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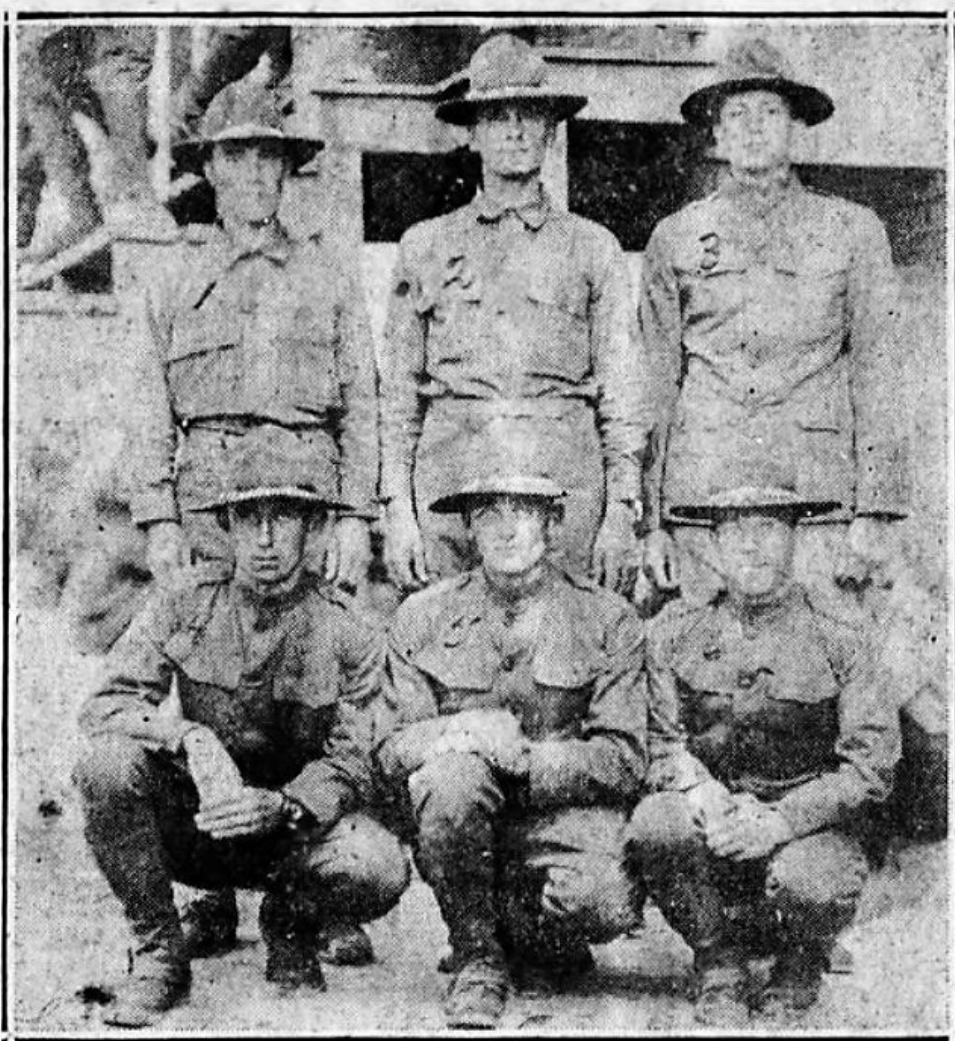
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SOME FORT HILL BOYS WHO HAVE BEEN OVER THE TOP.



Above (left to right): George Fike, Harvey Miller, killed in action Oct. 17; Darrel Lingenfelter. Below: James E. Conn, Roy McClintock, Edward McClintock.

The Republic (Meyersdale, Pennsylvania, United States of America) · 26 Dec 1918, Thu.
Thanks to Sam Everhart for contributing this photo.



The Senator John Heinz History Center has developed a new traveling exhibition, *We Can Do It! WWII*.

***We Can Do It! WWII* explores how Western Pennsylvania affected World War II and how the war affected our region.**

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.

Look for events and programs both in Confluence and Somerset throughout 2019 to coincide with this exhibition.

If anyone has items or information about WWII in this area they would like to share, please contact Lisa @ 814-395-3820. We might be able to add them to the exhibit at Somerset Historical Center.

KEY WORLD WAR II DATES AND EVENTS

1939

September 1-Germany invaded Poland from the west.

September 3-Britain and France declared war on Germany.

1940

January 8-Britain began rationing food

January 12-The Luftwaffe, the German air force, conducted its first bombing raid on London

May 10-British Prime Minister, Neville Chamberlain, resigned, and Winston Churchill became the new Prime Minister.

June 10-Italy declared war on Britain and France.

September 14-The United States' Congress passed the first peacetime conscription bill (draft law).

November 5-Franklin D. Roosevelt was elected to an unprecedented third term as president of the United States.

November 11-Willys unveiled its general purpose vehicle, the JEEP.

1941

February 4-The United Service Organization (USO) was founded.

July 19-Winston Churchill launched the "V for Victory" campaign in Europe during a midnight radio broadcast.

December 7-The naval base at Pearl Harbor was bombed by Japan, which brought the U.S. into WWII.

December 8-More than 1200 young men from Western Pennsylvania volunteered for enlistment in the armed forces, the day after Pearl Harbor Day.

December 8-The United States and Britain declared war on Japan.

1942

January 20-Nazi leaders had a meeting to discuss the elimination of the remaining European Jews. The genocidal plan was called, "The Final Solution."

February 19-By order of Franklin D. Roosevelt, Japanese-Americans living on the West Coast were transferred to internment camps in the interior of the United States.

May 4-Food began to be rationed in the United States.

June 7-The Battle of Midway ended. Admiral Nimitz won the first WWII naval defeat of Japan. The tide turned in the Pacific war.

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July 22—On the same day that they began the “resettlement” of Jews from Warsaw, the Germans opened a concentration camp in Treblinka, Poland.

July 30—The U. S. Women’s Naval Reserve (Women Appointed for Voluntary Emergency service, or WAVES) was established.

October 20—German forces were pushed back during a massive attack on Stalingrad.

1943

January 14—Franklin D. Roosevelt and Winston Churchill met to decide on the details of the policy of “unconditional surrender”

January 31—General Friedrich von Paul surrendered to Russian troops at Stalingrad. The tide turned in the European war.

February 9—Japanese troops evacuated Guadalcanal, ending the battle on the Solomon Islands in the Pacific.

March 13—Two German officers made an unsuccessful attempt to assassinate Adolph Hitler.

March 20—German officers made a second attempt to assassinate Adolph Hitler.

May 13—The German and Italian forces in Africa surrendered.

July 25—The Allies invaded Italy; Benito Mussolini was arrested.

August 2—John F. Kennedy’s PT-boat 109 sank at the Solomon Islands.

September 8—Italy surrendered.

December 24—Franklin D. Roosevelt appointed General Dwight Eisenhower to be supreme commander of the Allied forces.

1944

March 4—United States Air Force airplanes attacked Berlin for the first time.

June 6—D-Day occurred, which was the Allied invasion of Normandy, France. It threatened Germany’s control of Europe.

June 22—Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the “GI Bill of Rights,” which helped veterans after WWII ended.

October 2—After two months of fierce fighting, German forces crushed the Warsaw uprising, killing approximately 250,000 Poles.

October 14—German Field Marshall, Erwin Rommel, was forced to commit suicide because of suspicions that he was involved in the July 20th attempt to kill Adolph Hitler. The Germans announced that he died from war wounds.

October 30—The last murders by poisoned gas took place at the Nazis’ largest death camp, Auschwitz.

November 7—Franklin D. Roosevelt was elected to his fourth term as president, with Harry S. Truman as his vice-president.

1945

February 23—U. S. Marines raised the American flag on Iwo Jima, and the famous photo of the event was taken.

March 15—United States’ bombers completed two days of destructive raids on Osaka, Japan.

April 11—The Allies liberated their first Nazi concentration camp, Buchenwald, in Czechoslovakia.

April 12—Franklin D. Roosevelt died; Harry S. Truman took over the presidency.

April 18—One of America’s most celebrated and beloved war correspondents, Ernie Pyle, was killed by Japanese fire in the Ryukyu Islands.

April 28—Benito Mussolini was shot and killed by Italian partisans as he attempted to flee Italy.

May 1—Adolph Hitler committed suicide.

May 7—The unconditional surrender of all German forces to the Allies took place in Reims, France.

August 6—The atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima, Japan.

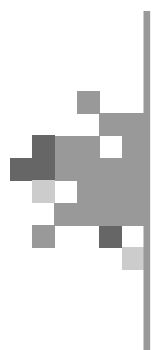
August 9—A second atomic bomb was dropped on Nagasaki, Japan.

August 15—V-J Day, which was the day that Japan surrendered.

November 20—Nazi leaders were put on trial in Nuremberg, Germany, for their war crimes.

SOURCE: Wagner, Margaret E. *World War II, 365 Days*. New York: Harry N. Abrams, Inc. 2009.





Scholarship News...

H . C . J O E H A R N E D

To Mr. Joe Harned and members:

My name is Phoenix Stratemeier and I'm a recipient of the 2016 HC Joe Harned Scholarship through the Turkeyfoot Historical Society. I grew up very poor and never had any intentions on going to college, but because of your help I decided that I would go. I'm currently a junior and I'm attending college at Pitt-Johnstown where I'm pursuing two bachelor's degrees in Business Management and Information Systems.

I had a very successful school year last year! I finished with a 4.0 GPA. I joined two clubs, the Business Club and the Commuter club. I took a huge interest in the Business Club because we spent a lot of time helping students build resumes, LinkedIn profiles, and we even organized and hosted our own internship/career fair. The internship fair was a huge success with 200+ students and 50+ employers showing up. I ran for an officer position for the Business Club and I was elected president. I made a lot of new connections with many diverse people.

This upcoming school year I'll be doing my best to maintain a 4.0 GPA and immerse myself in a lot of my core classes. I'll be taking Systems Analysis and Design, Database and Information Management, and Telecommunications. I already have completed two internships, but this year I'm going to be looking for a great internship at a much bigger company. I've heard a lot of people at Turkeyfoot say that they're somehow handicapped because they went to a small school, but that's not true at all. I'm going to continue dreaming big and continue working towards becoming the best version of myself that I can be.

Your accomplishments are an inspiration to me in my personal and professional life. I am very honored to have had the opportunity to receive a scholarship from you. Again, I could not thank you enough. I am extremely grateful to how much of an impact that you are able to have on my life, and the lives of many others. Without you, I never would have been able to make any of this happen.

With much appreciation,
Phoenix Stratemeier



Holly Groff was one of the very first students to receive a Historical Scholarship back in 2006. She continues to be a member of our society. She recently sent in her membership for this year. She has relocated over the years, presently living in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Thanks Holly for continuing to be a blessing to us with your membership.

Others who have kept up their memberships include: **Neil Bender, Maddie Bender, and William Conn.** (This list does not include those who are still in college.)



With Sympathy...

Martha Jane Holt, 97, of Confluence, passed away Monday, November 5, 2018 at her home with her loving husband by her side. She was born June 24, 1921 in Confluence, a daughter of Charles and Emily (Knight) Beggs. Her parents, daughter, Jo Ann Vent, sisters, Dorothy Beggs, Elayne Kemp, Helen Rainey and a brother, Walter Beggs preceded her in death. She is survived by her loving husband of 70 years, Joseph Holt, granddaughter, Jamie Atala and husband, Eric, Arlington, VA; great granddaughters, Emma and Morgan Atala; brother, Richard Beggs and wife, Patricia, Kutztown; son-in-law, Thomas Vent, Bedford and sister-in-law, Wilma Nicklow, Stoystown. Also, many nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews. Martha was a loving and caring wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend. She chose the profession of motherhood and showered all her family with lots of love and support. She enjoyed spending time with her family and friends and loved her hometown of Confluence. The family would like to especially thank Three Rivers Hospice and her special team of caregivers for the love and support they gave Martha and the entire family. Friends will be received from 2-4 and 6-8 PM Thursday at the Humbert Funeral Home in Confluence, where a service will be held at 11 AM Friday with Rev. Samuel McClintock officiating. Interment in Addison Cemetery. Martha was a charter member of the Turkeyfoot Valley Historical Society.

Mary Madeline (Matthews) Menozzi (dates of birth and death unknown)

Pumpkinfest Weekend – 2018

Thanks to the following who donated bake goods: Zoey Betker, Kathy Bender, Sharon McClintock, Dawn Walters, and Don Miller

Volunteer Helpers: Terry/Kathy Bender, Mona Tissue, Janice Fike, Caleb Butler, Phoenix Stratemeir, Conner Tressler, Kurt Miller, Howard Emerick, John/Sharon McClintock, Nellie/Ron Schaeffer

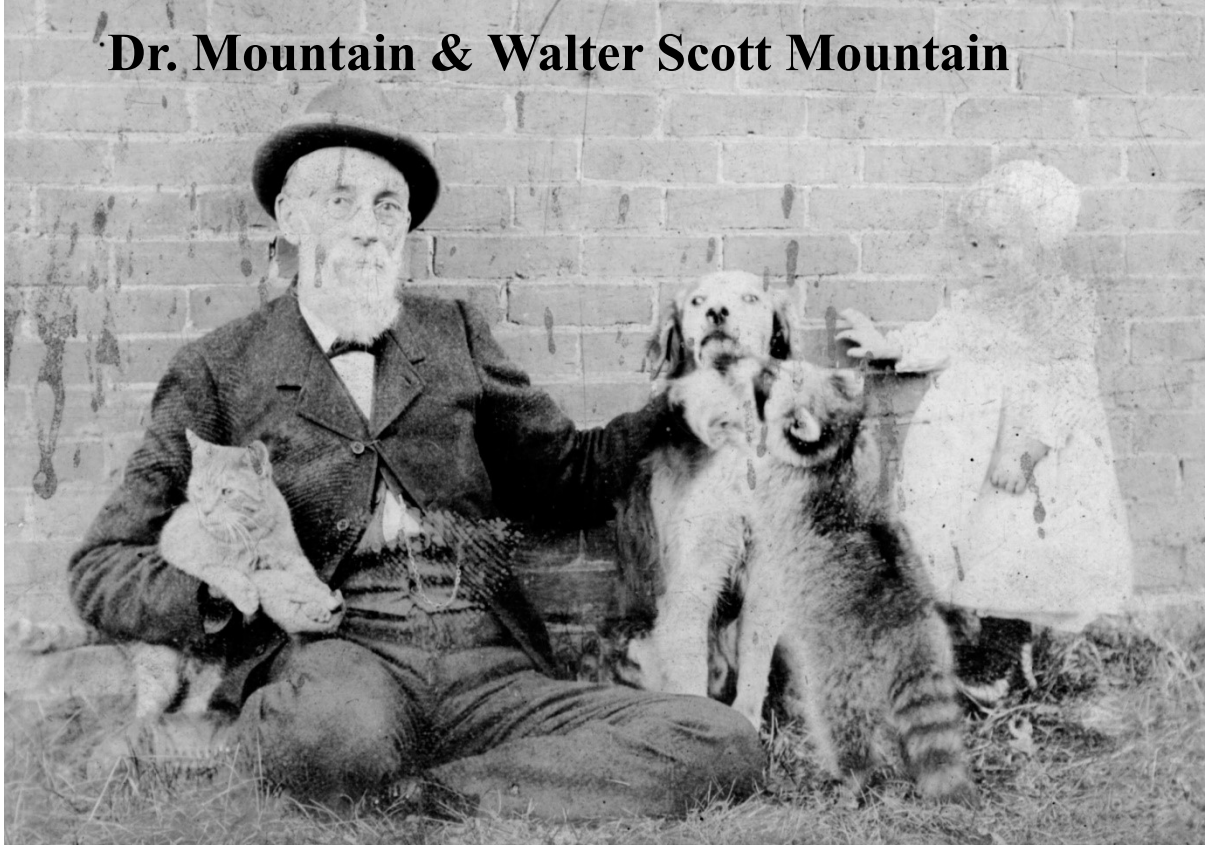
550 Visitors during the weekend.
(65 on Friday, 300 on Saturday, 185 on Sunday)

\$170.50 – From Bake Sale Donations
\$ 45.00 – From Donation Box
\$121.50 – Book & Other Items Sales (Including Sales Tax)



Men on stairs at Confluence Christian Church 1897

Dr. Mountain & Walter Scott Mountain



If anyone has additional information about either of these photographs or the one on page 5, please let us know. Thanks!



Old Maids Club 1910

Curators Corner...

Smoke'em if you got'em

Soon after the adoption of the K Ration, suggestions came that there should be more included than just food. One of the first things included were cigarettes. They were actually part of the GIs' rations, right alongside more obvious staples such as meat, vegetables, and starches.

Although Lucky Strike is the most famous brand, one of the most included brand in the K Ration appears to be Chesterfield. Many other brands were also used in the K Ration. Such brands were: Philip Morris, Camel, Chelsea, Raleigh, Fleetwood and Old Gold. The most popular brands found their way all over the world.

Early packs had a prewar designs with colorful printing, but soon the packs were made of brown paper or cardboard with dull, less conspicuous, designs. Some packs were a box with tuck-end design, or a tray fitted in a sleeve, or a paper wrapping in which the cigarettes were placed. All cigarette packs were overwrapped with cellophane.



http://www.kration.info/_Media/317th-inf-reg-bulge744-2.jpeg

The numbers of cigarettes in a package differed with army ration types. Two cigarettes packed together were included for a short while in early USAAF Parachute Rations. A package of three cigarettes were included in the B-units of the breakfast and dinner cans of the C Rations. Later three packages with 3 cigarettes each, or one package with nine cigarettes were included in the accessory kit issued with one complete set of C Rations. Four cigarettes are packed with the K Ration. The short lived Mountain Ration, Jungle Ration and the 5-in-1 Rations all used small packages containing five cigarettes each. The 10-in-1 Ration included packages with 10 cigarettes each. Packages of 20 cigarettes each were sold in US Army operated PX stores.

Despite the obvious hazards of smoking, cigarettes have been a staple of Army life since before World War I. The culture of wartime smoking became even more prominent during World War II. Cigarettes dangled ubiquitously from the lips of battle-weary Soldiers, of cartoon characters in "Stars & Stripes" like Bill Mauldin's Willy and Joe, and of American wounded laid out on stretchers in movie newsreels, newspapers, and "Life" magazine. Even President Roosevelt was frequently pictured smoking, the ever-present cigarette holder clamped firmly in his teeth. Meanwhile, Ike chain-smoked four packs daily, Churchill preferred cigars, and MacArthur drew on his corn-cob.

According to some sources, cigarette smoking jumped 75 percent in the United States from 1940 to 1945 with the average annual consumption hitting 3,500 cigarettes per person. Smoking in the services came under attack in the 1980s. Anti-smoking campaigns were ordered and by 1994 the Pentagon banned smoking in the workplace. By 2002 the Department of Defense (DOD) had fully implemented a 1997 executive order banning smoking in all government-owned, rented, and leased interior spaces.

Sources: Carl Zebrowski - America in WWII magazine, October 2007; <http://www.kration.info/cigarettes-and-matches.html>; <https://armyhistory.org/reflections-smoke-em-if-you-got-em/>

Thanks to Mona & Bryon Shissler for donating these unopened packs of WWII Chesterfield and Raleigh Cigarettes. These are some of the unique items which will appear in our joint We Can Do It! WWII exhibition at the Somerset Historical Center in 2019.



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

We've only come this far with all the help of our members through volunteer hours and donations. Our success is possible because of your generosity. A sincere thank you to you all!

Our monthly meetings and programs for 2018 are complete. We will see you again in the spring. Please plan to attend our first meeting of 2019 on Monday, March 18 at 6:30pm.

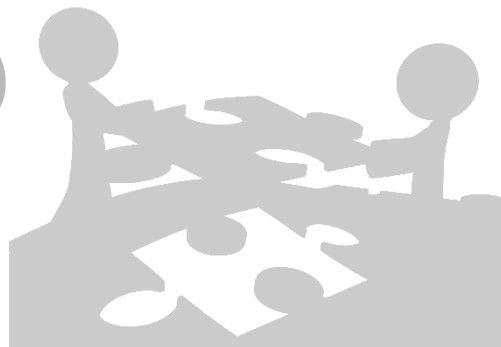


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