9% of tenants in 1930. Other states varied from 61-72 % of tenants in the South while Maine had only 4.5% of tenants. I discovered that states with a small amount of tenants were the ones which did not grow a large amount of market foods. Large ranches and southern plantations accounted for a large number of tenants.

When I got down to counties in Pennsylvania I discovered Union, Center, Cumberland and Lancaster were about even with the number of tenants. At that time the tenancy was between 33-34%. Apparently these were the counties where the bulk of questions were coming from as to what was fair for both tenants and landlords. Hence a circular trying to sort out the problems and seeking answers.

Today as I look around the area that I know I don't find many tenants. We see land rented for cash, the house is occupied by the landlord or rented to someone other than the farmer. There are any number of part-time farmers who work at another occupation.

The counties mentioned most likely sparked a lot of change that occurred then and in years to follow. Seventy years have seen a lot of changes in farming. The only constant is that it still takes land and farmers to produce food. Recently I saw a bumper sticker, which seems to say it all:

Do you eat? Thank God and then thank the farmer.

## Passage

Mildred Kathryn (Teichman) Diehl, 85, of 21 Riverview Manor, formerly a lifelong resident of Laurelton, died at 10:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 28, 2005. She was born Jan. 28, 1920, in Hartley Township, a daughter of the late Martin L. and Rhoda M. (Wise) Teichman. She and David William Diehl were married Oct. 12, 1940. Mrs. Diehl was a lifelong member of Ebenezer United Church of Christ, Laurelton, where she played the organ and piano for many years. Surviving, in addition to her husband of 64 years, are one daughter and son-in-law, Diane D. and Robert W. Wert Jr. of Mechanicsburg; two grandchildren, Robin M. Wert of Lancaster and David R. and his wife Alaina Wert of Quakertown; and two great-grandchildren, Gabriela and William Wert. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Charles and Leon Teichman, and one sister, Ruth Slutterback.

Burial was in the Hartleton Cemetery.

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Esther Viola (Dorman) Catherman, 84, of 20 Bridge Lane went to be with the Lord at 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 2, 2005, in Rolling Hills Manor, Lewis Township, Union County, where she was a guest since Jan. 13, 2004. She was born Aug. 30, 1920, in Lewis Township, a daughter of the late Dewey and Emily (Long) Dorman. She was united in marriage in Lewis Township by the Rev. John Yeisley on May 8, 1936, to Andrew Jackson Catherman, who preceded her in death on Feb. 6, 1967. Mrs. Catherman was employed by the Laurelton Center as a house coordinator for several years. She was also employed by Westinghouse, Sunbury, and the Milton Shoe Factory. She was a member of Mifflinburg Church of the Nazarene and enjoyed being a part of the "Secret Sister" exchange program. Esther also enjoyed spending time with her family and friends.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Carl Andrew and Patricia Catherman of Spring Mills and Kenneth Eugene and Beverly Catherman of Millmont; two daughters and sons-in-law, Diane Elaine and Calvin N. Hackenburg of Mifflinburg and Linda Marie and Carl R. McClintock of Millmont; eight grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; four brothers and three sisters-in-law, Ralph and Melladine Dorman of Mifflinburg, William and Nancy Dorman of Sunbury, Richard and Mary Lou Dorman of Millmont and Donald Dorman of Millmont; one sister, Betty Grove of Millmont; several nieces; and nephews. In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Asher and Robert Dorman.

Burial was in the Hartleton Cemetery.

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Parker Nathan Boop, 74, of 3265 Creek Road, entered into rest at 4:10 p.m. Friday, March 4, 2005, at his residence following an illness of the past several years. He had been a lifetime resident of Hartley Township, Union County. He was born on Jan. 3, 1931, in Adams Township, Snyder County, a son of the late Clayton and Gladys (Bell) Boop. He was married in Danville on Nov. 14, 1970, by the Rev. Paul D. Marsden, to the former Patricia Ann Stump, who died in February 1979.

Parkie attended the Laurelton School and was a well-known Union County stonemason. He loved to fish for trout and bass in Penns Creek and was an avid hunter and loved animals, especially dogs. He was a member of Yoder-Zimmerman Post # 1964, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Mifflinburg. Parker entered the United States Army in Harrisburg on Oct. 1, 1952, and was honorably discharged as corporal at Fort Meade, Md., on Sept. 15, 1954. While serving his country, he was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, The United Nations Service Medal, and the Korean Service Medal with one bronze star.

He is survived by four sons and daughters-in-law, Parker W. Boop Jr. and Nancy of Bismark, Ark., David W. Boop and Harriet A. of Millmont, Michael B. Boop and Penny of Bismark, Ark., and Gregory A. Boop and Stacy L. of Millmont; seven grandchildren, Jason VonNeida, Randy Lau, Jennifer Boop, Christy Lau, Jessica Boop, Nathan Lau and Elizabeth Lau; one great-granddaughter, Alexis Bingaman; one brother, Barrett L. Boop of Glen Iron; and three half brothers, James H. Starks of Mifflinburg, Gerald E. Starks of Glen Iron, and Dale A. Starks of Weikert.

He was preceded in death by one half brother, Roger L. Starks.

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Evelyn Eliza (Kramer) Fox, 91, of Cold Run Road departed this life at 5:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 8, 2005, in Buffalo Valley Lutheran Village, Lewisburg, where she had been a patient for four days. She had been in failing health for several months.

She was born Jan. 1, 1914, in Nittany Valley, Clinton County, a daughter of the late Franklin Bruce and Toisie Blanche (Leitzel) Kramer. She recently celebrated her 91st birthday. She was the third of 10 daughters. After her family moved to Snyder County, Evelyn spent most of her childhood near the home of her maternal grandparents, Howard and Elizabeth Leitzel, at current-day Smithville.

She attended St. Paul's Lutheran (Erdley's) Church and Snyder's one-room schoolhouse. Although Evelyn enjoyed school, she could only complete the eighth grade. Her family moved to Lewisburg in 1929, where Evelyn began employment at the age of 15 at the Woolen Mill on Water Street.

Evelyn married Charles Hubert Fox of Hummels Wharf on Jan. 31, 1935, in the Lutheran Church Parsonage in Lewisburg. They met at Rolling Green Park while Charles was operating the carousel, and Evelyn received free rides by obtaining more than the usual share of brass rings. Her husband preceded her in death on March 5, 1977, after more than 42 years of marriage. After beginning housekeeping on Water Street and then at Red Top, close to Lewisburg, in 1943 Evelyn and Charles moved to the farm on Cold Run Road, where she lived until her death. She became a member of Ray's Church, later Christ's United Lutheran (Four Bells) Church. In earlier years, Evelyn was active in the Sunday School Association, the Ladies Aide

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# Penlines from my Kitchen to Yours

By Lucy Hoover

Feb. 18, 2005

Brother Elam & Maria Brubacker of Mifflinburg have a daughter named Erma. She has one sister. Grandparents are Mrs. Milton Brubacker of Millmont, and Phares and Anna Horning of Mifflinburg. Baby Erma was born on the same date, one year after her grandfather Brubacker passed away.

Feb. 19, 2005

David & Linda Martin had public auction to sell their equipment. David's family moved to Snyder County last week. They sold their farm privately to his brother, Norman and Ella Mae Martin of Lewisburg, and their daughter Eva & Kenneth Martin moved on the farm.

We went visiting with others, at Amos & Almeta Horning of Middleburg. Their daughter, Edith, is doing much better.

Elvin Zimmerman (Abram) of Mifflinburg had a spill on his bike, which required a visit to the emergency room.

Feb. 20, 2005

Minister Eli Burkholder and some more visitors were at church today. It snowed, and by evening it looked beautiful out there. "For He saith to the snow be thou on the earth;" Job 37:6

Feb. 21, 2005

We went to Belleville to the viewing of Harvey Nolt (47). He died suddenly on Saturday leaving behind a wife and two children. Curvin & I remember seeing Harvey for the last time, when he came to my Dad's viewing, which was exactly one year earlier (on the same date).

Feb. 23, 2005

I went to the quilting at Wilma Brubacker. She invited the Hoover family to come. The same day I missed the quilting at George & Edna Martin's of Lewisburg, to quilt the friendship quilt that was made for Phyllis Austin who teaches sign language.

Daniel Nolt of Lewisburg has to be careful what he does while he is healing from injuries suffered when a cow smashed him against something.

March 2, 2005

A van load of my family, went to visit brother Samuel & Martha Brubacker of N.Y. She hasn't been feeling the best due to recent health problems.

March 4, 2005

Raymond Weaver of Lewisburg have a daughter named Rachel. She has three sisters. Grandparents are Aden & Irene Weaver of Lewisburg, and Phares & Lena Reiff of Lewisburg.

Annie Zimmerman (4) daughter of Abram & Wilma Zimmerman of Mifflinburg, is wearing a cast on her arm.

March 8, 2005

The fire trucks were at neighbor Norman & Alta Reiff tonight. They had a chimney fire, there was no damage done to the house.

March 12, 2005

Ben & Ethel Martin of Mifflinburg had public auction to sell household items and farm equipment.

March 14, 2005

John David and Esther Zimmerman of Millmont are the parents of Samantha Lynn. She is their first child. Grandparents are John & Esther Zimmerman of Millmont and Allen and Lucy Oberholtzer of Mifflinburg.

Are you an old-timer? You are an old-timer if you remember when the most popular family on the block was the one with the TV set.

## Looking Back

The article was originally published in the Daily Item on April 19, 1958. It is copied here verbatim.

### Gas Prices Vary In General Area

A wide variation in gas price exists in the area, dealers revealed today.

Reason for the discrepancy in prices is that some dealers do not wish to use the established price of 28.3 per gallon but prefer to sell their gas at 27.9 cents a gallon.

This has led to establishment of two prices.

A third price has been set up of 26.9 cents per gallon as a method of some gas station owners to combat stamp and premium giveaways.

One wholesaler said today refiners view "with distaste" any price cutting which might lead to another gas war, a situation from which the area has just re-adjusted.

Wholesale price of gas to dealers is 15.6 cents. Taxes amount to 8 cents, which totals 23.6 cents and the "official retail posted price is 28.3 cents."

The dealers who prefer their gas price to end in .9 think this looks more attractive to the motorist which has added to confusion of prices.

### Bible Quiz

Terry Osgood, 162 Country Lane, Millmont, PA 17845 was the winner of the March Bible Quiz. As a result he won \$10. The answer to the March question is Abraham sacrificed a ram instead of his son Isaac.

The anonymous benefactor who is responsible for the Bible Quiz would like to thank the following entrants for their participation: Kathleen Martin, Millmont Methodist Church Youth Group, Kathy Reiff, Marian Keithan, Lena Susan, Lulu Hoffman, Anna Mae Martin, Harry Oberholtzer, Mary Kahl, Catherine Martin, and Katherine Wert.

The Bible Quiz question for April: Of the ten lepers that Jesus healed, how many remembered to say, "thank you"?

Send your answer to Bible Quiz, P. O. Box 8, Swengel, PA 17880.

## Thank You!!

I would like to thank the following people for making donations toward the publication of this newsletter: William & Doris Fultz, Millmont; LuLu Hoffman, Millmont; Robert & Frances Stroup, Mifflinburg; Gordon & Polly Libby, Millmont; Richard VonNeida, Millmont. The following people have agreed to accept this newsletter over the Internet as a PDF, thereby allowing me to reduce the monthly expenses associated with printing and mailing this publication: Dorothy Perretti; Emilie Jansma, Michael Dreese, Karen Kerstetter, Tony & Kay Guida, Roger Wehr, Guy Rachau, Dorothy Dickie, Pat Smith, Heather Strassner, Curt Falck, and Janet Zimmerman. Anyone interested in signing up to receive a free color version of the newsletter each month is encouraged to contact: millmonttimes@dejazzd.com

I would also like to thank the following new mail subscribers: Daniel Raker, Mifflinburg; Dale & Marie Zechman, Millmont; Warren Hoover, Millmont; Randy Musser, Millmont; Wilford W. Shaw, Port Matilda, PA; Tom Shemory, Millmont; John L. Sholter, Mifflinburg; Mr. & Mrs. Greg Rishel, Mifflinburg; Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Sheesley, Lewisburg; and Rosabell Libby, Millmont.

Thanks also to all those who renewed their subscriptions for an additional year. Your support is what helps to make this newsletter possible, and is greatly appreciated!!

Thanks to Wayne Shively for donating several items relating to my great-grandfather, Rev. Greene Shively, the Buffalo Valley Church of the Brethren, the Shively Sugar Camp, and for allowing me to make copies of several old photographs.

Thanks also to Warren Hoover, Millmont, for donating a number of local newspapers from the 1960's and 70's, and Esther Keister, Penns Creek, for allowing me to copy an old photograph from her collection.

## Glen Iron School

1927 - 1928

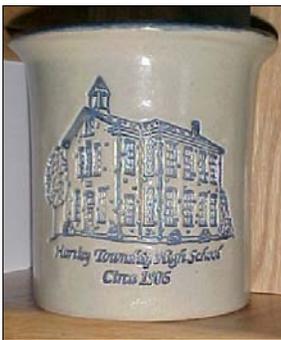
Back row: Pearl Kaler, Teacher, and Fred Steinger.

Third row: Argyl Boop, Pierce Feaster, Irene Jolly, June Borggis, Marion Feaster, Pauline Bingaman, Nelson Boop, Lois Shirk.

Other students pictured here include: Arlene Reigel, R. Libby, Walter Zechman, Ernestine Benner, Edna Feaster, Dewy Libby, Elwood Steinger, Maynard Boop, Robert Wert. Mildred Giles, Mildred Boop, Sara Blackford, John Bingaman, \_\_\_\_\_ Borggis, Harry Lamey, John Wert, Bruce Shirk, Robert Wert.



Photograph courtesy of Jane (Ely) Foster



## Hartley Township High School Crock

The Laurelton Women's Club is offering for sale crocks with an image of the Hartley Township High School. The 6" x 6" crocks are available for \$25 each. If you are interested in purchasing a crock, you may do so by contacting Carolyn Stamm at 922.1997, or Beverly Catherman at 922.1640.

The small photograph in the upper left hand corner of page one is the home located at 119 Maple Street in Millmont. The photograph was taken circa 1918. The duplex is owned by Mr. & Mrs. Lester Sensenig of Lewisburg.

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Society, the Sewing Circle, the West End Fair stand and helped with many rummage sales, bake sales, food stands and church suppers.

Evelyn was a 4-H leader for 10 years, teaching girls her homemaking, baking and sewing skills. In January 1965, she became a stylist for Beeline Home Fashions parties, a position she held for 20 years until the company closed in 1986. Evelyn became a Foster Grandparent in 1983, along with her companion, Forrest J. Johnson of Laurelton, until Forrest's death in 1995. She continued as a Foster Grandparent for 15 years, assisting at the Penns Creek Elementary School and the Mifflinburg Children's Center. Tutoring the children and reading to them were tasks she greatly enjoyed until her retirement in 1998.

Evelyn was a member of the Women of the Moose Club in Mifflinburg, joining in 1957, where she attained the level of Senior Regent. Many of her interests centered around her family, home, church and community. She was a hard worker who enjoyed gardening, canning, baking, sewing and tending cows, chickens and geese on the farm. She often supplemented the family income by selling baked goods, homemade soups, produce, poultry and eggs, and by doing tailoring and mending. Living on a dairy farm meant getting a lot of company; as farmers are always home to do the milking. Many friends and relatives enjoyed get-togethers and picnics on the farm, eating chicken corn soup, applesauce cake and hand-cranked ice cream. In her spare time, Evelyn enjoyed dancing, reading, puzzles and playing cards. She was a member of the West End Senior Center, Laurelton, and attended weekly Pinochle games. She also liked traveling and was a member of the Ramblers Club for many years.

Evelyn is survived by two daughters, Karen and her husband Barrett Boop and Linda and her companion Joseph Schnure, all of the Millmont area; two granddaughters, Barrie Lee Boop and Jennifer Lauver; two great-granddaughters, Alexandra Shemory and Kayla Lauver; and three sisters, Laura Wilma Walter, Ruth Winifred Turner and Toisie Blanche and her husband, Lawrence Boelhoff. In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by six sisters, Marjorie Elizabeth Weller, Beryl Olive Shingara, Justine Ellen Frey, Shirley Ann Plotts, Eleanor Mae Benton and Dolly Josephine, who died in infancy.

Burial was in the Hartleton Cemetery, Hartley Township, Union County.

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Kenneth A. Walter, 61, of 164 Quail Lane, died Thursday, March 17, 2005, at his home. He was born March 31, 1943, in Buffalo Township, a son of Pauline E. (Zimmerman) Walter of Vicksburg and the late Lloyd A. Walter. He and the former Dorothy I. Dorman were married June 29, 1962, in Mifflinburg. He was a 1961 graduate of Mifflinburg High School. Mr. Walter was employed by Pennsylvania House for 43 years before retiring this past February. He was a member of the Union County Sportsman's Club; the National Rifle Association; and the West End Fire Company. Mr. Walter enjoyed hunting, fishing, trap shooting, NASCAR, and spending time with his children and grand-children.

Surviving, in addition to his wife of more than 42 years, are one daughter, Teresa L. Walter of Lewisburg; one son and daughter-in-law, Jerry A. and Sonya Walter of New Columbia; and seven grandchildren, Jessica, Lindsay, Kayla, Christopher, Brent, Cody and Chelsea.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Marlin Walter.

### *What's Happening at the 4-Bell Lutheran Church - Courtesy of Shirley Kerstetter*

The 4-Bell Church will be holding a Chicken Barbecue on Saturday April 30th from 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Adult platters are priced at \$6.50, children's platters will be sold for \$3. If you are interested in buying just a half of chicken, the cost is \$3.50. Take outs are available.

### **Mifflinburg Area Relay For Life Events**

The following are ongoing fundraisers: Sub and Pizza Cards, Good at Larry's Pizza and Subs in Mifflinburg, Cost: \$3.50 for a sub card and \$10.00 for a pizza card – a total savings per card of \$65.00. No expiration date for either the sub or pizza card. To purchase a sub and/or pizza card call 966-3674 or 966-2596. Teams: Transylvania I and Transylvania II.

Commemorative Buttons 2005 "International" theme. Cost of individual buttons is \$3.00 or 2 for \$5.00. To purchase a button (s) or for more information call 966-3729 Team: Mexican Jumping Beans.

Patriotic Buttons "God Bless America" & "Support Our Troops" Cost: \$3.00 each or 2 for \$5.00. To purchase a button (s) or for more information call 966-3729. Team: Mexican Jumping Beans.

Spaghetti Dinner / Auction Saturday, April 16, 2005 6:00 p.m. at the Nazarene Church Fellowship Hall – Market Street, Mifflinburg \$6.00 for adults -- \$3.00 for children 10 years of age and under. An auction will be held following the dinner. Tickets can be purchased from any member of the Mexican Jumping Beans Team or call Michelle at 966-2137. Team: Mexican Jumping Beans

Raffle Prizes: Brad Shoemaker Print – "Walk Down College Avenue" Boy & Dog Oil Painting, Penn's Creek Pottery Vase, Handmade Jewelry by Linda Boose. Cost: \$1.00 per ticket of 6 tickets for \$5.00. Drawing to be held: Saturday, June 18, 2005. At the Mifflinburg Relay For Life site. To purchase ticket (s) or for more information call 743-1610. Team: former MargaRELAYville

Basket Bingo Friday, April 8, 2005 Hosted by: Mifflinburg Hose Company 325 Chestnut Street, Mifflinburg Doors Open at: 5:30 p.m. Games Begin at: 6:30 pm Cost: \$20.00 for 20 games (limited # of tickets available)

In addition there will be raffles, specials and numerous door prizes. Baskets include: new for spring, old favorites, retiring, etc. Refreshments provided by the Women's Auxiliary. Walk-ins Welcome. To purchase a ticket (s) or for more information contact any member of the Transylvania teams or call 966-3674. Teams: Transylvania 1 & 2.

## Lewis Township News

**Lewis Township Board of Supervisors - No report available.**

**Municipal Authority of Lewis Township - Courtesy of Marge Schmader.**

The regular meeting of the Municipal Authority of Lewis Township was held on March 1, 2005 at the Lewis Township Municipal Building, Millmont. The following, being members of the board of authority named in the articles of incorporation, were present: Jim Sanders, Steve Bilger, Ken Strowbridge and Marge Schmader. Also present were Solicitor Ray Lobos, Plant Manager Walt Scholl, HRG Rep. Rob Rowe.

The minutes of the February meeting were approved as printed. The treasurer's report was given. The checking account balance was \$10,574.72 and \$ 96,637.69 in CDs and was approved and filed for audit. A motion was made by Marge Schmader to pay the bills and have Ken Bair check on the very high electric bill and seconded by Steve Bilger - so moved.

**HEARING OF VISITORS:** No visitors

**CORRESPONDENCE:** We received an Available Operator Annual Report form from DEP after our February meeting it was due

Feb. 21, 2005. The form was given to Walt Scholl, who will fill out the info for operator and then it will go to the Supervisors so they can fill out the "owner" info.

A copy of a letter HRG sent to Mr. Boos at DEP was received answering their questions about violations during May and June of 2004.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT:** Rob reported that the Draft is done. He also gave us copies of graphs (attached) showing high flow in July, which is being addressed and that we are well below limits on the organic loading graph.

**PLANT OPERATOR UPDATE:** Walt reported that the drivers on the influent valves loosed up. They would get out of sequence with the computer. He took care of the problem. Other than that we are okay.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Jim Sanders, Marge Schmader, Walt Scholl and Melissa Lobos attended the County Commissioner's meeting on Feb. 22, 2005 re: the block grant. Melissa and Walt addressed the reasoning behind the grant request. Another meeting is scheduled for March 22, 3005.

The connection for Timothy Eddinger on Libby road was approved in April of 2004.

### Remembrance

By James Randall Chambers

#### Wild Berries

Berries were plentiful and were free for the picking. Many summer outings were berry picking picnics. They were preserved as jams, jellies, syrups, etc for year round use. Wild strawberries, elderberries, raspberries (both red and black), these were the only cultivated berries we had.

**Tea berries:** A plant about 4 inches high with 3 bright waxy leaves. Each plant bore 2 or 3 green berries. When frost nipped them, the berries turned red. The leaves and the berries had a wintergreen flavor. They are still found in the mountains of Pennsylvania.

**Huckleberries:** These berries grew wild in the mountains and the best patches were found where there had been a forest fire. Each August we went into the mountains with berry boxes strapped on our backs to compete with the birds and bears for this wonderful fruit.

H. U. C. Huckle, B. U. C. Buckle, H. U. C. Huckle Y.

H. U. C. Huckle, B. U. C. Buckle, Huckleberry Pie.

### Recipe of the Month

By Janice (Dorman) Shively

#### Orange Creamsicle Cake

➤ Duncan Hines Orange Supreme cake mix – prepare according to directions, remove from oven and poke holes with toothpick or cake tester throughout cake.

➤ Combine one small box orange jello with ½ C. Hot water and ½ C. Cold water. Pour over top of hot cake, refrigerate for one hour.

➤ Combine 1 ½ C. milk and one small box of instant vanilla pudding. Beat 2 minutes. Add 1 tsp. orange extract. Fold in one 8-oz. container of cool whip. Frost top of chilled cake.

Cool to eat and Enjoy!

## Pardee Lumber Company

Jonathan Bastian, an 8th grade student at Mifflinburg Area Middle School, is continuing to research and gather information relative to the Pardee Lumber Company for his soon to be published book. He is asking readers to aid him in that effort. If you are able to help this fourteen year old "historian," or if you know of someone who might be able to help, please contact Jonathan at 393 Oil Well Road, Mifflinburg. You can reach Jonathan by telephone at (570) 966.6009. You can also contact him at the following email address: [jdbastian@dejazzd.com](mailto:jdbastian@dejazzd.com)

From the diary of the late Elder Greene Shively, a resident of Millmont from 1918 until his death in 1954:  
Friday, April 10, 1931. Temperature 50 to 70, clear then cloudy. The warmest day so far yet this spring. David, Mother & I went with Edmunds to the High School. The P. O. S. of A. gave a production of the Passion Play. It was very good. The Millmont band furnished some very good music during the meeting. Mary Kramer sent me \$10 for the church treasury.

**Public meetings to be held in the Lewis Township Municipal Building**

- ▶ Municipal Authority of Lewis Township, the first Tuesday of the month, beginning at 7:30 p. m.
- ▶ Lewis Township Board of Supervisors, the second Tuesday of the month beginning at 7:30 p. m.

**April Birthdays & Anniversaries**

- 1 – Florence Kreps
- 2 – Kenneth Shuck
- 4 – Vicki Gordon
- 4 – Edith Musser
- 8 – Keturah Yoder
- 9 – Norman Strickler
- 11 – Casey Mattern
- 11 – Elam Brubaker
- 11 – Kathryn Shively
- 15 – Laurreta Brubaker
- 16 – Tyler Radel
- 16 – Joanna Snyder
- 18 – Mervin Kline
- 19 – Joyce Bartolo
- 21 – Dave Hopta
- 24 – Margaret Boney
- 24 – Lucy Hoover
- 26 – Anna Brubaker
- 26 – Miriam Galer
- 26 – Trudy Shively
- 27 – Harold Zechman
- 27 – David Shively

- 28 – Susie Brubaker
- 28 – Theodore Catherman
- 28 – Robert Rowe, Jr.
- 28 – Betty Klock
- 30 – Polly Libby

- June & Everett Bingaman - 4-7-1951
- Edgar and Betty Shively - 4-4-1953
- Oscar and Ella Maust - 4-6-1957
- Donald and Eleanor Hoy - 4-2-1965
- Donald and Kafy Long - 4-25-1968
- Richard & Susan Hassenplug 4-21-1973
- Donald G. & Renda Shively - 4-30-1977
- Anthony & Kay Guida - 4-11-1988
- Glenn & Rita Kuhns - 4-4-1998
- Karen & Baris Goktas - 4-26- 2003

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