

SAND HILL SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE-ROOM SCHOOLS REUNION

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The attached clipping describes a reunion of students and teachers that took place sometime after 1954.

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Mr. and Mrs. Joe McCracken of Dry Ridge received their Conservation Farm of the Year sign and certificate Friday evening at the 12th annual Rural-Urban Chicken Barbecue dinner of the Northern Panhandle Soil Conservation District. Along with the other county winners they received a \$50 U.S. savings bond and a framed picture of their farm.

Joe Gibson, owner and operator of his farm in Hancock County, was announced as the Northern Panhandle Conservation winner in the West Virginia Conservation Farm Contest. The Gibson farm was selected because of his excellent pasture, hayland and crop management on, not only his farm of 45 acres, but also that of Robert Carson which he is managing. The farm is operated as a purebred Hereford beef operation with 13 cows, one bull and 15 yearlings.

James Ali, district conservationist with the Soil Conservation Service, served as master of ceremonies for the program. A Board Meeting Perfect Attendance Certificate was presented to Supervisor George Milliken.

It has been the fifth year the barbecue has been held in the handsome steel barn on the farm of George and Ruth Milliken. The chicken was prepared by members of the Dallas Lions Club, Jim Welch, Glenn Milliken, Okey Hewitt and Mike Weeks, with 280 being served.

The Sand Hill Methodist Church Bicentennial and the Sand Hill School District reunion of one room schools was held Sunday with 225 attending.

The oldest teacher present was Emily Smith Rogerson who taught at Lower Sand Hill in 1916. The youngest teacher was Doris Roberts Hull who taught at Viola. She was also the teacher who traveled the farthest from Belfry, Ohio.

The teacher who had the most years of service was Mildred Jones with 45 years. The oldest male teacher present was Earl Francis, who taught at Number Two Ridge in 1923. The youngest male teacher present was Arlie Lydick.

The oldest student attending was 95 year old Addie Winters Miller, who attended school at Upper Sand Hill. The youngest student was Sandy Riggle Livingood, who attended

Number Two School. The oldest male student was Armstrong Blake, who attended Dallas School. The youngest male student was Stewart McCreary, who attended Upper Sand Hill. The student who traveled the farthest was Alma McGlumphy Saer from Cincinnati, Ohio.

The largest families to attend were the Earl Wilson and Brice Dague with five students from each family, Helen Wilson McNinch, Clara Wilson Folmar, Earlene Wilson Richey, Charles and Clifford Wilson, Frieda Dague Pell, Madalyn Dague McCreary, Elizabeth Dague Myers, Eleanor Dague Dean and Fredrick Dague. Clara Wilson Folmar was also a teacher.

There were 14 teachers present who taught in the Sand Hill District. They were Lillie Lydick Kimmins, Olive Dague Whipkey, Mabel Dague Dougherty, Emily Smith Rogerson, Doris Roberts Hull, Majorie Clutter Dague, Dorothy Rine Brown, Maxine Gittings, Edna Jones, Mildred Jones, Ethel Armstrong, Earl Francis and Arlie Lydick.

The oldest student from Viola School was Nelson McCulley and the youngest was Lou Hazlett Hanlin. The oldest from Upper Sand Hill was Addie Winters Miller and the youngest was Grace Francis. The oldest from Lower Sand Hill was Cecil Winters and the youngest was Eleanor Dague Dean. The oldest at Locust Grove was Hubert Merinar and the youngest was Charles Sheets. The oldest from Oak Hill was Clara Wilson Folmar and the youngest was her brother, Clifford Wilson. The oldest from Alley School in Majorsville was Paulette Harsh and the oldest student from Lone Oak was Earl Francis.

Number Two School was the school most represented with four teachers present and 10 students. Olive Dague Whipkey Shafer traveled the farthest from Cleveland, Ohio. Shirley Riggle Hatfield was the student who had perfect attendance all eight years she attended Number Two.

The first school in the Sand Hill District was built at Dallas in 1815. The school year lasted about three months, and the teacher usually boarded in homes in the area. These schools were called subscription schools because each family donated money

school. In 1863 when West Virginia became a state, one of the provisions of the state constitution was that spelling, reading, writing, English, arithmetic and history be taught. The school term was to be six months. School board officials were elected. The members of the first board were John Richey, A.R. Kimmins and Samuel Dague. These schools were made of wood. There was a center aisle with a pot bellied stove in the middle of the room. On each side there were rows of seats, with boys on one side and girls on the other. And many lessons were taught to the tune of a hickory stick. The oldest student at Dallas school present was Armstrong Blake and the youngest was Vivian Caldwell Clutter.

A good time was enjoyed by everyone and it was fun reminiscing with old friends and families.

Congratulations to Debbie Welch on her engagement to Glenn Dunn of Morgantown. Debbie is the daughter of James and Betty Welch of Dallas. They are planning an October wedding.

We extend our deepest sympathy to the families of Olive Tubaugh and Tom Fonner, whom both passed away. Also to the family of Daisy Marsh of Sand Hill, a former resident who died at the age of 103.

George Dague has returned to his sisters home on Number Two Ridge after being a surgical patient in Medical Park Hospital.

Hazel Powell is spending a few days with her son, Lloyd at McDonald.

McGuffey Senior Citizens Activities

Activities for the week of August 27 through August 31 at the McGuffey Senior Citizens Center are as follows:

Monday thru Friday

Lunch - 12 Noon

Monday

Games - 1 p.m.

Tuesday

Blood Pressure

Legal Aid

Dartball & Cards - 1 p.m.

Wednesday

Claysville Shopping

Friday

Local Shopping

Games - 1 p.m.

Dartball & Cards - 7 p.m.

The van is available on a daily basis to bring Senior Citizens to and from the Center for meals and/or activities by phoning 663-4202.