

Saturday night - Feb. 7, 2009 1-1/2 hours - Received an 'out of area' phone call. Was asked if this is Madelyn Shermeyer-I asked-who's calling-he said, this is George Miller-I graduated from Dover H.S. in 1940.

George Miller called (his daughter lives in Gibsonia, PA) sent him a copy of our March, 2008 newsletter. He thought it was terrific. Has a son living in Kentucky. He said, they aren't interested in all the 'clippings', and all the info he has on the class of 1940. I told him to send them to me and I will see that our Asst. Archivist gets them.

George graduated from Dover H.S. in 1940-27 in his graduating class-18 boys and 9 girls.

Names: Carrie Shellenberger

Betty Cook - Didn't graduate-moved

Sarah Deardorff

Janet Gross

Sara Ketterman (moved to Oregon)

Phyllis Kimmel

Dorothy Quickel

Betty Spangler

Mae Wintermyer

Boys: Geo Bechler - goalie in soccer

Clayton Crawford

John Henry

Herb Hershey (American Chain Co.)He opened a co. in Mass-made rigs
for towing cars.

Bill Hess

Stewart Crone

Bob Lentz

Bob Moul

George Miller

Carl Rauhauser

Ralph Rentzel

Clair Schlosser

Bernard Spahr (Spahr that burned -fire on Davidsburg Rd.)

Eugene Stump

Amos Barner

Eugene Wire

Clair Gross (Gross' construction)

Kenneth Wilt (Surgeon)Flew the big 4 engine bombers and the B26's.

Woody Swartzbaugh

Mr. Miller was born in 1922 in a house across from the Fire Co. On West Canal Street. They were living with his grandmother at that time. Later moved to Weigelstown-went to Weigelstown School -5-6-7-8 grades. A brick school. Spang Myers was the teacher. Mr. Myers lived in a brick building next to the school. The kids would take a short cut through the fields somewhere around Hilton Ave. To get to the school. He received a Certificate from the

Commonwealth of PA for 10 yrs. Of perfect attendance.

The Class of 1940 published the very first NEWSLETTER, he said they had the First Year Book?(Memoscope)

Stories: Soooooo many I'm not sure I got them all but I think I did because I'd stop him speaking-told him I was taking notes. BUT-sometimes when I stopped him he would lose his train of thought and then I'd have to tell him what he was talking about. I learned not to stop him and just tried to put in all together after ward.

His Dad bought a house on Hilton Ave. And he moved the house so the Gross Bros. Could build a basement for the house.

When he lived in Weigelstown he got a paper route-he got the route when he was 10 years old and kept it for 10 years? He started with 16 customers and increased his customer base to twice that amount? He only missed two times in delivering the newspaper (The Gazette & Daily) The newspapers were brought from York on the Trolley (this would have been 1932)?

He has two sisters (Ruth (Miller) Lehr), and Pauline (Miller) Rhinehart (he thinks that's the correct spelling.

George joined the Marines I believe in 1942. He was in Guam. Met Woody Swartzbaugh on the same base but in a different area but in the same convoy? He spoke of Bob Moul being in the Marines-anti-aircraft. I think he said they joined in 1942. (I know Bob wasn't in the war immediately because he was still around before my Dad was drafted.) George contracted dengue fever.

George attended Penn State -don't know if he graduated.

Stories: Clair Gross owned a LaSalle which was a huge automobile. 6/7 kids would pile into this car and Clair would take them to school. He said, Clair was so short that he could barely see over the steering wheel. One time they were making the turn to get on W.Canal St. And a resident yelled there's no one behind the wheel of that car.

I could not keep up with 'all the war stories' but according to what I understand he has all of this either written down or documented with 'clippings.'

George lives in East Aurora, New York (in the country).

He has visited our GDHS web site (not sure if his daughter helped him) he didn't say he has a computer. He thought the info on our web site was "absolutely fantastic." So much he remembered. He mentioned the blacksmith shop. He said, he was so pleased that a group of people would take the time and effort to start an Historical Society in Dover. I told him, Ron Botterbusch & Dr. Drawbaugh deserve the credit for getting it started.