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Row 1: L to R: Hazel Bandy, Myrna Ruth Bartlett, Elizabeth Maxwell, Pauline Maxwell, Rubye Neal, Flossie Neal, Gladys Moore, Mary Alcorn, unknown Robinson, Macy Medley, Ann Jared, Kathleen Burch & Anna B. Anderson .

Row 2: Willie Moore, Chas. Randolph, Noble Winchester, Frank Alcorn, Robert Carr, Hubert Alcorn, Mitch Helms, Joel Kerr, Frye Maxwell, Olen Winchester, John Tam Jared, Luke Allen Jared, Luke Jones, Hooper Maxwell, & Bob Askew.

Row 3: Robert Neal, Fred Anderson, Willard Jones, Ardith Maxwell, Florence Russell, Louise Anderson, Mae Bates, Priscilla Randolph, Elizabeth Maddux, Jess Evans, Bill Robinson, Bill Bandy, "Burn" Bandy, Beverly Medley, Eliza Christian, John Medley, Bertel Medley, Mane Carr.

Row 4: Stant Elrod, Louise Maxwell, Jesse Evans, Lila Gustava Winchester, Pearl Jones, Daisy Medley, Dona Boyd, Tolbert Thompson, Carlin W. Evans, Vestal Jones & Joe Robinson.

Row 5: Herman Alcorn, Ernest Anderson, John Evans, Jim Bo Medley, Alonzo Bates, Earl Wallace, Sam Askew, Charlie Evan, Virgil "Pig" Christian, Carrie Evans & Hazel Bates .

The teachers were: Dona Boyd, Tolbert Thompson, and Carlin West Evans. Dona (Boyd) Shanks has black hair, in middle of picture, in front of shuttered window, beside Tolbert Thompson, with suit on, then Carlin Evans. I knew so many of these students or heard about them most are dec'd now. Jackie Ann's mom is Flossie Neal, dec'd, her sister Rubye Neal lives in MI .

Ulysses Daniel Bartlett md Flossie Lucille Neal and they had a daughter named Jackie Ann (Bartlett) Calvetti. Information courtesy of Jackie Ann (Bartlett) Calvetti.

Dona Boyd md Luke Alexander Shanks and they had 3 children: Miriam (Shanks) Gwaltney, Naomi Carolyn (Shanks) Huddleston & George Morris Shanks. Information courtesy of Miriam (Shanks) Gwaltney.

June, the school teacher is my mother--standing by the man with the tie on. I have most all those identified. This was the old school upon the bluff, which the Interstate got. Beverly Medley also has on a tie with his overalls--he became a Lawyer. Kathleen Burch is on the front row, 2nd from the right. Information courtesy of Naomi Carolyn (Shanks) Huddleston.

As to the picture: I have only 3 Winchester children of Neil Winchester identified in this picture. Identifying people always go left to right and Row 1 is the front row. 2nd row - 3rd child is Noble Winchester, - 10th child is Olan Winchester, 4th row - 4th child is Lila Gustava Winchester. And Lila is my wife's mother. All the Winchester children were born in the house on the bluff at Buffalo Valley where Neil Winchester, my wife's grandfather, ran a ferry across the Caney Fork River on the western edge of Putnam County. The two oldest of Lila Gustava Winchester Vaughn's 7 children were born in that house--my wife and her older brother. Information courtesy of Wayne Woodward.

# Program, Buffalo Valley School

Friday Evening, March 12th.

1. Song—"Sleepy Hollow Tune".....Eight Girls
2. Piano Solo.....Luke Allen Jared
3. Declamation.....Luke Jones
4. Playlet—"Dolly Has the Flu.".....Frances and Nelson Maddux
5. Song—"Coming Thro the Rye".....Six Girls
6. Reading.....Ardath Maxwell
7. Pantomime—"Juanita".....Elizabeth Maddux and Casto Medley
8. Piano Trio.....Beverley Medley, Miss Jared and Mrs. Stanton
9. Vocal Solo—"If I Only Had A Home Sweet Home".....Luke A. Jared
10. "No Peddlers Wanted".....Four Boys
11. Piano Solo.....Beverley Medley
12. Reading.....Elna Ramsey
13. Piano Duet.....Luke A. Jared and Mrs. Stanton
14. Dance of the Wild Flowers.....Twelve Girls

## Saturday Evening, March 13th.

1. Popular Music.....Miss Ellen Jared
2. Violin, Piano and Guitar Selections.....  
.....Pauline Huddleston, Rob King and Mrs. V. L. Stanton
3. Play—

### "PEGGY OF PRIMROSE FARM"

Cast

Peter Wright, Master of Brookside Farm.....Walter Moss  
 Ezra Mason, Peggy's Father.....Hooper Maxwell  
 Phineas Pixley, a country Squire.....Virgil Christian  
 Timothy Hayford, other "Timothy Hayseed".....Beverley Medley  
 Sunny Jim O'Reilly, man of all work.....Sam Askew  
 Captain Peter Wright, a shipwrecked sailor.....Stant Elrod  
 Peggy Mason, Mistress of Primrose Farm.....Margie Lynch  
 Betsy Mason, Peggy's mother.....Olive Gantrell  
 Mrs. Mehitable Green, a country busy-body.....Hazel Carlen  
 Madge Brownell, Peggy's chum.....Chauncie Vaughn  
 Clover Blossom, Peggy's maid.....Thelma Moore  
 Nora McCarty, Peter's housekeeper.....Willard Jones

4. Song—"Meet Me Tonight in Dreamland".....Senior Girls

## COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Monday Evening, March 15th, 1926.

### CLASS ROLL

|                  |                   |                 |
|------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Thelma Moore,    | Hooper Maxwell,   | John Evans,     |
| Margie Lynch,    | Sam Askew,        | Walter Moss,    |
| Mamie Ramsey,    | Aaron Winchester, | Therold Ramsey, |
| Dorothy Wallace, | Virgil Christian, | Stant Elrod.    |
| John Medley,     | Monroe Neal,      |                 |

Flower—Violet    Motto—"Excelsior"    Colors—Black and Gold

### Program

Song ..... "America"  
 Invocation.....W. W. Jared  
 Salutatory.....Mamie Ramsey  
 Colors.....John Medley  
 Class Flower.....Margie Lynch  
 Prophecy.....Thelma Moore  
 Class Poem.....Dorothy Wallace  
 Essay.....To Be Read by Winner  
 Class Will.....Therold Ramsey  
 Elegy.....Hooper Maxwell  
 Valedictory.....Walter Moss  
 Resolutions.....Elna Ramsey  
 Address.....Rev. Alonzo Harris  
 Awarding of Medals.....E. H. Maddux  
 Presentation of Diplomas.....Supt. Beecher Gentry



### OLD BUFFALO VALLEY SCHOOL DURING THE FLOOD OF THE 1920'S

Courtesy of Jim Heard

This is a picture of the old Buffalo Valley School upon the bluff, which was lost when I-40 was built.

James "Jim" Heard is a native of Putnam County who attended Algood High School. He is an award-winning photographer and a renowned portrait photographer who worked as a photographer for a local newspaper for several years. Mr. Heard also served in the Navy during WWI and then enlisted in the Air Force and served twenty-one years. He presently owns and operates a portrait studio in Cookeville, TN.

**Source:** Pictorial History of Putnam County Tennessee by  
1<sup>st</sup> State Bank of Cookeville, TN: pgs. iii, 219 & 224.

James Howard (Jim) Heard died Wednesday (July 23, 2003) at Cookeville Regional Hospital. He was 78.

\*See [Algood's Jim Heard Was One-Of-A-Kind](#)

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Buffalo Valley School, Putnam Co., TN  
This school was built after I-40 came through in a new location.