MOREHEAD -- Pictures, newspapers and an essay by a seventh grader were unearthed in Morehead when a time capsule placed in the cornerstone of the former Breckinridge School in 1930 was opened as part of a reunion weekend.

Keith Kappes, Morehead State University vice president for university advancement, called Friday's capsule opening "a fitting beginning" to the first schoolwide reunion of Breckinridge School, which served as MSU's laboratory school for teacher training from 1924 to 1982. Kappes taught at the school.

Emerging in "remarkable good condition" after three decades of confinement were:


List of officers and members of Morehead Masonic Lodge 645.

Letter signed by the Masonic Grand Marshal of Kentucky authorizing J. Harlan Powers to conduct a Masonic ritual for the original cornerstone laying on April 21, 1930.

Roster of the training school staff and pupils.


April 17, 1930, edition of The Rowan County News, with a front-page story about the death of an administrator at Morehead State Teachers College, as MSU was known then. Another article told of the coming cornerstone ceremony, the first in Morehead State's history.

April 15, 1930 issue of The Trailblazer, the campus student newspaper.

1929-30 Morehead State Normal School and Teachers College catalog.

Faculty and staff roster for the teachers college.

Panoramic picture of students and staff members of the college.
About 1,100 people made reservations for the reunion activities, which continue through today. Among those are 675 alumni and 28 former faculty members from 36 states, Australia and Saudi Arabia. Also on hand are several members of the class of 1932, the Breckinridge School's first graduating class.

Yesterday's events included tours of the old school, now an MSU classroom-office building; tours of the campus; an ice cream social; a banquet; a special program, and a dance. Individual class get-togethers will take place today.