



Shively's Garage, circa 1935

Shively's Garage

At the turn of the 20th century the primary means of transportation for Millmont residents was the horse and buggy, bicycle, or the Lewisburg & Tyrone Railroad. While automobiles may have been commonplace in larger cities they were not seen in the village of Millmont until about 1905. One can only imagine the excitement that erupted throughout the village on Sunday October 29, 1905 when a Mr. Knauer of Milton visited the Willard Moyer home in his new automobile. ¹

It was in 1905 that several west end residents began purchasing their own personal means of transportation. Charles L. Braucher, an affluent farmer living midway between Millmont and Hartleton, purchased an Oldsmobile. Harry W. Fauver, a resident of Laurelton, also purchased his first vehicle that year. Oscar F. Bowersox, a merchant in Millmont, was the first village resident to purchase an automobile, a Stanley Steamer. Charles R. Ruhl and Emmaus Royer soon followed suit. As village residents recognized the convenience of owning their own means of transportation, automobiles became more prevalent.

Henry Ford's mass production of the Model T in 1908 allowed the "great multitude" to purchase automobiles. In the process, it transformed the landscape and the American way of life, nearly eradicating the horse and buggy as a means of transportation. Automobile owners now had the flexibility and freedom to travel according to their schedule, rather than depend on the timetable of the railroad.

In 1911, the Pennsylvania legislature passed the "Sproul Act," which required the Commonwealth to build and maintain a statewide system of highways and bridges. By 1919 there were 6.7 million automobiles in use across the country. Ten years later, (1929) that number nearly quadrupled to 27 million. ²

The widespread ownership and use of automobile transportation had a direct impact on railroad passenger service. In March of 1928, the Pennsylvania Railroad, successor to the Lewisburg & Tyrone, discontinued two daily passenger trains on the Bellefonte branch. ³ While passenger service remained an option on the former L & T line for another 20 years, it was limited.

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Millmont Mailbox by Postmaster Sam Smith

The holiday season is the busiest time of year for most people, and the Postal Service is certainly no exception. Although I can't help my customers select the right gift to give, I can help to ship the gift where it needs to go! I just restocked the Ready-Post supplies: Large envelopes, padded envelopes, Sealing tape and Priority mail supplies. I can help you decide which mailing service fits your needs and your budget. Parcel Post is an economical service, especially if you're not waiting till the last minute to mail, as it is usually delivered within 2-9 days. Priority Mail is a quick, slightly higher priced alternative, but is normally delivered in 2-3 days. and of course our quickest service, and guaranteed (next day to most addresses, even on Christmas Day) is Express Mail. Delivery Confirmation, and Insurance up to \$5000.00 is available on most of these options. I know many of you have loved ones in the armed services, and here are some mailing dates to remember so that items sent First class or Priority Mail are delivered before Christmas: APO/FPO AE ZIPs 093 on or before Dec 4, all others on or before Dec 11. I'll be glad to help at the Post Office during hours, but if you need help anytime, visit www.USPS.com online. Many communities are now using the 911 addressing. When you send out your cards, notate your correct address, and check return addresses on cards you receive and update your list. Hopefully everyone will have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! We will be closed to celebrate the Holidays on those days.

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Oscar and Annie (Coleman) Bowersox were the first residents of Millmont to install the telephone, and they were also the first to purchase an automobile. They were photographed in their Stanley Steamer heading west on Penn Street.

By the mid-1920's many Millmont area residents had taken to the highways. Their means of personal transportation included popular brand names such as Ford, Chevy, and Dodge. Residents also owned automobiles with some rather unusual names, such as Whippets, Nash, Willys, Baby Overland, Desoto, Reo, Packard, Studebaker, Franklin, Jewett, and Terraplane. The late Jimmy Catherman, a life long Millmont resident, represented the Saxon Motor Company for a period of time. How well he fared as a salesman for the company is unknown.

As automobiles became more affordable, and their numbers steadily increased, the need for qualified mechanics to maintain and repair those vehicles arose. Millmont residents Jacob Shively and his father, Greene, owned a 490 Chevy Touring car that was in need of mechanical attention on a regular basis. Within a period of one year they replaced the "rear end" on their vehicle six times. With less than 25,000 miles on the odometer their Chevy was worn out. Having spent countless hours repairing his own vehicle, Jacob Shively gained the knowledge, skill, and hands on experience, which allowed him to open his own vehicle repair business. On September 1, 1924, he

hung a sign on the shed where they kept their automobile that simply stated - "Garage." Years later when he recalled how "Shively's Garage" began, Jacob wrote - "When some brave soul brought a car for me to tinker, I ran our car out, and his in."

The business prospered to the point that the father and son team decided it was time to expand. Their neighbor, Oscar F. Bowersox, offered the use of one of his buildings to house their garage. However, the Shively's decided to erect a new building. Greene borrowed \$1,000 from his life insurance policy and constructed a cement block structure.

Jacob and Greene Shively were simultaneously constructing their new building and doing vehicle maintenance and repairs. Before the roof of the garage was completed, Jacob removed and overhauled the engine of a Model T Ford for a customer. By the mid 1920's they began to shift their attention away from their broom manufacturing operation, (which had been steadily declining) in order to devote more time to the garage business.

In addition to repairing automobiles, the Shively's purchased used vehicles from Buck Diehl's Garage in Hartleton. Diehl was in business to sell new automobiles and he often sold the trade-ins to Shively for \$5 each. At one time there were several dozen scrapped automobiles parked in the field east of the Millmont Evangelical Church waiting to be stripped for parts.

Greene Shively spent much of his time dismantling vehicles. He took great pride in cleaning the salvageable parts so that they oftentimes looked new. At one time both floors of the former Red Men's Hall, adjacent to Shively's Garage, were filled with used automobile parts from vehicles such as Star, Gray, Durant, Graham Paige, Maxwell, Essex and many others. When the building began to suffer structurally from the weight, the metal was sold for scrap.

On January 7, 1931, Greene Shively was seriously injured while in the process of dismantling an automobile. While lying on the floor beneath a Model T Ford, a vehicle crashed through the front door of the garage slamming into the vehicle he was underneath. The Model T he was working on had all of the wheels removed, and was resting on jacks. When knocked off the jacks, the vehicle's differential housing fell onto Greene's chest, causing serious injury to his shoulder and ribs. Jacob Shively's quick response to lift the vehicle off of his father most likely prevented further injury. Greene suffered intense pain for weeks as a result of the accident. The attentive care of Dr. Glover, and the concern and visits from many friends and neighbors helped to ease his pain until his return to the garage in April, four months after the accident.⁵

Jacob Shively worked in the garage 6 days per week, from 8:00 a. m. until 9:00 p.m., and frequently beyond midnight. Sunday was his only day away from the business. If someone needed a vehicle repaired on short notice, Jacob diligently worked until the job was complete. Prior to the time when his sons were able to help out in the garage, Jacob turned to several local residents when the workload became more than he could handle. John "Bigfoot" Mitchell, a childhood friend from White Springs, Milford Catherman, and Charles Dauberman were employed by Shively's Garage at various times.



David Shively standing next to his 1927 Chevy, circa 1938
Photograph courtesy of David Shively

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BIRD TALK

By Jim McCormick

How strange—dandelions were blooming and along the roadside soy beans were sprouting in the morning sun; and all of this in the middle of November! After the mid-month deluge, the streams, creeks and yards were all filled with water for days. The warm weather that followed seemed to confuse these plants. It is hard to believe that the Winter Solstice is less than a month away. This year's Winter Solstice is on December 22; be sure to take note of the sun's trip across the sky on that day. It is the shortest day of the year and the sun rises to the lowest point of the entire year. Follow the sun's movement along the horizons from then until the Summer Solstice in June and you will be amazed at how far it travels in those six months. The plants weren't the only things confused by this mild fall; the birds were as well. I saw several flocks of local Canada Geese seeming to be flying around totally directionless. I even heard the call of a Tufted Titmouse; normally it doesn't start calling until February. The colored mountainside has taken on the grays and browns of the winter season and, like it or not, snow has to be coming soon.

After their spring and summer sojourn in the mountains, our local snowbirds, the Dark-eyed Juncos, returned at the beginning of the month. The Junco is a small bird, about 5 inches long from head to tail. The male has charcoal colored uppers and is white below with distinctive white tail feathers; the female has tan to brown uppers and is also white below. They are sometimes described as "leaden skies above and snow below". Juncos are very common along roadsides in small to large bands; seen feeding on the ground. The word *junco* is Spanish for "rush", the plant, but they are rarely associated with that plant. Juncos belong to the sparrow family and are interesting to watch as they search for food all winter long. They generally travel in small bands and roost as a group during the cold winter nights. See an interesting monograph on these fascinating little birds at: <http://birdsbybent.com/sample.html>. This is part of the website that contains the electronic version of Arthur Cleveland Bent's *Life History of Familiar North American Birds*. This website is a rich source of bird lore written by Bent and his collaborators and published over the years 1919 and 1968 by the United States Printing Office. There are so many interesting sites on the inter-net; one could spend hours discovering something new every day. I recently ran across another interesting site: www.ohiobirds.org/blog. It is a birding blog written by an ornithologist associated with the Ohio Ornithological Society, Jim McCormac (no relative of mine that I know of). He includes many fantastic digital photos from his and other bird watchers' own experiences. He adds new entries two to three times every week; including interesting information about plants, birds and other animals. Most of the leaves have fallen and only the Permanent Resident birds are left, but now they can be seen more easily. The Woodpeckers, Titmice, Nuthatches, Cardinals, Mocking Birds and Blue Jays are out there searching for food. They're much less vocal now than during breeding season, but they are still interesting to watch so grab your binoculars and take it all in.

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When David Shively was about 10 years old he overheard his father telling customers that he (Jacob) was looking forward to the day when his eldest son would work alongside him in the garage. David began working at the family business during the early 1930's. His early experience at mechanical work began by simply holding the light for his father and observing. By his early teens David was dismantling cars. By age 15 he was repairing vehicles in the garage after school and on Saturdays.

Five of Jacob's six sons (David, William, Donald, Edgar, and Harold) worked in the garage at one time or another. However, it was David and Edgar who took the most interest in the family business. With the exception of his military duties from 1944 until 1946, David was employed at Shively's Garage until the mid 1950's. Edgar, who began working in the family business in the mid 1940's, later purchased the business and worked there until his retirement.

David has fond memories of his days working alongside his father and grandfather. He recalled some of the jobs he performed, and how much things have changed through the years. David recalled the era when, he would remove, clean, adjust, and reset sparkplugs on an engine for a nickel each. For fifty cents a customer could have their automobile serviced. That included lubrication, oil change and filter, oiling the distributor shaft, and checking the fluid levels of the transmission and differential. A complete engine overhaul, including all of the parts and labor, cost \$60.

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Jacob G. Shively, c. 1967

In conjunction with the vehicle repair business, Shively's Garage entered into a long-term relationship with the Standard Oil Company of New York, or Socony. Socony later changed its name to Mobil. David Shively recalled when customers could purchase six gallons of gas for \$1. Shively's also had a long association with Firestone tires.

According to his diary, Greene's last day of work at Shively's Garage occurred on March 16, 1940. His diary entry simply stated "My last day in the garage. Jacob and I always worked together so this day I shall never forget." He was then 69 years old. Greene had a unique opportunity to work alongside his son and grandsons in the garage for many years. During many of those years Jacob paid his father \$1 per day. Greene insisted that his time was not worth that much.⁶

The onset of WW II brought with it many challenges for Jacob Shively, both personally and professionally. Three of his sons, David, William, and Donald, were drafted into the war effort. Edgar Shively stepped up to assist his father when his three older siblings were sent abroad. So too did his younger brother, Harold.

It was during the war years that food and fuel rationing and rubber shortages became a way of life for many. The inability to purchase new tires made it necessary for everyone to keep tires on their vehicles and on the road as long as possible. In order to increase the lifespan of the tires, a process known as vulcanization was in great demand. Shively's Garage offered this service to its customers. Vulcanizing tires created a steady flow of work until the war ended and new rubber tires were once again available for purchase. Raymond "Foxy" Winters, head of the Bald Eagle District Forest was one Shively's biggest vulcanizing customers during that period.

The need for additional space prompted the expansion of the garage in 1946. William and Donald Shively laid up the cement blocks for the addition, while the late Lloyd Herrold installed the rafters and completed the roofing work. The additional space allowed for the installation of a much-needed hydraulic hoist. The purchase of a used welding torch also proved to be a commercial success for the business.

The fire that destroyed the Millmont Box Factory in December 1951 was a severe blow to the employees and the residents of this small village. The permanent loss of 27 jobs had a negative impact on the local economy, including Shively's Garage.

It became difficult for three "heads of household" (Jacob Shively, David Shively, and Edgar Shively) to earn a living at the family business. By the mid 1950's David applied for and accepted a position with the General Adjustment Bureau of Harrisburg and later moved to Mechanicsburg. Jacob Shively, who was looking forward to spending more time in his antique shop and expanding his mail order book business, decided to semi-retire. In 1963 he sold his business to his son, Edgar. Edgar Shively became the sole owner and operator of the family business, which he continued to operate until his retirement in 1990. He subsequently had public auction of his tools and equipment. That sale brought the end to a family owned and operated business that was associated with Millmont for nearly seven decades. Today the building is owned by Donald Shively, and is used for storage.

On January 6, 1931, Greene Shively made this notation in his diary: "I took apart quite a few cars of different makes and models. It is interesting to note the changes. Surely we are living in the age of progress."

Greene lived in an era when horse and buggy, riding the train, or walking were about the only means of getting from one place to another. The arrival of the horseless carriage must have been an astonishing change for Greene Shively and those of his generation. From 1918, when he purchased his first vehicle, until he made the above entry into his diary, Greene witnessed many advances in the world of automobiles. However, those advances pale in comparison to the revolutionary changes that his grandson Edgar witnessed during his 45-year tenure as an automobile mechanic. Which begs this question - what changes and advances in technology in the automotive world await us over the next 20, 30 or 40 years?



Edgar Shively working on the automobile belonging to James G. Price, who is watching nearby.

Photograph courtesy of Edgar & Betty Shively

¹ From the "Millmont" column published in the Lewisburg Saturday News on November 4, 1905.

² www.digitalhistory.uh.edu.

³ March 22, 1928 edition of the Mifflinburg Telegraph.

⁴ From the "Biography of Elder Greene Shively - 1870 - 1954" written by Jacob G. Shively, 1963.

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My Memorable Christmas

by Eleanor Hoffman Hoy

I am not sure of the time frame, but I would guess my age as between five and seven years of age when this incident took place. My Aunt Evelyn and Uncle Paul were married in 1935 in Bena, Minnesota, and they resided there until World War II, when he was drafted from Union County, Pennsylvania, into the Army.

There was always this excitement of waiting for the Christmas package to arrive from Minnesota, although it was put away until Christmas morning. My package that morning was about 18 inches long and six inches wide. When I opened it I saw the most beautiful doll with dark brown long curls, a red and white frilly dress, and white Mary Jane slippers. She was lying in a bed of wood shavings to protect her from breakage. Along both sides of the doll were red and white striped candy canes. It was a sight I will never forget.

The thought just came to me as Uncle Paul probably furnished the wood shavings, as he was a forester in Minnesota. At this time Shirley Temple was a child movie star and this doll resembled her. Shirley had blond hair and wore it in long curls in the movie, "The Little Colonel." Another uncle, Edward Shively, took my cousins, Meda and Mildred Wagner, and me to all of Shirley's movies.

I spent many hours playing with this doll, but as years passed she was not the beautiful doll that I had received. First I fed her a pretzel stick, which knocked her teeth out. The next thing I tried was to comb her hair, which was a failure. Sometime later one of my brothers took her on a tricycle ride and her one leg got caught in the spokes of the wheel and the leg broke. Mom got the roll of adhesive tape out and put the leg back together. Somewhere or other the dress started to wear out from washing it so much. Then Grandma Hoffman came to my rescue with some of the doll dresses she had saved from Aunt Evelyn's dolls. By this time she was not the beautiful doll that I received from Minnesota, but in my eyes she was.

In the 1950's Mom and I were cleaning the attic and she suggested that it was time to get rid of the doll. I agreed. At this time Mifflinburg had a dump where everyone took their garbage and things they did not want. It was where the Harry Haney Softball Field now stands, on North Eighth Street. This is where my doll ended up.

The next day a little girl walked into the Acme Grocery Store where I worked as a cashier, with my doll under her arm. The doll looked worse yet as dirt was all over her. This girl had one of the biggest smiles on her face and looked at me and said "I found this at the dump."

So the beautiful doll that came to me from Minnesota not only made me a happy little girl for several years, but the little girl who found her at the dump.

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My thanks to the Shively brothers: David, William, Donald, and Edgar for their assistance with this article.

Resources: The Biography of Elder Greene Shively 1870 – 1954, by Jacob G. Shively, 1963; the diary of Elder Greene Shively; My Life History, by David G. Shively, 2002; Union County Pennsylvania, A Bicentennial History, by Charles M. Snyder 1976, and The Lewisburg Saturday News.



The seventh wooden miniature produced by Hometowne Collectables for the Lewis Township Village Green Recreation Association will feature a likeness of Shively's Garage. For nearly seven decades Shively's Garage of Millmont provided major and minor vehicles repairs, gas and oil, tires and batteries, and many other services to their customers.

Those who have purchased previous miniatures will have an opportunity to purchase this edition in mid December, just in time for Christmas.

The miniatures will be available for pickup at Shirk's Store in Millmont. Please call Delphia Shirk in advance at 922.4222, or you can contact Pauline Shively at 922.0508. The cost of the miniature is \$17.

Nine requisites for contented living: Health enough to make work a pleasure. Wealth enough to support your needs. Strength to battle with difficulties and overcome them. Grace enough to confess your sins and forsake them. Patience enough to toil until some good is accomplished. Charity enough to see some good in your neighbor. Love enough to move you to be useful and helpful to others. Faith enough to make real the things of God. Hope enough to remove all anxious fears concerning the future.

- Johann von Goethe



Meanderings

by
Hertha S. Wehr

December

By the time you read this Thanksgiving will be over and everyone is gearing up for Christmas. Before I proceed with the theme of the column I want to refer to something that was in the Thanksgiving column. I asked if anyone remembered when there was a move on foot to change Thanksgiving to the third Thursday in November. I wasn't sure if I was correct in thinking there was such a move. Well, at least two people assured me I was correct. It was during the FDR era, no one was sure of the exact year, but 1941 seemed to be the most likely year. So, now we've verified that bit of information.

Last week I attended a Historical Society dinner where the featured speaker talked about Prince Farrington. The speaker had done a lot of research about him and had an interesting presentation. It jogged my memory about a story my brother, Ned, told about his experience with Mr. Farrington. In 1993 my brother wrote some of his memories about his life working with our dad. I'd like to copy one of his stories.

*Sometimes in hauling livestock we got into some interesting places and met people just as interesting, one just doesn't forget. I had the job of delivering a good big span of mules to Jersey Shore to the one and only Prince Farrington. He was at that time the best whiskey distiller in the country. He was a stocky, thick-built man with a pleasant personality and a ruddy complexion. He at one time served a prison term in the Carolinas', as we knew, or thought we knew, for tax troubles. While he was serving time there he learned that Pennsylvania had such good water. He came here and settled at Jersey Shore. He bought an old paint factory nearby where he set up the still. I understand it was a three story high outfit. He could distill 2000 gallons of whiskey a day At the time it was legal and that was before Prohibition changed things**

The mules were to be taken out to the farm, which I did. I saw a barn as clean and well kept, better than some houses that I have seen. Coming back to his home he took me into a room off the kitchen where he tapped and filled a box full of bottles with whiskey. He said I was to take this along home.

He also tapped a small glass and handed it to me. I refused to drink it and said, "Mr. Farrington, I am the only driver of that truck. Should I be in an accident I might be in trouble."

He responded, "Young man, if you need a job I could use a fellow like you."

He paid me for the mules. I put the box of bottles in the rope box under the truck bed and covered them with ropes. When I got home, late in the evening I put the truck in the shed in town and went home with another vehicle. Later on Dad called home inquiring about the box. I told him where it was and that was the last I heard anything about it. Some of the fellows around Mifflinburg knew Prince; him knowing them is how the treat moved around. The farmers around there didn't like to see him go because he paid double for the grain he bought from them that he used for whiskey. When he had sugar brought in it came in three railroad cars at one time.

Ned further stated that when prohibition ended Prince tried to get a license to carry on his occupation but he was denied because of his prison record. He stated that when Hoover was elected three train carloads of whiskey went to D.C. to help "make whoopee". Legal or not Prince was still making whiskey. But the law finally caught up with him and they dragged his case through the courts and prison until he died a pauper. Since I was not old enough to witness all this account I can only tell you what I read about the affair. Anyway, it makes an interesting story.

I suppose the above story is rather odd for this time of year but I'm sure some of you will toast friends, family and the Holiday Season with some kind of liquid refreshment and you might recall how things were in the past.

I saw in the news the other evening where stores have backtracked from their last year's resolve to use only Happy Holidays. This year it is perfectly proper to use Merry Christmas.

So, a Merry Christmas to all. Enjoy your family and friends and don't forget what the season is really about.

*When Ned talked about it being legal when Prince Farrington set up his still it must have been sometime years before Ned made his acquaintance. When I began checking dates; Ned was born in 1912, the Volstead Prohibition Act passed in 1919 (18th Amendment) and was repealed in 1933 (21st Amendment), he could not have made the trip before Prohibition.

Information and Photographs Wanted

I am currently gathering information and photographs, and perhaps you can help? I am searching for material relating to Hairy John's Park located near the Union/Centre County border. I am particularly interested in finding photographs of the concession stand that was located on the north side of Route 45. This stand was operated by Harry Mensch, Mr. & Mrs. ? Kennedy, George Hickernell, Max Hosterman and others. If you have any photographs of the building or those who operated the concession stand please contact me at the number below. If you have any memories about the park that you would like to share, I would appreciate that information as well.

I am also interested in locating photographs of a number of individuals, including Miles Reeder, Game Protector in Union County from 1920 until 1936, Art Snyder who served as Fish Warden of Union County, and noted fly fisherman, Charles Wetzell, who owned property in the west end. I would appreciate any assistance. I can be reached at The Millmont Times P. O. Box 3 Millmont, PA 17845 or via telephone (570) 922.4297, or you can email me at: millmonttimes@dejazzd.com.

Two honored by Union County Historical Society

Two women, whose names are familiar to the readers of *The Millmont Times*, were recognized at The Union County Historical Society's annual John B. Deans Dinner and Program on November 9, 2006. Hertha Wehr, of Mifflinburg, was presented with the Lifetime Achievement Award for her many years of service to Union County as a community member, farmer and volunteer. She shares her interests and experiences in the column entitled *Meanderings* in each monthly issue of *The Millmont Times*. Hertha is currently working on a book to be released by the historical society in 2009. The publication will highlight the knowledge she has gained from her 30-plus years of dairy farming along with her late husband, Karl Wehr.

Hertha has served on the board of the Union County Historical Society. She has also been an active participant with the Vicksburg Library, 4-H club, Evangelical Hospice, First Lutheran Church of



Hertha Wehr, David Goehring, President of the Union County Historical Society, and Emilie F. Jansma. Photo courtesy of the Daily Item

Mifflinburg, Habitat for Humanity, Union County Extension office and planning board.

Emilie Jansma, of State College and Weikert, received the Outstanding Achievement Award for sharing her knowledge and research on the "Tight End" of Union County. She has published "The Community of Weikert, Pa.: Homesteads, Cabins, Camps" which traces ownership of more than 230 properties in the Weikert and Cherry Run areas, and Louise Goehring Scott's Oral History Collection, a two-volume, 1,200-page transcription of tape recorded interviews about life in the west end of Union County. Recently, Emilie wrote a two-part article for *The Millmont Times*, entitled *Railroad Dream, A Dream of a Ride on the L & T*. She has organized Weikert Heritage Day, the Weikert History and Genealogical Workshop, and the West End Historic Bus Tour. Other endeavors include serving as curator of the Koch collection of historical photographs and the Jack & Doris Sapia collection of historical negatives and serving as co-chairwoman and instructor for the State College Oral History Project.

Both of this years award recipients are well deserving of the recognition they received. Thank you Hertha and Emilie for your contribution to preserving the history of Union County. Congratulations!



Nathan Walizer, a subscriber to this newsletter, is requesting your help in identifying the students in this photograph.

He believes that the photograph was taken at the Green Grove School off Route 304, south of Mifflinburg. The schoolteacher on the far left (back row) is Clarence Shoemaker. If you attended the Green Grove School during the era when this photograph was taken, or if you had Clarence Shoemaker as a teacher, perhaps you can help in identifying some of the students.

You can contact Nathan at 2791 E. Winter Road, Loganton, PA 17747. His telephone number is 570.725.3050, or you can email him at nwalizer@cub.kcnet.org

You can also contact *The Millmont Times* at the address on page 12.

The small photograph in the upper left hand corner of page one shows a wintertime view of the home where Israel & Elizabeth Yoder now reside on Millmont Road. This home was built by Elmer & Ina Braucher. Subsequent owners include Willard & Jane Moyer, Dreese & Estella Moyer, William & Ruth Black, Edward & Grace Catherman, Israel & Elizabeth Yoder, and Scott Baylor.

Courtesy of Jean Hostrander

Recipes of the Month

By Janice (Dorman) Shively

I couldn't decide on just one recipe this month so you get a bonus!



Tuna Ball

1 – 7 oz. can of tuna, drained
1 – 8 oz. package of cream cheese, softened
2 tsp. liquid smoke
¼ C. chopped red onion, optional

Combine all of the ingredients, and chill. Serve with your favorite crackers.

My sister-in-law, Cheryl Shively of Bellefonte, served this at her daughter-in-laws baby shower in September. It is delicious! She agreed to share the recipe with me, and with The Millmont Times readers. Onion is not part of the original recipe, but it adds flavor. Try this quick and easy recipe at your Christmas and New Years celebrations. ENJOY!

Karo Crazy Crunch

Combine in a large bowl or roasting pan:
2 Qt. popcorn
1 1/3 C. pecans
1/3 C. almonds



Combine in a saucepan:
1 C. margarine or butter
1 1/3 C. sugar
1/2 C. clear Karo

Bring to a boil and simmer for about 8 – 10 minutes, or until it turns a light caramel color. Remove from heat and add 1 tsp. vanilla extract. Pour over popcorn & nuts and mix well. Spread on buttered cookie sheet to cool. As it cools, pull apart into small portions.

I make my popcorn on the stovetop, instead of using microwave popcorn. If you prefer the microwave variety, get something with lite butter and salt. When I make this recipe, I use slivered almonds and pecan halves. You can use whole almonds and pecan pieces if you prefer.

This is one of my favorite holiday goodies. Marian Decker, of rural Middleburg, has been sharing this treat with friends and family for years. We have had the pleasure of being on Marian's recipient list. For a great gift giving idea, fill a holiday Ziploc baggie with the Karo Crazy Crunch and share with friends and family. They will thank you. ENJOY!

Thank You!

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Welcome to the following new mail subscribers: Pauline L. Thompson, Shillington; Eugene Thompson, Reading; Suzanne (Ely) Keller, Penns Creek; Samuel Ely, Mifflinburg; Frances (Ely) Pennington, Ocala, FL; Barry & Renee Stahl, Newberry, SC; Pat Phifer, West Chester; Lois (Herenden) Daye, Fairfax, VA; and Paul Feist, Lewisburg.

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

I would also like to thank Caroline Wenrick of Hartleton for providing me with a number of old newspaper clippings from the 1950's and 1960's relative to events and happenings in the west end of the county; David Shively of Mechanicsburg for providing me with a copy of his Life History, published in 2002; Emilie Jansma of State College for newspaper clippings from Mifflinburg Telegraph relative to Hairy Johns Park; Donald Shively of Millmont for the CD of Shively family photographs; Jeanne Jolly of Weikert for allowing me to copy some newspaper clippings from her collection; and Nathan Walizer of Loganton for sending me two school photographs from the one room school era in which Clarence Shoemaker was the teacher.

What's Happening at the 4-Bell Lutheran Church by Shirley Kerstetter

For those visiting Mifflinburg's Christkindl Market, held Thursday December 7 through Saturday December 9, you are encouraged to stop by the 4-Bell Church food stand. Members of the church will be selling baked potatoes with your choice of toppings. In addition they will also have available peanut butter and coconut bon bons. The annual Christkindl Market will be open Thursday from 4:30 p.m. until 9 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 10:00 a. m. until 9:00 p.m.

Penlines From my Kitchen to Yours

October 16, 2006

Amos and Verna Hoover, of Mifflinburg, have a son named Joshua Allen. He is their third child. Grandparents are Amos and Elizabeth Hoover and Esra and Lena Zimmerman all of Mifflinburg.

October 18

Kerwin and Ruth Ann Martin, of Mifflinburg, have a son named Justin Lavon. He has one sister. Grandparents are Nathan and Mary Ella Martin of Millmont and Norman and Ella Mae Martin of Lewisburg.

October 20

Timothy Hoover, one-week-old baby of Warren and Louise Hoover, is now home from the hospital.

October 23

Michael and Jemima Hoover, of Lewisburg, have their first son, named Nolan Ray. Grandparents are Lewis and Verna Hoover of Lewisburg, and Josie and Nancy Yoder of Middleburg.

October 27

We went to the viewing of John Peachy (62) of Lewisburg. He died unexpectedly on Tuesday.

October 28

Our neighbors, Vernon and Norma Martin and family, moved into their new house, which they built alongside their old home. They plan to tear the old one down.

October 29

Joshua Oberholtzer (14) son of Melvin and Irene Oberholtzer of Mifflinburg was hit by a car while biking home from his friend's house. He was taken to Evangelical Hospital by ambulance and later taken to Geisinger by Life Flight. He was treated and released the next night.

October 30

My mother, Leah Brubacker, had surgery to remove a cataract on her left eye.

October 31

Jerry and Elva Martin have a daughter named Marilyn. She has one brother and one sister. Grandparents are Amos and Emma Nolt of Lewisburg.

November 3

It is cold this morning. We had snow flurries later in the day. Curvin and I attended the funeral of Josie Yoder (48) at the Vicksburg Mennonite Church.

November 5

Our Brubacker family went to visit brother Samuel and Martha Brubacker of Himrod, New York. There was a dusting of snow on the ground.

November 7

Teacher brought a parakeet along to keep at school. The girls are all excited about it, and they have plans to teach it to talk.

November 11

Curvin and I went to the funeral of Alma Sauder (33) of Kutztown. She was not closely related to us, but she was deaf. Since Curvin is an interpreter we feel like family to all those who are deaf.

November 14

Parent Hoover's brought our nephew, Israel Shirk (14) son of Luke and Kathryn Shirk of Iowa, here to our place for a visit. He will be spending a couple of weeks at his grandparent Hoover's place.

Looking Back

The article below was originally published in one of the local newspapers on December 10, 1909.

IS PENN'S CREEK A TROUT STREAM?

Meeting Will Be Held By Fish Commissioner to Determine.

The Board of Fishery Commission will hold a meeting at the Bush House, Bellefonte, on Thursday morning, December 16th, at 10 o'clock, to hear testimony of fisherman concerning the status of Penn's Creek as a trout stream. This action is in consequence of a dispute among fisherman as to whether any part of Penn's Creek is a stream not inhabited by trout, and which dispute was referred to the Board of Fishery Commission under the provisions of Section 28 of the Act of May 1, 1909.

The meeting will be presided over by W. E. Meehan, the Commissioner of Fisheries, and the other members of the Board who will hear the testimony are: John Hamberger, Erie; Henry C. Cox, Wellsboro; Andrew R. Witaker, Phoenixville, and W. A. Leisenring, Mauch Chunk. The testimony will be taken in short-hand by a stenographer of the Department.

The meeting will be open and any one interested in the matter will be entitled to appear before the Board and give it the benefit of his knowledge. Those who appear will be heard in turn and from the testimony given the Board will render its decision, which, under the law, will be final.

Under the law streams inhabited by trout may not be fished with any device excepting rod and lines, and under a decision of the Attorney General, where any part of a stream is known to contain trout, it is unlawful to erect a fish basket, use gigs or spears or any device, except rods and lines, unless the Board should determine otherwise. Under this decision it would be unlawful for the County Treasurer to issue licenses for any part of Penn's Creek from source to mouth. As the extreme lower end was unquestionably barren of trout and as the petition came in during the summer setting forth the dispute and a claim that the lower end of Penn's Creek had no trout, the Commissioner of Fisheries set a temporary line at Glen Iron in Union County and all licenses above that point were refused. It would be well therefore that all fisherman interested in this matter to appear before the Board on the day and date mentioned, especially since the temporary line now ceases to exist.

The semi-annual meeting of the Board will be held at the Fish Hatchery on Wednesday, the 15th, to receive the annual report of the Chief Warden and to prepare the annual report of the Board itself. This meeting is not public.

During the summer of 1935, Greene Shively began to weld, bolt, and fasten together a number of pieces of playground equipment in a small area adjacent to Shively's garage. The playground equipment, included swings, seesaw, chinning bar, and a merry-go-round.



Shively made the playground equipment from bumpers, springs, axels, and an assortment of other parts that he salvaged from scrapped vehicles.

I am sure that many folks who grew up in the village of Millmont, and who themselves are now grandparents, and great-grandparents, will recall many pleasant youthful days spent playing on some of Greene Shively's ingenious creations.

Today, 70 years after it was built, one of those swings is still in use. The swing (in the photograph above) is situated in the front yard of Tracey Beaver at 1440 Millmont Road.

"Let's Keep Christ in Christmas

As we prepare for Christmas
This year, once again;
Let's not forget Christ Jesus,
The Savior of all men.

There's shopping, packing, wrapping,
And lots of cards to send;
As well as, baking cookies,
Just for that special friend!

We can't forget our turkey;
Let alone the pumpkin pie;
To place upon the table
For our guests as they come by.

Oh, yes, there's choir practice,
And caroling at its best;
Children's programs, candy,
Candles, and all the rest.

But what about our Savior,
He's the one it's all about!
So in your preparation,
Please, don't leave Jesus out!"

--Written by Norma Jean Sauers



The gazebo on the Millmont Village Green was the setting for the October 7, 2006 marriage of Renee Marie Musser and Barry Wayne Stahl. The bride was driven by horse and carriage from the Millmont United Methodist Church by Fred Kidd, and his two horses, Kibbles and Bitts, to the ceremony that was held at the gazebo. Rev. Richard VonNeida and Pastor Fred Yarger performed the ceremony. After the bride and groom escorted their guests from their seats they were taken by horse and carriage from the ceremony along Penns Creek to the reception at the West End Fire Company, where 125 guests greeted the newlyweds.

Renee is the daughter of Gerald and Jean Musser of Cold Run Road, Millmont. Barry is the son of Bonnie Keister, Lester Botts, and the late Carl Stahl.

Ushers were Cory Botts, brother of the groom, and Steven Musser, brother of the bride. Guest book attendants were Nicole Musser, niece of the bride, and Tamara Connelly, friend of the family. Music was provided by Karen Nogle, friend of the family.

The bride and groom are both graduates of Mifflinburg High School and the SUN Area Career and Technology Center of New Berlin. The couple is residing in Newberry, South Carolina. Renee is employed as an Assistant Vice President Item Processing Site Manager at First Citizen Bank. Barry is in his 25th year with the United States Air Force.

We would like to thank the Millmont Village Green Association for allowing the use of their beautiful park, and their gazebo. Thanks also to Steven Hackenberg for mowing the lawn.

Barry & Renee (Musser) Stahl



Photographs courtesy of Randy Musser

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:

Saturday December 22, 1945. Still more snow, about 3 inches today. I cleaned the garage roof again, also the valley and the porch roofs. Cleaned the walk again and cleaned up in front of the garage. Billy came home from Long Island, NY. It took 15 hours because they met a wreck and had to go back up to NY again then all of the trains were full and the Vets had to all come home in baggage cars or stay in NY. So they all came home in cold cars and stood all the way. He is staying for Xmas. I roasted 3 roosters for today and tomorrow. They met Billy at Milton at 2 o'clock last night.

Sunday December 23, 1945. This was my birthday. Mother had a birthday dinner for me. Edmund and wife, Jacob and wife, and Billy was home from Camp Upton, Long Island, NY. Harold, Edgar, and George were here for dinner. It was a cold day. This PM I preached the funeral sermon for Ellen Catherman. She was born May 26 1856 and died December 20, 1945. I recited the 19th Psalm and 1st Chapter of James as my text. Harold took supper with us and spent the evening. Present at SS 49. Collection 6.31.

Tuesday December 25, 1945. This was a very disagreeable Xmas day. It snowed, sleeted, and rained. The streets were very slippery everywhere. We were down to Jacob's house for dinner. Edgar brought us down and Billy took us back home. We had a very good dinner and got many nice gifts. Had a pleasant day together. Heard from Donald in Japan. We also got a letter from Margie. The roads were too bad to try to come up.

Letters and E-mails to the Editor

Mr. Shively, I am a new subscriber and did enjoy the October Issue. Could you send me a copy of the September issue? I am very interested in the history of the old L & T railroad.
Patrick S. Boab, State College

Tony, Thanks. As always, I find things of interest in each issue. Last issue I was reminded how Edgar and I would ride the train to the family cabin at Cherry Run. The train would stop and let us off nearby. When we were ready to come home we would stand by the tracks and the train would stop for us to bring us back to Millmont. I would like to come for a visit some day and see some of my childhood friends. Thanks, again.
Deane Shively, Turbotville

Tony, Enclosed is a check for a new subscription to The Millmont Times for my aunt, Mrs. Lois Daye of Fairfax, Virginia. Her maiden name was Herendeen, and she is the daughter of the late I. C. and Ima Herendeen. Her sisters Marylouese (Knauss), Eunise (Peters), and brother Paul, are still alive. Her sister, Irene (my mother) and her brothers Norman and Philip have passed away. Aunt Lois is the second oldest, behind Norman, and is now 94 and in very good health. Her husband, Paul, was from Sugar Valley and passed away quite a while ago. My Dad, Ken Blyler, and my wife Arlene and I visited her a few weeks ago and I showed her last months issue. She and my dad rode the train from one end to the other, and one of the things she remarked about was watching the mail car come by Swengel and pick up the mail bag with the mechanical arm as well as throw out the one with the day's mail to be taken to the post office in Swengel. The few extra bucks goes to you for "shipping and handling." Keep up the good work. The paper really brings back some of the old memories for my dad who is now 93, as I am sure it does for all the old-timers from the area. Thanks again.
Barry Blyler, Levittown

Hi Tony & Janice, Enclosed is our renewal and a little something extra for all you do. We sure enjoy your paper. Sam says it brings back some good memories of places he used to go. Janice I love your recipes, keep them coming. Hoping you two have a great Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thanks again.
Sam & Irene Bowersox, Manheim

Dear Sir, I just read my first copy of the Millmont times and enjoyed it greatly. Could you please add me to your email subscribers? My coworkers enjoyed it as well. Thank you.
Ron Mapes, New Berlin

Tony - Just a note requesting another year's subscription for Phyliss Hauck. She is like family to us. Thank you for all your hard work. Each month I like to see what Janice is cooking up. We so appreciate all your writers.
Sincerely, Lori Hughes and family of Hartleton

Tony, My wife Anne and I first visited this area in 1985. We were campers, had a travel trailer, and stayed in the Penns Creek Campground for over ten years. Obviously we liked the area and soon began searching for a more permanent place. Finding such a place was rather difficult but it finally did happen. During our explorations we found the Lincoln Chapel. This was of great interest to Anne since her family lineage is linked to the Lincolns. Anne's grandfather, Thomas Beall's mother, was Sarah E. Utterback (Her maiden name). Her mother's maiden name was Sarah Hanks, the sister of Nancy Hanks, Abraham Lincoln's mother. Living near the Lincoln Chapel seems rather ironic. However, while scouring the cemetery next to the chapel, we found only one Lincoln headstone, that of John Lincoln. How he is related to Abe is not known. Anne's uncle did years of research on the relationships between the Beall's and Lincoln. He assembled a rather large collection of information, which includes a picture of Abraham Lincoln's mother. We were told this picture is rather rare and may be the only one in existence. Just thought this may be of interest to some of your readers.
Bill & Anne Little, Millmont

Moving?

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THANK YOU!

Delphia Shirk of Millmont would like to thank all that sent birthday cards, made telephone calls, and visited in celebration of her 80th birthday. Your kindness is much appreciated.

December Birthdays & Anniversaries

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| 1 - Vivian Shively | 14 - Levi Martin |
| 1 - Terry Witmer | 14 - Joe Schnure |
| 1- Kyle Blyler | 15 - Jane Benner |
| 1 - Robert Katherman | 15 - Terry Mensch |
| 2 - Robert Wagner | 17 - David W. Diehl |
| 2 - Lisa Schramm | 17 - Oscar Maust |
| 2 - Alma Bingaman | 17 - Anna Maria Maust |
| 3 - Gordon Libby | 18 - Leah Brubaker |
| 4 - Shanell Failor | 19 - Donna Maust |
| 5 - Jacque & Julie Libby - 1959 | 21 - Donald & Betty Zechman - 1956 |
| 5 - Gordon & Pauline Libby - 1960 | 21 - Anthony Guida |
| 5 - Perry & Brenda Klingman - 1987 | 21 - Kathryn Wert |
| 5 - Kimmy Smith | 22 - Pam Peffer |
| 5 - Perry Klingman | 23 - Paul & June Boop - 1943 |
| 6 - Terry Shively | 23 - Kurwin Martin |
| 6 - Sandra Wagner | 24 - Ernest Boney |
| 6 - Doris Fultz | 24 - Jeremy Beaver |
| 7 - Orvis & Betty Wallace - 1940 | 24 - Charity Yarger |
| 7 - Melvin & Doris Walter - 1956 | 25 - Christmas Day |
| 7 - Ivan Oberholtzer | 25 - Donald L. Shively |
| 8 - James Gross | 25 - LaRue Lyons |
| 8 - Nicole Gross | 27 - Colin Camp |
| 8 - Catherine Martin | 28 - Fred & Margaret Yarger - 1950 |
| 9 - Cheryl Shively | 28 - Ronald Cunningham |
| 10 - Wilma Brubaker | 28 - Etta Zimmerman |
| 11 - Nancy Heckman | 28 - Phares Zimmerman |
| 11 - Curvin Hoover | 29 - Charles & Lois Feaster - 1957 |
| 11 - Mike Hackenberg | 29 - Linda Dorman |
| 13 - Dennis Susan | 29 - Bob Wagner Jr. |
| 13 - Robert Vanatta | 31 - Leon & Lydia Zimmerman - 1992 |

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