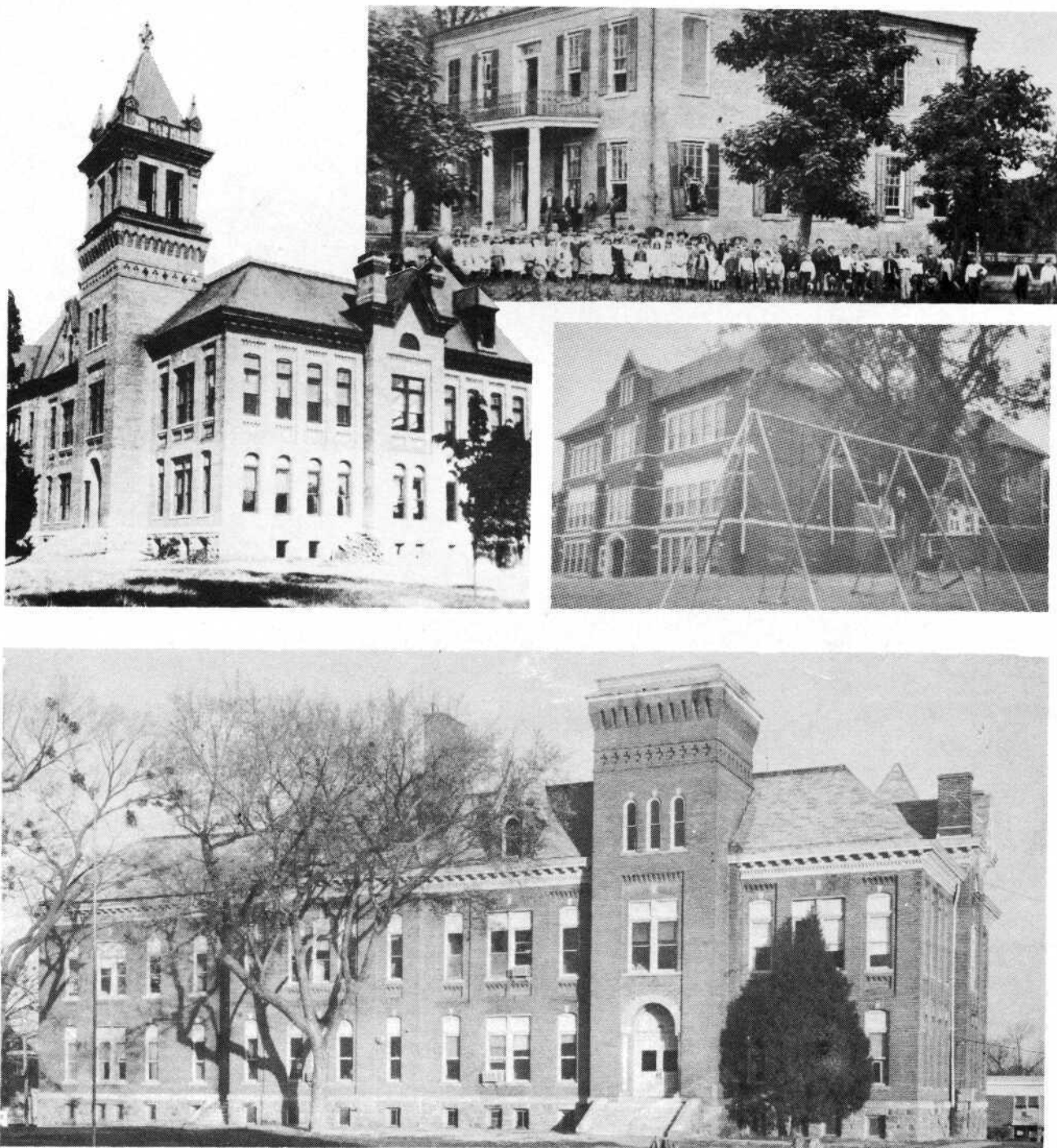


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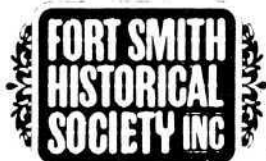
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Belle Grove School

Marion Upchurch

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In 1850, John Carnall came to Fort Smith and started a school at the corner of Garrison Avenue and Third Street. Later he built a house to accommodate his school out on North Sixth Street, naming it Belle Grove.

This Belle Grove School was bought from John Carnall by the school board in 1870, but the school continued to be a semi-private school until 1875 when the citizens of Fort Smith voted a five-mill tax for the support of public schools. At that time Belle Grove became the first public school in Fort Smith.



Belle Grove School 1880. Courtesy Old Fort Museum.

An old record states that the *Belle Grove School Journal*, first high school newspaper in Arkansas, was first published at Belle Grove in February, 1872. The earliest issue is not now available, but Volume 1, Number 2, dated March, 1872, which is on microfilm at the Fort Smith Public Library, states the *Belle Grove School Journal* was established in October, 1871. Editors were: General Editors, Miss Nannie Haglin, Mr. W.L. Jones; Local Editors, Miss Georgia B. McKee, Mr. John Hendry (students).

Do you suppose it ever entered the minds of the Belle Grove students writing for their school paper in 1872 that they were also writing for people living in 1985? Yet, who can better tell us about what was happening in Belle Grove school in 1872 than they can? Read on as they describe in their own words their school building and report first-hand their school news.

"Belle Grove Public School building is situated on Knox Street, about half a dozen blocks from Garrison Avenue, Fort Smith, Arkansas. It derives its name from the clump of beautiful trees in which it stands. Though it has been some twenty years since it was built, yet it withstands the wear of time so well as to show little sign of dilapidation.

would

Belle Grove School Journal

ESTABLISHED, OCTOBER, 1871.

Vol. 1 **MARCH, 1872.** **No. 2.**

<p>SCHEDULE Of Time, Grades, &c., in Belle Grove Public School.</p> <p>All the Schools open at 9 o'clock A. M. Houses, morning,.....10:30 to 10:50 " noon.....12 to 1:30 " afternoon.....3 to 3:30 Close, afternoon.....4:30</p> <p>FIRST AND SECOND GRADES— Miss MAGGIE HAMILTON, Teacher. First Grade Branches—Alphabet, Reading from charts, First Reader, Counting and Reading Numbers, First Lessons in Primary Arithmetic, Printing words upon the slate. Second Grade Branches—Second Reader, First Grammar, Primary Arithmetic.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Belle Grove School Journal</p> <p style="text-align: center;">GENERAL EDITORS: MR. NANNIE HAGLIN : : MR. W. L. JONES LOCAL EDITORS: MISS GEORGIA B. MCKEE : : MR. JOHN HENDRY.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">FORT SMITH, MARCH, 1872.</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">The Pin Which Made a Fortune.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">BY GEO. TILLES.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">THERE was a splendid ban-</p>	<p>and with great delight. "Now I shall not be beaten," she exclaimed. She now remarked how the boy was gnawing at his crust, and said, "I have got an apple in my pocket; will you have it? It is a very good one, I have bitten it already." Instead of making any reply, the beggar boy soon put his teeth into the apple, which she handed him, and went his</p> <p>come of the girl who, by her gift of the packet of needles, had first aroused in him the spirit of commerce. She had grown into a good, fine-looking woman—not very young, perhaps, for she had already reckoned thirty summers. But as yet she had had no suitor, because she was poor. The Parisian banker sought for her, and said in a short manner:</p>
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Masthead, Belle Grove School Journal. Courtesy Fort Smith Public Library.

"We are told that it was erected by a Mr. Norton, as a private residence; yet we can scarcely conceive that it has ever been a dwelling, unless we are allowed to imagine its shape now changed.

"Various have been its uses: It was frequently used before the war for school purposes, and during the war it was, at one time, transformed into a hospital for Federal soldiers. Finally, in 1870, it was purchased by the School Board, for nine or ten thousand dollars, and has been since occupied by the public school. Looking from the southeastern part of the city, we are struck, not only by the beauty of its situation, among the large oaks on the high ground, but also by its massive appearance. At the distance of half a mile, from this quarter, we can only see a heap of red bricks half hidden in the grove.

"Approaching as nearly in a direct line as possible, we come up behind the house. As yet, we are awaiting further developments to enable us to classify it. The regular form of the principal building or rather of the principal part, indicates that it is a public structure.

"The same thing is indicated by the uniformity of openings in the second story, for it is only two stories high. But the neat little recess for the back porch, and the wing, or ell, reaching towards the east, declare that it was intended for a home. Yet again as we see the smoke issuing from a half dozen chimney tops, we are inclined to think it is something more than a mere dwelling. After someone has assured us that it is a school house, we look around at the yard, the great old shade trees, and the well that is so familiar to all who recollect Belle Grove as one of their haunts.

"It is certainly a bleak place on a cold day, and we can imagine the boys grouped on the south side of the house with their hands in their pockets, listening for the bell to recall them to study.

"When the south breeze rustles through the leafy limbed trees, we think this must be a very pleasant spot indeed, where the girls and boys, retreating from the warm sunshine, can sit in the cool, refreshing shade, and chat the doings of the day. No doubt, could the old oaks talk, many school girls would blush to listen to their talk. Belle Grove, like other long lived spots, has its events, recollections, and dear associations. Here, perhaps, our mothers and our fathers, the first time, met. Here, too, we played with some dear friend that has long left us mourning. And as we gather to our rooms, with all that know us as school mates, we wonder if when, twenty more swift-going years are added to the past, we shall not sigh to live this day again."

Two editorial notes are of interest:

"The arrival of the Peabody money has diffused a genial air of pleasantness over teachers and pupils. This circumstance leads us into the reflection that it would be a worthy act if those in the monetary department of our schools could provide a regular recurrence of so happy an influence."

"Our elder brethren of the press, who have so good naturedly favored us with their weeklies in exchange for the monthly *Journal*, will be gratified to learn that their generosity has enabled the High School to establish a respectable Reading Room. All exchanges will be, hereafter, placed on file in the Reading Room, where the scholars of Belle Grove will gather at stated times."

These early writers list their teachers and subjects taught, by grade. Note that they list only six grades and high school.

"FIRST AND SECOND GRADES — Miss Maggie Hamilton, Teacher. First Grade Branches — Alphabet, Reading from charts, First Reader, Counting and Reading Numbers, First Lessons in Primary Arithmetic, Printing words upon the slate.

"Second Grade Branches — Second Reader, Oral Geography, Primary Arithmetic, Writing. Classes in each grade, 6.

"THIRD AND FOURTH GRADES — Miss Lydia Barnum, Teacher. Third Grade Branches — Third Reader, Spelling, Primary Arithmetic, Elementary Geography, Writing.

"Fourth Grade Branches — Fourth Reader, Spelling, Geography, Written and Mental Arithmetic, Oral instructions in English Grammar, Writing. Classes in each grade, 6.

"FIFTH AND SIXTH AND PART OF FOURTH GRADES — Miss E.C. Axtell, Teacher. Fifth Grade Branches — Fifth Reader, Spelling, Geography, Written and Mental Arithmetic, First Lessons in English Grammar, Writing.

"Sixth Grade Branches — History of United States, with related Geography, Spelling, Written and Mental Arithmetic, English Grammar, First Lessons in Quackenbos's Composition, Writing. Classes in each grade, 6.

"HIGH SCHOOL — Mr. J.M. Lucey, Teacher.¹ English Branches — General History, Quackenbos's Composition, Original Composition, semi-weekly, Exercise in Transposition, weekly, Familiar Science and Physiology, semi-weekly.

"Mathematics — Ray's Algebra, Part I and Part II, Davies' Geometry.

"Latin Branches — Latin Grammar, Latin Reader, Caesar, Horace, Prose Composition. Classes, 13. Classes in High School, 13.

"Class in Declamation receives one hour's attention weekly.

"Mr. Lucey also supervises the proceedings of the different societies.

"Misses Axtell and Barnum are assisted by the Superintendent in recitations from the Third, Fifth and Sixth Grades.

F.A. ROGAN,
Superintendent."

"The regulations of the Public Schools of Fort Smith require that all pupils attending the schools, who do not live within the city limits and whose parents or guardians do not pay city taxes, shall be charged tuition at the following rates: First Grade per month, \$1.50; Second Grade per month, \$1.75; Third Grade, \$2.00; Fourth Grade, \$2.25; Fifth and Sixth, \$2.50; High School, \$3.00. To be paid in advance."

In addition to the regular classwork there were the extra societies: "Belle Grove Debating Society was organized October 1, 1872 (This is an obvious typographical error since the publication is dated March, 1872.), and has for its object the improvement of its members in writing and debating, as well as the promotion of their social and moral advancement. The President is chosen from the teachers of Belle Grove school; the other officers are elected semi-annually from the members of the society. SECOND TERM: Mr. J.M. Lucey, President; Mr. N.C. Carnall, Vice President; Mr. W.L. Jones, Recording Secretary; Mr. F. Eberle, Corresponding Secretary; Mr. L. Devany, Treasurer; Mr. W. Steiner, Librarian."

"The High School is fast attracting public attention, not only by its progress in the sciences of the scholar, but also by its ability to change the usual dry routine of school labor into instructive recreation. It is with pleasure, therefore, that we give space to the following notice from the columns of the *Arkansas Patriot*.

'HIGH SCHOOL — We had the pleasure of attending the exercises of the High School on last Friday afternoon, and were very agreeably entertained. The debating society, organized by Prof. Lucey, is a fine thing to stimulate original thought, and make his scholars self reliant. The young men discussed the subject of "Female Suffrage" in a manner that would have done credit to much older heads than theirs. Prof. Lucey decided the affirmative won the debate by weight of argument. The honor for the best speech was awarded to Mr. Carnall, while Mr. Devany won complimentary mention for his clear and fine enunciation.

'After the school exercises were over, the editor of the *Patriot* addressed them some earnest words of

advice and encouragement. Col. Carnall was invited, but was too modest to speak'."

There were also the Philopasian Society for the girls and the Lyceum Society for the boys, both of which were the forerunners of physical education. Officers for the girls for the second term were: Miss Annie Bondurant, President; Miss Mollie Berry, Recording Secretary; Miss Nannie Haglin, Treasurer; and Miss Effie Turner, Corresponding Secretary.

Lyceum officers for the second term were: Mr. W.L. Jones, President; Mr. N.C. Carnall, Recording Secretary; Mr. J. Hendry, Corresponding Secretary; and Mr. F. Eberle, Treasurer.

Mr. Twyman was director of the Glee Club and its officers for the second term were: Miss Georgia B. McKee, President; Miss Mollie Berry, Treasurer; and Mr. W.L. Jones, Recording Secretary.

School board minutes from October 27, 1883, to June 15, 1885, reveal more interesting facts concerning Fort Smith schools. On October 27, 1883, President Atkinson was in the chair. The following December 29th, certificates of election were filed for Mr. D. Baker and Dr. J.G. Eberle, which filled board positions with Hoffman and Stone.

A year later, December 27, 1884, there was a new board of directors which included, by election, Dr. E.R. DuVal and W.J. Echols, with DuVal as president.

In one of the interim meetings, discussion was held concerning the two new schools being built, which were voted on six months later to receive the names of Belle Point and Howard.

In that year Belle Grove consisted of the High School, Grammar School, Intermediate First Primary and Second Primary Grades.

John H. Rogers was present for the regular meeting of the school board and received thanks for helping with the reservation bill. At the same meeting, discussion was entered into to contract for water hydrants at Belle Grove and Peabody.

On June 10, 1885, when the names Belle Point and Howard were chosen for the new schools, Director Baker, the Grand Master of Masons, was invited to lay the cornerstones of the new buildings and Hon. I.C. Parker to deliver an address on the occasion. (See "1885 Newspapers", this issue.)

Also at that meeting a committee was appointed to examine Belle Grove School and report as to its safety.

Two days later, on June 12, 1885, Belle Grove School was reported unsafe; and on June 15th the school board was ready to advertise for bids on the new Belle Grove School.²

John Carnall had taken the position that the Belle Grove school building could serve a while longer. ("Newspapers", this issue.)

The contract was let and the new school building was completed in August, 1886. "Belle Grove School was built under the supervision of W.H. Byram, architect, a graduate of the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute at Troy, N.Y., and a member of the architectural firm, Neir, Hogg & Byram, Kansas City, Mo."³

"On Tuesday evening last (August 24), the cornerstone of the Belle Grove school building was laid under the auspices of the Masonic fraternity of this city, State Grand Master T.C. Humphreys being master of ceremonies, and Rev. W.A. Sample, Grand Chaplain. Among the documents deposited in the stone were a list of the names of the President and his cabinet, Governor, State and congressional officers of Arkansas, county officers of Sebastian County, Fort Smith school board, superintendent and teachers, copies of the *Times*, *Tribune* and *Elevator*, Masonic by-laws, etc. The ceremonies were very impressive."⁴

This original building did not include the four rooms — two on the first floor and two on the second floor — which comprise the north wing. The lower floor was used for grades one through eight, the

upper floor was the high school section. At one time there was a small frame building on the northeast corner of the school yard to take care of overflow from the primary grades.

The southwest corner of the building was topped by a stately tower which was removed for safety reasons. The yard was enclosed by one of those beautiful iron fences rarely seen today. The wonderful old trees which make the schoolyard outstanding were little saplings.

A special celebration was held at the school in 1936 commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of the building of the new building. The late Miss Mollie Williams, who was then principal of Belle Point School, was the principal speaker. Many early day students were present for the occasion.

The first United States flag used on a Fort Smith school yard was raised on the Belle Grove yard about 1894. After being used many years as the school flag, it was placed in the Old Commissary Museum (now called Old Fort Museum), where it has remained until the present time.

Belle Grove served grades one through twelve until 1897 when the high school students were transferred to the new high school built at Grand Avenue and Fifteenth street, the present location of Darby Junior High. Because the cyclone of 1898 lifted the top and front from the new building, it was necessary to return the high school students to Belle Grove for one year while repairs were made on the new building.

In 1898 the officers of the school board were John H. Rogers, president; John W. Morton, secretary; and J.S. Holloway, superintendent of schools.

Belle Grove enrollment as of January, 1898, was 456. Teachers were: 1st grade, Mrs. Boyd; 2nd grade, Miss Nance; 3rd grade, Miss Hollowell; 4th grade, Miss Cunningham; 5th grade, Miss Rutherford and Miss Williams; 7th grade, Miss Hunt. (It is not clear from reading the *Fort Smith School News*, from which this information was taken, where Mrs. Kimmons, Misses Kinney and Hammonds taught. Apparently some of them taught 6th grade.)

The eighth grade pupils to be promoted to High School and ranking highest in points were Roy Tilles, Meta Bracht, Katherine Sandels, Maude Barnes and Minnie Pahotski (later to become principal at Belle Grove).

Other familiar names of students ranking high in grade average were: 3rd grade, Janie Darby; 4th grade, Jessie Chaffin; 5th grade, Edgar Robinson and Frank Shaw; 6th grade, Nellie Barling; 7th grade, Florence Pahotski; 8th grade, Bessie Eberle.⁵



Belle Grove School, 1905. Courtesy Old Fort Museum and University of Arkansas at Little Rock.



Belle Grove 7th and 8th Grades, 1889

1st row, left to right: Emmett Morris, Maude Junk, Annie Williams, Margaret Bejack, Queen Latham, Margorie Wheeler, Minnie Miller, Phoebe Park, Jack Nance.

2nd row, right to left: Dinsmore McManus, Ralph Speer, Dymple Johnson, Robert Tilley, Joe Berman, Maude Echols, Daisy Miller, Mary Gatlin, May Hollowell, Margaret Young.

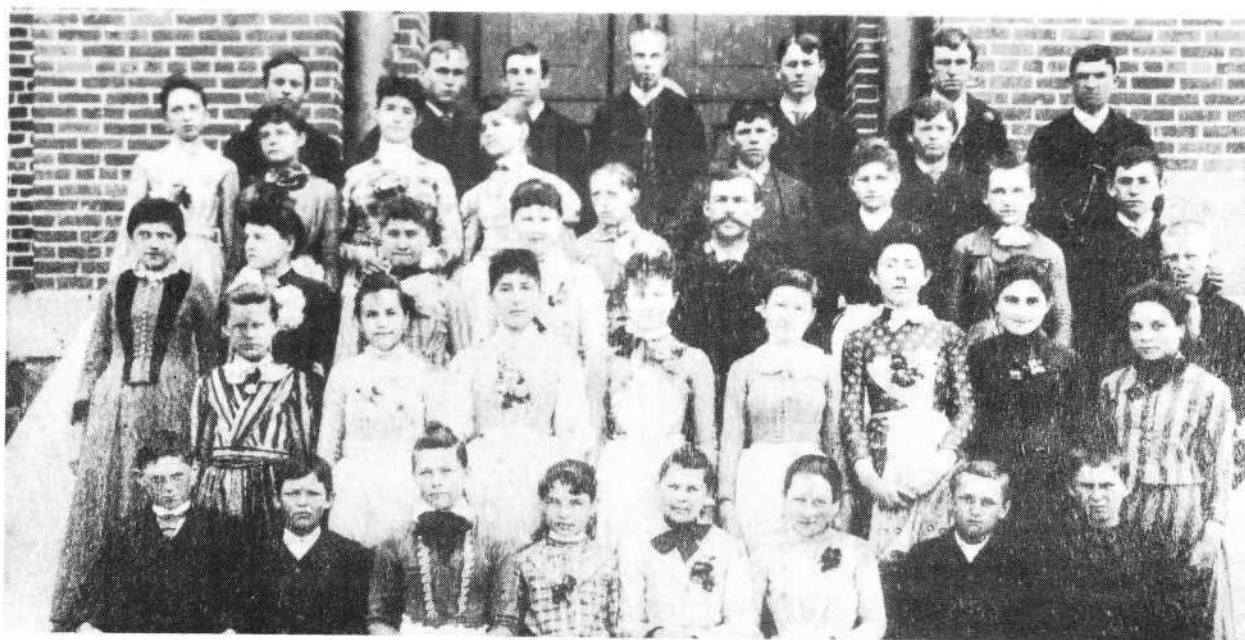
3rd row, left to right: unidentified girl, Joe Ault, Star Adair, Alice Rogers, Bic Cofired, Annie Moore, Stewart Wier, Ted Wisdom, Zula Tucker, Mellie Denton.

4th row, right to left: Ben Young, Claude Laws, Porch Grady, Jim Griffing, Robert Dobbs, (unidentified) Cooney, Charley Maidlow, Albert Williams, Mabel Thompson, Jessie Degan, Will Clayton.

5th row, left to right: Henry Bruce, Joe Matthews, Mrs. S.L. Johnson (Teacher), Ben Williams.

Mrs. Johnson (Miss Clara Cunningham), Teacher.

Courtesy Old Fort Museum.



Belle Grove Juniors, 1889

1st row, left to right: Sam Kaufman, James Rutherford, Pearl Stegall, Hattie McManus, Annie Smith, Elizabeth Barnes, Ed Hunt, Earnest McEachen.

2nd row, left to right: Clara Schwebke, Stella Jones, Rose Jacobs, Lula Mathews, Teresa Meek, Allie Papenneimer, Bella Baer, Maud Junk.

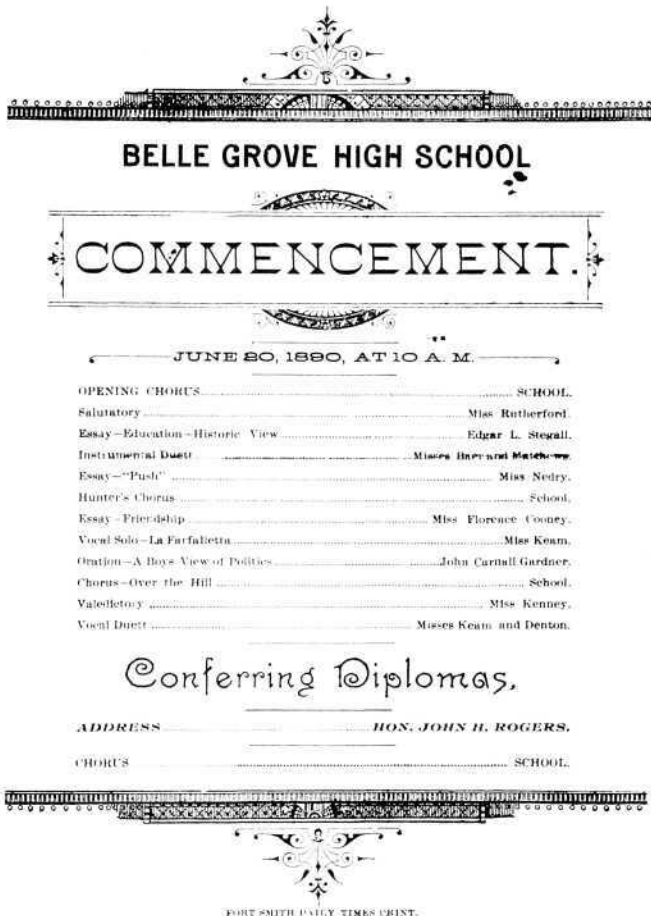
3rd row, left to right: Blanche Evans, May Stroup, Mollie Milor, Mary Thompson, Annie Hunt, Prof. Anderson, Ben (Wolf) Joel, John Waltenberger.

4th row, left to right: Minna Low Lotz, Geraldine Botopher, Stella McEachen, Lelia Collins, Jack Kennedy, Will Lunsford.

5th row, left to right: Humes Hamilton, Earnest Hays, Will Ayers, Will Carter, Oscar Hays.

Courtesy Old Fort Museum.

The first graduation class, 1887, consisted of two boys and one girl. By 1894 there were 24 members in the graduating class. Graduation exercises were held on the second floor of the school until that space became inadequate. For a time, until the new building was in use, the programs were held in the Old Opera House at the corner of Fifth Street and Garrison Avenue. This building has been razed to make way for commercial building.



A complete list of Principals of Belle Grove School is not available, but the following served between 1907-1975:

1907-1911 A.E. Lee	1946-1948 M.B. Cierley
1911-1921 J. McCullough	1948-1954 Jesse W. Winner
1921-1926 J.W. Grise	1954-1957 Frank Jones
1926-1933 Ralph B. Jones	1957-1962 Charles Bogan
1933-1939 Minnie Pahotski	1962-1971 Ruth Danner ⁶
1939-1942 Terrel Spencer	1971-1974 Art Hanna
1942-1946 Clyde Inez Martin	1974-1975 James Hall

Fontaine O'Brien⁷, who was a teacher at Belle Grove for thirty-three years, has many memories of Belle Grove. She recalls the incredibly wide corridors and the huge classrooms with high ceilings. The only electric lights were in the halls, and perhaps the principal's office. On cloudy days teachers would move their classes near the windows to get as much light as possible. Later, electric lights covered with

large globes were hung from the ceilings, and finally fluorescent lights were installed in the classrooms.

During the depression, lunch time was an hour and a half. This gave the needy children time to walk to the Parker Courthouse where they were given free meals. There was no cafeteria in the school building, and teachers either walked to town for lunch or brought lunch from home.

Because of lack of funds, there was a cut-back on faculty and only the first four grades were taught. The upper story was blocked off.

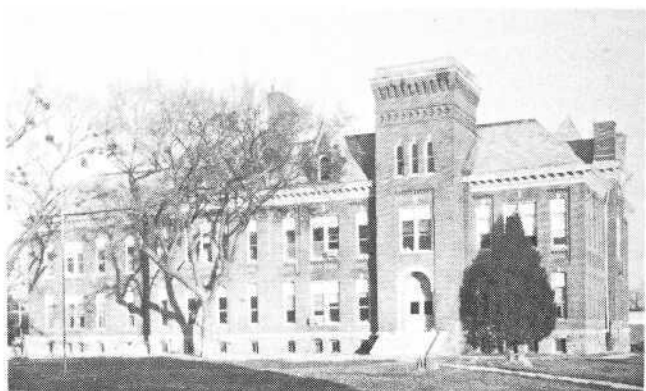
Children had to buy their own books and one of the projects was the mending and re-binding of all textbooks used in all the Fort Smith schools. The basement was used for this program and also for the teaching of adults who were illiterate.

A ranger at the Fort Smith National Historic Site (Judge Parker's Courthouse) remembers the free lunches, as well as a playground set up for the children at the site, with swings, slides, etc. There was also a sewing class for girls.

These were all part of a government project, probably the National Recovery Act, under President Franklin D. Roosevelt's administration.

Both Fontaine O'Brien and Marion Upchurch⁸ retired in 1973. Marion had taught at Belle Grove for 44 years. They were honored with an all-day reception given by faculty and friends. Other teachers took over their duties for the day, and it was a fitting occasion for former students, friends and well-wishers to visit and offer congratulations to these dedicated teachers. Each of them was given a gold locket with a miniature picture of Belle Grove School inside, and engraved on the back was the date, "May 2, 1973".

Neighborhoods change. In the early days of Belle Grove school, the streets of that area were lined with homes of the prominent citizens of the town. The children of those families, who were students at Belle Grove, make up a large segment of the leading residents of our city today. Time passed, most of these families moved to newer sections of town, and some of their fine homes are long since gone. Others were divided into apartments or left standing vacant — the elegance of the area was gone.



Belle Grove school building, 1983. Photo by Bradley Martin.

Time continues to change. Today, this area is known as the Belle Grove Historical District and one by one the beautiful houses which are left are being restored to their original look. One of the first and best known of these restorations is the home of Judge W.H.H. Clayton, who was prosecuting attorney for the court of Judge Isaac Parker and a brother to Powell Clayton, a Governor of Arkansas. Across the street from Belle Grove, the Clayton House is now a museum and open to the public daily, except Monday. A block west is the Fort Smith Art Museum housed in the restored Vaughn-Schapp house, and across Sixth Street from Belle Grove is the former home of Wm. J. Johnston, an early Mayor of Fort Smith who built his home there the same year the new Belle Grove school building was built, 1886. There are many, many more of the houses now in various stages of restoration.

The beauty of the neighborhood is returning, but for the children living there today, Belle Grove school is not there for them to attend and they go to the new Tilles school or Howard school.

The last regular classes held in the Belle Grove school ended with the 1974-75 school year. Belle Grove, the first public school in Fort Smith, is no more, except in the memories of former students, teachers and historians.

In the last several years that the Belle Grove school building served as a school, it also housed the Children's Service League's clothing locker from which clothing was furnished to children, from all Fort Smith public schools, who needed clothing.

After Belle Grove school was closed, administrative offices previously located in the School Services Center were moved to the building. Initially, the school nurses and social worker had offices on the first floor. Subsequently, the entire building was used for all Special Education Services, including the Regional Center for the Handicapped, Speech Therapist, aid for hearing impaired, hospitalized and home-bound students, and Resource Consultants.

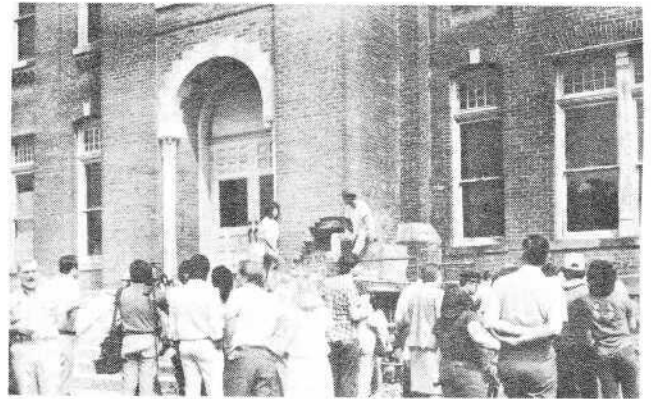
The use of the building by the school system was terminated in June, 1984, and it was sold to Phil White and Paul Guiffre of Fort Smith, who are remodeling the building for luxury apartments. Their present plans include rebuilding the bell tower which was on the building originally.

To students, teachers and principals whose years spent there are fond memories, the change will be sad, and they agree it will take some sort of architectural wizardry to produce more beauty than they have seen there all through the years.

Whatever use is made of this building, it no doubt will stand for many years to come. When the late Gene Scales was Civil Defense Director for this area, he made an inspection tour of the building, particularly of the basement. His comment was that in the event of a tornado, he would go to that basement if possible because it was the safest place he had seen.

On May 12, 1985, a very warm and humid Sunday afternoon, city, county, school and Fort Smith Historical Society officials, as well as a crowd of

other interested persons, assembled to witness removal of the cornerstone of the Belle Grove school which had been in place ninety-nine years.



Belle Grove School cornerstone being removed May 12, 1985. Photo courtesy Jim Holland.

Preceding the ceremony, the American Flag was once again raised on the school's flagpole, by Phil White assisted by Robert Beneux, whose uncle attended Belle Grove, and Jason Cook.

Inside the cornerstone was a metal box which contained the items mentioned earlier. Moisture had gotten to the box, causing the bottom of it to rust out. Because of this, the contents were wet and could not be examined until properly dried.



C.B. "Pat" Porter, president of Fort Smith Historical Society, and police escort getting ready to transport contents of Belle Grove school cornerstone. Photo by Amelia Martin.

Phil White, a member of the board of directors of the Fort Smith Historical Society, presented the documents to the Historical Society, and under police escort of patrolman James Croom, Col. Pat Porter, president of the Society, and Amelia Martin, editor of *The Journal* of the Fort Smith Historical Society, took them to a place of safety until they could be transferred to a heat-and-humidity controlled room at the National Historic Site to be dried out. The drying process was done by the staff of the Historic Site, and the documents are presently archived at the Fort Smith Public Library.

We express our heart-felt gratitude to all persons involved in saving these historical documents.

Footnotes

1. J.M. Lucey, teacher in the high school, later became a priest of the Catholic church in Fort Smith. See Volume IV, Number 2, September, 1980 issue of *The Journal* of the Fort Smith Historical Society for the diary of J.M. Lucey written from July 8, 1861, to September 2, 1861, in which he records the day by day story of the Fort Smith Rifles in the battle of Wilson Creek. At that time, he was Private John M. Lucey, Co. A, Fort Smith Rifles, Arkansas 3rd Infantry.

2. Fort Smith School Board Minutes, courtesy Dr. C.B. Garrison, Superintendent of Schools; his secretary, Norma Shaffer; and assistant secretary, Teri Taft Edwards.

3. *Reflections of Fort Smith*, by Julia Yadon, Sue R. Cross, and Randall R. Viguet. Fort Smith Historical Press, 1976.

4. *Fort Smith Elevator*, August 27, 1886.

5. *The Fort Smith School News*, April, 1898. Edited by J.L. Holloway and printed by the A.A. Rutledge Publishing Co. Courtesy of Dan Miller.

6. Ruth Estes Danner, principal at Belle Grove 1962-1971, was born at Guthrie, Oklahoma Territory. Her mother wanted to "go back home", so the family returned to Arkansas while Ruth was still a small infant.

She entered Belle Grove School as a second-grade student in 1912, and attended there until her class was promoted to seventh grade. Because Belle Grove became too crowded, the students were transferred to Weaver School at 400 North 15th Street. Weaver was old and became "rickety" from the marching of the students, and they were transferred to the basement of the High School, now known as Darby Junior High.

Ruth finished high school there in 1923 and began teaching in the Fort Smith Public Schools in 1926 at Spradling School. Spradling, she recalls, was practically "out in the country", and even though her classes were large, from 40 to 45 students, there was no discipline problem. The "farmer" parents saw to that.

Mrs. Danner has a background in music, so in 1930 she was transferred to Peabody School, where she taught music in the third to sixth grades. She taught there until 1944.

In 1940 Ruth Estes was married to John Danner. He was employed by Arkansas Motors, now known as Arkansas Best. He was transferred to Little Rock, where they resided for four years. Upon their return to Fort Smith, Ruth began teaching at Fairview School in 1954.

After many sessions of summer school, she received her degree in school administration and

became principal at Belle Grove in 1962, where she served until 1971. She served as principal there and at Parker simultaneously and also was principal at DuVal a year while at Belle Grove.

Mr. Danner died in 1955, leaving his wife, Ruth, and two children, John, Jr., and Patricia (Mrs. Doug Hartman). And there are now six grandchildren.

Ruth Estes Danner retired in 1971, after 44 years of faithful service to the Fort Smith Public School system.

7. Fontaine O'Brien, who taught thirty-three years at Belle Grove, was born in Fort Smith and attended Peabody, Weaver and Fort Smith High School. After graduation she attended the University of Arkansas, where she was a member of Chi Omega Sorority. She received her B.S.E. degree from the university.

She started teaching at Belle Grove in 1935 and after 38 years of teaching first and second grades, she retired in 1973.

Fontaine is a member of the Retired Teacher Association — local, State, and National. She is also a member of the Arkansas Education Association and the First United Methodist Church.

8. Marion M. Upchurch, co-author of the history of Belle Grove School, was born in Hackett, Arkansas. She attended school there through the ninth grade. The last three years she attended Fort Smith High School, from which she graduated. She has a B.S.E. degree from Arkansas State Teachers College, now known as the University of Central Arkansas.

She taught one year in Oklahoma and two years in Conway, Arkansas, before coming to Fort Smith, where she taught forty-four years at Belle Grove School. She retired in 1973.

Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W.L. Upchurch, were pioneer residents of Sebastian County. At one time her father, with his father and two brothers, was in business in Hackett. For many years her mother was postmistress at Hackett. The two of them were in the grocery business in Fort Smith at various locations for a long period of time. Her mother was Maude Browne, a member of the family who lived in a log house at 7801 Towson (Highway 271 South), which was moved to the property of the late Mr. George Combs and his wife. It was restored by Mr. Combs to the original structure. It is open frequently for visitation and is used as a meeting place for numerous organizations. Picture of the house before moving is on page 6, April, 1978, issue of *The Journal of the Fort Smith Historical Society*.

Mrs. Martha J. (Raines) Walker

Mrs. Martha J. Walker, the first teacher employed when free schools were opened in Fort Smith, was a native of Winchester, Tennessee. She was born January 6, 1822, and came to Arkansas in 1838. After teaching in a number of places, she came to Fort Smith in the spring of 1851 during the cholera epidemic. Because of the cholera, she could not open a school and moved to Biswell Springs on the Little Rock Road to teach during the summer. In the fall, she returned to Fort Smith and opened a school in a log house on North Fifth Street.

Later she taught in other locations, including the Christian Chapel from 1861 to 1870. *Goodspeed History of Northwest Arkansas*, written in 1889, says, "Mrs. Walker's assistants in the first public free school were Miss Bettie Wegmon (now Mrs. Henry Birnie), her own daughter, Miss Pinkie Ake (afterward Mrs. Pennington), Miss Henriette Byers and Miss Katie Wolf. Only two of these assisted her at a time. The school then consisted of over 300 pupils and was taught in the Christian Chapel."¹

Mrs. Valentine Dell, a former student of Mrs. Walker, is quoted by Ella M. Wyatt as saying, "The next temple of learning I attended was farther out on Fifth Street. The school mistress was Mrs. M.J. Walker, who was very successful in guiding pupils through the wages of the three R's, sometimes aided by a hickory stick."²

In 1852 Martha was married to Dr. C.B. Ake, and in 1854, after the loss of her first husband, married Calvin Walker, who was killed during the Civil War. She had one child, Pinkie³ Mollie⁴, who was the wife of Edward Pennington, editor and proprietor of the *Deming Head Light*, Deming, New Mexico.

Mrs. Walker's parents were Capt. William M. and Martha (Baldwin) Raines, who were married in Virginia. Capt. Raines, a merchant, was born near Richmond, Virginia, but moved to Georgia and during the Creek War served as a captain under Gen. Andrew Jackson. After the close of the War of 1812, he moved to Winchester, Tennessee, where he was a farmer and merchant-tailor.

The Raines children were: Dr. C.B. (Mineral Wells, Texas), Col. Harry A. Raines, Martha (Mrs. Walker), Mrs. M.B. Ake (Las Cruces, New Mexico), Mrs. A.M. Ward (Little Rock, Arkansas), and R.P., a lawyer of Trenton, Tennessee.

Footnotes

1. *Goodspeed History of Northwest Arkansas*, 1889.
2. "Makers of Fort Smith," by Ella M. Wyatt, *Fort Smith Times Record*, Sunday, November 27, 1921.
3. *Goodspeed Biographical and Historical Memoirs of Northwest Arkansas*, pg. 781. (Pinkie appears to be a nickname.)
4. *Ibid.* pg. 1371.

Historical Marker

Historical marker, located on the southwest corner of the Fort Smith Public Library lawn, commemorates gift of Government Reservation to the city of Fort Smith for public school use. It reads:

"IN 1884, BY AN ACT OF CONGRESS, SECURED BY CONGRESSMAN JOHN H. ROGERS, LATER UNITED STATES JUDGE OF THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS, MORE THAN 260 ACRES OF THE GOVERNMENT RESERVATION WAS DONATED TO THE FORT SMITH SCHOOL DISTRICT.

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THE NOON CIVICS CLUB
1936"

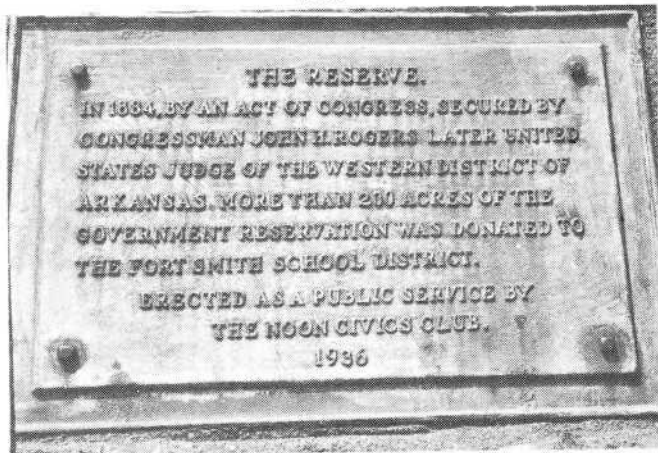


Photo by Dr. Art Martin

Fort Smith Weekly New Era, March 5, 1879

ROLL OF HONOR BELLE GROVE SCHOOL

High School — Marie Pettit, 87; Johnnie Johnson, 86; Anna Grenade, 85; Cora Mayers, 85; Alice Sample, 85.

Grammar Dept. — Mary Vaughan, 91; Robert McClure, 80; Dora Hunt, 89; Austee Pettit, 88; Mary Johnson, 88; Gussie Eberle, 87; Blanche Hoffman, 87; Mary Clark, 85; Robert Mayers, 85.

Intermediate Dept. — Hattie Dill, 95; Maud Sutton, 95; Anna Swift, 93; William Luce, 92; Bertie Roots, 92; May McClure, 92; George Horton, 90; Alice Powell, 90; Josie Eberle, 90; Eula Scott, 89; Mollie Berman, 89; Albert Schaidt, 88; Millie Wheeler, 88; Eugene Woods, 88; Gussie Johnson, 88; John Latham, 88; Mabel Clendening, 87; Fannie Tucker, 87; Fannie Clark, 87; Philip Baum, 85; Dora Paden, 85; Bennie Wall, 85.

Primary Dept. — Eddie Baum, 100; Philip Berman, 100; Hoyt Bruce, 100; Dora Bowman, 100; Buido Hook, 100; John Fiersteine, 100; Willie Tathes, 100; Stuart Miller, 100; Annie Nedry, 100; Felix Venny, 100; Willie Ayers, 95; John Tucker, 95; Matilda Schaidt, 95; Anna Hunt, 92; James Ward, 91; Manuel Sleasinger, 91.

Rogers School¹

Mrs. Truman (Clarissa) Stephens²

During the year 1919, a school building was erected at the intersection of Lecta and Hardie Avenues, and of Lecta and Kinkead Avenues. In honor of the service rendered this district - not only in Congress, but as a faithful member and president of the Board of Education - this school was given the name of John H. Rogers School, or - as we have shortened it - "Rogers School". While in Congress, Mr. Rogers procured the passage of the bill which deeded more than 250 acres of land from the Fort Smith Military Reservation to the city of Fort Smith to be used for public school purposes.

Dr. St. Cloud Cooper was president of the Board of Education at the time Rogers School was first constructed. Mr. Douglas G. Rogers, Sr., was chairman of the Building Committee. Mr. J. Clyde Tidwell was Superintendent of Schools.

The lower floor of the building was completed by the first of 1920 and the first session opened in February of that year. The school was intended to care for the overflow from DuVal, Rocky Ridge and Peabody Schools and, from the first, its seating capacity was sorely taxed.



Grade 1, Rogers School, Spring, 1920 (year the school opened).
Courtesy A.Y. Berry, Jr.

Students left to right, bottom row: Mary Foster, Arthur Berry, Jr., Harold Jones, Bruce Keller, Donald Goebel, Florence Frazer, Betsy Holt.

Second row: Louise Harbour, Milton East, Virginia Friend, Jno. Wm. Duey, Lois Hartshorn, Rosalie Morris, Virginia Gibbons, Verna Basserman.

Third row: Mary Gonzales, Ann Louise Meek, Doris Bradley, Frances Hinkle, John Knowles, Rosemary Oliver, Parvell Awbry, Mary Frances Hamilton.

Miss Gertrude Champion (Mrs. L.W. Mason) was the Head Teacher and also taught one section of the first grade. Miss Lela Burrow had the other section. Miss Thelma (Mrs. O.A. Brown) was in charge of the second grade; Miss Blanche Nolan taught the third and Miss Nina Rogers (Mrs. Andrew Stough) the fourth.

Mrs. O. A. Brown wrote (1969), "It has been fun thinking back to my first years of teaching and I hope that I can add a little to your information about Rogers School.

"I was one of the original teachers when Rogers opened the second semester of the school year 1919-1920. At that time, we had a beginning first grade class the second semester. None of us had a degree - were hardly of voting age - but with the exception of our principal we had all had a year in high school in Normal School Training taught by Dora L. Kimmons. We had observed and done our practice teaching in the grade schools - a day to observe then a day to teach - three days in all. But with Mrs. Kimmons, our teacher, we learned a lot. Following this we worked a year in one of the schools as office clerk and substitute teacher. To help us this first year at Rogers, we had a principal who was outstanding, and supervisors of art, music and physical education. They came to our room one period a month to supervise or teach.

"We had practically no instructional materials furnished by the school except chalk and erasers. The children bought their own books, tablets, pencils and art supplies. If I remember correctly, *The Child World Readers* were used - *Baby Ray* and his pets were household words for years. Books borrowed from other schools might have been the old Free and Treadwell series or the Dapp series about the early cave dwellers. We taught phonics by families, and we labored to teach cursive writing by the muscular method. Report cards with numeral grades were sent out monthly.

"Rogers, when built, was out in the country - just as many of the newest schools are now. On the drawing board it was the middle of a proposed H-shaped building and was made and named to honor an early-selected citizen. Outwardly, in 1968-1969, the building has changed little, but only the first floor was ready for use in 1919-20. The upper foyer and floor was unfinished. There was no central heating system - in each room there were two large open gas stoves under the windows, the heat being regulated by turning the gas up or down. The room was ventilated by raising the windows and opening the transoms over the doors. Work was done by the teacher. Blackboards and beaver boards painted black extended around three walls - a 'good teacher' washed the boards daily after school. The floors were oiled regularly - dust was a problem. There was little room flexibility, desks were fastened down in long rows from front to back - no room for little chairs or reading groups. But as I remember the rooms were attractive - flowers, drawings and written work of the children, such as chalk board pictures.

"During the summer months, the second story of the building was completed and the session, beginning in September, 1920, opened with Miss Champion as principal over ten teachers."

1921-1922

The year 1921 actually saw the beginning of the Parent-Teacher work. It was a sunny Friday afternoon in early autumn that two hundred twenty-five mothers and fathers met in the first floor hall in response to a P.T.A. notice issued by the principal. All of the available chairs and benches were called into use and in a burst of glory, the Rogers Parent-Teacher Association was born. The Superintendent of Schools, Mr. C.J. Tidwell, presented the Objects of the P.T.A. as part of the program.

Mrs. George H. Goebel was elected president.

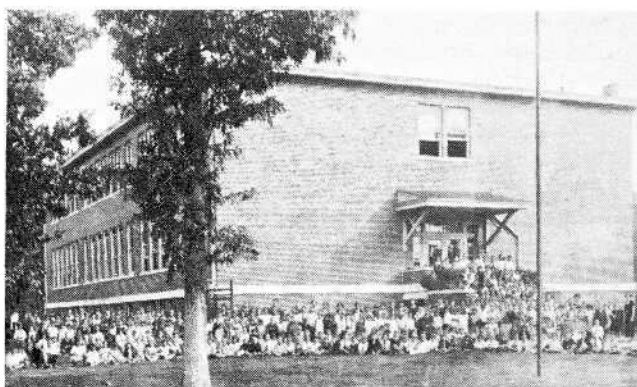
There were two hundred twenty-five paid members that first year. Dues were ten cents for each parent.

As other funds were needed, each parent was asked to earn one dollar for the P.T.A. These dollars, with a rhyme telling how each was earned, were presented at the social meeting of the year. The amount, including the dues collected, was \$102.61.

The purchases for the year included: health scales, baseball suits and a Meissener piano.

Each meeting presented a lesson on child hygiene or child discipline in lecture form. The speakers included doctors, ministers, dieticians and teachers.

Air castles were built and hopes matured as the P.T.A. grew and developed.



Rogers School, circa 1923. Courtesy Louise Harbour Christopher (Mrs. Kenneth Christopher).

1923-1924

In September of 1923, Mr. J.W. Ramsey became Superintendent of Schools in Fort Smith. He worked long and arduously in behalf of the Fort Smith public schools, and his memory lives on in the form of Ramsey Junior High School.

1924-1925

This year saw two major events in the history of the Rogers School P.T.A. The organization of the P.T.A. Council was effected through the efforts of the Rogers School Parent-Teacher Association. It was composed of the presidents and delegates from every P.T.A. organization in Fort Smith. The first



Staff of Rogers School, 1923-1924, courtesy Louise Harbour Christopher.

Front row, left to right: Thelma Moore or Olive Webb, secretary; Thyra Cordell, principal; Lois Braidwood; Josephine Upchurch; Mary Parker (Mrs. James Clendening); Margaret McDonald.

Back row, left to right: Velma Shibley; Edna Reynolds; Mary D. Glasscock; Helene Morrison; Mrs. N.V. Cornelius; E.B. Brown, supervisor.

president of this council, Mrs. W.H. Mapes, was chosen from the ranks at Rogers School, and brought much pride to the Association.

The other event was "The Drive", which through its work began to raise the dues for P.T.A. membership to one dollar per parent with no further sales or donations being sanctioned.

A census of the room patrons began and the following count system was started:

- Mothers - one point for each child
- Fathers - two points for each child
- Grandmothers - three points for each child
- Grandfathers - four points for each child
- Great Grandparents - five points for each child

The great grandmother of Caroline Tibbetts was, for some time, a regular member and attendant. Her unflagging interest in youth was an inspiration to all who saw her at the meetings. It was disclosed during the year that the total cost of the Rogers school building was as follows:

Land	\$ 7,500.00
Building	52,000.00
Equipment	5,000.00
TOTAL	\$64,500.00

1926-1927

Platoon System Installed

This year was a year of many achievements - some long-lived and others shorter. The platoon system, and the thought of installing it at Rogers, was met with considerable enthusiasm by the faculty there. Although it was no easy task to initiate, all was soon running quite smoothly for both student and teacher. "Young America" soon forgot the old way of teaching.

Rogers School was probably at its height scholastically during the years of the platoon system. At this time, it happened that Rogers School had qualified teachers in special subjects - Music and Auditorium, Art, Science, Library and Physical Education. A child could have three years of

continuous development with the same teacher. For most children, it meant an all-around enrichment leading to a deeper enjoyment of life. To some it meant a fulfilling purpose in life - a major subject to follow in high school and college.

Academically, there was strength in the system. For weak pupils, it meant a chance for remedial work - a chance to grow for three years in a continuous program geared to their needs. For the stronger pupils, it meant a challenge to excellence. It was under this system that Rogers School earned its place as a scholastic leader among Fort Smith Elementary Schools.

There were several variations of the Platoon System tried in the years it was in use in Rogers School. It was definitely decided that third graders profited more in self-contained classrooms, along with the rest of the primary grades. Emotionally disturbed or very immature children usually benefited more from having one teacher for the day. It was finally decided that Rogers School was best suited for the devotion of a half day to academic subjects and a half day to special subjects.

The platoon system for Rogers School was patterned after the system used in the Tulsa schools, under the supervision of J.W. Ramsey, Superintendent of Schools.

As education trends changed, finally Fort Smith began to turn to the system of self-contained classrooms. In 1969, all six grades in Rogers School were self-contained. Perhaps it was better so, but countless former pupils must still remember the well-equipped library with its invitation to the world of books; the music and auditorium room where singing and acting gave freedom of expression; the art and science room, where creativity and discovery were found; and the physical education class, where each could test his own strength, yet perform with a team. Many pupils, no doubt, remember their academic classes and the teachers who gave them the tools of success in their life work. Teachers still talk with nostalgia of the good old days when the platoon system was at its best at Rogers School.

Another important innovation was made in 1926-27. A cafeteria was established in a classroom on the first floor, and from its beginning was a success.

A feature which became permanent, the Summer Roundup, was held for the first time in the spring of 1927. It was one of the wisest steps forward that had been taken. This splendid examination of children who would enter school during the next session elevated the attendance records and the general health as well as the mental I.Q.'s.

The year 1927-28 found the P.T.A. again alert to children's needs, and a project to furnish milk and lunch to undernourished children was established.

A new high school was constructed and was opened for the 1927-28 term. This made room in the junior high school at 15th and Grand for the children from the seventh grade at Rogers School. This removed one room of children and one teacher.

Jenkins Music Company had a music contest during this year with a piano as one of the prizes. Rogers, being the winning school, was able to dispose of their old piano and with the proceeds purchase a lovely orthophonic Victrola, used in music appreciation work.

During that year there was a great change of teachers due to marriage, promotion, illness and death. Perhaps the most shocking of the losses was that of Miss Allie Bernice Bonds, who died at the school. The following memorial is from *The History of the Rogers School Parent Teachers Association*:

To Allie Bernice Bonds

One of God's gentle women,
One of His chosen few,
One whose spirit of service
To others grew and grew.

Deep was her faith in childhood,
Tho' heavy be her task,
Seen in the joy of children,
Her smile was all they ask.

Firm yet gentle approval
Marked her in every way,
Training young lives for living,
Character growth each day.

"Love, the key, unlocks the heart"
Reaches the childish mind;
Hers the gift in loving ways,
Heart, mind, and soul to bind.

Humble, gentle, and loyal,
Searcher after the truth,
High ideals had made her
Fit leader of our youth.

Lives measured only in years
Fall far below that of deeds;
Her life in terms of service
Fitted to others' needs.

Feeling her loss in our midst,
Deeply it touched us all.
We yield our will unto His,
Who "Marks the sparrow's fall".

(The following description of the Rogers School playground was furnished by Mrs. David (Verna) Soifer, a long-time teacher at Rogers.)

"For years the playground at Rogers School looked like a park instead of a traditional school ground. A redbud tree could be seen from the teachers' lounge and from some of the classrooms. From twelve to fifteen large oaks gave seasonal beauty to the place. Fresh green leaves in the spring became leafy shade in warm weather. Brilliant fall colors gave way to black silhouettes in winter. An occasional snow gave a touch of white magic to stark trees and evergreens.

"In the Kinkead and Lecta corner, there was a lovely rose garden, with 'Dainty Bess' predominating. Nearby was a wooden bench built around a tree trunk, providing a resting place for the teacher on duty, or for play-exhausted children. Not far away was a large sandbox with a wide ledge around it for sitting.

"In the Hardie and Lecta quadrant, there was an attractive, irregular gold fish pond. It was artistically rimmed with native stones and clumps of daffodils. Near it grew a hawthorn shrub and a cedar tree. This was a vantage spot for enjoying the many birds and squirrels in the park-like play area.

"Changes have taken place over the years. The customary swings and see-saws are still on the playground. The sandbox, the slide and the jungle gym are no longer there. Graduated exercise bars and a double asphalt court have been added. A steel wire fence runs the length of the Kinhead and Lecta sides. Black-topped Thirtieth Street is barricaded and is included in the play area part of the day. Bicycle racks are located near the building. A concrete school name marker stands inside the front gate near the flagpole.

"Although some of the shade trees have been lost and the rose garden and fish pond are gone, there is more sunshine and there is more space for the children's play. Although many rocks abound, the terrain makes for quick drying in rainy weather. The newer evergreen landscape has been added near the building. Squirrels and birds are plentiful."

The Depression years created problems for Rogers School — shortage of money and equipment, reduced staff, more needy children, etc. Through this time the principal, teachers and members of the P.T.A. worked even closer together. Miss Cordell not only performed her duties as principal of two schools, but taught a half-day daily at Rogers. Other staff members stepped in to share office duties, and the project, which started in 1927 to help needy students, was expanded to include clothing and some help with dental and eye problems. Through the appeal of Miss Cordell, mothers of more fortunate children donated clothing for the use of the less fortunate.



First Grade, Rogers School, 1931-32. Courtesy Margaret Ann Ogg Barber (Mrs. E.E. Barber, Jr.).

Front row, left to right:

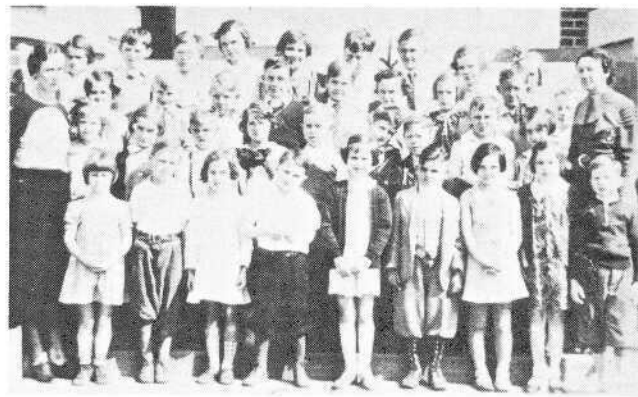
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| 1. Unidentified | 2. Unidentified | 3. Unidentified |
| 4. Margaret Ann Ogg | 5. Bobby Hawkins | 6. Unidentified |
| 7. Bobby Scanlon | | |

Middle row:

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| 3. Unidentified | 1. Unidentified | 2. Albert Skinner |
| 6. Unidentified | 4. Hoyle Carolan | 5. Unidentified |
| | 7. Unidentified | 8. Unidentified |

Back row:

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| 3. Unidentified | 1. Mrs. N.V. Cornelius | 2. Unidentified |
| 6. Unidentified | 4. Unidentified | 5. Unidentified |
| | 7. Aaron Greene, Jr. | 8. Unidentified |



Second Grade, Rogers School, 1932-33. Courtesy Margaret Ann Ogg Barber.

Front row, left to right:

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| 1. JoAnn Johnson | 2. Unidentified |
| 3. Unidentified | 4. Jimmy White |
| 6. George Anderson | 7. Unidentified |
| 9. Billy Bales (?) | 8. Margaret Crane |

Second row:

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| 1. Unidentified | 2. Jean Dorsey | 3. Ray Sharp |
| 4. Unidentified | 5. John Reints (?) | 6. Unidentified |
| 7. Bobby Scanlon | 8. Tommy Pace | 9. Annis Lick |

Third row:

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| 3. Unidentified | 1. Thyra Cordell | 2. Jane Warner |
| 7. Margaret Ann Ogg | 4. Unidentified | 5. Bob Rebsamen |
| 10. Buddy Pinckney | 8. Peggy Swofford | 9. Max Bourland |
| | 11. Mrs. Edna Reynolds | |

Back row:

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| 3. Unidentified | 1. Unidentified | 2. Unidentified |
| 6. Melvin Lieberstein | 4. Unidentified | 5. Unidentified |
| 9. Unidentified | 7. Unidentified | 8. Mocca Jean Daughtery |

An exciting part of Rogers in 1932-33 was the Marimba Band, forty-four children from the fifth and sixth grades trained by Mrs. Isabelle Bond.

By 1937, money began to come easier and much needed improvements were made, including, among other things, science room and playground equipment and a lavatory for the first grade with paper towels and liquid soap.

1939-40 was an outstanding year in the activities of the fourth grade boys. They kept a yearbook of these activities, dedicating it to their principal. We quote from the dedicatory statement, "We would like to leave this book in the custody of Miss Cordell, and we hope that it lasts as long as our friendship for her. Signed, The Fourth Grade Boys"

A stereoscope for the science department was added to the equipment of the school in 1940-41. No records were found for 1941-42.

1942-1943

A much needed electric clock was an addition to school facilities this year. Also, the Girl Scout and Cub Scout sponsorship began. The collection of excess fats to be sold became an interesting project, and in two months, 393 pounds of waste fat were brought to school, sold, and netted \$19.67 (World War II effort).

Since September, 1921, Rogers School had known success, a few hardships, few changes in faculty members, and the loyalty of a beloved principal, Miss Thyra Cordell, who found herself filling both the principalship and that of a classroom teacher at the same time. During these 23 years under her guidance, many youths of our city gained knowledge, guidance and steps to fields of interest. Though scattered, the memory of such a wonderful personality must still dominate their minds.

At the May meeting of the Parent-Teachers Association, the teachers and principal were presented corsages, as tokens of appreciation, from the parents. Miss Cordell was presented a wedding gift from the Association. Rogers deeply regretted the loss of their principal who had been for so long dear to their hearts.

During 1945-46, Mr. H.W. Hinkle served as principal, the first man to hold this position in Rogers School. The next year, Mr. Ben W. Jones became principal.

Something new for Rogers School was added in the 1950-51 school year — a Safety Patrol. It began operation at the intersection of Grand and Lecta Avenues, and Greenwood and Kinkead. The patrol was organized through the cooperation of the P.T.A. safety chairman, Mrs. O'Dell Flannagan; Oscar Erke, traffic officer; Jimmy Charles, a former elementary schools physical education director; and Joe Redwine, principal of Rogers School.

The first boys who volunteered and first began patrol service were: at Kinkead and Greenwood, Billy Marts, Tommy Thompson, Eddie Wilkerson and Ray Baker; and at Grand and Lecta, Jimmy Martin, George Rye, Lowell Brewster and Keith Sturgeon.

Students of Rogers School were consistent winners in community contests.

At his own request, J.W. Ramsey, who had served as Superintendent of Schools in Fort Smith for thirty-one years, became associate superintendent in charge of business affairs. Chris D. Corbin, assistant superintendent of the Fort Smith schools, became superintendent.

Applications for student accident insurance were available at all public schools at the beginning of the 1954-55 school year.

Mrs. Isabelle Bond was honored with a surprise birthday party on May 1, 1956. Boys and girls, some timid and shy, others assertive and bold, paid homage in pageantry to the woman who "taught us how to read and write and sing and play". Representatives of each grade acclaimed the long-time first grade teacher "Our Queen for Today". We quote from Mrs. Ola Mae Price's gift presentation to Mrs. Bond: "The children you have taught in Rogers School pooled their resources and bought one gift. Every time you look at it, you'll see thousands of eager little faces and bright shining eyes with a surprise for teacher." (The gift was a silver water pitcher.)

Letters from Mrs. Bond's eight principals during the twenty-five years she had taught at Rogers and

the five years she had taught at Albert Pike were presented in "This Is Your Life" TV skit.

1958-1959

Miss Mary Minta Thompson began her first year as principal in Fort Smith at Rogers and DuVal schools.

The position as second grade teacher vacated by Miss Beatrice Wilkerson when she was married to Walter Young, Jr., and moved away, was filled by Mrs. Clarissa Stephens.

Shortly after the December Chicago school fire which claimed ninety-three lives, school building improvements for fire safety were outlined at a meeting of the School Board, with costs at near a quarter million dollars.

Architect Ralph Mott read his thirteen page recommendation report for the Board. The report concerned six "older" two-story buildings. One of these was Rogers School.

In connection with fire safety, the Board on a motion by Mr. Owen Pearce voted to require strict enforcement of city and state "no smoking" ordinances and statutes which pertain to schools.

Recommendations by Mr. Ralph Mott, architect, included enclosing stairways in all of the six schools, better boiler rooms, ceilings, fire alarm systems, attic space, interior windows and outside doors. It was suggested that wood and fiberboard ceilings be replaced by fire-retarding ceilings.

Installation of improved fire alarm systems was recommended for all except Lincoln School.

All exterior doors should be equipped with "exit bolts", sometimes referred to as "panic bars", which automatically unlock and open when pressed. . .

June 24, 1959, was set as the date for a bond sale which would provide finances to make Fort Smith schools more fire-safe.

The *Rogers Gazette*, school paper, was first published in the 1962-63 school year by members of the upper three grades.

In a P.T.A. meeting in 1965-66, a poem, "A Teacher's Prayer", written by Mrs. David (Verna) Soifer and set to music by Mrs. Ruth Boone, was sung by Leon Bartlett as a tribute to the teachers retiring from Rogers School at the close of the term. They were Mrs. O. A. (Thelma) Brown, Mrs. Eads (Adeline) Randall, Mrs. M.P. (Helen) Riedel, and Mrs. David (Verna) Soifer.

At the close of the 1965-66 school term, Mrs. Ola Mae Price retired after having served forty-three years in the teaching field at Rogers.

In 1967-68, a public address system³ was installed. It was purchased and installed on a 50/50 basis financially between the P.T.A. and the school board.

In April of 1969, Ola Mae Price wrote this in her memories of her forty-three happy years spent teaching in Rogers School:

"... To learn the real value and history of Rogers School, look around our city. Many of the leading doctors, dentists, medical specialists, lawyers, postal clerks, teachers, students and professional people were once pupils at Rogers School.

"Fort Smith, as a city, owes much of its growth and greatness to Rogers School, as many, many present homemakers and parents of the present school enrollment got their early training there. They continue to carry on the tradition of 'The Best School in Fort Smith'.

"We miss a few familiar Rogers faces - they are here no more, they gave their lives to their country - gone but not forgotten. We named one of our Junior High buildings to honor the memory of a Rogers School boy - Bill Darby!"

Flash Backs at Rogers School

These Flash Backs were written by a teacher who spent more than twenty-one years working with children of Rogers School. She is Mrs. David (Verna) Soifer⁴.

"A brick school building has stood at Kinkead and Lecta since 1919. But Rogers School is so much more than this building. With little imagination one can see a panoramic view of the hundreds, and even thousands, of children peopling the school down through the years.

"A Flash Back to the first day of school, for more than fifty years, shows a crowd of eager-faced children standing in the front schoolyard. There are young mothers with first graders, mothers with new pupils, a few fathers, and the regular assortment of pupils who know their way around. The teacher with the clearest voice stands at the top landing of the flight of steps and calls out the order for the grades to enter the schoolhouse. It becomes a dramatic sight - watching the different grades climb the steps in September to a new year of learning experiences.

"Another Flash Back shows the playground at the noon hour alive with shrieking, gleeful children playing as children all over the world have played for centuries - with a variation of games. Then our view shifts to a rainy day in the gym with the 'do-si-do' of a lively square dance, or the action song 'Take Me Out to the Ball Game'. This shifts to a Flash Back showing a May Festival with its colorful pageantry, gay tunes and dances. There is a blend of the humorous, the authentic and the artistic, 'Over the Rainbow' charms with its wistful beauty.

"A Flash Back, which will always leave its spell, is that of the entire school gathered in the lower hall and on the stairs for the Christmas Carol Sing. The spirit of a church sanctuary is there as the boys and girls, in choir collars and ties, sing the old favorites. Then at the end, 'Silent Night' becomes almost a whisper as the children tip-toed back to their own rooms.

"Perhaps the greatest stimulus to the learning process came during the war years, when there were so many pupils who had lived in foreign countries. A Flash Back shows a United Nations Day display of Japanese dolls, shells from Pacific Islands, a grass skirt and lei from Hawaii, Latin American fiestas with their glamour and plaintive music, a German Nativity scene, a carved wooden dwarf from the Black Forest, leather breeches, wooden shoes, story books in different languages, and pretty colored

pictures from many countries. Maps took on a new meaning. The study of places and people became fascinating during the war years.

"Our final Flash Back at Rogers School is to the last day of school in May. Each teacher has chosen a large tree on the playground. There the pupils cluster in the shade to receive their report cards, and a 'Happy Vacation!' farewell."

The final "farewell" to students at Rogers Elementary School was at the end of the 1978-79 school year. From 1979 to 1983, the Rogers School building housed Special Education classes, grades one through nine, and served as an alternative junior high school, grades seven, eight and nine. Director for these special programs was Frank Westmoreland.

Principals of Rogers School

Feb. 20, 1920-1921	Gertrude Champion
1921-1945	Thyra Cordell
1945-1946	H.W. Hinkle
1946-1947	Ben W. Jones
1947-1948	E.C. Hankenson
1948-1951	Joe Redwine
1951-1952	Paul S. Eddy
1952-1955	Ray King
1955-1958	Claud Snow
1958-1962	Mary Minta Thompson
1962-Sept., 1966	Charles Bogan
Oct., 1966-1976	Milton Dailey
1976-1979	Margherita Sue Morgan

Rogers School Teachers

(In the original manuscript, which is archived at the Fort Smith Public Library, these teachers are listed by the years in which they taught. Many of them also taught in other Fort Smith schools at other times.)

Ahlert, Nancy
Alderson, Mrs. Karis
Allen, Lola
Amos, Mrs. Marvin
Armstrong, Mrs. Maye Belle
Askew, Mrs. Marie Alice
Ayers, Mrs. C.C. (Mildred Marr)
Ayers, Mrs. Walter (Doris Shandy)
Baloche, Mrs. Frances
Barry, Frances
Barbie, Mrs. Helen
Bartlett, Mr. Leon
Bell, Mrs. Marian Poch
Berry, Mrs. Alice
Boatright, Pat
Bond, Mrs. Isabelle
Bonds, Allie Berniece
Boone, Mrs. W.L. (Ruth)
Bracken, Sharla
Brambl, Mrs. Mary
Brandon, Mrs. Gladys
Breedlove, Mrs. J.O.
Brown, Mrs. O.A. (Thelma)
Bryan, Mrs. Jo Anna
Bumpers, Mrs. G.L.
Burrow, Mrs. Doris
Burrow, Mrs. Lela
Byler, Essie
Caldwell, Carol Ann
Carolan, Mrs. H.C. (Fru Ella)
Cates, Mrs. Jimmy Lou

Chastain, Erma
 Clendening, Mrs. James (Mary Parker)
 Conaway, Jane A.
 Cornelius, Mrs. N.V.
 Cunningham, Mrs. Myron
 Dalke, Barbara
 Davis, Bette Belle
 Dildy, Mary Jo
 Donaldson, Mrs. Natalie
 Duke, Lucille
 Farris, Betsy
 Ferguson, Mrs. Faye
 Ford, Ethelyne
 Freeman, Mrs. Omar (Lois Braidwood)
 Garrett, Ollie
 Gibson, Ann
 Given, Mrs. Robert
 Glasscock, Mary D.
 Glidewell, Mrs. Robin L.
 Graham, Mrs. Helen
 Greiner, Mrs. Thelma
 Harden, Lorelee Ann
 Hankenson, Mrs. E.C.
 Harper, Mrs. Sam (Margaret McDonald)
 Hawkins, Evelyn
 Hays, Mrs. June
 Hefner, Maudress
 Hester, Irene
 Hethcoat, Pauline
 Hinkle, Mrs. Bertie Odell (Collier)
 Hire, Cecile
 Holaday, Helen
 Hottinger, Peggy
 Hubbard, Lucille
 Hunt, Mrs. Ruth
 Israel, Mrs. Aneita
 Jones, Mrs. Charles W., Sr.
 Joyce, Mrs. Dorothy (Cowne)
 Kendall, Cherry
 Kirkland, Mrs. Jeanette
 Lanier, Mrs. T.B.
 Lee, Mrs. Katy Lou
 Lichlyter, Mrs. Hester
 Lovell, Claudie
 Luckey, Paulette
 Martin, Mrs. Clara
 Martin, Estelle
 Matlock, Mrs. Carol Ann
 Miller, Fanita
 Moltham, Ruby
 Moore, Mrs. Linda
 Morrison, Helene
 Mullens, Mrs. Tressie
 Mullin, Louise
 Mussett, Mrs. Vassie
 McBride, Lillie Mae
 McCord, Francis
 McCormick, Mrs. Diana
 Nolan, Blanche
 Overstreet, Louise
 Page, Barbara
 Parks, Mary
 Patterson, Elizabeth
 Pearson, Mrs. James (Florence Finks)
 Peck, Ola
 Phillips, Mrs. John W.
 Phillips, Mrs. Mel (Ruth M.)
 Price, Mrs. W.G. (Ola Mae Penegrass)

Prussman, Mr. Paul P.
 Randall, Mrs. Adeline (Eads)
 Rankin, Ronnie
 Reynolds, Mrs. Edna
 Reynolds, Sara
 Riedel, Mrs. M.P. (Helen)
 Roberts, Mrs. Estella
 Rogers, Nince
 Rollwag, Mrs. R.O. (Emily)
 Ruark, Mrs. Helen
 Rye, Nannie Jean
 Sanders, Paula
 Shaffer, Mrs. Pamela
 Shattuck, Barbara
 Shurr, Carol
 Sibley, Velma
 Smith, Mrs. Amanda
 Snetheren, Polly
 Soifer, Mrs. David (Verna)
 Stephens, Mrs. Truman (Clarissa)
 Stewart, Mrs. Roberta
 Stone, Mrs. Hattie
 Swager, Mrs. Helen
 Swofford, Lorna
 Thurman, Mary Belle
 Treybig, Mrs. Gene
 Tucker, Norene
 Ulmer, Mrs. Linda
 Upchurch, Josephine
 Vineyard, Mittie
 Wild, Mrs. Evelyn
 Wilkerson, Beatrice
 Williams, Hattie
 Williams, Mr. Ralph J., Jr.
 Wroblewski, Mrs. Beverly
 Wyatt, Mrs. Naomi

Past Presidents of Rogers School Parent-Teacher Association

1921-1922 Mrs. George H. Goebel
 1922-1923 Mrs. George H. Goebel
 1923-1924 Mrs. M.E. Hollis
 1924-1925 Mrs. H.H. Hedges
 1925- Mrs. W.M. Sandifer
 (resigned during summer)
 1925-1926 Mrs. Douglas Rogers
 1926-1927 Mrs. W.M. Sandifer
 1927-1928 Mrs. W.H. Vaughn
 1928-1929 Mrs. W.H. Vaughn
 1929-1930 Mrs. S.E. Apple
 1930-1931 Mrs. Leo Blakely
 1931-1932 Mrs. T.C. Fleeman
 1932-1933 Mrs. T.C. Fleeman
 1933-1934 Mrs. S.M. Hawkins
 1934-1935 Mrs. John P. Woods
 1935-1936 Mrs. John P. Woods
 1936-1937 Mrs. John R. Thompson
 1937-1938 Mrs. John R. Thompson
 1938-1939 Mrs. J.M. Taylor
 1939-1940 Mrs. J.M. Taylor
 1940-1941 Mrs. David Flinn
 1941-1942 Mrs. H.B. Steirwalt
 1942-1943 Mrs. H.B. Steirwalt
 1943-1944 Mrs. C.A. Lick, Jr.
 1944-1945 Mrs. Thomas Epperson
 1945-1946 Mrs. James Bassett
 1946-1947 Mrs. Henry Armstrong
 1947-1948 Mrs. Charles Jones

1948-1949 Mrs. C.L. Nations
 1949-1950 Mrs. Miles Freidman
 1950-1951 Mrs. Kenneth Tubbs
 1951-1952 Mrs. Marvin Altman
 1952-1953 Mrs. Henry Schneider, Jr.
 1953-1954 Mrs. Roy Fox
 1954-1955 Mrs. Ray Morgan
 1955-1956 Mrs. Charles Milstead
 1956-1957 Mrs. Gerald Houser
 1957-1958 Mrs. R.O. Scurlock
 1958-1959 Mrs. Truman Stephens (resigned in June
 to teach Second Grade at Rogers)

1958-1959 Mrs. Fred Kirkpatrick
 1959-1960 Mrs. Ernest Sloat
 1960-1961 Mrs. Robert Thomas
 1961-1962 Mrs. Charles W. McDonald
 1962-1963 Mrs. Harold Stiles
 1963-1964 Mrs. Robert L. Cox
 1964-1965 Mrs. Wayne Barnett
 1965-1966 Mrs. George Lewis
 1966-1967 Mrs. Olen Gist
 1967-1968 Mrs. George Pugh
 1968-1969 Mrs. H.L. Hembree
Names of P.T.A. Presidents after 1969 not available.

Footnotes

1. *Rogers School*, as it is printed here, is abstracted from Clarissa Stephens' original seventy-two page manuscript which is now archived at the Fort Smith Public Library. This is the most in-depth history available on any Fort Smith school. In addition to telling Rogers School history, Mrs. Stephens clearly points out trends and changes which affected other Fort Smith public schools as well. In addition to giving bare historical facts, she has given names of students involved in events and winners of awards; marriages, illnesses and promotions of teachers; programs and activities (with names) of the P.T.A.; and the biography of John H. Rogers, for whom the school was named. (The full biography of John H. Rogers will be printed in a future issue of *The Journal* which will focus on Judges of the Federal Court of the Western District of Arkansas.) The actual history of the school is forty-eight pages. Attached to the history are twenty-four pages consisting of lists of Administrators and Faculty of Rogers School from February, 1920, through May 30, 1969 (by years and grade or subject), presidents of Rogers School Parent-Teachers Association and gifts (by years) from Rogers School P.T.A. to the school.

Filed with the manuscript are copies of letters from former teachers and descriptions of the Rogers School building and playground.

2. Mrs. Truman (Clarissa) Stephens was born in Crowley, Louisiana, and moved to Arkansas in 1916. She completed high school at Mansfield in 1929 and began teaching in the Mansfield school system that fall. She taught there for seventeen years.

Clarissa married Truman Stephens in 1936. One child, Ralph, was born to them in 1947. They moved to Fort Smith in 1948 where she began teaching for the Fort Smith Public Schools. She taught five years at South Fort Smith and sixteen years at Rogers School.

Mrs. Stephens received her B.S.E. at the University of Central Arkansas, formerly known as Arkansas State Teachers College, Conway. She received her master's (M.E. degree) from the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville.

Mr. Stephens died January 27, 1985 (see "In Loving Memory", this issue.).

Their son, Ralph, resides in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, with his wife, Suzanne, and their two daughters.

3. It is said that before the 1967-68 public address system was installed, Rogers School boasted its own "public address" system, which had no electrical wiring or fancy microphones as we might expect. The PA system was contained solely in the person and the voice of Miss Thyra Cordell, who served as principal from 1921 until 1945. She could step outside her office into the hall and call any teacher or pupil to her office - and be clearly heard! This reflects highly not only on Miss Cordell's "authoritative" teaching voice, but also on the acoustics of the Rogers School building.

Mrs. E.E. (Margaret Ann) Barber, Jr., recalls being called to the office. The shy little girl went to the principal's office in fear and trembling, wondering what she had done. Her father had called and asked Miss Cordell to give Margaret Ann the news that there was a new baby at their house, a little sister. Miss Cordell had replied, "This is something you should tell her yourself." So when Margaret Ann went into the principal's office, she was instructed to "answer the phone".

Underneath the voice and the authority, there was a heart "tuned in" to her work and to the children whom she loved dearly. It is no wonder that Thyra Cordell's former students at Rogers School remember her with great affection.

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My Mother, Thelma Brown, Taught at Rogers School

James A. Brown, M.D.



Thelma and Orion Brown

Rogers Elementary School has contributed much to the educational history of Fort Smith. As we look back into its history, we find many dedicated and caring teachers who laid the foundation for this great school.

One of these original teachers was my mother, Thelma Brown. When Rogers opened in the second semester of the 1919-1920 school year, she was its second grade teacher. Many of the students in this first class have become prominent citizens, contributing much to our city.

She was born at Auburn, Arkansas, September 24, 1899. Her father was Ezra L. Brown, who migrated to Auburn (now in Fort Chaffee) when his business failed in Barnsville, Ohio, a few years after the Civil War. He established a general store and was active in farming. Her mother was Effie Barbara Peninger. Her family had migrated to the same area after the Civil War. When it was time for Thelma to start school, the local school had very little to offer. Her mother had been one of the early students at the University of Arkansas and was able to teach Thelma at home.

Her father tried unsuccessfully to convince the local community that a good school was needed. He was determined that his four daughters should have a good education. Thus, when Thelma was eight years old, he moved his family to Fort Smith and she became a student at Peabody School. The following year, Peabody was crowded and she was transferred to Belle Point. Her education continued there until she entered Fort Smith High School (now Darby Junior High), from which she graduated.

Having decided she wished to become a teacher, she took a one-year normal training class under Dora L. Kimmons. In this year she learned to work in the school office and cafeteria and to do substitute teaching. The substitute teaching was done in the fall of 1919 at the Junior High School (building no longer exists).

Her career as a teacher at Rogers Elementary School started when it opened in February, 1920. At that time the school was still under construction with only the first floor having been completed. This was an exciting



Second Grade, Rogers School, December 1, 1920. Courtesy Thelma Brown and A.Y. Berry, Jr.

Front row, left to right: Mary Foster, Ila May Tucker, David Shapard, Florence Frazer, Rosemary Oliver, Mary Frances Hamilton, Dorothy Eisen, Doris Bradley, Karl Porter Willard.

Second row, left to right: Neal Hinkle, Margaret Reed Cox, Frances Martin, Donald Goebel.

Third row, left to right: Miss Thelma Brown (teacher), Lois Traylor, Louise Harbour, Verna Basserman, Virginia Friend, Harold Jones, Haskell Koontz, Edwin Redding, Arthur Y. Berry, Jr., Bruce Keller.

Fourth row, left to right: Glenn Reavis, John Knowles, Eugene Franklin Wilder, Rosalie Morriss, Doris Graves, Lois Hartshorn, Thelma Viles.

Top Row, left to right: Win Willets, Paul Eslinger, Jno. Wm. Duey, Milton East, Theodore Gustafson, Wright Hawkins.

and challenging period of time and many fond memories date back to this period for her.

Mr. C.J. Tidwell, Superintendent of Schools, was concerned that some of the teachers had only an eighth grade education. He urged the teachers to go to Columbia University in New York City for additional training. This was *the* place to go for the latest in educational training. Mr. Tidwell told the teachers if they would they had the chance of becoming school principals upon their return. Prior to this time, only men had been principals in Fort Smith. Thelma, along with several other teachers, did attend, and several who so desired became Fort Smith's first female school principals. (We think of large college enrollments being a recent happening - in the 1920's Columbia had one of 20,000 and 200 students in some classes.)

When Thelma returned, she started teaching at Peabody Elementary School. It was there she introduced manuscript writing, utilizing straight lines and circles into the Fort Smith school system. She had been instructed in this technique at Columbia and found that her young students learned to read and write with it much easier than with the prior cursive writing.

Dr. Hotz and a group from the University of Arkansas came to evaluate the Fort Smith schools. He told Thelma that she was young and should return to school and obtain a degree. She took his advice and attended William and Mary College, University of Arkansas and Park College. Her BA degree was obtained at Park College.

Her life changed in 1927 when she married Orion A. Brown. (This was unique in that her sister Ernestine married Orion's brother Elmus, and thus two Browns married two Browns!)

In 1931 a son, James Arthur, and in 1933 a daughter, Barbara Ann, were born. This was in the depression, and any teacher who stopped teaching for any reason, such as to have a baby, was not re-hired. A teacher in this predicament would thus do nothing but substitute teaching. Mrs. Brown found herself in this situation, but she had recognized a need not being filled by our local schools. When her son entered first grade, she, with the assistance of her mother, established one of Fort Smith's first kindergartens at her home on South 23rd Street and Dodson Avenue.

About 1947 or 1948, she was approached about returning to teaching in the public school system. In 1949 she returned to teaching first grade at Rogers School in the same room she had started teaching in many years previously. She continued teaching in that room until she retired in 1965. While teaching at Rogers, she received her master's degree in education from the University of Arkansas in 1951.

This was a significant event for her in that her mother had attended school there for three years. Before she could graduate, her father died and she had to return home to teach to help support her family. The University has come to mean even more to her in the ensuing years. Her children, Barbara and Jim, graduated from it and the U. of A. Medical School. A grandson, Scott Stinnett, now attends its medical school and his brother, Steve Stinnett, is a graduate of it.

There were many changes at Rogers during her teaching there. The building was completed. Originally, the building was to be in the shape of an "H". The only part, however, that was completed was the cross piece of the "H". It was found the large structure was unjustified. Fort Smith was moving out, and with it families with young children. Also, if built as originally planned, it would have had essentially no playground.

The average class size in 1920 was 70 students. The class would have to be divided in half with each half attending only one-half a day. In 1965, the size of the average class was approximately 30.

Initially, first graders started their school year attending class all day. Mrs. Brown learned that in Memphis children only attended one-half day. She discussed this with Mary Ella Clayton, school nurse, and it was presented to the local school board. Policy in Fort Smith schools was then changed to require new first graders to attend one-half day of school for the first ten days of the school year. The children did better and the teachers had time to prepare their lessons and records.

In the 1920s, the children read a pre-primer and primer during first grade. Very few books were available for them to read, if these were completed. In 1965, a pre-primer, primer and many more books were read. Each first grade room had a good library of its own. Teaching aids and supplies were furnished by the teacher in the 1920s; in 1965, they were largely furnished by the school.

Salaries of teachers steadily increased. Mrs. Brown started at \$35.00 per month in the 1920s, and she was receiving approximately \$6000 per year when she retired in 1965.

Mrs. Brown, although retired 20 years from teaching, is still very much a teacher at heart. She continues her

interest in youth, her former pupils and the Fort Smith schools. She and her husband, Orion, both retired, resided in their home in Fort Smith until Mr. Brown's death on June 3, 1985. Since his death, Mrs. Brown has been seriously ill, and after several weeks in the hospital is now at the Methodist Nursing Home in Fort Smith for further recuperation before returning to her home. Her son Jim, with his wife Shirley and their children, Sarah and Greg, reside in Fort Smith. Jim is a neurologic surgeon; Shirley is a housewife and mother; Greg is a junior in pre-med at Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio; and Sarah is a freshman at TCU (Texas Christian University) in Fort Worth.

Her daughter, Barbara, is a housewife and mother. She is married to Charles Stinnett, a physician in family practice at Siloam Springs, Arkansas. Barbara has two sons, the aforementioned Scott who attends the U. of A. Medical School; and Steve, who is working on his master's degree in graphic arts at East Texas State University.

Mrs. Brown has helped many individuals in Fort Smith to obtain a good start down the road of life. She is always very interested to know how they are proceeding down that road. Contact with her former pupils produces flashbacks to an era much different from the present. Fond memories are present of: Painted beaver board (not slate) blackboards washed daily by the children (fun!) or the teacher. Oiled floors swept with wide push brooms to keep down dust, floors previously sprinkled with a pink powdery cleaning (?) compound. Erasers cleaned by two of the children - great privilege to be allowed to go outside during school hours to pound erasers on the walls to get rid of dust (never a parent complained). Tables used in primary grades made in Manual Training Department at High School (drawers did stick at times!).

Mrs. Brown also remembers that there was little room for flexibility; desks were fastened to the floor in long rows - no room for little chairs and reading groups. The room was heated by two large open gas stoves under the windows. During warm weather, the room was cooled by raising large windows and opening the transoms over the doors.

While passing in and out of the building and to the basement, the children were lined up according to size (smallest child at the front). Each grade had a definite place to stand in line according to grade. It took years before free passing developed.

There was no playground equipment except huge old oak trees lying prone on the ground, their branches and trunks wonderful for climbing or just sitting quietly for a story hour. Children never were known to get hurt on the trees. While there may have been some snagged clothes, the Rogers' parents never complained!

Inside the school was a large central set of stairs. These were great to sit on and perform when the music supervisor visited. Special treats were present at Christmas when the Hunt's Department Store Santa Claus visited, and Helen Van Sickle, the school secretary, decorated a Christmas tree with shaving cream.

Mrs. Brown did much to help make Rogers School the great school that it was. She was truly a caring teacher who desired the best for her students and gave her best to them.

1. See "In Loving Memory" for obituary of Orion Brown.

Verna Wheat Soifer

Sarah Fitzjarrald



Verna Soifer

Verna Soifer, teacher and writer, was born February 3, 1900, at Culp (Perry County), Tennessee, a mile from the Tennessee River, in a typical lush greenness of the countryside, with the sound of the steamboats' whistles as they plied the river.

When she was twelve, her family moved to western Oklahoma to a small rural community which lies, as she says, almost "slap-dab" against the Wichita Mountains, one of the oldest mountain ranges in the country, whose pink granite peaks have long since been eroded almost smooth by wind and blowing sand.

It was only five years after Statehood and in addition to the windmills, tumbleweeds, prairie dogs and coyotes, the Plains Indians still lived in tepees and wore their tribal clothes. It was a drastic change from Tennessee. "Different but fascinating," she says.

After high school, Verna attended Southwestern State Teachers' College in Weatherford and received a two-year teaching certificate.

Later, Verna attended the Kansas City National Training School for Missionaries and Deaconesses in Kansas City, Missouri. She was superintendent for four years at the Sheffield Neighborhood Center in Kansas City, and while there wrote regularly for the national church (Methodist) publications.

In 1935, Verna lived at Barnsdall, Oklahoma, and wrote a column for the local newspaper which included the Barnsdall-Pawhuska area.

She also attended Northeastern State Teachers' College at Tahlequah, Oklahoma, and at the age of thirty Verna received her B.A. degree from Oklahoma University at Norman.

Verna came to Fort Smith in 1938, met and married David Soifer, the hatter on North Tenth Street, where Triangle Park now is. Verna says, "My husband brought a new dimension to my life - that of his Russian Jewish heritage." David had two grown children by a former marriage, and Verna accepted them as her own, a feeling that became mutual.

She taught at Rogers School from 1944 until 1965 and continued substitute teaching until 1974. David died in 1970, the same year Verna suffered a serious heart problem which necessitated her wearing a pacemaker. "I am still living," she says, "by the grace of God and medical science."

Verna attended the Creative Writing class at Westark Community College, taught by the late Edwin Hicks and his wife, Evelyn. It was there that her short essays and observations on life came to light. At Hicks' insistence, she submitted some of her short paragraphs to Mr. Jack Moseley, editor of the *Southwest Times Record*, for publication. That was in 1976, and Moseley accepted her writings. In the beginning, they appeared from two to four times a week.

In 1979, Verna received the Golden Apple Award given by the Classroom Teachers' Association to those who make outstanding contributions to education.

Moseley featured her in one of his recent Sunday "Letters". Her column, "Living with yourself", has become one of the most popular features of the newspaper and has been carried daily for the last four years.

Verna enjoys a sense of humor. And two words come to mind in describing Verna Soifer and her writing - "inspiration" and "integrity" - a reflection of the woman herself.

Living with yourself

By Verna Soifer

If you keep faith with your higher self, you will:

Give people the benefit of a doubt.

See the good in others.

Withhold judgment.

Offer a helping hand.

Seek to understand.

Be quick to forgive.

Respect individual rights.

Remain a loyal friend.

Keep confidences.

Let love be your guideline.

If you are true to your best self, you will help others to find the best in themselves.

Living with yourself

By Verna Soifer

Perhaps you did get a tragic blow from life. But that doesn't mean that your life should be ruined because of it.

The greater your obstacles, the more effort you must use to overcome your stumbling blocks. The greatest handicaps will be your own defeatist attitude.

Say "No" to your gloom, your self-pity, your helplessness. Say "Yes!" to the valiant spirit within you. Pay the price of winning against great odds. Whatever the tragic circumstances, you can be victorious.

History of DuVal School

Mrs. Ellis (Ruby Lee) Chappell¹

(The following story was written by Mrs. Chappell in May, 1969. DuVal School no longer exists. It was closed after the 1982 term, and the students and faculty moved to the new Tilles Elementary School at 815 North Sixteenth Street in the fall of 1982. The building was torn down in June, 1984, and the land is for sale by the Fort Smith Public School System.)

As you approach the front entrance of DuVal School from North 14th Street, two dates in concrete above the doorway attract your attention at once. They are 1888 - 1911. Just below these dates is a section of diamond shaped fine leaded glass in the center of which are the entwined letters DVS. The light purple coloring in the letters is still very clear, but vandalism has taken its toll of the leaded glass. When any of the glass is broken out, replacement consists of plain plate glass. At the rate that the leaded glass is being broken, it would seem that its days are numbered.

The dates above the doorway stand for the years that the DuVal School buildings were constructed. In 1888 the first school consisted of a wooden frame building with four rooms on the main floor and two rooms upstairs. There is very little printed information or history concerning this first school building. Some think that all grades were taught in the first building, but we do know that grades one through eight have been taught at DuVal. Mr. R.H. Mohler in his book entitled *Old Fort Smith* lists the teachers of DuVal for the year 1898-99 to be A.H. Carter, principal; Nannie Boyd, seventh grade; Dora Kimmons, sixth grade; Mary Skidmore, fifth grade; Willie Mitchell, fourth grade; Emma Lawrence,

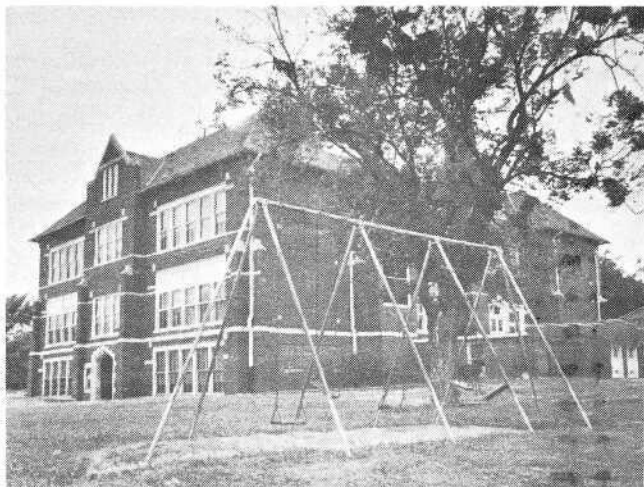
third grade; Stella Jones, second grade; Annie Lemonds, first grade; and Adelyn Barnes, substitute. Mr. J.L. Holloway was listed as superintendent.² This is the same Mrs. Dora Kimmons for whom the Kimmons Junior High was named.

Another item of interest in the same publication was a report by the secretary of the Fort Smith School Board, John L. Henderson, for the period ending July 1, 1888. This is being quoted verbatim to show the thinking of the board of education at that time.

"Our school sites and buildings are as follows: Belle Grove, \$60,000; Belle Point, \$30,000; Peabody, \$10,000; Howard (colored), \$20,000; total \$120,000. Besides these we have now under contract and in course of erection, DuVal School building to cost \$20,000 for the building alone and plans are maturing for finishing at least four additional rooms for colored children. There were employed in the schools last year one superintendent and twenty-seven teachers, at a cost of \$19,479.82.

"We think our corps of teachers will compare favorably with any in the country, the policy of our board having been to secure the best talent that could be had for the salaries we were able to pay; and while in order to keep pace with the progress of the age we have drawn largely upon our sister states for teachers, home talent has not been neglected, but duly appreciated and employed when found. School was maintained six months in the year with public funds."³

Where did the school get its name? Contrary to a previous printed statement, DuVal School was *not* named for Col. Ben T. DuVal, but his brother, Dr. Elias Rector DuVal. In the school auditorium today, there is a large framed picture of Dr. DuVal. Miss Gladys Krone, librarian of Fort Smith Carnegie Library and former clerk at DuVal, verified the above statement. Also his grandson, Mr. Dibrell L. DuVal, Jr., of 2715 Alabama Street, Fort Smith, told the writer that Dr. Elias R. DuVal was president of the Fort Smith School Board for many years and to the best of Mr. Dibrell DuVal's knowledge gave the land on which the school building now stands. Col. Ben DuVal was better known in the political circles, as he was a lawyer and later became a member of the Arkansas Legislature, but Dr. Elias DuVal was a well known and highly respected surgeon and physician. His picture and other information can be seen at Sparks Memorial Hospital.



DuVal School in 1979. Courtesy *Fort Smith Times Record*.

Dr. Elias Rector DuVal was born in Fort Smith, Arkansas, August 13, 1836, the son of William DuVal and Harriet Doddridge DuVal. He received his literary education in what was known as Arkansas College, at that time, Fayetteville, graduating with a degree of A.B. in 1854 at the age of eighteen years. The next two years were spent in Louisville and Philadelphia Medical Colleges, graduating from the latter institution as an M.D. on March 6, 1858, also having the degree of A.M. conferred upon him. After serving in the United States Army, he retired to private life in Fort Smith in 1859 where he not only rose to be one of the leading physicians and surgeons, but also became one of the leading men of the state. Dr. DuVal died on October 7, 1885, from blood poison he contracted from a patient. The patient lived, but Dr. DuVal died. His grandson stated that Dr. DuVal's funeral was the largest ever held in Fort Smith.

A biographical sketch in *History of Arkansas, 1889* says this about Dr. DuVal:

"Dr. Elias Rector DuVal, in his private life was a refined Christian gentleman, in his family, the center of every attraction, being idolized by all hearts. While his noble deeds will diminish in the lengthening distance when viewed by future generations, yet in heaven they are written with imperishable characters, and the angel of light has brightened the pages with a record of his noble deeds."⁴

Now back to the first school building which was a frame building with a high board fence all around it. There were two stiles, one on each side of the building. Just west of the school building was a small branch (called May Branch) which made a good swimming hole, especially for the boys. It was probably where the Elm Grove Housing Project is located today. On good spring days the children would take their lunches and walk down to May Branch to eat. As the lunch period was one hour and fifteen minutes long, there was plenty of time. Miss Minnie Hubbard of Fort Smith, who attended DuVal as a child and later taught the second grade there for many years, stated that they had a colored custodian called Simon. Simon was a favorite of all the children, and when the lunch hour was over he would come out in the school yard and ring a hand bell. Everyone would then come back to school for the afternoon session. Several former pupils at DuVal told this same story.

In 1911, the present DuVal building was constructed. The frame building was then torn down. This new building looked very much as it does today other than old pictures show a bell tower. No one was able to shed any light on the fate of the bell tower, but some thought it was probably damaged by winds or storm and was torn down. The present DuVal building is a three story brick structure. The bricks used in the building are a larger size than

found in most buildings today. There are wide halls which show that at that time there was no thought of conserving or using all the space.

As you enter the building, the three heroic plaster statues of George Washington, Abraham Lincoln and Robert E. Lee catch your eye. On the base of the statue of Robert E. Lee are carved the words, "Class of 1917". This would indicate that they were parting gifts of classes many years ago. According to Miss Hubbard, at one time these statues were banished to the attic because of activities at a rock quarry located on what is now North "O" Street would often cause things in the building to shake and fall. It was felt that there was a possibility of the statue falling (although they are very heavy) on a child.

On the first floor are five classrooms, the office and a teachers' lounge. All of the classrooms are large with high ceilings and many windows on one side. The chalk boards are of slate and colored black. These rooms today are practically as they were in 1911 other than some of the chalk boards have been replaced to make bulletin boards and there are two double rows of fluorescent lights across the room. About eight years ago the bolted down pupils' desks were replaced with individual chairs and desks which are easily moved. The teachers' desks are the same and some think they might have been in the 1888 building.

Three wide stairways made of maple, according to Mr. John Collins, custodian at DuVal for the past twenty-three years, lead to the second floor. On this floor are four classrooms and a large auditorium with a stage at one end. The auditorium has been used for two classrooms with movable partitions in times of over-crowding.

Two stairways lead from the second floor to the third floor which has not been used for more than twenty years as there were no fire escapes and only two stairways for the children in case of fire. The third floor is now used principally for storage and two steel doors are kept locked but at one time classes were held on this floor. According to Miss Lois Dorcas, a teacher at DuVal for a number of years, there was a very nice stage with dressing rooms at each end. She was one of the so-called "auditorium teachers" and was responsible for plays and programs put on by the pupils. As the circuses and carnivals pitched their tents across the street from the school, it was difficult to keep the pupils from playing hooky on circus day, so the principal would ask some of the performers to come to the school to entertain the children. Often clowns and midgets would give performances in the auditorium to the delight of the children.

Three pine stairways lead from the first floor to a large sized basement. Here are one classroom, kitchen for the cafeteria, two cafeteria lunch rooms,

restrooms for boys and girls, storage room, boiler room and large central room. All of these rooms have concrete flooring. At one time, four wood-burning furnaces were used to heat the school. Miss Minnie Hubbard says she can remember seeing huge logs stacked to the ceiling in the boiler room. The furnaces were converted to gas furnaces and a boiler now furnishes steam heat for the building. Fire walls and steel doors were built in the halls about 1959-60 to make the building safer for the children in case of fire. This was a system-wide project, the money being raised by a bond issue passed by the people of Fort Smith.

Under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, Amended, DuVal was classified as a target school due to the high percentage of children from low income families. "Target schools" are those where there is a high concentration of the low income and educationally deprived children enrolled. This includes not only the children attending school, but all children between the ages of six and eighteen years of age living in the district. According to Mr. Charles D. Bogan, coordinator of federal programs and former principal of DuVal, the percentage of children included in that category at DuVal is 26% and anything over 14% makes the school eligible for federal assistance under Public Law 89-10, Title I and Title II. Title I provides for personal services such as noon lunch, breakfast, clothing, medical care (including doctor, dentist and medicine) and speech therapy. Under Title II, instructional supplies such as audio-visual, library books, overhead projectors, tape recorders, copying machines and others are made available to the school. The highest number being eligible for these services at any one time has been 34, but the number is usually between 30 and 34.

This same act provides free noon lunch for children from families whose annual income is \$2,000 or less. As to be expected, the number eligible for this service runs much higher than the other group. At one time, sixty-five children were certified for free noon lunch and milk at DuVal. The eligibility of both groups is determined by Mr. Charles Bogan, Mr. Gene Maddox, coordinator of pupil services, and Mr. Richard Holmes, school social worker.

The DuVal area has not always been one of low income groups. At one time many families who have been prominent in the social, economic, industrial and professional life of Fort Smith lived in this area. There were large beautiful homes belonging to such families as Admiral J.G. Eberle, the Ralph Speers, Dr. J.A. Foltz, Dr. Walter Eberle, Dr. W.R. Brooksher, the Ballmans, Mr. and Mrs. Fox (Fox & Turner Clothiers), Roy Gene, Sr., the DuVals, and Dr. Moulton, to name a few. Their children and others of less prominence attended DuVal and today we can name with pride many successful men and women who have passed through these doors.

One of the successful men who attended DuVal as a child was Mr. A.O. Lane, president of Derby Foods, Inc., Chicago, Illinois. Miss Fredrica Upchurch, a veteran teacher at DuVal for more than forty years, had developed with her children a unit study on the peanut, calling it "What a Peanut!". *The Instructor*, a professional magazine for teachers, printed this study and somehow it attracted the attention of Mr. Lane. He wrote to Miss Upchurch, explaining that he had attended DuVal in 1903 as a third grade pupil. He described the high board fence with the stiles, the May Branch where he had gotten "in trouble" with the principal because of stopping for a swim on the way to school. Mr. Lane wrote a number of letters to Miss Upchurch and her fourth grade pupils and as a reward for their work, he sent each child a generous sample of the then new Peter Pan Peanut Butter. This was the first that had been in Fort Smith. Other gifts were sent by Mr. Lane and one was colored prints of the "Four Freedoms" by the famous artist and illustrator, Norman Rockwell. Mr. Lane paid for the framing of these prints and today they are hanging in the second floor hall. Mr. A.O. Lane stipulated that when DuVal no longer cared to use the prints, they were to be returned to Miss Upchurch and become her personal property.

The list of principals for DuVal through the years is not complete as records in the early 1900's were not well kept. According to statements from former pupils and a book previously quoted (*Old Fort Smith*), Mr. A.H. Carter was principal in 1898 and a number of years after. Mr. Dibrell DuVal, Jr., remembered Mr. L.F. Ferrish, who was principal from 1916-1920, as being a graduate of Yale University. Although Mr. Ferrish stood for everything that was upstanding and moral, he did not get along too well with the patrons of the school, possibly because he was a "Yankee" and couldn't adjust to southern ways. The records at the Fort Smith School Service Center list the principals as follows:

1908-1909	Alonzo Jeffries
1910-1911	Alonzo Jeffries
1911-1916	No record
1916-1920	L.F. Ferrish
1920-1921	W.J. Stanley
1921-1923	Sallie B. Marks
1923-1939	Ruby Washington
1939-1942	Terrel Spencer
1942-1944	Clyde Inez Martin
1944-1945	None listed
1945-1946	Clyde Inez Martin
1946-1948	Morris B. Cierley
1948-1954	Jesse W. Winner
1954-1957	Frank L. Jones
1957-1958	Charles D. Bogan
1958-1962	Mary M. Thompson
1962-1965	Charles D. Bogan
1965-1969	Milton Dailey

(Editor's Note: Principals serving after 1969, when Mrs. Chappell wrote this history of DuVal School, until 1982, when the school was closed, were:

1969-1970 Milton Dailey

1970-1971 Mrs. Ruth Danner

1971-1974 Art Hanna

1974-1975 James Hail

1975-1982 Eddy Hill)

During most of the years, the principals had one or more schools in addition to DuVal. Today Mr. Milton Dailey is principal of both DuVal and Rogers schools. With the exception of Mr. Jesse W. Winner, who went to Tulsa, Oklahoma, schools, all other principals from 1948 to the present are still employed with the city system. During the principalship of Mr. W.J. Stanley, a clipping from a newspaper gave the enrollment at DuVal to be about 600 in 1920-21 with fifteen teachers. In 1942-43, during World War II, the enrollment was listed as 385 pupils. The average number of teachers through the years was ten, which is also the present number at DuVal. The enrollment varies a great deal now due to the transient pattern of the low income group. The highest enrollment during the 1968-69 school year was 299, with 264 pupils at the end of the year in May, 1969, according to Mrs. Betty Stutts, school clerk.

Probably one of the best known and best loved of the "old time" principals, before 1940, was Miss Ruby Washington. A PTA Scrapbook for the 1930-1931 year shows that on March 7, 1931, the members of the PTA planted a tree on the DuVal campus in honor of Miss Washington's twenty-five years as an instructor in the Fort Smith Public Schools. Each PTA member brought some soil from her home to put around the tree. Miss Minnie Hubbard said Miss Washington always emphasized discipline, cleanliness and high morals. Today there is a paddle at DuVal with the name "Miss Washington" printed on it. The paddle does not show much wear, so no doubt she was able to maintain discipline without too much use of the paddle.

No one could write a history of DuVal School without devoting a good part to the Parent Teacher Association. This has been a vital part of the school since 1915. According to a history of the DuVal PTA compiled by Mrs. Mildred Mayo in 1930, an organization of the parents and teachers of the DuVal School District was completed in 1915 and given the name of the DuVal School Improvement Association. This organization has functioned continuously since then, the name being changed in May, 1926, to the Parent Teacher Association as the group wished to affiliate with the national and state organizations of the same name.

Much of the success of DuVal is due to the leadership of the PTA which was characterized by members who have been willing to work for the

ideals of the association and the good of the pupils of the school. Mrs. George Youmans was the first president in 1921-22. Other presidents are as follows:

Mrs. John Carnahan - 1922-23

Mrs. John B. Williams - 1923-24

Mrs. J.P. Mason - 1924-25

Mrs. Harry Robinson - 1925-26

Mrs. Ralph B. Jones - 1926-28

Mrs. Mont Brooksher - 1928-29

Mrs. Roy Gean, Sr. - 1929-31

Mrs. E.W. Sawyer - 1931-33

Mrs. Hugh Harmon - 1933-34

Mrs. George Pugh - 1934-35

Mrs. Pierre Redman - 1935-37

Mrs. J.T. Baxter - 1937-38

Mrs. Davis Kolb - 1938-39

Mrs. Stanley Smithson - 1939-40

Mrs. Robert L. Speer - 1940-41

Mrs. Milton Kropp - 1941-43

Mrs. A.L. Malone - 1943-45

Mrs. Jay Medlen - 1945-47

Mrs. Ray Pogue - 1947-48

Mrs. J.L. Patterson - 1948-49

Mrs. Howard Sengel - 1949-50

Mrs. O.W. Donald - 1950-51

Mrs. J.L. Fitzgerald - 1951-52

Mrs. Harry Patterson - 1952-53

Mrs. C.P. Griffin - 1953-54

Mrs. Kenneth Orton - 1954-55

Mrs. John Neihouse - 1955-56

Mrs. Carl Rose - 1956-57

Mrs. C.C. Frisby - 1957-58

Mrs. Chester Stutts - 1958-59

Mrs. Ralph Rogers - 1959-60

Mrs. John Warren - 1960-61

Mrs. Chester Stutts - 1961-62

Mrs. Clayton Fowler &

Mrs. Joe Kincannon - 1962-63

Mrs. Clayton Fowler - 1963-64

Mrs. Brad Thompson - 1964-66

Mrs. Marcel Soucy - 1966-67

Mrs. Gene Gulley - 1967-69

Mrs. Thompson Grow - 1969

It is impossible to list all the activities of the PTA, but two major projects were the provision of a school cafeteria (first in Fort Smith), and participating with the School Board in the purchase of an unsightly triangle of land and developing it into a playground for the school. In a letter dated May 23, 1950, Mr. J.W. Ramsey, Superintendent of Fort Smith Schools, thanked the PTA for their part of the cost of the property (\$937.50) and closed with these words:

"Over the years I have been pleased to observe the splendid cooperation given the schools by the DuVal group, and I am sure it has done much to bring about good school conditions there as well as throughout the entire city."

Signed: J.W. Ramsey⁵

Emphasis on health and physical fitness has been a rule at DuVal for many years. In 1925, they started the first Summer Round-Up in the city schools for children who would begin school in the fall. In 1931, Roy Gean, Jr., and Dorothea Gean were judged 100%. William Klusmeier (now Dr. Klusmeier) was another child found to be perfect in the Summer Round-Up about 1930.

Every six weeks, the school nurse, Miss Maryella Clayton, for a number of years would weigh the children and once every semester she would measure them. Now the home room teacher does this every nine weeks. An effort was made to bring all up to standard weight through a milk program. The newspaper printed long lists of names of children who had reached the standard during the year. These included Bill Klusmeier, Mariam Herbert, John Tom Warren, Wilma Byrns and Kenneth Orton. In the spring a large Health Parade was held downtown.

Not only through proper nutrition, but also through sports, the pupils of DuVal became more physically fit. In 1956, the Duval team was the city touch football champs and also the city grade school basketball champs. Both were coached by Miss Johnnie Coleman. In 1950, DuVal won all three divisions in the National League Track Meet. At that time, the grade schools were divided into the National and American Leagues. Although there have not been many winning teams in recent years, the pupils take part in the three main sports of touch football, basketball and track each year. Also, the school board has financed an "after school sports program" for a number of years at DuVal.

One of the "firsts" for DuVal that must be mentioned is the integration of the school. This was the first school in the Fort Smith System to enroll a Negro child in an all white school. This happened in September, 1957, with the acceptance of six-year-old Charles Nichols. Mr. Charles D. Bogan was principal and Mrs. Dora Hoyt was teacher of the first grade to which Charles Nichols was assigned. Because of the importance and interest of the occasion, a photographer from *U.S. News and World Report* took pictures of the day's activities. Later, pictures and a good article appeared in the magazine. Both Mr. Bogan and Mrs. Hoyt stated that Charles adjusted very well to school routine and to the white pupils. He was also well accepted by his classmates. Next year more Negro children came and for the school year 1968-69, thirty-eight Negro children were enrolled in the school. There has never been any real trouble between the races at DuVal.

As the leaded glass mentioned in the beginning of this history, the days of DuVal School as it now stands may be numbered. In the not too distant future, it is possible that the old building will be torn down and a new building erected on a more central location, combining the pupils of DuVal and Belle Grove Schools. What the name of this school would be, only time can tell. Should the name of DuVal be dropped entirely, it will always live in the hearts and minds of the many men and women who attended DuVal in its "golden days".

Footnotes

1. Mrs. Ellis (Ruby Lee) Chappell was born in Orange, Texas. After high school, she attended Stephen F. Foster College in Nacagdoches, Texas.

She received her B.S.E. degree from Arkansas Tech University at Russellville, then known as Arkansas Polytechnic College. Mrs. Ellis and her husband moved to Fort Smith to make their permanent home in 1946. Their two sons are: Holmes S. Chappell, who received his doctorate from the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, and is presently teaching there. Ellis H. Chappell, Jr., received a

degree from the Art Academy, Memphis, Tennessee, and is presently a commercial artist, residing in Memphis.

Mrs. Chappell taught at DuVal School twenty years. Her husband, Ellis, has been deceased for sixteen years.

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1930-31	1941-42	1945-46	1949-50	1956-57
1931-32	1942-43	1946-47	1950-51	1967-68
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Elias R. DuVal

(Biography from *Physicians and Medicine, Crawford and Sebastian Counties, Arkansas, 1817-1976*,
by Amelia W. Martin)

Elias R. DuVal, a brother of Dr. William DuVal and Col. Ben DuVal, was born August 13, 1836, one of the first white children born in Fort Smith, the son of William and Harriet (Doddridge) DuVal, and died October 7, 1885. The beautiful brass cross on the altar of St. John's Episcopal Church, Fort Smith, was presented to the church by the Sebastian County Medical Society in 1885, in memory of Dr. DuVal, with this statement, "There could be no more fitting tribute to the worth and character of this man to whose memory it stands, than this simple emblem of Christianity." He served as Grand Master of the Arkansas Masonic Lodge in 1872. A polished and fluent writer, he was the author of many medical and other works, including the "History of Masonry in Arkansas". He was president of the Fort Smith School Board for many years; in the Confederate Army four years; served with Steele's command in New Mexico; was acting surgeon in U.S. Army until March 1859; was a charter member of the Sebastian County Medical Society, which as president in 1878; Charter member of the Arkansas Medical Society (President 1874-75); member American Medical Association; was Fort Smith City Alderman 1869 to 1878; attended Arkansas College at Fayetteville; spent two years in Louisville, Kentucky, and graduated from the Pennsylvania Medical College, March, 1858. Dr. DuVal married Medora Dibrell, the

daughter of Dr. and Mrs. James A. Dibrell of Van Buren, and had four children: Annie, Benjamin Taylor, Dibrell LeGrand, and Angela Medora. *The Encyclopedia of the New West* says this about him, "His distinguishing characteristic was charity for the failings of mankind, firmness in his convictions of right and duty, and tolerance for the opinions of others." He was of French descent on paternal side. His father, William DuVal, came from Maryland, where his great grandfather and two brothers from France, had settled, arriving in Fort Smith in 1825. He had been a glass manufacturer in Virginia, was burned out there, and became a merchant in Fort Smith. He traded with the Indians and was much beloved by them. Fond of the chase, getting up at 3 a.m. frequently for a fox hunt — "In manners a genuine Frenchman, distinguished for his suavity, a quality which descended, unimpaired, upon his son." Dr. DuVal's mother, Harriet Doddridge, was born at Wellsburg, Virginia, of a distinguished family, her father an Episcopal minister, and a paternal uncle a Presbyterian minister. She was descended from a famous Scottish commentator, was a beauty and a strict disciplinarian, died in 1841, age 38.

The M.W. Grand Lodge of Arkansas Records
Clipping, Scrapbook of St. John's Episcopal Church,
Fort Smith



Hon. George Tilles, President,
Progress Club,
Fort Smith.

November 23rd, 1911

My Dear Mr. Tilles:

As per your request, I give below a brief statement of the conditions of the Fort Smith Public Schools.

At the present time we have a High School building of fifty rooms, which has cost, with furnishings, \$250,000;

DuVal School, a new building just completed at a cost of \$65,000, has sixteen rooms;

Belle Grove School, a sixteen room building;

Belle Point School, a sixteen room building;

Peabody School, a fourteen room building;

Trusty School, a ten room building;

and Weaver School, a four room building.

The last two buildings being the only two frame school buildings that the District is now using.

The above are all white schools, and the negro schools are as follows:

Howard School, a ten room building;

Lincoln High School, a six room building;

and Washington School, a four room building.

There are at this time one hundred and thirteen teachers employed in our schools. The annual expense of maintaining the schools is \$105,000. The total number of paid employees, including teachers, is one hundred and twenty-six.

The School District has expended in the last five years over \$400,000 in buildings and equipment and the schools have more than doubled in the last seven years.

The scholastic population of Fort Smith, according to the census taken in June of last year, is 8400. The total enrollment of the schools including private schools of Fort Smith is something over 4200; the total enrollment of the public schools is 3712.

Fort Smith High School is an accredited school with every first class university and college in the United States.

The School Board consists of the following members:

T.W.M. Boone, President

Dr. Jno. W. Morton, Secretary

Judge F.A. Youmans

Dr. Jas. A. Foltz

Mr. John Ayers

Prof. T.A. Trusty

Prof. J.W. Kuykendall, Superintendent of the schools.

The School District has assets, including school buildings, money at interest and on hand, and unsold real estate to the amount of something in excess of \$1,000,000, and its liabilities amount to \$211,000.

I am

Very truly yours,

T.W.M. Boone, President

In Loving Memory

John R. LeBosquet

John R. LeBosquet, life member of the Fort Smith Historical Society, permanent board member of the Fort Smith Heritage Foundation, "205 Club" member of the Fort Smith Streetcar Restoration Association and supporter of the Old Fort Museum, died April 23, 1985, in Wichita, Kansas. An independent oil and gas producer, he was a resident of Wichita.

A grandson of William Henry Harrison Clayton, he has made generous contributions of Clayton family memorabilia and information and financial support for the restoration of the Clayton home at 514 North Sixth Street, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places in America. As a child, he had lived in the home briefly.

He is survived by his son, John W., daughter, Diana L. Kitch, both of Wichita; sisters, Melanie L. Muir of Grand Rapids, Michigan, and Mary L. White of Memphis, Tennessee; and three grandchildren.

A memorial has been established with the John R. LeBosquet Memorial Fund, in care of the Fort Smith Heritage Foundation, 514 North Sixth Street, Fort Smith, AR 72901.

Judge J. H. Rogers

On the 17 of April, 1911, there fell asleep in the last deep sleep a noble Christian man, Judge J.H. Rogers. Many will write of his justice and greatness but I would fain write of his loving kindness. The school children knew and loved him; for each one he had a cheering word, and a genial smile. For many years he was the President of the School Board, in this position each teacher felt sure of his interest and sympathy. In a social gathering, his anecdotes were the most interesting, his laugh the happiest and his ear the readiest to give attention to others. He was a man whom a woman or child instinctively trusted, one to whom the despairing or sinning might go for help and comfort. To be great is nothing but to be nobly great and this man was indeed great. He is not dead but sleepeth for the character of the man lives in hundreds of loving memories. The world is better because he has lived, many lives are happier because he spoke the right word. He occupied in our midst a place of high honor and respect and now he has only heeded the Master when He said to him "Friend go up higher".

Copied from *The Souther*
Courtesy Bob Rice

Orion A. Brown

Orion A. Brown, 84, of 2221 South L Street, died June 3, 1985, in a Fort Smith nursing home. He was a retired farmer, a member of the Goddard United Methodist Church, the church's men's Bible class, and manager of Hunt's toy department.

He is survived by his wife, Thelma; one daughter, Mrs. Charles Stinnett of Siloam Springs; one son, Dr. James A. of Fort Smith; and four grandchildren.

The story of Thelma Brown, "My Mother, Thelma Brown, Taught at Rogers School", is featured in this issue of *The Journal*.

Truman A. Stephens

Truman A. Stephens, 73, of 504 North 25th Street, died January 27, 1985.

He was an employee of Arkansas Best Freight for 28 years. He also delivered Sunday papers for the *Southwest Times Record* for 31 years and had not missed a day of delivery since 1962.

Mr. Stephens was a member of First United Methodist Church, a veteran of World War II and the Korean War.

He is survived by his wife, Clarissa (author of the Rogers School History in this issue of *The Journal*); one son, Ralph, of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; two brothers, Levi and Thomas Ray, both of Dayton, Arkansas; and two granddaughters.

Melanie Holt Speer

Melanie Holt Speer, a life member of the Fort Smith Historical Society, died April 1, 1985. Active in historic preservation, she restored the Bonneville House, was a life member of the Fort Smith Streetcar Restoration Association, and had served as president of the Fort Smith Heritage Foundation and the Old Fort Museum Boards. She served in and was a benefactor to many organizations and civic boards, including Westark Community College, where she served on the Board of Directors and as a trustee, Daughters of the American Revolution, Sparks Woman's Board, and St. John's Episcopal Church.

She is survived by her husband, Ralph Speer, Jr.; three daughters, Melanie Wiggins of Houston, Texas, Betty Taylor of Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Margaret Carter of Little Rock; a son, David, of Whitefish, Montana; a sister, Mrs. Robert Barker of Fort Smith; and seven grandchildren.

Memorials have been established with Sparks Regional Hospital, St. John's Episcopal Church, and American Cancer Society.

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Chris Johnson

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New Board Members: Pat Birkett, Mary Nell Euper, Christine Johnson, Ben Johnston, Amelia Martin, Elizabeth "Dibby" Reutzel and Thelma Wray.

"Thank-you" to the retiring board members: Chris Allen, Gilmer Dixon, Mary Lou Jacobsen and Donald Peer.

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NEW FSHS STAFF MEMBER

The staff of the Fort Smith Historical Society welcomes a new staff member, Dimple Gilley. Mrs. Gilley, a resident of Fort Smith, an educator for thirty-three years and principal of the Carnall Elementary School in Fort Smith, has recently retired.

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AETN TO PRODUCE SESQUICENTENNIAL FILM

The Arkansas Educational Television Network is making preparations for a production that will salute the 150th anniversary of Arkansas statehood. Our "Land of Opportunity" was the 25th state to join the United States of America on June 15, 1836. The film will be titled "Arkansas Heritage: 150 Minutes". Look for it and other commemorations appropriate to the sesquicentennial theme - "Celebrating the Past, Anticipating the Future".

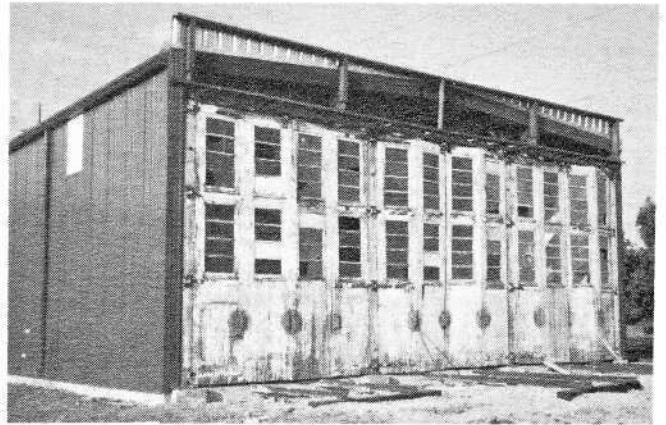
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*Fort Smith Streetcar
Restoration Association Incorporated*

"Move in day" for the new carbarn of the Fort Smith Trolley Museum is approaching. The doors from the Frisco roundhouse have been installed by the Seabees (Naval Reserve) and will be painted by Boy Scouts as part of an Eagle service project. There is still much to be done, which will be completed as funds allow.

Car #224 has the new floor installed. Wiring and plumbing will be installed after moving it to the new facility.



Fort Smith Trolley Museum's new carbarn at 100 South Fourth Street.

Your volunteer labor and cash donations will insure completion of an operating streetcar by November 15, 1986, to celebrate the Arkansas Sesquicentennial and the fifty-third anniversary of the scrapping of Fort Smith trolleys.

Membership in the association is \$10.00 annually (\$15.00 family). "205 Club" memberships, named for car #205 which is being restored, cost \$205.00 and are limited to 205 people who will receive special engraved plaques. Annual Benefactor, \$500.00 (receive plaque and lifetime pass). Life member, \$1,000.00 (receive Life Membership Certificate and lifetime pass). Send your contribution to Fort Smith Streetcar Restoration Association, 2121 Wolfe Lane, Fort Smith, AR 72901. For further information, call 783-1237 or 783-0145.

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SCHOOL CHILDREN CONTRIBUTE

Cook Elementary fourth grade students with their teachers, Brenda Smith and Joyce Taylor, presented two checks of \$650 each to the Old Fort Museum and the Streetcar Restoration Association. These young entrepreneurs cleaned and sold old Fort Smith labeled bricks to raise these funds. Well done, young friends.

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ART CENTER BENEFACTORS REMEMBERED

Elizabeth and Irving Friedman, two of the founding members of the Fort Smith Art Center, were honored June 21, 1985, during a ceremony dedicating the Friedman Memorial Garden at the center. The garden was made possible by memorial gifts in their honor.

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Photo by Bradley Martin

NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE FLAG

The raising of a 37 star, 20 x 36 foot Garrison flag at the Fort Smith National Historic Site June 29, 1985, has been made possible through the efforts of the "Old Fort Militia". The flag was raised on a 100 foot high pole by an Honor Guard from Fort Chaffee. Two Douglas fir trees - eighty and forty feet in length - were put together and set in an eleven foot foundation, fifteen feet from the original flag pole location. This was done to preserve intact the original foundation.

Present at the ceremony was the 106th Army National Guard forty-four piece band from Camp Robinson, Little Rock, Arkansas.

This project is a dedicated memorial to Clyde D. Dollar, the archeologist who researched and excavated the first and the second sites of Fort Smith.

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FRONTIER ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Sarah Fitzjarrald McCullough, Edward Bedwell, Coe Koenig and Steve and Arlene Wilson received the 1985 Frontier Achievement Awards.

These people were honored by the Secondary Social Studies Educators of Fort Smith for making outstanding contributions to the historical development of our city and/or helping to preserve the heritage of Fort Smith.

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NEW HOME FOR LITTLE THEATER

Fort Smith's oldest self-supporting community theater will move from the corner of 38th and North O Street to a new 8,880 square foot building on D Street between North Fifth and Sixth Street. The auditorium for the new theater is to seat two hundred

and the building will include a hospitality room, lobby, restrooms and dressing rooms. The Little Theater's first production was in February of 1947. They have been in their present building since 1952. Construction of the new theater should be completed by February, 1986.

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HAPPENINGS AND ATTRACTIONS

BELLE FORT SMITH TOUR OF HISTORICAL HOMES
May 10-11, 1986

CLAYTON HOUSE HISTORICAL RESTORATION
514 North 6th Street

Open Tuesday through Sunday.

Hours: 12:00 noon - 4:00 p.m. September thru May
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. June thru August

1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. on Sunday.

COMMUNITY BAND OF WESTERN ARKANSAS

Bill Shaver, IV, Conductor. Concerts in Breedlove Auditorium, Westark Community College, 8:00 p.m. October 22, December 5, April 10.

FORT SMITH ART CENTER

423 North Sixth Street, Polly Crews, director.
Hours 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Closed on Monday.

Open Sunday 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Renovation completed this year.

FORT SMITH CHORALE

William Cromer, director. Organized in 1981.
Concerts in Breedlove Auditorium 8:00 p.m.

December 12 - Christmas Concert

March 20 - Classical Concert

May 10 - Special Outdoor Pops Concert (time and place to be announced)

FORT SMITH LITTLE THEATER

3800 North O Street

Call 783-2966 for reservations and information.

October 3-12 "Hayfever"

December 5-14 "Holiday"

FORT SMITH NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

Rogers Avenue and Second Street. Judge Parker's Courtroom, replica of gallows, Old Commissary Building and Belle Point. Hours 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

FORT SMITH PUBLIC LIBRARY

61 South Eighth Street

Hours 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. Monday thru Thursday

9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday

Regularly scheduled activities and meetings:

1st Monday - Registered Nurses 4:30 p.m.

1st Monday (October-June) - Fort Smith Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution 1:30 p.m.

2nd Monday - Licensed Practical Nurses 4:00 p.m.
Professional Photographers 6:30 p.m.

2nd and 4th Monday - Fort Smith Embroiderers Guild 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

3rd Monday - Smockers Guild 7:00 p.m.

4th Monday - Camera Club 7:30 p.m.

1st Tuesday - Old Fort Gun Club 7:00 p.m.
 2nd Tuesday - Beekeepers 6:30 p.m.
 4th Tuesday - Frontier Researchers 7:00 p.m.
 2nd Wednesday - Coffee Break Book Review
 10:30 a.m.
 Every Thursday - Children's Story Hour 9:30 a.m.
 1st Thursday - Westark Writers 2:00 p.m.
 Westark Relics 6:30 p.m.
 National Organization of Women 7:30 p.m.
 2nd Thursday - Board of League of Women Voters
 7:30 p.m.
 3rd Thursday - Doll Collectors Club 7:00 p.m.
 4th Thursday - Scuba Diving Club 7:00 p.m.
 3rd Friday - Poetry Club 1:30 p.m.
 1st Saturday - Weavers Guild 9:00 a.m.
 3rd Saturday - Arkansas Oklahoma Astronomical
 Society 3:30 p.m.

The Public Library has added an On-Line Computer Library Center, making cataloging of books easier and also giving the library access to over 11 million books that can be borrowed from libraries across the country. This is only one of the many services which include a wide variety of books, magazines, pamphlets, periodicals and musical records. A large children's center is located in the basement. Paintings by Arkansas artists are displayed. Tucked away in a corner is the talking book department, serving over 210 blind and handicapped people in Sebastian County.

FORT SMITH PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY, INC.

Mary Alice Nantz, conductor
 Concerts Breedlove Auditorium 2:30 p.m.
 September 22 - The orchestra with Ensemble
 from Tulsa Opera.
 November 17 - Orchestra Concert
 December - Surprise Concert to be announced
 February 9 - Orchestra with Hector Garcia, guitar
 March 16 - Orchestra with Tim Thompson,
 French horn
 May 11 - Orchestra with William Harper, tenor

FORT SMITH SYMPHONY

John A. Thellman, music director and conductor
 December 14 - 8:00 p.m. Breedlove Auditorium
 Christmas Concert
 February 1 - 8:00 p.m. Fort Smith Civic Center
 Pops Concert featuring "The Kingston Trio"
 March 23 - 2:30 p.m. Breedlove Auditorium
 "Young at Heart" Concert
 May 3 - 8:00 p.m. Breedlove Auditorium
 Spring Concert

FRONTIER RESEARCHERS

P.O. Box 2141, Fort Smith, Arkansas 72902
 Meet 4th Tuesday of each month in the Community
 Room of the Public Library. Counselors available
 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. for beginning genealogists.
 Dues \$6.00.

OLD FORT MUSEUM

320 Rogers Avenue
 Open Tuesday thru Saturday
 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. September thru May
 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. June thru August
 Celebrating 75th birthday December 10th.
 Recently completed replication of a 1920 drug-
 store complete with an old-fashioned soda
 fountain.

OLD FORT RIVER FESTIVAL

On the banks of the Arkansas River off the
 Clayton Expressway. May 15-18, 1986. Kick-off
 parade downtown May 12. Sponsored by Fort
 Smith Junior League.

RED STOCKING REVUE

Sponsored by Fort Smith Junior Civic League.
 February 11 is "Meet the Director" Party.
 Shows are February 27, 28 and March 1 in Fort
 Smith Civic Center.

WESTERN ARKANSAS BALLET

Formerly Fort Smith Civic Ballet
 Chris Sartwell, ballet mistress
 September 14, 1985 8:00 p.m. Fort Smith Civic
 Center - featuring Tulsa Ballet Theater. Other
 performances to be announced.

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June 13, 1985

LITTLE ROCK — effective July 1, the Department of Arkansas Natural and Cultural Heritage will become the Department of Arkansas Heritage. The name change was included in Act 346, passed by the 75th General Assembly. It will have no effect on the department's programming, structure, organization, or legislated purpose.

Agencies within the Department of Arkansas Heritage are the Arkansas Arts Council, Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission, the Arkansas Natural and Scenic Rivers Commission, Arkansas Historic Preservation Program, Arkansas Commemorative Commission, Arkansas Territorial Restoration, and Central Administration. The department's headquarters are located at The Heritage Center, Suite 200, 225 East Markham in Little Rock.

Jimmie Barry Remembers

SCHOOL IN FORT SMITH . . .
. . . was different in 1925. Barry explains:

"There were no junior highs. High school grades were classed as freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors. No numbers.

"There were no school buses, lockers, ball point pens and probably less than a dozen automobiles total for all students, teachers and other school employees. Mothers did not drive and take kids to school.

"Street cars served every part of the city. Extra cars ran during school hours and transfers were free. Fares were five cents and less on special student tickets.

"Almost all writing was with lead pencil, but desks had ink wells and ink pens. School books were not free. Students bought them at book stores downtown. The swimming pool at the school was in constant use six days a

week. All students knew how to swim and save lives.

"No girls wore pants and neither boys nor girls smoked cigarettes. Debating was big stuff. There were two boys' and two girls' debating societies.

"Girls all wore dresses a little below the knees. Boys who were cake eaters wore bell bottom trousers made by sewing a piece of red silk behind a slit in ordinary trousers.

"Student groups rented big wagons with drivers from one of the livery stables and took hay rides, usually to the pump station park on the Poteau River. Dances were held frequently. Popular steps were the Charleston and Toddle.

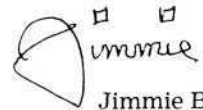
"The annual senior play was a city-wide event. The high school (Darby) auditorium had the largest seating capacity in town. All big public speaking events were held there,

including several appearances by Will Rogers, First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt and homecoming for Admiral Eberle, chief-of-staff of the Navy.

"Every year open house was held on Thursday, Friday and Saturday night. It commanded city-wide interest and attendance ran into the thousands. There were mysterious stunts in chemistry, the English department staged a Shakespearean play, the gymnasium staff and students put on a Madame S fortune telling magic show, the manual training department exhibited beautiful furniture and speed boats and everyone else had a part. Sixty years have made a big difference."

Barry is a member of the 1925 class.

Yours,



Jimmie Barry

Letters from Readers Genealogy News and Inquiries

(Letters from Readers, Genealogy News and Inquiries are printed as space allows.)

Enclosed you will find contributions to the honor and memory given in the name of WILLIAM DILLON MOORE of 102 East Green Street, Middletown, Delaware, 19709, who departed this life on May 20, 1985. His family, Edna A. Moore, wife, of the same address, and daughter Nancy Miller are acknowledging donors.

Groome Mears, Jr., Middletown, Delaware

Does anyone know name of entertainer who visited Fort Smith circa 1925-26 with a group of entertainers, and while in Fort Smith left her baby on the doorstep of a Fort Smith family? Could it have been Maria Wellington?

Bill Harold

P.O. Box 9122, Knoxville, TN 37920
Phone: 615-945-1111

I read with interest and enjoyment the April issue of *The Journal* - particularly the articles on John Carnall. My husband's great-grandmother was Mary Hampton Turner, a sister of Frances Carnall. Mary married Peter H. Pierce in Howard County, MO, but was widowed in the 1840's and moved to Fort Smith to teach in John Carnall's school. In Fort Smith she met and married Stephen Decatur McDonald - so we, McDonalds, are all grateful to John Carnall!

I thought I would write to tell you that the five children of John Carnall who grew up were Virginia Elizabeth, John Henry, Emma Columbia, Turner B. and Wharton. The others all died young. Also, I believe the John Carnall Gardner mentioned in your article was John Carnall's grandson and not a nephew. Virginia Elizabeth Carnall married William Henry Harrison Gardner; she died before 1880 leaving three small sons, the oldest of whom was John Carnall Gardner.

I thought you might like to have this additional information for your files.

Elizabeth B. McDonald

4002 Sierra Drive, Austin, TX 78731

Please send me a copy of the April, 1979, issue, Vol. III, No. 1, *Journal*. I have enclosed a money order for \$5.75 to cover the cost and postage.

When Floy Looper responded to my first inquiry, she asked if I had attended school in or was a native of Fort Smith. No, I am from Rogers County, Oklahoma. Both of my great-grandfathers, William Anthony Cummins and George Cochran, were Deputy U.S. Marshals under Judge Parker. Therefore, I am very interested in the history of Fort Smith. I have the book *Hell on the Border*, which is quite a treasure of information.

I have a membership application which I will be returning to you shortly. Thank you for your help.

Gwen Nolte

P.O. Box 383, Oceanside, CA 92054-0050

A very special gift for a very special relative or friend is a membership in the Fort Smith Historical Society. Recipient of gift membership is sent a note notifying them of the gift and the name of the giver.

Make someone you care about happy — send them a gift membership today.

FOUND

Found in the Arkansas Room, Fort Smith Public Library, a marriage record of U.A. GILLENWATER AND MAUD SHERMAN and a Magazine, Arkansas, newspaper. Persons leaving these items may claim them by contacting the librarian in the Arkansas Room and identifying them.

OZARKS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY WORKSHOP

The Ozarks Genealogical Society's "Carry Us Back to Olde Virginia" Fall workshop will be held October 4-5, 1985, at the University Plaza Convention Center, 333 Sherman Parkway, Springfield, Missouri 65806. Registration fee, \$16.00 if postmarked by September 20 - \$20.00 thereafter.

Make checks payable to Ozarks Genealogical Society, Inc. Mail to same, c/o Workshop Registrar, P.O. Box 3494 GS, Springfield, MO 65808.

For more information, phone 417-881-5424, 417-883-6015, or 417-881-1939.

MacCUBBIN CLAN LINES NEWSLETTER

The MacCubbin Clan Lines Newsletter carries information and records on related lines as well as the MacCubbin/McCubbin/MacKubin family. Issues 2 and 3/4 included Howard, Lane and Dorsey/Darcy/D'Arcy families. Annual subscription cost of this publication is \$12.00. Make check to:

Sheila C. Martin, Editor, MacCubbin Clan Lines
1 Goodman Lane, Pensacola, FL 32506

THE DOUTHIT FAMILY TREE

The Douthit Family Tree is published twice a year by Gibson Computers and Publishing, Marilyn Gibson Lauck, Editor, 1915 Cliff Avenue, McKinleyville, CA 95221.

Subscriptions are \$2.50 per year in the United States; \$3.50 per year in Canada. Back issues are available. January 1, 1986, subscription rates will be increased to \$3.50 per year in the United States and \$4.50 per year in Canada.

Volume 5, Number 1 (May, 1985) contains 23 pages of biographies, birth and marriage records, announcements, etc.

INQUIRIES

DOUGLASS, YADON, McNABB, McCONNELL, ROWLAND: I have researched the above named families of South Sebastian County for twelve years and would like to contact other researchers on these lines. Some of the many other surnames connected with this family are: Scruggs, Ellig, Geren, Stockton, Buzan.

Georgia Deane Helderlein
2218 Trotter Road
Grass Valley, CA 95945

BRANHAM, ROGERS: Need parents of Benjamin Branham. Benjamin supposedly married in 1814 in Dora area to Cordelia Rogers (daughter of Jonathan and Annie Rogers) of Crawford County, Arkansas. Have not been able to locate Benjamin or Cordelia "Delia" in 1860, 1870 or 1880 census.

Marilyn J. Vineyard
7713 Glenister Drive
Springfield, VA 22152

DAVIS: Desire to contact other descendants of my great-grandfather, Benjamin Phillip Davis of Hartford, Arkansas.

Jerry Barber
4117 Wood
Texarkana, TX 75503

(For more information on this family, see letter from Jerry Barber in this issue.)

PARTON: I am a family historian searching the PARTEN/PARTON family. I have recently discovered my mobile great-grandfather, Grant A. Parten, in Crawford County, Richland Twp. in 1900. He had five school age children: James A., George A., Laura, John and Wilburn. Am looking for other records on this family and would like to hear from other descendants of the family.

Glenna Parten Vincent
P.O. Box 551
Los Alamos, CA 93440



Remember your relatives and friends with a membership in the Fort Smith Historical Society for Christmas or some other special event. Recipient of gift membership is sent a note notifying them of the gift and the name of the giver.

Am trying to locate other descendants of my great-grandfather, Benjamin Phillip Davis, of Hartford, Ark. His children were Allie Almeda, Elizabeth Elmerane "Kitty", Wm. Nathaniel, Virgil Lewis "Bud", Albert Statham, Minnie Majewell, Elish Richard, Anna, Geneva, Jim, Vinita.

Would also like to locate descendants of his brothers and sisters: Columba, Betty Gwynn, Andy, Newt, Anderson and Will. My purpose is to identify their father, whose name I do not know.

Your journal is a real treat. Enjoyed the black school article - look forward to seeing DuVal, which my grandmother, my mother and myself all attended. Hope you'll do something on the teachers: Miss Heard and Miss Dorcas especially. I believe Miss Dorcas may still be living in Fort Smith.

Jerry Barber
4117 Wood
Texarkana, TX 75503

(Yes, Jerry, Miss Lois V. Dorcas, a very lovely and gracious lady, is still living in Fort Smith, at 221 Lecta. The DuVal School story, which is already in type for press, does not tell the story of the individual teachers at DuVal, but we have located Miss Dorcas and she is very pleased to be remembered by her pupils. Miss Dorcas is a native of Baileyvale, Kansas, but her parents, Sheldon S. and Kate Dorcas, later moved to Roland, Oklahoma, where Mr. Dorcas was postmaster for many years. Lois Dorcas is a graduate of Northeastern Oklahoma Teachers College at Tahlequah, Oklahoma, and received her Masters Degree from the University of Arkansas in 1949, several years after she started teaching. She taught school three years in Oklahoma before coming to Fort Smith in 1923 to teach in Fort Smith schools. She taught two years at Peabody and thirty-four years at DuVal, retiring in 1961.)

Please find my check enclosed for membership in the Fort Smith Historical Society. I shall look forward to receiving your current publications.

I am a great grandson of George Maledon, the hangman for Judge Isaac Parker, and I am interested in getting as much information about him as has appeared in print over recent years, as well as possible micro film of newspaper articles printed during his lifetime. Maledon's son John was my maternal grandfather, so I would be interested in any information about him as well.

Harvey William Howe, Jr.
P.O. Box 143
Poultney, VT 05764

I want to renew my mother's membership as a contributing member for \$20.00:

Gladys Elizabeth (Wallace) Winters
1961 Marsh Road
Santa Rosa, CA 95401

She is the daughter of John Albert and Martha Jane (Johnston) Wallace, born in Fort Smith 2 September 1900.

I also want all the past copies of *The Journal*, up to and including Vol. VIII, No. 1, April, 1984. . . I, too, was born in Fort Smith 12 August 1921.

Martha D. (Winters) Rockey
639 St. Mary Drive
Santa Rosa, CA 95405

P.S. On the publication of my last note in the latest *Journal*, my name read Marsha, not Martha.

I enclose a translation of an item that appeared in the January 18, 1876, issue of Philadelphia (PA) Schutzen-Verein's *Schutzen-Zietung*. So far I have obtained items about the Fort Smith Schutzen-Verein in the March 17, 1876, and June 17, 1876, issues of this journal as well. These later items are longer and include the names of some members of the verein.

I have the idea that if these items were published in our *Journal*, perhaps it might inspire a descendant of one of the Schutzens to dig around to see if they might have more information about this organization(?). Signed: Jesse D. Thompson.

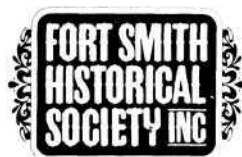
(EDITOR'S NOTE: THE ARTICLE REFERRED TO BY MR. THOMPSON APPEARS AS FOLLOWS. WE HAVE LONG BEEN INTERESTED IN THIS ORGANIZATION AND WILL DO AN ARTICLE ON IT WHEN ENOUGH INFORMATION ABOUT IT IS FOUND. CAN YOU HELP WITH THIS? ADDRESS INFORMATION TO THE FORT SMITH HISTORICAL SOCIETY, ATTENTION AMELIA MARTIN, EDITOR.)

"January 18, 1876. Fort Smith, Ark. Even on the outermost edges of civilization there is no lack of men with genuine 'Shot and bead' who strive with courage and energy to introduce German customs and traditions and who are ready to go to the ramparts for Germania wherever necessary and to achieve and preserve parity with other nationalities. So here also a Schutzen-Verein has been established on August 7, 1873, and now has 27 members. Besides practice in rifle shooting, this verein also has the goal of promoting social intercourse and the development of spiritual and physical strength among the Germans. Shooting practice is held every Thursday afternoon; off-hand at 200 yards at targets with 24 one-inch rings. Scores are comparable to those made in some of the older vereins.

Last year there were two prize shoots on May 7 and October 11, which both turned out splendidly and brought much popularity to the verein. Evidence for that was the Masquerade Ball on New Year's Eve under the auspices of the Schutzen-Verein, which was one of the most successful social endeavors of this town."

NOTICE

Fort Smith's birth and death records have been moved from the City Clerk's Office to the Genealogy Room in the Fort Smith Library, 61 South 8th Street. Anyone wanting a copy of a birth record prior to 1966 or a death record prior to 1946 can contact the library.



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For mail orders: Order by Volume and Issue Number, include your complete mailing address and \$5.00 plus 75¢ mailing charges per copy.

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FORT SMITH ELEVATOR

June 26, 1885 - October 2, 1885

Abstracted By

W.W. Fitzjarald

June 26, 1885

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

The Old Belle Grove Can Stand Awhile

The school board have, we think, wisely concluded not to tear down as yet the old Belle Grove building as it can be fixed to use ten years longer. They are, however, listening to the suggestions of Judge Parker and others, who are better calculated, perhaps, to advise them than many others, and who are recommending the building of a high school building to cost \$30,000 perhaps, with the principal of this fund as we suppose; there is no interest yet.

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Dr. J. Gilbert Eberle has removed his place of residence to the McGreevy place two doors east of the Catholic church.

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July 3, 1885

ST. ANN'S ACADEMY

Closing Exercises Creditable to the School

A large number of visitors were present on Friday last at the closing exercises of St. Ann's Academy . . .

(On the program were the following: Misses Nina DuVal, Emma Botto, Kate Dwyer, Julia Doyle, Kate Maledon, Rosa Botto, Tahlula Carnall, Jennie Moore, Mollie Dwyer, G. Seybert, M. Coleman, Julia Keely, V. Riddle, Mollie Lanigan, Aggie Gray, Mary Kennedy, Fannie Hendricks, Irene McCloud, Dora Triesch, Mollie Moore. Ed.)

. . . We have heard much praise accorded both teachers and pupils by those who attended the exercises.

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Mosquito bars at 40 cents apiece at Apple & Fullers.

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Lazenby is fixing up a neat Marble yard at "Forks of the Road".

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U.S. COURT NOTES

Court convenes on Monday next with the largest criminal docket that has ever before accumulated at one time. There are in jail awaiting trial 102 prisoners as follows:

Murder	20
Assault with intent to kill	18
Arson	2
Counterfeiting	2
Threatening to kill	2
Larceny	27
Introducing whisky, etc.	22
Total	102

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DIED

At the residence of her parents, 3 miles out on the Texas road, on Sunday the 28th ult., Miss Katie Laws, about 10 years of age, of congestion of the brain.

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Mr. N.M. Naylor, the popular local editor of the *Daily Times*, has sold his interest in that paper to Mr. Chas. Knoble. . . We wish the new firm abundant success.

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UNDERTAKERS ESTABLISHMENT

Messrs. J.F. Edmeston and William Siegreest have opened an establishment of this kind on the Texas road near Garrison Avenue. They have received a lot of fine coffins and caskets and will keep on hand everything pertaining to their business. Hearse furnished when desired.

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We have in our office some samples of Arkansas silk in the form of a few cocoons, sent to us by Miss Douglas of Long Prairie. They are now developed into butterfly form.

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EVERY ONE CAN HAVE A TOWN LOT

Town lots just outside of city limits, but in the school limits, for sale on monthly payments, at \$60 to \$150 each. Payments \$5 to \$8 per month.

Apply to JOHN CARNALL & CO.

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A Nevada boy thought that if he could look into the barrel of a pistol and see the light of a match held near the percussion tube, then surely the pistol could not be loaded. He will, if he recovers, wear false teeth, talk with a split tongue, and take it for granted that all shooting irons are always loaded.

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July 10, 1885

THE GLORIOUS 4TH

Your correspondent has just returned from Mississippi township, where the Brothers of Freedom celebrated the day with a rousing picnic.

It has been said by some that picnics are getting to be too common, but this is the way our country people have of holding their annual reunions, and I believe they beat a protracted meeting in making people fall in love with each other, especially the boys and girls, and the only way that growlers will get rid of picnics is for them to stay at home.

The Jenkins Boy (column)

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A. I. U.

The board of directors of the Arkansas Industrial University have elected the following professors: Willis, of Savannah, Ga., chair of chemistry; Purington, of West Virginia, geology and mineralogy; Murfee, of Pass Christian, Miss., chair of pure mathematics and logic; Whitham, of Port Republic, Md., applied mathematics and engineering, and commandant of cadets; Edwards, of Virginia, chair of modern languages. Minor positions not filled, up to our latest advice.

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Hayden Mayers has been appointed 1st Sergeant of the Fort Smith guards.

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U.S. court witnesses will find the El Paso wagon yard a convenient and good place to stop.

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A grand ball was given at the Casino rink on Wednesday evening which was highly enjoyed by those who attended.

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Jack Gilroy came in from Texas since our last issue with a large drove of Texas horses and ponies, some broke, but most of them unbroke.

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The latest society event is the arrival of a young lady at the home of Mr. J.M. Sloan who made her appearance on the 4th of July. Mother and little one are both doing well.

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Our city is full of strangers from Choctaw, Chickasaw, Cherokee and Creek nations. All in attendance upon the U.S. court, and notwithstanding the mixed multitude assembled from all parts, everything is very quiet around town, and except an occasional drunk, we find nothing sensational to offer our readers.

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Messrs. B. Geisman and John Kuhney have dissolved partnership in the brick manufacturing and building business.

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COTTON WAREHOUSE

The Fort Smith Cotton Warehouse Company is erecting a substantial stone warehouse on Carnall Avenue and Park Street, Reserve addition. The building will be 300 feet long and 40 feet wide. We are glad to see such improvements going on.

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The Van Buren Optic illustrates the defeat of their Cyclones by standing their rooster on its head.

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The Van Buren papers are very, very sore over the defeat of the Cyclone B.B.C. on the 4th, by the Fort Smith Nine—but they'll likely get over it in a few days.

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Prof. Botefur has returned from a visit to Siloam Springs, where he attended the meeting of the Chatauqua Society, which he says was a most pleasant and profitable one. Prof. N.P. Gates was also in attendance, and took a leading part in the proceedings.

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The popularity of the farming and gardening implements represented by Mr. Sargent (E.M.) is growing every day, but not any more rapid than Mr. S. himself, who is highly spoken of wherever he goes. He can just talk about "Planet Jr." till you can't help but buy one.

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THE DAY WE CELEBRATE

The 4th of July was celebrated here by a general suspension of business during the day, with a picnic at Schuetzen Park. . . At night there was a grand display of fireworks and a pleasant hop at the same place. At least 3000 people were out at night. . .

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July 17, 1885

From The Jenkins Boy Column

THE EXPENSE

of running this court (federal) one would suppose to be enormous . . . but as Uncle Sam is wealthy it costs but little, only \$12.50 per minute, as was announced by Judge Parker from the bench one day last week. Said the judge: "A half hour loss of time will tax our country about five hundred dollars, and besides that there are hundreds of men here who are anxious and their business demands their attention at home." He therefore urged the necessity of prompt action on the part of all concerned. . .

Prosecuting Attorney Clayton is as prompt as he is ingenious. . .

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We are sorry to chronicle the death of little Mabel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S.K. Robinson, aged 3 years, 8 months and four days which occurred Tuesday evening.

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Jay Gould has purchased the coal mining interest at McAlester, and it is quite probably that they will now be more extensively operated than for several years.

NEW HACK LINE

E.C. Robertson is now running a hack twice a week between Fort Smith and McAlester. Leaves Fort Smith Mondays and Thursdays at 7 a.m., leaves McAlester, C.N. Tuesdays and Fridays at 12 m. Headquarters in Fort Smith at M.S. Cohn's store. Through trip \$7; round trip \$12.

LAYING OF THE CORNERSTONE

Quite a number of our ladies and gentlemen assembled on the reserve last Monday evening, about six o'clock, to witness the laying of the chief cornerstone, of Belle Point school house.

The masonic craft who had been chosen to conduct the ceremonies, formed a procession at their hall and marched to the spot where the foundation was laid, after which Hon. Wm. H.H. Clayton, Grand Master of the State, delivered an appropriate address, which was attentively listened to and favorably received.

Judge Parker read a lengthy editorial from some scientific journal, on "Free School Education", and upon the whole, the entire programme was made very impressive and highly interesting.

Mr. Charles Speaker and Miss Annie Herzog were married yesterday evening at 8 o'clock by Rev. P.F. Germann, at the German Lutheran church.

Sheriff John Williams returned from Little Rock last Saturday, where he went to place G.W. Barnett in the pen, for stealing jewelry. John is a rustler.

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July 25, 1885

COUNTY JUDGE'S REPORT

... The main thoroughfares leading into the city of Fort Smith were greatly improved by the application of appropriation made in July 1884.

I would recommend an appropriation of \$200 for the improvement of the Little Rock & Fort Smith dirt road, a less sum would hardly put the McAnnally lane in passable order in the winter season, and leave something for that part of the road near the city, which needs further improvement. The importance of the Fort Smith and Greenwood, and Texas road would justify an appropriation of at least \$150 for each or such sums as the court may deem proper.

The water now being furnished by the water company is wholly unfit for drinking, and has been for some time. Unless some remedy is applied the company will soon lose most of their customers.

Mrs. W.H. Cole has gone to Illinois to spend the balance of the heated term with relatives.

The *Elevator* is again watermelon hungry. Its offer of a year's subscription to the person bringing in the biggest melon between this date and Sept. 1st will surely fetch 'em. — *Fort Smith Daily Times*.

Of course it will fetch 'em, and when the *Times* gets melon hungry, if it will advertise in the *Elevator*, it will get 'em.

H. Williams, of Hartford, was in the city last Monday, looking well. He has lived in Crawford and Sebastian counties since 1829, and has about fifty children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren living in Sebastian county, besides enough other property to answer his present purpose.

A grand picnic will be given at the Manus school house eight miles southeast of Fort Smith on the Greenwood road August the 8th. Rights to erect one lemonade stand, one swing and one platform for dancing will be sold to the highest bidder on Saturday, August the 2nd. The proceeds of the sale to be applied to the erection of a school house. All are invited to attend with full baskets and assist in making it a day of perfect pleasure.

NEW HACK LINE

The Fort Smith, Hackett, Hartford and Chocoville mail hack will make three trips each week. A splendid outfit and charges reasonable. Office in Fort Smith, at present with Ed. Paden. Leaves Fort Smith Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 7 o'clock a.m.

SANITARY

Water closets in any part of the city kept clean and in good order at 50 cts per month. Address by postal. KAISER & SEIBERT, Fort Smith, Ark.

THE DIGEST

We think the justices did Mr. Moore, the Secretary of State, a grievous wrong in their accusation concerning the distribution of the Digest. In distributing in alphabetical order, our county comes near the last, and we must do him the justice to say that we have no fault to find with him. Other causes he could not control, delayed the preparations of the books, and he has been more efficient than any one else who had anything to do with the Digest. We sent for a copy one day last week and next day we got it.

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July 31, 1885

OUR NEW POSTMASTER

W.J. Fleming has been appointed postmaster at this place, and as no one knew he had made application, his appointment was quite a surprise.

Mr. Fleming is a thorough business man, very accommodating, and therefore quite popular, and we venture the prediction that his appointment will give general satisfaction, not only in Fort Smith, but throughout Sebastian county.

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The first day that C.R. Jones & Co. announced their intention of selling two glasses of beer for a nickle, they got away with 21 kegs.

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Look out for Dave Sparks' big ad next week. His intention was to send it out this week but that new girl baby at his house which put in its appearance Monday night has required so much of his attention that he could not get it up. Glad to say the baby and mother are both doing well.

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GOOD NEWS TO ALL

In order to lighten the cost of school books as much as possible, and knowing the fact will be appreciated by all, I have added, in addition to my large stock of new books, a line of second hand school books, which can be sold at a great saving to the purchasers, and the books are in good condition. Make a note of this fact.

B. Glick

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We are sorry to announce the death of Col. Joseph Crawford, a well-known attorney of this city, which occurred on the night of the 23rd inst. . .

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August 7, 1885

Work is progressing rapidly on the Belle Point school house.

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Water is being pumped from Poteau now and as soon as the mains are cleaned out we will have good water.

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Down goes the prices on watermelons and two chills for ten cents can be had at — well most any place in town.

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Owing to the poor system of fire alarm in use, there was a small turnout to the fire Tuesday night. The Reliable No. 2's got there just the same.

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BUCKNER COLLEGE

Witcherville, Ark., Aug. 3, 1885

Editor *Elevator*. The territory to be gone over is so extensive that I fear it will not be possible to see all the patrons of Buckner College before the opening

of the fall term, September 7th. At that time a sufficient faculty will be on the ground. I have also arranged for suitable means for giving instructions in Natural Philosophy and the Natural Sciences, having ordered maps, charts, globes, an electric machine, an air pump and other apparatus. These studies, now so necessary to a liberal education, will form a prominent part of the course. The prospects for the attendance next year are very fine. Richard S. James, President.

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If Fort Smith should advertise that she intended shipping a car load of crawfish to St. Louis soon, some men would swear and prove that a crawfish could not be raised in ten miles of the place, but that Van Buren was shipping several car loads a week.

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August 14, 1885

The authorities have just completed a substantial plank fence around our county jail in this city, which is said to be one among the best, if not the very best jail in the state.

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Mayor Carnall has received the patent to the city of Fort Smith for the Avenue, Wharf and all the streets and alleys, together with nine acres for a park and the grounds for the courthouse on the reservation. The former patent was to the city in trust for the use of schools, the latter is for the use of the city.

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The Fort Smith Guards, Fort Smith's only military company, are having regular drill now, and with such men as John L. Henderson as Captain, J.G. McCombs 1st Lieut., John Ayers as 2nd Lieut., and H.P. Mayers as 1st Sergeant, we think this company bids fair to be a good one. They are ordering uniforms this week.

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August 21, 1885

The Belle Point school house is looming up and is about ready for the roof.

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JAIL DELIVERY

On last Monday evening about 7 o'clock, eight prisoners in the county jail broke custody.

During this hot weather the jailer, C.W. Williamson, by the order of the Sheriff, has permitted the prisoners to spend the day in the corridors, and on Monday evening when he went to place them in their cell, they took advantage of the well laid scheme to make their escape.

The jailer on reaching the second door of the jail ordered them all to go in their cell, and when they said they were all in, he opened the second door and closed the cage, but before he could lock it he was violently caught by an Indian by the name of Dick Nail, who was concealed behind the cage. A struggle

for victory ensued. Dick overpowered the jailer, and before he could get his pistol they all made their escape except one negro, who remained in. A man by the name of Elisha Brown was soon re-captured and two small negro boys charged with larceny came back and marched in their cage, and five are still at large.

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The Fair Association of Western Arkansas has offered the following premiums on cotton to be given at the fair to be held here in October: For the best bale of cotton, \$100; second best, \$50; third best, \$25. This will be encouraging to our farmers and they will no doubt take advantage of the offer and compete largely for the premium.

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The Border City, a little boat plying between this city and Fort Gibson has made twenty-nine trips leaving this city on Tuesday and returning on Friday, and has never missed a single connection. This we think to be remarkably good for the upper Arkansas River and also for Capt. Blakely and his boat.

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DIED

At his residence in Poteau bottom, two miles above this city, on the morning of the 17th inst., Moses B. Stephens, aged 34 years. He was buried on the 18th inst. at Steep Hill Cemetery, 9 miles south of this place. Deceased left a heart-stricken family to mourn his irreparable loss, also two brothers, John and William Stephens.

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Miss Ella H. Carnall, of this city, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. C.C. Mathies, of Monro, C.N., has returned and is the guest of her uncle, John Carnall. She leaves Monday next for Fayetteville, where she and Mrs. Sutton will open a preparatory school. Mrs. Sutton and Miss Ella are both experienced teachers, having been for several years connected with the A.I.U. at Fayetteville.

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Dr. J.N. Baker exhibited a couple of mammoth bones in this city last Monday, which were found about six miles above the city on the sand bar on the south side of the river. They were partially petrified and are supposed to be the bones of a mastodon. One was 20 inches long and the other just three feet. The largest measured at the smallest place 15 inches in circumference and the other 14½ inches, and weigh respectively 34 and 40 pounds.

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August 28, 1885

The coal oil war in the city has brought that article down to 5½ cents a gallon. Now is the time for consumers to strike oil.

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Dr. R.S. James, president of Buckner College, spent an hour in our office last Monday. We found him to be a very pleasant and agreeable gentleman, and he is undoubtedly alive to the interest of Buckner College.

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Col V. Dell, we are glad to say, is fast recovering from his late illness.

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Very interesting were the ceremonies on Sunday last at the Catholic church. At 7:30 o'clock Mass some forty-five children surrounded the altar and for the first time took the Holy Sacrament. At 10 o'clock Mass Rt. Rev. Bishop Fitzgerald of Little Rock officiated, and delivered a short but well timed sermon. In the afternoon the Sacrament of Confirmation was administered to seventy-five children, and was a most impressive scene. Rev. L. Smythe deserves great credit for his untiring and successful effort in behalf of his flock.

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DEATHS

Petty

At his residence on Friday, the 21st inst., eight miles north of this city, Isom Petty, an aged and respected citizen.

Buchanan

At his residence three miles from this city on Thursday last, Henry H. Buchanan, son of James and Elvira Buchanan, one year and eight months.

Silberberg

At his home in this city on Saturday evening last, Mr. Silberberg, aged 62 years.

Evans

At the home of her mother in this city on Thursday of last week, Lucille, daughter of Mrs. Mollie Evans, aged eight years.

Miley

On Sunday morning last at his home in this city, Mr. Walter Miley, aged 56 years. Mr. Miley was one of Fort Smith's oldest citizens and highly respected.

Mayers

Mrs. A.O. Mayers died at her residence in this city on Wednesday night, aged 62 years.

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The public schools will open at this place on September 21st; Buckner College at Salem, this county, September 7th; and the A.I.U. at Fayetteville, open on September 1.

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John Hendricks and Miss Annie Oakley were married last Tuesday night. . . John took his bride to Sans Bois, I.T., on the following day, where they will reside.

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September 4, 1885

Chills and fever are more prevalent this season in this section than ever before.

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Henry McGreevy's free lunch entertainment on Saturday last was well attended, and continued far into the night.

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The latest thing out in the music line is "Three Beautiful German Songs", composed by William Berwald, and published by Prof. W.D.C. Botefuhr of this city. Thanks for a copy of one — "Birds and the Palm".

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The opera season was opened here on Wednesday evening by the Max Thomas Opera Company.

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Fort Smith Fire Department has decided to send a team of 25 members to attend the Arkansas, Missouri and Kansas Fireman's Union, which will meet at Springfield, Sept. 29th. As the meeting will be during the Springfield Fair, those who attend will likely have a good time, so those wishing to go should apply to Chief Little.

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Preuitt & Smith, druggists, Fort Smith, Ark., urgently request all parties who have seed boxes and seed yet on hand, belonging to them, to return the same at once and make settlement. Don't neglect this, for to them it is a very important matter.

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We acknowledge receipt of the proceedings of the thirteenth annual session, Arkansas Press Association, handsomely printed and complete in every particular. Newspaper men will find it of great interest.

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September 11, 1885

The seats and desks for the new school building are being received.

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Owing to ill health, Hon. V. Dell offers a half interest in the *New Era* for sale.

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The Young People's Association met on Tuesday last at the residence of Captain H. Stone. Their next meeting will be at Mr. A. Haglin's.

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Dr. Thruston

The death of Dr. Richard Thruston, at Van Buren, whose burial was on the 9th inst., and was attended by a number of the citizens from this place, throws a gloom of sadness, not only over that city, but all the surrounding country. His genial, social qualities, his fondness for fishing and hunting; at both of which he was an amateur, and seldom excelled; his cultivation of fruits and the grape particularly, and the fine wine

he manufactured, and his earnestness and push in everything relating to the good of the community, justly endeared him to a large acquaintance who mourn his loss.

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PRIVATE SCHOOL

Those wishing to place their little ones under the care of a good teacher, will do well to send them to Mrs. M.E. Nelson, who opened a primary school at Trinity M.E. church, last Monday. Mrs. Nelson is a teacher of long experience, and brings the best of references from the different schools in which she has taught. Terms, \$150 and contingent fee ten cents per scholar per month. Payments due at expiration of each school month.

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THERE ARE 1,950 OF 'EM

The school census of this city just taken by Mr. Claude Hoffman shows 1,508 white children of school age, 774 of whom are males and 734 females. The total number of colored children is 407 — males 207, females 200. The grand total appears in the head and shows an increase of 170 over last year.

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Capt. J.A. Williams, the *Elevator's* "Jenkins Boy", returned from a good business trip to the country yesterday.

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Misses Allie and Dora Hunt, who had been rusticated in the rural districts are now at home, and Miss Lillie Hunt has returned from a visit to St. Louis.

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Milton P. Boyd, late of Little Rock, and Geo. Tilles, of this city, have formed a co-partnership in the insurance business, and represent some of the best companies in the United States. See their ad in the paper.

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Caruthers & Sons purchased of Thos. McCawley the house and lot occupied by Tony Marre, 25 feet front on Garrison Avenue and 220 feet deep, at \$6000 spot cash. The building is a two-story brick, 25x90 feet.

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September 18, 1885

There is a sewer pipe being laid from the Hotel Main to Poteau.

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Don't forget the fair. It commences on Oct. 13th.

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Board and lodging for visitors to our fair will range from \$1 to \$2.50 per day.

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Gus Eberle left Sunday for Maryland, to enter the Military and Naval Academy of that state.

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DROWNED

Capt. J.C. Huff was drowned on last Friday evening about 2 o'clock near his mill on the river some twenty-five or thirty miles above this city. He attempted to cross the river from the Choctaw to the Cherokee side with three other men in a boat or skiff that was known to be leaky or dangerous. . . All parties swam to the shore except Capt. Huff, who became excited and called for help, but on his companion attempting to give him assistance, he came near getting drowned himself, and was forced to abandon Capt. Huff. . .

Capt. Huff was the father of Capt. W.C. Huff, of the steamer *Jennie May*, who was at the time on a down river trip. He was a great mill man and was attending to business at his mill when drowned. He was also a good man and had many friends in this city. . .

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PUBLIC SCHOOLS

We are indebted to Prof. N.P. Gates, principal of our public schools, for the following list of teachers who take charge of the different departments of our public schools, which open up next Monday:

Prof. Morrow and Prof. Quartermass, high school; Miss Cooney, Miss Evans, Miss McClure, Miss Farrow, Miss Sparks, Miss West, Miss Campbell, Miss Dwyer.

Messrs. Trent and Mitchell, colored school.

These will constitute the corps of teachers till the new buildings are finished. Miss Williams and Miss Cunningham have been employed to take places in the Belle Point building when completed, and Miss Trent to take the primary in the colored school when that building is finished. The old Belle Grove building will be used as a high school building until the new building is complete.

Examination of teachers by county examiner J.B. McDonough takes place this morning at Belle Grove building.

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The sale of the old county courthouse foundation as advertised has been enjoined by the former owners, so no sale will be made.

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Hackett City is now an incorporated town, Judge Gaines having made the order last Monday. . .

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Martine Thurer's little girl, about 19 months old, on last Tuesday evening fell from the third story of C.F. Bocquin's residence and broke her thigh. Dr. DuVal and Dr. Eberle set the bone and at last account the child was resting well.

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Miss Lillie Ozier, of Corinth, Miss., is in our city. Miss Ozier will open an art school shortly, and as she comes highly recommended, we think she will succeed. Step into the drug store of Morton & Green's and see a specimen of her painting. She is stopping at Mrs. Dickens'.

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Col. John Carnall, editor, and O.D. Weldon, publisher of the *Elevator*, left last Sunday for St. Louis on business. If the paper is short this week in point of interest, of course you will have to charge it up to the boys in the office, but if there is an improvement we hardly know what to say about it —just let it go.

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A white girl of good steady habits can get a position as cook by applying at the residence of Mayor Carnall.

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The examination for Nashville Peabody scholarships will take place tomorrow at Belle Grove school building before Prof. N.P. Gates.

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September 25, 1885

The ice company is now owned by a stock company.

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Allen Kennedy now holds a position in the Merchants' Bank.

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In an altercation on Tuesday evening last, James Howell struck J.S. Seward with a fence paling, breaking his arm.

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Col. E.C. Johnson, assistant secretary of state, now rejoices in the possession of a fine boy, presented to him by his wife on Monday night last.

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Our new material for enlarging the *Elevator* has arrived and we will soon give our readers a paper large enough to use for a bedspread.

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During fair week Garrison Avenue will be brilliantly lighted with electricity.

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Mr. S. Spangler is building a residence on street car line near park.

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Miss Lucy Sparks has resigned her position as teacher in the public schools of this city.

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The Roman chariot races are most exciting contests at the Fort Smith fair, beginning October 13th.

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Our young friend, B. Taylor Laws, is now assisting our postmaster in handling the mail. A good boy in a good place.

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The Indian ball play is one of the most attractive of the special features at the approaching fair. It will be a red hot game.

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MARRIED

Mr. J.F. Moore, of Paris, Logan county, and Miss Kate Knoble, of this city, were married on Thursday evening of last week, the ceremony being performed by Rev. L. Smythe at his residence. The young couple held a reception after the ceremony at the residence of the bride's mother, entertaining a large number of friends.

Mr. Flora Jennet was married to Mrs. Maggie Condrey, on the evening of the 19th inst., by Esq. Satterfield.

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James, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Blackshear, aged two years and one month, died on Sunday afternoon at the home of his parents near the depot, and was buried on Monday.

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Mr. Milton Allen and Miss Belle Elliott, of San Bois, I.T., were married in this city on Monday last. The ceremony was performed by J.S. Miller, Esq., in the millinery department at Williams Bros. store.

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Lelia Collins, daughter of L.D. Collins, of this city, while riding Sunday evening, was thrown from her horse; her foot hung in the stirrup dragging her some fifty yards, causing serious, but we hope not dangerous, injuries.

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The Fort Smith Guards are now a uniformed company, and turned out in their new clothes Tuesday evening for drill at the skating rink. At a previous meeting the following officers were appointed by Captain Henderson: Third Sergeant, R.H., Jackson; 4th Sergeant, Frank Handlin; 1st Corporal, H. Kuper, Jr.; 2nd Corporal, Chas. Kaigler; 3rd Corporal, J.L. Phillips; 4th Corporal, T.C. Davis.

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The Digest and Ordinances of the City of Fort Smith will soon be out. The printing was completed last week at the *Elevator* office, and is now in the hands of the binder. There will be 232 pages in the

book. City Attorney John T. Hurley deserves much credit for his pains and labor in getting up the Digest, and for his diligence in seeing that it was correctly printed, having looked over every page of each form before it was put on the press.

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OUR SCHOOLS

The public schools of this city opened on Monday last in good shape, with the following attendance:

Belle Grove, 268; Peabody, 238; Howard (colored), 268. This gives a grand total of 774. All the buildings are greatly over-crowded, especially in the primary departments, but when the new buildings are completed this trouble will be at an end. Fort Smith can justly feel proud of her free schools.

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The little child of Mr. Martine Thurer, that received such a terrible fall last week, is rapidly recovering from its injuries.

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October 2, 1885

THE FRUITS OF ARKANSAS STILL AHEAD

Russellville Dem.

The premium for the best display of fruits in the tri-state fair of Minnesota, Indiana and Ohio, recently held at Toldeo, Ohio, was awarded to Arkansas.

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Mrs. Mary McKeirnan, widow of the late Francis McKeirnan, one of the oldest residents of this city, died at her home on Tuesday afternoon and was buried in the Catholic cemetery on Wednesday morning. She was possessed of some money and property, most of which she bequeathed to the Sisters of Charity here, to be used in educating poor Catholic children, giving to the wife of Mr. Will Euper (shoemaker), whom she partially raised, \$200, and to Biddy McKeirnan, her adopted daughter, now married and residing in Kentucky, \$400. She was a devoted member of the Catholic church.

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STRAYED OR STOLEN

From the residence of Judge Tiller, Fort Smith, on the 30th of September, a horse mule, black, with white nose, 2½ years old, about 12 hands high, had on halter, no brands. The return of the mule, or any information leading to his recovery, will be rewarded by B.R. Laws, at a little mill on Texas road.

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COTTON

A considerable amount of the fleecy staple is noticeable on our streets and is daily being increased in quantity.

Low middling	8½¢
Middling	8⅞¢
Good middling	8¾¢

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Col. Ben DuVal will deliver the opening address at the fair.

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"We Girls" met at Dr. J.S. McCorkle's residence last night and had a good time.

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Rev. W. A. Sample is again at home, and there will be services in the Presbyterian church next Sunday at the usual hour.

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The Howard Street M.E. church building is considered in such an unsafe condition as to render it advisable for the congregation to abandon it. The Sunday school is now being held at Adler's Hall, preaching at the Presbyterian church morning and evening. A new church will be erected at an early day.

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FOUND THE DOG

On the 18th of last month Dr. J.C. Daily lost a fine setter dog belonging to Mr. M.P. Boyd, and after spending considerable in advertising him in our city dailies, and hiring men and boys to search for him, he on Friday last inserted a small notice in the *Elevator*. On Saturday evening a letter came from a gentleman at Hackett City, stating that the dog advertised in the *Elevator* had been seen at that place, and on Monday the animal was brought in by Mr. Ford, who received \$10 reward for his trouble. Mr. Ford says he is just \$10 ahead by being a reader of the old reliable *Elevator* which finds its way to every nook and corner in the country, and is read by more people than any three papers in Western Arkansas combined.

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At a meeting of the Baptist church last Sunday the pastor, Mr. Wise, and his wife joined the church by letter and in doing so accepted call here, as pastor of the church.

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Augustus G. Dilday and Miss Fannie Adams were married on the 20th ult., at the residence of the bride's mother, about four miles out on the Little Rock road, Rev. M.D. Cato officiating.

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WANTED, COTTON PICKERS

The Arnold brothers, who live 5 miles out in the Poteau bottom, want cotton pickers. They have 250 acres in cotton, and are paying 75 cts. per hundred.

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ATTENTION!

Cotton shippers, merchants and farmers who may desire to store cotton, we are now prepared to accommodate you by weighing and storing your cotton in our warehouse, located next block below the new school house on the Reserve, where it will be absolutely safe, and at more than reasonable rates.

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J.P. McBride, Sr., while driving to his house in the Catholic grove on Monday evening, received quite a severe tumble by falling from his buggy when his horse ran away. Luckily, Mr. McBride was not seriously hurt, though the buggy was totally demolished.

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All Republican mail clerks on the Fort Smith road have been removed.

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W.H. Byers, Sr., died at his home in Alma last week. . .

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John Brodie, a well-known citizen of Van Buren, died last week in the Indian country.

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There are now over 250 students enrolled at the Arkansas Industrial University, and the prospects are that the number will reach 300 by the 1st of November.

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Died at his residence on Long Prairie, in Marian township, this county, on the 23rd inst., of flux, Thomas H. Yaden, aged 55 years. His remains were interred at Long Prairie Cemetery. . .

The subject of this notice was a native of Tennessee, and a resident of this county thirty-three years. . .

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HACK LINE

The Fort Smith and Hackett City hack line will from date make three round trips each week leaving at 7 o'clock a.m. on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday and return the same day. Office at the City Hotel.

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CARTER CAGED

George Carter, charged with burning the courthouse at Greenwood in October, 1882, was arrested a few days ago at White Head Hill, Chickasaw Nation. . . and is now in jail at Greenwood, having arrived there last Monday in charge of R.H. Nixon and Ginett Oliver. . .

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JULY 1, 1985

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