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This photo of the Toms Brook School was taken sometime near the turn of the 20th Century, well before the community's latest and last school was built.

Pages from newspapers past

Dec. 26, 1895 4/28/05

Died. Mr. Noah Swartz of Saumsville Thursday night.

NOTICE. Notice is hereby given that on the 16th day of December 1895 for violation of Internal Revenue Law, I seized near Fishers Hill Va. Five packages of Apple Brandy and two apple stills. Any persons claiming said property is hereby notified to appear at my office in Front Royal, Va., within thirty days after the first publication of this notice and establish their claim to same. M.M. Johnson, Deputy Collector, 2d Div. 6th Dis. Va.

Same as above, at St. Luke seven packages of apple brandy and two copper still and caps...

Same as above, at Alonzaville seven packages of apple brandy and one copper still and cap...

Same as above, at Fisher's Hill, eight packets of apple brandy and two caps...

Same as above, at Zepp, two packets of brandy and one copper still and cap...

Same as above, at St. Luke, four packages of apple brandy and two copper stills and one cap...

Same as above, at Headquarters, one package of apple brandy and two copper stills and caps...

Edinburg. A very destructive fire broke out in Mr. E. M. Clem's store on last Saturday morning at 2 o'clock and burned to the ground the following buildings on Main street: Mr. Charles Ruby's dwelling; E. M. Clem's store, under which was the Edinburg Sentinel newspaper office, owned by E. L. Hisey, the residences of R. W. Burke, J. J. Stoneburner, G. J. Zimmerman, Mrs. Julia Wightman and Hotel Murray. On Piccadilly Street, Painter & Reeser's livery stable, Murray's livery stable and the shoemaker shop of R. H. R. Stoneburner. The loss has been estimated at \$35,000. By cutting down the barber shop of C. W. Jennings, the lower end of town was saved.

Jan. 2, 1896

Married. Near Powder Springs on Christmas day, Mr. William Ryman and Miss Ida B. Funkhouser.

Dec. 24 in New Market by Rev. J. P. Stirewalt, Mr. William G. Halterman of Shenandoah County and Miss Annie M. Bowman of Rockingham.

Mr. Hugh Spiker and Miss Hester D. Maphis on Dec. 25 by Rev. D. H. Rhodes.

Mr. Alvah S. Eason and Miss Julia Etta Orndorff on Dec. 25 by same.

Dec. 25th by Rev. A. B. Bauman, Mr. O. O. Wisman and Miss Lillian G. Wright, both of Toms Brook.

Star Tannery Letter. Mr. I. R. McElwee killed the boss hog of the neighborhood not long ago. It netted 580 pounds.

Died. Jeremiah, the son of John and Catharine Funkhouser, was born in Shenandoah County June 17, 1823 and departed this life near Bethel Church, Henry County, Indiana, Sept. 25, 1895, aged 72 years. He married Miss Deborah Sheets in 1848 by whom he had two children. He moved from Virginia to Ohio to Indiana.

Alvah Jefferson Orndorff, infant son of Mr. A. A. Orndorff of Zepp Dec. 19, aged ten months.

Dec. 21, Mrs. Dolly Lentz at her home aged 65 years. She leaves an aged companion and several children.

Mrs. Mary Marshall, wife of Perry Marshall of Hawkinstown Monday afternoon aged 37 years. She leaves a husband and one son of tender years.

Otter Caught. Mr. John H. Garber, residing on Smith Creek, recently shot in the ford near his house an otter which weighed 13 pounds, and measured three feet and two inches in length. Mr. George Shaffer caught each night a musk-rat in the same trap though the trap was specially set to catch the otter. The pelt of the otter is quite valuable and it is thought this one will bring about \$7.

Edinburg Items. On last Sunday, Mrs. Emma Grandstaff died at the home of her son, Osceola Grandstaff, aged about 72 years. Her remains were interred in the "Old Cemetery"...Susie Riddleberger died Dec. 20th, aged nine years.

Jan. 9, 1896

Married. Jan. 2 near Orkney Springs by Elder B. W. Neff, Miss Lizzie Funkhouser and Mr. Noah Walker.

On the 8th by Rev. N. H. Skyles, Mr. William M. Hoshour and Miss Kate C. Kneisley.

Mr. Arthur P. Crider and Miss Vertie L. Funkhouser Dec. 24th by P. D. Stephenson.

Dec. 18 Mr. J. Walter Myers of Eagle Rock Va., and Miss Nannie Sadora Jordan of Mt. Clifton, at Glen Wilton, Va.

Mt. Jackson. Mr. Barney Hall, near Mt. Jackson, planted three quarters and one acre of ground in broom corn last year from which he gathered nearly 1,000 pounds of broom corn. This he sold to E. Z. Dingledine at 4 cents per pound.

Died. Mrs. Roda A. Hepner, wife of Rob. Hepner, and daughter of Mrs. Mollie Hammond, and granddaughter of Thomas Hudson, died near Conicville Dec. 30, aged 22 years. The deceased had been married only two weeks.

James R. Coates, living near Edinburg, Jan. 5 aged 73 years.

Mrs. Annie B., wife of Mr. Lemuel Newland, Roanoke, Jan. 3d, aged 36 years. Her remains were interred at Union Forge.

Mr. Jacob Fravel was born July 2d, 1815

and died Jan. 2d, 1896, aged 80 years, at his residence on Stony Creek near Columbia Furnaces. He was married in 1843 to Miss Mahala Cline by Rev. A. R. Rude. His wife and two daughters preceded him many years ago to the world of spirits.

Eli. C. Fadely, Jan. 5th in the 68th year of his age.

Roll of Honor. Oak Level School. Guy Clem, Hugh Clem, Joseph Marston, Mamie Clem, Mary and Martha Harman, Nellie Cook, Luther Clem, Walter Clem, Thomas Clem, Edward Cook, John and Mayberry Crisman, Charles Compton, Minnie Cook, Daisy Holmes.

Escaped from jail. Elmer Weatherholtz, charged with cruelty to his wife, escaped from the county jail Saturday. It is customary to keep the prisoners in the cages, but on account of the very cold weather, the jailer permitted the prisoner to remain outside the cage...It is probably that he has left the state...

Jan. 16, 1896

Married. Jan. 12 by Elder D. P. Wine, Mr. Charles C. Olinger and Miss Olive M. Zirkle.

Mr. Linden Sheetz and Miss Charlotte Barton, Sunday evening by Rev. Henry Tallhelm.

Mr. R. L. Walters and Miss Lizzie Golladay by Rev. Mr. Hausenfluck at the residence of Mr. Jack Habron on Thursday.

Oranda Chips. Mr. R. A. Mowery, aged 76 years died suddenly of hemorrhage Saturday morning and was buried in the grave yard adjoining the Christian church.

Died. Frank E. Sibert of Maurertown last Sunday morning aged 41 years. He leaves a wife, a number of small children. He was buried at Mt. Olive.

Mrs. Fannie A. Alther of St. Luke the 12th of January, wife of V. C. Alther, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Keller, aged 47 years.

Mr. Charles R. Barham had a hen's egg that measured 6 inches in circumference and 3 inches in length. Eggs of that size should be cheap.

Mr. Jno. L. Pitman of near Hawkinstown killed a hog last week that weighed 622 pounds net.

Jan. 23, 1896

Married. At Sperryville on the 14th inst., Mr. John W. Donaldson of Woodstock and Miss Isabelle L. Bruce, of the first named place.

On Sunday evening of last week at Edinburg, Mr. Linden Sheetz and Miss Charlotte Barton.

At the Lutheran parsonage near Headquarters, Mr. Samuel G. Tussing and Miss Victoria C. Miller Jan. 16.