

# LINN'S HISTORY

## CHAPTER LXXXVIII Milesburg Borough

The village of Milesburg was founded in 1793, and in 1843 received a borough charter. The survey of the town lots was made in 1793, and covered at first that part of the present borough included within the boundaries of Limestone Creek, Mill, and Catherine Streets. A good many town lots were sold, but numbers of them returned, by default of non-payment, to the Mileses, as unsatisfied notes now held by the Miles descendants bear witness. Roland Curtin came to Milesburg from Philadelphia in 1799, and opened a store, and Joseph Miles had already built a grist and sawmill on Spring Creek, and had established a store, but the latter was located at the ironworks. Curtin closed his Milesburg store, and transferred his field of operations to Bellefonte in 1809. The next storekeeper was Peter Kline (in 1809), and the third one, doubtless, Samuel Patton. The old log house in which he traded was burned, but his log residence still stands.

In 1809 the county bridge was built at Milesburg. About 1823, Franklin B. Smith, of Bellefonte, opened a store in a log building owned by James Foster. It stood on a corner opposite the Franklin House. Squire James Foster was a weaver and a property holder of some consequence. He owned the building now known as Franklin House, which was one of the dozen or so houses boasted by Milesburg in 1819, and one of the only two that at that time were not log houses. The other was a building part frame and part stone, now owned and occupied by Caroline Watson. In that house a tavern had been kept previous to 1819. In the Foster house Henry R. Brolasky, who came from



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Poland in 1793, kept a store before Mr. Foster. The Franklin House was kept in 1819 by John Lucas, and successively thereafter by Samuel Lipton, William Mason, and Thomas M. Hall. The house now kept by Daniel Bolleau was built by Robert Lipton, who opened it as a tavern at an early day. Since 1839, Bolleau has been the landlord.

The Black Horse tavern, at the corner of Water and Limestone streets, was at various times presided over by Hannah Green, Robert Lipton, and John Bucas. George Packlin had a brewery on the Bald Eagle in 1819, but it was burned soon afterwards. The old Miles mill was replaced by a stone structure, and upon the death of Col. Samuel Miles, in 1805, came into possession of Thomas Potts under the will. Upon the death of Thomas Potts the mill was carried on by Frank Potts and Joseph Miles, who built a fine brick mill upon the site of the present mill, which latter is a counterpart of the brick first erected there, burned in 1875, and at once replaced. J. Miles Green took possession in 1873, and still continues the business. The mill is a three-story structure, contains three runs of stone, and is perfectly appointed throughout. David Ryman came from Montgomery County in 1809 to take charge of the stone mill. He remained some years, and left to carry on the Evans mill at Julian Furnace, a mill that was remarkably small, but boasted of a remarkably large wheel measuring 22 feet in diameter. After milling at Julian four years and at Curtin's three years, he returned to Milesburg and re-entered the mill there. He and his son, Henry T., were for 19 years millers together in the brick mill. David Ryman died in Milesburg in 1880, in his 81st year. His children numbered four. The living are Elizabeth, in Ohio, and Henry T., of Milesburg. The latter, now the miller at the Green mill, has been a miller since his boyhood, having received his first lessons upon the very spot of his present labors.

Franklin B. Smith disposed of his store business to Smith, Gregg & Co., and they to Samuel Lipton, with whom became associated John Irvin, Jr., now a resident of Bellefonte. Samuel Lipton had for years been a shoemaker in Milesburg. He put up a store house on the opposite corner after a while, and was for many years a village merchant. He died about 1850. Samuel Patton kept store near the mill, and after him Miles & Potts. Enos Miles was perhaps the first village tailor. He came from Chester County in 1810, and opened a shop on the creek. After a stay of six years he moved to Howard, and in 1830 returned. He died in Milesburg in 1850. His son Zachariah is still a resident of the village. In 1819, Daniel Hildridge and Anthony Peters made shoes for the villagers. Archibald McMullin was blacksmith and wagon maker, and had his shop on the present site of the Miles'

store. James McMaisters was also a wagon maker and blacksmith on Main Street, where Joseph Rogers now lives. Later he kept tavern in Snow Shoe, on the pike. He resides now in Iowa. In 1819, Joseph Shirk carried on a tannery on the creek. His bark he ground by means of a rough mill stone, which was turned by William Baird, and when he entered the ministry he leased it to Shirk, who tanned there about 20 years. In 1845, Miles sold the property to Samuel McKean, whereupon Shirk built the tannery now operated by Joseph Shirk (his son), and tanned there until his death in 1868. Among the early industries of Milesburg, mention may also be made of Ephraim Williams, who built a fulling mill at an early day, and lost it subsequently by fire.

In 1794 Robert Fleming moved to Milesburg, where he died in 1796. One of his daughters married Judge Thomas Burnside.

**Plan Holy Week Services**  
The Holy Week services will be held in the public Chapel of the Loretto Carmel, William Penn Highway, Loretto. All those who desire to attend are cordially invited. On Palm Sunday, the blessing of the palms will take place before the 7 o'clock mass. A high mass will be celebrated at 7 a.m. on Holy Thursday. The Chapel will remain open until 9 p.m. to accommodate all who wish to visit the Repository. The Tre Ore services will be held on Good Friday. The celebrant, the Rev. Willard J. Sisk, T.O.R. of Saint Francis College will deliver the sermon at 1:30—Reflections at 2:15 p.m., followed by the Stations of the Cross at 2:30 p.m. The relic of the True Cross will then be offered to all for veneration. On Holy Saturday, the blessing of Easter water at 6:30 a.m., followed by Holy Mass. The Carmelite Sisters will appreciate donations of white flowers or

potted lilies for the altar on Easter. These should be brought or mailed to the monastery on March 22, 23, 24. All flowers will be placed on the altar for the intentions of the donors.

### Outstanding—

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Yorkshire, Berkshire, Poland China, Hampshire, Chester White, and Duroc Jersey swine—all these animals, chosen for type and conformation, will appear in this year's show.

While the annual student exposition always attracts crowds of visitors, this year's exposition is expected to exceed the capacity of the livestock pavilion. Livestock men from all parts of the State have indicated special interest.

All animals appearing in the show are in the College herds and flocks and are used in teaching, and for special research projects.

### Spade Garden Early But Not When Wet

Prepare garden soil for planting or plowing deeply (8 to 10 inches), turning under any manures, green manures, lime or fertilizer, and raking or harrowing to firm and level the soil and to break up clods. Do this as early in the spring as the soil is dry enough. This can be judged by packing a handful, then crumbling it. If the soil packs enough to hold its shape, but crumbles readily without smearing at all, it is in excellent condition to prepare for planting, says Assistant County Agent Clair D. DeLong.

**That Started It**  
Mrs. Crabber (angrily)—I hope to be able to dance on your grave some day.  
Mr. Crabber—But, honey, I'm going to be buried at sea.

### Veterans' Enrollment Decreases At State

Enrollment of veterans at Penn State this semester dropped to 2550. Dr. C. O. Williams, assistant dean of admissions and registrar, reported that the veteran enrollment is 600 less than the 3154 registered during the fall semester and is less than half of the record 5536 that attended classes on the campus in the fall of 1946.

The veteran program began at Penn State in the spring of 1944 with two students and gained momentum in the fall of 1945 when 1187 veterans returned to the campus. By 1946, more than half of the students were veterans. Since 1944, more than 14,000 veterans have been enrolled at Penn State.

With 840 veterans registered as seniors, the total GI enrollment is expected to drop sharply next year.

Only 79 of the veterans currently enrolled are freshmen.



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# Easter Values at MURPHY'S



**Men's "Triple Check" Pelham Dress Shirts**  
**\$2.85**

White broadcloth, white oxford cloth, plain color madras. All Sanforized. Made of carefully selected fabrics and tailored to fit perfectly. Your choice of white or smart plain colors. Sizes 14 to 16 1/2.

**Men's Ties ... \$1.00**

\* Less Than 1% Shrinkage

**Men's Smart Felt Hats**  
Finest quality all wool felts with plain or bound edges. Choice of blue, brown or grey in every size.  
**\$1.95**



**Women's Spring Suits**  
Sizes 9 to 15 **\$14.95**  
Sizes 10 to 18

Rayon sheer gabardines, strea cloth or tweeds in many flattering new spring styles. All well tailored and expertly designed by famous makers. Red, navy, gray, beige and wheat.

**Versatile Spring Toppers**  
Sizes 10 to 18 **\$15.95**

All wool covert and suede fabrics in many smart spring styles... full flared backs, graceful sleeves, dramatic detail. Red, navy, green, gold, beige, white, skipper.



Fine Quality Low Prices



**Boys' Rayon Sport Shirts**  
**\$1.98** Sizes 6 to 16

Smooth Teca Rayon sports shirts for boys are expertly tailored with long pleated sleeves, comfortable yoke back and convertible collar. They wash like cotton and come in light or medium tones.



**Children's Shoes**  
**\$2.98** pair

Girls' dainty swing strap sandal of shiny black patent leather. A "dress up" shoe! 8 1/2 to 3.

Boys' tan leather moccasin oxford has durable double tread composition soles. Sizes 8 1/2-3.

**Charming Spring Styles Girls' Dresses**  
Crisp Cottons  
Lovely Rayons  
Sizes 7 to 12 **\$2.95**

A wonderful array of pretty frocks for girls! Crisp, washable cotton pique or broadcloth, fresh rayons in rainbow hues, perky plaids. Many attractive styles... jumpers, bolero and skirt-blouse effects, full skirts and ruffle trims.



**Boys' Trim Tailored Trousers**  
**\$2.98** Sizes 4 to 16

Smooth looking rayon gabardine trousers are trim tailored with zipper fly and bartacked seams. Pleated style for boys. Boxer style for juniors. Choice of blue, tan or grey.

**Jr. Boys' Easter Suits**  
Sizes 4 to 10 **\$5.95**

Superb tailoring with an eye to a little lad's comfort. Fully lined rayon gabardine jacket has a wool suiting front. Boxer trousers of rayon gabardine with zipper fly, self belt. Blue, brown, grey.



The Easter Bunny Shops At Murphy's



**Boys' and Girls' Spring Coat Sets**  
**\$5.95 and \$6.95** complete

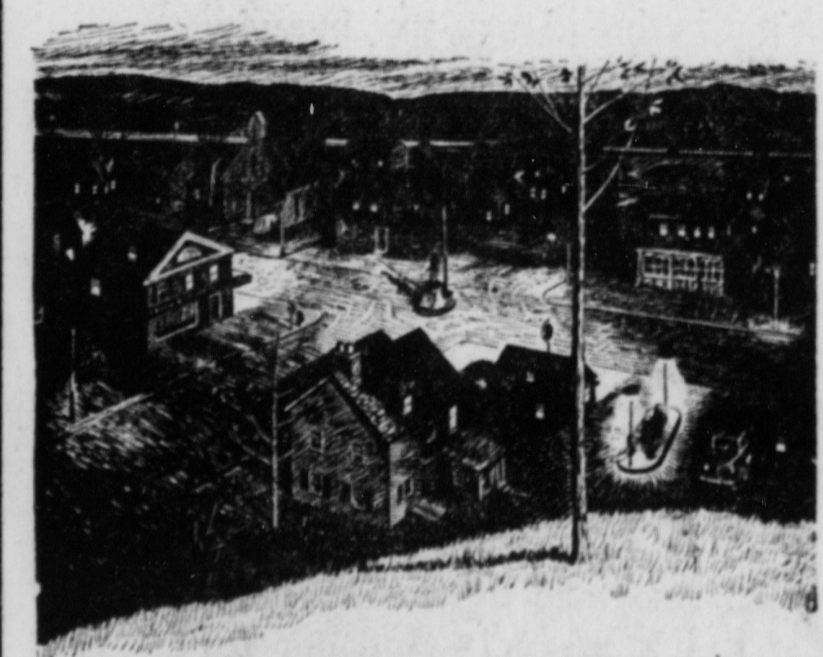
Parker Wilder flannel coats for girls in pretty double breasted style trimmed with bright pearl buttons. Matching bonnet. For boys, a coat of Dan River checked fabric. Double breasted; belted back. Matching hat. Navy blue only. 2 to 4.



**Tots' Taffeta Frocks**  
**\$2.98** Sizes 4 to 6X

Demurely styled to please little girls. Rustling rayon taffeta with flared skirts, puffed sleeves, huge sash tie backs and lots of lace and ruffle trim. She'll love the luscious ice cream colors.

## THE NIGHT IS NOT FOREVER



IN AMERICA, no night can last forever. There is no darkness deep enough to hide for long the spirit of its people. This is so because we have made it so. Almost alone of all nations, we have held fast to our faith that every tomorrow holds the promise of a better life. In America's long, hard march to greatness, its trials have brought it strength. From our wars we have won our freedoms. Panics have given way to serenity. Depressions have been followed by prosperity. From every night has come a dawn. Now again the world is filled with fear and gloom. Once more, these are "times that try men's souls." But let us not dread the dark. Let Americans keep alive their abiding faith in God, in our own tomorrow and in ourselves. That faith will be a tower of strength to the free world as it seeks to build a future.

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**Good Friday**  
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