



Dorothy Gmitter, left, and R. Helen Franklin were among those in attendance at a reunion of former one-room schoolhouse students.

## Remembering one-room days

Students of the former one-room schoolhouse converged on Moon Lake recently to hold their sixth annual reunion and to remember what life was like in days gone by. Family members and friends also attended the reunion.

Members of the committee planning the reunion were Helen Franklin, Dorothy Gmitter, Bonnie Brader and Sandra Morris.

Franklin, whose mother Maude Bulford, taught in the one-room schoolhouse in Ceasetown, held the first reunion at her house in Jackson Township with 50 people in attendance.

One-room schoolhouses were located in Ceasetown, Oakdale, Rome, Hillside and Mountain Top.

A covered dish picnic lunch was held, followed by prayers offered by Rev. Allan J. Cease. Following lunch, the old school bell was rung by Helen Franklin and a business meeting was conducted.

Rev. Tom Morris and Rev. Case read passages from the Bible, after which those in attendance recited the Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag, reminding them of how every day in a one-room schoolhouse started. Shirley Cragle led the group in singing "My Country 'Tis of Thee" and other songs.

During the days of one-room schoolhouses, few families lived near the schools which meant a lot of walking in all kinds of weather for the students. There were no buses, no electricity and no running water. Water was carried into the schoolhouse in buckets by the older boys with help from the girls on occasion.

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Those in attendance included Margaret Schrama, Dennis Mizdail, Tom Schrama, Hedwig Kupersmit, Keith Cragle, Shirley Cragle, Kathleen Hinnegan, Carol Hinnegan, Cody Black, Emily O'Connell, Bonnie Brader, Terry Capece.

Also, Rev. Allan J. Cease, Christian Cease, Rev. Tom Morris, Sandra Morris, Dorothy Gmitter, Helen Franklin, Melba Reakes Shaver, Howard Shaver, Anna Manzoni, Alfred Manzoni, John Headman, Rayford A. Petroski.

Also, Sandy Cooper, Leonard Phillips, Fran Newhart, Lillian Zanowicz, Joe and Susie Malak, Fred Murray, David and Joan Roskos, Eunice Hazeltine.

Also, Sue and Brooke Bealla, Marge Mattern, Harry Howell, Claire Adams, Warren Peters, Richard and Shirley Stout, Genny Mrak, Louis Mrak, Travis Spears, Taylor Spears, Doris Mae Hughey, Jack Owens.

Also, Lee Cyphers, Albert and Charlotte Ashton, Lynn Wiepa, Joseh Wiepa, Logan Wiepa, Devin Wiepa, David Comitz, Hedy Zbick, Anne Palmer Rebennack, Robert Rebennack and Peg Yascur.



Among those in attendance at the one-room schoolhouse reunion at Moon Lake Park this summer were former students of the Ceasetown School. From left, first row, Ruth Williams Briggs, Bob Williams, Shirley Williams Pierontoni, Peggy Williams Cornell, Melba Reakes Shaffer, Helen Franklin, Hedy Zbick and Margaret Mizdall Schrama. Second row, L. Dorothy Gmitter, Dennis Mizdall and Hedy Mizdall Kupersmit.



Sandy Cooper was a member of the Games Committee for the Sixth Annual One-Room Schoolhouse Reunion at Moon Lake Park this summer.



Winners in the hat contest at the one-room schoolhouse reunion were, from left, Marge Mattern, Shirley Williams, Susie Malak and Shirley Cragle.



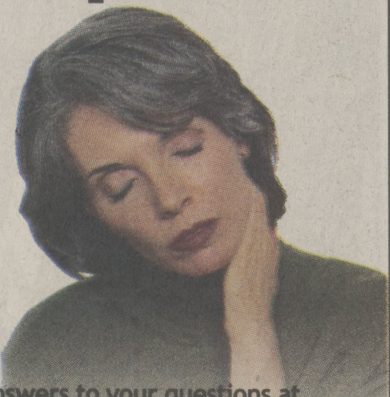
Melba Reaker Shaver, who attended the one-room schoolhouse in Ceasetown, joined her classmates and others who attended one-room schoolhouses at a reunion at Moon Lake Park this summer.

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