

LINN'S HISTORY

(Concluding Milesburg Borough)
Manufactures.—Milesburg Axe Factory: This enterprise, now conducted by C. K. Essington Jr. & Company, was founded by C. K. Essington, whose father, Kephart Essington, was a hammerer at Gen. Miles' iron works, and drew under a 600 hammer a bar or iron 30 feet long by 5 8 of an inch square, a feat that was considered remarkable. C. K. Essington entered upon the business of axe making on Bald Eagle Creek with Archibald McMullin in 1841. Their business gave employment to seven men, and produced about 200 axes per week. In 1851, McMullin moved to the West, leaving Essington to continue the business.

Wagner's Mill.—J. M. Wagner has a fine brick steam grist mill on the creek opposite Milesburg. It is three stories and a half high, was built in 1875, and cost about \$11,000. It is furnished with four burrs, has a capacity for grinding 100 bushels daily, and a feed chopper that can dispose of 150 bushels per day. Mr. Wagner came to Centre County in 1848 to take charge of the old Thomas mill at Bellefonte, where he remained about 18 years, having meanwhile carried on Hoy's Mill and the Green Mill at Milesburg. In 1864 he retired to his farm near Milesburg, but retained, however, an interest in the Bellefonte mill until it was sold to Duncan, Hale & Co. In 1875 he returned, as has been seen, to active milling life.

Baird's Tannery.—William Baird came to Milesburg in 1855, and engaged as a tanner with Joseph Shirk. Mr. Baird was born in Clinton County, and previous to 1855 carried on a woolen factory at Bell's Mills, in Blair County, for six years. His great grandfather came from New Jersey to Centre County before the Revolution and settled below Lock Haven. Mr. Baird remained with Mr. Shirk for six years and for 16 years thereafter tanned in Clearfield County; then he returned to Milesburg and purchased the property he now occupies, where George Miles operated a tannery in the early days of Milesburg's history. Mr. Baird manufactures harness, leather, kip, upper, etc., and finds a market for a majority of his products in Philadelphia. He uses 600 hides annually, and about 75 tons of hemlock and oak bark.

Shirk's Tannery.—Since 1868, Joseph L. Shirk has conducted in Milesburg the tannery his father Joseph built in 1845. Joseph Shirk, the elder, was one of the pioneer tanners of Centre County, and in keeping with the spirit of the times pursued his business in accordance with rude and primitive methods, albeit the manufactured leather is said to have been every whit as good in quality as the leather of the present day. Joseph Shirk has been a tanner in Centre County longer than any other resident therein. He tans now about 500 hides annually, making what is known as Union leather.

Bald Eagle Lodge, No. 410, IOOF, was organized July 18, 1850. The charter of officers were T. M. Hall, N. G. John M. McCoy, V. G. Kohl and Curtin, Sec.; J. D. McClellan, Asst. Sec.; Robert Lipton,

Treas. The membership on November, 1881, aggregated 54. The officers were James McCaulley, N. G. J. S. Smith, V. G. W. H. Musser, S. S., Isaac Shirk, A. S.; L. Fulton, Treas.

Borough Incorporation.—By Act No. 19, approved Mar. 3, 1843, Milesburg was incorporated as a borough. Section 1 of the act provides: "That the town of Milesburg, in the County of Centre, and territory included in the following boundaries, to wit: Beginning at the junction of Bald Eagle and Spring Creeks at low water mark; thence up the banks of the said Spring Creek to the line of James Irvin and Co.'s land; thence along the same south 83 degrees east 13 perches to the corner of Joseph Miles' meadow; thence south 69 degrees east 45 perches to turnpike road; thence north 52 degrees east along the division fence of Joseph Miles 44 perches; thence north 27 degrees west 14 perches to the corner of William Lees' lot; thence north 64 degrees east 16 perches to back line of town lots; thence north 55 degrees east along the same 43 perches to the east side of Catherine street 40 perches and 5 16 to the corner of the Baptist Church lot; thence north 35 degrees east 12 perches to the north corner of graveyard; thence north 86 degrees west along the line of graveyard 16 perches to Catharine street; thence north 35 degrees west along the east side of Catharine street 32 perches to the Bald Eagle Creek; thence along the same to the place of beginning; is hereby erected into a borough which shall be called and styled the borough of Milesburg."

RUNVILLE

Mrs. E. S. Bennett is improving after several weeks of illness. William Watson is improving nicely while at the home of his son Dennis.

Thomas McClure still is in the Hospital but is improving at this writing.

Visitors through the week at the home of Samuel Shirk were the Rev. Hetzler and wife of this place, Mr. and Mrs. John Shawley, Yarnell, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Johnson and grandson, and Mrs. Minnie Shirk, of Bellefonte.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Walker and daughter, of Keywadden, spent the weekend at the home of Doyle Walker.

Lawrence Stout, of Westport, was a Sunday visitor at the home of the Doyle Walkers.

Sunday visitors at the M. C. Reese home were Mr. and Mrs. William Howell and family, of Runville, and Mrs. Harold Shope and daughter, of Howard; and Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Deering and son, of Boshollow.

Tomer Watson, of Montoursville, motored here to see his father last Sunday.

Paul Watson, of Bellefonte, motored here last week to see his father who is still improving.

Tomer Fetzer, of Yarnell, called at the Samuel Shirk home last week.

Many fishermen here have been catching nice trout although the water is high and the weather cold.

BOALSBURG

Miss Barbara Keller, of Centre Hall RD, spent the weekend with Virginia Neff.

Mrs. Mary Bohm, of Oak Hall, is visiting her son-in-law and daughter. Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Retz, Mr. and Mrs. J. Warren Gummo, of Pittsburgh, were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Adleman and daughter, Sunday.

Recent visitors with Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Resides were, Miss Edna Bloom, of Pine Grove Mills, and Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Martin, of Coleville.

Mrs. G. M. Bloom, with Mrs. Frank Fisher, of Altoona, called on Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Fisher and Mrs. W. J. White at Milesburg on Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Clarence Corl, Mrs. Leslie Corl, and Mrs. Harry Corl, of State College RD, spent Friday afternoon with Mrs. Claude Witmer.

Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Bloom and Richard, were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Wilson at Warriors Mark RD Sunday. Mrs. Maude Wilson was also a guest.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Coxy and Sally, of Greensburg, visited Mrs. Coxy's mother, Mrs. E. W. Hess and family over the weekend.

Paul Coxy Jr., a student at Penn State, was a visitor at the Hess home during the weekend.

Visitors with Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Bloom and son during the weekend were, Edward W. Espy, of Pittsburgh, Oliver Reed, of Philadelphia, and Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Sharer and son, Larry, of Boalsburg.

G. M. Bloom and Mrs. Frank Fisher visited Mrs. Maude Wilson at Warriors Mark RD on Tuesday.

Mrs. W. H. Neff and daughter, Marjorie, of Boalsburg; George Bohm, of Lemont, and Mr. and Mrs. Wert Bohm, of Pine Grove Mills,

attended the wedding of a niece, Miss Sara MacIntire and Stephen Kostna in the Marble Collegiate Church, New York City, Saturday afternoon. Miss MacIntire is the daughter of Mrs. Miranda Bohm MacIntire and Mr. MacIntire.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Graham were guests of honor at a dinner at their home Sunday. The dinner was in honor of their 45th wedding anniversary. They received gifts, present were Miss Esther Graham, Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Graham, Mr. and Mrs. George Musser, Raymond, Betty Ann and Sue Lane; Mr. and Mrs. William Gladfelder and Becky, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Graham and Buddy, of Boalsburg; Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Bario and Mr. and Mrs. Max Irvin, Pine Grove Mills; Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Mothersbaugh, Lynn, Fred, Doris, Mabel and Bobby, of Potters Mills; Miss Kathryn Graham, State College; Mr. and Mrs. John Neal and John, of Mercer, and Mr. and Mrs. Dea Graham, Craig and Keith, of Petersburg RD.

Class No. 9 of the Lutheran Church met with Mrs. J. C. Meyer at State College RD Thursday evening. Mrs. M. F. Homan presided. The next meeting, May 10, will be at the home of Mrs. W. E. Homan.

During the social hour, there were readings by several members, and refreshments were served. Present were Mrs. E. W. Hess, Mrs. Riley Hunter, Mrs. Earl Ross, Mrs. Bruce Miller, Mrs. H. K. Resides, Mrs. Claude Witmer, Mrs. Arthur Witmer, Mrs. Marie Wiehead, Mrs. W. E. Homan, William Garman, Mrs. G. M. Bloom and Mrs. M. E. Homan.

Other guests at the Meyer home the same evening were Mr. and Mrs. Earl Houtz, Earl Ross, Riley Hunter, William Garman, M. F. Homan and Holly Meyer.

SMULLTON

We are glad to report a sunshiny Monday morning to begin this week. Last week there was very little sunshine and yet the farmers did a lot of soil plowing.

On Sunday forenoon the worshippers from this place while in their respective services and engaged in meditation, were caused some concern when a fire broke out in the vicinity of Rebersburg. The fire caused some commotion but services were continued.

Mrs. Ophia Bennett of this place was taken to the city hospital in Lock Haven last Sunday morning, Apr. 8. Last reports have it that she has improved somewhat. She is suffering of heart condition. Our prayers are for her speedy recovery, the Lord willing.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Moyer and Robert, in company with her uncle, C. E. Kremer, made a business trip to Millburg last Tuesday, Apr. 10. They all enjoyed the trip. Last week a few folks put out onion sets in their garden plots.

Sunday School next Sunday in St. Pauls Evangelical U. B. Church near Logan Mills at 9:30 a. m. No preaching service. Preaching services are scheduled for Apr. 29 at 7:45 p. m., the last service before the Conference. The church is wired for electric lights and is equipped with pretty lights. All that is now needed is for the electric company to hook up the lights with their circuit which we hope will soon occur.

Church services next Sunday at Wolf's Store in God's Missionary Church; Sunday School at 9:30 a. m., followed by preaching and morning devotions at 10:30 a. m. Young People's Meeting at 7 p. m., followed by preaching and revival services at 7:45 p. m. Rev. A. A. Passmore, pastor, however, may make different announcements during their week of revival.

Members and Sunday School pupils of this place of the Rebersburg Evangelical U. B. Church will have Sunday School at 9:30 a. m. and preaching at 7:30 p. m.

Revival services are scheduled at Wolf's Store in God's Missionary Church from Apr. 15 to Apr. 25. There will be special music each evening. Services open each evening at 7:45 o'clock. The Rev. A. A. Passmore will be the evangelist. Everybody is invited. Pray for yourself when you come and also for your United States in particular.

Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Fiedler, of Spring Mills, were Mr. and Mrs. Paul Yetter and son, and Mrs. Maude Winters, of Middleburg; Mr. and Mrs. Aron Evans, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Shaver and son, Miss Myra Stover, all of Millheim. Sunday evening callers were Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Meyer and son, of Rebersburg.

BUSH HOLLOW

There were 86 present at Sunday School. We were glad for this good attendance. This Sunday we are planning a Sunday School rally. Come out and help break the attendance record of past years. Awards will be given Sunday School at 9:30 a. m., followed by the regular church service. Young People's meeting will be at 7:00 p. m., followed by the evangelistic services. There will be services every night this week at 7:30 p. m. with the Rev. Conard as speaker. All welcome.

We forgot last week to state that Bush Hollow brought the banner home from the Young People's rally at the Lock Haven Church, Apr. 8. There were about 55 present from this church.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Way took Sunday dinner with her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bush; also attended church Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Spotts and her sister, Barbara Carner, took supper Saturday at the Carl Spotts home. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Way were Sunday visitors at the Spotts home and attended church in the evening.

Howard Bush who left for Army service last week called his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bush by phone on Sunday. He was in Maryland but expected to be sent further away.

UNIONVILLE

Methodist Church Services: Sunday School at the regular hour, followed by the morning worship service at 11 o'clock, with sermon by the Rev. Vowler, pastor. Youth Fellowship in the evening at 8 p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Brugger, of State College, are the proud parents of a little daughter, Nancy Louise, born in the Centre County Hospital Apr. 10 and weighing 7 pounds, 9 ounces. This is their second child and first daughter.

Mr. Vaughn Woomer and little daughter, of Tyrone, visited a few days last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. McElwain.

John C. Stere, a patient in the Altoona Veterans Hospital since Apr. 2, was operated on last Wednesday and is now getting along as well as can be expected. His friends and neighbors here wish him a most speedy recovery.

Miss Patricia Ann Stere, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Stere, fell off her tricycle Wednesday of last week and broke her collar bone. She was taken to the Centre County Hospital where the bone was set and she is now getting along nicely.

Mr. William Lucas attended a convention of the Women's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church at Sunbury last Thursday and Friday. She was sent as a delegate from this church.

The members of the W.S.C.S. of the Methodist church here were entertained by the members of the society in Hannah last Thursday evening. Eight persons from here attended and reported a very profitable meeting.

Mrs. Clara Bullock, with her daughter and husband, Captain and Mrs. Robert Keeler, went to Philadelphia last Wednesday and visited with her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. George S. Bullock for several days. The Keelers motored on to their home at Camp Hood, Texas, where he has been stationed the past two years.

Recent announcements were made of the engagements of Miss Elizabeth Sager, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sager, of Bellefonte, to Melville Peters, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pierce Peters of this place. The wedding date will be announced later.

Lee Ementhizer, who is in camp in Williamsport, spent the past weekend with his family here.

Special services will be held this Sunday at 7:30 p. m. in the Methodist Church, when Miss Elizabeth Sheetz, of Bellefonte, who has been working as a missionary in Venezuela will present some of her pictures and give a talk about her work there. She has been invited here by the members of the Women's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church and it is hoped she will have a good audience. All are invited and an offering will be taken for the cause.

Mrs. John C. Stere and her mother-in-law, Mrs. Grace Stere and daughter Miss Charlotte, visited with her husband on Sunday afternoon. Mr. Stere is a patient in the Altoona Veterans Hospital.

Walter Zahniser, a patient in the Altoona Veterans Hospital for the past several weeks is now home and able to take care of his work.

County 4-H Council Hears Talk On Clubs

Members of the Centre County 4-H Council were selected to participate in a square dance at a "Recreational program at Penn State. The County Council met at the Logan Orange Hall on Me: 28. Edward Mintimer led a discussion on "What A County Council Could Do for Its Own 4-H Clubs."

Mariorie Turner, David Corl and Joe Hartle were appointed on a committee to make preliminary plans for a group trip this summer. After the meeting there were square dancing for all and refreshments. The next meeting will be held at the Logan Orange Hall on Apr. 23.

The explanation for big graft is the number of people willing to accept little graft.

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Tells How To Raise Better Dairy Calves

Selecting suitable replacements from his own herd is serious business for the dairyman. Normally about one-fifth of the herd has to be replaced annually. This means, explains County Agent L. H. Bull, that only calves from the best cows should be considered as replacements. After the calves are selected, the dairyman must feed and care for these animals so they develop into well-grown, healthy cows. County Agent lists the following essentials for raising better calves:

Provide a clean, warm, well-bedded, disinfected, separate pen for a cow when she is about to freshen. Disinfect the calf's navel region with iodine solution as soon after birth as possible. This helps prevent infection.

"Give the calf colostrum milk for the first 3 or 4 days. Colostrum provides an extra amount of vitamin A, minerals, and protein. Use sanitary utensils when feeding young milk. Warm the milk to about 90 degrees F. before feeding it.

Provide a separate pen for a newborn calf. Young calves running together may suck each other and steal each other's feed. If separate pens are not available, tie up all young calves while they are feeding.

Put good-quality mixed hay in a rack for calves when they are 10 days old. Provide calf starter for young calves when they are 10 days old. Put a fresh supply in the feed box each day.

Give them water. Calves need fresh water to grow rapidly just as much as they require calf starter, milk, and good roughage. Keep calves out of pasture until they are about one year old. Exercise, fresh air, and sunlight are essential for calves, and should be provided with the herd, or put them up under an apple tree and expect them to thrive when they are all but forgotten.

All of these practices are important in raising better dairy calves. They are not difficult, but easily can be neglected, and often are. Any calf worth raising is worth raising well. It is cheaper to grow them well the first year and have them ready for breeding shortly after 15 months of age.

Care Of Iris Is Garden Club Topic

Charles William Voris, of Milton, spoke to more than 60 members and guests of the Bellefonte Garden Club. "The Origin—Culture, Breeding and Care of Iris," at the club meeting in the basement of the Lutheran Church Tuesday afternoon.

The club plans to visit the Voris gardens in late May and other clubs are invited to participate in the trip.

The meeting was opened with a prayer by the president, Mrs. Nelson Billett, and a period of silent prayer was held for Mrs. Kathrine Grove, past president. Mrs. Grove was an active member of the club and was an authority on wild flowers.

Guests were present from the following clubs: Pleasant Gap, Centre Hall, Warriors Mark, Tusseyville and Linden Hall. The club project for this year is the landscaping and beautification of the Centre County Hospital grounds. It was announced. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Ernest Benner, Mrs. Milton Hoover and Mrs. O. A. Kline, assisted by Mrs. Leslie Thomas, Mrs. Vera Young and Mrs. William Markley.

Price Charts Should Be Sent To Erie

Victor E. Moore, regional director of the Office of Price Stabilization, has directed attention of businessmen to the fact that those in this area who are required to send price charts to the regional office should send them to Baldwin Building, 1005 State Street, Erie, Pa., which office is serving as the district OPS for Centre County.

They should not send such charts or reports to Washington, Moore said. He added that many are doing so and thereby creating confusion, particularly since Apr. 30 is the deadline for price charts and many other required reports.

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Wide Choice In Fabrics For Spring

Each season brings a revival of some fabrics adapted to current fashions. Among these revivals is ottoman, a heavy corded silk or rayon fabric, that is being used for coats, suits, and trappings, says Helen S. Butler, home economic extension representative of Centre County. The ribs or filling of ottoman usually are cotton completely covered by the silk or rayon warp.

Faille is a soft slightly glossy silk rayon, or cotton fabric in a rib weave with a light, flat cross-grain rib or cord. It is an excellent fabric for suits or dresses because it drapes and tailors well.

Originally woven of wild silk in Shangtung, China, shantung is now often made of rayon combined with cotton. It is popular for suits and summer dresses.

Hopsacking, an open basket weave fabric of cotton, linen, or rayon is used most often for dresses and jackets. Salicott, a strong firmly woven cotton canvas, tattersall plaids, and terry cloth are other popular materials for spring and summer clothes.

Time to think is as important as time to work.

Progress Noted In Soil Conservation

Clifford Miller, of Mackeyville, has become the two hundred twenty-first first cooperator of the Clinton County Soil Conservation District. His completed conservation farm plan was delivered by a technician of the Soil Conservation Service on Mar. 14. Ellis Yearick, Gaylor Confer, J. G. Funk, Jake Lucas and Gel Fleming attended a meeting on soil and water conservation held at the Jake Lucas farm at Lamar. Mr. Steptuis, work unit conservator, explained to the group the operations of the district and the importance of farming the conservation way.

District cooperators contacted last week by SCS personnel indicate that George Hayes, Salona RD, plowed in the boundaries for 11 acres of contour strips and he will seed 5 acres of alfalfa for long-term hay.

Louden Kyle, Mackeyville, is also seeding a large part of his farm to permanent hay.

Bob Steinbacher, Mackeyville, and Ralph Yearick, Fox Hollow, are adding more contour strips this spring. Mr. Yearick had a portion of his farm stripped last year.

Frank McHenry, East End, is seeding 12 acres of new pasture this spring to ladino clover and orchard grass. Joe Berry, Beech Creek, is another farmer seeding new pasture.

Claude Bechdel, Beech Creek, constructed a loose stone outlet for one of his terraces.

Robert Eldred, Malcolm Yarnell, Lee Campbell and Charles Irvin are four more Bald Eagle farmers planting trees this spring.

The District office is located in the Court House, Lack Haven, telephone 2692.

Stresses Safety In The Farm Shop

The safety and usefulness of a farm workshop depend upon the condition and arrangement of the shop and its equipment, comments Assistant County Agent Clair D. DeLong. Before the rush of the planting season gets into full swing he suggests that some attention be given to housecleaning and rearranging in their workshops.

Our defense effort will involve more farm repair work to conserve materials. A well-equipped farm shop serves as the center of activity for many farm repair and construction jobs. The life of farm buildings and machinery can be extended by timely repairs. Costly accidents and many days of lost time during the summer can also be avoided. Repair work will be easier, safer, and more efficient in an orderly well-lighted shop.

For satisfactory arrangement and maintenance of a safe farm shop, Reserve the side of the shop with large doors for the repairing of large machines. Have work areas well lighted, and clean and free of tripping hazards.

Paint the interior a light color or whitewash it to improve visibility. Avoid the use of storage of flammable liquids in the shop.

Have a definite storage space for tools and supplies and keep everything in its place.

A tax expert is a man who can outfigure the government.

Childs Allowances Have Many Sources

Boys and girls of today have budget problems just as do their parents.

In discussing family financial planning Dr. Ruth R. Honey, associate professor of family economics and housing at Penn State, learned from her students that families employ many different ways to provide their children with spending money.

Many children get money as gifts, have a strict allowance, are paid for family chores, and some even have unlimited charge accounts. In addition, others earn their spending money in jobs outside the home.

Students agreed that those who earned their spending money learned the true value of it. They decided, too, that parents should not pay children for performing usual chores, since all members of the family should share these tasks as their contributions to family living.

An allowance, the students felt, was a good idea, and also was helpful in aiding a child to realize the value of money. They felt it should begin at an early age, possibly with a sum of 10 or 15 cents, and should be increased as the need arises. It should be regular and should be stopped only in case of a family emergency and not as a disciplinary measure.

Dr. Honey, who will discuss family financial problems as part of the Home Economics Spring Week-End program at Penn State, Apr. 13 and 14, points out that parents should allow their children to participate in discussions on the use of family income. If children have definite knowledge of the family financial plans, they will better understand the problems of their parents and also learn how to spend wisely, says Dr. Honey.

Four Leading Spring Oat Varieties Listed

Some of the characteristics of our leading spring oat varieties are cited by Assistant County Agent Clair D. DeLong as a guide to growers. They follow:

Ajax is a Canadian variety that is high-yielding, has medium-stiff straw, medium in height, and mid-season in maturity. The grains are white, of medium weight, and sometimes awned. It should not be grown where lodging is a problem.

Zephyr is a high-yielding oat developed in Minnesota. It has medium-stiff straw, medium height, and mid-season maturity. Grayish yellow to white grain generally has a twisted awn which lowers weight per bushel. It should be grown only where serious lodging is not a problem. Seed supply is limited for 1951.

Mohawk is a variety selected by New York, and a re-selection is being released. It is medium early, has a very stiff, medium-height straw, and a heavy kernel. Mohawk is similar in many ways to the Clintons.

Clinton 50 and Clinton 11 are re-selections of the original Clinton cross made in Iowa. Clinton 50 was re-selected in Indiana and Clinton 11 in Illinois. They are somewhat more uniform in height and ripening than the original Clinton. They are good yielding, with medium-short, very stiff straw, medium-early maturity, and have a heavy yellow grain.

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