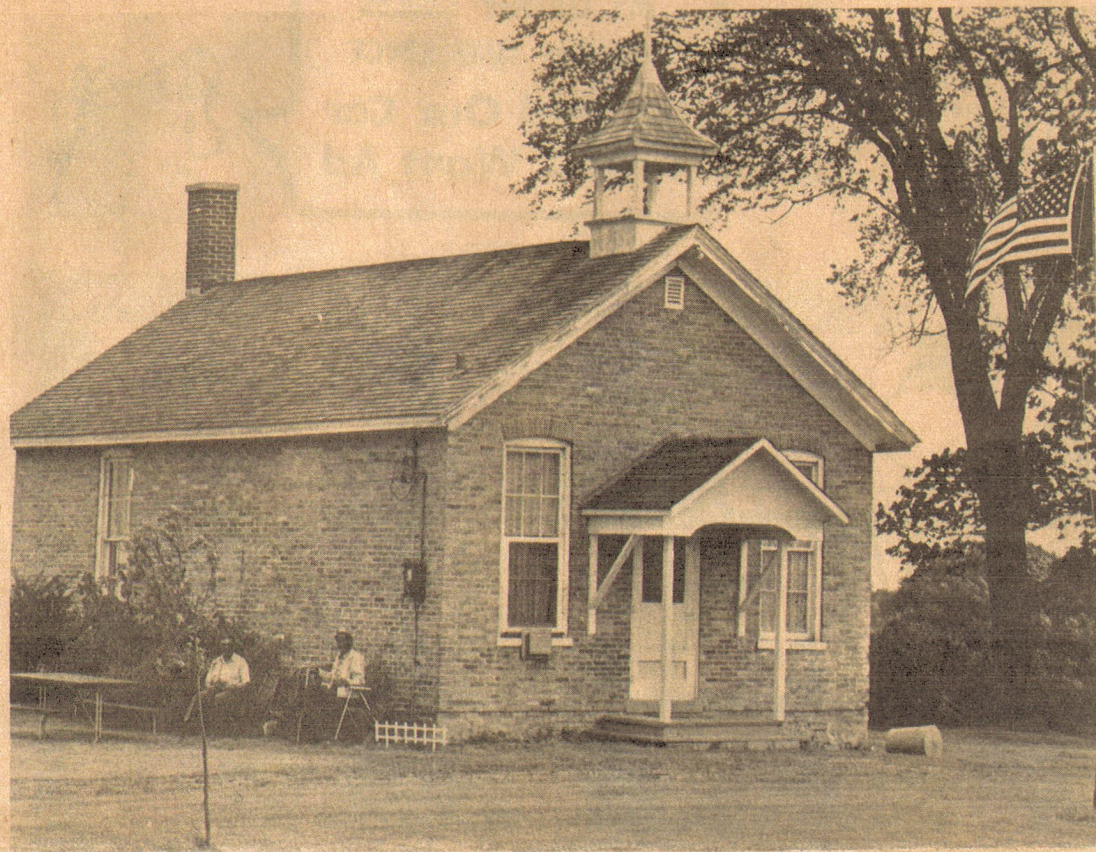


## One-Room School Reunion



RIVERVIEW SCHOOL on St. Helena Road, its exterior unchanged, was the scene of a pleasant reunion of former pupils and teachers Sunday.

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OLDEST LIVING PUPIL of the one-room Riverview School is Mrs. Julia Ladwig Pitterle of Park Ridge, Ill., who went to school there in 1889. Mrs. Harry Vander Velde of Madison, left, with her husband, now owns the remodeled school. She and her sister Mrs. Clifford Vellema of route 2, Juneau, right, planned the reunion.

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Sunday was a day of sharing of memories for the more than 75 persons who visited the Riverview one-room school on St. Helena Road. Most of those who came in a spirit of nostalgia were former students who recalled with warmth the fun they had learning-and playing-there.

The reunion was planned by two sisters, Mrs. Clifford Vellema of route 2, Juneau and Mrs. Harry VanderVelde of Madison, and by Gilbert Bennett of route 1, Horicon. They got the idea from Mrs. Julia Ladwig Pitterle of Park Ridge, Illinois, who attended the Riverview School about 1889.

Mrs. Pitterle, who came up Sunday for the reunion, accompanied by her daughter, had happened to pass when the school was being remodelled and asked if there could not be a picnic there some day.

Mrs. Ella Weinheimer of Oak Grove was another of the older "pupils" who came

to meet former classmates and see once again the interior of the school where she had spent many happy hours.

The school remains unchanged outside, but the interior has been transformed into a most attractive weekend retreat by Mrs. Vander Velde and her husband. The remodeling was done almost entirely by Mr. VanderVelde. He built a bedroom loft and an attractive circular staircase to reach it. Below the corner loft is a paneled kitchen, pass-through snack bar and bathroom.

A free standing metal fireplace on a brick hearth is at the far end of the room and the large schoolroom windows give a beautiful view of the fields and the river.

The Riverview School building itself was built in 1881 on land leased from Ferdinand Oestrich. As small school districts were consolidated, the one-room schoolhouse became part of the Jt. No. 11, or Dodgeand district. The school was closed in 1954. The land which had been leased from Gilbert Bennett was sold to him and the VanderVeldes acquired it in 1967.

Among those who signed the register Sunday were Mrs. Arthur Schwantes, mo-

ther of Mrs. VanderVelde and Mrs. Vellema who lives just down the road; Mrs. Pitterle of Park Ridge, Ill.; Mrs. Helen Murphy Schalinski, Mayville, Mrs. Beatrice Faltz Ziegler, Milwaukee; Mrs. Gladys Weber of Horicon and Mrs. Hilda Kanzenbach Bennett of route 1, Horicon.

Mrs. Ella Weinheimer, r. 1, Juneau; Mrs. Janice Steffen Cheaney, Waukesha; Mrs. Esther Buschkopf also were among those present who had known the school years ago.