

Snook's Mill

The Union County Historical Society was recently given original advertising brochures, receipt books and a copy of a deed for Snook's Mill in Mifflinburg. From these materials we get a snapshot of the kinds of businesses that supported our local economy, and Union County business owners and workers.

According to the March 1942 article of agreement between Mifflinburg Bank and Trust Company of Mifflinburg PA, and S.J. Shoemaker of Waverly, Tioga County, NY, Shoemaker "agrees to purchase, all that certain three story brick grist mill and warehouse property, machines, fixtures and equipment and a two story frame iron clad detached warehouse and outbuildings and lot of ground, situate on the South West corner of Fourth and Walnut streets, in Mifflinburg" with 183 feet frontage along the Lewisburg and Tyrone Railroad. The mill property sold for \$5000 to be paid as follows: \$100 at time of signing and the balance of \$4900 in installments of \$50 or more each month until paid in full, with interest.

Shoemaker was also responsible for paying all taxes assessed on the property, and all social security, workmen's compensation, and all state and federal taxes. He was to keep the buildings and machinery in good condition, and insured against fire and cyclone. S.J. Shoemaker made payments in July, August, September, October, November and December of 1942.

In January 1943, the property and mortgage were transferred to James H. Snook and his wife Lura A. Snook, of Mifflinburg PA.

In 1950, Quentin S. Snook purchased the mill. According to articles of agreement between James Snook and Quentin Snook, the mill property and machinery were sold for \$22,500, terms being \$202.50 first payment and the same in monthly payments with interest on unpaid balance at 4½ per cent.

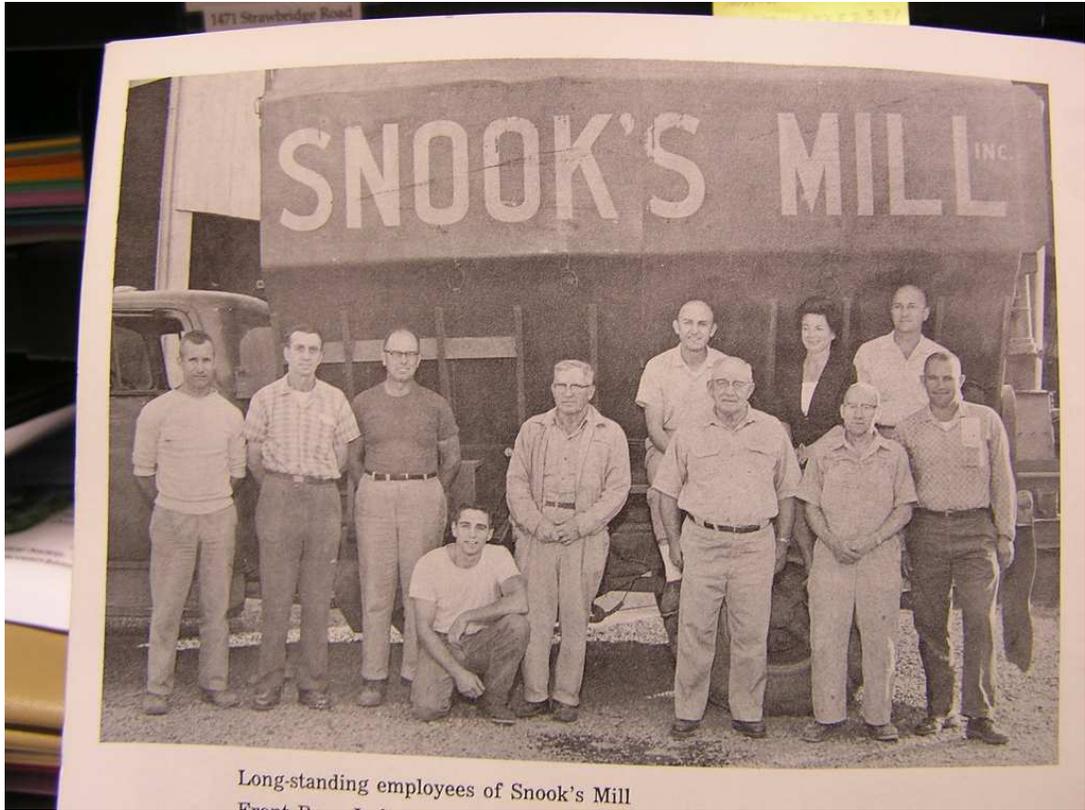
An undated photo shows the long-standing employees of Snook's Mill. Front row, left to right: plant foreman Raymond Middleswarth, mixing foreman Harry Burkland, truck drivers Ray Miller, James Zimmerman, and Rollin Emery; grain receiving worker John Miller, grain processor Ralph Kistler, salesman Clarence Mitchel. Back row, left to right: vice president Glen Snook, secretary/treasurer Mrs. Quentin (Helen Jean) Snook, president Quentin Snook.

According to Snook's Mill advertising, the mill had 500-ton storage capacity that could handle "full truck loads of ear corn, shelled corn, oats, wheat or barley." Thirty days storage of grain was provided free of charge. Orders placed in the morning resulted in 9-tons of feed later in the day in the client's bulk bins.

Another photo shows Harry Burkland at the panel from which all machinery was controlled. One man could mix bulk feed at 100 tons per eight-hour day, a significantly efficient process at the time.

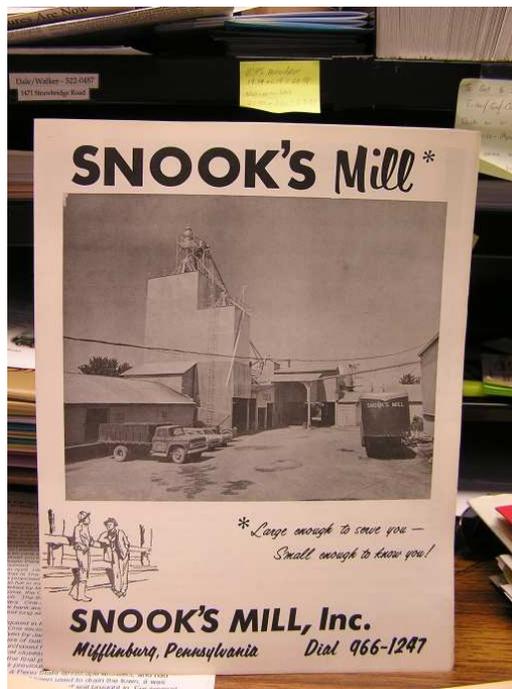
Snook's Mill advertised as "large enough to serve you - small enough to know you!"

The Union County Historical Society accepts donations of local business advertisements, receipt books, ledgers, calendars, and photos. Older material as well as contemporary items are sought - today will be history tomorrow. Please contact the Society at 570-524-8666 or hstoricl@ptd.net.

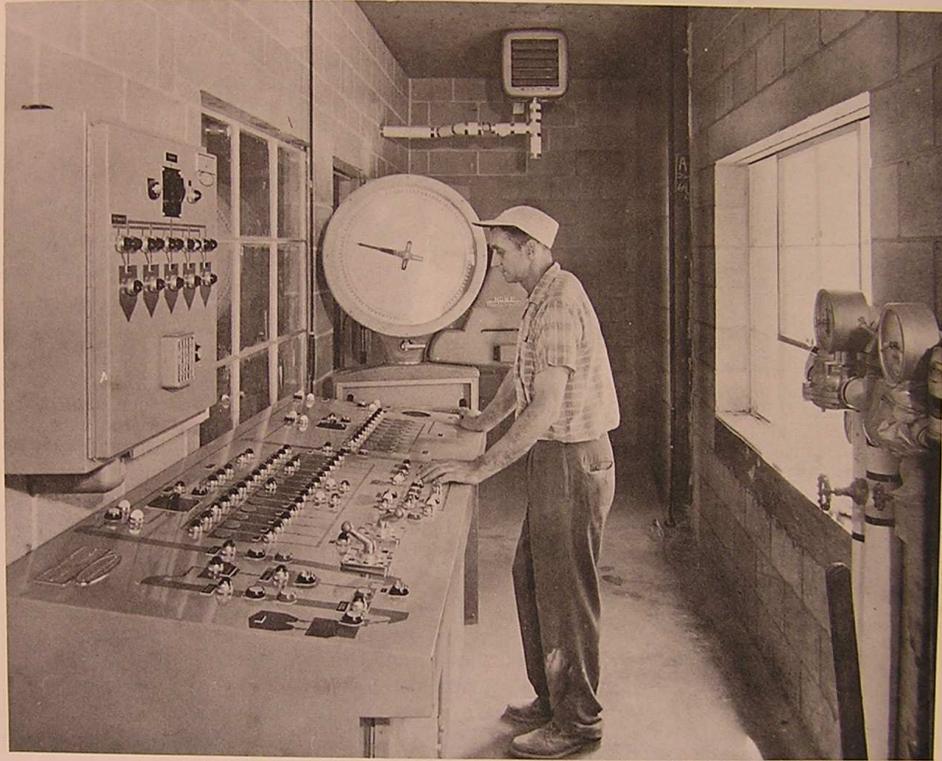


Long-standing employees of Snook's Mill
 Ernest D. ...

Snook's Mill Staff



Snook's Mill Ad



Control Panel

Pictured here is Harry Burkland operating entire new plant from the Control Panel.

From this one location, all machinery is controlled. This makes it possible for one man to mix bulk feed at the rate of 100 tons per 8 hour day.

The increased efficiency and the minimum amount of labor needed in the manufacture of feed means savings to the consumer.

SNOOK'S *Ultra-Lifed* FEEDS -----

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... be convinced !**

production designed for results that add up to more profits for you

New Snook's Mill Control Panel