

Answering Questions about Wolf Creek & Boulder Creek Schools

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My two brothers, Ken and Marvin, also attended Wolf Creek School along with me. Others that I remember attending Wolf Creek are Bertha and Janella Jones and some children from the Haines family.

Wolf Creek School was located on what is now the Measor farm and near where Wolf Creek flows into the Big Nestucca River.

I am Drusilla Measor Fern. I attended the Wolf Creek School while in the first grade (1927 - 1928), Boulder Creek School (1928 - 1929) and Wolf Creek School again in the 3rd and 4th grades (1929 - 1931). Next I attended Beaver School 5th grade - 8th grades (1931 - 1935).

The following comments follow the outline of questions which were sent to me from Nestucca Valley Middle School:

1. Teachers would meet separately with students from a particular grade and discuss the lessons for the day. I don't remember any discipline problems. There was only one teacher in Wolf Creek and Boulder Creek Schools. Teachers I remember are:
 - a. Wolf Creek - Miss Harris
 - b. Boulder Creek - Mrs. Alvord
 - c. Wolf Creek - Mrs. Alvord
 - d. Beaver - Mrs. Alvord
2. I wore high top shoes and dresses in the first grade. In other grades I wore oxfords and dresses. Boys mostly wore bib overalls. There were usually 1 - 3 students per grade level and 10 or less students in the entire school.
3. Drinking water was obtained from a nearby spring at Wolf Creek.
 - a. Wolf Creek and Boulder Creek were heated with wood.
 - b. The buildings were plain and rough finished. Wolf Creek had a wood shed attached to the back and no electricity.
 - c. There was no playground equipment and no play-shed at Wolf Creek. Boulder Creek had a play shed with some equipment.
 - d. School hours were about 9:00 - 3:30.
 - e. The school year was approximately 9 months. School was out for Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.
 - f. We brought our own lunch to school.
 - g. Games were Ante-Over-the school house, Charades, Tag and Hide and Seek. At home we played Rummy, read books and played phonograph records. There were no clubs.
 - h. Subjects were very basic, reading, writing and arithmetic.
 - i. There was no organized parents group. If we presented a program, of course, the parents attended.
 - j. The teacher usually read to us at the start of each day or right after lunch time.
 - k. There were no organized sports.

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- I. At Wolf Creek I walked to school in the first grade, approximately one mile. At Wolf Creek during 3rd and 4th grade I walked approximately 1/2 mile since we had moved closer to the school.
During 1928 - 1929 my 2nd grade year there were only two students in the Wolf Creek area, so the Boulder Creek teacher transported us to Boulder Creek in her own auto. She also picked up several other Boulder Creek School District students on the way to school. Transportation was by private auto probably paid by the school district.