



Photo courtesy of Alma Hottel

Shortly after World War II, Woodstock became the first community west of the Blue Ridge Mountain to have Mercury Vapor lighting on its Main Street. The picture at the top was taken before the new lighting was installed and the one below after the installation. The engineer in charge of the project was E.B. Hurst, who was assigned to Woodstock as a new territory by the Virginia Electric and Power Co. Mr. Hurst also oversaw the installation of new fluorescent lighting in the Woodstock Elementary School and the Woodstock High School. Those projects were completed in 1951. Mr. Hurst died in January and his collection of photographs and writings connected with the local electrical projects were donated to the Woodstock Chamber of Commerce.

Pages from newspapers past

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The Quicksburg correspondent for the Shenandoah Press says on Saturday last whilst Miss Ella Kippe, who lives at Mr. John D. Olinger's near here, was in the woods hunting turkey nests, she found a saber in the scabbard, also belt and holster. They were lying under an old pine log and had evidently been hid there during the late war.

Toms Brook Items. Our friend, Joel S. Borden, is still increasing his business. He is now able to take a load of scrubby pine, scarcely fit for firewood, and ten minutes from the time it strikes his most wonderful of saws, it is a complete pine barrel...in the near future he expects to pay out for labor \$150 a week.

Edinburg News. It will be welcome news to those who are often obliged to cross the river at Mr. John Burke's, better known as the old Pitman place, opposite town, and at Mr. Clinedinst's east of town, on the fort road, that boats have been placed at those points. That by means of a wire cable and line can be drawn from either bank to the opposite side by anyone wanting to cross. When you now go to the river and find the boats on the other side, which is generally the case, you won't have to wait, but take hold of the cord and pull the boat to your side...devised by Mr. Ed. Grandstaff.

Mr. Frank Coffelt of Fairview has found some interesting Indian relics on his farm recently. Among them are two stone hatchets that were neatly and smoothly worked out of a hard stone with a groove around it near the pole or large end, evidently for the purpose of tying on a handle. He also found a lump of clear, hard quartz rock that looks as if it had been formed by a worm, the

thickness of a lead pencil and several feet long, with hundreds of slender legs that had been coiled up into a ball and petrified in that position.

A Serious Affray. A difficulty occurred on Cedar Creek Friday last week between Frank Wymer and Uriah Brill, in which the latter was dangerously injured. It seems as if the two men had had a previous difficulty over some bark, and meeting in the road, the trouble was renewed...Brill dismounted and Wymer struck him over the head with a fence stake, fracturing his skull...Wymer, who is a young man, was arrested and sent to jail.

May 20, 1892

Summer School. Prof. J. Monroe Hottel expects to teach a summer school at Green Hill schoolhouse about five miles southwest of Woodstock. The school will begin soon after harvest, and continue two months or longer.

Married. On May 12 at Headquarters by Rev. H. Tallhelm, Mr. Geo. W. Baker and Miss Lina C. Fadley.

On the same day by the same, Mr. Arthur B. Sherman and Miss Annie B. Coffman.

Near Zepp on May 15 by Rev. D. H. Rhodes, Mr. Geo. W. Weaver and Miss Matilda E. Orndorff.

On May 18 in Edinburg by Rev. H. Tallhelm, Mr. Jacob K. Drummond and Miss Rebecca S. Litten, both of near Cabin Hill.

Died. Mr. John A. Coffman May 13, aged 66 years.

Mr. David Bowers Jan. 22nd, aged 78 years.

County Court Proceedings. Ida V. Myers was appointed and qualified as guardian of J. Luther, Jno. F., G. Albert, A. Guy and Annie Myers, orphans of A. L. Myers, dec'd.

Capt. Jacob A. Mohler, who has been spending some time in his old home in

Shenandoah County, will leave for his Texas home on Monday. He will take with him his life companion, Miss Belia Saum of Edinburg, to whom he was married on Wednesday.

Mr. Samuel M. Feller, formerly of Toms Brook but a resident of Strasburg, died Saturday evening of typhoid fever. He was only 28 years of age, and he leaves a widow, formerly Miss Sonner, and an infant child. At the time of his death, his wife was lying in an adjoining chamber critically ill with the same disease.

May 27, 1892

Died. Noah Kibler May 4, aged 61 years.

Green Hill News. There is quite a boom at Higgins Crossing in Bedford. Charles Norcross is rebuilding and remodeling his house. Jos. Lambert has much improved his dwelling by the erection of a new porch and veranda. Mr. Sel. Mumaw will move his steam saw mill to this point and have it in operation in a few days.

We learn that a very serious, and what is likely to prove a fatal accident, occurred last week near Alum Springs. A son of Mr. Samuel Baker, aged about 15 years, was engaged at work upon a steam saw mill, when a piece of timber was caught by the saw and thrown against his head with such violence as to badly fracture and crush the skull, causing some of the brain to escape. Recovery is considered hopeless.

June 3, 1892

From Shenandoah Valley. Mr. Henry Gander died at his residence near the White House on the Shenandoah River Page County May 29, aged 85 years. He was the man who taught the late renowned scholarly Prof. Joseph Salyards, the English alphabet when he was a small boy.