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The Senator John Heinz History Center has developed a new traveling exhibition, We Can Do It! WWII. Beginning in April 2017, this 500-square foot exhibit will tour throughout Western Pennsylvania.

We Can Do It! WWII explores how Western Pennsylvania affected World War II and how the war affected our region. The exhibit features four life-like historic figures, plus a model of the LST-750, multiple audio-video components, and display cases to be used for items from the collections of the local history organizations hosting the exhibit.

For Somerset County, the traveling exhibit will be located at the Somerset Historical Center in partnership with the Turkeyfoot Valley Historical Society from July 20, 2019 to September 17, 2019.



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submitting items for use in this
newsletter...

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It is very much appreciated!
Members, please keep the arti-
cles and photos coming in.

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Votes For Women

"To the wrongs that need resistance, to the right that needs assistance, to the future in the distance, give yourselves." Alice Paul took to heart this 1917 quote by president of the National Woman's Suffrage Association Carrie Chapman Catt. As leader of the rival suffrage organization, the National Woman's Party, Alice Paul and her colleague Lucy Burns took a controversial and unprecedented position. Their resistance to inequality prompted the passage of the 19th Amendment which states, "the right to vote shall not be denied regardless of sex."

National Women's History Month is celebrated each March to acknowledge the integral role that women have contributed to the nation's history. There is no better time to explore the compelling history of the suffragist movement than right now. This year, 2017, marks the centennial of the picketing of the White House by the National Woman's Party--an ideal time to recognize the contributions of Alice Paul and Lucy Burns. I am currently participating in an academic competition called National History Day. NHD is actually a year-long endeavor in which students conduct extensive primary-source research on a topic that relates to an assigned theme. The theme this year is "Taking a Stand," and my sister Addie and I have opted to study Alice Paul and Lucy Burns. We present our research as a ten-minute performance which reflects Alice Paul's and Lucy Burns' vivid and dramatic personalities and experiences. In addition, we are required to submit an extensive annotated bibliography and process paper. A research trip and interview conducted at the Belmont-Paul Women's Equality Monument--Alice Paul's Washington D.C. headquarters--were extremely beneficial to our research. There we were able to study artifacts from the NWP; banners, pins, newspaper articles and scrapbooks helped us envision the experiences of the suffragists.

Addie and I focused on the suffragist's experiences during World War I when Alice Paul and Lucy Burns picketed the White House of wartime President Woodrow Wilson. These two women led a 10-year

campaign in an effort to have a federal amendment added to the Constitution. Alice Paul's and Lucy Burns' picketing at the White House gates ultimately served to induce President Wilson to support a Constitutional Amendment granting women suffrage. Wilson, a southern Democrat, was vehemently opposed to national suffrage. He believed voting rights for women should be decided by the states. Alice Paul and Lucy Burns' tactics proved to be divisive to the suffrage movement, and their affront on a wartime President (and their use of his words to support their cause) shocked the nation. Regardless, these principled women were incredibly effective at rallying women of all backgrounds to the cause--over 2000 picketed, 500 were arrested, and 168 (including Paul and Burns) were imprisoned on multiple occasions. It was at this time, these well-connected, pacifist women endured the "repeated outrage" of force feeding after staging a hunger strike. Tubes up to six feet long were forced down their throats or noses and they were "fed"--through funnels--food and liquids ranging from raw eggs to brandy. Today, force feeding is viewed by the American Red Cross as a form of torture. In 1919, public outrage over the imprisonment and force feeding of suffragettes garnered sympathy and publicity for the suffrage cause. In their long campaign, Alice Paul and Lucy Burns showed initiative, management and delegation skills. They organized parades and pageants, navigated the political arena with finesse, and showed persistence and outrageous resourcefulness. Furthermore, they repeatedly demonstrated their abilities to stand up to violent acts and political and personal backlash. The Nineteenth Amendment was passed shortly after the outcry stemming from the suffragist's prison ordeal. Alice Paul went on to write the Equal Rights Amendment in 1923, and she dedicated the rest of her life to advocating for women's rights. Both women's lives reflected the hundreds of banners they carried and the stand they took: "Deeds not Words!", "Equal Rights for All!", and "Mr. President, We Protest!"

These brave women took a courageous position in their controversial struggle to advance a constitutional amendment that granted women the right to vote. I admire Alice Paul and Lucy Burns for their unwavering convictions, for their intelligence and organizational skills, and for their proactive approach to suffrage. They truly gave themselves to "the future in the distance."

~~Scout Best~~





VOTE FOR
D. H. PORE
CLERK OF COURTS

Not for fame or gain
But to Serve

LEWIS RASCONA
Sanitary Barber Shop
Riverside Hotel Building
CONFLUENCE, PA.
Full line of beauty

To be Wealthy you must
be healthy—to keep that
way Drink Clean Milk

**CASSELMAN
VALLEY DAIRY**
CONFLUENCE, PA.

PROGRAM—Continued
WEDNESDAY

6 p. m. K. of P. Parade
Street Carnival and Shows in the Evening
Music by the Ursina Band

When you get sick
Come to us quick
Fix you, fine as a fiddle
And charge you very little

Frantz Hospital
CONFLUENCE, PA.

**The Greathouse
Studio**

PORTRAITS
ENLARGING
OIL COLORING

CONFLUENCE, PA.

24 hour service on kodak work



A photo of my dad, Ronald, as a young man with his dad in their fire police uniforms. Dated mid-to-late 1930s. Dad was also very active in the Fire Department throughout his time in Confluence and helped organize the ambulance association.

I found this program in my family photos and thought it might be of interest to our members. There are many ads for local businesses and names of proprietors that are quite familiar to long-time residents of the Turkeyfoot Valley. Most of the ads are for businesses in Confluence and the immediate area. Some ads from Somerset, Friedens, and Meyersdale can be found here. There is also an ad for Spoerlien's Garage in Accident, MD. My folks continued to get their cars there even into the sixties. Of note are the ads for businesses in Somerset, which was submerged because of the building of the dam. There are several political ads for the upcoming municipal election. In the center section of the inside pages are found the times and dates of the events that were scheduled for this weeklong festival. I suspect this Fireman's Fall Festival was held in 1927 based on the dates listed in the political ads.

--Barry Hayman

(The entire booklet is available for viewing at the historical society building. Look for more in the next newsletter.)



Confluence Train Wreck July 1982

*Derailed train cars
above VFW building.*



*Derailed train cars
by Foodland (now
Foodmart)*



Train wreck takes down Draketown bridge which crosses the Laurel Hill Creek

My father, Sam Walker, worked on the B & O Railroad and was called in to work immediately after these photos were taken. The workers were to spring into action to get the tracks open ASAP! I recall a damaged car transporting Paul Mason wine. Many bottles were broken and spilling onto the river bank. Amazingly some were NOT broken. How chilled those bottles must have been in the cold water!

--Lori Walker Geiger

2017 Programs

Special Program by Scout and Addie Best begins at 5:30pm

April 17th: “It’s A Hockey Night in Pittsburgh! : 1893 to Today”

Tracing Pittsburgh’s hockey history from its beginnings in Oakland to the Consol Energy Center, by the Senator John Heinz History Center Ambassador Program Outreach.



May 15th: “Irene Toby Koontz Presents...”

June 19th: “A Splendid Little War: The Spanish-American War 1898,” Program by Eric Greisinger

Postponed

July 30th: Picnic

Trinity Lutheran Church Parish Hall, Confluence (time to be announced)

August 21st: “Pittsburgh’s Impact on the World”

A look at innovations that have touched the world that sprouted from the curious minds of Pittsburghers, by the Senator John Heinz History Center Ambassador Program Outreach.



October 16th: “H. J. Heinz: A Recipe for Success”

A history of the founding of the H.J. Heinz Company, by the Senator John Heinz History Center Ambassador Program Outreach.

November 4th: Bus Trip to Pittsburgh Heinz History Center

Please contact Josh Sechler or Lisa Hall if you are interested. We are working on all the details, costs, etc. It would be helpful to know as soon as possible if you would like to attend.

All meetings and programs start at 6pm at H. C. Harned Center unless otherwise noted.



History at the Turkeyfoot Lending Library

If you are in search of local history information, cemetery records, or a local family genealogy, you might want to check out the Turkeyfoot Lending Library. We also have a collection of local obituaries, books by and about local residents and newspaper clippings from years past. We have some printed census records, and more can be found on the computers at the Library, which can be used by patrons of the Library.

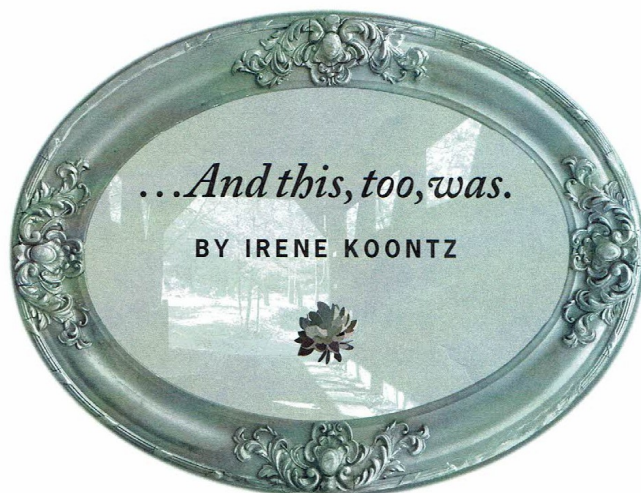
Other reference books related to our local & state history include:

- ♦ REFLECTIONS: URSINA 1787-1994
- ♦ Confluence 1873-1973: RECORD OF A CENTURY
- ♦ WW II: TURKEYFOOT VALLEY VETERANS
- ♦ CONFLUENCE STATION 612: VFD
- ♦ GOD'S SERVANT by Irene Koontz (a biography of her father, Dr. Price)
- ♦ WE REMEMBER WORLD WAR I
- ♦ REMEMBERING CIVIL WAR SOLDIERS (at Addison, Endsley, Hardin, Newbury and Turney Cemeteries)

- ♦ YOUGHIOGHENY RIVER TOWNS (including Somerfield).
- ♦ Coming Soon - a book on the Ream Genealogy by Iva Barkley to add to our local Family histories.

Interested in mysteries? Check out two fictional mysteries which happen in two local counties (which books are authored by Jim Oglethorpe, originally from the Connellsville area. His first book, LEISENRING NO. 1, is about a young detective from Fayette County who is trying to unravel a case of murder which has to do with the coal and coke mines in Leisenring. His second book, which may appeal to many of you because of its title, is CONFLUENCE. This book is set in our area and is about Detective Joe Zajac trying to solve a murder mystery with ties to the lumbering and saw mill business in our nearby areas.

Our hours are T, W, TH from 3:30-7, and Saturdays from 10-2. (Hours in the months from Nov. through March are cut back one hour due to the weather.) Our phone number is 814-395-5415 if you have any questions. And we would love to see you!



Through the pages of time, a continuing history of Price Hospital and Confluence, PA.

132 page book – 2017 Release – Contact 814-395-5078

Please note...

Mr. Carl Kahl pointed out an error in the 3rd Quarter, 2016 newsletter. In the article concerning Joel Diehl, Mr. Diehl was the grandfather, and not father, of the two young men mentioned in the article.

Below are Gobbler ads and an article from the April 1949 issue (possibly an April Fool version). This and many other Gobbler issues were donated by the Jim McClintock Family. Thanks to Neil Bender for bringing these to our attention!

Makes no diff'

If you're a builder or farmer—

Just come to Potter's

And see him charm 'er

CLOUSE

Lumber Company

Can supply you with
PADDLES GALORE

D. C. HENSEL

Lumber Company

Dummies of Maggie and
Bobby our specialty

BERT W. FRAZEE

Manufacturer of

WOOD FOR TERMITES

IF IT'S BLUE

BLACK'S

'HAVE IT

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE OFFICE

Mr. Good has announced that due to the fact that the high school boys will not voluntarily use the water guns issued them on February 29, unsatisfactory in deportment will be given to all those who insist in not using these water guns.

The office has announced that it is sponsoring a contest in which any student may enter. A \$10 prize will be given to each of the five students who can run down the side stairway in the shortest possible time. The contest will be held on April 7 at 1:00 p.m. and the prizes awarded the following day.

Mrs. Gardner has been quoted as saying that tentative plans have been made to turn the gymnasium into a classroom for the school morons. Two reasons have been given. One is because only room in the building large enough to accomodate these pupils!

The office has approved the request of the class of '49, that it be allowed to present the school with new seats and desks. Plush-lined chairs with writing arms and footstools will be placed in all the classrooms and overstuffed loveseats in group in the study hall. We know the students wish to thank the senior class for this rich endowment.

Mr. Good said that for a number of reasons the time for serving the mid-morning milk shakes will be moved up to eleven o'clock. The milk shakes have been served previously at twenty o'clock. The mid-afternoon time will not be changed. The new schedule goes into effect on April 11.

Bachelors who aren't good
looking

Can still taste Miriam's cooking

at the

J & R

COME TO

**JOHNNY'S
ELECTRIC**

And

Get Your Wires Tapped

Jenny's just moved to his new
shop,

For the quickest of waves

And a curl on top,

Walk up the steps

And you'll be next.

TURKEYFOOT VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY **MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION – 7/1/16 to 6/30/17**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

____ Individual - \$15.00

____ Husband & Wife - \$20.00

____ Youth 12-18 - \$5.00

____ Child Under 12 – Free

____ Bronze Corporate - \$50.00

____ Silver Corporate - \$200.00

____ Gold Corporate - \$500.00

____ Platinum Corporate - \$1000.00

____ Additional financial contribution of \$ _____

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