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When residents of the Plains District of Rockingham County wanted to trade horses in the late 1800s and early 1900s they went to Timberville on Friday to do it. New Market's horse trading day was Saturday and Harrisonburg's was Monday.

Pages from newspapers past

Nov. 26, 1896 7/1/05

Married. Near Quicksburg

Nov. 19, Mr. Cornelius F.

Cutchin of Isle of Wight County, Va., and Miss Eva I. B. Clem of Shenandoah County.

Nov. 19 near Forestville by Rev. J. P. Stirewalt, Mr. Jeremiah Bowman and Miss Anna C. Pence.

Mr. George H. Shipe and Miss Alice Gochenour by Rev. H. R. Mowery Nov. 19th.

Died. Mrs. Sarah A. McInturff of near Dilbeck was buried last Saturday. She was 63 years old.

Mr. Joel Moreland and son George left for Texas, where they expect to make their home.

Roll of Honor. Lebanon School. Jesse Bly, Willie Rusmisselle, Julia Mowery, Ernie Mowery, Nelie Locklin, Laura Ritenour, Charles Bly, Walter Myers, Willie Little, Luther Rudolph, Gilbert Bowman, Verne Wilkins, Dasy Locklin, Mary Hockman, Katie Miller, James Warner, Virgie Feely, Lula Bowman, Fannie Funkhouser, Valley Funkhouser, Mary Effie Mowery, Elsie Wilkins, Myrtle Wilkins, Annie Lindamood, Emma Stickley, Roy Whetzel, Lislie Rusmisselle, Frank Campbell, John Miller and Stage Hite. C. M. Grabill, Teacher.

Dec. 4, 1896

Needmore Items. We are sorry to say that Mr. Daniel O. Bowman died on last Thursday from injuries inflicted by a horse...Miss Maggie McInturff has been unable because of illness to teach her school for the past week. She is the teacher of the school at Hoover's River Bend School House...On last Saturday night Mr. Samuel Hottel had a corn shucking which was the first in this section and I guess will be the last on account of the flood which swept the splendid corn crops out of the river bottoms.

Dec. 11, 1896

Capt. S. H. Bowman has purchased the old school building situated on the corner of Court and Muhlenberg streets in Woodstock for \$1,160. He proposes to convert this building into a business house. Court street is looking up and will soon rival Main street as the business portion of the town. It has now one furniture factory, one drug store, two restaurants, one hardware store, one jeweler, and book store, one meat store, two barber shops, Treasurer's office, County Clerk's office, one lawyer's office, one dentist's office, one harness factory and store, one furniture and notion store, two public halls and the hall of the Masons, Odd Fellows and Junior Order of United American Mechanics, one cigar factory, one agricultural implement store, and the office of the Shenandoah Herald. This street runs from the railroad station across Main street to Water street. French's steam roller mill is only a few feet from the eastern terminus of this street.

Mr. Ed. Rinker and wife of Indian Territory are visiting his sister, Mrs. Abe Smootz. Mr. Rinker is a native of Woodstock, having left here about seventeen years ago.

Jerome News. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Merkley of Liberty Furnace will leave for Texas in a few days...a telephone line is being put up between here and Conicville

Dec. 18, 1896

Died. Mr. Amos Hollar, a deaf mute native of this county, at his residence in Staunton Sunday night. He was born at Lantz's Mill Feb. 2nd, 1844, and his remains were brought to Union Forge for interment.

Mrs. Bettie S. Harpine four miles west of New Market Dec. 12, aged 26 years. She was the wife of Jacob M. Harpine.

Mary S. Funkhouser was born in Shenandoah County May 8, 1842 and died at Crawfordville (Ind.) Nov. 28, aged

54 years. She married Sept. 12, 1897 J. O. Collings. From Rockland Tribune, Rockland, Indiana.

Mr. William Hockman Jr. formerly of Edinburg, but recently of Covington, died last Friday.

Mr. Siram P. Rupert in Mt. Clifton Dec. 21, aged 61 years. He was married to Miss Levina Fry and five children are living.

Mr. George Callahan, of Edinburg, died last week. He leaves a wife and one son.

Mob Law. An Unsuccessful Effort to Lynch Weatherholtz. Elmer Weatherholtz was undergoing trial in our county court upon the charge of assault with intent to kill Mrs. Biller, his mother-in-law...On Saturday morning about 10 o'clock there was a knock at the jail door, to which Mr. Wenger, the jailer, answered...Mr. W. opened the door and found a number of masked men before him and six pistols thrust into his face...he explained to them that Weatherholtz...had been removed...they quietly examined the jail and retired...sheriff Wightman had removed Weatherholtz from the jail to the clerk's office because he suspected that there might be an effort to take him...

Mr. John Clinedinst, near Edinburg, was severely cut on last Friday night. It is charged that the cutting was done by Mr. Elijah Looker. The difficulty occurred at a raffling match at Joseph Rush's and arose in a dispute about three cents change. Mr. Clinedinst's injuries are reported to be very serious.

Married. Dec. 20 in New Market by Rev. J. P. Stirewalt, Mr. Leonidas M. Hockman and Miss Annie E. Foltz, both of near Rinkerton.

Large Porker. Mr. Joseph D. Tissinger, now living on Stony Creek (owning the Lantz Mill property) killed a hog last week three years and seven months old, which weighed net 839 1/4 pounds. Who can do better?