

Fifty Years Ago

The Mifflinburg Telegraph newspaper of October 25, 1962 provides an enticing glimpse into the past.

Front Page

Mifflinburg Area Civil Defense director Hall Salomon announced the need for community shelters to be set up in case of nuclear attack. Several buildings in Mifflinburg were already approved and would be stocked with food and other necessities. Additional shelters in cellars and underground garages were needed; shelters had to have 4.5 to 6 inch-thick cement ceilings.

The Mifflinburg Post Office was able to install an electric hoist to remove ashes from the cellar after Senator Joseph S. Clark (D) received approval from the Building Department in Washington.

Homemaking teachers in Union and Snyder public schools spent a day in conference at the home of Mrs. Dorothy Hummel, home economics supervisor, Miss Snyder and Miss Keithan assisting. Mrs. Hummel told the group that "our times and needs demand changes in content and approach." Topics discussed included child care, clothing, food, housing, health and community. The group dined at Mary Denius Restaurant.

The 84 seniors at Mifflinburg High School finished a 2-week course on the United Nations, instructed by Prof. Fred Showalter. The students planned to present a program during assembly on Oct 26, with guest speaker Karl Purnell, to which the public was invited. The school menu for that day was macaroni and cheese, perfection salad, bread and butter, fruit cup and chocolate milk.

The Mifflinburg Ministerium supported local involvement in the national UNICEF Trick-or-Treat program. Children from grades 4 and up, wearing masks of goblins, skeletons and spacemen, would collect for UNICEF "to erase the more fearful masks of hunger and disease from the faces of millions of the world's needy children whose hope rests with UNICEF, the United Nations Children's Fund." The Halloween Parade was set for Saturday, Oct 27, with prizes for costumes (\$1, \$2 or \$3) and floats (\$2 to \$15).

Community News

The Union County Agricultural and Home Economics Extension Association annual meeting on November 16 at the White Deer Community Center, arranged by association president Woodrow W. Spangler, with George Spangler, Mrs. Harry Miller and Carl Cottner would feature the Land Grant College Centennial, county 4-H work, and a presentation by Michael Lynch on his trip to Israel.

The annual Banquet of the Union County Soil Conservation District was planned for November 16 at the White Deer Township Fire Hall at New Columbia, E. G. Musser, Game Land Manager, principal speaker. Applications were approved at the October

meeting from local land owners: Dale Spotts and John Dietrich of Cowan, William Showers of Penns Creek, Calvin Renn of West Milton and Richard Peterec of Winfield. As of October 1962, 33 cooperative agreements for more than 3300 acres had been approved. Mr. Galvin reported on the completion of conservation plans for two farms for water control and drainage.

R.B. Winter represented the Union County Soil Board at a Conference of Soil Conservation District Directors in Reading October 17-19.

At the Kiwanis Club of Mifflinburg meeting at Zi-We Dairy, donations were collected for the Association of University Women's fund to send the winners of the United Nations study contest to NYC. The group had also listened to President Kennedy's message being broadcast on the radio at the time of their meeting.

The Sports Corner reported on the football games for Mifflinburg v Montoursville (Wildcats lost 27-0), and the upcoming Mifflinburg v. Northumberland, Bald Eagle Nittany v. South Williamsport, and Montgomery v. Montoursville. Scores were posted for the Mifflinburg Moose Men's and Women's Bowling Leagues (Herman's Texaco and Groover Agency, respectively, in the lead) and the Masonic League (Aggies just ahead of the Yankees).

In Local News Mrs. Cloyd Frederick noted many social events: who visited whom in town and away, who had family visiting from afar, who was off to school or the service, who was in hospital, and the birthdays being celebrated in town.

Ads

Business Directory includes Friendly Fashions, "The store with a complete line of Ladies Apparat [sic] Also Handbags, Jewelry, Gloves" at 234 Market St., Lewisburg, phone JA 3-1116; Edwin Mensch Agency "Real Estate & Insurance: 35 Years of Service" at 416 Market St., Lewisburg, phone JA 4-6831

Nieman's in Millheim pictured a pair of plush plaids from Hart Schaffner & Mark. "They're styled in a flattering demi-fit [ladies'] suit and copious coat with matching scarf."

A full-page ad for Acme Markets offered a wide assortment of foods including steak at 83 cents/lb, chicken at 45 cents/lb, fresh ham at 49 cents/lb, bacon at 25 cents/lb and boiling beef at 23 cents/lb. Produce included California tomatoes at 19 cents per pound and Florida grapefruit, 4 for 29 cents. Gerber Baby Foods were on sale, 6 jars for 65 cents. One dollar would buy three 46-oz cans of Hi-C drinks or a dozen 12-oz cans of Bala Club soda. In the canned food category, \$1 would purchase 6 cans of corn, 8 cans of green peas, beans, or beets, or ten cans of tomato soup. A 25-lb bag of Purina Dog Chow was on special at \$2.59. Household supplies included Tide at \$1.31, and Comet at 22 cents. With a purchase of \$10 or more, shoppers received 100 Gold Bond Stamps. Lay-away was available for Christmas Toys.

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