

Mount Bethel Reflections

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From The Desk of the President

Our natural resources are very valuable to all of us and we read and hear frequently about how important it is to begin to realize that the supplies of these items are in limited numbers and we must begin to get serious about protecting and conserving what we have. When it becomes very evident is when these resources are taken away or temporarily suspended.

A case in point happened in mid March when the water supply of Columbia and Mountville Boroughs and the surrounding areas was suspended and threatened due to vandals trespassing and breaking into one of the million gallon storage tanks in the system. Fortunately testing showed no contamination and service was restored in about 30 hours.

Although this was just a short period of interruption, it caused much disruption, business closings and excessive work for many. It was a lesson to all how important these resources are and how necessary it is for them be conserved.

Here are some water facts:

- We drink very little of our drinking water. Less than 1 percent of water delivered by a utility is actually consumed. The rest goes on lawns, in washing machines and down the drains.
- Today there is as much water in the world as there was thousands of years ago. In fact, it's the same water.
- Almost 97% of the world's water is salty or undrinkable. Another 2% is located in ice caps and glaciers. That leaves just 1% for all humanity's needs – all it's agricultural, manufacturing, community and personal household needs.
- 37% of the 127 trillion gallons of fresh water withdrawn in the U.S. each year is used for irrigation.
- It takes 2,900 gallons of water to make one pair of jeans.
- It takes 1,847 gallons of water to produce one pound of beef.
- It takes 146 gallons of water to produce one egg.
- 400 gallons of water are used daily by an average U.S. household.
- It takes 4.25 gallons of water to flush a conventional toilet.
- It takes 1.6 gallons of water to flush a low-flow toilet.

You should know where your master water supply valve is located so that in an emergency, you know how to turn the water supply off to your entire house. Every home, apartment and business has a master valve. It is normally located where the supply enters the building. Check out the location of your valve – it can save you a lot of problems if something goes wrong.

Conservation applies to all utilities and natural resources. It's time we take "go green" seriously.

John F. Hinkle, Jr.

Mount Bethel Cemetery Co.

BUS TRIP-PHILADELPHIA-MAY 18TH, 2013

Join us for a tour of art and architecture in Philadelphia's national historic landmark, Laurel Hill Cemetery.

Tour includes a two course lunch at the prestigious WATER WORKS RESTAURANT and a tour of the historic FAIRMONT WATER WORKS established in 1815.

Bus departs from Columbia, 2nd & Locust Streets at 7:30 AM and returns before 5 PM. Cost is \$97 per person. For reservations and information, contact Jane Moore at (717) 684-0657. Deadline for reservations is April 30th.

The Fairmont Water Works is a "landmark" in many ways. It was named a National Historic Civil Engineering Landmark in 1975, a National Historic Landmark in 1976, and a National Historic Mechanical Engineering Landmark in 1977. It is also a significant landmark for environmental education in that it epitomizes the relationship between the demands of the natural world and the demands of urban development. Their stately buildings stand as a reminder of how much we depend on clean, safe water and what happens if we tip the balance and abuse our natural resources.

GRAVE STONES AND GRAVE MARKERS

Many of the graves of Mount Bethel have a variety of markers to identify final resting places. Popular markers of the 1700's were limestone because it was fairly easy to carve. Marble, which is re-crystallized limestone, was used as a replacement to the limestone in the early 1800's. However, as these were exposed to the weather, normal rain, which is slightly acidic, slowly eroded these stones. Many inscriptions carved during that time are now difficult to read.

Sandstone, slate, iron and wood were also used. Many of these too, had eroded over time. The Monumental Bronze Company used white cast zinc during 1874 and 1914 to create "white bronze" markers. The white bronze markers were one third the cost and marketed as more durable. These markers are difficult to distinguish in cemeteries because they blend in with the other stones. They show no signs of erosion.

Many of the stones or markers today are made of granite. Granite is a hard stone and requires a great deal of skill to carve. Bronze cast plates are used as well, and attached to a granite base, to create monuments in many cemeteries today. Mount Bethel has one "white bronze" monument in section F.



THE HISTORY OF FATHER'S DAY

There are believed to have been local movements toward the establishment of a day for the celebration of fathers in the United States as early as around the turn of the twentieth century. Despite these early movements, a woman from Spokane, Washington, named Sonora Louise Smart Dodd is generally credited with coming up with the idea for Father's Day during a Mother's Day celebration in 1909. A year later, Spokane celebrated its first Father's Day, and within several years, the holiday had gained sufficient traction for President Woodrow Wilson to participate in Spokane's 1916 Father's Day celebration via telegraph.

Within a decade, another president, Calvin Coolidge, would lend his support to Father's Day by calling for all the states to hold Father's Day celebrations in 1924. This high-profile interest notwithstanding, national acceptance of Father's Day was slow in coming. It would take World War II and more than forty more years before the holiday was first nationally recognized in 1966. That year, President Lyndon Johnson issued the first of a series of annual presidential proclamations recognizing Father's Day as a national day of observance. Finally, in 1972, congress formally recognized Father's Day as an official holiday and fixed the day of its observance as the third Sunday in June.

Source – *ELKS MAGAZINE*

FAMOUS FATHER QUOTES

"I am a soldier and take pride in that fact, but I am prouder, infinitely prouder, to be a father."

...Douglas MacArthur

"My father taught me to work; he did not teach me to love it."

...Abraham Lincoln

"I just owe almost everything to my own father...He brought me up to believe all the things that I believe."

...Margaret Thatcher

"It's only when you grow up...only then that you can measure his greatness and fully appreciate it."

...Margaret Truman Daniel

"My father used to play with my brother and me in the yard. Mother would come out and say, 'you're tearing up the grass.' We're not raising grass,' dad would reply, 'We're raising boys.'"

...Harmon Killebrew

Professional Baseball Player

FOURTH FRIDAYS IN COLUMBIA

Columbia will be featuring "Fourth Fridays in Columbia" for 2013 from 5 PM to 9 PM on the fourth Friday of each month.

On Friday, April 25th from 5-9 PM and continuing on Sunday, April 27th from 2-4 PM, the boards of the Columbia Library and Mount Bethel will present an art exhibit of the works of Gardiner C. Criswell, a native Columbian artist. The location will be the cemetery at 700 Locust St., in Columbia.

Mr. Criswell was a former teacher at McCaskey High School and Millersville State Teachers College. He was last employed as elementary art supervisor at the Eastern Joint Schools, York County. He attended Columbia public schools and was a graduate of Edinboro State Teachers College; studied at the College of Industrial Art, Philadelphia; New York University and the Sorbonne in Paris, France.

Mr. Criswell, who died in 1968, was noted in the county for his Christmas card renditions of old Columbia and for his paintings of Lancaster County. The Columbia Public Library, beneficiary of several of his paintings, is exhibiting some of them at the cottage within the cemetery confines. In 1960 he designed a Civil War centennial plaque and plate for the national recognition of the War Between the States.

One of his most unique paintings on display for this sesquicentennial year of the burning is of the ruins of the mile-long covered bridge between Columbia and Wrightsville. The bridge was torched on June 28th, 1863 during the Civil War to halt the advance of the Confederate Army into Lancaster County.

... "The ultimate test of moral society is the kind of world that it leaves to its children."

...Dietrich Bonhoeffer

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST BOARD MEMBER

Jane (McDivett) Moore has joined our Board of Directors. Jane is a native Columbian and presently resides in the borough with her husband Martin and two sons, Ryan and Jeffrey.

Jane received her education at Linden Hall in Lititz, Wesley College, Dover Delaware, Elizabethtown College and Millersville University. She taught in the Columbia Borough School District for 17 years and had additional work experience with the Hechinger Company and as a consultant for Longaberger Baskets.

Recently retired, Jane enjoys hobbies of needlepoint, gardening, cooking and spending time with her family. She has been a long time advocate and volunteer for Mount Bethel participating in all our events and offering her many talents and ideas. We are pleased to welcome Jane to our Board.



THANK YOU TO ALL OUR FAITHFUL DONORS

On behalf of the Board of Directors, we would like to thank all of you who have so faithfully supported us over the years with your time, talents and treasures. Without your support we would be hard pressed to keep the Mount Bethel flame burning and maintain it like the sacred landmark that it is. To all of you from all of us – thank you.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

In Life on the Mississippi, Mark Twain wrote of an old gentleman who "used to jot down brief paragraphs of plain practical information about the river and sign them 'Mark Twain', and give them to the New Orleans Picayune. They related to the stage and condition of the river and were accurate and valuable..." "I was a fresh new journalist, and needed a nom de guerre; so I confiscated the ancient mariner's discarded one."

"Mark Twain" is a nautical term indicating the depth of water. Mississippi paddleboats needed a depth of twelve feet, or two fathoms, to operate safely. When the boats entered shallow waters, a rope marked every three feet, with a lead weight at the end, was thrown overboard. At two fathoms, the measurer would cry "mark twain," meaning "mark two fathoms." Clemens's pen name was derived from this measurement. His birth name - Samuel Langhorne Clemens

Source - ELKS MAGAZINE

"Politics has got so expensive that it takes lots of money to even get beat with."

...Will Rogers 20th century humorist



OUR CHAMBER NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

The SVCC is growing in membership as is the traffic at the visitor's center at 445 Linden Street in Columbia. Although the offices are located in Columbia, the chamber represents the boroughs of Marietta and Wrightsville as well and provides information concerning Lancaster and York counties.

Volunteers are needed to answer phones and questions that visitors may have. Even if it's only for a few hours a week, SVCC would welcome your help. Interested? - call Kathleen Hohenadel, Executive Director or Heather Weaver, Assistant to the Director at (717) 684-5249 or Fax at (717) 684-5142.



COMING IN OCTOBER

"Graveyard Ghosts: Mount Bethel Cemetery From the Other Side." Guided tours. Events to be held the evenings of October 25th & 26th and

November 1st & 2nd, 2013. Tickets \$15.00. For more information call Charlene Bair, (717) 684-6196. Check our website: >www.Mt.BethelCemetery.com<



GET WELL WISHES

To our Superintendent Ron Mable and his wife Barb, who both had illness setbacks during their annual winter visit to Florida while working with Habitat for Humanity. Fortunately they are back home and recovering and hopefully both will be back in the Mount Bethel fold before too long. We all wish them well.

DID YOU KNOW?

Abraham Lincoln was not the only speaker that day in Gettysburg. He wasn't even the main speaker. Edward Everett, a politician, educator and supporter of the Union cause, was the keynote speaker.

Everett's speech, which preceded Lincoln's address, lasted two hours. Yet no one remembered it. After, he famously wrote the following to the President: "I should be glad, if I came as near to the central idea of the occasion, in two hours, as you did in two minutes."

Even though Everett's words were eclipsed by Lincoln's few sentences (272 words), even Everett realized the worth of the President's speech.

Source - AAA World July / Aug 2010

...It is easy to take liberty for granted, when you have never had it taken from you.M. Grundler

COTTAGE AVAILABLE FOR MEETINGS

Our cottage on the premises of the cemetery is available for small groups to meet. The address is 700 Locust St. in Columbia. For more information call Dave Rupp (717-684-5159) or John Hinkle (717-684-2551)

WHEN AND WHERE WAS MILK FIRST SOLD IN BOTTLES

Milk was first sold in bottles in 1879 when Echo Farms Dairy began to deliver them in Brooklyn, New York.

LEAVE A LEGACY

While bequests to family and close friends will almost always be the predominate gift giving through an estate, many people also plan to leave a portion to an organization or cause for which they are closely associated or hold in great esteem. Maybe you would consider Mount Bethel Cemetery when planning this important legal document and provide a bequest to the cemetery so that we can meet the many challenges that lie in the many years ahead.

UPDATED NUMBERS ON VETERAN BURIALS

After much research and work on the part of some of our Board members, we have been able to expand our numbers of veterans buried in Mount Bethel. The breakdown of burial numbers according to wars is as follows:

Civil War	-	436
Spanish-American War	-	56
World War II	-	54
World War I	-	38
Revolutionary War	-	7
Korean War	-	6
War of 1812	-	5
Vietnam War	-	1
Mexican War	-	1



SYMBOLS IN A CEMETERY

While walking through a cemetery, old and new alike, the gravestones are often adorned with symbols as well as the name of the deceased. The symbols are not just a random selection of pretty artwork. Some are simple statements of ones lives, while others proclaim a belief in life after death. Listed below are some of the symbols commonly used and what they mean.

Anchor	The anchor represents a steadfast hope. There is life after death.
Arch	We are separated from our loved ones now, but we will spend eternity together in heaven.
Birds	Birds represent the soul.
Cherub	A cherub represents divine wisdom.
Broken Column	A life cut short.
Conch Shell	The wisdom of a wise man.
The Cross, the Anchor & the Bible	The trial, the victory and the reward.
Crown	Eternal reward and glory.
Dove	Holy Spirit, purity and love.
Evergreen	Eternal Life.
Garland	Christ was victorious over death.
Ivy	Faithfulness
Lamb	Innocence
Laurel	Victory
Lily	The resurrection
Olive Branch	Peace and Forgiveness
Palms	Victory over Death
Peacock	Eternal life
Skeleton	Life is short
Star of David	God
Snake in a Circle	Everlasting Life
Crossed Swords	Lost in Battle
Torch	Eternal Life
Triangle	The Trinity
Weeping Willow	Grief

... "The trouble with weather forecasting is that it's right too often for us to ignore it and wrong too often for us to rely on it." ...Patrick Young - Seven Mile Times

COLUMBIA'S NEAR MISS AS CAPITAL OF THE U.S.

If you've been around Columbia long enough, you will hear a variety of stories of how many votes Columbia was short in being named the capital of the U.S. in 1790. Sometimes you hear one vote, two votes or three votes.

Here's what actually happened from The Scribbler and it's author Jack Brubaker, Lancaster Intell.

The village of Wright's Ferry formally was renamed Columbia when it was laid out as a town in 1788. The plan was to influence Congress, then sit-

ting in New York City, to name the town on the east bank of the Susquehanna River as the new national capital.

A resolution to that effect was introduced in the House of Representatives in 1789. But then the House amended the resolution to permit a capital on either bank of the Susquehanna (at Columbia or Wrightsville).

That resolution passed by a vote of 26 to 25. There's your one vote.

But then the Senate got the bill and struck out all references to the Susquehanna and either of its banks. The Senate decided that the capital should be built at Washington on the Potomac.

The House agreed with this Senate amendment.

Then, on July 9, 1790, the Senate voted 32 to 29 to pass the bill locating the seat of government in Washington. There's your three votes.

A lot of horse trading was going on during this time. Alexander Hamilton wanted a favorite bill passed. Southern states wanted the capital moved closer to them. And so we wound up with a capital in a swamp.

Some Columbians no doubt were distressed at the time, but Lancaster County is better off without a Washington on the Susquehanna.

Just imagine what Lancaster County would look like today if Columbia were the capital.

You could kiss goodbye to much of the county's farmland for one thing and, maybe, relocate Georgetown University at Marietta.

The slogan at the bottom of your license plates would read "Taxation without Representation."

Source: Lancaster Intell

... "Always go to other people's funerals, otherwise they won't come to yours." ...Yogi Berra

2013 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Nov. 1 st & 2 nd	NAWCC Museum Family Sleepover - 7 pm to 8 am. (717) 684-8261 ext 237.
Nov. 2 nd	5 th Annual MAG Memorial 5K Fall Flash. Rt. 462 Bridge - 7:30 am
Nov. 12 th	NAWCC Museum Annual Home School Day - 10AM to 3PM (717) 684-8261 ext 237
Dec. Weekends	Ice Cream w/Santa at T.H.E. www.TurkeyHillExperience.com
Dec. 1 st	48 th Annual Marietta Candlelight Tour of Homes (717) 426-4048 Community Celebration & Tree of Remembrance - Constitution Square, Wrightsville
Dec. 14 th	Children's Holiday Tea Time NAWCC Museum 11 AM & 1:30 PM (717) 684-8261 ext 237 3 rd Annual Maytown Winter Festival Outdoor Event in Maytown Historic Center Square 10 AM to 4 PM
Dec. 27 th	4 th Friday in Columbia
Dec. 31 st	3 rd Annual Family Fun New Year's Eve Celebration at T.H.E. - 4 to 6 pm FREE