



Helen Franklin's mother taught at the Rome School in 1913, when this photograph was taken. She is standing at far right. Children, from left, first row: Louise Elston, Anna McNally, Alice McNally, Ruth Learn, Helen Behee, Elrina Brown, Aleth Headman, Howard Naugle. Second row: Ruth Miller, Merle Jones, Adam Lushinski, Joseph Lushinski, Morris Brown, Charles Learn, Carmeta Naugle, Cora Headman, Mabel Miller, Maude Bulford, teacher. Third row: Wagner, Naugle, Russ Learn, Norman Brown.



Freda Roskos and her son, David, attended the reunion.



The Rome School

## 1-room school

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down, and the Rome School was moved to another location in Jackson Township."

Sometimes we get lucky and are able to preserve just a little piece of history. "My mother, Maude Bulford, was a one-room school teacher in Ceasetown, Rome and Dallas," said Franklin. "When her school was torn down, my aunt, Ruby Elston, bought the bell for my mother and kept it all these years to give to me. I rang it at the reunion, and we sang 'School Days,' and we said the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag."

Freda Roskos of Kingston was one of the guests at the reunion. "I attended Oakdale a long time ago," she said. "It was a long way to school so we always walked in a group. We had to contend with hills and bad weather, but there were so few of us that all of the kids were friendly and we all got along. It was a much simpler time when we carried our lunch and sat under the trees to eat and commune with nature."

But in some ways, children had it better than today, Roskos said. "It was an easier time too. None of us had very much so there was no peer pressure to have just the right clothes. We all just wore what we had. We were all farmers and worked in

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David Roskos  
Attended Oakdale School

the fields. We had hard times, and I guess we were poor, but we didn't know it. We were all in the same boat and we had good times together."

Roskos spoke for the whole group in complimenting Franklin for the get together. "Helen's reunion party was such a good idea," she said. "She's quite a gal."

The next generation of the Roskos family, David Roskos, also attended the Oakdale School and accompanied his mother to the reunion.

"I attended Oakdale for one year when I was about 5 years old," said David Roskos. "Then Lehman took over the school. I was just a little guy, but I remember my teacher, Mr. King, who drove a Model A Ford roadster pickup truck. He would go from group to group in the classroom and give out assignments and manage to teach all of us at the same time."

David Roskos has other fond memories of his brush with a

fading era. "I also remember looking up at a big Christmas tree that year. We made popcorn chains and paper ornaments for it. And the older kids brought their lunches in metal pails and they would warm them over the fire in the potbelly stove."

Roskos shared his recollection of what happened to the old Oakdale building. "When the state bought the land to build the prison, the old schoolhouse was initially used for storage. Then they let the various fire departments in the Back Mountain use it for training. Eventually it was totally burned down from all of the practice drills done on the property. They also tore down some old houses and barns. It was sad to see it all go."

At the end of the day, teachers and classmates who had died were remembered and missed. Guests said what a wonderful time they had. And yes, they all vowed to meet again — next year.

## Checking attendance at the 1-room school reunion

Those in attendance were: Elmer Swelgin, Anthony Zbick, Louise Zbick, Margaret Mizdail Schrama, Edward Schrama, Leona Mizdail, Melba Reakes Shaver, Howard Shaver, Wilson Cease, Stacia Zcomek, Keith Cragle, Shirley Cragle, Eunice Cragle Hazeltine, Bonnie Cra-

gle Brader, Marlene Cease, Dorothy Gmiter, Kathleen Hinnegan, Helen Franklin, Pastor Tom Morris, Sandy Morris, Lanny Morris, Wayne Herb, Lester Newell, Mary Ann Newell, Charlotte Weaver, John Weaver, Colette Weaver, Dorothy Perkins, Sarah Cease,

Jerry Yamelski, III, Freda Roskos, David Roskos, Erin Smith, Louise Montigney, Anna Manzoni, Carroll Crager, Grace DeBoufe, Anthony Wacławski, Dianna Wacławski, Tony Wacławski, Alex Wacławski, Christian Cease, Allan J. Cease.

## Runoff

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eral trees cut up and removed that had fallen in the "creek" area that was formed by the runoff. She said that someone from Penn State Cooperative Extension, a division of The Department of Agriculture, told her that the trees were falling down because they had been sitting in the water for so long that the roots became rotted, which in turn caused them to eventually topple.

Michael Morreale, foreman for The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PENNDOT) told Hannigan that even though the storm pipe is owned by the state and is under a state road, they cannot maintain where the pipe exits because it is on private property. Hannigan claimed that Morreale told her that her only hope is to take it up with the township.

Ron Buckman, Roadmaster

for Dallas Township, told Hannigan that the responsibility is definitely not the township's. Frank Wagner, Vice Chairman for the Supervisors, agreed that it is not the township's responsibility and assured Hannigan they will contact Morreale and have him look at the pipe. Hannigan would like PENNDOT to clean out the pipe at least once every two years.

Hannigan said that she's been shoveling gravel out of the drain constantly and wants the state to finally shoulder some of the load. "I'm a 55-year-old unpaid road worker and I'm getting tired!" she said.

In other news, residents were notified last week that from October through April parking on the streets between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m. is prohibited. The ordinance is to allow for unobstructed snow removal.

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