

In This Issue:

Like a child's Halloween tote, this October issue brims with goodies.

Lois Huffines, who takes office in November as president of our Historical Society, has found another historic film, this time on Lewisburg, shot in 1937. The film, on a 12-inch reel, has been processed and converted to a DVD and joins the Society's DVD *Mifflinburg in 1937* discovered two years ago. Her article in this issue discloses more about the origins of these two films, and contains many stills from the *Lewisburg in 1937* DVD. The holiday gifting season is approaching; the Society has them for sale at \$16 each.

Bonnie Stahl has acquired and donated to the Society a fine collection of historic elementary school class portraits from one-room schools of the county. These under-appreciated documents depict hundreds of our forebears as children, beaming at the camera, accompanied by their proud teachers. See who you can spot. Serendipity rules: **Beth Hackenberg** has written a personal account of her days as a first-grader at Buffalo Crossroads School, one of the one-room schools the Stahl article covers. So between these two articles we have a valuable look at schooling as experienced by many Union Countians in the mid-20th Century.

Our county's many cemeteries document the historical forces with which preceding generations contended. **Robert Dunkerly** shows us how the Civil War is recorded in the graves of those who fought on both sides, and those who actively supported the War effort from home. Rich stories of that perilous struggle, and the heroism, sacrifice, hopes and ended lives, abound here.

Our Pennsylvania "Deutsch" heritage of folklore is enriched by **Bruce Teeple's** exploration of the Boonastiel stories, first published by Thomas Harter as letters to the editor of newspapers in Middleburg and Bellefonte a century ago. Teeple also explores the vigorous anti-German public sentiment stimulated by World War I with which our Deutsch-speaking neighbors had to contend.

Architect and architectural historian **Christopher Macneal** publishes Part II of his definitive examination of the Barber family's legacy of fine homes in Union County and other parts of Pennsylvania, and how changing religious, economic and social forces are reflected in these structures. Macneal's discussion completes his task, begun in the Spring issue, and is illustrated with fine photographs and drawings.

And **Jeannette Lasansky** thinks about how our Sense of Place in Union County is sustained by the many enduring physical structures and places that frame our lives. She discusses the place of the many long-lived businesses, past and present, that served our area and that we and our families relied upon. As a special feature, she presents an appendix of the names and dates of County businesses going back to the early 19th Century. And **Richard Sauers** contributes a second appendix that does the same for Lewisburg. These two appendices will serve readers and historians as the authoritative source for when businesses and other County institutions, many now closed, operated.