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## UNITED QUALITY STORES

**PRICES EFFECTIVE WEEK ENDING FEB. 6th**

<p><b>WHEATIES</b></p> <p>"The breakfast of Champions."</p> <p><b>2 pkgs. 23c</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>For a Good Bowl of</i> <b>"CHILI"</b></p> <p>1 can Red Kidney Beans 1 can Tomatoes (or Tomato Paste) 1-lb. Ground Beef</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>all for</i> <b>35c</b></p>	<p><b>BISQUICK</b></p> <p>"Your menus may be unlimited by using this prepared flour."</p> <p><b>1ge. pkg. 31c</b></p>
<p><b>RITZ</b></p> <p>"Soup IS Soup when served with Ritz."</p> <p><b>1lb. pkg. 21c</b></p>	<p><b>House of Lords' TEA</b></p> <p>"When one is tired a cup of tea is so satisfying."</p> <p><b>1/2 lb. pkg. 41c    1/4 lb. pkg. 23c</b></p>	
<p><b>COCOA</b></p> <p>"Unequaled for rich flavor."</p> <p><b>2 lb. carton 15c</b></p>	<p><b>Libby's Pineapple Juice</b></p> <p>"Use it in molded fruit salads."</p> <p><b>2 cans 17c</b></p>	
<p><i>Quality Brand</i> <b>ELBOW MACARONI SPAGHETTI</b></p> <p>"You may have either one and yet have variety in your menu, for there are so many different delicious ways to serve them."</p> <p><b>2 lb. pkg. 17c</b> <b>1lb. pkg. 9c</b></p>	<p><i>Chicken Ring With Vegetable Salad</i></p> <p>1 Envelope Knox Sparkling Gelatine 1/4 Cup Cold Water or Stock 1 1/2 Cups Hot Chicken Stock, well seasoned 1/2 Teaspoonful salt Few Grains Pepper 1 Cup Chicken, sliced or chopped</p> <p>Pour cold water in bowl and sprinkle gelatine on top of water. Add to hot stock and stir until dissolved. Add salt and cool. Rinse a ring mold in cold water and pour in a thin layer of aspic jelly. (A design of vegetables may be arranged here, if desired.) Cool and when almost congealed, add the remaining jelly, which has started to congeal, and to which the chicken has been added. Chill and when ready to serve unmold on crisp lettuce and fill center with vegetable salad.</p>	
<p><i>Quality Brand</i> <b>HOMINY</b></p> <p>"An old-fashioned treat especially welcome in cold weather."</p> <p><b>1ge. can 10c</b></p>	<p><b>Kellogg's Corn Flakes</b></p> <p>"The wake-up food—crisp and delicious."</p> <p><b>THIS WEEK ONLY</b> One bowl FREE with the purchase of</p> <p><b>3 pkgs. 23c</b></p>	
<p><i>Baker's Premium</i> <b>Coconut</b></p> <p>"Desserts are richer for its tropic flavor."</p> <p><b>1-4 lb. pkg. 9c</b></p>	<p><b>BLACK'S</b></p> <p>UNITED QUALITY STORE CONFLUENCE, PA.</p>	
<p><b>Chocolate Rings</b></p> <p>N. B. C. "A favorite of the Children."</p> <p><b>1lb. 19c</b></p>		
<p><i>Clean Quick</i> <b>SOAP CHIPS</b></p> <p>"An inexpensive soap that does its work well."</p> <p><b>5 lb. box 35c</b></p>		
<p><i>House of Lords</i> <b>Sandwich Spread Mayonnaise</b></p> <p>"A combination that pleases."</p> <p>8 oz. jars <b>2 for 27c</b></p>		
<p><i>Diamond Crystal</i> <b>SALT</b></p> <p>(Plain or Iodized)</p> <p>"Seasons food better because it's flaked."</p> <p><b>2 pkgs. 15c</b></p>		

## **Journal of John Harned, Vol. III**

### **December 1851 to January 1863**

The following excerpts, written just prior to and during the War Between the States, have been taken from the transcribed version of Vol. III of the Journal of John Harned, which was donated to the Turkeyfoot Valley Historical Society by Diane Walker.

Nov. 12, 1859: Old Capt. Jno. Brown and a company of 21 men Ultra Abolitionists attacked Harper's Ferry and took the armory and several prisoners but the alarm being soon raised, a military company was soon on hand and attacked them, killing sixteen and wounding several others. Brown was among the wounded. He was taken, tried and sentenced to be hung on 2<sup>nd</sup> December next.

Nov. 14, 1859: Cook, Green, Coppie and Copeland were sentenced to be hung on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Dec. next for same crime of Brown, being accomplices. A great excitement prevails throughout the entire community and many speculating that there would be a mob raised to rescue them before their execution, which was not however attempted.

Dec. 2, 1859: Old Jno. Brown was hung. No attempt was made to rescue him from prison.

Mar. 23, 1860: A. Hanna's had a son who they called Lincoln.

Dec. 9, 1860: Pleasant today. Very changeable. Great panic of South and financial affairs.

Jan. 4, 1861: The President appointed for fasting and asking universal observance to restore peace again. General excitement is now pervading throughout the land.

Jan. 26, 1861: Secesh now preparing for war, building forts, etc.

Mar. 4, 1861: President Lincoln was inaugurated all peaceably although schemes had been laid to assassinate him.

Apr. 14, 1861: On the 12<sup>th</sup> the Secesh began the war by firing upon Ft. Sumter at Charleston, South Carolina, which was returned by Anderson's men. Capt. Doubleday fired the first gun.

Apr. 13, 1861: . . . ceased firing and hauled down his colors and surrendered the fort to the Rebs. Intense excitement now prevailing throughout the North. The President issued his proclamation for 75,000 men.

Apr. 20, 1861: Harper's Ferry was taken by the Secesh Soldiers going from every point. The Southern States have all seceded except Maryland and Delaware.

Big raid in Baltimore with Secesh Sympathizers and Soldiers on way to Washington City about 75 of them killed and wounded.

Apr. 22, 1861: Court at Somerset, the excitement so strong that no business was done. Hon. H. Koontz enlisting a company to go to war. Simon Keller at Somerset and for rebel sympathy barely escapes hanging by a mob.

Apr. 29, 1861: Elder Baker preached a war sermon, is quite a strong Union man.

May 22, 1861: Asa Fay brought his family here from Brandonville. Were flying for their lives as the report came that the Rebels were coming upon them and were killing, taking prisoners and devastating all before them, but this turned out to be a false rumor, they did not come closer than Morgantown. Got a letter today from Hiram's, Hannibal, Missouri. They say they have hot times there among Secesh.

June 4, 1861: The Rebs routed from Phillippi. Colonel Ellsworth shot by a Reb named Jackson at Alexandria, who afterwards was shot to pieces nearly by his men.

July 4, 1861: This day is generally celebrated in memory of the birth of our Independence which is now want to be sundered by a traitorous band. Cyrus Hinebaugh was at Petersburg today and had a fight with a "Marylander" bleating Secesh.

July 5, 1861: An "imposter" or rebel spy called upon Father for pay on a forged "note" but being disappointed in his man and fearing an arrest, left.

July 6, 1861: Our home guards parade here.

July 7, 1861: Cyrus Hinebaugh started to Somerset to enlist in Cumin's Co. for the army and Jesse Anderson also. They started for Camp Write with a company of 30 men on Monday 15<sup>th</sup>.

July 21, 1861: Jno. Bird, a young Andrew P. Augustine, Squ. Jeffries, Isaac Turney all started to Uniontown to go with a light horse company to Parkersburg, Virginia.

June 21, 1861: I. Turney returned again not having the manhood to face the enemy. Today the booming of heavy artillery was distinctly heard in different parts which proved to be at Bull's Run and Manassas Junction and was one of the disastrous and bloody battles ever fought on this continent. The slaughter was terrible on both sides. Our troops were badly defeated and fled in general disorder.

General McDowell was commander in chief and was on the turning scale of gaining a glorious victory when General Patterson, who was ordered to bring up a reserve which would have done the work, but he traitor like disobeyed orders and hence the dreadful assault.

Aug. 25, 1861: Our quarterly meeting at Fairview today. The military excitement seems to run higher than all else. Many of our young men are enlisting for the service. Lately, General Butler with considerable force sailed to coast of North Carolina and takes two forts and over 600 prisoners, a large quantity of arms, one vessel load of cotton, etc. Many of the citizens of this are turning loyal men.

Sept. 14, 1861: I set out to buy some hides. Succeeded soon in getting what I wanted and done up my business so that at 4 o'clock ten minutes I seated myself on train again. On return passed camp, in which were some 700 or 800 soldiers drilling near Braddock's Field where the old British Officer from whom this place took its name fell mortally wounded not being willing to be taught how to fight by a young "buckskin".

I reached Connellsville awhile after night and lodged at the Walter House, was much annoyed by one Shaw a poor drunk and Rebel. In the morning I again started over the mountain homeward on foot. Reached my destination in the eve, pretty tired again. Cool air today. Ankney's got the Diphtheria highly bad. Our youngest Rebecca got it but not so bad yet. Numbers around have it

Sept. 28, 1861: Citizens here making preparations for a free dinner for Soldiers and Speakers of a Union Meeting to be held here today, had three fine speeches. Koontz, Roddy and Gidding all well off pleasantly and about 20 volunteers. Started to Uniontown accompanied by Somerfield Band to Petersburg where eight more joined them and proceeded to Somerfield.

The names of Soldiers leaving here as near as I can remember are Jacob Heinbaugh, Noah Caton, Jef McClintoc, Ross Sterner, Ross Rush, H. Jackson, Phil. Stein, Geo. W. Colborn, Ross Hyatt, Norman Ream, Ross Sanner, Jas. Nicklow, John Jennings, Milt Black, Hamilton, Sam'l Wirsing, Jas. Bird. Monday night S. Wirsing and Samantha Wirsing were married and next morning he starts with rest to Camp Fayette.

Jan. 26, 1862: Skift of snow again. Quarterly meeting at Somerfield. Fight at Somerset, Kentucky last week. Rebs routed.

Feb. 3, 1862: Battle at Ft. Henry, Tennessee. The Rebels surrender.

Feb. 11, 1862: Word came at Burnsid's Fleet had taken Roanoke Island after 3 days hard fighting.

Rebels loss 300 killed and 2000 prisoners and their fleet and destroyed Elizabeth City.

Feb. 26, 1862: Fort Donaldson captured by the Union forces through desperate fighting and a loss of 1,567 men killed and wounded. The Rebel loss is estimated at 10,000 killed and wounded and 15,000 prisoners. They were well fortified, hence our terrible loss.

Mar. 8, 1862: Our Army had another severe battle in Arkansas (Pea Ridge). Federals again Victorious, their loss 450 killed and wounded. 1,000 Rebs killed and wounded and 1,000 prisoners taken. Manassas and Surroundings evacuated by the Rebels all on the move of Potomac army. Terrible contest between the Rebel Iron Clad Merrimac and our wooden fleet at Fortress Monroe. The former sunk the Cumberland and took the Congress and had not our Iron Clad Monitor most timely arrived and met the monster ably and Saved us there is no knowing how much damage she might have done us.

Apr. 5, 1862: A very hard battle was fought at Pittsburg Landing, Tennessee, which was another Victory for the Union.

June 28, 1862: Today Harrison Younkin returned home from the Army having been wounded in fight at Fair Oaks. Through the left breast. Is recovering. Was to see him on Sunday.

Aug. 7, 1862: Edward Shack's company starts for Harrisburg to Camp Curtin. Great excitement prevailing. The President issues a proclamation for 600,000 men to be raised by draft immediately. Some tremble and others threaten and denounce the Government and declare they will die before they will go, etc.

Aug. 29, 30 & 31, 1862: Terrible fighting again at Manassas. General Propst now at the head of the Army. Our army again badly repulsed. Retreated to Washington and near it. A correct history of which I suppose can hardly ever be had. The Rebels boast largely that they can go where they please, take Pittsburg and all important places they wish. Pope was reprovved and McClellan again took command to defend the Capital, etc.

Dec. 12 & 13, 1862: A terrible battle was fought at Fredericksburg. Burnside's commander was defeated at a heavy loss of men, thought 12,000 killed, wounded and missing in all. He made his escape under cover of night with his whole army. This was a shocking blunder again in our commander.

## Member Condolences

### Donald L. Fike

(May 12, 1947 - September 3, 2016)

Donald L. Fike, 69, of Confluence, passed away Saturday, September 3, 2016 at In Touch Hospice's House of Journey's Rest, Somerset. He was born May 12, 1947 in Uniontown, a son of Eva (Morgan) Fike of Markleysburg and the late Roy E. Fike. In addition to his father, his first wife, Mary (Thomas), twin children, Donald and Donna, sister, Linda Grimes, son-in-law, Richard L. Wilburn, Jr. and brother-in-law, Pete Mills preceded him in death. He is survived by his wife, Janice (Brown) Fike; daughters, Christina Marie Fike, Berlin, Tracy Wilburn, Fairchance and Annie Jane Ream and husband, Keith, Confluence; his mother, Eva; grandchildren, Richard L. Wilburn III, Tyler James Wilburn, Lilyonna Evelyn Ream and a great grandson, R. J. Wilburn; brother, Thomas Fike and wife, Lavina, Markleysburg and sister, Debbie Mills, Markleysburg. He was dearly loved by all of Janice's family as well. Don was a US Army veteran and received a Purple Heart during his service in Vietnam. He was a member of Ursina American Legion Post 946, the Confluence United Methodist Church and the Turkeyfoot Historical Society. He was a former board member of Yough Housing, Inc. and was recognized as a local artist. He also volunteered his time to the Turkeyfoot Lending Library and the Confluence Food Pantry. He retired from United Parcel Service. Interment in Thomas Cemetery, Markleysburg.





## **Father Killed – Two Sons Hurt**

October 29, 1918. . . . Joel Diehl, a prominent and highly respected citizen of Addison, met instant death in a violent form last Friday evening, two of his sons being painfully injured at the same time, and another having a narrow escape from death or injury. It all came about through the reckless driving of an automobile, the owner and driver of which are unidentified.

The accident happened at 7 o'clock in the evening, just as Mr. Diehl and his sons, Newton, Lloyd and Victor, had driven out of a field onto the National Pike in front of Newton Diehl's home, half a mile east of Somerfield, with a load of corn. A Buick roadster, going west at high speed, struck the wagon, throwing Mr. Diehl and two of his sons out of the wagon upon the hard surface of the pike.

The old gentleman fell on his head, breaking his neck and killing him instantly. Victor had a shoulder dislocated and Lloyd had a foot crushed. Newton saved himself by jumping in time to land on his feet.

Note: Mr. Diehl's wife, Hannah Lininger Diehl passed away in 1919.

Pictured below are Joel Diehl and his wife, Hannah Lininger Diehl.



Do you know any of these ladies? This photo was taken at the Ursina American Legion. We do know a few of them. Answers will be printed in the next newsletter.

Thanks!  
Lisa

# 2016 PROGRAMS

June 20

"The Golden Years  
- Working the Connellsville Seam"

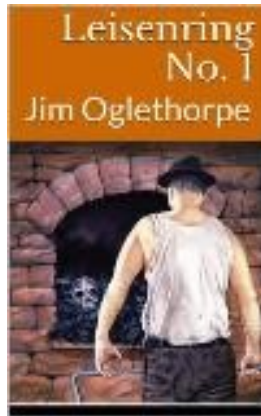
~by Jim Oglethorpe

Hello Lisa,

I am running a special at [www.jimoglethorpe.com](http://www.jimoglethorpe.com), both of my books for \$25, including shipping. Quantities are limited to my supply on on-hand. FYI, please mention it in your next newsletter.

Thanks,

Jim



Need a mystery novel interspersed with local history from the Connellsville area? Try **LEISINRING** by James Oglethorpe, who recently presented a program at our Historical Society. This story is about a murder during the heyday of mining at the Connellsville seam. Mr. Oglethorpe has a new book now, titled CONFLUENCE, about another murder mystery involving the sawmill trade. The Turkeyfoot Lending Library has this book available.

November 21 - Brief monthly meeting and then audio presentation of interview with Edith Hyde by Toby Koontz

December 19 - Christmas Open House 5pm-8pm with LaFayette Presentation beginning at 6pm.

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

*We are always in need of information for the newsletter. If anyone would like to contribute articles, photos, etc. please contact Lisa.*







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## Member to Member

Dear Members:

We have been contacted by Karen Sembower to assist in gathering information for the Casselman Chronicles about the underground railroad. If anyone has info to share about possible farms or houses that were used in our area for the underground railroad would you please contact Karen with this information. Her email is [klsembower@aol.com](mailto:klsembower@aol.com).

Thanks for your help!

--Lisa



### - Renew or Become a New Member -

### We are starting a New Membership Year on July 1st - Please Join Us

The Society's membership year is from July 1 through June 30. **A sincere Thank You for your support.** We look forward to growing our membership numbers, so please renew and tell your family, friends, and neighbors about us.

Stop by the historical building to renew your membership or look for a postcard coming soon in the mail.

***Thanks Again for Your Continued Support. Remember this is Your Historical Society!***

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