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A tradition at the Shenandoah County Fair in the 1940s and '50s was the annual invitation extended to community leaders. This photo was taken on one such occasion. Among those gathered in the grandstand to watch harness racing on that day were (third from left) C. Glenn Wilkins, Warren B. French Sr. (talking to E.E. Golladay in front of him) and Russell Coffman (second from right). Older residents of the community will be able to identify others. If identities are provided they will be published next week.

Pages from newspapers past

June 24, 1897

8/25/05

Samuel Dellinger and George Spitler, the two young fellows who were

tried last month and sentenced to six months in jail for mistreating an old woman near Orkney Springs, made their escape Monday morning...they were taken out to pick cherries near town and as no one was with them, they struck out for freedom and nothing has been heard of them since.

July 2, 1897

Alonzaville Items. Mr. David Swartz recently purchased the homestead of the late Joseph Lentz...Mr. Samuel Hepner has been running an accommodation wagon from his place to Woodstock. He has to drive very slowly on account of being overloaded. His rules for going up a hill are as follows: First class passengers keep your seats, second class passengers get out and walk, third class passengers get out and push.

July 16, 1897

Baseball. Strasburg vs. Woodstock. Lineup: Woodstock, Cronon, 2nd base, Gale LF, Artz SS, Mearle 3rd base, Laughlin catcher, Warren 1st base, Stickley CF, Cease RF, Latimer pitcher; Strasburg, Cunningham 2nd base, Crabill SS, Nugent LF, Fowler 3rd base, Shoemaker CF, Balthis RF, Balthis catcher, Shacklett 1st base, Bernard pitcher. Won by Woodstock 1-0.

Died. Isaac Milton Hollingsworth near Woodstock Saturday morning, aged 77 years.

Ephraim Bowman at Hamburg

Wednesday, aged 84 years.

Mrs. Ellen F., wife of Capt. Samuel H. Bowman, aged 53 years July 8th.

Mrs. Barbara Schmitt, wife of Mr. B. Schmitt in Woodstock July 2.

New Post Master. M. M. Campbell was appointed post master at Lantz's Mill and W. A. Borden at Harrisville.

July 22, 1897

Died. Mr. Daniel Mowery July 14th aged 77 years.

"Aunt Liza" Taylor at her home in New Market July 21, her age being given by some at 86, and others at 90 years. She was married several times, her last husband being Henry Taylor, who died here about twenty-two years ago, and leaves three children: Sarah Jane Jasper in Rockingham county, Amanda Jones in this place, and Catharine Willis in Philadelphia. Aunt Eliza belonged to the Graves estate in Madison county, and was then sold to Mr. Harvey Strickler, now deceased, in Page county, where she lived for some time; and then to a man in Richmond. Being badly treated, she ran away and walked to Linville, Va., where she stayed until after the war, when she moved to New Market, and lived with Miss Harriet Littell for a number of years. She accumulated some property—a house and lot of her own.

St. Luke News. Mr. William Peters from near Mt. Jackson, and Messrs. Abraham & Noah Zirkle of near New Market were here for the funeral of their cousin, Mr. Mowery.

Conicville News. The sad news of the death of Mr. Frank Kagey reached our

village last evening. His wife is also very low with the same disease, typhoid fever. Mr. Kagey was the son-in-law of Mr. I. D. Good...Some one came to stay the Mr. C. F. Dellinger's a few days ago. It is a little girl and a welcome guest...Mr. P. C. Dellinger, one of our oldest citizens, is very low, and not expected to last much longer.

July 30, 1897

A Fatal Shot. A startling tragedy occurred at the residence of Mr. Daniel E. Stickley in Strasburg Wednesday. Mrs. Sallie H. Kramer, a beautiful and charming young widow, who was visiting at Mr. Stickley's, either intentionally or by accident, shot herself and died at 11 a.m. She was the daughter of Mrs. Ann Hupp.

(Adv.) Dissolution Notice. The firm of Smootz and Grove, dealers in general merchandise, Fisher's Hill, have this day dissolved partnership by mutual consent. John D. Grove will continue the business. July 21, 1897. W. D. Smoots, John D. Grove.

Died. George Strother, colored, at his home in New Market, July 27. He leaves a widow, one son and two daughters. His daughters, Mrs. Sarah Johnson and Mrs. Noble Johnson, both of Oil City, Pa., attended the funeral. He and his family moved to New Market from the Williamson homestead several weeks after the surrender, where he has ever since resided. The deceased was formerly owned by the late Daniel Zirkle, but at the abolition of slavery was the property of the Soxman estate, and was popularly known as George Soxman.