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News of Yesteryear

'attention to educational progress'

75 Years Ago

Better schools in Berks County...Few counties in the state are devoting more attention to educational progress than Berks. During recent years' efforts to replace the uninviting and overcrowded one-room schools with buildings modern and adequately-equipped have met with much success. Consolidation of township schools has offered one way for reaching this result and the movement for further mergers promises to be vigorously pressed in the fall and in the coming year. One township, Caemarvon, has effected a complete consolidation with most gratifying results. Experience has shown that the housing of several schools under one roof, is a means of economy, as well as efficiency.

50 Years Ago

One of the most thrilling stories to come out of this war is that of the gallant destroyer USS O'Brien, already a veteran of a dozen world-famed battle actions, though only 15 months old. The story of the O'Brien is, in a sense, the story of Petty Officer Warren G. Wilson, electrician third class, son of Mrs. Viola Wilson of Marklesburg, for this young Huntingdon County sailor has been with the famous fighting ship since it was commissioned at Boston, Mass., on Feb. 25, 1944.

London—The trials of European war criminals will be held at Nuernberg, the Nazi shrine city where the German Facist party met each year to lay the foundation for war, it was revealed.

Featured in the "News of Our Men and Women in Uniform" column were: Sgt. Luther Rogers, S1/C Lloyd Rogers and Pfc. Thurman Rogers, of Rockhill Furnace; S3/C Carl B. Myers of Cedar Crest, Mount Union; Pvt. James D. Yeager of Mount Union; Cpl. Wallace H. Gilbaugh of Huntingdon; Robert R. Eichelberger of Huntingdon; Pfc. Arnun M. Baker of Huntingdon; Capt. Edward H. Ellis Jr. of Riddlesburg; Pfc. Robert Chisolm of Saxton, and Pfc. William H. Diehm of Altoona and the Hun-

tingdon area.

25 Years Ago

Pictured on the steps of Ellis Hall on the Juniata College campus, before a reception in their honor, were student visitors from Belgium, visiting as part of the Experiment in International Living. Shown with the eight representatives were: Harold B. Brumbaugh, program director and Earl C. Kaylor, director of Juniata College's summer session.

Harrisburg—The Senate returned to session today ostensibly for formal completion of the legislative passage of the public employee bargaining bill, but faced with the possibility of a move to override Gov. Raymond P. Shafer's veto of a bill to exempt municipality-owned utilities from the public utility property tax. Assemblyman Orville E. Saare, of Smithfield Township, is the prime sponsor of the exemption bill for the municipality-owned utilities.

Albert B. Mosser, director of promotion and display at Miller's in Huntingdon, has taken first place honors for his range display entry in Pennsylvania Electric Company's "Spring Into Happiness" display contest. Judging was based on sales appeal, effective use of theme and originality.

10 Years Ago (1985)

Large crowds filled the streets of the small community of Robertsdale, Friday evening, as firefighters from throughout Raystown Country gathered for the start of the 39th annual Huntingdon County Firemen's Convention, being hosted this weekend by the Robertsdale-Wood-Broad Top City Volunteer Fire Company. In the bucket brigade contest, Mount Union won first place, while Shade Gap captured second. There was a tie for third place between Saxton and Mapleton. Because of a travel accident, the playoff for the third place trophy was delayed until later.

Saints Peter and Paul Orthodox Church is a Mount Union landmark conspicuous for its silver-colored (actually aluminum) onion domes, old world majestic and almost

medieval, serenity. Amid the swirl of bridge traffic, telephone wires and "Do not enter signs" as if to belie that appearance, this classy immigrant church has had a colorful and sometimes troubled history that reflects in miniature the turbulent saga of one of Christendom's oldest branches. The story of Saints Peter and Paul Orthodox Church began in 1915 when Father John Komir, a member of the Czarist-supported Russian missions, arrived from Altoona with Stephen Szuhaj to assist local Orthodox people in the building of a new church...Thanks to two large contributions from non-members who "befriend the church," Sts. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church in Mount Union has been able to replaster the ceiling in its main sanctuary for the first time since the church was built. Carrying out the actual labor for the past five months, have been five church members: Mitchel Anderson, Bill Baker, Jim Hoffman, Jack Jenkins and Steve Abrashoff, all of Mount Union.

First responder refresher course slated for Aug. 7, 8

The Southern Alleghenies Emergency Medical Services Council, Inc. will be holding a first responder refresher course on Monday, Aug. 7, and Tuesday, Aug. 8, at the Huntingdon Police Department, located at 1001 Moore Street.

Registration will be at 9 a.m. on Aug. 7 and the classes will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day.

The total cost for the course will be \$52 including \$5 for tuition, \$5 for lab fee, \$26 for a text book and \$16 for a work book.

For further registration information please call the training coordinator at 1-800-367-5448.