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The monument above was erected in 1988 courtesy of the estate of Hope Swengel. It provides dates and information relative to some of the historic events that occurred the village of Swengel.

The Village of Swengel

In the Atlas of Union & Snyder Counties, published in 1868, the villages and hamlets of Millmont, Glen Iron, Weikert, Cherry Run, and Swengel do not appear. Less than a decade after that book was published dramatic changes occurred in the west end of Union County. After being dissected by the westward expansion of the Lewisburg, Centre, and Spruce Creek Railroad, the above-mentioned settlements rose up from the fertile farmland and wilderness areas.

Construction of the railroad west of Mifflinburg began in 1872 and continued over the next several years. By 1877 funding allowed the company to complete construction of the railway to Spring Mills in Centre County. Completion of the railroad proved to be a windfall to many, particularly those owning property adjacent to the rail line.

John and William Swengel owned property at the site of the village that today bears their name. Jacob G. Royer and William E. Smith were landowners one mile to the west. Royer, Smith, and the Swengel's were all astute entrepreneurs who acted quickly to take advantage of the land development opportunities.

Legend has it that a spirited rivalry erupted between Royer and the Swengel's when they learned that the railroad would be constructing a station to benefit the residents of nearby Hartleton Borough. These men attempted to sway railroad officials by making offers of land upon which they could build their station. Royer offered the railroad a nearly 5-acre tract of land, which was quickly accepted. A brick railroad station was built on land he donated, and the town of Millmont was born. One mile to the east, Swengel was obliged to accept a flag stop and siding.

The post office was established in February 1875 with Alfred Shipton accepting the appointment as Swengel's first postmaster. Lots in the new village of Swengel were offered for sale at \$31 to \$35 each. By 1886 nearly twenty houses were constructed in the community. At the turn of the century two stores, a blacksmith shop, and a grain elevator were also situated in the village.

According to the late Richard VB. Lincoln, the church at Swengel was erected in 1878 through the efforts of Rev. David Williams, a Baptist minister from Lewisburg. During its early history the church was used by various denominations before affiliating with the Luther-

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Millmont Mailbox by Postmaster Sam Smith

I hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday season. It's hard to believe another year is starting already! I'd like to thank everyone for their patronage during the past year and I look forward to meeting your postal needs this year. It was a busy mailing season again and I'm looking forward to things getting back to normal soon. Of course I'm still going to be busy until my baseball card show on January 6th, 2007 at the Shikellamy High School is successfully completed. I was fortunate this year to be able to find three local baseball players that agreed to help me out and sign autographs at the show: Kelly Sweppenhiser from Herndon, Bobby Felmy from my hometown of Sunbury, and from Mifflinburg, Kyle Walter! If you have cabin fever, are tired of leftover turkey, collect cards, or just want something to do, stop on by and meet these young men who will hopefully be future major league baseball players. I have been asked if there will be a rate increase soon. No definite date has been set, but I understand that tentatively sometime in May is possible. Like everyone else, the price of gasoline has really impacted our operations and raised our costs, and an increase is likely. I will let everyone when and how much as soon as I know for sure. The Post Office will be closed on Monday, January 15, 2007 to honor Martin Luther King.

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This photograph of the Swengel Band was taken in 1914. In the front row left to right, is James Catherman, unknown, Luther Yarger, Archie Walter, Henry Schnure, unknown, and unknown. Back row left to right, Lester Ruhl, Clarence Feaster, Linn Catherman, Blaine Catherman, Jacob Knauss, Charles Knauss, unknown, unknown, Paul Knauss, and unknown.

ans. Following the merger of the Lutheran congregations located at Swengel, Hartleton, Laurelton, and Rays the church was closed. The bell, once housed in the steeple of the Swengel church, is among the four that now hang from the bell tower at Christ Lutheran Church at the intersection of Routes 45 and Four Bells Church Road.

Members of the Evangelical Association leased a 10-acre parcel of ground from William Swengel in the 1880's. There they erected a number of cottages and other conveniences for their annual encampment. Included in the late Rev. Greene Shively's diary are several entries that mention the Swengel encampment. On Saturday August 21, and Sunday August 22, 1886, he noted his attendance at "Campmeeting" in "Swengelville." His August 22nd entry mentioned that several thousand people were reported to be in attendance.

Swengel was home to numerous merchants during its history. W. H. Zaring was operating a dry goods store in 1884. In 1890 Wolff Freedman was selling ladies and men's shoes

from "\$1 and up." Prices on children's shoes were "too low to mention" in The Mifflinburg Telegraph advertisement he placed. Freedman's ad also offered dry goods, groceries, clothing, notions, and "ginghams, all styles, all lines, from nothing up."

William Feese operated a general merchandise store in Swengel in 1891, and William L. Burd and Co. was located in the village by 1893. Burd also served as Swengel postmaster for a number of years prior to his death in 1913. His two sons, Clarence L. and Arthur R. Burd each followed their father in the general merchandise trade. Upon his death, Clarence succeeded his father as postmaster at Swengel. In addition to his postmaster duties, Clarence engaged in the wholesale distribution of feed and grain.

Arthur R. Burd operated a general merchandise establishment in the village of Swengel for a number of years before relocating his business to Mifflinburg. Other general merchandise establishments in Swengel included those operated by Elmer Boob, and Willard Hackenberg.

In 1884 a number of community residents organized the Swengel Cornet Band. Four members of the Knauss family, William, Schem, Jacob, and Charles, were among the early members of the band.

Two years after the band was founded they engaged Milton Halfpenny, of Swengel, and Charles Hursh, of White Springs, to build a bandwagon. The seven-seat wagon, which was pulled by a four-horse team, was used in local parades and festivals. The bandwagon was on display at the Union County Sesquicentennial celebration held at the West End Fairgrounds in 1963. Unfortunately, this unique bandwagon was sold to an individual from outside the area at public auction in 1964.

The Swengel Schoolhouse, now home to C & S Woodworking, was constructed in 1889, according to historian Mary Belle Lontz. This schoolhouse replaced the previous brick school that was built 50 years earlier. The original brick school was the first of its kind in the west end of Union County.

Families associated with the early history of Swengel include Spigelmyer, Ruhl, Knauss, Shipton, Halfpenny, Knauer, and others. By the 1950's, names such as Walter, Yarger, Herendeen, and Reiner were more commonly known throughout the community.

Archie Walter, who passed away in 1976, was a farmer, schoolteacher, county commissioner, and substitute mail carrier. Archie taught in the Pike and Swengel schoolhouses. He was a member of the Swengel Cornet band, having joined in 1897. Archie served as Union County Commissioner from 1932 until 1940. He was the substitute mail carrier for the Millmont Post Office for many years. Archie and his wife, Pearl, were both active members of the Millmont P.O.S. of A. He was affiliated with that organization for 50 years.

Although Archie and Pearl had no biological children, they were like parents to children who grew up in the village of Swengel. Helen (Schnure) Harter recalled spending many of her childhood days with Archie and Pearl Walter. Archie was sexton of the Old Cedars Cemetery in Swengel for a number of years, the same cemetery where he and his wife rest today.

Luther Yarger and Carrie Hassinger both graduated from the Lewis Township High School in 1910. Soon after their graduation Luther and Carrie began teaching school. Luther taught at grammar schools at Cedar Run in White Springs,

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BIRD TALK

By Jim McCormick

“Here was today’s ‘small’ surprise; the ‘large’ surprise was yet to come.” I should have known it was going to be an unusual day, when I heard a couple of Robins chirping on this Sunday morning in mid-December. The morning was crisp, but there was no wind, something rare this December. I watched a few more birds in town, then, headed for the concrete bridge. I was thinking I should be seeing the Kingfisher, and just as I had given up, I heard that characteristic rattle as it flew to a branch overhanging Penns Creek. I had started up Canada Drive, when I saw a small bird fly past me and land on the lower trunk of a nearby tree--it was the elusive Brown Creeper. I have only seen these birds once every two to three years along Penns Creek. It is a very interesting little brown bird with a curved beak. It has a distinct feeding pattern; landing on the lower trunk of a tree and ‘creeping’ up the trunk to the crown and then quickly flying to the lower trunk of another tree. Unlike the woodpecker that digs into the bark searching for food, the Brown Creeper’s beak is like a powerful little vacuum cleaner, scooping up its food as it moves up the trunk. I watched this little creature as it moved from tree to tree, busily going about its business. I have seen White-breasted Nuthatches coming down the trunk of a tree, as a Brown Creeper was going up the same trunk. **“Here was today’s ‘small’ surprise; the ‘large’ surprise was yet to come.”** Continuing on my walk, I reached the Wigwam along Canada Drive and noticed a great deal of activity. In Swift’s campsite I, again, saw a Brown Creeper. Was it the same one I had just been watching or another one? It seemed like every tree had some bird flying into or out of it. It was like a bird orgy. Everywhere I looked there was a different type of bird. There were the Nuthatches coming down the tree trunks—Akk, akk, akk...! Black-capped Chickadees were hanging upside-down in the pine trees feeding on the pine cones and Tufted Titmice were calling to each other nearby. On the ground on the side of the road was a small band of Dark-eyed Juncos combing the grasses for fallen seeds. A Red-bellied Woodpecker flew into a tree nearby, and a Downy Woodpecker quickly followed. I almost couldn’t decide where to look next. And finally to top it all off, I saw a couple of small birds busily flitting from branch to branch in the upper reaches of a large oak. It looked like the distinctive activity of Kinglets, but I usually never get to see them long enough to tell if they are really Kinglets or not. Not today! Not only did they come down where I could see them, I actually got to see the distinctive yellow crown of the Gold-crowned Kinglet (little king). In past years I have seen Ruby-crowned Kinglets at this very same spot. I was actually starting to get dizzy with all this activity. By the time I reached the Covered Bridge, I was starting to wonder how much more of this I could take. Hang on, it’s not over yet; down stream I saw another Kingfisher flying just above the surface of Penns Creek. After catching my breath I headed up Shirk Road. Eastern Bluebirds were perched on the wires overhead. Nearing the end of Shirk Road I also saw, first the beautiful blue-colored male American Kestrel and then the brown-colored female. As I made the final turn on Shirk road, I was thinking the only bird I haven’t seen so far is the Great Blue Heron. I looked up and flying parallel to Davis Road was a large bird I at first thought was a Heron, but, as I focused on the bird, I thought to myself, *“Mon dieu, it’s a Bald Eagle!!!!”* Here was today’s ‘large’ surprise! I watched it fly over the hill; what a magnificent, majestic bird!! All these birds are out there just waiting for you to grab your binoculars and take them all in!

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Swengel Schoolhouse

and Millmont. Carrie taught at the Salem Schoolhouse until her marriage to Luther in 1917. It was after his marriage that Luther was appointed to the position of rural mail carrier for the Millmont Post Office, a position he held for more 43 years. He was also an active member of the Swengel Band. Luther also had a passion for local history, and he enjoyed sharing his knowledge with others. Some of his writings can be found in “The Story of a County” published in 1963.

Irwin C. and Myra Belle (Cole) Herendeen were also well-known residents of Swengel. They were owners of The Bible Truth Depot, which Irwin established in Swengel in the early 1900’s. Through his publishing business, Herendeen became acquainted with author and theologian Arthur W. Pink (1886-1952). In the late teens and early 1920’s Herendeen published numerous religious writings authored by Pink, a

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A view of Orchard Road looking south through the village of Swengel circa 1940. From the collection of Mary (Dale) Wehr.

native of Nottingham, England. Pink, who immigrated to the U.S. in 1916, was pastor at numerous churches across America and Australia. He died in Stornoway, Scotland in 1952. Irwin Herendeen, also an author and theologian, passed away in 1982 at the age of 99.

Donald Reiner, a native of Buffalo, New York, moved to Swengel in 1958. He was appointed postmaster that same year. It was also during that year that he and his wife, Dorothy (Burns) Reiner, purchased the Bible Truth Depot from Irwin C. Herendeen. A publisher and distributor of Christian literature, they renamed the business "Reiner Publications." Reiner subsequently purchased the former Zion Lutheran Church, which became hub for the business. This building also housed the Swengel Post Office for a number of years. Donald was active in

the post office and his bookstore until his death in 1986. Following the death of her husband, Dorothy became postmaster, a position she held until 1992.

The arrival of the rail line at Swengel spurred rapid growth in the village after it was founded in 1874. However, that growth spurt was short lived. The railroad, which brought life to the community, is now gone. The general merchandise stores, an important part of the social fabric of any small community, have all disappeared. The building that once housed Burd's Store, and later Hackenberg's, was destroyed by fire a number of years ago. E. J. Boop's store building is now the home of Terry, Patricia, and Stacey Witmer. Patricia, who is the current postmaster at Swengel, has dedicated a portion of that home for use as the post office.

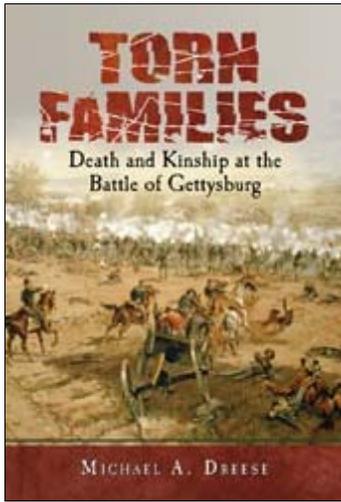
The schoolhouse that provided an early education to generations of Swengel residents was shuttered in the 1950's. The Swengel Band, which provided musical entertainment for the community, has been silent for many years. The former Zion Lutheran Church has been converted to a dwelling, and is now occupied by the Daryl Willow family. The residence formerly occupied by Luther & Carrie Yarger is now home to the Allen and Pauline Martin family. Martin utilizes a portion of their home to produce custom-made flintlock rifles.

My thanks to Ruth (Yarger) Diamond, Indialantic, Florida; William Chappell, Mountain Top, Pennsylvania; Patricia Witmer, Swengel; and Helen (Schnure) Harter, Lewisburg for their help with this article.

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The stone crusher on the ridge east of Swengel. From the collection of Delphia Shirk.



Michael A. Dreese, an Internet subscriber to The Millmont Times of Kreamer, Pennsylvania, has recently published a book entitled “Torn Families *Death and Kinship at the Battle of Gettysburg.*” The description and information below is courtesy of the McFarland Online Catalog. ©2004 McFarland & Company, Inc., Publishers, Box 611, Jefferson NC 28640, (336) 246-4460. <http://www.mcfarlandpub.com/book-2.php?isbn=0-7864-2824-4>

The Battle of Gettysburg lasted only three days but involved more than 160,000 soldiers—Union and Confederate. Seven thousand died outright on the battlefield; hundreds more later succumbed to their wounds. For each of these soldiers, family members somewhere waited anxiously. Some went to Gettysburg themselves in search of their wounded loved ones. Some were already present as soldiers themselves.

In this book are extraordinary—and sometimes heartbreaking—stories of the strength of family ties during the Battle of Gettysburg. Fathers and mothers, siblings and spouses all suffered together, even as they drew strength from one another.

Their stories are told here with the help of excerpts from diaries, letters and other correspondence, which provide a first-hand account of the human drama of Gettysburg on the battlefield and the home front.

The 7 x 10 hardcover book contains 52 photographs, notes, bibliography, index 232pp, and is priced at \$45.

About the author: Michael A. Dreese is the author of five books including *The Hospital on Seminary Ridge at the Battle of Gettysburg* (2002) and *The 151st Pennsylvania Volunteers at Gettysburg* (2000). He is an award winning photographer and his articles have been published in numerous periodicals and journals.

Shively's Garage Wooden Miniature

The seventh wooden miniature produced by Hometowne Collectables for the Lewis Township Village Green Recreation Association features 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, and those who would like to purchase this issue, may do so by contacting Delphia Shirk at 922.4222.

The cost of the wooden miniature is only \$17. All proceeds from the sale of the wooden miniatures benefits the Lewis Township Village Green Recreation Association.

Public meetings to be held in the Lewis Township Municipal Building

- ▶ Municipal Authority of Lewis Township, the second Thursday 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.
- ▶ Lewis Township Village Green Recreation Association, meeting to be announced.

If a man is called to be a street sweeper, he should sweep streets even as Michelangelo painted, or Beethoven composed music, or Shakespeare wrote poetry. He should sweep streets so well that all the hosts of heaven and earth will pause to say, here lived a great streetsweeper who did his job well.

- Martin Luther King, Jr.



Meanderings

by

Hertha S. Wehr

Appeals For Funds

Several weeks ago I received a letter asking for a donation for Application Children. I had never heard of their organization but it got me to thinking about all the appeals I receive. I grabbed a pencil and paper and began to list those I could remember. After I got to twenty-five I stopped writing.

I then listed those to whom I give regularly. These, for the most part, are local organizations, that I know something about their spending plan, and how much good they do. I might know something about their plans but I don't always agree how they spend money, but hope they will do better in the future. Maybe a new board member will provide some insight that will change some minds. I hate it when all the board members agree without even discussing the issue.

Being satisfied that I scrutinized the locals I then remembered some appeals that I had forgotten to mention. When I finished I had a total of thirty-eight. That did not count the telephone calls that I have no trouble saying that I never give to telephone solicitations and hang up.

Then I began to wonder how all these organizations are able to contact me. First I looked at the way my name is written, how they spell it, if they use my middle initial and if they have the address correct. Many of the appeals get no further than the waste paper can. I don't like to be called Bertha Wehr. Sometimes I read their literature and they always have a well-written letter with lots of reasons why I should give to their cause.

Of course most of them have some kind of enclosure that is aimed at making you feel guilty if you don't contribute. The latest one I got had a check enclosed for two dollars and fifty cents. It went on to explain

that the check was perfectly legitimate and I could cash it. Of course they wished I wouldn't and if I did, perhaps I'd like to send them something more to cover the check, mailing, and a donation of twenty-five dollars would help their cause tremendously. That one I had no trouble disposing of, check and all the literature. I've been wondering how long it will take them to send me a reminder that I haven't cashed their check.

I guess that leads into my next gripe about mailings. If you send the charity something it is only a short time until you receive another appeal. There are some that I don't mind giving to once a year but when only a month goes by and they ask for another donation, they are almost asking me to take them off of their list of people who donate. One of the things I also wonder about is how much money they spend on postage. I know they don't pay the .39 cents you and I pay, but it surely must cut into their ability to spend money on their projects when they have to send numerous letters to secure one donation.

Lately I've received Christmas cards from several organizations. I don't care for the cards; they are just not the type I prefer to send. I'm not sure what to do with them; the Scotch in me hates to throw them in the waste paper can. Maybe if I had a dog I could use them to paper the doghouse. I just can't think of any good use for them. However, they still lay on my desk. No wonder I can't seem to get my desk cleared off.

I sometimes wonder how the money is handled after it goes to the organization. I've seen several articles in the newspaper lately about local organizations where trusted people have been pocketing money that belonged to the organization.

All organizations should have more than one person checking donations that are given. Not only are dishonest people stealing from the organization but they are dishonoring the giver, and giving the organization a bad name. I was once the victim in such a fiasco and when it was straightened out I didn't even get a note of apology. Guess no one wanted to admit such a thing could happen.

If you are wondering if I give to all the appeals I get. Heavens, no. I don't give to half of them. If I did I would have to start a charity of my own.

Don't worry, I'm not starting a charity and you won't be getting an appeal from me. On that happy note I wish you and yours a Happy New Year, Good Health and Good Cheer.

This is the beginning of a new day. God has given me this day to use as I will. I can waste it or use it for good, but what I do today is important, because I am exchanging a day of my life for it! When tomorrow comes, this day will be gone forever, leaving in its place something that I have traded for it. I want it to be gain, and not loss; good, and not evil; success, and not failure; in order that I shall not regret the price I have paid for it. - Anon

Remembrance



Roger Martin Shively, 90, of 2015 Kaiser Run Road, entered into eternal rest at 11:12 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2006, at Evangelical Community Hospital, Kelly Township, Union County. He was born Sept. 14, 1916, in Lewis Township, a son of the late Clarence Edward and Mary Sophia (Miller) Shively. On April 14, 1951, at the Lutheran Church in Hartleton, he married the former Doris Marie Hess, who survives with 55 years of wonderful memories of their life together.

Mr. Shively was a 1934 graduate of Mifflinburg High School. In July 1941, Roger enlisted in the Army, serving in seven foreign countries until his honorable discharge in November 1945. During his years in the Army, he received the following medals: Bronze Arrowhead, American Defense Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, European African Middle Eastern Theatre Service Medal with one Silver Star and two Bronze Stars, American Theatre Service Medal and five Overseas Service Bars.

Mr. Shively was a dairy farmer for 55 years in Lewis Township, Union County. Roger was a member of First Church of the Nazarene, Mifflinburg. Mr. Shively was a member of Thomas H. Clapham Post 410, American Legion, Mifflinburg and the Union County Farm Bureau and had an Honorary Keystone Farmer Degree from the Pennsylvania Association of Future Farmers of America. He enjoyed carpentry, maintaining his property and spending time with his family.

In addition to his wife, surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Brad R. and Wanda J. Shively of Millmont and Brian R. and Barbara J. Shively of Millmont; three grandchildren, Erika J., Travis J. and Patricia J. Shively, all of Millmont; two sisters, Nessie S. Watson of Mifflinburg and Hertha S. Wehr of Mifflinburg, as well as his extended family and friends.

He was preceded in death by six brothers, Clark A., Fred E., T. Ralph, G. Luther, Ned M. and Lynn R. Shively, and two sisters, Nellie S. Mitch and Fern S. Klose. Military honors were accorded by Thomas H. Clapham Post 410, American Legion, Mifflinburg. Burial was in Hartleton Cemetery, Hartley Township, Union County.



Edgar G. Shively, 78, of 3240 Creek Road, passed away on Friday, December 29, 2006, at the Evangelical Community Hospital, Lewisburg. He was born Sept. 3, 1928, in Millmont, a son of the late Jacob and Florence (Catherman) Shively. On April 4, 1953, he was married in Mill-

mont to the former Betty J. Boop by his grandfather, the Rev. Greene Shively. Edgar owned and operated Shively's Garage in Millmont from 1963 until his retirement in 1990. Prior to owning the garage, he worked for his father, Jacob, since the age 14. He was a 1945 graduate of Mifflinburg High School.

A veteran of the Korean Conflict, he served in the Army 748th Engineers Supply Battalion at Fort Dix, N.J.,

and Fort Belvoir, Va.

Mr. Shively attended the Mifflinburg Assembly of God Church, where he was a member of the adult Sunday school class. He enjoyed hunting and walking through the mountains, and was a life member of the National Rifle Association.

He especially enjoyed spending time with his granddaughters.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are two daughters and one son-in-law, Vickie M. and Donald Gordon of Mifflinburg, and Cynthia L. Shively of Millmont; two granddaughters, Elizabeth J. Gordon and Sarah L. Gordon, both of Mifflinburg; and five brothers, David Shively of Mechanicsburg, William Shively of Millmont, Donald Shively of Millmont, Harold Shively of Geneva, Ohio, and the Rev. George Shively of Mifflinburg.

Private services, with the Rev. Keith Bingaman officiating, were held at the convenience of the family.

Burial was in Lincoln Chapel Cemetery, Hartley Township.

From the guest book page of Edgar's online obituary in The Sunbury Daily Item, December 31, 2006.

Edgar, on hearing of your passing, I was reminded of a poem written by your father, my grandfather, Jacob Shively. He had a handwritten copy of this poem placed into a book he had given me for my high school graduation in 1966. I memorized his poem and have carried it in my heart ever since. I hope you'll appreciate it, too. I'm picturing you and Jake standing by that stream right now, and I miss you both. Your nephew, Terry Shively, Bellefonte, PA.

My "Mountain Walk" by Jacob Greene Shively

The city's streets have no allure for me,
Nor all its architecture, grand and high;
Give me a quiet stream with waters clear,
The mountains towering up against the sky.
And 'though men twit me for my "mountain walk,"
I'd not exchange it for the neater stride.
Of any man who walks the city's streets,
And in its confines chooses to abide.

Recipe of the Month

By Janice (Dorman) Shively

Oatmeal Bread

4 C. boiling water
2 C. quick or rolled oats
1 C. whole wheat flour
½ C. brown sugar
2 TBSP. salt
4 TBSP. butter or margarine
2 pkgs. Dry yeast
10 C. occident (bread) flour (approximately)

Pour boiling water over oats, whole wheat flour, brown sugar, salt, and butter. Stir together and let cool to lukewarm.

Dissolve yeast in 1 C. warm water, add to batter. Mix in enough flour to make elastic dough. Place in greased bowl, let rise. Punch down, let rise until double. Punch down again and shape into four loaves. Place in greased loaf pans, let rise until double.

Bake at 350° for 30 minutes (approximately). Remove from

loaf pans and brush the top of the bread lightly with butter or margarine. Allow to cool for at least 30 minutes before cutting the bread. (Tip: I save my butter / margarine wrappers in a Ziploc baggie in the freezer. Then, when I make homemade bread I simply take a wrapper from the freezer and rub across the top of the hot bread. No mess!)



My Mom, Linda Dorman, shared this recipe with me years ago. We grew up a family of seven, so a batch of bread to make four loaves was adequate. However, when I make Mom's recipe I cut everything in half so that I have two regular size loaves of bread, or four miniature loaves. Also, I've experimented and eliminated one of the "rise" steps. This yields a more dense loaf of bread than the very light and airy version Mom makes. The bread freezes well too!

Honey Butter is one of my Dad's (Henry Dorman) favorite bread toppings. To make honey butter combine a stick (½ C.) of soft butter or margarine and 2 TBSP. of honey. Stir together and spread on warm or toasted bread.

ENJOY!

Letters and E-mails to the Editor

Hi Tony...another local personality that had a tremendous impact far beyond Union county. As an adult Sunday School Teacher, my Bible studies brought me in contact with the writings of Arthur W. Pink, a scholarly Bible Commentator who wrote prolifically during the early 20th century. Imagine my amazement while searching eBay for his books to discover his publisher was Bible Truth Depot in Swengel, PA! Upon doing a little more Internet digging, I found he lived and wrote in Millmont for about a decade, and walked to Swengel each day to deliver his new copy and proof new works coming off the press. Pink was relatively unknown during his lifetime and especially while living in Millmont, but his writings have since become popular within serious Bible commentary circles. Original Pink publications from Bible Truth Depot Swengel appear now to be collectible items, regularly drawing over \$30 on eBay. Many Internet Web sites have made Pink's writings available as free downloadable PDF's. Not sure if your historical journeys with TMT ever crossed Pink's path.

Bill Chappell, Mountain Top, PA

Dearest Tony & Janice, Please accept this gift as a token of my sincerest gratitude for all the hard work and never-ending responsibilities the TMT affords you both. I have been blessed time and time again - sometimes to tears - as I read the issues you send to me in Scotland. Though I am far from the home I love, I can stay connected to the stories and people I grew up around when I was much younger. The TMT keeps memories of loved ones close to heart, and I hope to share each issue with my daughter as she grows and asks me where I came from. May God continue to bless you in all you do - we all love you and miss you!

Karen, Bariş and Selin Göktaş, Aberdeen, Scotland

Tony & Janice, Greetings to you this Holiday Season! We have enjoyed another year of reading the Millmont Times! Rick's brother, Donald Boop, has commented many times that he certainly appreciates receiving the paper, as does my mother, Shirley Katherman. May you enjoy the Christmas Season and many blessings to you for the coming New Year!

Rick & Susan Boop, Millmont

Thanks so much. As always I enjoyed it so much. Seeing the names that I am familiar with from being in Aaronsburg and Millheim and the surrounding area always makes me feel happy. It reminds me of the visits with Grandma and Grandpa.

Susan Hammitt, Columbia Heights, MN

Dear Tony, Thank you for taking us on a journey back through time again this past year. Your articles are most enlightening to those of us that have grown up in the area. This little Village of Millmont was and is a great place to live. Your life is

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Penlines From my Kitchen to Yours

November 18, 2006

Two van loads from here went to the Penn Valley Deaf Retreat for the day. The topic was "Bloom Where You Are Planted." The teacher of my class said, "If we do not bloom where we are planted, we are just growing as a weed." So let us all try to bloom wherever God planted us.

November 23

Thanksgiving Day! We were all to church. Minister Eli Burkholder of Kutztown was there. Also lots of other visitors.

Edna Jane Martin (20), daughter of George & Edna Martin of Lewisburg, needed to be taken to the E.R.

John & Esther Nolt and family of Mifflinburg were on their way home from his brother Daniel's this afternoon in their horse & buggy. They went down over a six-foot bank to avoid being hit by a car that was coming toward them, which had lost control. The buggy flipped over further down the road. Everyone is OK, but the buggy was nearly demolished.

November 27

Steven & Ruthie Hoover of Mifflinburg have a son named Keith Loren. He has two brothers. Grandparents are Joseph and Margaret Hoover of Mifflinburg, and Harvey and Ruth Martin of East Earl.

November 28

I told Marie that she may decorate the teddy bear cake that I baked for her birthday tomorrow. She thought that was special.

December 3

We went to Martindale Church where our deaf friend, Nelson Zimmerman, lives. I believe the last time I was at that church was for my grandpa Brubacker's funeral, 25 years ago. We did not know very many people, but they were sure a friendly group! In the afternoon we visited Nelson's family. He has a wife and four children (all hearing). Their new baby is three weeks old. We also visited at Isaac & Anna Mae Shirk's where Curvin's grandmother, Susannah Sauder, is staying at this time. Grandma is almost 94 years old. She is in good health yet.

December 11

Mom (Leah Brubacker) had cataract surgery on her right eye. She is now at our house where she will be staying for several weeks.

December 16

Esther Zimmerman of Mifflinburg had a three-day hospital stay this week, but she is back to work again today.

Blood Drive

The American Red Cross is holding a blood drive at the Buffalo Valley Church of the Brethren in Mifflinburg on Monday, January 8 from 1:00 until 7:00 pm. The option of a double red cell donation is available at this drive.

To help save up to three lives by donating blood, you must be at least 17 years of age, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good health. Additional criteria apply to double red cell donors. Appointments are recommended and can be made by calling 1-800-GIVE-LIFE or visiting www.givelife.org. *Although walk-ins are always appreciated, those donors with appointments will be given preference.* For more information about area blood drives, contact the Union County Chapter at 524-0400.

Looking Back

The article below was originally published in one of the local newspapers on January 8, 1915.

SHOCKING ACCIDENT

AND LATER DEATH.

Lad Named Jolly, of Hartley Twp. Shot in Right Leg, and Dies in Mary M. Packer Hospital After Amputation.

13 Year Old Son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Jolly.

One of the most distressing fatal accidents ever occurring in this county was that of Master Jolly, thirteen year old son of Mr. And Mrs. Edwin Jolly, residing about ten miles west of Mifflinburg, at Weikert, which happened last Saturday morning about 11 o'clock.

The young boy, in his efforts to earn money, and financially aid his parents, was engaged in setting traps for muskrats along Penns Creek, on which he received good prices for the furs, and in the act of going to these traps met with an accident that caused his death.

It appears that the young man on this trip took with him his father's shotgun, and in coming to a small embankment laid it down on a large stone, so he could climb to it, and in doing so it was accidentally discharged, the full load striking him in the right leg, just below the knee, shattering both bones in the leg, and tore away the greater part of the muscles, leaving a large open wound which bled profusely.

After the accident the lad crawled on his hands and uninjured knee, a distance of over a hundred yards; and the thoughts of the shock and fright to his mother and little sister, at home alone, at the time, did not call for aid or help until he was compelled to do so, becoming so weak from the loss of blood that he could not go any further. His little sister responded, and with the aid of their small sled conveyed him home.

Upon his arrival the mother was almost prostrated to find her son's condition so grave. She immediately telephoned for Dr. A. H. Hill, of Mifflinburg, and Dr. O. W. H. Glover, of Laurelton, who responded promptly, and decided the lad's best interests would be better served in a Hospital, than at his distant home. He was then given first aid attention by the Doctors and placed on the four o'clock train on the L. & T., and in care of Mr. A. C. Sholter, was taken to the Mary M. Packer Hospital at Sunbury.

At the hospital the leg was amputated; but without avail to save his life, he having lost so much blood that he died a few hours after the operation.



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.

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

All are welcome to the third West End Community Winter Bible School. The theme for this year will be "God's Love and Protection—a Bible study in Exodus." It will begin on Friday evening February 16, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. with a delicious meal of barbecue, macaroni salad, and yummy desserts. Following the meal, the Kingdom Kid's Puppet Ministry will delight folks of all ages while bringing to life the story of Moses and the Israelites Journey Through the Wilderness. After a restful night's sleep, we will begin again on Saturday morning at 10:00 a.m. with a Bible study for the adults and a program of stories, crafts, music and games for the children. Lunch will be provided, and our study will conclude at 2:00 p.m. Come bring your family, friends, and neighbors for an exciting journey! Hear how God protected the Israelites in the wilderness.....and how His gracious love and care continues to surround us today. If you wish to share how God has showered you with protection, feel welcome to bring those stories along as well.

Union County Historical Society February 2007 - Black History Month Programs

Sunday afternoons at 2 PM

at the Dale-Engle-Walker House, Strawbridge Road, Lewisburg

February 11 - "Free to Roam: African Americans in Rural Pennsylvania" presented by Karen James, Coordinator of Underground Railroad History at the Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission, Division of Public Services and Outreach.

February 18 - "The Archaeology of Slavery" by Dr. James Delle, Assistant Professor of Anthropology at Kutztown University of Pennsylvania and President of the Pennsylvania Archaeology Research Center.

February 25 - "The Underground Railroad in Central Pennsylvania" by Bruce Teeple, writer and historian from Aaronsburg, who served as curator of the Aaronsburg Historical Museum and worked at Penn State University.

Reservations are recommended, as space is limited. There is no fee and all programs are open to the public. These talks are suitable for adults and older students. Call the Union County Historical Society office at 570-524-8666 or email historicl@ptd.net for more information and to reserve a seat.

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interwoven with friends that seemed like family. A little hand wave and "Hello!" is what you get to know. We are glad you and Janice are able to carry on this enormous task of researching and bringing Millmont's past history alive. The memories of the family farm, general store, and one-room schoolhouse remind us of basic values and lives that bind one generation to the next.

Sincerely, Evelyn Miller, Mifflinburg

Tony, I am enclosing a check for the renewal of my brother, John Vanatta, subscription. He sure enjoys the Times. Our oldest son is in Kuwait. He is in the Army National Guard. We thank the Lord that he isn't in Baghdad. We wish you and your wife a wonderful Holiday Season.

Charles & Lois Feaster, Palmer, AK

The small photograph in the upper left hand corner of page one shows the former Zion Lutheran Church in Swengel. This church was later home to Reiner Publications. The Swengel Post Office was also located here for a number of years.

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:

Wednesday January 7, 1931. This morning while I was taking out the body bolts of an old Ford, about 10 o'clock, in the west side of the building, Mr. Chas. Bingaman, after getting gas, cranked his car (which happened to be in gear). The car came in through the big doors throwing them up and hit the car I was working under, before the door went down again. It pushed it onto me while I was lying on a creeper under the car, which left me in a very unfortunate condition passing over my chest. With all I am very thankful that it was not more serious. Dr. Glover was called, in a few minutes they had already phoned for the ambulance to take me to the hospital, but I came to consciousness just as Jacob called for the ambulance and I asked them to leave me at home and not take me to the hospital. Jacob, Chas Glover & Chas Bingaman Sr. carried me into the house on a couch with a heavy blanket on it and they carried me upstairs. Edmund, Kenneth, & Jacob's boys all came to see me right away after school.

*Little do we know what the future has in store,
How soon we may have to go and our pilgrimage be o'er.*

Thursday January 8, 1931. Temperature 14 degrees. I had a hard night, can hardly move my body. My collar bone is cracked & several ribs broken, besides my back and side being all bruised and black & blue. Today Bro. DeWitt, Bro. Mervyn & Vivian, Fred Einsing, Chas Glover, Jas Catherman, Mrs. Ned Adams, Mr. & Mrs. Ed Gingrich, Charles Bingaman, Edmund and Ken were here to visit.

Friday January 9, 1931. They moved me downstairs today in the dining room where it is warmer and more convenient for mother to wait on me. I am about the same today. Bro Parker Gardner of the ME Church was to see me and offered a very earnest prayer in my behalf, which I greatly appreciated. Bro Mervyn Mensch & Sammy Starook anointed me for which I was very glad as I have great faith in Divine healing of the body and soul. My brother Mark spent several hours with me. Bro & Sister Arthur Boop, Mr. & Mrs. Edward Gingrich, Mr. & Mrs. William Swineford, & Grandma Catherman visited. Rev. Reynolds of the Lutheran Church was to see me and offered a very nice prayer, for which I was grateful. Bro DeWhitt calls several times every day. The interest & prayers of God's people are a great comfort. The Doctor called today.

Thank You!

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Welcome to the following new mail subscribers: Rosalie Badger, Middleburg; Mr. & Mrs. Grant Brady, New Berlin; Priscilla Chick, Millmont; and Marlin & Linda Kenée, York.

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!!

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Glad You're Back!



Lycoming—A big welcome back to WCO Dirk Remensnyder, who spent 23 months serving our country in Iraq. Dirk, however, separates the time actually spent in Iraq from his service time "in country." Dirk, from someone who covered your district while you were gone, believe me, you were gone 23 months! — WCO Jonathan M. Wyant, Montoursville.

This excerpt was in the January 2007 issue of *Pennsylvania Game News*. We are glad to hear that Dirk is back on U.S. soil, safe and sound. We hope to have Dirk join us again with his monthly "Field Notes" in The Millmont Times.

Moving?

If you are planning to move or if your post office mailing address is about to change, please notify me immediately at P. O. Box 3, Millmont, PA 17845. This newsletter is distributed each month by bulk rate, and will not be forwarded by the U. S. Postal Service to your new address. If there are any changes in your postal mailing address, or your email address, please call me at (570) 922.4297 or email me at: millmonttimes@dejazzd.com

January Birthdays & Anniversaries

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2 - Brady O. Koonsman	18 - Glenn Kuhns
3 - Edward Martin	19 - Donald & Phyllis Ruhl - 1973
4 - Stacey Witmer	20 - Carl Catherman
5 - Sarah Gordon	21 - Tracey Beaver
5 - Harry Oberholtzer	21 - Jennifer Martin
5 - Wilmer Zimmerman	21 - Billy Mattern
5 - Donna Fultz	22 - James & Helen Camp - 1961
6 - Wanda Weller	22 - Helen Camp
6 - Lisa Martin	22 - Wilmer Zimmerman
6 - Betty Wallace	22 - Hertha Wehr
6 - Arlene Zimmerman	22 - Gerald Starks
6 - Craig Yarger	23 - Fred Yarger
7 - Helen Harter	24 - Randy Lyons
7 - Norma "Pat" Bennett	25 - Ellen Kahler
8 - Colby Yarger	25 - Betty Makosy
10 - LaNell Reiff	25 - Warren Zimmerman
11 - Carol Wilson	26 - Helen Martin
11 - Leroy Zimmerman	27 - Evelyn Miller
12 - Peter Makosy	29 - Margaret Yarger
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13 - Carolyn Susan	31 - Marcus Zimmerman
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