

THE SCOOP ON THE ONE ROOM SCHOOL-TOLD BY AN INSIDER





How did you feel about your one-room school experience?



THE DAILY NEWS

Jan 3

- FASTEST DELIVERY

Bloomington-Normal

USA

EXTRA! EXTRA!

FULL DISCLOSURE

Prairie View School And Me- How It All Began



ONE ROOM SCHOOLS- 3 QUESTIONS



1. **WHY** DID WE DECIDE TO HAVE THEM?
2. **HOW** WERE WE ABLE TO HAVE THEM?
3. **HOW MANY** WERE THERE?

THE
WHY

THOMAS JEFFERSON'S PHILOSOPHY

*Educate and inform the whole
mass of the people. They are
the only sure reliance for the
preservation of our liberty.*

- Thomas Jefferson

**THE
HOW**

Land Ordinance of 1785

6	5	4	3	2	1
7	8	9	10	11	12
18	17	16	15	14	13
19	20	21	22	23	24
30	29	28	27	26	25
31	32	33	34	35	36

SECTION 1 MI X 1 MI

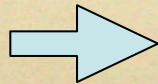
**TOWNSHIP 6 MI X 6 MI
36 SECTIONS**

COUNTY 9-30 TOWNSHIPS

**PRAIRIE VIEW
SCHOOL**

**“EDUCATION
SECTION”**

**JEFFERSON'S
SPECIAL
PROVISION**



There shall be reserved the lot No. 16 of every township, for the maintainance of public schools within the said township.

HOW
MANY?

Starting School



I thought I was one little kid entering first grade in my **unique** little one room school.

**HOW
MANY?**



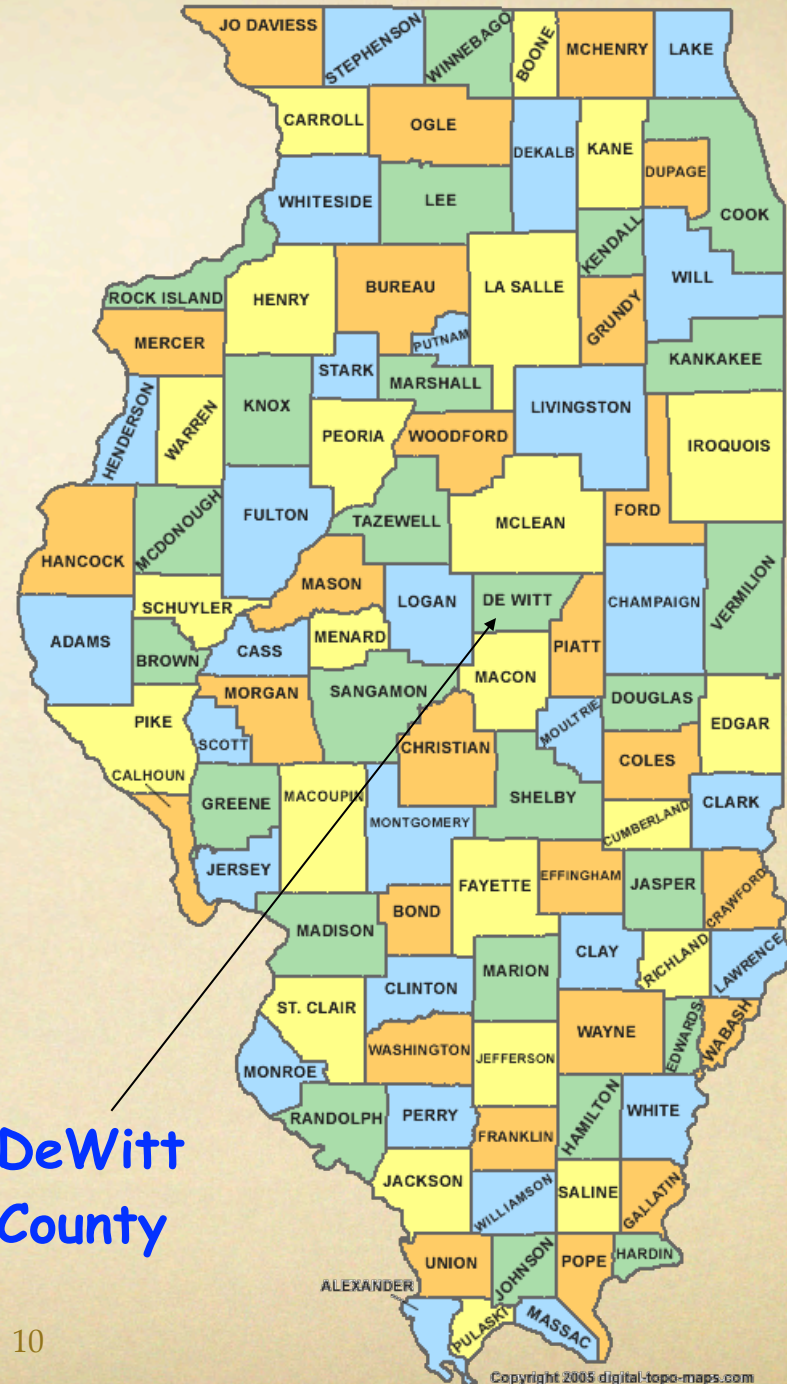
90

**RURAL SCHOOLS
of
DeWitt County**

HOW MANY?

- 102 Counties in Illinois
- About 100 One Room Schools Per County
- About 10,200 One Room Schools in the State

DeWitt
County



HOW
MANY?



THE POPULATION OF THE UNITED STATES IN THE EARLY 1900S WAS 76,000,000. THERE WAS 1 ONE ROOM SCHOOL FOR EVERY 350 PEOPLE.

SO THERE WERE A **QUARTER OF A MILLION** ONE-ROOM SCHOOLS IN THE UNITED STATES



WHAT DO YOU NOTICE ABOUT THIS PICTURE?



FRONT ROW (Left to Right) Marilyn Massey, Cherry Jackson-teacher, Carol Mix
BACK ROW (Left to right): Bill Gift, Janice Jiles, Ralph Massey, James Jiles,
Marjorie McDaniel, Dean Mix, Doris Mix, Fred Gift

ONE ROOM SCHOOL TEACHERS- 3 QUESTIONS



1. WHY WERE THERE **SO MANY** OF THEM,
AND WHY WERE THEY MOSTLY **WOMEN**?
2. WHY WERE THEY **SO YOUNG**?
3. WHY WERE THEY **HEROES**?

SOME SELECTED RULES FOR TEACHERS

(From the late 1800s, early 1900s)

- You are not to keep company with men other than your brother or father
- You will not marry during the term of your contract.
- Women teachers who marry or engage in unseemly conduct will be dismissed.
- You must wear at least two petticoats.
- Men teachers may take one evening each week for courting purposes, or two evenings a week if they go to church regularly.

Pillars of Moral Perfection



A bona fide school marm



Daughter Sara pretending

AN AMAZING ACCOMPLISHMENT!



MY
PRAIRIE VIEW SCHOOL
EXPERIENCES...



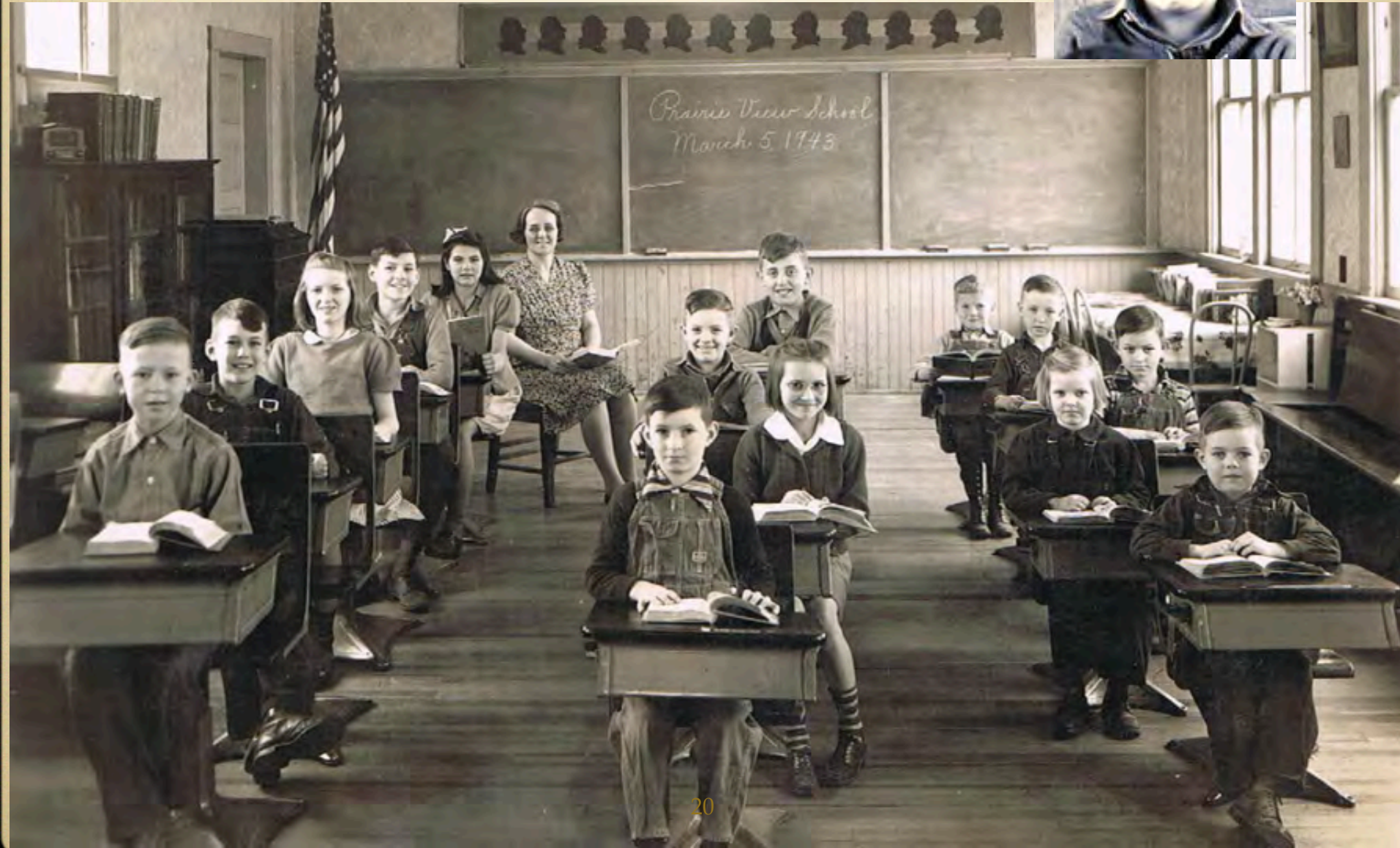
PRAIRIE VIEW SCHOOL, 1942

MRS WENE, TEACHER 8 year old Phares is
in the middle column, 4th person back



PRAIRIE VIEW SCHOOL, 1943

MRS WENE, TEACHER 9 year old Phares
is in the middle column, 3rd person back



12 yr old Phares
Back row, left



Prairie View School, 1946
Mrs. O'Connor, Teacher



My First Exciting Discovery

EAVESDROPPING!



Providing Enrichment and Meeting Individual Needs

My First Job

CARRYING COAL FOR THE STOVE

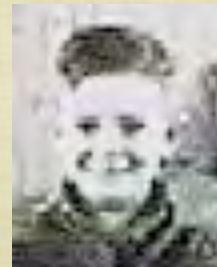
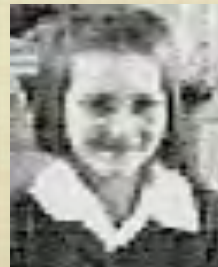
50 Cents a Week!



Developing Job Skills and Attitudes

My Early Acting Career

A HILLBILLY ROMANTIC SKIT



Sharon

Phares

Building confidence and self esteem by doing something new

My First Taste of Leadership

THE SCRAP METAL PROJECT



Meaningful Learning and Leadership Training via a Project

My First Sex Education MEETING AT THE TOILET



Cooperative Learning and Sex Education at the Same Time.

My Early Taste of Competition

THE CIPHERING CONTEST



Phares



Ada K

Becoming Actively Involved And Developing Self Knowledge.

My CIPHERING Nemesis



Ada Katherine, Then



Ada Katherine, Now

My First Big Writing Experience

THE ESSAY CONTEST



Essay Competition



From
Little
Acorns Big
Oaks
Grow

Learning Through Writing,
Special Attention to Individual Students
By a Teacher Who Cares.

My First "Foreign Language"



Ancay uyay eakspa igpay atinlay?

HOW DID IT ALL END?





AN ABANDONED ONE-ROOM SCHOOLHOUSE

PRAIRIE VIEW SCHOOL, JUST BEFORE
IT WAS DEMOLISHED



“


**Teachers affect
eternity; no one
can tell where their
influence stops.**

HENRY BROOKS ADAMS

THE GOOD OLD DAYS

**Nothing is more responsible
for the good old days than a
bad memory.**


Franklin Pierce Adams

 BrainyQuote


NOSTALGIA
isn't what it used to be

**Nostalgia is a file that
removes the rough edges
from the good old days.**

Doug Larson

 BrainyQuote



EDUCATION
INNOVATION

Nothing is Probably
as Bad or Good
as We Perceive It

There is More Than
One Way to Skin a Cat