

Bonny Oaks alumni expanding Web site

Next goal is to load Bicentennial library's photo archives onto site

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One year ago, Christine Haven created an Internet Web site in an attempt to reunite alumni of the former Bonny Oaks School.

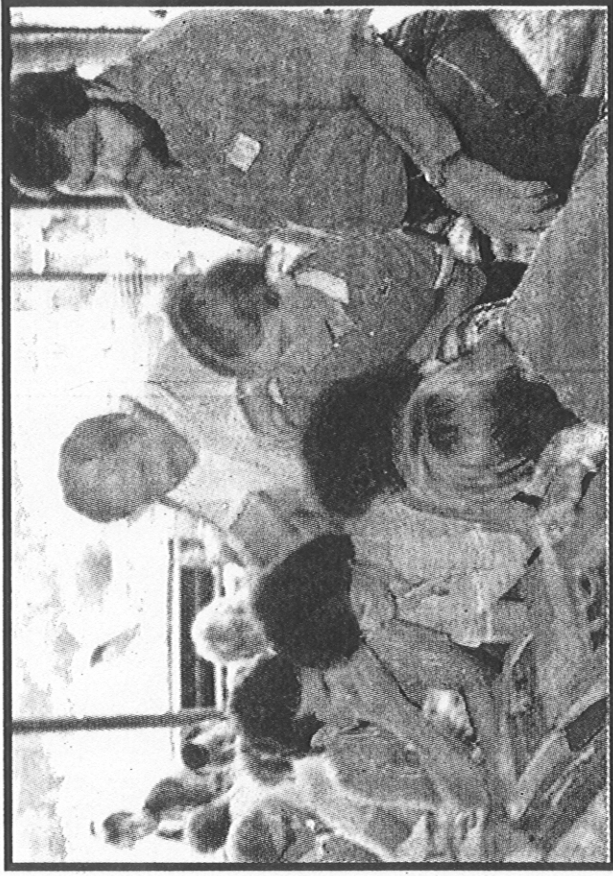
Its success has by far surpassed her expectations.

Bonny Oaks School was a 35-acre children's home located on Bonny Oaks Drive from 1896 to 1985. Its superintendent's home is now known as The Dent House. Ms. Haven and three siblings lived in the home for seven years.

Among the many alumni she heard from was Dewane Kidwell,

now living in Massachusetts, a Bonny Oaks child with his four brothers in the 1930s and 1940s. Sisters Fran and Maxine Holden sent a photo for the Web site. Also residents of Bonny Oaks in the 1940s, Maxine had retired in Nashville from the music industry, and Fran had her own radio talk show in Arizona before retiring to Texas. Bonny Oaks boy Charles Camp grew up to serve as director of the Dothan, Ala., Boys and Girls Club, for 40 years.

"Former students sent what few, precious pictures they have from their Bonny Oaks years for inclusion



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This photo was taken at the 1981 reunion of former Bonny Oaks School staff and residents. Roy Tucker stands at right.