



George Sholter (left) and Papy McColm at the Weiker Railroad Station.

The Village of Weiker t

The tranquil village of Weikert, located in the Tight End of Union County, is sandwiched between Paddy Mountain to the north and Penns Creek to the south. The pioneers who came to that region of the county were drawn there because of the vast tracts of virgin timber. Many of those early settlers were able to eke out a living by cutting timber off the slopes of White

and Paddy Mountains. Some of that timber was then rafted down Penns Creek. For decades lumbering was the primary source of income for many men who lived in the Tight End.

Richard VB. Lincoln (1822-1901), the historian to whom we are indebted for preserving much of the early history of the West End, recorded that Joseph Green was one of the earliest settlers to the Weikert area. The operator of a sawmill near the mouth of Weikert Run, Green resided there at the time of his death in 1802. Jacob Weiker later owned this sawmill.

According to Lincoln the village of Weikert was named after George Weiker. In 1886 Lincoln wrote:

George Weikert, or Weiker, lived at the place afterwards known as Goodlander's, up in "Tight End." He sold to Goodlander and moved to Ohio. His name is perpetuated in Weiker Run, and the post-office of Weikert.

Jacob Weiker was a brother of George, and lived on the south side of Penns Creek,

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Hartleton Mailbox by Postmaster Gail Hanselman

Hello, my name is Gail Hanselman, and I am the postmaster at the Hartleton Post Office. Here's a little background on myself for those readers who may not stop by my office. I started my postal career at the Selinsgrove Post Office in November 1994 as a clerk. My position at Selinsgrove gave me the opportunity to learn and perform some of the duties that the city carriers do, like driving the postal vehicles called LLV's. Then I transferred to the Mifflinburg Post Office in May 1998 as a clerk, which led me to the OIC position at the Hartleton Post Office in March of 2000. In August 2000 I was appointed to the position of postmaster at Hartleton.

Here's a list of the new stamps coming soon to a post office near you....on sale July 23 the ever popular Light House stamps, featuring 5 Gulf Coast Lighthouses, available in booklet or pane of 20; on sale August 6 the Flags of our Nation set 3, featuring the states of Kentucky through Missouri plus a Stars and Stripes stamp, only available in coils of 50; and on sale August 11 Early TV Memories, featuring 20 great shows from TV's golden age, available in a booklet or pane of 20.



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The Weikert Fife and Drum Corps c 1916. The corps was made up of four members of the Barnett family. From the left is Jake, Jonas, Billy, and John. Photograph courtesy of the late Dr. Donald Mayes and Leona (Sholter) Wirt.

opposite to where George lived, at the saw mill formerly Joseph Green's and later Marston's and Kase's. He too went west. No one of the Weiker lineage remains in the township.

The Weiker brothers settled in the Tight End at about the same time. Coincidentally they also appear to have left that area about the same time. In the census of 1810, Jacob Weiker, his wife, and their six children (two boys and four girls) are residents of West Buffalo Township. At that time the West End of the county was part of West Buffalo Township, Northumberland County. Hartley Township was carved from West Buffalo in 1811, and Union County was erected from Northumberland County two years later, in 1813.

Records on file in the Union County Courthouse reveal that

Jacob and Mary Weiker purchased land from Adam Wilt on March 1, 1813. Weiker had his tract of land surveyed one year later. That 411-acre parcel of land was located on the south side of Weikert and ran parallel with Penns Creek. A notation on the draft, made by surveyor Simon Snyder Jr., provides insight to the rudimentary living conditions of the Weiker family:

There is about three acres of clear land on this survey and about one acre of winter grain put out last fall and about one acre of meadow. The house is about twelve feet long every way of split timber one story high covered with bark and slab and a family living therein.

Census records reveal that George Weiker and his wife, their son, George Weiker Jr. and his wife, along with their six children were still residents of Hartley Township in 1830. Jacob Weiker and his wife and family were also residing within the township at that time. By the time enumerator John Forster finished gathering information for the 1840 census, there were no members of the Weiker family living in Hartley Township.

George Weiker sold his property to Benjamin Goodlander in 1839 before heading west, presumably to Ohio. By that time his brother, Jacob, was already a resident of Seneca County, Ohio. Jacob Weiker died there on November 23, 1842 at the age 70. He and his wife, Mary, who died in 1849, are buried in the Lowell School Cemetery near Green Springs in Seneca County, Ohio.

How, or why, a "t" was added to Weiker when the village was named is somewhat of a mystery. Tradition asserts that the "t" was added to the name as a result of a squabble between George and Jacob. One of them purportedly added the letter to his surname in order to differentiate himself from the other. What makes this legend more intriguing is the fact that both George and Jacob Weiker moved out of the Tight End of Union County thirty-seven years before the village was named. Since both families are believed to have settled in the same area

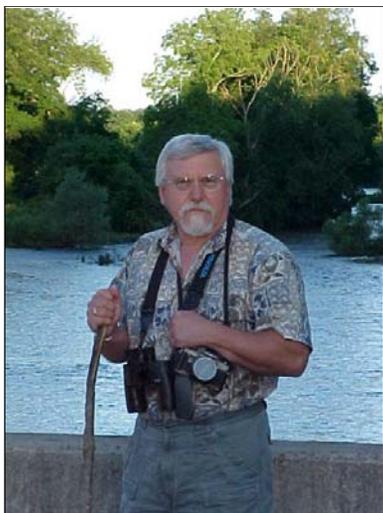


One of the star players on the Weikert baseball team was Asa Sholter, on left. Photograph courtesy of the late Dr. Donald Mayes, and Leona (Sholter) Wirt.

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BIRD TALK

by Jim McCormick



“...with the early morning sun directly on this beautiful bird.” July’s weather was wonderful—cool evenings and comfortable days. I loved it. The winter wheat has been harvested, soybeans are now emerging in their place, and in some places the corn is taller than I am. The droning of the cicadas has begun, announcing that mid-summer has come and gone.

Another indicator that mid-summer has come and gone is the dispersal of the Red-winged Blackbirds and Common Grackles. Both species arrived in late February and have already left their breeding grounds. I have even seen flocks starting to collect. Although I see a few birds still flying around with nest building materials in their beaks, most breeding is slowing to a trickle. The frantic, phrenetic activity of parents with their fledglings has also almost come to an end. Early in the month, as I was walking along Canada Drive, I stopped to look down at Penns Creek. I must have been way too close to a fledgling nearby, because first a small Carolina Wren flew very close to me and was trying to distract me. I watched her fly from branch to branch making distress calls the whole time. Then a few feet away another wren flew down to the ground and seemed to be trying to draw me in that direction. I must have been just a few inches from their fledgling. The next day in the same spot I didn’t even see or hear a bird anywhere. Another fledgling, but of a larger size, I saw this month is the subject of this month’s photo—the Red-tailed Hawk. Red-tails usually lay one to five eggs in late February or early March and can be seen sitting in the nest for about four weeks, sitting in the snowstorms and cold of winter. I have seen the downy feathered nestlings poking their heads out of the nest around Easter. It is interesting to watch as they increase in size and develop their more mature coloration. They can be seen jumping from branch to branch near their nest. This generally goes on until the first week or two of June, when they finally make the plunge. For the next month or two these fledglings can be seen expanding their range from nearby branches to extended flights. Although they can fly and are near adult size, they continue to be fed by the adults. For years I have heard their characteristic ‘cry’ for food in the summer months. It is extremely rare to get very close to an adult Red-tail; their acute eyesight makes it difficult to get within a hundred yards of one. At mid-month, as I was walking along Canada Drive, I heard the ‘cry’ of an immature Red-tail. I really didn’t expect to see it, but went into the grove of trees the sound was coming from. There it was about twenty feet above my head, sitting on a large limb, watching me. I tried to slowly get as close as I dared without scaring it away, but as it turned out it wasn’t a problem. The young hawk just watched me as I got closer and closer. It was more curious of me than I was of it. Red-tails have few predators besides man and this young hawk hadn’t learned that lesson yet. I must have walked around that tree for over a half hour trying to get the best angle for a photo. It was pretty low light under the canopy, but I finally got just the right angle *“with the early morning sun directly on this beautiful bird.”* I have been walking this same walk for nineteen and a half years and this is the closest I have ever been to one of these creatures. Nature is filled with these wonderful happenings; go out and see them for yourself!



Photograph of an immature Red-tailed Hawk courtesy of Jim McCormick.

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George Sholter

in the neighboring state of Ohio, speculation about a family feud seems doubtful.

The 1850's through the 1860's brought yet another influx of lumberman to the Tight End, including the so-called "Maine Yankee's." Among them were Philip Fessenden, Thomas Libby and others. The expansion of the railroad into that section of the county in the 1870's allowed for rapid exploitation of the timber resources by lumber barons such as Ario Pardee and others.

When a small wood frame station was built alongside the rail line the name "Weiker" was attached to the building. That name was likely chosen to honor the brothers who had settled in that area decades earlier.

Students attending grammar school, and residents of Weikert wishing to attend church services had to travel about three quarters of a mile west of the village. The Hironimus Union Church, built in 1880, and the adjoining cemetery were situated on property donated by brothers Jacob and Jonas Barnett. The Hironimus School, built in 1898, was located at the west end of the cemetery. It replaced the schoolhouse that was used during the previous five decades.

Leona (Sholter) Wirt, a resident of Riverview Manor in Lewisburg, was born December 12, 1911, in the ancestral Sholter homestead located at 5536 Weikert Road. She is one of three children born to the late Asa and Verna (Erdley) Sholter. George Sr. and Joe Sholter, Leona's brothers, passed away in 1997 and 1991 respectively. Her paternal grandparents were George and Elizabeth (Buffington)

Sholter, and her paternal great-grandparents were John and Catherine (Goodlander) Sholter.

Wirt has fond memories of her childhood. Her father, Asa Sholter served the Tight End as merchant and postmaster for many years. He was a well-known and highly respected member of the community where he lived his entire life. Joe Sholter succeeded his father for a number of years, both as a merchandiser and as postmaster.

Wirt recalled the box socials that were held at the Hironimus Schoolhouse. A box social followed a performance in the schoolhouse by some of the students. In addition to the performance the students prepared a box lunch containing sandwiches, cookies, and other edible treats. Following the program the neatly decorated boxes were auctioned off to the high bidder. Proceeds from the auction benefited the Hironimus Union Church. Wirt's memories of one box social at the Hironimus School are particularly memorable. In the audience was, Herb Pennock, then a member of the New York Yankees. He was staying in the area at the time as a guest of the Hironimus family. What made it even more special was the fact that Pennock purchased the box that 16-year old Leona Wirt had prepared for the event. As a result she had the unique opportunity to sit alongside Pennock and share the contents of her box lunch.

An acquaintance of Asa Sholter's was Pennsylvania's noted folklorist, Col. Henry W. Shoemaker. Leona recalled when Shoemaker journeyed to Weikert and tarried at her parent's home for a brief period. During his stopover in the Tight End, Shoemaker interviewed old timers from that area, including Jonas J. Barnett (1838-1924). Shoemaker also visited a few interesting sites in that section of the county, including Chimney Rock.

A 1929 graduate of Hartley Township High School, Leona occasionally took the train to and from Weikert to school each day. This was in the era prior to public transportation for those attending the high school. In order to catch a ride on the morning train she walked to the Weiker Railroad Station and removed the flag from the narrow wooden post where it was stored. Unfurling the flag she placed the rod into a slot on the post. The flag indicated to the engineer that a passenger or passengers wanted to board. Unless the flag was displayed the train kept on going. Wirt stated that she was the only student from that area to ride the train to school.

Disembarking at Glen Iron, she was sometimes able to hitch a ride on Bogenreiff's hack. Bogenreiff picked up the mail at the Glen Iron station and transported it to the Laurelton Post Office. If for some reason she was



A view of the Weikert Store operated for many years by Asa Sholter. Photograph courtesy of the late Dr. Donald Mayes and Leona (Sholter) Wirt.

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The names of individuals with a long association to the village of Weikert can be found on many of the headstones in the Hironimus Union Church Cemetery. They include Sholter, Pursley, Johnson, Galer, Jolly, Libby, McColm, Barnett, Goodlander, Hironimus, and others.

unable to hitch a ride she had to walk from Glen Iron to the Hartley Township High School in Laurelton.

There were several “watering holes” in or near the village of Weikert. Al Goodlander, a veteran of WW I, operated a tavern at 131 White Mountain Road for a period of years. Further west was Roy Ott’s beer garden. The home at 6545 Weikert Road is situated at the spot where Ott’s establishment once stood. Another active nightspot was Tharp’s Beer Garden in Pardee. That place was popular for the enrollees of Civilian Conservation Corps, which were encamped on the grounds of the current day Union County Sportsmen’s Club.

Chester Robinson, a Shamokin native, owned a large tract of land that is today part of Wesley Forest. A wealthy businessman, Robinson occasionally flew his airplane to Weikert, landing it in what was then an open field near the Union County Sportsmen’s Club. George Sholter Jr., a lifelong resident of Weikert, recalled seeing “CHET’S STRIP” painted in large letters atop the roof of one of the old CCC buildings located on the grounds

of the Sportsmen’s Club. Robinson apparently befriended some Hollywood movie stars, some of whom he invited to his lodge opposite Weikert.

In 1961 the Central Pennsylvania Conference of the Methodist Church purchased 465 acres of land from Agnes Robinson, widow of Chester. The retreat maintains numerous cabins and cottages, which are available to groups and organizations to rent. Weikert’s population more than doubles whenever the lodge and cabins at Wesley Forest are filled to capacity. The land where Wesley Forest is located was once part of the property owned by Jacob Weiker.

Jacob and George Weiker came to the Tight End when it was little more than wilderness. The brothers spent nearly three decades carving out a little patch of backwoods for themselves and their families. They chose to sell their holdings and go west, leaving behind the fruits of their hard labor for others. However, despite the fact that no descendants remained, the Weiker name, and their legacy will continue to live on - with, or without the “t.”

Resources: The History of the Susquehanna and Juniata Valley’s Part II, published in Philadelphia by Everts, Peck, and Richards in 1886; Louise Goehring Scott’s Oral History Collection, transcribed by Emilie Freer Jansma; a CD of Weikert photographs presented to me by the late Dr. Donald Mayes; and the Union County Register and Records office. My thanks also to Leona (Sholter) Wirt, Robert and Jeanne Jolly, and George Sholter Jr. for information they provided.

Field Notes, by WCO Dirk Remensnyder



During a recent Hunter Education class Deputy Will Maxfield and I were going over the Game Law portion with the students, which is designed to help them negotiate the hunting and trapping digest regulations so they are familiar with the laws. Will was presenting when he came to the part where he was to ask the students to look up in the digest where you are supposed to attach a turkey tag to a harvested bird. The question to the students didn’t quite come out of Will’s mouth correctly when he said to the students “Where do you attach a tag to a turkey’s leg?”

Keep a close eye out and you might get to see a Bald Eagle in Union Co. I watched one hunting from the Lewisburg railroad bridge, which spans the Susquehanna River.



Meanderings

by

Hertha S. Wehr

The Environment

I see, and pick up, the things that people throw out of cars as they go by my house. It used to be Burger King and McDonalds, now it is mostly McDonalds, with an occasional pizza wrapper. I wonder how their houses look, but perhaps they have a person who picks up after them.

I am reminded of when we visited an amusement park in Copenhagen where there was not a scrap of paper or other debris in sight. As I was sitting on a bench, waiting for some other people, there was a man in uniform strolling by. I asked him how they kept the grounds so neat. He smiled and said that I would not see very many people in uniform but there were a number of plainclothes people roaming around. When they saw anyone disobeying the rules that person was immediately fined. He didn't say what would happen if they put up a fuss and wouldn't pay or threatened to take them to court because their civil rights were being abused. That was before the turn of the century, and I didn't ask if they had anything similar to our ACLU.

I am also reminded of Germany where I saw the very first bins for recycling. There were bins in the town square that were visually labeled what was to go into them and it was quite neat all around them. Thinking of Germany – I see where a town is really going "green". Seems the government was going to build a nuclear plant on the edge of town. The citizens protested by taking down the protective fences and generally making it difficult for progress. The citizens even had a man who

would ring the church bell if he saw the police coming. The government finally decided not to build in that location.

They, the citizens, decided it wasn't enough to just protest but they had to do something to help themselves. They needed to show the government that there were other alternatives to nuclear power. They hired specialists who showed them how to conserve energy. Today they have some 1,000 solar panels on rooftops. The railway station, stadium and schools all have solar panels. They have made other changes that make their city a very lovely place to live. It made me want to go there to live. But of course I couldn't leave our lovely scenic valley. However it would be a really better place if people would keep their trash in their cars until they get home.

I think recycling has, and is, helping the landfills. I currently can recycle newspapers, aluminum cans, bi-metal cans, glass, numbers 1&2 plastics, and cardboard. I think I've listed them all. Check out your recycling center and see what you can do to help our landfills and our environment. It doesn't cost you anything. In fact, it saves you money in garbage fees.

By now you are wondering what recycling has to do with energy savings and how I connect the two. It is an energy saver in so far that all of the things recycled are used to make new products, thus saving our natural resources. It takes less energy to re-process materials than to get them market ready from their original state.

I doubt if the U.S. is ready to have a town go all out to conserve energy but it was great to read what can be accomplished when everyone works together to accomplish a goal.

Many of you may find this article pretty bland reading and I hope I haven't put you to sleep, but I do hope you will think about recycling if you aren't already on board.

The summer hasn't been very good for swimming but at least we can't complain about the heat. Enjoy what is left of summer: I've noticed that already there is less daylight each evening, so I hope you'll spend some of that precious daylight outdoors. You might even help the environment by saving some electricity.

Thank You

Norman Jr. and Becky Wenrick of Aaronsburg, would like to extend their appreciation for the cards they received from The Millmont Times subscribers in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary on Flag Day, June 14, 2009!

Wenrick (h) Family Reunion

The 29th annual reunion of the descendants of William and Lillian Wenrick(h) will be held on Sunday August 16, 2009 at Pavilion No. 1 at the Mifflinburg Community Park.

For the 12:30 p.m. meal you are asked to bring: Table service, drink, meat, and a covered dish. For the white elephant sale bring a wrapped new or used item. For more information you can call Secretary, Becky Wenrick at 814.349.8722.



The Weikert Post Office

The Weikert Post Office dates to 1877 when Thomas Libby was appointed to the position of Postmaster on December 11 of that year. Nearly one hundred years later, October 8, 1977, residents and dignitaries gathered at the site of Weikert's first post office, Walnut Hill Farm. That is where a dedication service to celebrate a century of postal service to the community took place. Once the property of Thomas Libby, the first postmaster of the village, William and Pauline Levan now own property where the post office was located. In preparation for the centennial celebration a stone marker, along with a plaque, was placed in the ground to officially mark the site of the original post office. The Levan's furnished both the stone and the plaque, shown in the photograph below.

At the dedication ceremony in 1977, Postmaster Sarah Sholter offered a few welcoming remarks to the attendees. Rev. Arthur Edmonds offered an invocation, and William C. Levan gave introductions. John Kutney, administrative aide to U. S. Representative Allen Ertle then addressed the nearly 100 people who gathered for the ceremony. William Levan, along with his son, Jody, then hoisted a flag, which was presented to the community by Congressman Ertle, and Verna Sholter led *Ode to the Flag*.

The post office was located at various locations in Weikert throughout its history. For more than four decades the Weikert Post Office was housed in the general store operated by Asa Sholter and his son Joe. Today the post office is situated adjacent to, and attached to, the former Sholter Store.

Postmasters at Weikert

Thomas Libby was appointed December 11, 1877
 John L. C. Goodlander appointed April 19, 1880
 Oliver C. Catherman appointed March 31, 1886
 John T. Goodlander appointed February 7, 1889
 Jennie Goodlander appointed May 14, 1892
 Reid T. Pursley appointed April 13, 1896
 Minnie Pursley appointed February 3, 1915
 Asa R. Sholter appointed December 4, 1923
 Joseph Sholter appointed November 1, 1957
 Jean Sholter appointed in 1968
 Sara Sholter appointed in 1970
 Marian Kahley appointed 1994
 Lori Rich appointed OIC in 2009



Source: Union County Postmasters compiled by Charles M. Steese, Staff Member, Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission. A copy of this publication was given to me courtesy of Jeanne Sampsell of Laurelton.

From the diary of the late Elder Greene Shively, born in White Springs in 1870 and a resident of Millmont from 1918 until his death in 1954:

Monday August 17, 1931. Clear, temperature 60 to 80 degrees. Worked in the garage.

This evening I was to Board Meeting. Bought a new heater for the Millmont School. The orphans home band of Loysville had a concert here this evening. The boys remained in town overnight. The driver, Mr. Wert, stayed with us.

Saturday August 20, 1931. Clear. At home rested part of the day. At six o'clock we started to Bro John Yeisley's at Marklesburg. Edmund, mother and I went by way of State College. This was our first visit to State College. Then by Huntington. Bro. Brumbaugh is buried about 2 miles out of town.

Sunday August 23, 1931. Cloudy, temperature 52 to 65 degrees. We stayed at Yeisley's last night and for breakfast. After church we all went over the mountains to a meeting. Rev. Warren, a Negro Baptist minister preached. I opened the meeting. We ate our dinner in the grove all together then attended services. We started for home at 4:30. Came by way of Big Valley.

Wednesday August 26, 1931. Cloudy. I preached at a meeting in the grove at Lincoln Park for Bro. Riley. Subject, Love, from Acts 13. The band played at the meeting. Edmund leading tonight.

Recipe of the Month

by Janice (Dorman) Shively

Zucchini Bread

3 eggs, well beaten
1 C. vegetable oil
1 ½ C. granulated sugar
2 C. peeled and grated zucchini
3 tsp. vanilla extract
3 C. flour
1 tsp. salt
¼ tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. baking soda
¾ tsp. nutmeg
3 tsp. cinnamon
1 C. chopped nuts and / or raisins, optional

Preheat oven to 350°. Combine eggs, oil, sugar, zucchini and vanilla in a bowl. In a separate bowl mix together the flour, salt, baking powder, baking soda, nutmeg and cinnamon. Add dry ingredients to the wet ingredients and mix well. Stir in the nuts and / or raisins, if desired. Spread into two greased and floured loaf pans. Bake at 350° for one hour, or until toothpick comes out clean.



This comes from the recipe box of my Grandmother, Miriam (Sheesley) VonNeida. It is delicious! And it freezes well.

ENJOY!

Dale/Engle/Walker House Opens Opportunities for 18th-Century Groups and Interests

Those interested in 18th-century life and events visit the Union County Historical Society's 1793 Dale/Engle/Walker House more and more. Aspects of 18th century life are presented every Sunday during the house tours this Summer and Fall, and at the upcoming Rural Heritage Days.

Samuel Dale (1741-1804) had the Georgian-style, limestone 2-story house built for his family in the early 1790s. Dale was involved in the Revolutionary War and in the earliest government of Pennsylvania. His life story is presented at the house on Strawbridge Road off Route 192, west of Route 15 in Lewisburg.

An 18th-century living history experience will be offered during Rural Heritage Days on Thursday August 13 starting at 6 PM. The event will be a fun for both children and adults. Just bring a lawn chair or blanket; there is no admission fee. Light refreshment will be provided by the local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, including "Patriot Punch," molasses cookies, rosemary-lemon drops, applesauce cake, shortbread, and pound cake, according to their spokeswoman. Men and boy re-enactors will play old-fashioned board games and other games, while women and girls will model their simple and more elaborate clothing. Period music will provide a completely authentic 18th-century atmosphere. Leanne Keefer-Bechdel of Mifflinburg is coordinating this evening of living history. Ms. Keefer-Bechdel was the Colonial washerwoman at previous Rural Heritage Days and she will return in that capacity at Rural Heritage Days 2009, along with her children.

Other 18th-century demonstrations will be part of Rural Heritage Days (August 12-15). For a complete schedule of events and more information about the Dale/Engle/Walker house visit the web-site www.unioncountyhistoricalsociety.org.

If you are part of an 18th-century re-enactors group and would like to consider the Dale/Engle/Walker site as a place for your group to use, please contact the Society at 570-524-8666 or send an email to hstoricl@ptd.net.

The Amish in the Buffalo Valley, 1837 to 1900

On August 22, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. the Juniata Mennonite Historical Society will host Don Carpenter at the Vicksburg Amish Mennonite Church in Vicksburg, PA. Mr. Carpenter will speak and show pictures in the forenoon of this early Amish settlement. After a noon meal, provided by the Society, a tour will be conducted of the area. To reserve space on the tour, or for more information, call 570-524-7998.

The small photograph located in the upper left hand corner of page one is an early 1900's view of the Sholter home-stead in Weikert. This home is located adjacent to the current Weikert Post Office.

Penlines From my Kitchen to Yours

by Lucy Hoover

June 19, 2009

Mary Jane Martin, age 2, daughter of Mervin and Annetta of Mifflinburg, is scheduled to have surgery today.

June 25

Lyndon Martin, age 5, son of Floyd and Helen Martin of Millmont, broke a bone in his foot.

June 28

Our baby, Isaac, is one year old today. We had a cake for him. He tried to blow out his 1 candle but needed help with it.

June 30

Kristina Martin, age 7, daughter of Alson and Faith Martin of Mifflinburg, came home from Geisinger Medical Center where she had spent the last five days.

July 1

Jay Evan Oberholtzer, age 13, son of Melvin and Irene Oberholtzer of Mifflinburg, fell off while riding a pony. He was taken to the hospital. He has a concussion and a broken collarbone. He was able to come home during the night.

July 3

Mrs. Lena Zimmerman, age 64, of Mifflinburg passed away tonight. Her husband, Esra, is the Bishop of our church. He has 2 sons and a daughter living at home yet. His son, Ivan, is handicapped since birth, and will be 30 years old on July 5th. He is temporarily being cared for by George and Edna Martin.

John Mark Hoover, age 12, son of John and Joanna Hoover of Lewisburg, is using crutches to get around after a railroad tie fell on his toe and broke it.

July 7

Ralph and AnnaMae Brubaker of Lewisburg have a son named Andrew. He has three brothers.

Grandparents are John and Laura Brubaker and Ammon and Erma Zimmerman.

July 14

Mrs. Kenneth Martin (Eva), age 25, had one-day surgery today.

Allen and Anna Martin of Mifflinburg had a Reiff family reunion today. On Saturday they had a Martin family reunion at their home with approximately 250 people attending each reunion.

Looking Back

The following was copied from the eighth annual VonNeida family reunion that was held at Hairy Johns State Park on August 13, 1938. The minutes were provided to me courtesy of David Stover, son of Randall Stover of Aaronsburg, PA.

August 13, 1938

With a blue sky above and a cool pleasant breeze buzzing through the trees, the VonNeida's and their friends enjoyed their eighth reunion at the Vonada State Park.

Music was rendered by Paul Vonada, of Mans Choice, accordion, Guy Vonada, of Jeannette, violin, and Roy Vonada, of Coburn, guitar.

Rev. Ward K. Hosterman offered prayer. Rev. H. A. Houseal of Millheim gave a short talk.

"Blest Be the Ties That Bind" was sung by all.

The Frederick Vonneida of Camden, New Jersey, gave a short talk, which was much appreciated by those who heard it.

John Lester Erb of Lewisburg, R. D. 11 months was the youngest person present. Mrs. Lydia Mingle of Aaronsburg, 84 years old, was the oldest person present and received a special prize—a silver plate—the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Vonneida of Camden.

Ammon Vonada of Spring Mills, over 250 lbs, was the heaviest. Kenneth Ungard of Spring Mills, 6 ft. 3 in. was the tallest. Mr. and Mrs. George Wells of Spring Mills, were reported as married latest. Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Litchard of Turbotville received the prize for being married the longest, 54 years, September. Reno Snyder of Akron, Ohio was given the prize for having come the greatest distance, 320 miles.

The birthday prize went to Lola Crader 105 Ninth Street, Lewisburg Pa.

Carl Warntz of Woodward recited a Dutch poem "Ich Wat Dos Ick an Bower Ware."

The minutes were read and approved.

The officers were elected.

Pres, Rev. Ward K. Hosterman, Centre Hall, Pa.

Vice Pres Thomas Vonada, Lewisburg, Pa.

Sec, T. A Hosterman, Coburn, Pa.

Treas, Ella Hosterman, Coburn, Pa.

Appointed Historian James F. Vonada, Coburn, Pa.

Paul Vonada of Mans Choice was appointed a committee of one to secure (provide) musical entertainment.

Financial Acct.

Balance from 1937	\$7.97
Offering for 1938	\$11.69
Total	\$19.66

Expenses

For cards and postage	\$4.00
For prizes	\$1.00
Total expenses	\$5.00
Balance on hand	\$14.66

Millmont Items

The old one lane bridge across Smith Run on Creek Road just west of the village is now two lanes, courtesy of Penn DOT. The new culvert style bridge was opened to traffic on the first of July and is a big improvement to those who use Creek Road on a regular basis.

The July 4th holiday weekend weather was certainly atypical. Pleasant temperatures, sunny skies, and low humidity, and not a lot of fireworks going off in the village this year.

The owners of the Millmont Post Office began sprucing up the interior by painting the walls a lighter and brighter color. Retiring Postmaster Sam Smith assisted with the prep work.

On Saturday the 11th the Juniata District Mennonite Historical Society held their 32nd annual meeting at the Millmont Mennonite Church. Following the program and meal at the church the group (about 65 people) started out on a bus tour of various sites in the county. Their first stop was a tour of the Shively Family Collection on Maple Street in Millmont. The group also visited sites that have a direct connection to the Mennonite community including the former Hartleton Schoolhouse, Hartleton Union Church, Mountain View Old Order Mennonite Church, Buffalo Creek School, Buffalo Cross Roads Presbyterian Church, Sierer House, the site of the Penns Creek Massacre as well as other places along the way.

At about 4:00 on the afternoon of Sunday July 19th while sitting on the front porch, I watched a large convoy of motorcycles heading south on Millmont Road. Altogether I counted a 106 motorcycles. It is my understanding that there was a crowd of motorcyclists gathered at the West End Fairgrounds during that weekend, so perhaps they all came from there?

Postmaster Sam Smith became a grandfather on about 1:00 a. m. on July 23rd. The 8.5 pound baby boy, Myles Samuel, and his mother, Erin, are doing fine.

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Blessings from the Bible

By Brenda Weaver

“And as they thus spake, Jesus himself stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you...”

And he said unto them, Why are ye troubled?

And why do thoughts [doubts] arise in your hearts?

Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself...”

Luke 24:36, 38, 39a

The words of Jesus above are found in the account of two disciples walking on the road to Emmaus after the death and reported absence of the body of Jesus. As they walked, discussing their doubts and sorrow, they were joined by a man they did not recognize. The Bible says their eyes “were holden that they should not know him.” But this kind “stranger” asked them why they were sad and about what they were conversing. After the perplexed and troubled disciples told him of the recent events and the astounding news that Jesus may be alive again, Jesus himself explained the purposes of the advent, death, and resurrection of God’s son. “And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself” (Luke 24:27).

As I sat on a rocker on my front porch this morning, reading this passage, I found myself wishing I could hear Jesus expound from the scriptures! Imagine Him, beginning with the books of Moses (the first five books of the Bible), and continuing through the Old Testament books written by prophets, linking all of scripture to the recent events these doubting believers were experiencing. The miles must have slipped by, nearly unnoticed, as they walked and listened to this man with the answers. Slowly, surely, their doubts must have melted away as they listened to *the Word* as taught by *the Teacher*.

Still rocking, I thought of the recent events of my life. The rocker on which I sat was a gift from our deceased son-in-law. We’d struggled with many doubts during his suffering and death. But the Word and the Teacher were close at hand. This year our daughter and a new son-in-law traveled from Alberta to Pennsylvania to visit and help with our strawberry harvest. I find it hard to describe the Ferris wheel rides a parent’s heart takes when saying hello and goodbye so often. How many times I have been comforted and strengthened by God’s Word.

Finding time to read the Bible and have a quiet time of devotion with God is a big challenge during our very busy strawberry season. May creeps up on me with its profusion of strawberry blossoms and I scurry to prepare for the busy weeks ahead. The end of May usually finds us parting leaves to find the very first red berries. June plows over me with long days of handling and delivering berries and waiting on customers. Plus there are the ordinary but very necessary jobs of feeding my family and doing mounds of laundry. (I gratefully accepted the TMT editors’ offer to write and include articles in place of mine for the months of May and June. Thank you, Tony and Janice!)

After all the busyness, the rush, the push, of a six-week-long strawberry season, I love to slow down a bit and spend more quality time in the Word of God. Like a thirsty flowerbed or a wilted vegetable garden, my soul drinks up the revitalizing refreshment. In a way it’s like I’m walking on the road to Emmaus, with doubts and feelings all somersaulting in my mind, and Jesus comes quietly beside me and whispers through His Word, “Peace be unto you.”

Then as I listen, while I rock or while I work, Jesus expounds the scriptures to me through His Holy Spirit, and I am glad, glad, glad to be basking in the presence of my Father, God.

Have you sought God in His word today? He invites you to know Him in a very personal way. He wants to walk beside you and explain the scriptures.

Prayer for Today: *Dear Lord, Thank You for Your Word, the Bible. Thank You that You wish to walk beside us and explain the scriptures. Help us not to be too busy, or too wrapped up in ourselves, or to callous to accept Your invitation. Amen*

Remembrance

Marietta M. Mabus, 82, of 274 N. Eighth St. since 1956, concluded her journey in life at 5:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 22, 2009, at home with her family by her side.

She was born August 24, 1926, in McEwensville, a daughter of the late Frank and Lula (Hill) McClintock. On March 2, 1949, she married James W. Mabus, who preceded her in death on October 18, 1995.

Marietta was a 1944 graduate of Mifflinburg High School. She was employed for more than 26 years as a certified nurse's assistant at the Laurelton State School, retiring in 1986.

Marietta enjoyed flower and vegetable gardening, bird watching, collecting cookbooks and traveling with her husband after they retired to the Salmon River in Pulaski, N.Y. She also assisted her husband in leading young men in Boy Scout Troop 520, Mifflinburg, throughout the 1970s. She loved spending time with her family, especially her grandson, James, whom she considered the light of her life.

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Ronald J. and Rosalyn A. Mabus of Mifflinburg; one grandson, James William Mabus III of Mifflinburg; two sisters and one brother-in-law, Carolyn and Theodore Catherman of Mifflinburg and Eleanor Hackenburg of Millmont; and numerous nieces and nephews and their extended families.

She was preceded in death by several brothers and sisters.

Burial was in Forest Hill Cemetery.

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On Thursday July 23, James Kyle of Altoona, PA, and his son John Kyle of Hollidaysburg, spent a couple of hours with the editor of this newsletter sharing information about family history. It was an enjoyable day spent with descendents of Jacob E. Royer. James Kyle's maternal grandfather was John H. Royer, his maternal great-grandfather was Mark S. Royer, and his maternal great-great-grandfather was Jacob E. Royer, the founder of the village of Millmont.

The 31st of July was Sam Smith's last day as postmaster at the Millmont Post Office. His career with the postal service began more than 36 years ago in the Sunbury Post Office. He was appointed Postmaster at Millmont on February 25, 1989. His wife, Debbie, decorated the lobby with balloons and signs, and had refreshments available throughout the day. Co-worker, Glenda Murphy, baked the cake. For more that twenty years he has been serving the patrons of the Millmont Post Office, which is longer than any previous postmasters at that office. Congratulations Sam and enjoy your retirement! Dorene Gwyn of Mifflinburg will be replacing Sam at the Millmont Post Office beginning in August.

What's Happening at Christ's United Lutheran Church

Sunday Evening Concert Series: Upcoming concerts are: August 16, Teresa Fink; September 20, Larry Mitchell's One Man Electron Band; October 18, Daryl Willow Ministries; November 15, Saving Grace. All concerts begin promptly at 6:00 pm with doors opening at 5:30 p.m. ~ A free will offering will be taken. Light refreshments will be available at intermission.

West End Fair is Sunday August 2 through Saturday August 8. Christ's United Lutheran (4 Bells) Church will be serving meals again this year at their stand just east of the office. They will offer lunch Tuesday through Saturday and Dinner Monday through Saturday. Monday (dinner only) Hot Turkey Sandwich Platter (\$6.) or barbecue platter (\$5). Tuesday: Roast Beef Dinner; Wednesday: Smoked Ham Dinner; Thursday Pot Pie Dinner; Friday Sauerkraut and Pork Dinner and Roast Pork Dinner; and Saturday: Roast Beef Dinner. Turkey Dinners will also be available Tuesday through Saturday. The cost of the meals are \$8 for adults and \$5 for children. You can also view the menu on their website (www.4bellschurch.com).

Angel Food Ministries - Low Cost Food Distribution available to EVERYONE

The Angel Food Signature Box contains approx. 17 items (different each month) with a value of \$60 or more at the local grocery store.... for just \$30. Several other choices as well as specials are available each month as well. Christ's United Lutheran (4 Bells) Church, a local Host Site, will be taking orders. For the current menu or to order online, please visit their website at www.4bellschurch.com. Angel Food is available in 34 states. Please visit www.angelfoodministries.com for other host sites.

Thank You!

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August Birthdays & Anniversaries

1 – Cory & Charlene Yarger - 1988
1 – Anna Shirk
1 - Mae (Kuhns) Sullivan
2 – Irene Musser
2 – Pat Kline
2 – James C. Catherman
3 – Chris Bilger
3 – Brandon Bilger
3 – Adam Dorman
3 – Sean Klingman
5 – Sandra Winegardner
5 – Alta Z. Oberholtzer
7 – Kim Blyler
7 – Carol Martin
7 – Carolyn Catherman
8 – Brandi Spotts
9 – Mary Ella Martin

10 - Marlene Martin
10 – Angie Dorman
11 – Jeff Erdley
12 – Kenneth & Beverly Catherman - 1962
12 – Naomi Aurand
12 – Betty Zechman
13 – Mary Ellen Hoffman
14 – Paul & Betty Long - 1947
14 – Glenda Sheaffer
14 – Tom Catherman
15 – Sam & Shirley Diehl - 1948
15 – Galen & Esther Keister - 1959
16 – Pearl Gower
17 – Steve & Pat Libby - 1968
17 – Levi Brubaker
18 – Oliver Hummel
20 – Forrest Hoffman

20 – Dennis & Lena Susan - 1966
20 – Glenda Murphy
20 – Henry Dorman
21 – Martha Stover
22 – Sue Blyler
23 - Vada Erdley
23 – Nancy Hendricks
22 – Kyla Mattern
24 – Ruth & Sam Ely - 1964
24 - Grace Kuhns
24 – Tom Guyer
24 – Lois Feaster
24 – Brenda Klingman
28 – Menno Zimmerman
29 – William “Bill” Little

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