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View of Hartleton looking east near the location where the two story school building once stood.

Hartleton Then and Now Part III

Hartleton has been home to numerous small businesses that have stood the test of time and economic challenges. A quote from the Mifflinburg Telegraph April 15, 1921: *Miss Annie Shirk has opened an ice cream parlor at her home and will have on hand at all time Velvet Ice Cream, made by the West Branch Creamery Co., of Milton.* Annie's ice cream parlor was located next door to 307 Main St. Hartleton. The building has since been razed. This was

not the first ice cream parlor in the Borough of Hartleton. An excerpt from the July 11, 1890 Hartleton Locals column in the Mifflinburg Telegraph notes that *Mr. Harry Harter had opened an ice cream parlor*, but there is no mention of the location. One can still find and enjoy an ice cream cone in the Borough of Hartleton. The ice cream stand located at 118 Main Street has had many names over the last nearly 30 years, such as *Walter's Freeze Bee, Fultz's, Woody's, Arctic Twist* and now, *Chilly Willy's*.

The first Hartleton Garage was located on the north side of Route 45, near the intersection of Cold Run Road and Main St. The garage was started by Richard Diehl, Sr. and was later moved across the road to the present day location at 203 Main St. From a May 4, 1933 newspaper clipping: *Work is nearing completion on a large addition to the Hartleton Garage, owned by R.S. Diehl, Chevrolet dealer in Union County. The new addition, facing the state highway, will be used for display room, office and storage for parts, and is of concrete block construction.* In its early days the garage not only repaired used automobiles, but also sold new Chevrolet and used automobiles.

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Millmont Mailbox by Postmaster Sam Smith

I have written before about identity theft, but it is such an important subject that I thought passing on tips from the Postal Inspection Service would be worthwhile. Identity theft is America's fastest growing crime. Last year more than 9.9 million Americans were victims of identity theft! Postal Inspectors recommend the following guidelines to protect yourself from identity theft.

Report lost or stolen credit and debit cards immediately.

Check your credit card statements, bank documents and financial reports every month for unauthorized activity.

Don't write your credit card number, driver's license number, Social Security number, or other personal account data on your checks. Memorize your Social Security number and financial passwords.

Don't just throw away unwanted pre-approved credit applications, credit card receipts, etc; shred or destroy in some other fashion.

Once a year, check your credit report with the three credit bureaus-Equifax (800-997-2493), Experian Information Solutions (888-397-3742) and TransUnion (800-916-8800)-to monitor any potential fraudulent activity or discrepancy. For more information, go to www.usps.com/postalinspectors.

The Holiday stamps this year will feature four different Nutcracker designs, available in books of 20, and a Religious Christmas stamp of a painting by Sandro Botticelli, both on sale now.

The Post Office will be closed with no delivery on Tuesday November 11, in honor of Veteran's Day, and also closed on Thursday, November 27, to celebrate Thanksgiving.

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Photograph of Diehl's Chevrolet in Hartleton (circa 1930) taken prior to the addition of the showroom on the west side of the building. Photograph courtesy of Pauline Shively

Clair Ruhl and Talford "John" Bowersox were the head mechanics at Diehl's Garage. Several of Steward Shirks sons learned the body repair business at this garage and later opened businesses of their own in Lewisburg. Mr. Diehl moved his business to Lewisburg in the mid - late 1940's and the garage was sold to J. Clair and O. Ralph Ruhl. Ruhl's garage was operational as a repair garage until the early 1980's. J. Clair Ruhl retired in 1972 and O. Ralph Ruhl retired in 1982. Ruhl's Garage was then sold to Robert Goss, Sr. and B & B Snow Jet moved there from its location just east of Hartleton. Bob Goss, Sr. and his son, Bob Goss, Jr., operated the snowmobile, ATV and vehicle repair business at Hartleton until Mr. Goss, Sr. retired. Bob Goss, Jr. then operated the business on his own until he sold the business in October 2006 to Stephen Buttorff and David Stamm. The business is currently operating as Daves Automotive.

At the corner of Cold Run Road and Rt. 45, across the road from the Hartleton Garage was the "Bull Pen", a small building, about 10 x 10 or 12 x 12. Mr. & Mrs. William Diehl, parents of Richard Diehl, Sr., sold popsicles, ice cream sandwiches,

Hershey dixie cups with wooden spoons, candy bars, soft drinks, tobacco products and the Sunday newspapers. Jack Shirk of Hartleton shared during the Cracker-barrel Conversations on September 21st that the Bull Pen was where he, and others, went to spend a few pennies or a nickel. This was a popular place in the early 1940's for the young people in town to gather, swap pocketknives, drink sodas and enjoy the Eskimo Pies.

Mitchell's Service and Auto Body Shop is located at the corner of Laurel Road and Main St. in Hartleton. Jim "Inch" Mitchell began the building process in 1955, and worked at it in his spare time. It took two years to complete the project, and he opened the doors on November 11, 1957. As Inch recalls, the late Johnny VonNeida, who lived just west of the garage, within the borough limits, was his first customer on opening day. At the height of his business, Inch was busy with customers stopping to fuel their vehicles, auto repairs, and body work. The gas pumps have since been removed, but Inch still makes the daily trip from Mifflinburg to Hartleton to accommodate those that have their vehicles inspected there.

The Republican Party was victorious during the November 1938 election in Union County. As a result a parade more than two miles in length made its way through Hartleton. The parade formed at Lewisburg at 7 o'clock and moved through Mifflinburg, Hartleton, Laurelton, Glen Iron, White Springs, along Penn's Creek, to New Berlin, Winfield, West Milton and Allenwood and returned to Lewisburg via Watsonstown and Milton. The procession was led by the sound truck, followed by a truck entered by Earl Condon of Millmont R.D. and contained a large bell on which was the inscription "The Liberty Bell of 1938", many trucks and floats with elephants and signs. Kratzer - Dull American Legion Drums Corps of Lewisburg furnished the music. The parade did not return to Lewisburg until 11:15 p.m. and was enthusiastically received by large groups throughout the county.

The speed limit within the borough was set at 20 mph in the mid-1930's. On December 2, 1947 borough council approved an ordinance that increased the speed limit to 35 mph. On July 6, 1954 Emerson "Beenie" Miller was hired to act as traffic policeman at the pay rate of \$1.25 per hour. Jack Shirk recalls that Beenie patrolled traffic on foot and that he flagged people down as they swept through the borough. The passersby would wave and continue on.

An ordinance to establish the Hartleton Borough Police Department was enacted in July 1981. Donald Zerbe of Laurelton was named Chief of Police and maintains that position today. The police department was formed in an effort to slow fast moving traffic within the borough limits. The presence of the police department has been effective over the past 27 years. According to a Daily Item article that was published in November 1990, the number of arrests dropped from 1,500 / year in 1981 to less than 400 / year. In a 2005 article in the Daily Item Chief Zerbe said that Hartleton had the lowest accident rate in the state of Pennsylvania. In addition to the chief, the Hartleton Police Department currently employs 3 part-time officers.

Borough residents Mr. John F. Kauffman and the late Mr. Harry L. VonNeida, a well known barber in Hartleton, purchased a tract of land south of Park Road from Pauline Shirk on October 19, 1972. The land, which was donated to the borough, was purchased for the purpose of constructing a playground area. The Hartleton Playground Dedication was held on Saturday September 11, 1976, complete with a flea market, games and prizes for all ages, and a gospel and country music sing-along around a bonfire! The new park included swings, and other equipment made from recycled automobile and trac-

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BIRD TALK

by Jim McCormick



October is when fall peaks; the colors spreading across the landscape. The hours of daylight begin to shorten and the nights get colder, but I enjoy it all the same.

The behaviors of the birds change as well. On one of my walks I noticed a Red-bellied Woodpecker fly across Penns Creek. This is not anything unusual, of course, but what happened next was unusual. At first I didn't even notice what was happening. I normally look upstream and downstream for anything I can see. The Woodpecker again flew across the creek and this time I started watching what it was doing. I noticed it was flying into a shagbark hickory tree, and then flying back across the creek into another tree, but I couldn't see what it was doing. This went on for some time and the activity became much faster. The only explanation I could give was it was putting the hickory nuts into some cavity in the tree trunk, stocking up for the winter, just like the squirrels! As soon as all the leaves fall off the tree, I am going to see if I can find where the stockpile is hidden. On several weekends this month I noticed the sounds of large numbers of birds. Every year about this time, large flocks of blackbirds begin to mass into larger and larger flocks. I've seen many small groups heading somewhere, but I have yet to see the main flock. The flocks are mostly made up of Common Grackles and Red-winged Blackbirds; sometimes Brown-headed Cowbirds and Starlings combine into these flocks that can grow into the thousands.

The Turkey Vulture is a common sight in our area from early spring to sometime in November, a bird just about to leave. If you see a large black bird with silver colored markings under its wings, soaring high in the sky, it is almost certainly a Turkey Vulture. *"The Turkey Vulture maintains stability and lift at low altitudes by holding its wings up in a slight dihedral (V-shape) and teetering from side to side while flying. It flies low to the ground to pick up the scent of dead animals."*

http://www.birds.cornell.edu/AllAboutBirds/BirdGuide/Turkey_Vulture_dtl.html.

The Turkey Vulture has a keen sense of smell, which is unusual for birds. That distinctive red, featherless head has a practical purpose. The Turkey Vulture feeds almost exclusively on carrion—dead animals. By having no feathers on its head, it can feed inside the carcass without getting all that rotting flesh on its feathers. There are several other rather unsavory characteristics about this bird. One of the evolved defense mechanisms of the Turkey Vulture is its ability to vomit up the rotting flesh, which predators find rather offensive, especially if they get it in their eyes! The Turkey Vulture also has the habit of defecating on its own legs, which helps to cool itself off in the heat of summer. While all these characteristics might be offensive to us, the Turkey Vulture provides a useful service to all of us by removing the decomposing bodies of road kill. I have long been marveling at the beauty of this large bird's flying skill, as it seems to just hang in the air, seemingly effortlessly. I wrote about this bird several years ago, but I was reminded of the Turkey Vulture when we were on vacation in Florida. We returned to the Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge near Cape Canaveral. On one of our drives through the refuge we saw a couple of Turkey Vultures on the road. This month's photo is the result. Enjoy! A face only a mother could love!



Turkey Vulture photograph courtesy of Jim McCormick.

The small photograph located in the upper left hand corner of page one is a real photo postcard of a young Pauline Shirk sitting next to a dog. The photograph was taken circa 1910. Photograph courtesy of Delphia Shirk of Millmont and Jack and Ginny Shirk of Hartleton.

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View of the Hartleton Playground and picnic pavilion at the corner of Catharine Street and Park Road.

tor tires, tennis courts, basketball hoop, monkey bars, sliding board, a playhouse made from large wooden spools and a glider. A playground committee was established in 1976 and included residents Virginia Shirk, Theresa Benfer and Barb Whelan.

In 1988 Hartleton was host to the first Annual Yard Sale Day, which is now held on the last Saturday of every April. In an effort to raise money for playground maintenance, the playground committee collects \$3 per household that sets up a yard sale for that day. Funds remaining, after the advertising is paid for, go directly to the maintenance of the playground.

The park has undergone renovations since its unveiling in 1976. In the early 2000's the old playground equipment was replaced with new, modern equipment. Grant monies were used to purchase the new equipment, and borough residents gave their time and energy to assemble the equipment. It took a lot of man (and woman) hours to get the equipment assembled and the ADA approved mulch in place.

Michael Spurr of Mifflinburg designed and constructed a large picnic pavilion at the park in 2001. This project, in which

he invested 200 hours, earned him the Eagle Scout honor from the Boy Scouts of America. Grant money was allocated in 2004 for the building of a public restroom, for use by visitors to the park, and to enable the use of the Union Church for council meetings and as the polling place. In 2005 the voter-polling place was relocated to the Union Church. During the summer of 2008 a new, and beautiful, water fountain was completed next to the picnic pavilion. The Hartleton Playground committee currently includes Wendy Styers and Donna Purves and seeks new volunteers.

A group of about 65 borough residents gathered in November 1991 and agreed to hook their homes onto public sewage system if Borough Council decided to build one. While the cost to residents was a key concern, it was also seen as a way to end the long-standing troubles with overflowing septic systems within the borough. In 1994 Borough Council adopted an ordinance that regulated and required connection to the public sewer system. The sewer system was completed and operational by the end of 1995. A Municipal Authority was formed in 1996. Current members of the municipal authority are Gene "Skip" Herrold, Doug Rishel, James Dorman, Russ Wagner, Rodney Snyder and Secretary Mary Ellen Stroup.

The residents of Hartleton have seen major changes since 1773. Some things remain very similar, however. The census of 1860, which was the first census after the boroughs incorporation, showed a population of 288. The 2000 census shows a population of 260, a decrease of nearly 10%. In the early days the primary business owners were merchants, innkeepers, tavern owners, and physicians. Today, Hartleton is still home to numerous businesses. The primary business owners operate garages, antique shops, farms, and businesses relative to the food industry.

At its inception in 1858, the borough included a Burgess and five council members as the governing body. Today's elected officials accept the same responsibilities. They include Mayor James Dorman, and Council Members Gary Loss, Donna Purves, Rodney Snyder, Dale Styers, Carol Oldt, and Brenda Zerbe, along with Borough Secretary, Wendy Styers.

We have reflected over the last three months on how Hartleton came to be in the late 1700's, how the residents decided to break from Hartley Township to form a borough in 1858, how the residents prospered, and how they dealt with the challenges related to their failure to obtain the railroad. The people of this small borough have withstood adversity for more than two centuries. How different will Hartleton Borough be when it celebrates its bicentennial in 2058? If history is any guide then Hartleton will remain a community comprised of friendly people, beautiful homes and farms, and businesses that provide jobs for many.

I'd like to thank Donna Purves, Hartleton; Wendy Styers, Hartleton; Pauline Shively, Millmont; Henry & Linda Dorman, Millmont; Joyce Walter, Hartleton; James "Inch" Mitchell, Mifflinburg; Mary Goss, Millmont; and James Dorman, Hartleton.

I would also like recognize the following sources of information for this story: The Mifflinburg Telegraph; Lewisburg Saturday News; Union County Pennsylvania, A Bicentennial History by Charles M. Snyder; Atlas of Union & Snyder Counties, published in 1868; Union County Heritage Volume XIV, published by the Union County Historical Society in 1994; and www.unioncounty.org.

Businesses currently operating in Hartleton Borough

Buttorff's Sales & Service
Chilly Willy's
Daves Automotive
David L. Benfer Construction
Donna Purves' Hand Quilting
Dorman's Country Store
Harry's Repair
Hartleton Wellness Center
In-Tune Music Shoppe
Metropolitan Restoration Service, Inc.
Mitchell's Garage
R and V Antiques
Styers Styling & Tanning Salon
Top Calls
Village Antique Mall
Willow Tree Organic Farm
Winfall Antiques

Penns Creek Angler

by Bruce Fisher

Being Prepared Part IV

So far we have covered everything except lines and rods so I'll spend most of my time talking about these components in this article. There are many brands of lines to choose from and many types of lines designed specifically for different applications. Some of the better lines on the market are Cortland, Airflow, Rio, and Scientific Angler. I'll stick to the two I know best, Cortland and Airflow. Cortland and Airflow have lines specifically designed for all types of fishing. These would include dry fly fishing, nymph fish, spey fishing and distance casting lines.

Most of the lines I'm referring to come in two basic configurations. WF is the designation for weight forward, DT is double taper, SH & RT is for shooting head and rocket taper and they are basically the same configuration. All lines are tapered in some way, meaning they go from fat to skinny at some point in the line to help unload the energy that's created when you cast the line. This is the same principal used in a bullwhip. As the cast is made the energy generated in the thick section transfers to the thinner section. Because the energy decreases over the length of line you have beyond your rod tip the line needs to become smaller to keep the same amount of energy flowing until it reaches your fly. Double taper simply means you have the same taper at each end of the line. The length of the taper at the end of the line can vary by brand and model.

Weight Forward lines only have a taper at the end connected to your leader; the rest of the line is generally level behind the taper. Without going into all the different tapers you can visit Penns Creek Angler or visit the Cortland or Airflow websites to see all the different tapers and types of lines. In addition a good fly shop will have rods and lines on hand for you to cast so you can determine what line matches your rod and skills. Weight forward lines are the easiest to cast for beginners. Double taper lines roll cast much better than weight forward lines.

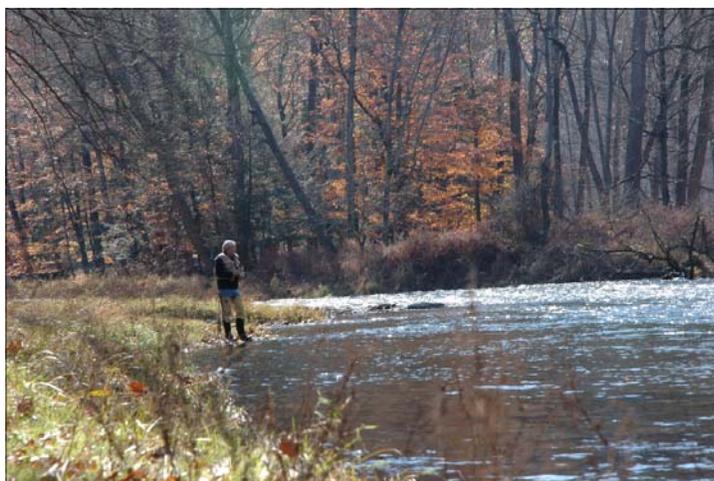
Dry fly lines would be floating lines simply because you want everything to ride on the surface of the water. These lines can be either double taper or weight forward and its up to the angler to determine what type of line he or she prefers. Nymph lines can float or sink depending on what type of water you are fishing. In some nymphing lines the whole line floats and the business end of the line has a very pronounced taper putting most of the weight near the end that connects to your leader. Other nymphing lines may have a short 5-foot clear sinking tip that will pull wet flies under the surface very quickly. There are many nymph lines that have longer sinking tip lengths that apply mostly to deep-water fishing. You are going to have to do some homework before you buy a line because this is just a summary of hundreds of fly lines. It's not always the most expensive line that is best for your style of fishing.

On to Rods! There are so many rods on the market it's almost impossible to detail what each one is used for but I'll try to cover the basics. Rods come in all different sizes! There are 6 ft rods for brook trout fishing and 15 ft rods for salmon fishing. The most practical rods for trout range from 7 ½ ft to 10 ft in length. Rods also have different line designations from the most practical 2-7 weight for trout fishing. Coupled with this is the action or stiffness of a rod. Here are some types of rods, fast, medium fast, medium, slow. For this discussion I'll use a 9 ft rod as an example. A fast rod would only flex in the upper 1-2 ft of the rod, a medium fast rod would flex down to about 3 feet. A medium action would bend almost half way down the rod. Slow action rods will bend down to the handle of the rod. Faster action rods are generally for dry fly fishing or distance casting. Medium fast action rods are for both dry fly and nymph fishing, Medium action rods are for nymphing and night fishing where you want a slower line speed that will provided a wide casting loop. Slow rods are almost a pleasure of the past; they are for fishing wet flies. The elder statesman of the creek will remember these rods well. They usually fished three flies on a cast and the slow action of the rod and large casting loop didn't allow the flies to tangle.

I hope this helps clear things up as to your needs, if not just stop at the shop or give me a phone call at Penns Creek Angler.

"Catch you Later"

Bruce Fisher



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



Meanderings

by

Hertha S. Wehr

Autumn

The last few days we have had frosts in the valley. That's probably no surprise to those of you who park your cars outside. The ritual of scraping windshields and then getting into cold cars is a sure sign that winter is approaching. Did we have Indian Summer?

I've always been told that Indian Summer is a period of warm days after frosts. But what the weather has been like the past few weeks sure reminds me of Indian Summer. Perhaps we'll have a few days like them in the near future. I saw in the daily paper where the Woolly Worm Festival says we will have a mild winter. Do you believe in such forecasts? It would be nice if it were true.

Thinking of winter reminds me how much I looked forward to winter when I was a child and then when we were farming. As a child it meant sled-riding and then the longer evening when books were a favorite pastime or playing games with family or neighborhood friends. When we were farming I looked forward to February. It was the time I called "catch-up time." It was the time to read books I had hoped to get to earlier in the

year. Holidays were always a busy time as we retailed a lot of capons and turkeys. The phone rang with customers placing orders to be delivered, there were preparations for Christmas, one year a two month old baby to care for, aside from the regular every day chores of just keeping everyone fed and keeping a house reasonably clean.

Those very busy days are behind me. Now I read something almost every day. I just finished a book "Three Cups of Tea". If you haven't read it I recommend it. How one man can make a difference with the will power to do it. Greg Mortenson made it a life mission to build schools for girls in Pakistan. He was a mountain climber until he got lost and wandered into a village that changed his life. Make it your mission to find out why the book is named Three Cups of Tea.

I'm not sure if I want to recommend "The War Within" by Bob Woodward. It is the story of how the Iraq War was conducted. It is a disturbing look at how things get done in Washington, or how they don't get done is perhaps a better way to put it. The two people who seem to have done the best jobs are Petraeus and Gates. Rice has also been high on the authors list. Not having a plan for anything except starting the war will be the legacy of President Bush.

Bob Woodward ends his book with this last paragraph - "The next president will face a complex set of organizational, military, political and leadership challenges because of the Iraq War. It won't be solved with slogans, or party doctrine, or through wishful thinking. When the next president steps into the Oval Office on January 20, 2009, and surveys what he has inherited, I suspect he will be sobered by all that has been left behind."



Field Notes, by WCO Dirk Remensnyder

While I was on military leave my wife was sitting at home working on the computer when she heard a loud crash. Not knowing where the sound came from she walked around the house looking to see what had happened. When she looked out the front window she noticed something moving in the front yard and quickly realized what had just happened. Because I was away on military I had pulled both my bear traps and had them sitting in front of the house. One of the traps still had bait in it and it seems a bear had showed up wanting that bait. He had tried his best to get inside the closed trap to get the bait until he knocked it off of its chucks and rolled the trap into the creek bed, which was the crash my wife had heard. He then proceeded to walk up alongside the house and up the bank so my wife went upstairs to look out the bedroom door to watch him and when she opened that door he was standing on the deck at the door looking in. Maybe he was looking for some help opening the trap so he could have his donuts.

This year in Union County WCO's and Biologists have trapped and tagged 30 bears for research purposes. This is the most ever caught in this county and it bodes well for a successful hunting season.



Happy Birthday wishes go out to historian and genealogist, Jeanne Jolly of Weikert. Jeanne will be celebrating her 80th birthday on November 12th. If you would like

to send her a birthday card you can mail it to Jeanne at:
P.O. Box 4
Weikert, PA 17885.

Wanted: Lindale School Photo

Jeanne Jolly of Weikert is searching for a photograph of the original Lindale Schoolhouse, which opened c 1870. Anyone who can help is encouraged to contact Jeanne at P.O. Box 4, Weikert, PA 17885.

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Blood Drive

A blood drive will be held at the First Lutheran Church of Mifflinburg on Monday November 17th from 1:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. All persons 16 years of age and older, in good health, and who weigh at least 110 pounds are urged to consider donating blood. For an appointment visit www.givelife.org or you can call 524.0400. Please bring photo identification.

Blessings from the Bible

by Brenda Weaver

*"Knowing this that the trial of your faith worketh patience.
But let patience have her perfect work,
that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing."
James 1:3-4*

It seems strange that a Christian would experience difficulties and not know whether they are trials from God or temptations from Satan, and yet that is exactly where believers sometimes find themselves. What is the difference between *trial* and *temptation* anyway? The Bible uses both, and in the King James Version the words seem to be used interchangeably at times. At other times use of one word or the other is specific. For instance, James 1:13 says "Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man." In contrast, Scriptures like Psalm 11:5 and 1 Thessalonians 2:4 talk about God trying the hearts of man. "Thou hast proved mine heart, thou hast visited me in the night; thou hast tried me." says David in the prayer of Psalm 17. Some translations render the word *test* in place of *prove* or *try*.

Prove, test and try are things God does to believers He loves. He does it for our growth and good. "The fining pot is for silver, and the furnace for gold: but the Lord trieth the hearts" (Proverbs 17:3). The testing or trying of our hearts is akin to refining silver or gold. Yes, God is in the precious metal business.

Tempt is something the devil and his angels do in their desperate attempt to draw us away from God and His Word. According to James 1:14, we also bring temptation upon ourselves. "But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed."

Have you experienced times when you are uncertain if God is refining you or the devil is tempting you? Have you asked yourself *What do I do now? How do I proceed? Is God redirecting me or is the devil distressing me?*

When confused in this way, I have found value in waiting-waiting on God to clear the confusion. Maybe God is refining me. In that case I need to submit to the heat His love provides to remove the impurities of sin and selfishness. If the devil is tempting me, I need to patiently stand strong in the strength of the Lord. Remember Joseph's words to his brothers when they were reunited years after his brothers sold him into slavery in Egypt? He said, "You thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good." Isn't that just like our amazing God? To take the things the devil means to use against us and turn them into things that try our faith and produce good gold?

When we face circumstances that tempt us to sin (at least in attitude); when we face illness, or setbacks, or obstacles in our path, and our faith is sorely tried; then we need to stop and evaluate: *How should I respond if this is a temptation? How should I respond if God is allowing my faith to be tried?* Responding rightly is possible, by God's grace. God can help you stand victorious through temptation. He can show Himself strong on your behalf when your faith is tried in fire.

Wait on the Lord. And watch for the glow of gold.

Prayer for today: *Dear Father in Heaven, Holy is Your name. You alone are worthy of our praise. You can, and do, help us in difficult times. In our confusion, when we don't understand if the circumstances are temptations from Satan or trials from You, help us to wait on You. Give us strength to stand victoriously over temptation. Give us hope in Your working to produce purified silver and gold.*

Lord, help us to say with Job, "He knoweth the way that I take: when he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold" (Job 23:10).

Recipes of the Month

by Janice (Dorman) Shively

Apricot Muffins

1 C. chopped dried apricots (about 7 oz.)
1 C. boiling water
2 C. all-purpose flour
¾ C. white sugar
1 tsp. baking soda
½ tsp. salt
¼ C. melted butter
¼ C. vegetable oil
1 C. buttermilk
1 egg

Preheat oven to 400° F. Grease muffin pans, or line with cupcake papers. Place apricots into a small bowl, and pour the boiling water over them. Let stand for 5 minutes.

In a medium bowl stir together the flour, sugar, baking soda and salt. In a separate bowl, whisk together the melted butter, oil, buttermilk and egg. Pour the wet ingredients into the dry ingredients, and stir until just blended. The batter may have some lumps. Drain water from apricots and mix them into the batter. Spoon into the prepared muffin cups.



Bake for 15 minutes in the preheated oven, or until the top springs back when lightly pressed. Cool in the pan over a wire rack.

This is a recipe I got from allrecipes.com a number of years ago. The muffins are moist and delicious, with or without butter on them. They go well with a meal, as an accompaniment to breakfast, or a mid-morning or bedtime snack. I use my large (3 T. size) stainless steel scoop to fill the muffin cups. The recipe will make 16 – 18 cupcake size muffins.

ENJOY!

Thank You!

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Thanks to everyone who renewed their subscriptions for an additional year. Your support is what helps to make this newsletter possible, and is greatly appreciated!! I would like to welcome the following new subscribers: David & Anagene Wagner, Hartleton; and Ronald Stahl, Mifflinburg.

I would also like to thank Henry & Linda Dorman of Millmont for donating a 1938 Nautilus and three old scrapbooks containing hundreds of newspaper clipping that were preserved by the late Miriam (Sheesley) VonNeida; Jack & Ginny Shirk of Hartleton for loaning me numerous family and Hartleton area photographs so I could make copies; Jeanne Jolly of Weikert for allowing me to reproduce a number of West End area photographs; Robert & Bernice Dluge of Elysburg for the information, photographs, and copy of an old map; Dave & Anagene Wagner of Hartleton for loaning me their copy of Mary Pollock's book on the Wagner family; Bernie & Marge Schmader of Millmont for donating a number of old Millmont post-cards and stationary; and Ammon Martin of Millmont for donating two books: *Martyrs Mirror* by Thieleman J. van Braught and *The Swiss Anabaptists, A Brief Summary of Their History and Beliefs*.

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:

Sunday November 4, 1934. "Christian Growth" Peter 3:42-52, 2 Peter 1:5. General Text 2 Peter 3:18. Spoke on temperance. The Ministerium requested we emphasize this subject before election as it will be an issue at that time. Present 62. This evening Edmund took Jacob, Floyd Walter, Harold Shirk and I to the Baptist Church at Lewisburg to hear the aged poet Markham. He lectured for an hour and fifteen minutes, recited and read a number of his poems. Jacob bought a manuscript copy, paid one dollar for it. The church was crowded. We could just get inside the door.

Monday November 5, 1934. Temperature 45-60 degrees, and clear. Cleaned up some of the relics. This evening Harold Shirk took me to Mifflinburg to have several teeth extracted. I went to Dr. Arnold. He worked on one tooth for an hour and a half, got part of it out, took an x-ray, and then decided to let the remainder in for the present, stating that he was ailing.

Tuesday November 6, 1934. Temperature 40 to 55 degrees, fair, and a little cloudy. Worked in the garage. Was to the election and of course cast my vote against the sale of liquor. This evening attended directors meeting.

Penlines From my Kitchen to Yours

by *Lucy Hoover*

September 19, 2008

Rosalyn Martin (13), daughter of Kenneth and Anna Mae Martin of Millmont, was biking to school this morning, as she crossed Route 45 she was struck by a vehicle. She was taken to the hospital where she was treated and released. Her injuries were minor.

September 23

Linus and Lucirose Martin of Mifflinburg have a daughter named Charlene. She is their first child. Grandparents are Linus and Irene Martin and Paul and Lucy Weaver.

Makayla Ann (4 weeks) daughter of Jerry and Lorraine Hoover of Mifflinburg, came home from the hospital.

September 28

Seth Nolt (20 months), son of Aaron and Rachel Nolt of Lewisburg, had breathing difficulties while attending church. After being aided by members of the church he was taken to the hospital by ambulance. He returned home a few hours later and is doing well.

October 5

Timothy Hoover, son of Warren and Louise Hoover of Millmont, is at Hershey Medical. This week he will celebrate his second birthday.

October 7

Mrs. Elva Brubacker injured herself while stepping off a ladder. She is getting around on crutches until it heals.

October 10

Ivan Zimmerman, son of Esra and Lena Zimmerman of Mifflinburg recently had surgery.

October 11

A black bear, approximately 300 pounds, was seen going between the house and barn at Chris and Wilma Brubacker's residence just before dusk.

Laurelton Women's Club Crocks

The Laurelton Women's Club is now selling their remaining crocks for \$15.00 each. The crocks that are available include Penns Mills, Hartley Township High School, and the Millmont Railroad Station. If you are interested in purchasing one or more of these crocks, or if you would like additional information, you can contact Beverly Catherman at 922.1640 or Carolyn Stamm at 922.1997.

Looking Back

The following article was copied from the November 17, 1938 issue of The Mifflinburg Telegraph.

HARTLETON MRS. ANNIE S. GOODLING Correspondent

Mrs. Bessie Ruhl Pierson of Harrisburg was a business and social visitor in town on Friday.

Automobiles driven by Blaine Catherman of town and Mr. Sauers of State College collided on Friday evening. The accident was very exciting for a few minutes. No one was injured and both cars were driven away under their own power.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wilson left for their winter duties in Georgia on Friday morning.

The G.O.P. Victory Parade last Wednesday evening was quite imposing. More than one hundred and fifty cars were in line as they passed through town and picking up more as they reached other places.

Glenn Haupt of New Jersey visited his mother and brother over the weekend. He incidentally took a shot at small game before the season closed.

Nathan Steffey had the roof of his house painted on Friday.

Charles (Bud) Hoffman, Jr., is hunting for bear this week.

Mrs. Neil Shirk was a Mifflinburg visitor Saturday evening.

Ivan Hackenberg of Milton came Saturday for his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hackenberg, to take them to Milton to spend the weekend at his home in that place.

Claude Pontius had as his guests on Sunday his cousins, John Troutman and wife of Penn's Creek, Samuel Bowersox of Middleburg and the Misses Wilt and May Moyer of Freeburg.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ruhl and daughter Miss Esther, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Printzenhoff and Mr. and Mrs. T.J. Middleworth attended the funeral of the late Mrs. Sue Springer at Milton on Wednesday. Mrs. Springer was a sister of Mrs. Ruhl and an aunt of the other ladies. She was reared in this vicinity and was well known by many people in this place.

Mrs. Mazie Glover of Altoona, accompanied by friends, was a caller at her home Sunday.

Mrs. Hulda Johnson and children of Rising Springs spent Sunday with her grandmother and father.

John Ruhl and daughter Esther attended the funeral services of the late Warren Martin, a cousin of Mr. Ruhl's, near Woodward on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Knauss and children and the former's mother, Mrs. Kate Steininger Knauss of Ambridge, Penna., attended the Armistice Day celebration in Milton, Friday evening. They spent a few hours with Mrs. Amanda Steininger enroute to Milton on Friday afternoon.

In commemoration of their thirty-sixth wedding anniversary Mr. and Mrs. B. O. Daubert celebrated the event by driving to Ithaca, N.Y. to see the Cornell-Dartmouth game on Saturday. After the game they drove to Elmira, the place of their

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The Wagner House in Hartleton

The September 2008 issue of *The Millmont Times*, Hartleton *Then and Now* Part I, included incorrect information relative to the Wagner House at 315 Main Street. We wrote that the home was built in 1897 and was owned by Dr. Charles R. Wagner and his brother William Wagner. Since the publication of that article new information has been provided to me courtesy of the current owners of the home, David and Anagene Wagner. That information clarifies the construction and ownership of the home located on the corner of Main and Catharine Streets in the borough of Hartleton.

In 1977 Mary (Wagner) Pollock researched and published a book on the Wagner Family. In Pollock's book she provided details relative to the construction and ownership of this unique U shaped home. The lot where the Wagner house is located was for many years the site of Wolfe's Hotel. That

hotel was purchased Barbara Wagner, wife of Martin Luther Wagner, where for a number of years she ran a boarding house. The location of Wagner's boarding house between Lewisburg and Centre County was ideal for travelers and the business prospered for a number of years.

Martin L. and Barbara (Taylor) Wagner were the parents of six children: Flora (1863-1947), William (1865-1938), Robert (1867-1927), Charles (1869-1946), Effie (1871-1949) and Mary Catherine (1877-1880). After reading the book that Pollock wrote it is clear that medicine, and the medical profession, was an important aspect in the home of Martin and Barbara Wagner. William, and Robert became practicing physicians in Washington, D.C. Their younger brother, Charles also went into medicine by becoming a pharmacist. He also followed in his older brother's footsteps by operating a drug store for a number of years in the nations capital. Earlier in life (age 12) Charles was employed as an assistant for Dr. Kleckner and Dr. Mensch, who were then in partnership in Hartleton. Their office was located in the small building that later housed Annie Shirk's ice cream parlor. The daughters did not become doctors, but they were each married to one. Flora married Dr. Joseph Follmer, and Effie Wagner (a registered nurse) married Dr. Oliver W.H. Glover, a well known physician from Laurelton.

In 1893 Dr. Robert S. Wagner became acquainted with Alexander Robey Shepherd, Governor of the District of Columbia. In addition to being Governor of Washington, D.C. Shepherd also had an extensive silver mining interest in Mexico. Shepherd offered Dr. Wagner a position at the hospital being built near the Batopilas Mining Company operation in Mexico, which he accepted. Later Wagner married Shepherd's daughter, Isabelle. Dr. Wagner and Isabelle's two children were Mary, born in 1902, and Alexander, born 1903. Both children were born in Mexico. It was also in 1903 that Dr. Robert Wagner paid for the construction of the Mexican Hacienda style home as a gift for his parents, Martin and Barbara Wagner. Today David and Anagene Wagner own this home. David is the son of Alexander, and grandson of Dr. Robert Wagner. The children of Martin L. and Barbara Wagner were born and raised in the small borough of Hartleton. Their early education was obtained in the nearby schoolhouse that was once located at the west end of town. Each of the children furthered their education and each contributed to society in a very meaningful ways.

What's Happening at Christ's United Lutheran Church *Courtesy of Shirley Kerstetter*

Christ's United Crafters will be holding a craft bazaar and bake sale on Saturday, November 22 from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Refreshments will be available.

Christ's United Lutheran Church will once again be selling bon-bons and baked potatoes at the Christkindl Market in Mifflinburg Thursday, December 11th from 4:30 - 9 p.m., Friday, December 12th from 10 a.m. - 9 p.m., Saturday, December 13th from 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.

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

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

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marriage on November 12, 1902. Sunday morning they attended service in the Hedding Methodist Church, in which they had been married.

Mrs. Amanda Steininger spent Saturday afternoon in Milton with the Knauss and Yocum families.

Mrs. B.O. Daubert was a Lewisburg visitor on Tuesday morning.

B.O. Daubert and eleven of his employees were bear hunting, on Monday, but they could not stir up even a cub.

Mrs. Elizabeth Kishbaugh, of the Laurelton State Village, who has been in ill health for several weeks, is spending a two months leave with her sister, Mrs. B.O. Daubert.

The Oyster supper served by the Home and Study Club was well attended and a good sum realized.

The District Sunday School Convention held in the Lutheran Church Sunday afternoon and evening was not attended as well as it should have been. The new officers and superintendents of the district who were elected in the afternoon were installed by the county president at the evening service.

Hartleton Cracker Barrel Conversation & Researchers Day at the West End Library



Dahle Bingaman, Eleanor Hoy, Forry Hoffman, Jack Shirk, and Richard Hassenplug

Folks interested in the history of the West End of Union County had two unique opportunities to learn as well as share information at events held in September and October of this year.

The Hartleton Cracker Barrel Conversations was held on Sunday September 21 at the Hartleton Union Church. Mayor James Dorman accepted plaques of recognition from Justin Swinehart (representing State Representative Russ Fairchild's office), Union County Commissioner John Showers, and Frank Halderman of the Pennsylvania Association of Boroughs. The plaques were presented in commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the boroughs incorporation. Truman Motter gave a brief history of the era in which Hartleton borough was created. Dahle Bingaman then had an opportunity to interview four

current (or former) Hartleton residents

relative to their memories of growing up or living in the small West End borough. Panelists interviewed by Bingaman included Eleanor (Hoffman) Hoy, Forry Hoffman, Jack Shirk (a lifetime resident of Hartleton) and Richard Hassenplug. Along with Bingaman's insightful questions were some offered by those in attendance. Immediately following the question and answer part of the program there was a time of refreshments and fellowship.

Weikert Historian, Emilie Jansma, came up with another unique opportunity for individuals to learn and gather information. On Friday October 3 and Saturday October 4 individuals who pre-registered (and a few people who merely stopped by) had an opportunity to sit down with several historians particularly interested in the West End. Those historians included Emilie Jansma, Jeanne Jolly, and Tony and Janice Shively.

In addition to her database of 280 families from the "Tight End" Emilie Jansma also had material, photographs, and maps pertaining to Weikert, Cherry Run, and Pardee on hand for folks to browse through and copy. Jeanne Jolly provided information and photographs pertaining to the Hironimus family as well as the Sholter, Galer, Barnett, Libby, Pursley, Shaffer, and a number of other families associated with the West End. Tony and Janice Shively provided newspaper clippings relative to Millmont, Hartleton, Laurelton, Glen Iron, Laurel Park, and Swengel as well as all back issues of *The Millmont Times*.



Emilie Jansma (standing), Jeanne Jolly, and Tony Shively all offered their assistance to Carol Loss (on left) during her visit to the West End Library in Laurelton during Researchers Day.

November 13, 2008 6:00 PM

Annual John B. Deans Dinner and Program

The Horseshoe Curve: Sabotage and Subversion in the Railroad City

Program to be held at the Carriage Corner Restaurant, Mifflinburg

The featured speaker at the annual dinner is Dennis P. McIlnay, author of *The Horseshoe Curve: Sabotage and Subversion in the Railroad City*. McIlnay's book tells the true story of three inter-connected—but little-known—events in American history: The World War II Nazi plot to destroy the Horseshoe Curve, near Altoona, Pennsylvania, which, if successful would have crippled the American war effort.

The little-known internment by the United States government of 15,000 German and Italian Americans during World War II and the FBI's arrest on July 1 and 2, 1942, of 225 Altoonans as "alien enemies"—suspected Nazi sympathizers.

The personal and organizational drama of founding the Pennsylvania Railroad and building the Horseshoe Curve, among the greatest achievements in transportation.

Part spy story and part historical epic, *The Horseshoe Curve: Sabotage and Subversion in the Railroad City* blends information from 300 sources, including diaries, biographies, military records, histories, engineering studies, court briefs, and FBI files that McIlnay acquired through the Freedom of Information Act.

McIlnay is also author of *Juniata, River of Sorrows*, published in 2003, one of the best selling regional books in the United States. That book tells the story of McIlnay's 15-day float trip down the Juniata River and important historical events on the Juniata in the 1600s and 1700s. McIlnay is a highly regarded professor of management at Saint Francis University. He lives with his wife, Kathy, in Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania, ten miles from the Horseshoe Curve.

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Dinner

The popular buffet dinner, with choice of entree, sides, salad, dessert and beverages will precede the program. Awards for historic preservation and service to the Society will be presented. Local Society members will receive reservations forms in the mail in October. Others who wish to attend the dinner and program should contact the Society by phone at 570-524-8666, email hstoriel@ptd.net, or mail: UCHS, Union County Courthouse, 103 S. 2nd Street, Lewisburg, PA 17837.

November Birthdays & Anniversaries

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| 1 – Edwin Oberholtzer | 16 – Steve Hackenberg |
| 2 – E. Walter Shirk | 17 – Kim & Sue Blyler - 1972 |
| 3 – Frank & Helen Raker - 1941 | 17 – Stanley Catherman |
| 3 – Leon Klock | 17 – Katherine Neal |
| 3 – Bob Walter | 17 – Mervin Nissley |
| 4 – Lindsey Aikey | 18 – Delphia Shirk |
| 5 – Eugene & Marian Kahley - 1956 | 18 – Amos Brubaker |
| 6 – Henry & Linda Dorman – 1965 | 18 – Terry Kline |
| 6 – Roger & Betty Shoemaker - 1965 | 19 – Dedra M. Wagner |
| 7 – John Renninger | 19 – Esther Zimmerman |
| 7 – Bettie Catherman | 19 – Angie Walter |
| 7 – Mark Bingaman | 20 – Sam & Debbie Smith – 1993 |
| 8 – Harvey Hoover | 20 – Rick & Wanda Kerstetter - 1999 |
| 9 – Robert & Fran Stroup - 1963 | 20 – Donald Hoy |
| 9 – Marie Zimmerman | 20 – Betty Shively |
| 10 – Donald L. Groff | 21 – Pat Gross |
| 10 – Joe White | 22 – Wanda Kerstetter |
| 11 – Paul Long | 23 – Spencer & Shirley Boyer - 1950 |
| 11 – Shane Failor | 26 – Joe Smith |
| 12 – Jeanne Jolly | 27 – Shirley Kerstetter |
| 12 – Lucy Martin | 27 – Harry Mensch |
| 12 – Tyler Hopta | 28 – Terry & Cheryl Shively - 1970 |
| 14 – Ruth Kostenbader | 29 – Amanda Salter |
| 15 – Edward & Lucy Martin - 1984 | 29 – Paula Dorman |

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