

## Those Were The Days.. In Old Shavertown

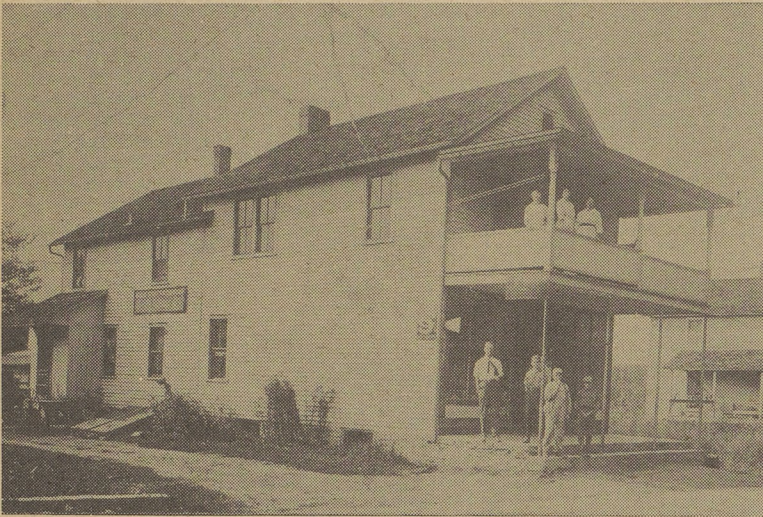
**ORIGINAL SHAVERTOWN SCHOOL HOUSE**, where the neighborhood youngsters were taught the rudiments of reading, writing and arithmetic, was discovered among old pictures saved by Mrs. Ruth Holcomb Shaver.

Note the pinafores on the girls and the stove-pipe pants which were the trend among young males in the period of the late 1890's when this photograph was taken.

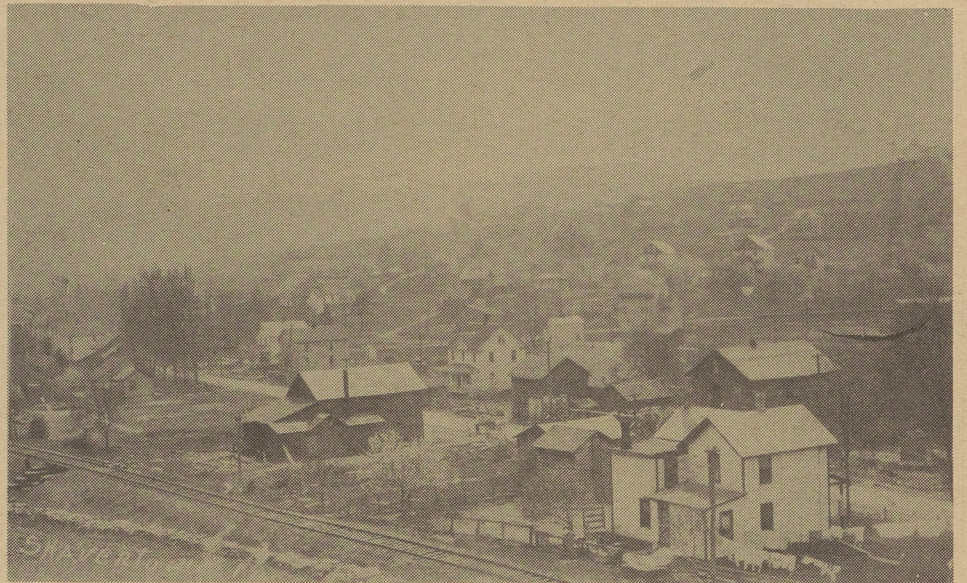
The one room school, which stands in the rear, was also the church meeting house before the Shavertown Methodist edifice was erected. Later the coal shanty and outhouses disappeared as another room was added, and the building moved across the street, where it is now in use as the Back Mountain YWCA headquarters.

A horse and buggy, the chief mode of travel about the area, is tethered at the side of the building, perhaps the property or on loan to the school-master who is believed to be a Mr. Callender.

The Post would be interested in learning the names of the students pictured.



**SHAVERTOWN STORE:** This is the market where Shavertown folks bought their supplies in earlier days. Standing in the spot which now houses Wally Gosart's Store and Meat Market, it was run by Ellis and Kate Swingle and later Thomas Walton. Now torn down, its second floor was rented by several families.



**IN THIS OLD PICTURE** of Shavertown taken about 1908, Main Street was the chief thoroughfare, no highway as we know it today running through the town.

About Main Street clustered the business places. In the lower right is the former home of Dorman and Arminda Woolbert. Mr. Woolbert stored his meats in the ice house nearby.

In the same vicinity Luther Roushey operated a planing mill and Bill Parrish owned the blacksmith shop which was moved across from the Woolberts.

The clump of trees stands near the old Still home and below the railroad ties a fresh cool stream supplied residents with good drinking water. Dan Shaver is among those who were often sent for a pail of the unadulterated supply.

The white house up the road was then owned by Charles Perrego and is now the property of Harold Ash. Willard Hoover lives in the former Woolbert home. Up on the hill stands the Farrell home and the Holcomb property and tucked in the background the slaughter house which now belongs to the Lewis Underwoods.

It was the latter mecca of many local butchers which at one time gave Shavertown the title of Bloody Run.



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**STOCK-PILES OF LUMBER** here stood with protecting sheds where the big building and lumber mill now houses the present Shavertown Lumber Company, owned by Robert Turrell.

Frank Hubbell, Noxen, founded the original lumber yard in 1908, and supplies were shipped in by freight to the rear of the site where lumber was unloaded often by the light of a full moon.

Mr. Hubbell built the home now occupied by Dr. Getz, and it was here his family lived close by. His daughter, now Mrs. Ernest Bell, is shown as she climbed atop one of the piles during many visits with her friends.

The Lumber Company has since passed to a number of proprietors among them Fred Oberst, Moses Griffith and Garahan and Ruckno. Mrs. Edna Johnson served each faithfully in her role as secretary.

Mrs. Bell, who met Mrs. Johnson when the latter greeted her arrival in Shavertown, tells of the pleasant jaunts abroad the Lehigh Valley to Towanda with stops at Alderson and Stull, where the girls were much impressed by the ticket agents, who punched their fares.