



The Millmont Red Brick Schoolhouse

Lewis Township was home to a number of one-room schools throughout its history.



The Millmont Red Brick Schoolhouse circa 1940. Photograph courtesy of the late Kenneth L. Shively

In addition to the Lewis Township High School were Brown's, Swengel, Oak Grove, Spring Creek, Pike, Salem, Penns Creek, and Millmont schools. Most of the schoolhouses were located near the three main population centers of the township, which included Millmont, Swengel, and Pleasant Grove. Of these nine schoolhouses, only four (Millmont, Swengel, Spring Creek, and Lewis

Township High School) stand today. Three of the schools (Spring Creek, Millmont, and Lewis Township High School) were converted into single-family dwellings after being relinquished by the school district. The Swengel School is used for storage.

The schoolhouse at Millmont was built during the summer of 1885 on property leased by the district from John Ruhl. According to the late George Wert, Sr. (1895-1977), bricks used in the construction of the schoolhouse were produced at a small brick burning operation located southwest of town. (That facility was located on property now owned by Donald and Doris Wilson).

The 1885 schoolhouse at Millmont replaced the aging Brown's School. That wooden frame schoolhouse, situated at the intersection of Creek Road and Shirk Road, served the educational needs of the community from 1842 until its closure in 1885.

When Lewis Township was created out of Hartley Township in 1857, the boundary line dissected Brown's School. According to the late R. V. B. Lincoln, both Hartley and Lewis Townships shared expenses relating to the school for a period of years. Following construction of the Lincoln School, near Laurel Park, the school directors of Hartley Township turned over control of Brown's School to the directors of Lewis Township. The transfer of the school took place on November 26, 1873, for the sum of

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Millmont Mailbox by Postmaster Sam Smith

Many people will be going on vacation shortly. Sometimes it can take months of planning for the perfect vacation. When the day finally arrives, you have your bags packed, the car is loaded, the dog's in the kennel, everything's taken care of, or so you think. What if you realize that you haven't asked the Post Office to hold your mail while you're away? The Post Office now offers customers the option of requesting that their mail be held from 3 to 30 days quickly and easily online at www.usps.com. When you go on vacation the last thing you need to be concerned about is the safety of your mail while you're away. Customers simply go to www.usps.com, click on "Receive Mail and Packages" in the blue bar at the top of the page. Select "Delivery Services" click on "Put your mail on Hold" and enter the ZIP Code at the prompt. Then enter the address information and the dates the mail should be held. The online service electronically notifies the local Post Office, which holds all the mail for the time specified. Delivery resumes on the requested date. Of course, you can also notify your local Post Office, whatever is more convenient for you! Have a great vacation!

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\$40.00.

As the nearby village of Millmont began to grow in the late 1870's and early 1880's, so did the number of school age children. The shortest distance from Millmont to Brown's School was a westward trek on, or alongside, the L. & T. rail line. Traffic on the Montandon to Bellefonte branch line during the late 1800's and early 1900's was quite brisk, with two morning and two afternoon trains scheduled on the line each weekday. As their children traveled to or from school, the sound of an approaching train no doubt caused anxious moments for concerned parents. When the decision was made to construct a new schoolhouse for students living in the Millmont area, directors chose a site closer to the village, yet further from the rail line.

The last teacher at Brown's School, James Sanders, was also the first teacher at the new schoolhouse north of Millmont. Sanders was the first in a long line of educators at the school during its sixty-eight year history. Until the latter years, this one-room schoolhouse consisted of first through eighth grade students, ranging in age from 5 years old to children in their early teens. 1897 records indicate that the salary for the teacher at Millmont was \$31 per month, and the school term was only six months.

In addition to James Sanders, other teachers associated with the Millmont school were: George Aumiller, A. A. Loss, Newton Walter, C. M. Sanders, Wm. Wilson, Sam Halfpenny, Grace Halfpenny, Charles Catherman, Luther Yarger, Sherman Kreisher, Edmund Shively, Sam Catherman, Paul Reamer, Frank Stout, and Myrtle Swartz.

These teachers, and others whose names have faded from memory, taught their students more than the basic "reading - riting - and rithmetic." Students of this one-room schoolhouse were instructed in proper penmanship, hygiene, posture, and manners. Teachers also instilled values in their students, such as courtesy, citizenship, ethics, and morality. Obedience to the teacher was a prerequisite, and those who failed to heed warnings learned first hand about discipline and punishment.

As busing became a viable option, the small one-room schools of Lewis Township slowly began to close their doors. Penns Creek School, situated on the south side of the creek opposite Millmont, closed in 1921. Spring Creek School, located northeast of Pleasant Grove, shuttered its doors in 1930. The Pike School, along Route 45 near Rays Church, burned to the ground in March 1930. Rather than building a new structure, township school directors opted to bus the Pike students to the high school, where a vacant room was available for use. The Salem School, located alongside Cold Run Road, closed in 1951. Those students were transported to Millmont or Swengel.

The age and deteriorating conditions of some of the schoolhouses in the district stirred serious school board discussions regarding consolidation. A 1928 proposal suggested the purchase of a lot near Rays Church for construction of a new schoolhouse. All township schools, including the high school, were to merge into one large modern building. The proposed six-room schoolhouse was to have indoor plumbing, electric lighting, and steam heating. Newspaper articles from that time attest to the public interest in such a proposal. Members of the Lewis Township School Board at that time included Wil-

SCHOOL REPORT

Report of Millmont school for sixth month and term ending Tuesday, March 30, 1897:
Whole No. in attendance during month: Males 24; females 24; total, 48. Average attendance: Males 19; females 19; total, 38. Average attendance during term: Males 22, females 23; total 45. Percent of attendance during month: Males 92, females 92. Percent of attendance during term: Males 89, females 89. Number of different scholars belonging to school during term; Males 30; females 35; total 65. Names of pupils in attendance every day during sixth month: Mabel Braucher, Maud Braucher, Nellie Braucher, Mabel Catherman, Blanche Catherman, Lizzie Hackenberg, Annie B. Kaler, Laura Kaler, Esther Royer, Sara Royer, Virgie Walter, James Follmer, Chas. Kaler, Chas. Kerstetter, Dreese Moyer, Morris Royer, Merrill Royer and Harry Robb. Names of pupils in attendance every day during term: Esther B. Royer, Maud Braucher, Mabel Braucher, Morris Royer, Merrill Royer, Harry Robb and Dreese L. Moyer.

Names of pupils belonging to school during term:

MALES

Ray Aumiller, Bruce Adams, Roy Adams, Ned Adams, Reno Bowersox, Robert B. Catherman, Charlie Catherman, Clarence Feaster, James Follmer, Ray Grove, J. Merrill Grove, Chas. Kaler, Chas. Kerstetter, Earnest Keister, Dreese Moyer, Willie Newman, Charlie Newman, Morris Royer, Merrill Royer, Harry Robb, Ernest Watson, Jasper Speese, Darwin D. Speese, Geo. R. Orwig, Milton Kaler, Wilbur Catherman, Lester Catherman, Ira Hartman, Francis Walter, John Walter.

FEMALES

Bessie Adams, Mary Aumiller, Grace Aumiller, Mabel Braucher, Nellie Braucher, Blanche Blackford, Verna Catherman, Mabel Catherman, Blanche Catherman, Nettie Catherman, Edna Kaler, Annie Kaler, Laura Kaler, Lovina Loss, Esther B. Royer, Sara Royer, Lettie A. Robb, Bertha Robb, Katie M. Reed, Annia Speese, Bertha Speese, Virgie L. Walter, Annie Weidensaul, Lizzie Hackenberg, Carrie Krotzer, Eva A. Aumiller, Bertha Kaler, Cora Reamer, Jennie Strickler, Regina Catherman, Bessie Aumiller, Katie Longbine, Maude Braucher.

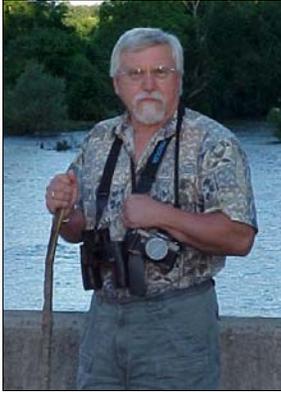
C. M. Sanders, Teacher

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BIRD TALK

By Jim McCormick

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“...one could almost ‘see’ those beautiful, beautiful notes floating through the air.” The merry month of May has come and gone, the leaves have reached the top of the mountainside, filled out and the colors are darkening. Everything is so new, fresh and clean; even the shiny bright leaves of the poison ivy growing up the trunk of the trees belie the danger lurking within. Early in the month, the first day in fact, I heard the call of the brilliant, flaming-orange Baltimore Oriole from a quarter mile away. This call is something most birders look forward

to each spring. The orioles seem to come up the rivers and creeks and spread out from there. As soon as the leaves come out in spring, I start waiting to see those orange melodious birds appear high up in the trees. We are fortunate to have so many in our area. Within a week of their arrival they could be heard in Millmont itself. The males arrive first, and then the females, about a week later. One can hear them up and down Penns Creek soon after their arrival and they waste little time in getting to work. I was on the concrete bridge, when I noticed a male perched in a low shrub on a sandbar in the Creek. It is unusual to see them so low, so I watched it for some time. As I was watching the male, I noticed a female down on the ground skipping around. Another female appeared and they started to ‘duke it out’. Immediately the male flew in to protect the first female, chasing the other away. The second female returned, the male came in again, but this time another male swooped in to protect his female. As I watched, I was trying to figure out what they were fighting about—it must have been the building materials on the sandbar. When the leaves are just starting to come out and the orioles are building their nests, that is the best time to identify the sites to watch for the next month or so. It is fascinating to watch as the male and female build and weave their distinctive pendulous nest.

As pleasing as the call of the Baltimore Oriole is, there is another bird in our area, whose call everyone should hear. At mid-month after that cracking thunderstorm, I stepped out into the Sunday morning air. As I reached the end of Maple Street, I heard the call of the Wood Thrush coming from the wooded area behind the Millmont First Methodist Church—*“one could almost ‘see’ those beautiful, beautiful notes floating through the air.”* The Wood Thrush is a small brown bird with spotted light-colored breast, related to both the Eastern Bluebird and the Robins. This bird is more often heard than seen. In fact, I have only rarely seen them. The call of the Wood Thrush is a beautiful flute-like call often written as ‘Eee-oh-lay’. If you have never heard this bird before, go to <http://birds.cornell.edu> and search for Wood Thrush or better still just listen early in the morning.

Tony Shively once asked me which month was my favorite for bird watching. At the time I couldn’t answer his question. To me every season has its own unique characteristics, but as I watched the number of birds appearing and the sheer beauty of this month, the culmination of spring, I have to say it is May. The Orchard Orioles, Indigo Buntings, Barn Swallows, Catbirds, Brown Thrashers, various flycatchers, and Eastern Meadowlarks have all returned. The birds have become busy, determined and focused, so grab your binoculars and take it all in.

Buffalo Creek’s Mystery Rock



In order to make the initials and dates legible through the lens of my camera, I covered the surface of the rock with shaving cream.

On April 16, 2005, the opening day of Pennsylvania’s trout season, Glen Kuhns, a resident of Cold Run Road, Millmont, stumbled onto a mysterious rock along the banks of Buffalo Creek. The etchings on the face of this rock immediately peaked Kuhn’s interest. After informing me about the rock, and guiding me to its location, I was also interested in discovering who made the etching - and why?

An avid trout fisherman, Kuhn’s always has his eyes peeled for more than just fish. He refers to himself as a “scrounger.” The large initials “S. K.” carved into a rock along the banks of the creek on the Joe Hoover farm is what caught his attention. Upon further investigation, Kuhns discovered the dates “Oct 29 1889 Sept 16 1890” were also etched on the face of the stone.

The Joe Hoover farm, located at 638 Pleasant Grove Road, is currently occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Peachey and family.

Perhaps you can help solve the mystery behind this rock? If you have any knowledge of this rock and the initials “SK”, you are encourage to contact the editor of The Millmont Times at 922.4297.

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The Millmont school photograph above was taken in 1908. A. A. Loss, the teacher, is shown in the center of the back row. George Wert Sr. is the second from the right in the middle row. Sam Catherman in kneeling in the front row, fourth student from the right. If you know the names of any other students in this photograph, please contact The Millmont Times, P. O. Box 3, Millmont, PA 17845 or call 570.922.4297.

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Following the closure of the Millmont school, the building was utilized in a variety of different ways. Rev. Kenneth L. Feist purchased the former schoolhouse from William and Leona Ross in May 1964. Rev. Feist, a Wesleyan minister, held regular Sunday services in the building until his passing in 1968.

The building was used as a polling place for Lewis Township residents for a number of years. During the summer, members of the Millmont Mennonite Church held Vacation Bible School in the former schoolhouse.

In 1977, Eli Burkholder purchased the vacant building from Frank and Mildred Long. Once again, the sounds of young children attending school echoed from the brick building. Members of the Hartleton Mennonite Church (affiliated with the Eastern Pennsylvania Mennonite Conference) converted the building into classroom space for attendees of the private Christian school. When members of the congregation built a new sanctuary at their present location along Laurel Road, near Hartleton, the Millmont schoolhouse was again up for sale.

New York residents, Arthur and Ruth Williams, purchased the property in October 1981. Before long, the schoolhouse was converted into a single-family dwelling, as it remains today.

Teachers at the Millmont school oftentimes assigned various chores to the students. They carried water

liam Dersham, President; Rev. Greene Shively, Vice-President; Oscar S. Catherman, Secretary; Joseph Hassinger, Treasurer; and Willard Moyer. Although consolidation did not materialize, the need to modernize township schools remained.

In 1938, the possibility of consolidating all of the schools of Lewis and Hartley townships, as well as the schoolhouse located in Hartleton Borough, was being discussed. However, those plans never moved from the planning stages.

Consolidation arrived for Lewis Township in 1953. The closure of all district schoolhouses at the end of the 1952-1953 school year brought to a close the history of the one-room public school education in Lewis Township. A new chapter was beginning as schools from 5 townships (Hartley – Lewis – West Buffalo – Limestone – Buffalo) and 3 boroughs (Mifflinburg – New

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Old Schoolhouse

- by Vance Oliplant

Just down the road....around the bend,
Stood the one room schoolhouse; victim of a trend.
A distance away was another that looked much the same.
Readin', writin' and 'rithmetic were their claims to fame.
Way back on the lot, the outhouse stood,
Now just a memory of childhood.
There were blackboards to clean and erasers to dust.
Lunch carried from home was an absolute must.
Water in a bucket, from the pump outside.
For some misbehavior, a ruler might be applied.
A stove in the corner and a box of wood;
Near the teacher's desk, a flag staff stood.
The "Pledge of Allegiance" followed the morning bell;
Students received gold stars for doing well.
Recitals and songs once filled the air;
There were no rules against morning prayer.
Most walked to school, in all kinds of weather;
Older children, with siblings, down the road together.
That school once flourished...grades one through eight,
But consolidation eventually spelled its fate.
The need for that school gradually came an end,
Just down the road.....around the bend.

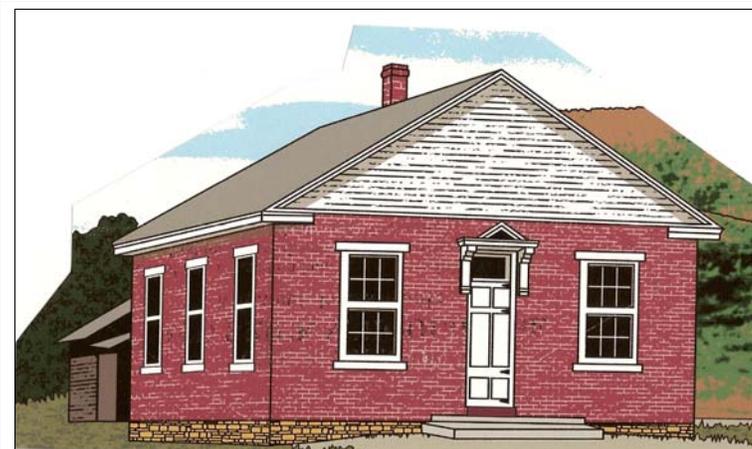
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from the springhouse across the road, and wood from the shed to keep the fire stoked on chilly winter days. Others cleared the blackboard and cleaned the erasers. Recess was a time when students had opportunities to play tag, baseball, or other games. Sled riding on the hillside next to the schoolhouse was a popular wintertime event, just as it is today.

The number of students that passed through the doors of the schoolhouse near Millmont is unknown. Some of the students who attended that school didn't venture far from their roots, while others spread out across this country. Through the doors of this one-room schoolhouse walked young boys who all too quickly found themselves fighting for their country in two world wars, and numerous other conflicts around the world. The students that attended this school later entered a variety of professions and became productive members of the community in which they lived. Some became pastors, businessmen, railroaders, machinists, carpenters, housewives, schoolteachers, supervisors, nurses, factory workers, police officer, prison guard, game warden, engineer, and banker. Each received his or her early education in the modest one-room school known affectionately as the Millmont Red Brick Schoolhouse.

Reference: History of the Schools of Union County Pennsylvania, by Mary Belle Lontz, 1984. My thanks to the following people for their help with this article: Sandra Winegardner, Delphia Shirk, William Shively, Paul Feist, Norman Groff, Elam Metzler, and the many people I have interviewed through the years who spoke fondly about their memories of attending the Millmont Red Brick Schoolhouse.



Millmont Wooden Miniature

The fifth wooden miniature produced by Hometowne Collectables exclusively for the Lewis Township Village Green Recreation Association will soon be available for purchase. This miniature features the likeness of the Millmont Red Brick Schoolhouse, which was built in 1885.

The limited edition miniatures will be available during the annual Millmont Community Yard Sale and Chicken Barbecue, which will be held on Saturday June 25, 2005.

All those who have purchased previous wooden miniatures sold by the association will have the opportunity to purchase the schoolhouse bearing the same number.

If you have any questions please contact Pauline Shively at 922.1387.

Passage

Pauline Hannah "Polly" Rotering, 101, entered into eternal rest at 12:23 a.m. on Monday, May 30, 2005, in the Buffalo Valley Lutheran Village, East Buffalo Township.

She was born August 31, 1903, in Hartleton, Union County, the daughter of the late Charles David and Kathryn Louise (Swineford) Moyer. On Dec. 31, 1921, Pauline was united in marriage to Charles Raymond Rotering, who preceded her in death on Oct. 15, 1951.

Since the age of 13, Pauline was a member of First Evangelical Lutheran Church, but her dedication to the church went much deeper. Polly initiated the church "loan-out" program of wheelchairs, hospital beds and other aids for homebound patients. She meticulously hand-sewed the church's baptismal napkins well into her 90's. She was a member of Helen's Class - Church Sunday School, and was a member of the Alter Guild. After Polly was unable to physically attend church, she listened to the weekly service tapes, and enjoyed receiving bedside visitors.

Pauline was a member of the National Chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons, a charter member of the Union County Senior Citizens Association, director of the Union County Red Cross (1942 - 43), a member of Scarlet Rebekah Lodge 449 of Mifflinburg and was head of hospital equipment for First Evangelical Lutheran Church for many years.

Even with failing eyesight, Polly enjoyed knitting dishcloths to give to friends. In 2004, she knitted the colorful cloths for attendees of the First Lutheran Mother-Daughter Breakfast.

An avid Phillies fan, she viewed all the televised games. On her 100th birthday, a representative of the Philadelphia Phillies organization called to wish her a "Happy Birthday." When she turned 101, she received a birthday greeting and a Phillies baseball team picture, which she proudly displayed in her room.

Mrs. Rotering worked in the Mifflinburg Area High School cafeteria for four years. She was also employed by Quinton S. Snook in RR 1 Mifflinburg for 2 1/2 years.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Audrey K. and Seward E. Hutton of Etters, and Sandra R. and Roger A. Estep of Lewisberry; eight grand daughters; and seven great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by a son, William Cyril Rotering, in 2001.

Burial will be private in the East Side Cemetery, Mifflinburg.

Editors note: Pauline was featured in the May 2004 issue of The Millmont Times. Our visits with Pauline prior to, and since that issue, have always been enlightening and uplifting. Janice and I will miss Pauline.



Meanderings

by

Hertha S. Wehr

Secrets

The subject of this article is the name of a little booklet I found among some old papers. It is about 3 x 5 inches, and when I turned it over I found it was published by Pabst Brewing Co., "formerly Philips Best Brewing Co." The back had a picture of a bottle which was labeled "The Best Tonic." It claimed to be a "Concentrated Liquid Extract."

The first few pages dealt with "The How, the Why and the Who." Then it proceeded to explore the phases of the Best Tonic.

They explained it was made by first sprouting barley to chemical action, then heating until the sprout-life was destroyed. Next an extract was made and concentrated. It was the "quitennance of vitality and accumulated energy." Then an extract of hops was added.

It sounded a lot like what I knew about beer, which isn't much. However, I looked into how beer is brewed and I got the distinct impression that the product was a close kin of beer. Somewhere in the booklet it stated that it had an alcoholic content of .05 percent. Today's beer has an alcoholic content of .05 to .08 percent, depending on how each brand is brewed.

To get back to their process, the resulting malt was to have a quieting effect upon the mind, sleep to the weary, and above all to give steady nerves to the overworked.

They went on to explain why thousands of people require tonics and nerve stimulants; Mothers to bear the trials of housekeeping. Businessmen to help their sleep, and not

"grind" over the business of the day. The dyspeptics certainly required relief from their suffering. Convalescents needed help to recover more quickly. They claimed when your vitality was nil it was due to tired blood and you needed Best Tonic.

They claimed a most convincing argument which proved the "purity, perfection and medical value" of their product was verified by recommendations of prominent physicians and other well known people, some of which wrote testimonials in their little booklet.

Mixed in with the testimonials were a few pages of one-liners that I assume you were to try on your friends. Some of them were real groaners. You might enjoy, or groan, at a couple of quotes. Why is a doctor never seasick? He's used to see sickness. Another one-liner: Why does an old maid wear mittens? To keep off the chaps. One more: Why don't the devil skate? How in hell can he. That one must have been a bit racy for the books of that era.

There was a short dissertation of the Seven Wonders of the World; believe it or not, they added an eighth--The Best Tonic. How's that for confidence in your product?

One page had an endorsement by a humorist of the time. "After drinking one bottle of Best Tonic I find I can look creditors in the face without blushing, a thing I have been unable to do before. Send me five more bottles and I feel that after drinking them I can make my creditors send receipted bills to me and apologize. Your tonic is immense." Another on the same page was from a doctor who said it was the best tonic he had ever used and his patients liked it very much.

I didn't find any recommendations for dosage or how long to take the tonic, but it must have been taken in small amounts as most tonics were in those days. Then there was a page with facts of the day. After every third fact a line was inserted about Pabst Brewing Co. The one I found most interesting was that "Secrets exceeded every book in circulation except the Bible." Could it be true mainly because it was free? An address was given to send for more copies.

The price was quoted as .25 cents per bottle or \$2.50 per dozen. I'm not sure when the booklet was published as I couldn't find a date, but judging from the pictures and language it seemed to indicate the mid-eighteen hundreds.

I didn't get much knowledge from reading "Secrets" but it was fun. I hope you enjoy it also.

Celebrate Flag Day on June 14th!

The Birth of The Stars and Stripes

It wasn't until the little army of the American Revolution had been bravely and hopefully battling the British forces for two years that some unknown person (perhaps Francis Hopkinson) proposed the establishment of a national flag with stars replacing the Union Jack.

It was on Saturday morning, June 14, 1777, that one of the members of the Marine Committee of the Second Continental Congress introduced and urged the adoption of a resolution which required that:

"The Flag of the United States be 13 stripes alternate red and white, and the Union be 13 stars white in a blue field representing a new constellation."

This was a memorable day in the history of America. Into being emerged a genuinely American flag, destined to earn the respect of all the powers on earth and become the emblem of more glorious deeds than any other flag in the history of the world.

Inspired by the cataclysm of World War I President Woodrow Wilson in 1915, established June 14th as national Flag Day.

Reference: The Story of Old Glory by John R. Manning

Recipe of the Month

By Janice (Dorman) Shively
Chicken Marinade

1/2 C. Soy Sauce
1/3 C. Dry Sherry
1/2 C. Brown Sugar
1/4 C. Vinegar
2 T. Olive Oil
3 Garlic Cloves (crushed)
1 t. Ground Ginger

Combine all ingredients and marinade skinless, boneless chicken breasts for 8 hours or overnight. Grill chicken as you would other grilled chicken recipes.

For those that need to watch their sodium intake, try using low sodium soy sauce.

As an option, use Cooking Sherry in place of the Dry Sherry.
ENJOY!

Interested in Serving?

The Lewis Township Board of Supervisors is seeking an individual interested in serving on the township's planning commission. If you are a resident of Lewis Township, Union County, and you are willing to get involved in the future, growth, and development of your community, you are encouraged to contact one of the following township supervisors: Henry Sanders at 922.1202, Douglas Peffer at 922.1284, or Wayne Klingman at 922.4398

Don't Forget the Millmont Community Yard Sale & Chicken Barbecue on Saturday, June 25, 2005. Yard sales begin at 8:00 a.m. Chicken is available from 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., or until sold out. Tickets are available at Shirk's Store, 922-4222. Halves are \$3.75, Platters are \$6.00.



What's happening in the Weaver household?

Mr. and Mrs. John Weaver of Millmont have had quite an exciting month of May. On Saturday May 7th their oldest daughter, LaNell, married Nathaniel Reiff of rural Winfield at a ceremony held at the Millmont Mennonite Church. On Sunday, May 21st their oldest son, Eddie, departed to spend the summer with relatives on a ranch in Colorado. And on Friday, May 27th their second daughter, Lori, graduated from high school at Marantha Christian School. Lori will be spending some time this summer in Mexico doing mission work. As the strawberry season quickly approaches, the Weaver household of seven has diminished to a household of four; John, Brenda, Stan, and Holly. Congratulations and best wishes Nate and LaNell as you begin your lives together in marriage. Best wishes Lori as you seek to follow God's leading for your life.

Brenda has informed us that this years strawberries should peak around the third week of June, due to the cool spring we have had.



Letters (and emails) to the Editor

Hello "down home".....just letting you know that I really appreciated Judy Wagner's touching and well-written article about George Zimmerman.....I hope to know more of these Union Co stories as time goes on...thank you for preserving them for us in the wonderful Millmont Times.....
Katharine Kreisher, Oneonta, NY

Tony, Thank you for all the time you and Janice have invested in the Millmont times. Good reading! Elvin Stoltzfus, Lewisburg.

Please sign me up to receive your newsletter. I have read several already and always find them to be very interesting. Especially the ones recently about the Lincoln Farms and Frank Long. I lived on one of the Lincoln farms and Frank and his family were friendly neighbors. (I lived in York County for the last 16 years). It's interesting how we found about your newsletter. Our family gets together each year at a cabin near Millmont. We always drive past place the place (Hoffmaster farm) where we lived . I remember hearing about the Lincoln farms so I wrote Mary Showalter Devett (who was a good school friend at Mifflinburg along with Jane Knechel) and asked her about them. The article about them had just been in your newsletter so she sent it to me - perfect timing! Last summer Marcella and I went to the court house to look up the deeds on the place. We found them. It was interesting to see how different parcels were put together to make up the existing farm and other related info. I lived there from 1957 until my marriage in 1965. It was great living by Jacks Mountain. The valley certainly is beautiful. Thanks again.
Ferne (Yoder) Gochnauer

Penlines from my Kitchen to Yours

By Lucy Hoover

April 18, 2005

Allen and Sylvia Hoover of Mifflinburg have a daughter named Lori. She has 2 brothers and 2 sisters. Grandparents are Allen and Mary Hoover of Mifflinburg and Aaron and Susan Zimmerman of Lewisburg.

April 22, 2005

Allen and Marian Zimmerman of Lewisburg have a son named Elden. He has 3 brothers and 3 sisters. Grandparents are John and Esther Zimmerman of Millmont and Allen and Mary Hoover of Mifflinburg.

April 23, 2005

Our friend, Sonny, came home for the week-end. He asked me to invite Chris and Wilma Brubacker family to come for lunch. Then Sonny brought us all K.F.C. meals to celebrate my birthday. In the afternoon someone asked if we would have a singing for the youth tonight. We needed to take a lot of shortcuts in getting ready. Wilma helped me until supertime. A vanload of youth from Penns Valley were in our area for the week-end. We enjoyed the singing.

April 24, 2005

Stephen and Rhoda Martin of Mifflinburg have a son named Matthew Ben. He has 2 brothers and 1 sister. Grandparents are Ammon and Mary Martin of Mifflinburg and Benjamin and Esther Oberholtzer of Shilo, Ohio.

Earl and Susan Martin have a daughter named Carol. She has 1 brother and 2 sisters. Grandparents are Levi and Lydia Martin of Mifflinburg and George and Edna Martin of Lewisburg.

Tonight after supper a row of horse and buggies followed each other in our lane. It was the Hoover families. I should have know they would have one of those "sneaky" birthday parties for me.

May 5, 2005

Daniel and Verna Zimmerman of Mifflinburg were at a friends house for lunch, their horse did not like to cross a small bridge in the lane, and went down over the side. Verna jumped off with the baby, and broke her ankle. Everyone else is ok.

May 6, 2005

Teacher Lori and her students biked to our place for a hot lunch.

May 7, 2005

We went to the community yard sale at Buffalo Valley Produce Auction. Items were donated and the income goes into our church treasury for hospital bills etc.

May 8, 2005

Mother's Day!

Amy Martin is in the hospital at Pittsburgh again. Her liver numbers are too high.

Lord, give us grace to trust You,
When life's burdens seem too much to bear.
Dispel the darkness with New Hope,
And help us rise above despair.

May 20, 2005

We all went to the "End of Year" school picnic at our school. It was a nice day to play baseball. The Dad's on one team and children on the other. The Dad's won.

May 11, 2005

The last day of school for Elsie. It was also "Pet Day." Elsie took guinea

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Looking Back

The article was originally published in one of the local newspapers in June 1934.

MAN DROWNED NEAR HOME AT MILLMONT

Charles Glover Goes Swimming and is seized With Cramps

Charles Glover, well known resident of Millmont, was drowned last Thursday night in the power dam of the Pennsylvania Power and Light Company, at Swengel, when he went swimming as he was returning from fishing near the dam. It is believed that he was seized with cramps and sank a few minutes after he entered the water.

Mr. Glover had been fishing near the power dam during the evening, and as he was returning home decided to take a dip. A short time later several other fishermen who were some distance away heard the man's cries for help, but by the time they arrived on the scene the body had already disappeared.

Word of the shocking accident was spread throughout the community, and in a short time a large group had gathered there and many were helping to search in the stream for the body. Shortly before eleven o'clock the body was located and pulled from the stream. Artificial resuscitation was given the man and Dr. A. H. Hill, of Mifflinburg, rendered medical aid but the man had been in the water too long and nothing could be done to bring him to consciousness.

Mr. Glover was born in Mifflinburg on August 24, 1883, and was the son of Albert and Sarah Glover. He spent the greater part of his life in this county, and was quite well known. He had a legion of friends who were greatly shocked by the unfortunate accident which took his life.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Verna E. Glover, and three daughters, Velma, Olga, and Beatrice Glover. Two sisters, Mrs. Anna Stahlnecker, of White Springs, and Mrs. Dora Krebs, of Alfarate, and a half-brother, Francis Blee, of Troxelville, also survive.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at two o'clock from the home with continued services in the Evangelical Church at Millmont. Rev. Greene Shively had charge of the services and burial was made in the Swengel cemetery.

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pigs along.

May 13, 2005

It was very chilly this morning, but I did not see the frost that was predicted. My garden plants are growing very slowly. Allen Hoover of Mifflinburg came home from the hospital. He had surgery yesterday. He still has a lot of pain, and is on oxygen.

Mabel Jane Stauffer (3) daughter of Mervin and Mabel of Mifflinburg, fell off someone's porch swing and needed stitches.

Bible Quiz

Stacey Witmer, P. O. Box 19, Swengel, PA 17880, was the winner of the May Bible Quiz. As a result she won \$10. The answer to the May Bible quiz: "Rhoda" was the first person Peter spoke to after escaping from prison.

The anonymous benefactor who is responsible for the Bible Quiz would like to thank the following entrants for their participation: Martha Hoover, Margaret Stutzman, Mary Kahl, and the Millmont Methodist Church Youth Group.

The Bible Quiz for June: Where is the shortest verse in the Bible found, and what is it? Send your answer to Bible Quiz, P. O. Box 8, Swengel, PA 17880. Please have your answer submitted by the 20th of the month.

RECENT ANNIVERSARIES



THEN & NOW

Mr. and Mrs. Donald R. Miller celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary, with a surprise dinner party at the Country Cupboard, Lewisburg. The couple was married during a candlelight service on May 23, 1970 at the Trinity Lutheran Church, Cowan, PA. Mrs. Miller, the former Evelyn Raker, is the daughter of Franklin and Helen Raker of Chestnut Street, Mifflinburg, and grand daughter of the late Tobias Sr. and Elizabeth Catherman. Mr. Miller is the son of the late Bland and Esta Miller.

Donald Miller is retired from Yorktown Cabinet Company of Mifflinburg where he was employed as a quality control inspector. Evelyn Miller is retired from Walnut Acres, where she was employed as a retail sales clerk. Mr. And Mrs. Miller are the parents of three sons, James, Michael, and Richard; and six grandchildren. Evelyn (Catherman) Miller was a resident of Millmont during her early childhood.



THEN & NOW

MIFFLINBURG—Lee R and Norma Jean Sauers of Mifflinburg, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary with family and friends, on the weekend of May 21 & 22. Lee, son of Fred and Alice Sauers of Mifflinburg and Norma Jean, daughter of Charles C. and Ruby Jewell Boop of Milton, were married on May 22, 1965, in the First Church of the Nazarene in Mifflinburg, where they are members. The late Rev. Fred Pick officiated.

Mr. Sauers retired from ConAgra (formerly American Home Foods) as a Kitchen Technician, in 2001 after 40 years. He now has time to create new recipes and enjoy his flower gardens. He attended school with the Mifflinburg class of 1954 and served in the US Army in Korea.

Norma Jean keeps busy volunteering for the American Cancer Society. Presently she is the Editor of the *RELAY REVIEW*, a monthly newsletter for the Relay For Life in the Mifflinburg area, and is a team member. Her hobbies are crocheting, creating designs on her computer and genealogy research, especially relatives of Union County. Mrs. Sauers is a graduate of Imperial Schools, of Pasadena, CA. and Empire Beauty School, Sunbury. Besides having her own Beauty Salon in Mifflinburg in the 1960's and 1970's, Norma Jean also worked at American Home Foods, the Ben Franklin Store, and American Rescue Workers Thrift Store.

Mostly they love spending time with their family. Their son, Anthony ("Tony") and wife Karen live in rural Millmont with their two children, Kayla and Aaron. Their second son, Chad, lives in Batavia, Ohio.

The Sauerses would like to extend a special "THANK YOU to all the Well-wishers for all their kind greetings to us during this celebration."

Public meetings to be held in the Lewis Township Municipal Building

- ▶ Municipal Authority of Lewis Township, the first Tuesday of the month, beginning at 8:00 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.

Passage

Grace Lucille Englehart, 93, of 2135 Cold Run Road, peacefully entered into eternal rest at 10:40 a.m. Saturday, May 14, 2005, at Rolling Hills Manor, Millmont. She was born July 25, 1911, in Lewis Township, Union County, a daughter of the late Charles and Flora (Harden) Rudy. On Feb. 20, 1929, in Hartleton, she was united into marriage to Lester Clair Englehart, who died on Aug. 15, 1997.

Mrs. Englehart was a housewife, and regularly attended Hillside Bible Church, Forest Hill. She liked to read, watch inspirational programs on television, take care of her plants and flowers, take care of her cat "Slippers," and spend time with her grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great-great grandchildren.

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law: Marvin C. and his wife Connie L. Englehart of Mifflinburg; eight grandchildren, Herman and Bonnie Englehart of Cowan, Sherri and Michael Costello of Landsdale, Melanie Knox of West Milton, Marvin Englehart II of Mifflinburg, Anne and Mark Russell of Millmont, Judy and Edward Wawri of Laurelton, James and Amy Englehart of Middleburg, and David and Sherry Englehart of Millmont; 13 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and one sister, Helen Englehart of Mifflinburg.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by two sons, Herman L. Englehart and Emerson P. Englehart; four great-grandchildren, Terry Englehart, Scott Englehart, Emerson Englehart II and an infant boy; and six sisters, Ruth Rudy, Viola Wallace, Carrie Reeder, Sarah Sheesley, Margaret Hackenberg, and Mary Tyson.

Burial was in the Ray's Church Cemetery, Lewis Township, Union County.

Remembrance

By James Randall Chambers

Nuts

Hickory Nuts, Black Walnuts, Butternuts, similar to Black Walnuts, but a milder flavor. The nuts were oblong shaped. The trees looked like a Black Walnut tree and the nuts had a hull. Beechnuts. Chestnuts, all birds and animals thrived on chestnuts, also people. One could eat them raw or roasted. A turkey stuffed with chestnut dressing was prime food. In 918 the Chestnut trees contracted a blight, which killed all of the Chestnut trees on the eastern seaboard.

Editors note: This is the last "Remembrance" column by J. Randall Chambers that I have available for publication. My thanks to Randall Chambers of Dillon, Montana, for allowing me to reproduce his articles in The Millmont Times. Readers have enjoyed reading this column. Should Mr. Chambers provide me with additional articles relating to his early childhood home of White Springs, and western Union County I will be sure to include that material in future issues of the newsletter.

Thank You!

I would like to thank the following people for making donations toward the publication of this newsletter: Delphia Shirk, Millmont; Jesse & Mary Genevish, Lock Haven, PA; Stanley Catherman, Milton, PA; Guy Rachau, Coburn, PA; Norma A. Hackenberg, Millmont; .

The following people have agreed to accept this newsletter over the Internet as a PDF, thereby allowing me to reduce the monthly expenses associated with printing and mailing this publication: Gin Snook, John Stamm Jr., Doug Bastian, Fern (Yoder) Gochnauer, Sam Wehr, and Liz Barber. Anyone interested in signing up to receive a free color version of the newsletter each month is encouraged to contact: millmonttimes@dejazzd.com

I would also like to thank the following new mail subscribers: Charles Bean, Harrisburg, PA; Samuel & Shirley Diehl, Millmont; Glenn E. Catherman, North Edward, CA; Neil H. Catherman, Wesley Chapel, FL; Eleanor Hackenberg, Millmont; Karl Schnure, Wyalusing, PA; and Kim Yarger, Spring City, TN.

Thanks also to Marge Schmader for donating a number of old newspapers, Delphia Shirk for loaning me a number of her old Mifflinburg Telegraph newspapers, and Lori Hughes of Hartleton for loaning me her collection of old slides of the Hartleton area.

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!!

From the diary of the late Elder Greene Shively (1870 - 1954), a resident of Millmont from 1918 until his death:

Thur. June 7, 1934. 68 - 78 degrees. Fair. Worked in the garage. This evening it was reported that Charles Glover was missing and that his clothes and fishing rod were found near by the swimming pool. I went down and soon Donald Shirk found him and brought him to the surface having hold of his hair. George Steese and Reuben Feaster being there with a boat they took him to the shore and Dr. Hill was called and he pronounced him dead. He had been in the water for some hours. I suppose there were several hundred people present. Mr. Charles Glover Drowned. It is supposed he was swimming and took cramp.

The small photograph in the upper left hand corner of page one shows a WPA road crew taking a break in front of the brick schoolhouse, just north of Millmont. The photograph was taken circa 1933, and was provided to me courtesy of the late Kenneth L. Shively.

Lewis Township News

Lewis Township Board of Supervisors - No report available.

Municipal Authority of Lewis Township - Courtesy of Marge Schmader.

The regular meeting of the Municipal Authority of Lewis Township was held on May 3, 2005, 8:00 PM at the Lewis Township Municipal Building, Millmont. The following, being members of the board of authority named in the articles of incorporation, were present: Jim Sanders, Steve Bilger, Ken Strowbridge, Renda Shively and Marge Schmader. Also present were Solicitor Melissa Lobos, Plant Manager Walt Scholl and HRG Rep. Steve Siegfried.

The minutes of the April meeting were approved as printed. The treasurer's report was given. The checking account balance was \$13,577.42 and \$ 96,637.69 in CDs and was approved and filed for audit. Marge made a motion and Ken seconded it for Renda to put the \$36,000 + CD that is mature into a CD at West Milton Bank for a higher interest rate and for the interest to go back into the CD rather than receiving a check for the interest. Motion passed. A motion was made by Ken Strowbridge to pay the bills and seconded by Steve Bilger - so moved.

HEARING OF VISITORS: No visitors

CORRESPONDENCE: Marge advertised the meeting time change for the May to October meetings in the Telegraph.

We received a survey from HRG for our chairman to fill out. Jim will do this and get it back to HRG.

Renda received a letter from Kilmer Ins. about the bond for her. They stated that we had to pay \$250 for the time Ken Bair was our treasurer and also \$300 for Renda.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Steve Siegfried reported that "HRG is watching the Chesapeake Bay Tributary Strategy, we are not high on their priority list. DEP doesn't have all their ducks in order yet. Don't get too excited yet - maybe down the road. There are a lot of unanswered questions. HRG will keep us apprised as to what is going on."

PLANT OPERATOR UPDATE: Walt reported that the plant is operating pretty well. He has been cleaning 2 of the marshes and meadows. One is on line.

Walt had Ken Catherman bring in 2 loads of 2-B stones and will get 2 more and 2 loads of 2-B oversized for marshes and meadows and road. He reported we should be in good shape for summer unless there is another flood.

There was another inspection - report on file. Discharge wasn't compromised in any way.

OLD BUSINESS: Marge received 2 bids for our audit. The third person never got back to us. Marge made a motion that we accept Doug Parker's bid since it was lower than that of Lewis Danzig & Company, Ken seconded it - motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS: Steve Bilger reported that the cover for sewer at the end of alley behind Maple St. is uncovered about 1 1/2". Walt will check on it.

Besides the \$65,000 CDBG grant money we will be receiving, there will be an extra \$3,000 to \$5,000. We will have to advertise for bids on the things that need to be done at the plant and turn in the bills to SEDA-COG.



Wreath laying ceremony at the gravesite of Private George W. Zimmerman, which was held at Rays Church Cemetery on May 29, 2005.

Remembering a Soldier

The annual Memorial Day service was held at the Rays Church Cemetery along Rt. 45 on Sunday, May 29, 2005 at the gravesite of Pvt. George W. Zimmerman. As you may recall, the main story in the May 2005 issue of The Millmont Times was about Pvt. George W. Zimmerman, *Remembering a Soldier*, by Judy (Shively) Wagner. Approximately 17 observers attended the ceremony, and 17 uniformed veterans led the memorial. The ceremony was conducted by the Mifflinburg Post 1964 V.F.W., bearing the Yoder - Zimmerman name.

Immediately following the firing of three rifle volleys over the graves of fallen armed forces members, the somber call of Taps could be heard

in the distance. Lane Zimmerman, a sophomore at Mifflinburg Area High School, played the 24-note song. A son of Kevin and Jona Zimmerman, Lane is a great-great nephew of Pvt. George W. Zimmerman who was killed on November 10, 1918, one day before the armistice ending WWI. When Lane read the article from last month's issue, he approached his band director, Mr. Matthew Wagner, and asked if he could play Taps for this year's ceremony at Rays Church Cemetery. Lane also played Taps for the services at Hironimus and Hartleton Cemetery's earlier in the day.



Lane Zimmerman plays Taps during the Memorial Day ceremony honoring his great great uncle, Private George W. Zimmerman.

My face is set, my gait is fast, my goal is Heaven, my road is narrow, my way is rough, my companions are few, my guide is reliable, my mission is clear. I cannot be bought, compromised, detoured, lured away, turned back, diluted, or delayed. I will not flinch in the face of sacrifice, hesitate in the presence of adversity, negotiate...at the table of the enemy, ponder at the pool of popularity, or meander in a maze of mediocrity. I won't give up, shut up, let up, or slow up. Robert Moorehead

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

Vacation Bible School will be held at the 4- Bell Lutheran Church beginning June 12 and continuing through June 17. The theme for this years Bible School is: "Abraham - God's Faithful Servant." In addition to Bible study there will be crafts, music, and games. Classes begin each evening at 6:30 p.m. and continue until 8:30 p.m.

Vacation Bible School at the Church of the Nazarene, 12 Market St., Mifflinburg PA. For ages 4 Years to 6th Grade Monday, June 20th - Friday, June 24th 6:30 pm to 9 pm. Theme: "CONSTRUCTION ZONE" Motto: 'Building Character Like Jesus.' Scheduled: 1) Food Court --- "BROWN BAG" Bistro. 2) Music ---"ON THE JOB" Praises. 3) Lessons/Scripture --- "INTERIOR DESIGN" Center. 4) Fun and Games --- 'HARD HAT AREA'. 5) Crafts ---HANDS-ON Crafts Call Church Office at 966-0852. To REGISTER and Sign-up for a RIDE.

June Birthdays

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| 3 - Amos O. Zimmerman | 12 - Lena Susan |
| 4 - Adin Zimmerman | 13 - Mark Shreckengast |
| 5 - Holly Weaver | 14 - Robert Stroup |
| 6 - Tom Boop | 18 - Vanessa Walter |
| 7 - Lori Weaver | 18 - Becky Maust |
| 7 - Landon Schramm | 20 - John Weaver |
| 9 - Kay Guida | 20 - Dale Hartman |
| 11 - Jeanie Lyons | 21 - Chelynn Bingaman |

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June Anniversaries

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| 15-Jun-1942 | Theodore and Carolyn Catherman |
| 12-Jun-1948 | Elwood and Leah Showalter |
| 3-Jun-1950 | Charlie and Regina Oxenford |
| 20-Jun-1964 | Bernie and Marge Schmader |
| 19-Jun-1982 | John and Brenda Weaver |
| 30-Jun-1990 | Vernon and Becky Schramm |
| 18 - June 19** | Oren and Doris Sheesley |

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