

THURSDAY, DEC. 15, 1960

HISTORY OF EDEN SCHOOL

According to some old timers Eden had a school as far back as 1875. This was a log building on Wolf Creek Road. A Mr. Pace was the teacher. The school term consisted of two sessions, the first being in Mid-Summer and the other after the crops were harvested.

Later the log building was used as both church and school. About 1900 a separate two story school was built. This housed both the high school and the grammar school students.

In 1920 a tornado damaged this building. It was repaired and in 1942 another room and teacher were added. In 1947 the Auditorium in this school was partitioned making another school room. At this time a fifth teacher was added.

In February 1949 the present school building was gladly moved into. There were six rooms, kitchen and cafetorium. Mr. E. C. Boles was principal.

In 1956 another teacher, Miss Gwendolyn Williams, was added to the faculty and taught in the Cafetorium. In 1957 two more rooms were added. They now have six grades and eight teachers.

Mr. C. C. Garrison, principal and sixth grade teacher, Mrs. Amelia S. Williamson, sixth grade, Mrs. Vivian G. Edwards, fifth grade, Mrs. Maggie J. Speer, fourth grade, Mrs. Mae L. Blankenship, third and fourth grade combination, Mrs. Virginia Love, second grade, and Mrs. Gwendolyn Peace, first grade.

They now have an enrollment of 268 students.

Mr. Charlton C. Garrison, the principal, is president of the St. Clair County Teachers Association, of which he is a member. He has a B. S. degree from Clemson College, South Carolina; M.A. degree from the University of Alabama. Special courses at Howard and Birmingham Southern College. He is a member of Phi Delta Kappa.

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Mrs. Virginia L. Love is a graduate of Cullman High School and has done work at Jacksonville State College. She is a member of the A.E.A., N.E.A., County Teachers Association, teaches the second grade. She is a member of the A.E.A., N.E.A., County Teachers Association, Eden P.T.A.

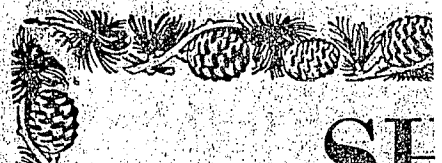


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LEGAL NOTICE
STATE OF ALABAMA,
ST. CLAIR COUNTY,
IN CIRCUIT COURT IN
EQUITY.
Grady Holland, Complainant.
VS:
Walter C. West, alias W. C. West Jr. and Joyce C. West, Respondents.

Under and by virtue of the provisions of that certain decree made and entered in the Circuit Court of St. Clair County,

Mrs. Gwendolyn Peace teaches 40 first grade pupils. She is a graduate of the Pell City High School and now holds a B.S. degree in Elementary Education from Jacksonville State College. She has taught four years in St. Clair County Schools. She is Secretary of the Classroom Teachers Association of which she is a member. She is Recorder for Creative Dramatics Group in our In Service Training Program. Serves on the Moral and Spiritual Values Committee for the County Teachers Association. She is also a member of the A.E.A., N.E.A., and Eden P.T.A. She attends Arbor Baptist Church.

They have three lunchroom workers. Mrs. Edith H. Stewart is manager with Mrs. William Alverson and Mrs. Irene Golden as her assistants.

ty, Alabama, in Equity, on the 23rd day of November, 1960, in that certain cause wherein Grady Holland is complainant, and Walter C. West, alias W. C. West, Jr. and Joyce C. West, are respondents, I will proceed to sell in front of the Court House door in Ashville, St. Clair County, on the 6th day of January, 1960, between the legal hours of sale to the highest bidder for cash, the following described real estate, situated in St. Clair County, Alabama, to wit:
Lot 737 of Section "B", Sheet 6 of Pinedale Shores, a subdivision, according to Map Book 4, Page 25-H, of the records in the Office of the Judge of Probate of St. Clair County, Alabama.

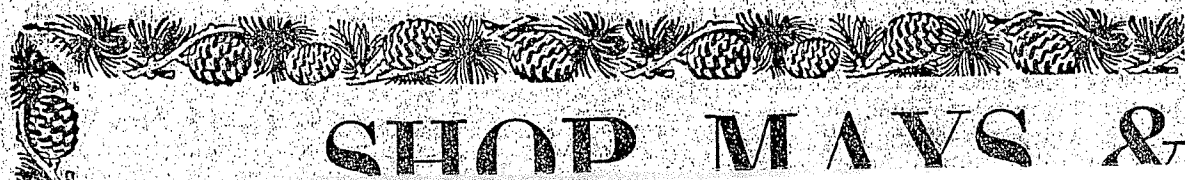
Witness my hand this 13th day of December, 1960.

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Register of said Court.
12|15, 22, 29, 1960.

LEGAL NOTICE
THE STATE OF ALABAMA,
ST. CLAIR COUNTY, IN
CIRCUIT COURT IN EQUITY
at ASHVILLE, ALABAMA
Marvin McBurnett, Complainant.
VS.
Mary C. McBurnett, Respondent.

In this cause it being made to appear to the Register by

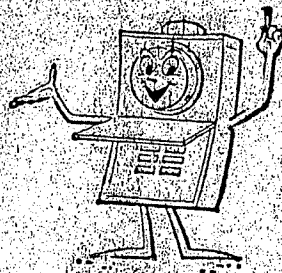
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men in Education. He teaches one section of the sixth grade. He is a member of A.E.A. and N.E.A.

Mrs. Amelia Williamson teaches one section of the sixth grade. She has done work at Alabama College, Montevall and Jacksonville State College. She is a member of the A.E.A., N.E.A., County Teachers Association of which she is secretary, and Classroom Teachers Association and Eden P.T.A.

Mrs. Vivian G. Edward teaches the fifth grade. She has done work at Howard and Jacksonville State College. She is a member of the A.E.A., N.E.A., County Teachers Association and Eden P.T.A. She has taught several years in the St. Clair County Schools.

Mrs. Maggie J. Speer teaches one section of the fourth grade. She finished high school at Wesleyan Methodist Academy and Jr. College in Central South Carolina, and now has a B. S. degree in Elementary Education from Jacksonville State College. She is a member of the A.E.A., N.E.A., County Teachers Association, Classroom Teachers Association and Eden P.T.A.

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BY ELSIE WILLIAMSON
WADSWORTH

In 1920, at the age of seven, I started to school at the two story square frame building at Eden. This building, like the L shaped building that followed it, was on the grounds where New Hope Baptist pastorium is now.

I well remember my first day. My older sister, Olivia, had gone the year before. My younger sister, Bobbie, had not started yet. One other little girl, Ruth Hamilton, and I and the Mowery children all walked the long mile from our country homes which is now known as Wolf Creek Road South. We came via the Old Road under the trestle, through rain and cold, and often there was ice in the ruts, where wagons and buggies had traveled. We paid no attention to the weather, and had a good time walking to and from school.

This building had three rooms and a stage. In the winter months we warmed by a big pot bellied heater, one for each room. My class was on the stage the first year. There was an old fashioned pump organ upstairs, and we pupils would slip up there and play the organ. My!!!how we did have to pedal and, what fun we had!

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Fowler and Miss Rozell Cowan were my first teachers for two years. Miss Dadie Griffith, Miss Sally Baley, Miss Annie Scott, Mr. Parks came the next year.

It was there at the Old Eden School that we repeated the Lord's Prayer each morning, and we sang "My Country Tis of Thee", "My Bonnie lies over the ocean," "Old Black Joe" and "My Old Kentucky Home," "Polly Wally Doodle All Day," "The Old Oaken Bucket," "Little Mary Fagan."

At the Christmas season we sang "Jingle Bells," and "Merry, Merry Christmas Bells" and learned that Scrooge was grouchy. On Valentine's Day we made home made Valentines out of wallpaper samples with verses like, "Roses are Red, Violets are blue, Sugar is sweet and so are you;" "I love you like a little pig."

We played baseball with a wide board and a sponge ball, and made lots of home runs. It was there in the first grade that we learned "Mary had a little lamb," and "Twinkle, Twinkle, little star."

We read in our reader about "Rumplestilskin," "Jack and the Bean Stalk." "MY! That Old Giant was Big and Ugly to us children. Others were "Little Red Riding Hood," "The The Three Little Pigs," "Big Billy Goat Gruff," "Little One Eye, Little two Eye and Little Three Eye," "Chicken Little," "Titty Mouse and Toddy Mouse," "The Three Bears" and "Cinderella," and we learned that Rip Van Winkle slept twenty years.

My sisters and I brought our lunch, sausage or ham and biscuit, chocolate cake wrapped in butterpaper and wrapped again in newspaper tied with string. Sometimes we had an apple for recess, but most of the time we would run over across the cemetery and road to the big locust tree. The locust were delicious. They grew on a thorn tree I believe.

We drank water from a spring located not far from the school in an open field. Some of the water was brought from a well across the road from Mr. Laney's Store. Two of our boys would take a two gallon zinc bucket, put a large stick under the bail to carry the water, and it was poured in a small cooler which had a faucet. We pupils would make our drinking cups out of a single sheet of tablet paper folded here and there.

All this happened my first three years. We moved away for a year, while Mr. John R. Dyke moved his family from Dykes' Mill to Eden. Margaret, Helen and Frank came to school at Eden. Agnes and John R. went to Pell City High. It was at this time that Mr. Renfro Pace of Clay County was the principal, with Miss Dixie Mongold and Miss Ola Bert Ginn. Miss Iva Prickett also taught. Miss Bearden, a sister-in-law of Mr. Pace, taught the 2nd term. While I was away the top story was torn away by a storm and some remodeling was done. We were proud of our building.

In 1926-27 Rev. C. J. Dannahoo was principal with Miss Mae Bearden and Miss Willene Masters as teachers. The following year

Some of the things I remember at school was the "Tops" that Dalton Vaughan and Vernon Burns would make out of solid wood with a grove in the top for a cord. They would throw the top, and we marveled at how fast it would spin. The big boys would play "peg." My! how Vernon Burns could step 'em off! My last year at Eden School we would play horse shoes with the teacher, Rev. C. J. Dannahoo.

Some pupils I'd like to mention who were not in the picture were Willard and Emma Dell Patterson, Emmett Smith, Nettie Lou and Virginia Reeves, Cal Otto, Bill Womack, Louie Balan, Ruth Bice, Virginia and John Will Leachman, Lucille and Lillian Stewart, Waller and Theodore Winslett, Sarah Kendrick, Christine Willingham, Sol. Mongold, Gladys and Geneva Ginn, Maybelle and Eunice Ball, Bill Inzer, Dan Lovell; Kathleen, Pauline, James and Clarence Bynum; Dudley Reeves, Frank Williamson, W. T. and Mildred Hazelwood, Goldie Robertson, Carl and Mildred Hoyt Smith; Fred, Perry and Curtis Evans; Bobbie and Ted Robertson, Ruthie Belle Aders, Ruby and Rufus Bowman, Lanola Stewart and many, many others.

In the school year 1926-27, a school bus, a black Ford with "St. Clair County" painted on its side in gold letters, was driven by Huey Robertson. It brought pupils from the Bowman Settlement to our school. Lonnie, Nellie and Pauline Holtbrooks, Ruby, Gaynell and Charlotte Stewart; Earl, Virgil and Pearl Bowman; Otto, Louise, Margaret, Aldon and Eugene Brown; Dalton Vaughan.

One of our pupils remembers he and Dewin Truitt "playing hooky" over in the Truitt pasture. He remembers carrying water from the spring and the well up near Mr. Laney's store. He remembers Grace Bain could whistle many pretty tunes. He also said Eden had a good ball team, which played Cook Springs and Eden had to loan them a player (of course, Eden won).

Willard Patterson remembers Miss Dadie Griffith and Miss Rozell Cowan as his favorite teachers. He remembers Jack Cate having the only watch in the school. If you wanted to know the time, you had to ask "Jack." Willard said Lawrence Burns was one of his favorite schoolmates. They would go out in the cemetery and chew tobacco at recess. He said when he and some other boys disobeyed, the teacher would send them for a "switch," they would take their knife and cut the switch so that when the first "lick" was hit it would break to pieces.

He remembers playing Jackknife, shooting marbles, and playing "fox and dog." Willard says he enjoyed his school days at Eden. One of his favorite school mates was Godfrey Lovell, who liked to curl up in an automobile tire and ride down hills.

Mrs. Naomi (Butterworth) Brown remembers walking from where Mr. Virgil Bowman lives now to Eden School "around the mountain" by herself. She remembers Vivian Ginn Edwards as her desk mate.

Mrs. Bobbie (Williamson) Stevens remembers playing "church" on the steps of New Hope Baptist. She remembers playing horse shoes with Rev. C. J. Dannahoo, her partner.

Dorothy (Smith) Meehan remembers they lived in the Ginn Settlement near the J. W. Jones residence. She remembers playmates Evelyn Robertson, Ruth Hamilton and Nettie Robertson, and carrying baked potatoes and white meat in her lunch.

Frank Dykes remembers Mrs. Ola Bert Ginn, Mrs. Mae Bearden and Miss Willene Masters as teachers. He remembers Carl Smith, Charles Ginn, Homer Smith as schoolmates.

Mrs. Vivian Ginn Edwards remembers when Mr. and Mrs. K. G. Fowler were teachers they planned a country fair with exhibits, games and races, prizes, food. Winston Lovell had an owl in a cage.

Mrs. Lillie (Davidson) Smith remembers sitting on the steps of New Hope Baptist. Their teacher would bring an apple a day for a group of girls. She remembers Ross Reeves, Leonard Vaughan, Johnny Hamilton, Lucille Burns and Ruby Evans as favorite classmates. She remembers playing tennis.

Evelyn (Robertson) Ingram, one of our little girls in the picture,

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All About Eden Elementary

Eden Elementary is home to about 120 students in Kindergarten through grade five. Kindergarten through grade three are self-contained classrooms. Fourth and fifth grades are departmentalized with a math and science block and an ELA and social studies block. Our staff is experienced and is committed to creating good citizens for Eden, Texas.

Our school was built in 1941 by the Works Project Administration under President Franklin D. Roosevelt. Several additions have been made over the years.

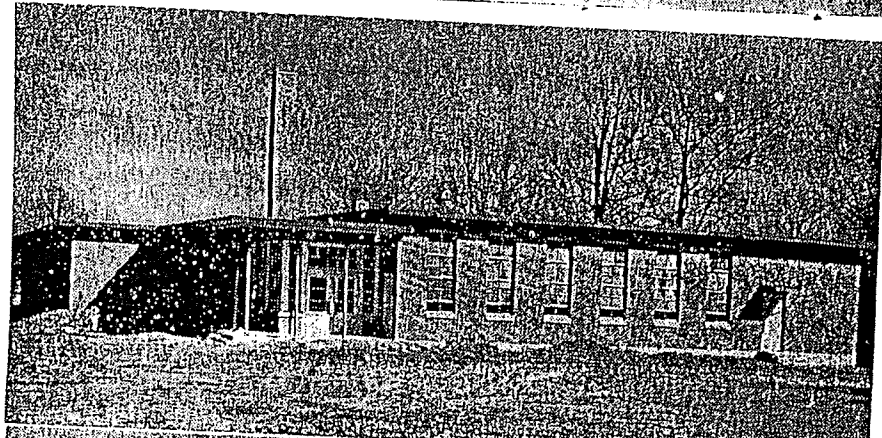
Some of the annual events for our school are the fifth grade trip to Texas Tech University's Junction Outdoor School, Halloween Downtown Spooktacular, the Veteran's Day program, Christmas and Spring band concerts, and field day. Our kids and teachers make Eden Elementary a great place to learn!



The Pell City

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ALABAMA'S BIG WEEKLY NEWSPAPER
PELL CITY, ALABAMA, THURSDAY



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FROM The old to the new . . . Views show the new and the old Eden school building. Last week



change, the first change that has been made in, some say 69 years, some say about 50 years.

In any event it has been a long time since children who attended school at Eden had a chance to walk into a brand new building.

But that's what happened last week when Professor E. C. Bole, his five school faculty and just over 200 pupils left the old school on Highway 78 and marched nearly a mile to the recently completed school building on the site of the old Inzer home.

The new six classroom building cost about \$80,000. In addition to six classrooms, the building has an office for the principal, a cafeteria (what would old-timers think about the youngsters eating right in the building?) an auditorium, a storage room for books. In addition each room has a drinking fountain. There is a furnace no more totin' coal or pine knots to stoke the heater) and indoor toilets.

Top view shows the old school building. Some say this building was first constructed in 1880, some say about the turn of the century—around 1900. In any event the building is an ancient one, was worn out and outmoded at least

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Eden Elementary 3rd Grade Apr 1.

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Next row - Paul Partridge, Pat Kilgroe, Will
Roy Tipton, Terry Richey

Next row - Stella Williams, Kay Holt, Charles
Charlotte Willingham & James

Front row - Clint Shaw, Peggy Richey, &
Freddie Hazelwood, Dale Ham.

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