



# St. Matthews, Kentucky Area History



## St. Matthews Elementary School 1st. 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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# New Elementary School To Open Here In Fall

The County Board of Education will build a new elementary school behind Waggener Junior High. It is scheduled to open in September.

The 630-pupil structure will relieve crowded Greathouse School. Assistant superintendent of County Schools James Sublette gave the Voice these facts Monday.

He also said:

The school, not yet named, will handle students from the Fairmeade district now going to Greathouse. Otherwise, the boundaries of the new school district are uncertain.

Actual cost is also uncertain, but school authorities estimate it roughly at \$485,000, about the average of comparable elementary schools built in the County the past year. The price may be lower.

It will be located at the back of the property of Waggener School, which faces Hubbard Lane. The land is being surveyed and architect's plans being drawn up. It is not yet certain how much of the adjoining property, now owned by the City Board of Education, will have to be purchased. No bids have yet been taken.

School officials hope the school

won't be filled the first year. It will have to relieve Greathouse of at least 130 pupils to get the school down to its "rated capacity." These pupils are now being instructed in what should be Greathouse's music, library and audio-visual rooms, and in the auditorium.

Greathouse has about 900 pupils.

January 27, 1955

## Browns Lane School Boundaries Announced

By STEVE ISAACS

The boundaries for the new Browns Lane Elementary School have been approved by the County Board of Education. The parents of children living in that area who will be in grades 1-7 next year are urged to attend the first parent-teachers meeting on Wednesday evening, May 11, at Greathouse School.

The boundaries, as announced by Principal Robert D. Neill, are: (subject to change if necessary):

"Big Springs Golf Club via middle fork of Beargrass Creek and Wicker Creek to Watterson Expressway, north to Shelbyville Road, east to Hubbards Lane, North Church Way and St. Germaine Court to Breckenridge Lane, both sides of Breckenridge Lane to property line of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, south of this church's property line to back line, back line of this church's property to middle fork of Beargrass Creek and thence to beginning."

May 27, 1955

# St. Matthews Elementary School To Open On Time

## Renamed From Browns Lane School; Registration Dates Announced

The Browns Lane Elementary School last week was formally named the St. Matthews Elementary School, County school superintendent Van Hoose announced Monday.

"We have a Chenoweth, a Waggener, a Greathouse and a Stivers School in the area honoring individuals, but we never had honored St. Matthews by naming a school after it," he said. "So it is now officially the St. Matthews Elementary School."

He said the school, located at Browns Lane and Plymouth Road, will be ready to occupy by the time school opens less than two weeks from now. It may not be completely finished, he said, but the builder "has guaranteed us we will be able to occupy it." The builder is the Frank W. Owens Construction Company.

The school is built to handle about 630 children, but "we hope it doesn't start off with that many," said Mr. Van Hoose. He could not estimate how many children would attend this year, but said the total would probably be "considerably off capacity."

He announced that the grade schools in this area would register September 6, Waggener Junior High will hold registration for ninth graders September 6, and for seventh and eighth graders September 7.

Eastern High will register 11th and 12th graders on September 6, ninth and 10th graders on September 7, and seventh and eighth graders on September 8. The time for all registrations will be from 8:30 a.m. to noon.

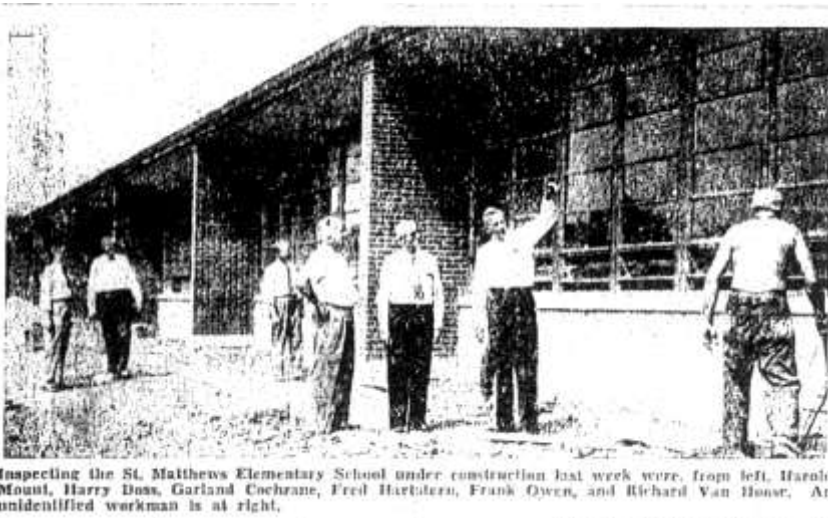
Transportation, he said, would be "substantially the same" as last year, with "certain adjustments where new developments have sprung up."

He said all principals would put in a full day at their schools on August 22 and 23, and would begin working straight through on August 29. Further information on transportation and other questions can be obtained by calling the principals.

Mr. Van Hoose along with four members of the Board of Education August 10 visited six of the seven new schools being constructed in the County, including St. Matthews Elementary and the Goldsmith Lane Schools.

He noted that many additions are being constructed onto existing schools, including an eight-room addition at Lyndon Elementary School. Six of these are classrooms, to handle an additional estimated 200 children. Another room is a library. Lyndon altogether will have about 540 pupils this year.

Accompanying Mr. Van Hoose on the inspection were Board of Education chairman Paxton Wilt, vice chairman Harry Doss, and members Garland Cochrane and Arliss Cook; architects Fred Hartstern and Fred Louis; and construction supervisor Harold Mount.



Inspecting the St. Matthews Elementary School under construction last week were, from left, Harold Mount, Harry Doss, Garland Cochrane, Fred Hartstern, Frank Owen, and Richard Van Hoose. An unidentified workman is at right.

August 18, 1955

# St. Matthews Elementary Will Be Ready To Go

The St. Matthews Elementary School, built during the summer, will be ready to go on registration day, September 8.

Principal Robert Neill could not say how many pupils could be expected to enter the first year, but the best guess is about 375. The opening of St. Matthews Elementary is expected to take about 250 pupils out of the former Greathouse School District.

A few boundary changes have been announced and the school is scheduled to have 12 teachers. The school building, on Brown's Lane, across the field from Waggener Junior High, has 21 classrooms, some of which will not be used this year.

Four of them will be used by Waggener students (see the story on Waggener Junior High on this page). In addition, St. Matthews Elementary will have an all-purpose room (half cafeteria and half auditorium), a music room, audio-visual room, library room, and office suite (with medical room, an office for the principal and the clerk, and a teacher's lounge).

A sixth grade teacher has not yet been named. A list of appointed teachers, and where they taught last year, follows:

First grade—Mrs. Ruth Scott and Mrs. Rebecca Chandler from Greathouse; and Mrs. Dorothy Hester from Fairdale.

Second grade — Mrs. Margaret Schieman, Melbourne Heights, and Miss Bonnie Redding, new. Third grade—Mrs. Bertha Casell, Lyndon, and Mrs. Eugenia Pope, Prestonia.

Fourth grade—Mrs. Mae Sullivan, Greathouse, and Miss Clara Napier, Fairdale. Fifth grade—Mrs. Nancy Duncan, Greathouse; Fifth and sixth grade—Mrs. Wanda Jones, Fairdale.

Mr. Neill said that Norbourne Estates, scheduled to be transferred to his school district, has been given back to Greathouse.

St. Matthews Elementary boundaries are as follows: beginning at the intersection of Big Spring and the Middle fork of Beargrass Creek, follow the middle fork and Wicher Creek to the Expressway, thence to Shelbyville Road, thence along the south side of Shelbyville Road to Hubbards Lane, thence to Norbourne Boulevard, thence to Browns Lane to the boundary line of Norbourne Estates, thence to Breckinridge Lane to the property of Our Lady of Lourdes, follow the property line of the church to its back line, and thence to the middle fork of Beargrass Creek, thence to the starting point.

# St. M. Elementary To Be Dedicated

The new St. Matthews Elementary School will be formally dedicated Thursday, Oct. 20.

Featured speaker will be County school superintendent Richard Van Hoose. Master of ceremonies will be Albert Bowen, member of the Jefferson County Board of Education.

Open inspection of the building will be held from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The dedication program starts at 7:30.

Rev. Samuel P. Diehl, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, will give the invocation. Refreshments will be served after the program.

Robert Neill is principal of the school, which opened this fall on Browns Lane, to the north of Waggener Junior High.



RICHARD VAN HOOSE

October 13, 1955

September 1, 1955

# St. M. Elementary P.T.A. Organizes For Tax Raise

The St. Matthews Elementary School P.T.A. began organizing Friday to contact every home owner in the school district between now and November 8, in a campaign to increase the County school tax by 50 cents.

Present rates are \$2 per \$100 of valuation on real property. It's up to the voters to approve or reject the raise.

Organization at the St. Matthews school is similar to what's being done at all County Schools in an effort to get the majority of voters to vote for the increase.

The P.T.A.'s legislative and tax committee, in charge of the drive, will meet every Friday until election day. Twenty women showed up for the organizational meeting.

They were each assigned a district in which to line up co-workers, carpool drivers, bus sitters and telephone workers.

Mrs. Robert Deutz, committee chairman, called for four parent-workers from each of the school's 11 rooms, making 44 in all. Every home-owner in the district will be contacted, she said, if possible.

Mrs. J. R. Rodahaffer, president of the P.T.A., told the women that "we're not working for our area alone, but the whole County." She said St. Matthews

has good schools but some parts of the County don't. "It's to the advantage of every citizen in the County to have a better school system," she said.

The workers will be given fact sheets with which to confront the voters.

Some of the points the fact sheet stresses:

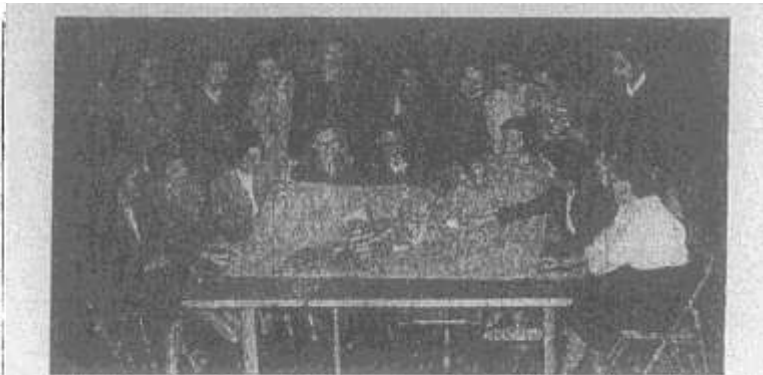
1. Since 1946, the County school population has increased from 11,130 to 31,115.

2. In 1951-52, the assessable wealth behind each child was \$15,197. Today it is down to \$12,480.

Influx of industry raised the figure to the 1951-52 record, but home-building since then has been so great, the average has gone down.

3. The average home brings in about \$100 in County school taxes. But \$290 is spent on the education of each child.

4. If the tax is not passed, the building program will have to stop, classes will be crowded, double sessions may have to be held, and many classes will be cut out.



St. Matthews Elementary School mothers look over a map of their district in the drive to get the school tax increase passed. Seated left to right are Mesdames David Staffak, Ernest Wurfel, Raymond Summers, J. R. Rodahaffer (P.T.A. president), Robert Deutz (legislative chairman), John Stanford, Charles Tingle, Ronald Thompson, and Thomas Brucher. In back are Mesdames H. W. Fawcett, A. H. Behie, B. G. Rahm, Arthur Lambdin, R. H. Schultz, C. M. Collier, A. Davenport, Robert Bell, J. M. Staley, and Thomas Lusk.

October 20, 1955

St. Matthews Area Elementary Schools:

October 20, 1955

Courtesy Jefferson County Public Schools, Archives:

St. Matthews Elementary School

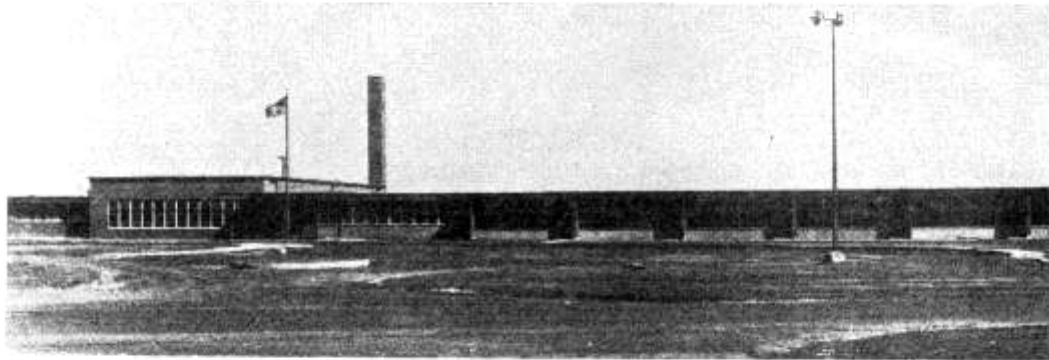
# Dedication and Open House

ST. MATTHEWS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

October 20, 1955

6:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.

7:30 P.M. Dedication



*Master of Ceremonies*

ALBERT E. BOWEN, Member, Jefferson County Board of Education

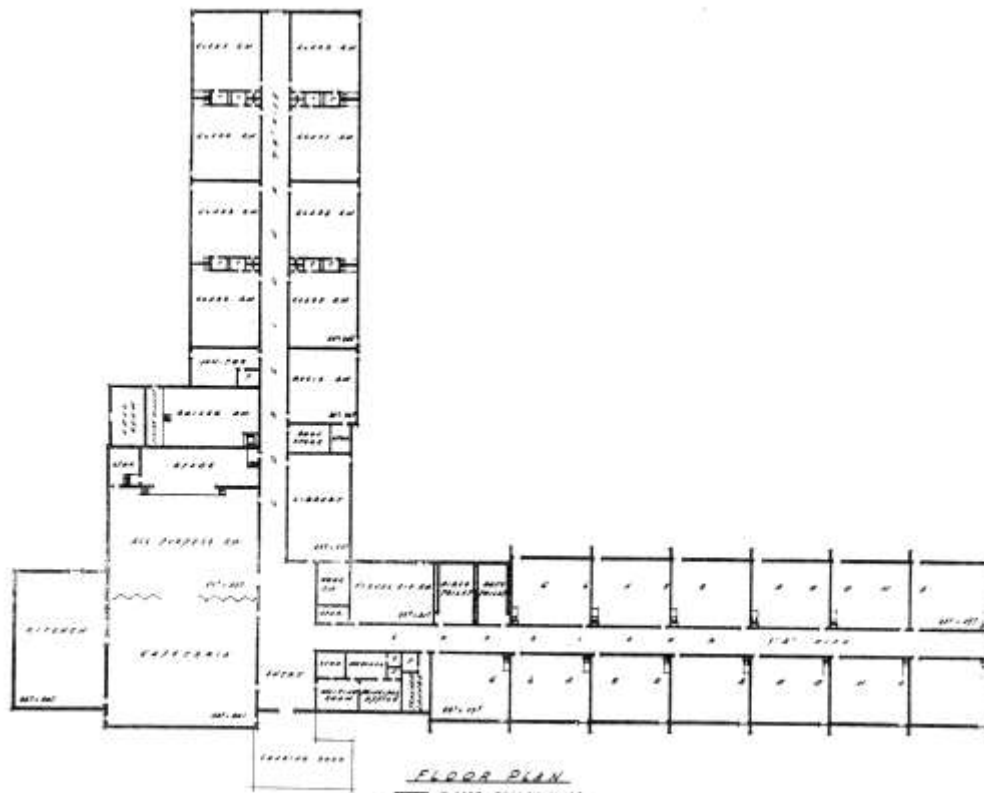
*Speaker*

RICHARD VANHOOSE, Superintendent

Will dedicate the building and discuss Jefferson County's School problems.

*Invocation*

REVEREND SAMUEL P. DIEHL, Pastor, St. John Lutheran Church



ST. MATTHEWS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

THIS IS THE FIFTH new building to be dedicated since the opening of school. There are two schools yet to be dedicated.

When one reflects on this relatively large number of schools and the 11 other new schools and the many additions that have been opened since 1952 it would seem that there is little left to accomplish. Actually we have come only about half the way.

In order to furnish adequate classrooms to all children we must build, by 1959, 32 new schools or major additions. Your Board of Education could not have accomplished what has been done without your support and assistance. The job cannot be finished without your continued aid.

## *Jefferson County Board of Education*

PAXTON M. WILT, *Chairman*

THOMAS H. DOSS, *Vice-Chairman*

ALBERT E. BOWEN

ARLIS COOK

GARLAND COCHRANE

WE DON'T LIKE to brag but frankly we are proud of this building! We are equally proud of the many other structures that have been erected in Jefferson County in the last five years.

There is only one drawback. It just doesn't seem possible to build them fast enough to keep up with the children.

There are more than 4000 children attending school in our County today who were not here last May. By next September we are expecting an additional 5000 pupils. Jefferson County is becoming somewhat like the old lady who lived in a shoe.

This problem is too large to be solved by the Board alone. We solicit the assistance of every citizen in arriving at a solution.

## *Administrative Staff*

RICHARD VANHOUSE  
*Superintendent*

JAMES L. SUBLETT  
*Assistant Superintendent*

SAMUEL ALEXANDER  
*Assistant Superintendent for Business Affairs*

JOHN L. RAMSEY  
*Assistant Superintendent for Instruction*

THE ST. MATTHEWS Elementary School is a one floor "L" shaped building located on a 20 acre site on Browns Lane, Jefferson County, Kentucky. The property is adjacent to the Waggener Junior High School. When Waggener is enlarged and becomes a Senior High School part of this acreage will be used for athletic facilities. The building contains 21 classrooms, Music Room, Visual Aid Room and Library. Also provided is a Cafeteria, a large All-Purpose Room with Stage, Teachers' Room, Administrative Office Suite and adequate toilet facilities. Eight first and second grade classrooms are provided in one wing with individual toilets and drinking fountains while all other classrooms also contain counter tops and sinks.

The classrooms are nearly square (25 ft. by 30 ft.). This shape gives the teacher a chance to arrange the furniture in various groups and patterns. Light meter readings taken in different rooms indicate excellent lighting — both daylight and artificial. However, the control of the sunlight and daylight and the use of electric light should be carefully watched and controlled by each individual teacher. Shades should be adjusted and lights turned on or off depending on the sunlight and the darkness of the day. This is most important.

The building is constructed of steel, concrete, concrete block and brick. Paved play areas, parking space and a softball field are provided. The sidewalks connecting the outside classroom doors should be often used to get to the playgrounds.

In the fall contracts will be let to plant various trees and shrubs including lines of sugar maples and red oaks to shade the classrooms.

The overall cost of the building including improvements to the site was \$486,299.00.

HARTSTERN, LOUIS & HENRY, *Architects*  
E. R. RONALD & ASSOCIATES, *Mechanical Engineers*

## Philosophy

THE FACULTY of St. Matthews Elementary School desires to build a purposeful educational program by striving to integrate the school, the home and the growing child so that each child may effectively participate in his present-day life and its subsequent development.

We feel that this can be accomplished by:

- Teaching the love of truth and beauty;
- Fostering the attitudes of tolerance, understanding, generosity, kindness, patience, courtesy and truth toward all people.
- Respecting the dignity, personality and worth of each child;
- Building a curriculum of meaningful experiences in which the children of different interests and abilities may live, act and do;
- And preparing the child for life by nurturing his physical growth, guiding his moral development and encouraging his intellectual growth.

### FACULTY

Mr. Robert Neill, *Principal*

Mrs. Rebecca Chandler .....	Grade 1	Mrs. Eugenia Pope .....	Grade 3
Mrs. Ruth Scott .....	Grade 1	Mrs. Mae Sullivan .....	Grade 4
Mrs. Margaret Schieman .....	Grade 2	Miss Clara Napier .....	Grade 4
Miss Bonnie Redding .....	Grade 2	Mrs. Nancy Duncan .....	Grade 5
Mrs. Bertha Caswell .....	Grade 3	Mrs. Wanda Jones .....	Grade 5 & 6
	Mrs. Marteen Parsons .....		Grade 6

# Our School

WE ARE VERY proud of our new, modern school. It is a low, one-story building and is constructed of concrete, steel, and brick. Inside, it gives us a cheerful feeling and makes us feel at home. The interior is very beautifully decorated with clear, bright colors. There are two long corridors with classrooms and special purpose rooms opening into them. The classrooms are fully equipped with modern furnishings.

We will strive to use these facilities to the best of our ability so that all of us can have a feeling of pride in St. Matthews Elementary School.

We hope that you will visit all the rooms so that you too may share our feeling of being welcomed and spirit of friendliness.

May we take this opportunity to thank everyone who has made it possible for us to have these wonderful surroundings.

## COMMITTEE

Nancy Lutes  
Sherry Rose  
David Kuhn  
Tommy Rogers

Barbara Gordon  
Wanda Lambdin  
Sharon Receveur  
Jimmy Bruthers

*General Construction*  
F. W. OWENS COMPANY

*Plumbing and Heating*  
NICHOLAS PLUMBING AND HEATING CO.

*Electrical Work*  
BLAND ELECTRIC COMPANY

*Site Improvements*  
F. W. OWENS COMPANY

## EQUIPMENT

*Kitchen Equipment*  
HEILBRON INCORPORATED

*Sound System*  
D. T. DAVIS COMPANY

*Refrigerators*  
FETZER REFRIGERATOR CO.

*Stage Curtains*  
CENTRAL SCHOOL SUPPLY CO.

*Classroom Furniture & Equipment*  
CENTRAL SCHOOL SUPPLY COMPANY



# St. Matthews Elementary School Is Dedicated

By REEDA V. BIVINS

Dedication and open house at the new St. Matthews Elementary School took place on October 20.

Located on a 20-acre site on Browns Lane, this modern "L" shaped building contains 21 classrooms, music room, visual aid room, library, cafeteria, a large all-purpose room with a stage, teachers' room, administrative office suite, and adequate toilet facilities.

Eight first and second grade classrooms are situated in one wing, with individual toilets and drinking fountains, while all other classrooms contain counter tops and sinks. The overall cost of the building including improvements to the site was \$486,299.

Albert E. Bowen, 3934 Elmwood Avenue, a member of the

Jefferson County Board of Education, presided over the formal ceremonies, introducing first Rev. Samuel P. Diehl, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, who gave an inspiring invocation.

Then Mr. Bowen recognized the many individuals and companies who were responsible; in a sense, one might jokingly have termed this the commercial part of the program although it was most interesting to note the large number of persons involved in producing such outstanding results.

Principal Robert Neill welcomed some 300 parents, students, and guests and introduced

the entire faculty, cafeteria and cleaning staffs.

The First Lady of the St. Matthews Elementary School, P.T.A. President Mrs. J. Rodahafer, 208 Alcott Road, showed her generosity and understanding when, in the face of all the newness, she suggested that those present create a core to work for other children to give them equal educational facilities.

Principal speaker, Richard Van Hoose, superintendent of Jefferson County School, explained that there was no better way to dedicate a new school than by informing ourselves about our school system and about what lies ahead for the next four or five years.

Mr. Van Hoose said that there are now 31,200 pupils enrolled in the County School System and that by the end of the year the enrollment will probably be in the neighborhood of 32,000.

The four high schools and the three junior high schools are all overcrowded, he said. Even the adjacent new Waggener Junior High School is already using four rooms in the St. Matthews Elementary School.

Expecting 5,000 more pupils next year, he stressed the need for at least eight schools like this one. By 1960 it is anticipated that there will be 75,000 students in Jefferson County outside of Louisville, he said. To simplify understanding of his statements, Mr. Van Hoose showed a series of charts.

Following the program, members of the P.T.A., under the direction of the hospitality chairman, Mrs. Charles Theobald, 230 Fairmeade, served punch and homemade cookies provided by the mothers of the children in each of the 11 classes.

Presiding at the punch bowls were officers from the P.T.A.: first vice-president Mrs. Raymond Sommers, 203 Fairmeade Road; treasurer Mrs. Herman Broida; corresponding secretary Mrs. Maktom Arterburn; and recording secretary Mrs. Grace Hammerle.

Also on Mrs. Theobald's committee were Mesdames Floyd Korb, 3915 Springhill Road, Richard Oyler, 4008 Alton Road, and Z. K. Blinford, 3902 Plymouth Road.

Hostesses on the door were Mesdames Fillison Soelden, Paul Childers, and John Stanford.

On an inspection tour, one was completely overawed with every modern detail. However, in Mrs. Kirby Scott's first grade room, her "woman who lived in the shoe" demanded special attention. Mrs. Scott has a large shoe complete with photographs of herself and her 29 pupils. Some are peeping out of windows in the shoe, some are stepping out of the top, and some are assuming other positions. A most original and nostalgic method to show off an entire class without teacher or student in sight!

In Miss Bonnie Redding's second grade room, you met paper models of each student at his own desk.

October 27, 1955



Working on the library display for St. Matthews Elementary School are, rear, Mrs. John Hestine and Mrs. John Koon, co-chairmen of the P.T.A.'s library committee and, front, Lynn Evans of the third grade, Beverly Estes of the sixth grade, Charline Collier of the first grade, and Mrs. J. O. Satter, of the library committee.

## St. M. Elementary P.T.A. Seeks Books

The St. Matthews Elementary School P.T.A. will hold a drive to get 600 books for the school library November 10 to 18.

About 500 volumes sent by publishers will be on display and parents will be asked to buy at least one book and donate it to the library in the name of their children.

With luck, the P.T.A. hopes to

get the library in operation this year. The County Board of Education builds a library room in each school, but getting the books for it is left up to the P.T.A.

A special P.T.A. program at the school November 10 at 7:30 p.m. will open the drive. Speaker will be Mrs. Oscar Zipf, an authority on children's libraries.

The books will be on display for the parents to see. The child's

name will be placed in the book bought in his or her name.

The library will be open through the 18th at certain hours for parents to come, see, and make selections.

It was remarked that the library had no shelves as yet. "Don't worry," said Mrs. John Koon, cochairman of the library committee. "If we get the books, the shelves will be given to us."

November 3, 1955

# St. Matthews Elementary To 'Hang The Greens'

Christmas begins at St. Matthews Elementary School on December 16. At 9 a.m. the "hanging of the greens" ceremony begins.

While the children line the halls, the 50 singers in the fifth and sixth grades, who compose the glee club, will sing carols around the Christmas tree.

The six-foot tree will be decorated with ornaments that were made by the children. After the holiday season, the tree will be planted in the school yard.

Placed under the tree will be the wreaths that each class made for their schoolroom door. Members of the chorus will sing carols as they go through the halls hanging the wreaths.

After the classroom wreaths are hung, the children will return to the Christmas tree to hang a wreath on the front door of the school and to light the tree.

The glee club will be under the direction of Mrs. Virginia West, special teacher of music at the school.

At 10:30 a.m., December 16, the children in the third grade will entertain their parents with a play. The 62 children will be directed by their teachers, Mrs. Bertha Caswell and Mrs. Eugenia Tope.

Mrs. Rebecca Chandler and Miss Clara Napier will be co-ordinators of the school's Christmas

pageant on December 23. All the children in the school will participate with each grade performing an original play.

Children in the first and second grades will tell of the many humorous Christmas traditions. The other classes will tell the traditional Christmas story.

Five families will receive Christmas baskets prepared for them by the children. Baskets of fruit and candy will also be given to the Christmas Caravan going to Central State Hospital.

Robert Neill is principal of St. Matthews Elementary School.

December 15, 1955



The children in Mrs. Rebecca Chandler's first grade class toss the baubles onto the Christmas tree in the lobby of St. Matthews Elementary School. This picture was snapped Friday, at the "hanging of the greens" ceremony at the school. The ceremony started off a week of Christmas programs at the school, which continues through tomorrow, when the Christmas pageant will be held. Each grade will perform an original play with all pupils taking part.

December 22, 1955

**St. Matthews Area Elementary Schools:**

**About 1955**

Courtesy of Waggener High School 1960-62's Alumni—<http://www.waggenerhighalum.org/>—  
Photo courtesy of Ray Purdom, Ray would have been class of (61) but moved before graduation.

**St. Matthews Elementary**



**First row:**

**Buddy Heil, Sharron Cooper, Diane Lamar, Lillian Barkla,  
Cheryl Kelly, Sandy Nichol, Henry Connor**

**Second Row:**

**Phyllis Mills, Marilou Smalley, Jane Wallenhaupt,  
Judy Lovelace, Carol Hill, Doris Zibart, Rita Moon**

**Last Row:**

**Kenny Schuler, Billy Reese, me (Ray Purdom), John Case, Ron  
Stewart,  
Kirk Williams, John Bush, Don Beierle**

**Mrs. Thomas, 7th Grade Teacher**



# Majority Of Stivers Parents Approve Sales Tax For Schools

## Poll Of Parents At Two Schools Shows Most Want More Taxes For Schools

An overwhelming majority of parents of elementary school children in the Stivers and St. Matthews Elementary School areas are in favor of additional taxes to support Jefferson County Schools.

A poll taken by the respective P.T.A.'s through the room mothers revealed this fact last week.

However, the people interviewed were not too keen on the proposed one-half of one per cent occupational tax.

The Stivers poll revealed that a majority of the parents interviewed thought a sales tax was a good idea.

Here are the questions asked by the Stivers room mothers organization and the results as announced by Mrs. Willard Brown, president of the School's P.T.A.:

1. Are you in favor of additional taxes to support Jefferson County schools?

Yes 414. No 102. Undecided 8.

2. Do you favor a County occupational tax

Yes 202. No 265. Undecided 27.

3. Do you think a sales tax is a good way to raise money for our schools?

Yes 309. No 192. Undecided 14.

The St. Matthews Elementary School P.T.A.'s poll only asked two questions, omitting any reference to a sales tax. Mrs. J. R. Rodahaffer, P.T.A. president, said the exact figures were not available, but that "almost 100 per cent" of the parents interviewed replied yes to this question:

Are you in favor of some legislation for taxation to support the schools?

The second question was: Do you favor the proposed one-half of one percent occupational tax to support the schools? She said the result was about 50-50.

Mrs. Brown said the Stivers poll covered one of the two parents of almost every child in the school. The poll was taken by phone by the room mothers, she said. Mrs. Vincent Johnson, chairman of the room representatives, compiled the figures.

Mrs. Brown said the results of the poll have been sent to the entire Jefferson County delegation to the State Legislature. Copies have also been sent to the Louisville Chamber of Commerce, Governor Chandler, the Ken-

tucky Education Association Jefferson County school superintendent Richard Van Hoose and other education officials.

In the letter which included the poll, Mrs. Brown said:

"Out of a feeling of concern as to how to best serve the interests of our children, our community, and our leaders, grew the idea of making a free poll of public opinion. We hope it will serve two primary purposes: to give needed information to those who must come to grips with the problem of taxation; and to stimulate the interest of our parents in reading and studying information which will enlighten them about our problems."

"We also hope that other local P.T.A. groups will be encouraged to cooperate in further free polls, if such information can contribute to a workable solution of the tax question."

Mrs. Rodahaffer said she had sent the results of the St. Matthews Elementary P.T.A. poll to the governor and the Jefferson County delegation, along with a telegram saying:

"St. Matthews parents urgently desire prompt legislation for increased taxation for support of schools."

She said her P.T.A.'s poll was also taken by phone by the room mothers. Most of the persons interviewed were mothers of the children in the school, but some fathers were also covered, she said. Most of the 350 families with children at the school were interviewed, she said.

February 9, 1956



Mrs. Hartling and Mrs. Koon help St. Matthews Elementary fourth-graders find the books they want. The library opened Tuesday. Engrossed in their children's books are Jean Milroy, left, Bonnie Emery, Sharon Dowdy, Libby Funk, Paula Graef, Denise Hardesty, Linda Hassenpflug, and Nancy Johnson.

February 23, 1956 both

# St. M. School Library Opens Highly Unusual For First Year

## Highly Unusual For First Year

The St. Matthews Elementary School Library opened Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock.

The opening represents an outstanding achievement on the part of the school, the P.T.A., and the P.T.A.'s library committee, for rarely, if ever, does a County elementary school during its first year manage to get a library ready.

Each one of the school's 11 classes trooped through the library Tuesday, browsing and selecting among the 1,050 volumes there. About 450 of the books belong to the school and about 60 more were borrowed from the Louisville Free Public Library.

The P.T.A.'s library committee staged a "book week" in November which netted about 350 books. Most of them were purchased by parents, and donated to the library in the name of their children.

Serving Tuesday as librarians were Mrs. John Koon and Mrs. John Hartling, co-chairmen of the library committee. They will continue to serve as the staff, until a part-time librarian can be furnished by the County Board of Education. Assisting them will be Mrs. John Sutter, a member of the committee, and Mrs. Ruth Scott and Mrs. Nancy Duncan, teachers at the school.

Necessarily, then, the library will be open only one day a week, Tuesday, and children can borrow books until the next Tuesday. Each of the school's classes will be allowed a half hour in the library.

"All the faculty and the principal, Mr. (Robert) Neill, have helped in this project," said Mrs. Hartling.

"We're using metal cabinets that

belong to the school for the books, until we can acquire some new shelves," she said.

She said parents made voluntary contributions to the book fund at the beginning of the year, to supplement the results of the "books sale." Also the P.T.A. has bought a set of encyclopedias plus about 225 readers for the various rooms. These are in addition to the 450 books purchased for the library.

Little projects like the paper sale held this week are helping take care of incidental expenses.

Because of the newness of the school, opened only last September, the P.T.A. does not expect to get the services of a librarian for "quite a while."

All the filing and processing of the books was done by the committee, assisted by many volunteer mothers, said Mrs. Hartling. They've been working at it steadily since September.

"We feel it has been worthwhile," she said. "It shows that if you act decisively, and not merely wait for help, you can meet the needs of your children. If we had said let's wait for the County Board to give us a library, these children might be in college before we got it. The Board is short of funds, you know. You can't ask the Board to give every school in the County a library when they can't pay the teachers."

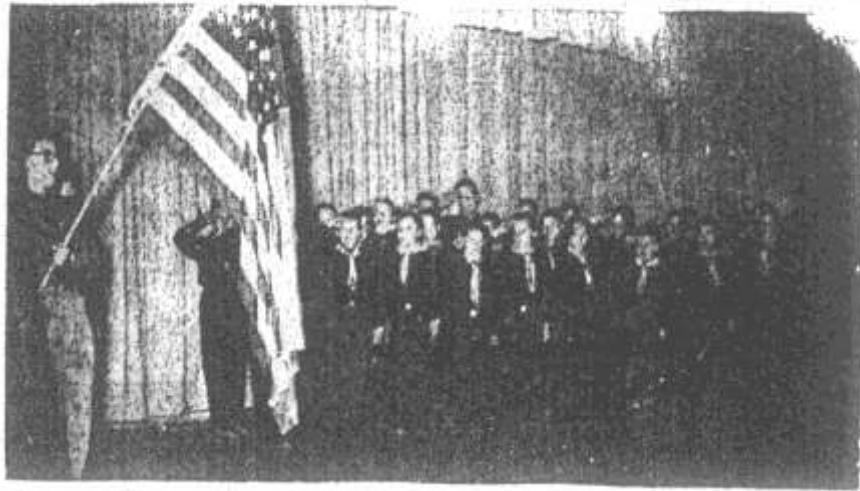
She laughed, "You see all these discussions on 'How Can We Help the Schools' on television. Well, this is a very tangible help."

**St. M. Elementary PTA To Fete Founder's Day**

The St. Matthews Elementary School P.T.A. will observe Founder's Day at the school on Thursday, Feb. 23, at 1:30 p.m. Mrs. Jane Gibson, past P.T.A. County president, is the guest speaker. There will be a candle-light ceremony, followed by a silver tea. The Cub Scouts will also participate in the program. An invitation is extended to all parents to attend this program.

February 23, 1956

**St. Matthews Elementary Celebrates Founder's Day**



Founder's Day was celebrated by the St. Matthews Elementary School P.T.A. last Thursday afternoon in the school auditorium.

The meeting opened with a flag ceremony by the Cub Scouts.

Those participating were George Wade, Ronnie Bell, Ronnie Pfeffer, Tommy Taylor, David Gordon, James Kaebnick, David Sommers, Bill Lawrence, Tom Stonefield, John Curry, Chuck Linck, Lynn Evans, Hal Bryan, Terry Kelly, Paul Field, John Harting, Marlon Leonberger, Mark Pilcher, Jimmy Bauther, Bill Coleman, Tom Dawson, Balrd Fleming, John Koon, Hume Morris, Richard Rodahaffer, Latham Speiden, Jim Stanford, Paul Lane,

Johnny Johnson, Bill Sweeney, David Kane, Henry Connor, Ronnie Vaughn and Douglas Deatz.

A talk was given by Mrs. James Gibson, Founder's Day Chairman, and first vice president of the County Council of the P.T.A., who was introduced by Mrs. Raymond Sommers.

Mrs. J. R. Rodahaffer, president of the St. Matthews Elementary School P.T.A., presented a pageant, "P.T.A. Cornerstones," with the following mothers taking part: Mesdames Baylor Landrum, Robert Klass, John Field, Robert Walker, Tom Eastes and Herbert Rose.

The meeting closed with a silver tea, with Mrs. Stanford and Mrs. Speiden presiding.

March 1, 1956

**St. M. Elementary Sets Spiritual Values Workshop**

The St. Matthews Elementary School will have a workshop on moral and spiritual values at the school March 21 at 1 p.m. The speaker will be Mrs. Lucian Johnson, chairman of the Eastern Council on Moral and Spiritual Values.

Parents and teachers will be divided into five discussion groups, including (1) "Widening Horizons in our pre-teen group"; (2) "Values in home-work"; (3) "Living on 24 hours a day — Junior Style"; (4) "Permissible limits in self-expression"; (5)

"How much can we expect our schools to do?"

The following evening, at 7:30 p.m. at the school, there will be a P.T.A. program, "Firm Foundations Through a Better World", which will be a follow-up of the preceding day's meeting. Mr. Johnson will head a Forum on "What's Your Question?" Other members of this panel will be Mrs. S. Franklin Chance, director of the Douglass Boulevard Christian Church Kindergarten, and Mr. J. M. Tydings, consultant on Moral and

Spiritual Education, State Department of Education.

These programs have been arranged by Mesdames Earl Schaaf, Alvin Graef, and Bertha Caswell, members of the P.T.A. Committee on Moral and Spiritual Values of the St. Matthews Elementary School.

They, as well as Robert Neill, school principal, and Mrs. J. R. Rodahaffer, president of the P.T.A., urge all parents to attend these instructive sessions. Election of officers will take place Thursday evening.

March 15, 1956

# Teacher Appreciation Week Opens March 25

Governor Chandler has de- clared March 25 through April 1 Teacher Appreciation Week in Kentucky. Stivers, Greathouse, town is the high school for this area, with 1,550 pupils, 65 teachers, two deans, two librarians, a principal and an assistant principal. The P.T.A. at Stivers is having a special fried chicken dinner for the school's staff at 12:15 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 in peace, 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 Waggener, 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.

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There are four County Elementary Schools in St. Mat-

thews - Stivers, Greathouse, Chenoweth, and St. Matthews -- with 2,165 pupils and 72 teachers, exclusive of the principals.

There is one junior high, Waggener, with 1,006 pupils and 37 teachers, plus two deans, 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 200 public school teachers at the six schools.

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

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March 22, 1956

The driving force behind the new St. Matthews Elementary School on Browns Lane is a 30-year-old native of Russellville, with eight years' teaching experience behind him.

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He is Robert Neill, former Eastern High School teacher, and a graduate of the University of Kentucky where he got an AB in math and chemistry and a MA in administration. Helped by a very active P.T.A., Mr. Neill has managed to get a library opened and going in the school's first year, a tricky and expensive task.

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His school, which just opened last fall, is in good shape, and it is not crowded. He and a staff of 11 teachers have just 329 pupils, and part of his school is used for classes to take care of the overflow from Waggener.

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He and his wife and child live in Crescent Hill, and Mr. Neill is a member of the Board of Deacons of the Crescent Hill Presbyterian Church.



March 22, 1956



Charles Stone Photo

The outgoing president of the St. Matthews Elementary School P.T.A., Mrs. J. R. Rodahaffer, seated right, hands over her gavel to the new president, Mrs. Earl Schaaf. Actually, though, the new officers will not be installed until May. Other new officers are, seated, Mrs. Frank Luther, Jr., (left) second vice president and Mrs. Baylor Landrum, recording secretary, and, standing, Raymond O. Sommers, treasurer, Mrs. Robert Dentz, first vice president, and Mrs. Fillson Speiden, secretary.

**Principal To Address  
St. M. Elementary P.T.A.**

The P.T.A. of St. Matthews Elementary will meet in the school auditorium on Thursday, Sept. 27 at 7:30 p.m.

Robert D. Neill, principal, will address parents and teachers with the topic "Your School Family."

September 20, 1956

**Mrs. Schaaf President  
Of St. Matthews P.T.A.**

Mrs. Earl Schaaf, 227 Monahan, last week was elected president of The St. Matthews Elementary School P.T.A. She will succeed Mrs. J. R. Rodahaffer.

Other officers elected were Mrs. Robert Dentz, first vice president, succeeding Mrs. Raymond Sommers; Mrs. Frank Luther, Jr., second vice president, succeeding Mrs. Fillson Speiden; Mrs. Baylor Landrum, recording

secretary, succeeding Mrs. Louis Hammerle;

Mrs. Thomas Linak, corresponding secretary, succeeding Mrs. Malcolm Arterburn; Raymond Sommers, treasurer, succeeding Mrs. Herman Broida; and Mrs. Perry Steinau, historian, succeeding Mrs. David Lawrence.

The new officers will be installed in May. On Monday, the P.T.A. gave a surprise luncheon for the teachers in celebration of Teacher Appreciation Week. The luncheon committee was headed by Mrs. Helen Wade.

Mrs. Schaaf has three children in school and one at home. Linda, 13, is in the eighth grade at Waggener. Sally, 10, is a fifth grader, and Betsy, 9, a third grader at St. Matthews Elementary. Johnny is 2½.

Mrs. Schaaf the past school year has been chairman of the moral and spiritual values committee of the P.T.A. A native of Jefferson County, she graduated in 1936 from the University of Louisville with a BA degree, majoring in Social Work.

She was a social worker at the Louisville and Jefferson County Children's Home six years. Married in 1938, she lived on Monahan Drive 13 years. She attends St. Matthews Episcopal Church.

March 29, 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	370	479
Totals	2,451	2,198

September 6, 1956

## St. M. Elementary's Book Drive To Open Tonight

The St. Matthews Elementary School P.T.A. is staging another drive for books for the school library.

"Eventually we want 6,000 or 7,000 books," said Mrs. John Koon, P.T.A. library chairman. "That would be an adequate elementary library." Right now the library has about 600.

The bulk of these came from a book drive last year.

This year's drive will operate along the same lines. It will start with tonight's P.T.A. meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Books will be on display before and after the meeting. Parents may select and buy one or more books in their child's name to be used in the library. Book plates containing the donor's name will be placed in each book.

The books sell for \$1.25 to \$4

each. "We'd like one book donated by each child," said Mr. Koon. If that happens, the library will be richer by about 540 books at one swoop.

The names of last year's donors are now listed on an honor roll in the school library. Those donating again this year will have a star placed beside their names. New donors will be added to the list.

Mothers will also be in the school Nov. 9 through 16 between 1:30 and 2:45 p.m. to take orders.

Clarence Graham, director of the Louisville Public Library, will speak on "Public Education In American Democracy" at tonight's P.T.A. meeting.

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St. Matthews Elementary pupils go through the books now available in the library. In front are Tom Berger, 13, of the eighth grade, and Beth Landrum, 6, of the first grade. In back are Harry Schernberg, 9, of the fourth grade, and Sally Lee Foley, 10, of the fifth grade. In background is the honor roll of pupils in whose names books were donated in last year's drive.

## Elementary Drive Yields 266 Books

The library at St. Matthews Elementary is about 266 books richer as a result of the P.T.A. Book Drive that ended last Thursday.

The library now has about 875 books toward the eventual goal of 6,000. This year's drive yielded a total slightly under that of last year, but it was nonetheless described as "highly successful" by Mrs. John Koon, P.T.A. library chairman.

"It was beyond imagination," she said, "and we are very well pleased."

She explained that the drive

for books last year naturally yielded more because of the enthusiasm that always accompanies a new project. She said that this year's results were better than anyone had expected.

Actually, 200 books were sold. But, with the one-third publishers discount allowed the school, 66 more books will be bought.

The books selected were of a wide variety, including informative texts on science, health, electricity, how-to-make-things, fiction, poetry, and picture books.

Mrs. Koon said that with the addition of more advanced books the seventh and eighth grades will be able to use the library

starting the week following Thanksgiving. Last year, the library was not available to these grades.

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The drive lasted a week. About 400 books were on display for parents of children at the school to select and buy. Book plates containing the donor's name will be placed in each book.

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**Hanging Of The Green**

Three pupils from St. Matthews Elementary School hang a wreath on a classroom door as the traditional "Hanging of the Greens" ceremony took place at the school Dec. 17.

The girls are, left to right, Willa Betty Mitchell, 12, of 4224 Churchill Road; Betty Talbott, 12, of 4029 St. Ives, and Sue Rommel, 12, of 515 Breckinridge Lane. All three girls are in the seventh grade.

The school orchestra, under the direction of Mrs. Eleanor Ritchie, opened the ceremonies at 9:30 a.m. with Christmas music. A 105-voice choir, led by Mrs. Virginia West, sang carols while pupils from the fourth through seventh grades decorated doors to all the rooms with gay, green Christmas wreaths.



**School Visitors From Businesses, Clubs . . . See How 5th Graders Are Taught Reading**

A sewing class at Assumption High School got the quick attention of one group from among 400 Louisville Chamber of Commerce members and civic and service clubs' representatives who visited, in the aggregate, 26 County and Catholic schools today in observance of the Chamber's annual Education Day. Guests here are, from left, J. S. Wicks, Mrs. H. M. Zimmerman, E. J. Hakel, Miss Billie Bullitt and R. R. Frederick.

At St. Matthews Elementary School another visiting group got an intimate look-see at fifth graders in reading class. In foreground are Harriet Levin and Don Goodflesch, each 11. Mrs. John Koon, school library chairman, explained books and techniques to Capt. George R. Morrison, of Kentucky Military District; Mrs. J. P. Wise, of the Woman's Club of St. Matthews, and W. W. Carr, of American Synthetic Rubber Corp.



**Eleanor Koon, St. Matthews Elementary  
First Librarian, 1955—1976**

**St Matthews P.T.A. Meets January 24**

The next meeting of the St. Matthews Elementary School P.T.A. will be held Thursday, Jan. 24, at 7:30 p.m. in the school auditorium.

Dr. Sue Hall, Professor in the Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation at the University of Louisville, will be the speaker. The topic will be "The Child's Play Activities" depicted through the film "They Grow Up So Fast." This is the first showing of this film to a P.T.A. group in Kentucky.

In addition students of the Seventh and Eighth grades Physical Education classes under the direction of Mrs. Jane Scalzo and Harold Blankenship will demonstrate activities learned through the gym program.

January 17, 1957

**Program On Pets Set At St. M. Elementary**

A program on the care of pets will be given this morning at St. Matthews Elementary School.

Three experts on pets will give and out-door demonstration on the training, handling, and care of dogs.

They are Walter King, Dr. Glenn Bryant, and Dr. Kenneth McConnell.

The program is slated for 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

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**ST. MATTHEWS**

Principal: Robert Neill.  
 Teachers: Ruth Scott, Lucy D. Steilberg, Rebecca Chandler, Margaret Schieman, Bonnie Redding, Mrs. Bertha Caswell\*, Norma Dykes, Eugenia Pope, Clara E. Napier, Margaret Telford, Vivian Powers\*, Nancy Duncan, Thelma B. Triplett, Carolyn Holliday, and Mrs. Kathryn Eddleman.

August 15, 1957

**New President Proud Of P.T.A.'s Accomplishments**

The newly-elected president of the St. Matthews Elementary School P.T.A., Mrs. Fillison Speiden, points proudly to her organization's record of the past months.

The P.T.A. got the Gold Seal and Gold Leaf Awards for membership (though it did not quite reach the 200 per cent mark), as well as awards for its Safety and Civil Defense programs.

She thinks, too, the P.T.A.'s Brotherhood program of several weeks back was particularly noteworthy.

But the achievement she's proudest of, as are all members of the P.T.A., is the school library. The P.T.A. got it in operation last year, (the school's first year in existence), and this



MRS. SPEIDEN

April 11, 1957

**St. Matthews PTA Elections Tonight**

The St. Matthews Elementary School P.T.A. will hold election of officers tonight at a regular monthly meeting scheduled for 7:30 in the school auditorium.

Preceding the election, Rev. Douglas Chase, pastor of Fourth Avenue Presbyterian Church, will address the group on moral and spiritual values.

His lecture is entitled "We Believe In The Child."

Yesterday morning, Mrs. A. B. Sawyer, Jr., faculty member of the University of Louisville Division of Adult Education, addressed a group of parents and teachers at the school. Her theme was "Do The Children Believe In Us."

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year, with a second book drive, brought the total number of volumes up to around 1,500.

That was done under the direction of Mrs. John Koon and Mrs. John Harting.

"We have a close relationship between the faculty and parents at St. Matthews Elementary," she said. "It makes for a very happy atmosphere. Mr. (Robert) Neill is an outstanding principal."

Mrs. Speiden, of 422 Browns Lane, has one child, Latham, 10, a fifth grader at the school. Last year she was membership chairman for the P.T.A.

A resident of St. Matthews 12 years, she belongs to the Highland Mothers Club and Beargrass Christian Church, where she teaches Sunday School.

She succeeds Mrs. Earl Schaaf.

Other officers elected March 28:

First vice president Mrs. Claude Harris, 206 Gibson Road, succeeding Mrs. Speiden; second vice president, Mrs. John Stanford, 4230 Alton Road, succeeding Mrs. Frank Luther, Jr.; recording secretary, Mrs. Stuart Schmitz, 202 Monahan Drive, succeeding Mrs. Baylor Landrum, Jr.; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Harold Fleming, 225 Fairmeade Road, succeeding Mrs. Louis Hammerle; treasurer, Mrs. George Rietze, 118 Fairmeade Road, re-elected; historian, Mrs. J. W. Sumner, 230 Norbourne Blvd., succeeding Mrs. Perry Steinau.

# Norton succeeds Neill at St. M. Elementary

Practically on the eve of the opening of school, principal Robert Neill has been taken away from St. Matthews Elementary School.

The County School Board on Monday night appointed him supervisor of County high schools to succeed Charles Blake. Mr. Neill has been principal of the school ever since it opened two years ago.

He will be succeeded by John Norton who has been with the Jefferson County school system for seven years.

Mr. Neill said he would stay with Mr. Norton at the school, which opens Tuesday, until things get organized.

Mr. Norton, 41, is a native of Winchester, Ky. He got his Bachelor of Arts degree from Kentucky Wesleyan and his Master of Arts in education at the University of Kentucky.

For the past three years he has been teaching at Audubon Elementary and for three years before that taught at Prestonia Elementary. Before that he taught in the Clark County school system. Altogether he's been a teacher 13 years.

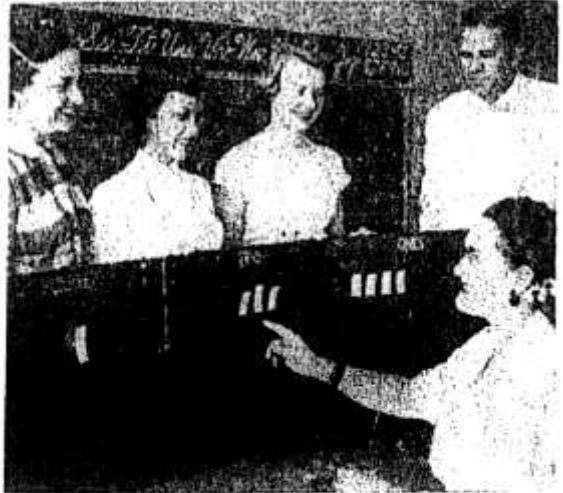
During World War II he served three years in the U. S. Marine Corps, two of them in the Pacific.

He and his wife, the former Jean Ball, of Louisville, Minn., live at 828 Perennial Drive. He attends Audubon Baptist Church.



JOHN NORTON

August 29, 1957



An easy way to teach children how to add is demonstrated by Miss Virginia Smith, educational consultant for the Winston Company, at an elementary school workshop held Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday at St. Matthews Elementary School. About 350 elementary teachers from schools throughout the County attended the workshop on arithmetic and reading problems. Teachers pictured are Miss Doria Loyd of Greathouse, Miss Martha Cabell of Wilder, and Miss Vivian Powers of St. Matthews Elementary. Looking on is O. M. Lassiter, director of curriculum development for the County schools.

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## St. M. Elementary P.T.A. board to meet Monday

Plans for the year's work of the St. Matthews Elementary School P.T.A. will be made at a meeting of the executive board set for 10 a.m. Monday at the school, Mrs. Fillison Speiden, president, announced.

Other officers and committee chairmen are: Mrs. Claude Harris, Mrs. Malcolm Arterburn, Mrs. Stuart Schmitz, Mrs. Harold Fleming, Mrs. George Rietze, Mrs. J. W. Sumner, Mrs. Paul Childers, Mrs. B. G. Rehm, Mrs. Wiley Carr, Mrs. Robert Blee, Mrs. Frederick Stockberger, Mr. and Mrs. R. Voll, Mrs. Robert Rogers, Mrs. John Koon, Mrs. William Alexander, Mrs. Charles Theobald, Mrs. Carl Bach, Mrs. R. S. Dalrympie, Mrs. Warren Hartwell, Mrs. E. M. Nichols, Mrs. George E. Johnson, Mrs. H. B. Mann, Mrs. Fred Parker, Mrs. George Stonefield and Mrs. George Chase.

John Norton, new principal at St. Matthews Elementary, will be introduced at the meeting.



The opening of school Tuesday didn't bother these old-timers. In fact, they kinda seemed to like it. But then they're not greenhorns. They're all eight years old and they're all in the third grade at St. Matthews Elementary. They were snapped at the entrance to the school just before classes started for the year. Left to right are John Dawson, Scott Pulliam, David Layman, and Bill Shuman.

September 5, 1957

September 5, 1957



Last year's P.T.A. president Mrs. Earl Schaaf presents the silver tray to Robert Neill, outgoing St. Matthews Elementary School principal. Left to right are Mrs. Fillison Speiden, this year's president, Mr. Neill, Mrs. Neill, and Mrs. Schaaf.

## St. Matthews Elementary welcomes new principal

"Hail and farewell" was the theme of the first fall meeting of the St. Matthews Elementary School P.T.A. last Thursday — "hail" to new principal John Norton; "farewell" to former principal Robert Neill, who leaves the post to become high school supervisor for the Jefferson County Board of Education.

On behalf of the P.T.A., Mrs. Earl Schaaf, past president, presented a silver tray to Mr. Neill. Mr. Neill in turn introduced Mr. Norton, who formerly taught at Audubon School.

"I'm the only one who's glad to see him go," the new principal remarked. "Otherwise I wouldn't have this job, and I'm very glad to be here."

Also introduced by Mrs. Claude Harris, program chairman, were members of the P.T.A. board and the school staff.

A budget totalling \$1,860 for the school year was presented by Mrs. Wiley Carr, finance chairman, and passed by the group. In a recent P.T.A. survey, parents voted 216 to 30 in favor of raising the needed funds by contributions rather than by staging a carnival, Mrs. Carr reported.

Following visits to the rooms, refreshments were served by a committee headed by Mrs. Frederick Stockberger, a hospitality chairman.

October 3, 1957

# Inviting library, but empty shelves

At St. Matthews Elementary School on Browns Lane there's an inviting library — but its gaily-painted shelves are half-empty.

"To be even fairly well stocked, a school library should have five books for every child enrolled; right now we have only three," reported Mrs. John Koon, 413 Browns Lane, who is chairman of

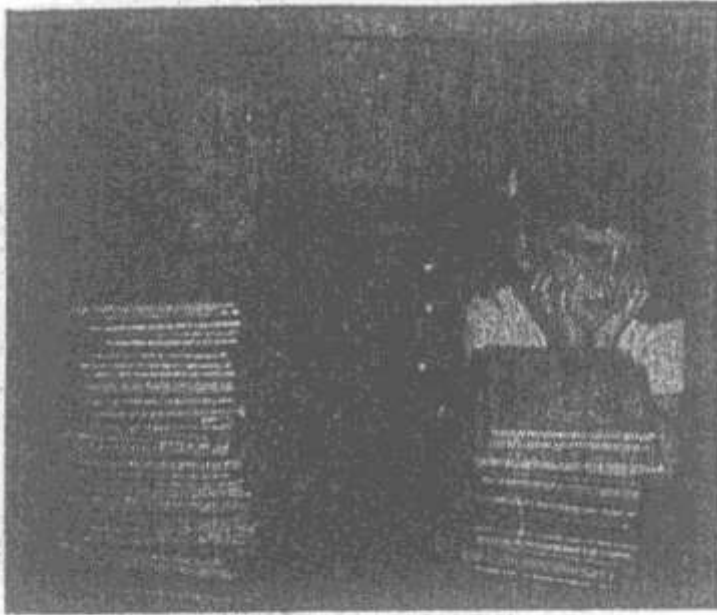
the P.T.A. library committee. In its third annual book sale to parents and friends, which begins next week, the P.T.A. hopes to add substantially to the 1,400 books which are currently available.

"This year the need is very great, because we can no longer borrow books from the Louisville Free Public Library," Mrs. Koon pointed out. "In both 1955 and 1956 they let us have 700 books.

This year, they're unable to supply us with a single one because of the greater needs of new County schools."

A bright spot in the picture is that this year, for the first time, the school has the services of a professional librarian, Mrs. Holland Boaz, a graduate of Western Kentucky State College at Bowling Green and wife of the shop instructor at Goldsmith Junior High, is on hand every Monday and Tuesday. She also works in the libraries of Chenoweth School and the Kentucky Children's Home.

November 7, 1957



The stacks tell the story at the St. Matthews Elementary School library. John Hartwell, 10, sits behind a pile symbolizing books on hand last year, while Missy Taccarino, 6, shows the smaller store now available. The reason: books on loan from the Louisville library, which made up one-third of the 1956 stock, are now going to newer schools.

Her coming was a welcome event to Mrs. Koon and her P.T.A. committee, who set up the library two years ago and have since spent uncounted woman-hours on the job.

"Of the 1400 books we now have, about 600 came from book sales and the rest were bought with P.T.A. funds — which, in turn, came from parents, work and contributions," Mrs. Koon said. "We're extremely grateful for the wonderful response, and hope that the members will make this sale the best yet. They can buy for Christmas giving, too, and our profit will go into more books."

Books for sale will be on display at the regular P.T.A. meeting, which starts at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 14. Orders will also be taken throughout the following week at the school.

Speaker at the meeting will be Dr. Joe F. Wilkes, professor of education at the University of Louisville, whose subject is "Sharing Responsibility for the Reading Program."

Dr. Wilkes, who holds degrees from Peabody College and the Universities of Tennessee and Illinois, was coordinator of a Ford Foundation teacher-training project at U. of L. A five-year experiment which ended recently, the program gave on-the-job training to college graduates who had no undergraduate hours in education courses. The students were awarded M. A. degrees in education after two years of closely-supervised teaching.

### St. Matthews Elementary P.T.A. meets tonight

A guest speaker, Dr. Joe F. Wilkes, and a book sale to benefit the understocked school library are planned for tonight's meeting of the St. Matthews Elementary School P.T.A. at 7:30.

Dr. Wilkes, whose topic is "Sharing Responsibility for the Reading Program," is professor of education at the University of Louisville.

The school glee club, directed by Mrs. Virginia West, will provide the musical portion of the program. Frozen punch and sandwiches will be served at a social hour following the business session.

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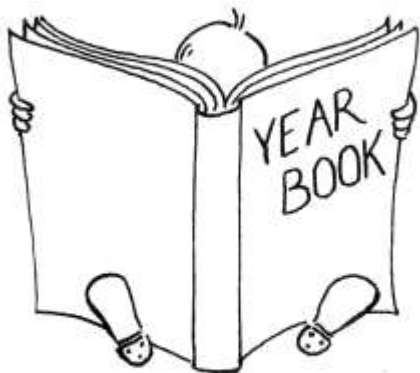


Entertaining with a Christmas party for the faculty of St. Matthews Elementary School Thursday was Mrs. Thomas Pope, left, of Glenview. Pictured are John T. Norton, school principal, and Mrs. Clayton Sullivan and Mrs. Leo A. Schlemann, teachers.

December 26, 1957



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ST. MATTHEWS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION OBJECTIVES

- To promote the welfare of children and youth in home, school, church and community.
To raise the standards of home life.
To secure adequate laws for the care and protection of children and youth.
To bring into closer relation the home and the school that parents and teachers may cooperate intelligently in the training of the child.
To develop between educators and the general public such united efforts as will secure for every child the highest advantages in physical, mental, social and spiritual education.

OFFICERS

PRESIDENT

Mrs. Fillison Speiden, 422 Browns Lane . . TW 6-4589

FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

Mrs. Claude Harris, 206 Gibson Rd. . . . . TW 6-1665

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT

Mrs. Malcolm Arterburn, 4009 Hillsboro . . TW 3-5433

RECORDING SECRETARY

Mrs. Stuart Schmitz, 202 Monohan Dr. . . TW 6-8652

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

Mrs. Harold Fleming, 225 Fairmeade Rd. . TW 6-4241

TREASURER

Mrs. George Rietze, 118 Fairmeade Rd. . . TW 5-8990

HISTORIAN

Mrs. J. W. Sumner, 230 Norbourne Blvd. . TW 5-6319

STANDING COMMITTEES AND CHAIRMEN

ART

Mrs. Paul Childers, 4006 Alton Rd. . . . . TW 6-0251

CIVIL DEFENSE

Mrs. B. G. Rehm, 4308 Churchill Rd. . . . TW 3-7611

FINANCE

Mrs. Wiley Carr, 205 Gibson Rd. . . . . TW 7-2672

- JANUARY 23 7:30 P.M.
Film 'Freedom to Learn'
Speaker: Miss Beulah Fontaine
Scout Demonstration of Civil Defense Procedure
FEBRUARY 26 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 Workshop
27 7:30 P.M. Panel
'Are Parents Sharing the Responsibilities of Teaching the Three R's?'
Sponsored by the Moral and Spiritual Values Committee
MARCH 27 7:30 P.M.
'Sharing the Problems of Our Youth'
Speaker: Dr. Arleigh Lincoln
Sponsored by the Parent Education Committee
MAY 15 7:30 P.M.
'Sharing Our Music'
Presented by the Music Department of the School
Installation of Officers for the Coming Year

# St. Matthews Area Elementary Schools:

1957/58

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St. Matthews Elementary School

## HEALTH AND EXCEPTIONAL CHILD

Mrs. Robert W. Blee, 3602 Hillsboro Rd. TW 3-3839

## HOSPITALITY

Mrs. Frederick Stockberger, 213 Heady... TW 5-8277

## CITIZEN'S COMMITTEE

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Voll,  
4312 Churchill Rd. .... TW 3-3609

## LEGISLATION

Mrs. Robert L. Rogers, 4103 Alton Rd. ... TW 5-2076

## LIBRARY

Mrs. John Koon, 413 Browns Lane. .... TW 3-5189

## MAGAZINE

Mrs. William J. Alexander,  
3917 Winchester Rd. .... TW 6-0640

## MORAL AND SPIRITUAL VALUES

Mrs. Charles J. Theobald, 230 Fairmeade. TW 3-3298

## MUSIC

Mrs. Carl Bach, 3608 Hanover Rd. .... TW 5-4364

## PARENT EDUCATION

Mrs. R. S. Dalrymple, 214 Alcott Rd. .... TW 5-7553

## PARLIAMENTARIAN

Mr. John T. Norton, Principal. .... ME 4-0069

## TEACHERS AND GRADE MOTHERS

### FIRST GRADE

#### TEACHER:

Mrs. Rebecca Chandler. .... EM 6-2640

#### GRADE MOTHERS:

Mrs. Clark Kelly (Chr.), 3603 Plymouth. TW 5-3533

Mrs. Lloyd R. Lotz, Sr., 3902 Alton Rd. TW 5-3174

Mrs. Scott M. Binkley, 327 S. Hubbard Ln. TW 3-7484

#### TEACHER:

Mrs. Ruth Scott. .... CH 5-5707

#### GRADE MOTHERS:

Mrs. R. H. Elliott (Chr.), 4303 Hillsboro. TW 5-4682

Mrs. Edgar R. Berglund, 4100 Gloucester. TW 7-2845

Mrs. Seymour Urban, 4221 Winchester. TW 5-6438

#### TEACHER:

Mrs. Lucy Steilberg. .... TW 5-8502

#### GRADE MOTHERS:

Mrs. M. Pfeffer (Chr.), 4020 Gloucester. TW 3-5920

Mrs. Fredrick L. Zeh, 3601 Hughes Rd. TW 7-2214

Mrs. Leon Zegart, 3710 Winchester Rd. TW 5-7638

## PUBLICITY

Mrs. Warren Hartwell, 250 Norbourne. TW 5-8152

Mrs. E. M. Nichols, 200 Monohan Dr. .... TW 5-5807

## ROOM REPRESENTATIVE

Mrs. George E. Johnson, 3706 Hillsboro. TW 6-1830

## SAFETY

Mrs. H. B. Mann, 226 Hemingway. .... TW 5-1409

## SCOUTING

Mrs. Frederick J. Parker, 4221 Churchill. TW 6-8622

## WELFARE AND RECREATION

Mrs. George P. Stonefield,  
4224 Winchester Rd. .... TW 6-1961

## YEARBOOK

Mrs. George R. Chase, Jr., 337 Norbourne. TW 6-1678

## SCHOOL PERSONNEL

Principal, Mrs. John T. Norton. .... ME 4-0069  
828 Perennial Dr.

Clerk, Mrs. Charles M. Stephens, Jr.

## SCHOOL TELEPHONE TW 5-4010

Board Meetings are second Monday of the month at  
10:00 A.M.

## SECOND GRADE

#### TEACHER:

Miss Bonnie Redding. .... GL 4-4089

#### GRADE MOTHERS:

Mrs. Larry Pilcher (Chr.), 3903 Brownlee. TW 5-5134

Mrs. R. W. Fillback, 4003 St. Ives Ct. .... TW 6-1304

Mrs. Harry McGaughey, 600 Macon Ave. TW 5-3304

#### TEACHER:

Mrs. Margaret Schieman. .... TW 6-6500

#### GRADE MOTHERS:

Mrs. N. H. Bressman (Chr.), 3706 Hanover TW 6-0701

Mrs. Ray H. Hatton, 4308 Briarwood Rd. TW 6-0019

Mrs. Charles Darneal, 4224 Alton Rd. .... TW 5-1457

## THIRD GRADE

#### TEACHER:

Miss Norma Dykes. .... TW 7-2789

#### GRADE MOTHERS:

Mrs. R. Sammons (Chr.), 4012 St. Ives Ct. TW 5-6425

Mrs. George Pearce, 119 Heady Ave. .... TW 6-6818

Mrs. Charles E. Wilson, 3527 Hillsboro. TW 6-4180

Mrs. J. O. Sutter, 231 Hemingway Rd. TW 5-7934

#### TEACHER:

Mrs. Bertha D. Caswell. .... TW 6-1948

#### GRADE MOTHERS:

Mrs. J. Cromeans (Chr.), 207 Alcott Rd. TW 5-1339

Mrs. Howard Bensing, 3906 Plymouth Rd. TW 5-1255

Mrs. George Reed, Jr., 4215 Winchester. TW 5-0302

Mrs. M. Groome, 329 S. Hubbard Ln. .... TW 6-9678

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**FOURTH GRADE**

TEACHER:  
Miss Margaret Telford.....TW 7-2789

GRADE MOTHERS:  
Mrs. G. Hussung (Chr.), 203 Fairmeade..TW 6-4808  
Mrs. John Rommel, 515 Breckinridge Ln..TW 7-2037  
Mrs. Wm. J. Alexander, 3917 Winchester.TW 6-0640  
Mrs. Sherrill M. Smith, 4001 Alton Rd....TW 5-1288

TEACHER:  
Mrs. Clara Napier.....HI 0482

GRADE MOTHERS:  
Mrs. R. Petty (Chr.), 503 Breckinridge Ln. TW 6-8409  
Mrs. Irvin J. Casey, 4027 Alton Rd.....TW 6-1418  
Mrs. Robert L. Rogers, 4103 Alton Rd....TW 5-2076

**FIFTH GRADE**

TEACHER:  
Mrs. Thelma Triplett.....CH 5-4401

GRADE MOTHERS:  
Mrs. C. T. King (Chr.), 4225 Alton Rd...TW 5-1968  
Mrs. G. N. Coin, 4026 St. Ives Ct.....TW 6-9882  
Mrs. Ernest Worful, 321 Sherrin Ave....TW 3-7965  
Mrs. Edna Schornberg, 307 Monohan Dr. .TW 3-3372

TEACHER:  
Mrs. Nancy D. Duncan.....TW 6-0266

GRADE MOTHERS:  
Mrs. Earl Storey (Chr.), 806 Browns Ln..TW 5-5002  
Mrs. Louis Hammerle, 4022 Norbourne...TW 6-1481  
Mrs. Robert Dalrymple, 214 Alcott Rd....TW 5-7553

TEACHER:  
Miss Vivian Ann Powers.....HI 4725-W

GRADE MOTHERS:  
Mrs. E. F. Bryan (Chr.), 3605 Plymouth .TW 5-6172  
Mrs. F. S. Briggs, 3606 Winchester Rd...TW 3-3082  
Mrs. Eugene Sanders, 407 Sherrin.....TW 6-9047  
Mrs. L. O. Stokes, 4022 St. Ives Ct.....TW 6-6414

**SIXTH GRADE**

TEACHER:  
Mrs. Mae Sullivan.....TW 5-4884

GRADE MOTHERS:  
Mrs. Henry Mann (Chr.), 226 Hemingway TW 5-1409  
Mrs. C. McGuire, 134 Breckinridge Ln...TW 5-7421  
Mrs. Ernest Foley, 312 Monohan Dr.....TW 6-0989

TEACHER:  
Mrs. Catherine Eddleman.....AN 7-5495

GRADE MOTHERS:  
Mrs. H. O. Scholl (Chr.), 309 Norbourne.TW 6-4847  
Mrs. Charles Asher, 3715 Hughes Rd....TW 5-1345  
Mrs. James A. Drummond, 3010 Brownlee TW 7-2006  
Mrs. Damon Harrison, 335 S. Hubbard Ln. TW 5-0086

School Nurse.....Mrs. Nancy Jenkins  
Music Instructor.....Mrs. Virginia Brown West  
Instrument Instructor.....Mrs. Judy Geinow  
Librarian.....Mrs. Polly Warren Boaz

**BUDGET FOR 1957-1958**

Administration .....	\$ 50.00
Dues to National, State, District and County	150.00
Publications .....	10.00
Printing of Yearbook.....	50.00
Miscellaneous .....	170.00
Organization Expense .....	85.00
Hospitality .....	60.00
Reading Program .....	1,000.00
Art Program .....	50.00
Music Program .....	150.00
Recreation .....	75.00
Scouting .....	10.00
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$1,860.00</b>

**St. Matthews Area Elementary Schools:**

**1950's**

Courtesy of Waggener High School 1960-62's Alumni—<http://www.waggenerhighalum.org/>—  
Photo courtesy of Ray Purdom: St. Matthews Elementary

St. Matthews Elementary Glee Club being led by Mrs. West in the SMEL gym, 7th & 8th Grade.



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**St. Matthews Elementary**

St. Matthews Elementary Glee Club being led by Mrs. West in the SMEL gym, 7th & 8th Grade.



**St. Matthews Area Elementary Schools:**

**Late 1950's**

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

**St. Matthews Elementary School**



**St. M. Elementary  
4-H Club news**

by SUE REHM, Reporter

At the last 4-H Club meeting at St. Matthews Elementary School on Jan. 24, project books were given out. A talent contest followed the meeting.

Linda Edwards, Carolyn Korb, and Jane Cardwell sang "In the Middle of an Island". Sharon Gillis and Mary Eastridge sang "Honeycomb," and Carolyn Korb did aerobatics.

When they finished the club voted for the best ones. Linda Edwards, Carolyn Korb, and Jane Cardwell won.

February 6, 1958

**St. Matthews PTA  
hears CD rules,  
freedom plea**

Rules for civil defense and a plea for educational freedom were highlighted at the meeting of the St. Matthews Elementary School P.T.A. Jan. 23.

Safety Patrol members and Brownies staged a short skit which listed basic rules for survival after an atomic attack. Clever posters, painted by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Childers, were displayed by the group.

Featured speaker was Mrs. Beulah Fontaine, former Waggener teacher who is now consultant for professional services for the Kentucky Educational Association. Mrs. Fontaine was narrator for a film, "Freedom to Learn."

Mrs. Fillison Speiden, P.T.A. president, announced the appointment of the following to serve on a nominating committee for 1958-59 officers:

Mrs. Malcolm Arterburn, chairman; Mrs. Harold Fleming, Mrs. Nancy D. Duncan, Mrs. Robert Rogers, and Mrs. Earl Schaaf.

Mrs. Carl Sonneman has replaced Mrs. Frederick Stockberger as hospitality chairman. Mrs. Spieden announced. Mrs. Stockberger resigned preparatory to moving to Richmond, Va.

February 6, 1958

**Spaghetti supper  
given by St. Mat.  
Elementary**

Candlelight and dainty Valentine decorations set a festive tone for several hundred St. Matthews parents and children who turned out for the P.T.A. - sponsored spaghetti supper Tuesday night at the St. Matthews Elementary School on Browns Lane.

Tables held old-fashioned Valentines, red hearts, each topped with a corsage of white carnations and set on a lacy doily, which served as holders for tall white tapers.

The menu featured Italian spaghetti, slaw, rolls, cherry pie and coffee or milk. Mrs. Catherine B. Redelberger, lunchroom manager, and Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Bohannon were in charge of the food.

Members of the P.T.A. Board made up the arrangements committee. Chief organizer was Mrs. W. W. Carr, finance chairman, assisted by Mrs. Thomas A. Hamilton and Mrs. Charles E. Shuck. Decorations were by Mrs. Paul Childers, and other board members served as waitresses and "bus girls."

Mrs. Fillison Speiden is P.T.A. president.

February 13, 1958

**P.T.A. to hold two-day workshop**

"Three R's of Character-Building" — responsibility, respect and religious values—will concern members and guests of the St. Matthews Elementary School P.T.A. at a two-day workshop Feb. 26-27 at the school on Browns Lane.

"Helping the Child Develop Responsibility" is the theme of the meeting, the St. Matthews P.T.A.'s third annual Moral and Spiritual Values Conference.

Speaker at the opening meeting, set for 10 a.m. Wednesday, will be J. Mansir Tydings, Anchorage. Mr. Tydings is co-chairman of the Kentucky Committee on Moral and Spiritual Values, a division of the State Department of Education.

Following his talk, members of the Eastern Council on Moral and Spiritual Education will lead discussion groups. They are:

Mrs. Herman Butler, 2228 Waterdale Terrace; Mrs. Charles Roederer, 14 Sheridan Road; Mrs. Edward G. Sommer, 5 Indian Hills Trail; and Mrs. Fielden Woodward, 200 Travois Road.

At the regular P.T.A. meeting, set for 7:30 p.m. Thursday, a symposium will be held on the question: "Are Parents Teaching the Three R's?" Speakers will be:

Miss Margaret Kirk, Child Guidance Clinic caseworker; Mrs. Meredith Watts, 2504 Gard-

iner Lane; the Rev. Douglas Chase, assistant pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church; and Arthur Draut, Waggener High boys' counsellor.

A nursery will be provided for both meetings, said Mrs. Charles J. Theobald, workshop chairman.

A Silver tea, marking Founders' Day, will follow the symposium. Mrs. Carl Sonnemann is in charge of arrangements.

February 20, 1958

**Symposium set at  
St. M. Elementary**

A symposium on the question, "Are Parents Teaching the Three R's?", is slated for tonight's meeting of the St. Matthews Elementary School P.T.A., set for 7:30. It's the closing session of the P.T.A.'s third annual Moral and Spiritual Values Conference, with Mrs. Charles J. Theobald as chairman.

Discussing the "three R's" (responsibility, respect and religious values) will be:

Miss Margaret Kirk, Child Guidance caseworker; Mrs. Meredith Watts, 2504 Gardiner Lane; the Rev. Douglas Chase, assistant pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church; and Arthur Draut, Waggener High boys' counsellor.

A Silver Tea, the traditional Founders' Day observance, will follow the symposium. A separate program of movies and refreshments will be provided for the children.

February 27, 1958

**Dr. Lincoln to speak at St. M. Elementary**

Dr. Arleigh Lincoln, dean and professor of U. of L.'s Kent School of Social Work, will speak to the St. Matthews Elementary School P.T.A. at 7:30 tonight at the school.

Dr. Lincoln, who is a consultant of Juvenile Court and other local agencies in the field of social rehabilitation, will discuss "Sharing the Problems of Our Youth."

Election of officers is also slated for the meeting, to which the public is invited. Nursery facilities will be provided.

March 27, 1958

**St. Matthews PTA gives teachers electric urn**

A year-round reminder of Teachers Appreciation Week, 1958, is the gleaming 24-cup electric coffee urn now in service in the teachers' lounge at St. Matthews Elementary School.

The urn, a gift of the P.T.A., was presented at a luncheon Thursday in the school library. Honor guests were St. Matthews Elementary's 14 teachers and principal John Norton. Also attending were Mrs. Fillison Spieden, P.T.A. president, and Mrs. Charles J. Theobald, president-elect.

Shirred nylon net in pale green lay the length of the table, with yellow daisies peeping from the folds. Dainty lace place mats and jonquil place cards furthered the springtime motif. Favors were yellow rose buds in miniature flower pots which also held the dessert ice.

Mothers took charge of all classes during the affair, and sixth-grade girls served as waitresses. In charge of arrangements was a P.T.A. committee composed of Mrs. William Alexander, chairman; Mrs. Ray Hudson and Mrs. John Kelley.

April 3, 1958

**St. M. Elementary to hold spring social**

Homemade cake and ice cream—for just a quarter—will be featured at the spring social Friday, May 9 at the St. Matthews Elementary School on Browns Lane.

Bargain comic books, "white elephants" and baked goods will also be on sale at the social, which is sponsored by the P.T.A. Hours are 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Mrs. Wiley Carr and Mrs. Carl Sonneman are in charge of arrangements.

May 1, 1958

**St. Matthews PTA to hear Glee Club**

Music by the glee club will be featured at the meeting of the St. Matthews Elementary School P.T.A. next Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at the school. Directed by Mrs. Virginia West, the glee club is composed of 61 sixth graders. New officers, headed by Mrs. Charles J. Theobald, president-elect, will be installed at the meeting, which is the last of the current school year.

May 8, 1958



May 8, 1958

The ice cream social at St. Matthews Elementary School tomorrow caused furious art activity among the pupils. Showing one of the prize-winning posters to the art chairman, Mrs. Paul Childers, are Helen Aull, 11, Dede Paulin, 9, and Betty Sonnemann, 11, first place winners in the sixth, fourth, and fifth grades respectively. The social begins at 5:30 p.m.

**Ice cream social planned at school**

"Come over tomorrow night for homemade cake and ice cream" is the invitation extended to area residents by St. Matthews Elementary School P.T.A., which is staging its annual ice cream social from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the school on Browns Lane. Also on sale will be cakes, white elephants, and comic books.

A poster contest for the fourth, fifth and sixth grades, sponsored by the P.T.A. to publicize the social, resulted in 65 entries, reported Mrs. Paul Childers, art chairman. Prizes of \$2, \$1.50, \$1 and 50 cents were awarded in each grade.

Winners were: fourth grade: first, Dede Paulin; second, Lynn Childers; third, Robert Petty; fourth, Nancy Destz; fifth grade: first, Betty Sonnemann; second, Carson Crawford and Karen Pratt; third, Lanny Drummond; fourth, Paul Fields; sixth grade: first, Helen Aull; second, Barry Rietz; third, Melissa McCord; fourth, Amanda Lewis.

**Officers installed at St. Matthews**

Music by the Glee Club and installation of 1958-59 officers were featured at the St. Matthews Elementary School P.T.A. meeting Thursday night.

Highlight of the program was a musical interpretation of nursery rhymes, dramatized in pantomime by first-graders. Mrs. Virginia West directed the program.

New officers are: president, Mrs. Charles Theobald; first vice-president, Mrs. Ayers Lamar; second vice-president, Mrs. J. B. Kibler; recording secretary, Mrs. E. M. Nichols; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Peyton Talbott; treasurer, Mrs. Wiley Carr; historian, Mrs. W. D. Kelly.

Earlier in the week, P.T.A. board members honored Mrs. Fillison Spieden, retiring president, at a luncheon at the school, and presented her with a silver meat platter.

May 29, 1958



### St. Matthews P.T.A. to chart upcoming year

Plans for the upcoming year will be charted at the first fall meeting of the St. Matthews Elementary School P.T.A. board, set for 9:30 a.m. Monday at the school on Browns Lane.

Mrs. Charles J. Theobald, 230 Fairmeade Road, is the 1958-59 president. Other officers are:

First vice-president, Mrs. Ayars Lamar, 4217 Churchill Rd.; second vice-president, Mrs. J. B. Kibler, 219 Brown Ave.; recording secretary, Mrs. E. M. Nichols, 200 Monohan Dr.; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Peyton T. Talbot, 4029 St. Ives Ct.; treasurer, Mrs. Wiley W. Carr, 205 Gibson Rd.; historian, Mrs. W. D. Kelly, 4010 St. Ives Ct.; and principal, Mr. John T. Norton, 2228 Bomycastle.

New committee chairmen, who with the officers comprise the board, are: art, Mrs. Alan Kelly, 4011 Alton Rd.; civil defense, Mrs. Claude Harris, 206 Gibson Rd.; finance, Mrs. Claude Smith, 4102 Winchester Rd.; health and exceptional child, Mrs. George P. Stonefield, 4224 Winchester Rd.; hospitality, Mrs. John S. Cromeans, 207 Alcott Rd.; legislation, Mrs. Kenneth, Robbie, 4007 Hillsboro Rd.;

Library, Mrs. Harold Fleming, 225 Fairmeade Rd.; magazine, Mrs. E. F. Bryan, 3605 Plymouth Rd.; moral and spiritual values, Mrs. Robert L. Rogers, 4103 Alton Rd.; music, Mrs. Scott Binkley, 327 S. Hubbards Ln.; office, Mrs. Russell Petty, 503 Breckenridge Ln.;

Parent education, Mrs. Harold Taylor, 203 S. Hubbards Ln.; publicity, Mrs. Warren Hartwell, 250 Norbourne Blvd.; and Mrs. H. W. Griffiths, 4105 Hillsboro Rd.; room representative, Mrs. Malcolm Arterburn, 4009 Hillsboro Rd.; safety, Mrs. George Rietze, 118 Fairmeade Rd.; scouting, Mrs. Arline Davidson, 201 Alton Rd.; welfare, Mrs. Charles J. Theobald, 230 Fairmeade Rd.; and yearbook, Mrs. George H. Chase, 337 Norbourne Blvd.

September 4, 1958

### St. Matthews P.T.A. collects third of budget

About \$600, which is one-third of the money needed for this year's P.T.A. work at St. Matthews Elementary School, has already been contributed by members, Mrs. Wiley Carr, 205 Gibson Rd., treasurer, announced this week.

"We are greatly encouraged, as contributions are running well ahead of the amount received by this time last year," Mrs. Carr said.

The custom of contributions to meet the P.T.A. budget — instead of a major money-making affair — began when the school opened four years ago this fall. As the P.T.A. could not function until school started, it was impossible that year to organize a fall carnival. Every year since, members have voted to donate money in lieu of staging a fund-raising event. The suggested amount per family is \$5, of which \$4 goes to the work at the school and the other \$1 pays for P.T.A. memberships for both parents.

The 1958-59 budget for St. Matthews Elementary School P.T.A., which was approved by the membership at the opening session, is as follows:

Administration \$40, dues to national, state, district, and county \$150, publications \$10, printing of yearbook \$50, miscellaneous \$125, organization expense \$70, hospitality \$50, reading program \$1,000, art program \$50, music program \$150, recreation equipment \$75 and scouting \$10.

The total is \$1,780.

Mrs. Charles J. Theobald, 230 Fairmeade Rd., is P.T.A. president, and Mrs. Claude Smith, 4102 Winchester Rd., is finance chairman.

October 9, 1958

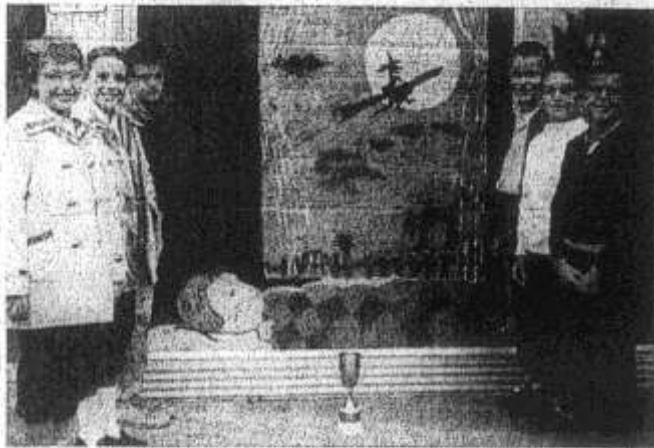
### Civil Defense program at St. M. Elementary

A Civil Defense program will be held at the next meeting of the St. Matthews Elementary P.T.A. on Thursday, Oct. 23.

Norbert C. Rehtin, a training specialist with the Survival Planning Project, will speak. His subject will be "Preparedness In A Changing World."

The meeting will be held at the school beginning at 7:30 p.m. Mrs. Claude Harris, 206 Gibson Road, civil defense chairman, is in charge of the program.

October 16, 1958



This one was the best. The St. Matthews Elementary School team won first place Saturday in the Kentucky Model Shop's annual Halloween window-decorating contest. Eight teams were entered. Silvers was second and Our Lady of Lourdes, third. Pictured with their winning entry and trophy are, left in right, Carson Crawford, Karen Pratt, John Harting, Ross Arterburn, Tom Stonefield, and Ronnie Voll. All are sixth-graders except Ronnie, who's in the fourth grade.

October 30, 1958

## St. Matthews Elementary PTA rated extra superior

Rated "extra superior" for its achievements during 1957-58 was St. Matthews Elementary School P.-T.A., which meets tonight at 7:30 at the school.

This coveted top rating was awarded to only 24 P.-T.A. units among the 325 which competed for honors at the recent Fifth District fall conference of the Kentucky Congress of Parents and Teachers. St. Matthews Elementary also received health, safety and attendance citations.

Tonight's meeting, appropriately enough, salutes the hard-working group's most ambitious project: the 2,100-book school library built from scratch in three years at a cost of \$4,000 and many hundreds of woman-power hours. The library chairman, Mrs. Harold Fleming, 225 Fairmeade, is in charge of the program.

Heading the P.-T.A. during the "extra superior" year was Mrs. Fillison Speiden, 422 Browns Ln. Other 1957-58 officers were: program, Mrs. Claude Harris, 206 Gibson; membership, Mrs. Malcolm Arterburn, 4009 Hillsboro; recording secretary, Mrs. Stuart Schmitz, 202 Monohan; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Harold Fleming, 225 Fairmeade; treasurer, Mrs. George Rietze, 118 Fair-

meade, and historian, Mrs. J. W. Sumner, 330 Norbourne.

Committee chairmen included: civil defense, Mrs. B. G. Rehm, 4308 Churchill; finance, Mrs. Wiley Carr, 205 Gibson; health, Mrs. Robert Blee, 3602 Hillsboro; citizen's committee, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Voll, 212 Heady; legislation, Mrs. Robert L. Rogers, 4103 Alton; library, Mrs. John Koon, 413 Browns Lane; magazine, Mrs. W. J. Alexander, 3917 Winchester; music, Mrs. Carl Bach, 3608 Hanover.

Parent education, Mrs. R. S. Dalrymple, 214 Alcott; parliamentarian, principal John Norton; publicity, Mrs. Warren Hartwell, 250 Norbourne, and Mrs. E. M. Nichols, 200 Monohan; room representative, Mrs. George E. Johnson, 3706 Hillsboro; safety, Mrs. H. B. Mann, 226 Hemingway; yearbook, Mrs. George R. Chase, Jr., 337 Norbourne, and recreation, Mrs. George Stonefield, 4224 Winchester. Three other board members have since moved out of the city.

November 13, 1958

## P.T.A. plans paper sale

Housecleaning for Christmas? Don't throw away those old newspapers, magazines and corrugated boxes — donate them to the St. Matthews Elementary School P.T.A.'s paper sale next week, urged Mrs. Claude Smith, 4102 Winchester Road, finance chairman.

Bins will be set up on the school grounds at noon Tuesday, and will be there until noon Thursday," Mrs. Smith

said. "We are hoping to make this paper sale a real big one, and would appreciate it very much if people who don't have children would call on a neighbor's child to pick up their papers.

"All parents have been notified of the sale, and are urged not to forget the dates—Dec. 16, 17, and 18."

Mrs. Charles J. Theobald, 230 Fairmeade Road, is P.T.A. president.

December 11, 1958

# St. Matthews Elementary P.T.A. elects Mrs. Smith

Mrs. Claude Smith, 4102 Winchester Road, has been elected president of the St. Matthews Elementary School P.T.A. to succeed Mrs. Charles J. Theobald.

Other officers elected were:

First vice president, Mrs. Robert Rogers, 4103 Alton Road; second vice president, Mrs. Claude Harris, 208 Gibson Road; recording secretary, Mrs. Ayars Lamar, 4217 Churchill Road; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Russell Petty, 503 Breckinridge Lane; treasurer, Mrs. R. W. Griffiths, 4195 Hillsboro Road; and historian, Mrs. S. W. Mulloy, 230 Monahan Drive.

Mrs. Smith said her main interest as president will be the school library. She said \$1,000 had been allocated this year, and another \$1,000 will be spent for new books next year.

"We feel this is one of the main needs in our school—a growing library," she said.

A native of Louisville, Mrs. Smith, the former Miss Doris Dratcher, is a graduate of Shawnee High. Mr. Smith is an engineer for Southern Bell Telephone.

They have two boys, Gene 12,

April 9, 1959



MRS. CLAUDE SMITH

and Tommy 7. Mrs. Smith is a member of the St. Matthews Baptist Church and belongs to the Women's Missionary Union.

# Choral music to highlight P.T.A. meeting

A program of choral music and an installation of officers will be held at the St. Matthews Elementary School P.T.A. meeting Thursday, May 25, at 7:30 p.m. at the school, on Browns Lane.

The sixth grade Glee Club, under the direction of Mrs. Virginia Brown West, will present the program. Mrs. Scott Binkley, music chairman, will be accompanist.

Retiring president, Mrs. Charles J. Theobald, will install the following new officers: Mrs. Claude Smith, president; Mrs. Robert Rogers, first vice-president; Mrs. Claude Harris, second vice-president; Mrs. Ayars Lamar, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Russell Petty, recording secretary; Mrs. R. W. Griffiths, treasurer, and Mrs. S. W. Mulloy, historian.

May 21, 1959

# Van Hoose to speak at St. M. Elementary

Questions on the upcoming, five-program plan for Jefferson County schools will be answered by Superintendent Richard Van Hoose at the meeting of the St. Matthews Elementary School P.T.A., set for 7:30 p.m. Feb. 26.

"The meeting is open to the public of course, and we hope many parents of children attending other schools in the area will attend," said Mrs. Charles J. Theobald, P.T.A. president. There will be a nursery for pre-school children.

February 19, 1959

# Come on over for ice cream

"Come on over tomorrow night for ice cream and cake!"

That's the invitation issued by the St. Matthews Elementary School P.T.A., which is staging its annual ice cream social from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. tomorrow at the school.

"Plan to bring the family for dessert, and buy a delicious homemade cake for the weekend," urged Mrs. John S. Cromeans, chairman. There will also be "lots of white elephants" *Let's see, she added.*

May 7, 1959

## St. Matthews P.T.A. to meet

The first fall meeting of the St. Matthews Elementary School P.T.A. is set for 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 24, at the school at Browns Lape, and will feature Miss Ruth Dunn, Primary supervisor for Jefferson County schools, and Mrs. Mabel Bowen, intermediate supervisor for Jefferson County schools, as guest speakers.

The faculty will be introduced and refreshments served after which classrooms will be open for parents' inspection.

Mrs. Claude T. Smith, 4102 Winchester Rd., president, will introduce the following members of the 1958-60 P.T.A. board:

First vice-president Mrs. Robert L. Rogers, 4103 Alton Rd.; second vice-president, Mrs. Claude H. Harris, 206 Gibson Rd.; recording secretary, Mrs. Ayars Lamar, 4217 Churchill Rd.; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Russell C. Petty, 503 Breckinridge Ln., treasurer, Mrs. R. W. Griffiths, 4109 Hillsboro Rd., W. Griffiths, 4105 Hillsboro Rd.; historian, Mrs. Sam W. Molloy, 4219 Churchill Rd., and principal John I. Norton

New committee board chairmen are: art, Mrs. Alan Kelly, 4011 Alton Rd.; civil defense, Mrs. Earl Parker, 221 Monohan Dr.; finance, Mrs. John S. Crommons, 207 Alcott Rd.; health and exceptional child, Mrs. Richard Krauth, 418 Browns Lane; hospitality, Mrs. J. B. Kibler, 219 Brown Ave., legislation, Mrs. Earl Schaaf, 227 Monohan Dr.; library, Mrs. W. C. Arms, 4305 Churchill Rd.; and Mrs. Harold Fleming, 225 Fairmeade Rd.; magazine, Mrs. L. D. Stokes, 0422 St. Ives Court; character and spiritual education, Mrs. Robert Proctor, 4000 Brownlee Rd.; music, Mrs. Herman Rinne, 342 Monohan Dr.;

Office, Mrs. Waldo Devore, 325 Monohan Dr.; parent education, Mrs. H. R. Deutsch, 215 Gibson Rd.; publicity, Mrs. Thomas C. Russman, 122 Don Allen Rd.; and Mrs. Louis Westerman, 3403 Winchester Rd.; room representative, Mrs. Robert L. Bell, 4025 Gloucester Rd.; safety, Mrs. Arthur Draut, 4305 Churchill Rd.; scouting, Mrs. Harold Taylor, 203 S. Hubbards Lane; welfare and recreation, Mrs. Stanley Brill, 4019 Springhill Rd.; and yearbook, Mrs. Charles Asher, 3715 Hughes Rd.

## St. M. Elementary PTA rated extra superior

St. Matthews Elementary School P.T.A. again received the coveted top rating of "extra superior" for its achievements during 1958-59 at the Fifth District fall conference of Parents and Teachers on Nov. 2. Also presented were health, safety, magazine, membership attendance awards and a charter renewal seal.

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Officers for 1958-59 were: president, Mrs. Charles J. Theobald, 250 Fairmeade Rd.; first vice-president, Mrs. Ayars Lamar, 4217 Churchill Rd.; second vice president, Mrs. J. B. Kibler, 219 Brown Ave.; recording secretary, Mrs. E. M. Nichols, 200 Monohan Dr.; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Peyton T. Talbott, 422 Pennington Ln.; historian, Mrs. W. D. Kelly, 4010 St. Ives Ct.; and treasurer, Mrs. Wiley W. Carr, formerly 205 Gibson Rd., who has moved out of town.

Committee chairmen included: art, Mrs. Alan Kelly, 4011 Alton Rd.; civil defense, Mrs. Claude Harris, 206 Gibson Rd.; finance, Mrs. Claude Smith, 4102 Winchester Rd.; health and exceptional child, Mrs. George Stonefield, 1224 Winchester Rd.; hospitality, Mrs. John

S. Crommons, 107 Alcott Rd.

Legislation, Mrs. Kenneth Robble, 4007 Hillsboro Rd.; library, Mrs. Harold Fleming, 225 Fairmeade Rd.; magazine, Mrs. E. F. Bryan, 3805 Plymouth Rd.; moral and spiritual values, Mrs. Robert L. Rogers, 4103 Alton Rd.; music, Mrs. Scott Binkley, 2244 Wynnewood Circle; office, Mrs. Russell Petty, 503 Breckinridge Ln.; parent education, Mrs. Harold Taylor, 203 S. Hubbards Ln.

Parliamentarian and principal, Mr. John T. Norton, 2228 Bonnycastle; publicity, Mrs. Warren Hartwell, 250 Norbourne, and Mrs. R. W. Griffiths, 4105 Hillsboro Rd.; room representative, Mrs. Malcolm Arterburn, 4009 Hillsboro Rd.; safety, Mrs. George Riets, 1113 Fairmeade Rd.; scouting, Mrs. Arline Davenport, 204 Alcott Rd.; welfare and recreation, Mrs. Charles M. Long, 4308 Briarwood Rd.; and yearbook, Mrs. George R. Chase, Jr., 337 Norbourne Blvd.

November 12, 1959

May 7, 1959



SIXTH GRADE pupils at St. Matthews discussed their project on Egypt with Miss Ikbal Basheer, a visitor from Alexandria, Egypt. Miss Basheer is at center wearing a white blouse. She is a graduate student at Kent School.

November 1960, 6th Grade, St. Matthews Elementary

### Bruce Karem, winner of poster contest

Bruce Karem, a sixth grade pupil at St. Matthews Elementary School, was first place winner in an art contest held at the school on Tuesday. His prize was \$2.

The contest was held for the making of posters announcing an ice cream social to be held at the school Friday night, May 20.

Bruce, 11, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Karem, Jr., 3528 Hanover Rd.

May 19, 1960, *The Voice Of St. Matthews*

### St. Matthews PTA to meet

The first meeting of the St. Matthews Elementary School P.T.A. will take place on Thursday, Sept. 24, at 7:30 p.m., at the school on Browns Lane.

Of special interest to all parents will be an introduction of and brief history about each of the school's 21 full-time and three part-time teachers. An open house will follow, and parents will be invited to tour the school and have the opportunity to observe the many facilities available to their children.

Coffee will be served in the school lunchroom during this time, and parents will be able to meet and talk about any questions they may have while enjoying refreshments in the social hour especially honoring new parents at their first P.T.A. meeting.

Mrs. Claude H. Harris, 206 Gibson Rd., president, will introduce the members of the 1960-61 P.T.A. board.

September 15, 1960

## St. Matthews Elementary PTA to meet tonight

St. Matthews Elementary School P.T.A. will hold its first meeting of the year tonight at 7:30 at the school on Brown's Lane. All parents are urged to attend this meeting which will feature the introduction of the faculty, after which the room mothers will serve as hostesses in a "get-acquainted" time in the various rooms. Refreshments and a social hour will follow.

This year St. Matthews Elementary has an enrollment of 518 pupils. There are three new full-time and three new part-time teachers on the staff of 20 full-time and four part-time teachers. They are Mrs. Marcia Robertson, Miss Patsy Harney and Mrs. Virginia Kuhn, full-time, and Miss Jane Thomas, Mrs. Barbara Henricks, and Mrs. Eleanor Koon, part-time.

Mrs. Robertson, who teaches second and third grade, is from Louisville. She attended Northwestern University, received a Bachelor of Science degree from Ohio State, and she took education courses at Bowling Green State University, Ohio University, and Trenton State Teachers College.

Miss Patsy Harney teaches sixth grade. Her hometown is Richmond, Ky. She attended Duke University, and she has received two degrees from the University of Kentucky; an A.B. in English

and an M.A. in education.

Mrs. Virginia Kuhn also teaches sixth grade. She is from Louisville, and holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Nazareth and a Master of Education from the University of Louisville.

The new librarian is Mrs. Eleanor Koon from Henderson, Ky. She has a Bachelor of Arts degree from Western Teachers College, has attended Nazareth College, and she has taught all grades from kindergarten through high school.

Miss Jane Thomas will be teaching music. She is from Lexington, and has two degrees from the University of Kentucky: Bachelor of Arts and Master of Music in music education.

Therapy in speech and hearing will be handled by Mrs. Barbara Henricks, who is from Muncie, Ind. Mrs. Henricks attended Indiana University where she received a Bachelor of Science degree.

## St. M. Elementary to have paper sale

Bring all your old newspapers, rags, magazines, and waste paper to the paper drive going on NOW at St. Matthews Elementary School on Browns Lane. A truck is there now in the parking lot waiting to be filled up by Friday, Oct. 23, at noon. The P.T.A. at the school sponsors the paper sales, and it urges everyone to bring as much paper as they can. All proceeds are used to improve the school facilities. Please help in this necessary and good way to raise money for the school.

October 27, 1960

September 22, 1960

## St. Matthews PTA holds first meeting

The St. Matthews Elementary School P.T.A. held its first meeting of the year last Thursday with a large turn-out of parents and school personnel.

Mrs. Claude Harris, president, opened the meeting and introduced Girl Scout Troop 54, which is sponsored by the school. The Girl Scouts lead the flag ceremony and the pledge to the flag. Mr. Carl Markert then lead everyone in the Star Spangled Banner.

Dr. Rual T. Perkins, pastor of the St. Matthews Methodist Church, gave the invocation, and then Mrs. Harris conducted a brief business meeting, followed by an introduction of the P.T.A. board.

Mrs. John Boyle, first vice president and program chairman, invited the parents and teachers to "listen in" on a humorous telephone conversation between two mothers eagerly awaiting the opening of school. Mrs. Boyle then introduced the faculty and school personnel. She gave a brief personal history of all the staff, ending with warm praise for Mr. John T Norton, principal.

The parents then adjourned to the classrooms where they met their children's teachers and saw the exhibits and pictures carefully placed around halls and rooms.

Cokes and cookies were served in the lunchroom, where the parents could get together for a brief social hour.

The St. Matthews P.T.A. provides a free sitter service for those bringing children of third grade and under ages, and also shows several short movies in the visual aid room.

September 29, 1960

**Language demonstration at St. M. Elementary is scheduled tonight**

Parents were invited to the St. Matthews Elementary School tonight to see how their children are learning Spanish via television. The P.T.A. will have Mrs. Helen Daniels, foreign language supervisor of the Jefferson County schools, and Mrs. Betty McKay and Miss Sue Robinson, the two language teachers your children watch on the closed circuit television at school, to supervise the demonstration.

"This should be one of the most interesting and instructive P.T.A. meetings of the year," says Mrs. Claude Harris, president of the St. Matthews Elementary P.T.A. "We parents should make a special effort to come tonight to find out how foreign language instruction, which has soared to the top of the best seller list on the elementary school curriculum, is taught to our children."

Mrs. Bertha Caswell, with 10 3rd grade pupils, and Miss Clara Napier, with 10 4th graders, will assist during the meeting with an unrehearsed, "on-the-spot" example of how Spanish is taught right in the classrooms.

All children of 3rd grade age and under will be shown movies, while their older brothers, sisters and parents attend the P.T.A. meeting.

November 17, 1960

**St. M. Elementary's annual Christmas program will be Monday**

The St. Matthews Elementary School P.T.A. will present its annual December program Monday morning, Dec. 19, at the school on Browns Lane. This year the traditional hanging of the greens will be combined with a program about the December holidays celebrated in many lands.

Mrs. John Boyle, 1st vice president of the P.T.A., and Miss

Jane Thomas, the school's music teacher, are in charge of the program which will combine pictures, stories, and music about Israel, China, Holland, France and many other countries.

All children in the school will participate in the presentation with songs from each country, some sung in that country's native tongue.

There will be two complete programs; one from 9:00-10:00 a.m. with grades 1, 2, and 3; and one from 10:30-11:30 with grades 4, 5, and 6.

December 15, 1960



Susan Russman, third grade student at St. Matthews Elementary School, hangs a green while a few of her classmates sing carols during the school's annual Christmas program Monday morning. All grades participated in the hanging of the greens. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Russman, 122 Don Allen Rd.

December 22, 1960

### St. M. Elementary to hold annual spaghetti supper

St. Matthews Elementary School P.T.A. will hold its annual spaghetti supper on Tuesday, Feb. 7, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the school on Brown's Lane.

Mrs. Catherine Redelberger, school lunchroom manager, will cook her special spaghetti, hot rolls, salad, and cherry pie with the help of her kitchen staff. The price of the entire supper, plus coffee and milk, will cost \$1 for adults and 50 cents for children under 12.

Mrs. Sam W. Molloy is the chairman for this year's supper. Her co-chairman is Mrs. Louis Westerman. In charge of decorations are Mr. and Mrs. Norman Alwes. Mrs. John Cromeans is arrangements chairman.

Mrs. George Rietze is cashier. Hostesses are Mrs. Claude Harris, Mrs. Ayars Lamar, Mrs. Howard Martin, Mrs. Claude Smith, and Mrs. Earl Bensing.

Lunchroom workers will be P.T.A. board members and other mothers of children attending St. M. Elementary.

The supper is a major fundraising project of the P.T.A. Tickets can be obtained by calling Mrs. Sam Molloy, TW 5-9657.



Officers for the St. Matthews Elementary School PTA for 1961-62 are from left, front, Mrs. William J. O'Brien, recording secretary; Mrs. Robert Proctor, Jr., president; Mrs. Arnold Brause, corresponding secretary. Back row are Mrs. J. L. Garrett, historian; Mrs. Walter Horns, Jr., second vice president, and Mrs. H. Louis Westerman, treasurer.

April 20, 1961

February 2, 1961

### St. M. PTA to hear panel tonight

"This Narrowing World," a panel discussion, will be presented this evening at St. Matthews Elementary School at 7:30 p.m. by the P.T.A. The panel will discuss various phases of school systems in other countries as compared to our town.

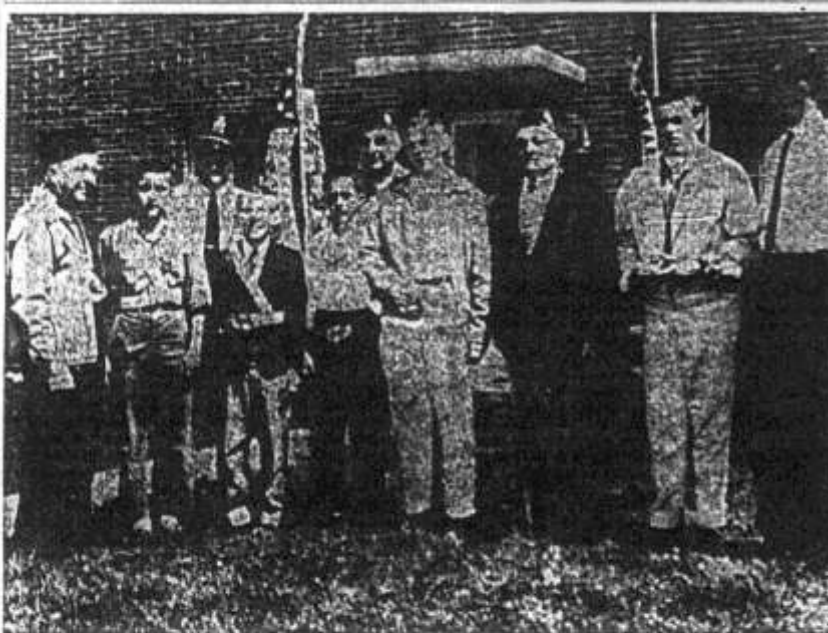
Questions will be directed to three foreign students, now studying at the University of Louisville, who will be members of the panel, on what they think of our school systems, how the schools in their native lands compare to those in the United States, the place and position of the family in relation to educational systems, and other questions of a similar nature.

Panel members are Miss Ikkal M. Basheer, Egypt; Miss Chi Chao, China; Miss Khimra Mathrani, India; Mrs. Ayars Lamar and Mrs. George Howell, representing the parents; Dr. Rual T. Perkins, pastor of the St. Matthews Methodist Church; Miss Bonnie Redding, a second grade teacher at St. Matthews; and Marion Scott, a sixth grade student at the school. Dr. John Boyle, executive chaplain of the Louisville Medical Center, will moderate.

"This will be one of the most informative and interesting programs of the year," says Mrs. Claude Harris, president of the P.T.A. "The St. Matthews Elementary School P.T.A. is honored to be able to present a program of this nature. It will be of interest to anyone connected with the school system."

Movies will be shown to children through grade three during the meeting.

March 23, 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 Lourdes Golden, Trinity High. Rear are acting Police Chief Edgar Kelley, who chose the recipients, and Ken Zimmerman, Legion Americanism Chairman.

May 25, 1961



# Classes to open Monday at St. M. Elementary School

Some 150 to 200 children in Jefferson County's East end will trek back to school Monday when St. Matthews Elementary School will open for the summer. It will be one of three grade schools in the county to offer summer classes.

There will be two buses operating on the summer schedule at St. Matthews Elementary, and the Jefferson County Board of Education said this is a tentative schedule which may be revised "as the need arises":

Bus No. 302, driven by Frank Eakin, will start from the Forest Elementary School at Berrytown at 7:20 and will proceed on LaGrange Road to Everygreen Road, arriving at Eastern High School at 7:27.

From Eastern, the bus will go to Middletown Elementary School, arriving there at 7:31. It will proceed to Beemwood, Old Harrods Creek Road LaGrange Road, Hounz Lane, arriving at Wilder School at 7:47. From Wilder the bus will return to Herr Lane, Lyndon Lane to Lyndon School, arriving there at 7:53. The bus will return over Lyndon Lane and LaGrange Road, on Washburn Avenue to Westport Road, arriving at Stivers School at 8 a.m.

From Wilder the bus will go over Hubberds Lane, Brownsboro Road to Chenoweth School, arriving there at 8:05.

It will leave Chenoweth School by way of Chenoweth Road to Breckinridge, through Grandview to Greathouse School, arriving there at 8:11. The bus will return over Grand-

view to Browns Lane, arriving at St. Matthews Elementary at 8:13.

Bus No. 571 driven by James Travis, will leave Durrett High School at 8:05 and arrive at Shryock School at 8:20. From Shryock the bus will leave for St. Matthews Elementary School, arriving there at 8:25.

June 8, 1961

## Second PTA telecast at St. M. Elementary

"Trends in Education" is the subject of the second county-wide telecast to be shown Thursday, Oct. 19, at 7:30 p.m. at St. Matthews Elementary School. The program will cover such subjects as teaching machines, language laboratories, longer school terms, ungraded primary programs, individualized arithmetic, and physical fitness.

Jo M. Ferguson, chairman of parent education at St. Matthews, will preside at this meeting. Several fathers in the school will lead the discussion groups following the telecast. Since the telecast starts promptly at 7:30 it is urged that you be in the auditorium before then.

Nursery facilities will be provided as usual for children through grade 3. All other children will sit with their parents.

October 19, 1961

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## St. M. Elementary PTA hears panel discuss school needs

The St. Matthews Elementary School PTA held its first meeting the year last Thursday with a large turn-out of parents and school personnel.

Mrs. Robert Proctor, president, opened the meeting and introduced Girl Scout Troop 125. The Scouts, led by Mrs. Jerry Noland and Mrs. Arnold Brause, led the flag ceremony and the pledge to the flag. Mr. Carl Markert then led everyone in the Star Spangled Banner.

Dr. Claypool, pastor of the Crescent Hill Baptist Church, gave the invocation, and then Mrs. Proctor conducted a business meeting at which the budget for the year was presented and accepted.

Mrs. Proctor introduced the board members for 1961-1962. They are:

Mrs. Richard Krauth, 1st vice president; Mrs. Walter Hume, Jr., 2nd vice president; Mrs. William J. O'Brien, recording secretary; Mrs. Arnold Brause, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Louis Westerman, treasurer; Mrs. James Garrett, historian.

The committee chairmen are: Art, Mrs. Rogers Moore; civil defense, Mrs. John Quire; fi-

nance, Mrs. Sam Lyverse and Mrs. Robert J. Hastings; health and recreation, Mrs. James Larkin; hospitality, Mrs. Wayne Oates; landscape, Mrs. H. R. Deutsch; legislation, Mrs. W. C. Arms; library, Mrs. J. W. Heshman and Mrs. Dan T. Cannon; magazines, Mrs. Lee Hammond; character and spiritual education, Mrs. Don Gash; music, Mrs. Betty McIntosh; office, Mrs. Claude Smith; parent education, Mr. Jo M. Ferguson; publicity, Mrs. William V. Miller and Mrs. Claude Harris; room representative, Mrs. Sam Molloy; safety, Mrs. Charles Shuck; scouting, Mrs. Carl Markert; and year-book, Mrs. John Robinson.

Mrs. Proctor introduced the faculty and presented a panel of three teachers, Mrs. Rebecca Chandler, Mrs. Mary Griswald and Mrs. Nancy Duncan, and one parent, Mrs. Ayars Lamar, who discussed school situations and then answered questions from the audience. Mr. John T. Norton, principal, moderated the panel.

The parents toured the classrooms where they met their children's teachers.

October 5, 1961

**St. Matthews P.T.A. sets defense program**

The St. Matthews Elementary School P. T. A. will present an up-to-date program on civil defense on Thursday, Jan. 25, at 7:30 p. m. Mrs. Katherine Vaughan will be the speaker.

Mrs. Vaughan has worked in civil defense for 7 years and she is now trying to coordinate the civil defense program throughout Kentucky. She is also a member of the National Association Public Information Office for Civil Defense.

Mrs. John Quire, chairman of civil defense at

the school, is in charge of the program. She is assisted by Mrs. Charles Shuck, safety chairman, Mrs. R. A. Proctor, president of the P. T. A., and Mrs. John Norton, principal of the school.

There will be facilities as usual provided for children through grade 3.

January 18, 1962

**Walsh to speak to St. M. P.T.A.**

St. Matthews Elementary School Character and Spiritual Education Committee, will present George Walsh, program director of WHAS, at the PTA program tonight at 7:30. Mr. Walsh will speak on "Choosing TV and Radio Programs for Your Children."

Also the nominations for executive board officers for next year's PTA will be announced. Nominations from the floor will follow.

Following the program will be the Founders Day Tea, in honor of the founding of the PTA organization.

Den 6, Pack 180, from Bethel Church will lead the flag ceremony.

February 22, 1962

**Paper sale set**

The St. Matthews Elementary School P. T. A. will hold a paper sale beginning Wednesday noon, January 24, through Friday noon, January 26. Newspapers, magazines, and rag will be accepted.

All proceeds from the paper sale are used to improve the school facilities.

January 18, 1962

**St. M. PTA presents musical program tonight**

St. Matthews Elementary School PTA will have its annual musical program tonight at 7:30 at the school on Brown's Lane.

The 6th grade chorus, under the direction of Miss Jane Thomas, will present a vocal program, and the band, of 4th, 5th and 6th grade students, directed by Mrs. Eleanor Ritchie, will present an instrumental program.

The public is invited to attend. Facilities will be available as usual for children through the 3rd grade.

Installation of PTA officers for 1962-63 will take place. New officers to be presented by Mrs. Robert Proctor, outgoing PTA president, are: president, Mrs. Elizabeth MacIntosh; first vice president, Mrs. William J. O'Brien; second vice president, Mrs. Richard Krauth; recording secretary, Mrs. Sam Mollay; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Verne M. Yahne; treasurer, Mrs. Robert J. Reazan; and historian, Mrs. John G. Hart.

Girl Scout Troop 516 will lead the flag ceremony. Leaders of Troop 516 are Mrs. Carl Markert and Mrs. Claude Harris. This troop of 4th grade girls has been sponsored by the St. Matthews Elementary P. T. A. since it began as a Brownie Troop in 1958.

**School library adds more books**

St. Matthews Elementary School Library plans to add more books to its shelves within the next few weeks.

Mrs. J. W. Heishman, P.T.A. library committee chairman, said the school library will be increased from 4,500 books to 5,000 books.

She said the library has always been the chief project of the P.T.A., and during the past six years the association has donated \$1,000 or more each year to the library.

This year 484 hours of service has been given by the 21 mothers on the library committee.

February 15, 1962

**Paper sale set**

A paper sale will be at St. Matthews Elementary School on Tuesday, May 22. A truck will be in the parking lot from early morning until 3 p.m.

Newspapers, magazines, and rag will be accepted. All proceeds will be used to improve facilities at the school.

May 17, 1962

May 17, 1962



Outstanding School patrol awards were given seven patrolmen by Zachary Taylor Post 180, American Legion, recently. They are (front row from left) Jimmy Rodman, Sdivers 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 Nahm, Trinity High School, and Larry Androsi, Our Lady of Lourdes. Carl Hulswede, 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. C. Kuhn.

June 28, 1962



The elementary grades, too, have their usual periods of recreation. Here Betsy Palmer-Hall, student at St. Matthews Elementary, kicks the ball to a classmate.

September 13, 1962

September 27, 1962

### Two speakers on St. M. Elementary PTA program

Two speakers will be on the program tonight of the St. Matthews Elementary School PTA at 7:30 at the school on Brown's Lane.

Mrs. Aileen Layman, principal of Bates' Elementary School, will speak on "What I As a Teacher Expect Of A Parent" and Mrs. Claude Harris, parent of St. Matthews Elementary School and former PTA president will speak on "What I As A Parent Expect Of A Teacher".

All parents are urged to attend this first meeting of the year which will include the introduction of the faculty. Refreshments and "get acquainted" time will follow.

This year St. Matthews Elementary has an enrollment of 354. There are three new teachers on the staff. They are Miss Janice Edds, William Bird, and Mrs. Ann Shelby.

### St. M. P.T.A. schedules two speakers

The St. Matthews Elementary School PTA will meet Thursday, Sept. 27 at the school on Brown's Lane at 7:30 p.m.

Mrs. Aileen Layman, principal of the Bates Elementary School will speak on what I as a teacher expect of a parent; and Mrs. Claude Harris, past president of the St. Matthews PTA will speak on what I as a parent expect of a teacher.

There will be an introduction of the teaching staff, and refreshments will be served. Mrs. Betty McIntosh, 1314 Northbourne Blvd., is president.

The first parent sale will be held at the school on Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 26 and 27. A picnic will be on the school grounds from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. Thursday. All parents will be invited to the school.

September 20, 1962

### St. M. PTA board meets Oct. 8

The executive board of the St. Matthews Elementary PTA will meet Monday, Oct. 8 at 9:30 a.m. at the school on Brown's Lane. Plans will be reviewed by the president, Mrs. Betty McIntosh for parents visitation nights scheduled for Oct. 9 and 10 at the school at 7:30 p.m.

October 4, 1962

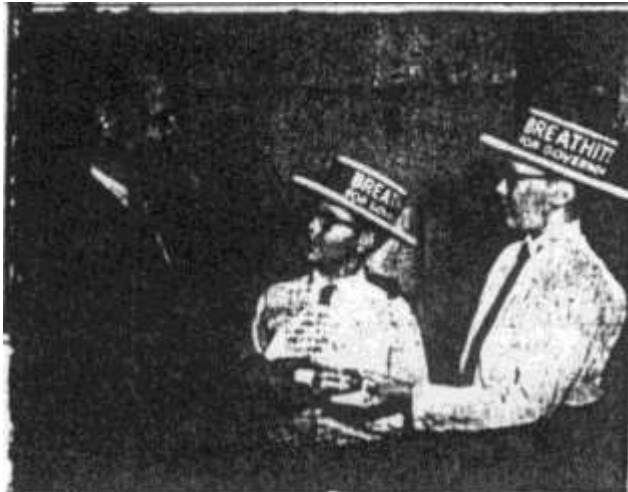
**St. M PTA to honor past presidents**

St. Matthews Elementary School will honor past PTA presidents on Thursday, Feb. 28 at 7:30 p.m. at the school on Browns Lane.

The nominating committee will present nominees for PTA officers for the coming year. The library committee will present a program on American Freedoms through books and a dramatization by first grades.

A Founders Day Tea will follow.

February 14, 1963



Ned Breathitt greets two campaign backers--(center) Bobby Muir, 10, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Muir, and Richard Walker, 11, son of Mrs. Lillian Walker, both of Beechwood Village. Richard is presenting Breathitt some \$5 in contributions he had collected from among his friends. Bobby goes to Stivers and Richard goes to St. Matthews Elementary. Breathitt named the two unofficial campaign chairmen of Beechwood Village.

March 21, 1963

**St. M. PTA sets ice cream social**

An ice cream social sponsored by St. Matthews Elementary School PTA will be held in the school cafeteria on Brown's Lane Tuesday, May 14 from 5 to 7 p.m. The cost is 25 cents a serving. The public is invited.

There will also be homemade cakes and white elephants for sale.

May 9, 1963

**St. M. PTA will observe teacher appreciation week**

Teacher Appreciation Week will be observed at the St. Matthews Elementary PTA meeting at the school on Browns Lane on Thursday, Mar. 28. Three speakers will discuss "Personality Development and Emotional Needs of Your Child".

The speakers are Dr. Joe Mullins, minister of Harvey Browne Presbyterian Church; Rev. Raymond Beckman, director of Juvenile Rehabilitation; and Dr. Sandor Klein, psychologist. The moderator will be Mrs. W. F. Puckett, 3900 Plymouth Road, character and spiritual education chairman of the PTA.

Election of Officers for 1963-64 will also be held. Collections for a paper sale will be held March 27 and 28 at the school. Funds will be used for the betterment of the school.

March 21, 1963

**St.M. PTA to elect new officers tonight**

St. Matthews Elementary School PTA will hold its election of officers tonight at the school on Browns Lane at 7:30 p.m.

Nominated for offices are: President, Mrs. Robert Stocker; first vice president, Mrs. Lloyd Lotz; second vice, Mrs. Sam Mullory; recording secretary, Mrs. Oliver Raymond; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Nicholas Palmer-Ball; treasurer, Mrs. Verne Yalpe; and historian, Mrs. Joel Field.

Speakers on the program on personality development and emotional needs of your child, will be Dr. Joe Mullins, pastor of Harvey Browne Presbyterian Church; Rev. Raymond Beckman, director of Juvenile Rehabilitation, Long View Association of Baptists; and Dr. Sandor Klein, psychologist, Child Guidance Clinic.

March 28, 1963

**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 Hurton, 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.

May 9, 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;

Middletown, 585; Ormsby Village, 178; Shryock, 621; St. Matthews, 568; Stivers, 629; Wilder, 871; Zachary Taylor, 839.

August 8, 1963

## Mrs. Redelberger St. M. lunchroom manager, dies

Funeral services for Mrs. Joseph J. Redelberger, lunchroom manager at St. Matthews Elementary School, were held at 9 a.m. yesterday at St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church with burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Mrs. Redelberger, 48, the former Catherine B. Gaines died at 4:55 p.m. Aug. 18 at St. Joseph Infirmary. A native of Louisville she lived at 12203 Old Shelbyville Road, Middletown, and formerly served on the lunchroom staff at Eastern High School.

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### Mrs. Redelberger.

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She was a member of the Alter Society of St. Margaret Mary Church and the Jeffersons County and National Associations of Lunchroom Managers.

Her husband is director of safety at Brown Forman Distillers Corp. Other survivors are a son John J. Redelberger; four sisters, Mrs. Kenneth Lord, Columbus, Ind., Mrs. Henry Kelting, Mrs. Denest Diemer, and Mrs. Waunita Willman; three brothers, Frank M., Robert and Joseph Gaines.

August 22, 1963

## 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; Stivers, 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

## St. M. School to hang greens December 18

The traditional "Hanging of the Greens" program by the children of St. Matthews Elementary school will be Wednesday, December 18. The program will be under the direction of Miss Jane Thomas, music instructor.

At 9 a.m. grades 1, 2 and 3 will sing. At 10 a.m., grades 4, 5 and 6 will entertain. Mrs. Patricia Bowling's fifth grade class will present "The Grinch that Stole Christmas," a play based on a book by Dr. Seuss.

Wreaths and festival arrangements will be hung on each class room door.

Coffee will be served after each program in the library by the PTA Hospitality Committee.

December 12, 1963



School buses aren't the only mode of travel for children attending St. Matthews Elementary School. These bicycles in front of the school show many use their own motive power.

October 10, 1963

### Vandals hit two schools

Youths caused slight damages to Waggener High School and St. Matthews Elementary School last Sunday.

They entered by breaking windows--one at Waggener and two at the elementary.

"Principal Earl Duncan at Waggener said the youths caused more trouble than damage there, by throwing sugar and flour on the floor in the home ec room.

John Norton, principal at St. Matthews Elementary, said the loss of two windows and two fish, left on the floor, from the school's fish tank were the only damages there.

The youths entered the buildings through the broken windows.

February 6, 1964

### Mrs. Lloyd Lotz to head St. M. Elementary PTA

Mrs. Lloyd Lotz has been elected president of the St. Matthews Elementary School PTA for the coming year.

Other officers will be Mrs. James Garrett, 1st vice president; Mrs. Oliver Raymond, 2nd vice president; Mrs. Don Thomas, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Jules Berlin, recording secretary; Mrs. E. C. Thirlwell, treasurer; and Mrs. George Cooper, historian.

Pre-school registration will be held at the school on Browns Lane, Wednesday, April 15, from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

April 9, 1964

### Ice cream social

St. Matthews Elementary School PTA will sponsor an ice cream social and white elephant sale May 12 at the school on Browns Lane.

Ice cream and homemade cake will be served from 5 to 7 p.m. at 25 cents per serving.

May 7, 1964

### School situation discussed at St. M. P.T.A.

George T. Underhill, chairman of HELP will speak on HELP for the School situation at the St. Matthews Elementary School PTA at 7:30 p.m. today at the school. A panel, including a representative of the Jefferson County School board will be formed to answer questions.

Refreshments and a Get-acquainted time will follow the meeting.

September 24, 1964

**St. M. Elementary plans supper**

St. Matthews Elementary School will hold its annual spaghetti supper from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 16, at the school. Slaw, cherry cobbler, coffee and milk will also be on the menu.

Price to adults will be \$1 and to children, 50 cents.

February 11, 1965

**St. M. P.T.A. slates two plays**

A library program will be presented at the St. Matthews Elementary School PTA meeting Wednesday, Feb. 24.

Mrs. Rebecca Chandler's first grade class will present a play, "Brownies--Hush," and William Bird's sixth grade will present "Romeo and Juliette."

February 18, 1965

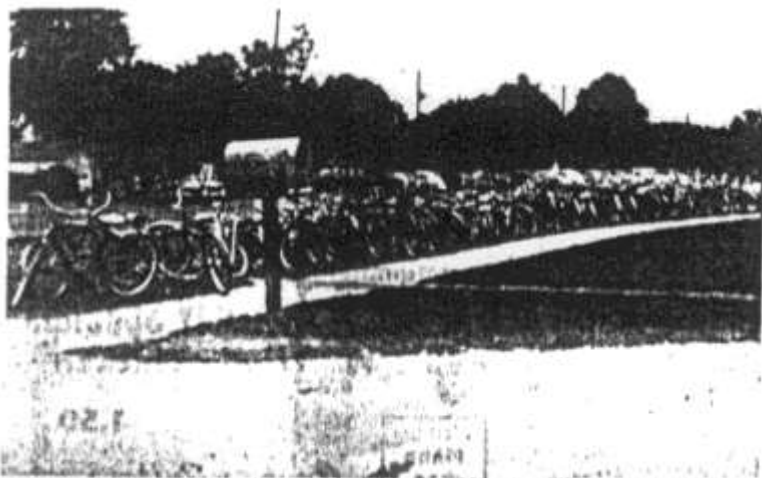
**St. M. P.T.A. offers Math workshop**

St. Matthews Elementary School PTA will offer a 10-week course workshop in the new Modern Math that is being taught in all county schools. The tuition free course will be on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesdays at 7:15 p.m. beginning Sept. 27 and continuing through Dec. 8 and will be open to all parents of students in the school and their friends.

The purpose of the workshop is to enable parents to know what their child is doing in the field of math and also to enable them to help the child if necessary.

Leo Colyer, supervisor of Math for Jefferson County Schools will direct the workshop on Monday nights for parents of children in grades one and two, and on Wednesday nights for grades five and six. Mrs. Dorothy Fackert, a Jefferson County teacher will direct on Tuesday nights for grades three and four.

September 23, 1965



WAITING FOR THE FINAL HOUR--Bikes await their riders at St. Matthews Elementary School just minutes before the students were to begin their last ride home from school for the school year.

June 3, 1965

# School board to offer kindergarten program

A six-week kindergarten for children entering school for the first time next September will be offered in the summer school program of the Jefferson County Board of Education beginning June 19. Curtis W. Whitman, director of the program, said children who will be 6 before Jan. 1, 1968, are eligible. Bus transportation will be available for the six-week period. A fee will be charged for tuition and transportation.

Schools offering the program are St. Matthews Elementary,

Kerrick Elementary and Indian Trail Elementary, but Whitman said others may be made available if sufficient interest is expressed.

Further information is available from the summer school office at 367-1784, Monday through Friday, between 8 am and 5 pm.

March 16, 1967

# Last meeting of year scheduled by P.T.A.

The P.T.A. of the St. Matthews Elementary School will hold its last meeting of the 1966-67 school year tonight at 7:30.

The sixth-grad classes will present "An Evening of Music," directed by Miss Jane Thomas.

Dr. Joseph B. Mullin will deliver the devotional.

Officers for the 1967-1968 year will be installed. They are: Mrs. B.J. Botger, president; Mrs. Walter Jackson, first vice president; Mrs. John Emmelsberger, second vice president; Mrs. Don Thomas, recording secretary; Mrs. L. H. Brett, corresponding secretary; Mrs. G.R. Franz, treasurer, and Mrs. R.B. Gelbard historian.

May 18, 1967

# Kindergarten classes slated

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Applications may be obtained at all Jefferson County elementary schools or at the summer school office, 3440 Preston St.

Further information is available from the summer school office, 367-1784, Monday through Friday, between 8 am and 5 pm.

May 11, 1967

# School to hold open house

The St. Matthews Elementary School will hold open house tonight after the P.T.A. meeting which begins at 7:30 in the auditorium.

Guest speaker for the evening will be Dr. Jack Pollock, a local psychologist. His topic will be "The Teacher and Contemporary Education."

There also will be a book fair in the library. The books which will be on sale were selected by the librarian, Mrs. Koon.

The open house is held to give all parents an opportunity to visit their child's classroom.

A nursery will be provided for pre-school children and movies will be shown for first through third graders.

November 16, 1967



**GUIDELINES FOR LUNCHROOM MANAGERS**

# Pilot course in nutrition taught at two schools in St. Matthews

By Marilyn Frederick

Learning the ABC's of lunchroom nutrition has created so much interest from east-end school managers that the instructor of the course, Mrs. Gordon (Barbara) Sepp, has been overwhelmed by the response.

This pilot program was begun four weeks ago by Mrs. Hannah Mathers, lunchroom coordinator for Jefferson County, in order to offer helpful information and guidelines to these unpraised heroines of the kitchen. The program is being supported by the State Vocational Home Economics Department.

The "Principles of Food Preparation using Standardized Recipes" was the title of this first group of ten lessons. The program which covered nine areas of interest in lunchroom preparation was held for over 20 in each class at either Waggener High School or St. Matthews Elem-

entary.

"Just meeting the daily requirements for school lunches is a chore in itself," says Barbara, who is a certified home economics vocational teacher. "You sometimes find you have to be a chemist, a psychologist and a mathematician in just preparing school lunches," she said.

**Daily requirements**

Included in those requirements that must be met daily Barbara says are, 2 ounces of protein, 3/4 cup of fruit or vegetable or a combination of both, 2 teaspoons of butter, milk, vitamin C, and vitamin A (twice a week). These all must be presented in an appealing and variety of ways which makes the job that much harder.

To prove a point, these dedicated women were so in-

terested in learning new ideas that they gave up two hours several days a week to participate in the program. This was done in the afternoon after they had worked at their duties in the 20 odd schools in the area.

Points of interest covered in the program were how to use government commodities to the best advantage, menu planning including daily requirements, how to prepare salads, vegetables, meat, meat substitutes, quick breads yeast breads, cakes and cookies, pastry and pie, and sandwiches.

In all areas nutrition was stressed - proper retention of nutrients in cooking while using standardized recipes as well as simplification of work techniques. "Can you imagine measuring by the quarts and gallons accurately and still coming up with a tasty dish,"

Barbara asked.

"This is a duty of the lunchroom crew in addition to making the food appealing for such a variety of tastes," she said.

Important factors, such as alternating cooking and pre-baking, if necessary, were introduced to the eager group. They even ended up giving helpful tips to each other, since they all apparently share the same problems.

**Planning important**

Use of equipment and work scheduling also play a significant role in preparing school lunches.

"The hot bread they prepare in these lunchrooms is delicious," Barbara said. "The children seldom get this type of baking at home with the quick cooking phase we are living in these days," she added. At one of the lessons, one

very adept manager demonstrated how to pinch yeast rolls at an amazing rate of speed.

To understand the problems of a school lunchroom is to know that they are entirely self supporting. Costs are figured daily to a hundredth of a cent. They don't make money; they just make ends meet, or just plain try to operate on an equal basis.

From their federal subsidy must come workers salaries, most of all new equipment besides the cost of the food. Accomplishing all this plus tackling the impossible task of trying to please children's taste is quite a feat.

Because of the tremendous response in this new program, two others are already planned for Seneca and Valley High Schools. Perhaps after evaluation, in depth programs on points of interest may be arranged.

April 18 1968

## PTA to see film about narcotics

A film, "Narcotics - Pit of Despair," will be shown at the Thursday, Oct. 24, meeting of the St. Matthews Elementary School PTA in the school auditorium.

LI. Fred Roemele, head of the vice squad of the Jefferson County Police Department, will answer questions after the 7:30 pm showing. The film is designed for adult audiences.

Nursery facilities will be provided for children in the first through third grades.

October 17, 1968

## St. Matthews PTA to meet Nov. 19

The next meeting of the St. Matthews Elementary PTA will be held Tuesday, Nov. 19, at 7:30 pm. After a short business session, parents will visit classrooms and meet teachers. Volumes for pre-schoolers to adults will be on display at the book fair in the school library. There also will be an encyclopedia and dictionary section.

November 14, 1968

# Christmas has international flavor at school celebration

By O'Ryan Rickard  
Staff Writer

Odie Yuz brought a Christmas card to his teacher at the St. Matthews Elementary School. The card was made in and sent from Vietnam. The card's message was for peace around the world.

The card was placed on the school bulletin board alongside cards from Japan, Germany, France, Italy, and the United States.

The reason Odie brought the card to school was that he and his schoolmates were decorating the school building with Christmas items from countries all over the world. As well as decorating the school, the students have been studying how children all over the world celebrate the birth of the Prince of Peace.

### Buy presents

The children have been drawing pictures and writing stories about the way Christmas is celebrated elsewhere.

The children also are concerned about others. They have bought about 70 presents for the kids at Children's Hospital.

A book illustrating Clement Moore's story "A Night Before Christmas" has been made by the children.

They draw a picture depicting each phrase of the poem. It will also be given to the children at the hospital. The children at the school seem to have a great deal of imagination. In

the halls of the school, are many bulletin boards decorated imaginatively.

The main bulletin board is a series of pictures, drawn by the children, depicting the way Christmas is celebrated in Sweden, Germany, Russia, Mexico, Netherlands, France, and Italy.

### Symbols of Christmas

The subject of one of the bulletin boards is the symbols of Christmas. The children have cut out of cardboard, and covered with foil a star of David, a snowman, a stocking, a candle, an angel, and a noel bell.

One of the boards is covered with all the Peanuts characters encircling a Christmas tree.

Another board features the creative writing efforts of one sixth grade class. Pinned to board are stories written by the children. One of the stories is about an elf named Shorty who asks Mrs. Santa to make him a scarf.

Mrs. Christina H. Bowling, principal of the school, has been playing Santa to her faculty. Each day the first faculty

member to enter the teacher's lounge, after going on a scavenger hunt, gets a present -- cookies, cake, or a what-not.

The Christmas tree at the school is a Norway spruce. Last Friday the children presented the tree to the school. It was planted in front of the school building.

### Learning experience

Mrs. Bowling said that the pre-season Christmas projects have engendered added enthusiasm in the Children for Christmas.

"We have also tried to make it a learning experience," she said.

The school librarian has decorated a bulletin board with the ABC's of Christmas. Under each letter of the alphabet is a book about Christmas (its title beginning with that letter of the alphabet.)

Friday all the Christmas decorations came down -- it was the last day of school before the holidays -- the children and the faculty were sad.

## School to present musical program

Sixth grade classes and the school orchestra will present musical programs at the Thursday, May 22, meeting of the St. Matthews Elementary School PTA. The meeting will be at 7:30 pm in the school auditorium. Officers for the 1969-70 term will be installed.

May 8, 1969

## St. Matthews school to hold open house

The P. T. A. of the St. Matthews Elementary School will have a standing meeting and open house Thursday, Nov. 13. Parents are invited to visit classrooms from 5 to 8 pm.

A Book Fair will be on display in the school auditorium. This year there will be paper backs ranging in price from 50¢ to \$1.65. The Book Fair will be open from 2:30 to 9 pm, Thursday, Nov. 13, and from 8:30 am to 11 am Friday, Nov. 14.

The public is invited.

November 4, 1969



THESE CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS, created by students, decked the bulletin board at St. Matthews Elementary School.

December 28, 1968



JOHN W.  
TRAPP



MRS. THOMAS M.  
POPE

"Everything now is 'expression' " Begged cardboard for flash cards

"Every aspect of teaching has changed," she said, "and it's been a thrill to watch my children progress. They're learning things in the Second Grade now that used to be Fourth Grade subjects. They're even studying the fundamentals of geometry. All the new methods are wonderful, mostly the audio-visual tools, and we now have the most beautifully equipped libraries that never existed in the early days."

Mrs. Schlemann has nine grandchildren. Would she recommend to them a lifetime of teaching? She replied: "Definitely, yes. I don't know of anything more rewarding. My oldest granddaughter is 15 and she's already interested. It's so wonderful to hear from past pupils. I recently got a letter from a girl I taught in 1958, recalling all kinds of episodes that happened in our class that year. This is one thing that gives a teacher so much satisfaction."

### How teachers keep fit

Someone said to Mrs. Schlemann not long ago: "You don't look as if you had been teaching for 31 years." She said she laughed and told the person that a teacher can't help but keep fit because she's on her feet all day--and half the time out on the playground with the youngsters.

But Mrs. Schlemann, a graduate of the old Normal School, says she's always used the now old-fashioned methods she learned there, combining them with the modern film strips, tape recordings and other new methods. She thinks the reason children are so much smarter today than they used to be is because of their constant exposure to the news media.

Mrs. Pope, who always has taught Third Grade, began her career in Spencer County, then moved to Eastwood, Presonia, and St. Matthews Elementary before going to Wilder.

In the very early days...

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# RETIRING TEACHERS TAKE A LONG LOOK

*The changes have been tremendous, educators agree*

By Glee Crutcher  
Staff Writer

"Educational opportunities are far greater today than ever," said John W. Trapp who is retiring this month after 20 years' service at Eastern High School. "Looking back, I often wonder how I ever learned to read!"

Trapp is one of 41 retiring teachers who were honored recently by the Jefferson County Board of Education. Their total years of service to schools is about 1,000.

"There are many, many changes," said Mrs. Margaret Schlemann, who is leaving St. Matthews Elementary School after 31 years of teaching. "We're

living in a different age now, with different methods, such as film strips and tape recorders."

Mrs. Thomas M. Pope, who has taught for 33 years, most recently at Wilder Elementary, recalled her first years on the job when she had to beg cardboard from the corner grocery to make flash cards for her reading and spelling courses.

Miss Elizabeth Bennett, Principal of Jane Hite Elementary School in Middletown, who has had 42 years in the profession, said she has been dealing, in the last decade, "with a very different type child, much smarter because of being exposed to a world of science."

A graduate of Hanover College with a master's degree from the University of Kentucky, Trapp taught for a number of years in the Oldham County system before coming to Eastern as teacher and athletic director in 1950. He became assistant principal in 1954 and in 1955 was named principal.

"There's quite a bit of difference" in the children today, he said, from the youngsters he encountered when he started teaching.

"Everything now is 'Expression,'" Trapp said. "The youngsters are much more sophisticated. Their viewpoints are far broader. They are much more advanced in every way. And I put most of it down to television-watching."

Trapp also credited the broader curriculums offered. He said this is the best feature about today's schools. It gives the students many more opportunities than in the olden days to learn and advance and stretch their minds, he said.

"The only bad feature about today's classes," he said, "is that our numbers are so great that we teachers don't get to know the youngsters as well as we used to or spend enough time with them."

Asked if he would advise a student to take up teaching today, Trapp immediately replied, "Yes."

"I don't know of anything more rewarding or of any better contribution that a person can make in life. It has thrilled me. In fact I'm overjoyed at how well the majority of my pupils have turned out after graduation. They're fine, good citizens, and this alone has given me the greatest satisfaction. In the teaching profession you also meet and get to know so many wonderful people, both instructors and parents."

## Praise from a teacher

A former member of Eastern's staff, a latin teacher, had glowing compliments for Trapp. "He ran a tight ship," she said, "and the children respected him. He also always backed up his teachers. And there was no monkey business. If a student broke a rule, he was punished, usually by being made to run a great many laps around the track."

Trapp said he doesn't know yet what he's going to do in his retirement.

"First, I'm going to rest for awhile," he said. "Then I'll think of something interesting."

Mrs. Schlemann glowed with enthusiasm when talking about her career and its many changes and challenges. She has always taught Second Grade, first in Lyndon and then at Melbourne Heights, before switching to St. Matthews 15 years ago.

## St. Matthews Area Elementary Schools:

1984/85

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St. Matthews Elementary School

SACS—Interim Review, 1984—1985

### History

#### St. Matthews Elementary School

St. Matthews Elementary School, located at 601 Browns Lane in the eastern section of Jefferson County, shares a twenty acre site with Waggener High School. The school opened in the fall of 1955 during a period of rapid growth for Jefferson County Schools. The building which housed grades one through six was formally dedicated on October 20 of that year. At this dedication, Albert E. Bowen, member of the Jefferson County Board of Education, served as Master of Ceremonies, and Superintendent Richard VanHoose was the speaker. The pastor of St. John Lutheran Church, the Rev. Samuel P. Diehi, gave the invocation.

The initial cost of the building, designed by Hartstern, Louis and Henry, was \$486,299.00. Its original floor plan consisted of twenty— one classrooms, a music room, a visual aids room, library, cafeteria, and administrative offices.

The school has undergone physical changes since its 1955 opening. Major changes include the addition of four classrooms, a counselor's office, a small group instruction room, a textbook storage room, a science materials room, and expanded library and administrative facilities.

St. Matthews was one of the first schools in Jefferson County to be accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. In 1975 the St. Matthews Media Center received the Kentucky Media Award for that year.

During its history, St. Matthews School has been under the direction of three principals. The late Robert Neill served from 1955—57 and then became Director of the Advance Program. John T. Norton, now retired, served from 1957—67. Christina Bowling, the present principal, assumed the position in 1967.

The school's enrollment is 397 which includes regular program grades K-5, advance program grades 2-5, and one special education class. The local school district includes the former Skryock district, parts of the former Kennedy and Greathouse districts, and is clustered with Coleridge-Taylor for desecration.

**St. Matthews Elementary  
and Waggener High today.**



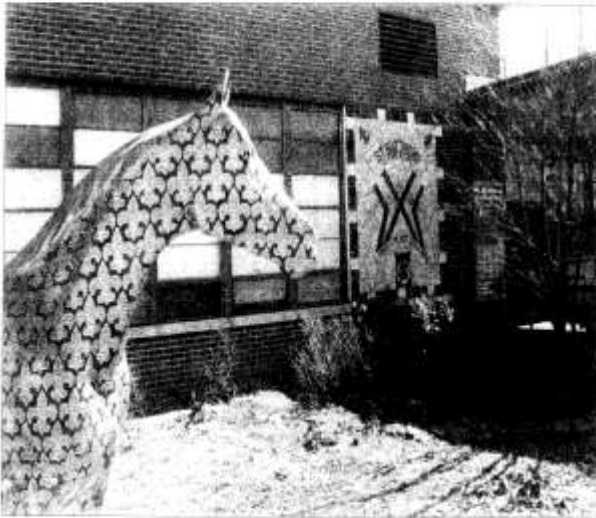
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1955—2005

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Our Memories—only a few pages

## "Our Memories"



### St. Matthews Elementary School Celebrating 50 Years of Excellence

1955-2005

**Sandy Duncan, Secondary Teacher, 1955-1969**

St. Matthews was wonderful a wonderful place to work. We had a lot of camaraderie among the teachers. John Norton had a good sense of humor. I'm in a retirement home and some of the children I taught come to visit their parents here, and it's so rewarding when they come see me and remember what we did.

I remember that one student, Bill Sherman, had a dog and he always knew when playtime was and came and sat and watched as every day, just to be near Bill. One day a little dog tried to go in the school with us after recess, and Bill's old dog jumped on him and sat on him until we all got into the building.

**Bert Edington, Primary Teacher, 1995-present**

The greatest thing about working at St. Matthews is the camaraderie that is shared among the staff. Many laughs are shared both in and outside of the school. We try not to take ourselves too seriously. So when you're walking down the hallway there's a good chance you'll hear some laughter among teachers while participating in a conversation during special area time. Or, in many cases, you might find someone pulling a light-hearted prank on someone else. We are all good friends with each other in both good times and in trying times. We care about each other as well as the children we teach. Lifelong friendships have been made in that building. It's a great place to teach, work, and learn. I feel extremely blessed to be a part of the St. Matthews family.

**Carol FitzZaland, Primary Teacher, 1987-1994**

I have many fond memories as a previous teacher at St. Matthews School. However, since my retirement, some of my most enjoyable times have been returning as a deity for the end of school "Love Your Marbles" day. I have really been enjoying playing music for the

children and interacting with them.

Children are the "beeds of Life," and they will grow up to become the beautiful "Flowers of Life." We should nurture them with kindness and love as they grow.

As a retired teacher, I have to admit, I don't miss those 20-minute lunch periods!

I have many enjoyable memories working with Debra Cudap (Lowry) and Debbie Wolkert. All three of our classes were grouped as the "Dynamic Dinosaurs," and we worked as a team. Parents were so sweet to use puffy paint on our "Dynamic Dinosaurs" outfits for each and every one of us.

I have met many remarkable and truly talented faculty, staff, and students at St. Matthews School. I am so very proud to have been a part of this wonderful school.

**Nancy Glaser, Counselor, 1989-1998**

During my nine years as the counselor at St. Matthews, I had the privilege of working with an exceptional staff, the honor of serving a fantastic group of students, and the good fortune of being supported by the best parents possible. My experiences were super and my memories are wonderful.



Since retiring from St. Matthews, I haven't purchased 40 gallons of ice cream at one time from Kruger nor have I hosted an ice cream social party for 300. I still get bugs, but I never come close to the dozen or so that I would consistently receive in one day. And I haven't attended a skating party nor ridden a school bus as a skating party since I left my office at 601 Brooks Lane.

While I was at St. Matthews, we added



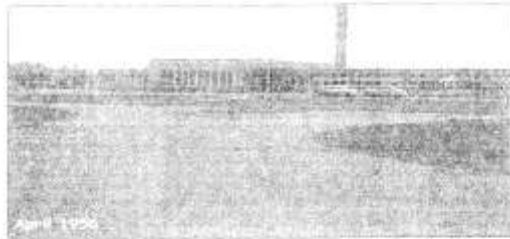
"Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire."  
—William Butler Yeats

This memory book includes remembrances from some of the more than 400 current and past faculty and staff of St. Matthews Elementary School as the school celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. I regret that some colleagues have passed on or could not be contacted. Some of the stories were taken from interviews of faculty and staff while others were actually written by the person whose name is listed above the remembrances.

Special thanks goes to school secretary Anne Jackel for all her help to me, not only on this book, but on four yearbooks.

This has been a labor of love for me, as my last child graduates from St. Matthews Elementary School next week. I can say no more about the school, it has all been said in the pages to follow by those who have loved it for years.

Beth Dawson  
Mum of Elizabeth, Charlotte, and Sam  
PTA, 1994-2001



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combined with his skills and talent, the many student teachers that requested St. Matthews' small gym facility over other settings due to the overall creativity and warm schoolwide, convincing special staff members to work on the corridor lot and building and grounds improvements. And when things really got difficult...I retired.

Things that most intrigued me about St. Matthews were: staff members who had limited space and facilities and just gave 110% on whatever need to be done; Anne Z. typing with a bloody lip, Debbie W. putting on plays in her room with her tea parties, Elkin V. teaching in a closet, Elke S.'s rabbits and baby chicks; office staff making many Emergency Room visits; a French instructor who did "stand-up" comic relief in the a.m. to raise money for the Red Cross, and staff members who knew always...it was about THEM (the students).

Happy 50<sup>th</sup>, St. Matthews Elementary, and thanks for the lasting friendship and loving support towards my teaching career and my family. My "bike" rides were the BEST!!! Thank you Beth W. and Corrie W. for being true Champions of Children! Best wishes on the next 50 years!

**Mary Lynn Kivling, Primary and Secondary Teacher, 1978-1983 1985-1990**  
I have memories of coming to St. Matthews Elementary in 1959 and of being nervous because I had been asked to teach fifth grade in a new program for academically gifted children. I have memories of leaving St. Matthews in 1990 when I retired.

And there are many memories of the students, parents, teachers, principals, and staff that came and went in those intervening years.

Except for two years when I taught at Louisville Country Day, which was a boys' school, I spent about 30 years at St. Matthews.

While at St. Matthews I taught under the direction of Principals John Norton, Christian

Bowling, and Donna Coxson.

In the early years of my tenure, there were hardly any special area teachers, so the homeroom teachers taught every subject, including art, music, and physical education.

We also ate lunch with the children because there were no lunchroom aides or any other aides. There were no computers in the building until much later.

I also recall one creative teacher who was making a huge papier mache dinosaur for a play she was having. The maintenance man was quite startled one day when he came upon the five-foot dinosaur in the hall. He looked it up and down and said, "Why, these 'Dinah Shore!' (a TV personality at the time)

I can remember a wonderful fifth grade teacher who retired a few years after I had been at St. Matthews. I was very surprised that she was retiring, and I asked her why she was retiring. She replied that she couldn't bring those explorers across the ocean one more year. I understood what she meant!

I have memories of a satisfying teaching career at St. Matthews with many wonderful people that crossed my path. Some became lifelong friends, and, for that, I am very grateful. Congratulations to St. Matthews Elementary on your 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary!

**Eleanor Koon, Librarian, 1958-1976**

St. Matthews Elementary School was a self-contained classroom school. Often a teacher was asked to take a divided class, but St. Matthews had many excellent



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teachers capable of maintaining the interest of several groups working at their pace, and so no pupils fell behind in their work.

Because of overcrowding for a short while, part of the school was in double sessions.

The library (media center) quickly became the hub of the school as the center grew in number of books and other materials of learning. It then became more satisfactory to all



concerned to have the librarian give instruction and book talks in the classroom. The children of grades 4, 5, and 6 came to the library on a basis of need for books of recreational reading as well as for research projects. Grades 1, 2, and 3 remained scheduled so that they could learn location of books, how to sign cards, etc.

For these primary children, the joy of reading was the main purpose. Each time the class came, a book or a poem was shared. (Sometimes children made presentations; often times the librarian.)

In addition to a librarian supported by two mothers, one mother came every day to care for her wheel-chair son and spent her time as an aide.

The school also had a part-time instrumental music teacher as well as a part-time public school music teacher. At the Christmas season, a non-religious program was presented by both teachers (musical) as well as an end-of-the-year performance. (Janz Thomas, the singing teacher is still living.) The school had no air

conditioning in those years; it, therefore, was with some regularity that a pupil passed out during the performance at school's end. There was no air teacher in those years, but all teachers at that time were required to have art courses. The hall boards about this very well.

Achievement tests were given throughout the county and very soon the results of the classes was skimmed off for the advance program of which Robert Neal became the director. This was started, I think, about 1959. This gave the school many extra dollars per capita.

On the last day of school, there was a ball game between teachers and upper grade students. The teachers never won!

A school store stocked supplies needed by students, and sixth grade students operated the store.

Teachers at this time were encouraged to visit pupil's homes, so I always had teacher's night around my dining table once a year.

The PTA (about the last three years) provided clerical help for me. This was Trany Arms (a member of Beargrass, who had children at St. Matthews).

**Joe Leffert, Principal, 1999-present**

I remember it like it was yesterday. It was May 21 at 7:00 p.m. It was a beautiful, sunny evening. I was on my back deck with my wife, Anne Mary, and my eldest son, Will. I was taking a break from cutting the back lawn, talking to Anne Mary and playing with Will. Our portable phone was outside, just in case a school might call!

Ring, ring went the phone. I eagerly answered the phone. Mrs. Howell, counselor and chair of the principal selection committee, said the committee was recommending to SRDM



dro I'd be hired as principal. I quickly accepted the offer to be principal of St. Matthews Elementary. I remained in excitement and jumped up and down on the deck.

Anne Mary and I hugged and jumped around. Will even joined in, but he didn't understand why we were so excited. May 21, 1999, I began a wonderful journey leading the best school anywhere! Yes, I was principal of St. Matthews Elementary! What a great evening, what a great school, and what a memory I will always cherish!!!



**Linda Littlejohn, Primary Teacher, 1980-2001**

I walked into St. Matthews Elementary in October 1980, a little uneasy about having to teach fifth grade. Since I was teaching a second grade class at Lupton Elementary, my wish was to pick right up in another second grade classroom. I had been trying to get a position closer to home for quite some time. That year St. Matthews needed a fifth grade position filled. So fifth grade it was.

Christina Bowling, the principal, greeted me. As we walked down the hall toward Room 101, I was impressed at how quiet it was in each classroom I passed and at how the students seemed to be right on task. After meeting the other grade-level teachers, Joyce Stines and Pat Warden (Bowling), I had to scurry around and find materials to set up the room in time for the arrival of my new class the next day.

Despite my anxieties, the year went just fine. Nevertheless, I opted to return to second grade the next year when the position became available. During my tenure at St. Matthews I also taught first and third grades as Advance Pro-

gram classes under the leadership of those principals. I worked with a host of wonderful teachers and staff members and miss among them on a daily basis.

Much has changed since the 80's. Students at St. Matthews now enjoy computer labs, air-conditioned classrooms, wonderful playground equipment, and, of course, a new media center. One thing that has remained constant is the dedication of the faculty and staff and their determination to do everything possible to ensure a sound educational foundation for each student. Parental support is very evident throughout the building. This partnership is a plus for students and teachers.

I still remember the day in 2000 when a second grade boy who was assigned to my class walked in and said, "Hello, Mrs. Littlejohn, you taught my mother." Immediately, I began to do the calculation. My boy time flies. How long other that, I decided to retire. Although I retired in 2001, after spending 21 of my 31 years in education at St. Matthews, it is always a pleasure to walk in the door again as a retiree and be greeted by cheerful students and former co-workers. St. Matthews really is A Great Place to Work! Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

**Betty Lewis, Primary Teacher, 1959-1960**

The students I had at St. Matthews were a challenging group. All of the children read and understood at least two years above their level. At that time, we pretty well planned our own program. Each day children gave an oral report to the group on a topic of interest to them. The other students articulated the reports. I remember a six-year-old who was designated a second grader. He gave a talk on maps and cemetery plots. They had to know these stuff for the other kids let them have it.

**Marsha Jones Marshall, Primary Teacher, 1968-present**

It seems like only yesterday that I started my teaching career at St. Matthews. In reality, it was September 1960. I was first assigned to Coleridge Taylor, but after the first few weeks of school, their projected enrollment wasn't as expected and I was over-staffed. I thought to myself, maybe I should have stayed in my hometown of Sharpsburg and taught in Bath County.

I interviewed at St. Matthews and started teaching fourth grade the Tuesday after Labor Day in 1960. As I reflect back over my wonderful years thus far at St. Matthews, I have truly been blessed. Little did I know that I would be teaching students who wanted to learn, making friends for a lifetime, and meeting my wonderful husband, Dwight.

**Carrie Mateja, Librarian, 2001-present**

My fondest memory to far here at St. Matthews has to be the opening of the new media center. I enjoyed being included in the planning process, watching the construction phases of the new building, and seeing the excitement of all the students (past and present) as they came in and marveled at the new space.

**Susan Mattingly, Primary Teacher, 2004-present**

This is my first year as a third grade teacher at St. Matthews. When I first came to the school, it seemed that everyone I met in the hall would say, "Welcome. You are going to love this place." Well, ten months later, those

people were right. I do love this place! It has been a joy to see all of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations.

St. Matthews is such an awesome school! I love the way the kids sing a different patriotic song every month on the staircase. I also love that each child can participate in a play every year. I love the respect and smiles I see from the students and staff each day. But most importantly, I love the friends and families I have met at St. Matthews that provide such a wonderful learning environment for children.

**Pam Lilly McAfee, Primary Teacher, 1986-1992**

I ran into a kid just recently who I taught in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and is doing her student teaching in primary education. It's neat to see kids you worked with carrying on in education.

While I was at St. Matthews, I enjoyed knowing some wonderful people. I had a great time with Doretha Bensenhaber and Linda Littlejohn. Donna Duncan-Kemp was a very caring person.

Christina Bowling was wonderful. She had a sign on her door that has stayed with me my whole life. "Your attitude not your aptitude will determine your attitude in life." I thought she was the greatest thing next to government cheese.

**Ethel McQuady, Primary and Secondary Teacher, 1983-1975**

I remember one year I had 42 1<sup>st</sup> graders - what a disaster! I remember opening all the windows and doors when it was hot because there was no air

conditioning. One September it was so hot, and for first day of school a child cried and cried. When he finally calmed down, I opened the door, and off he ran - he was going home to his mother!

All the teachers there and the principal are great, we got along well. It was a great place to teach, there were no major problems.

When I taught fifth grade advanced for one year, I had some of the smartest kids I'd ever seen. One of them is now a podiatrist who travels all over the country speaking. That class was written up as one of the smartest that went through St. Matthews and Waggoner.

I remember one of the last first graders I taught a little girl came in the first day and asked me to go out in the hall with her. There in the hall, she confided that I had taught her daddy. That little girl was Rebecca Seebold, who teaches at St. Matthews now. They all teased me that after hearing that, that's when I stopped teaching.

There are four teachers of us who still get together and have lunch: Mary Lynn Kissling, Dot Stephens, Eleanor Kinn, and I.

**Irene Morrison, Secondary Teacher, 1969-1974**

The principal, Christina Bowling, was marvelous to help you and instruct you. I remember Mrs. Koon very well. The children were very nice.

**Mildred Neat, Primary and Secondary Teacher, 1960-1989**

My sons spent six years each at St. Matthews Elementary, and my grandson six years there. I related it up recently - our family was at St. Matthews for 47 years!

I remember a lot of changes through the years. I was there before and after bussing. I was there when we had a graded program, a "levels" program, and then a graded program again. I was there through many different reading and math programs. I was there before we

had art, music, or P.E. together. I remember John Koonrich asking students to initiate physical fitness programs, so we did some of that in the classroom. [Mrs. Neat taught at St. Matthews during the terms of six principals.] I just worked with computers right before I retired, but we had no computer teacher. I was there when we started using the TV to supplement our teaching in art, science, social studies, and Spanish.

I remember we used to go on some annual field trips to Booneborough and My Old Kentucky Home.

When I first started, John Norton was the principal. He was a great principal and was supportive of the teachers, as were all the principals there. Mr. Norton left St. Matthews to become the principal of the school close to where he lived and whom his son was a student. I taught with Christina Bowling before she became principal at St. Matthews.

One of the things I remember most are the many great friends I had among the teachers at St. Matthews. I loved St. Matthews and retired having taught 39.9 years in Massachusetts and Kentucky. For 12 years after I retired, I still came back to help with the school's book fair.

From time to time I still see some of my students at church and other places. One of my former students has a daughter at St. Matthews now - I recommended the school to her.

I left St. Matthews as my second home.

**Pat Norton, Primary Teacher, 1975-1989**

St. Matthews was my first experience teaching 1<sup>st</sup> grade. I remember Don Dennis giving me wonderful instruction when I started. She was a wonderful teacher, an exemplary person, and beautiful to look at.

It was a challenging time to start teaching - I remember the teacher's strike soon after I started. We walked in the circle outside the school. It was absolutely tragic.

I started teaching first grade before kindergarten was mandatory and before we had the



# St. Matthews Area Elementary Schools:

1955—2005

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Our Memories—only a few pages

After re-reading these cards, I got inspired and called Kelly, a mother, who was my room mother that year. I took both Kelly and Maria to lunch at The Bristol, and we had a wonderful time. They brought pictures of their children. Maria's little boy, Patrick Marston, is the first grade at St. Matthews.



**Elton Venhoff, Speech Teacher, 1972-present**

My many memories of St. Matthews are endless. These have remained constant during the past 20 years: caring and dedicated co-workers, supportive PTA, March Grad celebrations, and Field Day fun.

**Elton Walsh, Primary and Secondary Teacher, 1977-1995**

One of my first memories of St. Matthews is my interview with Principal Christina Howling. Near the end of the interview, she pointed a finger at me and said, "I will tell you something once and won't tell you again!" Needless to say, I received the message loud and clear.

I also remember the time Pat Keibler, the PE teacher at the time, dressed as a baker chick, the trips to Pine Mountain Settlement School, the field day when Gay Gains, another PE teacher opened my classroom door and dumped a bucket of water on me, and Laurama Starks coming into my room and pulling my hair saying she knew I wore a wig because no-

body's hair could be as dark (I didn't realize my hair was that dark!)

My best memories of my days at SMES are about the professional teachers and staff with whom I worked, the children, who were so entertaining (without a hint, for the most part), and the parents who co-operated and wanted their children to be held accountable for their actions and choices.



**Pat (Howling) Warden, Primary and Secondary Teacher, 1958-1980**

I loved teaching social studies, and we held mock political conventions every four years in the fall. Each child had a role, whether it was as president, vice-president, or delegates. One day we held the Democratic convention, and every student was a Democrat. The next day we held the Republican convention, and every student was a Republican. Candidates gave speeches. Delegates from the different states voiced their opinions regarding the candidates and told how many electoral votes their state had. Each student had memorized the oath of office, so whoever was selected to be president, he was ready to quote the oath.

The students and parents at St. Matthews were wonderful and supportive and always asking what they could do to help. Many parents helped with these conventions. It was even written up in the *Covington Journal*.

Another thing I enjoyed doing was having a St. Patrick's Day Irish party, where we sang songs, danced, and had a play. I was in Kenzie the other day when a man said, "Stop, right where you are, don't say a word, and don't move. Do you know me?" It was Brent French I told him. "The last time I saw you, you were on stage and dancing an Irish jig." Another former student sang one of the Irish songs for me

at the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary gathering at St. Matthews had last fall.

We had wonderful principals at St. Matthews. I was under both John Nisom and Christina Howling. Mr. Norton was a Marine drill instructor during World War II. We would say, "Tell us what to do, John," and he would. Not only the principals, but St. Matthews as a whole was such a warm school. I truly enjoyed my years there.

**Linda Watts, Secondary Teacher, 1989-2003**

One of my favorite memories is the time when a student, Mem Corlett, and her mother



asked every student in my class to bring in a book to donate to the library. They honored me by writing a dedication in the front of each book.

**Darlene Younkin, Bookkeeper, 1972-1997**

I began my career as an employee at St. Matthews Elementary School in the fall of 1972. I was active in the PTA with both daughters in school at the time. Linda, who had at-



tended St. Matthews, was in the eighth grade at Waggoner Middle School and Laura was in the fourth grade at St. Matthews.

When I started as a bookkeeper at SMES, I worked six hours a day. My main responsibility was keeping books for the lunchroom and school activities for the students. My other duties were cashiering in the lunchroom plus ordering and stocking the vending machines in the teachers' lounge, but I was never involved with payroll.

After two principals, three lunchroom managers, four secretaries, and a partridge in a pear-

tree, I decided to retire in 1997. Twenty-five years is a long time at one job.

Things changed frequently, such as students, personnel, and job description.

St. Matthews Elementary School has

meant a lot to me. Many of my longtime friends are associated with the school. Now I have time for yard work, reading, traveling, and naps. It's been a wonderful life, with St. Matthews playing not a small role.





## St. Matthews Area Elementary Schools:

Today

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### St. Matthews Elementary

#### School Profile

The staff at St. Matthews Elementary is committed to providing a challenging and engaging learning environment where every student will acquire the fundamental academic and life skills necessary for success in the classroom, workplace, and academic standards. To fulfill this mission, our school offers an outstanding instructional program which includes the following components. The Primary Program encompasses the first four years of students' education where they will receive instruction at their own academic level. The Primary Talent Pool serves students who demonstrate exceptional academic talents. The Advance Program serves students who demonstrate exceptional academic talents. The Advance Program serves students in the fourth and fifth grade who are formally identified and participate in an enriched curriculum. The Intermediate Program encompasses fourth and fifth grades. All students receive French instruction. Extended School Services serve students who need additional academic support. The Exceptional Child Education Program serves students who have special needs in the area of learning disabilities, behavior, and other exceptionalities. Since the CATS Testing System has begun, St. Matthews has always exceeded its goals and has been a school in rewards (nine years). St. Matthews Elementary has created a safe and nurturing environment coupled with high academic expectations. We provide meaningful opportunities for parental involvement through SBDM, PTA, and the classroom. St. Matthews offers a variety of extracurricular activities including the Accelerated Reader Program, Student Technology Leadership Program, daily morning telecast broadcast from our WSTM TV Studio, band, orchestra, Safety Patrol, Academic Teams, Mayors Cup, Creative Problem Solving Team, Spelling Bee, Student Council, Young Authors, Creative Movement Program, Drama, and Peer Mediation. Additional extracurricular activities are the Chess Club, basketball team, cheerleading squad, Mad Science Club, and Young Rembrandts Art Club. Our Family Resource Youth Services Center (FRYSC), the STEPS Center, offers after school classes ranging from reading assistance to manners for a successful life.



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## St. Matthews Area Elementary Schools:

### Waggener High School Alumni Comments:

### St. Matthews Elementary School

You have hit a nerve with the idea of a SMEL reunion! What a great idea for a sub-group. I remember too, feeling a bit left out of the 'High School', relegated to the grade school. Also, I remember that the field we walked across for PE or Home Ec or Shop got a bit muddy at inopportune times. Until now I was content to read the emails and vicariously watch over the shoulders of you others who are active communicators. Although my husband and I live in Southern California, I have been back to Louisville many times in the past year and a half due to family illness and my Mom's passing. I am looking forward with great eagerness to a trip simply for pleasure. If anyone wants to share the list of the Greathouse kids' addresses, I will be glad to help promote the SMEL reunion.

Betty, And when we got to go to Waggener in the 7th and 8th grades, it was actually St. Matthews Elementary! Remember we had CORE in the morning at the elementary school and ate lunch there, then walked across the field to Waggener for phys. ed, shop, and home ec in the afternoon. Used a classroom with brown paper on the windows for our phys. ed. dressing room at the elementary school. I later learned, from someone posting here back in 2001 before the reunion, that those of us at St. Matthews Elementary were there because we lived close enough to walk there. Others were actually at Waggener in 7th and 8th grade all day. Bill '61

I think Ray is right about the walkers going to St. Matthews Elementary. I'm guessing they didn't want so many buses there because of all the little kids running around. I'm wondering if Mrs. Thomas is the blonde, easy-going, a looker, very, very young teacher I recall who would actually kid around with us a little bit. I remember her very well, but not her name.

That's interesting, Sharon, that you all were not aware of our group across the field. There were four classes of us, as I recall, bunched down at the end of a corridor to segregate us somewhat from the little ones, though we did eat in their cafeteria. I guess we could be thought of as the Waggener Jr. High annex. Bill '61

As a class of 62-er I started 7th grade at Waggener -- thought all 7th graders in the area went to WHS - did any of the class of 62 go to SMEL - or were we all at Waggener by then? Fidele '62

I think by then the new addition had been completed at Waggener and space was no longer a problem. Ray

Hey Annie..have question! Do you remember a girl from Waggener...Scheri Bennett..she was in Kadee, Gamma Zeta, Phi Beta and Fi social clubs. No one seems to remember her. we were great friends 5-7 grade, she lived on Wallace Ave. would love to get info on her, anyone else out there help!!!!!! love betty '61 Howie Hatton was her main squeeze back then! Scheri Bennett was still in St. Matthews in 8th grade. She was in my 8th grade class at St. Matthews Elementary (Miss Vincent was our teacher). I also think she started Waggener in 9th grade. I'd have to check but I think her picture is in that yearbook. But after that her family must have moved away. It would be interesting to know what happened to her. Gordon '61

My family lived on Alton Road, the part west of Browns Lane, between Browns and Breckinridge Lane. I guess a test of your theory would be Ann Riley and Jim and Tom Pope, who lived on Alton Road east of Browns Lane. If they went to the real Waggener in 7th and 8th grades, you might be correct. I don't recall if they were at the St. Matthews Elementary annex or not.

Some of the names I do remember at the annex are Gordon Finley, Ray Purdom, Suzanne Snyder, John Case, and Joel McGill, but there must have been 75 or 100 of us to fill four classrooms, and my memory is just not very good. Henry Connor lived so near Gordon, he must have been there too. Others I remember living on my part of Alton Road were Betty Casey, John Bush, Henry Mashburn, Carol Curry, and Wally Oyler.

I have four Waggener yearbooks -- 1958 through 1961, my freshman through senior years. Were there Waggener yearbooks earlier than that? If there were yearbooks for 1956 and 1957, those would have been my 7th and 8th grade years. Wonder if those at the real Waggener for those years are in those yearbooks and we at the annex are not. Bill '61