



St. Matthews, Kentucky Area History



O. J. Stivers 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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Miss Ruth Osborne, 1712 Deerwood, will be principal of the Stivers school, Westport Road and Hubbards Lane, when the 1952 fall session opens. Now at Greathouse, Miss Osborne has taught at the school for 21 years. When the seventh and eighth grades moved to Eastern, she asked to remain at Greathouse and started teaching the second grade.

She has taught second, third, fifth, seventh and eighth grades during her teaching career at Greathouse. She has taught at Vincennes, Ind., and in Louisville at Hazelwood and Corbran schools.

Holding a bachelor of arts degree in education from the University of Louisville, she is working on her Master of Arts degree from the same school.

May 1, 1952

New Officers Are Installed

New PTA officers for the Stivers school, to be built on Westport Road, have been announced by the new school principal-to-be, Mrs. Ruth Osborne. Following the organizational meeting last week, the officers of Stivers will be:

Mrs. Robert Kraft, president, 3927 Ormond Road; Mrs. J. C. Scheiber, first vice-president, 3927 Massie Ave.; Mrs. Nathan Everett, second vice-president, 356 St. Matthews Ave.; Mrs. J. A. Renn, recording secretary, 4013 Brookfield; Mrs. Elmer J. Nealon, corresponding secretary, 4037 Brookfield; Mrs. Jack Carr, treasurer, 3915 Stabler; Mrs. Albert Tollefsen, historian, 3925 Elfin Road.

Mrs. Osborne said that Mrs. Karl Bader, past president of the Jefferson County Council, 1809 Allston Ave., installed the new school officers.

May 22, 1952

Stivers School Organizational Meeting Will Iron Out Knotty Fall Semester Problems

May 15, 1952

A meeting to organize the Stivers School Parent-Teachers Association will be held Tuesday, May 20, at 2 p.m., in Greathouse school auditorium, according to Mrs. Ruth Osborne, who will be principal at Stivers school, to be located on Westport Road. Mrs. Osborne urges all parents of children living on the north side of the Shelbyville Road, to make a special effort to attend the Tuesday meeting.

Friday, May 16, a nominating committee will meet at Greathouse in room 201 at 2 p.m., to nominate officers. The nominating committee will consist of: Mrs. Karl Straub, 4045 Richland, chairman; Mrs. W. T. Porter, 3918 Brookfield Ave.; Mrs. Nathan Everett, 256 St. Matthews Ave.; Mrs. Frank Wilder, 3933 Elm-

wood; Mrs. Elijah Grimstead, 3911 Massie Ave. The committee will present the slate of officers at the following Tuesday meeting, Mrs. Osborne said.

Until the permanent officers are installed, Mrs. Robert Kraft, 3827 Almond Road, will be acting chairman, and Mrs. Bartlett Emmart, 4018 Leland Road, will be acting recording secretary.

Another purpose of the organizational meeting is to set up by-laws and procedural committees which the Stivers school group will present to the Jefferson County PTA Council.

Other matters which will have to be ironed out after the organizational meeting, Mrs. Osborne said, include setting up a safety committee to arrange bus service and the organization of a program committee.

CITIZENS TO STUDY BUS PROBLEM WITH SCHOOL BOARD

A committee representing the parents of elementary school children of the Brownsboro Road-Chenoweth Lane area met with the Jefferson County Board of Education Saturday, Aug. 16, to discuss the problem of transporting children to the new Orville J. Stivers elementary school on Westport Road.

Speaking for the group, Mrs. Albert Tollefsen, 3925 Elfin Lane, pointed out to the Board that 259 children live north of Highway 60. Of these, 139 are children of the lower grades. They have available, as matters now stand, only two Louisville Transit Company busses, operating on regular runs at 7:45 and 8:15 a.m. If no adults were passengers on these trips during the morning go-to-work rush, the busses would be capable of carrying, Mrs. Tollefsen indicated, only 120 of the children.

Transfer Hazardous

They would have to transfer, with no police or other adult supervision at the dangerous meeting point of two city busses—the multiple intersection of Westport Road and Chenoweth Lane, adjoining the railroad crossing. On the second lap, they would have to debarb at some distance from the school and be further exposed to traffic hazards. Similar conditions would exist when the children were returning in the afternoon, it was said.

Reporting that the Louisville Transit Company had not adjusted its schedule or facilities to meet the problem, the committee asked the Board to pro-

vide a bus to carry the children to the school in safety.

Cite State Statute

This the committee represented as a proper request under a state statute that requires counties to furnish transportation for children living beyond a reasonable walking distance of the school that they must attend. According to an informal census taken by members of the committee in advance of Saturday's meeting, at least 125 of the children live from 2 to 2½ miles away from the school.

Problem Under Advisement

Board members responded that funds are not immediately available to provide the transportation and indicated unwillingness to provide service for one area that others may lack. They asked Superintendent Richard Van Hoose to work with the residents in hunting a satisfactory answer to the problem. The board will consider the matter further at a special meeting before the beginning of school on Sept. 2.

Yesterday, Mrs. Tollefsen spoke appreciatively of the attention given her committee. "On the basis of the response of the board," she said, "the committee is confident that the board will cooperate with the people in obtaining satisfactory transportation for the children."

The following localities of the Greater St. Matthews area had representatives at the meeting: St. Matthews, Druid Hills, Brownsboro Village, Ormond Road, Bellewood, Cherrywood, Colonial Village, and Ridgeway Avenue.

August 21, 1952

STIVERS SCHOOL OPENING; HAS NEW MERITS, LOW COST

By ALMA AND PHILIP KENNEDY

The Orville J. Stivers School, Westport Road, newest addition to Jefferson County educational facilities, will be ready to receive elementary students on September 2, Richard Van Hoose, county superintendent, has announced.

Later this fall, Van Hoose said, the building will be formally dedicated to Orville J. Stivers, now of Buechel, who was for over 40 years superintendent of Jefferson County schools.

Rooms Needed

Built to relieve overloads created by increased enrollment at Eastern high school and at Greathouse and Lyndon elementary schools, the Stivers school will provide room space for sixteen classes, to be instructed by a staff of 18, including the principal.

To remedy the lack of a school on the north side of U. S. Highway 60, it is located on Westport Road, where, under a new districting plan, it splits the former Greathouse school territory approximately in half. Thus, it will relieve the Lyndon and Greathouse schools of responsibility for students of all grade levels; and from Eastern high school, it will take seventh grade classes, the superintendent explained. The new school springs from a need revealed by school census for nine additional class rooms at Eastern high, two at Greathouse, and three at Lyndon.

School Is "Pilot Plant"

Citing this as only an early instance of expected forced expansion, Van Hoose told *The Voice* that the Orville J. Stivers building is an experiment in providing the best educational facilities at the lowest possible cost.

Hence the structure incorporates many features novel to school architecture in the Louisville area.

On one floor, in the shape of a T, the building provides a music room, visual aids room, kitchen and cafeteria. The cafeteria is linked by a folding doorway to an all-purpose room, which is equipped with a stage and with facilities for physical education. The all-purpose room serves as auditorium, and can be used as one room with the cafeteria when greater space is needed.

The 16 class rooms line the leg and one arm of the T. They are linked by a central hallway to each other and to the administrative office at the center of the T.

Many Outside Entrances

Each primary classroom has a doorway leading directly into a girls' and boys' lavatory. All classrooms have outside entrances, so that the building can be evacuated in a matter of seconds. The floors are of concrete covered with asphalt tile; the ceilings are of acoustical tile. The walls are cement, a compound of cement and asbestos that combines the advantages of economy and fire-safety. Windows, designed to give maximum natural lighting, make of the exterior "almost a wall of glass."

Planned For Economy

Typical of the economies practiced in equipping the new building, are the black boards, which, in accord with new eye-saving practices, are not black, but green. These "chalk boards" are not boards, but writing surfaces painted on the walls with a paint especially compounded for the purpose.

Novel also is the provision for heat, which combines the conventional steam-radiator system with features of radiant heating. The steam conduits pass around the building along a tunnel placed just inside the outer wall. The steam pipes, passing along the tunnel to the various radiators, are left uninsulated to radiate heat into the space always most difficult to heat, floor level near the outer wall. The heat originates in the boiler room, the only part of the building below grade. This system is expected to increase heating efficiency while lowering the cost.

Principal Pleased

Mrs. Ruth H. Osborne, appointed to the new principalship after 21 years of service as a teacher at the Greathouse school, expressed her satisfaction with the Stivers plant as a fine instrument of elementary instruction.

Mrs. Osborne praised the elimination of waste motion accomplished by compact arrangement of classrooms and office space. She likes the playground facilities and the ample space afforded by the nine-acre site. She is pleased with the canopied loading zone, which, in addition to providing all-weather protection for arriving and departing children, can be used as a sheltered outdoor play space for at least two classes.

Mrs. Osborne commented on the advanced instructional equipment provided for the building. In the Orville J. Stivers School, she feels, she and her new faculty should be able to make school as "cheerful and interesting a place as possible—a place where children can see a purpose for what they are learning and where they can be encouraged to put what they learn into day-to-day practice."

Built Quickly

The new building has been under construction since May 1 by a 90-man crew of the Erhart-Knoop Construction Company, of 1112 East Broadway. Robert Simmons, superintendent of construction of the Erhart-Knoop firm, cited the speed with which a building of this type can be erected as one of its economies.

The cost, he says, is 10 1/2 cents per square foot, as compared to from 10 to 12 cents for a brick building of the conventional type. At \$32,000, Simmons said, the Orville J. Stivers building is approximately 33 1/3 per cent less expensive than brick school buildings of comparable quality.

U. J. STIVERS SCHOOL

Ruth Osborne, principal; Miss Anna Edwards, 1; Miss Charlotte Eubank, 1; Miss Louise Bohannon, 1; Mrs. Geraldine Corey, 1; Mrs. Meta Elder, 2; Miss Christine Jennings, 2; Miss Ann Jones, 3; James Alyce Dozier, 3; Mrs. Ida Jo Nelson, 4; Mrs. Mazel Stumbs, 4; Miss Alice Long, 5; Miss Garnet Ruby Dean, 5; Miss Josephine Grunwald, 5-6; John Mohr, 6; Miss Virginia Charley, 7; Mrs. Mildred Cobb, 7; Miss June Thomas, music.

August 21, 1952

Stivers PTA To Hold Benefit Bridge Aug. 22

The newly organized Parent-Teachers Association of the Orville Stivers School, will give a subscription bridge, 1 p.m., Friday, August 22, at the home of Mrs. Robert Marshall, Westport Road and Hubbard's Lane, Mrs. Robert P. Kraft, president, has announced.

Funds obtained through the function will be used to purchase lunch room uniforms. Punch and home-made cookies will be served.

August 21, 1952



ORVILLE J. STIVERS

"Humbled, but supremely happy" to have the new county elementary school bear his name, is Orville J. Stivers, former superintendent of the Jefferson County schools. In office from Jan. 3, 1916, Mr. Stivers retired after forty and one-half years, July 1, 1950, to reside on Richland Drive in Buechel.

August 28, 1952

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CARD PARTY

On The Lawn Of
Mrs. Robt. Marshall,
4186 Westport Road

Fri., Aug. 22—1 P.M.

Proceeds to benefit new
STIVERS SCHOOL P.T.A.

75c PER PERSON

Bring your friends,
tables & cards.

FOR RESERVATIONS
TA. 1233—TA. 5598

August 21, 1952

School Traffic Problem Eased

Parental worries about the traffic hazards their children will face in St. Matthews in getting to and from school were eased somewhat this week.

Herbert Johnson, president of the Louisville Street Railway Co., reported that extra busses would be made available to serve the students, as necessary. Also, bus connections would be scheduled permitting students to transfer from one bus to another without crossing streets at the Ashbury-Berman drug store corner.

At the same time, Miss Ruth Osborne, principal of the new Stivers school, announced that John Mohr, of the Stivers faculty, will be on patrol duty at the St. Matthews points of street intersection to aid the students during the first week of school.

Miss Osborne made an appeal to mothers to assist for a half hour mornings and evenings until the transportation problem is definitely worked out. Volunteers were asked to call HI. 0531-W.

No commitment on St. Matthews area requests by parents could be made by members of the county Board of Education, which has a meeting scheduled later this week to consider the question of furnishing transportation for students to and from Greathouse and Stivers schools.

August 28, 1952

Stivers School Dedication Tonight



ORVILLE J. STIVERS

POET BELIEVED STIVERS WOULD SERVE FELLOWS

Educator Did So For Forty Years

By PHILIP KENNEDY

Writing in 1950 his recollections of a young man he had had as a student at the State University 50 years before, Cotton Noe, poet laureate of Kentucky, spoke of Orville J. Stivers as one who "joyed in life and radiated sunshine and happiness." Noe had seen in the boy Stivers, he said, one who "would serve his fellow man gladly."

Now living in retirement at his home in Buechel after 40 years of serving in the office of superintendent of Jefferson County Schools, Orville J. Stivers still radiates the geniality that impressed his distinguished teacher of many years ago.

In his mellow later years, Mr. Stivers enjoys life as he did in youth; and among his satisfactions is continued recognition of his service as an educator. Latest is Jefferson County's naming in his honor its most recently constructed elementary school building, the Orville J. Stivers School. In service on Westport Road since September 3, this building will be dedicated in a formal ceremony tonight. To have the new school named for him makes him "humble, but supremely happy," Mr. Stivers says.

He is much pleased with the modern one-floor-plan Stivers school building. "It's a fine school, very well-equipped," he says. To this generation of schoolgoers the new structure would seem a far call indeed from the single school that served the St. Matthews area in 1910, when, at the age of 28, Mr. Stivers became superintendent; but he recalls with some pride the old school building which stood then "on a narrow lot in the triangle made by the Shelbyville and Lexington Roads."

"It was a two-room, two-teacher school," Mr. Stivers says, "and we had few two-room schools then. Of course everything was quite different." Facilities and equipment were very poor compared to those of today, but it was a good school."

O. J. Stivers held his first three four-year terms of office as superintendent by popular election, from 1909 to 1921. AF- (Continued On Page Four)

Van Hoose And Bowen, Officials To Participate

Building Costs Nearly \$350,000

Dedication of the Orville J. Stivers Elementary School will be held tonight at 7:15 p.m. in the school building.

Principal address will be given by the superintendent of Jefferson County Schools, Richard Van Hoose. His subject will be the life of Orville J. Stivers, who served as superintendent of Jefferson County Schools for over 40 years, and for whom the new building was named.

The school was opened in September on Westport Road near Hubbard's Lane. It cost \$348,736, and houses 16 classrooms and 500 pupils. There are 17 teachers, including the principal, Mrs. Ruth H. Osborne.

"The school is economic in design, yet provides every facility necessary to house a modern program of education," Albert E. Bowen, chairman of the county board of education, said.

It was built by Erhart-Knopf, contractors, and designed by Fred J. Hartstern, architect. It is fire-resistant, but not fire-proof, so all classrooms and special rooms have outside doors. The entire building is one-story.

Rev. Edwin Perry will deliver the invocation. Mrs. Osborne will make the introductions. Mr. Bowen will deliver the greeting. Mrs. Robert Kraft, Stivers PTA president, will make the presentations. Mr. Hartstern will describe the school's construction and design. Rev. Wilfred Myll will give the benediction. Following the formal program, a social hour will be held.

December 4, 1952



Orville J. Stivers, right, shows Ruth Osborne the large wooden key presented to him by Mrs. Robert Kraft at the dedication of the school bearing his name last Friday night. Mrs. Kraft, president of the Stivers Grade School's P.T.A., said the key was a symbol that he could unlock any door in the school as well as the hearts of all school children and parents in the County. At right, is Richard Van Hoose, superintendent of Jefferson County Schools. Mrs. Osborne is principal of Stivers School.

HAPPINESS SMILES ON US ORVILLE STIVERS DECLARES

People Come Through Driving Rain For Dedication of Stivers School

"Happiness smiles on us tonight," said Orville J. Stivers Friday evening as he and Mrs. Stivers basked in the friendliness radiated by several hundred parents, teachers, officials and children from Jefferson County Schools.

The assemblage came through a driving rain for the dedication of the new Orville J. Stivers School on Westport Road, named in honor of the former superintendent of County Schools.

On hand to greet the Stivers were Mrs. Robert Kraft, Stivers P.T.A. president; Richard Van Hoose, superintendent of County Schools; Ruth H. Osborne, school principal; Fred Hartstern, school architect; and Albert Bowen, chairman of the Jefferson County School Board.

Mrs. Kraft gave Mr. Stivers a large key of wood as a symbol of his ability to unlock the hearts of all County teachers and parents as well as any door in the new school.

He also received a large, framed drawing of the school for his living room. Bowen presented the school with a portrait of Stivers.

The 16-classroom school, built last summer, opened in September and houses 480 students, grades 1 through 7. It cost \$348,730, and is built to be a modern and well-equipped educational plant. Decoration — and costs — were kept at a minimum. The entire school is one-floor and each class room has a door leading to the outside.

Mr. Stivers was superintendent of Jefferson County Schools from 1910 until his retirement in 1950.

December 11, 1952



In the form of a huge T, the new Orville Stivers School on Westport Road will be ready for students on September 2. The left photo presents the T formation from the rear; the right photo looks into the sheltered loading area for buses directly in front of the combination auditorium-gymnasium wing.

August 28, 1952



MRS. ROBERT P. KRAFT

Stivers P.T.A. Head Lists New Officers

Mrs. Robert P. Kraft, president of the Orville Stiver's Parent-Teachers Association, has announced the following officers and leaders of committees for the first year's work of the association.

Mrs. J. C. Scheibel, first vice-president; Mrs. Nathan Everett, second vice-president; Mrs. J. A. Renn, secretary; Mrs. Elmer Nealon, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Jack Carr, treasurer; and Mrs. Albert Tollefsen, historian.

Serving as committee chairmen will be Mrs. Everett, program; Mrs. Charles Smith, hospitality; Mrs. Ralph C. White, finance; Mrs. Emmart La Crosse, grade mother; Mrs. Karl Straub, safety; Mrs. J. Pryor Wise, health; Mrs. Robert Marshall, garden; and Mrs. Scheibel, membership.

Reporting on a pre-school opening project of the P.T.A., Mrs. Kraft said that a subscription bridge conducted Aug. 2 at the home of Mrs. Robert Marshall, Westport Road and Hubbards Lane, had yielded \$65 to purchase lunch-room uniforms for the school.

First Stivers PTA Meeting Sept. 9

The first regular meeting of the newly organized Orville J. Stivers PTA will be held at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 9 in the auditorium of the new school on Westport Road.

Mrs. A. B. Sawyer, Jr., of the Cannon's Lane Nursery School, will be the speaker. Her subject will be: "What the parents should expect from the school, and what the school should expect from the parents."

The meeting will be open to the public.

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At Hubbards Lane and Westport Road, School Guard Mrs. Carolyn Haerberlin, 4051 Richland Ave. keeps alert for cars and kiddies as both approach the busy intersection a few hundred feet from the new Orville Stivers school. Bobby Baldwin, a patrolman in the School Safety Patrol was on guard on the far corner also when the Voice cameraman snapped the picture. John Mohr is faculty advisor of the patrol of 18 boys and girls.

September 18, 1952

Stivers School Patrol

John Mohr, faculty advisor of the Stivers School patrol, reported the organization as follows:

Harold Haerberlin, captain; Lee Watkins, lieutenant of the boys; and patrolmen Donny Devers, John Libby, Allen Pezold, Bob Westerman, Bob Trumppfeller, John Reid, Jack Ruck, Bob Baldwin, and George Heheman.

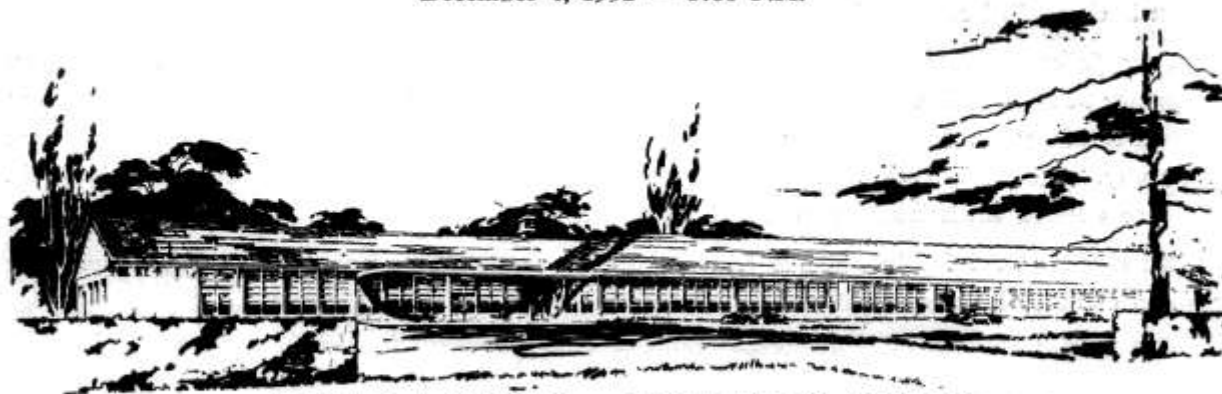
Lieutenant of the girls is Marshelle Hardesty, with the patrol consisting of: Carol Straub, Judy Terry, Bonnie Lee Bauer, Sue Bliss, Barbara Caswell, and Vivian Gerlach.

September 25, 1952

INVITATION TO

Dedication and Open House

December 4, 1952 — 8:00 P.M.



ORVILLE J. STIVERS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
WESTPORT ROAD JEFFERSON COUNTY, KENTUCKY

JEFFERSON CO. BD. OF EDUCATION

1952

ALBERT E. BOWEN, CHAIRMAN
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ORVILLE J. STIVERS SUPERINTENDENT - JANUARY 1910 TO JUNE 1950

RICHARD VAN HOOSE SUPERINTENDENT
JAMES L. SUBLETT DIR. OF EDUCATION
HORACE B. SLAUGHTER BUSINESS DIR.
RUTH OSBORNE PRINCIPAL

FRED J. HARTSTERN A.I.A.
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LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

AN upsurge of public interest in the nation's schools is taking place throughout America. Seldom have so many people demonstrated keen and vital interest in the public schools and seldom have the schools stood in greater need of public understanding and support. Effective cooperation of educators and laymen point the way to progress. Team work has proved its value. This citizen interest if channelled constructively may prove to be the most significant trend of this generation.

Your Jefferson County Board of Education proudly presents to you the Orville J. Stivers Elementary School. It is economical in design yet provides every facility necessary to house a modern program of education. It is the answer to our problem of housing children in this rapidly growing community. We must point out though that a good and adequate building does not, in itself, guarantee a sound educational program. It just assists in making such a program possible.

We challenge the faculty and the boys and girls to use its facilities so that they will always bring honor to themselves, their school and the community.

*Jefferson County Board of Education*ALBERT E. BOWEN, *Chairman*

R. I. MCINTOSH
R. B. SCHERR

DR. D. A. BATES
ARLIS COOK

ONE of the most delightful and pleasing experiences of the Administrative Staff during the past several months has been the opportunity of helping to develop the Orville J. Stivers Elementary School. It will stand long as a monument to the members of the Jefferson County Board of Education and all of those who had something to do with its development. It is an excellent example of frugal planning and functional design. While the members of the Board of Education, the professional staff, teachers, parents and boys and girls all had a part in the planning of this beautiful school, the person deserving the most credit is the architect, Mr. Fred J. Hartstern. The effort put forth by him in planning this school was most commendable and demonstrates how important it is to a program of education to have an architect who understands school house construction and is willing to put forth every effort to keep costs at a minimum. There are many of us who are still wondering how a school of this size could be constructed in four months.

Education is a great power in America. The Orville J. Stivers Elementary School, named in honor of that illustrious gentleman who served the youth of Jefferson County for forty and one-half years as Superintendent of Schools, will house hundreds of little boys and girls throughout the years and provide them with opportunities for growth in a complex society. It shall be a standing expression of our Democratic belief that all children in a Democracy shall have the opportunity to receive an adequate education.

In dedicating this beautiful school to the boys and girls of this community of today and tomorrow may it serve them long and well.

Administrative Staff

RICHARD VANHOOSE, *Superintendent*

JAMES L. SUBLETT
Director of Instruction

H. B. SLAUGHTER
Director of Business Affairs

ORVILLE J. STIVERS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL is a fire resistant building with exterior and interior partitions of cement asbestos board on wood studs which provides an air space between the two wall finishes. The exterior walls were prefabricated and set in place after the foundation walls and floor slab were poured. The wood columns and wood trusses supporting the roof are located at 8'-0" centers with 2" x 6" wood plank tongue and grooved sheathing spanning the full distance. The roofing material is asphalt shingles over roofing felts. All concrete floors are covered with asphalt tile except the kitchen and toilets which are quarry tile and ceramic tile respectively.

The building has a frontage of 345 feet. The front wing is composed of Administrative Offices, Six General Purpose Class Rooms, All Purpose Room, Stage, Cafeteria, Kitchen, Visual Aid Room, Library, Four Primary Class Rooms with Toilet facilities. Boys and Girls Toilets and a Teachers Rest Room have also been provided in this wing.

The rear wing of the building, 56' wide by 152' long, consists of Six General Purpose Class Rooms, Music Room, Applied Arts Room and the Service Area of the building. The Service Area consists of the Boiler Room, Coal Room and the Janitors' Storage Room.

The school has a total of 16 Class Room units and will accommodate from 480 to 500 pupils. All Class Rooms and Special Rooms have outside doors. There is a total floor area of 31,000 Square Feet.

The overall cost of the building, including equipment and site improvements is \$348,736.00 or a per pupil cost of \$726.53.

FRED J. HARTSTERN, *Architect*

THE ORVILLE J. STIVERS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL opened in September on a wave of enthusiasm that pervaded the entire community of St. Matthews. The building of this school attracted a great deal of attention, and everyone has been eager to have a part in its beginnings. The Jefferson County Board of Education, parents, teachers, and students have all cooperated in bringing about a smooth-running organization.

Very quickly each child seems to have acquired a feeling of belongingness, and the new classrooms have taken on an atmosphere of having been lived in a long time.

The faculty is attempting to make the program at the Stivers School a challenge in good learning—one that will help the students live richly and fully at all grade levels, enjoying interesting experiences each day they come to school. It is our firm conviction, and fervent hope, that through a program of good learning and democratic living here at school, these, our children, will take their places in life able to assume responsibility, and to enjoy to the fullest the true American way of life.

As we open the doors of this new school we ask Divine Guidance in molding these lives which have been put in our care.

RUTH H. OSBORNE, *Principal, Orville J. Stivers School*



Dedication Program

December 4th, 1952 — 7:00 P.M. to 9:30 P.M.

- Invocation Rev. Edwin Perry
- Songs Selected Group
- Introductions Ruth H. Osborne
Principal
- Greetings Albert Bowen
Chairman, Jefferson County School Board
- Speaker Richard VanHoose
Superintendent, Jefferson County Schools
- Subject — A Sketch of the Life of Orville J. Stivers
- Presentations Mrs. Robert Kraft
President, Stivers School P. T. A.
Fred Hartstern
Architect, Stivers School
- Benediction Rev. Wilfred Myll
- Social Hour and Open House

St. Matthews Area Elementary Schools:

Courtesy Trent Hutcheson (61) & Marilyn Gordon Brunnhoeffer (62). Orville J. Stivers School

O. J. Stivers Letter for Glee Club, courtesy of Trent Hutcheson

Courtesy Jefferson County Public Schools, Archives:



Stivers Elementary 895-2349
4238 Westport Road
40207

Mrs. Ruth Osborne, Principal
Closed 1980-81 1979-80 end of school year

Stivers Elementary

Site purchased in 1952 (9.34 Acres)
Purchase price ---- \$27,848.
Cost of orig. const. ---- \$321,804.
Dedication date ---- December 4, 1952
Orig. capacity ---- 480 (16 clrms)
1967-68 capacity -- 690 (23 clrms.)

Marilyn Gordon, Mike Skelton, Mrs. Hunter, Paul Keith, Inkwell staff (1956), Stivers School, Westport Road, Louisville KY, courtesy Marilyn Gordon Brunnhoeffer

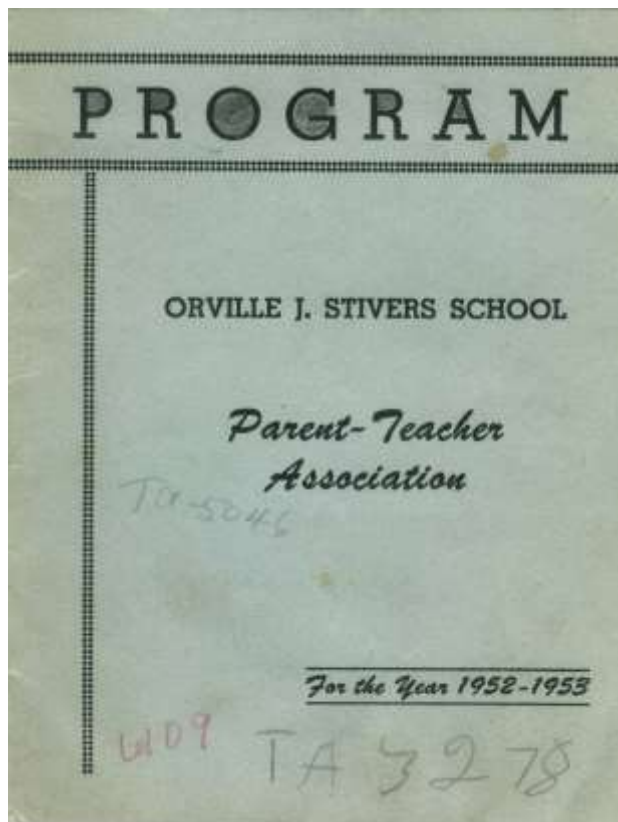


St. Matthews Area Elementary Schools:

Courtesy of Connie Corey (62).

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Orville J. Stivers School



OFFICERS

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3947 Massie Ave., TA 5598
- Second Vice-President..... Mrs. Nathan G. Everett
256 St. Matthews Ave., TA 2709
- Recording Secretary..... Mrs. J. A. Renn
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- Corresponding Secretary..... Mrs. Elmer Nealon
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3925 Elfin Road, TA 0200
- Parliamentarian Mrs. Roy D. Cobb
Brownsboro Road, TA 4937
- Representative to the Jefferson County Council
of P.T.A. Mrs. Stewart T. Bryan
3808 Ormond Road, TA 4389
- Principal Mrs. Ruth Osborne
1712 Deerwood Ave., HI 0531-W

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

- Program**
Mrs. Nathan G. Everett... 256 St. Matthews Ave., TA 2709
- Music**
Mrs. Nebby A. Gordon... 4031 Brookfield Ave., TA 6711
Co-Chairman — Miss Jane Thomas
- Finance**
Mrs. Ralph C. White..... 3933 Fairy Drive, TA 9088
- Garden**
Mrs. Robert W. Marshall... 4186 Westport Road, TA 1233
- Health**
Mrs. J. Pryor Wise..... 136 Brown Ave., TA 1159
- Hospitality**
Mrs. Charles H. Smith..... 3903 Kennison Ave., BE 3216
- Membership**
Mrs. J. C. Scheibel..... 3947 Massie Ave., TA 5598
- Publicity**
Mrs. B. M. Emmart..... 4018 Leland Road, TA 2451
- Safety**
Mrs. Karl Straub..... 4045 Richland Ave., TA 2718
- Welfare and Recreation**
Mrs. Frank N. Wilder..... 3933 Elmwood Ave., TA 0186

PROGRAM FOR THE YEAR

- September**
Speaker—Mrs. A. B. Sawyer, Jr.
Subject—What the Parents Should Expect of the School
What the School Should Expect of the Parents.
- October**
Dad's Night
Speaker—Mr. Richard Van Hoose
Subject—Growth and Development of the Jefferson County
Schools.
- November**
Speaker—Dr. Joseph Rauch
Subject—Educating Ourselves and Our Children to Racial
Non-segregation in the Schools.
- January**
Musical Interpretations in Dance
Students of the Lillias Courtenay School of Dance
- February**
Founder's Day Silver Tea
Style Show

St. Matthews Area Elementary Schools:

Courtesy of Connie Corey (62).

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March

Speaker—Miss Martha Christensen
 Subject—Creative Art in the Elementary Grades
 Art Exhibit by the Stiver's School Students

April

Dad's Night
 Spelling Bee by the Students of the School

May

Inauguration of Officers
 The Board will meet the First Tuesday of the Month at 1:30 p.m. The Regular Meeting of the P.T.A. will be on the Second Tuesday of the Month at 2:30 p.m.

Third Grade

Miss Ann Jones 110 Kennedy Avenue, BE 5051
 Mrs. John P. Knight 308 N. Hubbards Lane, BE 5838
 Mrs. Wm. E. Pugh 103 Don Allen Road, TA 0708
 Mrs. Geo. Turner 129 Don Allen Road, TA 0179
Mrs. Jimmie Dozier 401 Country Lane, BE 1509
 Mrs. Chas. Farmer 5 Larry Avenue, TA 4676
 Mrs. James Clarkson 3935 Gilman Avenue, TA 1517
 Mrs. F. W. Fletcher 3945 Gilman Avenue

Fourth Grade

Mrs. David Nelson 225 Kennedy Avenue, TA 7512
 Mrs. Walker Cunningham 4011 Brookfield Ave., TA 6666
 Mrs. Opal Scott 333 Ridgeway Ave., TA 1291
 Mrs. Donald Groot 4011 Elmwood Ave., BE 1592
Mrs. Mazel H. Stumbo ... R. R. 2, Buechel, Ky.
 c/o Cart Fields, 3-4-246
 Mrs. Jack Small 351 Chenoweth Lane, TA 0996
 Mrs. Trent Hutchinson 4024 Elmwood Avenue, TA 1314
 Mrs. James Tennill 3803 Colonial Drive, BE 4958

Fifth Grade

Mrs. Alice Long 4070 Massie Avenue, BE 3980
 Mrs. Ruth Zibert 112 Brown Avenue, TA 9351
 Mrs. Mary Rice 3927 Elmwood Avenue, TA 3963
 Mrs. Thelma Love 4034 Elmwood Avenue, TA 8280
Miss Garnet Dean 417 Macon Avenue, TA 2360
 Mrs. Wanda Gaunt 3907 Staebler Avenue, BE 2222
 Mrs. Eline Metzner 4024 Brookfield Avenue, BE 2032
 Mrs. Wm. Cunningham 205 Don Allen Road, TA 7888

STIVERS SCHOOL TEACHERS AND ROOM MOTHERS

First Grade

Mrs. Louise Bohannon 4141 Dellridge Drive, TA 8749
 Mrs. H. Collins Downes 3946 Napanee Road, BE 1258
 Mrs. Wm. Pace 218 Don Allen Road, BE 3233
 Mrs. Fred Boynton 4173 Blenheim Road, TA 9026
Mrs. Geraldine Corey 237 Clover Lane, TA 6098
 Mrs. Asa P. Stallard 3812 Cleveland Ave., BE 2102
 Mrs. Eugene DeMunbrun 23 Larry Ave. R. R. 6, TA 9560
 Mrs. James A. Boyden 4062 Massie Ave., BE 4327
Miss Anna Edwards 4027 Hillsboro Road, BE 3949
 Mrs. Robt. B. Melton 115 Brown Ave., TA 0666
 Mrs. M. R. Rakestraw 4027 Elmwood Avenue, BE 2042
 Mrs. John E. Funk 3939 Kennison Ave., TA 7740
Mrs. Charlotte Burns 115 East Gray Street, CL 8098
 Mrs. Frank Peddicord 3943 Gilman Avenue, TA 6408
 Mrs. Harold E. Stocking 503 Kinglan Road, TA 3024
 Mrs. James M. Rosenblum 3929 Leland Avenue, TA 3677

Second Grade

Miss Meta Elder Anchorage, Ky.
 Mrs. G. Bryan Curtis 425 Deerfield Lane, TA 9684
 Mrs. Cecil G. Lunsford 148 Chenoweth Lane, TA 3816
 Mrs. John L. Nelson 202 Don Allen Road, TA 4828
Miss Christine Innings 1964 Douglass Blvd., HI 7567
 Mrs. A. K. Donnelly 217 Don Allen Road, TA 4956
 Mrs. O. Lloyd Taylor 3921 Leland Road, TA 6411
 Mrs. Douglas Young 4060 Richland Ave., TA 1825

Fifth and Sixth Grades—Combined

Mrs. Josephine Grunwald ... R. R. 1, Box 262 Anchorage
 Anch. 157-W
 Mrs. Louise Schuba 4033 Massie Avenue, TA 2978
 Mrs. Nathan Everett 256 St. Matthews Avenue, TA 2709
 Mrs. Jane Woolson 370 Ridgeway Avenue, TA 1462

Sixth Grade

Mr. John Mohr Box 301 Anchorage, Ky., Anch. 565-J
 Mrs. G. F. Baker 4105 Frankfort Avenue, TA 6952
 Mrs. Beryl Walker 4315 Rudy Lane, BE 3147
 Mrs. J. M. Carr 3915 Staebler Avenue, TA 3312

Seventh Grade

Mrs. Mildred Cobb R. R. 1, Brownsboro Road, TA 4937
 Mrs. Clinton E. Ring 501 Kinglan Road, TA 3655
 Mrs. Henry E. Gerlach 3929 Gilman Avenue, TA 7587
 Mrs. Norman P. Stout No. 4, Larry, TA 8189
Miss Virginia Charley ... 231 Harris Place, Lyndon R. 1, BE 5905
 Mrs. Elizabeth Dietrich 529 No. Hubbards Lane, TA 9482
 Mrs. Martha Pezold 222 Clover Lane, TA 0891
 Mrs. Elizabeth Straub 4045 Richland Avenue, TA 2718
 Mrs. Ethel Johnson 3833 Washington St., TA 2646

Principal Mrs. Ruth H. Osborne
 Parliamentarian Mrs. Cobb
 Music Teacher Miss Jane Thomas
 Instrumental Teacher Mrs. Eleanor Ritchie

St. Matthews Area Elementary Schools:

Courtesy of Al Ring.

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Alan should study his multiplication facts this summer since he hasn't mastered all of them. I have enjoyed having Alan.

GROWTH RECORD

	1	2	3	4	5	6
Height	50 ¹ / ₂					
Weight	65					
Vision	30					
Hearing						

RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

Days in session	29	29	28	30	30	29
Days Absent	0	0	1	0	2	0
Times Tardy	0	0	0	0	0	0

PARENTS SIGNATURE:

- Mrs. Clinton E. Ring*
- Mrs. Clinton E. Ring*
- Mrs. Clinton E. Ring*
- Mrs. Clinton E. Ring*
- Mrs. Clinton E. Ring*
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Alan is assigned to grade 5 for the school term 1953-54

Teacher *Mazel H. Stivers* Date *May 23, 1953*

Teacher available for conference: Tuesday & Thursday Hour 8:00-8:30
Please contact teacher for appointment.

JEFFERSON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
618 West Jefferson Street
Louisville, Kentucky

PROGRESS REPORT 1952 - 53 Grades 4 - 6

[This report is tentative and subject to change. Any suggestions for strengthening it will be very much appreciated.]

TO PARENTS: The purpose of our school is to help each child grow to the best of his ability. Children may be in the same grade but they differ in mental, social and physical maturity. Since children differ in their various abilities, each child will be compared only with his own records. Each child is encouraged to do his best.

You are invited to visit our schools to discuss the progress of your child with the teachers.

Cooperation and understanding between the home and school are necessary for the child's maximum development.
RICHARD VANHOOSE, Supt.

If the school believes that your child will profit by extra time in his present grade, the principal will communicate with you.

School ORVILLE J. STIVERS SCHOOL
Child's Name Alan Ring
Grade 4
Teacher Mazel H. Stivers
Principal Ruth H. Osborne

EXPLANATION OF MARKS

- E — Excellent — achievement.
- N — Indicates Normal development — Child's achievement is equal to his ability.
- H — Indicates that the child needs help. [Teacher-parent conference suggested.]
- I — Indicates improvement.

DEVELOPMENT OF ATTITUDES AND HABITS

	1	2	3	4	5	6
I — SOCIAL ATTITUDES						
1. Cooperates in work and play	N	N	N	N	N	N
2. Assumes and carries out responsibility	N	N	N	N	N	N
3. Practices courtesy in speech and action	N	N	N	N	N	N
4. Respects public and private property	N	N	N	N	N	N
5. Is willing to follow as well as to lead	N	N	N	N	N	N
II — HEALTH AND SAFETY HABITS						
1. Practices simple health rules	N	N	N	N	N	N
2. Observes traffic and other safety rules	N	N	N	N	N	N
III — WORK AND STUDY HABITS						
1. Follows directions	N	N	N	N	N	N
2. Completes work on time	N	N	N	N	N	N
3. Works independently	N	N	N	N	N	N
4. Does his work neatly	N	N	N	N	N	N
ARITHMETIC						
1. Works accurately	N	H	N	N	N	N
2. Masters fundamentals	N	N	H	N	N	N
3. Solves reasoning problems	N	N	N	I	N	N
LANGUAGE ARTS:						
ENGLISH						
1. Organizes ideas well	N	N	N	N	N	N
2. Applies spelling ability in all work	H	N	N	N	N	N
3. Shows growth in meaning and use of words	N	N	N	N	N	N
4. Writes neatly and legibly	N	N	N	N	N	N

READING

	1	2	3	4	5	6
READING						
1. Oral Reading	N	N	N	N	N	N
2. Reads with understanding	N	N	N	I	N	N
3. Reads in other subjects	N	N	N	N	N	N
4. Reads widely for enjoyment	N	N	N	N	N	N
SCIENCE						
1. Expresses interest in science	N	N	N	N	N	N
2. Contributes to class discussion	H	N	N	I	N	N
SOCIAL STUDIES						
1. Contributes to group discussion	N	N	N	N	N	N
2. Is alert to current events	N	N	N	N	N	N
3. Makes good use of reference materials	N	N	N	N	N	N
PHYSICAL EDUCATION						
1. Participates with group	N	N	N	N	N	N
2. Shows interest	N	N	N	N	N	N
MUSIC						
1. Participates	N	N	N	N	N	N
2. Shows interest	N	N	N	N	N	N
3. <i>Implements</i> (for instrumental)	N	N	H	N	H	E
ART						
1. Participates with group	N	N	N	N	N	N
2. Shows interest	N	N	N	N	N	N

St. Matthews Area Elementary Schools:

Courtesy of Pamela L. Flack Key (62):

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GROWTH RECORD	1	2	3	4	5	6
Height		46 1/2				55 1/2
Weight						83
Vision		20/20				
Hearing						

RECORD OF ATTENDANCE	1	2	3	4	5	6
Days in session	29	29	27	30	30	29
Days Absent	0	0	0	0	0	3
Times Tardy	0	0	0	0	0	0

PARENTS SIGNATURE:

1. Mrs. Gilbert Flack
2. Mrs. Gilbert Flack
3. Mrs. Gilbert Flack
4. Mrs. Gilbert Flack
5. Mrs. Gilbert Flack
6. _____

Pamela Flack is assigned to grade IV for the school term 1953-54

Teacher A. Jones Date _____

Teacher available for conference: _____

Day of Week _____ Hour _____

Please contact teacher for appointment

JEFFERSON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
 618 West Jefferson Street
 Louisville, Kentucky

PROGRESS REPORT
 1952 - 53
 Grades 1 - 3

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RICHARD VANHOOSE, Supt.

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School ORVILLE J. STIVERS SCHOOL

Child's Name Pamela Flack

Grade 3

Teacher A. Jones

Principal Ruth H. Osborne

EXPLANATION OF MARKS

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 I — Indicates improvement.

SOCIAL ATTITUDES	1	2	3	4	5	6
1. Is courteous and considerate of others	N	N	N	N	N	E
2. Does his share of work	N	N	N	E	E	E
3. Respects school regulations and co-operates willingly	N	N	N	N	E	E

HEALTH AND SAFETY HABITS	1	2	3	4	5	6
1. Relaxes during rest	N	N	N	N	E	E
2. Is neat and clean in body and clothing	N	N	N	N	E	E
3. Reflects good sleep, eating and rest habits	N	N	N	N	E	E
4. Observes traffic and other safety rules	N	N	N	N	E	E

WORK HABITS	1	2	3	4	5	6
1. Follows directions	N	N	N	N	I	E
2. Finishes work assigned	N	N	N	N	I	E
3. Puts forth best efforts	N	N	N	N	I	E

MUSIC	1	2	3	4	5	6
1. Participates with group	N	N	N	E	E	E
2. Shows interest	N	N	N	E	E	E
3. _____ (for instrumental)						

ART	1	2	3	4	5	6
1. Participates with group	N	N	N	N	E	E
2. Shows interest	N	N	N	E	E	E

PHYSICAL EDUCATION	1	2	3	4	5	6
1. Participates in group activities	N	N	N	N	E	E
2. Physical co-ordination	N	N	N	N	E	E

LANGUAGE ARTS

READING	1	2	3	4	5	6
1. Shows interest	N	N	N	N	I	E
2. Understands what he reads	N	N	N	N	I	E
3. Works out new words for himself	N	N	N	N	I	E
4. Reads orally so listeners enjoy it	N	N	N	N	E	E

WRITING	1	2	3	4	5	6
1. Form of letters	N	N	N	N	E	E
2. Spacing of words and letters	N	N	N	N	I	E
3. Writes neatly	N	N	N	N	N	I

ENGLISH	1	2	3	4	5	6
1. Expresses thoughts orally	F	F	F	F	F	F
2. Expresses thoughts in writing	N	N	N	N	I	E

SPELLING	1	2	3	4	5	6
1. Growth in spelling consciousness	N	N	N	N	I	F
2. Spelling of words in written work	N	N	N	N	E	F

ARITHMETIC	1	2	3	4	5	6
1. Sees relationship between numbers and their uses	N	N	N	N	I	I
2. Learns and retains the number facts studied	N	N	N	N	E	E

St. Matthews Area Elementary Schools:

1953

Courtesy of Maggie Huber Westland:

Orville J. Stivers School

In the Spring of 1953, Mrs. Long's 6th grade class from Stiver's Elementary School was treated to a bus trip to Cincinnati, Ohio. We went to the zoo to satisfy the educational requirement, and then to Coney Island Amusement Park to satisfy our need for fun. The best part was the huge roller coaster which we fearlessly rode several times. On one wild ride, my purse fell out of the roller car. My friends and I clambered around below the superstructure. It was like exploring underneath the bleachers at a football game! Believe it or not, we actually found my purse, and I was able to ride the roller coaster again.

Back row left to right: David Zibart, David Love, ????, Bill Moeler, Joe Dietrich, Ellen Rice, Mrs. Love (Dave's Mon),



Mrs. Zibart, another Mom, Sandra Riehl, another Mon ????, another Mom, Sue Evans, Mrs. Evans, Jane Rowland, ????, Jerry Lynn Seekamp, our teacher Mrs. Long, ????

Front row left to right: Phyllis Curtis, Jeanette Caswell, Susan Meade, ????, Pam Ferguson, Billy Quackenbush, ????, ????, ????, Tommy Grunwald, Pattie Moore, Bert Pence, Tom Bedwell, Rich Stokes, Carol Ploetner, Peggy Bloom, Maggie Huber (with ribbons in hair), Susan Shawler, Norma Heick.

O. J. Stivers School News

Sixth Graders Take A Trip; So Does Brownie Troop No. 157

Spring is in the air and the students of the O. J. Stivers School are on the wing. Mrs. Jo Grunwald's sixth grade class chose a very appropriate time, February 12, to take a bus trip to Hodgeville to the Lincoln Memorial. They also visited My Old Kentucky Home returning by the way of Fort Knox. Everyone enjoyed the day and profited by the first-hand knowledge.

Miss Dean's fifth grade had an interesting and informative visit at the American Publishing House for the Blind, while Mrs. Long's fifth grade were guests of the Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company.

A skating party was enjoyed the afternoon of February 9 by the sixth grade classes of Mrs. Jo Grunwald and Mr. John Mohr. Not to be outdone, the seventh grades of Mrs. Mildred Cobb and Miss Virginia Charley planned a skating party for the afternoon of Friday, Feb. 20. Other classes are planning trips in the near future.

On January 13, Brownie Troop 157 of O. J. Stivers School visited Kentucky Looms. Mr. Wolf of that organization took the

girls on a tour of the establishment and they saw looms of many types in operation. Visitors with the troupe were mothers, Mrs. Harry Castleman, Mrs. N. A. Gordon, Mrs. W. E. Pugh, and Mrs. James Clarkson. This trip was of particular interest to the Brownies because they have chosen weaving as their project for the year. The Brownies who took the trip included Chris Pugh, Marilyn Gordon, Jane Klefer, Linda Boynton, Helen Bisha, Kay Newell, Pameia Flack, Jane Fletcher, Sabra Yerkes, Cindy Castleman, Bonnie Provenzano, Sharon Dietsch, Shannon Clarkson, Lorry Lewis, Dana Rea, Alicia Anderson, Connie Corey, Joyce Bailey. The leader, Mrs. F. W. Fletcher, and assistant leader, Mrs. Gilbert Flack, were also in the group.

February 19, 1953

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

February 26, 1953

Stivers School News

German Wife Visits Stivers; Paper Sale Set

Mrs. Martha Schmidt of Weissbaden, Germany, visited Stivers School last Thursday. She was accompanied by Mrs. William P. Heuser and Mrs. Sam W. Eskew of Louisville.

Mrs. Schmidt's husband, before his death, was for many years assistant Minister of Education in the Weissbaden district. Mrs. Schmidt is one of the German housewives who have been sent to America by the U. S. government to study American democracy in action. She was very interested in the school and noticed particularly the friendly relationship between teachers, pupils and principal. She explained that in Germany the principal and teachers were very stern and controlled the children through fear. Never would a child think of approaching a teacher for help in Germany.

Mrs. Schmidt had visited the University of Louisville before arriving at Stivers and from Stivers went on to Eastern High School.

Miss Virginia Charley's seventh grade presented an entertaining and very worthwhile physical education program last Friday in the school auditorium. The program consisted of pyra-

mids, backward and forward rolls, angel stands, knee shoulder stand, camel and elephant walk, cart wheels and head stands, and other stunts. During intermission Carlie Sue Revell gave a ballet number and Katherine Dailey played two selections on her accordian. Carolyn Kraft and Susie Boynton played two piano numbers.

One second grader remarked on returning to the classroom "Gee, it was better than T. V."

The P.-T. A. will have its semi-annual paper sale on March 18 and 19. Members have asked that newspapers and magazines be tied separately and securely. There will be two prizes of \$5 each. One prize will be awarded to the primary grade bringing in the greatest amount of paper and magazines and the other, will go to the elementary grade bringing in the greatest amount. Let's stack 'em in, and win!

Jean Hardy of Manchester, England, enrolled in the Fourth Grade at Stivers last week. Jean and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hardy, are living at 423 Sunnyview Road, Apartment 3. They have been in the United States eight months, having resided in Niagara Falls, New York, before coming to St. Matthews.

Everyone at Stivers is very proud of Judy Nealon a student in Mrs. Cobb's Seventh Grade. Judy designed the cover sheet that was chosen for the cover of the Jefferson County School News for February. Judy's design won over fifteen others from Stivers which were entered in the contest.

March 12, 1953

O. J. Stivers School News

Pioneer Life Depicted; Art Supervisor Spoke

On Tuesday, March 10, Mrs. Cobb's seventh grade gave an assembly program. Each member of the class had a part in the writing, planning and producing of this program.

Choric reading and narration were combined to carry the theme of the play in prose and poetry. Scenes were dramatized depicting life in pioneer Kentucky from the opening of the Wilderness Road to the siege of Boonesborough in 1778. An integration of experiences in art and music classes enabled the pupils to make scenery, to choose background music and to sing and dance according to the mode of the period portrayed. Some of the costumes, too, were made by the pupils themselves.

Articles familiar in pioneer life were assembled as props for the play and were later exhibited in the classroom. Ballard School lent several items from its pioneer collection and the children located others among their families and friends. The exhibit included a wooden churn, coffee grinder, mortar and pestle, puncheon stools, three legged iron kettles, a spider, a broad-

axe, wool cards, niddy-noddy, a child's bonnet over 150 years old, a tomahawk and tom-tom, and a prize-winning Indian headdress made by Mrs. J. C. Scheibel.

The group had a wonderful time putting on the program and found history very real in the process.

P. T. A. Meeting

Miss Martha Christiansen, art supervisor of Louisville Public Schools, was guest speaker of the Stivers P. T. A. meeting Tuesday, March 10. Her collection of drawings by children illustrated the growth in drawing ability at various developmental levels. Miss Christiansen emphasized that art should be a free, enjoyable experience with the drawings expressing the child's emotions and ideas.

The children of the O. J. Stivers School had a fine exhibition of their art work in connection with the P. T. A. program.

March 19, 1953

Stivers' Informality And Facilities Praised By Community Leaders

O. J. Stivers Elementary School was highly praised Tuesday by social and business leaders.

The school's annual Business-Education-Industry Day drew men and women who put their stamp of approval on nearly everything from the school's architecture to its faculty-student relations. And Principal Ruth Osborne was complimented for her efficient management of the school.

Edward H. DeMoss, Jr., representing McKesson and Robbins, Inc., said he liked, especially the idea of breaking up classes into three groups—one each for children who learn quickly, normally, or slowly. "There's no sense in holding back the whole class for the slow ones," he said.

DeMoss said he was only sorry he didn't get to see his daughter Deborah, a second grade pupil at Stivers.

Clyde A. Pearson, Pearson Funeral Home, said he liked the inexpensive construction of the school. (Stivers cost around \$700 per pupil to build, a price considered extremely low). Pearson said he also liked the light, bright appearance on the inside. The school has windows everywhere possible.

Pearson approved the freedom and ease which exist between students and teachers. He disapproves, however, of sight reading, though he thinks this method is handled well at Stivers.

Frank Ware, Aetna Oil Company, agreed with Pearson about the informality of relations between teachers and pupils. He said he liked it, and thought it a tribute to the teachers that the students could be given so much freedom and not be unruly.

Mrs. Osborne said she stressed kind, firm leadership at Stivers rather than discipline. "Mr. Van Hoose and Mr. Sublett treat us like humans," she said, "and that treatment goes all the way down to the children." She was speaking of Richard Van Hoose, superintendent of County schools, and his assistant, James Sublett.

Victor B. Gerard, Commonwealth Life Insurance Co., wondered if the Stivers School building would last. Mrs. Osborne as-

sured him it would be good for 40 years. Pearson estimated it would last longer. Gerard said he liked the inexpensive design, which saves taxpayers money.

Arthur P. Bondurant, Glenmore Distilleries, also approved the "functional, efficient structure." He said he wouldn't change anything about it. Mrs. Harold Hotopp, St. Matthews Woman's Club, said she would change one thing—the outside. She thought the gray, outside walls needed a bit of color.

Sublett reminded the group that the Board of Education saved \$10,000 by not painting the school. "It's much nicer on the inside than the outside," said Gerard.

P. R. Milroy, General Electric Co., paid the greatest compliment of all to Jefferson County Schools. "I'm from the North," he said. "Up there, my children had no interest in school. Since being here they've shown tremendous enthusiasm." He has two children at Greathouse.

Stuart Levy, Jr., Levy Brothers, said he was impressed by the school's facilities, such as movies, loud speakers, playgrounds, square dancing, and variety of activity, and the number of exits in case of fire. "By not spending money outside, we could devote it to the inside facilities," said Mrs. Osborne.

Pearson, Levy, and John G. Pope, Robbins-Pope Engraving Co., criticized schools in general for not stressing penmanship.

Also present to inspect the school in action were Henry V. Heuser, Henry Vogt Machine Co.; Mrs. Donald Nemitz, Woman's Club of St. Matthews; R. F. Osborn and N. B. Renning, General Electric Co.; Charles E. Sims, The Crane Co., and M. C. Browder, L. & N. Railroad.

They observed an arithmetic lesson in Mrs. John Mohr's sixth grade class; a reading lesson in Miss Anna Edwards' first grade; a spelling lesson in Mrs. Jo Grunwald's fifth and sixth grade class; a physical education lesson in Miss Virginia Charley's seventh grade class, and a square dancing lesson in Mrs. Mildred Cobb's seventh grade class.

Orville J. Stivers School News

Teachers And Pupils Plan Spring Festival

The teachers and pupils of Stivers School are planning a Spring Festival to be held on May 5 at 7:30 p.m. on the school playground.

There will be no admission charge. Each class will participate in a folk or singing game and the Glee Club will present songs. The Orchestra will play.

The school is planning this program to give every child in school an opportunity to be in a group activity for public performance. The festival will be part of the regular music class work.

First Grade Trip

Stivers first and second grades had an exciting trip last week! Some 180 of these young-

sters accompanied by parents and teachers, went by L & N train to Lebanon Junction, Kentucky. It was a fine experience for all the children and the first train ride for nearly one-fourth of them.

Concert Series Ends

The boys and girls enjoyed the "Making Music" concert series this year. These concerts are presented by the Louisville Philharmonic Orchestra under the direction of Robert Whitney. About 200 children from Stivers School attended the four concerts.

March 26, 1953

O. J. Stivers School News

Spelling Bee For Dads

Students of the Ogville J. Stivers School entertained their Moms and Dads with an old-fashioned spelling bee last Tuesday at the Dad's Night meeting of the P. T. A. Parents were amazed at the ease with which the students spelled sixth, seventh, and eighth grade words. It was necessary to introduce words of high school level in order to eliminate the students.

Evelyn Sidebottom, a seventh grade student, won first place by outspelling all the others. Charlotte Rosenkrans, a seventh grade student, was second, while Susan Boynton, another seventh grade student, came in third.

Mrs. Ovie Allin, a teacher at the Greathouse School served as the pronouncer and Mrs. Sara Belle Wellington, principal of Cane Run School, and Mr. J. C. Bruce, principal of Camp Taylor School, acted as judges.

yards. These trees were donated by Louisville Trees, Inc.

The Stivers School Talent Show will be given Thursday, April 23, at 7:30 p.m. instead of Tuesday, April 28, as first planned. Mrs. Nathan Everett and Mrs. Robert Kraft are in charge and were well pleased by the large number of try-outs last week. Everyone is looking forward to this program.

Arbor Day was celebrated at the Stivers School by the planting of 580 trees in the school district. Fifty of the trees were planted in the school yard while 530 trees were given to the students to be planted in their own

April 16, 1953

Greathouse, Stivers To Be Further Crowded To Relieve Eastern Hi

Two Elementary Schools Will Add Eighth Grades, Retain 120 Pupils

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

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

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

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

Greathouse was designed for 650 students. Last year it had 740. This year, between 930 and 1,000 will be enrolled.

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

The junior high will be located on a 20-acre plot purchased from the Louisville Board of Education south of Highway 60, between Hubbards and Browns Lanes. It will handle 880 seventh, eighth and ninth-graders. Bids on the school will be let next month, according to Sublett.

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

September 3, 1953



Mrs. Thomas St. Clair, member of Greathouse's P.T.A., signs up first-graders Richard Murphy, Larry Costlow, and Mike Shane for school. At right is Mrs. Charles Shane, Mike's mother, 3424 Warner Ave. Registrations were held last week. Kenneth Farmer, Greathouse principal, announced Tuesday that 905 students had been registered. He said he was expecting 50 more. At Stivers, Principal Ruth Osborne announced that 675 students had registered and she was "expecting a few more." Stivers' faculty had been increased by four, she said. It now has 22 teachers. At Eastern, 1118 students had registered by Tuesday in grades nine to 12. Eighth-graders were due to register Wednesday. Principal Earl Dawson said he expected 1650 students. The school had 1641 last year. Eastern's faculty will number 75 this year, he said, one less than last year.

September 10, 1953

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

A letter dated yesterday and mailed out to parents asked for

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

Rev. Diehl opened the meeting with a prayer.

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

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

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

Dad's Night At Greathouse And Stivers Tuesday

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

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

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

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

October 8, 1953



—C. J. Photo
Mrs. Albert Bowen, demoted?

September 17, 1953

DANGER FOR STIVERS PUPILS

The Louisville Transit Company provides bus service for the St. Matthews area. Surely, it is open to suggestions for improving service.

It would certainly improve service and do the mothers of Stivers School a favor if it would eliminate the necessity for transfers on the part of children going to and from school.

The children are safe enough in the morning. They get off one bus in front of Ashbury-Berman Drug Store, and without moving, catch another one that takes them near the school. But the afternoon

transfer at the corner of Westport Road and Chenoweth Lane is dangerous. Traffic is heavy and decidedly unsafe for first-grade children who have to cross the street to make the transfer.

The Company could delimitate the hazard simply by rerouting the bus which runs from Brownsboro Road down Chenoweth Lane. Instead of having the bus turn at Shelbyville Road, the Company could have it turn at Westport Road, only one block out of the way. Then the children wouldn't have to transfer at all. Mothers could put them on the bus at the stop nearest home and know they would get to school safely. After school, the mothers could return to the same bus stop to pick up the children, who will have made the trip on one bus straight from school, without the dangerous transfer.

This change has been recommended by both the principal of Stivers School and the president of its P.T.A. As yet, the Louisville Transit Company has not responded favorably to the recommendations, though they were made many months ago.

The courts have ruled out free County school buses for Stivers children living west of Hubbards Lane. Right after the court announced its decision, The Voice was assured by a Louisville transit official that his company would be happy to do everything possible to assure the children's convenience and safety. The company would go a long way toward doing this (and toward relieving the anxieties of Stivers parents) by making the suggested simple change.

September 17, 1953

Bus Transfers Will Be Eliminated For Stivers

Transit Company Gets Approval From Frankfort For Bus Re-routing

Stivers school children will be able to ride a bus to school and back without transferring beginning Monday.

October 1, 1953

The secretary of the Louisville Transit Company, Russell C. Mayhall, announced yesterday he'd received a temporary okay from the Department of Motor Transportation in Frankfort, on a petition to reroute busses to eliminate the transfers. Hearings will be held later for a permanent permit, he said.

The petition calls for rerouting of the east-bound Brownsboro Road bus. It now travels south on Chenoweth Lane and turns east at Frankfort Ave. Under the new plan, it will turn instead at Westport Road to Hubbards Lane, where it will drop the children off at a sidewalk leading directly to the school, about 200 feet away.

The bus will run to Massie, turn left and go to St. Matthews Ave. then back to Westport Road, then to Chenoweth Lane and back to Brownsboro Road. That is the route children will take going home from school.

At present, the children must transfer in the morning in front of Ashbury-Berman Drug Store. To go home, they must cross the street at the Westport Road — Chenoweth Lane intersection to make a transfer, which has been described as dangerous by parents and school officials.

The president of Stivers P.T.A., Mrs. Nathan Everett, said she was "thrilled to death" with the Company's cooperation and the Frankfort decision. "We have been working on it a long time, and it will be a great relief to the numerous one-car and no-car families who must send their children to school on the bus," she said.

She said the change of route will help relieve the congested traffic situation at the school. Many families have resorted to car pools rather than let their children make the transfers on the busses, she said. She promised to urge parents to let their children ride the re-routed bus and cut down on the traffic at Stivers at the beginning and end of school hours.

Mr. Mayhall petitioned Frankfort on Tuesday. He said his petition stressed the dangers of the afternoon transfers to first-grade children, because of the heavy traffic and the nearby railroad.

Stivers children have been coming to school by bus and car pool following a decision of the Court of Appeals last school year denying free County school busses to Stivers pupils living west of Hubbards Lane.

Women of Distinction

Mrs. Nathan Everett, President Stivers P.T.A.

By MRS. S. CLARENCE EVANS

Classical music is the favorite pastime of Mrs. Nathan B. Everett, 256 St. Matthews Ave., president of the P.T.A. at the Orville J. Stivers School on Westport Road.

Betty, a striking blonde, was born in Louisville; attended schools in Cleveland, Ohio and Niagara Falls, N. Y. She is the mother of three children, Helen, a sophomore at Eastern; Ginny, in the seventh grade at Stivers; and David, second grade in the same school. Her husband is vice-president of the Cochran Foll Co.

Girl Scout work has been one of her 'special' activities, in which she has worked for five years. During the polio epidemic last year, she worked in the emergency ward.

She is a member of the Harvey Browne Presbyterian Church; is citizenship chairman for the Westport Homemakers Club. Last year she was second vice-president of the Stivers School P.T.A.

Golf is her favorite sport and her hobby, she said, "My Roses!"



MRS. EVERETT

October 8, 1953



Photo by Frederic Dech Boston

Layouts for "The Inkwell," the Stivers newspaper, are studied by Phyllis Seidel, left, business manager, and Carolyn Kraft, editor. Donald Dever, right, named the paper. Mrs. Ruth Osborne, Stivers principal, looks on.



Dad's Night at Stivers featured a panel discussion by Dr. John Bell, seated, Mrs. Sam Greenbaum, Robert Allen and Mrs. James S. Tate. Standing are Woody Borbinger, left, program chairman, and Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Everett. The panel discussed ways in which children, teachers, and parents could cooperate in promoting better education and in keeping students in the best of mental health. Acting officers at the meeting were husbands of the regular officers.

October 22, 1953

Stivers Students Plan Newspaper

Eighth-graders at Stivers Elementary School have started a newspaper called "The Inkwell" and the first issue will be published in about two weeks, according to Mrs. Ruth Osborne, school principal. Plans call for four issues per school year. Carolyn Kraft has been named editor. Phyllis Seidel is business manager.

The paper was named by Dun-

ald Dever, whose suggestion was picked from several dozen offered by eighth-graders.

The first issue will be dedicated to O. J. Stivers, former superintendent of Jefferson County Schools, for whom Stivers School was named, according to Miss Kraft.

All staff work will be done by

the eighth grade classes of Stanley Neilson and Mrs. Katherine Kirwan, who will act as faculty advisors.

The paper will be about eight by 10 inches and will be printed at Masonic Home. Final plans for the first issue were made last week, following a study of newspapers and newspaper techniques, ending with a trip to the Masonic print shop.

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

By MRS. RICHARD S. SCHUBA

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Nathan Everett was acting president for Dad's night. He announced that Stivers' recent paper sale netted \$107.79. The school carnival will be held November 8, and a roast beef dinner will be served from 4 to 9 p.m.

By ELIZABETH BENNETT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

October 22, 1953

Stivers Teacher Takes Her Pupils To the Zoo

By Catherine Pangle

"School ain't what it used to be," might well have been the happy refrain of 31 fifth-graders from St. Matthews last month thanks to their teacher Mrs. Alice Long, who decided that a visit to the Cincinnati Zoo would be educational as well as fun.

The trip had been six months in the planning so it is no wonder excitement was rampant as the chartered bus drove up in front of the Orville J. Stivers School and the genial driver, R. C. Braimlock, proceeded to load the following cargo: Margaret Huber, Ellen Rice, Norma Heick, Jerry Seekamp, Jeanette Caswell, Susan Mead, Phyllis Curtis, Pamela Ferguson, Jane Rowland, Alan Scott, Joe Dietrich, Jimmy Davis, Bruce Wilson, Billy Quakenbush, Bert Pence, Susan Shawler, Tommy Bedwell, Sue Evans, Carol Ploetner, Peggy Bloom, Lynne O'Keefe, Sandra Riehl, Linda Nase, Suzanne Gadd, Joe Wilson, David Ziebert, Tommy Grunwald, David Love, David Hornaman, Patti Moore, and Joe Weintz (students);

Mrs. William Rice, Mrs. R. M. Evans, Mrs. R. A. Love, Jr., Mrs. L. Grunwald, Mrs. John Riehl, and Mrs. E. Zibari, (mothers), and Mrs. Alice Long, (teacher).

At 11:30 a.m. they were in the picnic area of the world-famed zoo, enjoying generous, home-prepared lunches. Then began a tour of the fifty-seven acres. Excited boys and girls got acquainted with the strangest variety of animals and birds they'd ever seen.

"Ohs . . . and Ahs . . ." reverberated all over the place as Sammy Orangutan performed with a few stunts and the Talking crow had a few words to say.

Linda Nase kept repeating, "I love it, I love it—This is my first trip but I'm going to get Mother and Dad to bring me back again." It was Margaret Huber's second trip but, "It was as much fun as last year," she said.

As for Bert Pence, he had one thing in mind. He just could hardly wait to see the crocodiles. He kept asking, "Is this the direction to the crocodiles?" And Billy Quakenbush was an anxious as Jerry to see these aquatic reptiles.

Patti Moore's greatest interest was in birds and despite the color of the parakeets, cock of the rocks and cockatoos, Patti still liked the Kentucky cardinals best.

Bruce Wilson preferred the snakes, "and I wouldn't even be afraid of them if they were out in the open," he said.

Susan Mead's preference was the alligators and Lynn O'Keefe enjoyed most, watching the monkeys jump around.

Norma Heick and Janette Caswell agreed that they hadn't slept a wink Wednesday night because of excitement over what they were going to see; and they thought they wouldn't be able to sleep again Thursday night because of excitement over what they had seen.

Ellen Rice could have spent the whole day just looking at the tropical fish. As for Joe Dietrich . . . well he wasn't too enthused about the fish; "why my dad caught a carp bigger than any fish in here," he said.

And while on the subject of fish it might well be mentioned that Joe Weintz came up with the tall-

est fish story of the day. He was practically carried away by his imagination as he talked to quite an attentive audience about his experience in raising tropical fish. When he got to the place where he had 3,000 of the species and his tale was on the verge of getting out of proportion he concluded by saying that, for lack of room, he had to sell all of them.

Then as the outing was drawing to a close and a photographer came along the real shouting began. "Goodie, goodie, my picture is going to be in the paper."

Joe Weintz emerged from the group and walked slowly up to the photographer.

"You know," he said sheepishly, "I didn't really have 3,000 fish like I told you, so don't put that in the paper."

"How many did you have, Joe?" the photographer asked. Joe hesitated . . . "Well . . . six," he said as he turned toward the bus with a clear conscience.

And in a little while a batch of happy kids were on their way back to St. Matthews and home.

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

First Meetings Set Back To September 5

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

At Stivers School:

Parents And Teachers Work Together



Staging the Indian party for parents of Mrs. David Nelson's fourth grade class at Stivers School are Students George Joseph, Seett Kelly, Stanley Harding, Lee Johnson, Brian Porter, and Vaughn Abbott. Mrs. Nelson stands in center. Mothers are Mrs. Robert Kraft, Mrs. James W. Kelly, Mrs. Gilbert Flack, and Mrs. Horace Mahorney. We don't know who the little fellow is standing next to Mrs. Kraft.

October 29, 1953

Last week, pupils of Mrs. David Nelson's fourth-grade class at Stivers School gathered in the auditorium. Dressed in Indian war garb, wearing war paint, and armed with tomahawks and tom-toms, they proceeded to stage an Indian party for their parents, complete with Indian songs and war chants.

It was one of a series of such get-togethers between parents, teachers and students at the school. The purpose of these meetings, as you might guess, is to draw everyone concerned with the welfare of school children closer together in the important business of education.

August 27, 1953

As Mrs. Ruth Osborne, Stivers principal, explained, "The schools are getting so large, the P.T.A. meetings don't provide enough opportunity to discuss the problems of individual children."

All classes at Stivers are having these meetings, some at night, some in the afternoon. "Some of the parents want to meet each month, but we must confine the meeting to one time, either at the end of or the beginning of the school year," said Mrs. Osborne.

The teachers explain to the parents the new county school report cards, and they also try to get across some general idea of the characteristics of students in the particular age group into which the parent's child falls.

The problems of school work, homework, and library work are discussed. Parents and teachers meet in the teacher's room and talk over the problems of the upcoming year (to evaluate the year's work if the meeting is held at the end of the school year.)

Parents are invited to send in questions ahead of time if they like, and the teachers can answer them more thoroughly. Of course, to top off the meeting, the students stage some sort of entertainment for the parents, such as the Indian party, to show what they've learned about a particular subject.

"It's a growing idea in County schools," said Mrs. Osborne. Stivers used it last year, too, the first year the school was open. It has become something of a necessity in St. Matthews' overcrowded schools. Stivers, for instance, built just last year, was planned for 480 students. It now has 686. The audio visual, arts, music, and library rooms have been converted into classrooms to handle the overflow.

Stivers School Plans Carnival For Tomorrow

The Stivers School Carnival will begin at 4:30 tomorrow at the school. Roast beef and fish dinners will be served until 8 p.m.

Mrs. Geraldine Corey's room is planning a country store. Canned good contributions will be taken by Mrs. Arnold, TA. 2445.

A book and toy exchange will be conducted by Mrs. Von Gruenigen's first grade. Contributions will be taken by Mrs. A. J. Pascoe, BE. 4142.

Mrs. Jo Grunwald's fifth and sixth grade classes will operate a grab bag and trading card booth. To contribute, call Mrs. James May, TA. 1415.

Miss Anna Edward's first grade will have a potted plant booth. Mrs. Fred Davis, BE. 2701, is taking contributions. A clothing exchange will be operated and contributions will be taken by Mrs. William Cunningham, TA. 7888.

Mrs. Jo Nelson's fourth grade class will have a white elephant booth. Mrs. Cunningham will take contributions to the cake and cookie booth to be conducted by seventh and eighth graders.

Mrs. Jimmie Dozier's third grade room is featuring a movie. A magician will perform, and a cake walk will be operated. The kindergarten will have a fish pond, and Mrs. Waller's room will operate a "sock the teacher" game.

Miss Meta Elder's second graders are setting up a picture studio. In addition, two mystery fortune-tellers will be on hand.

November 5, 1953

Stivers Praised For Newspaper, 'The Inkwell'

By EMIL AUN

Stivers' School newspaper, "The Inkwell," came out last week and I think it is a very good and very good-looking newspaper. I ought to hate to admit it, but I think Editor Carolyn Kraft and her staff put out a better-looking article than the paper you're now reading.

I might remark that the editorial and news content seem to me more French than American style. And I am rather surprised there are no ads. I hope the kids can afford to keep the newspaper going, for it is on slick paper and appears expensive.

I think the editor was smart to have so many writers contributing to the paper. There are more than a dozen. She gets broader coverage that way, and naturally gets more readers. It was also a good idea to put so many names in all the stories. People just naturally like to see their names in print.

I say the style seems French rather than American because the stories are full of questions and opinions and notes urging people to do one thing or another.

One story, by Susan Boynton and Phoebe Keith, for example, tells about a carnival and roast beef dinner coming up. The latter is described as "delicious", an adjective you'll rarely see in American newspapers. The writers "urge you to come and bring your family" and add "We'll see you at the carnival." Another story starts: "Would you like to be on top of nine or ten people?" (Quite a thought, eh?).

Frankly, I think such innovations give the newspaper a little sparkle. It's the sort of thing you'll find in almost any French newspaper. Besides, they are signed articles so the writers are allowed a little freedom. I only meant to say that American style is more objective.

It is Stivers' first newspaper and I think dedicating it to Orville Stivers, for whom the school is named, was both appropriate and thoughtful. Jack Ruck wrote a fine, clear editorial of dedication, and Miss Kraft wrote another praising the lunchroom. They should be congratulated for opening on a positive note. There are too many editorial writers now complaining about how bad things are going in the world.

I'll be looking for the next issue.

November 12, 1953

ORVILLE J. STIVERS SCHOOL

ST. MATTHEWS, KY.

The Second Grade wishes
to thank you for the lovely
showing of the Fire House and
engines of the St. Matthews Department.

We enjoyed the trip very
much and feel we learned
a great deal.

Very Truly Yours.

Lettie B. Lepanto

November 4, 1953.



That's Emil Stark in the middle, holding everybody up. This was part of the tumbling program Stivers children put on for their parents last week. Dave Fisher is on Emil's shoulders. The boys on either arm and leg are Kirk and Kent Ransom. The boys on their knees are Kenneth Craven and Roger Hieger. Doing head stands are Mike Shaikun and Curtis Wise. The Greathouse Safety

November 19, 1953

Stivers, Greathouse Perform For Parents

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

November 19, 1953

The Christmas Season Opens At Stivers School

Stivers School's Christmas season opened yesterday as the sixth grade Glee Club went a-carolling at Pewee Valley Hospital and at a St. Matthews department store.

Today, the season is in full bloom as the junior high Glee Club, directed by Miss Jane Thomas, and aided by the Stivers Orchestra under Mrs. Roy Ritchie, presents a Christmas pageant and program at 8:45 and again at 9:45.

Jack Ruck will be the reader for the pageant. Sandra Lehman will play Mary, mother of Christ, Sharon Gaunt, Julia Groot, and Pamela Ferguson are the angels. Jimmy Davis is Joseph, the wise men are Mike Gambill, Billy Quakenbush, and Nicky Burrice, and the shepherds are Jerry Elder, Tommy Suber, and Jimmy Small.

Then students will tell about Christmas customs in other countries. Bonnie Provenzano and Joe Cunningham will take care of France; David Fischer and Honey Schuermeyer of the Scandinavian countries; Brooks Meeker of China; Mike Skelton of Poland; Elaine Gutwein and

Penny Smith of Mexico; Jean Hardy of England; and Sandra Hash of the United States.

Miss Kraft will also be accompanist for the Glee Club and Orchestra.

The cub scouts, under the supervision of N. P. Stout, donated and decorated a large Christmas tree for the auditorium. The students of Mrs. Mildred Cobb's seventh grade have painted cathedral windows in the office of the principal, Mrs. Ruth Osborne.

The eighth grade classes of Mrs. Katherine Kirwan and Stanley Nielsen will distribute today the Christmas issue of the school paper, "The Inkwell."

Last Monday afternoon, cars from Stivers, filled with apples and oranges donated by the students, joined the Jefferson County Recreation Christmas Caravan at Eastern High School. The Caravan distributed the gifts at Central State Hospital, Lakeland.

Tomorrow, Santa Claus will pay a morning visit to the first and second grades. School is out after tomorrow until January 4.



The Blessed Virgin watches over Christ Jesus while an angel and the wise men look on. In the background are the heavenly choirs. This will be part of the Christmas program staged by Stivers School's Glee Club this morning. Sandra Lehman is Mary, and Pam Ferguson is the angel. The wise men are Billy Quakenbush, Nicky Burrice, and Mike Gambill. Choir members are Carolyn Kraft, Shirley Grinstead, Lynne Woolson, Barbara Caswell, Pat Cardwell, Sus Bliss, Ronald Jones, Larry Coleman, Jack Hancock, and Kenneth Craven. The students of Mrs. Mildred Cobb's seventh grade painted the cathedral windows in the background.

December 17, 1953

New Junior High Will Allow Stivers Library Bus Rerouting Relieves Traffic

The new junior high school being built in St. Matthews will allow Stivers Elementary School to have a library program, said Mrs. Nathan Everett, president of Stivers P.-T.A., last week.

And the re-routing of Louisville transit busses, so Stivers children needn't transfer going to and from school, has relieved the school's traffic situation, she said.

This year's P.-T.A. budget allowed \$200 for library books, she said. The P.-T.A. was forced to set the money aside until next year, when completion of the junior-high school will relieve Stivers of the necessity of using the library for a classroom, she said. The Jefferson County Board of Education also allots money annually for library books.

The junior high is now under construction on a 20-acre plot south of Highway 60 between Hubbards and Browns Lane. It will handle 880 seventh, eighth, and ninth-graders, now attending Stivers, Greathouse and Eastern High.

Stivers opened last year with 530 pupils. It was built for 480. This year it has about 650. Overcrowding has forced the school to use its library, music room, and audio-visual room for classes.

Mrs. Everett estimated the number of Stivers pupils riding busses has tripled, since busses were re-routed. Pupils formerly had to transfer in the morning at Ashbury-Berman Drugs and in the afternoon at the corner of Westport Road and Chenoweth Lane.

Parents considered the afternoon crossing dangerous because students had to cross busy Westport Road. They formed car pools to take children to school and pick them up, causing heavy traffic congestion on Westport Road in front of the school.

At the request of Stivers P.-T.A. and other groups, the bus company early this fall rerouted the bus to eliminate the transfers. Mrs. Everett thanked the Louisville Transit Company and Father Charles Boldrick, pastor of Holy Trinity Church and School, who testified for the change at a hearing before bus company and State officials.

Holy Trinity pupils also use the re-routed busses.

John Akers, superintendent of schedules for the bus company, agreed that pupil use of the bus had increased though he could not estimate how much. "We were glad to cooperate," he said. "The situation was bad. To relieve it, we had some technicalities to iron out, and we did so. It was a good move, and we were glad to work with Mrs. Everett. We'll be glad to do anything we can to help out in a situation like that."

He explained that all proposed bus reroutings had to be approved by the State.

December 10, 1953,



Stivers pupils load up a car with apples and oranges in preparation for the Jefferson County Caravan, which distributed the presents at Central State Hospital in Lakeland. Displaying the presents donated by Stivers children are, from left, Robert Trumbheller, Charles Moffett, Frankie Straub and Dale Sterner. In the background is Mrs. Nathan Everett, president of Stivers P.-T.A.

December 24, 1953

St. Matthews Area Elementary Schools:

1953/1954

Courtesy of Al Ring:

Orville J. Stivers School
 "Typical" report card from Orville J. Stivers School"

RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

	1	2	3	4	5	6
Days Present	20	22	25	28	11	
Days Absent	2	1	3	2	1	

GROWTH RECORD

Height	53		53 1/2			
Weight	47 1/2		48			
Vision						
Hearing						

PARENT'S SIGNATURE:

- Mrs. Clinton E. Ring
- Mrs. Clinton E. Ring
- Mrs. Clinton E. Ring
- Mrs. Clinton E. Ring
- Mrs. Clinton E. Ring
-

is assigned to grade _____

for the school term _____

Teacher _____

Date _____

Teacher available for conference, please contact: _____

JEFFERSON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

618 West Jefferson Street
 Louisville, Kentucky

REPORT TO PARENTS

1953 - 54

Grades 4 - 6

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You are invited to visit our schools to discuss the progress of your child with the teachers.

Cooperation and understanding between the home and school are necessary for the child's maximum development.

RICHARD VANHOUSE, SUPT.

If the school believes that your child will profit by extra time in his present grade, the principal will communicate with you.

School ORVILLE J. STIVERS SCHOOL

Child's Name Walter A. Brown

Grade 5 Teacher Walter A. Brown

Principal Ruth H. Osborn

EXPLANATION OF MARKS

E—Excellent Achievement (According to Child's Ability)

S—Satisfactory Achievement (According to Child's Ability)

U—Unsatisfactory

DEVELOPMENT OF ATTITUDES AND HABITS

I. CITIZENSHIP (Conduct)

- Cooperates in work and play
- Assumes and carries out responsibility
- Practices courtesy in speech and action
- Is willing to follow as well as to lead

	1	2	3	4	5	6
1. Cooperates in work and play	S	S	S	U	F	F
2. Assumes and carries out responsibility	S	S	S	S		
3. Practices courtesy in speech and action	S	S	S	U	F	
4. Is willing to follow as well as to lead	S	S	S	S	S	

II. HEALTH AND SAFETY HABITS

- Practices simple health rules
- Observes traffic and other safety rules
- Reflects good sleep, eating and rest habits
- Relaxes during rest

1. Practices simple health rules	S	S	S	S	S	
2. Observes traffic and other safety rules	S	S	S	S	S	
3. Reflects good sleep, eating and rest habits	S	S	S	S	S	
4. Relaxes during rest	S	S	S	S	S	

III. WORK AND STUDY HABITS

- Follows directions
- Finishes assigned work on time
- Works well alone
- Works well with group

1. Follows directions	S	F	F	F	F	F
2. Finishes assigned work on time	S	F	F	F	F	F
3. Works well alone	S	S	S	S		
4. Works well with group	S	S	S	S		

READING

- Oral Reading
- Reads with understanding
- Reads in other subjects
- Reads widely for enjoyment
- Works out new words for himself.

1. Oral Reading	F	S	S	U	S	
2. Reads with understanding	S	S	S	S	S	
3. Reads in other subjects	S	S	S	S		
4. Reads widely for enjoyment	S	S	S	U	F	
5. Works out new words for himself.	S	S	S	S	S	

WRITING

- Form of letters
- Spacing of words and letters
- Writes neatly and legibly

1. Form of letters	S	S	S	S		
2. Spacing of words and letters	S	S	S	S		
3. Writes neatly and legibly	S	S	S	S		

ENGLISH

- Speaks correctly
- Writes correctly
- Shows creative ability

	1	2	3	4	5	6
1. Speaks correctly	S	S	S	S	S	
2. Writes correctly	S	S	S	S	S	
3. Shows creative ability	S	S	S	S	S	

SPELLING

- Learns words taught
- Spells well in all written work

1. Learns words taught	S	S	S	S	S	
2. Spells well in all written work	S	S	S	S	S	

ARITHMETIC

- Works accurately
- Masters fundamentals
- Solves reasoning problems

1. Works accurately	S	U	F	S	S	
2. Masters fundamentals	S	S	S	S	S	
3. Solves reasoning problems	S	S	S	S	S	

SCIENCE

- Understands basic facts
- Participates in class activities

1. Understands basic facts	S	S	S	S	S	
2. Participates in class activities	S	S	S	S	S	

SOCIAL SCIENCE, HISTORY, GEOGRAPHY

- Understands basic facts
- Is alert to current events
- Makes good use of reference materials
- Participates in class activities

1. Understands basic facts	S	S	S	S	S	
2. Is alert to current events	S	S	S	F	S	
3. Makes good use of reference materials	S	S	S	S	S	
4. Participates in class activities	S	S	S	S	S	

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

- Participates with group
- Shows interest

1. Participates with group	S	S	S	S	S	
2. Shows interest	S	S	S	S	S	

MUSIC

- Vocal
- Instrumental Trumpet

1. Vocal	S	S	S	S	U	
2. Instrumental <u>Trumpet</u>	S	S	S	S	S	

ART

- Shows interest
- Shows Creativeness

1. Shows interest	S	S	S	S	S	
2. Shows Creativeness	S	S	S	S	S	

St. Matthews Area Elementary Schools:

Courtesy of Pamela L. Flack Key (62):

1953/1954

Orville J. Stivers School

RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

	1	2	3	4	5	6
Days Present	29	29	27	26	30	28
Days Absent	1	0	1	4	0	0

GROWTH RECORD

	1	2	3	4	5	6
Height	57 1/2					
Weight	87					
Vision						
Hearing						

PARENT'S SIGNATURE:

1. Mrs. Gilbert Flack
2. Mrs. Gilbert Flack
3. Mrs. Gilbert Flack
4. Mrs. Gilbert Flack
5. Mrs. Gilbert Flack
- 6.

is assigned to grade 5
for the school term 1954-55
Teacher Mrs. David Nelson
Date May 28, 1954
Teacher available for conference, please contact.
Thurs. 2:45

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I CITIZENSHIP (Conduct)						
1. Cooperates in work and play	E	E	E	E	E	E
2. Assumes and carries out responsibility	S	E	E	E	E	E
3. Practices courtesy in speech and action	S	S	E	E	E	E
4. Is willing to follow as well as to lead	S	S	E	E	E	E
II HEALTH AND SAFETY HABITS						
1. Practices simple health rules	S	S	S	E	E	E
2. Observes traffic and other safety rules	S	S	S	E	E	E
3. Reflects good sleep, eating and rest habits	S	S	S	E	E	E
4. Relaxes during rest	S	S	S	E	E	E
III WORK AND STUDY HABITS						
1. Follows directions	E	E	E	E	E	E
2. Finishes assigned work on time	S	S	S	S	S	S
3. Works well alone	S	S	S	S	S	S
4. Works well with group	S	S	S	S	S	S
READING						
1. Oral Reading	S	S	S	S	S	S
2. Reads with understanding	S	S	S	S	S	S
3. Reads in other subjects	S	S	S	S	S	S
4. Reads widely for enjoyment	S	S	S	S	S	S
5. Works out new words for himself.	S	S	S	S	S	S
WRITING						
1. Form of letters	S	S	S	S	S	S
2. Spacing of words and letters	S	S	S	S	S	S
3. Writes neatly and legibly	S	S	S	S	S	S

ENGLISH

	1	2	3	4	5	6
1. Speaks correctly	S	S	S	S	S	S
2. Writes correctly	S	S	S	S	S	S
3. Shows creative ability	S	E	E	E	E	E
SPELLING						
1. Learns words taught	S	S	S	S	S	S
2. Spells well in all written work	S	S	S	S	S	S
ARITHMETIC						
1. Works accurately	S	S	S	S	S	S
2. Masters fundamentals	S	S	S	S	S	S
3. Solves reasoning problems	S	S	S	S	S	S
SCIENCE						
1. Understands basic facts	S	S	S	S	S	S
2. Participates in class activities	S	S	S	S	S	S
SOCIAL SCIENCE, HISTORY, GEOGRAPHY						
1. Understands basic facts	S	S	S	S	S	S
2. Is alert to current events	S	S	S	S	S	S
3. Makes good use of reference materials	S	S	S	S	S	S
4. Participates in class activities	S	S	S	S	S	S
PHYSICAL EDUCATION						
1. Participates with group	S	S	S	S	S	S
2. Shows interest	S	S	S	S	S	S
MUSIC						
1. Vocal	S	S	S	S	S	S
2. Instrumental	S	S	S	S	S	S
ART						
1. Shows interest	S	S	S	S	S	S
2. Shows Creativeness	S	S	S	S	S	S

St. Matthews Area Elementary Schools:

Courtesy of Bob Ring:

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Orville J. Stivers School



Robert "Bob" C. Ring on far right.



Bob Ring middle, One of the girls Susie Wakefield who was in Bob's class

Robert "Bob" C. Ring in classroom.



St. Matthews Area Elementary Schools:

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Bob Ring upper row, far right

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Bob Ring standing far right.

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Junior High Glee Club Program

O God Our Help in Ages Past	Arr. D. Day
When Children Pray	Fenner
Boundless Mercy	Arr. Hoggard
June is Busting Out All Over	Rodgers
Nancy Anna Walker Jennie Mae Emmart Carolyn Jones	Lee Watkins Susan Gowdy Susan Boynton
	Harold Haebelin Jack Hancock Carolyn Kraft
Swing Along	Arr. Deis
Accompanist.....	Carolyn Kraft

Junior High Glee Club Personnel

1st Soprano

Pat Cardwell
Jennie Emmart
Bonnie Harding
Carol Provenzano

Jo Cruse
Virginia Everett
Penny Hill
Carol Saenger
Nancy Anna Walker

Darlene Ellis
Sue Ann Flint
Carolyn Jones
Honey Schuermeyer

2nd Soprano

Bonnie Bailey
Sue Bliss
Katherine Dalley
Susan Gowdy
Marshall Hardesty
Phoebe Keith
Richard Milne
Darlene Scheibel
Bill Shawyer
Carole Straub
Lynn Woolson

Susie Boynton
Barbara Caswell
Jeanne Davis
Earl Greer
Carol Isham
Ann LaCrosse
Judy Nealon
Barry Schneider
Suzanne Simms
Judy Suber
Barbara Wellnitz

Bonnie Bauer
Kenneth Craven
David Fisher
Jo Ann Haberstroh
Caryl Jean Johnson
Betty Maddox
Carley Revell
Phyllis Seidel
Dean Springer
Susan Wakefield

3rd Soprano

Eddie Acree
Shirley Grinstead
Peggy Hays

John Close
Harold Haebelin
Carolyn Kraft
Lee Watkins

Joe Cranson
Jack Hancock
Robert Ring

Orchestra Program

The Merry Wives of Windsor Overture	Nicolai
Andante (Surprise Symphony)	Haydn
As the Skating Rink	Hoffman
Sonatina	Clementi
	Piano - Carolyn Kraft
The Three Bears	Newell Long
	Narrator - Bert Penoe
Toy Soldiers	Taylor
	(String Class) Charles Farmer - Lois Probstman Joe Dietrich - Chris Pugh Sally Dispewett
Alla Turca	Schmidt

Orchestra Personnel

Violins

Jerry Lynn Seekamp
Christy Louis
Merrill Lee Sweet
Charles Moffett
Marilyn Powers
Pamela Perry
Judy Sarber
Kathie Kline

Flutes

Tommy Straub
Nancy Collins

Clarinet

Frank Grubbs
Harold Haebelin
Marilyn Collins
Nancy Anna Walker
Mount Davis
Ronald Jones
Mike Smith
Peggy Bayes
Kenneth Hauptli
Stephen Porter
Jimmy May

Trumpets

Ted Gutwein
Lee Watkins
Bobby Hall
Bert Penoe
Alan Ring
Joe Shepherd

Trombones

Jack Hancock
Curtis Wise
Kenneth Corey
Jimmy Small

Viola

Betty May Dietrich

Cello

Tommy Bedwell

Piano

Carolyn Kraft

Percussion

Larry Coleman
Aril Reeb

Presenting the
ORVILLE J. STIVERS SCHOOL

Spring Concert

Mrs. Eleanor Ritchie
Orchestra Director

Miss Jane Thomas
Choral Director

Mrs. Katherine Kirwan
Mr. Stanley Nielsen
Choral Reading Directors

Tuesday May 4th, 1954 7:30 P. M.

at
Orville J. Stivers School

Elementary Glee Club Program

Alleluia	Old German Air
Loch Lomond	Old Scottish
Three French Folk Songs	Arr. Bornschein
	The Little Boats The King of Yveor Cader Rosaselle
Accompanist.....	Carol Isham

Elementary Glee Club Personnel

Tommy Bedwell
Jeannette Caswell
Perry Chick
Claire Cunningham
Phyllis Curtis
Bonnie Davis
Joe Dietrich
Margo Durbin
Sue Evans
Pamala Ferguson
Suzanne Gadd
Jammy Grissom

Jill Hancock
Norma Heick
Margaret Huber
Margaret Love
Teddy Meeker
Patty Moore
Bert Penoe
Edwin Perry
Doris Phillips
Carol Ploutner
Billy Quakenbush
Ellen Rice
Londy Riehl

Karen Rose
Judy Schoba
Lynda Schweickert
Jerry Soeknap
Joyce Shawmaker
Susan Shawler
Penny Smith
Sharon Stark
Merrill Lee Sweet
Caroline Taylor
Barbara Webb
Bruce Wilson

Intermission 15 Minutes

Choral Reading

"CUR NATION".....	Mary Hodge Cox
	8th Grade Classes
Accompanist.....	Mrs. Robert Kraft

County P.T.A.'s Oppose Rabies Law Exemption

Motion By Stivers P.T.A. Head; Grafton, Heyburn Indicate Support

A motion by the president of the Stivers P.T.A. opposing exemption of kennel owners from a proposed rabies control bill was passed unanimously by the County Council of P.T.A.'s last week.

The Council approved Mrs. Nathan Everett's suggestion to write all Kentucky legislators urging passage of a bill requiring all dogs, without exception, to be inoculated once a year against rabies.

The Council also approved her motion that each of its P.T.A.'s, 33 in all, write similar letters. However, the presidents of Greathouse and Eastern P.T.'s remarked later they would have to get approval of their members.

Senator Arthur Grafton and Representative Henry Heyburn indicated they approved no exemptions in principle.

Eastern's P.T.A. President, Mrs. Fred Latham, said she voted for the motion and that she was personally opposed to any exemptions whatsoever. But she said before her P.T.A. could write to legislators, the move would have to be approved by a two-thirds vote of the membership. She said she would bring up the matter at her P.T.A.'s January 25 meeting.

Mrs. Lane McCroskey, Greathouse's P.T.A. president, voiced similar sentiments. She said she voted for the motion at the Council meeting as a member of the Council, but couldn't speak for her P.T.A. She said she was in favor of having all dogs inoculated, without exception, but "unfortunately, I don't know much about the arguments for exemptions."

Mrs. Everett said the same kennel owners are trying to work a loophole in rabies legislation who fought and beat such legislation in the last session.

"Anybody could claim a kennel," she said. "I feel no dog should be exempt. We can't possibly inoculate all animals who may have rabies, but the dog is more or less a controllable animal, and it's up to us to inoculate every dog."

Said Sen. Grafton: "Generally, I feel that exemptions are difficult to give, despite (the kennel owners') contention their dogs are penned up. Dogs do get out. I'm inclined against exemptions, but I'd want to hear from the Department of Health. I've got an open mind with a preconceived notion against exemptions."

He said he does not yet know

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if he's for a state-wide rabies control bill. Certainly, something ought to be done about rabies, he said, and he promised to vote for a "practical bill." But if any such law is passed, he said he couldn't see how exemptions could be granted.

"I own dogs myself, and I wouldn't think of not protecting them against rabies and distemper," he said. Sen. Grafton represents the Greater St. Matthews area in the State Senate.

Said Rep. Heyburn: "I don't know what (the kennel owners) want. I think if it is proper to require immunization of all dogs, there shouldn't be any exemptions. Maybe the kennel owners think isolation and quarantine is best. If a rabies control law is unduly harsh or unworkable, exemptions might be in order. If the law was harsh I would either vote against it or be for reasonable exemptions. In principle, I feel that if a law is a proper law, the less exemptions the better."

Mr. Heyburn represents St. Matthews in the State House of Representatives.

Stivers Principal To Attend Convention

Mrs. Ruth Osborne, principal at Stivers School, will attend the convention of the National Elementary Schools Principals to be held in Atlantic City February 10 to 14.

Mrs. Osborne will leave at noon Wednesday, Feb. 10, and return February 15.

Also representing Jefferson County at the convention will be Everett Farmer, County supervisor of elementary grades, Mrs. Sara Belle Wellington, principal at Cane Run School, Mrs. Edna Greaves, principal of Kentucky Children's Home, O. F. Brown, principal at Prestonia School, and Joe Wilkes, head of the Ford Foundation at the University of Louisville.

February 4, 1954

February 11, 1954

The Week Ahead At Greathouse And Stivers

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

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

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

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

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

January 28, 1954

Stivers Students Made House And Senate Pages

By CAROLYN KRAFT

Eight Stivers pupils were made honorary pages of the House, and eight others were made honorary pages of the Senate on Wednesday, Feb. 3, when the seventh and eighth grades made a field trip to Frankfort.

A motorcade of 27 automobiles left for the Capitol at 8:45 a.m. led by a police escort. The automobiles were driven by the mothers and fathers of the students.

The students were also accompanied by their teachers, Mrs. Pat Kirwan, Stanley Nielsen, Mrs. Roy Cobb, Miss Virginia Clarky, and Mrs. Ruth Osborne, principal.

The students visited the Capitol, Governor's Mansion, Senate, House of Representatives, and the new Capitol annex.

Through Representative Henry R. Heyburn, the following boys and girls were made honorary pages of the House: Susan Boynton, Charles Moffett, Phoebe Keith, Robert Ring, Kenneth Jones, Nancyanna Walker, Patsy Hunter, and Earl Greer.

Through Senators Arthur Grafton and Leon Shaikun, certificates were presented to the following as honorary pages of the Senate: Bonnie Bauer, Ronald Jones, Jack Ruck, Carolyn Jones, Pat Cardwell, Tommy Straub, Susan Wakefield and Dean Springer.

Senator Shaikun also arranged an audience with Governor Wetherby.

Stivers P.T.A. Fashion Show Is Next Tuesday

A fashion show and tea will be sponsored by the P.T.A. of Stivers School for the Founders Day program on Tuesday, Feb. 9, at 2:30 p.m. at the school on Westport Road.

In charge of the arrangements are: hospitality, Mrs. Ralph White, chairman, and Mrs. Art Mengel, Mrs. Oscar Schweickart, Mrs. George E. McMannon, and Mrs. Art Nutting; music, Mrs. H. J. Kiefer and Mrs. Ben Thomas Cooper; program, Mrs. S. Clarence Evans; commentator, Mrs. Elmer Neglon; wardrobe, Mrs. J. M. Winnard, Mrs. Walker Cunningham, Mrs. Robert Goodlin and Mrs. Roy Renell.

Spring fashions will be shown by the following P.T.A. members: Mesdames Ed. Wilson, Clyde Blanton, Evard Stiglitz, John Skelton, Edwin Perry, Fred Davis, Bart Emmert, Lee Richards, Jimmy Dozier, Beverly Hutchison, Charles Hoskins, James Smith, Arthur Pascoe and Mrs. E. W. Dozier, Jr.

Betty Hoskins and Bruce Brown will be the models for the children's clothes.

February 4, 1954

Stivers Pupils Form Garden Club

Children at Stivers School are organizing a garden club to take care of the school lawn. They are being directed by Mrs. Jo Grunewald, fifth grade teacher.

They work on the school grounds from 7:45 a.m. until school begins at 8:30 a.m. They have already planted several dozen iris bulbs, and have begun weeding the lawn. They are also weeding the flower beds and putting in peat moss.

A partial list of the club members includes Jimmy Spear, Billy Baldwin, Jimmy Jorgensen, Allen Ring, Keith Crume, Billy Hammon, Robin Meeker, and Tommy Surber. They will elect officers shortly.

Stivers Spring Concert

The Stivers School orchestra and the choral group will give their annual spring concert on Tuesday, May 4, at 7:30 p.m. at the school.

Mrs. Eleanor Ritchie will direct the orchestra and Miss Jane Thomas the choral group. The public is invited.

April 29, 1954



Mrs. Eleanor Ritchie directs the Stivers School orchestra.

With the P.T.A.'s

Waggener Elects, Greathouse And Stivers Install

At Stivers, Mrs. Karl Straub installed president Mrs. H. J. Kiefer, 4401 Rudy Lane; first vice president Mrs. William C. Cunningham, 205 Don Allen Road; and recording secretary, Mrs. Eugene Burt, 3941 Elmwood. The new historian is Mrs. R. C. Revell, 4185 Blenheim.

May 20, 1954

Stivers Pupils Present Annual Spring Concert

Parents, friends and teachers looked on proudly Tuesday evening as the fine Stivers School orchestra and glee clubs gave their annual spring concert.

Mrs. Eleanor Ritchie directed the orchestra and Miss Jane Thomas the elementary glee club, composed of sixth graders, and the junior high glee club of seventh and eighth graders.

Members of the orchestra are Gerry Lynn Seckamp, Christy Louis, Merrill Lee Sweet, Charles Moffett, Marilyn Powers, Pamela Perry, Judy Surber, Kathie Kline, Betty May Dietrick, Tommy Bedwell, Frank Grubbs, Harold Haebertin, Marilyn Collins, Nancyanna Walker, Mount Davis, Ronald Jones, Mike Smith, Peggy Hayes, Kenneth Hauptle, Stephen Porter, Jimmy May, Tommy Straub, and Nancy Collins. Ted Gutwein, Lee Watkins, Bobby Hall, Bert Pence, Alan Ring, Joe Shopherd, Jack Hancock, Curtis Wise, Kenneth Corey, Jimmy Small, Larry Coleman, Arvil Reed, Carolyn Kraft, Charles Farmer, Ludi Proctman, Sally Dispennet, Chris Fugh, and Joe Dietrick.

Members of the elementary glee club are Tommy Bedwell, Jeanette Caswell, Perry Chick, Claire Cunningham, Phyllis Curtis, Bonnie Davis, Jimmy Davis, Joe Dietrick, Margo Durbin, Sue Evans, Pamela Ferguson, Suzanne Gadd, Jimmy Grisson, Jill Hancock, Norma Heick, Margaret Huber, David Loye, and

Teddy Meeker, Patty Moore, Bert Pence, Edwin Perry, Doris Phillips, Carol Ploetner, Billy Quakenbush, Ellen Rice, Sandy Riehl, Karen Rose, Judy Schuba, Lynda Schweickert, Jerry Secknap, Joyce Shewmaker, Susan Shawler, Penny Smith, Sharon Stark, Merrill Lee Sweet, Caroline Taylor, Barbara Webb, and Bruce Wilson.

Members of the junior high glee club are Eddie Acree, Bonnie Bailey, Sue Boynton, Bonnie Bauer, Sue Bliss, Pat Cardwell, Barbara Caswell, John Close, Jo Crume, Kenneth Craven, Joe Creason, Katherine Dailey, Joanne Davis, Darlene Ellis, Jennie Mae Emmart, Virginia Everett, Sue Flint, Susan Gowdy, Earl Groer, Shirley Grinstead, Harold Haebertin, Jo Ann Haebertin, Jack Hancock, Mar-

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shale Harberly, Bonnie Harding, and

Peggy Hays, Penny Hills, Carol Isham, Coryl Jean Johnson, Carolyn Jones, Phoebe Keith, Carolyn Kraft, Ann LaCross, Betty Maddox, Edward Milne, Judy Nealon, Carol Provenzano, Corley Revell, Robert Ping, Carol Saenger, Darlene Schelbel, Harry Schneider, Honey Schuermeyer, Phyllis Selick, and Bill Shawler.

May 6, 1954



Mrs. Karl Straub, left, installs the Stivers P.T.A. officers. Left in right are Mrs. H. J. Kiefer, 4401 Rudy Lane, president; Mrs. William C. Cunningham, 205 Don Allen Road, first vice president; and Mrs. Eugene Burt, 3941 Elmwood, recording secretary. The historian, Mrs. R. C. Revell, 4185 Blenheim Road, is not pictured.

First Grade Day Mothers Should Contact Schools

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

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

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

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

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

April 1, 1954

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Tuesday, Feb. 2, was a proud day for Stivers School as its sixth grade's Glee Club, directed by Miss Jane Thomas, sang with the Louisville Orchestra at its "Making Music" concert. About 2,000 local school children attended the concert.

February 11, 1954

**Greathouse, Stivers
 Dad's Nights Tuesday**

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

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

March 4, 1954
 March 18, 1954

**Seventh-Grader
 Wins Spelling Bee**

Seventh-grader David Fisher won the spelling bee held at Orville J. Stivers School last week as part of the Dad's Night



Spring gowns for madame (and for little mademoiselle) were on display at Stivers School last week, as the P.T.A. held a style show and tea. Gowns were from a St. Matthews store. Wearing a blue linen afternoon suit and red straw hat at left is Mrs. E. N. Stiglitz, Jr., 517 Brookview. On the right is Mrs. John Skelton, 4262 Hill Top Road, in a grey flannel suit with white straw hat. Mademoiselle Betty Collier Hoskins, 3917 Brookfield, just 6½, wears a red gabardine suit, white gloves and white straw hat.

February 18, 1954

**Tomorrow Is Last Day
 For Greathouse, Stivers**

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

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

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

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

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

of five years. Silver pins were awarded to 27 for three or four years service in orchestra and/or glee club. Bronze pins were awarded to 58 for two years' service, one year's service, the felt letter "G" in the school's colors, was given to 90 pupils.

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May 27, 1954



Photo by Jim Miller

Bill Quakenbush blows out the candle at the party given for him and his friends from Stivers to celebrate the end of the school year, by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Hoffman, at their home, 302 Bonner. Seated are Varina Marret, Perry Chick, Patty Moore, Jimmy Davis, Sue Evans, Caroline Taylor, Sherry Gaunt, and Susan Shawler. Standing are Tommy Bedwell, Bill Quakenbush, Bruce Wilson, and Bert Pence. Barbara Webb also attended the party.

May 27, 1954

Greathouse And Stivers Awards

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Cited for perfect attendance were:

First grade — Marilyn Driver and Nancy Hyler.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MUSIC AWARDS

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

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

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

Tadda Owens, Judy Bender, Kay Burnhardt, Carol Wells, and Jerry Wolf.

Leavers — Cherie Burnett, Patricia Ward, Sandra Wheeler, Charlene Nazz, Orletta Ward, Ann Henderson, Idara Connaughton, Connie Franck, Lillian Carter, Sue Ellen Moody, Nancy Merchant, Sophie Harned, Janet Wetzel, Janet Griffin, Mangle Goetner, Janet Schneider, Linda Schaaf, Jan Dee Brakka, Roger Black, Wesley Wilkinson, Bobby Cottier, Lois Short, Beverly Curry, Linda Spangler, Stinson McCroskey, Billy Woods, Harry Miller, John Brooks, Joe Nunnally, John DeMott, Charles Brown, Don McKay, Dennis Garber, Bob Hackney, George Richards, Joan Wells, Charlotte Aull, Albert Young, Carol Curry, Seattle Tichenor, Lynn Milroy, Donnie Happel, Betsy St. Clair, Judy Foster, Nelson Lamkin, Bobby Bishop, Linda Mayer, Bill Black, Glen Wagner, Carl Wright.

Larry Myers, Bobby Sexton, Joyce Pfenor, Ronnie Hammerle, Ronnie Montgomery, Lucille Lap-ley, Calvin Sayels, Bobby Wheeler, Johnny Grayson, Danny Chitwood, Pat Humbert, Marsha Kodahaffer, Betty Durham, Kyle Hubbard, Charles Garrett, Steve Fischer, David Denton, Bob Streever, Spencer Konicov, Pat Jackson, Dudley Robertson, Mary Russell, Hunter Look, Claudia Litkenhouse, Mary McIlwain, Kent Thomas, Phillip Fox, Fred Nagel, Ruth Harding, Beverly Sampson, Elsie Wolf, Nancy Merhoff, Janet Green, Richard Tomppert, James Lapsley, Billy Earley, Bobby Frisch, Stephen Potts, Charles Riley, and David Smith.

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

REPORT ON SCHOOL PATROL

Gold Pin—Billy Earley.

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

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

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

Perfect attendance certificates will be given to 33.

Members of the school patrol are:

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

Peggy Rice, Sue Bliss, and Judy Suber.

Members of the elementary glee club are:

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

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

Members of the orchestra are:

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

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

Members of the junior high glee club are:

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

Jo Crume, Virginia Everett, Penny Hill, Carol Saenger, Nancy Anna Walker, Susie Boynton, Barbara Caswell, Joanne Davis, Earl Greer, Carol Isham, Ann LaCrosse, Judy Nealon, Barry Schneider, Suzanne Simms, Judy Suber, Barbara Wellnitz, John Close, Harold Haerberlin, Carolyn Kraft, Lee Watkins, Darlene Ellis, Sue Ann Flint, Carolyn Jones, Honey Schuermeyer, Bonnie Bauer, Kenneth Craven, David Fisher, Jo Ann Haberstroh, Cary Jean Johnson, Betty Maddox, Carley Revell, Phyllis Seidel, Dean Springer, Susan Wakefield, Joe Creason, Jack Hancock, and Robert Ring.

Perfect attendance certificates go to:

Harold Haerberlin, Sue Bliss, Carolyn Kraft, George Heheman, Bobby Baldwin, Jennie May Emmart, Nancyanna Walker, Gary Rucker, Earl Zion, Doris Phillips, Joe Wellnitz, Larry Roberts, Bonnie Davis, Pam Ferguson, Danny Gray, Gary Morris, Lexie Howard, Luci Prochnau, Marilyn Powers, Joyce Niemann, William Baldwin, Charles Farmer, James H. Hannah, Walter Roger Montgomery, John E. Scheibel, Marsha Ann Meade, Judy Ann Ogden, Jimmy Scott, Sally Kraft, John Weeter, Edwin H. Niemann, Bill Hall, John Burgin, Ted Witte, James H. Stocking, Shelly Stallard, Patricia Smith, and Randolph Farmer.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

School Registration Is Lighter Than Expected

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

The County Board of Education had estimated that 4,506 would attend Greathouse, Stivers, and Chenoweth Elementary Schools, Waggener Junior High, and Eastern High. By Monday, only 4,305 had registered.

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

Waggener, beginning its first

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

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

Eastern High has had the best luck. Anticipating an enrollment of 1,586, the school only had 1,427 signed up by the end of last week. It was designed for 1,500.

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

Stivers by Monday had registered 594. About 660 were expected. Last year, the school had 675. It was built for 480, but four extra rooms were added during the summer.

September 16, 1954

Eastern, Stivers Greathouse Make Safety Honor Roll

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

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

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

September 30, 1954



Stivers P.T.A. officers are, front row, Mrs. R. C. Revell, 418 1/2 Blenheim, historian; Mrs. J. A. Smith, 415 Deerfield, ways and means chairman; Mrs. William C. Burr, 4400 Rudy Lane, publicity chairman; Mrs. William Cunningham, 205 Dun Allen, vice president; Mrs. George Simpson, 1 Greenlawr Road, treasurer; and back row, Mrs. H. J. Kleter, 4401 Rudy Lane, president; Mrs. Ruth H. Osborne, school principal; Mrs. Charles A. Farmer, 1 Westport Terrace, corresponding secretary; Mrs. K. F. Weaver, 109 Marshall Drive, health chairman; and Mrs. Kenneth Dulleris, 4408 Rudy Lane, art chairman.

October 21, 1954

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Parent Tells Stivers P.T.A.

Concern Over Methods Is Not Attack On Education

A Stivers parent, worried about the current trend in education, rose to his feet during a panel discussion at last week's P.T.A. meeting to protest that inquiries by parents should not be misconstrued as "vicious attacks."

"We parents, knowing little about the methods of progressive education, are often worried when we see them used in public schools," said John Ed Pearce, 4436 Blenheim Road.

"We are especially worried when we see some of the products of progressive education," he added. In an interview with *The Voice* later, he said he felt the public schools "are often trying to do too much, we fear, and in trying to teach the child everything from shoe-polishing to correct voting procedure, they are neglecting what we call the three R's, or the fundamentals of classical education."

What set Mr. Pearce off was a remark by Mrs. Terrence Sherry, Atherton teacher who was a member of the panel, to the effect that newspapers and magazines were at present attacking education.

Mr. Pearce, a *Courier-Journal* editorial writer, protested that education was not being attacked, but that "concerned and often worried parents" were making "valid inquiries" into present public school teaching methods.

"I think we have some cause to be disturbed over the (Jefferson) County curriculum," he told *The Voice* later. He would not elaborate. "I don't know that it's the school's business to give the child moral training. It

seems to me this job belongs to the church and the home. And the same thing goes for teaching citizenship. That's the function of the home, not the school."

He said he felt the school's job should be to give the children "well-disciplined training in the fundamentals of education" as a strong base for future learning, either in college or on the job.

"Much juvenile crime is due to the lack of discipline in all phases of juvenile life," he said.

He added he had no criticism of the teachers of his two daughters, Martha, 7, a second grader, and Susan, 9, a fourth grader, both at Stivers.

"I think a P.T.A. meeting is the place for this kind of discussion," he said. "The curriculum and the educational methods of the schools are the valid concern of the parents. Parents are remiss otherwise."

He said he hoped his remarks, and those of other parents, about educational methods would be taken as "not criticising but learning."

The panel discussion was on "What Makes A Good Citizen?" Participants were Mrs. Rankin Powell, moderator, Mrs. Sherry, Rev. William B. Gentleman of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, and Randolph Brown, attorney. Mrs. Ted LaPin introduced the panel.

It was announced the P.T.A. would hold a subscription drive this year instead of a carnival to raise \$2,500, and was asking \$8 from each family.

The P.T.A. has appropriated \$205 for art lessons after school by the Art Center for the children, to whom it will be free, according to an announcement by Mrs. Kenneth Dulleris, art chairman.

Principal Ruth Osborne announced a conservation club for fifth and sixth grade boys will be started October 25, with Thomas Fuller in charge. The school's paper sale is October 20 and 21.

Rev. Charles Moffett of the East Chapel of the Fourth Avenue Presbyterian Church opened the meeting with a prayer.



She Teaches, Sometimes

Courtesy The Voice Of St. Matthews:

Orville J. Stivers School

Stivers To dedicate Paper To Ex-Teachers

The first issue of "The Inkwell," the Stivers School newspaper, for this year will be ready November 4, and will be dedicated to Mrs. Katherine Kirwan and Stanley Nielsen, ex-Stivers teachers who were faculty advisors for the paper last year.

It will also be dedicated to the eight grade class of last year, who published the paper Carolyn Kraft, now a ninth grader at Waggener and correspondent for The Voice, was editor.

Mr. Nielson and Mrs. Kirwan are now eighth grade teachers at Waggener.

Stivers sixth graders will edit the paper this year, since the Waggener faculty advisors will have been transferred. Mrs. Jo Grunwald, Mrs. Joy Hunter, and John Mohr will be the faculty advisors.

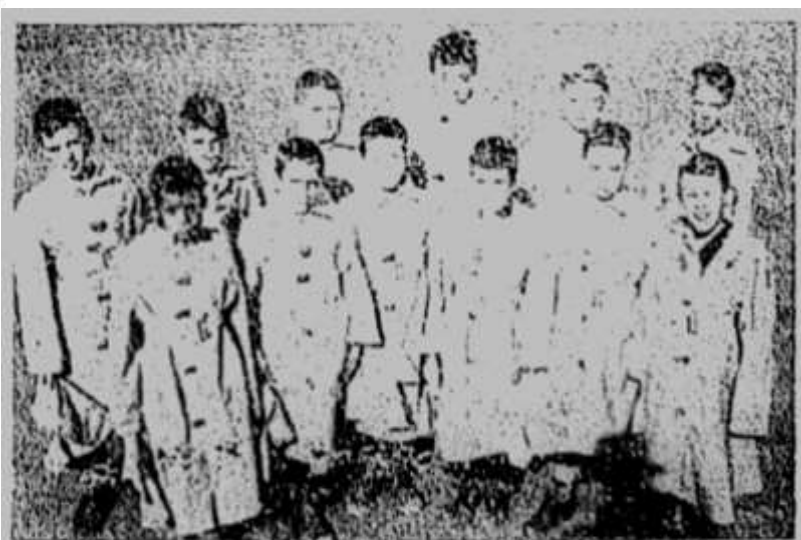
The editorial staff includes Gretchen Tifany, Sharlene Lafoon, Joe Allen Heilmueller, Warren VanHoose, Linda Reaser, Barbara Paletti, Jimmy Speer, Trent Hutcheson, and Jo Ann Renn. The reporters include Beverly O'Nan, Maren Heuser, Rudy Miller, Bill Mackay, Fred Davis, Richard Bedwell, Dickie Jones, Nancy Speers, and Marilyn Powers.

The business staff includes Walker Cunningham, manager Kathryn Mayland, Kay Lee Wilson, Dickie Wetzel, and Karalie Goranflo.

The editor and assistant editor have not yet been chosen do to the fact that the students think they all should be given a chance to prove their ability. They will be chosen by the time the net issue is ready for publication.



November 4, 1954



It was a mild, sunny day Thursday, but the Stivers School patrol agreed to pose in the new yellow raincoats bought for them by the P.T.A. In front are Frank Lovell, Lt. Billy Hammon, Lt. Bill Espich, Albert Clements, Jimmy Dorsey, and Frank Grubbs. In back are Billy Baldwin, Capt. Mount Davis, Walker Cunningham, Mae Gambill, Dick Wetzel and Gary Damron. Raincoats and hats cost about \$60.

November 18, 1954

Stivers Paper Editors, Business Manger Named

Linda Reasor, 10, has been elected editor of the Stivers School newspaper, "The Inkwell." Gretchen Tiffany, 11, has been elected assistant editor.

Walker Cunningham, Jr., 11, was appointed business manager by faculty advisor John Mohr, who appointed the entire business staff. The editor and her assistant were elected by members of the reporterial staff, following publication last month of the first edition of the paper for this year. Balloting was secret.

Other faculty advisors are Mrs. Joy Hunter and Mrs. Jo Grunwald.

Miss Reasor, a sixth-grader, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Reasor, 207 Brunswick. She is a member of the Church of Lat-

ter Day Saints located in St. James Court.

Miss Tiffany, also a sixth grader, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Tiffany, 35 Greenlawn Road. She belongs to Highland Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Cunningham is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walker Cunningham, Sr., 4011 Brookfield. A member of Beargrass Christian Church, he belongs to scout troop 115 there. A sixth grader, too, he is on the school patrol.

"The Inkwell" was first published last year. There will be four issues this year.

Members of "The Inkwell" staff are, seated, business manager Walker Cunningham, Jr., left, editor Linda Reasor, assistant editor Gretchen Tiffany, faculty advisor Mrs. Joy Hunter, and, standing, editorial staff members Jo Ann Renn, James Speer, Joseph Allen Hellmueller, Sharlene Laffoon, Barbara Paletti, Warren Van Hoose, and Trent Hutcheson.



December 2, 1954

Stivers Plans Annual Program For Christmas

Stivers School will have its annual Christmas program Wednesday, Dec. 22, at 9 a.m. It is the last day of school before the Christmas holidays.

The 9 a.m. program will be for the primary children, and another will be held at 10 for the elementary students.

The sixth grade glee club of more than 60 voices will sing Christmas songs, and each class at the school will sing one song. Miss Jane Thomas, music teacher, will direct this part of the program.

Teacher Nancy Campbell will be in charge of the Christmas pageant.

Santa Claus will appear at Stivers December 21 around 11:45 to distribute candy to all the children. Mrs. Ruth Osborne, principal, said she expected the usual invasion of the school by pre-school children in the neighborhood, anxious to get a look at the jolly old gentleman.

The cast for the primary's pageant on Wednesday includes Carol Chilton as the narrator; Deirdre LaPia as Mary; Paul Johnson, Joseph; Diane Giannini, an angel; and Richard Rolten, Tommy Smith, Carol Snyder, Louis Stockseath, and David Edwardson, shepherds.

In the elementary pageant Marilyn Gordon will be narrator; Barbara Waldman, Mary; James Speer, Joseph; Connie Cory, an angel; and Mike Skelton, Charles Batteau and Albert Torstrick, shepherds.

December 16, 1954

St. Matthews Area Elementary Schools:

1954/1955

Courtesy Al Ring:

Orville J. Stivers School

"Typical" report card from Orville J. Stivers School"

RECORD OF ATTENDANCE						
	1	2	3	4	5	6
Days Present	29	27	30	25	27	165
Days Absent	0	0	0	5	3	19

GROWTH RECORD						
Height	53 1/2"					54"
Weight	72 lbs					75 lbs
Vision	poor (under 20/200)					
Hearing	3					3

PARENT'S SIGNATURE:

- Gordon E. Ring
- Gordon E. Ring
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- Shirley L. Ring
- Shirley L. Ring
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is assigned to grade 7
 for the school term 1955-56
 Teacher Miss Gay L. Hunter
 Date May 25, 1955
 Teacher available for conference, please contact.

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 618 West Jefferson Street
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REPORT TO PARENTS

1954 - 55
 Grades 4 - 6

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RICHARD VANHOUSE, SUPT.

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School ORVILLE J. STIVERS SCHOOL
 Child's Name Ring, Alan
 Grade 6 Teacher Miss Hunter
 Principal Ruth H. Osborne

EXPLANATION OF MARKS

E—Excellent Achievement (According to Child's Ability)
 S—Satisfactory Achievement (According to Child's Ability)
 U—Unsatisfactory

DEVELOPMENT OF ATTITUDES AND HABITS

	1	2	3	4	5	6
I CITIZENSHIP (Conduct)						
1. Cooperates in work and play	S	S	S	S	S	S
2. Assumes and carries out responsibility	S	S	S	S	S	S
3. Practices courtesy in speech and action	S	S	S	S	S	S
4. Is willing to follow as well as to lead	S	S	S	S	S	S
II HEALTH AND SAFETY HABITS						
1. Practices simple health rules	S	S	S	S	S	S
2. Observes traffic and other safety rules	S	S	S	S	S	S
3. Reflects good sleep, eating and rest habits	S	S	S	S	S	S
4. Relaxes during rest	S	S	S	S	S	S
III WORK AND STUDY HABITS						
1. Follows directions	S	S	S	S	S	S
2. Finishes assigned work on time	S	S	S	S	S	S
3. Works well alone	S	S	S	S	S	S
4. Works well with group	S	S	S	S	S	S
READING						
1. Oral Reading	S	S	S	S	S	S
2. Reads with understanding	S	S	S	S	S	S
3. Reads in other subjects	S	S	S	S	S	S
4. Reads widely for enjoyment	S	S	S	S	S	S
5. Works out new words for himself.	S	S	S	S	S	S
WRITING						
1. Form of letters	S	S	S	S	S	S
2. Spacing of words and letters	S	S	S	S	S	S
3. Writes neatly and legibly	S	S	S	S	S	S

	1	2	3	4	5	6
ENGLISH						
1. Speaks correctly	S	S	S	S	S	S
2. Writes correctly	S	S	S	S	S	S
3. Shows creative ability	S	S	S	S	S	S
SPELLING						
1. Learns words taught	S	S	S	S	S	S
2. Spells well in all written work	S	S	S	S	S	S
ARITHMETIC						
1. Works accurately	S	S	S	S	S	S
2. Masters fundamentals	S	S	S	S	S	S
3. Solves reasoning problems	S	S	S	S	S	S
SCIENCE						
1. Understands basic facts	S	S	S	S	S	S
2. Participates in class activities	S	S	S	S	S	S
SOCIAL SCIENCE, HISTORY, GEOGRAPHY						
1. Understands basic facts	S	S	S	S	S	S
2. Is alert to current events	S	S	S	S	S	S
3. Makes good use of reference materials	S	S	S	S	S	S
4. Participates in class activities	S	S	S	S	S	S
PHYSICAL EDUCATION						
1. Participates with group	S	S	S	S	S	S
2. Shows interest	S	S	S	S	S	S
MUSIC						
1. Vocal	S	S	S	S	S	S
2. Instrumental	S	S	S	S	S	S
ART						
1. Shows interest	S	S	S	S	S	S
2. Shows Creativeness	S	S	S	S	S	S

St. Matthews Area Elementary Schools:

Courtesy of Pamela L. Flack Key (62):

1954/1955

Orville J. Stivers School

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Height		60 1/2				62
Weight		100 1/2				113
Vision		15/20				
Hearing						

PARENT'S SIGNATURE:

- Mrs. Blanche Flack
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- Hubert Flack
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 for the school term 1954-55
 Teacher Virginia Charley
 Date May 25, 1955
 Teacher available for conference, please contact.

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 Grade 5 Teacher Virginia Charley
 Principal Ruth H. Osborne

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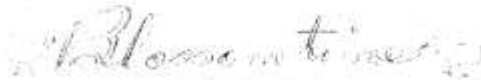


presented by the
Sixth Grade Glee Club
Stivers School

May 3, 1955

7:30 P.M.

Intermission - 15 MINUTES
(Cokes will be sold in the Cafeteria.)



Today's the Time for Singing - Folk Melody
Rain, Falling Rain - Lawrence Perry
Glee Club

Waltz of the Bells - Folk Song
Dance Group
Audie Jane Willis Frank Lovell
Betsy Wade Jimmy Dorsey
Julia Groot Joe A. Hellmuller
Tina Rogers Billy Harmon
Joe Ann Renn Rudy Miller
Kathryn Mayland Jimmy Cockerill
Gretchen Tiffany Walker Cunningham

Lovely Meadows - Czech Folk Song
May Day Carol - English Folk Carol
arr. Taylor
Glee Club

Production Staff

Director - Miss Jane Thomas
Accompanists - Mrs. Ben Cooper
Mary Bert McMillan
Stage Crew, Scenery, Lighting, Ushers
Sixth Grade Class Members

THANKS !!

---To the principal and faculty for their cooperation
---To the mothers for costumes
---To parents and friends for supporting the music program

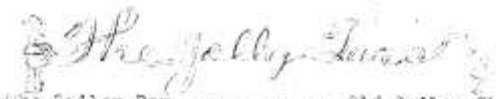
The Glee Club
Folk Song
Jack Knight, Teddy Little
Cowboy Song
Glee Club

Square Dance
Dance Group
Mount Davis
Gerald Farrar
Dale Shields
Vicky Meadows
Bill Espich

Roundtop Lullaby - arr. Barnes
Glee Club

The Lonely Little Dancer - Carolgens Wise
Carolgens Wise - Pianist

Intermission - 5 Minutes



The Sailor Boy - Old Sailor Chantey
Glee Club

Sailor Dance
Dance Group
Mike Garbill
Thomas Paul
Allen Ray Scott
Mike Fountain

Capten Chantey - Capten Chantey
Forecastle Chantey
Glee Club

STIVERS GLEE CLUB

FIRST SOPRANO SECTION

Burwell, Sharon	Renn, Jo Ann
Davis, Bonnie	Rogers, Tina
Siercks, Joyce	Turley, Elaine
Mayland, Kathryn	Wade, Betsy
McMillan, Mary Bert	Weaver, Jane
Howard, Lexie	Wilson, Kay Lee
Kauffman, Sally	

SECOND SOPRANO SECTION

Dispennett, Sally	Paul, Thomas
Fountain, Michael	Powers, Marilyn
Groot, Julia Ann	Prochnau, Luci
Hardy, Jean	Lovell, Frank
Harp, Linda	Ring, Alan
Hash, Sandra	Scott, Allen Ray
Heuser, Karen	Seagraves, Susan
Korlander, Gerry	Shields, Dale
McGloshen, Sharon	Speers, Nancy
Meeker, Robin	Tiffany, Gretchen
Miller, Rudy	Tucker, Carol Jean
Niemann, Joyce	Willis, Audie Jane
O'Nan, Beverly	Wootton, Sara
Palettt, Barbara	

THIRD SOPRANO SECTION

Bedwell, Vicky	Gambill, Mike
Cates, Sheila	Grubbs, Frank
Cockerill, Jimmy	Harmon, Bill
Cunningham, Walker	Hellmuller, Joe A.
Davis, Mount	Hutcheson, Trent
Dorsey, Jimmy	Knopf, Sara
Espich, Bill	Meadows, Vicky
Farrar, Gerald	Shepherd, Gary
	Watts, Penn

St. Matthews Area Elementary Schools:

1955

Courtesy Maren J. Heuser Smith (61):

Orville J. Stivers School



Freda Sidebottom-My Girlfriend, 1955, Maren J. Heuser Smith

Courtesy, Beechwood Baptist Church, unknown date.





Busy preparing for the opening of the Stivers School library are members of the P.T.A. library committee. Seated are Mrs. William E. Pugh, Mrs. Wade Newell, Mrs. W. A. Clements, and Mrs. Robert Love, Jr. In back are Mrs. T. A. Meyer, Mrs. Phill Perkins, Mrs. F. F. Dietsch, chairman, and Mrs. B. H. Nichols.

Stivers P.T.A. Elects Officers

Mrs. S. Clarence Evans, 510 Brookview, was elected president of the Stivers School P.T.A. Tuesday, succeeding Mrs. H. J. Kiefer, 4401 Rudy Lane.

Other officers elected were Mrs. Ted LaPin, Jr., 128 Gibson Road, second vice president, succeeding Mrs. Evans; Mrs. Willard Brown, Jr., 412 Deerfield, corresponding secretary, succeeding Mrs. Charles Farmer, 2 Westport Terrace; and Mrs. James A. Smith, 415 Deerfield, treasurer, succeeding Mrs. George Simpson, 1 Greenlawn.

March 10, 1955

Dance Recital Set At Stivers March 25

The Wednesday Dancing Class, sponsored by the Jefferson County Recreation Board at Stivers School, will have a recital for friends and relatives March 25 at 7:30 p.m. The class is taught by Miss Carley Revell.

Tickets for the recital are now on sale and proceeds will go for "Camp on Air".

March 17, 1955

Stivers School Will Open Library This Week

The Stivers School library is scheduled to open this week, thanks to the efforts of the P.T.A.

It will start with about 1,000 books for elementary school children and will be open every Tuesday and Thursday. Members of the P.T.A.'s library committee will maintain and operate it.

Mrs. F. F. Dietsch is chairman of the committee. Other members are Mrs. William E. Pugh, Mrs. Wade Newell, Mrs. A. W. Clements, Mrs. Robert Love, Jr., Mrs. T. A. Meyer, Mrs. Phill Perkins, Mrs. B. R. Nichols, Mrs. Carl Franklin, and Mrs. Pearson Auerbach.

The committee purchased about 400 new books with P.T.A. funds, borrowed another 500 from the Louisville Free Public Library, and received about 100 more from the County Board of Education, according to Mrs. Dietsch. Another 200 books may be borrowed from the Louisville library, according to principal Ruth Osborne.

The books selected by the committee were from a list drawn up by the County elementary school librarians, said Mrs. Dietsch.

The P.T.A. allocated \$1,000 this year for the project. The average library book, because of its heavy binding costs about three dollars, said Mrs. Dietsch. The P.T.A. raised the money through a subscription drive held at the start of the year, she explained, and each family with children at the school was asked for \$6.

The subscription drive replaces the school carnival as a money-raising device.

Each class will be allowed one library period a week, according to Mrs. Dietsch. Members of her committee will act as librarians, she said.

The committee began work on the project in September, and has been cataloguing, numbering, classifying and installing pockets in the books. The County Board of Education furnished desks and shelves.

"We feel fortunate to have a library room so large," said Mrs. Dietsch. The Stivers library is about 18 by 30 feet. Some schools have only a very small room, she said.

Her committee hopes to have a professional librarian, furnished by the Board of Education, next year. The volunteers have been briefed in library work by Mrs. Nanceo Zipf, librarian for Lyndon and Greathouse Schools. Mrs. Dietsch said that Mrs. Zipf had taught the committee how to order books and organize a library, outside of her regular school hours.

The committee hopes to add more books to the library next year, she said.

January 20, 1955



"We really feel appreciated," said Stivers teachers Monday as the P.T.A. presented principal Ruth Osborne, center, with an orchid, the teaching staff with a bouquet of flowers (behind Mrs. Osborne) and the teachers' lounge with Venellan blinds (in background). Mrs. Geraldine Corey, teacher,

helps Mrs. Osborne pin on the orchid. The gifts were prompted by the fact that this is Teacher Appreciation Week. Teachers pictured are Mrs. Shirley Crenshaw, left, Mrs. Joy L. Hunter, Mrs. Osborne, Mrs. Corey, and Miss Nancy Campbell.

March 24, 1955



—Photo by Jim Miller

Among the stars at the dance recital given last Friday evening at Stivers School were Joyce Jean Arrington, Gail Ann Hinrichs, Sally Lewers, Carol Joe Armstrong, and, in front, Louise Thompson.

March 31, 1955

Spring Conferences Set By Stivers P. T. A.

It will be up to Stivers School parents to decide what kind of problems and programs the P.T.A. will tackle next year.

The P.T.A. has announced plans for a Spring Conference the last two weeks of this month. Each of the school's 20 rooms will hold a meeting during that time. Present will be the two room mothers, the teacher, a member of the P.T.A. executive board, a moderator, a recorder, and the room parents. These meetings will be held at a parent's home.

As Mrs. H. J. Kiefer, P.T.A. president for the 1954-55 year, explained it, the parents will be able to get on record what they liked and what did not interest them in the P.T.A.'s program of the past school year. They'll be encouraged to suggest what they would like to see the P.T.A. do next year, and what kind of speakers they'd like to hear.

In other words, they'll get a chance to say exactly what they think in these small, intimate meetings — the things they are hesitant about bringing up at the regular, mass meetings held monthly at the school.

Their views will be recorded and reports compiled. These will be given to next year's P.T.A. executive committee. They should be ready by the May 10 general meeting of the P.T.A.

"What pertains to the sixth grade doesn't always interest the second grade," said Mrs. Kiefer. "These small intimate meetings will give each set of parents an opportunity to work out ideas for the grades in which their children belong. In that way, the program for next year will be made comprehensive enough to include and interest children and their parents in all grades."

The older grades, for instance, may be very much interested in expanding the scout program, while parents of the younger children may be more concerned with the safety program, she said.

All will have a chance to make their views known at the small, informal meetings. Exact times will be worked out by the room mothers.

April 14, 1955

Cake, Art, And Spelling Contests Set At Stivers

Tuesday will be activity night at Stivers School when the P.T.A. meets at 7:30.

A candlelight service will be held by boys from the St. Matthews Y.M.C.A. followed by a spelling bee among the eight finalists from the school. Judges will be John Lowe, principal at Waggener Junior High; and Miss Marguerite Lewis, principal at Chenoweth. Mrs. Roy Cobb will do the pronouncing and prizes will be awarded by Mrs. Ruth Osborne, principal at Stivers.

The P.T.A. is giving a trophy and medals for the contest winners.

Miss Virginia Charley's fifth and sixth grade boys and girls will then give a tumbling exhibition.

Eighty pictures will be on exhibition from the art classes of John Dempsey. A trophy and first and second place medals will be given by the P.T.A. in each of the two divisions, one for students 8 and 9 years old, and the other for those 10 to 14. Judge will be Eugene Leake, director of the Art Center.

Mrs. Betty Alwes will present an original dramatic skit with Stivers children she's been coaching. Mrs. W. R. Harding will present a trophy and medals in the cake baking contest for fifth and sixth grade children. Judge will be Miss Dorthola Chambers, home economist. The cakes will be served to the parents.

Group numbers in tap and ballet will be presented by Miss Charley Revell's students.

The program will be the windup of a cooperative effort on the part of the school, the Y.M.C.A., and the County Board of Recreation to provide leisure activity for the students during the current school year.

April 7, 1955

ington April 13.

Making Music Concert Features Monohan, Wise

Only two County school students participated in the Making Music Concert by the Louisville Philharmonic Society Tuesday at the Loew's Theatre, and both were from this area.

Eastern student Tom Monohan played the cello solo of "Allegro Appassionata" accompanied by the Louisville Orchestra.

Stivers fourth-grader Carol gene Wise, 10, played a piano number, "The Lonely Little Dancer," which she composed herself. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Fryor Wise, 136 Brown Avenue.

April 21, 1955

Best Stivers Spellers, Bakers, Artists Named

Ten-year-old Chris Pugh, a fifth grader, is the champion speller at Stivers School. Miss Pugh was awarded the title and a cup last week at the school's activity night, when the spelling finals were held.

Coming in second and third, respectively, were Jane Eklund, 11, of the sixth grade, and Jimmy Carigan, 12, of the fifth grade.

Kay Newell, 10, of the fifth grade, was judged the best cake baker, and Barbara Wallman, also 10 and in the fifth grade, came in second. A third 10-year-old fifth grader, Barbara Stark, won the third place medal.

Other champions:

Beginners art — Patricia Ellis, 10, fourth grade; second, Larry Burnett, 9, fourth grade; and third, Debra Benn, 9, fourth grade.

Advanced art — Edwin Nieman, 10, fourth grade; second, Helen Bisha, 10, fifth grade; and third, Judy Walsh, 14, from the school of the Immaculate Conception.

The program was a windup of a cooperative effort on the part of the school, the local Y.M.C.A. and the County Board of Recreation to provide leisure activity for the students during the school year.

The P.T.A. awarded cups and medals to the winners.



Some of the winners in the contests at Stivers last week show their medals and trophies. At left is Barbara Stark, 10, of the fifth grade, who was third in the cake contest. The other three youngsters won first prizes. They are Chris Pugh, champion speller, and Patricia Ellis and Edwin Nieman, champion painters. Patricia's painting is at right, Edwin's at left.

April 21, 1955

Mrs. Josephine Grunwald, Stivers Teacher, Honored

The editors of The Inkwell, Stivers School newspaper, are dedicating the May 20 edition to Mrs. Josephine Grunwald, who will retire after this term. She has been a teacher 30 years

Mrs. Grunwald was honored at the school P.T.A. meeting Tuesday evening and was presented with a television set by the faculty, school personnel, the children, and the teachers

with whom she has taught.

Born in Louisville in 1885, Mrs. Grunwald looks nearly 20 years younger than the calendar says she is.

She spent most of her childhood in Oldham County, and attended Louisville schools. After graduating from the Girls' High School at Fifth and Hill, she attended the University of Louisville and Western Kentucky, but got her degree at Nazareth.

She began teaching at Stivers in 1952. Before that she taught at Cane Run, where her career started in 1905, Beeler, Hopewell, Maple Grove (now Melbourne Heights), Swamp College, and Clifton Heights.

She married Tom Grunwald in 1909 and has one son. She now has two grandchildren, Libby and Tommy Grunwald. A resident of Middletown, she says her hobbies are children reading, music and sewing.



MRS. GRUNWALD

Stivers P.T.A. Sets Square Dance

Friday evening, Dec. 9, the PTA of Stivers School will give a square dance from 8 to 10.

Mr. and Mrs. Bohart, well known television square dance callers, will call the dance. Refreshments will be served.

The Richfawn Garden Club will meet on Tuesday, Dec. 13 at 2 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Temple Lewis, Jr., 111 Don Allen Road.

A Christmas flower show at the home of Mrs. Arthur Becvar, 121 Heady Ave., will follow the meeting.

New Teachers Are Named For Stivers School

Stivers School will have some increase in enrollment and three additional teachers, according to principal Ruth Osborne.

She said enrollment was 680 last year and will go over 700 this year. Last year there were 22 teachers, and this year, there will be 25. One fifth grade teacher has not yet been assigned, she said.

New teachers are, in the first grade, Mrs. Mary Oliver Weakley, who taught at Ballard last year; and Mrs. Ellen Bottomley, a substitute in the Jefferson County School System last year; second grade, Miss Meda Elder, returning after a year at Chenoweth; third grade, Mrs. Dorothy Tarned, who taught at the Children's Center, Miss Carolyn Hennesy, who taught in New Orleans, and Mrs. Barbara Bowne, who taught in Ohio;

Fourth grade, Miss Louise Cassady from Fort Mitchell, Ky.; fifth grade, Miss Carolyn Bibb, from Lyndon School, and Mrs. Barbara Heck, who attended college last year; and sixth grade, Miss Mavis Eagle from Mill Creek.

Teachers back from last year are:

First grade — Miss Nancy Campbell, Mrs. Geraldine Corry, and Miss Mary Ann Wacker; second grade — Mrs. Patricia Chafee, Mrs. Lettie Lepanto, Mrs. Lois Lorch, and Mrs. Joyce Miles Shouse; third grade — Mrs. Shirley Crenshaw;

Fourth grade — Mrs. Adeline Waller Pierce; sixth grade — Miss Virginia Charley and Mrs. Joy Hunter.

Part time music teacher is Miss Jane Thomas, and instrumental teacher, one day a week, is Miss Eleanor Ritchie.

September 1, 1955

Living Christmas Cards Theme For Stivers Program

Stivers School will use "Living Christmas cards" as the theme of their Christmas program.

The 53 girls and boys in the school's glee club will sing songs appropriate for each card. The scenes will be presented against a backdrop decorated to resemble a Christmas card.

Poems fitting the scenes will be interspersed in the program. Small ensembles of instrumental music will also take part in the program.

Stivers students taking part in the Christmas card scenes will be:

Peggy Ransom, reader; Jackie Wheatley, small shepherd with lambs; Susan Lawson and Vickie Blanton, angles pulling Christmas bells; Shirley Wilson, manger scene; Donna Giannini, girl mailing Christmas card; Lindsey Hein, June Cardwell, Jonathan Kesselman and J'may Sorking, caroler; Susan Peeler and Carolene Wire, elves in Santa's workshop; Jimmy Scott, John Hart and Donald McIntire, bringing in the yule log.

The final scene will be a church in the snow. The church was made by fifth grade children.

The program will be Wednesday, Dec. 21, at 9 a.m. in the school and at 12:15 p.m. the same day it will be televised.

December 15, 1955

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 Hoos 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

Family Togetherness To Be Discussed At Stivers



DR. RUST

Apologetics, Dr. Rust was professor of Biblical Theology at Crozer Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, Pa.

He is the author of "So Lives The Church," "The Christian Understanding of History," and "Nature And Man In Biblical Thought."

Dr. Ted Hightower, a native of Pike County, Alabama, is well known in this area as a minister and an active civic worker. Educated at Birmingham Southern University, Dr. Hightower was minister of churches in Memphis, and Paducah before coming to Louisville eight years ago. He is financial chairman of the Billy Graham Greater Louisville Crusade which is being sponsored by the Louisville Council of Churches and the Louisville Ministerial Association.

Dr. Hightower is a member of the Health and Welfare Council of the Community Chest. He serves on the board of Jr. Achievement, Inc., and the Social and Economic Relations of the Methodist Church. As general chairman of the Leadership Conference on Recreation and Leisure of the Golden Age Group in Louisville which recently met at the University of Louisville, Dr. Hightower led plans for the older generations of the community.

Miss Ventrice Mitchell, who teaches the fourth grade at Anchorage School, was graduated from Western State Teachers College and has done post graduate study at the University of Wisconsin and Nazareth College.

Mrs. Fred Widman was graduated from the University of Louisville. She is active in church, club and civic work. Mrs. Widman is a member of the board of both Atherton and Barret Jr. High Schools. Her son, Fred, Jr., attends Atherton and her daughter, Jean, is a student at Barret. Both Mrs. Widman and her husband are active in scout work. Mr. Widman is Chairman of camping and activities committee of the Seneca District for Boy Scouts and is Institutional Representative for Troop 1. Mr. Widman is in the lumber business. Mrs. Widman serves on the Troop Committee of Jean's Girl Scout troop. She is a member of the Louisville Woman's Club.

Ways in which we may bring our families together for greater feelings of closeness and congeniality will be discussed when the Orville J. Stivers School P.T.A. meets on Tuesday, Feb. 14, at 7:30 p.m.

Professor Eric C. Rust, of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, will lead the discussion panel composed of Dr. Ted Hightower, minister of St. Paul's Methodist Church, Miss Ventrice Mitchell, fourth grade teacher at Anchorage School, and Mrs. Fred Widman, who is an active civic and church worker and mother of two teen age children.

This panel will bring to parents their ideas on how a family may be strongly knit together.

Dr. Rust, who will moderate the panel, is a native of Great Britain. He was educated at Universities of London and Oxford and has done research work in atomic physics and in the theology of history. He served as minister of Baptist churches in Bath, Birmingham and Huddersfield and was Senior Tutor and Professor of Theology, Rawdon Baptist Seminary, University of Leeds, England. Before coming to the Southern Baptist Seminary as professor of Christian

February 9, 1956

Scenes From Washington's Life Enacted At Stivers

February 23, 1956

Yesterday at Stivers School, on George Washington's birthday, the fourth grade class of Mrs. Walter Nichol re-created for their school-mates the most stirring scenes in the life of the great and famous man.

First they brought to life the signing of The Declaration of Independence. Then there was the scene of Betsy Ross making the first American Flag. Scene three was "The Spirit of '76," when Washington and his men challenged the British king for their freedom.

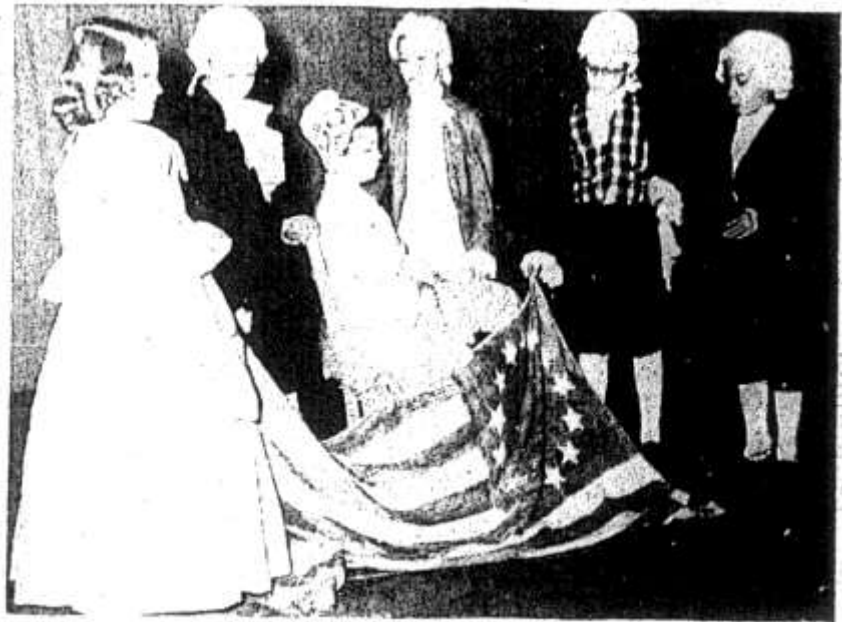
Next came the stirring scene of "The Surrender of Cornwallis," which signaled the end of the American Revolution for freedom. Finally there was a minut scene at Mt. Vernon, Washington's home.

There was great excitement over the billowy skirts and snowy wigs of the Colonial Dame's costumes, and considerable comment on the frills and furbelows of the boys' outfits.

For the children were dressed in the costumes of that period—the boys in knee stockings and cut-back coats, the girls in very wide skirts.

An interesting sidelight was three songs sung by the children, taught by Miss Jane Thomas, music instructor. The songs were accompanied by children playing an autoharp, an instrument which sounds very much like the harpsichord of olden days.

All the members of the class



Betsy Ross shows General Washington and his men the first American Flag. Left to right are Palay, Betsy Ross's niece, played by Diane Giannina, 8; Robert Morris (Paul Johnson, 9); Betsy Ross, (Sherry Silvey, 10); General Washington (Jonathan Kesselman, 9); Col. Ross, Betsy's uncle (Mike Nichols, 9); and a member of the delegation (Lyn Schweickert, 9).

Cheryl Silvey playing Betsy Ross, and Jonathan Kesselman playing Washington.

Others in the class are: Allen Batteau, Sharon Beard, Billie

had a part in the play, with Kay Burnett, June Caldwell, Florence Cates, David Collins, Lesley Conrad, Philip Coombs, Linda Cornet, Teddy DeMundrun, Jerry Dillahunt, Pattye Endicott, Cynthia Feidler, Diane Giannini, Lindsay Hein, Paul Heinze, Paul Johnson, Deirdre LaPin, Douglas McKenzie, Linda McMurtrie, Jane Melton, Nancy Milne, Mike Nichols, Bill Snyder, Keith Spring, Mary Thomas, Jimmie Stocking, Loretta Todd, Susie Turley, Nancy Brady, and Heather Anthony.

Ex-Paratrooper Elected Stivers P.T.A. President

An ex-paratrooper has been elected president of the Stivers P.T.A., making him the first male president of a P.T.A. in the history of St. Matthews.

He is C. H. Edwardsen of 404 Deertield "I did everything I could to discourage it," he joked, after the election last week.

But Mr. Edwardsen, who, as

a preacher and industrial relations expert, has developed a wonderful gift of gab, found himself trapped by his own oratory.

For during his year on the P.T.A.'s executive board, he has constantly reiterated the theme that people should not shirk their civic responsibilities, should not plead a lack of time, should not have any excuses.

So when his name came up as a possible president, he began pleading, that he was busy, that he already had too many meetings at night. The P.T.A. leaders discussed it with him for a while, but reminded him of his previously-expressed views on such matters, and went ahead and elected him.

Mr. Edwardsen gets a kick out of telling about it, even though the jokes on him. "Seriously, I personally believe that we have got a wonderful group at Stivers," he said. "You just have to pick up a phone and ask someone to do whatever needs to be done."

He noted that there were about 500 persons at the election meeting last week, so the parents have "a real interest in the welfare of their school."

Another man, Frank Mimms, of 309 Westport Drive, was also elected an officer. He was named recording secretary.

The two men have run for office before. Mr. Mimms was candidate for Mayor of St. Matthews, and Mr. Edwardsen a candidate for City Council, on the Community Party ticket last fall. Their Party lost that election.

Mr. Edwardsen succeeds Mrs. Willard Brown. Other officers elected were Mrs. Brown, first vice president; and Mrs. Cliff Kaufman, historian.

Officers held over are Mrs. Ted LaPin, second vice president; Mrs. W. H. Heinz, corresponding secretary; and Mrs. James A. Smith, treasurer.

Mr. Edwardsen, 44, is industrial relations director for a firm in Louisville, and is an ordained Presbyterian minister. During World War II, he served with the famed 82nd Airborne Division and made the jump into France on D-Day.

He has two children in Stivers, David, 8, third grade, and Robin, 7, second grade.



C. H. EDWARDSEN

March 22, 1956



Mrs. Ruth Osborne has been principal of Stivers School, Westport Road, since it opened in 1952. Built to relieve crowding at Greathouse, it is now the largest elementary school here, with 734 pupils and 23 teachers, plus the principal.

Mrs. Osborne had been a teacher at Greathouse 21 years before moving to Stivers. A native of Newburg, Ind., she attended the public schools of Louisville, and graduated from Louisville Girls' High.

She studied piano for three years and public school music one year at the Louisville Conservatory of Music.

At Louisville Normal College, she received two years of teacher's training. At the University of Louisville, she got her AB and her MA in education.

Mrs. Osborne belongs to Phi Sigma Mu music fraternity and is past president of the Fifth District Principals of the Kentucky Education Association. She lives at 1712 Deerwood.

March 22, 1956

Teacher Appreciation Week Opens March 25

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

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

There are four County Elementary Schools in St. Mat-

thews - Stivers, Greathouse, Chenoweth, and St. Matthews - with 2,165 pupils and 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.

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.

March 22, 1956



More coffee? How about some salad? That's what Stivers School mothers Mrs. J. R. Lawson, pouring coffee, and Mrs. Clyde Blanton, serving a salad, were saying to the Stivers teachers Tuesday. The mothers got together and cooked a chicken dinner for the teachers in honor of Teacher Appreciation Week. While the teachers were eating in peace and comfort in the library, served by the mothers, other mothers were taking care of the school children. In the background at right is one of the two victrolas the P.T.A. gave to the school in honor of the teachers. Enjoying the dinner here are Miss Carolyn Bibb, left, fifth grade teacher, Mrs. Ruth Osborne, principal, Mrs. Willard Brown, Jr., P.T.A. president, and Miss Maria Engle, sixth grade teacher.

Panel Discussion Set At Stivers

Schools taxes and other school matters will be discussed by a panel when the Stivers P.T.A. meets Tuesday, May 8, at the school at 7:30 p.m.

"Aims of Education" is the title of the program. The panel will be led by Rev. Wilfred Myll, rector of St. Matthews Episcopal Church.

Also on the panel will be John Ed Pearce, journalist, and Mrs. Henry V. Sanders, past president of the League of Women Voters.

Also on hand to provide source material will be Richard Van Hoose, superintendent of Jefferson County Schools, and Tom Smith, a member of the Citizens Commission.

May 3, 1956

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 13, 1956

Stivers PTA Plans Ice Cream Social

The Stivers P.T.A. is having an ice cream social Saturday starting at 5 p.m. at the school on Westport Road.

There will be ice cream, cake, music and a white elephant sale. The public is invited.

September 13, 1956



Among the record-breaking number of pupils entering St. Matthews grade schools on Tuesday to open the 1956-1957 school year were Bill Ransom, Jr., left, Gene Blair, and Ronnie Young. The three boys are sixth-graders at Stivers Elementary School.

September 6, 1956

Stivers Students Get Journalistic Experience, by Jerry Fitzgerald

The children of Stivers School are getting some practical journalistic experience at a very early age. They're publishing their own newspaper, The Inkwell, - and it's entirely their own project.

The paper, which was started four years ago by the seventh and eighth grades, is now started with sixth grade pupils, since the other two grades were dropped. But all the grades have a hand in publishing the fine, little four-pager.

It contains editorials, general school news, classroom activities, and poetry. It is published four times during the school term, and sells for 10 cents per copy. The Masonic Home handles the printing, which is about the only phase of publication not handled by the students.

The staff selects the news and divides assignments among the various school rooms. With regards to classroom activities the whole class writes articles and the best are selected for publication.

Make-up, editing, copy-reading, proof-reading, and circulation is handled by the staff under the guidance of faculty advisors, Miss Virginia Charley, Mrs. Joy Hunter, and Miss Marivis Engle.

Marjorie Speer is the Editor-in-Chief and Martin Wilde is assistant Editor. The staff consists of: Editorial: Carol McDonald, Judy Smellar, Olivia Rowell, Chers Ryan, Sharon Receiver, Ted Witte, Edwin Niemann.

Reporters: Gerald Chreste, John Weeter, Danny Daubard, Pam Ishan, Dale Dolan, Jack Jones.

Business Managers: John Porter and skip Weaver.

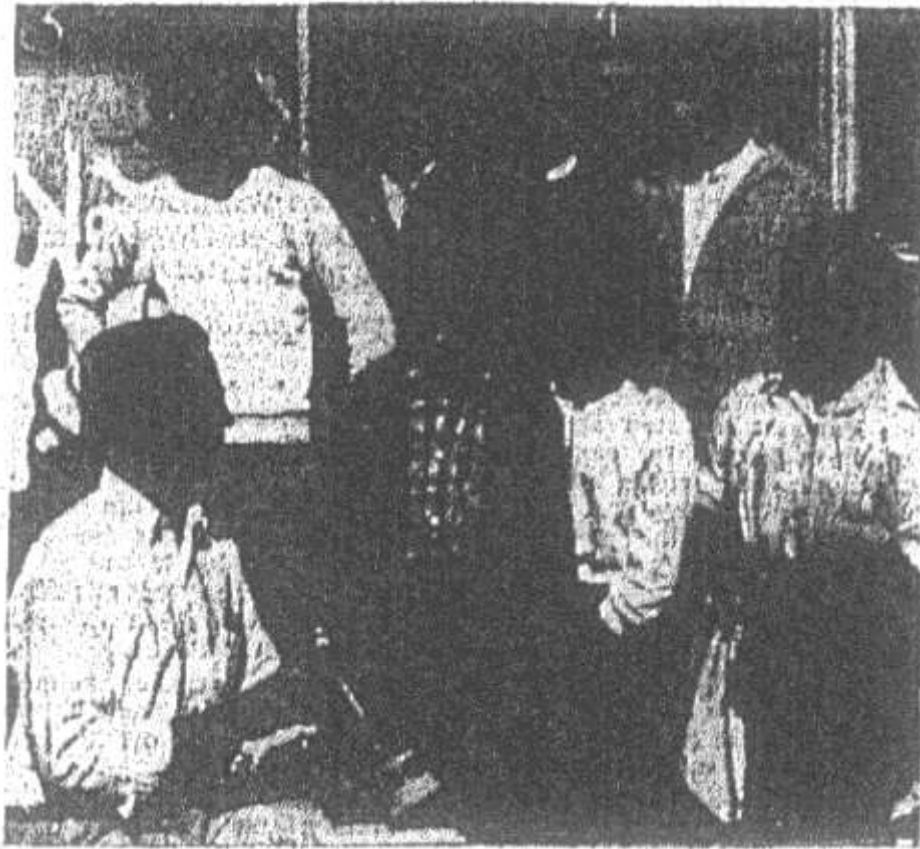
Business staff: Barbara Derr, Cheryl Peipet, Judy Straub, and Bill Ransom.

Among the highlights of the first publication of the term, which came out November 1, was the announcement of a French class started at the school by Mrs. Harry W. Castleman. Mrs. Castleman, who was tutored by a French governess during her childhood will have two classes after regular school sessions with 20 in each class.

There was also a pasture of the seven new teachers at Stivers. Mrs. Ruth Heizer, Mrs. Juline Edmonds, Mrs. Myrna Guillen, Mrs. Mary Bell Galpin, Mrs. Eleanor Devine, Miss Billie Clair Pitzer, and Miss Jean Atherton.

Mrs. Ruth Osborne, principal of Stivers, said that it is a "wonderful way in which the pupils can put what they learn about grammar and composition to work."

September 8, 1956



Stivers Takes The Cup

The Stivers School team won the sixth annual Hallowe'en window-decorating contest Saturday at the Kentucky Model Shop. Pictured above is John Allen of Kentucky Model presenting the traveling trophy to the winning team.

In the first row are, from left, Mary Pat Spencer, Marilyn Curtis, and Susie Pearce. In back are Bill Ransom, Judy Straub, Gayle Dumke, and Pat Grinstead.

It was the first time a Stivers team had won possession of the three-leg trophy, which the school now gets to keep for a year. An eight-dollar first prize was also given.

In second place was Chenoweth School, which won six dollars. The third-place Holy Trinity team got four dollars. Other teams participating were from Our Lady of Lourdes, Lyndon and Greathouse schools. Each received a cash award.

Judges were St. Matthews photographers William Jenny and Frederic Beck, and artist Hugh Grant. Normally, the prizes are awarded by Model Shop proprietor Hunter Look. However, he and Mrs. Look on Saturday were in Illinois, due to the death of her father.

November 1, 1956

Stivers And Chenoweth Set A Good Example

There is something valuable and good stirring at Stivers and Chenoweth Schools. The children are being given a chance to learn the French language.

The 10-week classes cost the children \$2.50 and are outside their regular school work.

Miss Marguerite Lewis, Chenoweth principal, says, "The idea now is to enrich the curriculum and broaden the opportunities for the gifted child by directing his studies in other areas above the normal school curriculum, while at the same time keeping him with his age group rather than passing him to a higher grade."

At Stivers, the program has gone further, and there are classes in creative drama, speech, tap and ballet, art and recreation.

We are particularly interested in the French classes. We hope other schools here will take up the program, and teach not only French, but German, Spanish and Russian.

The younger a child is, the easier it is for him or her to learn a new language. And unless we are badly mistaken, once a child learns one foreign language, it is easier for him or her to learn others.

Today, American political and business activities extend to every corner of the world. That our people learn to speak other languages is a national necessity.

We are very sorry that foreign languages are not required courses in our schools. We are sorry that parents wishing their children to study them have to pay extra.

But maybe it's all for the best. A required course very often is a hated course. Those in the classes are the children who really want to learn them.

We congratulate Chenoweth and Stivers, and their principals, Miss Lewis and Mrs. Ruth Osborne, for taking the initiative in this matter. We hope they will continue and expand their programs. We hope other St. Matthews schools will copy their example.

January 17, 1957

Community Needs Bigger Library, Says PTA Head

You might say libraries are the hobby of Mrs. F. F. Dietsch, newly-elected president of the Stivers School P.T.A.

The school got its library while she was chairman of the library committee, a capacity in which she served two years. And she thinks it's a shame that a community with the size, wealth, and level of education of St. Matthews doesn't have an adequate public library.

School libraries are limited, she said, noting that at Stivers, the children can have only one book a week. Some of them want two or three. A good, complete public library would make up the difference, she said.

"How will children learn to love good books unless they do so from the very beginning?" she said. "They shouldn't have to wait until they're in their teens. That may be too late."

The Louisville Public Library maintains a small branch on St. Matthews Avenue. The number of books is limited and there is no seating space. The closest other branch is in Crescent Hill.

She suggested that local civic clubs could get together and make a common project out of getting a bigger library here. The Louisville public library will help, but not unless the community shows an interest and a

willingness to help itself, she said.

Mrs. Dietsch finds P.T.A. work "most rewarding if you keep the objectives in mind." The purpose of a P.T.A., she feels, is to help children by improving home and school conditions, and creating better relations between the school and the community.

"Those who criticize," she said, with a pleasant but severe look at the editor, "should come in and help. Differences of opinion help and it is a good thing for people to speak up for what they believe."

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She's tremendously proud of Stivers. "It has the support of the parents. This year we have a 200 per cent membership in the P.T.A." That means that every father and mother of the some 700 pupils have joined.

For this, she credits Mrs. Willard Brown, first vice president and former president, who was in charge of memberships.

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A native of Grand Rapids, Mich., Mrs. Dietsch is a graduate of Michigan State College, and has a teaching degree in home economics. She and Mr. Dietsch, a metallurgical engineer at



MRS. DIETSCH

Raynolds Metals Co., have lived in St. Matthews seven years.

At present, they make their home at 315 Foeburn Lane. They have four children, Sharon, 12, a Waggener seventh-grader; Nancy, 8, and Dick, 7, in the third and second grades, respectively, at Stivers, and Mary, 3.

She also belongs to the Waggener P.T.A., Our Savior Lutheran Church, and the League of Women Voters.

At Stivers, she has served two years as library chairman and one year as spiritual values chairman. She succeeds C. H. Edwards as president.

She is also serving the current year as library chairman for the Fifth District P.T.A.

March 28 1957



Seven-year-old Mickey Krebs shows Stivers P.T.A. president C. H. Edwardsen how to pin a corsage. Mickey pins his second-grade teacher, Mrs. Geraldine Corz, with a corsage presented by the class. Mr. Edwardsen is pinning Miss Jans Thoms, music teacher.

School P.T.A. Honors, Fetes Stivers Teachers

Twenty-eight teachers at Stivers School were honored guests at a luncheon in the school cafeteria last week commemorating Teacher Appreciation Week.

While parents of the school children took over their classroom duties from 12 noon to 1 p.m., the teachers enjoyed an hour of relaxation and festivity.

Under a program sponsored by the school's P.T.A., they were literally treated with royal aplomb.

Wearing gift corsages, the teachers were served a chicken dinner with trimmings. Personal silver and linen donated by P.T.A. members embellished the dinner table.

The table and menu was arranged by Mrs. Philip Houser, who is in charge of the cafeteria.

After a brief message of appreciation, following the dinner, by C. H. Edwardsen, president of the P.T.A., the teachers were presented with \$600 worth of audio-visual equipment to be used in classroom work.

The equipment included two record players, a tape recorder, and an opaque projector.

Each teacher was then introduced individually to the parents. Mr. Edwardsen noted that of the 28 teachers at Stivers, only five were from out of the State.

"Most of them were born and

educated right here in Louisville," he said.

The majority of the teachers are in their "early thirties" and are married. The turnover of teachers at Stivers has been "very slight," according to Mr. Edwardsen.

He said the teachers were of a high calibre and that the school was "very fortunate in maintaining this type of teacher."

He noted that Stivers is one of the few schools that still considers phonetics as one of the prime requirements of education.

All of the teachers, as well as all of the parents, at Stivers belong to the P.T.A. This is the first time in the history of the school that a 200 per cent membership to the organization by both parents and teachers has been accomplished.

Mr. Edwardsen, the first male president of the organization, and Mrs. Ruth Osborne, principal of the school, were instrumental in bringing this about.

About 534 families are represented in the school enrollment of 726. The P.T.A. meetings average about 400 participants.

STIVERS

Principal: Ruth Osborne

Teachers: Mary Gilpin, Ellen Bottomley, Virginia Myers, Mrs. Hugh Brim, Geraldine Corey, Meta Elder, Joyce Shouse, Ruth Heiser, Dorothy Harned, Myrna Guillen, Barbara Bowen, Tressie Hunt, Adaline Pierce, Lillian Nichol*, Lettie Lepanto, Marguerite Byers, Eleanor Devine*, Barbara Heck, Virginia Kuhn, Joy Hunter, Marvis Engle, and Virginia Charley.

*Non-degree

CHENOWETH

August 16, 1957

Stivers ice cream social is Saturday

The Stivers School ice cream social will be held Saturday, Sept. 14 at 5 p.m.

Ice cream, cake, soft drinks, Stivers "T" and sweat shirts, white elephants and a cartoon will be featured.

All cakes should be delivered to the school between 9 a.m. and noon Saturday. White elephants to go to Mrs. Ruth Osborne, principal, at the school on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Baughman are chairman. Committee members are Mesdames Don Tucker, Ervin McClain, Robert Burger, Gilbert McMurtrie, Harold Williams, W. T. Nicou, Douglas Nunn and W. M. Hall.

September 12, 1957

April 11, 1957



Busy at work on the new garden at Stivers are the Garden Club's youthful officers, secretary-treasurer Anne Meadows, 10, president Edith McBride, 9, and vice president James Stocking, 11. Assisting them are Mrs. Fred Moore, left, P.T.A. garden chairman, and Mrs. Wrenno Hall, chairman of the Junior Rambler Garden Club.

Stivers School has a garden club

Stivers School now has a garden club, thanks to the P.T.A. Garden Committee and the Rambler Garden Club.

Already 63 children in grades

one to six have signed up and school principal Ruth Osborne has selected for them a plot of ground on the south side of the school for planting.

The children so far have retilled the ground and have planted rhizomes. The older children do the planting and the major work, while the younger ones learn the basic rules and plant small flowers.

They are under the watchful eyes of Mrs. Fred Moore, chairman of the P.T.A.'s Garden Committee, and Mrs. Wrenno Hall, of the Rambler Garden who is serving as chairman of the Stivers program.

"What we plan is a complete program of nature study," said Mrs. Hall. "I expected a dozen or two children to show up. I was very pleasantly surprised when more than 60 turned out."

The Club meets the second Monday of each month for an hour and a half after school (2:30 to 4 p.m.). In the event of rain, the second Tuesday of each month will automatically be the meeting date.

Each child pays five cents a month dues.

They have already elected officers. President is Edith McBride, 9, of the fourth grade; vice-president, James Stocking, 11, of the sixth grade; and secretary-treasurer, Anne Meadows, 10, of the sixth grade.

Ladies scheduled to help with the lessons are:

Mrs. Walter Lindley, Mrs. Herbert Weber, Mrs. C. D. Patton, Mrs. Henry Whalen, Mrs. Hoba Yarburo, Mrs. Howard Hunt, Mrs. Lem Felts, Mrs. E. S. Stephenson, Mrs. C. J. Munn, Mrs. Carroll Brown, Mrs. E. B. Turner, Mrs. George Hoffman, Mrs. Ruth Keen, Mrs. Gilbert Westerfield, Mrs. C. L. Mounsey, Mrs. E. S. Stephenson, and Mrs. Lem Felts.



Masks, black cats, gumpkins and witches are the symbols of Halloween and Mrs. Hugh Britt's first grade at Stivers School was busy putting them together last week. Photographed are Mark A. Jones, left; Annie Carol Kourmy, Deborah Walker, Patsy Lee Scholtz, and Rodney Knutik.

October 31, 1957

Kenneth Lam to address Stivers

The monthly meeting of Stivers School P.T.A. will be held on Tuesday evening, Nov. 12, at 7:30.

The speaker for the evening will be Kenneth F. Lam, director of Educational TV for Jefferson County and former principal of Lyndon Elementary School. His subject will be "What Awaits Our Children in Educational TV."

This topic is of vital interest to us all since Jefferson County is one of only a very few areas in the entire nation that are now pioneering in this field.

Mr. Lam has just returned from an educational TV meeting at the national level held in Pennsylvania and will be able to bring us the latest information on this subject.

Preceding Mr. Lam's talk, the school patrol boys will be introduced.

November 7, 1957



The frog and the rabbit had a Christmas conversation at the Stivers School Christmas program last week. Cast as the frog, left, is Richard A. Koch, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Koch, 127 Bonner. The rabbit is Janice Westwood, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Westwood, 303 Billwrens. The show was given by the first and second grades and the Glee Club.

December 19, 1957

Panel on how to motivate child set at Stivers

A panel discussion on the subject, "Motivating The Child To Do His Best," will highlight the Stivers School P.T.A. meeting Tuesday, Jan. 14, at 7:30 p.m. at the school.

Members of the panel will be:

Rucker Todd, member of the County Board of Education; Dr. Edmond Erwin, staff psychologist at the Child Guidance Clinic, and John Ramsey, assistant superintendent of County Schools.

Moderator will be Mrs. Oscar Bloch, member of the League of Women Voters and legislative chairman of the Goldsmith Lane Elementary School.

Arvo Aho, concert master with the University Orchestra, and his son, Wayne, a student at Stivers, will present an instrumental number. They will be accompanied by Mrs. Charles Farmer.

January 9, 1958

P.T.A. petitions State for more book money

Stivers group asks for added \$34,000 for Jefferson County

The Stivers School P.T.A. last week petitioned the State Legislature to allocate an additional \$34,000 this year for text books for pupils in the Jefferson County School system.

The petition, containing more than 100 signatures, was given to Sen. Scott Miller, Jr. and Rep. Marlow Cook, both of St. Matthews.

The current appropriation is \$68,221.40 from the State. The petition said that "approximately an additional annual \$34,000 is needed to enable Jefferson County to provide a sufficient number of required text books for its present enrollment, and it will need more as its enrollment rises."

eight grades, science in grades one to six; social science in grades one to three, health in grades one and two, and children's literature in grades four to six.

She said at present the State allocates only \$8.40 per four years per pupil for textbooks. The amount needed to buy the minimum textbooks is \$10.22. It would take an appropriation of \$16 to buy the required as well as the optional, she said.

January 23, 1958

The petition is called, "A Petition For Adequate Funds to Fully Implement The Free Text Book Law."

It states: "Kentucky law specifies the adoption of essential textbooks at four-year intervals. It requires seven years to purchase enough of such adopted textbooks for each pupil with the current appropriation."

"The Kentucky State Department of Education has requested that the annual free textbook appropriation be increased from \$1,034,000 to \$3 million."

"The Jefferson County School system has a special problem. The Jefferson County Board of Education must meet this year's textbook needs with an allotment based on last year's smaller enrollment (in grades 1 to 8.)"

"Approximately an additional \$34,000 is needed to enable Jefferson County to provide a sufficient number of required textbooks for its present enrollment, and it will need more as enrollment rises."

"We parents and teachers of Stivers School urge that you support to the fullest an adequate increase in the free textbook law appropriation."

Currently the enrollment in Jefferson County schools in grades one through eight is 31,713.

Mrs. Zenos E. Scott, Jr. legislative chairman for the Stivers P.T.A., said the additional \$34,000 would enable the County only to meet its minimum textbook requirements.

It would not provide optional textbooks available, such as those for art and music in all

Stivers Science Fair attracts large crowd

The world in which we live, from sputniks to butterflies, was the order of the evening at the regular monthly meeting of the Orville J. Stivers Parent Teachers Association on Tuesday, March 11.

All grades participated in preparing displays and models on a complete variety of scientific and nature study subjects.

The program opened with a group of science songs led by Miss Jane Thomas, with Bobby Metzger, Mary Sauer, Edith McBride, Martha Brandt, Dana Esler, Janet Derr, Butch Puckett, Gary Kirschke, and Dimi Doukas doing the singing.

Kathy Ogden and Wayne Aho gave a reading of a poem called "Wonderful World". Robert Samuel explained the International Geophysical Year.

Next was a group of experiments: the thermometer by Mary Guthrie, Grade 1, fire by Tuck Russell, Grade 2, air has weight by John Chappell, air has pressure by Sandra Mitchell, air has movement by Micky Krebs and air expands by Chuck Gardiner all of Grade 3;

Electro magnets by Judy Knight and Nancy Balogh, the telegraph by Elaine Jenkins and Pat Wolfe all of Grade 4;

Chemical reaction by Justin McCarthy, rotation and revolution of the earth by Randy Farmer for Grade 5.

"Power For The Future" was the topic for Allen Batteau's closing talk.

This program was a demonstration of what the children in Stivers School are receiving in the field of science education.

March 20, 1958

Stivers P.T.A. to meet Tuesday

The Stivers P.T.A. will meet next Tuesday night at 7:30 o'clock at the school.

Due to spring vacation the meeting is being held one week early. The new officers will also be installed at this meeting.

A program will be presented by the students that have participated in the square dancing and athletic program of the school during this past year.

March 27, 1958

Mrs. Brown again will be Stivers P.T.A. president

Mrs. Willard Brown, who was president of the Stivers P.T.A. for the 1955-56 year, was reelected to that post last week.

She pledged herself to promote the continuation of the art, music and recreation programs at the school. "I feel that way because I can't live a life of routine drudgery and I don't think children can, either," she said.

Mrs. Brown also had some kind

words to say about libraries. "I'd like to see the library facilities improved at the school," she said. "I'd like to see the St. Matthews Library become a reality."

During her term of office, she also would like to see her organization "work out more careful plans for civil defense, and carry on the educational program for parents."

The school library, she said, has about three books per child. The goal is five books. "I would like to work toward that goal," she said.

The school has about 700 pupils. This year, the P.T.A. spent \$700 on books.

Mrs. Brown ran for another term because she thought it would be "interesting and challenging" and she thought it "a duty—but a pleasant duty." There were other people qualified for the job, but who couldn't take it for various reasons.

Mrs. Brown, of 412 Deerfield Lane, succeeds Mrs. F. P. Dietsch. Other officers elected were:

First vice president, Mrs. Harold Baker, succeeding Mrs. Brown and historian, Mrs. Gilbert McMurtrie, succeeding Mrs. Clifford Kaufman.



MRS. BROWN

March 27, 1958

Stivers observes Arbor Day

The Jr. Rambler Garden Club of O. J. Stivers School planted a magnolia tree and two crab apple trees as the Jr. Garden Club's Arbor Day observance.

The following members assisted in the planting, Rud Parson, Freddy Barry, Judson Hayes and Monty Hall.

Mrs. Wren Hall and Mrs. Fred Moore are chairmen for the Garden Club. The club is sponsored by The Rambler Garden Club and The O. J. Stivers P.T.A.

The Louisville Trees Inc. gave O. J. Stivers School 95 crab apple trees as part of their annual beautification program.

Fifty-three children in the 6th grades earned a gift of a crab apple tree for writing a paper on the subject of trees. The remaining 42 trees were planted on the school grounds.

A magnolia tree was planted in front of the school as part of The O. J. Stivers School Arbor Day observance.

April 3, 1958

Don't forget spiritual 3 R's, says PTA president

Besides the three R's of reading, writing and arithmetic, schools have an obligation to teach the spiritual and moral three R's, in the opinion of Mrs. Charles J. Theobald, new president of the St. Matthews Elementary School P.T.A.

Mrs. Theobald defines these three R's as "respect, responsibility, and religious values."

"The academic three R's should be correlated with the spiritual and moral 3 R's and our school is doing that very well," said Mrs. Theobald.

She has other praise for her school. "The staff is so accessible and they have a genuine empathy for the parents' position," she said. "The parent-teacher, teacher-child, and parent-child relationships are excellent at St. Matthews Elementary."

In her year as president she wants to continue development of the school library. "We have 1,800 books after three years," she said. "We spent a \$1,000 budget this year and intend to spend the same next year. We want to develop recreational reading-fiction. Up to now we have spent our money on reference books. Now we want to invest it in recreational reading."

She says that her school is one "of exceptional readers. Our children are better-than-average readers."

Next year also she intends to have the school's fourth annual moral and spiritual values workshop. "This has brought out more parents than any other workshop," she said.

Also she wants more parent study groups. "Parents must continue to educate themselves as well as children," she said.

Mrs. Theobald, of 230 Fairmeade, succeeds Mrs. Fillison Speiden.

Others elected to one-year terms were: first vice president, Mrs. Ayars Lamar, replacing Mrs. Claude Harris; second vice president, Mrs. J. B. Kibler, replacing



MRS. THEOBALD

Mrs. Malcolm Arterburn; recording secretary, Mrs. E. M. Nichols, replacing Mrs. Stuart Schmitz; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Peyton Talbott, replacing Mrs. Harold Fleming; treasurer, Mrs. Wiley Carr, replacing Mrs. George Rietze; and historian, Mrs. W. D. Kelly, replacing Mrs. J. W. Sumner.

Mrs. Theobald, a native of Louisville, graduated from Ather-ton High School and attended Lindenwood College at St. Charles, Mo., for two years. She is a member of Zion Evangelical United Brethren Church and is secretary of the Sunday School.

She and Mrs. Theobald have one child, Alan, 10, who is in the fifth grade at St. Matthews Elementary.

April 3, 1958

Summer recreation program is shaping up at Stivers School

April 24, 1958

County will furnish two supervisors

An organized recreation program on the Stivers School grounds on Westport Road east of Hubbards Lane is shaping up for this summer.

Twenty-two people representing 13 organizations made preliminary plans at a meeting at St. Matthews Episcopal Church Thursday evening. A second meeting is scheduled for the same place tonight at 8 to set up a formal organization.

Those present at the meeting agreed to try to meet the requirements of the Jefferson County Playground and Recreation Board for setting up a program at the school.

These requirements were explained by David Reeves, area supervisor for the Recreation Board.

The Board will act as advisory agent. It will supply two full-time playground supervisors and pay their salaries. They will each work 40 hours a week. The playground will be sponsored by the Board for 10 weeks, beginning in June.

The community must set up a recreation committee of not less than five members. This committee will determine the hours the program will be held, and the kind of activities to be carried on.

The community must put up the money for supplies and equipment. Mr. Reeves suggested that \$500 be raised to get the program underway.

It would be up to the community to maintain the playground and to furnish transportation for children. Two volunteer helpers must be supplied for each regular supervisor furnished by the County.

Present at the meeting were members of the St. Matthews Rotary and Optimist Clubs, the St. Matthews Jaycees and the St. Matthews Community Center, the St. Matthews Church of Christ, the St. Matthews Episcopal Church, the Cities of St. Matthews, Richlawn, Windy Hills and Woodlawn Park, the Stivers P.T.A., the County Playground and Recreation Board, and Calvin Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. Reeves said the community must set up the committee and give the Recreation Board a definite yes or no by May 1.

The meeting was conducted by Mel Berland and Dan O'Neill, who were members of the delegation from the City of Woodlawn Park which first approached the Recreation Board about setting up the program.

We need more projects like the one at Stivers

Putting an organized recreation program on the Stivers School grounds is a good idea. The County School system furnishes the space, the County Recreation Board the trained supervision, and the local community the volunteers and the equipment. You can't beat a deal like that.

Maybe in the future we'll see this idea spread to the other school grounds. There are enough schools out here—Chenoweth, St. Matthews Elementary, Greathouse, Waggener, Eastern, Wilder, Shryock, Ballard and the Catholic Schools—to have programs to take care of all the recreation needs of the greater St. Matthews area.

We're glad to see the program developing at Stivers for another reason. Up to now, the Community Center was THE recreation center. But the Center is located too far out Shelbyville Road and is getting too crowded to do the job. Right now it accommodates baseball, football and the Community Theatre.

The baseball program is fine. Little League accommodates 300 boys nine to 12 years old. Then they graduate to the Babe Ruth League. After they pass the age of 15, they go to the American Legion League. It's the best program of its kind in the County, possibly the State. The fall football program takes care of another couple of hundred boys.

But once you get past baseball and football, the St. Matthews recreation program is next to nothing. Projects like the one at Stivers are the answer.

April 24, 1958

April 24, 1958

Stivers School celebrates Pan-American Week

Last week was Pan American Week and Stivers School celebrated it with a program presented in the school auditorium.

The children in Mrs. Spurr's fifth grade brought a little of South and Central America to their fellow students. They displayed the flags of the Union, reported on last year's work of the Union, sang and danced to several South American songs, and led a congo line through the audience to conclude a program with Latin atmosphere.

Following the program, the flags of the Pan American Union were displayed in the lunchroom; and the art work used during the program was displayed in the hall.

Students participating:

David Edwardson, David Marshall, Kit Walker, Bobby Hampton, Louis Sell, Olivia Day, Beverly Ransom, Beverly Houghton, Janet Burgess, Cora Snyder, Frank Owens, Patricia Newell, Terrie Zirkle, Dianne Hampton, Vicki Kington, Scott Wallace, Wayne Beeler, John Foeman, Jack Schwantes, Doug Billips, Ellis Robertson, Bruce Brown, John Copeland, Linda Bentley and Glenn Allen.

Play program at Stivers is Assured

A supervised recreation program on the Stivers School grounds for 10 weeks this summer was assured Thursday night, with the formation of a community committee. Dan O'Neill, representing Catholic country Day School, was elected temporary chairman.

The St. Matthews Optimist Club president, John O'Leary, presented a check for \$50 from the club, and volunteered to install and equip personally a set of horse shoe pits on the Stivers playground.

The representatives of several organizations present voted to give the committee a name. It will be known as the Greater St. Matthews Recreation Committee. The name was suggested by J. I. Goldstein, also representing the Optimist Club.

Members of the temporary committee are: Sam Bridgers, Mr. and Mrs. Gill McMurtrie, Marlowe Cooke, Mr. Goldstein, and Robert Hartley.

Representatives reported for their groups that cooperation would be forthcoming in manpower, fund raising, and other efforts the committee might have in need of.

May 1, 1958

Stivers School gives program on Kentucky

Mrs. Tressie Hunt's fourth grade at O. J. Stivers School gave a program on Kentucky. The program told about: the history, surface and change, climate, occupation, places of interest, famous explorers, famous people, important cities, the running at the Kentucky Derby, and the beginning of St. Matthews.

The children taking part in the play were:

Freddie Barry, Kathy Ogden, Stephanie Heinz, Ellen White, Linda Cushing, Susan Pedigo, Barclay Williams, Bob Vermillion, Roy Keeny, Judson Hays, George Davis, Jerry Bickle, Kenneth Blum, Bruce Hennies, Nicki Gardner, Tommy Stocking, Mary Beth Sauer, Dimi Doukas, Susan Gathof, Pam Franzen, Jimmy Walters, Leslie White, Nancy Wilhoyte, Betty Dulworth, Jeanne Ann Curtis, Debby Horlander, Judy Knight, and Rith Yerkes.

Annual spelling Bee

Stivers school held its sixth annual spelling bee Wednesday, May 7, at 9 a.m. in the school auditorium. Robert Neill, former principal at St. Mathews Elementary called the words, while Arthur Draut, dean of men at Waggener High school, acted as judge. Forty-five children of grades three through six participated.

Stephanie Patrick won the spelling bee, with Greg Walker coming in second, and carol Chilton third.

May 15, 1958

Stivers sixth grade holds annual picnic

Mrs. Joy Hunter's sixth grade class of Orville J. Stivers School, held its annual picnic at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carson Cornett, 311 Foeburn Lane, May 8, from 4 to 7 p.m.

Assisting were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hein, Dr. and Mrs. Louis Kesselman, Mrs. George Snyder and Mrs. Maurice Sylvov.

Dancing to favorite records, badminton and food from an outdoor grill were the order of the day.

May 15, 1958

Stivers presents Chinese play

Mrs. Adaline Pierce's fourth grade of O. J. Stivers School presented a program about China May 9, in the school auditorium.

Each student wrote his own part and wore a colorful Chinese costume. They sang Chinese songs and danced.

Those taking part included: Dennis Cockerill, Linda Shaaber, Mike Leathers, Sally Hickerson, Danny Reasor, Thresia Allen, Bobby Metzger, Nancy Dietsch, Sally Leason, Susan Phillips, Bobby Pfeister, Susan Neal, Martina Hadley, Lewis Stockseth, Buddy Morris, Carroll Brown, Marilyn Fust, Martha Brandt, Mike Doyle, Russell Doumas, Bobby Shell, Janet Derr, Jill Hartsock, Robert Westerman, Edith McBride, and Jimmie Wiggington.

Ribbon-cutting to open Stivers playground

A ribbon-cutting ceremony will mark the opening of the Stivers School playground for the summer season, sponsored by the Greater St. Matthews Recreation committee.

At 9 a.m. Monday, Judge Bertram Van Arsdale, Mayor James Noland, and Robert Cockerill, mayor of Woodlawn Park, will participate in the ceremony. The playground will be supervised by the Jefferson County Playground and Recreation department.

June 5, 1958

Supervised recreation begins at Stivers June 9

Supervised recreation for children on the Stivers School grounds will start Monday, June 9. Dan O'Neill, chairman of the Greater St. Matthews Recreation Committee, announced this week.

A fund-raising campaign on a house-to-house basis was conducted Saturday, May 31, to raise the \$450 balance needed to finance the recreation program. The St. Matthews Optimist Club contributed \$50 to the committee two weeks ago.

The playground will be open throughout the summer from 9 to 5, Mondays through Fridays. School age children only will have access to the grounds since no facilities can be provided for younger children.

Arrangements were made at the Thursday night meeting of the committee to install equipment on the grounds for softball, badminton, paddle tennis, ping pong, volley ball, horse shoes, and picnic tables. Robert Hadley is in charge of the arrangements.

Officers of the committee, in addition to Mr. O'Neill, are: Sam Bridgers, vice-chairman; Gilbert McMurtrie, secretary; Cliff Munz, treasurer.

June 5, 1958

St. Matthews has new play-site

Recreation center opens at Stivers

St. Matthews has a new playground.

The new recreation center opened at Stivers School with a dedication ceremony Monday.

The ceremony was presided over by Daniel M. O'Neill, who is headmaster at Country Day School and is president of the St. Matthews Recreation Committee. Others taking part in the ceremony were Mayor James H. Noland, State Senator Scott Miller, State Representative Marlow Cook, representatives of the incorporated cities in the area and representatives of the schools and civic organizations.

Charles Vettner, director of the Jefferson County Playground and Recreation Board, and County Judge B. C. Van Arsdale were special guests.

The program on the Stivers playground will run for 16 weeks with activities for all school children from the first through 12th grades and will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Activities include baseball, softball, basketball, tennis, volley ball, badminton, table tennis, horseshoe courts and picnic tables.

The opening of the Stivers playground is the first step in a long-range plan by the Greater St. Matthews Recreation Committee to provide recreation facilities on all elementary school playgrounds in Eastern Jefferson County.

The plan was started last March by the St. Matthews Optimist Club, when a dinner meeting was held with representatives of all interested groups invited. A meeting was held six weeks ago at the St. Matthews Episcopal Church, sponsored by the City of Woodlawn Park, at which time the recreation committee was formed.

Two full-time supervisors have been named for the Stivers Playground and they will be assisted by four volunteer assistant supervisors.

One hundred mothers of children in the area have volunteered to serve as assistants at special periods. An initial cost of \$500 was needed to equip the playground and it is estimated that \$200 per year will be needed for maintenance and operating costs during the summer. All the costs are to be borne by the committee.

Other officers of the recreation committee besides Mr. O'Neill are Sam K. Bridgers, vice-chairman; Gil McMurtrie, secretary; and Cliff Munz, treasurer.

J. I. Goldstein is chairman of the fund-raising committee, and Bob Hadley is chairman of the equipment committee.



Mayor James Noland cuts the tape to open the new playground at Stivers. He is surrounded by members of the playground committee, from left, State Rep. Marlow Cook, Dan O'Neill, J. I. Goldstein, Sam Bridgers, Cliff Munz, and Mrs. Gilbert McMurtrie.

June 12, 1958

Stivers teacher going to Germany

Miss Meta Elder, second grade teacher at Stivers Elementary School, will take off next Friday for a year — maybe two — in Germany. She will teach in an American School for Army Dependents.

Last year Miss Elder began thinking seriously about a teaching position abroad. Finally, in January she made application, and went to Cincinnati for an interview. Then letters started going back and forth. As she put it "I never knew what the mail would bring. Then it happened. On July 28 came my orders to report to Fort Hamilton, N. Y., Aug. 13, for sailing the 14th or 15th. The ship docks at Bremerhaven — from there destination unknown" — sealed orders, I guess."

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Miss Elder is a native Louisville, and since 1921 has lived in the Middletown area. She's taught in the County school



META ELDER

system for 27 years, and when she returns she plans to take up her life where she left off, with her added knowledge of faraway places and her teaching experiences in Germany.

For months she's been reading up on the many places she hopes to visit, and she's already planning trips for her four day Thanksgiving vacation, two weeks at Christmas and another 10 days at Easter. Next summer, even though she doesn't stay abroad for another year, she'll tour Europe and see the sights she may have missed before returning home. She expects to see the Brussels Fair, of course, before school opens next month.

Miss Elder is spending her last days before taking off with her sister and brother-in-law, the Arthur Stauderman's, on Urton Road in Jeffersonton.

August 7, 1958



September 11, 1958

Mrs. Ruth H. Osborne, principal, informs Stivers School P.T.A. officers and room mothers about their duties and the school's plans and procedures for the year. A coffee and information session was held Tuesday morning in the backyard of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Stocking, 503 Kinglan Road.

Stivers thanks St. Matthews, State Highway Department

The City of St. Matthews and the State Highway Department are very popular at Stivers School these days.

The Highway Department installed a crosswalk for children to cross Westport Road at Bonner Avenue, and put in gravel at each end. St. Matthews has assigned a policeman to see that the children get across safely on their way to and from school.

That is in addition to the police officer the City stations at the corner of Westport Road and Hubbards Lane, one block west of Bonner.

"We did a traffic count at Bonner and Westport Road and found the traffic was extremely heavy," said Mrs. Arthur Lander, Stivers safety chairman. "We're real proud of the way the City of St. Matthews and the Highway Department cooperated, and we appreciate it very much."

The principal of the school, Mrs. Ruth Osborne, had asked the P.T.A.'s safety committee to tackle the problem.

Mrs. Lander said the police officer and the crosswalk really assure the safety of those children living on Bonner and other streets to the north who walk to and from school each day.

September 25, 1958

Stivers attends insurance school

Edward C. Stivers, Jr., of 4405 St. Regis Lane, was one of 28 representatives from all sections of the country chosen by Provident Mutual Life Insurance Company of Philadelphia to attend an orientation school held in Philadelphia Nov. 18, 19 and 20.

December 4, 1958

Stivers PTA puts program in motion

Stivers P.T.A. board met last week at the home of president, Mrs. Willard Brown, and started their program for the year.

The new officers of Stivers P.T.A. are:

President, Mrs. Willard M. Brown, Jr., 412 Deerfield Lane; first vice president, Mrs. Harold W. Baker, 311 Chelsea Rd.; second vice president, Mrs. Fred L. Davis, 5 Pin Oak Lane; recording secretary, Mrs. John P. Knight, 308 N. Hubbard's Lane; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Louis H. Sell, 4425 Greenbrier; treasurer, Mrs. Lewis Chilton, 4327 Wingate Ave.; historian, Mrs. Gilbert McMurtrie, 22 Westport Terrace; principal, Mrs. Ruth Osborne, 1712 Deerwood Ave.

The following Committee Chairmen were announced.

Program, Mrs. Fred L. Davis, 5 Pin Oak Lane; membership, Mrs. Harold W. Baker, 311 Chelsea Rd.; ways and means, Mrs. Eugene W. Yates, Jr., 407 Kaelin Dr.; character and spiritual values, Mrs. Oliver W. Derr, 308 Tyne Rd.; community resources, Mrs. John E. Porter, 495 Kinglan Rd.; garden, Mrs. Fred W. Moore, 219 Sage Road;

Health, Mrs. William W. Sprigg, 107 Perryman Road; hospitality, Mrs. Jack R. Shepard, 3908 Kennison; library, Mrs. Edwin T. Rohrer, 215 Merriman Road; music, Mrs. Arvo Aho, 221 Biltmore Rd.; parent education, Mrs. James D. Wallace, 435 Highfield Rd.; publicity and yearbook, Mrs. S. Bryan Curtis, 425 Deerfield Lane;

Recreation, Mrs. Harold M. Hammon, 417 Deerfield Lane; room representatives, Mrs. Harold R. Stocking, 503 Kinglan Rd.; civil defense, Mrs. Charles Carapezza, 225 Ring Road; safety, Mrs. Arthur B. Lander, 4097 Massie Ave.; audio visual, Mrs. Charles A. Billips, 311 Brampton; National Parent-Teacher Magazine, Mrs. N. J. White, 319 Ring Road.

The first P.T.A. meeting will be on Sept. 23 at 7:30 p.m. This is a change from the second to the fourth Tuesday of the month. The patrols will be presented. After introducing the teachers, they will hold an informative meeting in their rooms for the parents.

There will be a paper sale on Sept. 23, 24, and 25. Parents have been asked to tie papers and magazines separately in order to make the sale more successful.

The public is invited to attend the Stivers Fun Fair from 5 till 7 on Oct. 3. There will be food and fun for all.

The Health Committee has been busy weighing, measuring and testing the eyes of the students this month. This project takes a full week to complete.

September 18, 1958

**Stivers P.T.A. meeting
Jan. 27 at 7:30 p.m.**

The Stivers P.T.A. meeting will be held Jan. 27 at 7:30 p.m. at the school.

The theme will be "National Physical Fitness Program". There will be a student demonstration with a commentary by Herb Lewis, superintendent of health and physical education for the County schools.

The nominating committee, which is composed of Mrs. Oliver Durr, chairman, Mrs. Ruth Osborne, Mrs. John P. Knight, Mrs. James Topmiller, and Mrs. G. Bryan Curtis, will present a slate of officers to be voted on at the February meeting.

January 8, 1959

**Stivers P.T.A.
plans workshop**

"Rearing Children of Good-will" is the subject of a workshop to be held at Stivers School on Monday, Feb. 23 at 9:30 till 11:30 a.m.

Leaders of this workshop will be Mr. Frank McGrath, Regional Director of Christians and Jews; Mrs. A. B. Sawyer, and Mrs. Lawrence Grauman

At the regular P.T.A. meeting Feb. 24 at 7:30 p.m. a panel discussion will further discuss this vital subject.

The panel will consist of Mr. Frank McGrath; Mrs. Pauline Fields, teacher, Cane Run School; Mrs. Lewis Sherrill, Psychiatric Advisor of Child Guidance Center; and Rev. Wilfred Myll, pastor of St. Matthews Episcopal Church.

All are cordially invited to attend these meetings.

We're proud of Stivers

Once again this community has reason to be proud of Stivers School. The P.T.A. has conducted a workshop and a panel discussion in an effort to "immunize" parents and children against prejudice. The American ideal has always been to be tolerant of persons of all races and religious faiths. Ordinary mortals can never quite measure all the way up to such a lofty ideal, but that does not diminish the value and the goodness of the ideal. Programs such as the one conducted at Stivers will help reduce the distance between the way we believe and the way we act.

March 5, 1958

February 19, 1958

April 23, 1959

**Candidates for
legislature will
speak at Stivers**

Candidates for the Kentucky State Legislature from the 34th Legislative District will be at the Stivers P.T.A. meeting April 28 at 7:30 p.m.

Those already accepting are: for Senator, Scott Miller, Jr.; for Representative, Republican Marlow Cook; Democrats, Harry Klapheke and William Archer. It is hoped that Republican Raymond Swan will also be present. Each will speak briefly on their views concerning needed education legislation. A question-and-answer period will follow.

New officers to be installed at the P.T.A. meeting are:

President, Mrs. Carl Franklin, 427 Old Stone Lane; second vice president, Mrs. Eugene W. Yates, Jr., 407 Kaelin Drive; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Louis Sell, 4425 Greenbriar Rd.; and treasurer, Mrs. James Topmiller, 9 Pin Oak Lane.

Exhibits for the Social Science Fair will be on display for all parents to see.

The cast for "School Daze" will again perform, this time for the Waggener Stadium Fund, on Friday, April 24, at 8 p.m. It will be at Waggener High School.

April 23, 1959

**Stivers P.T.A. to give play
for benefit of Waggener**

Stivers P.T.A. is having a repeat performance of their production "School Daze" for the benefit of the Waggener High Development Association.

Stivers, one of the feeder schools of Waggener is presenting this performance Friday, April 24, at 8 p.m. at Waggener. This two-act play was presented at Stivers School on March 13 and 14, for the benefit of the Stivers P.T.A.

Mrs. Thelma Cross and Mrs. Stuart Smith wrote the play, and it is directed by Mrs. Arthur Lander, assisted by Mrs. Robert Ogden.

Members of the cast are: Norma Simpson, Evelyn Krebs, Bette Dietrich, Emory Willey, Mary Wehneyer, Mildred Derr, Graham Simpson, Emma Butler, "Cindy" Smith, Evelyn Wolfe, Stuart Smith, Joyce Ross, Marie Hall, Jack Veech, Kay Meier, Jess Meier, Suzanne Gutermuth, William C. Moore, Martha Bridgers, Jane Disney.

Martin H. Fullenlove, Thelma Knight, Connie Tucker, Norma Miller, Cleo Bryant, Thelma Cross, Betty Sprigg, E. L. Hurst, C. H. Edwardsen, Ann Orr, Georganna Kennedy, and Aida Farmer.

Square dancers: Ed and Elsie Happel, Bill and Elizabeth Micou, Bob and Ann Buchanan, Jim and Betty Nielsen, Marie Gossman and Bill Dietrich.

Members of the production crew are:

Project chairman, Mrs. Wilson Yates; director, Mrs. Arthur

Lander; assistant director, Mrs. Robert Ogden; writers, Mrs. Thelma Cross and Mrs. Stuart Smith; music director, Mrs. Paul Disney; assistant music director, Mrs. Thelma Cross; original song lyrics, Mrs. Cecil Lubin; pianist, Mrs. H. J. Kiefer; square dance choreographer, Mrs. Floyd Bohart; stage manager, Mrs. Stuart Smith; assistant stage manager, Mrs. Alan Anthony; curtain and sound effect, Joe White; choreographer, Mrs. Larry Orr; scenery, Chester Pedigo; Mr. and Mrs. G. I. McMurtrie and Mrs. Maurice White.

Lights, Gene Campbell and Burr W. Deal; props, Larry Orr, coordinator, C. A. Billips, Oliver Derr, and Ed Butler; prompter, Mrs. John McAfee; telephone committee, Mrs. Roy Battaue; Mrs. Lewis Chilton, and Mrs. Mel Borland; costumes, Mrs. Clyde Poynter, Mrs. C. A. Billips, Mrs. Warren Stice, Mrs. Wayne Beard, and Mrs. Jesse Williams.

Makeup, Mrs. Thelma Cross, Mrs. Robert Savitt, and Mrs. Sydney Frazier; art work, program printing and correlation, Mr. and Mrs. John McAfee; program cover, Mrs. G. I. McMurtrie; publicity, Mrs. Bryan G. Curtis; program, Mrs. Emory C. Willey, Jr.; tickets, Mrs. Walter Freitag; patrons, Mrs. Harold Miller; refreshments, Mrs. Jack R. Shepard; posters, Mrs. Ken G. Edwards; committee chairmen, Mrs. Maurice White and Mrs. Robert W. Allgeier.

Stivers president for merger, libraries

The new president of the Stivers P.T.A., Mrs. Carl Franklin, is for merger of the City and County school systems.

"I am no education expert," she said. "But I think any phase like this is good for education. If it's good for the education of the children, it's fine. I think it's progressive."

She hinted that she thought the City might be getting the best of the deal, though both sides will benefit. "I think the County system is newer and therefore more progressive," she said. "An interchange of ideas will benefit both systems."

She doesn't expect the whole thing to work out overnight. "I'll be patient. I know it'll have to be trial and error. Anything that will raise our education status is good."

Mrs. Franklin's particular field of interest is libraries. One reason she thinks County schools are more progressive is that the County builds libraries for all elementary schools, while the City schools are just beginning to organize libraries.

At present, she is attending Nazareth College and majoring in library science. She's due to get her Master's degree May 30.

Her emphasis at Stivers will be on the library.

"I want to continue the good work that has been done and to increase the library," she said. "With the new County five-track program, the library will play an important part in training the children."

She noted that the National Defense Act of 1958, in an effort to improve the quality of education, provides that Federal, State and local money can be used to promote the learning of science, math and modern languages.

This money can be used for books or for other equipment. Mrs. Franklin hopes that much of it will be used for books.

The library, she feels, can be the hub of the drive to train more children in the three subjects considered most essential for national defense.

Mrs. Franklin fears that unless children are taught how to use



MRS. CARL FRANKLIN

a library, they will become the kind of complacent adults who don't read much.

The Stivers library has about 2,200 books. The P.T.A. and the County School board each spend about \$500 a year on it.

Mrs. Franklin, of 427 Old Stone Lane, succeeds Mrs. Willard Brown. Other officers elected were:

Mrs. Wilson Yates, 407 Kaelin Dr., second vice president; Mrs. Louis Sell, 4425 Greenbriar Rd., corresponding secretary; and Mrs. James Topmiller, 9 Pin Oak Lane, treasurer.

Mrs. Franklin is the former Miss Ann Pennington York of Friendship, Tenn. A graduate of Atheron High, she holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in chemistry from the University of Louisville. Mr. Franklin is plant manager of Brown Forman Distillery.

They have one child, Pennie, 10, a fifth-grader at Stivers.

Mrs. Franklin attends Christ Methodist Church and is library chairman there. She belongs to Plantation Swim Club and Kappa Delta sorority at the University of Louisville.

April 30, 1959

Stivers plans Fall Festival

Orville J. Stivers School will hold its Fall Festival Friday, Sept. 25, from 5 p.m. on.

There'll be hot dogs, soft drinks, homemade cakes and candy, coffee, cotton candy, and popcorn. Please save all your white elephants for our table. There'll be ponies, rides, games, contests, clowns and movies too.

October 1, 1959

Stivers set for first Jr. First Aid

The County public school system's first Red Cross Junior First Aid Course for forty Patrol boys and girls will begin Friday, October 16 at O. J. Stivers School. The instructor Mr. Edward Borntreager, will conduct the eight-week course every Friday from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Mrs. Robert Ogden, Civil Defense Chairman of O. J. Stivers P.T.A., stated that the January P.T.A. meeting will include a demonstration by the patrol boys and girls of first aid and civil defense techniques.

October 8, 1959

Stivers School begins paper sale collection

The Orville J. Stivers School will begin its first paper sale collections Oct. 20 through Oct. 21. Hours for collection will be 8 a.m. Tuesday through 3 p.m. Wednesday. Mrs. Alan Anthony, ways and means chairman of Stivers' P.T.A., requests that parents tie newspapers and magazines separately.

October 15, 1959



Bob Davis, 318 Bramton Rd., Sally Leason, 318 Foeburn Lane, and Charlie Smith, 308 N. Bonner Ave., watch as Red Cross first aid instructor, Edward F. Burntrager of 2521 Pindell Ave., demonstrates on Michael Leathers of 2933 Staebler Ave. The first aid course for the 49 patrol boys and girls is being sponsored by PTA at Orville J. Stivers School, and is the first Junior program in Jefferson County.

October 29, 1959

Bonus Bill attacked at Stivers meeting

James C. Zimmerman, Industrial Director of the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, addressed a P.T.A. study group Oct. 23 at Stivers School about the Veterans Bonus Bill.

Mr. Zimmerman pointed out the disadvantages of the bill: the high cost to veterans in paying off the cost, the high cost of administering these benefits, and the 30 years during which the sales tax would be unavailable for schools, welfare, roads, etc. Labor groups, Chambers of Commerce, and many other veterans organizations are opposed to the Veterans Bonus Bill.

October 29, 1959

Stivers gets \$506 worth of equipment

The Orville J. Stivers P.T.A. voted to accept a \$2,232 budget for 1959-'60 at its first general meeting Oct. 27. Approximately two-thirds of the three to four hundred people attending the meeting approved a subscription fund drive to meet the budget although the minority preferred to undertake a money-making entertainment project.

After the principal, Mrs. Ruth H. Osborne, presented the faculty, Mrs. Bernard Vonderheide and Mrs. Donald Kurfegs introduced the patrols and their officers: Capt. Carl Slessor, First Lt. Bruce Hennies, and Second Lt. Paul Hendrick for the boys, and Capt. Martha Hadley, First Lt. Shiela Taylor, and Second Lt. Judy Knight for the girls.

Mrs. Osborne announced that the school had received \$506 worth of scientific and mathematical equipment made available to the elementary and high schools of Jefferson County by the National Defense Education Act of 1958.

Prior to the general meeting, an overflowing audience of parents whose children are six to nine years old watched a film entitled, "From the Sociable Sixes to the Noisy Nines".

November 5, 1959

Stivers P.T.A. gets 7 awards

The Stivers P.T.A. received seven awards given by the Fifth District P.T.A. for work done by the Association in the year 1958-59.

Awards received were a safety award, a health award, a charter renewal seal award, a National-Parent Teacher magazine award, and an Acord Award for having at least 25 percent attendance at the regular meetings. They received also an extra superior achievement certificate and an extra superior rating on their goal sheet.

The work in achieving these awards was done last year during the term with Mrs. Willard Brown as president. Mrs. Carl Franklin is president for the 1959-60 year.

November 12, 1959

Stivers P.T.A. to hear Van Hoose

Richard Van Hoose, superintendent of Jefferson County schools, will summarize recent accomplishments of the school system and outline future plans at the second general meeting of the O. J. Stivers School P.T.A. Tuesday, Nov. 24, at 7:30 p.m. in the school auditorium. Mr. Van Hoose will entertain questions from the floor.

Prior to the meeting, a film entitled, "From Ten to Twelve" will be shown in the audio-visual room from 6:45 to 7:30 p.m. for all parents of fourth, fifth and sixth grade children.

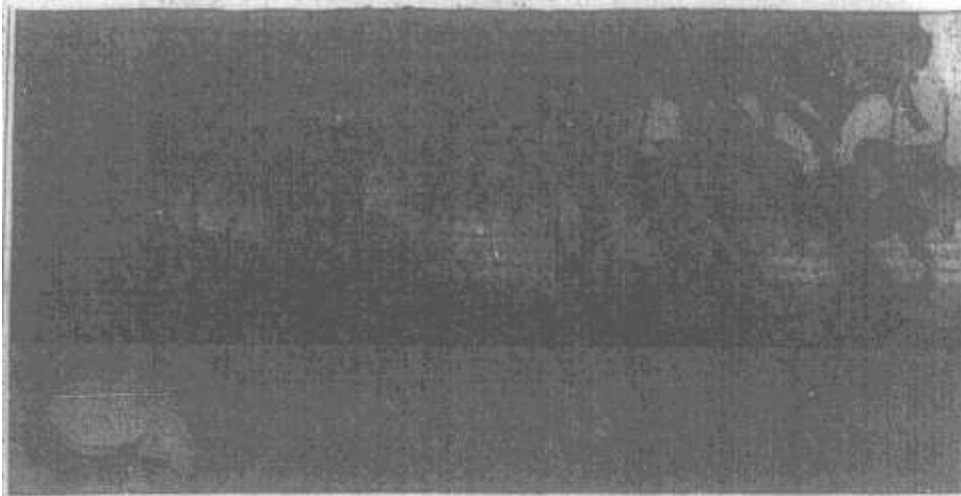
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Orville J. Stivers School



Miss Jane Thomas directs the O. J. Stivers' sixth grade Glee Club in its annual Christmas concert before the P.T.A. Tuesday, Dec. 15. Not shown in the picture are violinist, Mrs. Roy Ritchie, and pianist, Mrs. A. G. Janos.

December 24, 1959

Stivers 6th graders put on Christmas show

The Christmas production, "The Twelve Days of Christmas", was presented before a capacity audience of the O. J. Stivers P.T.A. Tuesday, Dec. 15, by the sixth grades.

The Glee Club and players under the direction of Miss Jane Thomas, were assisted by their teachers, Miss Virginia Charley, Mrs. Sam Wygal, and Mrs. A. S. Stewart.

Violin and piano accompaniment were provided by Mrs. Roy Ritchie and Mrs. A. G. Janos. The choreography and costumes originated with the children and every sixth grade student participated in the pantomimes, carols, and dances.

Despite an erratic public address system, the playlet was ably narrated by Paul Hendricks.

December 24, 1959

Stivers P.T.A. to hear special speaker

Mitchell Davis, executive director of the Kentucky Council for Education and P.T.A. State legislative chairman, will address a special P.T.A. meeting at Orville J. Stivers School Tuesday, Jan. 19, at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Davis' topic will be, "Educational Gains That May Result from 1960's Legislative Session and How We as Parents Can Help Get the P.T.A. Program Enacted".

January

Stivers to hear about survival

Colonel Leon J. Reed, Mobile Support Coordinator for Civil Defense, and Norbert Rehtin, State Director of the Division of Civil Defense Adult Education, will speak Jan. 20 at 7:30 p.m. to the Orville J. Stivers Parent-Teacher Association. Speakers will discuss and will show films on the personal and community aspects of survival from nuclear devastation.

The program will include a demonstration of first aid and civil defense techniques. This will be presented by patrol boys and girls who have completed the Junior Red Cross First Aid Course under the direction of Edward Borntraeger.

A film, entitled "Shyness", will be shown in the audio-visual room at 6:45 p.m. All are welcome to view the film illustrating the background, development, and resolution of shyness in preadolescent children.

January 21, 1960

Stivers PTA to hear about Educational needs

"Our School Needs and How They Can Be Met On The National, State, and Local Levels" will be the topic of a panel discussion at O. J. Stivers P.T.A. meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 25 at 7:30 p.m. at the school.

Panelists will be Frank Burke, U.S. Representative; Marlowe Cook, State Senator; and Richard Van House, superintendent of Jefferson County Schools. Mr. Conrad Ott, director of research for the County Board of Education, will be moderator.

Mr. Burke will discuss the pros and cons of Federal aid in education and education bills that have come before Congress.

Mr. Cook will discuss how education in Kentucky has been helped by the Minimum Foundation Law, Sales Tax revenue and how Constitutional revision will affect education.

Mr. Van House will state Jefferson County needs, and outline future plans for meeting these needs.

October 20, 1960

Panel discussion is set at Stivers PTA

"Keeping Our Children Safe From Molesters" will be the topic of a panel discussion at the Stivers' March 22 P.T.A. meeting at 7:30 p.m.

The panel will include the Rev. Charles Korbuge, pastor of Unity Temple; Lieutenant C. J. Hyde, assistant superintendent of the Crime Prevention Bureau, City Police; and Dr. Elizabeth Woodward, psychiatrist in private practice. Mr. C. H. Edwards, a past Stivers P.T.A. president, will moderate.

The agenda will include election of P.T.A. officers for 1960-61 and a student art exhibit.

Prior to the meeting, a film entitled, Meeting Emotional Needs in Childhood, will be shown in the audio-visual room at 6:45 p.m.

March 17, 1960

Stivers PTA to meet September 27

The first fall meeting of the Orville J. Stivers School P.T.A. will be held at 7:30 Tuesday, Sept. 27 at the school.

The faculty and staff will be introduced by Principal, Mrs. Ruth Osborne, and the patrol boys and girls will also be introduced. After a brief business meeting including the adoption of the 1960-61 budget and approval of the program for the year, refreshments will be served.

Prior to the meeting the classrooms will be open with the Room Mothers in attendance.

September 22, 1960

Stivers-Wilder P.T.A.s to study civil defense

A Civil Defense Course, sponsored by the Parent Teachers Associations of Wilder and Stivers Schools, will be held at Stivers School beginning Monday night, Oct. 24 and will run for four consecutive Monday nights. The three hour sessions will begin at 7:30 p.m.

The course will be taught by Jack Pittinger using films, Civil Defense literature and some information that was classified last year by the government as secret.

For further information contact either Mrs. J. C. Halferty, Stivers Civil Defense chairman at TW 6-4033, or Mrs. R. O. Joiner, TW. 5-4551, Civil Defense chairman at Wilder.

October 20, 1960

Stivers president wants more teachers, schools

The new president of the Stivers School P.T.A. this week gave tentative support to a call for more schools and teachers by the Jefferson County Board of Education, even if it means more taxes.

After hearing speeches by School Board member Rucker Todd and School superintendent Richard Van House at Stivers last week, Mrs. E. T. Rohrer said: "Now we know what the need is and perhaps we can do something before it's too critical. My boy's in the fourth grade. By the time he gets to Waggoner (High) I'd like to be sure his needs will be met and yet that he won't get lost."

This was a reference to Mr. Todd's statement that for economy reasons, County High schools will probably soon have more than 3,000 students. "I think Waggoner's a good school," said Mrs. Rohrer, "but if we're going to have to educate all these children, we need more teachers and more schools."

Mr. Todd has predicted that in the next five years, the County School population will increase by 21,000 students or about 30 per cent.

Mrs. Rohrer was understood as to whether the School Board should try this year for a 50-cent increase in the school tax, which must be approved by referendum. With the new three percent sales tax and the County 1 1/2 per cent occupational tax slated to go into effect shortly, she feels that the public has just about had its fill of new taxes this year.

Mrs. Rohrer, of 216 Merriman, succeeds Mrs. Curt Franklin. Other officers elected were Mrs. Alan Anthony, first vice-president; Mrs. Harward Boughtman,



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recording secretary; and Gene Campbell, historian. Mrs. Robert Ogden, who has been serving as second vice president for the past month or so, will continue in that post.

Mrs. Rohrer is a native of White Plains, N.Y. She went to grade schools in Massachusetts and New York, and graduated from Crawford, N. J., High School. She got her Bachelor of Science degree in secretarial training from Cedar Crest College in Allentown, Pa. Her husband works at General Electric Appliance Park. They have one son, Gregory D., 8.

April 7, 1960

Paper drive set

The O. J. Stivers P.T.A. will have its first annual paper drive on Oct. 18 and 19 at the school. Awards will be given in the rooms turning in the most papers and magazines.

October 12, 1960

December 15, 1960



Stivers School wins the St. Matthews Y.M.C.A. Gra-Y championship football trophy admired here by (left to right) co-captains Jerry Bickel, 214 Daleview Ln., and Kenny Roederer, 213 N. Hubbards Ln.; Sam Politt, coach, and Mrs. Ruth H. Osborne, principal. Stivers defeated Lyndon Gra-Y 13-7 in an overtime last Saturday.

Stivers P.T.A. to observe Founders Day

The O. J. Stivers P.T.A. will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 28, at 7:30 at the school. In commemoration of Founders Day, the school song will be presented for the first time.

The speakers will be James E. Farmer, assistant superintendent of Public Instruction; Robert Neal, supervisor for the Advanced Program; Miss Ruth Dunn, elementary supervisor; Mrs. Katherine Schuler, elementary supervisor; Mrs. May Dixon, elementary supervisor; and Mrs. Mabel Bowen, elementary supervisor, all

with the Jackson County Board of Education. The topic to be discussed is "The Levels Program."

Mrs. James M. Hill, Jr., hospitality chairman, said the sixth grade pupils will have a cake baking contest. The cakes will be judged by Mrs. Janet Crase, who is with the Jefferson County Home Demonstration Agency. Winners will be named on Tuesday, Feb. 28, at the P.T.A. meeting. The winning cake will be given to the winner's classroom and the other cakes will be served for refreshments following the meeting.

February 23, 1961

Stivers initiates new plan for registration

O. J. Stivers P.T.A. Pre-School Committee has initiated a new plan for registration of pre-school children this year. In addition to the regular county registration on April 13, children will be registered in kindergarten groups by their kindergarten teachers on April 11 and April 12. This is the first time a school has invited kindergartens on a planned basis.

The object of the new plan is to bridge the gap between kindergarten and school. Also the children will come in small groups thus enabling them to get a better feeling of what first grade is. They will visit the first grade rooms with the first graders who have planned a program for them and have made little favors. The pre-schoolers will also have lunch and tour the school.

There are nine kindergartens participating in this program. The committee has already held two previous meetings for the parents at which time readiness and preparation for school were discussed. The program will also include a coffee and informal discussion of first grade which will be given for parents on the first day of school.

All children who are not registered on the kindergarten days will register on April 13. They will participate in the same program as the others.

April 13, 1961



Terry McClain gets the feel of his new bicycle while his two younger brothers, Roger and Riekey, watch enviously. Terry was the first winner in *The Voice's* circulation contest. He reached the top in only four days.

Terry McClain wins bike in only 4 days—from Voice

Ten-year-old Terry McClain isn't one to take no for an answer, particularly when a shiny red bicycle is involved. Terry, a student at Stivers School, saw such a bicycle at *The Voice's* office which could be had for selling the equivalent of 20 one-year subscriptions.

In four days (during which first started calling for subscriptions, when about 10 persons declined. That was before he learned his sales pitch which Mrs. McClain said he developed as he went along. Then subscriptions began rolling in.

Terry had been riding a bicycle which was given to his mother, Mrs. Ervin McClain of 316 North Hubbard Ln., on her 13th birthday. She says the old bike now will probably go to Terry's brother, Kevin, 8, but his other younger brothers, Ricky and Roger, are also making bids for the bike.

Terry admits that he was somewhat discouraged when he

believed that Terry will treat the bicycle now with loving care, since he worked for the bike himself.

He was the first winner in *The Voice's* current circulation contest. Almost over the top with 19 Monday was Paul Plaschke, 2919 Massie. He was expected to sell two more, one more than his quota, that night.

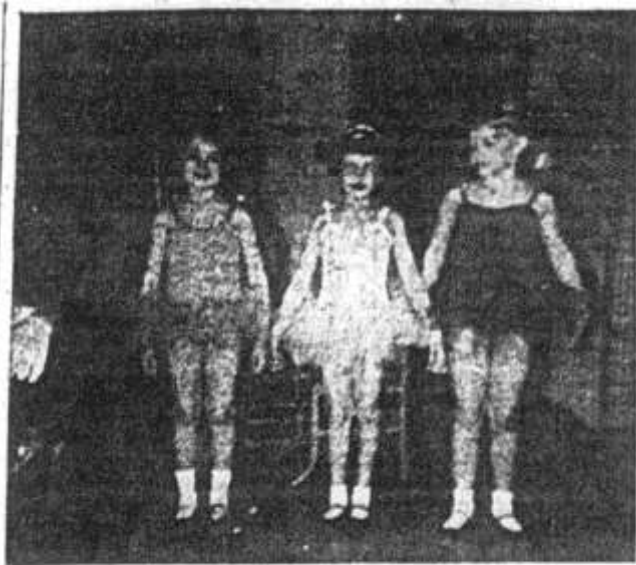
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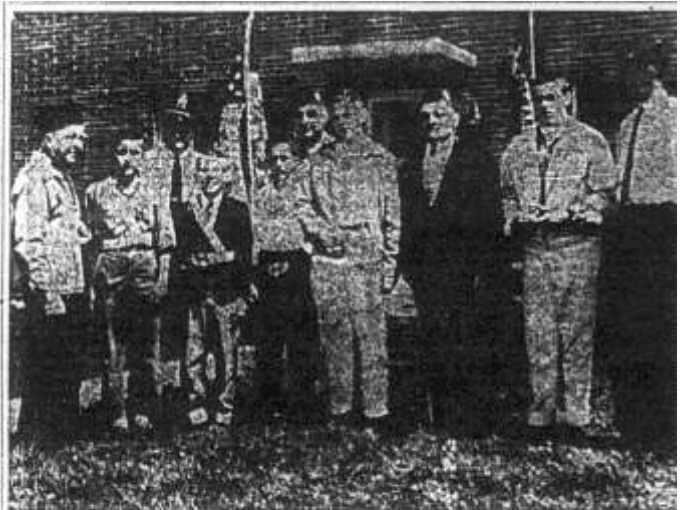
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Three "dancing dolls" who participated in Stivers School Recital Thursday, April 13, are from left Linda Sue Van Nostrand, Janis Lynn Goodman and Lois Blum.

May 4, 1961



Safety Patrol Awards are given these school boy patrolmen by Zachary Taylor American Legion Post. From left are C. Herb Johann, post commander who presented the awards; Willy Welch, St. Matthews Elementary School; Chris Burton, Greathouse Elementary School; Chip Kaufman, Stivers School; Bobbie Amahoff, Our Lady of Lourds-Golden, Trinity High. Rear are acting Police Chief Edgar Kelley, who chose the recipients, and Ken Zimmerman, Legion Americanism Chairman.

May 25, 1961



Linda Buchanan accepts the first place award for her first grade room at Stivers School from County Supt. Richard Van Hoose for having captured first place in the Jefferson County Art Exhibit last Saturday and Sunday at the Fairgrounds. Other pupils are David Fortney and Mary Dianne Drake, with Mrs. William Straub, county art supervisor at rear. The first graders are from Mrs. Hugh Brimm's room.

May 18, 1961

Stivers' Library will open on Thursdays

The O J Stivers School PTA will open the school's library on Thursday afternoons from 1 to 3:30 p.m., beginning June 13 until August 10 for all children who might wish to use the facilities.

There will be a registration fee of 25 cents for each child. Approximately 3,500 books are in the library. Mothers from the PTA have volunteered to serve in the library during the Thursday afternoons the library is open.

June 1, 1961

Stivers school library open for summer readers

All children in the area are invited to use the library at O. J. Stivers School this summer. The library, staffed by mothers and 6th grade helpers, will be open on Thursday afternoons from 1 to 3:30 p.m., beginning June 8 for ten weeks.

Students from schools other than Stiver, are welcome. Each child must bring 25 cents for a library card and registration. This fee will cover expenses involved in the operation of this PTA endorsed project. Children may check out up to five books each and may keep them two weeks.

The outside door of the library will serve as entrance for the summer. It is located on the back of the school. Stivers library has over 5,000 books.

June 8, 1961

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Courtesy *The Voice Of St. Matthews:*

Orville J. Stivers School

News Camera at school carnival—Stivers school children indulged in fun and frolic at their fall festival last Friday night, which included the “House of Horrors.”



The turtle booth has these children fascinated.

Joyce Thomas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Curry Thomas, of Tynn Rd., does what many children do and what many wanted to do... purchase a balloon.



Cybil Doid, 222 Marshall Drive, tries her hand at the couple bills. She is a grand with Troop 273.



Business was always good at the cotton candy booth. Here Greg Ackman and his sister, Leslie, 4519 Bevier Rd., are customers.



Diana McChargue, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B.M. McChargue, 215 Clover Leaf Lane, eyes the camera while becoming sticky with candy.

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Orville J. Stivers School

Stivers' PTA officers announced

O. J. Stivers' P.T.A. officers elected for the 1961-61 school year are: Mrs. Alan H. Anthony, president; Mrs. James B. Hill, first vice-president; Mrs. Leonard Leight, second vice-president; Mrs. Howard B. Haughman, recording secretary; Mrs. James Hume, corresponding secretary; and Mrs. Paul e. Disney, treasurer.

P.T.A. meeting will be held the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the school. The first meeting, September 26, will be an open house giving parents an opportunity to meet their children's teachers. Program plans for the year range from panel, discussions to concerts. Parents new to Stivers are especially invited to attend these P.T.A. meetings.

September 14, 1961

Stivers PTA to meet on Civil Defense

O. J. Stivers, P.T.A. will hold it's second meeting of the year on Tuesday evening, October 24, at 7:30 . The program will include a panel-discussion on Civil defense— "Personal Preparedness In The Nuclear Age."

Members of the panel will be Jack Pittenger, assistant principal of Durrett High school, Mrs. Vaughn, of the Civil Defense Office, and Mrs. Gladys Wheeler from the Board of Education. A question-answer period will follow this discussion.

Also scheduled is the first of a series of "Book Sales." Newly purchased library books will be on display. Parents may buy a book for their child and take it home. The child will return it to the school library where his name will be written on a specially designed book plate inside the front cover. The book will then be put on the library shelves for other boys and girls to enjoy.

October 19, 1961

Stivers PTA committees announced

The O. J. Stivers P.T.A. committee chairmen were introduced at the September 26, meeting. They are:

Mrs. John Guthrie, parliamentarian, Mrs. Charles C. King, historian, Mrs. Jack I. Mahurin, ways and means, Rev. R. W. Van Nostrand, character and spiritual, Mrs. C. E. Wardie, community ???????, Mrs. Kenneth Harris, ??????, Mrs. J. E. Halferty, health, Mrs. Norman Crabtree, hospitality, Mrs. Adolph Schmitt, Jr., and Mrs. Donald Wyatt, library.

Mrs. A. Victor Stutz, music, Mrs. Arthur White, parent education, Mrs. Hebert L. Hadley, publishing and yearbook, Mrs. William D. Wiggen, art, Mrs. William Micon, recreation, Mrs. Leonard Burkeen, audio & visual, Mrs. Robert Hackney, room representative, Mrs. Edwin A. Rosenberg and Mrs. William E. Krueger, civil defense, Mrs. Charles Fritzachner, safety, Mrs. Herman M. Keeler, pre-school, and Mrs. Allen M. Sakler, legislation.

Members of the Board entertained the new members of Stivers School at a coffee September 27. School enrolment has risen from 552 to 611.

Room monitors have been appointed and have just completed an intensive get acquainted program. Every mother in the school has been invited to attend informative coffees, one for each of the homerooms. The mothers and fathers are now busying themselves in preparations for Stivers "All New—Old Fashioned Country Fair," scheduled for Friday, November 10 from 4 until 10 p.m.

P.T.A. sponsored after school activities for the children during the year are in full swing and include the Garden Club for grades ?? To 6, the Gra-Y program for boys 9-12, and athletics directed by Mrs. Virginia Charley for fifth and sixth grades. The following activities have openings for all age groups, drama taught by Mrs. Ann Akers, art by Mrs. William D. Wiz, gen? and tap and ballet by Miss Bobbie Freeman. There will be both the Fall and Spring ????? week programs each for these classes. Starred activities are those included in the Jefferson County Recreation program.

October 19, 1961

Curriculum study report to be given at Stivers PTA

"Some Problems of Kentucky Schools," a summary report of the state curriculum study, will be the title of a talk by Mr. Carl Abner of the University of Louisville and chairman of the state curriculum committee at the O. J. Stivers P. T. A. meeting at 7:30 p. m. Jan. 23.

There will be a question-answer period fol-

lowing Mr. Abner's review of the study.

At the January 15 P.T.A. board meeting, Mrs. E. A. Rosenberg, civil defense chairman, announced that approval of a new evacuation plan has been received.

The board voted a few changes—in the by-laws on January 15. Approval of the membership of the P. T. A. will be sought at the meeting, Jan. 23.

January 18, 1962



These St. Matthews Elementary students participated in the school's PTA program last Thursday. Playing the role of animals were, from left, Debra Lynn Mansho, Timmy Hastings, Diane Finley and Ann Wylie.

March 29, 1962



Children from Jordan attending St. M. Elementary School are from left, Bestma, Saham, Samara, Sami, and Besim Shunnara. In back are Khalil and Samier Shunnara.

April 19, 1962

Twin-bill slated by Stivers PTA.

The O. J. Stivers PTA will meet at the school on Tuesday, February 27 at 7:30 p.m. It will offer a dual attraction for parents.

Stivers tenth anniversary will be duly recognized with a summary of school history and (if possible) introduction of former teachers.

A panel discussion, "Guiding Our Children's Behavior," with Mrs. Jane McFerran, school consultant, and Dr. W.A. Mitchell, psychiatrist, will be presented. There will be a question-answer period following the discussion.

The Nominating Committee will present a slate of officers for the 1962-63 school year. Voting will be held at the March meeting. A social hour will follow the meeting.

February 22, 1962

Stivers PTA slate film

Mrs. Arthur White, chairman of the parent education committee, Stivers School PTA, announces the showing of the film "Human Growth" for fifth and sixth grade children and their parents at the school on the following dates:

Girls and their mothers will see the film on Tuesday, May 8 at 7:30 p.m. Mrs. White will preside and Mrs. Lura Hunter, director of Christian education at St. Matthews Methodist Church, and Mrs. Durrett, health educator from the Jefferson County Board of Health, will speak and answer questions.

On May 9 at 7:30 p.m., boys and their fathers will be scheduled to view the film. Mr. Alan H. Anthony will preside. Speakers will be Dr. J. Kenneth Harris, pediatrician, and Rev. Will Van Nostrand, assistant minister of Beargrass Christian Church.

Teacher Appreciation Week at Stivers will begin on May 14. On May 15, teachers will be honored at a coffee given by the PTA board.

May 3, 1962

Stivers to honor teachers

O. J. Stivers School will observe Teacher Appreciation Week beginning May 14. The PTA Board is planning to honor the principal, Mrs. Ruth H. Osborne, and the teachers at a coffee at the school on May 15.

Stivers School is observing its tenth anniversary this year. Mrs. Osborne has been principal of the school for 10 years. Other teachers who have been at Stivers since the opening day are Mrs. Geraldine Corey, Miss Virginia Charley, and Miss Jane Thomas, music instructor.

The staff will be saying "goodbye" to Mrs. Lloyd H. Bridgers, who is resigning as school secretary. Greetings will be given Mrs. Carter Q. Huston who is already busy with her new secretarial position.

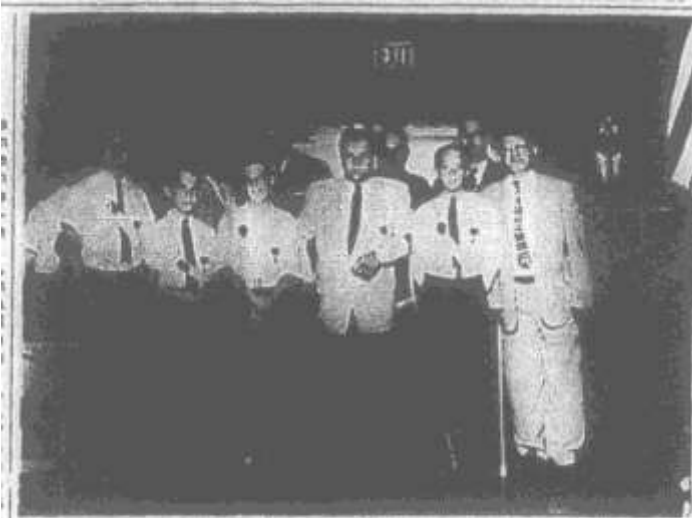
The next regularly scheduled PTA meeting will feature Stivers musicians, the band, orchestra and sixth grade chorus.

May 10, 1962

Stivers library sets summer hours

Again this summer Stivers School library will be open one-half day each week, beginning Tuesday, July 3. Library hours will be from 10 a.m. until 12 noon for seven weeks. Mrs. Charles Fritschner, PTA library chairman, will be in charge of this community service. Each child will pay a registration fee of 25 cents. This fee covers costs involved in the project.

May 31, 1962



Outstanding School patrol awards were given seven patrolmen by Zachary Taylor Post 180, American Legion, recently. They are (front row from left) Jimmy Redman, Stivers School; Allen Irvin, Greathouse School; Bobby LaMar, St. Matthews Elementary School; Barry W. Barmore, Waggener High School, and Jerry Price, Holy Trinity. Not shown are Harry Nahm, Trinity High School, and Larry Androit, Our Lady of Lourdes. Carl Hulsewede, Sr., originator of school boy patrols, poses with the boys in front row. Others taking part in the program are (back row from left) C. Herb Johnson, Mayor Bernard Bowling, County Judge Marlow Cook, Police Chief Edgar Kelley, Rev. R. Willard Nostrand, assistant pastor at Beargrass Christian Church and Legion Commander L. G. Kuhn.

June 28, 1962

Stivers PTA to hold book festival Oct. 23

The Stiver's PTA will have a book festival at 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 23 during the regular P T A meeting.

Brief comments will be made by Mrs. Barbara Miller, director of Children's Department, Louisville Free Public Library, and by Mrs. Margaret Willis of the State Department of Education, Library Division.

Some 500 books for children will be on display. They will range in price from \$2 to \$5.

October 18, 1962



Getting a preview of books which will be offered at the Stivers PTA Book Festival Tuesday night, Oct. 23, are from left John Fritschner, Andy Gordon, Peter Leigh, Sam Fritschner, Bill Gutermuth (standing), Debbie Sorrell and Sarah Fritschner.

Stivers PTA will hold three discussions, show films

O. J. Stivers School will present the first of three Parent Education Discussions on Wednesday, Jan. 16, at 7:30 p.m.

"Child Behavior, will be among subjects to be discussed the first night. Dr. Lottie Bernstein, child psychiatrist at the Child Guidance Clinic, will lead a discussion on the topic 'Children Under Pressure.'

Stivers P.T.A. will also have films each Saturday

over a two-month period between 2 and 4 p.m. Children under 5 will have to be accompanied by an adult. The first film, Jan. 12, will be Robinson Crusoe.

Among other attractions to come are: Adventures of Robin Hood, Hansel and Gretel, and Yankee Doodle Dandy.

All children in St. Matthews are invited to attend. Admission will be 25 cents.



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

January 10, 1963

Students become avid knitters



Knitters at Stivers School are shown hot to get started by Mrs. Robert Gardner who is hired by the county recreation department.

More than two dozen students, mostly in the 5th and 6th grades, at Stivers School have become avid knitters, and they are going to continue a close association through a knitting club through the summer.

What started out as just an after school activity for one hour each week has "snowballed" into wild enthusiasm, according to their instructor, Mrs. Robert E. Gardner, who was hired for the activity by the County Board of Playgrounds and Recreation.

Not only has the activity caught on among the students but Mrs. Gardner, who often has instructed neighborhood women in knitting, says the students' mothers are clamoring for similar instruction.

The Stivers project began last fall and was held through two 10-week periods, with beginners en-

tering both sessions. Now that the two sessions are completed, many of the students have developed enough skill for making sweaters--and many of the advanced students are into their second sweater-making project.

What's more they want to continue their lessons through summer vacations. To do this Mrs. Gardner has agreed to organize a club and allow the students to meet in her home at 6423 Regency once each week.

October 18, 1962

May 2, 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 Burton, a member of the Waggener High School orchestra will accompany at the piano.

There will be a special string trio featuring Peter Leight and Phillip 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

Summer Library opens at Stivers School

June 13, 1963

The Orville J. Stivers School, Westport Road, will be the site of a summer library, open to all children, from June 18 through Aug. 13. The hours will be on Tuesday mornings from 10 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Included in their plans is a story hour for four, five and six year old children. A registration fee of 25 cents will be charged for each child participating.



Mrs. Robert Tolman conducts the first Stivers Elementary story hour. These story periods, for children four, five and six, will be held each Tuesday at 10:00 a.m., and is sponsored by the Stivers Parent Teachers Association, under the supervision of Mrs. Clifford, School Librarian.

June 20, 1963

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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

Stivers social set

The annual ice cream social of the O. J. Stivers P.T.A. will be held at the school tomorrow.

September 19, 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

Stivers PTA holds book fair

The O. J. Stivers PTA will sponsor a children's book fair on Tuesday, Oct. 22, at 7:30 p.m. in the school auditorium. This will be open to the community.

The very latest award-winning and popular books will be featured. Books will be available that may not be found elsewhere locally. Orders may be taken for books.

October 17, 1963

Stivers PTA

A program on "Schools in Crisis" will be given at the Stivers PTA meeting Tuesday, Sept. 22 at 7:30 p.m. at the school.

The program will be led by Mike Nasser, chairman of the Local Action Committee for HELP, and Richard Van House, superintendent of Jefferson County Schools. A question and answer period will follow. The meeting will be open to the public.

September 17, 1964

Stivers to have ice cream social

The O. J. Stivers School PTA will hold its annual ice cream social tomorrow from 5 to 8 p.m. Food to be served includes hot dogs, hamburgers, ice cream, cakes, soft drinks and coffee. Popcorn and other candy will also be sold.

There will be pony rides and other attractions.

September 24, 1964

St. Matthews Area Elementary Schools:

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Courtesy Your Jefferson County Schools:

Orville J. Stivers School



Mitchell Nasser, standing, is chairman of the Stivers School's Committee of Fifteen. The Committee gathered recently at his home and heard a timely report about school growth and needed finances.

Stivers PTA plans Smorgasbord

A smorgasbord will be given by the O. J. Stivers PTA on Saturday, March 6, from 5 to 8 p.m. The price of the meal will be \$1 for adults, 75 cents for seventh graders and up, and 50 cents for children. The school is located at 4238 Westport Road. The public is invited.

A silent auction will be conducted during the dinner hours. There will be entertainment by the Cellars Trio.

March 4, 1965

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Stivers School holds parents' meetings

The O.J. Stivers School will give parents a chance to meet their children's teachers for the coming year on Tuesday, Aug. 30.

Parents of youngsters in grades one and two are invited to the school at 8:30. Parents of children in grades three and four will go at 10 a.m., and grades five and six from 1 to 2 p.m.

The school store will be open so that supplies may be purchased. All students entering for the first time are asked to register as soon as possible between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m.

August 11, 1966

Stivers School sets up unusual exchange program

An unusual exchange program -- between a St. Matthews school's students and those in a school in Coroico,

Bolivia -- has been launched. The program was originated by Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wardle, former St. Matthews residents who are now Peace Corps volunteers in Bolivia.

Waggener High. His wife, the former Linda Chadbourne, attended Eastern High.

They both are graduates of the University of Louisville.



HEADED SOUTH: Mrs. Betty Roth, a clerk at the St. Matthews Post Office, helps Stivers School students prepare a package for mailing to Bolivia. The package, containing an information kit on the St. Matthews school, was mailed to a primary school in Coroico as part of an exchange program.

Involvement in the exchange of materials about teaching methods, facilities, and activities, pictures, and letters between Stivers Elementary School students and primary grade students at a parochial school in Coroico.

Mrs. Grace Spurr's fifth grade class at Stiver's recently finished a school history, complete with pictures, and mailed it south.

"We also plan to start a pen pal program with the South Americans," said Mrs. Spurr.

"We want to learn all we can about their school, and they're just as interested in us."

Mrs. Spurr said the program probably won't get into full swing until September. The Bolivian children are now approaching their winter break and Stiver's is entering summer vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Wardle work with tubercular patients in a small hospital in Coroico. There they were approached by a teacher from the primary school system who wanted more information about American schools.

Ed and his wife then made the arrangements for the "exchange of ideas" program between Stivers and the South American school.

Students at each of the schools will prepare all the materials in the exchange program.

Ed attended Stivers and

Summer program opens at Stivers

The summer program of the Jefferson County Playground and Recreation Board opened Monday, June 12, at Stivers Elementary School, 4238 Westport Rd.

The hours will be from 9 am until 5 pm Monday through Friday. The playground will be open through August 11.

Supervisors are Pat Newell and Doug DeMoss, both college students.

The schedule will include court games, softball, arts and crafts. Representatives of the playground will participate in county-wide events

June 15, 1967

Stivers School to hold fair

The annual fair of the Stivers school will be held Saturday, Sept. 30, from 1 pm until dark on the school grounds at 4238 Westport Rd.

A spaghetti dinner will be served between 4:30 and 8. Tickets will be \$1.25 for adults and 75 cents for children.

There also will be ice cream and cake, a country store, a pet shop and games.

September 14, 1967

Movies scheduled at Stivers School

Movies scheduled for November at O.J. Stivers School, Westport Road, are as follows: Three Worlds of Gulliver (Nov. 4), For the Love of Mike (Nov. 11), Five Thousand Fingers of Dr. T. (Nov. 18).

All movies are in color. Cartoons will be shown before the feature.

Doors open at 1 pm. The movies will begin at 1:30 pm and end at 3:30 pm. Parents are asked to pick the children up promptly. Admission is 35¢ and refreshments will be served.

November 2, 1967

Wilder slips past Stivers in basketball clinic match

By Tim Harman

The Westport Basketball Clinic for fifth and sixth graders got underway Saturday morning with four games between teams from area elementary schools.

In the first game, Wilder edged past Stivers 34-21. The hard-fought game, which was tied 12-12 at the half, was decided on key baskets by Robert Brooks and Gary Flock in the last period.

Flock and Brooks also tied for game scoring honors with 8 points apiece, while Peter Albee and Bobby Knies each tallied six for Stivers. Wilder Coach Terry Howard credited the victory to "an overall team effort," as well as good defense.

Greg Mayfield and Mike Shott combined for 20 points to lead Zachary Taylor "A" team to victory over Mother of Good Counsel 43-4 in the second game.

Mayfield had 18 and Shott 12, while Chris Knop scored all 4 of Mother of Good Counsel's points.

Leading coach Buddy Mettling attributed the defeat to lack of defense.

Ahead by only six at the half, Lyndon "A" held Zachary Taylor "D" to only 3 points in the second half to whip them 27-8. High scorer for the game was Lyndon's Jeff Willard, with 17 points.

Cary McLaughlin of Lyndon and Scott Welford of Zachary Taylor each had five points. Lyndon Coach Bill Compton said he was pleased with his team's offense and defense, while Zachary Taylor Coach Mark Jackson blamed "poor rebounding and lack of aggressive defense" for his team's defeat.

In the fourth game, Norton overpowered Lyndon "B" 25-8. Leading all scorers with 18 points was Norton's Don Jackson, who drew praise from Coach Gary Goers for his rebounding as well as his scoring.

Chris Wicks, who had ten points for Norton, and teammates Bob Mullen were "outstanding on defense," according to Coach Goers. Both Goers and Lyndon Coach Ben Zlotolow agreed that lack of height handicapped Lyndon.

Mrs. Stivers, St. Matthews teacher, dies

Mrs. Dorothy Stivers, a former teacher in the Jefferson County public system, died Sunday, Nov. 12, at 8 am in her home, 2204 Richland Dr.

She was the wife of Orville J. Stivers, superintendent of county schools 40 years before his retirement in 1950 and for whom the Stivers Elementary School in St. Matthews was named.

Mrs. Stivers, a member of the Newburg Christian Church where she taught Sunday School many years, also was a member of the Women's Missionary Union of Cedar Creek Baptist Church.

Besides her husband, she leaves a daughter, Mrs. Hugh B. Standiford; her twin sister, Mrs. Fielden C. Frederick; another sister, Mrs. George V. Page, Dowling Green, Ky.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at 1:30 pm in the McAfee Funeral Home, Buechel. Burial was in Resthaven Memorial Park.

November 23, 1967

St. Matthews Area Elementary Schools:

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Courtesy Jefferson County Public Schools, Archives:

Orville J. Stivers School

Article from *Louisville Times*, 10/8/1968:

Former School Head Orville Stivers Dies

Orville J. Stivers, who was superintendent of Jefferson County schools for 40 years before retiring in 1950, died at 12:35 a.m. today at Kentucky Baptist Hospital. He was 86.

Stivers, who lived at 2204 Richland Drive, apparently held the record for service as superintendent of schools in Kentucky.

That he found the schools so satisfying a career was not unusual. The son of the county superintendent and a teacher, Stivers was reared in a school atmosphere.

In 1959, when he returned to Nichols School in Ferguson's Grove, 10 miles west of Shepherdsville, Stivers looked over the reunion crowd and commented, "I taught most of these folks and it's a real homecoming for me." "And you know something," he added, "Those kids learned quite a bit, too, in spite of their teacher."

The reunion was the ninth annual gathering of the former pupils at Nichols and Highland schools. The yearly event was arranged by Stivers, who taught at the two schools from 1904 to 1909.

When Stivers first took office as superintendent in January 1910, he had been elected by the people. Twice after that he was re-elected to the post. In 1921, the office became appointive by the County Board of Education on a four-year-term basis. Stivers was reappointed seven times. His 40-year career as school superintendent was the subject of a master's degree thesis, written by Mrs. Ora Ashley Carrell, a teacher at Prestonia School, in 1951.

Mrs. Carrell listed as Stivers' major accomplishments:

Consolidation of small schools into larger units.

Development of a school-bus system.

Establishment of county high schools.

Increases in teachers' salaries from \$40.00 a month for a five or six month term to an average of \$3,000 for nine months.

He is also credited with pulling the Kentucky Education Association out of the red when he was president in 1919.

Other innovations during Stivers' years as superintendent were the creation of a staff of supervisors and health, lunchroom and music programs.

Admittedly Sentimental: Stivers was a man given to reminiscing and never minded admitting sentimentality.

When the Orville J. Stivers Elementary School, 4238 Westport Road was opened in 1952, he commented that the school would always have a sentimental value to him that could not be measured in dollars and cents.

Despite his achievements in education, Stivers never affected an air of importance. He was proud of his rural background, evidenced by a story about himself that he liked.

In 1928, *The Courier-Journal & Times* brought Santa Claus, complete with eight reindeer and an Eskimo driver, to Kentuckiana.

When the animals were being moved to their quarters in central Park, some of them became balky. Stivers, who was on hand observing, darted over and said, "Let me show you how to handle balky animals." He coaxed them all off the truck easily.

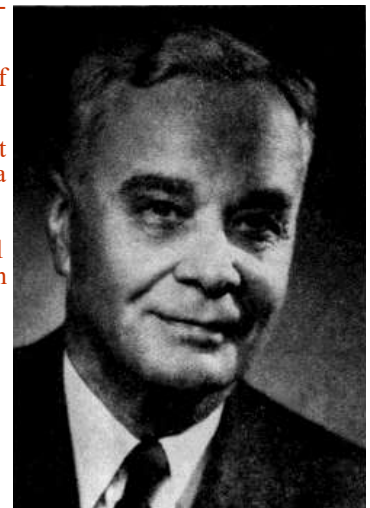
When he retired from the county schools, at 67, Stivers told the board he felt he should "make way for a younger person as my successor. He was succeeded by Richard VanHoose, the current superintendent, who then was 39.

After retirement, Stivers continued to serve for a year as adviser to the board of education.

The educator was a graduate of Jefferson School of Law and attended the University of Kentucky and western State Teachers College.

He was an elder and past treasurer of the Newburg Christian Church. He taught the adult Bible class of the church for over 50 years and was a lay minister for 20 years. He was a member of Buechel Masonic Lodge 896.

Stivers is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Hugh B. Standiford. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at McAfee Funeral Home, 3928 Bardstown Road, with burial in Resthaven Cemetery. The body will be at the funeral home after 6 p.m. today.



Albe scores 10 points to lead Stivers team to another victory

By Tim Herman

Fans at the Westport-Shawnee basketball game at Westport gym Friday night will get an added treat at halftime.

At that time, Zachary Taylor "A" will play Lyndon "A". The two teams participate in the Westport Basketball Clinic on Saturdays under the direction of varsity Coach Bill Olson.

Teams in the clinic are coached by varsity and JV players.

In last Saturday's play, Stivers defeated Zachary Taylor "A" 18-16. Peter Albe had 10 points and Jack Carmichael 8 for Stivers, but Zachary Taylor's Greg Mayfield tossed in 13 points to lead all scorers. Stivers Coaches David Boone and Scott Trager attributed their four-point victory to "very good offense."

Gary Plock's 13 points led Wilder to victory over Mother of Good Counsel 15-9 in the second game. Scott Northeast

scored all 9 of Mother of Good Counsel's points.

Wilder Coach Terry Howard thought his team showed improvement - but "needed more work on defense." Mother of Good Counsel had "much better defense and ball handling" according to Coach Buddy Mattingly.

Norton wins

In the third game, Norton defeated Lyndon "A" 17-12. Lyndon led 7-5 at the half, but Norton, paced by Don Jackson, with 8 points, and Chris Wicke, with 4, was able to bounce back.

Jeff Willard had 4 points for Lyndon, while Norton's Kent Sullivan and Lyndon's Ricky McQuary tallied 3 each. Norton Coach Gary Goers thought his players "were a little sloppy" but came through in the second half.

Coach Bill Compton complained that his Wilder team's press was ineffective.

Lyndon "B" pulled out to an 8-point lead at halftime, and then coasted to a 13-6 victory over Zachary Taylor "B" in the fourth game.

Pat McMakin had 5 and John Reed 4 for the winners, but game honors went to Zachary Taylor's Scott Woford, who scored all 6 of his team's points.

"Good offensive rebounding and defense" were the keys to Lyndon's victory, according to Coach Bob Hook.

Norton defeats Stivers by 4 points to win Westport Basketball Tourney

By Tim Herman

Norton avenged a regular-season loss to Wilder in the semi-finals of the Westport Basketball Clinic Saturday, then went on to defeat Stivers 23-19 for the championship.

In the first round of the tournament, Don Jackson scored 12 points to lead Norton to victory over Zachary Taylor "B" 24-12. Wilder reached its semi-final meeting with Norton by eliminating Lyndon "A" 18-14. Gary Plock had 11 for the winners, while Lyndon was led by Jeff

Willard with 6 points.

Stivers advanced to the semi-final by whipping Mother of Good Counsel 43-8. Jack Carmichael tallied 14 points and Bobby Knless 10. Kenny Itaby and Greg Mayfield each scored four points to pace Zachary Taylor "A" in a 15-7 victory over Lyndon "B".

In the first game of the semi-finals, Stivers defeated Zachary Taylor "A" 22-17. Stivers' Bobby Knless took game scoring honors with 7 points, while his teammate Jim Carmichael and Zachary Taylor's Greg Mayfield each had 6.

Don Jackson again led all scorers with 12 points as his Norton team turned back Wild-

er 20-16 in the second semi-final encounter. Gary Plock tossed in 10 points for Wilder.

"The whole team hustled like they never did before," said Norton Coach Gary Goers after his team came from behind to edge Stivers 23-19, to win the tournament. Don Jackson had all but 4 of Norton's 23 points. "He was stupendous," commented Goers.

Jack Carmichael led the losing cause with 10 points. "They were just too big," lamented Stivers Coaches Scott Trager and David Boone after the loss.

Saturday's tournament marked the end of this year's Westport Basketball Clinic. The clinic was directed by Ian Zlotolow and Westport Coach Bill Olson.

March 7, 1968

Mrs. John White elected president of Stivers PTA

Mrs. John W. White, 4073 Elmwood Ave., was elected president of the Stivers PTA for the 1968-69 school term

at a recent meeting when "Stivers Activities Night" was observed.

Other officers for next term will be Mrs. John L. Lasher, first vice president; Mrs. Hayden F. Heaphy, recording secretary, and Mrs. Robert Eisenmenger, historian.

They will be installed by Mrs. Edward J. Rupp, retiring president, at the May 23 meeting when "Sixth Grade Night" will be the theme of the program.

At the activities night program, students of the third and fourth grades performed physical exercises and sixth graders displayed tumbling routines.

Mrs. Carter Huston, school secretary, received a silver tray from the PTA in recognition of service to the school and to the association.

May 2, 1968

Stivers School PTA to sponsor open house

Open house will be observed by the PTA of Stivers School Tuesday, Oct. 8. The schedule:

First and second grades, 7 to 7:45 pm; third and fourth grades, 7:45 to 8:30, and fifth and sixth grades, 8:30 to 9:15.

October 3, 1968

Bike rodeo conducted at Stivers

Approximately 180 pupils in the first through sixth grades at the Stivers Elementary School participated in a bicycle rodeo and inspection program Tuesday, April 30, through co-operation of the County Police Department.

Mrs. Rudolph Kaster, safety chairman of the PTA, was in charge of the program and was assisted by other members. The children also were presented copies of bicycle safety rules and witnessed a film on safety.

A total of 30 points was possible for children whose bikes passed inspections, for their ability to drive through an obstacle course and for stopping ability.

May 9, 1968

Orville Stivers, former school leader, dies

Orville J. Stivers, former superintendent of Jefferson County schools, and a past president of the Kentucky Education Association, died Tuesday, Oct. 8, at 12:35 am in Kentucky Baptist Hospital. He was 85 and lived at 1204 Richland Dr. Stivers was superintendent of county schools 40 years prior to his retirement in 1960.

His teaching career came naturally as his father was a teacher and a county superintendent. Stivers began teaching in a one-room schoolhouse with a monthly salary of \$17.50 for a five-month term. Stivers became superintendent of county schools in January, 1910, when the post was filled by a vote of the people. He was re-elected on two separate occasions. In 1921, the office became appointive by the County Board of Education for four-year terms.

During his career as superintendent, small county schools were consolidated into larger institutions, the school bus system was inaugurated, county high schools were established and teachers' salaries were increased. He was president of the KEA in 1919.

The Orville J. Stivers Elementary School, 4238 Westport Rd., was named in his honor.

A daughter, Mrs. Hugh B. Standiford survives.

Funeral services were arranged for 1 o'clock this afternoon in the McAfee Funeral Home, 3028 Bardstown Rd., with burial in Rasthaven Memorial Park.

October 10, 1968

'Parents Day' slated at Stivers School

"Parents Day" will be observed at the Stivers Elementary School Tuesday, Aug. 26, the day before opening of the 1969-70 term. The following schedule was announced:

Parents of first and second grade pupils, 8:30 to 10 am; third and fourth grades, 10 to 11, and fifth and sixth grades, 11 until noon.

August 21, 1969

Stivers School PTA to sponsor coffee

All mothers of new students at Stivers School are invited to attend a coffee given by the PTA Tuesday, Sept. 16, at 9:45 am at the school.

September 11, 1969

Article from *Louisville Times*, 6/9/1972:

Stivers' principal says goodbye

"School's out! No more school!" The usual cries of summertime freedom rang out at Orville J. Stivers Elementary School as hundreds of children streamed out the doorways—just like any other "last day."

But the mood at the one-story school building on Westport Road was far from jubilant for Mrs. Ruth Osborne Pennebaker, Stivers' principal. Unlike her students who'll straggle back next fall for another year of books and blackboards and homework, Mrs. Pennebaker's school days are over for good. She retired Wednesday.

Despite the obvious pain of parting from a much-loved career, Mrs. Pennebaker kept smiling—with only a few wet-eyed exceptions—throughout those last hectic hours.

"I always save the last day for the kids," she remarked, from behind the desk that's been "home" for 20 years, since Stivers opened in 1952. Her agenda for the day covered, among a myriad other last-day duties, awarding honors to the boys and girls who racked up perfect attendance records this year and giving out ribbons for winners in the field day exercises.

To the casual observer, Mrs. Pennebaker strolled into the auditorium the first thing Wednesday morning calm and relaxed, a model of composure. But a few tell-tale signs warned her staff that she was perhaps a little jittery.

Her glasses, settled comfortably on her nose at first, came on and off more often as the day progressed. Stopping to chat with a teacher or an excited little girl with an autograph - book, Mrs. Pennebaker donned her glasses, then took them off, then shifted them from hand to hand.

"If they don't break my heart before they go, I'll be surprised," she confided in a brisk walk through the poster-covered walls of Stivers.

In the auditorium, the principal sat in on the third-grade physical education class, where a group of boys and girls were dancing over bamboo sticks that their classmates were clapping together on the floor.

"This is tinikling (pronounced TIN-ik-ling). It's great for the children's coordination," she said. "Children's bodies are like automobiles. It's like greasing a car to make it run better."

Walking back to her office, Mrs. Pennebaker reminisced about her 41 years in the county school system—the changes and the things that remained the same.

"Children are about the same as ever. Maybe a little more sophisticated because of television."

She shook her head and laughed, "We blame all the bad things on TV."

Besides her 20 years at Stivers and 21 years at Greathouse Elementary before that, Mrs. Pennebaker also taught two years in the city system and worked as supervisor of art and music in Vincennes, Indiana.

"It's the teachers who changed. They're better prepared now. Years ago if a child had a learning difficulty, he stayed home. Now they all come to school because our teachers have more experience helping the children with their problems."

Behind her desk again, Mrs. Pennebaker attempted to get organized for the honors assembly—but organization soon became a futile gesture. A steady flow of admirers, problem cases and teachers with reports to be signed appeared at her desk.

It was time to go to the auditorium, the show was on and Mrs. Pennebaker, flanked by a few students, made her way to the assembly.

The assembly was doubtlessly like hundreds of others Mrs. Pennebaker had attended over the years, but she carried on as though it were her first, rather than her last.

Absorbed in the perfect-attendance awards ("This is something your principal could never do. I always had to miss a couple of days," she conceded to her captive audience), Mrs. Pennebaker didn't notice the buzzing and nodding heads of her teachers. They had a surprise in store.

Immediately after the assembly, the principal was escorted to the garden, a strip of grassy lawn and bushes behind the building, which has been her pet project for years. As she stood in the middle of a huge circle of students and staff, a sixth-grade boy delivered a short goodbye and handed her a check to be used to buy a tree for her yard at home.

St. Matthews Area Elementary Schools:

1972

Courtesy Jefferson County Public Schools, Archives:

Orville J. Stivers School

Article from *Louisville Times*, 6/9/1972:

Stivers' principal says goodbye

A rousing chorus of "For she's a jolly good fellow" rescued her from the tears that were on the way.

Later she chided herself for losing control—"I was doing so beautifully before."

Following the "tree ceremony," Mrs. Pennebaker pulled herself together and took a coffee break in the cafeteria, a luxury she rarely indulges in on ordinary days. Just this once, she mused, since it IS the last day.

Realizing that this moment of relaxation would be short-lived, she took advantage of an opportunity to talk about the future—a future that until now had always included thoughts about the up-coming school year.

"I might keep on teaching at the teachers' workshops the county has every year before school starts, but that'll be it."

Mrs. Pennebaker and her husband, Byron, plan to travel once the hoopla has ended. Probably through the New England states, she said. In fact, since their marriage in January, the Pennebakers have spent almost every weekend on the road, seeing the sights of Kentucky.

Next year Stivers will have a man in the principal's office—Daniel Detwiler, a sixth-grade teacher at Wilder Elementary School.

"I think it'll be good for the school to have a male principal," Mrs. Pennebaker explained, since there are no men on the faculty now.

The remainder of her last day was filled with last-chance visits to classrooms to see magic acts, skits and just to say goodbye. As she ambled down the hall-ways, peeking in doorways and waving, children's voices sang hello's from every direction.

"I don't know what to expect next," she said.

Among things she didn't expect, but received plenty of, were personal gifts from the children. Doughnuts, cupcakes, boxes of candy and an icee decorated her desk before the day ended. Students kept her busy signing autograph books, class pictures and even napkins.

As the large round clock in the office ticked closer to 2:30, she began fiddling with the intercom behind her desk. It's a new machine and more complicated and awkward to use than the one it replaced.

"Hello ... may I have your attention?" Standing toward the open window, looking out at the grounds that still resembled a construction site when she first took command of Stivers School, Mrs. Pennebaker said farewell to her friends.

"... and so now goodbye and we'll see each other sometime again."

A few minutes later, seated at her desk, Mrs. Pennebaker heard the dismissal bell ring for the final time.

"School's out... ."

Embracing a student, Mrs. Ruth Pennebaker says goodbye at the end of her last day as principal of Stivers Elementary School. Mrs. Pennebaker retired this year after teaching for over 40 years.



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St. Matthews Area Elementary Schools:

1973/1974

Courtesy Anne Forrester Balcom:



Mrs. Calvert's Second Grade class - Stivers Elementary 1973-1974

In this photo: Holly Hatfield, Debbie Chreste Landers, Chris Mosher, Anne Forrester Balcom, Stephen M. Oliver.

St. Matthews Area Elementary Schools:

1976/1977

Courtesy Elisa Poe-Freeman,:

Ms. Spurr's 5th Grade Class



Mrs. Wygal's 6th Grade Class, *In this photo:* [Holly Hatfield](#), [Kelly Netherton Fautz](#), [Elisa Poe-Freeman](#), unknown year



Courtesy Anne Forrester Balcom:



Mrs. Imhoff's 5th grade class - Stivers Elementary 1976-1977 FEEL FREE TO TAG YOURSELF IN THIS PICTURE. This picture was taken just before I broke my leg and missed the remainder of my 5th grade year.

Front Row: Mrs. Imhoff, Anne Forrester (me), Pam Sigismonti, Erin Roppel, Claire Flarsheim, Cheryl Amos, Tracey Potts, Kelley Ford, Mr. Detweiler Middle Row: Paul Addington, Billy Major, Brian Allen, Karen Pruitt, Lance Livesay, John Archangel, Chris Moser

Back Row: Hollie Hatfield, Andre (can't remember his last name), Julie Sherer, Larry Kaelin, Minnie Offett, Karen (can't remember her last name either), Ricky Skinner

St. Matthews Area Elementary Schools:

1952/1980

Courtesy Jefferson County Public Schools, Archives:

Orville J. Stivers School

O. J. STIVERS ELEMENTARY

1952 — 1980

The O. J. Stivers School was built in 1952 to relieve overcrowded conditions at the Greathouse and Lyndon elementary schools and Eastern High School. In the face of a tax defeat in May 1952, the Jefferson County Board of Education built the best school possible under financial difficulties.

The estimated cost of the building was less than \$400,000.00 or \$783.00 per pupil for a 480-pupil building, including equipment. It is a one—floor structure, partly prefabricated, with wood frame, concrete floors, and walls of a painted, patented insulated board. The original building consisted of sixteen classrooms, an art room, music room, library and visual aid suite, all purpose room, lunch-room, kitchen, two rest rooms and four individual first—grade rooms.

The expected enrollment was 330, but school opened in September with 500 students. Enrollment increased the following year, necessitating the building of an addition of four classrooms and two rest rooms. A teachers' lounge was added at this time.

Stivers served grades 1—7 in 1952 and added the 8th grade for the 1953 school year. With the completion of Waggener High School in 1954, the 7th and 8th grades were eliminated and it has served grades one through six up to the present.

The enrollment at Stivers steadily increased and by 1964 had reached 670 pupils. The boundaries of Stivers district at this time consisted of an area of about two and one—half square miles and was located approximately between St. Matthews Avenue, Brownsboro Road, Watterson Expressway, and Shelbyville Road, excluding the city of Richlawn west of Hubbards Lane. The school served approximately 466 families.

The Parent—Teachers Association was started in 1952 and has been extremely active over the years. The P.T.A. founded the present library which now houses over 10,000 books. The monthly news letter of the P.T.A. is THE POST.

There have been only two principals of O. J. Stivers, Ruth Osborne, and Mr. Dan Detwiler, who replaced Miss Osborne after her retirement in 1972.

The students of Stivers published a newspaper four times a year. This publication was The Inkwell started in 1953 and continued until 1975. It then became part of a cluster publication through 1976.

By 1970 it was apparent that the enrollment was declining. Possible factors involved were the location of Stivers in what now was considered a very stable neighborhood, the opening of Kammerer Middle School, a declining birth rate, and the return of L. D. students to their neighborhood schools. All these events occurred from 1970 — 1974. In 1975, Jefferson County School were to desegregate by Court ordered busing. The busing factor caused many families to move out of the district or enroll their children in private schools.

Stivers enrollment had dropped continuously and in February 1980 the Board of Education announced Stivers would close at the end of the school year. New boundary lines have been drawn and Stivers students will be redistributed between Chenoweth and Dunn elementary school.

St. Matthews Area Elementary Schools:

Unknown Date

Courtesy Helen Bisha DePrima (62):

Orville J. Stivers School

Front Row: Left to right—?????, Jan Fletcher, ?????: Next row: Jimmy Hannah, ????, Next row: John Schiebel, Ranny Patterson , ????



Girls, 5th grade Stivers: Front row, left to right— Judy Ogden, ????, Lawrie Lewis, Next row, Linda Boynton, Marilyn Gordon,???, Sarah Nutting, Dena????? Back row, Jane Kiefer, ?????



St. Matthews Area Elementary Schools:

Today

Courtesy Jefferson County Public Schools, Archives:

Orville J. Stivers School



St. Matthews Area Elementary Schools:

May 2008

Courtesy Al Rings:

Orville J. Stivers School



St. Matthews Area Elementary Schools:

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Comments from Alumni of Stivers:

Orville J. Stivers School

Dick, We didn't attend Stivers until 4th grade. I remember being in Mrs. Salyer's 2nd grade class and then Mrs. Card's 3rd grade class. At Stivers Mrs. Stumbo was my 4th grade teacher and Mrs. Grundwald was in 5th grade; 6th grade was Mrs. Hunter. However, I can't remember what I did last week!!!!
Audie

Dick I remember starting Stivers in the 4th grade with Mrs. Stumbo as teacher, 5th grade Mrs. Bohannon and in the 6th it was Mrs. Grunwald who taught a split class of fifth and sixth grade. She retired that year. I remember Mrs. Ritchie having spent at least one summer in the summer band and orchestra. And would you believe I still have my Stivers Glee Club letter! How about those "soccer games" in the Stivers parking lot before school started and those "spring festivals" where we had to dress in costumes and perform those embarrassing dances! Don't remember much about lunch except being applauded for dropping my tray a few times. Anybody else remember Stivers?
Trent

I remember when Stivers nearly blew down! Anyone recall that? Bert.

Undated, received February 24, 2012, courtesy Sherry Hyde of St. Matthews, drawing by Dottie Schlenning.

