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Classes Go Back to Little Schoolhouse

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At Old Desk

Now in charge of the 428-pupil Wing Lake school, Mrs. Geneva Forslund stands at the teacher's desk in the room where she taught eight grades in 1928. From 1929 to 1945, she continued to teach six grades in the old schoolhouse.

Once used merely for storage, Wing Lake school's first building, built about 1859, is again a schoolroom this year. Now refurbished with modern acousties and lighting, the room houses second graders. Their

THE BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC

Principal Describes Wing Lake's One-Room Schoolhouse in 1928

By JULIE CANDLER

Back in 1928 when Mrs. Geneva Forslund began teaching grades one through eight in the first one-room Wing lake school, her pupils had to carry water from an outdoor

lake school, her pupils had to carry water from an outdoo pretty much the same as it was then, says Mrs. Forslund, who is principal of the Bloomfield Hills have been constructed in 1859, hav school which has 428 pupils en-rolled.

principal of the Biominied Hills, save been constructed in 1859, have been constructed in 185

ONLY A LITTLE changed is the way older children looked after the little ones before the one-room system ended in 1945. The system children looked right children on the children of the children out and help with them graders would take the primary children out and help with them helping a group inside the school, said the soft-voiced principal. There was no PTA in 1928, but parents displayed the same spirit parents express through their PTA. The system of the property of the property of the children, whereas smang the children, Mrs. Forslund said.

were."

While exterminators routed a mamma skunk and her babies from the crawl space under the building the one-room schoolhouse's occupants rejoiced over a day out of school.

Things haven't really changed s much since 1928.

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