



The Millmont Times

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Rev. John W. Yeisley

1866 - 1945

Have you ever heard of Rev. John W. Yeisley of Millmont? If that question were asked of current residents, few of them would answer yes. However, no other Millmont resident, past or present, was as widely known as Rev. John W. Yeisley. The circumstances surrounding that notoriety were the result of a lifetime dedicated to preaching, lecturing, publishing and managing a variety of businesses. Not only did he influence and touch the lives of family, friends, and neighbors, he also impacted the lives of people across this nation. By the time he passed from the scene in

1945, Rev. Yeisley had visited nearly every state in the Union.

John William Yeisley, born May 17, 1866, was one of six children of Elias and Rebecca (Lenig) Yeisley. While he credited Millmont as his birthplace, in actuality John Yeisley was born here eight years before this small village was founded. In addition to helping his parent's farm on the south side of Penns Creek, Yeisley spent his teenage years living with, and working for, the elderly Samuel Ruhl on his farm located west of the Rays Church.

Yeisley's elementary education was attained at "Brown's School." That schoolhouse was situated at the intersection of Creek Road and Shirk Road, west of Millmont, and has since been razed. Yeisley was able to further his education by attending the "Union Seminary" in New Berlin. He later pursued theological studies at several seminaries in Pennsylvania and Ohio. He studied one year at the Reformed Episcopal Seminary in Philadelphia before moving to Tiffin, Ohio where he continued his studies at Heidelberg Seminary. That was followed by a year of study at Wittenberg Seminary in Springfield, Ohio. John W. Yeisley was licensed to preach at Hamilton, Ohio in May 1898. His ordination into the ministry took place on May 17, 1898; the same day he celebrated his 32nd birthday.

Commencing his ministerial duties at St. Paris, Yeisley soon witnessed the fruits of his labor. When he took responsibility of the Tremont, Ohio charge, church membership totaled 137. Within a short period of time membership at the three churches comprising the Tremont charge grew to nearly 500 members.

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Millmont Mailbox by Postmaster Sam Smith



Even though it is the middle of winter, February is one of the busiest months at the Millmont Post Office. The event we all dread at the post office occurs. If you guessed snow, you're wrong, (Although it's certainly not our favorite!) MAIL COUNT! We must actually count every piece of mail that is to be delivered or processed everyday for four weeks! So if Bev or I seem distracted, please don't take offense, we're just concentrating on counting! The Ronald Reagan Stamp will be issued on February 9th. A new Love stamp: Love Bouquet will also be issued later in the month. We will be closed for President's Day on Monday February 21. Speaking of dreaded things, IRS forms are available in the lobby! The Credit/Debit machine is functional again; thank you all for your patience during the time it was inoperable due to the power surge. We also have Flat Rate Priority Mailing boxes available. These are great for Ebayers, as it costs only \$7.70 to send the box anywhere in the US regardless of weight or zone! One last update, I was lucky with the weather for my baseball card show, and had a great turnout at the Shikellamy High School for the fund raiser for the band.

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As Brigadier General in the Ohio Red Men's League, Yeisley proudly wore the uniform befitting the prestigious title he held

While ministering to his flock, Yeisley became owner and manager of Cornerstone Publishing of Ohio. Publications distributed by this company included: "The Reformed Review," the "St. Paris Era-Dispatch," the "Saint Paris News," and the official publication of the Prohibition Party, "Corner Stone." Yeisley was a strident supporter of the temperance movement. His involvement and outspoken views concerning the establishment of prohibition not only earned him a reputation, but it also garnered him considerable influence and recognition. While a resident of Ohio, the Prohibition Party of his district nominated him to be their representative in Congress.

In the early 1900's, Yeisley was an advocate for the election of U.S. Senator Warren Harding of Ohio to the office of President of the United States. (My late grandfather, Jacob G. Shively, was given the opportunity to reproduce copies of the correspondence that Senator Harding wrote to Rev. Yeisley in the early 1900's.) The ratification of the 18th amendment to the constitution in 1920, and the subsequent election of Warren Harding to the office of President of the United States one year later, was no doubt cause for celebration for Rev. Yeisley and his staunch supporters.

While living in Ohio, Yeisley's interest and involvement in various fraternal organizations continued to grow and expand. One of the organizations he devoted much of his time and attention

to was the "Improved Order of Red Men." The origins of the Improved Order of Red Men can be traced to 1765 when the group was known as the "Sons of Liberty." In December of 1773, members of that group, dressed in Indian attire, were responsible for dumping crates of tea into Boston Harbor. During its zenith in the early part of the twentieth century, the Improved Order of Red Men boasted a membership of more than one half million members.

Yeisley traveled throughout the country promoting the Red Men organization, and encouraging growth in its membership. He developed a reputation as one of the organizations best-known speakers and promoters. While living in St. Paris, Ohio he served as Sachem and Chaplain General of the Washeaugah Tribe in that city. He later moved up in the ranks of the Red Men's league of Ohio, attaining the rank of Brigadier General. He also traveled around the country on the Chautauqua lecturer circuit. Similar to tent revivals, these gatherings were intended to bring families together for a few days of inspiration, education, enlightenment, and enjoyment.

Following his return to Pennsylvania circa 1907, Yeisley began editing and publishing "The Times" of Mifflinburg. That newspaper was published from 1909 until 1911. With Yeisley's arrival in central Pennsylvania, the small community of Millmont became home to Washeaugah Tribe 529, Improved Order of Red Men, in 1910. Rev. Yeisley was selected chief of the local tribe. A portion of the three-story meetinghouse remains, and is located next door to the Beaver residence at 1440 Millmont Road.

The Red Men organization was the principal sponsor of a community picnic held at "Mohn's Grove" each August. Beginning in 1912, and continuing for a number of years thereafter, these events attracted considerable publicity. The picnics attracted thousands of people, including many local, state, and federal office holders. Politicians attended this one-day event to address the assemblage.

John Yeisley's first marriage was to Sarah Oberdorf of Mifflinburg. Sarah was born in 1862 and died in 1938. Together they were the parents of two children: Sutphen Charleton Yeisley (1888-1937) and Marie (Yeisley) Fernandez, who died in 1962. John

THE REX COMPANY, NOTING
Millmont, Union County, Pa.

GREETINGS FOR:

Christmas - Easter
Valentine - Birthday
New Year - Baby
Congratulation
Mother's Day - Gift
Convalescent
or any other occasion

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Envelopes, all styles,
weights and sizes
Special Forms, Etc.

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BIRD TALK

By Jim McCormick

“Trickle-down Economics.” It has been a most unusual winter so far—sixty degrees on New Years Day and no snow—even the birds are confused. On the fifteenth of January I heard a male House Finch singing his heart out. I thought the Finches might get first place this year in starting the Spring Sing; but after the temperature dropped to zero and the snow came, his enthusiasm disappeared. Normally, the Cardinals start singing just before the break of dawn about the first of February.

On a recent walk I was watching the birds after a recent spreading of manure on a field along Davis Road. There were several species of birds seemingly ‘feasting’ on the recent addition to their sparse winter food supply. This incident reminded me of something I had read when I was a student at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia in the early ‘80s. As I read the morning edition of the student paper, I saw the headline: “Communist Leader Speaks on Campus”. The fact that Penn is the home of the internationally renowned Wharton School of Business, an icon of Capitalism, made the title even more intriguing. Scanning the article I saw a quote from the speaker, Gus Hall, Chairman of the Communist Party of the United States. He was explaining his interpretation of President Ronald Reagan’s Trickle-down Economics this way: **“Trickle-down Economics** is like feeding chickens by overfeeding horses.” The idea was that we are the ‘chickens’ and whatever the ‘horses’ don’t digest is left over for us. The fact that Gus Hall was using a barnyard explanation was not a surprise to me. Gus Hall was born Arvo Kusta Halberg in northern Minnesota in 1910, in a community my wife and I have lived in. His father was a Finnish immigrant who helped organize the mineworkers on the Mesabi Iron Range and later was a founding member of the American Communist Party. Having grown up in the Fifties, the Senator Joseph McCarthy hearings and the TV series “I Led Three Lives”, were part of our lives—a Communist under every bed! People today don’t know what it was like in those days. In elementary school we had Atomic Bomb drills. “Put your hands over your head and get under your desks!” You’ve all seen what a nuclear bomb can do; what protection do you suppose that would have been? I remember hearing that Gus Hall sometimes returned to our area to visit his family. His brother had a large farm with frontage near a major roadway; it had a beautiful white fence with a prominent sign: “Halberg Arabian Horses”. I doubt if he overfed his horses, and I’m sure he fed his chickens the old fashioned way. Arvo Kusta Halberg died in New York City in October 2000; he was ninety years old and still the head of the now nearly defunct Communist Party his father had helped found nearly a hundred years earlier. This column originally started out to be about one of the ‘feasting’ birds, but somehow I got sidetracked. That story will have to wait for another time. I’ll give you a hint, however, that bird has ‘horns’. So, grab your binoculars and see if you can discover which bird I saw at the ‘feast’.

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and Sarah Yeisley’s marriage ended in divorce. On Thanksgiving Day, November 26, 1914, Rev. Yeisley married thirty seven year old Miss Lettie Mark of Millmont. She was the daughter of Millmont residents John W. and Mary Mark.

Rev. Yeisley was elected as pastor of the Buffalo Valley Reformed Church in February 1926. The Buffalo Valley charge consisted of congregations in Mazeppa, Vicksburg, Laurelton, and at Rays Church. His installation service, held at Rays Church in April 1926, was conducted before a record crowd. While ministering to his flock, Yeisley had opportunities to recall his early childhood living in the Ruhl farmhouse adjacent to the church. He remembered when the congregation of Rays Church decided to build a new brick sanctuary in 1883. As a young lad, he assisted with the erection of that church. Some of his efforts were directed at mixing the mortar used in the construction of the brick edifice. In October 1927, Dr. Mary Wolfe, Superintendent of the Laurelton Village, appointed Yeisley to the post of Chaplin.

The “Captain Thomas Church Camp – Sons of Veterans,” under the chairmanship of Rev. Yeisley, held their first “West End Corn Festival” near the Laurelton High School in October 1926. Little did the members know that the one-day festival they started would continue as an annual event. This festival will celebrate its 80th anniversary in August 2005. This weeklong gathering is currently known as the Union County West End Fair.

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Rev. John W. Yeisley and wife Lettie
(Mark) Yeisley.

During a July 2003 interview I conducted with Harold Schreckengast of Lewisburg, he shared his memories of Rev. Yeisley with me. He recalled chauffeuring the reverend to various churches throughout central Pennsylvania during the latter part of his ministry. While Schreckengast was behind the wheel of Yeisley's 1929 Ford, the preacher worked on the sermon he was about to deliver. Bellefonte, McClure, and State College were just a few of the destinations Schreckengast remembered driving Rev. Yeisley to for his speaking engagements. Schreckengast stated that he neither asked for, nor received, any compensation for his services. He recognized that the elderly pastor had a need for a driver, and he was more than willing to offer his assistance. According to Schreckengast, at the conclusion of the Sunday morning service Rev. Yeisley was often invited for dinner in the home of one of the parishioners. Yeisley's chauffeur was always invited for dinner as well.

Yeisley's retirement from the ministry occurred about 1936. With that retirement he was able to devote much of his energy and attention to the Rex Company he had formed many years earlier. While the exact year when the company was founded is unknown, an area newspaper indicated that it was formed in Sunbury, PA while Yeisley was a college student. In 1908, the Rex Company's primary office was located in Millmont. The small business flourished up until

Yeisley's passing. The company sold and distributed cards, calendars, religious books and materials. The Rex Company also supplied books, ledgers, and lodge jewelry to numerous religious and fraternal organizations. According to a newspaper account, the 1940 the Rex Company catalogue was distributed to nearly 25,000 customers.

The company's business affairs brought revenue as well as publicity to the town of Millmont. A number of people I have spoken with over the years remembered working for the Rex Company. The late Kenneth Shively recalled an era when supplies destined for the company were delivered by boxcar. Shively's father, Edmund, was also a salesman for the Rex Company. Helen Harter, an employee at the Millmont Post Office during the 1930's, recalled the volume of mail that was sent by, and delivered to, the bustling business that was headquartered on Penn Street.

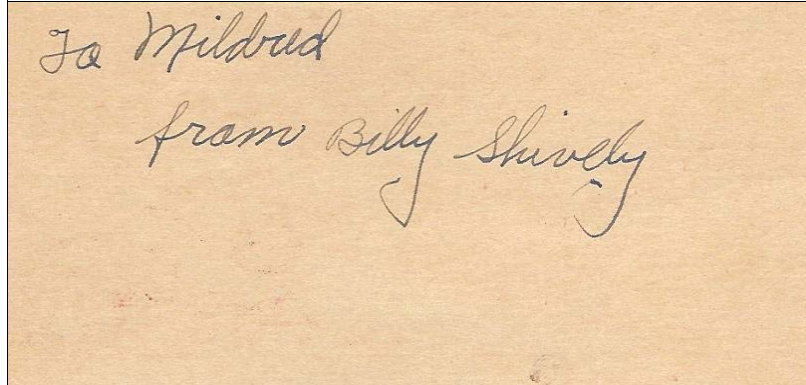
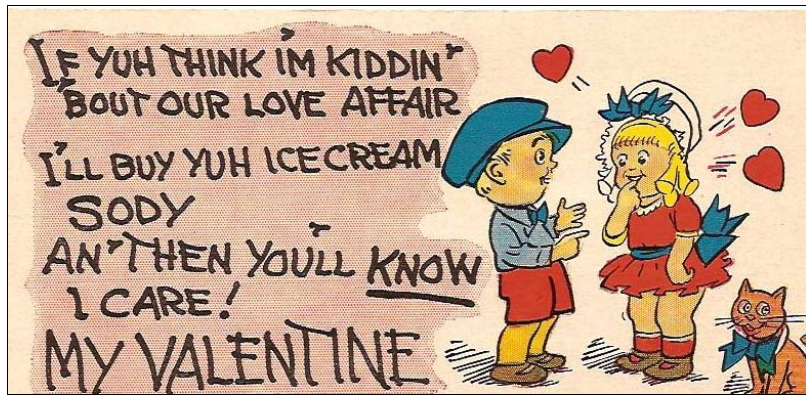
Lettie Yeisley died on March 23, 1945. The stress and anxiety over his wife's illness prompted Rev. Yeisley's own health concerns. Prior to Lettie's funeral service, which was held at their 18 Penn Street home, Rev. Yeisley was taken to Geisinger Hospital. Before being transported to the hospital, Yeisley asked to view his wife's body one final time. He remained in the hospital for the next 22 days, and died there on April 14, 1945. Rev. John W. Yeisley and his wife Lettie are buried in the Rays Church Cemetery.

Yeisley held memberships in numerous fraternal organizations at the time of his death, including the Order of Knights of Pythias, Junior Order of United American Mechanics, and Patriotic Order Sons of America. The Improved Order of Red Men, which Yeisley devoted a significant part of his life to, was not on his list of memberships. That organization had witnessed a serious decline in its membership. Interestingly, the group is still in existence with chapters operating in Pennsylvania and 17 other states. Prior to his death, the Milton Avenue University in Baltimore, Maryland, awarded Yeisley an honorary Doctorate of Divinity degree. The university gave recognition to the minister for his scholarship, his courage, and his service to others.

Yeisley's inventory of real and personal property at the time of his death was extensive. He owned a number of properties in and around Millmont, as well as properties in Dillsburg and Irvona, PA. Following his death, a large portion of the Rex Company was sold to Joseph Sheesley. A branch office of the company was sold to J. R. Tallon of Indiana. As a final act of devotion to the church he loved, the bulk of the Yeisley estate was willed to the Board of Missions of the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

Although born into humble surroundings, Yeisley strived to further his education. With hard work and determination he overcame many obstacles. Rev. Greene Shively knew Rev. John Yeisley well, and considered him a friend. Whenever Shively spoke of "self-made men," Yeisley's name always came to mind. Rev. Yeisley will be remembered as a crusading minister, evangelist, lecturer, and militant prohibitionist, and a man who was fearless and unwavering in expressing his convictions. He should also be remembered as a scholar, orator, writer, editorialist, publisher, businessman, and leader of numerous fraternal organizations. These are some of the attributes that made Rev. Dr. John W. Yeisley the man he was, and in the process, made him Millmont, Pennsylvania's most renowned citizen.

Valentines Day is February 14th



The Valentine above shows the front and rear view of a card that William "Billy" Shively of Millmont, sent to the late Mildred (Bingaman) Eisenhuth while both attended the red brick schoolhouse north of Millmont. Although undated, the card is circa early 1930's. This card was furnished to me by Darlene (Eisenhuth) Hackenburg of Millmont.

Love is like a violin. The music may stop now and then, but the strings remain forever.
June Masters Bacher

Thank You!

My thanks to Dolly Lucci, State College, PA, for donating a collection of newspaper clippings from the 1950's pertaining to people and "happenings" in the west end of Union County.

Thanks also to Delphia Shirk, Millmont, for loaning me some old newspaper clippings and photos.

Pardee Lumber Co

Jonathan Bastian, 393 Oil Well Road, Mifflinburg, PA, 17844, is continuing to research and gather information relative to the Pardee Lumber Company, and the village of Pardee. Bastian is planning to write a book about the lumbering operation that took place in the west end of Union County during the late 1800's and early 1900's. Anyone with any information or photographs that would be useful to Jonathan is encouraged to call 966.6009. You can also Email him at: jdbastian@dejazzd.com

Lewis Township Board of Supervisors Seeks Volunteer

The Lewis Township Board of Supervisors is in search of someone to accept a position on the board of the Municipal Authority. The person must be a resident of the township, as well as a ratepayer of the township wastewater treatment facility. If you are a resident of Millmont, Swengel, or Libby Road, and you would be willing to serve your community by serving on the authority, please contact one of three township supervisors: Henry Sanders at 922.1202, Doug Peffer at 922.1284, or Wayne Klingman.

The small photograph in the upper left hand corner of page one is a view of the Glen Iron Hotel, circa 1908. The photograph was taken by Photographer Steven B. Horton. It was provided to me courtesy of the late William Eisenhuth, who was born and raised in Glen Iron.

Recipe of the Month

By Janice (Dorman) Shively

Easy and Tasty Cinnamon Rolls

1 loaf frozen white bread dough, thawed in refrigerator overnight
Flour for dusting surface

Filling:

1 C. packed brown sugar
1 T. ground cinnamon
5 T. butter, softened

Icing:

8 T. unsalted butter, softened
1 C. powdered sugar
3 oz. cream cheese
1 tsp. vanilla extract

Preheat oven to 400°F.

Roll out dough on a lightly floured surface to form a 15 x 7-inch rectangle. In a small bowl, combine brown sugar and cinnamon. Set aside. Spread 5 T. softened butter over dough and then evenly sprinkle with cinnamon-sugar mixture. Starting at the long edge, roll up dough like a jelly roll. Cut roll into 16 slices and place in a lightly buttered 9 x 12 inch pan. Set aside in a warm place and allow dough to rise until doubled in size, about 1 hour.

Bake for 15 minutes or until golden on top. While the rolls are baking, combine the icing ingredients with an electric mixer until fluffy. Frost the warm rolls with the icing. Serve warm.



Meanderings

by
Hertha S. Wehr

America Today

I recently received an aluminum pan that was made in Minnesota. It got me to thinking about how few things you find with the made in USA label. We outsource so many jobs that we needn't wonder that our balance of trade is on the deficit side.

I read an article that had to do with how New York's piers are once again gaining prominence. It dealt with how ships were unloaded of containers, their turn around times, dock workers and how the containers were handled after being unloaded. But what really interested me was why the growth is happening.

The article mentioned how the west coast sea ports were king for a number of years. Then importers began to take a long, hard look at how they could shorten the time between docking and getting the merchandise to stores, hence to consumers.

New York began slipping in 1985 when so much merchandise began coming from the Asian countries. The usual docking was done in California and a smaller amount in Texas and Georgia. The containers were then piggy-backed by rail or truck to places of distribution. Sorting and reloading delayed distribution. Companies began to realize by using the Panama Canal they could place merchandise closer to the Northeast which is the biggest consumer marketplace. But they needed warehouse space to expedite unloading ships.

Warehouse construction began in Southeastern ports. Savannah, which Wal Mart adopted as one of their most important hubs, seems to have begun the trend. Then importers began looking at New York. Michaels, a chain of 850 arts-and-crafts stores opened a warehouse in Hazleton with 13

football fields worth of floor space. This warehouse is to serve stores from Maine to Maryland and as far west as Ohio. Lowes' has a distribution center in Pottsville. Vast warehouses have opened or are under construction in Central New Jersey where Home Depot and several other importers have decided to make their distribution centers. I understand rail lines are in the planning to connect these centers to the docks.

The shipping being sent to the east coast doesn't mean that the west coast is without shipping. Asian imports have become a flood. The New York Times reported that as many as 80 ships are sometimes waiting to unload.

I believe America has seen its glory days. We are becoming a second class nation. We are a nation of excesses. We squander our natural resources, we buy things we don't need or can't afford. Government reports tell us the average family owes \$8,000.00 on credit card balances. Since I and a lot of other people I know don't have unpaid credit card balances that means a lot of people owe much more than government reports indicate. I read recently where the combined salaries of the American Olympic basketball players amounted to more money than the entire gross spend-able worth of an African Nation. (I'm not sure of the country as I didn't record it, dummy me, but I think it was Rwanda.) We pay movie stars, rapsters, sports figures and CEO's outlandish money. I believe we need to re-think some of our priorities.

To get back to the shipping business. As an example, one ship that was monitored had 1120 containers on board at docking. For the return trip to Asia there were 667 loaded. Four hundred nineteen were empty, of the remaining 248, most were loaded with waste paper and scrap metal. The article didn't specify what the few, (from most) contained. We're becoming a nation of service jobs. We all better get used to less and expect less in benefits from government and employers.

Michael D. Kristof has this to say about Athens, Greece. He compared their many achievements in ancient days as a flowering of civilization. In just three generations, they nurtured democracy, became a superpower and produced some of the greatest artists, writers, philosophers and historians the world has ever known. But it became too full of itself. Athens' overweening military intervention abroad antagonized and alarmed its neighbors, eventually leading to its defeat in the Peloponnesian War--it betrayed its own wonderful values, alienated its neighbors and destroyed itself.

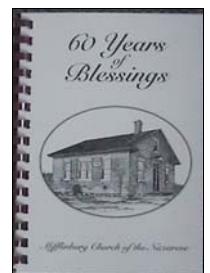
I think this sounds a lot like America today.

Commemorating the 60th anniversary of the Mifflinburg Nazarene Church

The following items are being sold to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the Mifflinburg Nazarene Church. Cookbooks with the Church's history for \$10.00, Hometowne Collectable



Wooden Replica's of the Church for \$15.00, and 5 1/2 inch Crock's for \$20.00. These items can be purchased by calling the Church office at: 966-0852.





The Dale/Engle/Walker house located off Strawbridge Road. Take Route 192 west from Lewisburg until you reach Strawbridge Road.

Black History Month Programs, sponsored by the Union County Historical Society

February 6th 1 PM and 4 PM at the Dale/Engle Walker house: two separate presentations by researcher and author, Jeannette Lasansky, "Slavery in Union County Set Within Context of the Northeast." Each talk will be followed by a tour of the 1793 kitchen where Dinah worked for the Dale family.

February 13th 2 PM at the Lewisburg High School Auditorium: one presentation by African-American author Juanita Patience Moss "African-American Soldiers in White Civil War Regiments" followed by book sale and signing; program co-sponsored with the local chapter of the Civil War Round Table.

February 20th 2 PM at the Dale/Engle/Walker house; one presentation by Susquehanna University Professor Kate Hastings "Near but Different: the African-American Communities in Milton and Union County in the 19th and 20th Centuries"; advance reservation advised and limited to 40 persons; call 524-8666 to secure a reservation

February 27th 1 and 4 PM showings of critically acclaimed "Safe Harbor," a recent DVD about the Underground Railroad in Pennsylvania **at the Dale/Engle/Walker house;** reservations required and limited to 30 per showing; call 524-8666.

NOTE: The Dale/Engle/Walker house is located off Strawbridge Road off of Route 192, west of Lewisburg.

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

Tuesday February 8: Pancake Supper, served with sausage and ham, will be held at the church from 5 p.m. until ? A donation for the meal would be appreciated.

Beginning Monday February 7 and continuing every Monday through March 21, members of the church will be making and selling Peanut Butter and Coconut Easter Eggs. Contact the church, Bev Catherman, or Shirley Kerstetter if you are interested in purchasing any candy.

Saturday March 5: A Pot Pie Supper will be held at the church from 3 p.m. until ? The cost of the family style supper of ham and chicken pot pie will cost \$7 for adults and \$3 for children. The meal includes coleslaw and applesauce.

West End Community Bible School courtesy of Shirley Kerstetter

On February 18 and February 19 the West End Community Bible School will be holding classes entitled "Winter Snow" which will pertain to the Book of Job and a discussion on the life of Job. The classes will be held at the Lincoln Chapel Church, and are open to the public. The class on Friday February 18 will begin at 6 p.m. The class on February 19 will begin at 10 a.m. Refreshments available both days.

Mifflinburg Area Relay For Life Events

Chocolate Covered Pretzels – double dipped, \$5.00 per pound. Orders due: Friday, February 4, 2005. Delivery by: Monday, February 14, 2005 (Valentines Day). To order call Sandy at 966-3641 or Gail at 966-3751. Team: Erdley Offshoots

Valentine Raffle Prizes: \$20.00 in Movie Money (can be used at any Cinema Center) 1 hour hot stone massage from Guided Touch, A box of purity candy, \$25.00 Gift Certificate to the Town Taverne, Inc. Restaurant, Tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00 Drawing to be held: Friday, February 11, 2005. Tickets may be purchased from any Pyramids of Hope Team member or by calling 966-6234. Team: Pyramids of Hope

Chicken Pot Pie Supper Saturday, February 26, 2005, 4:30 – 6:30 pm, New Berlin American Legion \$6.50 per person, Pot Pie prepared by: Cub & Lori Snook, Team: Wetzels.

The following are ongoing fundraisers: Sub and Pizza Cards, Good at Larrys Pizza and Subs in Mifflinburg, Cost: \$3.50 for a sub card and \$10.00 for a pizza card – a total savings per card of \$65.00

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Penlines from my Kitchen to Yours

By Lucy Hoover

Dear Readers,

December 24, 2004

We went to the Christmas program at Elsie's school this forenoon. The parents brought food along for a hot lunch after the program was over.

Marvin and Katherine Weaver of Mifflinburg have a second daughter. Her name is Melissa. Grandparents are Aden and Irene Weaver of Lewisburg, and Susan Waggoner of Mifflinburg.

December 25

Christmas Day! "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulders; and his name shall be called "Wonderful, Counselor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6

Baby Lorianna Joy was born today; the new parents are Kerwin and Ruth Ann Martin of Mifflinburg. Grandparents are Nathan and Mary Ella Martin of Millmont, and Norman and Ella Mae Martin of Lewisburg.

We had our Christmas dinner at Curvins' sister Carolyn and Ervin Hoover of Mifflinburg. In the evening we milked cows for Alson and Faith Martin of Mifflinburg. We lived on that farm for six years, so the setting was very familiar to us.

December 29

The barn and cowstable at Elton and Marie Nolt of Lewisburg burned down; they were able to get the animals out. The fire started by sparks from a chainsaw up in the barn.

January 5, 2005

We are having an all day rain. It is not the best weather for the barn raising at Elton and Marie's place, but the building was built anyway. The rain turned into snow towards evening, and the girls got to go toboggan riding for the first time this winter.

January 8

Esra and Lena Zimmerman of Mifflinburg have public auction to sell the things they do not need since they moved off the farm, and into a smaller house.

January 9

We were to Vicksburg Church, and then to Edward and Lucy Martin of Millmont for dinner. When we stopped at the traffic light in Mifflinburg, Marie asked, "Are we in Lancaster now?"

January 10

Brother Levi and Lauretta Brubacker of Millmont have their first daughter named Louise. She has one brother. Baby Louise was named after Lauretta's sister who died in infancy. Grandparents are Mrs. Milton Brubacker of Millmont, and Linus and Irene Martin of Mifflinburg.

Brian Zimmerman (4), son of Daniel and Verna of Mifflinburg, fell down from a stack of wood shavings in the chicken house. He was life-flighted to Geisinger Hospital. He had a concussion and was allowed to come home that night yet.

Amos and Almeta Horning's one-year old Edith of Middleburg had a six-day hospital stay. She is still on oxygen at home.

January 11

Our neighbors, Steven and Esther Martin, have a third daughter named Ruth. She also has two brothers. Grandparents are Allen and Anna Martin of Mifflinburg, and Harvey and Ruth Horning of Mifflinburg.

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Looking Back

The article below was originally published in the Union County Journal on February 12, 1926. It is copied here verbatim.

Rev. J. W. Yeisley Elected Pastor

Buffalo Valley Reformed Charge Chooses Native Son to Minister Unto Its Members

Rev. J. W. Yeisley has been elected as pastor of the Buffalo Valley charge of the Reformed church, comprising the congregations of Mazeppa, Vicksburg, Laurelton, and Rays.

Rev. Yeisley was reared in the western end of the county, spending the early part of his life with "Butler" Samuel Ruhl, who then possessed the farm now owned by Cyrus Ruhl. He was confirmed at Ray's church when only a boy of fourteen and at the age of eighteen he entered Union Seminary at New Berlin by permission of the West Susquehanna Classis, which classis accepted him as a student for the ministry.

Mr. Yeisley finished his studies in Ohio and was ordained as a minister of the gospel in that state, after serving as pastor for a number of years he went on the lecture platform with the Radcliffe Chautauqua. He later chose newspaper work as a vocation and served on dailies, weeklies and monthly publications throughout the state, and for the past five years has been organization manager for the P. O. S. of A. in this state and Maryland.

He will now again go back into the ministry and will serve the people of his home community, the parsonage for the present will remain at Millmont. There is much enthusiasm among the members of the Buffalo Valley charge since he has agreed to accept the charge, and the JOURNAL joins with a host of friends in wishing him success in his new fields of labor.

Thank You!!

I would like to thank the following people for making donations toward the publication of this newsletter: Internet subscribers, James R. & Sheridan G. Walter, Mifflinburg; Deane & Jeanne Shively, Turbotville; Karen & Barış Göktaş, Guildford, Surrey, England; and George & Daine (Wehr) Conneman, Ithaca, N.Y. I would also like to thank the following mail subscribers for sending donations, or an additional amount with their subscription renewal: Linn & Carol Mensch, Mifflinburg; Barbara Brundage, Lewisburg; Jim & Carol Shipton, Mifflinburg; Lucille Wagner, Richard & Cecelia Rothermel, Millmont; Donald & Betty Zechman, Carlisle; David & Vivian Shively, Mechanicsburg; Sadie Yoder, Lewisburg; Paul & Jane Foster, Camp Hill.

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I would also like to thank the following new mail subscribers: Barbara Brundage, Lewisburg; Luke Weaver, Lewisburg; Paul Zimmerman, Mifflinburg; Sam & Carolyn Susan, Mifflinburg; Daniel & Arlene Martin, Mifflinburg; Eli Shirk, Mifflinburg; Lucille Wagner, Mifflinburg, Peg O'Grady, Milton, Dorothy Brosius, Milton; Jim & Florence Boop, Mifflinburg. Thanks also to all those who renewed their subscriptions for an additional year. Your support is what helps to make this newsletter possible, and is greatly appreciated!!

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January 12

My mom, Leah Brubacker of Millmont, went to Williamsport to have laser surgery done on both eyes, it took three hours.

January 14

We had a comfort knotting here, to knot the friendship comforts that the family made to give to brother Nathan and John Isaac Hoover families before they move to KY. We also knotted a few comforts for Christian Aid Ministries.

Bible Quiz

LuLu Hoffman 882 Stover Road, Millmont, PA 17845, was the winner of the January Bible Quiz. The correct answer to the question: Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah. The individual responsible for the Bible Quiz each month would like to thank the following people for submitting an answer to the question: Amanda Oberholtzer, Marian Hoover, Sadie Yoder, Margaret Stutzman, Lena Susan, Madeline Kerstetter, Diane Martin, Kathy Reiff, Ian Weaver, Joyce Bartolo, Mervin Nissley, and Carolyn Susan.

The Bible Quiz question for February: What was the name of Jehoshaphat's first born son? The person selected with the correct answer will receive \$10. Send your answer along with your name and address to: Bible Quiz, Post Office Box 8, Swengel, PA 17880.

Please have your answer mailed to this address by the 20th of the month.

Remembrance

By James Russell Chambers

Maple Sugar

In our yard on the "White Springs Farm", Union County, Pennsylvania, we had three huge Maple trees. They were over 50 feet tall. The use of Maple Syrup and Maple Sugar was learned from the Indians of the Eastern Seaboard who had enjoyed this natural "sweetness" for ages.

In March when the days would turn warm, the sap would begin to flow. With a brace-and-bit, my Dad would drill a half inch hole, two inches into the tree trunk. Next he would find Elderberry stems about 18 inches long. He then cut the stems in half to within three inches of the butt end. Then he would punch the pith from the middle of the stem, thus forming a spout.

Four holes were drilled into each tree, a spout inserted and a bucket placed under each spout to catch the sap. On a real warm day it was necessary to empty the buckets three or four times. The buckets were emptied into a 50 gallon wooden barrel and kept in our summer house.

After we had acquired 100 gallons of sap, we pulled the spouts and the trees sealed themselves.

Each night the temperature would drop below freezing and the next morning we would find long icicles hanging on the spouts. My sister and I would grab a handful of sweet icicles to suck as we went on our way to school.

The sap was boiled to make Maple Syrup and Maple Sugar. The longer the sap boiled, the more dense the sugar content. When the boiling process reached the syrup stage, we dipped the syrup into bottles for future use and then continued to boil the sap until it reached the pure sugar stage.

I tell you now that it was mighty fine "eatin'" to sit down to a breakfast of sugar cured smoked sausage and buckwheat cakes with Maple Syrup.

Lewis Township News

Lewis Township Board of Supervisors - No report available.

Municipal Authority of Lewis Township January 4, 2005. Courtesy of Marge Schmader

The re-organizational meeting of the Municipal Authority of Lewis Township was held on January 4, 2005 at the Lewis Township Municipal Building, Millmont. The following, being members of the board of authority named in the articles of incorporation, were present: Jim Sanders, Ken Bair, Steve Bilger, Ken Strowbridge and Marge Schmader. Also present were Solicitors Ray and Melissa Lobos and Plant Manager Walt Scholl.

Election was held as follows: Chairman - Jim Sanders; Vice Chairman - Ken Strowbridge; Secretary - Marge Schmader; Treasurer - Temporary Ken Bair (Supervisors haven't replaced him yet and no one else wanted the position); Banking Institution - Mifflinburg Bank; Solicitor - Groover & Lobos; Plant Operator - Walter Scholl; Back Up Operator - Jason Koch; Engineering Firm - HRG.

The regular meeting of the Municipal Authority of Lewis Township was held immediately following the re-organizational meeting. The minutes of the December meeting were approved as printed. The treasurer's report was given. The checking account balance was \$10,455.87 and \$96,637.69 in CDs and was approved and filed for audit. A motion was made by Steve Bilger to pay the bills and seconded by Ken Strowbridge - so moved.

CORRESPONDENCE: Received the bills for the bonds for chairman and treasurer. Since we don't have a treasurer Ken Bair will remain for another month. Marge will contact Kilmer Insurance to see if we can bond him and then change it to a new treasurer when we have one. Steve Bilger made this motion and Ken Strowbridge seconded it - so moved.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Melissa had a report from HRG for this meeting. We needed to decide if we wanted to include the \$3500.00 HRG would charge for the Act 57 study. Steve Bilger made a motion to include the \$3500.00 in the grant proposal for the Act 57 study and Ken Strowbridge seconded it—so moved.

Melissa stated that Codes requires that anyone inspecting the laterals will need to have a plumbing certificate.

The surveys for the grant application need to be finished by Feb. 1 meeting. Steve is doing south of the village green; Ken Strowbridge is doing Swengel; Jim is doing Libby Road and Marge is doing north of village green.

PLANT OPERATOR UPDATE: Walt reported that his bill was higher this past month because a muskrat took over one of the marshes. It built a house over the discharge. Walt stated that the muskrat is a good harvester of the grasses on the marshes—maybe we should keep him!

Walt had to get another load of stones for the marsh that was overflowing.

OLD BUSINESS: Melissa reported that after a year and a half, she received the recorded lease. Now we can go ahead with the fencing as soon as we find out if we get the block grant money.

NEW BUSINESS: Jim would like to change the meeting time to 8 p.m. for the months of May through October. We will do this in April. That way Ken Strowbridge will have a better chance of making the meetings.

Meeting adjourned.

Lewis Township Village Green Recreation Association, Courtesy of Wendy Bilger.

A meeting of the Lewis Township Village Green Recreation Association was held on December 2, 2004, at the Lewis Township Municipal Building. President Dawne Shreckengast called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Other members of the association who were present at this meeting included: Wendy Bilger, Secretary; Pauline Shively, Joanna Snyder, Joe Smith, Kim Smith, Joey Smith, and Janet Renninger.

Minutes: Copies of the minutes from the October 7, 2004 meeting were approved as printed.

Treasurer's Report: No report was given.

Old Business: The Halloween Party was held in the Lewis Township Municipal Building on Saturday, October 23, 2004. There were approximately 35 children and adults in attendance.

New Business: Pauline Shively donated an artificial Christmas Tree that will be decorated with lights and placed in the gazebo.

Members will decorate the tree on Saturday, December 11, 2004 at 6:00 PM. We will wait until the December 16th bingo night to decide whether we will be continuing with bingo throughout the winter months. If we continue, supplies will need to be restocked. The next association meeting is scheduled for February 3, 2005 at 7:00 PM in the Lewis Township Municipal Building.

Letters to the Editor

Tony, Thanks for writing the article about my Aunt Marie (Sampsell). My Dad, Kenneth, had a bad summer and fall with losing my Mother and then his only sister. While at my aunt's services, he was conversing with some of the remaining "old timers" and it still amazes me about his recall of the past names and happenings of the village.

This subscription is for my Mother's sister, Mary Louise Wilson (Herendeen). She was raised in Swengel. Of the seven children in the Herendeen family, five survive. The oldest is my Aunt Lois (Daye), living in Fairfax, VA.

Thanks again for all you've done to keep the memories alive. If I lived close to the area, I'd certainly volunteer to help any way I could. Barry Blyler, Levittown, PA

Dear Sir, We look forward every month for the newsletter. Enjoy it very much, keep up the good work. Jim & Carol Shipton

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Tony, The Millmont Times is such a blessing to my husband and I. We greatly appreciate your making it available to us via e-mail—for free! I enjoy all the historical tid-bits and other news from my “home away from home.” Even 4,500 miles from where I was born and grew up, I can still feel connected to my family and my community.

From our home in England to you and that wonderful wife of yours, Thank You!! Lots of love from your sister and brother-in-law, Karen and Barış Göktaş (formerly (Karen Dorman), Guildford, Surrey, England P.S. Please accept this small donation as a gift from us for all your time and efforts.....Thank You!!!

Hello, I would like a years subscription of The Millmont Times. I liked to read it at my moms, Mrs. Mary Martin. I'm one of her many daughters. I grew up in Hartleton on a farm. I knew Janice's family while growing up. Thanks, Arlene Martin, Mifflinburg, PA

Dear Tony, Please use the enclosed check to help defray the cost of publishing your newsletter, The Millmont Times. Both my wife and I look forward to receiving and reading the paper. I try to share the paper with my in-laws, John and Helen Iddings. Consequently I can't use the Internet. When I discussed the possibility of using the Internet, my wife said “No, then I can't read it”. Keep up the good work. We enjoy the “Fruits of your labor.” Sincerely, Linn Mensch, Mifflinburg, PA

Dear Tony, Enclosed is a check for our 2005 subscription and a small extra contribution. We look forward to receiving the Times each month. Sincerely, Paul and Jane Foster, Camp Hill, PA

Dear Tony, Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$8.00. Jim and I would like to be added to your mailing list for The Millmont Times. I have heard many good things about your newsletter. Thank you, Florence Boop, Mifflinburg, PA

The enclosed check is to offset your cost of publishing. I am an email subscriber and appreciate all you do. The article on slavery is particularly interesting. Sincerely, Diane (Wehr) Conneman, Ithaca, NY

Dear Mr. Shively, Congratulations! On your recent marriage! We want to renew our subscription to your interesting newsletter. Being a bird enthusiast, I enjoy the column “Bird Talk”. Keep up the good work. Sincerely, David and Clara Swartzentru-ber, Middleburg, PA

Dear Tony, If anyone knows of an available copy of the Shively Family genealogy, I am very interested in obtaining one. Thank you, David A. Mitchell, P.O. Box 8271, Ketchikan, AK, 99901

Editors note: The book that David Mitchell is referring to is the Shively Family history published by Judy (Shively) Wagner in 1987. Anyone who has a copy they would like to sell, or if you know of a copy that is available, please contact David at the above address.

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

Thu. Feb. 21, 1935—fair. Worked in the garage til 9:30 then went with Paul Knause to the (School) Director's convention at the Lewisburg courthouse. Minutes read and adopted, roll call, Dr. Boyer read report. Election of officers—President—S. B. Miller, Miller went to C. P. C. (Central Pennsylvania College) same time I did. Myself—Vice President, Mrs. Hollucher, Secretary. I conducted the devotion. Ep. 1st chapter 5-8. A problem in addition. If we solve this problem in our own life we are prepared for the duties of today and if we assist the boys and girls to solve these problems in their lives they will be prepared for the duties of tomorrow.

The Directors Greatest Responsibility” by Dr. C. H. Gordneir—President of Millersville State Normal. Selection of teachers, considering—age, personal appearance, preparation. It has been said that teachers are born. Some should be born again and some would better never been born. One of the greatest qualifications of a teacher is to get pupils to do something for themselves. All that any one can do for any boy or girl is to provide the means of doing things.

Dr. M. S. Bentz, Sup. Cambria County Schools—supposed legislation—He said 143 bills were already in the hopper and others would follow. Education is what remains when we have forgotten what we learned at school. Education is knowing your job. I came home with Mr. Knause feeling more tired than if I had worked all day.

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No expiration date for either the sub or pizza card. To purchase a sub and/or pizza card call 966-3674 or 966-2596. Teams: Transylvania I and Transylvania II.

Commemorative Buttons 3-Year Set 1 each of the following buttons: 2003 “Down on the Farm” theme, 2004 “Tropical Islands” theme, 2005 “International” theme, Cost of set is \$6.50. Cost of individual buttons is \$3.00 each or 2 for \$5.00. Team: former CocoNuts.

Patriotic Buttons “God Bless America” - includes American Flag / Soldiers, “Support Our Troops” - either white background with flag, with American Flag and Cross or on yellow ribbon design. To order call 966-3729. Team: The CocoNuts

Raffle: Prizes: Brad Shoemaker Print – “Walk Down College Avenue” Boy & Dog Oil Painting, Penns Creek Pottery Vase, Hand-made Jewelry by Linda Boose. Drawing to be held: At the Mifflinburg Relay for Life - Saturday, June 18, 2005

For tickets or more information call Sandy at 743-1610

Miriam (Lamey) Galer, a former west end resident, has been in and out of numerous hospitals, rehabilitation centers, and nursing homes over the past five months. A somewhat routine operation scheduled for last September has resulted in serious health consequences for Miriam ever since. Miriam is currently receiving care at Manor Care in Sunbury. Anyone who would like to send Miriam Galer a get well card, or card of encouragement, may do so at the following address: Manor Care, 800 Court Street, Room 231 A, Sunbury, PA, 17801, c/o Miriam Galer.

Public meetings to be held in the Lewis Township Municipal Building

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

February Birthdays

- 1 – Eli Reiff
- 1 – Mary Jane Martin
- 1 – Robert Catherman, Jr.
- 2 – Karen Göktaş
- 3 – Tyler Walter
- 4 – Brad Walter
- 4 – Ruby Maust
- 8 – Fran Stroup
- 10 – Brenda Weaver
- 12 – Kimber Groff
- 12 – James Brubacker
- 12 – Matthew Dorman, Sr.
- 14 – Eric Mabus
- 17 – Marian Hoover
- 18 – Connie Englehart
- 19 – Emilie Jansma
- 21 – Helen Wert
- 22 – Pat Witmer
- 22 – Orvis Wallace
- 25 – Anna Mae Shuck
- 26 – Dawne Shreckengast
- 28 – Charlie Oxenford

- 14 – Valentine’s Day

**The Truth,
about Millmont, Pennsylvania**

By Jeff Libby

**It's winter in Pennsylvania
And the gentle breezes blow,
70 miles per hour at 25 below!**

**Oh, how I love Pennsylvania
When the snow's up to your butt.
You take a breathe of winter air
And your nose, it freezes shut.**

**Yes, the weather here is wonderful,
So I guess I'll hang around.
But I could never leave Pennsylvania
Cause I'm frozen to the ground !!!!**

**From your friends at:
Libby's Shoreside Campground**

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