

Photo courtesy of Francis Artz

When this Southern Railroad passenger train stopped at Toms Brook, it was greeted by a cornet band, children and most of the townsfolk. The sign reads 67 miles to Manassas and 44.3 miles to Harrisonburg. If it was the beginning of passenger service it wouldn't last long. Service to Shenandoah County towns was discontinued after World War II. The photo appeared on a postcard circulated at that time.

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Sept. 6, 1882

Sarah Catherine Haun, wife of Joseph Haun, was born June 23, 1856 and died Aug 18th, aged 26 years 1 month and 25 days. She was a member of the German Baptist Church

Married. On Aug. 31st by Rev. B. Carnahan near Mt. Clifton, Mr. Jackson Funkhouser and Miss Mary E. Hepner, both of Shenandoah County.

Removal. W. D. Peachy, Esq., who married Miss Lelia Meem of this county, recently sold his farm at Rude's Hill and will, with his wife and six children, move from here probably to Texas.

Sept. 15, 1882

To Texas. Mr. Jos. W. Newland, wife and four children, accompanied by his wife's brother and sister, Mr. Charles and Miss Sallie Maphis, Mt. Jackson, started for Waco, Texas on Monday. Winton Huddle of this county and Jacob Moyers of Linville accompanied them.

Married. On the 7th inst. at Edinburg by Rev. H. Tallhelm, Mr. Theodore Mauck and Miss Virginia Helsley, all of this county.

Sept. 20, 1882

County Court Proceedings. Ann Maria Henkel was chosen as guardian for Martha, H. E., Gertrude, Julia K. and Ann Maria Henkel, orphans of S. P. C. Henkel.

Margaret C. Hamman appointed guardian of Rachael Ann Hamman, orphan of Jacob Hamman, dec'd.

Whortleberries. During the present season, Rev. Geo. Woods and family, living several miles Northeast of New Market, gathered 362 gallons of whortleberries. This looks like a large number for one family to gather, and indicates much industry.

New Market Press. A day or two ago, our devil brought into our office a thirty two page pamphlet in good state of preservation, bearing the title: "The Peasant's Repast or, the Benevolent Physician, New Market: Printed by Ambrose Henkel and Company, Shenandoah Co., Va., 1811." It is well illustrated by cuts made by the printer.

Our devil says Mrs. Bushong, widow of the late Jacob Bushong, residing about one and a half miles from this place, aged 85 years, gave him the pamphlet, and said her people took Der Virginische Volksberichter und Newmarketer Wochenschrift, commenced in 1806, and published by the said A. Henkel, and that her family have continued ever since, to take every paper published in this place. (Shenandoah Valley, New Market).

The new school house for the colored children in Woodstock is now under way and will be completed in time for the winter's school.

Dr. Arthur Belew of Edinburg is very ill at this time from typhoid fever. His condition is regarded as extremely critical.

Gold! Gold! Three dollars and seventy five cents (\$3.75) paid in gold per 1000 for confederate coupon bonds. Call to see me at once at my office in Burner Building, Woodstock.

Dr. T. F. Locke, dentist, will be in Edinburg tomorrow and remain two days. His rooms are at the Murray House.

Married. Near Edinburg by Rev. W. Hicks, Aug. 29th, Mr. Chas. S. Gay of Missouri to Miss Maggie A. Sibert of Shenandoah County.

Died. Isaac Henry Ritter was born Dec. 18, 1818 and died in Edinburg Sept. 13, 1882,a aged 63 years 8 months and 25 days.

At his residence near Mt. Olive in the 64th year of his age, Mr. Jacob Hamman.

Sept. 29, 1882

Leased. Saml. P. Lonas, Rinkerton has recently leased the Rinkerton Mills in connection with the store-house. Wm. Clanahan, an experienced miller, will have charge of it.

Died. On the 27th of Aug. in Sherman County, Nebraska, Allie Abigail, infant daughter of Samuel H. and Lizzie A. Bowman, aged one month.

Barbara, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Ryman, at Moore's Store, Sept. 21, aged 19 days.

Mrs. Moore, widow of the late Charles Moore at Orkney Springs Sept. 26.

Father Wm. Funkhouser at Mt Hebron Sept. 16th, aged 79 years.

In Woodstock on the 13th inst. Mrs. Saphronia Parker, wife of Mr. Arch. Parker.

(Adv.) Both Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and Blood Purifier are prepared at 233 Western Ave., Lyon, Mass. Price of either \$1. Sent by mail in the form of pills or of lozenges. Mrs. Pinkham freely answers all letters of inquiry.

The little boys had their own fun last Saturday. A flutter of excitement was caused early in the day by the report that a tame bear and four Indians were coming up the pike. They started off to meet the party, which they found after walking four miles. Without dinner they patiently accompanied the bear, the two men, two women and a very small baby, a well-loaded pony, reaching town about 2 p.m. The principal feature, however, was persistent begging in which all, except the baby and pony took part. They claim to be Turks. They remained until Sunday, encamped on the Commons.

The cases of the administrators of Wm. A. Wightman, dec'd. and of Charles Noel and Reuben Hamman, dec'd., against the B & O Railroad Co. were compromised The company agreed to pay \$17,116 to be divided among the claimants in proportion to the verdicts recovered. These are the last of the cases growing out of the Narrow Passage Bridge disaster, which occurred on the morning of March 6, 1876.

Married. On the 17th by Elder E. B. Shaver, Jos. Reedy to Miss Elizabeth Ridenour, both of this county.