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Early Hurst School Was Out in North 40—Literally

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ple in the Hurst area complain about temporary buildings being used for school classrooms.

But they should see the original Hurst school.

The accompanying photo shows what sort of building it was and the man in the center of the picture, with a bow tie, can tell you even more.

He is Dr. Willie G. Phillips, 78, then teacher of Arwine School.

The picture was taken more than half a century ago. The grim faces of the 24 students probably can be recognized by many older settlers in the Hurst area.

Dr. Phillips admits he can't identify all of the students, although he knows more than half and can make good guesses at the identity of the others.

The school, said Dr. Phillips, was "up in Elbert Souder's pasture."

He took a reporter to the spot where the school once stood on the edge of Arwine Cemetery about 1½ miles northeast of the Norwood St. and State Highway 183 intersection.

Only a few gravestones were behind the old school building at that time, but the hillside cemetery has grown quite a bit in 58 years, preserving a portion of history.

"There was no Hurst then," said Dr. Phillips, who for more than 40 years has been a physician in the Riverside area of Fort Worth.

"Everything was called Arwine," he said. The site for

was his first teaching job.

"I remember one of the school trustees, Ben Brown (a member of the family for whom Brown Trail is named), looking me in the eye for about 30 minutes before giving me the job," recalled Dr. Phillips.

Two of Ben Brown's children are in the old school picture. Also included are children named Hurst, Souder and Smelley.

Emerson E. (Uncle Em) Hurst, who died last week, also was a member of the school board.

Dr. Phillips roomed with the Smelley family and recalls walking from their home through heavily wooded areas to the old school.

Now modern suburban homes are springing up in the wooded area around the cemetery.

Much of the fuel for the school's wood stove was provided by the surrounding trees.

Students chopped the wood most of the time, said Dr. Phillips.

There were no restrooms. "The boys went one way in the woods and the girls went another," he said.

A small spring on the side of the hill provided water. "We brushed away the leaves and got a bucket full every now and then," he said. "It was good water."

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said Dr. Phillips, who for more than 40 years has been a physician in the Riverside area of Fort Worth.

"Everything was called Arwine," he said. The site for the school and cemetery was donated by the Arwine family in 1877.

Dr. Phillips was graduated from public schools in Grapevine where his father, John Milton Phillips, was postmaster from President William McKinley's administration to the time of President Woodrow Wilson.

After attending old Grapevine College, Dr. Phillips taught seven years.

The Arwine School in Hurst

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"That was better than some teachers go," he said. "Some taught the same sort of school for \$35 a month."

Salaries for teachers have improved since then but he's still glad he entered the medical profession.

"I had always dreamed of being a doctor," he said.

After attending Baylor Medical School and the old Fort Worth Medical College, his dream came true. Dr. Phillips has been practicing medicine in Riverside for more than 40 years.



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AT SCHOOL SITE—Dr. Phillips points out the spot where the old Arwine School at Hurst stood near the edge of Arwine Cemetery.



CLASS PICTURE—Lined up outside the original Hurst school are many present-day area residents. Dr. Willie G. Phillips, in bow tie, was teacher.