



St. Matthews, Kentucky Area History



Greathouse Elementary School 2nd. Edition

This is one of many sections that contain information, photos, newspaper articles, internet items, etc. of the St. Matthews area. Many of the items came from Al Ring's personal collections but many people have helped and I have tried to give credit where I can.

The purpose of this "collection" was to create the history of St. Matthews, Kentucky. Being retired I now have time to do many of the things I have always wanted, this project is just one of them.

All graphics have been improved to make the resolution as good as possible, but the reader should remember that many came from copies of old newspaper articles and photos. Credit to the source of the photos, etc. is provided whenever it was available. We realize that many items are not identified and regret that we weren't able to provide this information. As far as the newspaper articles that are not identified, 99% of them would have to be from one of three possible sources. *The Courier-Journal*, *The Louisville Times* or one of the *Voice* publications. Books that we have used for some information include, *Randy, Cactus, Uncle, Ed and the Golden age of Louisville Television*, *Waggener High School Alumni Directory 1996*, *Waggener Traditional High School Alumni Directory 2007*, *Memories of Fontaine Ferry Park*, *St. Matthews The Crossroads of Beargrass* by Samuel W. Thomas, *St. Matthews, 25 Years a City Two Centuries a Community*, *St. Matthews 1960-1995*, *Waggener Lair's 1958 to 1962*, *The Holy Warrior*, *Muhammad Ali*, *Louisville's Own (An Illustrated Encyclopedia Of Louisville Area Recorded Pop Music From 1953 to 1983)*.

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Greathouse Elementary School

Courtesy *The Jeffersonian*, June 30, 1938:

History of Greathouse - Recounted by Principal

By Mrs. John M. Waggener

The first records to be found in the office of the Jefferson County Board of Education dates back to 1877 and this district was known as Number 60 (and still is). No reference was made as to the location of the building.

It was a private school with one teacher, Miss Emma Russell. The highest number of children enrolled was seven, the lowest one, and the average six. The length of term was five months. Cost of tuition was \$24.71 (\$4.94 per month).

According to Mr. Philip Brown, from whose family Brown's Lane gets its name, the first school in the neighborhood was opposite their old home. The second was off Breckinridge Lane near Holzheimers. The third was on St. Matthews Avenue on the ground now occupied by the Palmer Asbestos and Rubber Company. It was a one-room school and in 1883 Miss Ella Prentice was the teacher. There were three trustees, Charles Neuner, chairman, H. A. Holzheimer and J. W. Lewis. Her total salary for five months was \$188.86 (\$37.77 per month).

In 1884 Miss Tommy Greathouse was appointed — the term still being five months with salary for entire year of \$210.38, \$85.76—40%; 1st payment and \$124.62—60%; second payment.

In 1888 the school was moved to St. Matthews in the triangle formed by the Lexington Road (then known as Work House Rd.) and Shelbyville Pike (now Frankfort Avenue). It was a two-room frame structure. Here the children in the neighborhood were taught for twenty-seven years.

At this point, I would like to digress and tell you how St. Matthews got its name, also, a few things regarding Jefferson county schools in general.

Next to the school on St. Matthews Avenue across the railroad track from the Westport Road was an Episcopal Church called St. Matthews. The parsonage, fac-

ing the track is now occupied by Jack Young, one of our students, his father and aunt, Miss Semonin. This church became quite a factor in the community and was attended for about fifty years.

In 1840 Daniel Gilman came out from Louisville and set up a tavern and general store where the five roads come together, the Shelbyville Pike, Work House or Lexington Road, Westport, Chenoweth Lane and Breckinridge Lane. The settlement then became known as Gilman's Point. Old residents still call it that or just "The Point." Mr. Gilman's store was on the site now occupied by the St. Matthews Bank.

Many citizens thought that St. Matthews was a better name for a post-office than Gilman's Point, therefore, the first post-office opened in 1854 and was called St. Matthews. So, in course of time, was named the railroad station and town.

I also found, from some of the older people in the neighborhood that Dr. George Beckett had a Girls Boarding School on what is now Mr. Burton Arterburn's place.

A private Catholic School opened June 30, 1881. They had a five months term. The highest number enrolled was 17—lowest 14 average 11.

In 1892-93 some schools in the county had terms of 5 months—others 7-9-10. Five schools had 10 months. The people in those communities voting extra taxes. The average salary of teachers was \$50 per month.

Mr. L. J. Stivers (father of Irvine) was Supt. of Jefferson County Schools from 1884-1894.

Reginart Jan. 1st, 1894 Alfred Hite born and reared in St. Matthews served 4 years as Supt of Jefferson County Schools.

To return to our own school below St. Matthews in 1893, the term was still 5 months. The highest number enrolled was 45—the lowest 20 and the average for the year 35. The value of the frame building was \$600, furniture \$50.

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Courtesy *The Jeffersonian*, June 30, 1938:

The big boys made the fires in the morning and the girls took turn about in sweeping and dusting the rooms in the afternoons. The boys also carried the drinking water in a cedar bucket swung on a stick between them from the pump on the corner where the Bank of St. Matthews stands today. You can imagine the dust and dirt that accumulated on the water but it was carried up and down the aisles in the class room, each child in turn drinking out of the same rusty dipper. Have been told by several, Mrs. Chestnut, Mrs. Rudy and others that it did not seem to hurt anyone and that it certainly tasted good. Mrs. Jan Rudy told me the following story. One morning before school began, some of the children rushed in and told Miss Tommy that there was a new boy outside who wouldn't come in. So she said, "Go and invite him in." The boy's name was John and he wasn't very bright. The children brought him in and he was given a front seat. After a while, Miss Tommy gave him a book showing a picture of a cat and said, "John, that is a cat. C-A-T cat. Now, what is it?" John studied a few minutes and then said "Pussy, Pussy, Pussy." The children were

Mr. Henry Holzheimer gave me one. A traveling show came to St. Matthews and gave a play at the school house. He said the people in the audience were all sitting on the edges of their seats, so that they would not miss anything. Suddenly, one of the players brought out a dangerous looking knife gesticulating wildly. Next he pulled out a sword brandishing it right and left as though he would kill one of the players. By that time, Mr. Holzheimer said, everyone one was terribly excited. Finally, the actor drew a pistol and shot toward the ceiling. There was a grand rush to get out the door and several jumped out the windows. Two fell into an open cistern and had to be pulled out with ropes.

Mr. Holzheimer says he will never forget it and laughed very heartily when he told me about it.

In 1903-04 there were two teachers, salary for both \$88.00 per month. In 1906-07 the term was six months. In 1908-09 nine months and has continued that to the present time.

January 1st 1910 Mr. Orville Stivers became Superintendent.

When my son, Robert was 6 years of age I entered him in school at St. Matthews. On going for him at 3:30 I found him with the rest of the little ones, so sleepy and exhausted that I thought it dreadful to keep them so late. I was used to the city schools where they were dismissed at 12 o'clock. Miss Tommy said it was a school law that all should stay and that she could do nothing about it, so I took him out and taught him at home.

By 1912 it was decided that a new school should be built and a meeting was called for that purpose in March. August 11 same year the County Board offered Mr. Gehlert \$2500 for 2 acres of ground on our present site. November 15, 1913 they paid him \$3,250. In August, 1914 bids were open for the school building. September 19, 1914 a contract for \$7,252 was awarded to the lowest bidder, T. H. Greiner Building Construction Co. with Mr. Hutchings, architect.

The people in the neighborhood contributed \$1,634.

School opened the next September and was named Greathouse in honor of Miss Tommy who had labored so faithfully for so many years. This was a splendid tribute.

When I first came in 1916 there were three teachers, Miss Tommy, Mrs. Quast, and myself. During my first year, a doctor visited the school to make a health inspection of the children.

He told me he had found two cases of trachoma in one of the other rooms and I refused to let him examine any of my children unless he washed his hands before each examination. He was furious and said he certainly would see the principal. I told him that we both would see her and of course she agreed with me. He left for the day (hating me for my interference) but returned the next and took the necessary

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Courtesy *The Jeffersonian*, June 30, 1938:

precautions.

Janitor services were paid by the P.-T. A. association giving suppers, shows, etc. Finally the board paid \$4.00 a month per room plus \$4.00 for the furnace.

First lunches—I excused three or four of the oldest girls one-half hour before noon recess. They made different kinds of sandwiches. Some days we had soup as different mothers took turns making it the afternoon before and all the girls had to do was to heat it.

Feel quite sure we did not have Grade A lunches, but we enjoyed them and we were doing the best that we could under the circumstances.

I would like for you to know the history of the two beautiful spruce trees in front of our building, one on each side of the walk. They were about three feet high and were planted in memory of two of our children who had died. It was quite a dedication. We used our big victrola to help us in our singing. We have carefully watched these trees grow and two or three times they have served as our natural Christmas trees all lighted with different colored lights and they were beautiful.

Before so many churches and organizations started in the community, some of our entertainments brought in from \$100 to our former presidents was quite \$140 each. Mrs. Woodman one of successful for several years in putting on plays etc. and we all looked forward to making at least \$100.

We finally outgrew our building of four class rooms and a portable containing two rooms was built where Mrs. Osborne and Mrs. Evans rooms are today. The children had to go out in the cold to come to the main building.

Still growing, one room in the portable was divided in half, Mrs. Fenster using one room and Miss Fegenbush the other. This was very unsatisfactory, so a room was made in the basement where our library is today only facing the other way. Due to various reasons this condition was far from ideal.

About seven years ago the building was remodeled and two more class rooms added and we have the school as you see it today.

In regard to some of our children who have graduated from Greathouse, two girls finished Atherton as valedictorians of their classes, Wills Holzheimer before she was sixteen and Mary Heinrich.

Charles Nicholas finished at West Point, then taught there for five years.

Howard Cobb graduated from Yale and is now the head of the foreign department of Aron-Fischer Tobacco Company. Many others have gone to different colleges.

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Courtesy *The Jeffersonian*, May 11, 1939:

NEW SCHOOL PLANT FOR ST. MATTHEWS

New Site, New Building
To Be Ready Next
School Year.

HISTORY IN CONNECTION

Work is rapidly going forward in the erection of the new school building at St. Matthews to supplant old Greathouse, long felt inadequate by the patrons to house the ever increasing student body of the thickly populated center.

Not only a new building, but a new site will also greet the school next fall when the term opens as the Board has chosen a location thought more suitable in every way for the more commodious plant. This is a four-acre tract on Grandview Ave., just east of Breckinridge Lane in a section of the town that is fast developing.

The building as planned is to be three stories in height, of brick construction with stone trim, and the basement is to be on lot level. This basement will take care of the cafeteria, kitchen, library, two large rooms, boiler and coal rooms and also an auditorium with seating capacity of 500. On the first floor will be six class rooms, office and toilet rooms; and on the second floor there will be a like number of class rooms, a teacher's room and toilet. In all, the plan is to accommodate 500 children.

Much gratification is felt among the St. Matthews residents that their long hoped for school building is almost a reality and many plans are being made by Mrs. John M. Waggener—for many years the principal—and her staff toward making next year a banner year in the annals of St. Matthews' school history.

However a bit of sentiment is attached to the old building which has served for the past quarter of a century and so, before consigning it to the limbo of the forgotten, the Parent-Teacher Association will celebrate a home-coming festival to which all graduates and friends of the school are invited, on Friday evening, May 12. This is to be featured by a bratwurst and cafeteria supper; a prize will be awarded the oldest "grad" present; and fitting entertainment will be furnished in-

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cluding numbers by the school's drum and bugle corps.

And while thinking of the new, some history of the development of St. Matthews' school to the present may be of reader interest. In this connection it is learned the first school of the town—then known as Gillman's Point—was erected in 1877; the second was on Breckinridge Lane, the third on St. Matthews Ave., the fourth on Lexington Road in the Triangle, this, later, giving way to Greathouse erected in 1914 on

Shelbyville Road at Brown's Lane. And this building is now to be supplanted by the new, described above.

Mrs. Waggener, principal for the past 21 years, first joined the faculty of three teachers in 1916. There are now nine teachers and the school this year has an enrollment of approximately 300 pupils.

The Parent-Teachers' Association has been very active in promoting the new school project and takes a very keen interest in all the school's affairs. Mrs. Sherwin Lodewick is president; while Mrs. William H. Laumen is general chairman of the home-coming festival.

The old building was sold last month to the Eline Realty Company for \$7,355, a close bidder being Zachary Taylor Post American Legion. Mr. Eline has not made public his plans for the site but stated he has made the purchase for investment purposes, hinting possibly a hotel or apartment building might be erected.

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Courtesy Kentuckiana Digital Library <http://kdl.kyvl.org/>

Greathouse School



Image Caption: Greathouse School.

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Courtesy Jefferson County Public Schools, Archives:

History Of St. Matthews, compiled by R. O. (Bob) Dorsey, November 1968 (Greathouse Section)

Greathouse School, according to a master's thesis by Mrs. Ruth H. Osborne, principal of Stivers School, has served the St. Matthews area for over 75 years. It has expanded from one room to 27, and each of the six locations of the school has been as nearly as possible at the population center of the district at that time.

It was first located in 1877 at Browns Lane opposite the family of Philip Brown. Miss Emma Russell was the first teacher, and Mr. Lewis Lentz the first trustee in the district. Enrollment was seven. Tuition was \$4.94 per month. It moved near the Holzheimer home off Breckinridge Lane, and then to the site of the Palmer Asbestos and Rubber Company.

At this location, Miss Tommie Greathouse was appointed teacher from the five-month term at a salary of \$210.38. It remained a one room school until 1903, with Miss Tommie the only teacher for 19 years. She remained as principal 15 more years.

The school was moved in 1888 to the triangle formed by Lexington Road and Frankfort Avenue. The 1893 enrollment was 32. Miss Greathouse's salary was boosted to \$85.88 per month in 1902. Another room was added the following year. In 1912 a third teacher was added.

The older boys made the fires in the morning and the girls swept and dusted. They boys carried the drinking water in a cedar bucket from a pump located where the First National Bank of St. Matthews now stands.

A new building was erected on Shelbyville Road opposite Browns Lane in 1915 for \$7,252.00. It was named Greathouse School in honor of Miss Tommie. She retired in 1918, after 34 years.

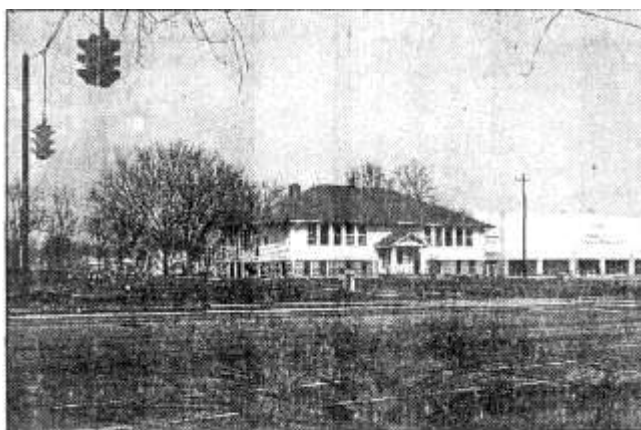
Miss Mayme Waggener was principal from 1918 to 1946.

Eline Realty Company bought the old building on Shelbyville Road for \$76,355.00 and converted it into eight apartments.

The school move to its present site in 1939. The building and grounds cost \$88,000.00. A lunchroom was added in 1950 to serve 280 persons.

The school, designed to hold 650 pupils, had an enrollment of 740 in 1952. Overcrowding was caused by the tremendous increase in St. Matthews population.

Courtesy *The Jeffersonian*, February 28, 1935, 20 Years Ago:



Shelbyville Road long ago.

The dedication of Greathouse school will be March 4, at 7 p. m. Judge Greene, Supt. Silvers, trustees and all commissioners will be there to give words of encouragement. (St. Matthews)

PUPILS NOW IN GREATER GREATHOUSE

Monday proved great day for pupils of the Greathouse School, St. Matthews.

Monday morning was a particularly bright and happy time for pupils, teachers and patrons of Greathouse School, St. Matthews, despite overcast skies and a touch of Louisville's popular "smog."

All this lift of spirit and happy hearts were occasioned by the realization of a long-felt desire as they proudly marched from their old school building into the new.

It has been said "there's a certain pathos in doing even the simplest thing for the last time," and while possibly there were some regrets at bidding goodbye to the old building which had served its time faithfully and well; yet the pangs of regret were decidedly overshadowed by eager anticipation as the pupils, some 366 strong, gathered Monday at 8:30 and with Old Glory leading the way, a police escort "clearing the track" and the drum and bugle corps tooting their loudest they marched with much fanfare from the old Greathouse at Shelbyville Road and Brown's Lane to the new at Grandview Ave.

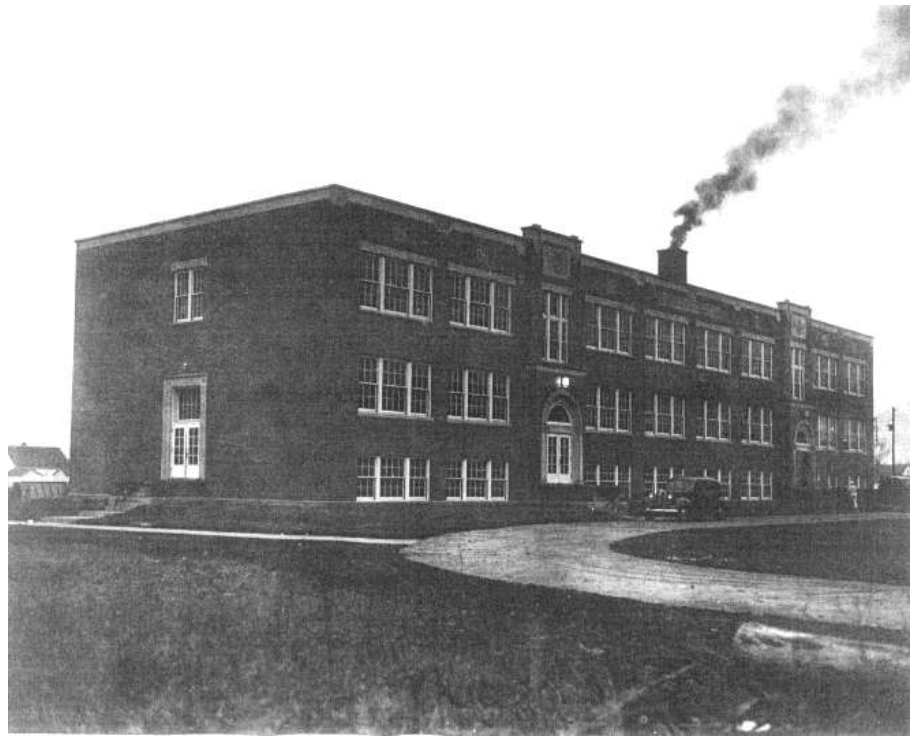
The move was accomplished in an orderly manner and each teacher conducted her respective pupils to their respective rooms, assigned seats and was "ready for business" just as simply as that. This business included, as the first thing, a tour of inspection of the new building and the pupils filed in an orderly manner up and down and around viewing their new domain and learning where to find what when needed.

Friday night of this week has been set as an open house when the building with its up-to-date appointments will be "on parade" for the benefit of the general public.

One new teacher, Mrs. Catherine Rose, has been added to the faculty to take care of a section of the fifth grade, grown too large for one room. Otherwise Greathouse is progressing very much as usual only in new environment.

The new building was erected at an approximate cost of \$75,000 and contains twelve class rooms, library, auditorium, cafeteria, kitchen, etc., and also has a campus of four acres.

St Matthews New School Building Opened Monday



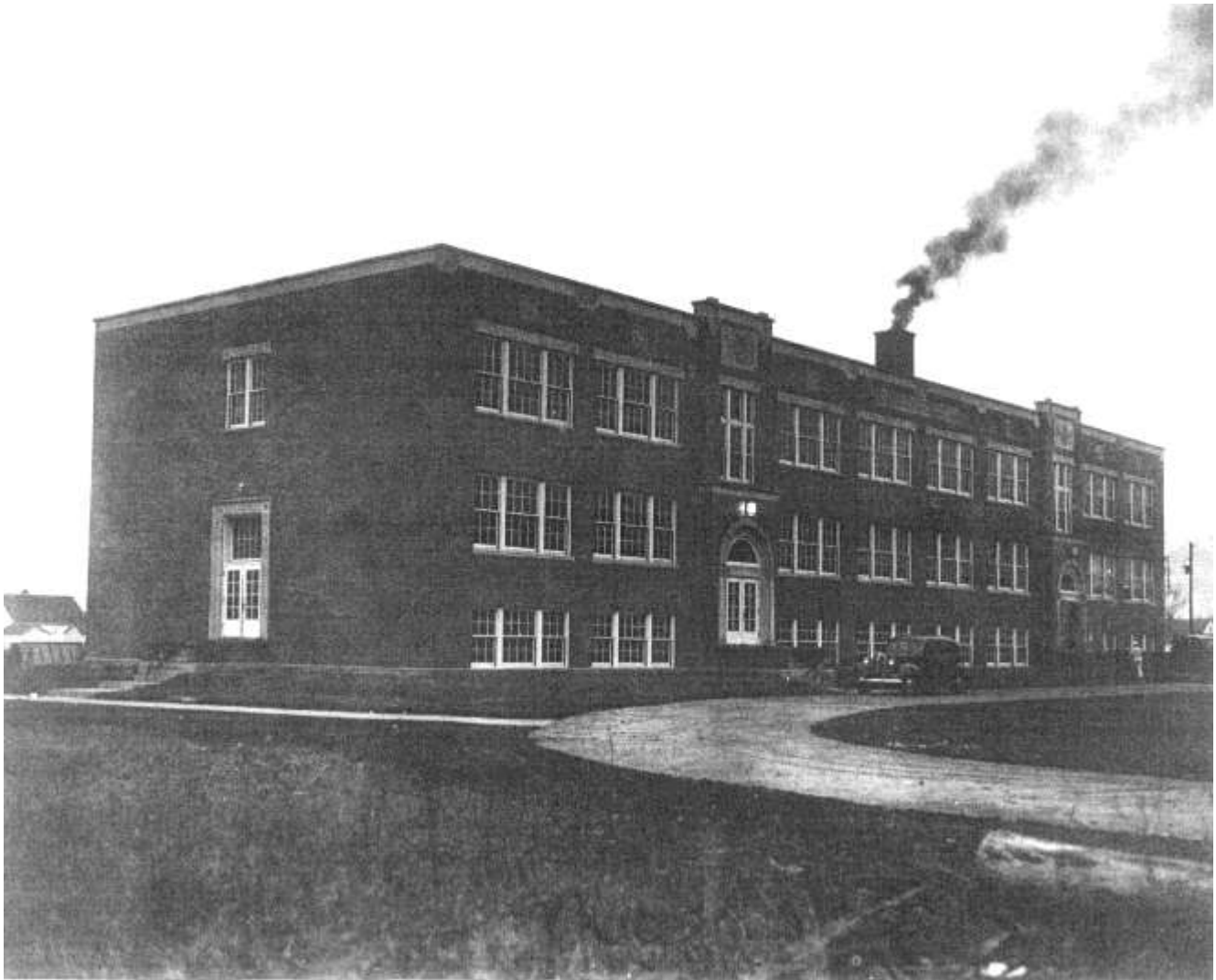
This splendid edifice, erected at a cost of \$75,000, was occupied by the school for the first time Monday.

Greathouse Elementary School

Courtesy of Steve Durbin, (62):

1939

Greathouse



Unknown Date, Jefferson County Public Schools, Archives

Greathouse Elementary School

Courtesy of Jefferson County Public Schools, Archives:

Greathouse

GREATHOUSE

Greathouse School is a two-story brick building located on 4.2 acres on Grandview Avenue.

The building contains 27 classrooms, 23 of them are in the main building and 4 of them are in portables. Also provided are a cafeteria, gymnasium and teachers' lounge. The normal capacity is 720; its emergency capacity is 870.

The overall cost of this school in 1939 was \$62,921.

DISTRICT 1

Greathouse Elementary

Opened: 1939

Dedication: December 8, 1939

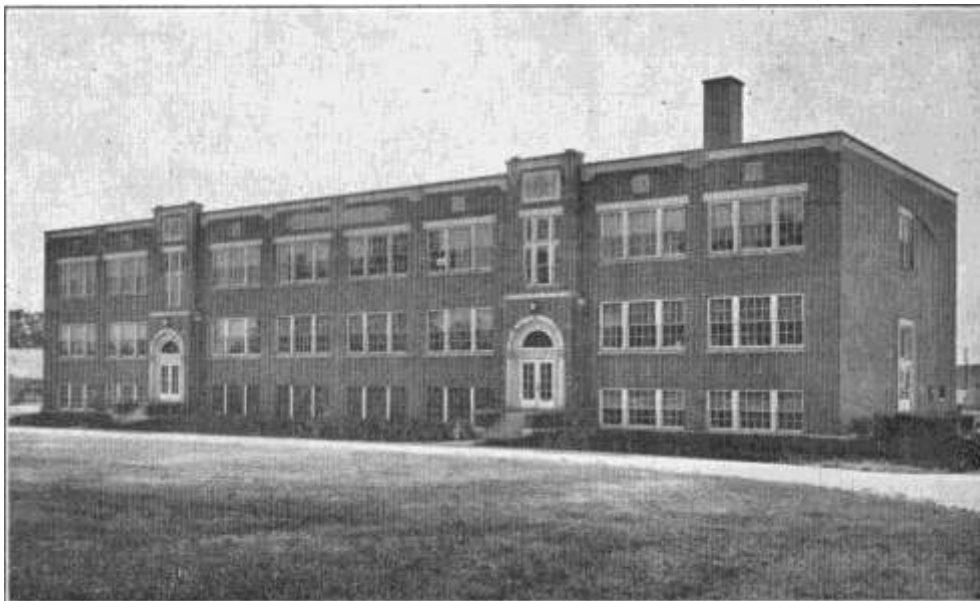
3930 Grand Avenue

Cost of School:

Acres: 4.0 Cost: \$8,000

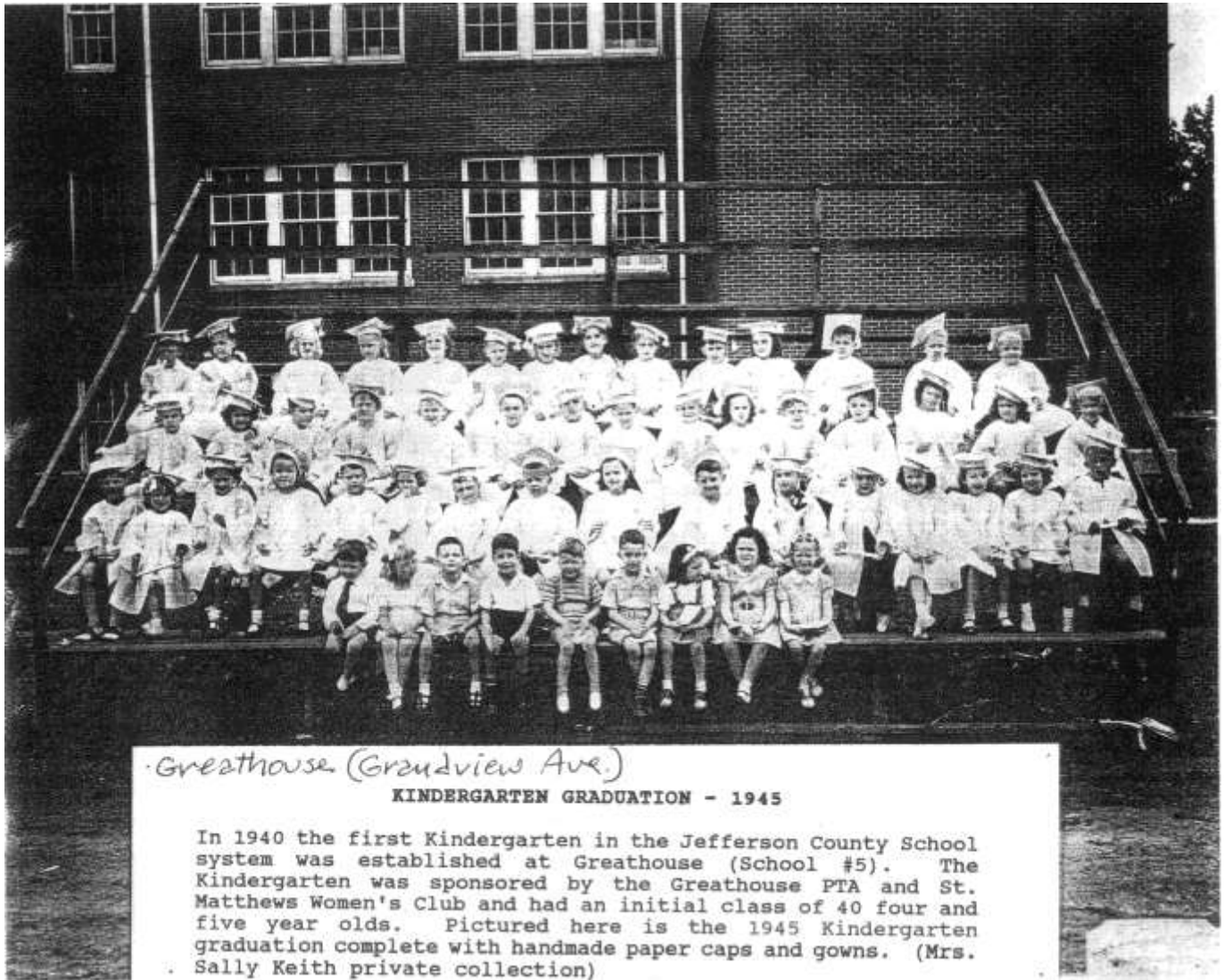
Principal: 1939-46	Mrs. Mayme Waggener
1946-55	Kenneth Farmer
1955-71	Howard Shaver
1971-78	Edwin Rodgers
1978-79	John Salyer

School was closed at end of 1978-79 school year and the building sold January 6, 1981.

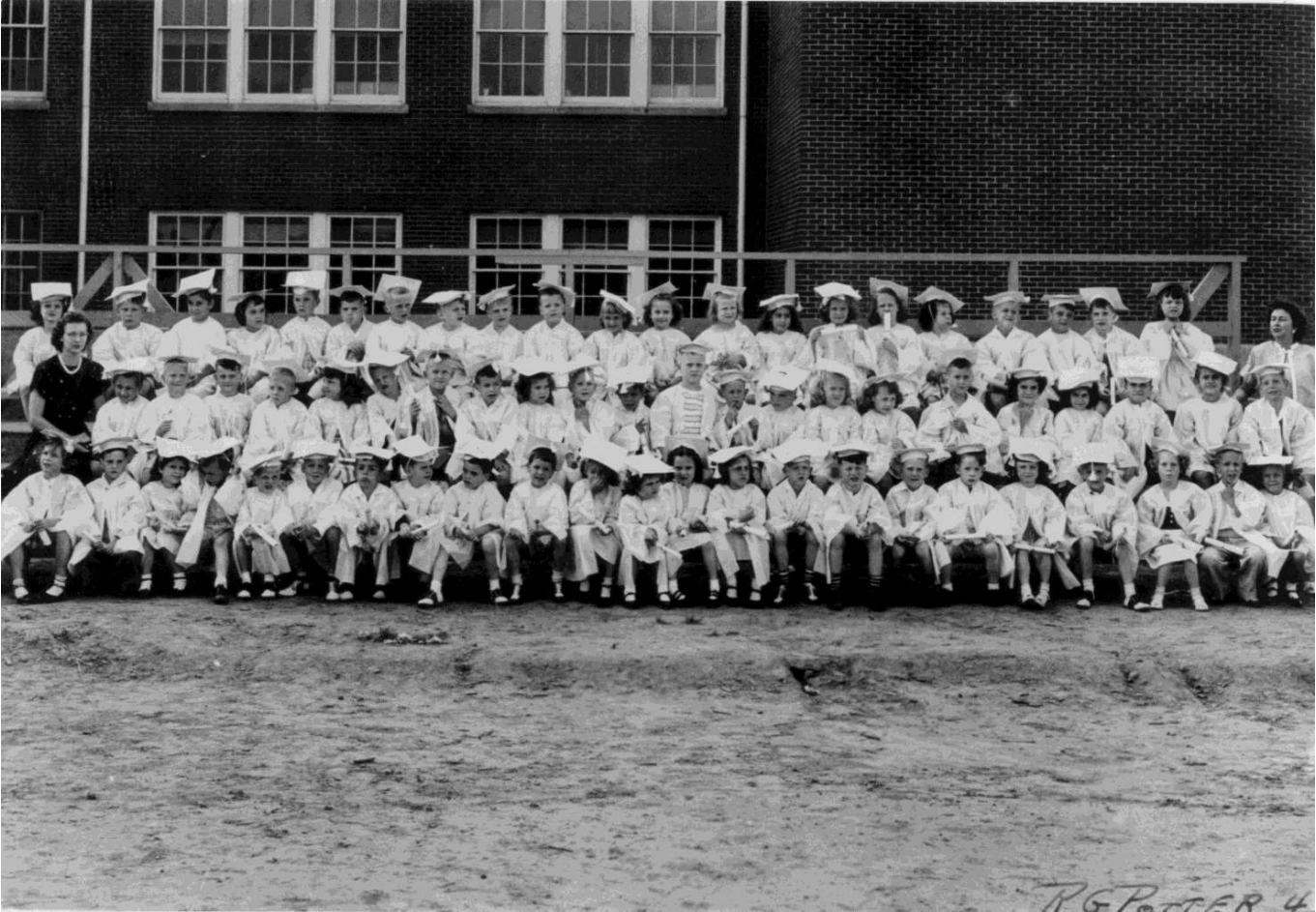


Courtesy Mickey Lunsford (63), unknown date.

GREATHOUSE SCHOOL. ST. MATTHEWS, KY.



Greathouse (Grandview Ave.)
KINDERGARTEN GRADUATION - 1945
In 1940 the first Kindergarten in the Jefferson County School system was established at Greathouse (School #5). The Kindergarten was sponsored by the Greathouse PTA and St. Matthews Women's Club and had an initial class of 40 four and five year olds. Pictured here is the 1945 Kindergarten graduation complete with handmade paper caps and gowns. (Mrs. Sally Keith private collection)



See next page for closer look. Alumni, help identify the students.



Greathouse Elementary School

Courtesy Pamela L. Flack Key (62):

1950/1951

Greathouse

This report will be issued four times per year. You are requested to acknowledge its receipt by signing below and returning the card to the school.

Comments — First Period

Mrs. Hilbert Flack
Parent's signature

Comments — Second Period

Mrs. Hilbert Flack
Parent's signature

Comments — Third Period

Mrs. Hilbert Flack
Parent's signature

Comments — Fourth Period

Mrs. Hilbert Flack
Parent's signature

Assignment for next year: 2nd Grade

Date May 25, 1951 Teacher Rebecca Chandler

PROGRESS REPORT

Greathouse School

1950 - 1951

To Parents:

Education is growth. The home, the school and the community alike share in the responsibility for this growth. Only as these agencies work together can we hope to provide an environment which will help each child develop physically, mentally and socially. It is the purpose of this report to inform you of the progress that is being made by your child.

You may wish to secure more information than is given in the report. This may be accomplished by conferences or by classroom visitation. A most cordial welcome is extended to you.

Report of Pamela Flack

Grade One

Teacher Mrs. Rebecca B. Chandler

KENNETH FARMER,
Principal

Pamela Flack
Room 112

EXPLANATION OF MARKS				
	S — Satisfactory	I — Improving	U — Unsatisfactory	
REPORT PERIOD	1	2	3	4
Days Present	43	40	43	43
Days Absent	0	0	0	5
Tardy				
WORK HABITS	S	S		S
1. Works independently				S
2. Follows directions				S
3. Completes work in given time				S-
4. Does his work neatly				S-
5. Shows interest in work				S-
SOCIAL ADJUSTMENT	S	S	S	S
1. Respects the rights of others —				
a. Listens when others are talking				
b. Obeys school regulations				
c. Works and plays fairly				
4. Is willing to follow as well as to lead				
6. Takes good care of books, materials, and school property				
2. Contributes to group discussion				
3. Assumes responsibility for his own conduct				
4. Practices courtesy				
PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT	S	S	S	S
1. Participates in games and sports				
2. Develops good posture				
3. Practices good health habits				
Your Child's: Height	47 1/2	51 1/2		
Weight	61	66		
Eyes			Normal	✓
			Need Attention	

FIRST GRADE REPORT

1st Report Period:

Pamela's work is becoming more neat. Next we spell work on that talking she is a good student.

Conference Period: Thursdays 1:30 - 3:00

2nd Report Period:

Pamela is doing good work, but she would improve greatly if she would concentrate on getting the assignment finished.

3rd Report Period:

Pamela doesn't do her work neatly. I think she drags it out until she has interest in it.

Reading S

Numbers S

Writing S-

Art S-

Music S

4th Report Period:

Pam should do a lot of writing and coloring this summer.

Reading S

Numbers S

Writing S-

Art S-

Music S

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1951

Greathouse

Courtesy of Waggener High School 1960-62's Alumni—<http://www.waggenerhighalum.org/>—
Photos courtesy of Jim Herron (60), Ms. Shaw's third grade class at Greathouse elementary
about 1950, School Daze in April, 1951



Greathouse Elementary School

Courtesy Pamela L. Flack Key (62):

1951/1952

Greathouse

Confidential Form
PROGRESS REPORT
Greathouse School
1951-1952

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Report of Pamela Flack
Grade 2
Teacher Mabel Bowen
KENNETH FARMER
Principal

Comments—First Period
Miss Gilbert E. Flack
Principal's Representative

Comments—Second Period
Miss Gilbert E. Flack
Principal's Representative

Comments—Third Period
Miss Gilbert E. Flack
Principal's Representative

Comments—Fourth Period
Miss Gilbert E. Flack
Principal's Representative

Assignment for next year 3 Goals
Date 5/24/52 Teacher Mabel Bowen

Pamela is very interested in school and every one in the room.

She is doing better about self control and working hard.

She has poise and is learning to be a leader.

Jan. 1952. Pam is doing very well. She needs to develop habits of orderliness and neatness. She is very enthusiastic.

March, 1952. Pamela is doing fine work.

EXPLANATION OF MARKS

S — Satisfactory I — Improving U — Unsatisfactory

REPORT PERIOD	1	2	3	4
Days Present	48	37	45	33
Days Absent	0	6	0	11
Tardy	0	0	0	0
WORK HABITS				
1. Works independently	S	S	S	
2. Follows directions	I	S		
3. Completes work in given time	S	S		
4. Does his work neatly	I	I	S	
5. Shows interest in work	S	S		
SOCIAL ADJUSTMENTS		S	S	S
1. Respects the rights of others—				
a. Listens when others are talking	I			
b. Obey's school regulations	S			
c. Works and plays fairly	S			
d. Is willing to follow as well as to lead	I			
e. Takes good care of books, materials, and school property	S			
2. Contributes to group discussion	S		I	
3. Assumes responsibility for his own conduct	S			
4. Practices civility	S			
PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT	S	S	S	S
1. Participates in games and sports				
2. Develops good posture				
3. Practices good health habits				
Your Child's Height	51/2			
Weight	70			
Eyes				Normal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
				Need Attention

SECOND and THIRD GRADES REPORT

REPORT PERIOD	1	2	3	4
READING	S	S	S	S
Reads independently				
Understands what he reads				
Recognizes words				
Reads with aim				
Works out new words independently				
LANGUAGE		S	S	S
Speaks distinctly		S		
Can tell simple stories		S		
Uses correct writing form	I			
SPELLING		S	S	S
Spells words in lesson		S		
Uses correct spelling of words learned	I			
WRITING		S	S	S
Writes letters correctly		S	S	
Writes neatly		I	not neat	
NUMBERS		I	S	S
Learns the skills for his or her grade level			S	
Can solve number problems				
Shows increasing accuracy			I	
Showing in ability to reason			S	
Shows reasonable speed			I	
SCIENCE		S	S	S
Shows interest in discussion				
Makes contributions to collection				
SOCIAL STUDIES				
MUSIC		S	S	S
ART		S	S	S



MANY JOKES, NO SPEECH— Greathouse Parent - Teachers' Association had the most unusual meeting Tuesday ever seen in these parts. After about a three-minute business meeting, Kentucky's Secretary of State, Charles O'Connell, took the floor. Then for about 45 minutes, he kept the audience of about 100 (mostly women) in an uproar with one joke after another. The only serious thing he said was that in Mooseheart, Illinois, Moose Club members maintain a home for underprivileged children. Here he is pictured telling a joke to Mrs. Joe Creason, Mrs. Frank Lovell, and Mrs. Arch Herron, president of Greathouse P.-T. A. At the meeting, Greathouse principal Ken Farmer announced that lunches for school children will go up from 20 to 25 cents beginning Monday.

January 10, 1952

Eastern And Greathouse Schools Face Classroom Shortage Next Fall

Dual Class Teaching Method Is Possible Solution To Problem

School officials expressed growing concern over the lack of adequate classroom space next fall for pupils entering Eastern High School and Greathouse Elementary School.

J. L. Sublett, director of instruction on the County Board of Education, said that the problem of adequate classroom facilities is most acute in Eastern High School.

"Enrollment at Eastern now is 1650," said Sublett, "and the building was originally planned to seat 1500 in classrooms." Sublett estimated that the enrollment would increase as much as 200 and that classrooms, which, he said, are about 20 years old, are too small to seat the influx of pupils next fall.

"Eastern may have to adopt the dual class teaching method," said Sublett. "Dual class teaching means that teachers hold separate classes in the morning and in the afternoon. This is the way overcrowded schools in New York City are solving their school classroom space problem.

Kenneth Farmer, principal of Greathouse Elementary School, said that his staff is faced with terrific over-crowding next fall in the third, fourth and sixth grades.

"First grade enrollment is always an unknown quality," said Farmer. He also expressed concern over the present age-of-entrance law.

The present age-of-entrance law says that a child may enter the first grade if he is six years old within 30 days after school opens.

"If the law were changed," said Farmer, "the age-of-entrance into first grade would be moved back to January 1. The state legislature is considering the change in age-of-entrance law now."

February 14, 1952

Super Cartoon Circus Coming To Greathouse

A Super Cartoon Circus will be held at Greathouse School on Thursday, Feb. 21 at a matinee showing at 2:15 p.m. Another showing will be held at 7:00 that same night.

The Greathouse Girl Scout and Brownie Troops are sponsoring this affair.

Admission is 9c for children and grown-ups alike. The public is invited to attend.

February 14, 1952

Greathouse Adds Seventh Grade In September

The faculty at Greathouse School registered first grade students this week who will enroll next fall in accordance with the new school-age-entrance law, Ken Farmer, principal, said.

Greathouse, which will add the seventh grade next fall will have four teachers teaching that grade.

Farmer urged any children who have not registered for next fall to do so even though they missed the regular registration period.

The new school-age-entrance law says that any child who reaches the age of six by December 30, is eligible to enter any Kentucky public school.

The four seventh-grade teachers will be Mesdames Viola Harris, Catherine Rose, Mary Helen Burton and Julia Becker.

Farmer said that he estimates about 130 students will enroll for the first grade next fall. He added that about 300 students will enter the new school which will be built on Westport Road and which will be finished by next all.

According to Farmer, about 100 students from Fairmeade will attend the Lyndon school which handles grades one through seven.

During the morning of regular registration, pupils visited the classrooms between 9:30 and 10:30 p.m. From 10:30 to 11:30 they ate lunch. At 11:30 Farmer said that final instructions were given the students-to-be.

Site of the new schoolhouse for handling overflow students has not yet been chosen. T. E. Schadt, chief draftsman for Fred Hartstern, Architect, said that the location will be in the Westport Road area.

Schadt said that the new schoolhouse will be one story and will have 16 classrooms. There will also be a cafeteria, a kitchen, an all-purpose room and an auditorium, he added.

According to Schade, the schoolhouse will be built from fireproof material on wood. The chief draftsman said that workmen are slated to start building the schoolhouse about mid-April and that they will finish the job by September.

Students will have fluorescent lighting throughout the building. Schadt said. He added that the grounds will take in about nine acres.

GREATHOUSE TUES UP FOR A MUSIC FESTIVAL

Children of Greathouse school, will participate in a spring music festival Tuesday at 7:15 p.m., at the school, according to Kenneth Farmer, principal.

Acrobatics will be performed by the older children, Farmer said, and a maypole dance will be presented on a hard surface area. Sixth graders will participate in a square dance, with one of the children doing the calling.

Seating accommodations will take care of 800 people at the festival for which there will be no admission charge.

Greathouse faculty will be in charge of proceedings in which 400 children will take part, Farmer said.

May 1, 1952

School Children From Greathouse Plan Excursion

Officials of the L. & N. railroad will play host to 38 Greathouse school children Monday, May 26, by treating them to a train ride from St. Matthews to Union Station in Louisville. Mrs. C. E. Frith, 1028 Euclid Ave., will be in charge of the group.

Purpose of the trip, according to J. E. Funk, L. & N. agent, is to acquaint the children with different cars of the train like the "post office on wheels" as train men describe the mail room to the boys and girls.

During the ride, the children will be shown how the pullman coaches are converted into sleeping quarters, and where the passengers eat. The group will board the train at 1:16 p.m., Funk said.

They will see a 30-minute movie about two young boys taking a trip. Travelling from St. Matthews to some nearby point and being shown over the train has been an annual affair for about five years, Funk said.

May 22, 1952

March 27, 1952

MEET THE CHAMPS OF GREATHOUSE SUMMER BASEBALL



BRONCOS baseball team: Bottom row, left to right, Bob Jackson, 3914 Kennison; Carl Kinimel, 3939 Elmwood; Mike Schaefer, 4104 Hillsboro; Edward Strupe, R. 6; and manager Tom Sandidge, 3918 Grandview. Top row, Jim Mardis, 498 Wendover; David Searcy, Lyndon; Lee Dodge, 108 Browns Lane; Gary Russell, Lyndon; Jim Tichenor, 4212 Winchester; Tom Smith, 4917 Elmwood.



WHITE SOX—Winners of the Midget League Championship at the YMCA Greathouse School Playground are: Front row, l. to r., Charley Loun, Tommy Jones, Sam McDonald, Tommy Finnegan, Perry Chick, and Ronnie Offut. Back row, Steven Graef, Dean Springer, Phil Fox, Arthur Hollar, and Brad Arturburn. See the YMCA news on page six.

August 14, 1952

GREATHOUSE SCHOOL

Kenneth Farmer, principal; Mrs. Ovie Allen, 4; Mrs. Juliet Becker, 7; Miss Elizabeth Bennett, 5; Miss Doris Lloyd, 2; Mrs. Mary Burton, 7; Mrs. Rebecca Chandler, 1; Miss Lillian Clay, 4; Mrs. Elizabeth Davis, 5; Miss Edith Edwards, 2.

Miss Mabel Brown, 4; Mrs. Viola Harris, 6; Mrs. Blanche Heideman, 4; Mrs. Zenith Jameson, 5; Miss Marlene Goldner, 3; Mrs. Katherine Rose, 7; Mrs. Sarah Sacra, 2; Mrs. Emma Sawyer, 3; Mrs. Katherine Schuler, 1; Mrs. Ruth Scott, 1.

Mrs. Ethella G. Sims, 1; Mrs. Margaret Cleveland, 2; Mrs. Norah Webb, 6; Mrs. Virginia West, music; Miss Nancy Duncan, 3; Mrs. Mabel Bowen, 1.

August 21, 1952

Greathouse Lists Faculty Additions

New teachers as announced for the current year by Kenneth Farmer, principal of the Greathouse Elementary School, are Mrs. Marlene Mitchell, Mrs. Doris Lloyd, Mrs. Margaret Cleveland, and Mrs. Nancy Duncan.

Mrs. Mitchell, formerly Miss Marlene Goldner, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George P. Goldner, 111 Brown Avenue. Mrs. Mitchell, a recent graduate of the University of Louisville, will be serving at Greathouse her first year as a teacher in the elementary school of which she is herself an alumna. She will teach a third grade.

Mrs. Lloyd, formerly of Maysville, is a graduate of Transylvania College. This will be her first year of teaching. She will have a second grade.

Mrs. Cleveland, who has served the Greathouse school as a substitute teacher, will have a full-time responsibility this year for a second grade. Mrs. Duncan, an "old teacher come home again" has returned to the Greathouse faculty after a one-year interval of service at the Lyndon school. She teaches a fifth grade.

September 11, 1952

Greathouse PTA Officers Listed

Mrs. J. A. Herron, 3540 Nanz, president of the Greathouse Elementary School P. T. A. has announced the officers and committee chairmen of the association for the academic year 1952-53.

Officers are Mrs. Lane McCroskey, 3931 Nanz, first vice-president; Mrs. Albert B. Root III, of 3611 Hycliffe, second vice-president; Mrs. Joe E. Green, 3604 Dayton, recording secretary; Mrs. Russell Garth, 3917 Warner, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Edgar Koch, 4007 Hycliffe, treasurer; and Miss Elizabeth Bennet, 2801 Grinstead Drive, parliamentarian.

Committee chairmen are Mrs. Julia G. Beckner, 2327 Sycamore, music; Mrs. Harry Dawson, 326 Brown's Lane, garden; Mrs. Crawford Keeling, 3709 Grandview, publicity; Mrs. Dan Chitwood, 613 Breckinridge Lane, welfare and recreation; Mrs. John Henderson, 3615 Hycliffe, preschool; Mrs. Russell Weikel, 413 Macon, grade mother; Mrs. J. O. Kauss, 603 Wallace, membership; Mrs. Thomas St. Clair, 205 Breckinridge Lane, finance; Mrs. Joseph Laffon, 3418 Hycliffe, health; Mrs. James Nall, 3328 Grandview, safety; Mrs. Arthur Joehnk, 3921 Warren, hospitality; Mrs. George Richards, 4013 Springhill, boy scouts; Mrs. F. T. West, 409 Wendover, girl scouts; Mrs. Emmett Mitchen, 3922 Hycliffe, Y. M. C. A.; Mrs. F. A. Minieu, Jr., Cannon's Lane, Parent education; Mrs. C. F. Mattox, 3912 Springhill, library.

September 11, 1952

Greathouse Patrol

Capt. Billy Earley, Lt. Bobby Mann, Tookie Robertson, Bobby Yates, Tommy West, Jerry Wolf, Dudley Robertson, Warren Smalley, Lyle Sloan, Robbie Furlong, Billy Cornell, Jim Kouns, Carl Reetee, Danny Chitwood, Gust Jensen, David Denton.

Substitutes: Buddy Hester, John Franklin, Eddie Owens, Eddie Scott, Charles Beckering, Chester Cooper, Charles Ware.

September 25, 1952

NEWS BITS

The Greathouse PTA will sponsor a carnival at the school Oct. 17, starting at 4 p.m. Various forms of entertainment are planned.

The du Pont Manual high school P.T.A. will have an open house meeting Thursday, Oct. 9 at 8 p.m. There will be a short meeting in the auditorium first.

October 2, 1952

Greathouse PTA Schedules Turkey Supper, Carnival

The P.T.A. will sponsor a carnival at Greathouse school on Friday, Oct. 17, Mrs. J. A. Herron, president, announced.

The carnival, which will open at 4 p.m., is a cooperative venture of parents, children and teachers. It will be the P.T.A.'s principal money-making plan for this year.

Booths will feature a record shop, a white elephant sale, a hobby shop, and a gardener's booth.

Ponies will be there for the children to ride, airplanes and a merry-go-round.

The P.T.A. will serve a turkey dinner.

October 9, 1952



Adlai and Ike are a couple of brother rats, and nobody knows what their politics are. Here they are in their cages in Mrs. Davis' fifth grade room at Greathouse school. Elected to be pictured with them are, from left, Albert Young, Chucky Armstrong, and Beverly Curry.

How serious is politics to 5th graders?

Adlai And Ike Are Just Rats To Greathouse Fifth Graders

The fifth grade class at Greathouse school, taught by Mrs. Elizabeth Davis, borrowed two white rats from the Central Dairy Council, for an experiment in nutrition. They didn't want to call them just plain rats. After all, they were nice white rats with pink eyes. They were brothers, too, weighed in at 67 grams each at the start of a six-week experiment of identical feeding, with one exception. One rat receives milk to drink, the other gets water.

What to name them was a problem. Mrs. Davis solved that by asking each row of children facing her to select names for the rats. Several names were thus listed, and the fifth graders held an election to determine the winning names.

The most popular names in the United States were chosen, Adlai and Ike. Appropriateness had absolutely nothing to do with the names selected, Mrs. Davis would hasten to add, if anyone asked her.

Each week Adlai and Ike are weighed to see how they are doing. The children in the classroom take care of them, clean

their cages, and feed them at the same time each day. They take turns, and are only sorry their turns don't come oftener.

On weekends, the rats go home with children who have brought notes of permission from their parents.

The results of the experiment should be as well known by November 4th as the results of a great election. The experiment may or may not be considered another political straw in the wind, but Ike gets the milk!

October 9, 1952

GREATHOUSE PTA PRESENTS \$500 CHECK TO STIVERS PTA

A friendly, co-operative spirit, rather than rivalry, marks the relations of the two public school Parent-Teachers associations in St. Matthews.

That was proved in the best of all methods, with cash, Tuesday night, when both the Greathouse and the Stivers PTA's held "Dad's Night" meetings at their schools.

The feature of the program at the Greathouse school meeting was the presentation of a check for \$500 from the Greathouse PTA to the newly-formed Stivers PTA to help them get started.

Kenneth Farmer, principal at Greathouse, made the presentation to Mrs. Robert Kraft, president of the Stivers PTA.

In making the presentation, Mr. Farmer spoke of the division of the Greathouse school district which placed many families, who last year were members of the Greathouse PTA in the new Stivers PTA.

He pointed out that last year PTA funds at Greathouse were raised by subscription. "We are giving them what is rightfully theirs," he said.

At the same time, he presented a check for \$35 to Mrs. Ruth Osborne, principal of the Stivers school, in payment for a volume

of her thesis on the history of the Greathouse school.

The president of the Greathouse PTA, Mrs. Arch Herron, 3540 Nanz Ave., then expressed the organization's admiration of Mrs. Osborne by presenting a dozen roses to her.

She spoke in appreciation of the years Mrs. Osborne served as a teacher at Greathouse. Before becoming principal at Stivers, Mrs. Osborne had taught at Greathouse more than 20 years.

With more than 350 persons present, James Gilpin, of the Kentucky Wildlife and Conservation department, outlined the department's success in the formation of junior conservation clubs for grade school boys.

The business meeting centered on a discussion of the proposed school tax increase.

October 16, 1952

Greathouse Pupils In Concert Attendance Lead

One again, the Louisville area schools are attending the "Making Music Concerts" of the Louisville orchestra, conducted by Robert Whitney, which opened Tuesday at Memorial Auditorium.

Once again, Greathouse school leads all Jefferson County schools in support of the concerts; it has lead every season since the concerts started 15 years ago.

Greathouse sold 336 tickets. The Orville J. Stivers school was second with a sale of 290 tickets.

Three of the Greathouse classes are attending 100 per cent. They are the fifth grade class of Miss Bennett, the sixth grade of Mrs. Webb, and the sixth grade of Mrs. Harris. The children attended the 1:00 p.m. concert Tuesday. Before hand they enjoyed the special distinction of having lunch served to them in their home rooms.

The concerts, a winter series of four, are one hour in length and feature such music as inspired by kings, soldiers, and golliwogs; the sea, the desert, and gypsy camps.

October 16, 1952

Group Meetings Set To Give School Facts

A meeting will be held at the Greathouse school, Tuesday, Oct. 21 at 7:30 p.m. to organize and instruct groups of adults in presenting the facts of county school facilities to the people.

The Jefferson County Board of Education, teachers, and administrators believe that the public will make the right decision at the polls on Tuesday, Nov. 4, if the people have the facts presented to them in advance.

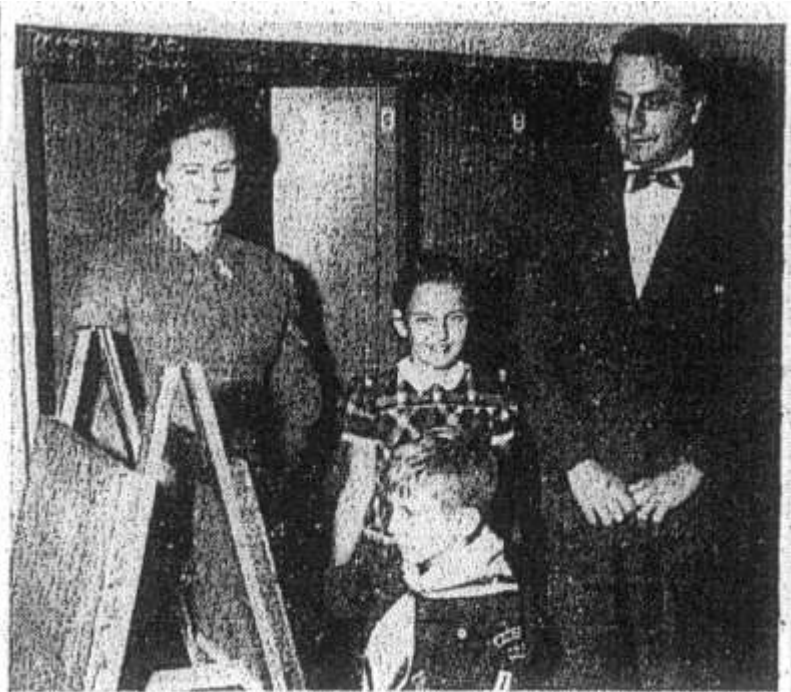
The Tuesday night meeting will be broken up into small groups in several classrooms, each with a discussion leader, consultant, and recorder, in order to encourage healthier discussion and adequate answering of questions.

Kenneth Farmer, principal at Greathouse, explained that it is not the educators' intention to try to persuade the public to vote for the proposal, but to present clear-cut facts that will enable the public to make a decision intelligently.

After the Tuesday night meeting for instruction of discussion leaders, a public meeting has been set for Thursday, Oct. 23 at 7:30 at Greathouse. At this meeting the people who attended the Tuesday night meeting will serve as discussion leaders.

Five sheets of mimeographed information on the growth and facilities of county schools will be given to the public for study of the situation. The information was prepared by the Jefferson County Committee for Better Schools, with Tom O. Helm and J. O. Matlick, co-chairmen.

October 16, 1952



It's nothing new to Greathouse student Jan Dee Harlow—all a part of regular class procedure. But visiting parents, Mrs. George Richards and David Harlow, seem to find the drawing of brownie Ronnie Ray an interesting matter.

November 13, 1952



INDIANS FOR THANKSGIVING AT GREATHOUSE—Young Indians with tom-toms perch on a piano and beat the drums in preparation for a Thanksgiving party. Gary Kroft, 3534 Warner; Steven Pierce, 410 Fairlawn; Don Farr, 221 Oxford; and David Reed, 592 Wendover, go through their paces for teacher, Mrs. Othelia Simms. Mrs. Simms' first-graders gave a party Tuesday for 38 students, five mothers, and Teacher Helen Brienstein of Gavin Cochran School's first grade. Afterwards, the Greathouses treated their guests to a Thanksgiving luncheon and a program of Indian and Pilgrim singing and dancing. Wednesday, Mrs. Simms' class entertained their mothers.

November 27, 1952

GREATHOUSE CHILDREN TO GIVE XMAS PAGEANT ON TELEVISION

Tableaus And Singing Scheduled; Christmas Program Announced

Greathouse children will present a Christmas pageant over WHAS-TV Wednesday, Dec. 17, from 3 to 3:30 p.m. And the Greathouse Glee Club will be on the same program.

The pageant will consist of the Christmas story, a series of tableaux and appropriate carols.

Linda Mayer will play Mary, mother of Christ, in the tableaux. Carl Recke will play Joseph. Angels will be Karen Garrett and Suzy French.

Shepherds will be played by Albert Young, Larry Loeser, Skippy Bement, and David Allen. Kings will be played by William Crawford, Joe Blum, and David Haney.

The Glee Club will be made up of 38 children elected from the combined Glee club. On the committee are Mesdames Mary Helen Burton, Rebecca Chandler, Elizabeth Davis, Blanche Heidsman, Doris Loyd, Marlene Mitchell, Catherine Rose, and Virginia West.

Members of the Glee Club are Nancy Roach, Sherry Furlong, Arlene Short, Mary Ann Smith, Nancy Ledewick, Janice Livesay, Ruth Ann Rose, Linda Lee Tomes, Janet Mitchem, Betsy Cooke, Connie Carter, Connie Cottier, Sarah McWhorter, Lucille Thompson, Kathleen French.

Mary Louise Bridges, Janet Chadion, Linda Challis, Helen Heitman, Carol Booker, Judy Morrison, Mary Belle Clay, Pat Humbert, Judy Lawrence, Carol Cary, Walter Anderson, Sandra Saam, Marian Reddick, Roger Pattison, Larry Edge, Bobby

Furlong, Carl Porter, Eddie Owen, Bobby Orr, Bob Strain, Mary Ann Powell, Judy Reeder, and Linda Engle.

Narrators are Bobby Mann and Bobby Yates.

Greathouse Principal Ken Farmer announced that school will be let out at 2:25 to allow students to watch the program.

The show will be directed by Mrs. West and Mrs. William Kammerer, superintendent of music for Jefferson County Schools.

The same program will be given at Greathouse School on December 18. However, the cast for the tableaux will be expanded from 11 to 30, and the Glee Club from 30 to 34.

Greathouse's Christmas program will be held Tuesday, Dec. 16, at the school. The orchestra and ensemble will be under the direction of Mrs. Eleanor Ritchie, instrumental teacher for Jefferson County Schools. Mrs. West will direct the Glee Club and Mrs. Mabel Bowen is the accompanist.

Mrs. West will also direct the school singing with Mrs. Ritchie on the violin and Mrs. Bowen on the piano. The orchestra is made up of boys and girls from grades four to seven who receive class instruction from Mrs. Ritchie every Tuesday. The chorus is a combination of the sixth and seventh grades' Glee Clubs.

December 11, 1952

Greathouse's P.T.A. Gets Superior Rating

The Greathouse Parent-Teachers Association has been given a superior rating by the Kentucky Congress of Parent-Teachers Associations for the year 1951-1952. Mrs. Arch Herron, Greathouse P.T.A. president, announced this week.

Greathouse's P.T.A. met the standard requirements as set out by the Kentucky Congress, plus three special activities.

The Greathouse P.T.A. was also given two other awards—the Acorn Award, for having a recorded attendance of 25% of membership at regular meetings for the year 1951-1952; and the Gold Leaf Award, indicating the membership goal was reached.

A PRESENT WITH A FUTURE



"Miss America of 1953" is trimming her tree this year with U. S. Defense Bonds—"the present with a future." Pretty Neva Jane Langley knows that Defense Bond gifts are practical gifts, which will help protect the security of her country.

December 11, 1952



Students from Greathouse School as they appeared Wednesday, Dec. 17, on WHAS-TV'S "Come a Carolin" program. In the picture are (clockwise from extreme left) Billy Crawford, 4030 Alton Road; David Allen, 504 Fairlawn Road (out of sight); Albert Young, 3527 Warner Avenue; Linda Mayer, 319 S. Hubbard, (kneeling); Carl Recke, 442 Bauer Avenue; Karen Garrett, 4003 Brownlee Road; Susan French, Green Tree Manor (kneeling); Joe Blum, 4014 Alton Road; Larry Loeser, 205 Norbourne Boulevard; David Haney, 329 S. Hubbard; and Skipper Bement, 4024 Hillsboro Road.

December 25, 1952

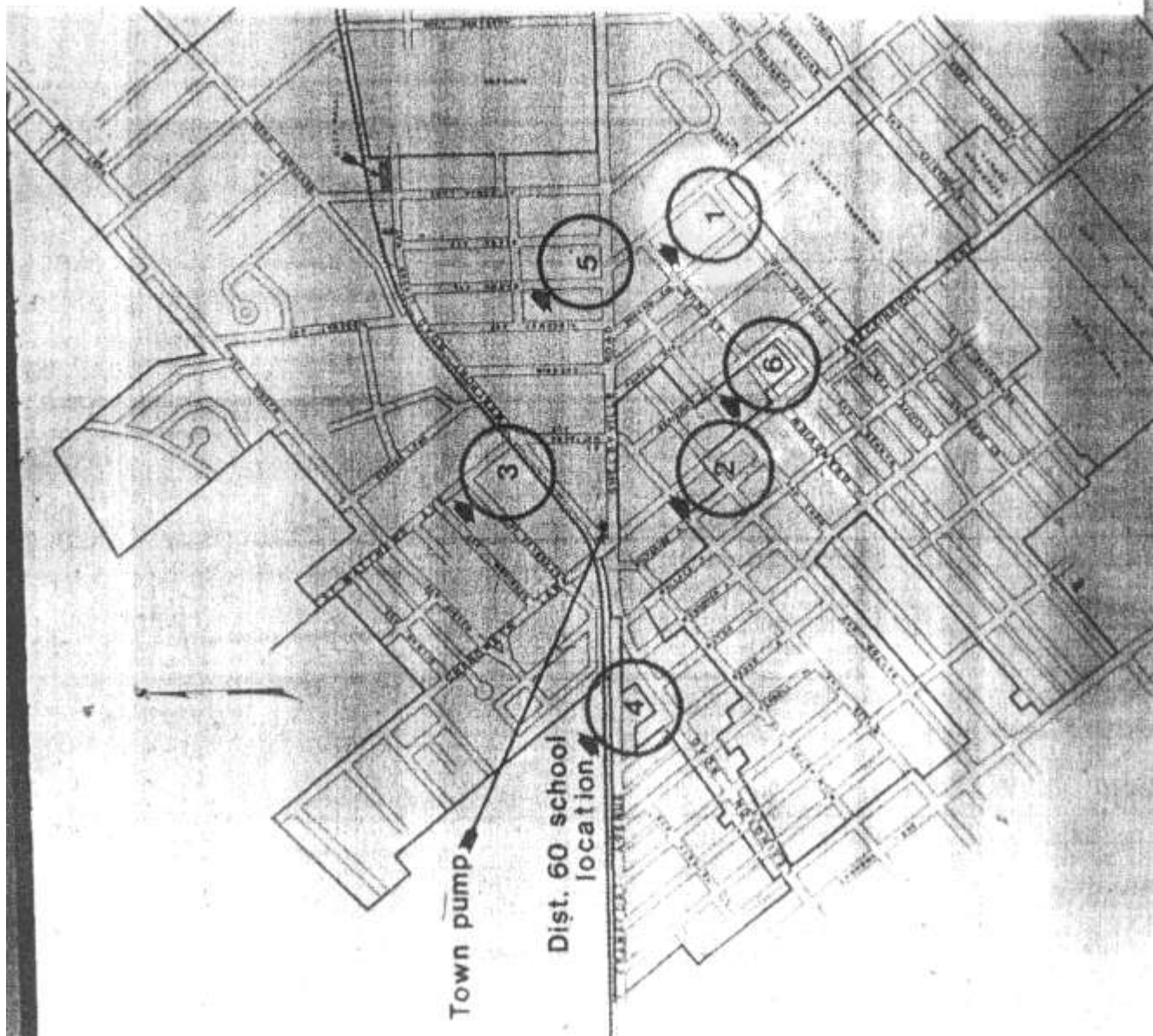
Greathouse Elementary School

Courtesy of Beargrass-St. Matthews Historical Society:

Greathouse

LOCATOR MAP (1877-1980)

This map marks the location of the 6 schools in District 60 now known as Greathouse School. School #1 was a one room schoolhouse established in 1877 with an enrollment of seven students. Schools #2 and #3 were also one room schoolhouses. School #4, established in 1888, began as a one room schoolhouse but expanded to three rooms before School #5 opened in 1915. The 5th school, named "Greathouse" in honor of long serving principal Miss Tommie Greathouse, was enlarged several times during its 34 years of use. The 6th school opened with 360 pupils and a faculty of 10 in the middle of the 1939 school year. It operated continuously through three wars, three principals, major remodeling and a devastating fire until it merged with Gideon Shryock Elementary School in 1980. (Donated to Beargrass-St. Matthews Historical Society by Mr. Frank H. Richterkesing)



Greathouse Elementary School

Courtesy of Beargrass-St. Matthews Historical Society:

Greathouse



principal, Greathouse School **KENNETH B. FARMER**
(Grandview Ave.) 1946-1955

Mr. Kenneth B. Farmer became the first male teacher in District 60 in 1946 and later that year was appointed its first male principal when he succeeded Mrs. Mayme Waggener. In his 9 years as principal Mr. Farmer guided the school through phenomenal student population growth and several construction projects. (Donated to Beargrass-St. Matthews Historical Society by Mr. Frank H. Richterkessing)

Greathouse Elementary School

Courtesy of Beargrass-St. Matthews Historical Society:

Greathouse



principal, Greathouse School (Grandview Ave) 1955-1971

HOWARD S. SHAVER

Mr. Howard S. Shaver succeeded Kenneth Farmer becoming the 3rd principal of the Grandview Avenue School. He served in this position from 1955 until his retirement in 1971. Under his principalship a new emphasis was placed on science, Greathouse became a regional school for special education classes and many extracurricular activities were introduced. He was succeeded by Mr. Edward E. Rodgers. (Donated to Beargrass-St. Matthews Historical Society by Mr. Frank H. Richterking)

Greathouse Elementary School

Courtesy of Beargrass-St. Matthews Historical Society:

Greathouse



Ovie Allen, teacher, 1946—1960



Ruby Sauer, lunchroom, 1952—1964



Mary Minrath, lunchroom, 1955—1971

Courtesy *The Courier-Journal*, January 3, 1932 & *Kentucky School Journal: Greathouse*

Mrs. Waggener, Ex-Principal, Dies

Headed Greathouse School 28 Years During Growth From 4 Rooms to 16

Mrs. Mayme Sweet Waggener, principal of Greathouse School for 28 years until her retirement in 1946, died at 12:03 p.m. yesterday at Morehead, Ky. She was 76.

Mrs. Waggener had been staying with a daughter, Mrs. Creston Mayhall, Morehead, since becoming ill with a virus infection last June. She made her home here at 2754 Graham Court.

Mrs. Waggener became principal of Greathouse School, Grandview and Fairfax Avenues, St. Matthews, in 1918 after teaching there two years.

Got Lunchroom Established

While she was principal the school grew from a four-room, three-teacher structure to a \$75,000, 16-room building housing more than 600 students.

Under her direction the Parent-Teacher Association established a lunchroom at the school in 1931, one of the first in the county. The lunchroom now is manned by P.T.A. volunteers.

Mrs. Waggener also organized the first schoolboy patrol in the St. Matthews area.

Mrs. Waggener was a member of the Louisville, Kentucky, and National Education Associations. She was a member and former program chairman and progress leader of Delta Kappa Gamma, a national honorary society for outstanding women leaders in education.

Was Baptist Member

After retirement, she continued to attend educational meetings, working for a goal she called "the best possible education for all Kentucky children, especially at Greathouse."

Mrs. Waggener was a charter member of Crescent Hill Woman's Club, and belonged to the Filson Club and the Louisville Philharmonic Society. She was a member of Crescent Hill Baptist Church.

She was a graduate of Louisville Girls High School and the old Louisville Normal School. She



MRS. MAYME WAGGENER

also attended Western Teachers College, Bowling Green; the University of Louisville, and the old Louisville Conservatory of Music.

Mrs. Waggener taught two years in Louisville public schools before her marriage to the late John M. Waggener, auditor of the Bourbon Stock Yards. She came to Greathouse during the teacher shortage of World War I. She was a native of Lexington.

Besides Mrs. Mayhall, survivors are a son, Robert G. Waggener, Nashville; a sister, Mrs. George Evans; four grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Pearson's, 1310 S. Third. Burial will be in Cave Hill Cemetery.

Tribute

To Mrs. Mayme S. Waggener

Ruth H. Osborne, Principal Orville J. Stivers School, Jefferson County

With the passing of Mrs. Mayme S. Waggener, one of the foremost educators and public-minded women of her times, the community of St. Matthews, Jefferson County, and the state of Kentucky have suffered a great loss.

Mrs. Waggener possessed many qualities which fitted her for leadership. She had abounding health, a sympathetic understanding, an enthusiastic outlook on life, an intense interest in her fellow man, and was fearless in pioneering for any cause that she felt made for the betterment of others.

Long before other civic-minded people were aware of the needs of teenagers, Mrs. Waggener was sponsoring their cause by organizing group gatherings at the school building. Many people frowned upon the usage of the school building for this purpose, but the wisdom of these activities has been proven by the success of teen-age clubs and church organizations that we have today.

Early in her teaching career Mrs. Waggener felt the need of closer unity between teacher and parent and encouraged parent participation in school life. She also reached out into the community, seeking the advice and help of the business people. School equipment, such as the first school victrola, radio, etc., was obtained through cooperation of St. Matthews merchants. This interest and cooperation on the part of parents and community leaders have helped advance the educational opportunities of St. Matthews which in turn has played its part in the unusual growth of the community. Modern educators agree that the better school of today is the one in which teachers and parents work in close harmony with one another.

Mrs. Waggener began her teaching at Greathouse in 1916, became principal in 1918 and retired in 1946, making a total of thirty years of service to this district. She was born

Mayme Sweet in Lexington, Kentucky, February 8, 1876. Her family moved to the west end of Louisville when she was very small. She was educated in the Portland Elementary School, the Louisville Female High School, and the Louisville Normal School, 'graduating from the latter in 1898. She taught two years in the Louisville public schools before she married John Morrison Waggener of St. Matthews on July 5, 1900. She had two children, Robert C. Waggener, now of Nashville, and Lucile Waggener, now Mrs. C. C. Mayhall of

Courtesy *The Courier-Journal*, January 3, 1932 & *Kentucky School Journal*: Greathouse

Tribute To Mrs. Mayme S. Waggener

Morehead, Kentucky. She has four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Mrs. Waggener's husband died on July 22, 1942.

After her retirement, Mrs. Waggener continued to live an interesting life, going to concerts and attending meetings of the Filson Club and other organizations to which she belonged. She enjoyed shopping and having luncheons, and dinners with her many friends. She was a charter member of the Crescent Hill Woman's Club, a member of the Filson Club for thirty years, honorary member of the St. Matthews Woman's Club, and a member of the Crescent Hill Baptist Church, as well as of Delta Kappa Gamma, a sorority of outstanding women in education.

It would be hard to enumerate all the worthy projects she promoted in school during her principalship. Among these were: the starting of the first lunchroom, the schoolboy patrol, and the drum and bugle corps; milk-drinking contests; the Damrosch music listening programs in the 1930's; attendance at the Louisville Orchestra concerts in later years; the biennial trips to Frankfort, Kentucky, for the seventh and eighth grades; the school carnivals; and numerous other activities. Upon her retirement the school paper published a poem including the lines:

She taught readin', writin', and 'rithmetic,
Without the aid of a hickory stick.

We who were fortunate to come under her influence feel we are better for having had this association. Students through the years' have tried to define the something about Greathouse School that has endeared it to everyone. The writer feels that that indefinable something is the personality of Mrs. Waggener, and though she is gone from us now, her spirit will remain down through the ages.

Courtesy of Sidney Eline Jr., Eline Realty Company:

This would be mid 1950s as my uncle purchased the building and ground after WWII and made it into apartments then tore the building down to build the center where Liberty bank, Thornbury Toys, and Glidden Paints was located.



Courtesy *The Voice Of St. Matthews:*

Greathouse

Greathouse's P.T.A. Will Meet On Tuesday

A general meeting of the Greathouse Parent-Teachers Association will be held at 2:30 Tuesday at Greathouse School.

Police Officer Louis Schweitzer will give a lecture on safety. He will test members of the audience on visual acuity and speed of reactions.

A Greathouse P.T.A. board meeting, scheduled for last Tuesday, was postponed because of bad weather. Mrs. Arch Herron, president of the P.T.A., will call a meeting of the board later.

January 8, 1953



LEARN BY DOING—Little Emma Jean Rieser signals for a left turn. She was one of the drivers of toy automobiles at Greathouse last week when Louisville police officers were on hand to instruct all students in traffic regulations. Behind Emma Jean and also signaling for a left turn is Jerry Abramson. In the background is Gene Bruce Martin. Waiting to cross the street, at left, is Davla Kane.

4 Greathouse Pupils Are On Radio Sunday

Robert Whitney, conductor of the Louisville Orchestra, will be heard interviewing four students from the Sixth Grade of Greathouse School Sunday on WHAS from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

The interview was recorded recently following one of the Louisville Orchestra's "Making Music Concerts" for students of grade school age. Four students were chosen to chat with Mr. Whitney about these "junior" concerts and to express their opinions about music education in general. The students are Carol Anne Cary, 814 Chambrey Road, Marian Reddick, 4105 Alton Road, Bob Strain, 3616 Hycliffe Avenue and Bob Haberer, 3411 Ingle Avenue.

Mrs. Virginia West, Greathouse music teacher, was with the students when the recording was made.

January 22, 1953

February 12, 1953

Overcrowded Greathouse Eastern, Stivers Schools To Lose Grades 7, 8, 9

750 To Go To New Junior High; County Trying To Buy Property

The new junior high school planned for St. Matthews will take 750 students out of Stivers, Greathouse, and Eastern High Schools.

The county superintendent of schools, Richard Van Hoose, said he would know for sure by Monday whether the County can buy the property from the Louisville Board of Education. He said he would only need about 20 acres of a 40-acre tract owned by the City and located between Browns Lane and Hubbards Lane.

The County Board of Education approved construction of the new junior high school for St. Matthews last Saturday along with seven other new schools.

The new school is scheduled for completion by September, 1954, and will cost around \$700,000. Van Hoose said he thinks it will include a gym. He said there was a remote possibility that several rooms would be ready by January, 1954, to relieve Greathouse and Stivers.

Greathouse, an elementary school designed for 650 students, now has 740, according to Principal Kenneth Farmer. Sixty-six of these are in the seventh grade which would move to the new school. Next year, Greathouse will also have an eighth grade and a total of about 925 students, and will be overcrowded.

There has been no crowding this year, said Farmer, because the school is using four outside portable rooms. Next year, however, he will have to convert the music room, the audio visual room, the library, and auditorium into classrooms.

Stivers, which only opened last September, was designed for 400 students, and already has 530, according to Mrs. Ruth H. Osborne, principal. Sixty-four of these are seventh-graders, who belong in a junior high school.

Eastern High, planned for only 1500 students, now has 1631, according to John B. Lowe, assistant principal. Of these, 192 are in the seventh grade, 344 are in the eighth grade, and 356 are in the ninth grade. Though Eastern will continue to handle grades seven to 12 for students from Middletown and Eastwood, seventh, eighth and ninth grade

students from St. Matthews, about 450 in all, would move to the new junior high school.

Van Hoose said the new junior high will not take any students from Ballard or Melbourne Heights Schools.

February 26, 1953

March 19, 1953

Last Week At Greathouse

Dads Are Told To Give Children Companionship

The flurry of activity at Greathouse School last week started Tuesday night, when the Parent-Teachers Association held a Dad's Night.

To illustrate to parents their children's need for security and understanding, Boyd Martin, director of the Little Theatre, staged a psychodrama. The play demonstrated how problem children are created. In one case, a boy became a misfit when his father, absorbed in business, gave him no attention, and his mother was hospitalized.

Another child became a problem because of her neglect at the hands of her divorcee mother.

Following the play, Dr. Spafford-Ackerly, head of the Department of Mental Hygiene at the University of Louisville, insisted that the dads present ask questions.

In replies to questions, he said that fathers and sons could grow closer together by sharing hobbies and sports activities. It's just as much the father's duty as the mother's to give children security and companionship, he said.

He declared that modern parents don't give their children enough affection. He said they could lead their children through love and affection better than by using the old-fashioned strap.

Dads should take time to know their children, he said, not just pay bills.

The mothers turned the business meeting over to the dads.

J. A. Herron, husband of Greathouse P.T.A.'s president, presided at the meeting. Joe E. Green, husband of the secretary, took minutes. Edgar A. Koch, husband of the treasurer, gave the treasurer's report.

Ned Beatty sang several songs, accompanied by his Eastern High School teacher, Mrs. Bernice Ely. Rev. Wilfred Myll, rector at St. Matthews Episcopal Church, led the prayer. About 300 people attended the meeting.

Thursday was another big day at Greathouse, the annual first grade day. Approximately 100 mothers brought children who will enter the first grade at Greathouse next year. (See picture).

Principal Ken Farmer and his staff registered the children and took them on a tour of first grade rooms. Afterwards, lunch was served in the cafeteria to the visitors, and at 11:30, they were assembled in the auditorium to see a film strip on a typical day in a Jefferson County School.

Greathouse Hears About Bike Safety

"Boys and girls," County Police Sergeant Kinser told Greathouse pupils last week, "please learn now, while bike riding, to execute the hand signals correctly, and not like mother."

Then, to the delight of the children, Kinser demonstrated the one-finger signals which some mothers give for either right turn, left turn, or stop.

Kinser is education director of the County Police. He showed three movies relating to bicycle safety. He suggested that the teachers follow up the audio-visual instruction with lessons in the classrooms.

A committee put luminous tape on about 400 bikes at the school on Thursday and Friday. The committee was headed by William Cooper, John Kaster, and Principal Kenneth Farmer.

Cooper is donating this luminous tape to all bike owners at Greathouse, Stivers, Holy Trinity, Our Lady of Lourdes, and Holy Spirit Schools.

April 2, 1953



Polly the Parrot is getting a lot attention at Greathouse School. Mrs. Orvie W. Allin was teaching her class about South America and said she wished she had a parrot to show the children. Tommy Sanders, center, 407 Sherrip, promptly told his dad who runs a pet shop. The elder Sanders came through with Polly. The fourth-graders invited some first-graders in to see Polly, who is quite a conversationalist. At left is Rayford Kytte, 517 Eline Ave., and at right is Susy French, E-1 Green Tree Manor. Mrs. Allin's class studies Holland next. Has anyone got a windmill?

April 9, 1953



GOODBYE, GOODBYE — Greathouse mothers came down to the station to see their children off for Washington and Canada last week. At left are the mothers, on the back of the train are the students, while others line up to get aboard. One group went to Washington and Williamsburg for a tour sponsored by Eastern High School. They were chaperoned by Mrs. Marlene Mitchell. The other group went to Canada and Niagara Falls for a tour conducted by the Crescent Hill Woman's Club. This group was chaperoned by Miss Lillian Clay and Mrs. Sherman Lodewick. Students in the Washington group were Carolyn Woodson, Nancy Taylor, Sue Moody, Peggy Slocum, Linda Engle, Kent Thomas, Carl Love and Carol Moore. Students in the Canada group were Janet Nell Green, Kathleen Franck, Nancy Lodewick, Walter Anderson, Bob Strain, Hunter Look, Jr., Owen Quicksall, Bobby Orr, Fred Nagel, Jr. Mrs. Fred Nagel, Sr., also went on the trip.

April 23, 1953

Greathouse Sets Spring Festival Next Thursday

April 23, 1953

What Greathouse children have been learning all year by way of physical education and music will be put on display for parents next Thursday night at the school's annual spring festival.

The children will square dance, do the maypole, tumble, do rhythms, sing and make music for their parents. The show, directed by Greathouse Teacher Virginia West, will begin at 7 p.m. and last about an hour.

500 children will participate, including the school orchestra, directed by Eleanor Ritchie, and the glee club, directed by Mrs. West, who is also directing the festival.

The festival will be held on the asphalt court in back of the school, where there'll be room for the entire community to watch.

After the first full rehearsal Monday, Mrs. West said of her charges "They look like a bunch of veterans." The majority of the acts, she said, are based on what the children have been learning all year.

Mrs. West's helpers include Catherine Schuler, Margaret Cleveland, Nancy Duncan, Lillian Clay, Zenith Jamison, Nora Webb, Julia Becker, and Catherine Rose.

May 7, 1953

1,000 Attend Festival

Over 1,000 friends and parents gathered at Greathouse School last Thursday to see the young pupils put on their annual spring festival.

The festival was the culminating activity of the total music and physical education program for the past year at the school.

Nearly every child in the school took part in the circus, square dance, tumbling and singing. 110 first, second and third graders joined in the singing and participated in the animal rhythms. The Glee Club, directed by Mrs. Virginia West, and accompanied by Mrs. Mabel Brown, sang "Bells of St. Mary," "On Wings of Song," and other selections.

352 children from grades one, two and three staged a circus,

with themselves impersonating animals. They were directed by Mrs. Katherine Schuler, Mrs. Margaret Cleveland, and Mrs. Nancy Duncan.

The sixth and seventh grades did some tumbling acts, directed by Mrs. Katherine Rose and Mr. Herb Lewis. Forty seventh-grade boys and girls, directed by Mrs. Juliet Becker, with Diana Clark, a student, as caller, did the square dance.

Forty fourth- and fifth-graders, directed by Miss Lillian Clay, Mrs. Norah Webb, and Mrs. Zenith Jameson, danced the maypole.

The huge audience showed its appreciation by bursts of laughter and applause. The entire show was under the direction of Mrs. West. Mrs. Eleanor Ritchie directed the orchestra.

Mrs. Virginia West directs the Greathouse Glee Club in a rendition of "Bells of St. Mary" at the annual festival.

Basil Willis Photo



Students, Mitchell, Look, Win Greathouse Awards

Medals for Americanism Essays were awarded to Margaret Mitchell and Hunter Look, Greathouse sixth-grade students, Ken Farmer, school principal, announced last week. Both students are in Mrs. Norah Webb's room.

Farmer also announced other awards to Greathouse pupils, as follows:

Patrol boys who received the Bronze Badge for one year of service — Tookie Robertson, Carl Recke, Lyle Sloan, Robbie Furlong, Billy Cornell, Buddy Hester, John Franklin, Eddie Owens, Charles Pickering, Chester Cooper, and John Sokol.

Patrol boys who received Silver Badge for two years of service — Billy Early, Bobby Mann, Tommy West, Dudley Robertson, Warren Smalley, Jim Kouns, Danny Chitwood, and Gust Jensen.

Girls and boys who received letters in the Glee Club — Patsy Goetze, Mary Ann Smith, Marlene Anderson, Carol Cary, Nancy Roush, Ruth Ann Rose, Betty Hill, Kay Barnhardt, Arlene Sharp, Linda Tomes, Pat Downey, Nancy Lodewick, Sherry Furlong, Kathleen Franck, Mary Ann Rosenbaum.

Lucille Thompson, Wanda Willis, Sandra Saam, Peggy Steinau, Rodger Pattison, Carol Moore, Phyllis Howard, Marian Reddick, Denny Haberer, Tommy Hardin, Claude Nutt, Jim Sanders, Walter Anderson, Michael Monohan, Peyton Talbot.

Bobby Orr, Edith Hell, Mary Ann Powell, Bobby Wahl, Betsy Cook, Connie Collier, Sara ...

Whorter, Linda McConnell, Linda Glone, Judy Reeder, Dean Elkins, Eddie Owens, Mary Russell, Carol Wells, and Pat Jackson.

Girls and boys who received letters in the Orchestra (First Year in Greathouse Orchestra) —

Linda Moody, Sandy Bridges, Henry Conner, Joe Carl Edwards, Russell Weigel, Johnnie Thompson, Kay Sue Ellsworth, Douglas French, Herbert Grosweiler, Janet Huntley, Roberta Bryson, Lois Short, Eldon Wayne, John Brooks, David Haney.

Joan Wells, Stevie Graef, Julia Harlowe, Harry Miller, Tony Miniea, Jerry Ashton, Carl Porter, John Helfrich, John Slayers, David Hussing, Judy Disborough, Jerome Valentine, Rita Loeser, Nancy Taylor, and Burt Markert.

Girls and boys who received stripes in the Orchestra (more than one year in any orchestra) —

Sharon McDonald—1, Tommy Ogle—1, Nancy Taylor—2, Rita Loeser—2, Bob Strain—1, Billy Fuller—1, Ronnie Young—1, Sally Mercke—1, Bobby Mann—2, Ronnie Thorpe—2, Chuck Armstrong—1, Jerome Valentine—1, and Burt Markert—1.

Girls and boys who received large letters (those belonging to both Glee Club and Orchestra for the first time) — Sally Mercke, Ronnie Young, Bob Strain, Larry Edge, and Carl Porter.

Girls and boys who received Gold Stripes: (those belonging to both Glee Club and Orchestra for more than one year) — Judy Mercke — 2, Mary Louise Bridges—2, and Linda Engle—1.

June 4, 1953

Great House And Stivers P.T.A.'s Postpone Opening

First Meetings Set Back To September 5

Both Stivers and Greathouse Schools have postponed their first general P.T.A. meetings from September 8 to September 15.

The postponements were made by the Executive Boards of the two P.T.A.'s to avoid a conflict with the school's opening, set this year for September 8.

The Stivers Board, meeting at the home of the president, Mrs. Nathan Everett, 256 St. Matthews Ave., on Monday, heard reports from committee chairmen and formulated plans for the 1953-54 school year.

Mrs. H. J. Kiefer, music chairman, will present the program for the first general meeting. Mrs. Ruth H. Osborne, principal, will introduce the teachers to the parents, present the school patrol and discuss the coming events.

Attending the Monday meeting were Mesdames J. C. Schubel, first vice-president; S. Clarence Evans, second vice-president; Warren Stark, treasurer; Frank Provenzano, recreation chairman; F. W. Fletcher, finance chairman; J. Paul Keith, garden chairman; Roy D. Cobb, parliamentarian; Jack Carr, purchasing; Robert P. Kraft, nursery chairman; Frank H. Wilder, parent-education; H. J. Kiefer, music chairman; Joseph A. Renb, secretary; and Albert T. Tollefsen, historian.

At the first Greathouse meeting, which begins on September 15 at 2:15 p.m. at the school, program plans are to have parents meet with their children's teachers in the home rooms for the first 45 minutes. The teachers will explain the new report card, and outline the program and objectives for the year.

Afterwards, a short P.T.A. business session will be held in the school auditorium. Mrs. Lane McCroskey, P.T.A. president, announced Monday that the Executive Board will meet at the school on Tuesday, September 8, at 2 p.m.

August 27, 1953

Greathouse, Stivers To Be Further Crowded To Relieve Eastern Hi

Two Elementary Schools Will Add Eighth Grades, Retain 120 Pupils

Both St. Matthews' public elementary schools, Greathouse and Stivers, will be further overcrowded this year to keep Eastern High School from overflowing.

James Sublett, assistant superintendent of Jefferson County public schools, said that establishing an eighth grade at both schools this year will keep approximately 120 students out of Eastern. This will allow the crowded high school, built for 1,500 students, to keep its enrollment to about 1,620, only 17 more than last year.

Meanwhile, Stivers and Greathouse each will probably be forced to use its auditorium, music room, visual aid room, and arts and crafts room for classrooms. Stivers may get by using only three of these rooms.

Stivers, built just last year, will have about 653 pupils enrolled this year. It was originally intended to handle only 480, but had 530 its first year.

Greathouse was designed for 650 students. Last year it had 740. This year, between 950 and 1,000 will be enrolled.

The County Board of Education expects to have a new junior high school in St. Matthews and an enlarged Middletown grade school ready for use to relieve the pressure by September, 1954.

The junior high will be located on a 20-acre plot purchased from the Louisville Board of Education south of Highway 80, between Hubbards and Browns Lanes. It will handle 880 seventh, eighth and ninth-graders. Bids on the school will be let next month, according to Sublett.

Middletown School's size will be virtually doubled at a cost of about \$355,000, he said. It now has eight "real classrooms" and holds two classes in portables, two in the gym and two in the auditorium. It will be enlarged to include 15 regular classrooms, plus a library, arts and crafts room, visual aid room, and music room, he said. "We're getting rid of the portables and two nearby cottages," he said. Construction is expected to begin in November.

September 3, 1953

September 10, 1953



Mrs. Thomas St. Clair, member of Greathouse's P.T.A., signs up first-graders Richard Murphy, Larry Costilow, and Mike Shane for school. At right is Mrs. Charles Shane, Mike's mother, 3424 Warner Ave. Registrations were held last week. Kenneth Farmer, Greathouse principal, announced Tuesday that 895 students had been registered. He said he was expecting 50 more. At Stivers, Principal Ruth Osborne announced that 675 students had registered and she was "expecting a few more." Stivers' faculty had been increased by four, she said. It now has 22 teachers. At Eastern, 1115 students had registered by Tuesday in grades nine to 12. Eighth-graders were due to register Wednesday. Principal Sam Dawson said he expected 1650 students. The school had 1641 last year. Eastern's faculty will number 75 this year, he said, one less than last year.

Greathouse P.T.A. Head Praised By Local Pastor

\$1,920 Budget Approved; Program Begun To Keep Parents Informed

Mrs. Lane McCroskey is an expert at conducting a meeting and will make an excellent president for Greathouse P. T. A., said Rev. Samuel Diehl.

The pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church in St. Matthews made the prediction Tuesday following a P.T.A. meeting. (Mrs. McCroskey's first as president) which was over in 15 minutes.

In that time, Mrs. McCroskey introduced to the assembly of nearly 400 mothers all the officers and committee heads of the P.T.A. She also introduced Kenneth Farmer, school principal, who introduced the new teachers.

Mr. Farmer jokingly remarked that Mrs. Albert Bowen, former Greathouse teacher for 10 years, had been "demoted" to principal at Ballard School. Tuesday's meeting was held in the cafeteria. Mr. Farmer promised that the next, a Dad's night, would be held in the auditorium, which is now being used as a classroom.

The group approved a budget of \$1,920 proposed for the coming year by Mrs. Thomas St. Clair, finance chairman. Mrs. St. Clair said that crowded conditions at

Greathouse ruled out the possibility of getting the funds by the usual money-raising projects, which in the past included an annual carnival.

A letter dated yesterday and mailed out to parents asked for

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free-will offerings. \$5 per family was suggested. The letter further stated that P.T.A. members would be in the cafeteria from 8 to 10 a.m. from September 17 to 23 to receive donations, or these could be mailed to Mrs. Edgar Koch, treasurer, 4007 Hycliffe.

Rev. Diehl opened the meeting with a prayer.

The meeting was only part of a program held Tuesday by the County Board of Education at Greathouse as the opening gun in a campaign this school year planned to effect closer ties between parents, teachers, and administrators, and to keep parents more fully informed about their children's education.

School Superintendent Richard Van Hoose was on hand to outline plans for the coming year. He told a group assembled in the auditorium that the new junior high school to be built in St. Matthews will be named for Mayme Waggener, former principal of Greathouse. It will be finished in time for school next September and will relieve Greathouse and Stivers, both now crowded, he said.

Before the general meeting, parents visited their children's home rooms where each teacher explained what she hoped to accomplish academically during the current school year. The teachers also explained the new revised report card.



-C. J. Photo

Mrs. Albert Bowen, demoted?



CROWDED GREATHOUSE has had to construct this partition in the auditorium to take care of one class until the junior high school for St. Matthews is built.

September 17, 1953

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English Family Praises Parks, Hospitality, And Visit Greathouse



Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Edwards and son, Robin, pose here with fifth-graders from Teacher Elizabeth Bennett's room at Greathouse.

Louisville's parks are marvelous and so is St. Matthews and Louisville hospitality.

That's the word from two English visitors, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Edwards of London, who spent a week recently as guests of her sister, Mrs. L. N. Merritt, 4300 Winchester Road.

Mr. Edwards said he found it "amazing" that the city has a park more than 600 acres big (Shenec) and another 400 acres (Cherokee), in addition to the other large parks (Innocent and Shawnee).

The ones in London are tiny by comparison, he said. "But England's a crowded island," said his sister-in-law. "Otherwise, you'd have bigger parks, too."

Mr. Edwards said local people had shown his family — including son Robby and daughter Jacqueline — splendid hospitality.

"They treat us like old friends after five minutes," he said. "It's really quite gratifying. It certainly was not what I was led to expect."

He commented that certain elements of the press in England and America gave the two countries false impressions of each other, possibly in hopes of splitting the two countries.

They stopped one day in New York to see the skyscrapers. "I'd heard about them, of course, but I couldn't really believe what I'd heard until I saw them. They're amazing."

Last Thursday, the family visited Miss Elizabeth Bennett's fifth-grade class at Greathouse to answer questions about England.

Mrs. Edwards admitted to the children she hadn't been able to get used to American food, particularly our meat and salad dishes. She told the class that

English people never eat cake for dessert. She noted that so many of our drinks are served with ice. That is not done very much in England, she said.

Mr. Edwards whispered to the Voice reporter that ice was not needed in England since the average summer temperature was only 85. Louisville's hotter weather makes ice practically a necessity, he said.

The Greathouse children, obviously "showing off" a little, asked Mrs. Edwards if the English had television, refrigerators, and other appliances found in nearly every American home. She took up for her country. She said England had them, though it hadn't the novelty gadgets in the same quantity as in America.

Her sister, Mrs. Merritt, is a native of England. She was married in Louisville in 1942. She and Mr. Merritt have lived in St. Matthews about two years.

September 24, 1953

Greathouse PTA Nears Member And Fund Goal

The Greathouse P. T. A. membership and fund drive had netted 875 members and \$1,833 by Friday, Principal Kenneth Farmer announced last week.

The goal is 1,000 members and \$1,920. Mr. Farmer said he expected it would be met in the near future.

Crowded conditions at the school have ruled out the annual money-raising carnival which formerly provided P.T.A. funds. The auditorium has been partitioned for a classroom.

Mr. Farmer promised the partition would be moved for the next P.T.A. meeting, a Dad's Night program scheduled for October 13 at 7:30 p.m.

James Sublett, assistant superintendent of County Schools, will moderate a panel discussion on "A Minimum Foundation Program For Kentucky." On the panel will be Wendell Howard, a Greathouse dad; Maurice Bement, former Greathouse Dad and former trustee for the City of Springlee; and Marvin Dodson, secretary of the Kentucky Education Association.

Mr. Farmer also announced that the Greathouse paper sale will be held October 5, 6, and 7. Pupils will bring scrap paper to school on that day.

October 1, 1953

Dad's Night At Greathouse And Stivers Tuesday

It's Dad's Night at Stivers and Greathouse next Tuesday as both schools hold their second P.T.A. meetings of the year.

And the same subject will be discussed at both place — a minimum foundation program for Kentucky. This will embrace a discussion on the proposed amendment to section 186 of the Kentucky Constitution. This section says that 75 per cent of the state school fund must be distributed on a census-pupil basis, not on children who are actually attending public schools. Richard Van Hoose, superintendent of Jefferson County Schools, has said that if the amendment is passed (the people will vote on it next month), it could cost Jefferson County about \$100,000 in state aid.

There will be a panel discussion at both schools at 7:30 on the subject.

Kenneth Farmer, Greathouse principal, announced that the school will be opened at 7 for an open house to which everyone is invited. Refreshments will be served afterward.

October 8, 1953



Quiet students are these paper children, self-portraits made by pupils in Mrs. Nancy Duncanson's third grade class at Greathouse, for display on Dad's Night last week. The parents here are Oliver Durr, Anthony Oswald and Mrs. John Koon. The children sketched the outlines of their own figures on the paper, then cut out the figures and colored them. Amending Section 186 of the Constitution and setting up a Minimum Foundation Program for Kentucky were discussed at the meeting.

October 22, 1953

Section 186, Educating Children Discussed At Dad's Night Programs

By MRS. RICHARD S. SCHUBA

A child's prime need is love with the accompanying feeling of belonging, Psychiatrist John P. Bell told the Stivers P.T.A. Dad's Night meeting last week.

A child also needs control and discipline, he said, and to accept defeat without being overcome. He needs to develop emotional toughness, and to exercise responsibility, he said. He must not be over-protected, but he must not be thrown completely on his own, he added.

A child must also be treated as an individual, said Dr. Bell. He shouldn't always have to give in, he added.

Mrs. James S. Tate, executive chairman of "Youth Speaks Its Mind," said teachers and parents need to work with each other as much as possible. They should grow together, and share problems, she said. The P.T.A. could be used as a growing agent, she added.

Robert Allen, principal of two Louisville public schools, said parents should realize that the school's problems are the parents' problems, too. He suggested that parents could cooperate with the schools by letting their children grow up, and by facing up to a child's shortcomings. The responsibility of the school is give the child information about hygiene, health, academics, and to teach them moral and spiritual values, he said. Schools damage the child's mental health if they emphasize grades, he said.

Too often where grades are important, a child may be demoralized by continued failure, he said. He advised against over-regimentation.

Mrs. Sam Greenebaum, a director of the Family Relations Center, moderated the program.

Nathan Everett was acting president for Dad's night. He announced that Stivers' recent paper sale netted \$107.79. The school carnival will be held November 6, and a roast beef dinner will be served from 4 to 9 p.m.

By ELIZABETH BENNETT

Is there any guarantee that Louisville and Jefferson County won't lose money if Section 186 of the State Constitution is amended to allow the Legislature to distribute State school funds? That was the question asked by Richard Oberlin, a Greathouse parent at a Dad's Night meeting last week.

"No, not yet," said James Sublett, assistant superintendent of County Schools. "But put faith in our legislators or elect someone else."

That crucial question highlighted a panel discussion on amending Section 186 and setting up a Minimum Foundation Program. Mr. Sublett moderated.

Panel member Marvin Dodson, acting secretary of the K.E.A., said under Section 186, which provides for distribution of State money on a census-pupil basis, some of the poorer districts get \$40 for pupils actually in school while the richer districts get as much as \$140.

The proposed amendment, to be voted on this fall, would allow the Legislature to distribute the funds.

Jefferson County, a richer district, gets money for students in parochial schools such as Holy Trinity and in private schools, he said.

Another panel member, Wendell Howard, Farm Bureau Director, said he was a member of the Minimum Foundation Program and helped to write this blueprint for Kentucky's future in education. "A program of this type isn't new, he said, and "all the states south of us have a Minimum Foundation Program."

He said Kentucky's program was written based on 5,000 letters received from people all over the state.

He said, "Here is what they said was the least they wanted: a nine-months school term, indoor plumbing, a school cafeteria, bus transportation, adequate and modern buildings, and qualified teachers."

Maurice Bement, regional director for the National Citizens Commission for Public Schools, outlined for the audience the history and background of Section 186.

Officers for the Dad's Night program were the husbands of the real officers. They were Lane McCroskey, president; Sherley Uhl, vice president; Russell Garth, corresponding secretary; Frank Ogle, recording secretary; and Edgar Koch, treasurer.

Before the panel discussion, parents visited the classrooms and chatted with the teachers. It was announced that Greathouse

P.T.A. now has 1,091 members. Refreshments were served later in the school cafeteria by a committee headed by Mrs. Malcolm Arterburn.

Greathouse Had Fire; Schools Out Tuesday

The St. Matthews Volunteer firemen quickly brought a blaze under control at Greathouse School on Monday. The fire broke out in the morning in a two-room portable building at the rear of the school.

The fire started before school time. Pupils were playing in the school yard. The fire, caused by an overheated oil furnace, did little damage to the classrooms. School was resumed shortly afterward.

Greathouse and other County schools got a holiday Tuesday as teachers and principals attended Louisville's annual Business-Industry-Education Day.

October 29, 1953

October 22, 1953

Parent-Teacher Association
of
Greathouse School
3930 Grandview Ave.
Louisville 7, Ky.

October 26, 1953

St. Matthews Volunteers Fire Dept.
117 St. Matthews Ave.
St. Matthews, Ky.

Dear Sirs,

We want to thank
you for the prompt and
efficient way in which
you extinguished the
recent fire at Greathouse
School.

The P.T.A. sincerely
appreciates the work of your
department.

Respectfully yours,
(Mrs. Russell) Lorana Barth
Corresponding Secretary

Greathouse Newspaper Published

Greathouse school eighth graders, not to be outdone by their colleagues at Stivers, published the first issue of their school newspaper last week.

It is called "School Daze," a name suggested by pupil Sandra Stevens. The five-page mimeographed news sheet is edited by Judy Lawrence. Charles Pickering is news editor. Tookie Robertson is associate editor, Mary Ann Powell is activities editor, and Margaret White is feature editor.

All members of the staff are pupils of eighth-grade teachers Glen Edelen and Mrs. Margaret Binford, who serve as faculty advisors. The paper will be issued six times a year with report cards. Kenneth Farmer, principal, said the school had bought a \$500 mimeograph machine to publish the paper. It will be paid for by school fund-raising projects such as the paper sales, he said.

Other members of the staff are:

Make-up — Billy Earley, Margie Hopkins, Kathy Thompson, and Janet Mitchen.

Printing — Carl Reeke, Robby Furlong, Sammy Dameron, and Richard Parsons.

Assembly—Tommy West, Janet Chaudoin, Lyle Sloan, and Dean Elkins.



The new Greathouse newspaper, "School Daze," is held up proudly by Editor Judy Lawrence, Sandra Stevens, who

named it, and News Editor Charles Pickering. Looking on are Glen Edelen, faculty advisor, and Kenneth Farmer, school principal.

Cartoons — John Lamar, John Franklin, Susie Freeman, and Bobby Wheeler.

The first issue contains articles by Mr. Farmer, Janet Chaudoin, Carolyn Vincent, Judy Lawrence, Cathy Thompson, Martha E. Rodahaffer, Suzanne Keeling, Beverly Samson, Peggy

Stocum, Marjorie Hopkins, Sally Carmichael, Ruth Harding, Linda Glore, Ann Bell, and Judy Foster.

The Stivers newspaper, "The Inkwell," will be published the first week in November, it was announced last week.

October 29, 1953



This group, seen in Greathouse's behind scenes, won the Kentucky Model Shop's third annual window-decorating contest. On the left are Stacy Gason, William Arner and Freddie Beck, model makers, and Hunter Look, proprietor of the Kentucky Model Shop, carrying the first place trophy. On the right are the Greathouse sixth graders who painted the mural: Larry Hays, Ann Fillmore, David Evans, and Greg Weaver.

20% Discount To Highlight Hot Box Opening

November 5, 1953

Greathouse Mural Wins

Greathouse School with a score of 71 out of a possible 100 points won the third annual Kentucky Model Shop Halloween window-decorating contest Saturday.

Holy Trinity lost out in an effort to win the contest for the third straight year and gain permanent possession of the trophy. It finished fifth with 49 points.

Stivers School with 69 was second. Our Lady of Lourdes with 61 was third. Lyndon was fourth with 54.

The winning team consisted of Greathouse sixth-graders Larry Myers, Ann Fillmore, Carol Curry, and Glen Wagner.

The first prize was possession

of the championship cup for a year and 50¢. The contest was open to all students in the sixth grade and under.

The contest was judged on this basis: a possible 30 points for originality, 25 for attention value, 20 for color harmony, 15 for composition, and 10 for neatness.

Judges were William Jenny, owner of Stone Studios in St. Matthews; Frederick Beck, owner of Frederick Beck Studios in St. Matthews; and R. Hugh Gaunt, who operates an art studio here. Hunter Look, owner of the Model Shop, distributed the prizes.

Courtesy *The Voice Of St. Matthews:*

Greathouse

G'house P.T.A. To Talk On Parent Education

Mrs. Frank Chance, director of children's work at the Douglass Boulevard Christian Church, will speak at the initial parent education discussion meeting of the Greathouse P.-T.A. to be held at Bethel Evangelical and Reformed Church Wednesday, Nov. 18, at 10 a.m. "What Can Your Child Expect of You As a Parent?" will be her topic.

This is the first of a series of three meetings in the field of parent education which the Greathouse P.-T.A. is sponsoring during this school year. The series has been planned by Mrs. Rankin Powell, Greathouse P.-T.A.'s parent education chairman.

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stands are Mike Shaikun and Curtis Wise. The Greathouse Safety Patrol, in the picture below, gave a demonstration on the same day. Both demonstrations were in celebration of American Education Week. That's patrol leader Billy Early at the mike, and his lieutenant, Dean Elkins, beside him. For full story, see section two.



Stivers, Greathouse Perform For Parents

Both Stivers and Greathouse Schools celebrated American Education Week on Tuesday, Nov. 10, by staging programs for their respective P.-T.A.'s.

At Stivers, Miss Virginia Charley's seventh grade presented a physical education program of tumbling. At Greathouse, the school's safety patrol presented a safety program.

American Education Week was from November 8 to 14. It was established in 1921 by joint action of the National Education Association and the American Legion. It attempts to inform the public of the accomplishments and needs of the public schools and to secure the support of the public in meeting these needs.

Participating in the Stivers tumbling exercises were students Bobby Baker, Curtis Wise, Norman Brown, Emil Stark, John Catlett, Earl Zion, Ken Craven, Ken Corey, Joe Creason, Mary

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Beth Carr, David Fisher, Joanne Davis, Earl Greer, Joy Ellis, Jack Hancock, Ginny Everett, Stanley Kimmel, Sue Ann Flint, Robert Purdy, Shirley Grinstead, Kent Ransom, Peggy Hays, Kirk Ransom, Patsy Hunter, Roger Rieger, Carol Provenzano, Gary Rucker, Susan Wakefield, Mike Shaikun, Lynne Woolson, Dean Springer, and David Vance.

Carolyn Kraft played the piano, and Earl Zion was the drummer.

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Members of the Greathouse safety patrol include Billy Early, captain, Deap Elkins, lieutenant, and Fred Nagel, Sandy Thomas, Chuck Armstrong, David Buehne, Jim Nall, Charles Pickering, Bob Cottier, Danny Garber, Carl Recke, Brad Arterburn, George Richards, Walter Anderson, Bob Strain, Jim Printer, Tom Hardin, Chester Cooper, Steve Graef, Bob Clark, Phil Fox, and Robby Furlong.

Substitutes include Stenson McCroskey, Tony Menlea, Ronnie Hammerle, Billy Woods, Harry Stephens, Dan Schmitz, Stephen Fisher, Johnny Grayson, and Phillip Hoock.

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Greathouse Encourages Book-Reading

Greathouse School observed National Book Week last week by putting several hundred new children's books on display and encouraging pupils to read them.

"Of course, they don't need much encouragement," said Kenneth Farmer, school principal. "Our library is open three days a week and we check out 300 books a day." Greathouse has 950 pupils. National Book Week started November 15.

During the week, teachers read out parts of books over the intercom system and told pupils who wanted to finish the stories what titles they should ask for in the library.

Greathouse has an annual \$670 appropriation for new books. The P.-T.A. has supplemented this the past four years with gifts averaging \$1,000 a year.

Mrs. Nance S. Zipl is librarian for Greathouse. She spends two days a week at Lyndon School, also. The display of new books is an annual affair, she said.

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Nance S. Zipf, Greathouse librarian, and part of her book display are pictured here. Pupils are from left, Susan Broughman, Lynn Miller, and Betsy Schaaf. Story is in section two.

November 26,



Playing Santa Claus are these members of Mrs. Elizabeth Davis' fifth grade class at Greathouse. The entire class is buying and wrapping presents for underprivileged children of a class in one of Louisville's schools. The boy with drum is Ray Purdom, and the girls are Mary Ann Huff, Carol Moore, and Judith Burch. For story, see Section Two.

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Crowding Cramps Christmas At Greathouse

Greathouse's Christmas program is going to be sadly restricted this year. The overcrowded school is using its auditorium for classrooms. There has been no place to rehearse the great young choir, which last year made such a hit over television. And there is no place to stage a pageant.

Tuesday, the school orchestra held a program in the cafeteria for grades 4 to 8. Tomorrow, the last day of school until January 4, a Christmas program will be held in the cafeteria, which has a large Christmas tree in the center. The school will be divided into four groups, two grades each, and a program of 45 minutes for each group will be held. There will be reading, songs, and skits by talented students from each of the rooms.

The film, "The Night Before Christmas," will be shown to the first and second grades sometime this week.

Meanwhile, Mrs. Elizabeth Davis' fifth grade class is busy playing Santa Claus. The children have each bought presents and wrapped them, and will give them to a class in one of the underprivileged city schools.

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This mural, done by Greathouse School pupils, won the Kentucky Model Shop's third annual window-decorating contest. On the left are Hugh Gaunt, William Jenny and Frederie Beck, contest judges, and Hunter Look, proprietor of the Kentucky Model Shop, carrying the first place trophy. On the right are the Greathouse sixth graders who painted the mural: Larry Myers, Ann Fillmore, Carol Curry, and Glen Wagner.

Greathouse Elementary School

1950's

Courtesy of Waggener High School 1960-62's Alumni

Greathouse

—<http://www.waggenerhighalum.org/>—Photos courtesy of Jim Herron (60) or Ray Purdom (61)



First Row:

Carolyn Roe, Louie Degener, Tom Ryan, Buddy Orr, ????

Second Row:

Carol Wofford, Jim Toy, ????

Third Row,

Top Row,
Bill Bowden?

First Row:

Dottie Oyler, Mary Ann Huff, Martha Kouns

Second Row:

Pat Gorbandt, Sandy Bridges, Carol Moore, Phyllis Fust

Third Row,

Carol Waford

Greathouse Opposes Rabies Law Exemption

The Greathouse P.T.A. voted Tuesday to write letters to members of the Kentucky General Assembly asking for passage of an air tight law for the prevention and control of rabies, without exemptions.

The groups also voted to request each lawmaker to reply, stating how he voted on such a measure.

The action followed adoption of a similar motion last week by the County Council of P.T.A.'s, of which Greathouse is a member.

The original motion was made

by Mrs. Nathan Everett, president of Stivers P.T.A., opposing exemption of kennel owners from any proposed rabies control legislation.

For full story, see page one, section two.

The P.T.A. Tuesday also voted to spend \$500 on supplementary books for each classroom at Greathouse School. It also voted to ask the Board of Health not to discontinue physical examinations at Greathouse, as reported.

January 7, 1954

Middletown And Greathouse Will Perform At U-L

The University of Louisville and its department of bands will present the Middletown and Greathouse School Choruses in a concert tomorrow morning at 10 at the Playhouse on Belknap Campus.

It will be a feature of the Kentucky State Choral Clinic to be held today, tomorrow and Saturday at the university.

(Details about the Middletown Chorus are in today's Middletown News in this section.)

Mrs. Virginia Brown West, Greathouse's vocal teacher, will direct the Greathouse chorus. She is also soprano soloist at Calvary Episcopal Church.

The Greathouse chorus, composed of seventh and eighth grade students, will sing seven numbers, opening with "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring," by Johann Sebastian Bach. Instrumental accompanists will be Doris Loyd, piano; Judy Lawrence, violin; Mary Louise Bridges, flute; Margaret Mitchell, autoharp; and Robbie Furlong, woodblocks.

January 14, 1954

Y.M.C.A. Dance

The Y.M.C.A. will hold its weekly teenage dance for junior high school boys and girls at Greathouse school this Friday, from 7:30 to 10:30. Music will be via recordings.

January 28, 1954

The Week Ahead At Greathouse And Stivers

About 100 Greathouse and Stivers pupils will be dismissed from class on Monday to attend the matinee performance at noon at Memorial Auditorium of the St. Olaf Choir.

Miss Jane Thomas will accompany about 50 Stivers students to the performance. Greathouse seventh and eighth graders will go accompanied by their parents and teachers. Altogether, 1,300 pupils in Jefferson County will attend.

The following day, Mrs. Thomas will direct the sixth-grade Stivers Glee Club in a performance at Memorial for the 12 and 1 o'clock concerts of the "Making Music Series" with the Louisville Orchestra.

February 3, Stivers seventh and eighth graders will go to Frankfort to see the Legislature in action. Among them will be Mike Shaikun, whose father is Senator Leon Shaikun. The children will visit Daniel Boone's grave and the Governor mansion. Parents and teachers will accompany them.

Last Friday, Mrs. Pat Kirwan's eighth graders at Stivers went to the courthouse to watch the naturalization ceremonies.

January 28, 1954

Greathouse PTA Plans Hat Show

A Hat Show, with hats created and contributed by each grade, will be the feature of the Greathouse P.T.A. program on February 9 at 2:30 p.m. at the schoolhouse. The school orchestra will furnish music.

Following the program, Mrs. Malcolm Arterburn, hospitality chairman, and her committee will be hostesses at a Founders' Day Silver Tea.

Proceeds from the tea will be sent to the state and national parent-teacher organizations to be used to extend and improve the services rendered to children through parent-teacher associations throughout the United States.

February 4, 1954

January 21, 1954



The Middletown School Chorus, above, and the Greathouse School Chorus, below, had the stage of the University of Louisville Playhouse all to themselves last Friday, as they participated in the Kentucky State Choral Clinic. The Greathouse group, all seventh and eighth graders, entertained a delighted audience of parents, teachers, and musicians

with superb renditions of "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring," by Bach, "A Star Was His Candle," "Carol of the Bells," "Pawpaw Patch," "Pop Goes the Weasel," "Oh Dear What Can the Matter Be?", and "Somewhere A Child Is Singing." Mrs. Virginia Brown West, director, won praise for the expert work of her young charges. Mrs. Lucille Stutzen-

berger, director of the Middletown children, was also praised for the surprising work of her very young chorus members, all in the fifth and sixth grades, who sang seven numbers. Among members of the hearing and proud audience, the proudest were Principal James Crosby of Middletown and Principal Kenneth Farmer of Greathouse.



Mysterious Thief Raids Lourdes, Greathouse Files

County police are scratching their heads over a mysterious thief who broke into Greathouse and Our Lady of Lourdes Schools over the weekend and took nothing but students' file cards and rosters.

County detective, Ely Whitworth said nothing else was disturbed. "We don't know why anyone would want them," he said. "They could be used for someone trying to locate a single child."

He said a parent from a broken home might be trying to locate his or her child, and either stole the records or got someone else to do it.

Kenneth Farmer said the thief broke the glass out of the east door of Greathouse some time after 2:30 Sunday — the janitor was there until that time — entered, then went to the principal's office, broke the glass there, and entered. He removed all the students' cards from a file cabinet, but did not touch the I.Q. or achievement test scores. The cards gave the child's name, address, birth date, age, home address and his parents' occupations and business numbers.

"He got every card," said Mr. Farmer, "about 1,000 in all. It will be a tremendous job to replace them."

Mr. Whitworth asked anyone finding any such cards to notify him immediately at County Police headquarters.

At Our Lady of Lourdes School, the thief took rosters of the students.

February 4, 1954

Greathouse, Stivers Dad's Night Tuesday

Both Stivers and Greathouse School P.T.A.'s will have Dad's Night meetings on Tuesday, March 9.

Girl Scout Troop 133 will do a program for the Greathouse meeting. At Stivers, spelling bee finals will be held and Mrs. Ruth Osborne, principal, will give a report on the school. Booth meetings begin at 7:30 p.m.

March 4, 1954

Greathouse Raided Again

Greathouse School principal Kenneth Farmer was not his usual cheerful self last Friday. He came to work and found that for the second time in a month, a thief had raided his office and taken away student records of no value to anyone out the school.

So for the second time in a month, he must fill out a card for every student in the school giving the child's name, address, birth date, home address and his parents' occupations and business numbers.

Greathouse has nearly 1,000 students. It had just finished replacing the cards stolen the first weekend in February when the second theft occurred last Thursday night.

As in the early raid, the thief broke into the school and made his way to the principal's office. There he punched a hole in the glass and entered. He removed all the students' cards from the file, but did not touch the I. Q. or achievement test scores.

Mr. Farmer could think of no possible reason for the second theft. Any possible information wanted about the students was on the first cards stolen.

It rules out a possibility voiced last time by County police that someone, possibly an estranged parent, would be trying to locate a single child.

"Just plain meanness" said one school official.

March 4, 1954

First Grade Day Mothers Should Contact Schools

Mothers planning to attend Greathouse and Stivers Schools on first grade day April 2 should contact the schools if they have not done so in order that preparations can be made for serving lunch.

The two schools, along with all City, County, and Catholic Schools will hold pre-registration that day for every youngster entering school for the first time next September either in kindergarten or the first grade.

All children entering the first grade must be six years old on or before December 31, 1954.

Greathouse and Stivers will register students from 9:30 to 10:30 and show them and their parents through the first grade rooms. Lunch will be served from 10:30 to 11:15. There will be no general meeting in the schools' auditoriums as in past years, due to crowded conditions.

Children should be brought to the school on April 2 with a birth certificate or its equivalent, and a statement of successful vaccination. If these are not immediately available, parents should still bring the youngsters and register them.

April 1, 1954

Greathouse Will Give Spring Concert Tonight

Greathouse School will give its annual spring concert tonight at 7:30 p.m. at the school.

The Greathouse Orchestra will play under the direction of Mrs. Eleanor Ritchie. The sixth, seventh and eighth grade glee clubs will sing, directed by Mrs. Virginia West.

The public is invited free of charge. The concert will be held inside this year, instead of outside.

Yesterday, the Greathouse glee club sang for the County Council. They were directed by Mrs. West and accompanied by Doris Loyd.

April 29, 1954

Anti-Polio Shots To Be Explained At Greathouse

PTA Meeting Changed, Public Is Invited

Dr. Robert F. Hansen, deputy director of the County Board of Health, will speak to the Greathouse P.T.A. at 7:30 April 7, about the anti-polio vaccine shots. After his speech, P.T.A. officers will be elected.

Kenneth Farmer, school principal, said Dr. Hansen had expressly requested that the meeting be held at night so dads could attend as well as mothers. The P.T.A. meeting was originally scheduled for the afternoon of April 13.

After his talk, Dr. Hansen will hold a question-and-answer period. His speech will be one of a series he's making throughout the country. The vaccine this year will be given only to second-graders in the County's public and Parochial schools. Vaccination will start some time in April.

The vaccine will be given only with parents' approval. Mr. Farmer said the appearance of Dr. Hansen was scheduled so "parents can act intelligently" in making their choice.

The talent program originally scheduled for the meeting has been cancelled. Mr. Farmer invited the general public as well as P.T.A. members to attend.

Mr. Farmer announced further that school would be dismissed at Greathouse, and other County schools on Good Friday, April 16, at 1 p.m. to allow children to attend church. School will also be dismissed April 22 and 23 so teachers can attend the annual Kentucky Education Association meeting.

April 1, 1954

Greathouse Paper Sale Nets School \$151.47

Greathouse School collected 60,-590 pounds in its spring sale of paper, and sold it for \$151.47.

The money will be used for another payment on the school's \$500 mimeograph machine, said principal Kenneth Farmer.

Glen Edelen's eighth grade class was top collector, bringing in a total of 5,270 pounds. Second was the fourth grade class of Mrs. Ovie Allen with 3,620 pounds. Mrs. Norma Hill's seventh graders were third with 3,565 pounds.

Students Recreate Medieval Times

Sixth grade students in Mrs. Mary H. Burton's class at Greathouse are learning about Medieval times by recreating scenes and objects from Medieval life.

The class took on the job as a history project and has been quite successful, especially in recreating Medieval books. Each student covered a book back to represent the ivory or leather-covered books of that period.

These were decorated with bits of jewelry, and beads, and aluminum foil or copper was used to fashion the book clasps. For the leather-like appearance of the covers, the students crushed brown wrapping paper, then smoothed and painted it with brown water color. They used plain white paper to represent ivory, and in some instances, added gold and silver foil to give the books that "grand" effect.

Two students, Wesley Wilkinson and Albert Young, constructed a Medieval castle of paper, and a committee of six girls painted a frieze about 10 feet long. This shows a market place scene, a castle with moat, and a tournament.

The girls who did the frieze were Charlotte Aull, Sophie Harned, Judie Meek, Roberta Bryson, Julia Harlowe, and Susan Fox.

To get some idea of what life in general during that period

was like, the class saw the film, "Knights of the Round Table." They also studied the Feudal System, knighthood, and Medieval amusements.

Mrs. Burton believes this project, along with regular book work, will give her pupils a far more thorough understanding and a clearer picture of the times than merely book work alone.

Along this line, she plans to do something similar with the next unit, which covers the break-up of the Feudal System, and the introduction into history of the Magna Charta, the Petition of Rights, and other instruments leading toward the creation of a Democratic society.



Greathouse sixth - graders Charlotte Aull, Julia Harlowe, and Judie Meek inspect their handiwork, a frieze depicting Medieval times. Seated is

Wesley Wilkinson with the paper castle he helped build, to aid in the class' study of Medieval times.

April 22, 1954



Mrs. J. A. Herron, right, installs the Greathouse P.T.A.'s new officers, from left, Mrs. Jack Fritsch, 3508 Grandview, treasurer; Mrs. Louis Hammerle, 4022 Norbourne, corresponding secretary; Mrs. William Edinger, 3716 Norbourne, second vice president; Mrs. G. W. McGill, 3512 Hycliffe, first vice president (filling the unexpired term of Mrs. Ted Miller); and Mrs. E. A. Wahl, 139 Meridian, president.

With the P.T.A.'s

Waggner Elects, Greathouse And Stivers Install

At Greathouse, Mrs. J. A. Herron, past president, installed the officers for next year. These are Mrs. E. A. Wahl, 139 Meridian, president; Mrs. William Edinger, 3716 Norbourne, second vice president; Mrs. Jack Fritsch, 3508 Grandview, treasurer; and Mrs. Louis Hammerle, 4022 Norbourne, corresponding secretary.

Mrs. G. W. McGill, 3512 Hycliffe, will serve as first vice president, filling in the unexpired term of Mrs. Ted Miller.

May 20, 1954

Tomorrow Is Last Day For Greathouse, Stivers

May 28 is the last day of school for Stivers and Greathouse. Students attended only half-days Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of this week.

Tomorrow they go in only long enough to get their report cards. Then they're through for the year. The teachers, however, will be working all day at both schools.

Both schools this week gave awards to their school patrols, orchestra and glee club members.

At Greathouse last Friday, the seventh and eighth grades had a party and dance, complete with orchestra, in the school cafeteria from 8 to 11 p.m.

This week, 73 pupils at Greathouse were cited for perfect attendance in the 1953-54 year. Three pupils were awarded gold pins for service in the school's glee club and/or orchestra a total

of five years.

Silver pins were awarded to 27 for three or four years service in orchestra and/or glee club. Bronze pins were awarded to 56 for two years' service. For one year's service, the felt letter "G" in the school's colors, was given to 90 pupils.

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Greathouse And Stivers Awards

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Cited for perfect attendance

were:

First grade — Marilyn Driver and Nancy Hyler.

Second Grade—James Woodson Powell, Edward Lee Simpson, Leslie Margaret Mills, Jane Grainger Hansdell, Elana Haberer, Almer Freeman, Jr. (Dubbie), Bill Woolton, Linda Hassenpflug, Carol May, and Sharon Ohlson.

Third Grade — Everett Robertson, Richard Paris, Charles Rowe Pierson, Nancy Leason, Sharon West, Nancy Wurzburg, Robert Henry (Buck) Thompson, William B. Sweeney, Mary Margaret McKenzie, Nancy Snover, Burt Markert, and James Morrison.

Fourth Grade—Annette Wahl, Janet Smith, Warner Broughman, Henry Black, Beverly Eastes, Sherry Rose, Barbara Mann, Doana Hassenpflug, Larry Young, Bonnie Webb, Tommy Helfrich, Hugh Campbell, Patricia Cary, Richard Challis, and Wanda Lambdin.

Fifth Grade—Howard Hatton, Philip Scherer, Karen Carter, Betty Jean Nuss, Mary Johnson, and Kenneth Schueler.

Sixth Grade—Marshall Davis, Charles Brown, Linda Schaaf, Sophie Harned, Bob Leason, Thomas Ogle, Harry Miller, James Terry, and Lawrence Stichweh.

Seventh Grade — Lucille Thompson, Charles Riley, Denny Haberer, Elsie Wolf, John Grayson, Richard Tomppert, John Helfrich, Barry Edwards, Carol Anne Cary, Carol Wells, Larry Edge, Eddy Quest, Linda Scherer, and Jimmy Wade.

Eighth Grade — Bobby Mann, Bobby Wahl, Martha Redahaffer, Margaret White, and Marjorie Hopkins.

MUSIC AWARDS

Gold Pins — Mary Louise Bridges, Judy Lawrence and Bob Strain.

Silver Pins—Billy Fuller, Rita Loeser, Bobby Mann, Burt Markert, Nancy Taylor, Warren Smalley, Chuck Armstrong, Roberta Bryson, Julia Harlow, Tommy Ogle, Sherry MacDonald, Stevie Graeff, Jerome Valentine, Marla Brandon, Carol Booker, Janet Mitchell, Helen Heitman, Sally Marmichael, Janice Livesay, Connie Carter, Janice Chaudoin, Linda Challis, Judy Morrison, Suzanne Keeling, Jim Kouns, Linda Engle, and Robby Furlong.

Bronze Pins — Sandy Bridges, Henry Conners, Joe Carl Edwards, Kay Sue Ellsworth, Douglas French, Linda Moody, Herbert Gosweiler, Janet Huntley, David Hussing, John Thompson, Eldon Wayne, Russell Weikel, Margaret Swann, Margaret Mitchell, Judy Disborough, Robert Harvey, Todd Hoon, Tony Miniea, Joe Williams, Mary Ann Smith, Carol Cary, Nancy Roach, Ruth Ann Rose, Betty Joyce Hill, Linda Tomes, Pat Downey, Nancy Lodewick, Sherry Furlong, Kathleen Franck, Marianne Rosenbaum, Arleen Short, Betsy Cooke, Connie Cottier, Linda McConnell, Lucille Thompson, Sandra Saam, Larry Edge, Roger Pattison, Lynn Moore, Phyllis Howard, Denny Haberer, Tommy Hardin, Claude Nutt, Walter Anderson, Michael Monohan, Peyton Talbot, Bobby Orr, Edith Heil, Linda Glore, Mary Ann Powell, Bobby Wahl,

Eddie Owens, Judy Freder, Kay Burnhardt, Carol Wells, and Jerry Wolf.

Letters — Cheryl Burnett, Patricia Ward, Sarah Wheeler, Charlene Niese, Orietta Ward, Ann Henderson, Mary Cunningham, Connie Franck, Lillian Carter, Sue Ellen Moody, Nancy Merchant, Sophie Harned, Janet Wetzel, Janet Griffin, Marge Goetner, Janet Schneider, Linda Schaaf, Jan Doe Braida, Roger Black, Wesley Wilkinson, Bobby Cottier, Lois Short, Beverly Curry, Linda Spangler, Stinson McCroskey, Billy Woods, Harry Miller, John Brooks, Joe Nunnally, John DeMott, Charles Brown, Don McKay, Dennis Garber, Bob Hackney, George Richards, Joan Wells, Charlotte Aull, Albert Young, Carol Curry, Scottie Tichenor, Lynn Milroy, Donnie Hoppel, Betsy St. Clair, Judy Foster, Nelson Lanikin, Bobby Bishop, Linda Mayer, Bill Black, Glen Wagner, Carl Wright,

Larry Myers, Bobby Sexton, Jayce Fleener, Ronnie Hammerle, Bonnie Montgomery, Lucille Lansley, Calvin Savels, Bobby Wheeler, Johnny Grayson, Danny Chitwood, Pat Humbert, Martha Redahaffer, Betty Durham, Kyle Hubbard, Charles Garrett, Steve Fischer, David Denton, Bob Streever, Spencer Konicov, Pat Jackson, Dudley Robertson, Mary Russell, Hunter Look, Claudia Littenhouse, Mary Melvain, Kent Thomas, Phillip Fox, Fred Nagel, Ruth Harding, Beverly Sampson, Elsie Wolf, Nancy Merhoff, Janet Green, Richard Tomppert, James Lapsley, Billy Earley, Bobby Frisch, Stephen Potts, Charles Riley, and David Smith.

One boy in the Greathouse School patrol is getting a gold pin for three years' service. Four are getting silver pins, for two years' service, 16 are getting bronze pins, for one year's service.

REPORT ON SCHOOL PATROL

Gold Pin—Billy Earley.

Silver Pin—Carl Recke, Robbie Furlong, Charles Pickering, and Chester Cooper.

Bronze Pin—George Richards, Chuck Armstrong, Sandy Thomas, Stinson McCroskey, Jim Painter, Harry Stephens, Bob Clark, Phillip Fox, Walter Anderson, Bob Strain, Stevie Graef, Tomamy Hardin, Steve Fisher, Brad Aterburn, Dean Elkins, and Tony Miniea.

At Stivers, the 24 members of the school patrol will receive the felt letter "S" in the school colors. Letters will also be given to members of the orchestra, the elementary glee club, and the junior high glee club.

Perfect attendance certificates will be given to 38.

Members of the school patrol are:

Earl Zion, Eddie Acree, Arvil Reeb, Ted Gutwein, Stuart Carmen, Billy Shawler, Allen Pezold, Andy Smith, Lee Watkins, Charles Moffett, Ray Evans, Mike Smith, Frankie Straub, Dale Sterner, Dean Springer, Ellen Rice, Penny Smith, Bonnie Bauer, Marshelle Hardesty, Judy Terry, Mary Beth Carr,

Peggy Hays, Sue Bliss, and Judy Surber.

Members of the elementary glee club are:

Tommy Bedwell, Jennette Caswell, Peery Chick, Claire Cunningham, Phyllis Curtis, Bonnie Davis, Jimmy Davis, Joe Dietrich, Margo Durbin, Sue Evans, Pamela Ferguson, Suzanne Gadd, Jimmy Grissom, Jill Hancock, Norma Helek, Margaret Huber, David Love, Teddy Meeker, Patsy Moore, Bert Pence, Edwin Perry, Doris Phillips, Carl Ploetner,

Billy Quakenbush, Ellen Rice, Sandy Riehl, Karen Rose, Judy Schuba, Lynda Schweickert, Jerry Seekamp, Joyce Shewmaker, Susan Shawler, Penny Smith, Sharon Stark, Merrill Lee Sweet, Carolene Taylor, Barbara Webb, and Bruce Wilson.

Members of the orchestra are:

Jerry Lynn Seekamp, Christy Louis, Merrill Lee Sweet, Charles Moffett, Marilyn Powers, Pamela Perry, Judy Surber, Kathie Klue, Betty Mae Dietrick, Tommy Bedwell, Tommy Straub, Nancy Collins, Frank Grubbs, Harold Haberer, Marilyn Collins, Nancy Anna Walker, Mount Davis,

Ronald Jones, Mike Smith, Peggy Hayes, Kenneth Hauptli, Stephen Porter, Jimmy May, Carolyn Kraft, Ted Gutwein, Lee Watkins, Bobby Hall, Bert Pence, Allen Ring, Joe Shepherd, Jack Hancock, Curtis Wise, Kenneth Corey, Jimmy Small, Larry Coleman, and Arvil Reeb.

Members of the junior high glee club are:

Pat Cardwell, Jennie Emmart, Bonnie Harding, Carol Provenzano, Bonnie Bailey, Sue Bliss, Katherine Dailey, Susan Gowdy, Marshalle Hardesty, Phoebe Keith, Richard Milne, Darlene Scheibel, Bill Shawler, Carole Straub, Lynn Woolson, Eddie Acree, Shirley Grinstead, Peggy Hays,

Jo Crume, Virginia Everett, Penny Hill, Carol Saenger, Nancy Anna Walker, Susie Boynton, Barbara Caswell, Joanne Davis, Earl Greer, Carol Isham, Ann LaCrosse, Judy Nealon, Barry Schneider, Suzanne Simms, Judy Suber, Barbara Wellnitz, John Close, Harold Heberlin, Carolyn Kraft, Lee Watkins,

Darlene Ellis, Sue Ann Flint, Carolyn Jones, Honey Schuermeyer, Bonnie Bauer, Kenneth Craven, David Fisher, Jo Ann Haberstroh, Caryl Jean Johnson, Betty Maddox, Carley Revell, Phyllis Seidel, Dean Springer, Susan Wakefield, Joe Creason, Jack Hancock, and Robert Ring.

Perfect attendance certificates go to:

Harold Haberer, Sue Bliss, Carolyn Kraft, George Heheman, Bobby Baldwin, Jennie May Emmart, Nancyanna Walker, Gary Rucker, Earl Zion, Doris Phillips, Joe Wellnitz, Larry Roberts, Bonnie Davis, Pam Ferguson, Danny Gray, Gary Morris, Lexie Howard, Luel Prochnau,

Marilyn Powers, Joyce Niemann, William Baldwin, Charles Farmer, James H. Hannah, Walter Roger Montgomery, John E. Scheibel, Martha Ann Meade, Judy Ann Ogden, Jimmy Scott, Sally Kraft, John Weeter, Edwin H. Niemann, Bill Hall, John Burgin, Ted Witte, James H. Stocking, Shelly Stallard, Patricia Smith, and Randolph Farmer.

Courtesy *The Voice Of St. Matthews*, August 26, 1954:

St. Matthews Schools Will Be Full But Not Crowded, Says Official Greathouse Load Heavy; Trouble Is Predicted After Next Year

County schools serving St. Matthews "will be full, but not crowded I believe," according to John L. Ramsey, director of instruction for Jefferson County Schools.

Greathouse, Stivers and Eastern High will get some relief from the two new schools here, Waggener Junior High on Hubbards Lane, which will open on time, and Chenoweth Elementary on Brownsboro Road, which won't.

(Beechwood Village children transferring from Lyndon to Stivers School will not get school bus service, he said, in line with the County's policy of not providing this service to children living within a mile of the school. Most of the children live within a mile of Stivers, he said, and there are sidewalks on Westport Road and part of Hubbards Lane.)

Taken altogether, the picture outlined is not a bright one, however. He predicted the County school system would be in trouble after next year, unless more money is forthcoming.

He said the County, which has grown in population far more than expected, will have as many students next year as was anticipated by 1960. St. Matthews needs more relief, he said, and another school will probably be built for this area next year.

He said the special 20-year 50-cent tax approved by the voters in 1952 allowed the County to open one new school last year, 10 this year, and perhaps nine next year. This will use up all the money, he said. Further expansion can come only from raising the \$1.50 general purpose school tax, he said. This would require a vote of the people.

Chenoweth School will be delayed from 10 days to two weeks in opening, he said. Parents will be notified by newspaper and radio when to bring pupils for registration, he said. He added that school officials had given up the idea of sending pupils to Clifton Heights until Chenoweth was ready.

Mr. Ramsey also said: Other elementary schools will register September 7 in the morning. This will be a half day of school. September 8 will be the first full day.

Registration at Waggener will be held September 7 at 8:30 a.m. for the ninth grade only. Seventh and eighth graders will register September 8. The first full day of school will be September 9.

Formal dedication of Waggener and open house will be held October 26. Richard VanHoose, superintendent of County schools, announced this week.

Eastern students will register September 7, 8, and 9. The first day of school will be September 10.

Greathouse will be worse off than the other schools. It will have about 900 students, as compared with 946 last year. It was designed for 740. In all probability, the auditorium, library, and visual aid rooms will have to be used for classrooms again.

Stivers, built for 480, had an enrolment of 675 last year. This is expected to drop to 650 this year. Four extra rooms were built onto the school this year, so crowding will be at a minimum.

Eastern High, built for 1,500, had 1,642 last year. This year, it will have about 1,600. Chenoweth was designed for 512. Enrollment is uncertain. Waggener, designed for 850, will have about 780 this year.

Stivers and Greathouse will not have seventh and eighth grades this year. These children have been shifted to Waggener and will register there.

Also going to Waggener are seventh and eighth graders from Clifton Heights: that part of Ballard west of Blankenbaker Lane, and Lyndon seventh and eighth graders west of Ormsby Lane including both sides, with an imaginary line running to Hurstbourne.

Chenoweth School will handle students from Clifton Heights, and from parts of the Stivers and Ballard districts. About 200 students from Stivers have been transferred to Chenoweth. This includes roughly all those living west of St. Matthews Avenue.

Those from Beechwood Village subdivision have been transferred out of Lyndon to Stivers School.

All junior high students from St. Matthews who have been attending Eastern High will go to Waggener, which will have seventh, eighth and ninth grades to begin with. (Plans call for conversion in a few years of Waggener to a high school, one grade at a time.)

The eighth grade at Jeffersontown School will transfer to Eastern. Anchorage School is continuing through the ninth grade. Seventh and eighth graders from Lyndon school living east of Hurstbourne Lane will go to Eastern.

Waggener was named after Mayme S. Waggener, teacher and principal at Greathouse for 30 years. Chenoweth was named after Dr. John Henry Chenoweth, who served St. Matthews 60 years. He died in 1905.

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Greathouse



—Photo by Jim Miller

Snapped at a Little-Toot Dance at Greathouse School last week were Betty Hill, left, 153 Wiltshire, with Pat Cragh, 3717 St. Germaine, and Connie Conder, 4001 Plymouth Road, with Johnnie Smith of Middletown. The teen-age club is sponsored by the St. Matthews Y.M.C.A. (More Y news on page 7).

July 1, 1954

Eastern, Stivers Greathouse Make Safety Honor Roll

Seventeen schools here have been listed on the National Safety Council's honor roll for the 1953-54 school year.

The honor roll listing, given to 604 schools in the United States, is in recognition of safety programs and increased student interest in safety.

Local schools that made the grade include Greathouse, Eastern High, Stivers, Worthington, Fern Creek High, Fern Creek Elementary, Jeffersontown, Clifton Heights, Eastwood, Emerson, George Rogers Clark, Hawthorne, Hikes Graded, Melbourne Heights, Lyndon, Middletown, and O'Bannon.

September 30, 1954

Judy Koch Made Editor



JUDY KOCH

Judy Koch, 4001 Hycliffe, has been named editor of "The College Heights Herald," newspaper at Western Kentucky State College.

The 20-year-old senior was associate editor of the weekly. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar A. Koch, she is majoring in elementary education. She was an honor graduate at Atherton, and was feature editor on the newspaper staff at Barrett Junior High.

A member of Bethel Evangelical and Reformed Church, she attended Greathouse Elementary School eight years.

This past summer, she worked behind the fountain at Ashbury Herman Drugs.

October 14, 1954

School Registration Is Lighter Than Expected

Registrations at County Schools in St. Matthews through Monday were a bit below estimates.

The County Board of Education had estimated that 4,596 would attend Greathouse, Stivers, and Chenoweth Elementary Schools, Waggener Junior High, and Eastern High. By Monday, only 4,305 had registered.

Only Waggener and Chenoweth registrations were above estimates. However, registrations are still trickling in and should eventually come nearer to estimates, according to John L. Ramsey, director of instruction.

Waggener, beginning its first

year, is almost filled to capacity. Predicted enrollment was 780. By Monday, 837 had registered. The school was designed for 850.

Chenoweth, also in its first year, expected 579 pupils. Registration by Monday was 590. The school was designed for 612.

Eastern High has had the best luck. Anticipating an enrollment of 1,596, the school only had 1,427 signed up by the end of last week. It was designed for 1,500.

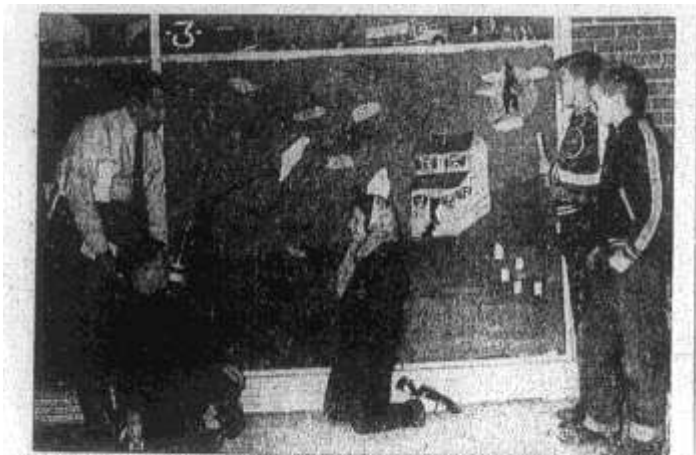
Greathouse signed up 857 through Monday, as compared with an anticipated 901. It had 946 last year, and was originally designed for 740.

Stivers by Monday had registered 594. About 600 were expected. Last year, the school had 675. It was built for 400, but four extra rooms were added during the summer.

September 16, 1954



Mrs. Virginia West, Greathouse music director, congratulates Bob Strain, who won a gold pin for four years of orchestra work and two years in the chorus at Greathouse. In back are Mary Louise Bridges, left, who won a gold pin for four years in the orchestra and three in the glee club, and Janice Livesay, champion speller at the school. Other Greathouse gold pin winners were Judy Lawrence, with four years in the orchestra and three in the glee club, and Billy Early, who served three years on the school patrol.



Proprietor Hunter Lusk brings out the trophy for the winning Greathouse team. Left in right are Tommy Berger, Linda Moody, Bonnie Stewart, and John Thompson.

Greathouse Wins Art Contest Again

The artistic team from Greathouse School won the annual Halloween window decorating contest at Kentucky Middle School Saturday. The victory, the second in a row for Greathouse, puts them even with Holy Trinity in the competition to gain permanent possession of the three-leg trophy.

The winning team tallied 212 points, just six more than Holy Trinity and Stivers, tied for second.

The winners got possession of the trophy for one year, and were awarded eight dollars. The second place teams each got

seven dollars. All entrants got a cash prize.

The Chenoweth team finished third and was awarded six dollars. Members were Ellen Sommer, Pamela Perry, Mary Ann Nathan and Anne Taylor. Our Lady of Lourdes, and Lyndon also entered the contest, held annually for local elementary schools.

The Greathouse team included Tommy Berger, Linda Moody, Bonnie Stewart and John Thompson, all sixth graders. Members of the Holy Trinity team were Pat McNally, Ann Kaelin, Barbara Cedy, Albert

Hitz, and Norman Treadle. On the Stivers team were Charlene Luffman, Sarah Westrom, Lou Thompson, Betsy Wade, and James Speer.

Judges were local photographers Freddie Beck and William Jenny, and local artist R. Hugh Conant.

The teams began decorating the windows Saturday morning in a Halloween theme with water colors. As soon as they finished, the judging began on a point basis. The judges looked for neatness, originality, attention-getting, composition, and color.

November 11, 1954



Telephone man William Gillette finds himself surrounded by Greathouse sixth-graders as he demonstrates telephone equipment.

Greathouse Sixth Grade Learns About Telephone

Greathouse sixth-graders learned about "the magic of telephone" last week first hand. Southern Bell Telephone sent installer-repairman William Gillette and service representative M. A. Ramsey to the school with equipment to give the children instruction and a demonstration.

Mr. Gillette, 304 Merriman Road, wisely refrained from stripping down a telephone for the children. A phone has over 400 parts and if the children had learned how to take it apart, they might have started practicing at home.

The children asked Mr. Gillette some mighty sharp questions. When he was explaining that the phone was protected against lightning by grounding a wire from a safety device in a water pipe, one boy remarked, "Don't you think that's dangerous? Water is a conductor of electricity."

The children asked about the cost of various pieces of equipment, and why a mobile service was necessary.

Mr. Ramsey explained the mobile car, and how messages

were sent, via radio, from the car into the telephone lines. He allowed children from each of the four sixth-grade rooms to make calls from the car to their homes, and to principal Kenneth Farmer's office.

Mr. Gillette explained the uses of all the equipment on his repair truck. He showed them how he installs telephones, and explained the safety devices used by the company. He let them examine phone cables and the wire which runs from the telephone poles to the home.

In addition, he explained how the wire was strung and showed them the equipment he uses to string it. Every tool and piece of equipment he uses was inspected.

Books with further information about the telephone and other means of communication were distributed among the students. Tuesday, the company gave another demonstration for seventh and eighth graders at Eastern.

Miss Ann Supper, a supervisor at Southern Bell, said the demonstration is being offered to other schools here who want it.

November 4, 1954

Farmer And Bennett Leaving Greathouse

Veteran Local Educators Accept Principalships At Other Schools

Two of the mainstays at Greathouse School will be leaving after this year. Kenneth Farmer, principal for 9½ years, and Miss Elizabeth Bennett, teacher at the school 19 years, have accepted the principalships of the Goldsmith Lane and Eastwood Elementary Schools, respectively.

The announcement was made Monday night by the County Board of Education. It was also announced that Robert Neill, 30, Eastern core teacher, had been named principal of the elementary school to be opened on Browns Lane near Waggener Junior High in the fall.

The Goldsmith Lane School is also scheduled to open next fall.

Mr. Farmer, 37, in 9½ years as Greathouse principal, and Miss Bennett, have become almost local institutions.



Mr. Farmer said he had requested the transfer. "Next to getting married and having a family, I consider leaving Greathouse one of the most important moves I've ever made," he said. "Believe me it was a hard thing to do. I'm sold on St. Matthews and the community. There's an ideal situation here in which to work — a good spirit and a good atmosphere.

"But I'm a firm believer in the rotation plan. I think it's healthy for the teachers, students and parents. You know while the kids are enjoying recess, that's the time to bring them in."

The move will mean a slight reduction in salary — an estimated \$250 to \$300 a year, he said, but eventually he will make more money than at Greathouse. He said plans call for the Goldsmith Lane school to become a junior high in two years and a senior high in four.

But he said he would have taken a cut in any event, as plans call for Greathouse to be cut from a 28-teacher school to 19 or 20 next year. Greathouse has 860 students this year, but this will be cut to about 650 next year when the Browns Lane school opens, he said.

Born in Fern Creek, Mr. Farmer attended Lovvorn Elementary and Fern Creek High. He got his Bachelor of Arts degree at Western College in 1944, and his Master of Arts at the University of Louisville in administration and supervision in 1951. His wife, the former Thelma Breitenstein of Louisville, taught home economics at Okolona High nine years.

Mr. Farmer was principal 2½ years at Camp Taylor School and was there six years altogether. A member of the Fourth Presbyterian Church and Masonic Lodge 899, he lives on Durrett Lane. The Farmers have two children, Mike, 7, and Linda, 5.

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Miss Bennett, now teaching the fifth grade, said: "I'm fortunate to have had the privilege of teaching under the guidance and supervision of two Greathouse principals, both key educators — Mrs. Mayme S. Waggener (late principal whom Mr. Farmer succeeded) and Kenneth Farmer."

She said the appointment was unexpected and "I feel like I'm leaving home." Born and educated in Lagrange, she attended Eastern College two years and got her Bachelor of Science degree in elementary education from Nazareth College. She got her Master of Arts in elementary education supervision and administration at the University of Kentucky. Her post graduate studies took her to Boston University and Mills College in Oakland, Calif.

This year, she has three student teachers from the University of Louisville taking training under her at Greathouse.

Living at 2801 Grinstead Drive with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter F. Bennett, Miss Bennett is a member of the Kentucky Education Association's planning board, and State secretary of the Classroom Teachers Association. She is past president of the Jefferson County Classroom Teachers Association and a member of the American Association of University Women.

For 10 years, she was a leader of a girl scout troop in Crescent Hill. She belong to two education sororities, Delta Kappa Gamma and Kappa Delta Pi, and to the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Filson Club.

Mr. Neill, 146 North Galt, taught at Eastern and Valley Highs two years each in the core program and sponsored the Future Teachers of America at both schools. His special field is mathematics. A native of Russellville, he went to grade and high school there and got his AB in education from the University of Kentucky in 1949 and his Master's there in 1951. His other teaching experience includes a three-year stint in the

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Farmer, Bennett

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seventh, eighth and ninth grades at Kenton County and a half year at Henry Clay High in Lexington.

An Army veteran who served in 1942-45, he spent two years in England, France, Holland and Germany, and attained the rank of master sergeant. He belongs to two honorary teaching fraternities, Phi Delta Kappa and Kappa Delta Pi. At the Crescent Hill Presbyterian Church he is on the Board of Deacons.

His wife is the former Nita Pruitt of Fort Mitchell. They have one son, Charles Dudley, age 1.

March 3, 1955



Capt. Albrecht shows pictures of Alaska to Miss Bennett and a present-day student of hers, Betty Tallott, 4625 St. Ives Ct.

Ex-Greathouse Pupil Returns And Lectures

Captain Erwin F. Albrecht, Jr., paid a sentimental visit to his old school and a former teacher Friday morning at Greathouse.

He brought along some of the 2,000 pictures he made while stationed in Alaska and showed colored slides to grades three through six, whose study of that country coincided with the captain's furlough.

The former teacher is Miss Elizabeth Bennett, who had him as a pupil in the fourth grade in the old Greathouse School on Shelbyville Road. (She now teaches fifth grade). The captain was in the first graduating class at the present school building on Grandview in 1949.

He attended Jeffersontown High and went into the Army in 1943 for 34 months, including two years in Europe. After his honorable discharge as a tech sergeant, he went to the University of Kentucky and graduated in 1950 with a major in sociology.

Meantime the Korean War broke out and he was recalled as a second lieutenant. This time he decided to stay in the Army. He got back to St. Matthews March 30 after 31 months in Alaska.

While showing the slides, he gave the students a lecture on Alaska. Miss Bennett said: "It was a good lecture. He has a strong voice — he always did. I'll have to give him an A."

She was asked if he was a good student at Greathouse. She gave him a thumbs-up sign. "We worked with the captain on

tion tables, didn't we, Junior?" she demanded.

He laughed sheepishly. Then she relented. "He was a good student and a good lollipop." He was on the football varsity at Jeffersontown.

For a man of 30, the captain has many decorations. Among these is a unit citation given by the French to his World War II outfit, the 79th Division, which took Cherbourg. He has a bronze star, and four battle stars on his European Theatre ribbon.

The captain is enthusiastic about Alaska. Good hunting, good fishing, and good pictures, he said. There's plenty of caribou, and the salmon are easy to catch. He gained 30 pounds there.

An artilleryman, he leaves for Fort Sill, Oklahoma, April 6. Married to the former Hanna Richter-Bessing of St. Matthews, he is staying with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Erwin F. Albrecht, Sr., 3917 Massie. The family belongs to Bethel Evangelical and Reformed Church. Mrs. Albrecht, Sr., is former president of the St. Matthews War Mothers.

Local Youngsters Go To Washington, New York

The Eastern High School P.T.A. put 53 happy school children and six chaperones aboard a train for New York and Washington April 13.

The lucky youngsters were due to spend a day in Washington, which included lunch with the Supreme Court, and two days in New York City. They returned Sunday. The Eastern P.T.A. arranges the tour annually, to broaden the outlook of the children, and give them a chance to see new and interesting sights.

Twenty of the children were from Durrett Junior High and Prestonia Schools. The rest were from Waggener Junior High, Chenoweth, and Greathouse. One, Sarah Little, was from Anchorage.

Henry Witson was official chaperone from the C & O Railroad.

Mrs. Rebecca Chandler was chaperone for the Greathouse group, which included Margaret Mitchell, Diane Taylor, Norman McEachron, Bert Pence, Doug Vallerton, Garry Brickson, Chuck Friedman, Henry Conner, and Jerry Bizer.

Mr. and Mrs. John Redden and Mrs. Songa were chaperones for the group from Chenoweth which included:

Carolyn Harrington, Lynn Huss, Preston Ormsby, Bryon Pflingst, Linda Miller, Steve McCreary, Mickey Maguire, Barrie Lewers, Marilyn Gordon, Martin Novak, Pamela Stephens, Jonathan Lick, Deborah Dorsey, Gene King, Betty Eagler, and Henry Mashburn, Jr.

Mrs. Jackie Flack chaperoned the Waggener group of Linda Engle, Drane Cubine, Ellen Thurman, Patsy Harbeth, Kathy Lewis, Peggy Slocum, Mary Ann Powell, and Leslie Hulett.

April 21, 1955

March 31, 1955



Principal Kenneth Farmer wishes a happy trip for Chuck Friedman, one of the Greathouse students who went on the New York-Washington trip. At left, Mrs. Ward Strain, one of the planners of the trip gives Chuck a last-minute air sickness bag as the company prepares to leave. Also pictured are Mrs. Rebecca Chandler, chaperone, behind Mr. Farmer, and Mrs. Henry Witson at right. The shot far right is Mrs. Lynn and Gary Robinson.

April 21, 1955



Newly-elected Greathouse P.T.A. officers are seated, Sds. Fred N. Wischart, left, 605 Wallace, president, and Mrs. Ed Simpson, 431 Oxford Place, vice president, and standing from left, Mrs. Charles M. Metzger, 3924 Hycliffe, second vice president, Mrs. Arthur W. Mills, 505 Cornell, historian, and Mrs. Roger H. Brandt, 3812 Union, secretary.

Greathouse PTA Elects

Mrs. Fred N. Wischart, 605 Wallace, last week was elected president of the Greathouse P.T.A. She will succeed Mrs. E. A. Wahl.

Other officers elected were Mrs. Ed Simpson, 431 Oxford Place, first vice president, succeeding Mrs. G. W. McGill; Mrs. Charles M. Metzger, 3924 Hycliffe, second vice president, succeeding Mrs. William Edinger; Mrs. Roger H. Brandt, 3812 Union, recording secretary, succeeding Mrs. Frank Ogle; and Mrs. Arthur W. Mills, 505 Cornell, historian, succeeding Mrs. Katherine Shuler.

New officers will be installed in May.

April 28, 1955

Greathouse Not Crowded

Greathouse is one of the lucky schools that won't be more crowded this year. Enrollment is expected to be about 600 compared to 850 last year, due to a shift of part of the school district to the new St. Matthews Elementary School.

The two portable buildings outside the main school building will not be used for classrooms this year, according to principal Howard Shaver.

The teaching staff has been cut from 28 last year to 19 this year, plus the principal. One of the teachers for the sixth grade has not yet been named.

Teachers back from last year are:

First grade — Miss Barbara Edwards, Mrs. Katherine Schuler, and Mrs. Mabel Mills. Second grade — Mrs. Margaret Cleveland, Miss Doris Loyd, and Miss Edith Edwards.

Third grade — Mrs. Margaret McKenzie, Mrs. Sara Sacra, and Mrs. Beverly Wamble. Fourth grade — Mrs. Ovie Allin, Mrs. Blanche Heidemam, and Mrs. Tyler D. Taylor.

Fifth grade — Mrs. Elizabeth Davis, Mrs. Lillian Gearhiser, and Mrs. Zenith Jameson. Sixth grade — Mrs. Nora Webb.

New teachers are Miss Mary Casey for the first grade, and Miss Marilyn Marquette for the third grade. It will be the first year as teachers for both.

September 1, 1955

Principal Howard Shaver Says:

School Exists For Child Not Child For School

"My philosophy of education is that school exists for the child, not the child for the school," said Howard H. Shaver, new principal at Greathouse School.

"I suppose I'm the same as most teachers and principals in that I believe a child should be developed to his fullest potential—morally, physically, spiritually, and mentally."

What is a school's function, he was asked.

"To find out what the child is capable of doing and to develop him along the lines of his capability. To develop well-rounded children who will serve their community and their country to the best advantage."

And the best approach?

"It's hard to pin down any one approach as being best. Each child is an individual and a teacher needs an individual approach for each one. I don't think you can teach children as a group. Each has his own personality. Some require a lot more time than others."

Is every child entitled to an education?

"Every child is entitled to an education, as much as he can absorb. The ones who can go further should be encouraged. Unfortunately, we neglect the gifted child. He needs more attention. If he wastes time because he hasn't enough to do, he gets indifferent and sluggish."

"He should be kept busy and thus develop proper habits in relation to work. I feel we do more for the gifted child now than in years past. We school people are never satisfied; we are always trying to improve our system of education. And, too, the general public is more sensitive now to the needs of the child than it used to be."

He emphasized that the parents' responsibility parallels that of the teacher. "They can't say — here's my child, educate it — They've got to help through encouragement of the child, through contact with the teachers individually and through P.T.A., and by talking over the child's shortcomings frankly with the teacher," he said.

"Often the pride of the parent leads him to try to conceal the child's faults, and this is a handicap for the child. Very often parents are overly-ambitious for the child. They push too hard, and discourage them. A child knows reasonably well what he can do.

"Parents' pushing can sometimes cause nervous disorders in the child. Now I know that all parents are ambitious for their children. We would like for them to do better than us. But we

must realize that sometimes they can't do as well."

Mr. Shaver, 40, this summer was named to succeed Kenneth Farmer as principal of Greathouse.

"I'm very happy and flattered to be at Greathouse," he said. "I understand it is in one of the outstanding communities of Jefferson County, and Greathouse is one of the old traditional schools."

Born in Muhlenberg County he attended grade school there and went to high school at Greenville. He graduated from Western with an AB in economics and sociology, and he got his MA there in education administration and supervision.

After teaching six years at Ennis High School in Muhlenberg County, it was consolidated with the Drakesboro School, and he taught there two more years. He was principal there 15 years.

Next he came to Jefferson County and was a core and math teacher at Valley one year. Last year, he taught core and math at Butler Junior High.

Married to the former Fanny Strother of Butler County, he lives at 4606 Southern Parkway. He has a daughter, Mrs. H. L. Hinton, 22. She and her husband are students at Western.

Mr. Shaver is a Mason and a Methodist.

September 1, 1955



HOWARD SHAVER

Lyndon, Greathouse To Observe National Book Week

November 10, 1955

"A wonderful exhibit of new children's books will be on exhibit in the Lyndon School library during National Book Week, November 13-19," said Mrs. Nance Zipf, school librarian.

Parents of youngsters in grades three through six are invited to visit the library with their children during Book Week she said.

Mrs. Zipf, who is also Librarian for Greathouse School, says this community has some of the best elementary school libraries in Kentucky.

The Greathouse library, which contains 4,000 books, has been moved into a converted classroom, she said. Lyndon has a brand-new library room, with 2,800 books, built during the summer by the County Board of Education.

Though the Lyndon library is in its seventh year, this is the first year it has had a room specially built for it. An audio visual room is attached.

At Lyndon and Greathouse, grades two to six visit the library once a week, and any child may exchange a book before school on any day the library is open.

The first grades visit the library for one period every other week to enjoy the picture books, she said. Teachers say this experience has done much to develop reading readiness.

Book Week. "Let's Read More" The Lyndon library is adorned with children's art work during is the slogan at both libraries.

Mrs. Billy Davis is chairman of the Lyndon P.T.A. library committee. Mrs. B. Woods is chairman at Greathouse.

Mrs. Zipf said both libraries have encyclopedia carts which can be wheeled into any classroom and used. She said boys and girls at both schools enjoy reading and using the libraries.

Greathouse Plans 1st Carnival In 4 Years Tomorrow

The first Greathouse P.T.A. carnival in four years will be held at the school from 4 p.m. until 10.

Over-crowding at the school the past three years forced the P.T.A. to go after its budget by direct solicitation because there was no room for staging the carnival. This year, with crowding relieved, at least temporarily, the famous old annual event has been revived.

Highlighting the event will be a fish and ham dinner to be served in the cafeteria from 5 to 7 p.m. This will relieve mothers of the trouble of cooking dinner for their families. Tickets will be on sale at the door. Mrs. John Jackson and Mrs. Tucker Calloway are in charge of the dinner.

The P.T.A. budget this year is about \$2,000. Mrs. Thomas St. Clair is P.T.A. chairman.



Richard Peege congratulates Mack Simpson whose fleetness of foot won him a turkey to take home for Thanksgiving. Also in the back row with their prizes are Owen Thomas King, who came in second, and Allen Purdy, right, who finished fourth, and Danny Randles, who was sixth.

MACK SIMPSON WINS RACE AND TURKEY

Mack Simpson of the fifth grade was the winner of the Chenoweth School Turkey Day Race November 23.

The speedy runner out-distanced 32 competitors in a quarter-mile run around the school grounds, and was awarded a turkey.

The event was part of the Jefferson County Recreation program, held every Wednesday at the school. It was conducted by Richard Peege of the Recreation Board.

Prizes were furnished by the Chenoweth P.T.A.

Those who finished behind Mack and the prizes they won follow:

Second, Owen Thomas King, sixth grade, a Jaguar model car; third Allen Purdy, sixth grade, model airplane; fourth, Michael Madsen, sixth grade, model car; fifth place, Tommy Cornelius, model airplane; and sixth place, Danny Randles, sixth grade, model airplane.

Mrs. Richard Beckley is chairman of the recreation committee for this area.

Also in the race were David

Brewer, Bill Kaufman, Ed Carl Hammer, Roger Thorne, Richard Beckley, Marvin Jackson, Philip Madsen, Tommy Tollefsen, Earl Dorsey, Thorne Voit, Johnny Treity, Ronald McGuire, Tiff Worley, David Knapp, Charlie Meyer,

Roger Hampton, Terry Blake, Sonny Virgin, Ari Mengel, Kenneth Strange, Donny Wood, Joe Bowling, Ed Hill, Bob Kaufman, John Burgine, and Gene King.

December 1, 1955

Greathouse Is Beehive Of Christmas Activity

Greathouse School is a beehive of that dear old gentleman, Santa of pre-Christmas activity. Each class is preparing for the arrival

Miss Edith J. Edwards' second grade students have left no expression of the holiday season undone. David Lancaster, one of her seven-year-old pupils, brought a Christmas tree to the class. David bought the tree with money he had earned and will take the tree home when school closes for the Christmas vacation. David also made the high hat for the snowman.

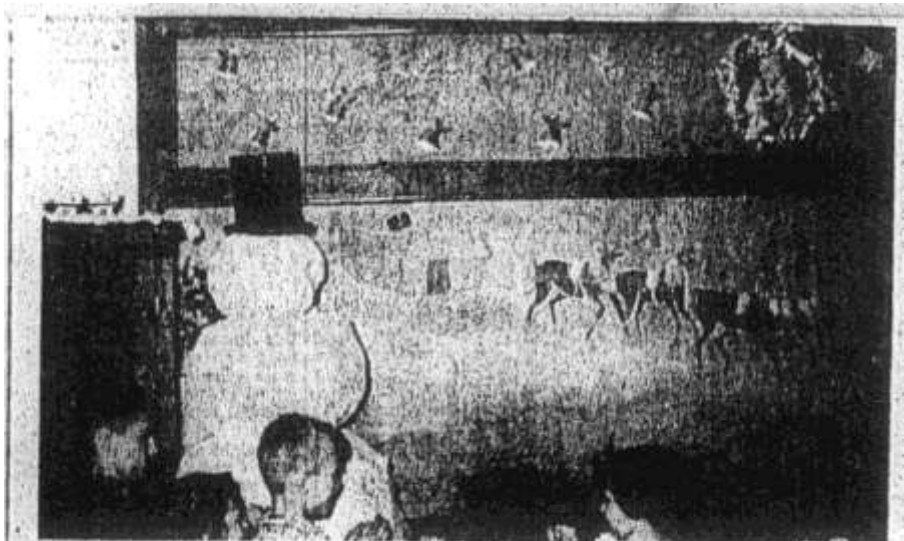
Every class in Greathouse is making wonderful ornaments and holiday decorations for their classrooms. Later some of the children will take them home to be used for the family's Christmas decorations.

Each day the sixth grade glee club sings carols during lunch. The children are directed by their teachers Mrs. Norah Webb and Mr. John Mohr.

Today the music class will present their Christmas program at 1 p.m. They will be directed by Mrs. Eleanor Ritchie and Mrs. William G. Wilson, music teachers.

Howard H. Shaver is principal of Greathouse School.

December 22, 1955



Second grade children in Miss Edith J. Edwards' class at Greathouse School hustle work to finish their snowman while

Santa's reindeer wait impatiently in the background. The children are:

left to right, Art Kader, 7, Sarah Ann Black, 7, Tommy White, 8, Anlia Bryant, 7, and Carl Bullard, 7.

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Greathouse

Greathouse Class Does Research Job On Rome

A VOICE FEATURE

John Mohr's sixth grade class at Greathouse School last week completed a beautiful job on the history of Rome, from the beginning of the ancient Roman nation down to modern-day Italy.

And when they were done, they invited in six other classes to see and hear the results.

Their guests were treated to lectures on the history of Rome and Italy, and on the products, geography, coins and stamps of that nation.

A large, colored relief map of Italy, with mountain ranges and all, was made out of patching plaster by Mr. Mohr's pupils. Among the samples of Italy's products on hand were olive oil, chianti, straw hats, pottery, corn, wheat, cotton, wool, silk, figs, olives and dates.

There was also a collection of stamps and coins from Italy. There were newspaper clippings about happenings in Italy. There was a magazine article of Mt.

Vesuvius. There was an Italian flag. And the children created a wall journal of the stages of the Roman Empire.

It was a social studies project. The class worked on it about a month, each one doing some particular phase of the research. Greathouse's fine children's library, one of the best of any school in Kentucky, was a great help, with its history books and its encyclopedias.

Mr. Mohr said: "I hope they realize the contributions Roman civilization has made to our own. They studied the reasons for the decline and fall of the Roman Empire, and compared Roman life with ours to see how strong or weak we are."

But the important thing, he said, is that his pupils learned how to do research.

His pupils, Eddie Warren and Jack Glass, gave the introductory speeches to the class's visitors.

Others from his class and the subjects on which they lectured were:

Pat Cary and Sandra Stevens, Rome's Beginnings; Barry Lucado, the Punic Wars; Beth Pattison and Naomi Brown, Julius Caesar; Ross Jones, Larry Young and Jimmy Stierle, the Roman Empire; Sherry Evans and Gail Russell, Christianity; Phyllis Usher, Diane Garber and Fidele Alley, the Later Romans; Allen Mayer and Milford Nolan, Fall of the Empire; Diane Beeler and Nancy Campbell, products of modern Italy; Sonny Reynolds, Coins and Stamps of Italy; Pat Mishack, Bonnie Webb, and Charlotte Mann, Geography; and Sandra Gerling, History of the Calendar.



Mr. Mohr and his class display their map of Italy, mountains and all.



THE CHENOWETH WAX WORKS

February 16, 1956

Chenoweth Class Recreates History

By JERRY FITZGERALD

Last Thursday at the John H. Chenoweth School on Brownsboro Road, the fourth-grade class recreated history in the form of famous historical figures ranging from Pheidippedes to Queen Elizabeth, before an audience of fellow students, teachers, and parents in the school's auditorium.

Each of the 31 students portrayed his favorite historical character stimulated through the reading of "Child's History of World" and "Pioneer Children", the texts used by fourth-grade teacher Mrs. Katherine Rollins.

According to Mrs. Rollins, the presentation was "entirely the children's project. They decided it would be nice to assemble all

the various characters together at one time and have them get acquainted," she said. This they did in an improvised "wax works" when the costumed "dummies" suddenly came to life at night and began to speak to one another informally about themselves. A huge map of the world served as an appropriate backdrop in this historical recreation.

The following is a list of the young actors and the characters they portrayed: Brian Bloom (Abe Lincoln); Walter Butt and Dubbie Freeman (Lewis and Clark); Sammie Cave (Marco Polo); Chuck Coyer (Henry Ford); Anthony Guffy (Paul Revere); Gilbert Heheman (Sir Walter Raleigh); Jerry Hill (Christopher Columbus); James Jolly (Pheidippedes); William Lowe and Mike Mowry (the Wright Brothers); John McLennon (Lafayette); William Stig-

litz (Daniel Boone); Brad Williams (Capt. John Smith); Larry Williams (George Washington); Terry Wright (Cadillac); Marlene Carby (a visitor); Donna Cooke (a visitor); Suzanna Edinger (Martha Washington); Sally Haberstroh (Florence Nightingale); Patty Jarvis (a visitor); Nancy Kellond (Betsy Ross); Linda Leverett (Pocahontas); Julia Lilly (Joan of Arc); Allyn McCreary and Darlene Neal (cleaning women); Aliene Shackelford (Sachagawea); Hattie Sizemore (Mary Todd Lincoln); Ann Stopher (Queen Elizabeth); Barbara Thurman (Helen of Troy).

February 16, 1956

Greathouse Pupils Give Variety Show

Greathouse pupils gave a lively variety show Tuesday evening at the school as entertainment for the Dad's Night program.

Mrs. Charles Metzger, program chairman, staged a preview of the show Friday at school, for the benefit of Greathouse pupils.

Pictured here are Susan, Lynn, Sara Bell and Ann Calloway, doing a Japanese dance. In the background, waiting their turns, are Gary McCoy, who did a trumpet solo; Russ Jones, accordion soloist; hula dancer Janis Wallingford; and toe dancer Martie McDonald.

Other acts were;

Reading, "Dead Dolly," by Judy Catron; solo, "He," by Annette Wahl; piano solo, by James Lockridge; baton twirling, by Brenda Sharpe; reading, "The Thanksgiving Dinner," by Lynne Weinberg; dance, by Sharon West; piano solo, by Alice Almond; vocal, "Easter Parade," by Mary Jane, Rosalie and Claudia Roberts; ballet, by Gail Wallingford; tap dance, by Nancy Mason; duet, "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling," by Cheryl Sealzo and Carol Ballard; flute solo, by Clarice Woodson, reading, "Exhibition at School," by Fidele Alley; ballet, by Judy Motte; and an Irish jig, by 20 boys and girls.

The announcer was Elinor Henderson.



March 15, 1956

Teacher Appreciation Week Opens March 25

Governor Chandler has declared March 25 through April 1 Teacher Appreciation Week in Kentucky.

Programs have been planned by the P.T.A.'s of the public schools in St. Matthews to honor the teachers.

There are four County Elementary Schools in St. Mat-

thews - Stivers, Greathouse, Chenoweth, and St. Matthews - with 2,165 pupils and 73 teachers, exclusive of the principals.

There is one junior high, Waggoner, with 1,066 pupils and 37 teachers, plus two dorms, a principal and a librarian.

Eastern High at Middle-

town is the high school for this area, with 1,550 pupils, 65 teachers, two deans, two librarians, a principal and an assistant principal.

Of these six schools, only Greathouse was in existence six years ago, testifying to the rapid rate of population growth in the St. Matthews area.

In recognizing the principals of our schools in this issue, we are expressing the appreciation of this newspaper and of the people of St. Matthews for the services rendered to the community by the nearly 500 public school teachers at the six schools.

The various P.T.A.'s, meanwhile, are making plans of their own to honor the teachers.

The P.T.A. at Stivers is having a special fried chicken dinner for the school's staff at 12:35 Tuesday, March 27.

The mothers will cook the dinner and serve it in the library, which will be especially decorated for the event.

So that all the teachers can have the lunch together and appear, the mothers will take care of the school children. The P.T.A. is also giving two record players to the school in honor of the

teachers. Mrs. Willard is president of the Stivers P.T.A.

At Waggoner, the P.T.A. during the week will keep flowers in the women teachers' lounge and candy in the men teachers' lounge, according to Mrs. Thomas Underwood, president.

She said the P.T.A. has just spent \$175 furnishing and decorating the lounges.

Other P.T.A.'s are also planning programs but did not wish to announce them in advance.

March 22, 1956



Howard Shaver is principal of Greathouse School, Grandview Avenue, the oldest County school in St. Matthews. Until 1952 it was the only County school here, and until the beginning of the present school year, the biggest.

It has been persistently overcrowded in recent years, until the opening of the St. Matthews Elementary School in 1955. Now enrollment is down to 409 pupils, and there are 18 teachers under Mr. Shaver.

He became principal last year, succeeding Kenneth Farmer. Now 47, he was born in Muhlenberg County, attended grade school there, and went to high school at Greenville. He got his A.B. and M.A. degrees at Western.

After eight years as a high school teacher and 15 years as a principal in Muhlenberg County, he came to Jefferson County and was a core and math teacher at Valley one year. Last year, he taught core and math at Butler Junior High.

March 22, 1956

Greathouse PTA Elects Mrs. St. Clair President

Mrs. Thomas St. Clair, 205 Breckenridge Lane, was elected president of the Greathouse P.T.A. last week. This will be her first term as an elected president, although she assumed the duties of president last year when Mrs. Fred Wisheart was thinking of moving from the city.

Other officers elected last week were Mrs. John Clary, first vice-president; Mrs. James Riddle, corresponding secretary, and Mrs. Charles Asher, treasurer. Mrs. Clary and Mrs. Riddle were re-

elected for a second term and Mrs. Asher succeeds Mrs. Jack Fritsch.

Mrs. St. Clair, a native of Louisville, has lived in the St. Matthews area for the past 16 years. She attended the old Louisville Normal School and graduated from Atherton High. She is a member of the St. Matthews Homemakers and attends Bethel E. & B. Church.

As a mother of two children, Betsy, 13, who attends Waggener, and Linda, 8, who attends Greathouse, Mrs. St. Clair has been



MRS. ST. CLAIR

active in P.T.A. work for the past nine years and has held various offices during that time. She is the wife of Thomas St. Clair, an inspector for the Consider H. Willet Furniture Co.

The installation of the newly-elected officers will be held during the second week in May.

May 3, 1956

Grade Schools Enroll 13% More Than Last Year

School started Tuesday: Enrollment in St. Matthews area County and Catholic grade schools is already up by 742 pupils over last year, an increase of more than 13 per cent.

And the total is expected to go even higher, as stragglers are enrolled the rest of the week.

Figures compiled by the County Board of Education at the end of the day on Tuesday, the first day of school, showed an enrollment of 3,877 in seven schools here as compared with 3,388 last year.

The Catholic Board of Education reported that by the end of the day Tuesday, 2,451 pupils had enrolled in four Catholic schools here, as compared with 2,198 last year.

No figures were available by press time for Trinity High, Eastern High, or Waggener Junior High.

County School Enrollment		
School	This Yr.	Last Yr
Ballard	308	272
Chenoweth	611	615
Greathouse	543	465
Lyndon	610	534
Middletown	548	457
St. Matthews	541	338
Stivers	716	707
Totals	3,877	3,388
Catholic School Enrollment		
Holy Spirit	616	612
Holy Trinity	583	567
Our Lady of Lourdes	682	540
St. Margaret Mary	570	479
Totals	2,451	2,198

September 6, 1956

Farmer Portrait To Be Hung At Greathouse

Former Greathouse principal Kenneth Farmer was honored Tuesday when the P.T.A. presented a portrait of him to the school.

It will be hung in the school hall alongside portraits of the two other former principals of Greathouse, Miss Tommie Greathouse and Mrs. Mayme S. Waggener.

Former school P.T.A. president Mrs. J. Ashby Miller said that in 1946 "Mr. Farmer came to us, debonair, slender, and with a full head of brown hair."

Later Mr. Farmer said, "I'm glad to be here, thin hair, extra weight and all."

Mrs. Miller said Mr. Farmer was a "solid gold citizen" and that he "made learning easy by making it enjoyable."

Mr. Farmer came to Greathouse as a seventh grade teacher. He was principal eight years before leaving at the end of the 1954-55 term to take the principalship of the Goldsmith Lane School.

His successor, Howard Shaver, said that "no one could have walked into a better-organized school than I did" when Mr. Farmer left. He called his predecessor "one of the best principals in the County, possibly in the State. I hope I can partially fill his shoes."

About 100 hundred people were present for the P.T.A. meeting.

The library committee presented Mrs. Nance Zipf, departing librarian, with a silver dish. She is going to Ohio to live.

Mrs. Thomas St. Clair, president, and other officers of the P.T.A. were installed by the former president, Mrs Edwin Wahl

A music program was presented by the students, under the direction of Mrs Margaret Kammerer, Mrs. Creely Wilson, and Mrs. Eleanor Ritchie. Miss Doris Loyd was accompanist.



Former Greathouse Principal Kenneth Farmer poses with his portrait, unveiled by Mrs. Milfee, left, and Mrs. St. Clair.

May 10, 1956

Chenoweth P.T.A. To Hear School Board Candidates

A P.T.A. Welcome Party will be held at Chenoweth School next Tuesday, September 8 at 8 p.m. Mrs. Thruston Cooke, president, announced this week.

Highlighting the program will be a panel discussion of the five candidates for the School Board from District I. Each will be given equal time to present his platform and qualifications for the seat vacated this year by Albert Bowen.

The candidates are, Mortimer Goldsmith, J. Pryor Wise, Rucker Todd, Dr. Bernard J. Schneider and Charles C. Meyer.

Included in the meeting will be a discussion of plans for the second annual Fair, which will be held on the Chenoweth School grounds on September 29 between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. The Fair will have the usual attractions and trappings.

Co-chairman for the Fair are Mrs. J. Y. Honeycutt and Mrs. William Stiglitz.

September 13, 1956

Chenoweth Given Five P.T.A. Awards

Chenoweth Elementary School won five awards at the Jefferson County School of Parent-Teacher Associations held on September 6.

The awards were:

Charter renewal seal; Safety award (for excellent work in safety during the year 1955-56); Civil Defense (for excellent work in Civil Defense during the year 1955-56);

A Gold Leaf (for reaching the 1955-56 membership goal); A Gold Seal (for having gained 10 per cent in membership over its 1954-55 record as of February 1, 1956).

September 20, 1956

Greathouse Elementary School

1956

Courtesy *The Voice Of St. Matthews:*

Greathouse

Greathouse School Is Nearly 80 Years Old

Greathouse School, the oldest public grade school in St. Matthews, was not always the bustling, up-to-date education plant with 543 pupils that it is today.

It was started almost 80 years ago, and it had only one room.

It was first located in 1877 on Browns Lane opposite the home of Phillip Brown, Miss Emma Russell was the first teacher. Enrollment was seven pupils and tuition was \$4.94 a month.

At this location, Miss Tommie Greathouse was appointed teacher for the five-month term at salary of \$210.38. It remained a one-room school until 1903 with Miss Tommie the only teacher for 19 years. She remained principal for 15 year more.

The school was moved in 1888 to the triangle formed by Lexington Road and Frankfort Avenue. The 1893 enrollment was 32. Miss Greathouse's salary was raised to a cool \$85.00 per month in 1902. Another room was added in 1903 and in 1912 a third teacher was added.

The older boys made the fires in the morning and the girls swept and dusted. The boys carried the drinking waster in a cedar bucket from a pump located where the First National Bank of St. Matthews now stands.

A new building was erected on Shelbyville Road opposite Brown's Lane in 1913 for \$7,232. It was named Greathouse School in honor of Miss Tommie. She retired in 1918, after 34 years at the school.

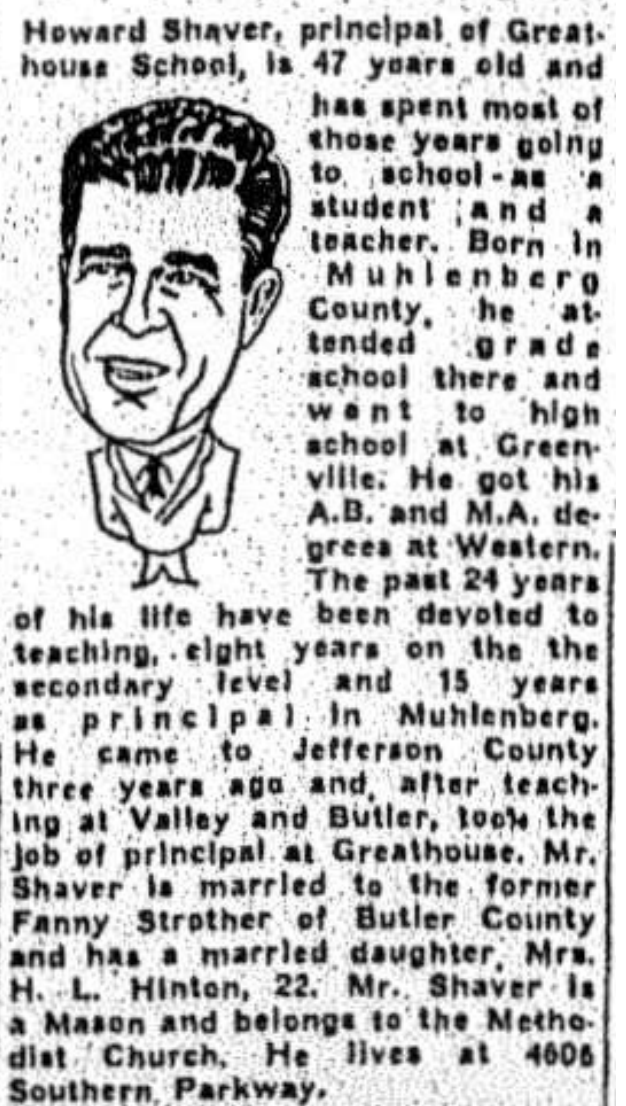
Miss Mayme Waggener, after whom Waggener Junior High is named, was principal from 1918 to 1946. Eline Realty company bought the Shelbyville Road building for \$7,355 and converted it into eight apartments. The apartment house still stands.

The school moved to its present site on Grandview avenue in 1939. The building and grounds cost \$88,000. A lunchroom was added to serve 280 persons.

The school, designed to hold 650 pupils, had an enrollment of 740 in 1952. Over-crowding was caused by the tremendous increase in St. Matthews population.

Since then, three elementary schools—Stivers, Chenoweth, and St. Matthews Elementary—have been added to relieve the strain.

Kenneth Farmer succeeded Miss Waggener as principal and he stayed at Greathouse until last year, when he was succeeded by Howard Shaver, the present principal.



Howard Shaver, principal of Greathouse School, is 47 years old and has spent most of those years going to school—as a student and a teacher. Born in Muhlenberg County, he attended grade school there and went to high school at Greenville. He got his A.B. and M.A. degrees at Western. The past 24 years of his life have been devoted to teaching, eight years on the the secondary level and 15 years as principal in Muhlenberg. He came to Jefferson County three years ago and, after teaching at Valley and Butler, took the job of principal at Greathouse. Mr. Shaver is married to the former Fanny Strother of Butler County and has a married daughter, Mrs. H. L. Hinton, 22. Mr. Shaver is a Mason and belongs to the Methodist Church. He lives at 4606 Southern Parkway.

September 27, 1956



Why The Chimes Rang

After the king with his crown of jewels and the rich people with all their expensive offerings couldn't make the bells chime, little Pedro's brother humbly put a coin on the altar. Then the chimes rang. This is a scene from the Christmas play at Greathouse School Friday. The little brother is played by Michael Turner pictured here.

The sixth and seventh grades put on the show, an hour-long program of Christmas singing and pantomime. It was directed by sixth and seventh grade teachers Mrs. Jackie Pendergraph, James Clark, John Mohr, and Mrs. Nora Webb. Steve Minica played the king.

December 27, 1956

Greathouse Told Character Caught Not Taught

Character education is caught, not taught.

This was the premise of Douglas Chase, assistant minister of the Second Presbyterian Church, who spoke before parents and teachers of Greathouse School Tuesday evening.

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The subject of Mr. Chase's talk was "The Role of the Parent in Character Education." He said:

"One great mistake is that we think character education is just another course to be added to the already heavy curriculum. Rather it is the outgrowth of the total life experience of the growing person."

The main areas of this experience, Mr. Chase stated, are the school, church, community, and home. With a proper guidance in these areas the child will receive the desired character pattern.

Mr. Chase told the audience to "practice what you preach" as a guide to establishing a desirable character pattern for the child.

"You must be consistent and you must have the desired goals of character firmly established in your own life pattern," he said. "This takes time, effort, and study."

Also at the meeting the P.T.A. announced a chile supper in the school cafeteria on Thursday, Jan. 17 from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Admission is 50 cents for adults and 35 cents for children.

January 10, 1957

Greathouse Also Promotes TEPS Week

Greathouse School has also been busy promoting TEPS week. TEPS stands for Teacher Education and Professional Standards Week.

It is being observed Jan. 28 to Feb. 1 in Jefferson County. It originated here this year and local educators hope it will spread throughout the country.

Greathouse sent out a questionnaire to all parents, and got a response of 81 per cent. The questionnaire was really a set of facts about local education and schools.

Members of the Greathouse faculty appeared on television Friday and explained TEPS.

Posters have been placed in local banks entitled "The Teachers Challenge You."

The first and second grade classes chose as their theme, "Teaching, The Mother of All Professions". They drew pictures of doctors, nurses, lawyers, farmers, firemen, etc., posed around the teacher as products of our public schools. These pictures can be seen in the school hallway.

Grades three, four, five, and six also made posters for exhibit in the hallway.

Grade seven has made a mural depicting the activities of a teacher from college preparation through the normal events of a teacher's day.

January 31, 1957

Greathouse PTA Social Set

Greathouse P.T.A. will sponsor an Ice Cream Social at the school on Thursday, May 2, between the hours of 6:30 and 9:30 p.m.

The proceeds will be used for the purchase of a new piano for the auditorium.

Ice cream, cake, coffee, coke, potato chips, cake booths, a roving clown — all these will be on the program. The admission is 35 cents per person.

April 25, 1957

Greathouse P.T.A. To Meet Tuesday

The Greathouse P.T.A. will hold its monthly meeting in the auditorium of Greathouse School, Tuesday, March 19, at 7:30 p.m.

Guest speaker will be Dr. Walter S. Coe, M.D., who will speak on "The Future for Your Heart." Dr. Coe is Associate Professor of Medicine and Chief of General Medicine on the faculty of the University of Louisville Medical School.

Following Dr. Coe's message, there will be Parent-Teacher conferences in the rooms.

Third grade mothers will serve refreshments.

There will be a nursery.

March 14, 1957

Greathouse P.T.A. To Sponsor Education Panel

The regular meeting of the Greathouse P.T.A. will be held on Tuesday, April 16, at 7:30 p.m. in the school auditorium.

There will be an Educational Panel consisting of the following persons:

Richard VanHoose, superintendent of Jefferson County Schools, whose subject will be, "The Jefferson County School System—1957-58".

John Lowe, principal of Waggener Junior High School, whose subject will be, "What Greathouse Can Expect from Waggener and What Waggener Expects from Your Child Both Socially and Scholastically."

O. M. Lassiter, director of curriculum and supervision, whose subject will be, "Reporting To Parents (grade cards, etc.)".

Miss Margaret Clayton, supervisor of Junior High School, whose subject will be, "The Core System."

Mrs. Mahol Bowen, supervisor of Intermediate Grades, whose subject will be, "The Child in the 4th, 5th, and 6th Grades."

Miss Ruth Dunn, supervisor of primary grades, (reading, writing, and arithmetic)."

April 11, 1957

Too Much Fat May Be Fatal, Greathouse Told

The cook books of America may have to be rewritten, if we want to lower the high death rate due to arteriosclerosis (hardening of the arteries), according to Dr. Walter S. Coe in a speech before the Greathouse P.T.A. last week.

Dr. Coe, of 811 Chamberry, said that evidence indicates that America's high-fat diet is at least partially responsible for the high incidence of heart trouble and hardening of the arteries.

"Some of the studies from Norway and Finland have been particularly interesting," he said. "As a result of the German occupation during World War II the people of these countries were forced to change their eating habits and to go on what amounted to a low-fat diet.

"During the war there occurred a sharp reduction in the incidence of arteriosclerosis heart disease in these countries. After the war and a return to the old eating habits of lots of fats, the incidence of arteriosclerosis heart disease rose again to the pre-war days."

He noted that the Japanese, who consume 20 to 40 grams a day of fat, had a low incidence of the disease. The average American will take in 100 to 150 grams of fat a day, he said.

"Many factors have had to be studied but in all populations where there has been a low incidence of arteriosclerosis, the diet has been characteristically low in fat content," he said.

Dr. Coe is associate professor of medicine and chief of General Medicine on the faculty of the University of Louisville Medical School.

March 28, 1957



Photo by Lee Doreen

Greathouse Crowns King And Queen

Newly-elected "Monarchs" of Greathouse School are King Bob Stretmater, 13, and Queen Pat Cary, 13, above, members of James Clark's seventh grade class.

Bob is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Furrest Stretmater, 722 Circle Hill Rd. The Queen's parents are Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Cary of 814 Chambery Dr.

The Coronation was held as a climax of the Greathouse School Ice Cream Social Thursday, May 2.

Attendants for the King and Queen: Barbara Keeling of 3709 Grandview and Dan Werf of 3821 Nanz Ave.; Claudia Roberts of 3524 Nanz Ave. and Hank McGill of 3512 Hycliffe; and Diana Garber of 3429 Hycliffe and Joey Curry of 3506 Nanz.

Dancing followed the Coronation Ceremonies in honor of the sixth and seventh grade students who will be leaving Greathouse to attend Waggener Junior High School next Fall.

May 9, 1957



SCHOOL IS FINISHED—And Greathouse third-graders Nancy Wheatley and Rickey Terrell were pictured Friday going home for the summer. In background is Greathouse principal Howard Shaver. Friday was the last day for public schools here. The Catholic Schools will be out June 3. Nancy, 9, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wheatley, 717 Homestead Blvd., and Rickey, 8, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Vance Terrell, 3333 Dayton.

May 30, 1957

GREATHOUSE

Principal: Howard Shaver.

Teachers: Katherine Schuler, Barbara Crouch, Sara Sacra, Doris Loyd, Edith Edwards, Margaret Cleveland, Mabel Mills, Margaret McKenzie, Marilyn Marquette, Dorothea Gregg, Ovie Allen, Jewel Tague, Mary Lois Dove, Blanche Heideman, Elizabeth Davis, Zenith Jameson, Norrah Hall Webb, Jackie Pendergraph, and Kathryn McEncry

August 15, 1957



Greathouse School finally won permanent possession of the three-leg trophy in the Kentucky Model Shop's seventh annual Halloween window-decorating contest Saturday. Pictured with their trophy and the shop's proprietress, Mrs. Hunter Look, are the Greathouse sixth graders who painted the window. They are Judy Johnson, left, 11, of 404 Macon, Anne Tichenor, 12, 302 Browns Lane, and Rodney Marshall, 10, 3469 Grandview.

October 31, 1957

Greathouse PTA installs officers

The final meeting of the Greathouse P.T.A. was held Tuesday evening, May 6.

The highlight of the business meeting was the Installation Ceremony for officers elected to serve during the coming school year. Mrs. Fillison Speiden, president of the St. Matthews Elementary School, was the Installing Officer.

Following the business meeting the Safety Patrol was honored.

A special musical program "A Story Book Fantasy" under the direction of Mrs. Florence Carpenter was presented. Each class, grades 1-6, participated.

May 8, 1958

Greathouse 4th graders want "Pappy"

The 28 children in Mrs. Jewel Tague's fourth grade class at Greathouse know what they want — they want "Pappy."

About two weeks ago Mrs. Tague noticed the children were grumbling because St. Matthews patrolman "Pappy" Burnett was not at his accustomed station at Grandview Avenue and Breckinridge Lane to help them across the street.

The children had grown very fond of Pappy as he had been stationed there since most of them could remember. "They were all shook up," said Mrs. Tague.

Their teacher told them it was no use just talking; they'd better figure out what to do about it. So they discussed it and decided to write letters about it.

Mrs. Tague said she didn't correct the letters and didn't read most of them. She simply told them to be neat, tell the truth and not to run down any other policeman.

So Saturday morning when Mayor James Noland arrived at City Hall, there was a package of 26 letters (two of the class must have failed to write) asking for the return of Pappy.

Joyce Edwards' letter was fairly typical:

"Dear Mr. Nolan (all the children misspelled the Mayor's name):

"I am very sad that Pappy is not on Grandview. We want him so bad because we love him. He likes children very much. He waves to all the kids and calls them by name.

"Pappy is also nice to us but he doesn't spoil us. Pappy has been here a long time. Why did you take him away?

"Pappy is the best policeman I know for he is kind and jolly. Pappy is always on time. He is usually a half hour early. When we come he gets out of his car and waves and lets us cross the street.

"So will you please bring Pappy back to us. We want him. Everyone wants him to come back on our corner.

"Love, Joyce Edwards.

"P.S. Please bring him back."

Others writing letters were Robert Allen Lawrence, Dale Butland, Charles Bogle, Jim Byassee, Paul Gray, John Craig, Debbie Wizehart, Howard Oliver, Derek B. Alwes, Gaynelle Perkins, Joyce Reed, Jay Waldman, Peggy Lee Haueter, Tommy Moore, Eva Waisner, Cathy Bonnell, Danny Thomas, Charlie Smith, Anne Johnson, Donna Mangun, Stephen Davis, Jerry Louie, Beverly Greene, and Linda Davis. Another letter was unsigned.

Mayor Noland grinned after reading the letters and said, "There's a lot more to policing than locking people up."

He said he'd be glad to visit the class and talk over the situation with them.

Police chief William Tolliver said it would be difficult just at present to give Pappy back to the children on a regular basis. One of his patrolmen, Sam Huber, is in police school now, and the result is that all the police have to take regular shifts.

May 9, 1957

Greathouse proud of its science program

By ZENITH JAMESON
5th Grade Teacher at Greathouse

The faculty of Greathouse Elementary School, in St. Matthews, is proud of its science program. Since the advent of Sputnik I, science has suddenly, and perhaps belatedly, become of great concern to every American who can read or who has access to any other means of world communication. For this reason, we feel that a report on the teaching of science in one school in your community may be of some interest to you.

In 1955, the Jefferson County Board of Education published and placed in the hands of the teachers, a Revised Program for the Teaching of Science in the Elementary Grades. This tentative guide for teachers is a comprehensive outline for units or topics of study. Each unit may be taught in any one grade or in each grade, one through six. It includes suggested activities, concepts, audio-visual aids and bibliographies for each unit at each grade level.

This teaching guide represents several years of study and planning by many teachers, principal, supervisors, and administrators. It is the efforts of many groups and many committees. It is the result of their research, their experiences and their needs.

It is a program which we feel has utilized the best information and the best methods which are available to elementary teachers in our country today. It will be revised again, as the needs arise and information becomes available.

This teaching guide lists some 40 suggested units of study on the primary (grades one through three) and the intermediate (grades four through six) levels. It is apparent that only five or six of these broad topics may be used effectively by any teacher in a year's work. Therefore a year's science program of each teacher may be a growing and changing one, based on the needs, the abilities, and the interest of any given class.

A recent check at Greathouse revealed that most teachers usually teach three or four of the same units each year. The reason for this is that we have steadily built up our science library and science materials along the lines of topics which are most frequently taught in each grade.

However, every year finds us changing two or three units for the sheer enjoyment of trying. Last year, we added to our science equipment a color screen projector microscope, a set of commercial slides for use in the machine, and a kit for making slides by the individual teacher and class.

By yearly appropriations, from the school board and the

P.T.A. we now have in our library 653 volumes on science alone (this does not include supplementary science books which are in each classroom.)

Since elementary science is based on the knowledge of the world in which we live, a year's program for any grade at Greathouse may cover the following:

From Planets to Insects, from Air Transportation to How Plants make Food, and from Weather to How an Electric Magnet Works. For instance, a unit on weather in the first grade may last three days and include such problems as "Where Does the Rain Come From" while a unit on Weather in the fifth grade may last six weeks and include such activities as keeping weather charts, making a thermometer, Weather Bureau.

Which five or six units a class may have for a year's program is not of vital importance but the teaching of scientific methods of study for those units and the interest of the pupils in their topic, is of vital importance.

In the scientific method of problem-solving used in our science teaching, basic study skills and habits of learning are taught. Our children learn science by stating the problem, by observing and classifying this information, by experimenting and recording, by listening and evaluating, by collecting and labeling, by discussion, by research, and finally by learning to think for themselves.

We capitalize on the inborn "why" of childhood in learning about our universe and we believe that this stimulated interest and scientific approach will carry over into high school and college.

A copy of the Guide for Teaching of Science may be found in the principal's office of your county schools and at the Board of Education. For detailed and specific information about your child's science study, may we suggest that you contact your child's teacher. We are proud of our program, made by teachers for teachers in our school. We want our parents to understand it and to help us make it work more effectively.



Mrs. Elizabeth Davis' fifth grade class at Greathouse School, instead of going each other presents, took children to a third grade class of underprivileged children in Louisville, Kentucky, and handed down with gifts are Quincy Zimmerman, 718 Circle Hill Road, Walnut Hills; Randolph Cox, 831 Chamberlayne Drive, Pauls Junction; 222 Brantwood Lane, and Barbara Burgess, 3536 Norbourne Blvd.

December 26, 1957

Greathouse presents 'Founders Day Program'

A "Founders Day" candle lighting ceremony with teacher, parents and children participating highlighted the Greathouse P.T.A. meeting Feb. 11.

The following participated in the ceremony, school — Mrs. Jewel Tague, church — Mrs. Melvin Fegel, community — Mrs. Sue Gardner, home — Mrs. Ralph Bates, spirit — Mrs. Scott Boyer.

The children participating and representing other nations with membership in the P.T.A. were: Narrator, Betty Jo Dixon, America — Kathy Sue Hutt, Japan — Bonnie Marker, Hawaii — Debbie Wisehart, Spain — Linda Davie, Netherlands — Judy Catron, Scotland — Cingy Akins, Alaska — Rosemary Londeree.

Also on the program was Dr. Gerald E. Tasch who gave a special report from the Louisville District Dental Society acquainting parents and teachers with the subject of Dentistry for children. This was in observance of "National Children's Dental Health Week" during the month of February.

Mrs. Scott Boyer, P.T.A. president, announced the appointment of the following to serve on a nominating committee for 1958-59 officers: Mrs. Thomas St. Clair, Chairman; Mrs. Ray Pierce, Mrs. Millard French, Mrs. Carrol Ohlson, and Mr. Howard Shaver principal. A committee of Fourth Grade mothers served refreshments.

December 12, 1957

February 13, 1958

Greathouse plans spaghetti supper

There will be a spaghetti supper on March 18 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Greathouse School.

This dinner, sponsored by the P.-T.A., is to raise money to buy an electric mimeograph machine for the use of the teachers of the school. This gift is to be given to the teachers in honor of them during Teacher Appreciation Month.

March 6, 1958



Greathouse principal Howard Shaver accepts a check for \$325 for an electric duplicating machine from P.T.A. president Mrs. Scott Boyer, left, and Mrs. Robert Morrison, finance chairman. The gift was a "gesture of appreciation" to the school during Teacher Appreciation Week.

Mrs. Scott Boyer re-elected

Mrs. Scott Boyer, of 201 Browns Lane, has been reelected president of the Greathouse School P.T.A. Mrs. William Brown, 3532 Nanz, was reelected first vice president.

Other officers elected were Mrs. Robert Morrison, 3806 Warner, treasurer, succeeding Mrs. Ray Pierce; Mrs. Allie Mason, 4018 Hycliffe, assistant treasurer (a new post); and Mrs. Calvin Savells, 3712 Warner, corresponding secretary, succeeding Mrs. J. S. Riddle.

In honor of teacher appreciation week March 23-29, the P.T.A. presented the principal, Howard Shaver, with \$325 to purchase an electric duplicating machine.

Besides her work in the P.T.A. Mrs. Boyer is also active in civic work. She is a member of the St. Matthews Woman's Club and the Newcomers Club. She belongs to Beargrass Christian Church.

Her son, Scott, Jr., 10, is a fifth-grader at Greathouse.

March 27, 1958

Greathouse sponsors 6th grade party

Approximately 10 sixth grade children attended a Farewell Class party yesterday from 4 to 6 p.m., sponsored by Greathouse P.T.A.

Mrs. George Wallingford, Mrs. Fred Wooten and Mrs. James Catron headed the committee of P.T.A. mothers who planned the party.

The children and their teachers, Mrs. Kathryn McEnery, Mrs. Jackie Pendergraph, and Mrs. Nornh Webb enjoyed a program directed by Mr. Stuart Shacklette of the Jefferson County Recreation Dept.

Musical games, round dancing and square dancing and folk songs, sung by Mr. Ben Johnson, made up a very enjoyable afternoon.

A buffet supper was served in the school lunch room.

May 29, 1958

Mrs. Disborough named Greathouse P.T.A. head

Mrs. M. R. Disborough, 3418 Hycliffe Ave., has been appointed president of the Greathouse P.T.A. by the executive committee, to succeed Mrs. Scott Boyer, who is moving to Jacksonville, Fla. She will serve for one year.

A former member of the board, Mrs. Disborough is the former Miss Marjorie Kaser of Indianapolis. She went to grade and high school there and graduated from Butler University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology.

For a year, she was a case worker in Evansville. She has lived in St. Matthews six years. She and Mr. Disborough, a scout executive for the Old Kentucky Home Council, have two children, Judy, 15, in the 11th grade at Waggener, and David, 10, in the sixth grade at Greathouse.

Last year, Mrs. Disborough was State Fellowship chairman for the Kentucky Division of the Ameri-



MRS. DISBOROUGH

can Association of University Women.

She is on the Girl Scout Camp Shanituck committee and formerly was in Girl Scout work as a leader and in Cub Scouts as a den mother. She attends Beargrass Christian Church and is welfare chairman of the St. Matthews Woman's Club.

June 12, 1958

Greathouse will have four new teachers

Greathouse School will have four new classroom teachers and a new music teacher when school opens here on September 3.

Mrs. Frances Miller who taught for 10 years in the Louisville schools, will teach one of the first grades. Mrs. Imelda Fox, transferring from Mill Creek School, will also teach first grade.

Mrs. Anna Driscoll who taught at Melbourne Heights last year will teach third grade, and Mrs. Rosa Greenwell, who taught for several years in Fayette County will teach sixth grade.

Mrs. Mildred Berkey, who has served as music supervisor in Indiana, is the new music teacher.

Classes at Greathouse will begin at 8:15 a.m. Wednesday and last a full day. Lunches will be served.

August 28, 1958

Greathouse P.T.A. to meet Tuesday

Greathouse Elementary School, 3930 Grandview Ave., will hold its first P.T.A. meeting of the new school year on Sept. 9, at 7:30 p.m. in the school auditorium.

The theme of the program is "Go and Grow With Greathouse." Guest speaker will be Miss Ruth Dunn, who is Primary Supervisor of the Jefferson County Schools. Her topic will be "How You As A Parent Can Best Aid Your Child's Teacher."

Parents will also have an opportunity to meet and talk with their child's teacher. A social hour will follow the meeting.

September 4, 1958

Greathouse board PTA given coffee

A coffee was given on Aug. 26 by Mrs. M. R. Disborough for the P.T.A. executive board members of Greathouse school.

The following will serve on the board for 1958-59:

Mrs. William Brown, 2532 Nanz Ave., vice-president; Mrs. Fred Wisehart, 607 Wallace Ave., second vice-president; Mrs. F. A. Strietelmeier, 1006 Old Cannons Lane, recording secretary; Mrs. Calvin Suvella, 3712 Warner Ave., corresponding secretary; Mrs. M. W. Morrison, 3806 Warner Ave., treasurer; Mrs. A. G. Mason, Sr., 4018 Hycliff Ave., assistant treasurer; and Mrs. Mabel Mills, 505 Cornell Place, historian.

Committee chairmen:

Mrs. George Duthle, 803 Circle Hill Road, art and garden; Mrs. C. Vincent Magruder, 1015 Old Cannon's Ln., character and spiritual education; Mrs. E. C. Hume, 4062 Hycliff Ave., civil defense; Mrs. J. T. Burgess, 3536 Norbourne Blvd., girl scouts; Mrs. Lee Hughes, 1200 Park Hills Court, health; Mrs. Leslie Stokes, 805 Chamberry Drive, library; Mrs. J. W. Bittenback, 3411 Hycliffe Ave., library co-chairman; Mrs. Robert Grogan, 3312 Grandview Avenue, music; Mrs. Elliott Podoll, 811 Circle Hill Road, parent and family life; Mrs. Ralph Bates, 3333 Nanz Avenue, publications; Mrs. George Turnbull, 3511 Nanz Ave., publications co-chairman.

Mrs. Leslie Runyon, 3530 Norbourne Blvd., publicity; Mrs. A. J. Springer, 3816 St. Germaine Ct., recreation; Mrs. Robert Berman, 3528 Warner Ave., room representative; Mrs. Charles Wright, 3402 Warner Ave., room representative co-chairman; Mrs. John Green, 105 Brown Ave., safety; and Mrs. Jim Abbott, 3801 Grandview Ave., ways and means.

Panel discussion held at Greathouse

A panel discussion, "Are We Rearing Children Of Good Will?" was held by the Greathouse School P.T.A. at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 11 in the school auditorium.

Members of the panel were Dr. Maurice Hyman, psychiatrist and father of two children who attend Greathouse; Mrs. Lucian Johnson, mother of four, two of whom attend Greathouse; and Chester Rober, graduate student in psychology at the Baptist Seminary. Frank J. Magrath, regional director of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, will moderate.

Also on the program was a first aid skit presented by Intermediate Girl Scout Troop 275, with Mrs. John Garber as troop leader.

Mr. Russell Hammar, an assistant professor of church music at the Baptist Seminary, was guest soloist.

A social hour followed the program. The nursery was open for children from two through five years of age only.

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Courtesy *The Voice Of St. Matthews:*

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Greathouse pupils sign for extra classes

More than 90 Greathouse pupils signed up Friday for after-school classes in art, French, square dancing, and tap and ballet. These special activity classes which are provided by the Jefferson County Playground and Recreation Board, will begin at Greathouse the week of October 6. The classes last 10 weeks.

The classes will begin at 2:40 p.m. and end at 3:40.

The Greathouse program is under the direction of Mrs. Janis Springer, chairman of the Greathouse P.T.A. recreation committee. Qualified instructors are being provided by the recreation Board.

The art classes will be held on Tuesday and Friday. The fee is \$3.50 for the entire 10-week series. Committee chairman is Mrs. George Duthie.

The French classes will be on Monday. The fee is \$3. Mrs. W. C. Major is chairman.

The tap and ballet classes will meet on Thursday. The fee is \$3. Mrs. Clifford Reitz is chairman.

The square dancing classes will be on Friday. The fee is \$2. Mrs. J. R. French is chairman.

Mrs. Springer said she expects late registering students will bring the number to 100. She said these students could register by bringing their money in the class of their choice on opening day.

Oakley Brown, assistant superintendent of county Recreation, said he has met or will meet with representatives from Stivers, Chenoweth, Wilder and Shryock Schools to see what type of program they want.



Mrs. Charles Wright signs Cheryl Sealze (right) for the after-school classes at Greathouse. Pamela Heathley (left) also signed up. Mrs. James Spiringer (right) is chairman of the program. Pamela, 10, is in the fifth grade and lives in Semmes Village. Cheryl, also 10 and in the fifth grade, lives at 3866 Santa.

August 28, 1958

Sex education program planned at Greathouse

The Greathouse P.T.A. is sponsoring a program on human growth and sex education for all parents and for fifth and sixth graders.

The program for the boys and fathers will be held at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 23. The film "Human Growth" will be shown. Dr. Elliott Podoll, pediatrician, will lead the discussion and will answer questions.

Dr. Podoll will give a talk, "The ABC's of Sex Education", to the parents only, Feb. 23 at 9 a.m.

At 10 a.m., immediately following the talk, the film "Human Growth" will be shown to all parents and to fifth and sixth grade girls. Mrs. Dorothy Prater, Public Health nurse, will answer questions.

February 19, 1959

Greathouse P.T.A. head also favors school merger

The newly-elected president of the Greathouse P.T.A., Mrs. William Brown, thinks merger of City and County schools "is the logical thing to do."

She holds this belief despite her feeling that the merger will benefit the City more than the County.

"It's logical because I think we're really one," she said. "Our interests are about the same. My children have friends in the City, and they have friends out here. I believe merger is the only answer to the schools' problems."

She feels the City will gain from the merger, because "the City is losing taxes and we're gaining them. I think we'll lose more than we gain."

Mrs. Brown was elected to succeed Mrs. Marion Disborough. Other officers elected were:

First vice president, Mrs. Vincent Magruder, 1015 Old Cannon's Lane; second vice president, Mrs. E. C. Hume, 4002 Hycliffe; recording secretary, Mrs. John Nickell, 3511 Warner; and historian, Mrs. Elizabeth Davis, 883 Parkway Drive.

Mrs. Brown served the past year as first vice president and program chairman.

A native of Hagerstown, Ind., where she attended grade and high school, she has lived in St. Matthews 10 years. Mr. Brown is assistant manager of the Holland Furnace Co.

A member of the Harvey Browne Memorial Presbyterian Church, Mrs. Brown is active in Cub Scout work there. She is also co-chairman of the literature department at Crescent Hill Woman's Club.

She has two sons, Ronnie, 10, and Larry, 7. The family lives at 3532 Nanz Ave.



MRS. BROWN

April 16, 1959



Greathouse School's safety patrol received the Award of Merit from the Louisville Automobile Club. In front center are Captain Jimmy Tomes (left), Lieutenant Quincy Zimmerman, Sergeants Bill Beam and Fred Torstrick, and secretary Jim Larrick. Others are Terry Derring, Billy Tredgeway, Gary Grogan, Bud Fisher, Johnny Langston, Sandy Hamaker, Doug Ortman, George Mason, Jim Burton, John Wooten, Charles Thurman, Doug Howell, Jim Klinker, Mike Cunningham, Steve Jones, Terry Quiggins, Danny Tall, Mike Shane, Jackie Wheatley, and Leon Newman. Also pictured are the school's safety girls who work inside the building. They are Captain Karen Hudson, secretary Barbara Burgess, Lieutenant Lynn Miller, Gall Brandt, Martha Fottler, Nancy Durham, Valeris Clark, Becky Lamb, Paula Jennings, Linda St. Clair, Christy Spears, Carolyn Suber, Cheryl Kiefer, Janis Carpenter, Beverly Johnson, Patty Goss, and Jane Bowman. Also pictured are school principal Howard Shaver, left; Mrs. Jackie Pendergraph, top, right, sponsor of the patrol boys; and Mrs. Mary Dove, who's in charge of the girls.

May 21, 1959

Goodbye to old Greathouse?

Property next to Sears up for rezoning

8-unit apartment house was once elementary school

A 44-year-old landmark — the old Greathouse School — may soon disappear from the St. Matthews scene.

The owners of the property, A. J. Eline Sr., and his son, "Bud," asked Monday that it be rezoned for commercial use. The St. Matthews Planning and Zoning Commission is expected to make a recommendation to the City Council within a few days.

The property is located on the north side of Shelbyville Road, opposite Browns Lane. It is bordered on the east by the new Sears store now under construction. On the west it is bounded by the back yards of the homes along the east side of Brown Avenue.

The old frame school building is now an eight-unit apartment house. In the past, it was one of St. Matthews' most important buildings.

It was the first school in the St. Matthews area to bear the name of Greathouse. Erected in 1915 at a cost of \$7,252, it was named in honor of Miss Tommie Greathouse, principal of the school for 34 years. She retired in 1918. Mayme Waggener, for whom Waggener High was named, was principal from 1948 to 1949, when she was succeeded by Kenneth Farmer. Mr. Farmer was succeeded three or four years ago by the present principal, Howard Shaver.

The school was moved from the Shelbyville Road building to its present site on Grandview Avenue in 1939. The Eline Realty Co.



Foliage and trees obscure this shot of the old Greathouse School, taken from the Sears Rnebuok property next door.

bought the frame building for \$7,355 and converted it into eight apartments.

The lot fronts 209 feet on Shelbyville Road and extends about 130 deep. The Elines have asked that this be rezoned D-2 commercial.

A special uses permit, for a parking lot, was requested for two additional lots in the rear, measuring 170 feet deep.

"Bud" Eline told the zoners that he couldn't "say exactly what will go up" on the ground. He prom-

ised, however, that it would be an attractive one-story building with a canopy—something on the order of the Levy Bros. store in the Shelbyville Road Plaza.

"Two high class business houses are interested in this location," he said. He mentioned that one of them was the Top Value redemption store, now in the Fairfax Building at Shelbyville Road and Fairfax Avenue.

Only nine other spectators turned up for the meeting. Most of them were residents or owners

of property along Brown Avenue.

W. T. Phillips, of 113 Brown Ave., objected to the proposed rezoning. He said he didn't want the parking lot or the other commercial activity being carried on near his back fence.

He noted that the property now served as a buffer against the Sears store for Brown Avenue residents. If this buffer were removed, the commercial activity would be practically in their backyards, he said.

Greathouse P.T.A. has 1st meeting

Greathouse School had its first Parent-Teacher meeting on Tuesday, and Mr. Howard Shaver, principal, spoke on plans for the coming year. The faculty was presented and the executive board was introduced to those present.

Members of the Board for 1959-'60 are:

President, Mrs. William H. Brown; first vice-president, Mrs. Vincent Magruder; second vice-president, Mrs. E. C. Hume; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Calvin Savells; treasurer, Mrs. Carrol J. Ohlson; assistant treasurer, Mrs. A. G. Mason, Sr.;

Historian, Mrs. Harry S. Heide-man; civil defense, Mrs. A. J. Springer; Girl Scouts, Mrs. John R. Garber; health, Mrs. Malcolm M. Stanley; library, Mrs. George Turnbull; Library, co-chairman, Mrs. J. W. Bittenback; music, Mrs. Robert Grogan; parent and family life education, Mrs. J. B. Ullman; parliamentarian, Mrs. Fred N. Wischart; publications, Mrs. Alex H. Calvert.

Publication co-chairman, Mrs. Donald McKinzie; publicity, Mrs. Richard N. Duncan; recreation, Mrs. Lee Hughes; room representative, Mrs. Robert Berman; room representative co-chairman, Mrs. Charles Wright; safety, Mrs. Fred Catron; and ways and means, Mrs. Howard Hess.

October 1, 1959

Greathouse PTA gets eight awards

The Greathouse P.T.A. received eight awards given by the Fifth District P.T.A. for work done by the Association in the year 1958-59.

Awards received were a safety award, a health award, a charter renewal seal award, three magazine awards which include two for subscriptions to the National Parent Teacher, and one for subscriptions to the Kentucky Parent Teacher. They also received an extra superior achievement certificate and an extra superior rating on their goal sheet.

The work in achieving these awards was done last year during the term with Mrs. Marion Disborough as president. Mrs. William Brown is president for the 1959-60 year.

November 5, 1959

Greathouse Club adopts Sidney Eline Memorial Library

The Greathouse Homemakers met at the home of Mrs. Charles M. Riley, 3613 St. Germaine Ct., on Nov. 12 at 10 a.m. The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. D. R. Durbin and the opening devotion was given by Mrs. A. R. Heath.

The Homemakers got into the business portion of the meeting at once and got their year started with a bang by voting to adopt the Sidney Eline Memorial Library as a civic project for the year, giving of their time and money. The women swung into action by donating a clock which the Library has been in need of and contributed \$20 toward the purchase of Children's Books.

The Club hopes to have fund raising projects for the benefit of the library as the year rolls on.

The lesson on consumer information was presented by Mrs. John Field. After a luncheon was served by the hostess, Christmas decorations were shown and a work day was planned. Then came a white elephant auction with of the club's own member, Mrs. George Turnbull, being the auctioneer. The December meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. John Emmetsberger, 2549 Kings Highway, with the club members assembling Christmas packages for patients at Hazelwood Sanitarium.

November 19, 1959

Chili supper at Greathouse

The Greathouse P.T.A. will have a chili supper today from 5 to 8 p.m. in the school cafeteria. The meal will include salad, drink and dessert. Ham sandwiches may be substituted for chili. Adult and children tickets may be purchased at the door. In charge of the affair is the Ways and Means Chairman, Mrs. Howard Hess, 814 Huntington Rd.

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Taking part in the Greathouse P.T.A. program were (front row left to right) Mrs. Fred Torstrick, Mrs. Leslie Stokes, and Mrs. Russell Garth; (back row) Dr. Carol Sturm, Mrs. John Garber, Mrs. James Bittenback, Mrs. William Kunz, Mrs. J. M. Larrick, and Mrs. E. L. Russell.

Greathouse P.T.A. stages life of Alice M. Birney

The members of Greathouse P.T.A. were given a glimpse into the past of the National Parent-Teachers Association.

It was a surprise to the audience when the life of Alice McLellan Birney was revealed. Mrs. Birney and Mrs. George Hearst were co-founders of the National P.T.A. This organization was founded 63 years ago and the skit was done in the costumes of the 1890 period.

Dr. Carl Sturm played the role of master of ceremonies. Mrs. Fred Torstrick was Mrs. Birney,

and Mrs. Russell Garth was Mrs. Hearst. Mrs. Leslie Stokes played Mrs. McLellan and Mrs. E. L. Russell was Mrs. A. A. Birney.

Mrs. J. M. Larrick, Mrs. William Kunz, Mrs. James Bittenback, and Mrs. John Garber also took part. The skit was written by Mrs. C. V. Magruder. Mrs. J. M. Larrick had charge of the costumes. It was an interesting program followed by refreshments. The fourth grade room representatives were in charge of refreshments.

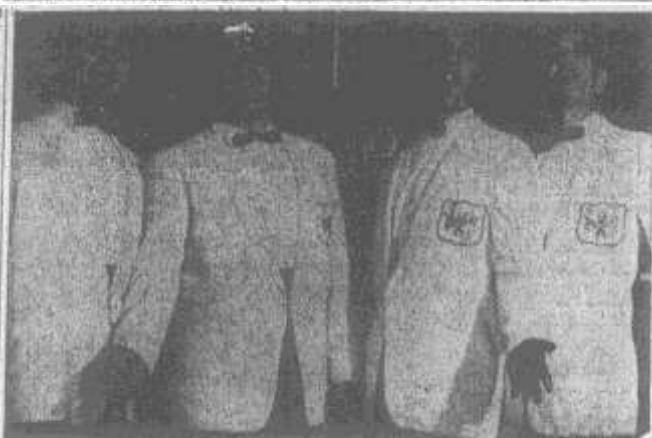
February 18, 1960

Greathouse PTA to show film

Greathouse School P.T.A., in cooperation with the Health Department, will present a film on human growth and sex education for all fifth and sixth grade boys and girls and their parents on April 4. A discussion period will follow, lead by Dr. Elliot Podoll and Mrs. Malcolm Stanley. The girls and their mothers will meet at 1 o'clock. The boys and their fathers will meet with Dr. Podoll at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting will take place in the school auditorium.

March 31, 1960



The all day snow on Saturday, Feb. 13 knocked out the crowd, but The Kord Klippers, above, won the Area Quartet contest and will appear in a repeat performance of the whole show on Saturday, Feb. 27 at Greathouse School at 7:30 p.m. Left to right, Harold Faw, tenor, Leroy King, baritone, Jim Leisten, lead, and Ken Dennison, bass, organized only eight months ago and defeated eight other Barber Shop quartets in the area contest. People who bought tickets and didn't use them on February 13 may use them Saturday night. Tickets will also be on sale at the door.

February 25, 1960

Things are great at Greathouse

Everything's great at Greathouse School, says the newly-elected P.T.A. president, Mrs. C. V. Magruder.

She said the school has a good library, good teachers, a good principal, and a cooperative group of parents, and that everything was running smoothly.

Greathouse, which is the oldest school in these parts, doesn't have the problems of the newer elementary schools. The best example of this is the school library.

While the newer schools are struggling to build up their libraries, Greathouse has the largest of any elementary school

in the State.

It has more than 5,000 volumes, which is 10.3 books per child in the school, and nearly as many as the new Eline Library of St. Matthews.

Mrs. Magruder, of 1015 Old Cannon's Lane, succeeds Mrs. William Brown. Other new officers are:

First vice-president, Mrs. J. C. Irwin, 3310 Dayton; second vice-president, Mrs. Calvin Savells, 3712 Warner; Corresponding secretary, Mrs. E. L. Russell, 810 Cannon's Lane; treasurer, Mrs. J. D. Stultz, Jr., 409 Eline; and assistant treasurer, Mrs. J. M. Larrick, 221 Oxford Pl.

Holdover officers are recording secretary, Mrs. George W. Elston, 421 Macon, and historian, Mrs. H. W. Holdeman, 711 Waterford.

Mrs. Magruder is the former Miss Dorothy Brown of Louisville. She went to grade and high schools there and graduated from Shawnee High. She also attended Bryant-Stratton Business College.

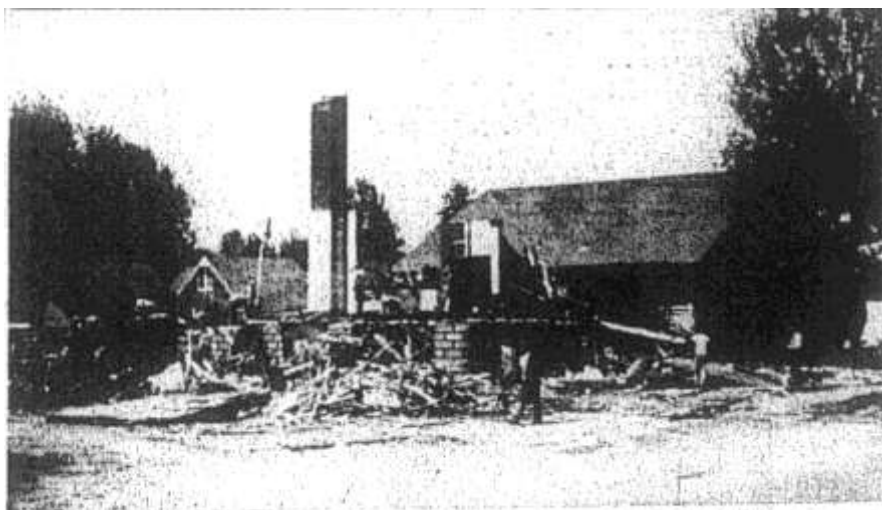
She is vice-president of the Rock Creek Garden Club, is a member of the board of the St. Matthews Library Committee, and attends St. Paul Episcopal Church.

She and Mr. Magruder have three daughters, Pat, 17, Marilyn, 12, and Kathleen, 6.



MRS. C. V. MAGRUDER

April 21, 1960



A mass of wreckage is all that's left of the old Greathouse School Building. Lately used for apartments, it is being cleared away to make room for a commercial development.

April 21, 1960

Old Greathouse School is torn down to make room for stores

Wrecking crews tore down the historic old Greathouse School building last week.

Erected in 1915 at a cost of \$7,352, the old frame building, which stood on the north side of Frankfort Avenue just west of the new Sears store, is being demolished to make way for a commercial development.

Owner A. J. Eline said he intends to build several stores there. The first will be a Top Value stamps store, which, he said, needs

more space than it now has in the Fairfax Building.

Since 1939, the building has been converted to apartment use.

It was the first school in the St. Matthews area to bear the name of Greathouse. It was named in honor of Miss Tommie Greathouse, principal for 34 years. She retired in 1918. The present Greathouse School has been located on Grandview Avenue since 1939.

Mr. Eline said the stores to be

built there will be "modernistic," and the development of the sidewalk space in front will be in keeping with the development carried out by nearby Sears of its frontage on Shelbyville Road.

The lot fronts 209 feet on Shelbyville Road, and combined with two lots to the rear, extends to a depth of about 700 feet.

The first store to be built, according to a building permit issued by the City, will cost about \$70,000. It will be 100 feet wide, 120 feet deep, and one-story.

Greathouse makes honor roli again

For the sixth consecutive year, Greathouse School has received a certificate of Exceptional Merit and was placed on the National School Safety Honor Roll of the National Safety Council, Miss Virginia Wheeler, safety supervisor, Jefferson County Board of Education, announced this week.

"We are proud of our safety education program and are pleased that the National Safety Council has again recognized our efforts," Principal Howard Shaver said. "As long as accidents are the first ranking cause of death among school-age children, all of us on the staff of Greathouse School will continue our organized safety program to teach the young people of our community to protect themselves and their fellow students."

The National Safety Council Honor Roll was initiated in 1944. To earn a place on it, a school must present a detailed report of its safety program to a committee composed of the school principal, the president of the local parent-teacher association (or a member of another parent group), a student, a local civic leader and the school system safety education supervisor. If the committee reports favorably, the National Safety Council lists the school on the Honor Roll, and sends the school a Certificate of Exceptional Merit.

The committee which reviewed the work of the Greathouse School was composed of Miss Wheeler, Mr. Shaver, Mrs. Fred Catron, safety chairman, Greathouse P.T.A., and Mrs. Jackie Pendergraph, Patrol Sponsor, Greathouse.

May 12, 1960

Greathouse P.T.A. meets Tuesday

The Greathouse P.T.A. will hold its first meeting on Tuesday evening, Sept. 13, at 7:30.

Parents will be provided with an opportunity to get acquainted with their school. The teachers will be introduced by the principal, Howard Shaver.

Miss Ruth Dunn, Supervisor of Elementary Primary Education for the County Board of Education, will be present.

Mrs. C. V. Magruder is president of the Greathouse P.T.A.

September 8, 1960

Greathouse P.T.A. to hear county superintendent

Greathouse P.T.A. will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday evening, Nov. 9, in the auditorium.

Richard Van Hoose, superintendent of Jefferson County schools, will report on progress of the Five Program Plan now in operation in the County School system. He will evaluate present results and hopes for the future. A question and answer period will follow.

Latest election returns will be announced during the program. Refreshments will be served.

November 2, 1960

Greathouse PTA to meet Tuesday

Greathouse P.T.A. will meet at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday evening, Oct. 11 for an open house. Parents will visit their child's classroom where teachers will report on plans for the year's work.

Mrs. William C. Major, Past President of the Kentucky League of Women Voters, will speak briefly on the Constitutional Convention Referendum. This item will be the first issue on the ballot Nov. 8.

October 6, 1960

Greathouse Homemakers meet at Easley home

The Greathouse Homemakers of St. Matthews met at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 9, in the home of Mrs. Barry Easley, 509 Rolling Lane.

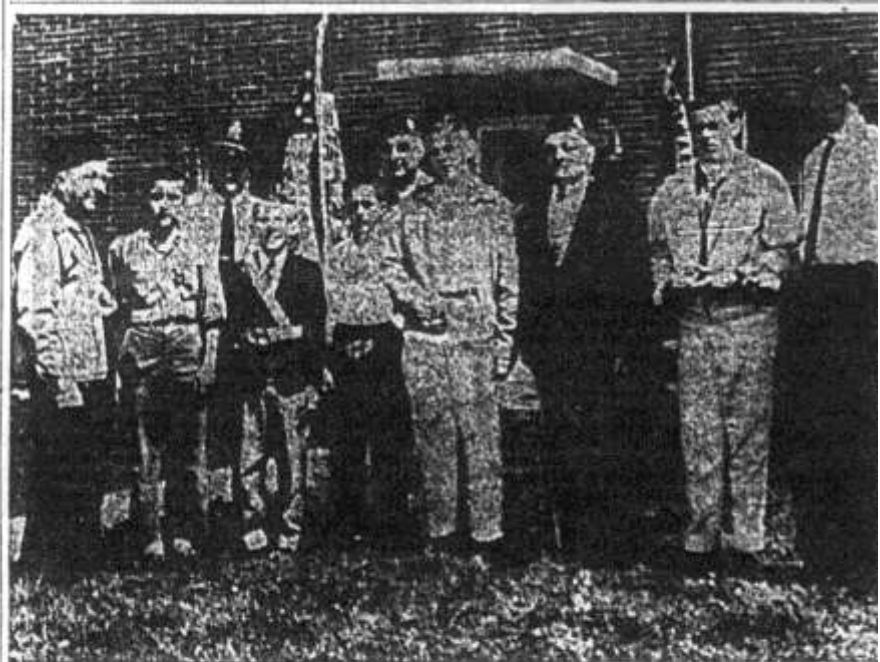
Members were asked to complete baby kimonos which will be sent to the Children's Hospital as gifts.

Reporting on their trip to the Farm and Home Week in Lexington were Mrs. James Batley, Mrs. A. R. Heath, Mrs. Barry Easley, and Mrs. Wendel Howard.

Mrs. D. R. Durban spoke on the "necessity for good nutrition."

Two short book reports were given by Mrs. John Field and Mrs. James Holt.

March 2, 1961



Safety Patrol Awards are given these school boy patrolmen by Zachary Taylor American Legion Post. From left are C. Herb Johnson, post commander who presented the awards; Willy Welch, St. Matthews Elementary School; Chris Burton, Greathouse Elementary School; Chip Kaufman, Stivers School; Bobbie Amshoff, Our Lady of Lourds-Golden, Trinity High. Rear are acting Police Chief Edgar Kelley, who chose the recipients, and Ken Zimmerman, Legion Americanism Chairman.

May 25, 1961

Greathouse Library opens for summer

The Greathouse P.T.A. will operate the school library this summer for children in the neighborhood.

The library will be open on Wednesday mornings from 9 to 12 beginning June 21 and for seven Wednesdays thereafter. A fee of 50c per child will be charged to help defray costs. They ask that one parent accompany the child on his first visit, since the signature of a parent will be required before a borrower's card will be issued.

Children other than those now attending Greathouse School will be permitted library privileges. Use north-east front door for entrance to library.

June 8, 1961

Greathouse P.T.A. met January 9

Mr. Garland Cochrane, Jefferson County School Board representative, discussed the school board functions, achievements and current goals at the P. T. A. meeting of Greathouse School, Tuesday, Jan. 9.

Also on the program was Mrs. Helen G. Latcher of the Jefferson County Recreation Committee, discussed extra curricular activities offered students of Jefferson County Schools.

January 11, 1962

Greathouse Club studies cooking

The Greathouse Homemakers will meet today at the home of Mrs. James Holt, 3505 Nanz Ave. A lesson on casserole cooking will be presented by Mrs. Martha Durbin. A book review also will be given.

The club entertained some 80 patients at the Veterans Hospital with refreshments on January 15.

Greathouse P. T. A.

The Greathouse School P.T.A. will present a Founders Day program Tuesday, February 13 at 10 a.m. A panel of parents will attempt to answer questions concerning the history and functions of the P.T.A.

Mrs. John Burgess, Program chairman, will act as moderator. There will be a social hour and a nursery for pre-school children.

February 8, 1962 both

Greathouse P.T.A. has Founders Day program Tuesday

The Greathouse P. T. A. met on last Tuesday at the school for a Founders Day Program. A Flag ceremony was given by Brownie Troop No. 59, who's leaders are Mrs. Carl Haaga, Mrs. Harold Brewer, and Mrs. Austin Chamberlain. Parents who formed the panel for the quiz program which followed were Mrs. D. Powell Royster, Mrs. C. V. McGruder, Mrs. Alvin Schueckman, Mrs. George Elston and Mrs. E. C. Potter.

February 15, 1962

Greathouse P.T.A. collects eyeglasses for the needy

Greathouse P.T.A. is sponsoring its third annual drive in behalf of "New Eyes For The Needy". "New Eyes" is a non-profit, non-soliciting, non-sectarian organization in Short Hills, N.J. that ministers to the needy through the eye clinics all over the country.

The organization accepts discarded glasses, regardless of condition, old costume jewelry, or any old gold or silver items. Usable parts of glasses are sent to clinics and other items are sold and profits disbursed to the needy.

Collection points include the following schools: Greathouse, Chenoweth, Lyndon, St. Matthews Elementary, Silvers, Waggener, Zachary Taylor, Eastern High, Middletown Elementary, Holy Spirit, Holy Trinity, Trinity High, Shryock, St. Margaret Mary, Lourdes,

April 12, 1962

Sixth graders to 'operate' St. Matthews

A group of sixth grade students at Greathouse School will take over operation of St. Matthews City government for an hour this Sunday.

The group is being sponsored by the St. Matthews Elks Lodge No. 2052 in recognition of National Elks May Day Youth activities.

On hand to aid the students will be St. Matthews City officials, including Mayor Bernard Bowling and councilmen. The meeting is set for 2 p.m.

A short welcoming address will be given with an outline of the functions of city government. Questions will be answered on the duties and responsibilities of various offices.

After the mock session, the students, members of their families and teachers will go to the Elks Lodge on Shelbyville Road for entertainment and refreshments.

The officers were named through supervision of Greathouse School Safety Patrol. They are:

- Mayor--John Morrison.
- Council--Mark Ohlson, Sandra Greene, Maury Kohn, Ricky Betz, Joe Elston, Mickey Momen, and Ann Torstrick.
- Treasurer -- Barbara Hess, Associate treasurer -- Diane Savells.
- Clerk -- Charles Wright.
- Deputy clerk -- Allen Irvin.
- Police Chief -- Tom Gruber.
- Assistant police chief - Don Oswald.
- Attorney -- Judith Morgan.
- Judge -- David Kunz, and chairman of Zoning Board Sara Stokes.

May 3, 1962



June 14, 1962

Members of Greathouse School PTA honored retiring president Mrs. Calvin Savells (center) at a luncheon recently at the Luau Room at Stanford Field. Left of Mrs. Savells is the club's new president, the Rev. Darryle Schultz.



Outstanding School patrol awards were given seven patrolmen by Zachary Taylor Post 180, American Legion, recently. They are (front row from left) Jimmy Rodman, Stivers School; Allen Irvin, Greathouse School; Bobby LaMar, St. Matthews Elementary School; Barry W. Barmore, Waggener High School, and Jerry Price, Holy Trinity. Not shown are Harry Nahn, Trinity High School, and Larry Androit, Our Lady of Lourdes. Carl Hulsewede, Sr., originator of school boy patrols, poses with the boys in front row. Others taking part in the program are (back row from left) C. Herb Johnson, Mayor Bernard Bowling, County Judge Marlow Cook, Police Chief Edgar Kelley, Rev. R. Willard Mostrand, assistant pastor at Beargrass Christian Church and Legion Commander L. G. Kuhn.

June 28, 1962

Greathouse PTA sets fish fry

The ways and means committee of Greathouse School PTA will have a fish fry Friday, Feb. 8 from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at the school. Tickets at \$1 for adults and 50 cents for children may be purchased at the school or from PTA board members. Mrs. Garnett Wright is ways and means chairman.

January 17, 1963

Greathouse PTA elects officers, has library program

New officers for the Greathouse School PTA were elected at a meeting Tuesday night. Mrs. J. T. Clark was elected president; Mrs. R. E. Southall, first vice president; Mrs. A. U. Chamberlain, second vice president; Mrs. Robert Parker, secretary; and a Mrs. Cleveland, historian.

A program was given by 25 first graders under direction of James Norsworthy, school librarian. Slides were made of a fourth grade class showing the use of library facilities and reference books.

Principal Howard Shaver gave a talk on the proposed tax increase.



Student musicians from Greathouse School are preparing for the elementary school music festival scheduled at Waggener High School at 7:30 p.m. May 20. Other schools to be represented are Wilder and St. Matthews Elementary. With the cello (left) is Dave Miller. Violinists are (seated) Marion Sternberger; (back row from left) Joy Wells, Rose Anna Poetson, and Bob Parker.

May 16, 1961

Instrumental students plan festival May 20

An Elementary Instrumental Music Festival featuring players from four St. Matthews schools will be held Monday, May 20 at 7:30 p.m. at Waggener High School gym.

Featured will be all instrumental students from Greathouse, St. Matthews Elementary, Stivers and Wilder. It will be directed by Mrs. Eleanor R. Ritchie, instrumental music instructor for the four schools and director of the junior and senior high orchestras at Waggener. One hundred and 50 students are expected to participate.

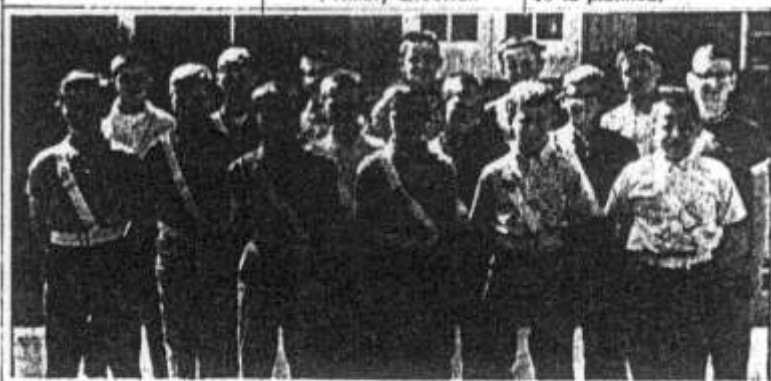
The program will include selections for beginning band, beginning string orchestra, combined orchestra and combined band. Jim Burton, a member of the Waggener High School orchestra will accompany at the piano.

There will be a special string trio featuring Peter Leight and Philip Mease of St. Matthews Elementary and a saxophone trio with Reed Wrege of Greathouse, Dean Tidwell of Wilder and Tom Rudy of Stivers. There will also be a trumpet trio with Jim Hecker and Stephen Brooks of Wilder, and Mark Stevens of Greathouse.

Admission is 50 cents. The public is invited.

April 25, 1963

May 9, 1963



The 'show' is about over for these school boy patrols at Greathouse School as it is for other patrols. The reason; school is nearing to a close. Front row, from left John Davis, captain; Greg Connors, Kenny Betz, Eddie Sowers and Mike Corracio. Second row, from left, Mike Elston, Robin Littlefield, Doug Martin, Robert Hendrix, and John Johnson. Back row, from left, Parker Bullard, Warren Wright, Reed Wrege, Mark Stevens, Archie Cornel and Larry Brown.

May 23, 1963

County Schools expect 15,000

Jefferson County School children will trek back to school on September 5. The expected enrollments of public schools in the St. Matthews area is over 15,000 - 8,858 in the high schools and 6,834 in the elementary schools.

Students will report for a full day on Sept. 5. Those new to the school districts are asked to register with their school before opening date.

A few changes in administrative personnel include the appointment of Mrs. Elizabeth Bennett as principal of the New Jane Hite Elementary School opening this year at Middletown. Miss Bennett was formerly principal at Eastwood School which was closed at the end of last year. Mrs. Armelia Armstrong formerly, a counselor at Eastern High School, has been appointed an added counselor at Westport High School due to the increased enrollment at Westport brought about by the addition of the eleventh grade this year. Mrs. Lucille Brown who served as a part time counselor at Eastern last year will serve full time there this year. The schools and their expected enrollments are:

High Schools -- Eastern, 1,805; Seneca, 2,827; Waggener, 2,448; Westport, 1,778.
Elementary schools -- Chenoweth, 660; Greathouse, 511; Jane Hite, 540; Kentucky Children's Home, 175; Lyndon, 657;

August 8, 1961

Lions give school patrols new rainwear

School safety patrols aren't going to get wet if the St. Matthews Lions Club can help it. The club this year has distributed 51 raincoats and hats to schools in addition to rainwear schools have on hand.

Bill Tolliver, club safety chairman and security officer of the county school system, distributed garments to these schools:

Chenoweth Lane, 4; Strivers, 3; Greathouse, 5; St. Margaret Mary, 7; Lyndon, 5; Wilder, 6; Shryock, 11; and Holy Trinity 10.

St. Matthews Elementary and Our Lady of Lourdes were already well stocked from earlier donations.

October 3, 1963

Greathouse PTA installs, hears program

Greathouse PTA installed new officers at its last meeting of the year on May 21. Officers are: Mrs. J. Taylor Clark, president; Mrs. R. E. Southall, first vice president; Mrs. Austin Chamberlain, second vice president; Mrs. Lukens, recording secretary; Mrs. Warren Maxwell, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Charles Stoeker, treasurer; Mrs. John Rommell, assistant treasurer; and Mrs. Margaret Cleveland, historian. A music program was given by the sixth grade students and recognition was given to the patrol boys and girls for services during the year.

May 23, 1963

Greathouse PTA to install new officers Tuesday

The Greathouse PTA will install officers at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 19, the club's last meeting of the school year.

The officers are Mrs. Milton Lukins, president; Mrs. Morris Johnson, first vice president; Mrs. Austin Chamberlain, second vice president; Mrs. William Samuels, recording secretary; Mrs. Charles Stoeker, treasurer; Mrs. William Atherton, assistant treasurer, and Mrs. Margaret Cleveland, historian.

May 14, 1964

Greathouse second graders have picnic

Alvin and Theodore Grider, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Gentry P. Grider of Dorsey Way were hosts at a picnic outing on May 23 for their second grade classmates at Greathouse School. Thirty class members were present along with their teacher, Miss Doris Lloyd, and their student teacher, a Miss Sullivan from the University of Louisville.

May 28, 1964

Greathouse home group has picnic

The Greathouse Homemakers will have their July picnic time today with a trip to Science Hill in Shelbyville. They will eat lunch there and in the afternoon will tour the Wakefield Galleries.

July 9, 1963



Kings and queens of the Carnival--Winners of the Greathouse School carnival king and queen contests Pete Issac and Patty Rice (left) in the senior division, and Kit Garrett and Paul Embry in the junior division, Pete and Betty, students of Jackie Bendergraph, and Kit and Paul are students of Mrs. Elizabeth Davies. The carnival made \$200 in the penny-a-vote contests.

November 5, 1963

Greathouse PTA to have open house

Greathouse PTA will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 17. The program will be an open house for parents to visit the children's class rooms to view their activities and progress and to hear the projected work schedule for the rest of the year.

November 12, 1964

Greathouse P.T.A. to hear panel on school tax

The first meeting of the Greathouse PTA will be held Sept. 15 at 7:30 p.m. at Greathouse School.

The program to educate the public on the grave needs of our schools will be presented by the "Help Our Schools" committee with Mr. Richard Van Hoose, Superintendent of the Jefferson County Schools, as speaker.

A panel made up of Mr. Van Hoose, Mr. George Duthie, chairman of the Greathouse Action Committee, Mr. Owen Pillans, First District School Board Member, will have a question and answer period to help everyone understand the urgency of the need for passage of the tax referendum in November.

September 10, 1964

Carnival planned at Greathouse

The Greathouse School PTA will sponsor its annual carnival Saturday, Oct. 24. The activities starting at 2 p.m. will include a country store; white elephant, cake and homemade items; a children's auction; garden shop and other attractions for children.

Ham or fish dinners will be served from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. The price is \$1.25 for adults and 75 cents for children under 12. The public is invited.

October 22, 1963



Greathouse PTA let's the teachers know it is Teacher Appreciation Week. Here at a coffee held for them last Friday, Mrs. Mary Dove, (left), sixth grade, Mrs. John Jameson, Sr., fifth grade, and Mrs. Harry Heideman, fifth grade, were among those who accepted the PTA's hospitality.

April 30, 1963

Greathouse PTA officers get together to map out next year's plans. Seated, from left, are Howard Shaver, principal; Mrs. Austin Chamberlain, president-elect; Mrs. H. B. Bilharz, Jr., first vice president; standing are Mrs. Charles Stoecker, treasurer; Mrs. Ernest Northcutt, historian; Mrs. Milton Lukins, retiring president; Mrs. William Conner, assistant treasurer; Mrs. Eddie Brown, second vice president; Mrs. Arthur Brewer, recording secretary. Not shown is Mrs. Martin Robbins, corresponding secretary.

April 22, 1965, Photo unavailable

Greathouse PTA to do homework

Mrs. Austin Chamberlain will preside at the first meeting of the 1965--66 Greathouse PTA Tuesday, Sept. 21 at 7:30 p.m.

Programs for the year are on "Our Child's Development" and the first in this series will be "Parents Role in Homework" presented by James Farmer, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction of the Jefferson County Board of Education.

Greathouse enrolled 514 students this term including two from Argentina who are quickly learning the English language. Nineteen teachers have returned and this now includes a full-time librarian.

September 16, 1961

Greathouse PTA

Greathouse School PTA will sponsor its annual Carnival Saturday, Oct. 23 from 2 to 8:30 p.m. There will be pony rides, cotton candy, hot dogs, soft drinks, and white elephants. Ham and fish dinners to be served in the evening. The public is invited.

October 14, 1965

Greathouse

Greathouse Elementary School PTA will sponsor its annual school carnival Saturday, Oct. 23 from 2 to 8:30 p.m. There will be movies, hot dogs, dart games, pony rides, cakes and cookies, gifts, white elephants, etc. Ham and fish dinners will be served after 8 p.m.

October 21, 1965

Greathouse School classes stage 'Olympic festival'

The sixth grades at Greathouse School have correlated their study of Ancient Greece and the Olympic festivals, with their athletic program.

At the close of the unit "Growing up in Sparta and Athens," the students competed in Olympic games Nov. 4. Contests were held in such sports as discus-throwing, chariot racing and relays.

The victors in all the races were given crowns made from leaves of the "Sacred Olive Tree."

The Athens teams had 25 points winning first place in the Shot-put, 50-Yard dash, Obstacle Race and Relay Races. The Sparta teams had

18 points. This team won first place in chariot racing and the Zeus' Club.

A shrine in honor of Zeus was made by a group of the students.

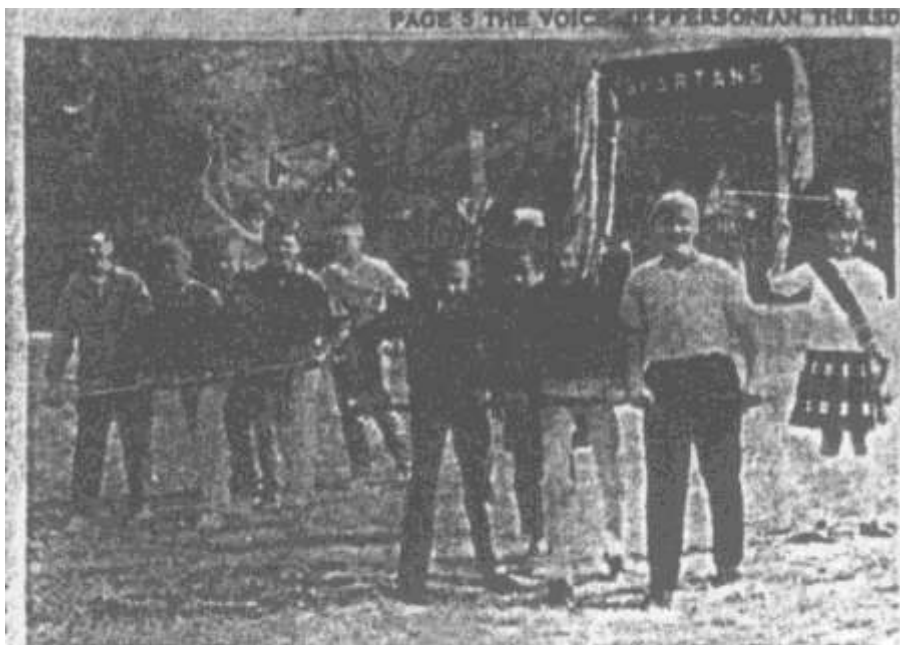
Members of the Athens team were: Shot-put--Robby Southhall, Dan Stone, and Bill Pokalus, 50-yard dash--Richard Herdt, Mike Wood, Stephen Klein, Russel Forseth and Larry Grossman, Chariot Racing--Jack Wheat, Dick Thurman, Bruce Wells and Jay Dove.

Zeus' Club--Lynn Wellman, Jay Dove, Dean Richey and

Mickey Sparks, Obstacle Race --Harold Selman, Lee Rosenberg, Dale Wilbur and James Morguelan, Relay Race--Neil Voder, Donna Nuss, Don Wrege and James Abrams. Members of the Sparta teams were: Shot-put--Paul Ross, Harold Clark and Lewis Kelly, 50-yard dash--Allen Hippies, Don Clarkburn, Joe Wheat, Tom Wheeler and Robert Streater, Chariot Racing--James Willard, James Kochers, Rickey Rice and Stanley Camp.

Zeus' Club--John Bauer; George Allen, Larry Johnson and Stanley Camp, Obstacle Race--Tom Wheeler, Greg Rosenberg, Jeff Bert and Dan Coward, Relay Race--John Murphy, Jimmy Washington, Paul Cox and Jeff Berg.

November 25, 1965



THE VICTORIOUS SPARTANS: The "chariot racing" team on the right, called the Spartans, beat the Athenians in the annual Olympic games at Greathouse School Nov. 4. The Spartans are James Willard, James Kochers, Rickey Rice and Stanley Camp.

Greathouse PTA to have silver tea

The Greathouse School PTA will celebrate Founders Day with a Silver Tea Tuesday, Feb. 15 at 7:30 p.m.

The program will be especially informative to PTA members and friends interested in the spirited pioneering effort of the present Greathouse School which in December 1939 actually united six schools in the St. Matthews area and whose growth since the very first Greathouse School established in 1877 has paralleled that of the com-

munity.

Greathouse School had the first school-boy patrol and the first lunchroom in Kentucky. Howard Shaver, principal for "going on" eleven years, is the fourth principal in the 88 years of the school.

Donations will be accepted for the purpose of extending and furthering the aims of the National PTA. A social hour with refreshments will follow the meeting.

February 17, 1966



NEW SAFETY GUARDS: Members of the Boys' Safety Patrol at Greathouse Elementary School this year are, left to right, Tom Wheeler, Lynn Wellman, John Murphy, Jay Dove, Donny Blackburn, Stanly Camp, Russell Forseth, Robby Southall, Harold Selman, James Abrams, Bruce Wells, Lee Rosenberg, Neil Yoder and Steven Kline.

March 31, 1966

Movie to be shown at local school

A color movie, "Brightly of the Grand Canyon," will be shown Saturday, Oct. 16, at 1:30 pm. In the Greathouse School, 3930 Grandview Ave. Admission will be 50 cents.

October 16, 1969



NEW PTA EXECUTIVE BOARD: Principal Howard Shaver of Greathouse Elementary School in St. Matthews poses with 1966-1967 officers of the school's PTA. From bottom to top they are Mrs. Austin Chamberlain, president; Mrs. Arthur Brewer, recording secretary; Mrs. Eddie Brown, second vice president, and Mrs. Howard Bilharz, first vice president.

March 31, 1966

Former teacher here wins grant

A former teacher in the Jefferson County school system has been selected to participate in a Mott Foundation Program for Educational Leadership this summer in Michigan. He is William K. Pennebaker, who began his teaching career at Greathouse School and later taught in the Science Department at Eastern High School five years before going to Florida. Currently, he is principal of the Florida City, Fla., Elementary School.

June 1, 1967



A SCHOLARSHIP for pre-med study at Indiana University has been awarded Bill Hammack, son of Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Hammack, formerly of 503 Fairlawn Rd., who is to be graduated today from Lawrence Central High School in Indianapolis. Bill attended Greathouse School six years and finished the seventh and eighth grades at Waggener before moving to Indianapolis in 1962.

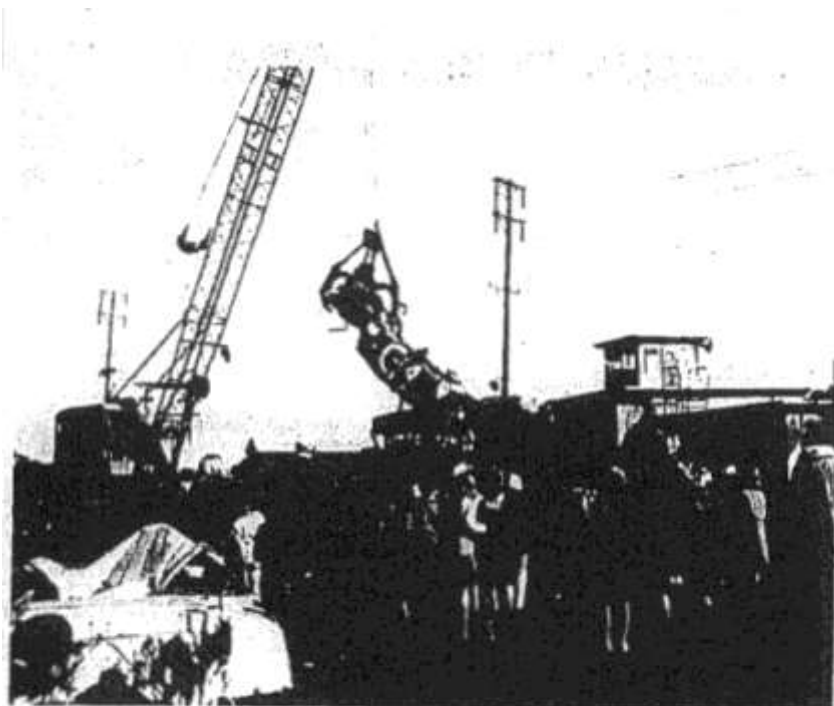
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PREPARING school supplies in boxes for first graders at Greathouse School last Thursday are these members of the PTA, from left: Mrs. Eddie W. Brown Jr., Mrs. William Moss, Mrs. Justin Chamberlain and Mrs. Stuart Grossman. The school-supplies project, conducted annually by the PTA assures each student of getting standard work materials. School will start Aug. 30. Greathouse first-graders will be on double session this year -- the first session being from 8:20 to 12:20 and the second from 12:10 to 4:20.

August 17, 1967



STUDENTS from Greathouse Elementary School watch Tri-City Industrial's steel scrap baler compress auto bodies. The students visited the plant Nov. 2 and 7.

November 16, 1967

**Apparently caused by lightning: by Tinsley Stewart *The Courier-Journal*:
Greathouse School in St. Matthews is extensively damaged by fire**

Greathouse Elementary School, a St. Matthews landmark for more than 30 years, was extensively damaged by fire early yesterday evening.

County School Supt. Richard VanHoose, who was at the scene, said he hopes the area's churches "will look at their facilities and invite us in for the coming school year." More than 500 children attended the school at 3930 Grandview Ave.

Half of the upper floor of the two-story brick building was completely gutted by the fire, which broke out between 5:15 and 5:30 p.m. The other half of the upper floor was badly damaged by flames and the first floor was damaged by flames, smoke and water.

Two witnesses, Herman Heck and Mrs. N. F. Becker, said they saw lightning strike the building's chimney. Mrs. Becker said she saw flames around the chimney immediately after the thunderbolt and called the St. Matthews Fire Department, got no answer, and then called county police. Firemen arrived within five minutes, she said.

Heck said he did not see any flames immediately but saw "something scatter like bricks...after a violent crash of thunder." St. Matthews Fire Chief John Monohan verified that lightning caused the fire, and that it began at the chimney.

"Half of that chimney was gone when we got there," he said. The fire blazed out of control for more than an hour.

At 6:30 p.m. it appeared that firemen had contained the fire to the western half of the upper floor, but as the flames tumbled and roared, the fire quickly spread to the middle of the old structure and then to the eastern half.

The heat was so intense at that time that persons 100 yards from the building began moving away.

A fireman at the scene, who declined to give his name, said the blaze went out of control for a number of reasons. The school, he said, had a light tar and pebble roof that was too weak to support firemen, making it impossible to get close to the flames to extinguish them. The tar burned quickly but was difficult to extinguish.

He said much of the school's furniture had been placed in hallways, making it difficult to reach the center of the blaze after the firemen went inside.

"They have to crawl anyway," he said, to avoid inhaling too much smoke.....and with those desks and things in the way, it was nearly impossible to get in there."

By 7 p.m., flames in the eastern half of the building were under control, but the fire was still out of control at the western half. The heat there caused the outside wall to crack in one place.

Six fire trucks from two volunteer fire departments....St Matthews and McMahan—battled the blaze. Some Lyndon volunteers, but no trucks, helped.

Some neighborhood residents criticized the St. Matthews firemen and Chief Monohan for not getting their equipment pieced together quickly and for not calling in Louisville firemen. Monohan's only comment was, "I think we did a damn good job."

Four firemen were slightly injured— three of them were overcome by smoke and a fourth suffered a cut foot when he stepped on broken glass. Lt. Al Ring, of 25 Westport Terrace, was treated for smoke inhalation and released from Kentucky Baptist Hospital. John Noon, of 101 Colonial Drive, was treated and released from General Hospital with a cut foot. Two other firemen who were overcome by smoke did not require hospital treatment. All four were St. Matthews firemen.

Most of the school's records were saved, said Supt. VanHoose. A truck was loaned to the school to haul away file cabinets and some office machinery.

The building was completed in December, 1939, at a cost of just over \$75,000, but VanHoose said it would cost at least \$1.25 million to replace the building. He was unable to estimate the damage to the building or whether any part of it could be saved.

A few adults, who had attended Greathouse as children, cried as they saw the school go up in flames.

One young mother, a Greathouse alumni whose daughter was a student there last year, was upset because of the "loss of a high quality school." She said classes at Greathouse were small (25 to 29 pupils each) and the teachers were "first class."

By 8 p.m., the school was a smoldering mess but the fire was out for the most part. Neighborhood children helped firemen roll up hoses, and neighborhood women with pitchers of water offered drinks to the exhausted firemen.

Greathouse Elementary School

Courtesy The Courier-Journal & Voice:

July 9, 1971

Greathouse



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Landmark School Heavily Damaged by Fire



Staff Photo

A lightning bolt striking this chimney caused last night's fire at Greathouse School.

Greathouse Elementary School

July 9, 1971

Courtesy *The Courier-Journal*:

Greathouse

July 11, 1971: *The Courier-Journal*: **Fire-damaged school may be repaired, in use by fall**

There's a "better than even chance" that Greathouse Elementary School, damaged by fire Friday night, can be used again this fall, Jefferson County School Supt. Richard VanHoose said yesterday.

"It looks a lot better now than it did with all that smoke pouring out of it last night," VanHoose said after he returned from inspecting the school at 3930 Grandview Ave. in St. Matthews.

"I'm pleased with the way the building took all that punishment. It's a good solid structure," he said.

The fire apparently started when the school's chimney was hit by a lightning bolt, but neither VanHoose nor Donald Schnell, the Jefferson County Board of Education's architect, could say for certain yesterday whether a lightning rod was attached to the chimney.

"I'm really not sure," VanHoose said. "No one seems to know," Schnell said. "I just kind of assumed there wasn't one."

There is no state regulation requiring that school buildings be equipped with lightning rods, said Maj. Merle Brown, Louisville fire marshal, last night. "But they're sure recommended," he said.

Schnell noted that all county schools built in the past 20 years have lightning rods. "And there's no question that if there wasn't one at Greathouse there ought to be," he said.

VanHoose said that providing lightning rods to protect every county school was "a good point, one that certainly ought to be considered."

The fire gutted four classrooms and damaged the roof badly in several places. Other parts of the building suffered smoke and water damage.

And although VanHoose admitted he might be talking more out of hope than knowledge," he said. "We could get the roof back on by September and perhaps use the gym for temporary classrooms while the other repair work is continuing. That way we might not need much out-side help from the churches to run a pretty normal situation."

VanHoose had said after the fire Friday night that he might have to call on area churches to house the school's 500 students this fall.

Architect Schnell was also optimistic about the school's future. "I don't think there's any question that it can be repaired," he said. "It's in much better shape than we thought."

Though the final go ahead for the repair of the 32-year-old brick building must wait until insurance adjusters are consulted. Work could begin as early as tomorrow, VanHoose said.

"We could get a contractor in there to clean the place up while we're working on plans and blueprints," he said. Yesterday, Board of Education maintenance crews were at Greathouse "trying to get the water off the floors. Those firemen sure spread a lot of hose and a lot of water," VanHoose said.

VanHoose, who was at the scene during the fire, refused to join the criticism some bystanders had for the work of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department.

"I just couldn't fault those people the way they stood in there, taking a chance, not backing off an inch," he said.

"I'm sure people standing around feeling helpless might have thought things were slow. But I'm just not competent to judge what's good or bad about fighting a fire. From what I saw, I thought the firemen did a good job, a better job than we thought at the time."



Greathouse Elementary School

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July 15, 1971


Mr. John Monohan, Jr., Chief
 St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department
 4114 Lyndon Way
 Louisville, Kentucky

Mr. Monohan:

I realize that all too often the men of our Volunteer Fire Departments get criticism when they deserve praise. Therefore, I am taking this opportunity to commend you and your men for the marvelous job you did in extinguishing the fire at Greathouse Elementary School.

My foreman and men have told me that your department did an outstanding job and that through your efforts Greathouse was not completely destroyed.

Again, my heartfelt thanks to you and your men for a job well done.

Sincerely,

 Darrel P. Fluhr, Sr.,
 Director of Maintenance

ITEM #7 RECOGNITION OF ST. MATTHEWS AND McMAHAN FIRE DEPARTMENTS
 MOTION # 7448

On July 9, 1971, Greathouse Elementary School was damaged by fire resulting from a bolt of lightning which struck the chimney and passed between the roof and ceiling of the second floor. The Jefferson County Board of Education wishes to recognize members of the St. Matthews and McMahan Fire Departments for risking their lives to bring the fire under control and preventing a total loss of the building and its contents. The board commends these volunteers, who give unselfishly of their time and effort to serve this community in such an important task.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by Orville R. Miller, Jr., seconded by Mrs. Roberta B. Tully, that the Board approve the above resolution commending the St. Matthews and McMahan Fire Departments.

Upon roll call, the vote on the motion was as follows:

William P. Vonderhaar	YES	Mrs. Roberta B. Tully	YES
Orville R. Miller, Jr.	YES	Earl J. Hartlage	YES
Fred Pfannenschmidt, Jr.	YES	(Motion carried)	

Greathouse Elementary School

Courtesy of Al Ring:



May 2008

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Comments from Alumni of Greathouse:

Greathouse

At Greathouse, I was in Mrs. Sim's first grade class and Mrs. Edward's third grad class. Does anyone remember who taught the second grade at Greathouse - I think it may have been a man.
Betsy

I also had Mrs. Smith in second grade at Greathouse. I was very tiny little girl and remember thinking how beautiful and young she was. I really thought she was great. Of course I am only 5 ft. 1 inches now, as for rest of my grades , can only remember being in those portable classrooms behind the school....felt so trapped out there!!! I also have photos of being in the SMEL GROUP myself. these photos include me, Ann Gregg, Phyllis Fust, Carol Vollmer, Sandy Nichol, Howie Hatton, Kenny Lewis, Ralph Zehnder, Sandy Bridges, Carol Waford, Sheri Bennett, Karen Carter, Tommy Surber. Betty

Hello everybody, I've been reading the traffic for a couple of days now and saw several items I wanted to comment on. I was an alumnus of the kindergarten in the St. Matthews Armory--graduated in 1949 I guess along with some of you. I have the picture and diploma to prove it, but I hadn't thought of that in years! I went to Greathouse in 1st grade (Miss Stroud) and in 6th grade (Mrs. Becker). I went to Anchorage School in grades 2-5 because my mother taught there..

I was also a SMEL product, and I guess relatively unscathed by the experience. I had Miss Nectar Kazanjian for 7th grade along with Howie Hatton, Kenny Lewis, Anne Riley, Carolyn Roe, and numerous others. Howie, how did you remember how to spell her name?! Miss Vincent was our SMEL teacher in 8th grade and classmates included John Thompson, Don Smith, Sam McDonald, Scheri Bennett, Dottie Oyler, Martha Kounz, etc. (I could name lots more with benefit of H. S. Yearbook. Ray had a good idea). I am probably somewhere in that picture of the glee club directed by Mrs. West that Ray mentioned.

Except I don't remember the DMZ between St. Matthews Elementary and Waggener as a lush green field. Seems to me it often was a muddy swamp. I used to cut across it walking from my home on Brown's Lane to Waggener (on those rare days when I didn't get a ride with one of you--Sandy Nichol was one of my favorite chauffeurs!) We also used to run across that field carrying equipment enroute from the locker room to the football practice area. Howie Hatton, Woody Axton, et.al will remember that fondly.
Gordon

I was in your mother's class in third grade at Greathouse. (or was it Lyndon?) While she will most likely not remember me, I remember her fondly. She was, as I remember, firm but kind, and had high expectations of her students. I hope she is doing well. I had the distinction of attending Greathouse for a year or so, then being bused to Lyndon, then back to Greathouse for 4 thru 6, then on to St Matthews Elementary for 7 and 8. We actually lived across from Waggener on Hubbards Lane until 1956, when we moved several blocks to Fairmeade Rd.
Dave

John Thompson was/is an amazing talent. Besides being a straight A (E) student, he was a terrific artist. The Ky Model Shop held an annual window decorating contest at Halloween which John won at least once. (I was still trying to color within the lines.) John's middle name was Huxley. His mother was a Huxley of the "Brave New World" Hu leys.

This is not to mention his Ricky Nelson look-a-like good looks.

I considered John one of my best friends at Greathouse, but it was very difficult at times not to be jealous of his immense talents.
Ray

I was in one of the portables at Greathouse -- 5th grade, I'd guess -- all I can remember about them is that was the year everyone seemed certain the Russians would drop an atomic bomb on Louisville (as well as other places, I presume -- but L'ville was the only thing I worried about) -- and we practiced "bomb drills" where we got under our desks -- like under a student desk in a portable building would protect you from an A-bomb blast!!! Scared me though!
Fidele

I remember the bomb drills too and I remember my parents putting a box of canned goods, water and dog food down in the basement in case something ever happened. Do you remember those intense DODGE BALL games and the area outside the cafeteria that led to the recess/playground and that inverted "U" shaped apparatus that we put our sweaters around so we wouldn't hurt our legs, then got up on "That Thing" and spun around? What were we thinking? I remember it was very important to be good on "That Thing"!! Wow, my brain hurts!!
Ann

I remember dodge-ball (seems like it was up against a brick wall -- ????) better than the spin thing -- also remember hanging from the monkey bars until my arms ached.

Also remember that 6th grade was with Mr. Mohr on the 3rd floor -- we made a relief map of Italy & got our pictures in the "Voice of St. Matthews" for it (big time fame there!) -- for some insane reason a bunch of us threw our shoes (were we in Weejuns yet?) out the 3rd floor window -- and one of our classmates actually had a BRA! -- Ever notice how disjointed memories become -- so much for learning experiences of the 6th grade at Greathouse!

Fidele

Greathouse Elementary School

Comments from Alumni of Greathouse:

Greathouse

And speaking of Greathouse memories, I had Ms. Burton for the fourth grade. She was on the second floor then, and that was the year that we had to eat the sugar cube with the polio vaccine on it. That was the same year that she had, I think it was Tood Hoon and I, paint a mural for spring to go on her front bulletin board. We spent two weeks in the hall painting. I'm sure she expected flowers, birds, trees, and little animals. Instead she got a speedboat race on the Ohio!

Hope to see you soon.

Ron

The original jumper from the second floor of Greathouse was I believe Brad Arterburn ('60). He had just received a pair of paratrooper boots from a relative as a gift. Sadly enough his LZ (landing zone) was right outside Mr. Farmer's office window. This ended another great hobby.

George

Window jumping: George, I was there and can confirm the Brad Arterburn story. I think there were very few of us who went from first grade at Greathouse to graduate at Waggener, with no Stivers or any other school in between. Perhaps the reunion could list the "Alpha Omegas" who did all 12 at only 2 schools.

Since people remember cars, how about Mr. Farmer's? It was a beige & burgundy 1951 or 52 Pontiac. Chief Pontiac's head lit up on the hood when the lights were on. Quite sporty.

As a patrol boy, I stood on the corner where cars entered the drop-off driveway and as a pastime, I learned to identify every make and model, using Popular Mechanics as a major source.

Claude

There was no "middle school" for alpha-omegas of 1960. We went from 6th grade at Greathouse, to 7th grade at Waggener, the opening year of 1954. In the 9th grade, we were the "seniors" and every year after Waggener added one more grade, so we were "seniors" in 10th, 11th, 12th grade (sophomore, junior, senior years to others)

Because Waggener was not large enough to hold all the 7th and 8th grade classes, a good portion of us went to Waggener Annex (St. Matthews Elementary) (SMEL). We were "chosen" to go to SMEL because we lived close enough to walk to school and therefore they wouldn't have the hassle of all those buses over at SMEL.

Ray

Dearest Classmates!! If any of you were "Alpha Omegas" meaning you went from Greathouse Elementary School from grades 1 through 6 and then DIRECTLY to Mayme S. Waggener Junior High without stopping at St. Matthews Elementary or Stivers, or passing "Go" (JOKE), please let me know. We are starting an ALPHA OMEGA file. Maries idea and a good one before we are hit with Al's Hammer as Sandy Thomas would say.

Ann

Larry, You are probably one of the few that remembers those real early YMCA days at Greathouse....can you remember the mans name that ran it back then? I think his first name was Ed, he was great. I remember boxing a lot at the summer camps at Greathouse. Kit Georgehead and I had some real tough matches...I can still remember my arms wanting to drop off my shoulders from the weight of the gloves after several rounds. I've often asked Linda if she remembered the 'gimp' stuff we used to make at the Y summer camp. I have said more than once " I'd go back and live it all over...the same way, no changes...it would be hard to improve" I had a Harley 165 and if I never thanked you for the parking spot.....Thank you! I hope this finds you well.

Denny

Ok everyone, why did Greathouse give out blue, trimmed in gold letter G's. I have two of them and the only place I could have gotten them was Greathouse, but for the life of me I can't remember what I did to earn them. Why were they given out? Could it have been for chorus? I know it wasn't for jumping out the window. Who's got an idea?

Judy

I was in the Safety Patrol and still have my award given out by the Louisville Automobile Club and signed by Mr. Farmer dated 5-23-1955. Memories are coming back.

Judy

Ray, You can't be serious about the shelf location of the Doolittle books -- that would be scary. I thought I was doing well to remember the location of the library.

Another Greathouse library memory -- they allowed a student the great honor of sitting at a little desk near the library door, date stamp and ink pad at hand, and stamping each kid's card with the due date as they checked books out. (Don't remember if they trusted us to actually set the date on the stamper.) I got to do that at least once -- what a thrill! It took so little to entice us when we were eight years old. Maybe that's why a lot of these emails are tending to the early years -- so many little things we took such great pleasure in.

Bill

Trent, I was going to chastise you for your participation in the Greathouse 6th grade reminiscence since you were at Stivers with me, but you were talking about the 3rd grade, our last year there. I do remember Sadie Stinson, though, and now that I'm a librarian, it's even funnier. I am, however, in an elementary school, so I subscribe to things like Ranger Rick and National Geographic World, not the REAL National Geographic. I have enjoyed reading everyone's input about next month. Hope I can get there. Don't know yet.

Sharon

Greathouse Elementary School

Waggener High school Alumni Comments:

Greathouse

Yes, they were "Portables"! I was in 6th grade with Miss Mathis in the one parallel to the street. Do you want to read a REALLY amazing story, classmates???? Someone donated an enormous quantity of National Geographic's to Miss Mathis' class. She picked me (least likely to be corrupted???) to go through each one and tear out all the pictures of the naked Africans!!! I spent one entire week in the back of the classroom, exempt from class work, while I removed all the "dirty" pictures. My children (28 & 31) still don't believe this story!

What a work out struggling to remember Greathouse School, yikes. "THE PORTABLES"...does that strike a fond memory in the pit of anyone's stomach? I think that is what we called those extra building to the right-rear as you entered the front of the school?? Any help in this area would be great.

Several jumped. I can vaguely recall doing it with a group of others in the third grade. Had to have been a low window since I was such a shrimp; At recess of course and when we thought no one was looking. The purging of the naked Africans brought to mind a Waggener librarian named Sadie Stinson who went through all the anatomy books and removed the pages from the sections on reproductive system and also blackened a few lines in the big dictionary when she found the leather jacket crowd looking up the "big words" for their scatological and sexual expletives. That's probably all some of them learned. Some days at WHS were just plain weird. Any one remember the infamous lunch room boycott? Trent

NO -- NO -- NO -- threw the shoes -- not the bra! The rest of us were just envious (and a little curious) that someone had a real bra in the 6th grade -- nothing unusual now, but back then it was really something -- we all wanted one, but had no need -- then, in college, had need, but no want -- go figure!

PLEASE tell me I'm not so addled that I said bras were flying out the 3rd floor window of Greathouse!

I remember well Mrs. Scott's morning ritual in the 1st grade at Greathouse: We sang Good Morning to her, then My County tis of Thee, had a scripture reading, recited the Pledge to the flag and counted each star and stripe and were told the significance of each color. Then began a day of learning. Its too bad not everyone has had a teacher that could "warp" them that way. Trent

And when you said the Pledge in the first grade, it did not include the words "under God". How did we ever survive? Steve

I always found it interesting that even though the "Under God" was added later, there was no coma placed between the "One Nation" and the "Under God." It is written as one phrase "One Nation Under God" which is not the way most people say it. If I remember correctly, the authors had no intention of having the two separated. Ron

I had 3rd grade at Greathouse in a portable - can remember doing the "duck & cover" (guess that's what it was called) bomb drills in there -- like being under a desk in a portable classroom would keep us safe from an atomic bomb! I was there the year after you - not in your class - but yes - there was at least one trailer/portable at Greathouse. Fidele '62

There were two wonderful portables out there. I was there the year before Mike. I remember the stoves and the eating chart with the eggs, bacon and milk! That chart about drove my mother crazy fixing a full breakfast every morning so I could get my star on the chart. I also remember having to start printing again. I transferred from the city school system in the third grade and we had to learn cursive in the second grade. In the winter, it was fun going to lunch and the restrooms in the main building.

The best use for the portables was in the summer when the YMCA had their program in there. Ron '60

Original Greathouse school was large clapboard structure which sat approximately where the later Sears building was built NW corner of Shelbyville Rd. and Thierman Ln. Not sure construction date. After the school was moved to the new brick building we're familiar with the old wood structure was converted to apartments I believe before being torn down for Sears. Larry '60

I'm sure some of you are aware of this, but for those who aren't, there's a fascinating book entitled "*St. Matthews: The Crossroads of Beargrass*" by Samuel W. Thomas that chronicles our little town from pioneer days to about 1999. It was published in 1999 by the Beargrass-St. Matthews Historical Society, which I believe has its offices in our old Greathouse School.

Greathouse Elementary School

Waggener High school Alumni Comments:

Greathouse

The large format book has information about the first Greathouse built in 1915, and ours, built in 1939, plus 224 pages of text and photos covering everything you'd want to know about the area -- development of businesses, neighborhoods, churches, etc., etc. It has wonderful aerial photos of the town as it evolved from potato farms to suburban community. If you really want to delve into the details of St. Matthews' history, I would highly recommend it. Bill '61

My mother let me borrow her little reunion book from 1991. She graduated from the 8th grade in 1936. I thought I'd list her classmates who attended the reunion to see if anyone recognizes any of the names.

Jimmy Lord, Alfred Rauh, Florence Carson Pierce, Phillip Kline, George Drescher, Ace Parker, Alice Grubb Sullivan, Kay Taylor, George Stringer, Bobbie Chic, Norma Callier, Lib Miller and of course my mother, Priscilla Bedwell. Dick '61