

BUFFALO VALLEY SCHOOL GATHERING
Buffalo Valley School Classmates Gather Once Again
Old Friends Enjoy a Day at County School Built in 1929

Every October – as the leaves begin to turn – former students at the Buffalo Valley School gather for their annual reunion. And about 100 of them gathered again Saturday, October 7, at the school built in 1929, and it was a magnificent autumn day which helped accentuate the warm fellowship so evident on the special occasion.

They came from throughout Putnam County and across the state, and from many far distant places out of state, renewing friendships cemented in years gone by. And they were a bit older, but there were sons and daughters present, together with grandchildren, all of it combining to make it a sparkling occasion.

On hand was Mrs. Lorraine H. Maddux who once served as principal of the four-room school which taught students in grades one through eight.

In addition to the classrooms, the school, now a community center, had an auditorium and small stage where school programs were conducted. Still on the stage is a curtain with the names of businesses and individuals who sponsored the curtain. There in the squares were the names of the old First National Bank and Citizens Band and Marchbanks Drug Store, and Z. D. Medley, who had a general store at Buffalo Valley.

Mrs. Maddux said she helped sell the ads that emblazon the stage curtain.

Earnest Whitehead of Baxter was also present, and he recalled how, in days past, he used to cut the grass in the large lot in front of the school for hay.

The group enjoyed dishes of home-cooked food and were offered a multitude of tempting desserts.

And, as a reminder of a pleasant time now gone, from the auditorium window the former students could look at the see-saw, still in place – and if they wanted to, could recall the fun it provided during recess from the school books.



Attending School Reunion: Fun and Food for All – Enjoyed by those in attendance at the Buffalo Valley homecoming. Present were, front row, from left, Lillard Waller, J. T. Askew, Paul Baumgardner; second row, Fred Maddux, Mrs. Bud Maddux, Bud Maddux, Mable Baumgardner, Sue Hensley, Bob Purdy, Howard Randolph; third row, unidentified, Geraldine Steakley, Sid Maddux, Ruby Jared, Marie Gross, Allon Howe, Mary Ruth Gross; fourth row, young Waller grandchildren, J. D. Waller, Lorene Maddux, James Maddux Nichols, Burtel Medley, and Gerald Young.



Classmates Gather – Old Tales, Old Friends – Many good times were reminisced in Buffalo Valley by members of the community and those who came back to visit including, bottom row from left, Warner Green, Jessica Watts, not identified; second row from left, Diane Waller, Annie Whitehead, Doris Chambers, W. C. Chambers, Macy Medley, Ann Bartlett, Betty Maynard, Reba Randolph, Ernest Whitehead; third row, Barbara Bailey, Hilda Carr Maxwell, Robert Bailey, Emogene Nichols, Jean Morris, Adam Grimsley, Carol Young; fourth row, Julie Ashburn, Carolyn Bates, unidentified, Margaret Carr Thomas, Mildred Christian, Peter Mikitka, Erlene Mikitka, Mary Waller, Cobbie Waller Calvetti, Ed Morris and Ethel Carr.

