



The History of the Eberhart Family in Lewis Township, Union County, PA

By Eleanor (Hoffman) Hoy

Jacob and Elizabeth (Mensch) Eberhart came to Union County in 1843 by horse and wagon from Berks County, PA. My Uncle Myron and Aunt Helen Eberhart researched the family and printed a booklet in 1971. They included very few dates, so I have done a lot of updating since then.

Jacob and Elizabeth settled in a place called Hartzgravel, also referred to as Hardscrabble, because of the poor farm land. According to the deed in the Union County Courthouse, the farm they lived on is in the area known as Rand. On approaching the Taylor Peach Orchard from the south one sees a house on the hill a short distance from the road. This house was built by William Eberhart, a son of Jacob and Elizabeth. It is assumed Jacob and Elizabeth Eberhart came here because the Mensch's, her relatives, had already settled here.

Jacob & Elizabeth were the parents of nine children, seven of them being born in Berks County, PA. They are as follows: (1) MATHILDA EBERHART, born 1827, first married John Maisters, and after his death married George Aumiller. She died in 1901 in Union County. (2) LEVI EBERHART, born 1829, first married Mary Catherine Catherman, and after her death married Mrs. Kate B. Shaffer. He died in Clinton County, PA. (3) NATHAN EBERHART, born 1831, first married Harriet Hackenburg, and after her death married his sister-in-law, Mrs. Lydia Hackenburg. He died in 1915 in Clyde, OH. (4) ABRAHAM EBERHART, born 1832, married Mary C. Hoffman and he died in 1915 in Union County. (5) DANIEL WEBSTER EBERHART, born 1833, married Elizabeth Witmer, and he died in 1927 in Centre County, PA. (6) WILIAM EBERHART, born 1835, first married Persillia Zechman, and after her death married Ada Slear Lepley. He died in 1919 in Union County. (7) CATHRYN EBERHART, born 1840, married Samuel Burriss, and died in 1928 in Centre County, PA. (8) NANCY JANE EBERHART, born 1845, married Harvey Shontz and she died in 1924 in Union County. (9) JAMES EBERHART, born 1847, first married Hannah Jane Mensch, and after her death married Mary Wagner, and after her death, Mrs. Sarah Hoover Speece. He died in 1933 in Union County.

Of Jacob and Elizabeth's children, Nathan, Abraham, Daniel, William, and James served in the Civil War, as did the son-in-law, John Maisters. After the war, Nathan and Abraham were carpenters, Daniel was a cabinet maker, and William was a farmer, home builder, and furniture maker. Levi was a laborer. It is not known what James did.

Cathryn (Eberhart) Burriss ran the Woodward Hotel and later the Eutaw House in Potters Mills. Nancy was a farmer's wife and Mathilda ran a Boarding House at the Buffalo Mills Sawmill in Union County, PA.

William Eberhart, my great-great-grandfather, who married Persillia Zechman, was born 25 October 1835 in Berks County, PA, and died 25 January 1919 in Union County. Persillia was born 15 August 1833 and died 22 July 1889 in Union County. She is buried in the Ray's Church Cemetery.

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Millmont Mailbox by Postmaster Sam Smith



With its mild temperatures and sunny skies, May is one of the most popular months of the year. In keeping with that theme, I'm going to answer three of the most popular mailing questions. The most frequently asked question at any Post Office is "What is the ZIP Code for...." Whenever you aren't sure of a ZIP Code, you can check it by going to our website (www.usps.com) and hit "Find a ZIP Code" or call 1-800-ASK-USPS. Don't guess; no ZIP Code or the wrong zip code will delay delivery. "How much does it cost to send a package?" The answer is, it depends! It depends on the weight of the parcel, the distance it must travel, and how fast you want it to go. Your Post Office can weigh and compare services and prices for you. If you know the weight, you can go to the website and hit "Calculate Postage" The last question is "How long will it take for a letter to get to..." Generally, First Class letters sent to an address within your local delivery area should be delivered overnight. Two day delivery is provided for letters destined for addresses within 400-600 miles. Three day delivery is normal for other areas over 600 miles. New stamps in May will feature: Lewis and Clark, American Choreographers, and sculptor; Isamu Noguchi.

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They lived on the farm where Jacob and Elizabeth settled. They were the parents of ten children: (1) JIMMIE T. EBERHART, born 1850 and died 1851. (2) JANE L. EBERHART, born 1853, died age 2 months. (3) STEPHEN BOGAR EBERHART, born 1859, married Ada Stotler. (4) HUDSON MENSCH EBERHART, born 1860, married Deborah L. Miller; he died in 1929 in Williamsport, PA. (5) EMMA EBERHART, born 1862, died in 1863. (6) JOHN WARREN EBERHART, born 1865, married Agnes Cecelia Kleckner, and he died in 1935. (7) LILLIAN A. EBERHART, born 1868, married Robert E. Millhoff, and lived in Ohio. (8) SALLIE EBERHART, born 1870, married Jacob Oliver Stahl, and she died in 1938 in Union County. (9) HARVEY GEORGE EBERHART, born 1871, married Ada Nioma Boak, and he died in 1951 in Barberton, Ohio. (10) OLIVER S. EBERHART, born 1873, died in 1883 in Union County.

On 15 October 1891, William Eberhart married Ada Slear Lepley. Ada was born 16 January 1860 in Union County, the daughter of Charles & Elizabeth Smith Slear. She was first married to Samuel Lepley who died 24 August 1890. He is buried in the Kratzerville Cemetery, Snyder County, PA. Ada died 24 January 1927 in Mifflinburg. She and William are buried in the East Side Cemetery, Mifflinburg.

John Warren Eberhart, my great-grandfather, was a farmer and at the time of his death they lived in Lewis Township, Union County, on the road between Hartleton and Millmont. This farm is now owned by Frank and Mildred Long. The house was torn down in the late 1980's. What I remember of this house was the basement summer kitchen. At that time a lot of people had what they called a summer kitchen, in which they did their cooking and baking during the summer months. The idea of it was to keep the main part of the house cooler.

John Warren Eberhart, the sixth child of William and Persillia (Zechman) Eberhart, was born 30 May 1865 in Lewis Township, and died there 7 June 1935. Agnes, his wife, was born 7 August 1866 in Lewis Township. She was the daughter of Daniel & Elizabeth (Mull) Kleckner. She died 29 November 1953 in Mifflinburg, PA. They are buried in the Ray's Church Cemetery. John and Agnes (Kleckner) Eberhart were the parents of ten children: (1) JENNIE EBERHART, born 1886, married William C. Burrey. She died in 1961 in Kelly Township. (2) CYRUS LESTER EBERHART, born in 1888 married Cottie Mae Ruhl. He died in 1975 in Kelly Township. (3) ELVA MINERVA EBERHART, born 1890 married Peter Paul Oldt, and she died in 1959 in Kelly Township. (4) ALICE RUHL EBERHART, born in 1892. In 1902 she was struck on the head by a baseball bat while playing on the school yard at the Pike Schoolhouse. She later died as a result of the injuries. (5) PAUL KLECKNER EBERHART, born in 1894, married Ivy E. Clark. He died in 1968 in Kelly Township. (6) RALPH BERNARD EBERHART, born in 1896 married Ivy Anna Dunkleberger. He died in 1968 in Kelly Township. (7) CARRIE IRENE EBERHART, born in 1899, married John Palmer Erdley. She died in 1966 in her home in East Lewisburg. (8) CHARLES WARREN EBERHART, born in 1904, married Dorothy Edna Reedy. He died in 1973 in Kelly Township. (9) ANNA VIOLA EBERHART, born in 1908, died in 1911 in Union County. (10) BERNICE ISABELLE EBERHART, born in 1913, married J. Emory Styers. She died in 2000 in Kelly Township. All of the children of John and Agnes (Kleckner) Eberhart were born in Lewis Township, Union County, and most of them died in the Evangelical Community Hospital in Kelly Township.

Agnes lived to be 87 years, 3 months, and 22 days of age. After John died the farm was sold and Agnes made her home among her children. In 1948 she broke her hip and was in the same ward of the old Evangelical Hospital as I was when I had my tonsils removed. She was a small, petite lady and had beautiful white hair when I knew her. Pictures I've seen of John show him to be a tall, rather stocky man.

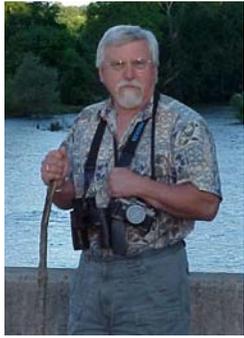


This photograph show Cyrus Eberhart (far left) with five of his six children, including Harold, Mildred, Martha, Mary Catherine, and Myron.

The Kleckners were also a family who settled in Hartley Township, but Agnes' family was mostly in Lewis Township. The family of Daniel and Elizabeth Mull Kleckner consisted of 11 children: (1) HANNAH ALICE KLECKNER, born in 1858, and died in 1864 in Lewis Township. (2) SARAH SALINDA KLECKNER, born in 1861, married George Oliver Zimmerman. She died in 1917 in Lewis Township. (3) ANNA MARY KLECKNER, born in 1863, married Otto Keister. They lived in California. (4) CHRISTANN MULL KLECKNER, born in 1865, died in 1866 in Lewis Township. (5) AGNES CECELIA KLECKNER, (my great grandmother) married John W. Eberhart. (6) EMMA JANE KLECKNER, born in 1868, died in 1887 in Lewis Township. (7) CARRIE LISA KLECKNER, born in 1871, first married William Franklin Houtz. Her second marriage was to William Franklin McClellan. Her third marriage was to Israel Valentine. She died in 1946 in Lewis Township. (8) ELVA MINERVA KLECKNER, born in 1873, a twin, married Ellory G. Shontz. She died in 1941 in Columbia County. (9) CHARLES GEORGE KLECKNER, a twin, born in 1873, married Anna Jane Ruhl. He died in 1961. (10) EDITH MAY KLECKNER, born in 1878, married Charles Daniel Knauss. She died in 1964 in Kelly Township. (11) JAMES W. KLECKNER, born in 1879 first married Bessie Gertrude Leather Brow. His second marriage was to Nellie Orr. He died in 1944 in Clearfield, PA.

Cyrus Lester Eberhart, my grandfather, was a farmer. Although he never owned a farm, he was a tenant farmer at various locations

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BIRD TALK

By Jim McCormick

Spring Pageant. I know, I know. I've been talking about spring for months now, but this time, it really IS here! Even the most hardened skeptic has to admit it. That spectacular canvas, Jacks Mountain, is proof of it. Just watch the daily changes—it's like watching a living painting being created. At first the changes were so very subtle; the slight thickening of the branches, then a blush of red as the red maples started to bud. One day a pale green is added, the next a different shade of green appears. Just watch as the color changes move up the side of the mountain. And down here in the valley are the flowering trees—beautiful! As I walk along Penns Creek, even the forest floor is starting to come alive with spring flowers. Almost overnight, the shrubs, too--naked for so long--are literally bursting into leaf. Intimately involved in this **Spring Pageant**, of course, is the multitude of birds.

The activity of the birds has increased constantly all this spring, starting as early as February with the Cardinals. Spring, and the lengthening of daytime hours, initiates this eternal process of renewal. The search for nesting places, finding mates and breeding are overpowering drives, which dramatically change the activities of the birds. During the winter they are mainly concerned with staying alive, but now their activities are focused and they are busy almost all day long. The Permanent Residents have returned to their favorite nesting areas, and, daily, the Seasonal Residents have been returning. It has become a pleasure of mine to anticipate and watch their return; beginning with the Robins in late February and the Red-winged Blackbirds and Common Grackles at the end of February. Late March brought the Tree Swallows and Eastern Phoebes; the Swallows swooping down from their perches on the wires and the Phoebes chirping their characteristic, 'phee-bee'. In early April the Common Snipes almost snuck in without my seeing them; they are difficult to see unless you scare them out of their hiding places. I have been watching their return to Wilson's field (usually in late March) for some years now. Also in early April was the return of the Eastern Towhee. As I was walking along Penns Creek I heard a familiar call, but it only faintly registered in my mind, until it was—ah-ha! There at the top of a tall tree was a male Towhee. A month after their cousins, the Barn Swallows returned, circling the barns and flying into the open windows. Nearly ten weeks after the arrival of the male Red-winged Blackbirds, the females returned. No wonder few people associate the characteristic male and its camouflaged partner. I have been quite surprised at the early return of several species this year. On April 24th I heard the familiar, flute-like call of the Wood Thrush and, to my surprise, the call of the Gray Catbird. I would have expected the Catbirds to return in a couple of weeks and the Thrush even later. Then, on the 25th, I saw two male Baltimore Orioles; they normally return, almost like clockwork, on the first of May. But the biggest surprise was seeing a pair of Green Herons in the willows near White's Pond. When you bird-watch, a surprise is always just around the corner, so grab your binoculars and take it all in.

Field Notes by Union County Wildlife Conservation Officer

Dirk B. Remensnyder



Deputy Scott Frey and myself were patrolling SGL # 252 near Allenwood looking to see how the deep snow was affecting the deer, and their ability to find food. We noticed that the food and cover crew had scraped off the snow on some of the grass roads throughout the gamelands, so we drove down one of the roads to look for some deer. When we got to the end of the plowed section we had to turn around in tight quarters, and, needless to say we got stuck in the deep snow. After the four wheel drive didn't help to get us out, we got out to see if I had anything in the truck to dig us out with. After searching the entire truck, all we could come up with was two frozen deer legs. After about ten minutes of digging with the deer legs we were able to get out of our predicament and left with a new appreciation of the tools Mother Nature gives to the animals to survive the elements.

You know that if I were reincarnated, I'd want to come back a buzzard. Nothing hates him or envies him or wants him or needs him. He is never bothered.....and he can eat anything.
William Faulkner

Public meetings to be held in the Lewis Township Municipal Building

- ▶ Municipal Authority of Lewis Township, the first Tuesday of the month, beginning at 7:30 p. m.
- ▶ Lewis Township Board of Supervisors, the second Tuesday of the month beginning at 7:30 p. m.
- ▶ The Lewis Township Village Green Recreation Association, first Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

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in Lewis Township. The one most familiar to me was the farm owned by Charles R. Ruhl alongside Route 45, west of the Ray's Church. The house is on the north side of the highway and the barn is on the south side. This house is also where I was born.



Cyrus and Cottie Mae (Ruhl) Eberhart and their granddaughter, Meda Wagner, circa 1943.

The farm was located just east of the Pike School, which burnt around 1927.

Cyrus and Cottie Mae (Ruhl) Eberhart were the parents of six children: (1) MARY CATHERINE EBERHART, born in 1907, married Edmund Shively. She died in 1991 in the Penn Lutheran Village Nursing Home, Selinsgrove, PA. (2) MARTHA IRENE EBERHART, born in 1908, married Bruce N. Wagner. She died in 1981 in Kelly Township. (3) MILDRED ELIZABETH EBERHART, born in 1911, (my mother), married Maynard E. Hoffman. She died in 1994 in the Buffalo Valley Nursing Home, Lewisburg. (4) HAROLD RUHL EBERHART, born in 1913, married Bertha Sanders. He died in 1999 in Riverwoods Nursing Home, Lewisburg. (5) MYRON LEE EBERHART, born in 1915, married Helen E. Siegfried. He died in 1987 in his home in Limestone Township. (6) CHARLES WILLIAM EBERHART, born 26 November 1927, died three days later in Lewis Township. Cyrus and Cottie's children were all born in Lewis Township.

Although Cyrus and Cottie had different religious and political upbringings, they proved to the family that they could make a happy marriage. They were married over 50 years. Cyrus was a member of the Reformed Church and Cottie was a Lutheran. This was no problem since the Ray's Church where they attended was made up of these two denominations. They went every Sunday. One Sunday the Reforms held the service and the next, the Lutherans. Grandma Cottie taught Sunday School to the small children for many years. The daughters of Cyrus and Cottie joined the Lutheran Church and the sons followed their father in joining the Reformed Church. One of them was a Republican and the other a Democrat.

Grandma was a good cook and baker. She had a cookie jar in the pantry filled with those big fat sugar cookies iced either with pink or white icing. For some reason or other, the pink ones were always my favorites. The pie cupboard at the foot of the cellar steps always had a variety of pies also.

Christmas Day was always spent with both grandparents. If we had dinner at Eberharts, we later had supper at Hoffmans or vice versa. At both grandparent's houses we generally had two kinds of meat, chicken and ham. Farmers most always had chickens for eggs and eating, and they raised their own pigs for butchering in the fall. Grandma Eberhart had two particular meals that she enjoyed having members of her family come home for. One was filled pig stomach, and snitz and knepp. They were not my favorites but you never refused Grandma. She was an excellent seamstress, and made me several coats out of other peoples hand-me-downs. When I was in 4-H, my first sewing project was to make a flannel nightgown. Grandma Eberhart showed me how to make a scalloped edging around the neck with embroidery floss and a needle. That sewing project won me a blue ribbon at the 4-H round up later that year. Now you put a disc in your sewing machine, and it does it for you.



Cyrus Eberhart's public sale held on March 12, 1946.

Grandpa Eberhart told me one time how when he was a young man he worked for a lumber company in the 14-Mile Narrows. The cook at the Forest House Hotel packed his lunch and they would leave in the early morning with teams of horses for the top of the mountain. His job was to drag the logs out. When they came back in at night after a hard day of work, the cook had a good meal prepared, which they all enjoyed. Grandpa said by then he was ready for bed, but I will use his words. "Then those hoodlums would play poker a while yet."

They retired from farming in 1946 and moved into a home next to the P.O.S. of A. Lodge Hall in Millmont. They lived there for a few years before eventually buying a home in Mifflinburg, where they lived their last years. Grandpa worked as a laborer for Charles Shipton after he retired from farming. Shipton had a construction business at that time and built a lot of homes in Union County following World War II.

Editor's note: The photographs in this article are courtesy of Eleanor (Hoffman) Hoy. I would also like to thank Eleanor for sharing her "History of the Eberhart Family in Lewis Township, Union County" this month.

The small photograph at the top left corner of page 1 shows one of the first airplanes to be seen in the west end of Union County. The following is an excerpt from the diary of the late Jacob G. Shively of Millmont, and pertains to the airplane seen in this photograph.

June 19, 1919, This evening just before dark we saw an airplane heading west, and circle around north of town. Everyone in town was excited, and they all thought that it was going to land. He eventually did land at the first farm east of Hartleton. People came from Hartleton, Millmont, Laurelton, Swengel and all over to see the plane. It was US mail plane No. 71 piloted by Walter Steven's. The pilot said that he was confused about which route to take west over the mountains, so he landed the plane. The plane measured 34' long and 42' wide. It had a 12 cylinder 450 hp motor. The pilot said that he left Washington, DC in the morning, then went to the Philadelphia Naval Yard, next to Harrisburg, and was headed to Bellefonte. This was the first plane to land here, and only the second one to fly over this area.

June 20, 1919, Everyone went up to Hartleton to watch the plane take off. There were about 400 people there. Reuben Feaster, James Catherman, and Ed Gingrich took hold of the propeller and got it running. Then he took off for Bellefonte.

A Century of Memories

The Story of Pauline (Moyer) Rotering



Hannah "Pauline" (Moyer) Rotering on the left, and her older sister, Mildred (Moyer) Royer on the right.

At 100 years of age, Hannah "Pauline" (Moyer) Rotering, a resident of Buffalo Valley Lutheran Village, is always eager to share her memories of the past century. With a clear mind, her recollection is incredibly sharp. She is a storehouse of knowledge and facts dating from her early childhood in the west end of Union County. She has been witness to countless innovations over the past 100 years; from the coal-oil lanterns to the electric light bulb, from the horse-drawn wagon to high speed automobile, from the steam locomotives to modern diesel trains, and from early bi-planes to large jumbo jets used today. These are but a few of the changes this centurion has seen and experienced in her lifetime.

Pauline, the younger of the two children of the late Charles David and Kathryn (Swineford) Moyer, was born at 306 Main Street in Hartleton on August 31, 1903. Her Grandfather, William E. Moyer, built that home. Moyer's next-door neighbor in Hartleton was Dr. Charles W. Boush. He was a well-known family physician from the west end of the county during the first decade of the 1900's. Boush was called upon to assist Kathryn Moyer at the time of Pauline's birth.

Charles D. Moyer, Pauline's father, was the youngest of four sons of William E. and Anna E. Moyer. Charles' brothers were Willard, Alfred, and Harry. According to Rotering, the four brothers formed a quartet that entertained at area churches and festivals. They were known

as "The Moyer Brothers." Charles Moyer, Rotering's father, was a "huckster" by trade. He made routine visits to farmers in the Hartleton, Millmont, Swengel, and Laurelton areas with his dual horse drawn wagon. As a huckster, his livelihood was derived from the purchase and sale of butter, eggs, and other surplus farm products.

Each Friday Charles loaded surplus goods in his covered wagon to make the 9-mile trip to Vicksburg, where he sold the items to Cook's grocery store. According to Rotering, many of the goods her father gathered each week were sent by rail to miners throughout the coal regions of Pennsylvania. Rotering looked forward to accompanying her father on his weekly trips to Vicksburg. She recalls lying on horse blankets that were spread across egg crates in the back of the wagon while her father led the horse team home. The return trip from Vicksburg was something Rotering always looked forward to since her father routinely stopped at the Green Street home of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Charles Swineford. There Grandma Swineford often had a fresh baked molasses cake prepared for the arrival of her weekly guests. William Moyer, Rotering's grandfather, was also a huckster in the west end of Union County. He was killed in a tragic accident on April 6, 1898, while on his route gathering fresh farm products. (See newspaper-clipping insert).

As a child, prior to beginning school, sisters Pauline and Mildred frequented the home of their favorite Aunt and Uncle, Willard and Jenny Moyer of Millmont. Mildred Moyer spent the greater part of her childhood on Willard and Jenny's farm located at the south end of town (the home currently owned by Israel and Elizabeth Yoder). Willard was a blacksmith by trade, and his shop was located at the north end of Millmont. In later years, Newt Shreckengast operated the blacksmith shop. Rotering fondly recalls many sleigh rides with her uncle. She still remembers the names of her Uncle Willard's mother and daughter horse team: Mary and Mae. Aunt Jenny taught young Rotering the knack of harnessing horses, and how to hitch them to a buggy.

Rotering stated that Willard Moyer never owned an automobile, traveling only by horse and wagon. According to Rotering, Willard was an ardent Republican. She recalls that prior to Election Day, with his horse and buggy, he transported local politicians throughout the west end of the county as they campaigned for office. Politicians, such as Congressman Benjamin Folk, paid for this service by providing meals for Willard Moyer and his family.

During Rotering's early childhood, horse-drawn wagons were common on the main thoroughfare in Hartleton. She remembers numerous vendors peddling their goods and services through town. One vendor in particular was Henry "Hen" Beakey of Mifflinburg. His wagon was filled with many types of fruits and vegetables, including bananas, watermelon, and cantaloupe.

WILLIAM E. MOYER KILLED.

Ground to Death by a Freight Train Above Millmont

Wednesday last Mr. Wm. E. Moyer of Hartleton was caught by a freight train on the L. & T. R. R., and literally cut and ground to death.

The dreadful and horrifying tragedy occurred at the crossing about a mile west of Millmont, where there is a curve in the railroad, and where Mr. Moyer, who is a huckster, attempted to cross the track with a wagon load of produce, when he was caught, as stated, by the east bound freight train, this between the hours of 11 a. m. and 12 noon. The horse, we are told, escaped death, but the wagon was converted into kindling wood.

Mr. Moyer was a most estimable and greatly respected citizen of Hartleton, and had also a large acquaintance of relatives and friends throughout the county. He leaves surviving him four or five children, for whom the deepest sympathy is manifested. His age was about 65 years.

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Meanderings

by Hertha S. Wehr

The Great Depression V

For the people who were desperate and swallowed their pride there was some relief available. Prior to the depression the county had some sort of program for caring for the destitute, as evidence by this excerpt in the *Mifflinburg Telegraph* in February 1929.

\$30,421.00 was expended on Poor of Union Co..... Expenditures were made on orders issued by Directors of the Poor. Included is \$8,209.00 to Danville State Hospital for maintenance of indigent patient from Union Co.....This works out to a rate of \$1.92 for every man, woman, and child in the county.

These expenditures increased as the depression lengthened. Annual reports for expenditures at the issuance of orders from the Directors of the Poor were found for years 1930 and 1931. These later reports were broken down to show expenditures for each township and borough, with recipients listed by name. Mifflinburg had 12 expenditures ranging from \$11.75 to \$479.50 for the year 1930. In 1931 there were 26 recipients with amounts ranging from \$11.97 to 737.21. It is safe to assume that these expenditures were made from tax receipts as they appeared in the county auditor's report. How the Directors of the Poor received the names for review and how they determined the recipients is not clear. Neither do we know when county care was transferred to state and federal levels.

We've seen that local government was providing relief in a limited way. However, some people must have felt that county help was not sufficient as the *Mifflinburg Telegraph* on several occasions refers to an organization by the name of Buffalo Valley Relief Association. It appears that it was a volunteer, non-profit association and derived its revenue from donations. Just when it came into being is not clear, but in December of 1932 there was an article saying the directors had decided against the annual Christmas baskets because of insufficient funds. The article further states that contributions of both money and used clothing were down. Also, more money had been used for food and new clothing for the needy. A partial listing of clothing purchases were for items such as 103 pairs of overalls, 158 pairs of shoes, 471 suits of

underwear, 21 dresses, and 278 pairs of stockings. Miscellaneous items such as caps, gloves, and sweaters were also listed. Another article later in the month noted that a telephone had been installed in the Borough Building for the use of the Association. It's difficult to imagine a relief effort of such magnitude, especially during the depression, existing on donations alone. However, no records of how the association operated are known to exist, nor does there seem to be any knowledge of whether it had some government connections. Another article in August of 1933 tells of the resignation of Guy Roush, who was referred to as the association's volunteer director. Compassion for fellow citizens was certainly a big factor in such an undertaking.

Sometime in 1932 the federal and state governments added their help to the local efforts. In December it was announced that all unemployed men in the Borough could get (federal) flour at the Farmers Bank Building on Saturday morning between the hours of 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. (The Farmers Bank had merged with the Mifflinburg Bank and Trust Co. in 1929-30.) The second announcement was followed by a sentence informing the populace that a careful check would be made to assure that the flour would go only to the needy. The state had also begun to initiate some relief programs. American Stores' ads carried the message, "State Relief Work Orders Redeemed at our Store Carefully-Cheerfully-Promptly" which indicates the programs were available and being used to some degree. There was also a program where families could apply to the state for milk orders. These orders were then issued to dairies for deliveries to the family and the dairy was reimbursed by the state. That program was in effect until 1942.

Through the remainder of the 1930's, both the state and federal governments operated programs, which were designed to relieve the effects of the Depression, and then to end the suffering and misery of many people. The programs were many and varied. There was the NRA (National Recovery Act): the NLB (National Land Bank): the CCC (Civilian Conservation Corps): the WPA (Works Progress Administration): and at least two programs which aided unemployed artists and one to help students get an education. I'm not sure under which programs the last two operated. But I do know that the murals in the Mifflinburg Post Office were done by a New York artist during that time. I also talked with a man who had pursued an associate degree from PSU (Pennsylvania State College, at that time). He told me he dug ditches for a new building on campus, which was also government financed, as his way of getting more education. Probably some of you know people who benefited from some of the programs but regardless of the programs the economy improved at the proverbial snail's pace, and it wasn't until 1941, that preparations for another war finally ended the Great Depression.

May Wedding Anniversaries

Wayne and Bobbye Benner of Laurelton will be celebrating their 45th wedding anniversary on May 9. Eugene and Darlene Hackenburg of Millmont will be celebrating their 44th anniversary on May 14. Donald and Evelyn Miller of Mifflinburg will be celebrating their 34th anniversary on May 23. Glenn and Norma Catherman of Old Bridge, NJ will be celebrating their 47th anniversary on May 25, and Robert and Shirley Catherman, Stover Road, Millmont, will be celebrating their 3rd wedding anniversary on May 26.

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The Moyer Brothers left to right: Harry, Charles D., Willard, and Alfred. They were the sons of William E. and Anna E. Moyer. Photograph courtesy of Pauline (Moyer) Rotering.

Rotering attended the Lutheran Church in Hartleton, where she was baptized. She received her early education in the schoolhouse located at the west end of Hartleton, which has since been demolished. One of the teachers that she remembers from the few years she attended school in Hartleton was Miss Bessie Brock of Lewisburg. Rotering remembers the woodhouse being located in the basement of the two-story schoolhouse. In 1910, she and her family moved to Shamokin Dam. The Moyer family lived in Snyder County for a brief period before returning to Union County that same year. The family relocated to Mifflinburg in 1911. Rotering attended school in Mifflinburg from age eight through her mid-teens.

Charles Moyer died in 1914. At the age of 40, Kathryn, his widow, was left to raise their two daughters, Mildred and Pauline. In order to support her children, Kathryn began working in the kitchen at the Buffalo Valley Inn on Chestnut Street in Mifflinburg. Shortly after reaching her fourteenth birthday, Pauline began working as a waitress at the same establishment with her mother, Kathryn, and her older sister, Mildred.

The Buffalo Valley Inn had an active business during the early 1900's, according to Rotering. She noted that numerous transit people and traveling salesmen frequented the inn. Some of these travelers arrived by passenger car on the nearby rail line. The Buffalo Valley Inn employed a "redcap" (baggage porter) by the name of Jakey, who maintained his residence at the inn. Although Rotering remembers this little fellow being rather crude, he performed his duties in an efficient manner. By age 19 Rotering was working farther east on Chestnut Street at the Hopp Inn. One of the unique attractions at the Hopp Inn, according to Rotering, was its small bird sanctuary, which housed a parrot and a number of canaries. The birds, which were put on display in front of the large dining room windows, were encouraged to sing for the patrons of the hotel.

Pauline was introduced to her husband, Raymond Rotering, by a mutual friend while attending a traveling circus that was set up near Thompson Street in Mifflinburg. Nearly two years later, on December 31, 1921, Pauline Moyer and Raymond Rotering were married in Williamsport. Raymond was a telegraph operator for the Pennsylvania Rail Road, having learned that trade under the tutelage of Mr. George Stover of Market Street in Mifflinburg. Raymond's railroad job often required him to be away from their Mifflinburg home for extended periods. With the railroad in decline, he lost his job in the early 1940's. Raymond, who died in 1951 at age fifty-four, was last employed by Philco Refrigeration in Philadelphia.

The Rotering's are the parents of three children: William, Audrey and Sandra. William served in the Air Force for 28 ½ years. He passed away on February 20, 2001 at age 77. Daughters Audrey (Rotering) Hutton and Sandra (Rotering) Estep, both reside near Harrisburg. Rotering also has 8 granddaughters.

The first airplane Pauline ever saw was around 1918 from atop reservoir hill in Mifflinburg. Many years later she was fortunate enough to take numerous long distance flights on commercial jets, including trips to Hawaii, California, and Florida.

Rotering lived an independent life until age 94. However, since falling off a step stool and breaking her hip nearly six years ago, she has found it necessary to remain a resident of Buffalo Valley Lutheran Village on Fairground Road, Lewisburg. She continues to keep herself active, knitting washcloths from cotton yarn and selling them for \$2 each. She has a big



Pauline (Moyer) Rotering circa 1920.

demand for washcloths, especially those made of blue and white yarn, since area Penn State fans find those particular colors to be attractive. Rotering has several dozen washcloths made in advance of the annual bazaar held at the Buffalo Valley Lutheran Village. Proceeds from the bazaar benefit the nursing home.

Although the lifespan of the average American has been steadily increasing in recent decades, the fact is, few of us living today are likely to celebrate our 100th birthday. Like Rotering, those fortunate enough to live for a century will no doubt be witness to many amazing and incredible advances in technology, science, and medicine. Rotering is unable to account for her longevity, other than the fact that she "worked hard" and "lived right." She always enjoys short visits from relatives and friends. If you enjoy spending time reminiscing about days of yore, a visit with Pauline (Moyer) Rotering in room B-8 at Buffalo Valley Lutheran Village is time well spent.

Thanks to Kafy Long of Orchard Lane, Millmont, for introducing us to Pauline (Moyer) Rotering.



Penlines from my Kitchen to Yours

By Lucy Hoover

March 16 - It snowed most of today. Neighbors Vernon and Norma Martin have a 3rd son, named Travis. He also has 3 sisters. Grandparents are Allen and Anna Martin of Mifflinburg, and Mrs. Moses Sensenig of Mifflinburg.

March 17 - We had more snow again today. My Aunt Nora Zimmerman of Alymer, Canada is visiting in our area for 3 days. I walked to Phares Reiff Sr.'s with the girls, where some relatives were invited to meet Nora. We also quilted.

March 18 - A second son, named Marvin, was born to Ralph and Anna Mae Brubaker of Lewisburg. Grandparents are John and Laura Brubaker of Kutztown and Ammon and Erma Zimmerman of Kutztown.

March 19 - During the night we had a wet clingy snow. Even though we are wishing for Springtime weather, I couldn't help but admire the beauty of the snow covered trees and shrubs.

Elsie had an earache during the night, and when I told her she can't go to school this morning, she needed to wipe some tears. It was the first time she was absent for being sick. This forenoon the 3 girls played "church" in the living room. Unaware to them, I overheard their little sermon, "If you are bad, He (Jesus) will forgive you, but you have to do the best that you can." Services then ended with them singing the tune of a German Hymn. Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast perfected praise. Matthew 21:16.

March 20 - My mom came to our house tonight, she plans to stay with us for 4 days.

March 21 - We were to Vicksburg Church this forenoon. Published to be married are John David Zimmerman (John) and Esther Oberholtzer (Allen). Their wedding date is planned for April 15th.

Mom and us had a dinner invitation to neighbor John Ivan and Mary Ann Martin. 8 other families were also there. Chris and Wilma Brubacker and family came here to our place for supper.

March 22 - Mom and I walked to East End Parochial School with Marie and Pauline. Elsie had been asking when we would visit school again, for a while already. This afternoon we got approx. 500 lbs. of milk from Curvin's parents, to make homemade cheese and butter. I like to put it in the freezer for our own use.

March 24 - Elton Nolt's (of Lewisburg) tractor that had just been repainted and ready for spring work got a hole in the fuel line, causing it to go on fire. It did a lot of damage to the tractor.

March 25 - Today was the wedding at Norman Martin's of Lewisburg, for their daughter Eva and Kenneth Martin. It drizzled on and off during the day. While Aaron and Rachel Nolt of Lewisburg were at the wedding, their horse got kicked in the leg by another horse. The vet was called out to check the horse.

March 26 - My brother David Brubacker married to Curvin's sister Mabel Jane, of Himrod, NY have a second son named Roy. He has 1 sister also. Grandparents are Mrs. Milton Brubacker of Millmont and Lewis and Verna Hoover of Lewisburg.

March 27 - Lois Ann Zimmerman of New Holland who is staying at her Uncle Daniel Martin's of Lewisburg, was riding a horse and was thrown off, up against a tree, which resulted in a visit to the hospital.

March 28 - John and Esther Nolt have a son, named Harvey. Now they have 5 boys! Grandparents are Floyd and Jane Nolt of New Holland and Amos and Emma Nolt of Lewisburg.

March 30 - Elam and Maria Brubacker have a daughter, named Rachel, she is their first child. Grandparents are Mrs. Milton Brubacker of Millmont, and Phares and Anna Horning of Mifflinburg.

Harvey and Ruth Horning of Mifflinburg moved off their farm, into a house they will be renting from Thomas and Lydia Martin of Mifflinburg. Harvey's son Lamar and Dolores moved onto the farm that was vacated.

March 31 - We invited teacher Minnie Reiff and her 21 students to come to our house to eat. They stayed here till 1:00. Curvin and I, with Pauline, biked to school for a 1:30 P.M. parent / teacher meeting. We also planned the school picnic

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Looking Back

The article below was originally published in one of the local newspapers on May 29, 1897. It is copied here verbatim.

MILLMONT

Do you know that the only way to be happy, contented and sleep well is to read your own newspaper instead of borrowing from your neighbor? And it will also have a tendency to cure indigestion, heart trouble, etc, if the subscription price is paid in advance - try it.

Mrs. John Royer, of Rebersburg, is visiting her sister, Mrs. John Middlesworth, this week.

Merchant Bowersox took a spin to Middleburg last Sunday to see his cousin, Prof. Frank Bowersox.

Miss Lizzie Fockler and sister Ada of Santon, Bedford county, are the pleasing guests of Miss Anna E. Smith for a week or two.

Samuel Pellman and wife, of Richfield, were in town last Saturday shaking hands with their former neighbors and many friends, who were glad to see them look so well.

There are good prospects that farmer Chas. L. Braucher will have a full crop of peaches this year. He has about four hundred trees.

Abraham Bowersox has built an addition to his home. His son Oscar and wife will occupy the new part when finished.

Miss Florence Haus, of Mifflinburg, spent last Sunday with her cousin, Mrs. J. D. Mark.

James K. Reish, of Vicksburg, was here on business Tuesday afternoon.

Our enterprising hay dealer, Mr. Elmer Braucher, has built a large rear addition with modern improvements to his house, located on South Hartleton Ave., making it one of the finest homes in our village.

The United Evangelicals have purchased two lots on South Hartleton Ave. on which they expect to build a church in the near future. At present they are worshiping in the schoolhouse. The Esherite faction are holding the brick church and have services every two weeks.

Scott Smith is up the valley at Lindale doing some painting for Thomas Eisenhuth the last two weeks.

The annual district convention of the P. O. S. of A. will be held in this place on Saturday, June 12. The forenoon we are told, will be devoted to the private business of the order, and in the afternoon there will be a public demonstration with addresses by some of the state officials. The public are invited to be present in the afternoon, when they will have an opportunity of learning much in regard of the order.

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menu for May 7th, school will possibly be over by May 8th.

April 1 - Mrs. Ervin Hoover and 3 children, plus Marie and I, spent most of the day at Nathan and Mary Ella Hoover of Millmont. On April 8th they plan to move in the farmhouse beside Zimmerman's Harness Shop where Nathan is employed. I helped Mary Ella's sisters, Lena and Martha Zimmerman with the packing.

April 4 - Our family spent the night at my Mom's house, Mom left at 5:45 A.M. with a van load of others, she had a dinner invitation to her sister in law, Mrs. Enos Zimmerman of Ephrata.

We went to Mt. View Church, a visiting Bishop, Raymond Shirk of Barnett, MO was there. There were more visitors at church. I can't name them all, among them was Martha Hoover (36) of Ephrata, with her Golden Retriever "seeing eye dog." Harry and Alta Oberholtzer family were to Lloyd and Marlene Reiff of Lititz for a Reiff family gathering.

April 6 - Eugene and Anna Mae Horning moved onto their dairy farm, close to Mazeppa, that they had bought last fall.

Tonight we took supper to Curvin's parents and stayed for the evening.

April 10 - Neighbors Vernon and Norma Martin's horse died. The vet had checked it yesterday and said that it could be that it has "twisted intestines."

April 12 - Tonight we went to the viewing of Mary Bowersox (84) of Penns Creek.

April 13 - Both our school teacher, and her assistant, have April birthdays, this afternoon us school parents plan to take our gifts to school, and have a little birthday party for them. It is raining again, it starts to get really soggy and muddy outside.

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Mother

I know that your heart and my heart are one.
For you are my Mother and I am your Son;
I know that no other can cause you to sigh;
To laugh, or to sorrow so quickly as I
In each thing I am saying, in all that I do,
I know that I am building an image of you;
I know while I wonder the land or the sea,
The world is beholding you Mother so dear.
I am knowing that your soul is soul of my soul.
And so as I struggle towards my dim goal,
I fain would be hearing when each day is done,
I am happily proud of you as a Mother so dear.
Your Son, "Earl"

Poem from Earl C. VonNeida to his mother Mae (Bingaman) VonNeida circa 1940. Submitted by Earl's granddaughter, Janice L. Dorman, of Hartleton in honor of Mother's Day, May 9th.

Prayer for my Soldier

Oh, give him, please, a valiant heart,
The will to fight, to do his part,
To be courageous, unafraid,
Whate'er the price that must be paid –
For this I pray!

And then when savage war is done,
When freedom's battle has been won
And there is peace, good will to men,
Please, Lord, let him come home again –
This time, to stay!
- Alice E. Meany

This Memorial Day, May 31st, please take time to remember those who have sacrificed their lives for our freedom.

Thank You!!

I'd like to thank the following people for their donations toward the publication of this newsletter: Helen Raker, Mifflinburg, PA; David & Mildred Diehl, Millmont; and Kenneth and Kathy Groff, Charm, Ohio.

The people listed below have agreed to accept this newsletter over the Internet as a PDF, thus allowing me to reduce the monthly expenses associated with printing and mailing this publication. My heartfelt thanks to: Dorothy Reiner, Trout Run, PA; Walter & Janet Russell, Panama City, Florida; and Forrest & Ellen Hoffman, Mifflinburg. Anyone interested in signing up to receive a color version of newsletter each month at no charge is urged to contact: tshively@evenlink.com

In addition, I want to thank the following new subscribers: Wanda Weller, Old Turnpike Road, Mifflinburg; Robert & Fran Stroup, Penns Creek Road, Mifflinburg; Dennis & Lena Susan, Mifflinburg; Robert & Carolyn Wagner, Mifflinburg; and Betty S. Koons, Mifflinburg. Thanks also to all those who renewed their subscription to the newsletter for an additional year. Your support is what helps to make this newsletter possible, and as always it is greatly appreciated!! Thank you to David L. Benfer, Jr. for offering the use of postcards of Hartleton.

My thanks to Pauline Shively, Weller Lane, Millmont, and Janice Dorman of Hartleton for their help with this publication.

Passage

Harold G. Kuhns, 83, of 44 Three Springs Lane, formerly of Millmont, passed away on Saturday, April 10, 2004, at his home. He had been in declining health for several years. He was born April 13, 1920, in Center Township, Snyder County, a son of the late Clayton E. and Linnie C. (Heintzelman) Kuhns. On Sept. 11, 1940, he married the former Grace A. Loss, who survives.

He and his wife farmed in Union County in both Lewis Township and Mifflinburg. Harold had also been employed at the Laurelton and Watsonstown Foundries, and retired from American Home Foods in Milton. He was a member of Mountain Road God's Missionary Church, Penns Creek, which he helped build. He served as Sunday school superintendent and secretary, as church treasurer, and also on the church board. He was also a member of the National Rifle Association, and enjoyed hunting and fishing.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are two daughters and sons-in-law, Esther R. Keister and her husband Galen of Penns Creek, and Naomi M. Aurand and her husband Henry of RR2 Selinsgrove; one son and daughter-in-law, Glenn D. and his wife Rita Kuhns of rural Millmont; seven grandchildren, Ken Keister, Sharon Ellis, Sandra Herb, Randy, Darren and Justin Aurand and Michael Kuhns; seven great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; two sisters, Mae Sullivan of Lyford, Texas, and Ruth Deetz of Kissimmee, Fla.; and one brother, Ralph Kuhns of rural Mifflinburg.

Harold was preceded in death by a brother, David Kuhns in 1931; and a daughter-in-law, Donna J. Kuhns on May 8, 1997.

Burial was in the Hartleton Cemetery.

Thomas Jacob Hassinger, 68, of Hartleton since 1956, passed away on Sunday, April 18, 2004. He was born July 29, 1935, in Hartley Township, Union County, the son of the late Clarence Edward and Rachael Priscilla Wolfe Hassinger. On Oct. 13, 1954, he married the former Mary Elizabeth Kratzer, who survives. Tom was a 1953 graduate of Mifflinburg Area High School. He enlisted in the Army at New Cumberland on Oct. 20, 1954, and was honorably discharged as a SP-3 at Fort Sheridan, Ill. on Aug. 17, 1956. He served in the 24th Infantry Artillery Division and was awarded the Good Conduct Medal and the Carbine Sharpshooter Decoration. Tom retired on June 1, 1991, as the garage supervisor at the Laurelton Center, where he was employed for 35 years.

He was a member of Christ's United Lutheran Church, Millmont. Tom assisted with the Church Cub Scout Troop 3536 and with the Boy Scouts of America Troop 536. He was also a member of the Thomas H. Clapham Post 410, American Legion of Mifflinburg; the Union County West End Fair Association; and a charter member of the Millmont West Union Area Lions Club. He was named a Melvin Jones Fellow by Lions Clubs International in 1994, the highest award bestowed by Lions International, for dedicated humanitarian services.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are one son and daughter-in-law, Shane Douglas and Barbara Ann Hassinger of Middleburg; one daughter and son-in-law, Kelly Jo and John D. Evans of Elizabethtown; four grandchildren, Tara E. Hassinger, Kassandra M. Hassinger, Alexis M. Evans and Tyler J. Evans; the following siblings and their spouses, Ray W. and Florence R. Hassinger of Selinsgrove, Nelson D. and Isabel M. Hassinger of Middleburg, Helen I. and Robert W. Guffy of Milton, Eugene E. and Katherine A. Hassinger of Mifflinburg, Barbara A. and Clair E. Troup of Lewisburg, Faylene A. and LaRue M. Maurer of Lewistown and Lucille S. and Richard E. Wenrick of Colby, Wis.; numerous nieces; and nephews. He was preceded in death by one sister, Cloycie Evelyn Spigelmyer, on Oct. 2, 1981 and by one brother, Elwood Clarence Hassinger, on Sept. 11, 2002.

Burial was in the Hartleton Cemetery.

Tom played a vital role in the borough of Hartleton. Oft times he was seen, along with his wife, gathering downed tree branches on the playground, cleaning up messes left by others, assisting with the assembly of playground equipment, and monitoring restorations projects at The Union Church. And occasionally, he visited borough council meetings just to take an interest in the community. Tom will be missed by his family, and by his community.

Bible Quiz

Melanie Houtz, Cambridge Springs, PA was the winner of the March Bible Quiz, and as a result, she won \$10. The answer was: John 21:9 - "As soon then as they were come to land, they saw a fire of coals there, and fish laid thereon, and bread." John 21:11 - "Simon Peter went up, and drew the net full of great fishes, a hundred and fifty three."

The person responsible for the "Bible Quiz" has asked me to thank everyone who entered the contest last month including: Ruth Ann Martin, Margaret Stutzman, Anna Mae Martin, Lena Susan, Judith Martin, Millmont Methodist Youth Group, Lisa Martin, Marian Hoover, Catherine Martin, Mervin Kline, Kathy Reiff, Marlene Boynes, Esther M. Boyle, and Melanie Houtz.

The Bible Quiz question for May is: What is the golden rule? Where is it found in the Bible? The person whose name is drawn with the correct answer will receive \$10. Send your answers, along with your name and address to:

Bible Quiz
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Swengel, PA 17880

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

All I have seen teaches me to trust the Creator for all I have not seen.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Lewis Township News

Village Green Recreation Association - No meeting was held in April.

Municipal Authority of Lewis Township - Minutes not available.

Lewis Township Board of Supervisors - Tuesday, April 13, 2004 .

Henry Sanders, Chairman; Wayne Klingman, Vice Chairman, Douglas Pepper, Supervisor; Karen Watters, Secretary/Treasurer; Thomas Boop, Solicitor; and Ken Catherman, Road Master. Other attendees included: Brian and Jennifer Mabus, Tom Watters, Troy Knecht, Joe White, Sam Edmiston, Clair Kaler, and T. Shively.

>Sam Edmiston, Treasurer of the Millmont Little League Association, raised some concerns about his organization being indebted to the township to the tune of \$5,000. He was reassured by Doug Pepper that the Little League Assoc. is not indebted to the township for that amount. However, they, along with the Village Green Association, will each be responsible for one third (\$633.33) of the cost of the Ed-dinger sewer hook-on fee.

> Edmiston also raised his concerns about the open burning of garbage, and asked whether an ordinance was in place. He spoke about the health problems related to the burning of all types of rubbish near his Libby Road home. He was informed by Solicitor Boop that there is no township ordinance regulating open burning, and that it would take two of the three supervisors to enact any type of burning ordinance. Boop also addressed the problem of enforcement of any burning ordinance, since the township does not have a police force. It was his suggestion that each individual who has a complaint about burning should pursue the matter privately.

>Troy Knecht of D& E Communications was present to request the township's permission to distribute video and TV across their phone lines to township residents. Doug Pepper made a motion to advertise a non-exclusive franchise ordinance for D&E Communications to distribute TV and video in addition to phone service. Wayne Klingman seconded the motion. Motion carried. Troy also asked for permission to allow the company to install the new service for one particular customer in the township prior to the adoption of the ordinance. The board indicated that it would neither permit nor deny the company to proceed with its request.

>Jennifer Mabus, President of the Millmont Little League Association, addressed the board about the recent improvements to the township ball field on Libby Road. She indicated that the visitors side dug-out is nearly three quarters complete and should be finished by the end of the week. She asked the board when the individual responsible for the block work could get paid. Pepper asked Mabus to let him know when the project was completed so that it can be inspected. Mabus informed the board that Beavertown Block was willing to donate cinder blocks for rebuilding the remaining dug-out, as well as a concession stand. She asked the supervisors for their permission to have the blocks brought to the township property for storage until they are ready to proceed with the construction. The board had no objections to having the blocks stored on their property. Pepper also requested that a letter of thanks be sent to the president of Beavertown Block for their donation. Mabus also stated that the building permit for the dug-out was waived, however, a permit will be required when the new concession stand is constructed. Brian Mabus asked the board when they were planning to take bids for the removal of trees in the area where the proposed parking lot will be at the ball field. No decision was made about the trees. The township is waiting to hear more information about their grant request before any further action is taken.

>Klingman made a motion to approve the minutes from the March township supervisors meeting. Pepper seconded the motion. Motion carried.

>Pepper made a motion to pay the current bills. Sanders seconded the motion. Motion carried.

>Martha Witmer, Lewis Township Zoning Officer, informed the supervisors in a letter that members of the zoning board are not permitted to hear any of the facts pertaining to a pending hearing prior to their meeting. That is so all members of the zoning hearing board can remain impartial. Pepper also stated that the zoning hearing board is not required to render their decision immediately following the hearing. However, a decision must be made within 45 days.

>Karen received a letter from the Mifflinburg Bank & Trust regarding the refinancing of the township's loan. The bank also expressed their concern about township funds being held by the bank in excess of the F.D.I.C. maximum amount of \$100,000. There was some discussion whether or not the banking institution had combined the funds of the municipal authority and the township to arrive at their conclusion. Solicitor Boop stated that the two accounts could be separated, and that the township's funds are insured.

>Two subdivision plans were reviewed by the board. One of those plans was submitted by John and Betty Bringer of Millmont. Karen also reviewed the list of building permits that were recently issued including: Levi Brubaker, Adin Zimmerman, Donald Kaler, Cindy DiAscro, Barb Wiand, John Klingman, Raymond Weaver, Tim Eddinger, Kenneth Peachey, and Lance Yocum.

>The next Lewis Township Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for May 26 in the township municipal building.

>Mowing bids for the Village Green, Wastewater Treatment Plant, and Frank Long Ball Field were reviewed by the board of supervisors. Pepper made a motion to accept the bid submitted by R & K mowing. Klingman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

>The bids for various size stones used on township roadways were reviewed by the members of the board. Klingman made a motion to accept the low bid submitted by National Limestone Quarry. Henry seconded the motion. Motion carried.

>Solicitor Boop informed the board that he spoke to Tom Sauers regarding the Pennsylvania uniform building code. He indicated that the code must be adopted by the township by July 8, 2004. Klingman made a motion to advertise a township ordinance adopting the new code. Pepper seconded the motion. Motion carried.

>Solicitor Boop addressed the board about the proposed barking dog ordinance. He stated that while the concept is fine, he recommended that the board try to avoid getting involved in any type of neighborhood dispute regarding barking dogs. He stated that if it were a widespread problem throughout the township, an ordinance could be considered. However, since this is an isolated problem, it was his recommendation that the problem should be handled by the interested parties. Boop also stated that the township has no police force, and therefore no one to enforce the matter.

>At 9:10 p.m. Solicitor Boop made a request for the board of supervisors to move into an executive session. The executive session ended at 9:30 p.m.

>Karen informed the board about a copy of a letter she received that was sent to DEP from Cindy Shively regarding her opposition to the removal of the dam situated on Penns Creek south of Millmont. In the letter Shively stated her concerns to the area should the state take

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any measures to remove the dam. Peffer stated that the matter was out of their control, and that there was nothing the township could do to stop the removal of the dam if the state decides to proceed.

>Joe White expressed his concerns to the board about flooding on the alley at the rear of Maple Street in Millmont due to the recent heavy rains.

>Klingman made a motion to defer any action on the wastewater treatment plant until the board hears from Penn Vest. Peffer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Weikert Heritage Days

Local residents, family genealogists and history compilers will join Western Union County organizations for Weikert Heritage Day, Saturday, May 15, 2004 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the Hartley Township Community Center, Rt. 235, Laurelton, PA.

Local history compiler, Emilie Jansma of Weikert has organized the event that is designed to be a sharing of individuals' collections and publications of the West End, or "Tight End", and Weikert histories.

The Hartley Township Community Center, The Hironimus Union Church, The Millmont Times, The Union County Historical Society, the Union County Sportsmen's Club, and the West End Library are supporting the Heritage Day and will have representatives present to showcase their histories. In addition to these organizations, the following people will be providing personal collections for review: Emilie Jansma, Jean Jolly, Dr. Donald Mayes, Jonathan Bastian, Leona Wert, Helen Klauger, Judy Blair, Judy Wagner, C.J. Landis, Cora Boop, and Tony Shively.

Collectors will have family histories, pictures, organizational memorabilia, old deeds, obituary collections, and information on current Weikert homes and properties. Copiers will be accessible, and various materials will be available for purchase or ordering.

Attendees are encouraged to bring a picture or story related to the Weikert area people, history, or genealogy to share.

For more information contact Emilie Jansma at 814-234-7935 or The Millmont Times at 570-922-4297.

See inserted flier for more information.

People celebrating a birthday during May

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| Joey Smith, May 2 | Annie Nolt, May 18 |
| Faye Lyons, May 2 | Sam Smith, May 19 |
| Connie Swartz, May 4 | Eddie Weaver, May 21 |
| David Swartz, (twin) May 4 | Carl Sampsell, May 28 |
| Melvin Walter, May 6 | Nathan Yoder, May 29 |
| Beverly Catherman, May 7 | Mike Fultz, May 29 |
| Jeannie Sampsell, May 9 | William Shively, May 30 |
| Shirley Catherman, May 13 | |
| Jean Marquardt, May 14 | |
| Steve Bilger, May 15 | |
| Ryan Hopta, May 18 | |

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