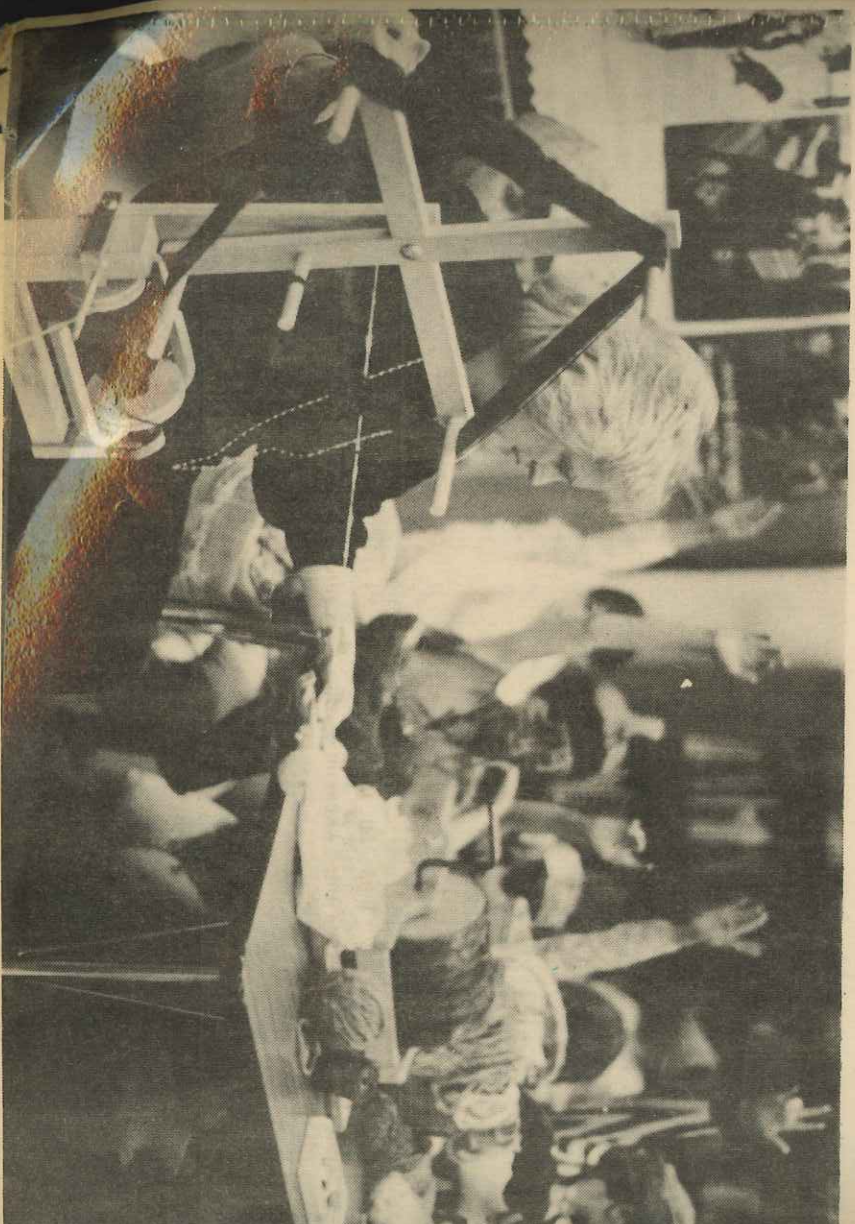




ABOVE: ANGELA MOSS, a fourth-grader at Warren Elementary School, kneads dough as part of "Pioneer Days" at the school Thursday.

BELOW: Rebecca Saalwachter of Bowling Green, a freelance weaver, demonstrates how to weave wool into yarn.



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Homemade bread and soap, bonnets and Indian war daint were on around at Warren Elementary School on Thursday, as fourth-graders there got a taste, literally and figuratively, of what it was like to live in late 18th century Kentucky.

It was all a part of "Pioneer Days," which fourth-grade teacher Sharon Stokes said she hopes will become an annual event at the school.

She said Cheryl Hughes, another of the four fourth-grade teachers at Warren Elementary, came up with the idea after the school began offering Kentucky history classes to the fourth-graders for the first

time. Mrs. Stokes said notes were sent home to parents last week to explain the idea and ask that students come dressed Thursday in pioneer-era clothing.

Many of the school's 120 or so fourth-graders responded, including some who came dressed and painted up as American Indians.

The special events got under way at mid-morning, when students learned how to make bread and butter.

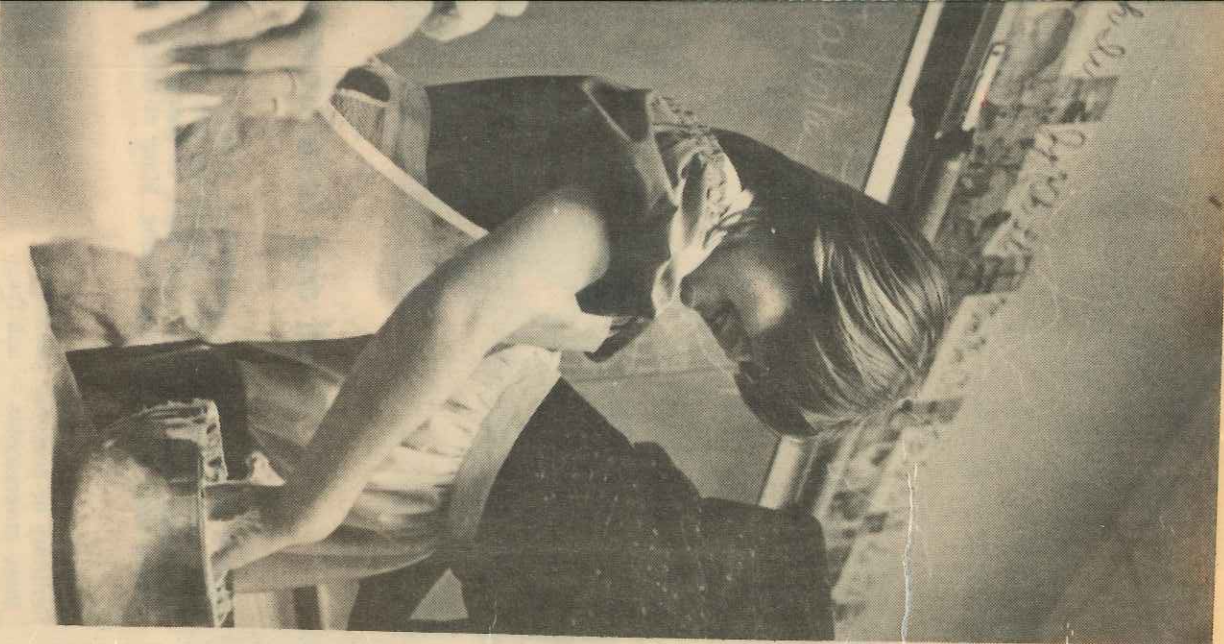
At recess, Mrs. Stokes said, the students also played pioneer games, including "buzzsaw," in which a button is placed on a string and made to spin, "hide the thim-

ble" and marbles.

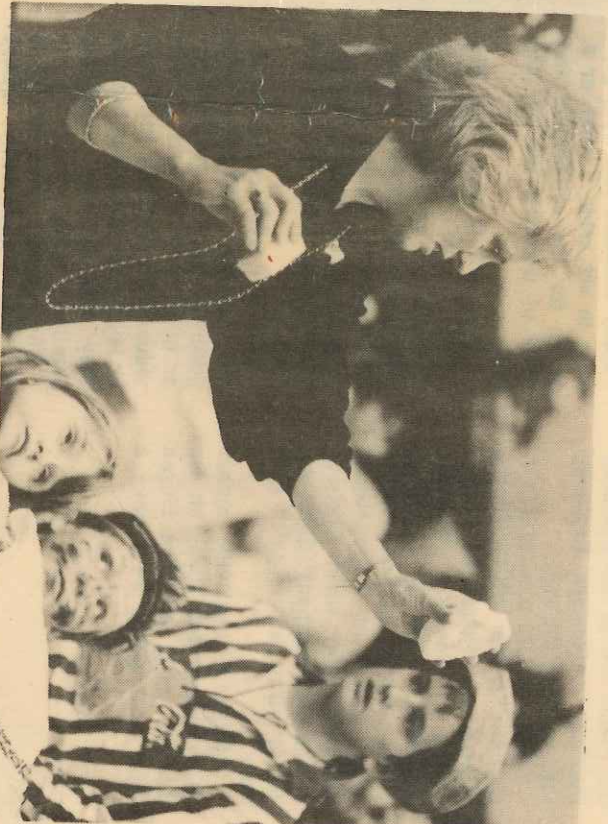
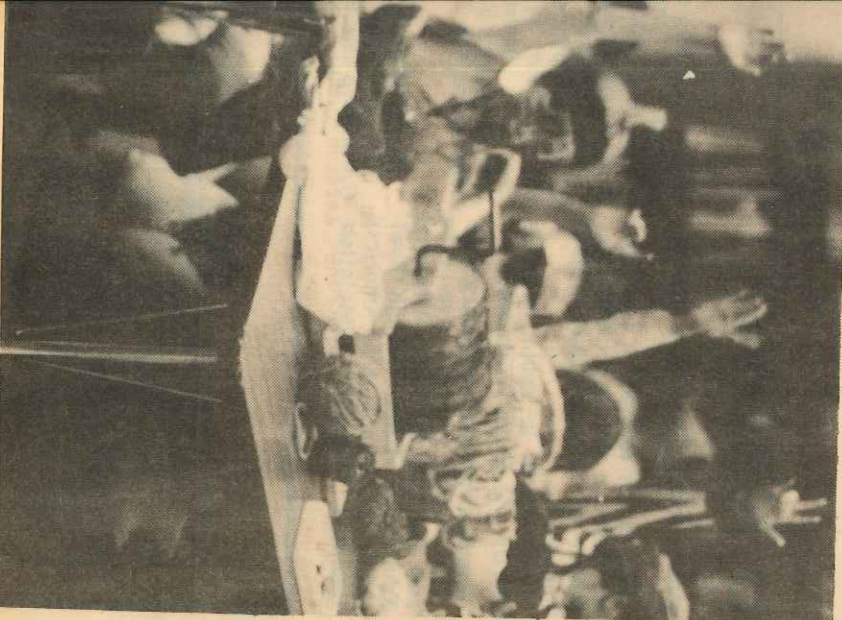
Organizers also displayed dried fruit, homemade soap and a collection of pioneer-era toys that were checked out of the Kentucky Museum.

Also a part of the afternoon events were an exhibition of how to spin wool into thread; readings from books by Laura Ingalls Wilder, author of the "Little House on the Prairie" series; and the making of hoecakes — a food similar to cornbread.

It and the bread and butter made earlier did not go to waste, by the way. Mrs. Stokes said the fourth-graders made a meal of those in the afternoon.



Rebecca Saalwaechter of Bowling Green, a freelance weaver, demonstrates how to weave wool into yarn.



ABOVE: REBECCA SAALWAECHTER displays homemade soap while. RIGHT: Rodney McMillan, dressed as an American Indian, prepares to ask a question.



ABOVE: MINIATURE LOG CABINS were made by fourth-grade students and displayed as part of "Pioneer Days" activities at Warren Elementary.

