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Adam Musser



The photograph above shows five generations of the Musser family. This photograph was originally published in the December 2, 1905 edition of the Lewisburg Saturday News. At the time the article was published Adam Musser was the oldest gentleman residing in Hartley Township. From left to right is Charles Keister, holding his daughter. Next is Adam, and seated alongside him is his daughter, Lydia Rearick. Standing in the rear is Adam's granddaughter, Mrs. Isaac Keister. Photograph courtesy of Seibert "Herb" Teichman of Millmont.

A native of Snyder County, Adam Musser (1815-1908), moved to Union County at a relatively young age. His name appears in the 1840 Hartley Township census. By that time he was married to his wife, Mary Gloss, for about five years.

During the 1850 census Adam listed his occupation as carpenter.

By the time the census enumerator was gathering information for the 1860 census Adam and Mary were the parents of ten children ranging from age 5 to 24 years. All of their children were living under the same roof. Six of the children were females and four were males.

Adam earned a reputation for his skills as a car-

pen-ter. Particularly noteworthy were his style of barns. Seibert Teichman of Laurelton, a great-great-grandson of Adam Musser, stated that his barns were somewhat unique in their construction. However, few of Adam Musser's barns remain standing today.

One of Musser's signature barns was located off Palman Road, a short distance east of Laurelton. The large barn and the adjoining brick home, were for many years owned by the Laurelton State Village. The Pennsylvania Game Commission subsequently became owner of the

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In Your Mailbox by Gail Hanselman

I am sure your starting to hear this more often....I am so ready for Spring!!!! I really just want to see the sun and feel its heat.

March 3-9th is National Consumer Protection Week.....

It's a federal program designed to highlight current issues and help customers improve their ability to combat fraud.

This year the Postal Service and the Postal Inspection Service are partnering with AARP, a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping people 50 and older, to educate consumers about foreign lottery schemes that target older Americans.

The goals of the NCPW are:

1. Increase the awareness of older Americans and their caregivers about the dangers of foreign lottery schemes.
2. Give consumers valuable information about protecting their assets from fraudsters.
3. Provide a central location where consumers can report suspected fraud.

Anyone can be a victim of foreign lottery fraud, but scammers often seek out those whom they perceive as vulnerable. Increasingly, their victims include older Americans and cognitively challenged individuals. These crimes can seriously affect the lives of victims and their families.

Postal Inspectors will discuss how Americans can avoid becoming the latest victims of this crime. Foreign lottery scammers talk a good game. They ask victims to pay to play - by wire, check, money order, or cash. They try to get consumers to send money that's just for "taxes

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The photograph above shows one of Adam Musser's signature barns. Adam Musser (1815-1908) was a long time resident of the West End of Union County. This barn, which is no longer standing, was located off Palman Road just east of Laurelton. For many years this property was under the ownership of the Laurelton State Village. Today the property is still owned by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and is managed by the Pennsylvania Game Commission as part of SGL # 317. A portion of the Glen Iron Gap on Penns Creek Mountain can be seen in the background of the photograph.

farmland along with the abandoned house and barn. Unfortunately both the brick home and the large barn were in a poor state of repair and were razed. The house was the first to come down, and the barn was razed in 2009.

According to Teichman, when the barn was still under the ownership of the Laurelton State School a state worker noticed a board attached to the interior peak of the barn that had Adam Musser's name etched on it. This board was attached to an interior gable of the barn. The whereabouts of that board is unknown.

Adam Musser lived to age 93 years. As one of Hartley Township's leading citizens, his life history was published in the Commemorative Biographical Record of Central Pennsylvania, by H. J. Beers and Company, 1898. That section of the book about Musser is published as follows:

ADAM MUSSER. There are few men more worthy of representation in a work of this kind than the subject of this biography, who is passing the later years of his life in retirement at his pleasant home in Laurelton, Union county. His has been a long and busy career, rich with experience, and in which he has established himself in the esteem and confidence of all who know him.

Of German descent, Mr. Musser was born in Snyder county, Penn., April 3, 1815, a son of John and Deborah (Stetler) Musser. His father and grandfather both spent their entire lives in

that county. In the family of the former were ten children: Henry, who died in Juniata county, Penn., at the age of eighty-four years; George, who, at the age of seventy-two, was killed at Franklin, Snyder county, left a family; Adam, of this sketch; Jeremiah, who is married and lives in Mifflinburg, Penn.; Sarah, who became the wife of Jacob Gloss, died several years ago; Lydia, who lives in the West; Amelia, a resident of Mifflinburg, Penn., Reuben, who makes his home in Ohio; Matilda, deceased wife of John Miller, of Buffalo Valley, Penn., and Sophia, who died at the age of two years.

The first twenty years of his life Adam Musser spent upon the home farm, and then began learning the carpenter's trade, which he successfully followed for many years, being a skillful workman whose services were always in demand. He was also interested in farming, and he is still the owner of considerable real estate in Hartley township. In the common schools he received a good practical education, which fitted him for the responsible duties of business life, and his career has been characterized by habits of industry and frugality, which have been important factors in his success.

On September 20, 1835, Mr. Musser was married to Miss Mary, daughter of Solomon Gloss. Ten children graced their union: Hugh, born April 22, 1836, lives in Ohio; Reuben, born June 28, 1838, is married and lives in Toledo, the same State; Sophia is the wife of Jacob Long, of Centre county, Penn.; Lydia is the wife of Henry Rearick, of Lewis township, Union county; Levina is the wife of Charles Teighman; Delilah is the wife of George Vonada, of Hartley township, Union county; Deilma, who married George Zimmerman, died at the age of thirty-five, leaving five children; Isaiah is married, and lives in Ohio, Amelia is the wife of Samuel Long; and Nathan is married, and he lives in Bellevue, Ohio. The wife and mother passed away December 26, 1888 and was laid to rest in the Dunkard cemetery near Mifflinburg.*

For many years Mr. Musser was a member of the Dunkard Church, but at present is connected with no religious organization. Politically, he is identified with the Republican party, but has never desired official honors. He enjoys the friendship and acquaintance of a large number of the best people in Laurelton and vicinity.

* The spelling of this name should have been Teichman, not Teighman.

Sources used: Commemorative Biographical Record of Central Pennsylvania including the counties of Centre, Clinton, Union and Snyder by J. H. Beers & Co. 1898; and the Lewisburg Saturday News.

Editor's Note: I would also like to thank Seibert "Herb" Teichman for sharing information about his great-great-grandfather, and for loaning me the five generation photograph published on page one.

Exploring the Bald Eagle State Forest



This photograph of the talus slope on White Mountain was taken during the spring sometime in the mid to late 1970's. Some 250 acres surrounding this site was designated as the McConnell Narrows State Forest Monument. Today this section is included in the 3,581-acre White Mountain Wild Area.

If you were to ask most Union County residents for directions to McConnell Narrows State Forest Monument, even people living in the Tight End, it is quite likely you would receive a similar reply – I never heard of it. Since current Bald Eagle State Forest Maps and topographical maps make no mention of the monument, it is little wonder why people do not know where it is or how to get there. However, many fishermen, hunters, and outdoors enthusiasts who frequent the Tight End of the county have likely seen the monument, but never knew that it was named.

During the early 1920's the Pennsylvania Department of Forestry began designating a number of unique state forest areas as monuments. Union County had two locations that received that designation. One was a 250-acre tract of forestland on the north side of White Mountain opposite Cherry Run. The other site was the Joyce Kilmer State Forest Monument on the north slope of Paddy Mountain.

The term monument was the nomenclature used in the 1920's by forestry officials to identify unique areas across the state. These sites were identified and named as a way of bringing public awareness to their physical and natural beauty. Neither McConnell nor Kilmer had

any type of physical monument erected at their respective site. The monument was in fact the sites picturesque beauty.

The driving force responsible for designating and naming many of the state forest monuments across the Commonwealth was noted folklorist Col. Henry W. Shoemaker. Shoemaker was a prominent member of the State Forest Commission from 1918 until 1930. In that role he was able to influence Pennsylvania Department of Forestry officials in determining where to establish monuments, as well as whose name to attach to it.

The McConnell Narrows State Forest Monument was named in honor William C. McConnell. A native of Halifax, William Calder McConnell was born in 1890 and died in 1949. A graduate of Franklin & Marshall College, he was an influential Shamokin businessman prior to being elected to the Pennsylvania Senate, where he represented the residents of Northumberland, Snyder, and Union Counties. He served the constituents of the 27th District from 1909 to 1912 and again from 1915 to 1921. He left that post in August 1921 following his appointment as Pennsylvania's first Prohibition Director. It was a post he held for a brief period of time as a cloud of suspicion erupted in his office within weeks of his appointment.

McConnell was one of several influential men who owned summer cottages along the banks of Penns Creek near the mouth of Cherry Run. U. S. District Court Judge Charles B. Witmer and Northumberland County Judge Fred B. Mosser were also influential men who had cottages in close proximity to the McConnell cabin. According to John Witmer (Charles' son) this tight knit group of individuals (Witmer, Moser, and McConnell) referred to their cluster of cottages situated in the Tight End of Union County as the "Syndicate". A somewhat nefarious sounding name for a group of lawyers and judges.

Exactly when the Pennsylvania Department of Forestry bestowed the name McConnell Narrows State Forest Monument on this tract of state owned property is unclear. However, it appears as though it was shortly after McConnell left the state senate in 1921. A public use map of that area published in 1922 does not include the McConnell Narrows State Forest Monument. The first mention of the monument that I found was in a Pennsylvania Department of Forestry publication entitled "In Penn's Woods". This booklet was published in May 1923 under the direction of Robert Y. Stuart, Pennsylvania Commissioner of Forestry and includes information about nine state forest monuments.

McConnell's Narrows State Forest Monument is described in the state publication as follows: "This Monument contains some of the most magnificent rock scenery in Pennsylvania, as well as stands of superb original hemlocks and white pines. The giant pines are particularly beautiful silhouetted against the sky, on the mountain tops on moonlight nights".

William C. McConnell was a staunch supporter and confidant of United States Senator Boise Penrose (1860-1921). Penrose was a powerful and prominent Philadelphia politician who represented Pennsylvania in Washington, D.C. from 1897 until

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his death in 1921. He was an avid outdoorsman and at various times was a guest of McConnell at his bungalow along the banks of Penns Creek. Standing 6' 4" tall and weighing 350 pounds, Penrose was a big man in the Republican Party, both literally and figuratively. One can only imagine the excitement and curiosity that enveloped Weikert when Senator Boise Penrose strolled through the little village en route to the McConnell cottage. One of the many things Penrose was famous for was being chauffeured around Washington in his bright red Winton Six Touring car. According to the memories of John Witmer, that same chauffer driven vehicle is how Penrose sometimes arrived in the Tight End of Union County.

The section of Penns Creek between Coburn and the mouth of Cherry Run contains some of the most beautiful scenery in all of central Pennsylvania. The majority of land along this stretch of the stream is owned by the state, either by Department of Conservation and Natural Resources or by the Pennsylvania Fish Commission.

When White Mountain was named is unclear. The earliest map that I could locate showing the name "White Mountain" was from 1856. Why it got that name is well known. The north slope of White Mountain, near where Cherry Run empties into Penns Creek, contains a large area of Tuscarora quartzite, or sandstone. The sun-bleached boulders encompass a large section of the mountain in this section of Union and Mifflin counties. It is little wonder that Col. Henry Shoemaker and others in the forestry department wanted to emphasize the beauty of the area by designating it a natural monument.

If you have ever gazed out over Penns Creek from Chimney Rock you were standing near the eastern end of White Mountain. The mountain range extends westward for several miles until it joins Strong Mountain. The highest peak of White Mountain rises to 2,200 feet above sea level. This spot is near the White Mountain Kettle, which is south of the Paddy Mountain Tunnel.

Today the area that was once designated as the McConnell Narrows State Forest Monument is included in the White Mountain Wild Area. This area contains 3,581 acres and includes that portion of White Mountain from Long Path east to Wesley Forest.

Wild and natural areas across the state are designed to protect the unique or unusual biologic, geologic, scenic and historic features of particular areas of the state forest. These areas are generally extensive tracts of land that are managed to protect the undeveloped character of the area, while at the same time allowing for public recreation. While the McConnell Narrows Natural Monument is no longer identified on Bald Eagle State Forest public use maps it has merely been given a new name. At the same time the monument has been enlarged by several thousand acres.

If you want to enjoy the magnificent beauty of White Mountain, the large talus slope, as well as the splendor of Penns Creek you can take a drive to the village of Weikert. Head west on Weikert Road until you come to Winter's Road. Continue straight on Winter's Road (the talus slope of White Mountain can be seen to your left) until you arrive at the Pennsylvania Fish Commission parking lot. The abandoned railroad right-of-way is an ideal setting for taking a leisurely stroll. Whether it is spring, summer, autumn or winter, you will be treated to some of the most beautiful scenery around.

WANTED

I am searching for photographs of the Millmont Boy's Baseball team, the Center Point schoolhouse as well as a photograph of the Lincoln School that was located in the vicinity of Laurel Park. I am also interested in locating school photographs where the late Mark Shively (1866-1947) was the school teacher. Shively taught at a number of area schools during the late 1800's and early 1900's, including the Green Grove School.

Another area of particular interest is locating photographs and information relative to Albert Lichtenwalter (also spelled Lictenwalter). Lichtenwalter was the superintendent of the Pardee Lumber operation for a period of years. There is a Levi Lichtenwalter living in the village of Pardee when the 1900 census data was collected. However, Albert Lichtenwalter is not listed in the Hartley Township census records for that year. The whereabouts of the Lichtenwater family (Albert, Levi, or other family members) following the demise of the Pardee Lumber Company remains a mystery. Anyone who can assist in solving that mystery is encouraged to contact me at the mailing address, email, or telephone number shown below.

Other photographs I am in search of include the Bingaman Sawmill at Laurel Park, the Knauss's of Swengel and their thrashing machine, and photographs of Charles L. Braucher.

I am also working on a series of articles (Exploring the Bald Eagle State Forest) about the origins of various place names, such as streams, gaps, mountains, trails, vistas, etc. If you are aware of any obscure names, or the origins of those names please let me know. Early maps that include the names of streams, mountain roads, trails, gaps would be helpful.

If you have any information or photographs concerning any of the topics listed above please contact me at: tsively@dejazzd.com, or write to P. O. Box 3, Millmont, PA 17845, or telephone 570.922.4297.

The small photograph on page one show a view of the former Laurelton Lutheran Church located at 2360 Laurel Road. Sometime following the consolidation of the four Lutheran churches (Laurelton, Hartleton, Rays, and Swengel) this church was remodeled into a single family dwelling.

Do You Recognize Anyone?



To find out who the players and coaches are see page 6.

Thank You!

I would like to thank the following people for making monetary donations toward the publication of this newsletter: Roger Winegardner of Mifflinburg who gave me a donation in memory of his late wife, Sandy Winegardner; Baris and Karen Goktas of Aberdeen, Scotland; Irene (Barnett) Hill of Greencastle, PA; Roy Graham and Steve and Pat Libby of Lewisburg; Carol Schnure of New Berlin; Paul and Jane Foster of Camp Hill; William "Lee" Saxon of Millheim; Rita O'Brien of San Antonio, TX; and Dan and Barb Snyder of Millmont.

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

I would like to welcome the following new subscribers: Jack Rishel and Daniel Hoover, both of Mifflinburg; and Orville Spangler Sr. of Winfield.

I would also like to thank Ed Hackenberg for providing me with information about the Dreibelbis Mill that was located adjacent to his home in White Springs; Sylvia Hackenberg of Millmont for allowing to me reproduce a couple of old Millmont photographs; Robert Catherman for providing information about the Knauss brothers thrashing operation; and Fred Miller of Mifflinburg for providing information that will be used in a future article.

I would also like to thank the following individuals for providing information about Camp Nik-o-mahs: Tyler Potterfield of Richmond, Virginia; Ruth Potterfield of Savannah, Georgia; Marilyn Miller of Lewistown, PA; Greg Ruhl of Mifflinburg; Dahle Bingaman of Millmont; Sally Lash of Las Vegas, NV; Joyce Shreffler of Glen Mills; and Walter Hall of Lancaster.



Field Notes, by WCO Dirk Remensnyder

I was called by a lady in Lewisburg who went out to put a bag of trash in the garbage can and when she did so the can growled and hissed at her. Upon responding I found a large possum in the bottom of the can. He may have growled and hissed at her because he didn't like what was on the menu.

With the prices of the fur market increasing this year we have seen an increase in the number of trappers and fox and coyote hunters.



Millmont's

Mysterious Snowman

Snow began falling in Millmont during the afternoon of Wednesday February 13th. By late in the evening nearly 2 inches of the white stuff was on the ground. It was the kind of snow that was ideal for making snowballs, as well as snowmen.

On Thursday morning when residents in town woke up they discovered a rather large and lopsided snowman on the Village Green. Who went to the effort to construct the snowman

is a mystery to some folks in town. However, the wide-awake residents at 18 and 44 Penn Street were able to figure out who was building the snowman under the cover of darkness.

If you see the residents of 22 First Street you can thank them for taking the time to build the giant snowman on the Village Green.

Do you recognize anyone from page 5?

How many of the players and teachers/coaches from the 1937/1938 Laurelton High School soccer team were you able to identify?

The following individuals were members of that team. Front row kneeling left to right: George Miller Jr., Donald Fisher, Paul Bilger, Myron "Mick" Sampsell, Ray Shirk Jr., Joseph Galer, and Kenneth Coup.

Standing in the back row left to right is: Mr. Nelson Shaw (teacher/coach), Lauell Libby, Walter Keister, Harold "Hap" Sampsell, Bruce Boop, Lawrence Shively, Joseph Shively, Percy Weidensaul, and William Eisenhuth and J. Harry Blackwell (teacher/coach).

My thanks to Sharon (Sampsell) Denisen of Naples, FL for donating this photograph and to Raymond Middleswarth of Laurelton for his assistance in identifying the teachers/coaches and the players.

Are You Moving?

If you are planning to move, or if your post office mailing address is about to change, please notify The Millmont Times at P. O. Box 3, Millmont, PA 17845, as soon as possible.

This newsletter is distributed bulk rate each month, and therefore it will not be forwarded by the United States Postal Service to your new address. All undeliverable newsletters are recycled.

If there are any changes in your postal mailing address you can contact me at (570) 922.4297 or you can send me an email at: tshively@dejazzd.com

Remembrance



Sandra A. "Sandy" Winegardner, 68, of 802 Borough Line Road, entered into rest at 5:34 a.m. on Saturday, February 2, 2013, at the Sun Home Hospice Care Center, Sunbury.

She was born on August 15, 1944 in Lewisburg, a daughter of the late Donald and Delphia A.

(Jolley) Shirk. On October 21, 1962, in Mifflinburg, she married Roger H. Winegardner, who survives. Her passing breaks a martial union of more than 50 years.

Sandy was a graduate of Mifflinburg High School class of 1962. She worked as a mental health aide at the Selinsgrove Center for 20 years, and prior to that worked as a teacher aide for the Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit for 15 years.

Sandy enjoyed going to flea markets and yard sales. She probably attended every yard sale in Mifflinburg in the last thirty years.

In her younger years Sandy could often be found at the store owned by her parents, Shirks General Store in Millmont. She was also well known as the "Linen Lady" who had a stand at the Silver Moon Flea Market, and she would set up stands to sell her goods at antique shows around the area.

Surviving are one daughter, Tammy A. Winegardner, of Detroit, Mich.; one son, Steven W. Winegardner, of Washington D.C.; and her dog, Dixie.

She was preceded in death by one sister, Brenda Rowe.

Interment was in the Hartleton Cemetery.

Leona Lillian Elizabeth (Sholter) Wirt, 101, of Lewisburg, formerly of South Fourth Street, Sunbury, passed away on Saturday, February 9, 2013, at Evangelical Community Hospital, Lewisburg. She had been a resident of RiverView Manor, Lewisburg since June of 2007.



She was born December 12, 1911, in Weikert, a daughter of the late Asa Roland and Verna Theora (Erdley) Sholter. Her father operated the Weikert Store and Post Office and served as Post Master.

She graduated from Hartley Township High School in 1929 and briefly attended nursing school at Methodist Hospital in Philadelphia.

Leona returned home to marry Benjamin Heddens Wirt, a public school teacher. They were married on December 30, 1931 in Frederick Md., and lived in Herndon and Kulpmont prior to living in Sunbury where her husband taught school

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for 32 years. Her husband preceded her in death on December 31, 1986 after 55 years of marriage.

Her first love was family, church, and her cottage in Weikert, where she spent many of her summers. Leona was actively involved in church and community affairs. She had voted in every election for 77 years including 2012.

Leona was a lifelong member of Hironimus Union Church, Weikert. During her adult years, she was also an associate member of First Reformed Church United Church of Christ in Sunbury where she was a member of the Sara Yarnell Bible class. Leona taught Sunday school, worked with the Girl Scouts, served as president of Church Women United (Sunbury), and served as a screener of girls for Job Corps. She had a Job Corps graduate living in her home for several years. Leona organized bus trips to the New Windsor Service Center. Through Bucknell University's orientation program for foreign students, Leona and her husband entertained students for many years from Africa, the Middle East and Asia at their cottage.

Leona enjoyed traveling to Canada on vacation with her family. Her last trip to Canada took place when she was in her mid 90s. Up to her death, she was still talking about wanting another vacation in Canada.

Leona was a prolific letter writer. She loved sending and receiving letters from people throughout the world. During World War II and the Korean War she corresponded with servicemen.

News was her world even when legally blind for many years. The newspaper was faithfully read to her by daughter, Connie after she could no longer see to read. Leona kept up with her sports teams, the Phillies and the Nittany Lions.

She is survived by two daughters and one son-in-law, Constance Elizabeth and William Bastian, of Weikert and Leona Frances Fisher, of Gwynedd Valley; four grandchildren and their spouses, Jeffrey and Vicki Bastian, Ann and Marlin Lepley, Timothy and Shannon Bastian, and Susan and James Yaroch II; eight great-grandchildren, Amy Beth Bastian, Heather Yaroch, James Yaroch III, Emily Lepley, Jonathan Bastian, Brandon Lepley, Ryan Bastian, and Kelly Bastian.

Leona was preceded in death by two brothers, George Jerome Sholter and Joseph Roland Sholter; and one son-in-law, Daniel Fisher.

Burial was in the Hironimus Union Cemetery.



Charles Solomon Mabus Sr., 92, of 1259 Stover Road, Millmont, since 1956, was received into Heaven to be with his beloved Grace at 6:32 p.m. Saturday, February 16, 2013, at his home.

He was born September 1, 1920, in Mifflinburg, a son of the late James W. Mabus and Viola V. (Rudy) Wallace. On November 8, 1941, in Millmont, with the Rev. Greene Shively presiding, he married the former Grace Esther Strickler, who preceded him in death on April 30, 1995.

Charles honorably served Civilian Conservation Corps and later in the Army during World War II.

He was employed for 35 years as a welder at ACF Industries, Milton.

Charles enjoyed farming and attending public sales and regularly attended the Middleburg Livestock Auction. He also enjoyed spending time with his dogs, Missy and Shanie. While working at ACF Industries, his co-workers affectionately referred to him as "Doggie," and in the Millmont area, everyone

knew him as "Pap."

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Charles S. Jr. and Kay Mabus, of Millmont, and two daughters and one son-in-law, Sharon J. Hartman and Connie L. and Quinten L. Dorman Sr., all of Millmont; 16 grandchildren and their spouses, Lorraine and Kelly Keister, of Kissimmee, Fla., Jane and Charles Smith, of Mifflinburg, Susan and Steven Lamoreaux, of Florida, Quinten Dorman Jr., of McClure, Michael and Christine Dorman, of Mifflinburg, Danielle Dorman, of California, Mark and Cathy Hartman, Brian and Jennifer Mabus, Eric and Sally Mabus, Kirt and Stephanie Mabus, all of Millmont, Lindsey and Allen Meyer, of Montandon, and Tyriq, Alisha, Benjamin, Sabrina, and Grace-Rose Dorman, all of Millmont; 24 great-grandchildren, Jenifer, Connie, Bethany, Jillian, Steven, Christopher, Haley, Briana, Hailee, Whitney, Hayden, Ava, Dale, Jacob, Brent, Timothy, James, Anna Rose, Carey, Cameron, Natasha, Brittany, Cody, and Shane; 22 great-great-grandchildren, Keenan, Katlin, Jade, Isaiah, Malachi, India, Atheena, Austin, Zachary, Kahne, Samantha, Ramel, Akia, Alexa, Alayna, Quinten, Anthony, Nevaeh, Mason, Saylem, Morgan, and Athyn; one brother, Howard "Pete" Wallace of Penns Creek; three sisters, Rosalie Badger, of Milton, Margaret Moyer, of Millmont, and Thelma Jean Mabus; stepsister, Sadie "Bertie" Shemory, of Florida; and three special friends, Kenneth Catherman, Norman Groff, and Tony Shively.

He was preceded in death by seven brothers and sisters, Sarah Caruso, James Mabus, Warren Mabus, John Wallace, Emily Wagner and Boyd and Alda Mabus, in infancy, and one son-in-law, Claude Hartman.

Burial was in Lincoln Chapel Cemetery.

Editor's Note: Janice and I have lost three wonderful friends within a period of two weeks. Sandra Winegardner on February 2nd, Leona Wirt on February 9th, and Charles Mabus on February 16th. Three Saturdays in a row we received either telephone calls or an email informing us of their passing. Never have we lost so many good friends in such a short period of time. We attended three funerals over the course of fifteen days. Needless to say, the month of February 2013 will be remembered as a heartrending month. However, both of us retain wonderful memories of all three of our friends who have passed on. All of them were tremendously supportive of Janice and I, and our publication, The Millmont Times.

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Recipe of the Month

by Janice (Dorman) Shively

P-nut Butter & Marshmallow Treats

Creamy Peanut Butter
Marshmallow Creme
Ritz or Townhouse Crackers
Coating Chocolate

Spread very thin layers of peanut butter and marshmallow creme on crackers. Typically, I spread a stack of crackers with peanut butter. Then I do another stack with the marshmallow creme. Place the crackers together and set aside. Prepare as many crackers as you desire. In order to keep the peanut butter and marshmallow from oozing out the sides of the treats, use a very thin layer of each, and not close to the edge of the crackers.

Place coating chocolate in a microwavable bowl. (A cup of coating chocolate discs will coat 8 - 12 cracker treats.) To melt the chocolate set your microwave at 50% power for 2

minutes. After 20 - 30 seconds stir the chocolate. Return to microwave and after another 20 - 30 seconds stir again. At this point the chocolate should be almost melted. Microwave and stir every 10 seconds until the chocolate is thin and ready to use. I like to use a variety of chocolates including milk, white and dark chocolates.



To coat your crackers, place them one at a time in the bowl of chocolate to coat the bottom, flip with a fork and coat the other side. Lift the cracker from the bowl with the fork. Gently tap excess chocolate from the cracker by tapping the fork on the side of the bowl. Place on a wax paper lined cooling rack. Decorate for the season and let chocolate set completely.

These make great Easter basket treats. I don't recall how long (probably at least 20 years) I've been making these treats. Our nieces and nephews still look forward to them. ENJOY!

Union County Historical Society Programs

Sunday March 10 at 2:00 p.m. at Marlow Hall, Riverwoods in Lewisburg there will be a program with Nancy Neuman, Pat Longley, and Marj Kastner entitled "Early Buffalo Valley". The program will feature a discussion of how Union County came to be, who some of the early residents were, and their occupations. They will identify families whose descendents continue to live here as well as encourage audience members to share family stories.

Thursday April 11 at the Union County Sportsmen's Club there will be a dinner and program featuring the editor and publisher of The Millmont Times. My program will look at the Changes to the Forest landscape 1754-2013. The program will feature a slide presentation that will look at the many changes that have occurred to the landscape since the arrival of the first European settlers into this region. Lumbering, charcoaling, and many other topics will be explored. The meal begins at 6:00 p.m. and reservations are required. The program begins at 7:00 p.m. For more information contact the society at 524.8666.

Sunday May 5 beginning at 2:00 p.m. at the Dreisbach United Church of Christ there will be a program by Jack Wagner, and his sons, Alan and Eric pertaining to the History of Surveying in Union County. The Wagner family will share their knowledge and stories of this craft. Alan Wagner will also examine the life of Samuel Maclay, one of the earliest surveyors in Union County who lived in close proximity to the Dreisbach Church.

If you are interested in the activities and events celebrating Union County's Bicentennial be sure to check out their website at: www.unioncounty200.com There you will find a list of events beginning this month and continuing through November 2013 as well as photographs, both old and new, of people and places in Union County.

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Sandy was supportive of this newsletter in many ways, financially as well as generously donating many photographs and newspaper clippings to me as she was preparing for her mother's (Delphia Shirk) public auctions. Following her memorial service her husband, Roger, told me how much Sandy looked forward to reading the newsletter each month. She always came to him on the first of the month to see if the next issue was available on the Internet.

Leona (Sholter) Wirt was a fountain of information on the Tight End. Having grown up in Weikert she retained many memories of the people and places from that section of Union County. I always enjoyed my visits with her at Riverview Manor. She was blessed with longevity as she had celebrated her 101st birthday on December 12, 2012. When you consider the fact that the average life expectancy of a female born in 1911 was around 54.4 years, those of us who knew her, and were able to preserve some of her memories are so fortunate that she was not your average woman.

Charles Mabus was unique. He had a memory unlike anyone I have known. He had a way of remembering details from his life six, seven, even eight decades ago that never ceased to amaze me. I turned to him on many occasions in search of details about people and places from the West End that I knew he was familiar with. He will be missed.

I once read a quote that stated - "when an old man dies a library burns to the ground". That statement applies as equally to a woman. In February 2013, we, the residents of the West End, lost two libraries full of local history - Leona (Sholter) Wirt and Charles S. Mabus.

Penlines From my Kitchen to Yours

by Lucy Hoover

January 16, 2013

Luke Ray and Thelma Horning of Mifflinburg are first time parents. They had a daughter named Tina Joy. Grandparents are Samuel and Alice Horning and Daniel and Verna Zimmerman.

January 17

Teachers and children of our school went to sing for the elderly at Buffalo Valley Lutheran Village.

*Folks who find happiness
whenever they go
can still find it
even if they don't go.*

Susan Horning (4 month) daughter of Elton and Delores of Middleburg came home from the hospital.

January 18

Timothy Hoover (6) son of Warren and Louise Hoover of Millmont came home from the hospital.

January 27

We had a farewell singing here in our shop for Chris and Wilma Brubacker and family. They will be moving to KY on January 30th.

It was a beautiful day. A vanload came from Snyder County. Fifty-two buggies were here, plus a few vehicles. Thank you for coming, we enjoyed it very much, even though it was muddy.

January 30

Nora Martin of Millmont was scheduled for surgery today, but her appointment has been postponed until February 13th.

It was moving day for Chris Brubacker and family. We helped family and neighbors pack and load a 53 foot semi and cattle trailer for the animals. I was packing in the basement, Isaac (4) was whining because there were no toys in the sandbox when he had gone out to play. Then Chris came in for a tool and as he bent down to look under the bottom shelf Isaac startled chuckling and said "Oh Chris! I just have to laugh. What is underneath there?" And Chris replied, "Yes everything is kinda funny around here!" They left at 6:30 p.m., traveling with both truck drivers.

January 31

David and Karen Zimmerman of Mifflinburg have their second daughter. Her name is Kimberly Ann. She has two brothers. Grandparents

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Looking Back

The following newspaper article was originally published in the March 16, 1922 edition of The Mifflinburg Telegraph.

SPORTSMEN HOLD SUCCESSFUL MEETING

PACKED HOUSE GREETED GAME COMMISSIONER GORDON, AT LYRIC THEATER LAST NIGHT

The sportsmen's rally under the auspices of the Union-Snyder Fish and Forest Protective Association, held in the Lyric Theater last night, was a big success. A large audience representing sportsmen from all over the district were present. A moving picture, "Lumbering in Penna." as it was some years ago, was shown after which the object of the meeting was explained by President of the Association, W. C. Chambers. The Secretary R. B. Winter then read the most interesting reports of what the Association had accomplished during the past year. The game report showed the amount of game distributed and the amount killed during the season. Also there were violators of the game laws, most consideration shown for private property, fewer "game hogs," and no forest fires started by hunters.

The Fish report gave the number of cans of fish secured by the Association last year and applications to the State for 24 streams have been filed for this year and 10 to the Federal Government, making 34 in all. During the year, through the efforts of the Association, Penn's Creek was opened to fishing from Halfpenny's Dam to Weikert. The district is now entitled to a Fish Warden, whose duty will be not only to watch for violations, but to look after the interests of the district, as to fish propagation, freeing streams of pollution and other protective measures. The Association should endorse the proper man.

The Forestry report gave the extent of the forest area and showed that less than 90 acres of state land was burned over the last year. This is most gratifying to all real sportsmen, for without the forest, we cannot have either hunting or fishing.

After these reports the real treat of the evening came when State Game Commissioner, Mr. Seth E. Gordon addressed the meeting. Mr. Gordon told why many of the game laws were written and what effect they had on the conservation of game. He also spoke at length on the proposed changes in the law that will come up at our next Legislature. He dealt in facts and told the State Game Commission organization and the vast amount of work they are doing to conserve the game, so that the generation to come may enjoy some of the things that we are enjoying today.

It was an address that no sportsman could well afford to miss and those who came a long distance, over the muddy roads, were well repaid for their efforts. After the address, quite a number joined the Association and it is hoped that many more will do so, until every sportsman in the two counties will have become a member, and we will all work together for conservation of our wildlife; protection of our forests, and enjoy real sportsmanship.

Blessings from the Bible

By Brenda Weaver

“For I am the Lord, I change not,”

Malachi 3:6

March is a mixture. Weather mixes overcast skies with bright, sunny days; snow flurries with crocus blooms; persistent winds with gentle breezes; driving sleet with gentle rains. One never quite knows what to expect in March. As I write this, droplets of rain have frozen to the Bridal Wreath Bush outside my window, creating a dazzling decoration to enjoy from my warm house on a cold morning at the close of February. Yet I know that within weeks the same bush will sprout spring green leaves, followed by tiny wreaths of white flowers to enjoy.

The mixture March brings, with its leftover winter and promise of spring, reminds me of the changes of life and the sure promises of God.

“I am the Lord, I change not,” is a comforting promise about the character of God when all around me things are changing. In my immediate world my last two children are preparing to leave the nest, one to marriage, one to nursing school. In the extended family changes ensue as babies are born and families relocate. In the broader world change is rampant, everything from world views, to definitions of words, to what marriage is perceived to be. Amidst all this change, I am relieved to know God will not change.

In a world where tolerance is taught like a religion, God still judges sin. When absolutes are proclaimed to be nonexistent (how can that be absolutely true?), God is still immutable. No matter how hard mankind tries to explain away their maker, He is as absolute and unchangeable as ever!

Because God never changes, He remains a just judge. Because He does not change, He continues to be merciful. Mixed to the perfect blend are God’s mercies and His judgments.

So when I am battered by winds of change, I can rest secure in knowing my unchangeable Lord.

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“A merry heart doeth good like a medicine”

Psalm 17:22

My children must think I’ve reached the height of collecting things. They express dismay at the latest thing I’m saving.

“Mom! Really, you can’t save this!” the youngest one protested when she opened the freezer.

“Mom!” my son bellowed when he opened the freezer a day or two later.

I found myself grinning, and secretly planning whom else I might surprise. Maybe I could stow it in someone else’s freezer and surprise them too. Or maybe I will never have use for the thing. Perhaps it will end up melting away on a day when I decide I need more room in my freezer.

I realize it is a silly thing to save, and it does startle anyone who opens my freezer. But it was melting so rapidly on the sunny morning after I built the comical looking snowman that I made a quick—and perhaps foolish—decision. I decapitated him, then carefully carried his head, complete with coal eyes, stick mouth, and sculptured nose and ears, to my freezer. Since we’d eaten many of the fruits and vegetables I’d frozen last summer there was room to put my snowman’s head and hat within its depths. No wonder the children were startled to find a face peering up at them when they opened the lid!

What has become of their mother, they must wonder, if she has resorted to treasuring a snowman’s head?

From my perspective, I’m saving something I may use. If we get another well-packing snow, I will already have a head made to put on a snowman I may build. More importantly, I’m employing the use of an age old medicine: laughter. Even the Bible recommends it. “A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones” Psalm 17:22. In January my bones felt dried, my spirit broken. So it was good in February to have days of merry-heartedness. One of the times I laughed was while my neighbors and I were making snowmen with a perfect “snowman snow” late one night in our sleepy village. I simply saved some of our workmanship.

Of course I should mind some other scriptural principles when it comes to saving treasures: “Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal. But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal” Matthew 6:19-20.

And that thought sets me to giggling again, because I wonder what would happen if a thief broke in and looked in my freezer for a snack!

Prayer for Today:

Oh my unchangeable Lord, thank You for the gift of laughter and for guidance from Your Holy Word. Help me to store up treasures in heaven. Since I can’t take things with me when I die, the way to store up treasures in heaven seems to be to help people—including my children—go there too. Help me, Lord, to truly treasure what I can take with me. Help me not to become encumbered with treasuring things on earth. Amen.

Millmont Times Fun Facts

Over the past thirteen years I have been blessed to have numerous people contribute monthly articles for publication in this newsletter. Their commitment and dedication was, and continues to be, much appreciated.

WCO Bernie Schmader of Millmont began submitting his Field Notes column to me beginning in October 2000. He continued to submit his column until his retirement in May 2003. Two months later (July 2003) WCO Dirk Remensnyder began submitting his Field Notes and Observations articles to me for publication each month.

In October 2000, Millmont Postmaster Samuel Smith began his monthly column entitled Millmont Mailbox. He continued his monthly column until his retirement from the U. S. Postal Service in July 2009. Postmaster Gail Hanselman took over for Smith beginning with the August 2009 issue, and she has continued to keep people apprised of what is happening with the U. S. Postal Service, and the local post offices, through her "In Your Mailbox" column.

Hertha Wehr of Mifflinburg began her monthly column entitled "Meanderings" beginning with the May 2002 issue. Her monthly article ran each month until she retired her column in May 2011.

Jim McCormick of Millmont began writing a column entitled "Bird Talk" for the February 2003 issue. His column dedicated to birds and nature ran through January 2013. Jim decided to retire his column after his 120th article was published in the January 2013 issue.

Lucy Hoover first submitted her monthly column entitled "Penlines from my Kitchen to Yours" in April 2004. Since then Lucy has kept readers informed about many of the day-to-day activities of the Old Order Mennonite community.

Brenda Weaver of Millmont has contributed numerous articles and poems for publication since the early days of the newsletter. Her regular monthly column entitled "Blessing from the Bible" began in February 2007 and has continued ever since.

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are Phares and Ada Zimmerman and Earl and Mary Martin.

February 10

Allen Nolt of Indiana was at church. They came in for Mrs. Arlene Martin's funeral, which will be tomorrow.

February 14

A group of women gathered at the "Rail Center" and knotted 56 comforts for C.A.M.

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:

Wed. March 12, 1941 - 30 above this morning. 40 at noon. Edmund brought mother and I home from Sisters Aid at their place. Edmund called after school this evening and brought us down to their place for supper, and we spent the evening. Was snow squally today. This evening when we came home it was nice and the moon was shining and it was calm. Read "One Foot in Heaven" and returned it this evening.

From the Item—Heavy snow piled on the roof of The Great Western Stock Barn at Vicksburg, one of Union County's oldest landmarks, caused the building to collapse shortly before noon Tues. During the days when traveling men made trips with horses and carriages the Great Western was a familiar stopping place.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt in his White House Office in Washington, signs the Historic Lend-Lease Bill enabling all-out aid to embattled Brittan. Following approval of amendments to the bill, which had been made in the Senate, the measure was signed by Speaker of the House Sam Rayburn and Vice President Henry Wallace, then forwarded to the President.

Thu. March 13, 1941- 21 above this morning, and 48 at noon. This evening at ten as I am writing this item the thermometer shows 22. It was clear all day.

I was doing some writing and getting a barrel ready to attach to the sprayer.

This is Jacob's (Jacob Shively) birthday. Mother and I were up to the store to get him something for a present.

Fri. March 14, 1941 - Clear, a nice day but cold for this time of year. The thermometer this morning showed 15 above, this evening 38, and during the day it reached 45. I was to Irvin Catherman's sale on the Smith place south west of Millmont. People were slow coming. I was there at 10 o'clock, the time stated on the bill. The sale commenced about 1230. Things were mostly at a low price. I bought 7 jugs for a nickel, a butter churn as good as new for 10 cents. I bought a cow for \$48.00.

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and fees".

If you are contacted to play a foreign lottery by mail, email, or telephone, do the following:

1. Hang up the phone, don't respond to the email, or shred the solicitation.
2. Don't give out personal or financial information to anyone over the internet or phone.
3. Never wire or send money to anyone, anywhere who says you have won a foreign lottery.
4. Don't let anyone pressure you into making an immediate decision.
5. Never purchase anything until you get all the information in writing.

Foreign lotteries aren't just a risky proposition, they are also illegal. A federal statute prohibits mailing lottery tickets, advertisements, or payments to purchase tickets in a foreign lottery.

Visit <http://www.deliveringtrust.com> for helpful information on how to protect yourself and your loved ones from becoming a victim of fraud.

New Stamps arriving soon at your local Post Offices: Modern Art in America 1913-1931, available March 7th in 12 designs on a pane of 12.

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March Birthdays & Anniversaries

2 – Donald G. Shively
3 – Roger Catherman
3 – Charlene Yarger
4 – Donald Ruhl
4 – David Hoover
5 – Russell Zimmerman
6 – Rita Kuhns
7 – Glyn Hassenplug
8 – Ervin Oberholtzer
8 – Curvin Oberholtzer
8 – Matthew Dorman, Jr.
9 – Sandi Failor
10 – Janet Fegley
12 – Jacob Walter
12 – Rick Kerstetter
12 – Betsy Rains
12 – Garrett Bingaman
13 – Roger & Donna Catherman
14 – Ashlee Osborne
14 – Patricia Catherman
14 – Michael Shively
15 – Roxanne Lyons
15 – Pearl Strickler

16 – Warren Emery
16 – Mary Martin
17 – Leon & Betty Klock – 1963
17 – Pat Zechman
17 – Wayne M. & Betty L. Hess - 1951
17 – Quinten & Connie Dorman - 1960
17 – Christine Whitesel
18 – Megan Hackenberg
18 – Richard Hassenplug
18 – Luke Bilger
18 – Tobias O. Catherman, Jr.
18 – Karen L. Fultz
19 – Doug Peffer
19 – Laura Peffer
20 – Michael Potoeski
20 – Melanie Starr
20 – Donald L. & Kathryn Shively - 1953
21 – Douglas Lyons
21 – Kaitlyn Erdley
22 – Joseph Martin
22 – Heather Smith
22 – Crystal Smith
22 – Laura Smith

23 – Breonna Catherman
24 – Barry & Ruthann Cooper
24 – Matthew Jones
24 – Norman & Evie Groff - 2002
24 – Norman Groff
25 – Robert M. Catherman
25 – Ruth Zimmerman
26 – Brad Catherman
26 – Sharon Hartman
26 – Don Fornwalt
26 – Zac Salter
27 – Donald & Ellen Kahler – 1971
27 – Ray D. Bowersox
28 – James Greene Shively
30 – Ida O. Moyer
31 – Richard Swain

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