



The Franklin School, Class of 1915.

1915: The children of Franklin School

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1915. What was it like 80 years ago?

Woodrow Wilson was president. Motion pictures made history with the making of the silent movie "The Birth of the Nation." We were listening to Victor Herbert, Irving Berlin and Al Olson.

Looking at the picture of the pupils of the Franklin School, we can see girls' and boys' attire was much different compared to now. The picture was taken when my father attended the Franklin School. He would have been 10 years old at the time.

In the first row, third from the left, is my dad, Horace M. Overholtzer. His sister, Emma, is fourth, and another sister, Dorothy, is sixth. His brother, George, is standing beside the teacher, Miss Catharine Saylor, pictured at the far right of the last photo.

The Franklin School was a typical one-room schoolhouse. Judging from the picture, and the chimney seen in the center of the

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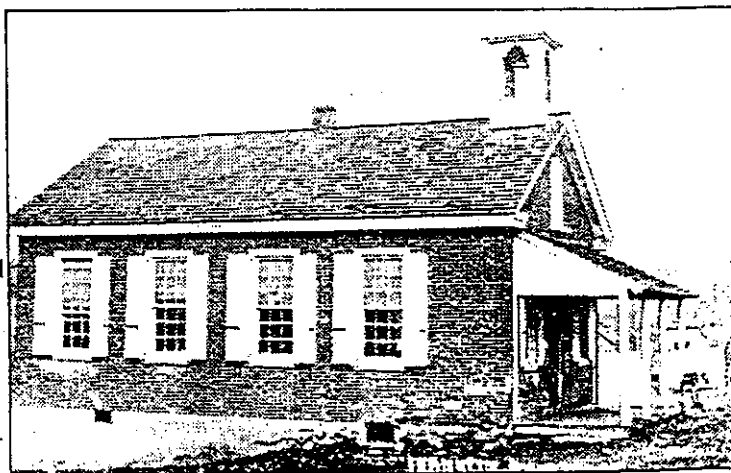
roof, it was heated by a round pot-bellied stove.

Looking to the far right of the picture you can barely see the outhouses — one for the boys and one for the girls.

The old Franklin School House, located along Sunnybrook Road at the corner of Ridge Pike, is now modernized and occupied by the offices of Century 21, Drumheller.

But it still has the charm of long ago.

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Yesterday and today: The old Franklin School House, above, along Sunnybrook Road at Ridge Pike in Potstow, is now occupied by the modern offices of Century 21, Drumheller.

