

St. Matthews, Kentucky Area History



# Lyndon 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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## Lyndon Elementary School

Courtesy July 8, 1937, *The Jeffersonian*:

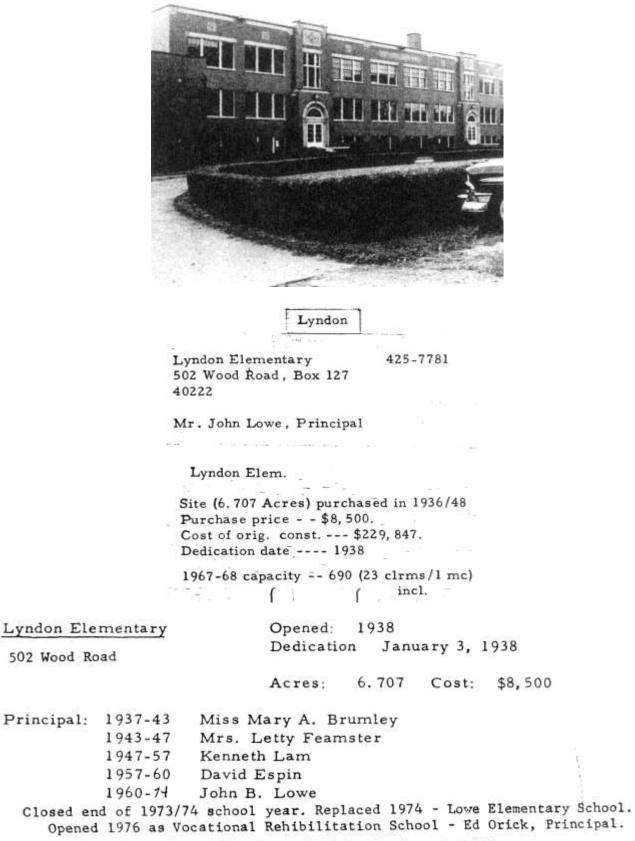
Courtesy August 26, 1937, The Jeffersonian:



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## **Courtesy Jefferson County Public Schools, Archives:**

## Lyndon Elementary School



Lyndon Vocational/Technical School closed 1992.

Courtesy May 11, 1939, The Jeffersonian:



The Lyndon Drum and Bugie Coips was argunized in January. 1938 with twenty-seven members: there are now thirty-two. The costames are of red, white and black, the hats bolag white and black with a real college white and Hed, with a red collaphane plume. This year they marched in the American Legian Parade on A rmistice Day, also at the Americannation Program at the Armory Barch 2nd at which time they retelved a brunze plaque.

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# 1951

**Courtesy of Larry Myers:** 

# Lyndon Elementary School

4th grade boys, Mrs. Mattingly, teacher, Lyndon Elementary, 1951/52 school year.



Joe Dietrich, Larry Myers, Jeff ?????, Ken Anderson, ?????, Dave Marrett, ?????, ????, Bob Lam, Bill Mayrose, Perry Wood, ?????

## **TODAY, 2008:**

After Lyndon Elementary School closed in 73/74 it sat vacant until it re-opened in 1976 as Vocational Rehabilitation School. It closed in 1992 and the school building again sat vacant for a while until it re-opened as Jaeger Education Center, which is open today.

On the three levels the first is early childhood development, Preschool, the middle floor in Alternative school and the top floor is a training center of Jefferson County Public School teachers on computers.

I was told, but don't remember there are no stairs in the building.

**Courtesy of Al Ring:** 

# Lyndon Elementary School



Band,Al RingWould love to have people send in names of students.

# 1951/1952

# **Courtesy of Al Ring:**

# Lyndon Elementary School Typical Report Card form 3rd grade.

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## 1952/1953

Lyndon Elementary School

**Courtesy The Voice Of St. Matthews:** 

Winning A Radio Quiz Started It . .

# Lyndon School Library Does A Lot Of Growing In 5 Years

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Lyndon's library is supple-mented by the 304 books that the Louisville public library sends to the school each year. Both the Lyndon School PTA and the Jef-ferson County Board of Educa-tion give a fund to the library each year for the purchase of new books. Mrs. Nance S. Zipf has been the librarian for three years. She comes to the school twice a week and has complete charge of the Lyndon's library is . supple-

and has complete charge of the library, also instructing the students in the usage of the li-The total circulation for last today.

By JOYCE GRIFFIN After starting with only one set of out-dated encyclopedias five years ago, Lyndon School's of the limited supply. Approxi-Library now boasts 1520 books mately 200 children use the li-including five sets of up-to-date encyclopedias. All of these books The boys and girls use the li-are exclusively for the first through sixth grades. In 1948 the library got a boost with two sets of encyclopedias Informational reading, and for research on reference questions.

In 1948 the library got a boost with two sets of encyclopedias won by students on the "Quiz-down" radio quiz program. The children who were on the Reed, Bobby Thomale, Joe Bob Griffin, Andrew Stuebling, Jac-kie Henry, Philip Falk, Keith Boone, John Goetz, Ray Burke, what it can do for their children. Janice Jackson, Joe Richardson, They give of their time and en-Billy Arrington, Carol Seaton, operates in helping to raise the Hurt, Terry Huffaker, and Hugh

When the library was first started, one end of the upstairs hall was partitioned off to serve Housever, in 1950 hail was partitioned off to serve as the library. However, in 1950 this small room was outgrown and the library moved into a large classroom. In the new li-brary the children are taught how to use the card catalogue and raferance howks

now to use the card catalogue and reference books. Through the help of the PTA and the whole community the library at Lyndon School 'has grown from practically nothing five years ago to the new, large, well equipped library that it is today.



"Look, Barbara, here it is." Gerry Wilson triumphantly announces "Look, Barbara, here it is." Gerry wrisen friempmantry anomale the sought-for information has been found in one of the 1520 books contained in the new Lyndon School Library, Gerry, 125 Bon-ner Avenue, and Earlara Baron, Lyndon Lane, are sixth grade students who find the new library just what they needed.----Carolyn Kennedy photo.

#### **September 20, 1952**

# Lyndon School Taking **Clothes For Needy**

Lyndon School is starting a "clothes closel" for the needy children of the school. The school would appreciate any contributions of used children's clothing. They also request that anyone who would like to donate a wardrobe or something in which the clothes could be stored, to contact Mrs. Clay Morris at TA. 5039 or Mrs. Elizabeth Schmidt, al TA. 2287. 승규만 관련할 때 서부

January 22, 1953



## Lyndon School Sets P.T.A. Dad's Night

Lyndon School will hold its regular Dad's Night P.T.A. meet-ing Thursday night, April 9, at 7:30 p.m. in the Lyndon School Auditorium.

Miss Lillian Lehman, from the K. E. A. office, will speak about the Minimum Foundation Pro-gram of Education, which is proposed by the State Department of Education, and also backed by the K. E. A. This problem will come up for a vole in the not too distant future. All parents are urged to attend this important meeting.

The 4-H club will present part of the program. The 1st and 2nd grade mothers

will serve refreshments.

April 2, 1953



SONG, DANCE, AND MUSIC highlighted the Lyndon P.-T.A. Curvival held at the school tast Saturday sight, AI leff, Larry Orr, slugge and danser per excellence, drops is any knew, Jahopstyle, and sings to dunares Tricis Downs and Sherry It.sis, while Billy Phillips eigs out a fune on the accordion. These four ges formers starred in the enhance show, one of the energyal's high Habis, The valuered, specificred by Mrs. Emily Jame Bulyer's sec-und grade and directed by Mrs. Doris Palectalli, featured a suit of 70. There were also rides, houlds, and a hardenne supper at the school that night.

**Courtesy The Voice Of St. Matthews:** 

# Lyndon

# **School Opens, Writer Introduces** Principal

September 9, 1954

# 1954/1955

#### Lyndon Elementary School



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Lyndon School principal Kenneth Lam, left, and dance teacher Sally Elder were the surprised recipients of gifts last week at a party celebrating the closing of the dance class taught by Sally, Lloyd Kay, head of the Lyndon Recreation Board, right, made the presentation. Sally, 16, of 413 Ellne, got a purse and corsage from the Cotillion Class, which she has been teaching since January, and a travelling alarm clock from the Ladies Auxiliary of the Lyndon Volunteer Fire Department, Mr. Lam received a shirt and tie from the pupils for his help and for allowing the class to be held at his school.

May 5, 1955



Singing "Mr. Saudman" at the Lyndon School P.T.A. talent show Friday were, first row, Judy Fane and Sharon Wel-

mer, second row, Paula Milburn, Sally Kennedy, Sue Keeling and Dlane Heitennan, and third row, Vicky Linn Gutheje and Donna Wolf.

April 7, 1955

## 1954/1955

**Courtesy Josephine "Jo" Crume Miles:** The Courier-Journal, 1954/55



Eddie Bignon, 12, Lyndon, Ky., gets ready to spin into the Bop contine.

# LEG JAM

They call it the 'Bop,' that new dance the teen-agers are doing, and it's the hottest thing going

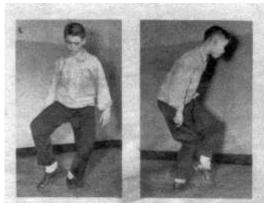
#### By IRA GREENBERG nal Half Wet

THAT is neat, real cool, and then gone? Could be an ice cube, only it's net: On the contrary, it's one of the hottest little dances that's hit Louisville in years-and it's spreading like a wind-swept blaze.

Called "Bop," it's an importation from Texas that has been mastered by hundreds of teen-agers in the junior and senior high schools of Jefferson County.

and senior high schools of Jefferson County. One of its foremost practitioners is 12-year-old Eddie Bignon of Lyndon, Ky., who'll spin into his one-man routine at the word, "Go." \* Eddie likes the dance hecause it's a "neat" number. He describes it "real gone." It's also "real cool." The "Bop" is a one-man dance that so far has proved most popular with boys, but girls are taking it up too, Eddie reports aually working out a pattern with a

Eddle reports, usually working out a pattern with a partner. Hot, jazz-type music is best suited for Bop. As Eddle does it, it resembles the old "rubber-leg act"



There's nothing to it, he'll tell you. You pivot on one foot and do a heel-and-toe tap with other.

# Lyndon Elementary School Lyndon student Eddie Bignon



It comes out looking just like the rubber-leg routine that used to be.

that former high-school generations made famous. The dance is built around a knee and ankle action. You move sidewards, pivoting on the heel and toe of one foot and at

the same time co-ordinating a beel and toe tap of the other. Then you alternate. But all the time your knees are coming together and moving apart to give a relaxed, rubber-leg like effect.

Sounds easy? Believe me, it isn't. I attempted the routine after several minutes of intense tutoring on Eddie's part-and failed miserably. Anyway, it looks or rather, real neat. ensw-

Eddle, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Hoy Woosley and a Sixth Grade pupil at London Grade School, picked up the dance a few months before Christmas after watching several of his older friends go through it.

Two Texas boys introduced it here on a visit during the summer of 1954. By the time they returned in Ballas, the Bop had coptured a few teen-agers' enthusiasm, and after two youngsters exhibited it at an Eastern High School variety show, it began to catch on

It has since spread to Fern Creek High, Waggener Junior High, and Lyndon, Stivers, and Greathouse Grade. Schools, to name a few. Altogether the dance has some 400 adherents, and the number grows each week.

Why the name, "Bop"? Eddie shrugs. "What else can you call it?"

Charlie Spears, youth director of the Jefferson County Playground and Recreation Board, said the Bop is a regular part of dance activities at several teen age clubs, and a few have weekly Bop contests. "The kids are wild about it," he said. Eddie ranks it with football, baseball, and banketball,

his favorite sports. "It's just a real cool number," he said with a grin.



But when Reporter Ira Greenberg, left, tried it, he found those old hones couldn't take it,

# 1955

#### **Courtesy The Voice Of St. Matthews:**

# This Is Your Life' Honors Farmer

neth Farmer was honored Also honored was Greathouse to a control was Greathouse teacher Elizabeth Bennetl, who with a "This Is Your Life at leaves after this year to become Greathouse" program Friday principal at Eastwood School, Her evening at the school.

His 10-year career af Great-house was reviewed in a script prepared by Mrs. Arch Herron, and read by Emil Aun, editor of The Voice. Mr. Farmer, surprised and grin-

ning, was afterwards presented by the P.T.A. with a movie camera and projector, a copy of the script and a pictorial review of his years

Outgoing principal Ken- at Greathouse in a leather folder. career was also reviewed, and she was presented with an orchid, earrings and a necklace, also by, the P.T.A.

One by one, the highlights of Mr. Farmer's career at Grenthouse were recalled. At appropriate in-tervals, former P.T.A. presidents and teachers who worked with him at Greathouse appeared on the stage.

First was Mrs. Charles Beatly,

#### May 12, 1955

president of the P.T.A. in 1948-1948, Next was Mrs. Karl Straub, P.T.A. president in 1948-1950. When Mrs. J. Ashby Miller, P.T. A. president in 1950-1951 came on the others the propuestion compen-

P.T.A. president in 1950-1951 came on the stage, the announcer remem-bered to tell Mr. Farmer to kiss her on the check.
He did so. Then, to the delight of the crowd of about 300, he kiss-ed Mrs. Straub and Mrs. Beatty also. Afterwards, he kissed all the hadies as they cume off the stage.
Mrs. Herron, who arranged the program, was next. She was P.T.
A. president in 1951-1953. Then came Mrs. Ruth H. Osborne, who was a teacher at Greathouse 21 years before becoming principal at Stivers School in 1952.
Mrs. Mabel Bowen, now prin-cipal at Ballard School, was next. followed by Mrs. Lane McCros-key, P.T.A. president in 1953-1954 and Mrs. Edwin A. Wahl, president for the past two years.
Dne of the highlights of the pro-gram was the announcement that the Greathouse Ilbrary under Mr. Farmer had grown from fewer than 100 books in 1949 to 4,000 books today, including nine sets of encyclopedia.
"Circulation is over 1,000 books a week," sold the announcer. "In these six years, the P.T.A. has con-tributed \$5,000 to the Ilbrary and Greathouse hibrary in the state."

This announcement drew ap-plause from the audeoper Then the announcer told Mr. Farmer, who is leaving to become principal of the Goldsmith Lane School:

"Words cannot express to you how everyone of us feels about the oplendid work you have done. Ac-tually, though your work has been great, that in itself is small com-pared with the example you have set for these children. They love You and respect you. "Your leaving will be the heart

"Your reaving will be the near of a school taken away, and yet you will be leaving us something of yourself that no one will ever forget. Your ideals will be here —all of the things you stand for. They will always be a part of this school and of this community. school and of this community.

'Just as you have said that there ure no hard and fast rules for handling children, even so there are no hard and fast rules for saying farewell. Let us just say 'au revoir' and may you know that with the giving of this gift for the eventsion of marking the

goes the expression of everything we feel for you." Then Mrs. Farmer and their two children, Mike and Linda, were brought up to the stage and introduced.



All together at the program for Kenneth Farmer at Greathouse last week were, sealed, Mrs. E. A. Wahl, Mrs. Lana McCreskey, Mrs. Ruth Osborne, M., Farmer, Mike and Linda Farmer, and Mrs. J. Ashby Miller; standing, Mrs. Mabel Bowen, Miss Edzabeth Bennett, Mrs. Karl Straub, Mrs. Farmer, Mrs. Arch Herron, and Mrs. Charles Beatty.

School: ...

Lyndon Elementary School

**Courtesy The Voice Of St. Matthews:** 

# New Teachers, Rooms Give School That New Look

The Lyndon School has a com-pletely new look! The new look ter a year's absence, Mrs. Fannie includes five new teachers and Lowe. Such improvements as the fol-lowing: five additional class-rooms, new library, an audio visual room, asphalt tile flooring over the entire school building over the entire school building, special acoustical equipment in all the classrooms, and fluores-cent lighting in all of the class-

In addition to all these helpful facilities which have been added facilities which have been added the community would like to welcome the new teachers we mentioned at the beginning of this article: They are Mrs, Shir-ley Christie, third grade; Mrs, Mildred Gill, first grade; Mrs, Rita Dowd, second grade; Mrs, Rita Dowd, second grade; Mrs, Charles Knadler, fourth grade; and Mrs, Rilda Steele, second grade. We are very happy to

# Lyndon, Greathouse To Observe National Bank Week

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

Parent: of youngities in grades three through six are in-vited to visit the library with their children during Book Week the and.

she said. Mrs. Zipf, who is also 1.brarian for Greatheouse School, says this community has some of the best elementary school libraries in Kesturky.

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November 17, 1955

# Mrs. Ed. Bailey, Lyndon Teacher

Mrs. Balley, formerly Eliza-beth Hutcherson, was born in Glasgow, Ky. She was graduated

Introducing ...

Mrs. Ed. Bailey of Lyndon from Asbury College at Will-Lane is a first grade teacher at more, Ky, and has worked to-Lyndon School. wurds her masters degree at Mrs. Balley, formerly Eliza. Western State and the Univer-beth Hutcherson, was born in sity of Louisville. Mrs. Bailey has been marled

for 20 yours and has one 14 year-old son, Quin, who attends Wag-gener School,

gener School. She has taught at Lyndon School for eight arears and hos been fonching for almost 20 years, He' hobby is working with young people and Church work She is a member of Indian Hills Methodist Church.

Now is the time to sort out any toys your children may no longer be playing with. The Cubs, tonger be playing with. The Cubs, Scouts and Explorers of Senera District are again participating in "Toys for Tele" They will distribute door hangers, explain-ing the project on November 25 and 28, and collevi toys on Sal-urday, December 3.

**Courtesy The Voice Of St. Matthews:** 

# 1955/56

#### Lyndon Elementary School

Introducing Principal Kenneth Lam Of Lyndon

By EVE MILBURN Keansth Lam, principal of Lyn-don School, was born December 7. 1908, in Central Cuy, kys Bedivide, Ky, two years of Junior Central Cuy, high school at Ris-celivide, Ky, two years of Junior College at Pethel College, and Mr. Lam has been principal of Lyndon for eight years at Fairfulle central Cuy, high school at Bea-at Bedford, Ky. College at Pethel College, and Mr. Lam has been principal of Lyndon for eight years at Fairfulle three years at Fairfulle the attended process of Junior College at Pethel College, and Mr. Lam has been principal of Lyndon for eight years at Fairfulle three years at Fairfulle the attended process of Junior Mr. Lam and his wife are very Friday night at 7:30 p.m.

**December 8, 1955** 

## Lyndon

By MABEL POLLITT

# Lyndon Teachers: Librarian Nance Zipt

#### By EVE MILBURN

Mrs. Nance Zipf is a very spe-cial person to more than 500 young children at Lyndon School. Mrs. Zipf is the school librarian and each child engerly looks for-ward to the three days she has

the library open each week. Mrs. Zipf was born in Chattan-onga, Tenn. She attended Baldwin College at Berga, Ohio, and received her A. B. degree there. Her degree in library science Her degree in library science came from Western Reserve College in Cleveland and her Master - degree was obtained at Col-umbia University.

She has taught Library Science at many schools. Some of them were Catholic University, Washwere Catholic University, Wash- in every eleme ington, D. C., Peabody College, United States.

Nashville, and Nazareth Unliege,

Louisville. She was Supervisor of School Libraries in East Orange, N. 7, and has conducted workshops at North Western in Evanston, III. and at a college in Bethichem, Pa

She has been teaching for 28 years. Her hobbies are children's hooks, which she collects, and

books, which she collects, and gardening. Mr. and Mrs. Zipf live at 3916 Leland Road in St. Matthews. Mr. Zipf is a retired Air Force Col-onel. He is connected with the Borg-Warner Co, and cominutes between Louisville and Dayton, Ohio Ohio.

Mrs. Zipf says her ambition is to have an elementary higary in every elementary school in the United States.

#### January 19, 1956



By EVE MILBURN

Mrs. Christine Kemp is another of the fine teachers that Lyndon School is so proud of. Mrs. Kemp came to Lyndon six years ago and is a first grade

She is a very busy person, find-ing time to touch, marry, raise a family, keep house and enjoy is several hobbies. She likes having Larmer. friends drop in, cooking and grow

ing flowers, Her oldest daughter, Lida Lee

ner ones daugner, Lina Lee, is a freshman at the University of Kentucky and Mildred is a Jun-jor at Eastern High School, Born Christine Theiss at Pros-pect (which is still her home), she attended Louisville Girls High,

she attended Louisville Giris High, Atherton High, Louisville Normal and Nazareth College. She and Mr. Kemp have been married for 20 years. Mr. Kemp is employed at the Jeffersonville Quartermaster's Depot. They be-long to the Prospect Christian Church Church

When asked her ambition, she replied, "to be a successful teacher." I think she can be certain this ambition has already been realized. The many first graders

she has started on their way to perhaps brilliant futures will al-ways remember and love her.

"A smart husband hides his money in clothes that need mend-ing .-- Charles Jones.

"The silver lining is easy to find someone else's cloud," - Paul

#### **January 26, 1956**

Teachers Introduced; 456 Enroll At School

I would like to introduce to val which will take place Friday you this week two gracious evening. Sept. 25, at the school, teachers of the sixth grades in Keep this date in mind and visit teachers of the sixth grades in the Lyndon Elementary School.

the Lyndon Elementary School. The Lyndon Elementary School. First we will stop by the door of Mrs. Carrie Rudd who lives in St. Matthews at 403 Macon. Mrs. Rudd is the mother of four chil-ther one will graduate from St. Xavior college in Cincinnati, this year, another is a senior at Sa-cred Heart, Cincinnati, and the other is a sophomere in high school. Mrs. Rudd goi her BS degree this year from Nazareth college. Mrs. Rudd goi her BS degree this year from Mazareth college. There are 31 boys and girls in ther room this year, and from experience, we know they will all come out with a head full of the will grant and full of the school. Mrs. Rudd is also

school. Mrs. Rudd got her BS degree this year from Nazareth college. There are 31 boys and girls in her room this year, and from experience, we know they will all come out with a head full of knowledge. Mrs. Rudd is also serving on the student council at the Lyndon School. Mrs. Rudd taught in the city schools before coming to Lyndon, where she has been 12 years. When you stop by and meet

has been 12 years. Mrs. Ida Carnes visited with When you stop by and meet her daughter and family last Mrs. Gerald Jones, you will know week, the Lloyd T. Rays. Immediately she halls from the The Lyndon Woman's Club deep south Mrs. Jones also lives will have their first meeting of the in St. Matthews at 410 Bauer, fall September 22 at the St. She has had a varied life of Thomas Parish House beginning teaching and social welfare work. at 10:30. Mrs. E. C. Guillet of Fifteen years of her life were Seymour, Ind. will speak on an-given to social welfare all up tiques. and down the east coast from and down the east coast from New Jersey down through the Carolinas and into Tennessee and Georgia, her home state. Her husband was a Canadian.

husband was a Canadian. She has one daughter married, who has one child and lives in Lexington, Mrs. Jones received her normal training at the Uni-versity of Georgia in Athens, her BS degree at the University of Louisville, and is now working on her master degree at the University of Kentucky. The first teaching in Kentucky by Mrs. Jones was at the Kentucky Children's Home and from there she came to Lyndon in 1947. The total enroliment at Lyn-

she came to Lyndon in 1947. The total enrollment at Lyn-don School this year is 456, a lit-tle lighter than expected. Both teachers and pupils are happy because they now have full use of their auditorium. Last year it was used for two classrooms. Ar-rangements are now being made for the annual school fail carni-

your school.

We are glad to report that Mrs. A. W. Borle is recuperating nicely from her recent opera

The Woman's Missionary Unit of the Lyndon Baptist Church observed Week of Prayer last week for state missions. Mrs. Glibert Westerfield, Mrs. Earl Paul Flemming were in charge of the programs during the week. The ladies joined with the en-line church on Wednesday eve-hing and had as their speaker, F Bev. G. R. Pendergraph. Mr. and Mrs. Larry Imman and g

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Ineman and children, Sally, John and Dick spent last week visiting friends and relatives in Springfield, and Chicago, III.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Robard and children, Lola and Buddy, of North Park Place have recent-ly returned from Monierey, Mexico, and also a tour of the Southwestern States. .

Misses Katherine Lewis, Joy

**Courtesy The Voice Of St. Matthews:** 

# 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.

September 6, 1956

And the total is expected to go even higher, as stragglers are en-rolled 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 Educa-tion reported that by the end of the day Tuesday, 2,451 pup-lis 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. 308 272 Ballard 615 Chenoweth 611 Greathouse 543 465 610 534 Lyndon Middletown 548 457 541 336 St. Matthews 507 Stivers Totals 3,677 3 388 L Catholic School Enrollment 612 567 Holy Spirit Holy Trinity 616 383 Our Lady of Lourdes 682 540

St. Margaret Mary 370 Totals 2.451

The Lyndon PTA School Carnival will open Saturday, Sept. 28. We need the help and enthusiasm of every Lyndon PTA member and parent to make this the biggest and best carnival yet.

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A good dinner will be served by the fifth and sixth grades starting at 5 p.m. In the booths we will find silhouettes and picture drawings of parents; bazaar of hand-made articles, plants, pop-corn and chance clown, soft drinks and snacks, while elophant, ring toss and balloon dart game, fish pond, favorite doll booth, water gun and candle game, fish bowls, throw clown and movies, country store, home made candy and cake booth, postoffice, and imported baskets.

**September 26, 1957** 

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#### Lyndon Elementary School

#### LYNDON

Principal: Kenneth Lam.<sup>4</sup> Teachers: Mildred Upton Gill, Mrs. Christine Kemp, Mrs. Leonc Eblen, Nella Louise Jeffries, Emily Jane 'Salyers, Christine McFarland, Jean Lee Seible, Virginia Clifford, Geneveive Hamm, Maude Little, Mrs, Frances Hatzfeld, Clara Young Harris, Edith Knadler, Generose Mattingly Mossie Day Hardesty, Jeanne Haynes, Mrs. Mae Jackson, Carrie Rudd, Beulah Jones, and Jessie McGlon.

August 15, 1957

#### Courtesy The Voice Of St. Matthews:

#### Under the guidance of Mrs. Louis Lusky, the new Lyndon PTA officers wish to pursue several new ideas this year, two of which are as follows:

1. The appointment to the Board of a chairman of a committee to study the problem of the exceptional child (i.e. the child either above or below normal) and to cooperate with school authorities in any way possible to provide service for such children; 2. The incorporation of fathers into our PTA program to a greater degree. Mrs. Lusky is a graduate of a Pennsylvania College and worked for a year in Frankfort, Germany with the U.N.R.R.A., an organization operating for the purpose of sending displaced persons home again or getting them established in a new country. While in Germany she met Mr. Lusky, who was with the legal division of the U. S. Army.

The Lusky's have two children, Mary, who will be a fourth grader the coming school year and John, who will be in the second grade. They are at home on LaGrange Road and Mr. Lusky is an Attorney and has offices in the Hoffman Building.

May 15, 1958

June 30, 1960

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#### Lyndon Elementary School



#### **Courtesy** *The Voice Of St. Matthews*:

# **School festival** October 28 Lydon School has Fall Festival, Satudray, Oct. 28. The Festival will begin at 2 p.m. and close at 9 p.m., which should really give everyone an opportunity to spend their weekly allowance twice. Turkey Dinner will be served from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. and the Chefs have promised there will be plenty on hand for all who wish to join their friends and neighbors at dinner. Silbouettes will again he made and this sponsored by the P.T.A.; The Scouting Exhibit will be under the direction of Mrs. Herman Emler and Scouts of Lyndon will have their exhibit in room No. 4. 1st floor; White Elephants will be on sale and this is one of the most popular booths at any of Clown festival: Booths Throw, Dart Games, Fish Bowls, Ring Toss will attract those who want a "Take home gift": Re-freshments of all types will be awaiting your purchase . . . Cot-ton candy, home-made candles, yummy pop corn with lots of butter, and crunchy cookies to nibble as you enter the Cake Walk; A Country Store and Post Office will attract the "Oldies" of the crowd while the tots yell for a gay colored balloon. The Dinner Auction for the hungry. Panning for Gold for the dreamer and a gift just for Moni or Grandma will be at the Plant Booth.

**October 19, 1961** 

## Lyndon Elementary School

#### Lyndon PTA sets fall festival

The Lyndon consolidated School P.T.A. is making plans for its fall festival set for Saturday, October 28 at the school.

Festival activities will be from 2 to 9 p.m. A turkey dinner will be served from 5 to 7.

The Lyndon School P.T.A. will meet in the auditorium at 7 p.m. this evening for the second of a series of three telecasts. "Trends in Education." There will be discussion led by group leaders and recorded for the in corporation of a summarized report to the County school Board.

#### October 19, 1961



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## Courtesy The Voice Of St. Matthews:

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Lyndon Consolidated School, Wood Rd., will have its first PTA meeting tonight. Mirs. James O. Johnson, PTA president, announced 'It's Get-acquainted-nite'. The business meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. and afterwards, teachers new to Lyndon School will be introduced and join the 1962-63 faculty. Lyndon School now has

Lyndon School now has a staff of 25. Another fourth grade was added this year and so were two new members of the faculty. They are Mrs. Carol J. Hoepner and Miss Patricia Earnst. Named also was a new libarian, Mr. James Norsworthy.

Mrs. James O. Johnsonannounced the Lyndon School PTA and Committee Chairmen for this year. They are first vice president Mrs. Richard Wheeler; second vice president Mrs. Robert Gelbard; third vice president Mr. Paul Kooiker;

treasurer Mirs. Bradley. furner; corresponding secretary Mrs. Herman Emler; recording secretary Mrs. Hugh Abbott. Character and spiritual. Mrs. Gene Miller; civil defense John Barnstead: publicity Mrs Charles Stephen; pre - school, Mrs. Robert L. Welter; arts and music Mrs. Clark Nelson; room mothers, Mrs. Jack Vell; lunch room, Mrs. Neville Tatum; welfare, Mrs. W. E. Pierce, library, Mrs. Blaine Loudin; safety, Mr. Ned Tanselle; parent-ed., Joe Zwishenberger; nursery, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hill; hospitality, Mrs. Jack Carpenter; historian, Mrs. Ted Bickel; health, Dr. Robert Levy; parlimentarian, Mrs. Sam Jordan; faculty advisor, John Lowe, principal of Lyndon School.

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**October 18, 1962** 

**September 27, 1962** 



October 11, 1962

This group of Lyndon children have hearded a chick maps and all set for the Lyndon Elementary School Raundup.

**Courtesy The Voice Of St. Matthews:** 



Mayor William O. Cowger autographs an animal book for third grade children at Lyndon School.

# Mayor Cowger in person Gives Lyndon third / graders zoo report

Lyndon Elementary School third graders got a first hand report on Louisville's proposed zoo from Mayor William O. Cowger last week. His unexpected visit came about this way:

Thirty five students in They gave out with oh's a class wrote the Mayor about the zoo as a class project, and the Mayor figured it would be easfer to just appear in person--which he did with illustrative literature of zoo animals.-

The students gave rapt children can pet. attention as he explained the many different animals which he hopes to bring the proposed zoo.

and ah's when the Mayor said it is hoped the children's section of the zoo will be opened by next September. He explained that the children's zoo will have animals which

The Mayor was delighted with various drawings the children made accompanying the letters, which he said were well written.

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# Lyndon school to register first graders

Lyndon Consolidated School, 502 Wood Road, will register children entering the first grade in September on Thursday. April 4. Children must present their birth certificate together with evidence of Immunization against smallpox, polto and diphtheria.

A parent-child program on human growth and development will be held on April 3 and 4 in the echool auditorium. On Wednesday at 7:30 p.m., the girls "and their mothers will meet with Dr. Dorothy Magallon, the moderator and discussion leader. Dr. Magallon is a member of the staff at Contral State Hospital, Lakeland.

The boys and their fathers will meet on Thursday, at 7:30 p.m. in the school auditorium, Dr. Elliott Podoll, a pediatrician, will be moderator. He is a member of the staff at Children's Hospital.

March 28, 1963

**January 17, 1963** 

**Courtesy The Voice Of St. Matthews:** 

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# **County Schools**

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.

rister with their school Zachary Taylor, 839. before opening date.

A few changes in administrative personnel include the appointment of Mrs. Elizabeth Bennett as principal of the New Jane Hite Elemenmary 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;

Students will report for Middletown, 585; Orms-a full day on Sept. 5. by Village, 178; Shryock, Those new to the school 621; St. Matthews, 568; districts are asked tore- Stivers, 629; Wilder, 871;

August 8, 1963

# 1963 Lyndon Elementary School

# 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.

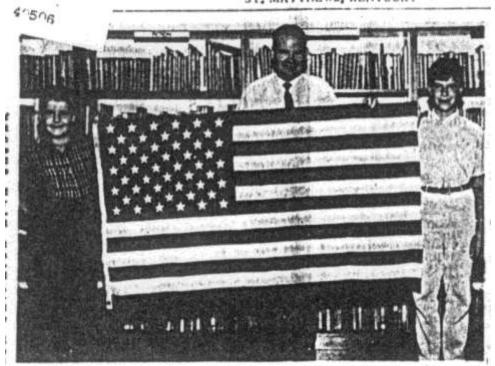
Bill Tolliver, club safety chairman and security officer of the county school system, distributed garments to these schools:

Chenoweth Lane, 4; St1vers, 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** 

## Courtesy The Voice Of St. Matthews:



An American flag that flew over the United States Capitol has been presented to the Lyndon Consolidated School by Dale McMakin, at right, where he was a sixth grader last year. Receiving the flag, which will hang in the school library, is principal John Lowe, center. At left is Dale's brother, Patrick.

# Lyndon student gives flag to school

A flag which has flown over the United States Capitol in Washington has been presented to the Lyndon Consolidated School and will hang in the school library. The flag was presented at the request of Dale McMakin, 12, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. McMakin, 406 Wood Rd.

Last Spring, Dale, then a sixth grader at Lyndon School, was in Washington with a Farm Bureau tour. While there the group had dinner with the congressmen and senators, at which time Dale made a request to Senator John Sherman Cooper for a flag that had flown over the Capitol for his school, He is a seventh grader at Westport <sup>H</sup>igh School this year.

Dale has recently received the flag along with framed letters from Senator Cooper and Capitol architect, George Stuart, certifying the flag had flown over the capitol.

Dale has made the presentation to John Lowe school principal who said the flag and the letters will hang in the school library, Mr. Lowe said a dedication coremony will probably be scheduled later.

**Courtesy** *The Voice*—*Jeffersonian*:



REPRESENTATIVES of three schools gather around Robert Whitney after presenting him a certificate of appreciation from all children in the county school system. The citation was presented after Whitney conducted the Youth Orchestra for the last time at Convention Center recently. He has retired as director of the Louisville Orchestra and the Youth Orchestra. Looking on are, from left, Marion Doss, representing Valley Elementary School; Brant Stevens, Kennedy Elementary, and Phillip Quinn, Lyndon Elementary.

May 11, 1967

# May, 2008

**Courtesy of Al Ring:** 

Lyndon Elementary School







# June, 2008

#### **Courtesy of Bill Wetherton:**

#### Lyndon Elementary School

Here are some fond remembrances about Lyndon school from Mrs. Frank (Miss Caroline) Barth. Caroline Barth and my mother, Helen Wetherton, are both in the early 90s and still active. They both have been active in the Lyndon Homemakers group from day one. Miss Caroline was maybe a little more active at Lyndon School than mom. I spoke to Miss Caroline on June 2nd and I though some of this information might fit into your website. Maybe a little genealogy first would be helpful.

Miss Caroline married Frank Barth, her second marriage. Her first husband died in WW II. She has two sons, B J (Billy Jim) (1941) and Rudy Miller (1943), from the first marriage. Rudy married Becky Arnold (A Arnold & Son Moving and Storage).

My mom was married to William M. Wetherton, Sr, so I am the Jr (1943). I have two siblings, Sister Lynne (1941) and Jim (1949). Lynne and B J graduated from Eastern, Rudy and I from Waggener, and my brother Jim from Westport, all from the same 309 N. Lyndon Lane house.

Lyndon Elementary was opened sometime mid to late 40s. The first principal of Lyndon Elementary was Mrs. Fiemster (sp?). She lived in crescent Hill. One of her neighbors was Mame S Waggener. Mrs. Fiemster was teaching at Greathouse and Mame Waggener was involved in getting her to become the principal at Lyndon. The third principal was Robert Lamb. His son Bobby eventually went to New York and one day was found dead in the East River, the apparent murder was never solved to my knowledge.

There is an "Ormsby Village" book according to Miss Caroline that might have some Lyndon information. Ormsby was the children's reformatory located at the intersection of Whipps Mill Road and LaGrange Road.

Miss Caroline was possibly the first president of the Lyndon PTA. The kitchen needed \$3,000 for upgrading. Miss C appointed a committee of Owen and Doris Pillans, Ella and Dan Ross, Jack and Lois Mayrose, Bill and Helen Wetherton, plus some others. The fund raising began. This would have been when Lynne and B J were in about the 5<sup>th</sup> grade so about 1951. Friday night fish fries, paper drives, rummage sales, etc were conducted by all parents and kids. I recall going door to door picking up stacks of papers to fill my wagon and moms station wagon and taking them to the containers behind the school. Miss C recalls during one of the rummage sales a large collection of new men's clothes arrive from a family who had a sudden death. The clothes were all the right size to fit Principal Lamb. Miss C had to pull Mr. Lamb to the room where the clothes were displayed (he got the first choice) to buy lots of the new clothing pieces.

During the Friday night fish fries, the moms and maybe some dads put on variety show on the gym stage. Somehow a dramatic instructor was located to help with the organization and choreography. One of the ladies got a deal from the local fish supplier, all the moms made pies, and Hortense Thomale was in charge of the potatoes. Hortense was the wife of "Tiny" Thomale who played the piano and accordion on the TV show Hayloft Hoedown. Quite often a square dance caller was brought in and the gym was filled with local dancers. I seem to recall that eventually the fish fries were taken over by the Fire Department as their fund raiser.

Another yearly event was the ice cream social at St. Thomas Episcopal church. It was held in mid summer. There was a spin wheel booth for cakes, dart throwing, a white elephant booth and for sure ice cream and cake, maybe some other victuals/vittles too. Part of the event was to elect a Miss Lyndon. A group of young ladies were individually sponsored by the local merchants, a box or boxes were placed around town, and you voted by the number of pennies place in the box, more fund raising.

Once the money was raised to satisfy the kitchen needs, fund raising continued for the Lyndon Recreation which Miss C believes was the real start of kids organized sports.

Miss C remembers one day when My Lamb came to her and said if we could raise \$???? we could install an intercom system and he could address everyone in the school at the same time, in their rooms, and from his office. More fund raising.

When I was in the sixth grade, I had the honor of being president of some group, I think it was related to academics. There was a fine black gentleman who was the school janitor and general all around handyman. He could play the piano like a dream. He never read music, just played by instinct. He would call me Mr. President, really made me feel important.

The was a group of 10 to 20 families that mom and dad always referred to as the Lyndon crowd. All of the adults and the kids were in a close age range and we all played and worked and "churched" together. Mom and Miss Caroline are about the only two who are still active.

William M. Wetherton 6-5-08

# June, 2008

#### **Comments from Alumni of Lyndon:**

Lyndon Elementary School

Lyndon School is still there. Jeff Co Schools uses it for a variety of things. I was Principal of all the schools in Jeff Co operated for delinquent, disturbed and profoundly retarded kids. It was a great career. Judy

I went to Lyndon until 6th grade...Mrs. Ebelen (sp), Mrs. Sawyer, Mrs. Caswell, etc....is there still a school there? It would be ancient by now!

Gaye, Did Nancy Duncan teach first grade at Lyndon? Linda

Hello to another voice out of my Lyndon past...remember the Friday night Fish Fries at Lyndon school? I remember hating fish but loving to go because my friends were there.

I too am living in a money pit in Louisa, Virginia...a frame farmhouse built in 1884 by a guy injured in the Civil War...neat old house...recently renovated by the people we bought it from. New innards, some new siding and wood trim which already needs paint after 3 summers! Oh, well...our antique furniture looks good in it!

Tell me about your place and how life has treated you. Maren

Betty, I remember you. I lived by the creek at Lyndon Lane and Wood Road. I bought the house from my parents and lived there 5 years. My identical twin sons were born while we lived there in 71. I remember the fish fries at Lyndon school Friday night and the summer ice cream social at St. Thomas Episcopal Church. Mr. Lamb was principal. Maurice the janitor played the piano. Pam Oliver and Sharon Sillman (now Willer) were good buddies. Joyce Green is coming in September. I moved over off 42 and then to Anchorage in 77 to the "Reynolds" house. It will not known as mine until I sell or die. I bought with a 5 year restoration plan and that was 24 years ago. Bill

# Today Lyndon Elementary School

Photo courtesy of Al Ring:

