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The CCC Legacy at R. B. Winter State Park



This month Raymond B. Winter State Park, located along route 192 midway between Lewisburg and Centre Hall, will mark a noteworthy milestone. It was 75 years ago (June 5, 1933) when two hundred enrollees of the Civilian Conservation Corps first arrived at the remote state park in the West End of Union County. The initial group of enrollees, along with the thousands that followed, made improvements and assisted in the development of what was then known as Half Way State Forest Park. By the time the CCC departed, nearly nine years later,

they not only succeeded in turning the park into a crowning jewel in the eyes of Forester R. B. Winter, but with the public as well. In recognition of Winter's efforts the Pennsylvania Legislature renamed the park in Winter's honor in September 1955.

After graduating from Mt. Alto State Forest School in August 1910, Forester Raymond B. Winter was assigned to the White Deer State Forest. His forest district was located in the heart of Pennsylvania and included vast tracts of state forestlands along the Fourteen-Mile-Narrows. From the time he first arrived, Forester Winter dreamed of creating a park in the area where Halfway Run and Rapid Run merge. With the addition of Steve Roadarmel and Leslie Stover, both of who were appointed Rangers in the White Deer State Forest, the three state employees began clearing brush and planting trees in an effort to beautify the area. Over

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Millmont Mailbox by Postmaster Sam Smith

I just got back from vacation at Myrtle Beach. The weather was great! I can understand why retired people move there. If you are planning on moving in the future, here are some tips to help. You can change your address by going to www.usps.com. Look under receiving mail. Click on Change of Address, and fill out the information. To safeguard your mail and your personal information, you will be asked to pay \$1.00 using a credit or debit card with a billing address that matches the information you have entered. While the website is great for many purposes, personally I don't recommend changing your address online except if you are unable to get to your local Post Office, for several reasons. First you don't need to spend a dollar to change it locally. Secondly, when you change it online the local post office is the last place notified and you may have mail delivered to your old address for several days. Also, sometimes there are mistakes on the change of address form. We always verify the form 3575 at the window when you present it so we can avoid having to correct problems with your forwarding order. It is also a good idea to notify the Post Office where you are moving to of your new address so that the carrier knows for sure that you are at the new address, and due to 911 addressing, sometimes there may be a change from what the realtor told you the address would be. I guess what I'm basically saying is that it's best to let your local Post Offices know in person if you are moving out or in. New stamp releases for June: New Love Stamps, Charles and Ray Eames, and Olympic Games. The Migratory Bird stamps (Duck stamps for hunters) will be available June 27.

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Raymond B. Winter (fourth from the right in back row) posed for this photograph with enrollees and staff of the Civilian Conservation Corps.

the next two decades Winter and his meager staff did what they could to develop the state park, while at the same time making improvements throughout the White Deer State Forest.

Within days of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's March 4, 1933 inauguration the US Congress approved Public Act No. 5, known as the "Reforestation and Relief Act." The depths of the Great Depression had settled upon the nation and this was the president's first piece of legislation intended to specifically address the problem of youth unemployment. Act 5 resulted in the establishment of the Civilian Conservation Corps, or CCC as the organization was widely known. The federal program was a windfall to the state of Pennsylvania, its unemployed youth, and to the local economies where the camps were established. During the first year Pennsylvania became home to 104 CCC camps.

By the 1930's Union County had more than 55,000 acres of land under the control of the Pennsylvania Department of Forestry, which provided an ideal environment for the establishment of the CCC camps. Union County subsequently became home to four of the camps. Tea Springs, Weikert, and Half Way CCC camps were up and running by the summer of 1933. The fourth and final camp in Union County was established at Joyce Kilmer in June 1935. Forester Raymond Winter was elated when Half Way State Forest Park was selected to be home to one of those camps. He now had the money, manpower, and equipment to make major improvements to the park. Winter could only dream about these improvements prior to the arrival of the CCC.

Nearly 200 CCC enrollees from Ft. Meade, Maryland arrived at the Mifflinburg Railroad Station at 3:50 a.m. on June 5, 1933. Many of the young men aboard the train were from far away places such as Pottsville, Allentown, Philadelphia, Pottstown, and Reading. The enrollees, under the command of Lieutenant Whitfield P. Shepard and his staff of six Army officers, waited until first light to disembark from the train that had brought them to within a few miles of their final destination. After breakfast, the boys and their gear were loaded onto trucks that transported them to their remote campsite in the Fourteen-Mile Narrows. In anticipation of their arrival, forestry personnel and local relief workers had cleared trees, rocks and brush from a one-acre plot of ground where the temporary campsite was to be located.

Upon their arrival the enrollees began the task of erecting the 50 World War I tents that served as their temporary quarters over the next six months. The men were greeted by a severe thunderstorm, followed by a drenching rain on their first evening in camp. The fifteen-year-old canvas tents offered little in the way of shelter from the driving rains. However, according to one newspaper account of the CCC arrival at Half Way the storm did little to dampen the enthusiasm of the young men.

Kerosene lanterns were used for lighting purposes while the young men were living in tents awaiting the construction of wooden barracks. Once the wooden buildings within camp were constructed, a five-kilowatt 110-volt Westinghouse generator was installed nearby, thus providing electricity throughout the camp. By August 1933 installation of an underground water line from Boiling Spring to the camp was well underway. This spring, located along Sand Run Road one mile east of the camp, provided sufficient water for the campsite.

The original mess hall was little more than a canvas tarp, which offered little or no protection from the elements. Meals were eaten under an open sky, with a tree stump and a packing crate taking the place of a table and chair. Construction of the permanent mess hall got underway in July, and on the morning of August 16, 1933 the entire company ate breakfast inside their new dining facility. The mess hall was the first wooden building constructed at Camp S-67.

David W. Diehl, a resident of Riverview Manor in Lewisburg, was one of several local men who enrolled in the CCC camp at Half Way. He recalled his arrival at the camp where he shared a cold and drafty Army surplus tent with five other young enrollees, strangers from towns and cities from southeastern Pennsylvania. Prior to the construction of the wooden barracks Diehl and the other enrollees spent months living in close quarters inside the tents. A wooden floor was placed beneath each tent, which kept the enrollees a few inches



A few stone picnic tables built by the CCC can still be found at R. B. Winter Park.

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BIRD TALK

by Jim McCormick

“A time when all things seem possible.” It’s been wet and cold and rainy, but no matter—it’s May!!! Simply put, May is the most beautiful month of the year. Writers and poets have sung its praises throughout history.

**“The world’s favorite season is the spring.
All things seem possible in May.”**

(Edwin Way Teale, 1899-1980, naturalist, writer and photographer)

Spring is the best and May is the *crème de la crème*, the best of the best!! What a wonderful way of looking at May. Spring, and especially May, is a time when we can all be young again, if only for the briefest time-- **“A time when all things seem possible.”**

Another way of looking at May, of course, is to look at the mass invasion of the migratory birds. They arrive at nearly a species a day and it is something I look forward to each and every year. As I said last month, the Baltimore Orioles arrived at the end of April, a little early. As May began, the Catbirds returned to their breeding grounds. Immediately following this, the Common Yellowthroats and Wood Thrushes could be heard in all the usual places. “Ritzidy, ritzidy, ritzidy” could be heard from secret places in the thickets, as the Yellowthroats announced their return to Millmont. The melodious “EE-oh-Lay” of the Wood Thrush floated through the dense woods and the music of spring was heard everywhere. With all the rain we have had this spring, Penns Creek has been much higher than usual. This has to have forced all the ducks and geese to move into the feeder streams with their ducklings and goslings. I have not seen any Wood Duck, Merganser or Mallard ducklings on Penns Creek at all. I have only seen one pair of Canada Geese with five goslings. Normally I would have seen scores of goslings by this time.

I have seen several pairs of Common Mergansers in the Creek this spring. I have been trying to locate where they were nesting, but have not found any nesting spots yet. One day early in the month I heard an unusual sound coming from the opposite side of the Creek. It was a very guttural sound. I saw a male Common Merganser and then I saw the female. The female makes a distinctive grunting call when she is near her ducklings. What was unusual about this incident was that there was a second male in the mix. The first male and female obviously were a mating pair. What was the second male doing there? The pair would swim upstream and the second male would follow. The first male would attack the second, but never get very far from the female. There had to be ducklings nearby or the pair would simply have just flown away. Instead, they were staying fairly close to where I first saw them. Perhaps the second male had lost its mate to some predator and was following its natural instinct to find another partner.

I was trying to come up with a photo for this month’s column, but was not having any luck. You would think, with all the birds around, this would be an easy task. Unfortunately, I couldn’t find any birds willing to pose for my camera. I decided to take one more chance and went to the Millmont Covered Bridge after work. I climbed up the beams on both sides of the bridge—nothing. I walked around on both sides of the Creek, again—nothing. I was just about to give up, when I heard the sound of Canada Geese. I quickly climbed up the beam in the bridge and waited. A pair of Geese was cautiously swimming along the shoreline. They were obviously in vocal contact with their goslings somewhere nearby. I waited, hoping to see the pair with their downy offspring. Again, no luck. I was just about to leave when they must have sensed my presence and took off. I took this photo as they were landing about 20 yards away. Enjoy!



Photograph of Canada Geese taking flight, courtesy of Jim McCormick.

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The stone dam at R. B. Winter State Park was listed on the National Register of Historic Places on May 11, 1987.

up off of the cold, damp ground. Bedding for each enrollee consisted of a chaff tick and heavy wool blankets. In order to keep warm during November and December a Sibley wood-burning stove was set up in the tents. Diehl recalled times when the heat from the stove melted the snow on the roof of the tent; and as the water trickled down the exterior it re-froze thereby forming a protective wind barrier at the base of the tent. While not the most ideal situation, the young men persevered through these challenges.

When Raymond B. Winter was first assigned to the White Deer State Forest he had a vision of rebuilding the timber dam across Rapid Run in the vicinity of the Halfway House. The log structure had been in a state of disrepair for years. Efforts by politicians to obtain state appropriations for the rebuilding of the dam proved unsuccessful. The arrival of the CCC at Half Way created an opportunity for Winter's to make improvements to the crumbling dam as well as the state park. The replacement of the dam was the first major undertaking by the CCC enrollees. The men who worked to

build the dam probably did not know that their project, a cement and stone dam, was the first of its kind undertaken by any CCC camp in the nation.

Following the removal of the timber dam the enrollees of the CCC Camp S-67 began constructing a new stone and masonry dam across Rapid Run. The project was under the direction of Engineers Roger Harmon and Mason S. "Skip" Wagner. The dam was 185 feet long, fourteen feet high, 35 feet wide at the base, and ten feet wide at the spillway. Since the dam was built of native mountain stone, and because stonework was used extensively throughout the park, an experienced stonemason was needed. George Bilger of Forest Hill filled that role. He became the head stonemason of the project and was added to the payroll as a foreman at Camp S-67 shortly after it began.

Bilger was a well-known stonemason, having spent several years constructing some of the mountain stone buildings on the grounds of the Laurelton State Village. He and a crew of men were responsible for selecting, cutting and preparing the large stones used in the construction of the dam. Since the stones used on the face of the dam were quite large and heavy, a hand-cranked derrick was used to hoist the stones into position. At the same time he was cutting and dressing the stones used in the construction of the dam, Bilger was teaching his masonry skills to those enrollees interested in learning that trade.

Construction of the dam was nearing completion in January 1934. Everyone in the camp, especially those who had spent months working on the project, were anxious to see the lake filled with water. However, rather than filling the lake up slowly as the engineers had planned, Mother Nature intervened in the form of an early January rainstorm. The heavy rains, in combination with the melting snow on the ground, resulted in the lake filling up sooner and faster than anyone anticipated, especially the engineers. As the water rose to the top of the dam and the first rush of water cascaded over the breast, many of the men involved in the project breathed a huge sigh of relief, especially 23-year-old "Skip" Wagner. This was the first major engineering project undertaken by the Bucknell graduate.

While the dam was under construction, other enrollees of Camp S-67, as well as several full-time forestry employees, were involved in clearing out the mud, stumps, rocks and other debris from the area that later became the lakebed at Half Way. In order to get heavy equipment into the wet and swampy areas, the men constructed a corduroy road. A corduroy road was built using eight-to-nine-inch diameter trees, up to ten feet long, lying side-by-side and nailed together with 60-penny spikes. These roads, built in sections, were placed in the swampy areas so that the equipment digging out the

R.B. Winter Park information

Rocky ridges covered with oak and pine forest surround the six-acre Halfway Lake, which is fed by mountain streams. A cold water fishery, the lake is stocked with brown, rainbow, and brook trout. With the exception of the swimming area the lake and its tributaries are open to public fishing. A 300' long white sand beach, with volleyball court and children's play area is open from late May through September from 8:00 a.m., until sunset. Hiking and mountain biking trails are located in the park, as well as in the adjoining 195,000-acre Bald Eagle State Forest.

There are about 250 picnic tables dispersed throughout the park. Charcoal grills, water fountains, restrooms, horseshoe pits, play area, and other park facilities are within easy access of the picnic areas. A seasonal concession stand is located at the beach house. The nearby campground, open from the second Friday in April until mid December, has 59 sites that can accommodate tents, trailers, or motor homes. A modern two-story log cabin is also available for rent.

About 487 acres of the park are open to hunting and trapping. Wintertime activities at the park include snowmobile and ski trails and ice fishing on the lake. The Halfway Run Environmental Learning Center has educational tools, wildlife displays, field guides, and features such as hands on science area.

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Penns Creek Angler

by Bruce Fisher

Low water, high water, when will it end? Last year we saw the lowest water in many years on Penns Creek. This year we've had one of the longest high spring water conditions I can remember. It was great to fill the underground aquifers and soak the land with much needed water but enough is enough.

The Grannoms came off as expected with great water levels and then the Hendrickson's came and brought the high water with them. Much of the March Brown hatch was not fishable due to the water raging over 1500 cubic feet per second. About the only good things to come out of all the rain is Penns should remain fishable until July 4th if we just get small amounts of rain periodically.

Another positive effect the high water had was the feeder streams had great fishing and some people got the chance to get out to creeks that are usually too low to fish in late May. So here we are at the beginning of June and the Green Drake has not started yet. I think it's because of the unusually cold nights we have had during the latter part of May. But it's only a matter of days and the hatch will make its annual visit to Penns Valley. Each year this hatch is met by hundreds of fishermen from around the United States. Even for those folks that don't fish, the drake hatch is a spectacular event just to see.

Another unusual event this year will be the hatching of the seventeen-year Cicada. It has just started to hatch and in a few weeks the valley will be full of these critters. Many will find their way to the water and provide great fishing to lucky anglers that are in the right spot at the right time. Some of the biggest fish of the year will be caught during their brief stay in the area. In some places you will not be able to hear the person next to you talking because the sound they will make will be so loud. I've seen hundreds of shucks attached to the trees around the creek and wooded areas. I can hardly wait to see how good the fishing will get. It would be nice to see the Green Drake and the Cicada on the water at the same time. I wonder what fly the fish will choose to eat. I guess the Cicada will fish better during the day and the Drake will fish better in the evening.



Photograph of a Blue Winged Olive courtesy of Bruce Fisher.

After the Drake is over we should see large Blue Winged Olives in size 14 and after that we will see the start of the Slate Drake hatch near the middle of June. The fishing I like the best will happen during late June and early July with the smaller Blue Winged Olives in sizes 22-16. This is the time when the water has less pressure and summer is in full swing. If you can fish on a day that has some rain and wind it would be a great time to fish this hatch. The fragile BWO's will be stunned and will not be able to get off the water. The wind will blow them all to one side of the creek and the fish will stack up on that side of the creek.

If we are lucky small amounts of rain will fall periodically and the fishing will remain good in to the middle of July. Lets all hope for good fishing and good crops this year!

"Catch you Later"

Bruce Fisher

Editor's Note: Penns Creek Angler is located at 17745 Old Turnpike Road (intersection of Route 45 and Fairground Road) and offers angling and hunting supplies, custom rods and repairs, lodging, and fly tying courses. You can telephone Penns Creek Angler at 570.922.1053, or visit their website at: www.pennscreekeangler.com

The small photograph located in the upper left hand corner of page one is a view of the Pleasant Grove Evangelical United Brethren - United Methodist Church.



Meanderings

by

Hertha S. Wehr

Surprise

It's always a pleasure to be surprised, well, almost always. A pleasant surprise came to me several weeks ago, or a month or so ago? Anyway a letter came in the mail from Camp Hill. I looked at it and wondered whom I knew in Camp Hill. Upon opening it I discovered a valentine from my sister and myself given to Pearl Kaler in the 1930's. Wow, who keeps things from the 30's? Upon thinking about it I came to the conclusion that there was not the volume of paper and cards that we so carelessly toss around today.

Anyway, the card was from Jane (Ely) Foster, who is a niece of the late Pearl Kaler. It seems she came into possession of the papers of Pearl. I cannot imagine how many papers there must have been if a valentine was saved from the '30's.

I promptly sent her a thank you note. I also mentioned that all of my brothers were deceased but I still had one sister living. In due course my sister heard from her.

Jane's letter had copies of the Pike School pictures from 1929-'30, and from 1930-'31. We were able to identify all of the pupils. We were also able to decide who their parents were, except for one boy.

The spring of 1930 was the year Pike School, which was located along Route 45, just east of Christ United Lutheran Church, burned to the ground. The school was not rebuilt. Instead of rebuilding it was decided we would be bussed to the east side of the unused room of Lewis Township High School. Since that was my first year in school my older brother and sisters told everyone that they used to attend Pike School, along Route 45, "Until Hertha started to school and she burned down the school house." How I hated to hear that! Just for the record, I had nothing to do with the fire!

Since one-room schools at that time had only eight months of school, our classes were canceled for the year and arrangements were made to transport us in the fall. Pearl Kaler was my teacher for my entire elementary education.

I thought you might be interested in seeing a picture of that last class at the school that is no more. Happy remembrances.



Pike School 1929 – 30

Front Row L-R: Robert Erdley, Leroy "Jinx" Himmelreich, Ralph Kuhns, Harold Kuhns, Leon Wolf. **Second Row L-R:** Ralph Ruhl, Rachel Catherman, Freda Ruhl, Hertha Shively, Miriam Kline, Anna Ruhl, Freda Kline, Louella Catherman, David Kuhns. **Third Row L-R:** Joe Wallace, Robert Kline, Nessie Shively, Rebecca Erdley, Mildred Erdley, Irene Arney, Fern Shively, Archie Peters. **Fourth Row L-R:** Teacher Pearl Kahler, Anna Sanders, Louella Arney, Bertha Sanders, Rachel Wolf, Hazel Ruhl, Marlin Peters, Harold Peters, Roger Shively. (Thanks to Deb Wehr for emailing this photograph).

Field Notes, by WCO

Dirk Remensnyder



During the winter when bears are in hibernation I take my bear traps to the SUN-TECH vocational school to have them fixed, painted, greased, welded etc. so they are ready to go when bear come out of the den. Since I have developed a great relationship with the instructors and students at SUN-

TECH they asked me if I could bring a trapped bear to their school and do a program, since they work on my bear traps. I caught a nice 316 lb male and took it to the school so the welding class, the auto-tech class and the collision repair class could see the results of their work on the trap. Of course when you do a bear program at a school all the classes are interested and want to see the program. So the majority of the classes at SUN-TECH came for the program. We even found ways to involve other classes as the police science class used their training to cast the bear's feet and the dental health technology class assisted with pulling the bears tooth for the aging process.

Hunters in Union County seemed to have really taken advantage of the youth spring gobbler hunt. There were quite a lot of hunters hunting on this day with their sons and daughters. The only disheartening part was that there were also a lot of hunters out scouting for the following Saturday. Instead of just listening for birds they were doing a lot of calling, which interfered with some of the mentored and youth hunts.

Millmont Community
Yard Sale &
Chicken Barbecue
will be held on
Saturday June 28.

Blessings from the Bible

by Brenda Weaver

"Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord, According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust."

2 Peter 1:3-4

Recently a friend told the account of a woman who was overwhelmed and distressed by the circumstances of life. In her deep discouragement she picked up the Word of God and began looking up all the references that contained one word. My friend could not remember what the word was, but she did remember the result. Time alone-just one woman and The Word-made a dramatic change. Resting with the Bible on her lap, after her word search was completed, the woman experienced peace and joy restored. Her circumstances had not changed; her perception of them had. Her encounter with the God of the Bible restored her weakened faith and gave her hope that God could work through her circumstances to accomplish good.

Life does hand out difficult circumstances! At times we find ourselves reeling or groaning under the weight of health issues, wayward children, the loss of a loved one, or any combination of wearying circumstances. That's when we need to get alone with The Word and search.

Understanding who God is puts our circumstances in the proper place-within His use or control. Realizing God is ABLE braces us to face reality. God is able to change our circumstances, walk with us through them, or use them for His honor and glory. God is able to be in you-to abide in you as you abide in Him. (See John 15.) God is able to give grace and peace, even in the midst of circumstances that trouble you.

While searching The Word this morning, I found rich treasures in 2 Peter 1, including the verses above. I can be a partaker of God's divine nature! How? "Through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord." By knowing-really knowing God. To my faith in God I can diligently add virtue, knowledge, self-control, patience, godliness, brotherly kindness, and charity. (See verses 5-7.) Amazing promises follow, including the promise of fruitful life found in verse 11: *"For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ."*

God is able to use the circumstances of my life, of your life, to increase our knowledge of God and make us fruitful workers in His kingdom. How can we understand the marvel of God's promises without spending time in His Word?

Do you face troubling circumstances? Learn to know more about God and his promises. Enjoy some word-searching in The Word!

Prayer for today:

Dear Lord, You are God. You are able. You know our circumstances and how they may trouble us. I believe You are able to change my circumstances or help me learn from them. I commit myself and my circumstances to You, believing You can and will use them for Your honor and glory. Thank You for Your Word and the life-changing, circumstance-altering power it holds for those who believe and read it.

Recipe of the Month

by Janice (Dorman) Shively

High Fiber Bran Muffins

1 c. Wheat Bran
1 ½ C. Whole Wheat Flour
½ C. Raisins
1 tsp. Baking Powder
1 tsp. Baking Soda

Combine above ingredients together and set aside.

1 Egg, beaten
2 T. Oil
½ C. Blackstrap Molasses or Honey (or ¼ C. of each)
¾ C. milk

Blend above ingredients together. Add to the dry ingredients and stir **JUST UNTIL MOISTENED**. Spoon into greased or paper lined muffin tins and bake at preheated 400° oven for 15 minutes or until muffins pull away from sides of cups. Makes 18 marvelous muffins! You can add ½ c. applesauce and ¼ C. of chopped nuts if desired.

My Mom, Linda Dorman of Hartleton, shared this recipe

with me, and these muffins are delicious! Sometimes we add 1 Granny Smith apple, peeled and cut into small dice, to the batter. You can also use Craisins in place of the raisins. Mom and I also add about 1 T. Liquid Lecithin to the batter, which makes the muffins moist. Without the Liquid Lecithin this is a dry muffin, but very tasty. I use a 3 T. ice cream scoop to fill the paper liners, and sprinkle a little of the wheat bran on top.



These muffins are delicious served warm with a bit of butter, jam or jelly, or apple butter on top.

Look for wheat bran in the health food section of your grocery market, and the liquid lecithin at your local natural food store.

Be creative and ENJOY!



Black body, yellow wings, and large red eyes are distinct markings of the Brood XIV periodical cicada. Photo taken on June 1, 2008 at the Sugar Camp, southeast of Millmont.

17-Year Cicada

This month folks living in Central Pennsylvania will have a unique opportunity to witness a fascinating phenomenon of the insect world, which will not occur for another 17 years. The emergence of Brood XIV of the periodical cicada should be heard loud and clear during the month of June. While cicadas can be found every year, there are species that have multiple year life cycles. There are seven species of the genus *Magicicada* - four of which have a 13-year life cycle while the remaining three have a 17-year cycle. While people often refer to the cicadas as the 17-year locusts, the fact is true locusts are a type of grasshopper.

Juvenile cicadas, also referred to as nymphs, live several inches to a few feet underground where they sustain themselves by living off the roots of trees. Brood XIV has been living in this subterranean world since 1991. A few weeks before emerging the nymphs construct exit tunnels to the surface. If you have seen ½ inch diameter holes in your yard don't be alarmed.

Once they emerge above ground they will seek a suitable place in nearby trees or other vegetation where they complete their final molt to adulthood. The temperature of the soil is a determining factor as to when they emerge. With the cooler than normal temperatures that we have been experiencing in this region during the month of May, emergence of the nymphs may be somewhat delayed. Following their emergence the adult cicada has one purpose - reproduction. Like other cicadas the males sing a mating song.

Mated females hollow out a series of V-shaped egg nests in living twigs and lay up to twenty eggs in each nest. A female can lay as many as 600 eggs. Six to ten weeks later the eggs hatch and the tiny nymphs drop from the trees and burrow underground where they fasten themselves onto roots - for the next 17 years.

With few natural predators, the adult periodical cicadas lifespan is only a few weeks. By mid-July nearly all of them will have disappeared. Population densities of periodical cicadas can be tens or even hundreds of thousands of insects per acre. The chorus from the large number of male cicadas can at times be deafening. While cicadas can cause damage to small trees or shrubs if too many feed or lays eggs in the twigs, they are harmless to humans. They do not bite or sting, nor do they attack people.

This is the fourth time during my lifetime that Brood XIV periodical cicadas have emerged. While I was too young (3 years old) to recall the 1957 brood, I do have distinct memories of them from 1974 and 1991. The cicada nymphs that hatch this year and burrow into the ground will not see the light of day until they reemerge in June 2025! Hopefully you will have an opportunity to see, and hear, these unique insects over the next few weeks.

Penlines From my Kitchen to Yours

by Lucy Hoover

April 16, 2008

Jerry Martin's of Mifflinburg came close to losing their barn by fire when the skid loader caught fire early this morning. They fell fortunate that the baby awakened them at that time. The barn door is black as is the bedding, electric pole, and the gas tank also started to burn.

Today was the funeral of Loren Horning (15 months old) son of Eugene and AnnMae of Lewisburg. He had been at Geisinger Medical Center for 11 days prior to his death.

April 17

Daryl Weaver (24) of Lewisburg was on his way to the wedding at Phares Horning's with his horse and buggy. After picking a passenger up along Salem Church Road they were traveling on Furnace Road when a vehicle hit the buggy. They found another way to get to the wedding, although they arrived late. The horse was o.k. and the buggy needs repairs.

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

April 20

Elton and Marie Nolt of Lewisburg have a daughter named Jennifer. She has one sister. Grandparents are Amos and Emma Nolt and Reuben and Ella Newswanger.

April 22

Joel Martin (14 months old) son of John and Miriam of Mifflinburg had surgery at Hershey. (The surgery went well).

April 25

Allen Hoover of Mifflinburg had surgery recently. He will need to wear a sling for 5-6 weeks.

May 2

John and Esther Nolt of Mifflinburg have a daughter named Grace. She has six brothers. Grandparents are Floyd and Jane Nolt and Amos and Emma Nolt.

May 6

Aaron and Rachel Nolt of Lewisburg have a son named Jesse Alan. He has one brother and one sister. Grandparents are Amos and Emma Nolt and John and Lydia Reiff.

May 7

Lynn Zimmerman (5) son of Allen and Marian of Lewisburg came home from Geisinger Medical Center where he had been hospitalized for two weeks because of a serious injury. He is doing well.

Looking Back

The following article was copied from the June 3, 1921 edition of The Mifflinburg Telegraph.

HOLD BOOTLEGGERS UNDER \$500 BAIL

**And the necessary Bond was
Quickly Forthcoming from Wilkes-
Barre, the Oasis of Central Penna.**

The two bootleggers believed to be members of the Wilkes-Barre liquor ring, who were placed under arrest near Laurelton by the Lewisburg detail of State Police on Saturday, were given a hearing before United States Commissioner Engle at Sunbury, who held them under \$500 bail. The men smiled, and within a very few minutes the bail was procured from Wilkes-Barre. The men gave their names as Edward N. Rexford, and Fred Seiger.

230 quarts of whiskey in quart bottles were found in a compartment in the Buick roadster in which they were riding.

They were taken to Lewisburg and lodged in the jail at that place, until they could be taken before Commissioner Engle.

This is the second bootlegging party arrested by the Lewisburg detail of the State Police within the last few weeks, five Freeland young men having been arrested some time ago in Lewisburg while in the act of unloading the liquor.

Are You Moving?

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Remembrance



Elwood J. "Woody" Dale, 87, of 121 Market St., entered into rest at 7:05 p.m. Tuesday, May 6, 2008, at River Woods, Lewisburg. He was born January 15, 1921, in Millmont, a son of the late William O. and Mary (Wagner) Dale. On March 18, 1960, at Mifflinburg United Methodist Church, he married the former Emma Campbell, who survives.

Elwood graduated from Mifflinburg High School, Class of 1938.

He enlisted in the Army Air Force on August 6, 1942. He was stationed in the Marshall Islands and earned the rank of staff sergeant. He was honorably discharged on December 18, 1945. Following his military tour of duty, he was employed at the Laurelton State Village and later at the Mifflinburg Body Company.

In the 1950's he was hired by contractor Stan Seiple, of Sunbury. He remained at the company as a construction foreman for 31 years, retiring in August 1983. Woody was particularly proud of being involved with the Mifflinburg Area High School building project.

Elwood was a member of Thomas H. Clapham Post 410, American Legion, Mifflinburg; Yoder-Zimmerman Post 1964, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Mifflinburg; the Buffalo Valley Sportsman Club; and the "Ponderosa" hunting club. Woody enjoyed the outdoors, especially hunting and fishing.

In addition to his wife, Elwood is survived by two sisters, Rhelda Valentine and Mary Wehr, both of Mifflinburg; five sisters-in-law, Margaret "Margie" Dale of Gulfport, Fla., Mary Elizabeth Dale and Mary Ann Dale both of Lewisburg, Connie Crook of New Berlin and Ruth Dennithorn of Coatesville; and nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Edna Dale, and five brothers, Maxwell Dale, William Dale, Kenneth Dale, Kermit Dale and Paul Dale.

Interment was in East Side Cemetery, Mifflinburg.

Edna Catherine Middleswarth, 95, of 230 Hassenplug Road since 1976 and a resident of Hartley Township for most of her life, entered into rest at 8 p.m. Saturday, May 17, 2008, at Geisinger Medical Center, Danville.

She was born March 19, 1913, in Lewisburg, a daughter of the late Reno G. and Emma C. (Frederick) Moyer. After her mother died in 1918, Edna, at the age of 7, moved from Lewisburg to Laurelton, and she grew up in the home of John and Agnes Try. On January 10, 1932, at Laurelton Lutheran Church, she married Raymond E. Middleswarth Sr., who preceded her in death June 6, 1991.

Edna was a 1930 graduate of Hartley Township High School, Laurelton. In 1952, she began 14 years of employment as the head cook at the Laurelton Elementary School. Edna then worked at the Laurelton State School, retiring in 1975.

She was a member of Christ's United Lutheran Church, Millmont, where she enjoyed assisting with various church events, and she was a member of the Union County Homemakers.

Surviving are two sons and one daughter-in-law, Raymond E. Jr. and Ruth E. Middleswarth of Laurelton and James R. Middleswarth of Charlotte, N.C.; one daughter and son-in-law, Nancy J. and A. Fred Barnickel of Debary, Fla.; one sister, Thelma V. Duck of Westwood, N.J.; seven grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and 11 nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Harold E. Moyer and Paul F. Moyer; two sisters, Margaret L. Williams and Dorothy E. Slott; and one grandson.

Burial was in Hartleton Cemetery.

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lakebed and the dump trucks hauling away the debris could move about without becoming swamped.

Once work on the dam and spillway were completed and the lake was filled with water, the enrollees decided to build a diving platform for use in the lake. The platform was constructed using 55-gallon drums under a wooden platform that was floated out to the middle of the lake before being anchored. Four enrollees from the camp were the first to try out their new swimming facility on April 12, 1934.

The original beach area was located on the south side of the lake, just off of Route 192; it was later relocated to the north side of the six-acre lake. There enrollees built a sandy beach by depositing 700 dump truck loads of sand. During the hot summer months the lake at Half Way was a favorite spot for the enrollees of Camp S-67. The park quickly became a popular recreation place for the general public as well, which is exactly what R. B. Winter had envisioned.

Raymond B. Winter had a dream, the vision, and foresight to transform Half Way into one of Pennsylvania's most attractive state parks. That transformation began in earnest upon the arrival of the initial contingent of CCC enrollees 75 years ago. Today the mountain stone dam stands as a monument to the hard work carried out by the enrollees. The park itself is also a testament to Raymond B. Winter's vision and to all those who labored with him to make that vision a reality. While changes and improvements have been made to the park since the days of the CCC, the 695-acre R. B. Winter State Park was, is, and always will be an alluring place for those who enjoy the beauty, serenity, and refreshing atmosphere that the natural world has to offer.

For more information about the CCC you can purchase Union County Historical Society's 2002 Heritage Volume XVIII. Entitled "The CCC Camps of Union County (1933-1942) Life and Work in the Civilian Conservation Corps". This book explores the history of the four CCC camps that were located in Union County. Information about R. B. Winter State Park is also available at their website: <http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/stateParks/parks/rbwinter.aspx>

What's Happening at Christ's United Lutheran Church

Courtesy of Shirley Kerstetter

Prayer Group will be held every Wednesday morning at the church beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Angel Food Ministries is an ongoing program at the church. For more information about Angel Food you can visit their website at: afm@4bellschurch.com or you can call the Angel Food Coordinator at 966.5068.

If you are not from this area you can go to the Angel Food Ministries website: www.angelfoodministries.com and select a church closer to you. It is a great program.

Summer is just around the corner, and it will soon be time for the West End Community Bible School's annual Vacation Bible School! Sponsored by the following churches: Christ's United Lutheran Church, Lincoln Chapel United Methodist Church, Ebenezer United Church of Christ, and Hironimus Union Church. Our theme this year is "Wild Adventures in the Bible." The dates are: June 8-13 from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. As in previous years VBS will include six daily activities: Bible Study, Discovery Center, music, crafts, games, and snacks. These activities will reinforce the Bible study, and are always fun and educational for children and adults. Classes are available for children ages 3 years and up, as well as grades 7 through 12. An offering will be collected each night of Bible School, which will be used to help in the Mission field. There will be a special closing program on Friday beginning at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to join us for a fellowship meal; each family is asked to bring a covered dish to pass, beverages and table service will be provided. Early registration is available by contacting Pearl Gemberling at 966.5358. Registration may also be done through the Lincoln Chapel website: lincolnchapel@chilitech.net Come join in on the adventure as we have a rootin' tootin' good time learning about God's Word!

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

Monday June 2, 1941. 63 degrees at 5 a.m. Cloudy and remained cloudy all day with the sun only appearing a few times during the afternoon. I was hoeing the garden. Mother was also doing some hoeing. Attended directors meeting this evening. First time no teachers were present for some time.

Tuesday June 3, 1941. 54 degrees at 5 a.m. A heavy mist, can not see up to the village (of Millmont). Brother Sammy and I were to Mr. Wolfe's and bought a mower for \$15.00, and I bought a wagon from Sammy for \$5.00. After supper we went to William Boop's to buy a rake. Brother Boop gave the rake to me. It was 64 degrees at 9 p.m. and still cloudy. From the Item—May was one of the driest in ten years. Only 1.71 inches of rain fell (average 3.87) During the period the mercury ranged from 34 degrees to 91 degrees. May 21 believed to be the hottest pre Memorial Day in 53 years.

Wednesday June 4, 1941. 57 degrees at 5 a.m. It is raining and has rained most of the night and all day. 60 degrees at 8 p.m. I connected the grind-stone to electric line with a mashing machine gear, and fixed up an old scythe that I bought from Sammy yesterday. Kaiser Wilhelm died at Doorn.

Thursday June 5, 1941. Still raining, and rained all day. 66 degrees at 8 p.m. Made an over-head in the east end of the barn so I can use the lower part for implements and sawed wood.

Friday June 6, 1941. 66 degrees at 9 p.m. It was a clear day. I sprayed the potatoes and did some repairing at the mower. This evening some Shively descendents from Illinois were here to see us. They also wanted to see the relics.

Thank You!

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Thanks to everyone who renewed their subscriptions for an additional year. Your support is what helps to make

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this newsletter possible, and is greatly appreciated!!

I would like to welcome the following new subscribers: Garry E. Gross, Lewisburg; Brian & Vanessa Day, Selinsgrove; Larry & Angela Brown, Mifflinburg; Robert & Judy Gross, Millmont; and Marcellus & Mary Jane Brungart, Rebersburg.

I would also like to thank Katherine Shively, Betty Stamm and Elwood Showalter for their assistance identifying the young female musician (Alice Feaster) in the photograph published in the April 2008 issue of the newsletter. Elwood Dale, who passed away on May 6, 2008, was also instrumental in assisting with the identification of Alice Feaster in the photograph. Thanks to Linda Dorman for donating genealogical information relative to the Elias Trutt family.

June Birthdays & Anniversaries

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1 – Russel F. Eisenhuth	Lamar & Lois Kahler - 1950
2 – Earl Bolig	17 – Charles Zechman Jr.
3 – Amos O. Zimmerman	18 – Oren & Doris Sheesley - 1960
4 – Lily Martin	18 – Vanessa Walter
4 – Adin Zimmerman	18 – Becky Maust
5 – Colby & Miranda Yarger - 2004	19 – John & Brenda Weaver – 1982
5 – Holly Weaver	20 – Bernie & Marge Schmader - 1964
6 – Tom Boop	20 – Darryl Kline
7 – Lori Peachey	20 – Donald Gordon
9 – Evelyn Bolig	20 – John Weaver
9 – Kay Guida	20 – Dale Hartman
10 – Lloyd & Marian Zimmerman - 1947	21 – Chelynn Bingaman
11 – Jeanie Lyons	22 – Rhelda Rishel
12 – Elwood & Leah Showalter - 1948	22 – Lois Kahler
12 – Lena Susan	23 – Keri Yarger
13 – Jorge Martin	24 – Lindy Mattern
14 – Robert Stroup	27 – Bob & Nancy Katherman - 1969
14 – Flag Day	27 – Rose Libby
15 – Father's Day	29 – June Bingaman
15 – Theodore & Carolyn Catherman - 1942	
15 – Selin Göktaş	

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