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Moonlight Schoolhouse salutes our growth and heritage

By JAN MARTIN

The beat-up little white house which mushroomed overnight in Breck's sideyard a few weeks ago, is not just any beat-up little white house.

Neither is it, as speculated by several students, the birthplace of Daniel Boone, a storage shed, or the result of an erratic Kansas tornado (sans Dorothy). The house is an abandoned one-room schoolhouse which sat by the banks of Little Brushy Creek in the backwoods of Rowan County for well over 50 years, and is believed by University authorities to be one of the original "moonlight schoolhouses" of Mrs. Cora Wilson Stewart.

A plaque on Main Street bears a summary of the story:

Around 1911, Mrs. Stewart, a superintendent of Rowan County schools, became concerned that a majority of the adults in the area were illiterate, with no hope of becoming otherwise. She began to stir up interest in this area of education, and her movement grew to such proportions that the governor created a state commission on adult illiteracy, of which she became chairwoman; and later President Herbert Hoover named a national commission in which Mrs. Stewart was involved.

Back to schoolhouse

As a result, on crisp fall nights, (when the moon was at its yearly brightest), adults all over Rowan County would finish milking their cows, bed their animals down for the night, finish up the supper dishes, then set out through the woods to follow the paths their children had followed that morning to little one-room schoolhouses scattered among the ridges and hollows.

The parents sat at the same desks and possibly recited the same lessons. The only difference was the moonlight, and not sunlight, streaming through the windows.

Since that time, the University has developed a major role in adult education, with George Eyster heading the present complex. The internationally award-winning adult education center is headquartered in Ginger Hall.

"We want to give emphasis to the heritage this school and this community have in the role of adult education," Dr. Adron Doran explained. "That is the purpose of the restoration of Little Brushy; and it is the realization of a ten-year dream for me."

School located

Ray Hornback, former vice-president for University Affairs, and Russell McClure, vice-president for Fiscal Affairs, found the school; and the University bargained for ownership. After the highway department helped in moving it to its location at Breck, a University maintenance crew began its job of restoration.

Upon completion, the "Cora Wilson Stewart Moonlight Schoolhouse" will look exactly as it did in the days when children of eight different grades filled its two-child desks, wrote on its blackboards, and stoked its wood-burning stove daily.

The recitation bench will be there, too, where the seventh-grade English class would conjugate verbs while the teacher kept one watchful eye on the rest of the school. An old hickory stick may even stand in the corner as a silent reminder. Also, learning materials on display from moonlight schools up to the present day, will give emphasis to adult basic education.

Restoration is scheduled to be completed by the convocation on Sept. 23, at which time an open house will be held at the school. Standing in the shadow of a modern Rowan county school, Little Brushy provides an ironic contrast and adds a unique piece of history to the campus.

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Debbie Tibbs, Fort Wright senior, studies her class during a break between classes. Johnson Can background. She is a newly elected senior representative of the Government Association.

TRIO benefits students with academic skills

By LINDA JOHNSON

If you are looking for help from MSU's Upward Bound, Talent Search, or Special Services programs, they are now to be found in a program including all three called TRIO.

The main objective of TRIO is to help students achieve academic success, says Mrs. Wanda Bigham, the new director of TRIO.

The TRIO program has two main components to help students: outreach, and instructional.

The outreach component has the responsibility of identifying and assisting students in the area high

classes, care with the selection. Other services include orientation assistance for graduate students available to the skills program.

Study skills develop effective help students average. Topics include: budgeting, theme and your memory.