

Brookside School – This school was also known as Crowtown School. It was located off Rt 443, on your left four-tenths mile on Rt 645. This school was closed approximately 1948. Teachers at this school were Gertrude Haley, Esther Greenawalt Clemens, Harvey Hesser, Kathryn Miller Witmer, William Smith, Edward Williams, Regina Haggerty, Mary Fisher, and Olive Mosher Bowen.



Fidler's School – This one-room schoolhouse originally was situated at the Y on Bird's Hill Road. The school was closed and later purchased by Robert Miller. He later sold it to Elvin Byler who had it moved back from the road and was then used as a church. It was later sold to Bill Bodamer, who resided there after restoring it. Teachers at this school were Jonathan Herring, James Fehr, Harry Loy, Olive Lewars, and Stanley Heinbach.



Conrad's School - This former one-room schoolhouse can be found by taking Rt 443 from Pine Grove traffic light for five miles to a crossroad, then eight-tenths mile to Cathy's Sweat Suite and turn right. Go one-tenth mile to Gold Building on your left at Spancake Road. The school closed in 1953 and became a private residence. Teachers at this school were Oscar Zerbe, Daniel Herring, Lura Welker Ditzler, John Kemmerling, Mary Clark, Harry Loy, and Annetta Funk Frew.



Flat Hill School – This school can be found five miles from the Pine Grove traffic light on Rt.

443 going east where one can readily see Flat Hill and Hetzel Church signs, and turn right
off Rt.443 for nine-tenths mile and the school was on your left as you round the bend.

Teachers at this school were Florence Webber, Harry Loy, Howard Moyer, James Fehr, Mary
Clark, and Eva Prescott.



Deturksville School – Also known as the Centennial School, this was a one-room school that closed in 1953. These students had a very limited play area at recess time. They looked forward to their last day of school as they were treated to a doggie roast or party. Some years the students were taken to a dance hall nearby for a party. The arrangements were made by the teacher with the original owner of the hall, Will Deturk, who also operated the Tea House and after whom the village was named. This became a private residence. Teachers at this school were Oscar Zerbe, William S. Herring, John Kemmerling, Mary Clark, and Florence Webber.



A school where
German-speaking
children started school
and were taught to speak
English before attending
another school. This
school recently razed by
the owner, Raymond
Morgan, was located on
Rt. 443 in Pleasant Valley
going east on your right.
The only known teacher
in this school was Elias
Berger who was assigned
there in August 1881.

Germanville School -

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