Polk County's Rural Schools

September 7, 2001
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Mary Hemley Childress, one of the organizers of the Downtown Festival and Reunion, is highlighted in this 1940 photo from Collins School. The photo is reprinted on page 11 with names.

Bolivar Mayor Charley Ealy, another reunion organizer, is pictured with Oak Grove (Adonis) in 1946. The other names are on page 16.

DOWNTOWN FESTIVAL AND REUNION SCHEDULE

September 8, 2001

7 a.m. - Aubrey Gunnels will serve breakfast of sausage, biscuits and gravy, honey and coffee or juice until 11 a.m.
8:30 a.m. - Classic Buggy Rides begin
9 a.m. - Booths open
10 a.m. - A Bolivar High School band will play the "Star-Spangled Banner" and other selections
Noon - Welcome to former rural school students and teachers; awards given to those who traveled the greatest distance, oldest, youngest, etc.
1 p.m. Morrisville Cloggers

2 p.m. - The Local Folks (Doug Roller, Tim DeClue, David Hacker)
3 p.m. - HeartSong gospel quartet
4 p.m. - Polk County Community Theater Association melodrama
5 p.m. - Floodwater band (Nathan Hoffer, Alan Roberts, David Barham, Mike Rowan)
6 p.m. - More prize drawings and dinner break
7 p.m. - Country Music at the Lake Show with Lisa Childress, Barbara Childress, Brett Jarvis, Dusty McMurren, Kelly Jones, Brad Edwards and Jim Hayes.
School locations are approximate. This map is based on a map that dates to the early 1900s that was in the county commissioner's office for many years. In the last 100 years, many roads have changed and lakes have been built, making locations sometimes difficult to determine. We welcome new information about any additions or corrections to this map.
HURON GRADUATES 1923 OR 1924: Graduates from Huron in 1923 or 1924 were, from left — Everett Sullivan, J.N. Clower, Evelyn Breshears, Alva Roweton, Nora Sullivan, Winna Angel and Mabel McElwee. This photo was contributed by Ona Jenkins.

HEYDON GRADUATES 1921: Eighth grade graduates from Heydon School north of Bolivar in May 1921 were, from left — Gladys Johnson, Laura Brich; row 2 — Lena Brich, teacher Daisy Baxter and Berniece Armstrong. This photograph was contributed by Berniece Armstrong Jenkins.

TUCK GRADUATES 1921: Eighth grade graduates of Tuck School southeast of Morrisville in 1921 were, from left, row 1 — Floris Cocker, teacher Pauline Grant, Max Hamilton; row 2 — Elbert Carfer, J.C. Miller, Glen Box and Sam Cosims. This photo was contributed by Louise Box Smith.

MT. ETNA 1927-28: Students at Mt. Etna School north of Bolivar in 1927-28 were, from left, front row — Freida Lockhart, Vala Lea Skinner, Trilla Lockhart, Mary Kerney; back row — Elmer Skinner, Doyle Elliott, Vida McElwee, Jewell Hughes and teacher Mabel Swabby. This photograph was submitted by Vida Jenkins.

WISCONSIN HULS GRADUATES: Eighth grade graduates from Wisconsin School north of Bolivar in May 1921 were, from left, row 1 — Gladis Johnson, Laura Brich; row 2 — Lena Brich, teacher Daisy Boller and Berniece Armstrong. This photograph was contributed by Berniece Armstrong Jenkins.

TUCK GRADUATES 1921: Eighth grade graduates of Tuck School southeast of Morrisville in 1921 were, from left, row 1 — Floris Cocker, teacher Pauline Grant, Max Hamilton; row 2 — Elbert Carfer, J.C. Miller, Glen Box and Sam Cosims. This photo was contributed by Louise Box Smith.


SCROUGE OUT 1928: Students at Scrouge Out School in southern Polk County in 1928 were, from left, row 1 — James Miles, Paul Blakemore, Eddie Shelton, Cecil Gilman, Dewey Davis, Nelson Acuff and Junior Robinson; row 2 — Porter, Joanna Acuff, Pauline Shelton, Inezie Blakemore; row 3 — Hazel Lee Dixon, Gladys Shelton, Edna Mae Acuff, Lorettta Acuff, Agnes Gilman, Walter Shelton (teacher, wearing his Walnut Grove athletic jacket), Sam Blakemore, Edward Gilman and Leo Porter. This photo was submitted by June Freeman.

BLOOMER 1929: Students at Bloomer School east of Half Way in 1929 were, from left, row 1 — Lavern Short, Denzil Sergent, Leland Polly, Dwight Sergent, John Austin, Lawrence Austin, Wandell Legan; row 2 — Mary Eastburn, Mildred Short, Gayle Legan, Dean Short, Wayne Polly, Victor Cowden; row 3 — teacher Zula Rickman, Ruth Cowden, Virginia Polly, Vera Polly, Lucile Eastburn and Marie Short. This photograph was contributed by Vera Roderick.

OAK GROVE 1918: Students at Oak Grove School No. 70 southwest of Bolivar on Rt. T in 1918 were, from left, Edith (Hagerman) Beal, Sadie (Seiner) Cribbs, Gladys Hagerman, Roberta Hamilton and Bernice Armstrong Jenkins. Note the “pony building” the school had a sliding partition to make two rooms.

GREEN LEAF 1925-26: Eighth grade graduates at Green Leaf at Huron in 1925-26 were, from left, row 1 — Gladys Vest Payne, Idotha Hope Vest, Mabel Brown Vest; row 2 — John Chaney, teacher Ray Vest and Arondal Fitch. Not present for the photo was Zeda Cansler Rodgers. This photo was contributed by Mabel Vest.

EIDSON 1928: Students at Eidson School northeast of Bolivar in 1928 were, from left, row 1 — Robert Earl Miller, Michael Watson, Faye Lockhart Coffman, Elsie Platt, Helen Dixon, Marion Watson Eidson, Verna Kelly Holt, Evelyn Dixon; row 2 — Adrian Combs, Bryce Combs, William E. Yeagur, Davis Hutchinson (mostly hidden behind Marion Watson Eidson), Carl Mott, Dorothy Yeagur Gonzalez, Janice Lockhart, Lela Mott Pritchard, Harold Yeagur, Anna Dean Eidson Underwood; row 3 — Laura Elanora Combs, Pearl Platt, Louise Anderson, Cleo Hutchinson Tillery, Ebert Eidson and Cleo Lockhart. This photograph was contributed by Treva Holt.


TUCK 1927-28: Students at Tuck School southeast of Morrisville in 1927-28 were, from left, row 1 — Edith Pridgen, Billy Hoodenpyle, Ellis Ryan, Wanda Box, Mary Pridgen, Adylene Derossett; row 2 — Jack Miller, Stafford Hoodenpyle, Thelma Soxley, June Soxley,______, Elmer Brown, Dita Potts, Anna Dean Eidson Underwood; row 3 — Laura Elanora Combs, Pearl Platt, Louise Anderson, Cleo Hutchinson Tillery, Ebert Eidson and Cleo Lockhart. This photograph was contributed by Treva Holt.

BRUSH CREEK 1926: Students at Brush Creek School, 2 1/2 miles north of Half Way, in 1926 included, in photo at left, front, Jack Moore; middle, Gerolfd Locke, Wuest Moore, Wilbur Locke; back, Howard Ragsdale and Frances Locke. In photo above, Audrey Dean, Irene Ragsdale, Dabel Moore, Pearl Cowden (teacher) and Bertha Ragsdale. These photos were contributed by Irene Rowe-ton.
GREEN LEAF 1930: Students at Green Leaf School southeast of Huron in 1930 were, from left, row 1 — Arthur Lockhart, Robert Matteson, Martha Lockhart; row 2 — Frank M. Hebbert, Freda Lockhart (Garwick), Stella Lockhart (Brandeau), Mary Matteson, Paul D. Hebbert, Virginia Provost (Etnin); row 3 — Arthur Jr. Morris, Marjorie McIntosh (Morris), Leonard Vest, Dorothea Provost (McIntosh), Georgia Combs (Gumpert), Bill Matteson, Herman McIntosh, Arthur Matteson; row 4 — teacher Mabel Swabbly (Platt). This photo was contributed by Paul Hebbert.

GREEN MOUND 1932: Students at Green Mound School southeast of Huron in 1932 were, from left, row 1 — Arthur Lockhart, Hobart Matteson, Martha Lockhart; row 2 — Frank M. Hebbert, Freeda Lockhart (Garwick), Stella Lockhart (Brandeau), Mary Matteson, Paul D. Hebbert, Virginia Provost (Etnin), row 3 — Arthur Jr. Morris, Marjorie McIntosh (Morris), Leonard Vest, Dorothea Provost (McIntosh), Georgia Combs (Gumpert), Bill Matteson, Herman McIntosh, Arthur Matteson; row 4 — teacher Mabel Swabbly (Platt). This photo was contributed by Paul Hebbert.

OAK GROVE 1932 OR 1933: Students at Oak Grove School No. 70 in 1932 or 1933, seven miles southwest of Bolivar on Rt. T, were, from left, row 1 — _____, _____, Gene Taylor; row 2 — Betty Ray Smith, Willie Krtek, Dorothy Stanek, Eloise Campbell (Houghton), Carl Harralson Jr., Marilyn Hughes; row 3 — John Clark, Ernest Degraffenreid, Robert Krtek, Gene Harralson, Luther Ross, Emma Stanek, teacher Inez Needham Marshall; row 4 — _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, Larie L. Deady, Emma Stanek, Frankie Stanek and Gaylord Beasau. Teacher Inez Needham Marshall is not pictured. This photograph was contributed by Eloise Campbell Hurst.

TUCK SCHOOL 1932-33: Students at the Tuck School southeast of Morrisville from 1932-1933 were, from left, row 1 — Ross Herbert, Mary Miller, Virginia Gulick, Nadine Hocker Smith, Joan Miller, Christina Hoodenpyle, Grace Gulick, June Chote and Leon Chote; row 2 — Bobby Hoodenpyle, Clarence Joyce Chote, Mary Pridgen, Edith Pridgen, Wanda Box, Juaniengan Gulick; row 3 — Bradford Hoodenpyle, Louannia Box, Junior Chote and teacher Alice Mackey. This picture was contributed by Mary Pridgen Barker.

GREEN LEAF GRADUATES 1938: Laura Zumwalt (Payne), center front, was the teacher at Green Leaf School at Huron in 1938. Four students graduated that year, in front, Neta Vest (Curf) and Alline Pettey; back, Junior Cambler and Kenneth Cambler.

KINDER 1936: Students at Kinder School northeast of Aldrich pose for a picture during a trip to the zoo in Springfield in 1936. Students are, from left, row 1 — Tommy Churchman, Velma Lea Miller, Lee Kirby, Tommy Tindle, Joe Kirby, Ray Fisher; row 2 — Gerald Copeland, Max Copeland, Guy Copeland, Loren Churchman, Ada Churchman, Mary Kirby, teacher Mrs. Sadbee and Owen Kirby. This photograph was contributed by Tommy Tindle.

WELLS 1934: Students at Wells School northeast of Pleasant Hope in 1934 were, from left, row 1 — Lester Arnold, Clyde Shackleton, Leonard Day, Clarence Eagon, Raymond Day, Kelly Schleif, Ray Morgan; row 2 — Eugene Eagon, Dwayne Dukes, Irene Eagon, Wayne Eastburn, Dee Eagon; row 3 — Frank Morgan, Ray Ankrom, Gene Ankrom, Maxine Viles, Maydean Viles; row 4 — Ruth Goldberra, Verna Fulbright, teacher Wilma Johnson, Gladys Coffman and Berniece Coffman. This photo was contributed by Billie Hutchens.

FOREST GROVE 1937: Students at Forest Grove School southeast of Bolivar in 1937 were, from left, row 1 — Johnny Shiner, Donald Fulbright; row 2 — Lendel Fulbright, Don Fullerton, Harold Hendrickson, Brown, Paul Goldsberry; row 3 — Vera Ann Fulbright, Clara Clampitt, Freda Fulbright, Dorothy Hendrickson, Mary Fullerton, Billie Hendrickson, Jane Fullerton; row 4 — Ruth Goldberra, Verna Fulbright, teacher Wilma Johnson, Gladys Coffman and Berniece Coffman. This photo was contributed by Billie Hutchens.

PLEASANT RIDGE, CIRCA 1936: This photograph of Pleasant Ridge School southwest of Aldrich is undated but was probably taken in 1936. Students are, from left, row 1 — Harlan Sell, Donald Fulbright; row 2 — Lendel Fulbright, Don Fullerton, Harold Hendrickson, Brown, Paul Goldsberry; row 3 — Vera Ann Fulbright, Clara Clampitt, Freda Fulbright, Dorothy Hendrickson, Mary Fullerton, Billie Hendrickson, Jane Fullerton; row 4 — Ruth Goldberra, Verna Fulbright, teacher Wilma Johnson, Gladys Coffman and Berniece Coffman. This photo was contributed by Billie Hutchens.

CARTER 1938: Students at Carter School east of Polk in 1938 were, from left, row 1 — Florence Hammerhacker, Roberta Gladden, Wanda Jean Schooley, Wanda Jettie Speer, Rose Marie Cap- well, Earl Dean Manes, Audie Dale Dryer; row 2 — Lawrence McCan, Willm Mushburn, Willm Mushburn, Ardella Capwell, Berniece Black, Buddy Capwell, Herman Hammerhacker, Venice Black, teacher Orlena Breshears; row 3 — Robert Gladden, Jack Gladden, Mildred D. Hammerhacker, Wayne Hammerhacker, Wayne Schooley, George Ray Black and Jim Glad- den. This photo was contributed by Mildred D. Hammerhacker.
BLOOMER 1931: Students at Bloomer School east of Half Way in 1931 were, front to back, row 1 — Wayne Polly, Denzil Sergent, Lawrence Austin, Warren Shadwick, Dean Short, Lucille Eastburn; standing, teacher Mary Barnett; row 2 — Vera Polly, Victor Cowden; row 3 — Lavern Short, Lucille Cowden, Marilyn Shadwick; row 4 — Minnie Eastburn, Earlyn Shadwick, Dorothy Shadwick, Denzil Polly, Pauline Eastburn, Wanda Shadwick, Leland Polly, Dwight Sergent and Marie Short. This photograph was contributed by Vera Roderick.

PLEASANT RIDGE 1937-38: Students at Pleasant Ridge School southwest of Aldrich in 1937-38 were, from left, row 1 — Kathryn Christian, Ralph Toombs, Richard Childress, Wanda Lyman, Earlyn Christopher, Robert Toombs; row 2 — Grace Anna Rowan, Alice Lou Thompsey, Betty Jo Hensley, Dewan Sell, Ralph Childress, Leonard Sharp; row 3 — Eldon Rowan, Fred Christian, Helen Holman. This photograph was contributed by Grace Anna Rowan and by Alice Wynkoop.

CONCORD 1938-39: Students at Concord District No. 35 School, 3 1/2 miles east of Goodson, were, from left, row 1 — Ray Griffin, Alfred Nielsen, Dee Faulkner, Jewel Burton, Ruth Hyles and Buddy Roberts; row 2 — Floyd Faulkner, Otis Breshears, Cassie Faulkner, Veda Faulkner and Dale Griffin; row 3 — teacher Chester Wainscott, Loyd Faulkner, Gene Box, Paul Hyles, Trust Hyles, Charles Burton and Jack Nielsen. Chester Wainscott taught at the school for four years. This photograph was contributed by Ray Griffin.

BLACK OAK 1937-38: Students at Black Oak School No. 94 southeast of Pleasant Hope in 1937-38 were, from left, row 1 — Dorthea Gates, J.P. Johnson, Freddie Murray, Don Jefferis, Doyle Mayfield, Harlan Graham, Johnnie Murray, Julian Goodwin, Gene Murray; row 2 — Velma Siff, Harriett Pugh, Billard Choate, Gerald Alford, Bennett Goodwin; row 3 — Maida Mayfield, Peggy Murray, Moxey Murray, Dale Mayfield, Harold Alford and teacher Steve Potter. This photograph was contributed by Peggy (Murray) Jones.
MOORE 1938: Students at Moore School at Center Point north of Bolivar in 1938 were, from left, front, Jackie Greer, Loy Scroggins, Leroy Scroggins, Berdina Lockhart, Shirley Manes, Arlene Manes; Jack, Jackie Lockhart, Loy Scroggins, Richard McCarthy, teacher Laura Zumwalt Payne.

WELLS 1938-39: Students at Wells School northeast of Pleasant Hope in 1938-39 were, from left, row 1 — Dwain Eagon, Naomi Eastburn, Maxine Vire, Elmer Potts, Vida Ankrom, Leslie Potts; row 2 — Louise Ankrom, Lester Arnold, Junior Everly, Maxine Viles, Maydean Viles, Dwayne Dukes; row 3 — Curtis Eagon, Mildred Ankrom, Betty Potts, Res Vire, Ellis Potts, Betty Lou Dukes; and teacher Pearl Schleifer. This photograph was contributed by Maydean Andrews.

POLK 1938: Students at Polk School in 1938 were, from left, row 1 — Bobby Wayne May, Cleo Hawkins, Buck Cloyd, Robert Brown, Doris Ingles, Leota Locke, Shirley Cloyd, Betty Carter; row 2 — Corrine Rader, Nadine Rader, Erline Brown, Aurrell Kaule, Maxine Hawkins, Dottie Hale, Opal Zumwalt, Anna Hale; row 3 — Willa Matthews, Melba House, Willard Stout, Joe Brooks, L.D. Hale, Hubert McPheeters, Loren Stout, Geartunde Cloyd and teacher Edwin Matthews. This photograph was contributed by Dotte Cae.

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BLOOMER 1938-39: Students at Bloomer School east of Half Way in 1938-39 were, from left, row 1 — Dorothy Wrinkle, _____, Carl Wrinkle, Frances Pond, Donald Lee Wrinkle, Gladys (Austin) Summers, Myrna Stines; row 2 — Hubert Pond, Billy Vangilder, Kenneth Polly, Hubert Pond, Eunice Stines, Gene Short, Vernon McConnell, teacher; row 3 — Morgan Wrinkle, Beslee (Randleman) Snodgrass, Mable (Randellman) Gayer, Minnie EASTburn, Alvin Austin, Dorothy Shadwick. This photo was contributed by Gladys Summers.

MT. ETNA 1938-39: Students at Mt. Etna north of Bolivar in 1938-39 were, from left, row 1 — Lela or Allen Manes, Robert Manes, Bob Manes, Ruth Mincks, Rose Mincks; row 2 — Betty Joe Hawkins, Avanel Watson, Virginia Blankinship, Christine Mincks, Erma Manes, Dorothy Eidson, Lotha Bell Markabship, teacher Ida Alice (Beem) Barnes; row 3 — Leslie (Lid) Mincks, Bud Blankinship, Johnny Jenkins, Paul Mincks, Chestie (Big) Mincks, Homer Manes. This photo was contributed by Ruth Neal.

POLK 1938-39: Students at the Polk School in 1938-39 were, from left, row 1 — Bobby May, Cleo Dean Hawkins, Linford Cloud, Robert Dean Brown, Doris Irwin Ingla, Leita Mae Locke, Shirley Cloyed, Betty Lou Cates; row 2 — Corinne Rader, Nadine Rader, Lorraine Brown, Annell Kaudle, Maxine Hawkins, Dolly Hale, Opal Zumwalt, Arndabel Hale; row 3 — Willa Mae Mathews, Melby House, Willard Stout, Joel Dean Brooks, L.D. Hale, Hobart McPeeters, Loren Stout, Geraldine Cloyed, and Edwin Matthews, teacher. The photo was contributed by Leita Mae Keith.

BLACK OAK 1939: Students at Black Oak School No. 47 north of Burns in 1939 were, from left, row 1 — Allene Andrews, Charles Aspey, Bill Locke, Bev Andrews, Florence Andrews; row 2 — teacher Delphia Ladd, Glenda Sampson, Vernon Andrews, Cletis Andrews, Dee Aspey and Eva Peterson. This photograph was contributed by Maydean Andrews.

WELLS 1939: Students at Wells School northeast of Pleasant Hope in 1939 were, from left, row 1 — Allene Andrews, Charles Aspey, Bill Locke, Bev Andrews, Florence Andrews; row 2 — teacher Delphia Ladd, Glenda Sampson, Vernon Andrews, Cletis Andrews, Dee Aspey and Eva Peterson. This photograph was contributed by Maydean Andrews.

PLEASANT RIDGE 1939: Students at Pleasant Ridge School southwest of Aldrich in 1939 were, from left, row 1 — Evelyn Christian, Mae Christian, Wanda Jean Lymar, Kathryn Christian, Jerry Nugent, Robert Toombs; row 2 — Natalie Chasteny (teacher), Prately Sell, Eldon Bowser, Fred Christian, Betty Joe Hensley, Alice Lou Thomburg, Grace Anna Rowan; row 3—Ralph Toombs, J.W. McCoy, Leonard Sharp, Frank Lyman, Dale Christian and Morris Stephens. This photo was contributed by Alice Wynkoop.

MT. ETNA 1939-40: Students at Mt. Etna north of Bolivar in 1939-40 were, from left, row 1 — _____, _____, Mosey Vest, Perry Lee Vest, McPeeters, Pauline Fullerton, Vena Vest; row 2 — ______, ______, Lawrence McPeeters, Wilby Looney, Albert Vest, Jerry Eades; row 3 — teacher Lavern Short, Willa Vest, ______, ______, Genevieve Fullerton and Willa Graham. The photo was contributed by Helen Short Forest.
DUNNEGAN 1939-40: Students at Dunnegan in 1939-40 were, from left, row 1 — Horce Copeland, Keith Jenkins, Mertle Dean Little, Anna Lea Little, Thelma Leon (Magee) Swabby, Thelma (Dryer) Pierce, Susie Kennedy, Joe Pat Kennedy, Mary Lou Lily, Charlene Butler, Bobby Dale Hopkins, Jemima Hendrix; row 2 — Teddy Nickels, Lyle Jenkins, Joe Ben Lily, Everett Jenkins, Violet Stoveall, Oral Ray Stoveall, Floyd Little, Virginia Majesty; row 3 — Mr. Gann (teacher), Bobby Nickels, Homer Galyan, Geraldfine Wright, Charlie Metcalf, Billy Thomas, Ruth Wilson, Chester Stoveall, Tracie (Dryer) Davis, Eunus Majors, Fay McMillan (teacher), Lillian Winton (teacher). This photo was contributed by Thelma Pierce.

INGLIS 1939: Students at Inglis School, north of Polk, in 1939 were, from left, row 1 — Lionel Noblitt, Frank Seely, Elbert Locke, Charles Miller, Lowell Noblitt, Jimmie Buckner, Artie May Buckner, Frances Seely, Loretta Lee Lighthoof, Dora Kay Simpson, Eliza Weaver, Erline Barnes, Jaziria Lighthoof, Dorothy Mae Simpson; row 2 — Pearl Carter (teacher), Ralph Payne, Elsie Seely, Elta Noblitt, Lilly June Noblitt, Edna Pearl Simpson, Jim Barker, Leslie Roberts, Ralph Weaver, Calvin Jones, Herbert Buckner, Audie Miller (teacher); row 3 — Wanda Lee Lighthoof, Dorothy Lighthoof, Dora Kay Simpson, Eliza Weaver, Earl Majors, Russell Gardner, Junior Simpson. This photo was contributed by Lowell Noblitt.

SENTINEL 1939: Students at Sentinel School in 1939 were, from left, row 1 — Audrey Edmondson, Dorthy Reynolds, Dela Edmondson, Betty Lightfoot, Kenneth Mason, Betty Lightfoot, Ada Seamster, Kenneth Meadow, Joe Richards; row 2 — Gweneth Reynolds, E. Branch, Gene Skinner, James Payne, Donnie Seamster; row 3 — Allene Payne, Harold Skinner, Jummar Seamster, Snowden Moon, Eunus Lighthoof, Frankie Lightfoot, Edna Lighthoof, Gladys Liptrot, Ross Allen (teacher). This photo was contributed by Kenneth Meadow.

KNAPPV 1939: Students at Knapp School southeast of Half Way in 1939 were, from left, row 1 — James Ross, Joe Higginbottom, Louise (Peterson) Palm, Rosemary (Peterson) Bents; Patty Jean (Peterson) Weaver, Barbara (Roweton) Stewart; row 2 — teacher Bert Lemons, Dick Collins, Paul Goldsby, Paul Collins, Hederick Higginbottom, Gerald Davison, Marvin Grant, Cecil Clitthington; row 3 — Sid Roweton, Ted Roweton, Opal Ross, Frelia Goldsberry, Patty Lou (Peterson) Woodle, Martha (Shadwick) Forest and Norma Jean (Callahan) Robinson. This photo was contributed by Rosemary Peterson Bents.

VICTOR 1940: Students at Victor School, located at the northeast corner of Polk County, in 1940 were, from left, row 1 — C.T. Spencer, Mary (Franklin) Rush, Geraldine (Huckaby) Scott, Rosalie (Malow) Beverly, Pearl Adams, Hazel Gray; row 2 — Charles Curtis Matthews, Oliver Scrivner, Miss Otha valley, D. Rebbe, Emma Seastanter, Lucile (Franklin) Gathoff, Frieda Meadows, Lonnell (Spencer) Durington; row 3 — Leonard Lea (Coward) Richards, Dieta Kenneth Sivener, Mr. Lea, Mr. Lea, Mr. Lea, Charles Alfred Williams, Vale and James Orlin Payne. This photograph was contributed by James Orlin Payne of Goodson.
PLEASANT GROVE 1940: Students at Pleasant Grove (Frog Pond) School northeast of Brighton in 1940 were, from left, row 1 — Lovena Sechler, _____, Norma Jean Latham, _____, Bobby McArtor; row 2 — Helen Novak, Edith Mae Pierce, Floyd Ray Pierce, Charlie Novak, John Robert Purselley, Bill Latham, Truman Sechler; row 3 — _____, Buddy McArtor, Charlene Sechler, Vida Boyd, Dale Boyd and Wilma (Johnson) Beck, teacher. This photograph was contributed by Wilma Beck.

WELLS 1940: Students at Wells School northeast of Pleasant Hope in 1940 were, from left, row 1 — Doyle Lagon, Betty Lou Dukes, Vida Ankrom, Masine Vire, Wanda Viles, Ruth Griffiths, Martha Griffiths, Lois Vires; row 2 — Naomi Eastburn, Maydean Viles, Dwayne Dukes, Louise Ankrom, Mary Lou Ankrom, J.B. Salsman, Darel Viles, Rex Vire; row 3 — teacher Ralph Morris, Mildred Ankrom, Helen Mitzer, Curtis Eagon and Dwain Eagon. This photograph was contributed by Maydean Andrews.

CLIQUIT 1940: Students at Cliquot School in 1940 were, from left, row 1 — Judy Earring, Evert (Harry) Hensley, Joan Hensley, Lois Ann Gardner; row 2 — Evelyn Beasley, Thelma Henson, Irene Kirk, Leona Kirk, Lois Kirk, Pauline Beasley, Charles Flint, teacher Bernice Lawson; row 3 — Clayton Triner, Loren Kirk, Hazel Lawson, Leonard Earring, Stewart Gardner. This photograph was contributed by Everett Hensley and Bernice (Lawson) Anderson.


PLEASANT RIDGE 1940: Pleasant Ridge School southwest of Aldrich in 1940 included these students, from left, row 1 — Lee Stephens, Robert Toombs, Mae Christian, Wanda Jean Ladd, Willa Black, Dorothy Locke. Else Seeley, Dorothy Mae Simpson, Jane Birdsong, Alberta Black, Jean Birdsong, Doris K. Simpson, Bernice Lee Lightfoot; row 2 — teacher Ralph Morris, Mildred Ankrom, Helen Mitzer, Curtis Eagon and Dwain Eagon. This photograph was contributed by Alice Wynkoop.

OAK GROVE NO. 4: Oak Grove School No. 4 at Adonis in 1940 included these students: row 1 — Johnny Boston, Murna Reeser, Betty Carol Ealy, Alice Moore, Willa June Walker, Dorothy June Lighthost, Mona Crabtree; row 2 — Judy Earring, Betty Carol Ealy, Alice Moore, Willa June Walker, Dorothy June Lighthost, Mona Crabtree, Junior Reeser, Clyde Yarbrough, Charles Johnson, L.W. Whitney, Arlene Bennett; row 3 — Lionel Crabtree, Billy Crabtree, Aleene Lighthost, Dorothy Agee, Joe Johnson, Clifford Frank and Gilbert Hooper, teacher.

SCHOFIELD 1940: Students at the Schofield School south of Half Way in 1940 included these students, from left, row 1 — Lee Stephens, Clifford Childress, Gene Ladd, Alta Fay Christian, Mae Christian, Clara Belle Hawkins, Evelyn Christian; row 2 — Robert Toombs, Mae Christian, Wanda Smith, Jane Birdsong, June Noblitt, Ruby Black, Nina Birdsong, Elva Reddick, Ethel Roberts, Russel Gardner; row 3 — teacher Wilbur Gott. This photograph was contributed by Lorene Wrinkle.
FLINT 1940: Students at Flint School, north of Cliquot, in 1940 were, from left, row 1 — Harold Keith, Lloyd Garrett, Raymond Wilson, Zella Mae Garretson, Kenneth Cushman; row 2 — Dee Minor, Loureta Williams, Richard Williams, Wilbur Williams, Thomas Neill, Charlene Young, Norman Williams, Allen Minor; row 3 — teacher Helen Holman, Bobby Price, Bernard Griffy, Billy Joe Neill, Dean Griffin, Ralph Wright and Frank Wright. This photo was contributed by Zella Mae Garretson Piper.

CENTER POINT 1942: Students of the Center Point School collected scrap rubber for the war effort. The official name of the school was Moore School District No. 20. It is nine miles north of Bolivar, next to the Center Point Church. Students in 1942 included, from left, row 1 — Bobby Ankrom, Arnold Wheeler, Jack Greer, Marcella Henson, Hannah Jump and Caroline Brock, row 2 — Lee Ray Scroggins, Pauline Moore, Bob McCarthy, Alice McCarthy, Robert Manes and Loy Scroggins. Opal Yeargain was the teacher. This photo was contributed by Alice McCarthy Hercy.

MT. HERMAN 1940-41: Students at Mt. Herman School between Bolivar and Humansville in 1940-41 were, from left, row 1 — Marie Ethridge, Mary Gandy, Joyce Gandy, Norman Ashlock, Neva Wilson (Keller), Rosie Ethridge, Bonnie Ashlock (Stovall); row 2 — Viola Evans, Bob Fowler, Joe F. Stude, Patty Ashlock Johnson, Donna Fowler; row 3 — teacher Ruth Roberts, Carl Fowler, Jack Fowler, Dorothy Ashlock (Baker), Chester Gandy and Walter Ethridge. This photograph was contributed by Ray Stovall of Humansville.

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PLEASANT RIDGE 1941: Students at Pleasant Ridge School southwest of Aldrich in 1941 were, from left, row 1 — Lee Stephens, Robert Toombs, Mae Christian, Wanda Lyman, Mollie Pursley, Carl Manes, Opal Manes, Grace Manes, Anna Appleby, Ruth Manes and teacher Geneva Manes; row 2 — Bob Manes, Robert Appleby, Shirley Manes, Allen Manes, Betty Griggs and Rose Manes. The photo was contributed by Ruth Manes Neal.

MT. ETNA 1943: Mt. Etna School northeast of Bolivar in 1943 included these students: row 1 — Edith Manes, Clara Mincks; row 2 — Jay Mincks, Loyde (Pee Wee) Mincks, Boyde (Butch) Mincks, Carl Manes, Opal Manes, Grace Manes, Anna Appleby, Ruth Manes and teacher Geneva Manes; row 3 — Bob Manes, Robert Appleby, Shirley Manes, Allen Manes, Betty Griggs and Rose Manes. This photograph was contributed by Grace Anna Bean.

COOPER 1941-42: Students at Cooper School, north of Bolivar, in 1941-42 were, from left, row 1 — Willa Mae Fowler, Donald Wilson, Kenneth Dryer, Billy Powell, Wayne Wilson, Chester Dryer; row 2 — Alberta (Wilson) McCurdy, Roy Powell, Carol Paxton, Thelma (Dryer) Pierce; row 3 — Alice June Kearney, Bobby Armstrong, Alger Powell, Dorothy Brown, David Brown, Loyd Wilson. In the back is Pearl Blackwell, teacher. This photo was contributed by Thelma Pierce.

GREEN LEAF 1947-48: Students at Green Leaf School in Huron in 1947-1948 were, from left, row 1 — Larry Hood, Wayne Vest, Cleo Jenkins, Richard Wells, Paul Thomas and Bobby Compton; row 2 — Lee MacLocks, Annabelle Hale, Corine Rader, Pauline Hawkins, Dolly Hale, Marjorie Hawkins, Nadine Rader, Doris Inglis, Irene Jean Hawkins; row 3 — Johnnie B. Capehart, Robert Dean Brown, Loren Stout, Cleo Dean Hawkins, Robert Lee Lindsay, Junior Hawkins and teacher Rebecca Hurst. This photograph was contributed by Wanda Rader.

MCKINNEY 1945: McKinney School, on Mo. 32 east of Burns, had these students in 1945: from left, row 1 — Martha Story, Joan Connor, Doyle Barham, Virginia Crawford, Eva Dell Watkins, Jessie Evans, Wayne Green; row 2 — Zina Abel, Bud Chappell, Dean Buresh, Neva Neal, Berton Cunningham, Charles Chappell, Shirley Rae Sampson, Joan Barham; row 3 — Alfred Andrews, Elma Jean McCam, Charlotte Green, Florence Andrews, Bertha Marie Abel, Beverly Reed; row 4 — Maple Reser (teacher), Stanley Reed, Doc Natural. This photo was contributed by Zona Meadors.

POLK 1942: Students at Polk School in 1942 were, from left, row 1 — Wanda Lee Gordon, Dorothy Inglis, Nodie Hale, Bobby Inglis, Clarice Hale, Norris Warner; row 2 — Leota Mae Lockie, Betty Sue Lockie, Marjorie Capehart, Vianda Faye Rader, Danny Hassian, Leonard Jones (almost hidden), Charles Murphy, Billy Rush; teacher Ida Alice Barnes, Annabelle Hale, Doris Jean Inglis, Martha Payne, Lawrence Hicks, Jerry Perry, Cleo Dean Hawkins and Johnny B. Capehart. This photograph was contributed by Wanda Rader.

THESE STUDENTS were eighth grade graduates in 1942. This photograph was contributed by Mildred D. Hammerbacher.

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Clark School students in 1946 were, from left, row 1—Donald Ashlock, Max Nelson, Gene Quick and Shirley Newland; row 2—J. C. Davison, Dennis Ashlock, Verne Sullivan and twin brother Ernie; row 3—Rosenie Davison, Randy Barham and Jerald Graves; row 4—Betty Ashlock, Clarice Barham and Barbara Barham. Mrs. Max Nelson was the teacher. Clark was north of Half Way.

Students at Carter School, at the east edge of Union Grove School northwest of Bolivar in 1947-48 included these students: row 1—Ambie Manes, Richard Appleby, _____ Haskill; row 2—Doyle Sumners, Pete Appleby, Lawrence Haskill, Velma Toliver, Nadine Woods, Archie Robbins, Velma Toliver, Dorothy Lightfoot, Betty Carol Ealy and Mary Ayres. The teacher is Delores Davison. This photo was contributed by Mabel Johnson.

Students at Union School No. 33 southwest of Bolivar, Missouri, in 1944-45 were, from left, row 1—Eddie McElwee, Wanda Andrews, Verna Barnes, Cleo Jenkins; row 2—Marvin Chambers, Derral Barnes, Dorothy Jenkins, Althea Barnes; row 1—teacher Laura Zumwalt, Grimes Barnes, Morris Perry, Uplene Perry, Norma Chambers and Forrest Barber. This photo was contributed by Laura Zumwalt Payne.

Students at Polk School from 1947-48 were, from left, row 1—Eddie McElwee, Wanda Andrews, Vinna Barnes, Cleo Jenkins, Richard Appleby, _____ Haskill; row 2—Doyle Sumners, Pete Appleby, Lawrence Haskill, Velma Toliver, Delma Warren, Mary Lou Barber and Wanda Lee Gorden. This photo was contributed by Wanda Rader.

Polk School in 1940-41, were, from left, row 1—Ambie Manes, Richard Appleby, _____ Haskill; row 2—Doyle Sumners, Pete Appleby, Lawrence Haskill, Velma Toliver, Miss Ethel Toliver, Nadine Woods, Archie Robbins, Velma Toliver, Dorothy Lightfoot, Betty Carol Ealy and Mary Ayres. The teacher is Delores Davison. This photo was contributed by Jewell Melton.

Oak Grove (Adonis) students, probably in 1946, were, from left, row 1—June Melton, Charles Ealy, Dorothy Ealy, Freddy Ayres, Lorraine Melton; row 2—Kethen Bolivar, Nadine Woods, Archie Robbins, Velma Toliver, Dorothy Lightfoot, Betty Carol Ealy and Mary Ayres. The teacher is Doretha Davison. This photo was contributed by Jewell Melton.

Students at Green Grove (Fox Den) southeast of Rondo in 1944-45 were, from left, row 1—Eddie McElwee, Wanda Andrews, Vinna Barnes, Cleo Jenkins, Richard Appleby, _____ Haskill; row 2—Doyle Sumners, Pete Appleby, Lawrence Haskill, Velma Toliver, Delma Warren, Mary Lou Barber and Wanda Lee Gorden. This photo was contributed by Wanda Rader.

Students at Runyan School, between Bolivar and Fair Play, in 1942 were, from left, row 1—Rex Burchett, Charlene Choate, Billy Lower, Rosalee Hembree, Delmar Orrell; row 2—Lloyd Orrell, Bobby Gene Seiner, Charles Potts, Bobby Ryan, James Hembree, LeRoy Seiner; row 3—Mary Stanley, Betty Ryan, Betty Stanley, Frank Dickerson, Jack Burchett and Mary Jane Barnett, teacher. This photo was contributed by Charlene Choate Ballinger.

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Students at Carter School, at the east edge of the county north of Goodson, in 1947-48 were, from left, row 1—Virgil Machmburs, Dale Meadoms, Irene Damodere, Joe “Boy” Spear, Donald Black; row 2—Betty (Goddem) Sergent, Claudia (Cram) Erven, Audra Lou Cram, Patty (Gladium) Stewart, Elie (Opel) Hosiner; row 3—Jene (Neptham) Breshears, Louise (Williams) Garrison, Sonny “Boy” Spear, Vena Black, Marcelline (Machmburs) Maddox, teacher Maryle Darnell. The last year school was in session was 1949-1950.
OAK GROVE NO. 70 1946-47: The Oak Grove School southwest of Bolivar in 1946-47 had individual photos rather than the group photos usually associated with rural schools. From left, top row—Nellie Conners (teacher), Donald Redman, Rachel Scott, Freddie Krtek, Fern Redman, Danny Martin, Glenda Buckner, Jimmy Skopec; row 2—Bernard Krtek, Patty Mitchell, Gary Redford, June Redman, Billy Wilson, Wilma Buckner; row 3—Jackie Bonham, Hazel Krtek, Paul Euliss, Evelyn Bruce, Dennis Kellner, John Cash. This photo was contributed by John Cash and by Freida (Harralson) Clark.

FLINT 1947-48: Students at Flint School, north of Clipoit, from 1947-48 were, from left, row 1—_____, Allan Garretson, _____, Lloyd Garrett, Bill Hopkins, Harold Keith and Jack Hopkins; row 2—Larry Schwein, Mildred Hopkins, Barbara Garretson, Zella Mae Garretson, Helen Mae Moore, Mary Ann Griffin, Teddy Fowler and teacher Betty Garretson Black. This photograph was submitted by Zella Mae Garretson Piper.

OAK GROVE 1947-48: Students at Oak Grove School No. 70, about five miles southwest of Bolivar, from 1947-48 were, from left, row 1—Dennis Kellner, _____, Hubert Scott, Billy Wilson, Stanley Skopec, Donald Redman, Gary Harralson, Danny Martin; row 2—Carol McGinnis, Mary Potts, Irene Krtek, Goldena Taylor, Judy Redford, Hazel Krtek, Mary Bruce, Evelyn Bruce; row 3—Allison, Marcelline Martin, Jane Redman, Glenda Buckner and Rachel Scott. This photograph was contributed by Freida Harralson Clark of Raytown.

HICKORY POINT 1947-48: Students at Hickory Point School southeast of Bolivar during the 1947-48 term were, from left, row 1—Eddie Brockett, Billy Grider, Joseph Kroutil, Bill Wilson, Jerry Phillips, Don Wilson, Dean Wilson, Johnny Kroutil; row 2—Patsy Brooks, Joyce Kay Human, Mary Jo Stanek, June Eddy, Nina Brooks, Velma Tinsley; row 3—Connie Ruyle, Olga Smolink, Betty Ruyle, Grace Allen, Clara Stanek, Prudence Smolink, Darce Shough, Bonnie Brooks and teacher Ida Whitman. This photo was contributed by Mary Thiessen.

LETH 1947-48: Students at Leith School, southeast of Bolivar in 1947-48 were, from left, row 1—David Mosier, Wayne Kirksey, Harlin Neil, Nelson Rowan, Donald Bean; row 2—Linda Simmons, Norma Heffner, Norma Dean, Delia Botts, Joe Zucka, Charles Price; row 3—David Crisbey, Judy Calhoun, Regina Pollock, Janice Heston, Margaret Hockaday, Carol Crisbey, Darrell Crisbey; row 4—Wanda Crisbey, John Seiler, Marjorie Dernsor, Elizabeth Pollock, Alice Zucka and Jewell Samples (teacher).
GRADUATING EIGHTH GRADERS 1946: These students are graduates of the eighth grade from area rural schools. They are the class of 1946. This photograph was contributed by Ruth Neal.

THESE STUDENTS participated in the Polk County rural school graduation in 1947. This photograph was contributed by Joe Shelton.

THESE STUDENTS were the eighth grade graduates for the class of 1948.

ROBERTS 1947-48: Students at Roberts School north of Burns in 1947-48 were, from left, row 1 — Ronald McDowell, Kenneth Holt, Derral Holt, Walter Holt, Dale Harmon, Lewis Harmon, Teddy McIntosh, Eddie Harmon, Bobby Boren; row 2 — Joyce Cuppings, Karen Holt, Sonja Wright, Shirley Standley, Della Mae Boren; row 3 — Erma Jean Hampton, Colleen Cummings, Florence Cheek, Ruby Akers, Velma Sanders, Roena Blackman, Lucile Hampton, Joyce Standley, Barbara Standley, Marcella Blackman; row 4 — teacher Dorothy Reagen. This photograph was contributed by Barbara Pinksly.

MT. ETNA 1947-48: Students attending Mt. Etna School northeast of Bolivar in 1947-48 were, from left, row 1 — Milton Choate, Don Wilson, Floyd Sikes, Bobby Barker, Loyde Mincks, Wayne Wilson, Billy Ikerd, L.J. Mincks, Johnny Pennell, Gene Manes and Virgil Ikerd; row 2 — Buddy Flowers, Kenneth Mincks, Neta Barker, Betty Ahart, Martha Eidson, Nellie Flowers, Bobby Sikes and Alfred Sikes; row 3 — teacher Woodrow Kinsey, _____, Betty Barker, Dorothy Choate, Betty Francka, Nadine Simmons, Diane Hubbert and teacher Dorothy Wegonter. This photograph was contributed by Woodrow Kinsey.

ELM GROVE 1948-49: Students at Elm Grove School south of Bolivar near Karlin in 1948-49 were, from left, row 1 — John Deragowski, Dannie Hubbert, Charles Samek, Billy Rychlik, Chuck Divin; row 2 — Joe Hubbert, Jerry Divin, Frank Samek; row 3 — Frances Samek, Betty Divin, Betty Rychlik, Betty Francka, Nadine Simmons, Diane Hubbert and teacher Dorothy Wagoner. This photograph was contributed by Barbara Francka.

BRIGHTON 1948-49: Students at Brighton School in 1948-49 were, from left, row 1 — Jackie Slaughter, Billy Boswell, J.W. Burk, Jackie McGuire, Donald McGuire; row 2 — Colleen Looney, Kathryn Sue Brazait, Barbara Burk, Mary Lou Brozeal and teacher Wanda Stokes. This photograph was contributed by Wanda (Stokes) Dillard.

WILMINGTON 1948-49: Students at Wilmington School east of Bolivar in 1948-49 were, from left, row 1 — David Trueminter, James Noble, Bobby Burleson, Garland Roberts, Kenneth Pitner, Don Roberts; row 2 — Ethel Trueminter, Wilma McReynolds, Edith Mauck, Helen Mauck, Lois Walberg; row 3 — Janice Hastain, Altha Burleson, Dorothy Hambisky, Kay Guin, Beverly McReynolds, ____, and Helen Medlock (teacher). This photo was contributed by Don Roberts.
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Collins 1948-49: Collins School on the old Morrisville-Bolivar road (now Rt. U) in 1948-49 included these students: row 1—J.B. Blakey, James Hensley, George Williams, Preston Hensley, George Cossins, Dean Euliss, Gene Cunningham; row 2—Jimmie Williams, Bobby Hensley, Joan Wilson; row 3—Lois Cossins, Sharon Cunningham, Dianna Cunningham, Virginia Cossins, Vera Cossins, Louise Wakefield, Effie Cossins, Betty Euliss and Alline Hargis, teacher. The photo was contributed by Betty Graves.

Green Leaf 1948-49: Students at Green Leaf School at Huron in 1948-49 were, from left, row 1—Wayne Vest, Larry Hood, Roger Johnson, Bobby Compton, Richard Applegby, Paul Thomas, Jesse (Pete) Applegby, Dean Camier and Cleo Jenkins; row 2—Juanita Ahart, Gene Ahart, Gary Camier, Billy Gene Jenkins, Marilyn Sert; row 3—Patsy Hocker, Linda Swingle, Shirley Hale, Lavonne Thomas, Edith Manes, Ruby Ahart, Donna Jean McCoy, Peggy Hocker, Sharon Thomas, Eva Darlene Elliott and teacher Woodrow Kinsey. This photo was contributed by Woodrow Kinsey.

Inglis 1948-49: Students at Inglis School north of Polk during the 1948-49 school year were, from left, row 1—Larry Inglis, Lovell Noblitt, Jearld Lightfoot, Jerry Cloyed, Kenton Inglis, Wendal Roberts, Lybe Noblitt, Bobby Simpson and Jimmie Pilcher; row 2—Rommie Simpson, Rosetta Pilcher and Donnie Lightfoot; row 3—Denzil Roberts, Lou Jean Roberts, JoAnn Wainscott, Gearldine Lightfoot, Glenda Ingram, Doris Reynolds, Phyllis Seely, Hazel Noblitt, Betty Simpson, Donna Reynolds, Georgia Reynolds, Judy Jones, Gene Lightfoot and teacher Kenneth Cansler. This photograph was contributed by Bobby Simpson.

Orleans 1948-49: Students at Orleans School southwest of Bolivar in 1948-49 were, from left, row 1—Harlin Neil, Nelson Rowan, James Bean, Louis Hagar, Kenneth Termin, Robert Neil, Wayne Kirksey, David Mauzer; row 2—teacher Kenneth Vincent, Penny Siles, Janice Termin, Morean Hagar, Linda Shuler, Marie Nie, Frances Campbell, Mattie Campbell, Carolyn Nie and Herman Kirksey. This photo was contributed by Marie Newland.

Pleasant Vale 1948-49: Students at Pleasant Vale, two miles southwest of Bolivar, in 1948-49 were, from left, row 1—Darrell Crites, Gary Harralson, Wayne Robertson, Bobby Burks, Tony Payne, Jerry Hood, Carl Hendrickson, Eugene Foster; row 2—starting with girls in polka dot dresses—Barbara Robertson, Carol Robertson, Charles Mashburn, Billy Gaddy, Carl Foster; row 3—Virginia Foster, Nancy Alexander, Freida Harralson, Willohean House, Geneva Singeferd, Jesse Foster, Fatsy House, Laverne Kates, Doris Singeferd, Janice Breshears and Sophia Francka (teacher). This photo was contributed by Freida Harralson Clark of Raytown.

Polk 1948-49: Students at Polk School from 1948-49 are, from left, row 1—Nick Hale, Erven Rader, Denny Inglis, Gary Jones, Donald Jones, Eddie Gorden, Clark Hale, Nurse Warren; row 2—Bruce Inglis, Jenny Barber, Carol Inglis, Joyce Inglis, Darlene Simpson, Jimmy Fowler; row 3—Shirley Meadows, Patricia Zumwalt, Martha Barber, Dorothy Inglis, Mary Barber, Wanda Garden, Effiea Bridge, Carol Jones, Warhena Payne, Mary Payne, Janice Gorden, Delma Warren; row 4—teacher Ida Barnes. This photo was contributed by Wathena Simpson.

Union Grove No. 41 1948-49: Students at Union Grove School southwest of Bolivar in 1948-49 were, from left, row 1—Carl Brown, Johnny Winfield, Robert Newcomb, Charles Newcomb, Detrith Inglis, Billy Moore, Chester Bryan, John Woommel, Clifford Vine; row 2—Ralph Orrell, Vernon Dyer, Linda Winfield, Charles Brown; row 3—Dean Winfield, Marilyn Tinsley, Ruth Orrell, Mary Anna Woommel, Mabel Vine, Virginia Lemmon, Evelyn Vine, Carol Inglis, Veta Lemmon, Mary Dyer, Kenneth Orrell and teacher Matt Harralson. This photograph was contributed by Freida Harralson Clark of Raytown.
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UNION NO. 5 1948-49: Students at Union School east of Flemington in 1948-49 were, from left, row 1 — Frank Skidmore, Tommy Coe, Billy Ray Spears, Bob Ross, Johnny Skidmore, Raymond McCracken; row 2 — Joe Lynn, Gary Allison, Curtis Dee Stacy; row 3 — Jeckie May Stacy, Billy Sue Stacy, Kay Baldwin, Connie Baldwin, Nancy Coe, Mary Jane Coe, Loisanne Spears and teacher Sylvia Franklin. This photograph was contributed by Kay Baldwin Pitts.

PLEASANT VALE 1951-52: Students in grades 1-8 at Pleasant Vale School south of Bolivar in 1951-52 were, from left, top row — teacher Ida Whitman, Jerry Hood, _____, Larry Crites, Linda Winfield, _____, Jenetta Winfield; row 2 — _____, _____, Anna Marie Shugh, Doyle Summers; row 3 — Darrell Crites, Dwayne Hale, Robert Mus-tain, Larry Hood, Shirley Mae Vest; row 4 — Cookie Mustain, Larry Holston, Kay Hale, Robert Mustain, Laverne Thomas, Larry Elliot, Eva Darlene Elliot, Deon Candler, Marilyn Sue Vest, Wayne Vest; row 5 — Shirley Hale, Gary Candler, Wanda Faye Vest, Geri Moxon, Charley Elliot, Lonnie Jump and Paul Cameron. This photograph was contributed by Willis Mae Polly.
Students at Mt. Etna School north of Bolivar from 1951-52 in grades one
Students at Polk School from 1951-52 included, from left, row 1
Students at Elm Grove School west of Karlin from 1951-52 included, from
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POLK 1955-56: Students in the third and fourth grades at Polk in 1955-56 were, from left, row 1 — LeRoy Sallee, Jerry Ward, Christa Wainscott, Melba Bartche, Elizabeth Pitts, Russell Payne, Linda Hood; row 2 — teacher Ida Barnes, Richard Barber, Gary Warren, Mary Pitts, Robert Blanton, Ronnie Barnes, Jim Bybee, Ronnie Hale, Joan K. Cloyed.; row 3 — Rick Lightfoot, Gary Stewart, Mick Hulett, Carolyn Hocker, Sharon Meadows, Edsel Keith and Ronnie Cansler. This photo was contributed by Ida Barnes.

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