

WHAT CAN A PERSON SAY ABOUT A LADY LIKE MISS IOLA ROBERTS IN A FEW WORDS WHEN WORDS FAIL US AS WE TRY TO EXPRESS WHAT SHE MEANT TO SO MANY? IT WAS NOT MY PRIVILEGE TO HAVE GONE TO SCHOOL TO HER, BUT MY CHILDREN DID. HER TEACHING NOT ONLY EMBRACED BOOK LEARNING BUT MANY PRINCIPLES THAT STUCK WITH A CHILD THROUGH THE YEARS.

IT WAS, HOWEVER, MY PRIVILEGE TO BE CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH HER IN THE LAST TWO YEARS OF HER LIFE AND I WAS GREATLY INSPIRED BY HER FAITH IN HER MAKER AND HER FELLOWMAN.

PAULINE NIXON RICH

TO PUT INTO "ONE PHRASE" WHAT MISS ROBERTS CONTRIBUTED TO MY LIFE HAS BEEN THE MOST DIFFICULT TASK I HAVE EVER FACED. IT WOULD REALLY TAKE VOLUMES! I WOULD THAT HER MANTLE COULD HAVE FALLEN ON ME TO CHALLENGE YOUNG STUDENTS AS SHE DID.

I WILL NARROW MY REMARKS TO THESE. YOU CHOOSE FOR ME, PLEASE.

... "TO FACE LIFE IN THIS MANNER -HEAD UP!
SHOULDERS BACK! NOW TRY!"

... " NEVER BE SATISFIED WITH ANYTHING LESS THAN YOUR BEST IN EVERYTHING YOU DO"

MATTIE LEE



I DIDN'T HAVE THE PLEASURE OF GOING TO SCHOOL UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF MISS IOLA ROBERTS, BUT MY THREE CHILDREN DID. SHE WAS A GREAT INSPIRATION TO THEM. SHE HAD ALWAYS BEEN A FRIEND OF MY FAMILY. WE SHALL MISS HER VERY MUCH AS SHE WAS ALWAYS READY IN TIME OF NEED.

MILDRED BAIN WRIGHT

TO HAVE KNOWN MISS ROBERTS, GONE TO SCHOOL UNDER HER SUPERVISION AND BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH HER IN SOME OTHER ASPECTS OF LIFE HAVE BEEN AN INSPIRATION TO ME AND I AM SURE THAT OTHER PEOPLE WHO KNEW HER FEEL THE SAME WAY THAT I DO.

I AM SURE THAT ONE OF MISS ROBERTS' PERSONAL GOALS WAS TO STRIVE FOR PERFECTION AND THAT SHE TRIED TO INSTILL THIS SAME GOAL INTO THE MINDS AND ACTIONS OF HER ASSOCIATES - ESPECIALLY HER STUDENTS.

FOSTER EDMUNDS

MISS ROBERTS WAS AN INSPIRATION TO MY LIFE. SHE ALWAYS WAS READY AND WILLING TO HELP ME AND TO ENCOURAGE ME IN ALL PHASES OF MY LIFE. HER PHILOSOPHY WAS THAT A PERSON COULD ATTAIN MOST ANY GOAL THEY SO DESIRED IS THEY WOULD APPLY THEMSELF AND WORK TOWARD THAT GOAL. SHE WAS ALWAYS AVAILABLE TO ME NO MATTER HOW BUST, FOR COUNCILING, GUIDANCE AND ENCOURAGEMENT. MISS ROBERTS' PUPILS AND THE PEOPLE IN HER COMMUNITY WERE ALWAYS HER FIRST CONCERN.

TO ME SHE WAS A FRIEND IN DEED.

NORMAN SMITH

MISS IOLA ROBERTS INSPIRED ME TO ALWAYS
STRIVE FOR LIFE'S BEST....VERGIE HIGGINBOTHAM

MISS ROBERTS WAS VERY CONSIDERATE OF EACH ONE
OF HER PUPILS. I APPRECIATE EVERYTHING SHE
DID FOR US....CLARA MAE COMPTON

MISS ROBERTS WAS CONCERNED THAT EACH OF HER
PUPILS SUCCEED AND DID WHAT SHE COULD TO
MAKE IT SO....LOIS COMPTON

MISS ROBERTS INSTILLED IN US THE NEED TO
MAKE AS NEAR PERFECT AS POSSIBLE AND DO
RIGHT....FLORENCE COMPTON

MISS IOLA ROBERTS TAUGHT ME IN THE 7th. GRADE. SHE TOOK SPECIAL INTEREST IN ME FOR I HAD POLIO WHEN I WAS A CHILD. I HAD TO LEARN TO WRITE WITH MY LEFT HAND SINCE MY RIGHT HAND WAS CRIPPLED. MISS ROBERTS GAVE ME THIS SPECIAL ATTENTION FOR SHE UNDERSTOOD I COULD LEARN BUT NEEDED MORE TIME AND ATTENTION. SHE WAS A BLESSING TO ME IN MY SCHOOL DAYS AND FOR THE REMAINDER OF HER LIFE. I APPRECIATE AND THANK HER FOR HER SINCERE HELP AND UNDERSTANDING. I AM GRATEFUL FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SAY SHE WAS A SUPERIOR TEACHER.

PAUL EUGENE BARBER



IT IS A PRIVILEGE TO PAY TRIBUTE TO MISS IOLA ROBERTS. TO ME, SHE WAS AN EXAMPLE OF EXCELLENCE, NOT ONLY IN HER PROFESSION AS A TEACHER, BUT IN EVERY PHASE OF HER LIFE.

I AM DEEPLY GRATEFUL FOR THE MANY THINGS SHE TAUGHT ME TO APPRECIATE AS HER STUDENT, AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONTINUE TO ENJOY A CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH HER THROUGH MY WORK; SHE WAS ALWAYS INTERESTED AND WILLING TO HELP YOU.

SHE WAS TRULY A GREAT LADY, ONE WHO DESERVES A VERY SPECIAL PLACE IN ANY "HALL OF FAME".

MARTHA DICKEY

I FEEL MISS ROBERTS CONTRIBUTED GREATLY
TO EDUCATION IN OUR SCHOOLS. TO ME HER AIM
WAS TO HELP DEVELOP THE ABILITIES AND TALENTS
OF ALL SHE TAUGHT. SHE INSTILLED IN ME THINGS
THAT HAVE HELPED ME THROUGH LIFE AND THINGS
I WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER. I AM HONORED TO HAVE
BEEN ONE OF HER STUDENTS.

LINDA BURNHAM SMITH

MISS ROBERTS WAS A FINE PERSON AND A GREAT
LEADER IN EDUCATION. SHE ALWAYS EXHIBITED A
TRUE CONCERN FOR OTHER PEOPLE AND GOT GREAT
SATISFACTION IN HELPING OTHERS SUCCEED.

JOHN LONERGAN, JR.

TO ME MISS IOLA ROBERTS ATTAINED SUCCESS
IN LIFE BECAUSE OF HER LOVE OF PEOPLE, HER
DEDICATION TO HER PROFESSION, BY INSPIRING
THOSE AROUND HER TO AN APPRECIATION OF THE
FINER THINGS IN LIFE.

SHE WAS TALENTED, CULTURED AND HAD CON-
CERN FOR OTHERS.

SHE BELIEVED IN PEOPLE AND THEIR NATIVE
ABILITY TO DO THINGS. SHE APPRECIATED WHAT
SHE CALLED A "THINKER". I HEARD HER SAY
MANY TIMES, "I HAD RATHER HEAR A PERSON SAY
'I SEEN' AND SEE SOMETHING THAN TO SAY 'I
SAW' AND SEE NOTHING AT ALL".

TO ME HER LIFE WAS AN INSPIRATION. HER
MEMORY A BENEDICTION.

PAUL TURNER

SOME OF THE MOST IMPORTANT PEOPLE IN HISTORY HAVE BEEN TEACHERS. MANY OF THE BIGGEST ADVANCES IN CIVILIZATION HAVE BEEN THE CHIEF WORK, NOT OF PREACHERS OR POLITICIANS OR INVENTORS - NOR EVEN OF ARTISTS - BUT OF TEACHERS.

MISS IOLA ROBERTS WAS A TEACHER. SHE KNEW THE ART OF TEACHING A STUDENT THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN TRUTH AND LIES IN PRINT. SHE KNEW HOW TO START A YOUNG PERSON THINKING ABOUT THE MEANING OF POETRY OR PATRIOTISM. SHE WAS A HAPPY, CONTENTED PERSON FOR SHE CONSTANTLY HAD THE SATISFACTION THAN AN ARTIST HAS WHEN HE MAKES A PICTURE OUT OF BLANK CANVAS AND COLORS.

MISS ROBERTS TAUGHT ME FRENCH WHEN I WAS A TENTH GRADER AT ASHVILLE HIGH SCHOOL - MANY YEARS AGO. I HAVE LONG SINCE FORGOTTEN MY HIGH SCHOOL FRENCH. WHAT I DO REMEMBER IS THE FRIENDLY, ATTRACTIVE YOUNG LADY, JUST OUT OF HUNTINGDON COLLEGE, WHO INTRODUCED ME TO THE DELIGHTFUL FABLES OF LA FONTAINE, AND THE WONDERFUL COMEDIES OF MOLIENE. SHE READ TO US SOME OF MOLIENE'S BEST PLOTS AND THEN HAD US TRY OUR HAND AT ORIGINAL MONOLOGUES IN FRENCH. WHAT A MESS WE MADE OF IT AND WHAT FUN IT WAS TO TRY. WE LEARNED IN THAT HIGH SCHOOL FRENCH CLASS SOMETHING OF THE GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY OF FRANCE. AND WE LEARNED SOMETHING ABOUT FRENCH LITERATURE AND FRENCH MAMMERS AND CUSTOM.

WHEN MISS ROBERTS TAUGHT AT ASHVILLE, SHE LIVED IN MY MOTHER'S HOME. WE ADMIRERD AND RESPECTED HER AS A TEACHER AND AS A DEAR FRIEND.

MATTIE LOU TEAGUE CROW

BITS OF WISDOM FROM MISS ROBERTS AS I RE-
CALL THEM:

"THERE IS NO ROYAL ROAD TO LEARNING"

" A HINT TO THE WISE IS SUFFICIENT;THE FOOL
NEVER LEARNS".

"USE YOUR HEAD FOR SOMETHING BESIDES A
HAT RACK".

"TO LEARN, YOU HAVE TO HAVE A THIRST FOR
KNOWLEDGE".

"HE WHO KNOWS NOT AND KNOWS NOT THAT HE
KNOWS NOT IS A FOOL; SHUN HIM. HE WHO KNOWS
NOT AND KNOWS HE KNOWS NOT IS A CHILD;TEACH
HIM. HE KNOWS AND KNOWS HE KNOWS IS WISE;
FOLLOW HIM".

WHEN I WAS IN MISS ROBERTS'ROOM, I THOUGHT
SHE KNEW EVERYTHING.

ROSALIE HANSON HERSHEY

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IN MEMORY
OF
MISS IOLA ROBERTS

Iola Roberts will always live in the hearts of those who knew her best. Her chosen field was education but her genuine concern for people extended far beyond the scope of her profession. She was an inspiration to everyone that she touched and many reached levels that would not have been possible had it not been for her guidance.

When Bill and I went to Pell City as inexperienced teachers, Miss Roberts spent numerous hours counselling and encouraging us to always strive to be the best in our chosen profession.

She was quick to recognize the innate ability of all students and during her tenure helped hundreds to grasp success. It is impossible to love someone without respect and everyone that touched Iola Roberts certainly respected her.

No one who ever knew Miss Roberts can deny that she was indeed a dreamer, but it was this asset that made her the great person that she was. Her dreams were indeed coupled with reality.

Bill and I loved and respected this fine lady and our lives will always be richer because our paths crossed. We thank God for this blessing.

Elizabeth Harris

Bill Harris

Elizabeth and Bill Harris
Teacher and Administrator
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A few thoughts about Miss Roberts:

As I make my feeble attempt to write about Miss Roberts, I quickly think of her many outstanding graduates who are so much better qualified than I to do so.

In recalling the many things that she taught us, I believe that the most profound remembrance I have was her deep appreciation of beauty. No one who attended her schools can ever forget her love of beautiful music. The great literature, books, lyrical poems and classic pictures and paintings were a most important part of her life which she unselfishly gave to us all.

Thousands of us were truly blessed to have spent an all too short, but yet so meaningful part of our lives with her. And while I'm sure that she would continue to abhor the use of slang, the vernacular of today's young people is so appropriate,

Hey man, she was beautiful!

Arthur D. Moore, Jr.

I THINK ONE OF THE FIRST THINGS THAT I REMEMBER AND APPRECIATE ABOUT MISS ROBERTS, GOES BACK TO THE EARLY YEARS IN GRAMMAR SCHOOL AND CHAPEL PERIODS. I WILL NEVER FORGET SONGS LIKE HOLY, HOLY, HOLY AND ONWARD CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS ETC., BIBLE READING AND MUSIC APPRECIATION.

WHEN I WAS IN THE SECOND GRADE, I WAS THE MOTHER OF HANSEL AND GRETEL-THE WORD "TURNIPS" WAS SO OUTSTANDING. WHEN I WAS IN THE SEVENTH GRADE, I WAS THE "STATUE OF LIBERTY" STANDING THE TALLEST.

I COULD GO ON WITH MEMORIES LIKE GOING WITH A GROUP TO RADIO STATION W.A.P.I. IN BIRMINGHAM TO SING- SPECIAL DAYS TO REPAIR BOOKS-THE CHRISTMAS PROGRAM FIRST, THEN THE CHRISTMAS TREE.

SHE WANTED THE BEST FOR HER STUDENTS- SHE WAS A DEAR FRIEND TO MY FAMILY.

MYRTLE JEAN SPRUILL

MOST PEOPLE ARE FORTUNATE TO BE REPUTED FOR ONE
NOTEWORTHY ACHIEVEMENT IN LIFE. MISS IOLA ROBERTS
ACHIEVED MANY THINGS.

MOST PEOPLE THINK IT A MARK OF DISTINCTION TO HAVE
LIVED AND BEEN EMPLOYED IN A VARIETY OF PLACES
AROUND THE COUNTRY OR GLOBE. SHE CONCENTRATED
ON ONE PLACE ---ST. CLAIR COUNTY.

HER PRESENCE HERE FROM EARLY ADULTHOOD MADE HER
ROOTS GROW DEEP HERE, HER WORK VITAL AND ETERNAL.

SOME PEOPLE WORK FOR THE BUILDING OF WORLDLY
POSSESSIONS, FOR THE ELEVATING OF SELF. SHE
WORKED FOR WHAT THE WORLD DEEMS A MEAGER SALARY
BUT SHE WORKED TO ENRICH THE LIVES OF THOUSANDS.

SHE WAS A TEACHER, AND AS SOMEONE HAS SAID, "A
TEACHER TEACHES FOR ETERNITY." SURELY MISS
ROBERTS IS STILL LIVING AND "TEACHING" IN HUN-
DREDS OF HOMES IN ST. CLAIR COUNTY.

ONE OF THE GREATEST CLAIMS I CAN MAKE IS THIS:
MISS ROBERTS WAS MY TEACHER, MY EIGHTH GRADE
ENGLISH TEACHER. SHE INSTILLED IN ME THE JOY OF
LEARNING. THEN FOR THIRTY YEARS WE SHARED
TEACHING EXPERIENCES IN ST. CLAIR COUNTY. SHE
CONTINUED TO INSPIRE ME. I NOW KNOW THAT I
BECAME A BETTER TEACHER MYSELF BECAUSE OF MISS
ROBERTS.

MARIE TUCK

Marie Tuck

St. Clair honors teacher SCHOOL IS RENAMED

BY BILL HARDIN
News correspondent

PELL CITY, Nov. 8 — Miss Iola Roberts' name is engraved forever in the hearts of the hundreds of St. Clair County residents she has loved and served for 49 years as teacher and principal.

But today her name is a permanent part of St. Clair County's official records. The St. Clair Board of Education has renamed the South St. Clair School, of which she is principal, the Iola Roberts School.

High officials and her many other friends and former pupils gathered for dedication ceremonies on a sunny Sunday afternoon.

MISS ROBERTS, lovely in a blue dress, her gray hair beautifully waved, her still young face beaming, sat on the speakers' platform with Gov. George C. Wallace, his wife, and other notables. Among these were a number of civic leaders and education officials of St. Clair County.

"You shouldn't have done

this kind of thing," Miss Roberts said, almost abashed as she looked at the crowd.

After all the tributes had been spoken, Miss Roberts rose.

She looked back across the long years in which her school has grown and the education offered its students improved so much.

"All this couldn't have been done without the help of Avondale Mills, the County Board of Education, the State Board of Education, city officials, and the parents," she said.

"Especially the parents."

THEN MISS ROBERTS rather quickly sat down.

A portrait which was a complete surprise to the principal was presented as a gift from St. Clair County friends to be hung at the school.

She looked at it closely.

"Oh, my, it flatters me," she gasped.

The Pell City Lions Club had sponsored the change in names. Harold King, presi-

dent of the club, acted as master of ceremonies.

Gov. Wallace made the formal dedication "in honor of one who has rendered great service to the people of this county and city, and I dedicate this school in honor of a great lady of Alabama."

Both the Lions Club and County Board of Education sponsored resolutions recommending the change. They described her as one who has done more than anyone else in the county to help education.

Flying time

ISTANBUL — This Turkish city is included as a major stop in the flight schedules of 16 international airlines, making it only 26 flying hours from New York and eight hours from Paris.

Federal holdings

WASHINGTON — In federal property in the United States, the Army, Navy and Air Force have the largest investment in dollars. The Department of Justice has the least of all.



PORTRAIT OF MISS ROBERTS WILL HANG IN SCHOOL SHE SERVES
...From left, Lion Harold King, Miss Iola Roberts and Gov. George C. Wallace

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School Name To Be Changed; Governor Wallace Is Speaker



MISS IOLA ROBERTS
... School Named For Her

Members of Pell City Lions Club will see one of their top projects become reality Sunday when the name of the South St. Clair Elementary School will be changed to the Iola Roberts School, thus honoring a Great Lady who has perhaps taught school continuously in St. Clair county longer than any other person.

Governor George Wallace will help the people of Pell City and St. Clair county do honor to Miss Roberts in a program that starts at 2:30 Sunday afternoon at the school and ends at four o'clock. A reception inside the Iola Roberts School will follow the program.

The program has been set up for outside, but in case of rain or extremely cold weather it will be held inside the auditorium.

Governor Wallace will make the main dedicatory address. He will be introduced by Col. J. Craig Smith, president of Avondale Mills. Other dignitaries to be invited include Austin R. Meadows, state superintendent of education, Mayor Otis Perry, Judge Hoyt Hamilton. Pell City High School band will make

music and Pell City Boy Scouts will direct traffic.

Miss Iola Roberts has taught in St. Clair county a total of 48 years. Forty-five of the years has been in Pell City. Prior to coming to Pell City she taught a total of three years at Ashville and Ragland. She has taught in Pell City schools since the fall of 1920, first at Avondale Mills school and later with the merged school known as South St. Clair School.

The resolution sponsoring changing the name of the school was adopted as a project by the Pell City Lions Club, sent to the state legislature where it was passed and made official and signed by Governor Wallace.

Miss Roberts was educated in the schools of her home town of Wadley, Ala., Huntington College, Auburn and did special work at Columbia University. She did continued work at Auburn where she was awarded a Masters Degree.

Miss Roberts is not only a dedicated teacher, but is a community leader and builder and is always interested in the spiritual and cultural life of the people. She gives her time and money freely to every worthy cause. She has been an active member of the Pell City First Methodist Church for 45 years participating in the various programs of the Church.

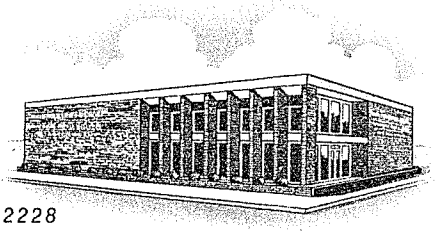
In the field of education she has made contributions in many areas. She is a member of A.E.A., NEA, Classroom Teacher's Association, Principal Associations and Delta Kappa Gamma, the highest classroom teachers professional fraternity.

She has always been an influence in the Civic affairs of our County. She is a member of the Business and Professional Women's Club, St. Clair County Development Committee and was one of the organizers and guarantors of St. Clair Federal Savings and Loan Association.

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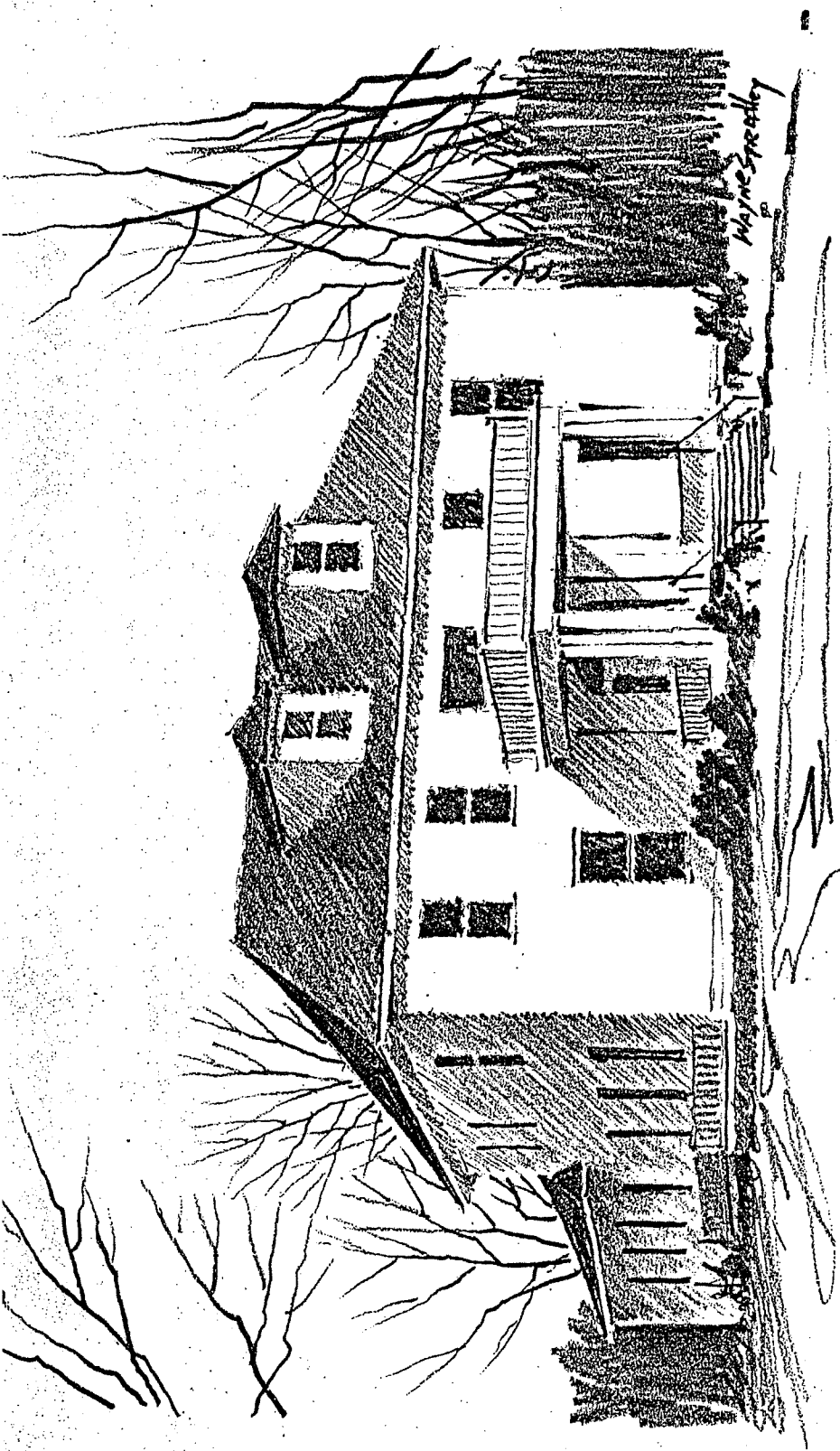
To me Miss Iola Roberts attained success in life because of her love of people, her dedication to her profession, by inspiring those around her to an appreciation of the finer things in life.

She was talented, cultered and had a concern for others.

She believed in people and their native ability to do things. She appreciated what she called "a thinker". I heard her say many times, "I had rather hear a person say 'I seen' and see something than to say 'I saw' and see nothing at all".

To me her life was an inspiration. Her memory a benediction.

Paul Turner



Wayne Speedley

I KNOW MY LIFE HAS BEEN ENRICHED ESPECIAL-
LY BY HAVING THE TEACHINGS AND GUIDANCE MISS
ROBERTS GAVE ME DURING MY GRAMMAR SCHOOL DAYS.
SHE HAS HELPED ME LOTS OF TIMES LATER DURING
HER LIFE TIME.

ITS A GOOD FEELING TO BE ABLE TO SAY,"I
WAS ONE OF HER STUDENTS".

LOLA BURNHAM

THESE TESTIMONIES OF APPRECIATION TO MISS ROBERTS ATTEST TO THE NATURE AND EXTENT OF HER INFLUENCE. IN THE DAY -TO-DAY TUSSLE WITH REALITIES, SHE TRANSMITTED MANY LESSONS TO US.

IN IDENTIFYING WITH US, SHE SHOWED HER DESIRE FOR OUR WELL-BEING IN PROVIDING A WELL-ROUNDED EDUCATION WITH EMPHASIS ON THE ARTS AND EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AS WELL AS THE ESSENTIALS-READING, WRITING, AND ARITHMETIC. PARTICIPATION IN THESE OUTSTANDING ACTIVITIES OPENED MANY NEW DOORS AND PROVIDED AN OPPORTUNITY TO COMMUNICATE WITH OTHERS.

I SHALL ALWAYS BE GRATEFUL FOR THIS HERITAGE. IT IS CONTINUAL-AND GOES WITH ME WHEREVER I GO. BECAUSE OF HER NATURE AND INFLUENCE THESE DOORS OPEN EASIER.

JUANITA H. SPRUIELL

THROUGH MESS ROBERTS' EXAMPLE AND SOFTLY
EXPRESSED DIRECTION, I LEARNED MUCH PATIENCE,
LOVE, APPRECIATION, AND MANY HELPFUL METHODS
OF DIRECTING LARGE GROUPS OF CHILDREN IN
CHORAL, DRAMATIC, AND CREATIVE ACTIVITIES.
HER WISDOM AND EXPERIENCE CONVEYED TO ME
MANY VALUABLE INSIGHTS OF THE TEACHING-LEARNING
PROCESSES.



MARGARET SCOTT

TO MISS IOLA ROBERTS I OWE MY EARLY APPRE-
CIATION FOR MUSIC, ART, AND THE DANCE. SHE
STRESSED ALL OF THESE ALONG WITH THE THREE R'S.
SHE ALSO HELPED ME TO BELIEVE IN MYSELF.

SHE WAS A GREAT LEADER, TEACHER, AND FRIEND!

NORMA HOWELL

MY SEVENTH GRADE TEACHER, MISS IOLA ROBERTS WAS INDEED AN UNFORGETTABLE TEACHER AND HUMAN BEING. SHE WAS NEVER SO GREAT THAT SHE WAS NOT HUMBLE. THROUGH HER HUMILITY AND CONCERN SHE INFLUENCED NUMEROUS LIVES.

MISS ROBERTS WAS AN INSPIRATION TO ANY CHILD REGARDLESS OF BACKGROUND. SHE INSTILLED IN EACH STUDENT A DESIRE TO ACHIEVE IN LIFE'S ENDEAVORS. SHE HAD DETERMINATION THAT HER PUPILS WOULD LEARN MORE THAN THE BASICS IN SCHOOL AND ALWAYS GAVE THAT EXTRA PUSH TO TRY HARDER. SHE TAUGHT VALUES - HONESTY, DIGNITY, AND REFINEMENT THAT BUILT CHARACTER. THIS PHILOSOPHY WAS NOT ONLY TAUGHT BUT SHE WAS THE EPITOME OF IT HERSELF. SHE TOOK GREAT PRIDE AND PLEASURE WITH ALL HER STUDENTS, AND ENJOYED SEEING THEM BECOME ADULTS AND ACCOMPLISH THE GOALS THAT POSSIBLY HAD BEEN SET UNDER HER INFLUENCE AND GUIDANCE.

Nellie Ruth Lewis

MISS IOLA ROBERTS WAS A LADY WHO DESERVED EVERY TRIBUTE THAT IS BEING PAID HER. I CONSIDER IT A PRIVILEGE TO HAVE BEEN UNDER HER SUPERVISION IN MY GRAMMAR SCHOOL YEARS. SHE WAS THE BEST TO EVERYBODY. I SHALL NEVER FORGET HER WORDS TO ME, "IT IS NOT COMPULSORY THAT WE BE THE BEST, BUT IT IS THAT WE TRY".

COUNT ME AMONG THOSE WHO BENEFITED GREATLY FROM HER TEACHING AND TRAINING.

LARRY (PETE) RICH



MAY 2, 1977

MISS ROBERTS DRILLED IN ME GOD'S GIVING
GIFT TO SPEAK. USE IT SHE WOULD SAY. MAY
IT WORK AND PRODUCE FOR YOU, THINK OF THINGS
NOT AS THEY ARE, BUT AS THEY MIGHT BE. MAKE
THEM REAL, LIVE AND INTERESTING. DON'T MERELY
DREAM BUT CREATE. USE YOUR IMAGINATION TO MAKE
THAT CREATION OF ADVANTAGE TO MANKIND AND YOUR-
SELF. SHE WAS A GREAT LADY.

ELIZABETH HARVEY STELZENMULLER

I HAD THE PLEASURE OF WORKING WITH MISS ROBERTS
IN THREE DIFFERENT CAPACITIES: THAT OF THE
STUDENT-PRINCIPAL, TEACHER-TEACHER, AND PARENT-
TEACHER. TO DETERMINE THE TOTAL IMPACT THAT
MISS ROBERTS HAD ON MY LIFE WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE.

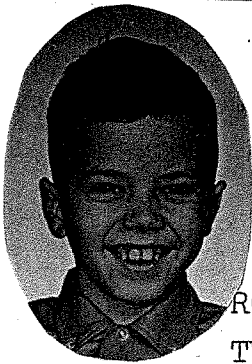


AMELIA STARNES WILLIAMSON

MAY 2, 1977

MISS ROBERTS' BELIEFS WERE: THERE IS NO REASON WHY YOU SHOULD HESITATE TO ASPIRE TO ANY POSITION, ANY HONOR, ANY GOAL, FOR THE MIND WITHIN YOU IS FULLY ABLE TO MEET ANY NEED. START SOMETHING, USE YOUR INITIATIVE. GIVE YOUR MIND SOMETHING TO WORK UPON. WE LEARNED FROM HER NEVER STOP. SHE WAS A WISE LADY WHO GAVE HER BEST TO THE CHILDREN OF HER SCHOOL.

ALBERT TOM HARVEY



LET ME TELL YOU ABOUT THE TIME WHEN MISS IOLA ROBERTS PERSUADED REX TO CONTINUE HIS EDUCATION. TWO DAYS IN A ROW MRS. BRADEN, REX'S SCHOOL TEACHER, TELEPHONED ME TO COME PICK UP REX. SHE SAID HE CLAIMED TO BE SICK, BUT SHE REALLY DID NOT BELIEVE HE WAS. I PICKED REX UP THE SECOND TIME AND I QUESTIONED HIM ABOUT THIS ILLNESS HE WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE, BUT WHICH ALWAYS SEEMED TO LEAVE HIM SO CONVENIENTLY WHEN HE REACHED HOME. HE ADMITTED HE WAS NOT SICK BUT FURIOUS. I NEVER DID FIND OUT WHY. HE WAS GOING TO DROP OUT OF SCHOOL, GET HIS SIX DOLLARS OUT OF SAVINGS AND NOT GOING TO COLLEGE.

I TALKED HIM IN TO GOING BACK TO SCHOOL THE FOLLOWING DAY. MISS ROBERTS FOUND THAT REX HAD A PROBLEM AND CALLED HIM TO HER OFFICE. UPON QUESTIONING HIM I LEARNED MISS ROBERTS HAD TAKEN HIM ON HER LAP AND TALKED TO HIM MAN TO MAN. SHE ALSO ACQUIRED A CARTON OF CHOCOLATE MILK FOR HIM. HE EMERGED FROM HER OFFICE THOROUGHLY HAPPY AND WHEN I PICKED HIM UP THAT AFTERNOON HE INFORMED ME THAT HE HAD DECIDED TO REMAIN IN SCHOOL, IT WAS A PRETTY GOOD PLACE.

REX WAS IN THE SECOND GRADE. TODAY, HE IS A SENIOR AT JACKSONVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY

MRS. BILLY M. BELL



MISS ROBERTS TAUGHT US ALL TO STRIVE FOR
EXCELLENCE IN EVERY UNDERTAKING, AND THAT
NOTHING LESS THAN ONE'S BEST EFFORT IS EVER
GOOD ENOUGH. SHE WAS AN INSPIRATION TO ME
IN COUNTLESS WAYS, AND TO THOUSANDS OF OTHERS.

MARY EDMUNDS

THE LEGACY OF HIGH PURPOSE AND ACCOMPLISHMENT
MISS ROBERTS LEFT TO US WHO WERE FORTUNATE
ENOUGH TO HAVE KNOWN HER AS A FRIEND AND TEACHER
WILL ALWAYS SERVE AS A BEACON WHEN WE STRIVE TO
RISE ABOVE THE COMMONPLACE REGARDLESS OF OUR
ENDEAVOR IN LIFE.

MARY M. COLLINS

YOU KNOW WHAT GREAT COMPANIONS IOLA AND I WERE FOR MANY YEARS. I COULD WRITE LOTS IN MEMORY OF HER, BUT KNOW IT SHOULD BE BRIEF. I HARDLY KNOW WHAT TO WRITE AS SO MANY GOOD THINGS COULD BE SAID.

I KNOW IOLA WOULD APPRECIATE ALL THAT HAS BEEN DONE IN HER MEMORY BY THE PEOPLE OF PELL CITY WHOM SHE LOVED.

I AM DOING FAIRLY WELL TO HAVE BEEN SO SERIOUSLY ILL. THE DOCTORS SAY I AM DOING FINE NOW. HOWEVER, I WAS IN THE HOSPITAL THREE TIMES AND THEN HAD A VERY SERIOUS OPERATION. SINCE THEN I HAVE BEEN HERE AT THIS NURSING HOME FOR ABOUT SIX MONTHS. I AM NOT VERY STRONG AS I WALK WITH A CANE BUT HOPE TO GO HOME SOME TIME IN JUNE.

I WILL ALWAYS BE INTERESTED IN YOU PELL CITY PEOPLE FOR I LOVE YOU ALL.

MY ADDRESS IS: THE IDEAL REST HOME
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VICIE HEFLIN



MEMORIES OF MANY SAYINGS ARE BROUGHT TO MY MIND WHEN I THINK OF MISS ROBERTS. THE ONE THAT SUMS IT ALL UP IS THE WAY SHE HAD OF LOOKING A PERSON RIGHT IN THE EYE AND SAYING "IT JUST ISN'T CONSIDERED BEST." HOW MANY TIMES DID WE HEAR THAT IN SCHOOL!! NOW AFTER LOOKING BACK ON HER LIFE I CAN SEE THAT SHE NOT ONLY LIVED BY THAT SAYING BUT SHE WORKED VERY HARD TO INSTILL IT IN EACH CHILD AND ADULT THAT SHE WAS ASSOCIATED WITH.

MISS ROBERTS APPRECIATION OF THE VALUE OF EACH INDIVIDUAL WAS TREMENDOUS. IF THERE WAS A SLIGHT POSSIBILITY OF BRINGING OUT THE BEST IN A PERSON SHE WAS FOREVER BUSY AT DOING THAT THING.

MISS ROBERTS NOT ONLY TAUGHT DOING WHAT WAS CONSIDERED BEST. SHE LIVED HER OWN LIFE BY THAT RULE. ANY MEMORIES WE HAVE OF HER WOULD CERTAINLY HAVE TO INCLUDE THE EXAMPLE SHE SET.

MISS ROBERTS POSSESSED A FANTASTIC MEMORY. RIGHT UP TILL THE END CAME SHE CALLED EVERY MEMBER OF MY FAMILY BY NAME AND ASKED ABOUT THEM EACH TIME I SAW HER.

SHE ALSO HAD A GREAT SENSE OF HUMOR, AND DIDN'T FAIL TO LAUGH WHEN THE JOKE WAS ON HER. LIKE THE TIME THE SALESMAN WHO WAS MAKING A PEST OF HIMSELF COULD NOT BE PUT OFF UNTIL SHE STARTED SINGING AND ACCORDING TO HER HE ALMOST FELL DOWN THE STEPS GETTING AWAY IN A HURRY.

LOUISE TIDWELL



ART WOULD NOT BE A WAY OF LIFE FOR ME HAD IT NOT BEEN FOR MISS IOLA ROBERTS. SHE STARTED ENCOURGING ME FROM THE TIME I STARTED PICKING UP A PENCIL TTT. SHE PASSES AWAY. WE LIVED ABOUT A BLOCK AND HALF FROM THE AVONDALE MILLS SCHOOL AND SHE DID NOT HAVE MUCH TROUBLE FINDING ME. I WOULD BE DOING STAGE BACKGROUNDS, LETTERING, OR SOME FORM OF ART AND THE WHOLE TIME SHE WOULD BEETALKING ABOUT HONESTY, CHARACTER, AND I WOULD THINK, IF I EVER GET THROUGH SO I CAN GO PLAY BASEBALL, FOOTBALL. SHE SAW THINGS IN ME I DID NOT KNOW I HAD. WHEN I BEGAN MY THREE YEARS OF EXTENSIVE STUDY IN WATERCOLOR SHE WAS SO PLEASED. MY WIFE CARRIED OVER A BROCHURE IN 1972 WHICH STATED HAD IT NOT BEEN FOR HER WATCHFUL EYE OVER ME ENCOURGING ME I WOULD NO HAVE ART SO PROMONIENT IN MY LIFE. SHE NOT ONLY BELIEVED IN ME AND ENCOURAGED ME, SHE BELIEVED IN PELL CITY.

WAYNE SPRADLEY

TO KNOW THIS DEAR LADY WAS TO LOVE AND APPRECIATE HER. I KNOW OF NO ONE ELSE WHOSE LIFE HAD A GREATER IMPACT ON THE LIVES OF A COMMUNITY THAN DID HERS. SHE SET AN IMPECABLE EXAMPLE OF THE HIGHEST MORAL AND CULTURAL STANDARDS IN HER COMMUNITY NOT ONLY IN HER LIFE BUT IN HER TEACHING OUR CHILDREN AND AS A MOTHER OF THREE CHILDREN OF WHOM SHE TAUGHT EACH ONE. THERE WERE STANDARDS AND MOTIVATIONS SET UP IN EACH OF THEIR LIVES AND I THINK THEY WOULD HAVE BEEN THE POORER HAD THEY MISSED THIS: AS A MOTHER I CERTAINLY APPRECIATE HER LIFE AS A MARVELOUS TEACHER AND AN HONORED MEMBER OF OUR COMMUNITY WHOM WE SORELY MISS.

MRS. JAMES SPRADLEY, SR.
(JOSOPHINE WHITTEN)

MICHAEL S. HARVEY
TAX ASSESSOR
ST. CLAIR COUNTY
35125

ASHVILLE, ALABAMA
TELEPHONE 594-3541

May 2, 1977

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Miss Roberts was my friend and teacher who did not believe in the word can't. She impressed in me the mind within you is fully able to meet any challenge. It is no more difficult for it to handle a great problem than a small one. Dont set it doing trifling sums in arithmetic when it might as well be solving problems of yourself and the world.

Michael Singleton Harvey

MISS ROBERTS ON BOARD



BOARD MEMBER
Miss Iola Roberts

Miss Iola Roberts of Pell City was sworn in Wednesday as the newest member of the Cahaba Girl Scout Council board of directors. She will serve through 1970 as a non-officer director of the board.

Associated with the St. Clair School system for 50 years, Miss Roberts served as principal of the South St. Clair School for 45 years and in 1965 the school was renamed in her honor.

Although never directly associated with scouting, Miss Roberts has taught the history and principals of Scouting to

civics classes.

Before her retirement she was a member of the St. Clair County Development Commit-

tee, National Principals Association, Kappa Delta Pi and an associate member of the Allied Arts Club.



ONE OF THE MOST LOVED and appreciated citizens of the Pell City Community, Miss Iola Roberts, receives a 40 year Service Pin from D. R. Martin, plant manager. Miss Roberts is principal of the South St. Clair school which has recently had its name officially changed to the Iola Roberts School.

South

(Young Jones)

Dr. King -

→ Dr. King -

April 1977
Box 561
Pell City, Alabama
35125

Dear

The 13th. and 14th. of May 1977, Friends of the Library in St. Clair County will have a book fair benefit at the Civic Center. One of the exhibits will honor Miss Iola Roberts.

We plan to use her portrait and over and around it we would like to use four inch silver stars. These will have a name or a photograph plus a phrase of what she contributed to their life- such as: a greater appreciation for music, or an understanding of poetry, or a love for art.

We know you too feel she contributed so much to all of us. May we use your photo (unreturnable school size and it can be years old) and a phrase you write that you feel fits what she gave to you?

We would like to hear from you.

Sincerely,



She made me want to
set high goals for
myself and work hard
to attain them.
Bob G. Bain

Wayne Spradley



P.O. Box 472—Pell City, Alabama
Phone 205 - 884-3134

Watercolorist

Miss Iola Roberts

There is no way to sum up Miss Iola Roberts in one sentence, two sentences. Last year while showing out of town people our town we passed the Iola Roberts School, one of my boys said "That is Iola Roberts School" my mother and daddy knew her, she was a Great Lady and everyone loved her.

Mrs. Wayne (Patricia Rich) Spradley

I know my life has been enriched especially by having the teachings and guidance Miss Roberts gave me during my grammar school days. She has helped me lots of times later during her life time.
It's a "good feeling to be able to say, "I was one of her students."

Lala Bunkerham

May 2, 1977

Miss Roberts' belief's were: There is no reason why you should hesitate to aspire to any position, any honor, any goal, for the mind within you is fully able to meet any need. Start something, use your initiative. Give your mind something to work upon. We learned from her to never stop. She was a wise lady who gave her best to the children of her school.

Albert Tom Harvey

written by Marie Stack

Miss Iola Roberts

There come times when one is compelled to say something, but is completely lost in the search for words--- the right words--- overwhelmed by the enormity of the task, battling between what the heart feels and what the intellect knows. The heart wishes only to feel, to express its sorrow, to cry out in anguish. The intellect says be calm, be dignified.

Such is the case with me, perhaps would be with all of you, in trying to express a tribute to the memory of Miss Iola Roberts.

To say: "She was a teacher; she was an educator; she was a principal; she was a leader"--- would all equally identify her. But these identities still seem inadequate.

The thought comes to mind: "She was an institution." Yes, I realize that an institution is defined as "a relationship or behavioral pattern of importance in the life of a community or of a society."

THAT IS IT. Miss Roberts was more than an ordinary teacher. She was an INSTITUTION. She inspired pupils to be learners. She continued to BE a learner herself. She planted seeds of desire to be SOMEBODY, to be the best somebody possible, to improve one's self, one's surroundings, one's future. She meted out encouragement where doubts were seeking to impede success.

She loved her fellow teachers; she inspired and encouraged them. She loved people and felt it her responsibility, her privilege, her happiness to help improve society.

Today I feel that I have been worth more to society because Miss Roberts was my teacher, my fellow worker in education, my friend, my inspiration.

The world is a better place because of her life and its influence; the world suffers a loss because of her demise.

Marie Stack

Memories of Miss Roberts

Memories of many sayings are brought to my mind when I think of Miss Roberts. The one that sums it all up is the way she had of looking a person right in the eye and saying "It just isn't considered best." How many times did we hear that in school!! Now after looking back on her life I can see that she not only lived by that saying but she worked very hard to instill it in each child and adult that she was associated with.

Miss Roberts' appreciation of the value of each individual was tremendous. If there was a slight possibility of bringing out the best in a person she was forever busy at doing that thing.

Miss Roberts not only taught

doing what was considered best, she lived her own life by that rule. Any memories we have of her would certainly have to include the example she set.

Miss Roberts possessed a fantastic memory. Right up till the end come she called every member of my family by name and asked about them each time I saw her.

She also had a great sense of humor, and didn't fail to laugh heartily when the joke was on her. Like the time the salesman who was making a pest of himself could not be put off until she started singing and according to her he almost fell down the steps getting away in a hurry.

Our memories of Miss Roberts could and will go ^{on} forever with much love and appreciation. Louise Tidwell

Miss Dola Roberts was a lady who deserved every tribute that is being paid her. I consider it a great privilege to have been under her supervision in my grammar school years. She saw the best in everybody. I shall never forget her words to me, "It is not compulsory that we be the best, but it is that we try."

Count me among those who benefited greatly from her teaching and training.
Larry (Pete) Rick

A Teacher and a Friend

Some of the most important people in history have been teachers. Many of the biggest advances in civilization have been the chief work, not of preachers or politicians or inventors - nor even of artists - but of teachers.

Miss Iola Roberts was a teacher. She knew the art of teaching a student the difference between truth and lies in print. She knew how to start a young person thinking about the meaning of poetry or patriotism. She was a happy, contented person, for she constantly had the satisfaction that an artist has when he makes a picture out of blank canvas and colors.

Miss Roberts taught me French when I was a tenth grader at Ashville High School - many, many years ago. I am sure that I learned the one hundred pages of vocabulary and grammar, the conjugation of verbs, and the phonetics of the language. But I have long since forgotten my high school French. What I do remember is the friendly, attractive young lady, just out of Huntingdon College, who introduced me to the delightful fables of La Fontaine, and the wonderful comedies of Moliere. She read to us some of Moliere's best plots and then had us try our hand at original monologues in French. What a mess we made of it and what fun it was to try! We learned in that high school French class something of the geography and history of France. And we learned something about French literature and French manners and customs.

When Miss Roberts taught at Ashville, she lived in my mother's home. We admired and respected her as a teacher and as a dear friend.

Mattie Lou Teague Crow

① (for Bell City page)
Lest we forget Miss Lola Roberts,
my mother said when she
first moved to Bell City that
Miss Roberts was a teacher at
Hall Hill school which later
burned down.

Miss Roberts was principal
at Avondale Mills school, and
my 6th and 7th grades teacher.
Back then, I thought there were
two persons who knew
everything and they were Miss
Roberts and my cousin, Pearl
Stephens Garnet.

I still think of things Miss
Roberts used to tell us.

Here are some of her quotes:
✓ "There is no Royal road to
learning."

✓ "Don't glorify war."

"You can lead a horse to the
water, but you can't make it drink."

✓ "A hint to the wise is sufficient.
The fool never will learn."

"Use your head for something
besides a hat rack."

✓ "Don't be an ignorantus."

✓ "To learn, you have to have

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a thirst for knowledge,"

"An empty wagon always rattles,"

"My father said idleness is the devil's workshop. He kept my brothers busy so they wouldn't get into mischief,"

(In 1931) "Automobiles are for rich people. I would like to have a car but I can't afford one. I know a man who owns a car and his children don't have fit clothes and shoes to wear to school."

"He who knows not and knows he knows not, he is a child. Teach him. He who knows not and knows not he knows not, he is a fool. Shun him. He who knows and knows he knows, he is wise. Follow him."

(I used to know two sisters, in North Birmingham, who were childhood friends of Miss Roberts, from Localie Haroon Hershey Birmingham, Ala.

Kappa Delta Pi
National Honorary Education Fraternity
Alpha Phi Chapter
Alabama Polytechnic Institute

Auburn, Alabama
June 26, 1934.

Miss Iola Roberts,
Auburn, Ala.

Dear Miss Roberts,

In checking over the records of the Students of Education we found yours to be of exceptional rank and one that shows promise of leadership and professional success. We congratulate you on your achievement and extend to you an invitation to become a member of the Alpha Phi Chapter of Kappa Delta Pi.

This is, as you perhaps know, a fraternity of Educational Students and Faculty members interested in high standards of Education and Professional Leadership.

Will you please report to room S-314 at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon for instructions?

Yours truly,

Eva B. Beck

Eva B. Beck,
Sect'y Alpha Phi Chapter.

PROGRAM

SUMMER COMMENCEMENT
of the
ALABAMA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE
Auburn, Alabama

7:00 P. M. - August 17, 1934

ORDER OF EXERCISES

Music The Cavalier Orchestra

America, The Beautiful Ward
Directed by Mr. Irvine

Invocation Rev. Sam B. Hay

Duet: "Out of the Dusk To You" Lee
Miss Iola Roberts
Mrs. Rose H. Hard

Solo: "A Birthday" Woodman
Miss Lois Walker

Quartet: "When The Little Ones Say Goodnight" Parks
Mr. Vernon Vines
Mr. Louie James
Mr. O. L. Entrekin
Mr. Aubrey Vines

BACCALAUREATE ADDRESS

Hon. Hugo Black, United States Senator

Presented by
Hon. T. D. Sanford, U. S. District Attorney

CONFERRING OF DEGREES

Announcements

Benediction

Miss Iola Roberts

Past Reflections - Present and Future Inspirations

Art Appreciation - The study of paintings and biographies of the artists left such an impression on me that I painted a few nice paintings in chalk pastels of which I am very proud. It was through Miss Roberts' appreciation of art that as a student it was transferred to me. Being knowledgeable I could then see in my daughter Barbara a talent for painting. When I recognized her talent, I immediately helped her develop it by private art lessons under Mrs. Dorothy Mays. I have many prize oil paintings by Barbara which will never be for sale.

Music Appreciation - The Plays, Dances and Choral Groups certainly left an imprint on my life. It inspired me to take music by correspondence for some time, then private lessons under Miss Montgomery. Later I studied under Mrs. Floy Yorty. Mrs. Yorty and I played many hungarian dance duets, as a musical project for me, which she and I enjoyed tremendously. This musical talent cultivated was transferred to Barbara and she in turn became accomplished on the clarinet and was a member of the Pell City High School Band. She even plays some classical piano music even tho she did not pursue lessons on the instrument. My present appreciation of opera, plays and concerts have been a direct influence of my early training.

Speech - I now reflect how Miss Roberts would say - "open your mouth, articulate, speak with a full tone, speak where you can be heard." These are like verbal vibrations that come to you again and again then ricochet and you hear them all over again or like wave lengths that resound forever.

Now my three-year old grandson, Nathan Allan draws grandmother some lovely airplanes, boats and cars which are quite discernable for his age, He knows all the C placements on the piano and when he plays, he plays softly.

I feel that the person I am today, I give credit to Miss Roberts for her strict discipline in punctuality, honesty, obedience, consideration of other class mates, the constant drive to bring out the best in each person, religion - "the morning devotionals", and RESPECT AND LOVE FOR OUR STATE, OUR COUNTRY AND THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO OUR AMERICAN FLAG.

For me she has left an imprint in three generations. The beautiful thought is - "just how many many generations will feel this influence left by her. It is really inconceivable.

To a Devoted and L oved Teacher


Student, Faith Hestley Henderson

H. J. R. 158

Enrolled, House Joint Resolution, WHEREAS Miss Iola Roberts during a lifetime of unselfish service has contributed immeasurably to the educational and community life of Pell City and South St. Clair County; and

WHEREAS Miss Roberts, as a teacher and principal of Avondale Elementary School and later of South St. Clair County Elementary School, has served with inspiration, diligence, and ability. Her fine example through the years has instilled in the students under her charge a greater appreciation for the democratic institutions of our society, a keener interest in education and the Arts, and a desire to improve themselves and fulfill their capabilities as persons; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby designate the South St. Clair County Elementary School as "The Iola Roberts Elementary School" in honor and appreciation of this inspiring and dedicated lady whose contributions to educational, religious, and civic life has benefited thousands of citizens in St. Clair County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That copies of this Resolution be sent to Miss Roberts and to the St. Clair County Board of Education.

Speaker of the House of Representatives

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

House of Representatives
August 20, 1965

I hereby certify that the within House Joint Resolution originated in and was adopted by the House August 17, 1965.

John W. Pemberton
Clerk

Senate

8/19/65

Adopted



AVONDALE MILLS

GENERAL OFFICES • SYLACAUGA, ALABAMA 35150

April 21, 1977

Mrs. Alice Moore
401 26th Street N.
Pell City, Alabama 35125

Dear Mrs. Moore:

Mrs. Roberts was responsible for teaching me the finer things in life. She made me want to set high goals for myself and work hard to obtain them.

Sincerely,

Bob G. Bain, Vice President
Raw Materials Purchasing

BGB:fbs

Encl.

Miss Roberts was very Considerate
of each one of her pupils. I appreciate
~~all~~ every thing she did for us.

Clara Mae Compton

In Appreciation of Miss Iola Roberts

These testimonies of appreciation
to Miss Roberts attest to the nature
and extent of her influence. In the
day-to-day tussle with realities, she
transmitted many lessons to us.

In identifying with us, she shared
her desire for our well-being in pro-
viding a well-rounded education
with emphasis on the Arts and Extra-
curricular activities as well as the
essentials — reading, writing, and arithmetic.
Participation in these outside activities
opened many new doors and provided an
opportunity to communicate with others.

I shall always be grateful for
this heritage. It is continual —
and goes with me wherever I go.
Because of her nature and influence,
these doors open easier.

Ornita W. Skruell

Let me tell you about the time when Miss Iola Roberts persuaded Rex to continue his education. Two days in a row Mrs. Braden, Rex's school teacher, telephoned me at home to come to school and pick up Rex. She said he claimed to be sick, but she really did not believe he was sick. I picked Rex up the second time and I questioned him about this illness he was supposed to have, but which always seemed to leave him so conveniently when he reached home. He admitted he was not sick, but he was furious. I never did find out what he was so upset about. He said he was going to drop out of school, get his six dollars out of savings and was not going to college.

I talked him in to going back to school the following day. Meanwhile, Miss Roberts discovered that Rex had a problem and called him to her office. Upon questioning Rex I learned that Miss Roberts had taken him on her lap and talked to him man to man. She also acquired a carton of chocolate milk for him from somewhere (they did not serve it at school at that time). He emerged from her office thoroughly happy and when I picked him up that afternoon he informed me that he had decided to remain in school, that it was, after all, a pretty good place.

Rex Bell was in the second grade then. Today, he is a senior at Jacksonville State University at Jacksonville, Alabama.

Mrs Billy M. Bell


NORMAN SMITH
CIRCUIT CLERK
PELL CITY, ALABAMA 35125

OFFICE OF
CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT
ST. CLAIR COUNTY, ALABAMA

EVELYN TURNER
DEPUTY CLERK
TELEPHONE 338-2511
PELL CITY, ALABAMA 35125

May 6, 1977

Miss Roberts was an inspiration to my life. She was always ready and willing to help me and to encourage me in all phases of my life. Her philosophy was that a person could attain most any goal they so desired if they would apply themselves and work toward that goal. She was always available to me no matter how busy, for counseling, guidance and encouragement. Miss Roberts pupils and the people in her community were always her first concern. To me she was a friend in deed.


Norman Smith

Miss Roberts was principal of
Avondale Mills School and taught
me in the sixth & seventh grades.
Some of her proverbial quotes have
stayed with me through the years.
~~Two~~ I will give here, "He who knows
not and knows not ~~that~~ he knows not is
a child, teach him. He who knows not
and knows not ~~that~~ he knows not is
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and knows he knows is wise,
follow him." and "There is no royal
road to learning."

Rosie Lee Hanson Hershey
Birmingham, Ala.

A Tribute to Miss Roberts

I think one of the first things that I remember and appreciate about Miss Roberts, goes back to the early years in grammar school and Chapel periods. I will never forget songs like Holy, Holy, Holy and Onward Christian Soldiers etc., Bible reading and music appreciation.

I happened to be in some of the plays that she had. When I was in the second grade, I was the mother of Hansel & Gretel. The word "Turnip" was so outstanding. When I was in the seventh grade, I was the "Statue of Liberty" standing the tallest.

I could go on with memories like going with a group to Radio Station W.A.P.I. in Birmingham to sing—

Special days to repair books -
The Christmas program first,
then the Christmas tree.

She wanted the best for her
students - she was a dear
friend to my family.

Myrtle Jean Spruill

The legacy of high purpose and accomplishment Miss Roberts left to us who were fortunate enough to have known her as a friend and teacher will always serve as a beacon when we strive to rise above the commonplace regardless of our endeavor in life.

Mary M. Collins

May 2, 1977

Miss Roberts drilled in me God's giving gift to speak.
Use it she would say. May it work and produce for you,
think of things not as they are, but as they might be.
Make them real, live and interesting. Don't merely dream
but create. Use your imagination to make that creation of
advantage to mankind and yourself. She was a great lady.

Elizabeth Harvey Stelzenmuller



AVONDALE MILLS
SYLACAUGA, ALABAMA
35150

May 3, 1977

Mrs. Mary Collins
Box 561
Pell City, Alabama 35125

Dear Mary:

Thank you very much for informing me and letting me be a part of honoring Miss Iola Roberts.

Even though I left Pell City before I had the pleasure of having Miss Roberts as my seventh grade teacher, I did attend school for a few years where she was principal and remember those years very vividly.

To me, Miss Roberts was a living example of dignity, honesty, and self-respect. She was a strong believer in discipline - the kind of educator that the country has too few of today. I will remember her always.

Sincerely,

Vice President and Secretary

R. L. Edmunds/gw

April 1977
Box 561
Fell City, Alabama
35125

Dear *Foster,*

The 13th. and 14th. of May 1977, Friends of the Library in St. Clair County will have a book fair benefit at the Civic Center. One of the exhibits will honor Miss Iola Roberts.

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We know you too feel she contributed so much to all of us. May we use your photo (unreturnable school size and it can be years old) and a phrase you write that you feel fits what she gave you?

We would like to hear from you.

Sincerely,

Mary Collins

MARY - I do not have a picture to send and I can't say in just a few words what Miss Roberts meant to me. I have written this letter and it will probably not fit into your decore. However, if it will, you may use it in any way you see fit but please do not

Miss Lola Roberts

To know this dear lady was to love and appreciate her. I know of no one else whose life had a greater impact on the lives of a community than did hers. She set an impeccable example of the highest moral and cultural standards in her community not only in her life but in her teaching our children and as a mother of three children of whom she taught each one there were standards and motivations set up in each of their lives and I think ^{they} would have been the poorer had they missed this; as a mother I certainly appreciate her life as a marvelous teacher and a honored member of our community whom we sorely miss.

Mrs James Spradley Sr.

(Josephine Wehler)

As a child in school Miss Roberts was a good influence in my life, teaching me the love of books and good music. Her influence still lives in my adult life today. I will always remember her with love and respect.

Ruby Smith,

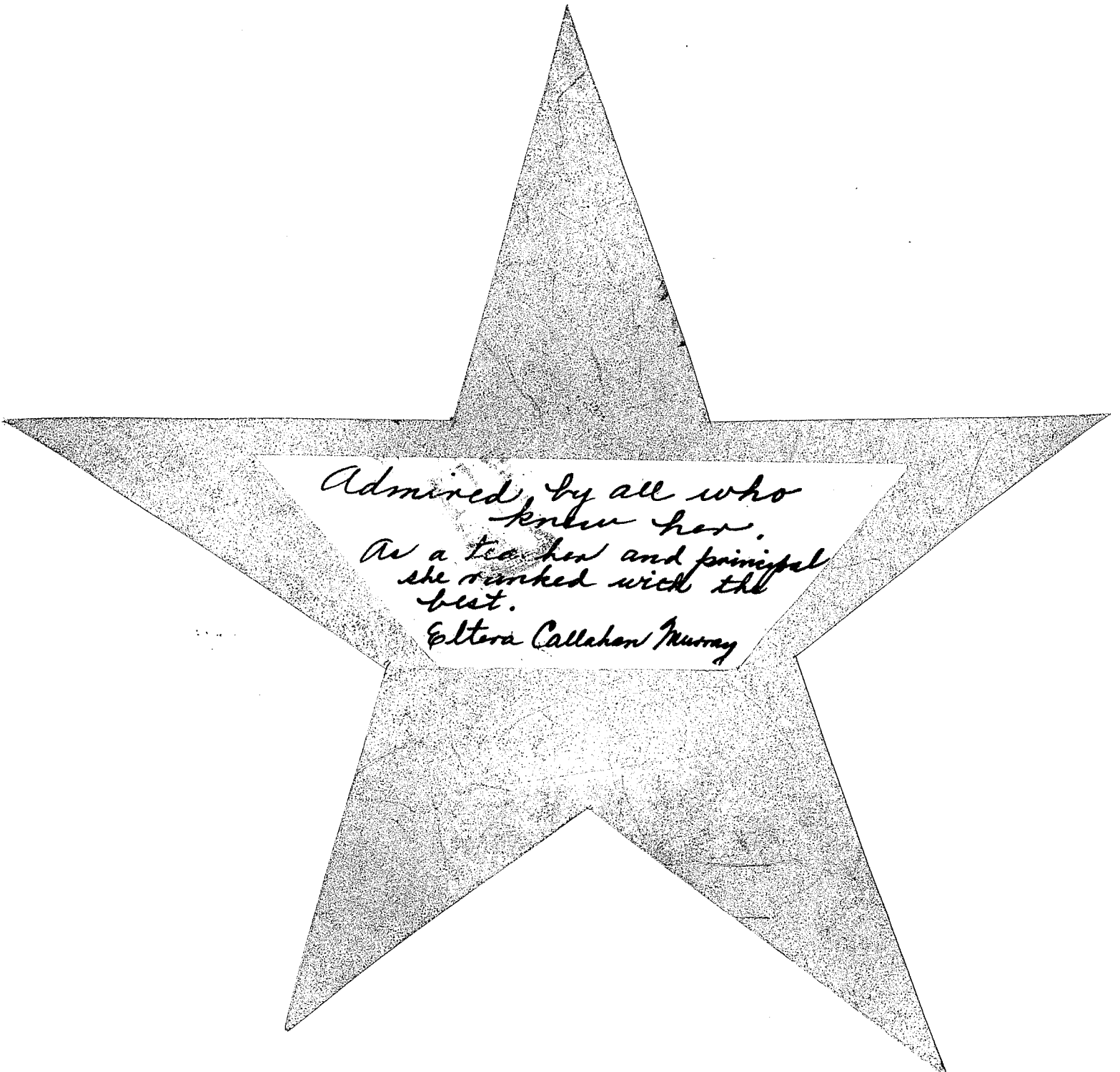
Miss Roberts was an exceptional person and teacher. She expressed love, support and encouragement, and she helped many children in the processes of learning and growing. As a person in a leadership role she set an example worthy of all children and adults to look to and follow.

Joan Smith Deason

Miss Roberts:
the "Portrait of a
Lady"
Madolyn Bunttram

Miss Roberts was concerned that each of her pupils succeed and did what she could to make it so.

Lois Compton



Admired, by all who
knew her.

As a teacher and principal
she ranked with the
best.

Eltera Callahan Murray

1 st	V. Smith Overdies	Wilderness Bride	1420
2 nd	Jera Gardner - 7 Johnson	Red Badge of Courage	73
3 rd	John Hesterley - 7 Crane	She Red Schoendienst	3007
4 th	Tommy Leonard B-504	Johnny Weikert	2075
5 th	Dagh - Lipscomb - 150 Hall	Johnny Weikert	4333
6 th	Granita O'Neal 7 Sutton	Jemima	969
7 th	Jeff Jones - 599 North	Rascal	674
8 th	Christy Cain - 7 Stolz	A Lone or Season	218
9 th	Sharron Swann - 7 Adams	Chingo Smith of Erie Canal	991
10 th	Caren Cason - 7 DeFardin	Practical Jester	873
11 th	Stacy Hall - 7 DeFardin	Double Feature	1019
12 th	Donna Blanton - 7 DeFardin	One of the Crowd	3899
13 th	Donna Blanton - 7 Beach	Run Silent Run Deep	5366
14 th	Christie Reesa - 7 Goddon	The Biddaker	1069
15 th	Lisa Smith - 7 Norton	Iron Cage	
16 th	Juliana Walker - 7 Nordhoff	Pearl Lagoon	
17 th	Kathy Edmondson - 915	Sally - The A. B. C. of	
18 th	Eddie Mitchell - 7 Taylor	Old Saint Horse	4803

+	Jones			747
-	Warren	Gandis	92 Byrd - Alm. Byrd	1908
	Wendy Harris	F. Sharp	Miss Bianca	
+	Robin Franklin	F. Blum	The Logic, Maple Point	3095
+	Wayne O'Neal	F. Saint-Eg	The Little Prince	5133
+	Angie Drees	F. Howard	Peckler's Girl	
+	Danny Welch	F. Harkins	Way of the Drag Race	2364

Fairall

Overdures

5 th	Kennedy Dudley - Maule - The Racine	2403
1 st	Ricky Cook - F. Fuller - Incident of Eyster	small book
1st	Mary Amstrong - 6361 Smith - Red Mile to go	1499
4 th	Lisa Rowe - F - Pearson - A Smart Kid Like You	5214
6 th	Richard Williams - 819 Sakowitz - Watercrafts	5389
6 th	Bobby Bowden 10000 Windham - 13 Old Ghosts	4855
6 th	Richard Williams F Rodger - Billion for Borts	5385
6 th	Pam Woods - SC Hitchcock - Monster Museum	5312
6 th	Richard Williams - F Duncan - I know what	5248
6 th	Kennedy Amstrong - you did → a Day No Pigs would die	4568
5 th	Rosemary Cleveaks - F Neville - It's like this cat	714

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Whitfield

Overdures

2 nd	Gertrude Beavers 538 Pearl - 10 th wonder Atomic Energy	—
2 nd	Bill Smith 535 - Rucklis - wonder of light	798
2 nd	Calvin Skye 535 - Harrison - 1st Book of light	

Fewell

5 th	Alan Youngblood - 551 Matthews Story of the Earth -	4244
5 th	Myra Bowman 616 Hyde - Mind Drap	2377

Absentee list for Tuesday, April 5, 1977

7th.	8th.	9th.
Howard Alesander	Irma Beavers	Bobbie Bradberry
Angela Marie Barker	Ruby Bedford	Kent Brascho
XXXXXXXXXX	Daniel Bowlin	Linda Burton
Carol Church	Kelly Boone	Donald Crump
Tammy Dunklin	Tony Brannon	XXXXXXXXXX
Jeff Freischmidt	Tina Brown	Connie Castleberry
Homer Jones	Raymond Grossman	Ricky Cook
Lynn Kimberly	Wendy Harris	Bill Eidson
Samuel McLaughlin	Annette Hill	Dale Foote
Michael Meehan	Lisa Holland	Victor Hamby
Sarah Morrow	Marla Huggins	Anita Hare
Timonthy Parker	Darryl Jordan	John Hesterly
Scott Stephenson	Mancy Jones	Billy Love
Gina Stewart	Derenda Kilpatrick	David Mozingo
Susan Stevens	Warren Landis	James Oden
Marilyn Ann Tucker	Lance Mathews	Barry Self
Samuel Virges	Lynne Mount	Lynn Staples
Paula Williams	Stacey Mulvehill	Jacky Willoughby
Ken Wright	Daniel Welch	David Windsor

Tuesdays Menu

Corn Dog	Pinto Beans	Apple, Carrot and Raisin Salad
Mustard	Cookie	Milk
		Rolls

*Thank you for your
 Thank you
 Margaret Wright*

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We plan to use her portrait and
around and over it, we would like
to use silver stars (4 inch). There
will have a name ^{photo} plus a phrase
of what she contributed to their
lives - such as: a greater appreciation
for music - a better understanding
of poetry - a love for art.

We know you too feel she contributed
great so much to all of us. May
we use your ^{unpublished} photo (school size and
it can be years old) and a phrase
you write?

Miss Roberts taught me the
value of uplifting and inspiring
books.

Harold Williams

a magnanimous woman —
as an understanding
counselor, made incredible
impressions upon me by her
tireless enthusiasm for
excellence in education
— yet always exhibiting
a cheerfulness
showing a genuine
love for her work!

Ruth Oliver

Miss Iola Roberts

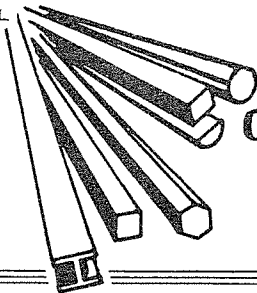
Dedicated to high ideals

Nancy H. Turner

To Miss. Iola Roberts I owe my early appreciation for music, art
and the dance. She stressed all of these along with the Three R's.
She also helped me to believe in myself.
She was a great leader, teacher and FRIEND!

Norma Howell

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I along with many, many
more citizens of this
community feel that I am
indeed fortunate to have had
the guidance and ~~care~~ ^{counseling}
of this great lady.

E. A. Spruill



Quick Courteous Service

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Miss Roberts helped me to develop a greater
appreciation for the fine arts.
Dodd A. Cox

✓ Miss Iola Roberts taught me to use plain common sense in all walks of life. Huston Ramsey

Miss Iola Roberts an exceptional person, could find good qualities about everyone in her presence. She would stress these qualities by knowing what to say, how to say, and when to say words that would make life more satisfying if one gave more attention to a particular personal habit or characteristic.

Miss Roberts expressed great interest in our community and endeavored to develop family pride. The students in school were her family, and her vigor for working with the individual was second to none.

Bill Hewell

✓ ONE DID NOT HAVE TO SEE TO KNOW OF HER PRESENCE IN A ROOM. HER PRESENCE COULD BE FELT. HER PRESENCE IS FELT NOW. HER PRESENCE WILL ALWAYS BE FELT.

Alice Moore

Miss Roberts was an inspiration to me. ✓
Fannie B. Cox

Miss Roberts was an exemplary person and teacher. She was a teacher of high moral values. For me, she was especially a great influence in the appreciation of music.

Bobbie Meehan Argenzia

MISS ROBERTS LIFE AND TEACHING GAVE MEANING TO THE WORDS USED TO DESCRIBE THOSE NOBEL VIRTUES ALL HUMAN BEINGS DEEM WORTHY.

Louise Meehan

Miss Roberts was dedicated to excellence and demanded from those she taught the very best they had to offer. Anything less was not acceptable.

Dale Collins

an early exposure to art which has influenced my life in many ways.

James Bell Miller

Miss Iola Roberts
was always an
inspiration to me and
taught me high lights of
life. She was an
asset to our community.
Melvin Buraham

Miss Lola Roberts
Taught me the
value to appreciate a
clean character and
high standards of life
Geneva Burham

Miss Lola Roberts,
a cultured, refined and
gracious lady.
Vivian B. Qualls

I feel Miss Roberts contributed greatly to education in our schools. To me her aim was to help develop the abilities and talents of all she taught. She instilled in me, things that have helped me through life and things I will always remember. I am honored to have been one of her students.

Linda Burnham Smith

I didn't have the pleasure of going to school, under the supervision of Miss Iola Roberts, but my three children did. She was a great inspiration to them. She had always been a friend of my family. We shall miss her very much as she was always ready in time of need.

Dillard Bain Wright

What can a person say about a lady like Miss Dola Roberts in a few words when words fail us as we try to express what she meant to so many? It was not my privilege to have gone to school to her, but my children did. Her teachings not only embraced book learning but many principles that stuck with a child through the years.

It was, however, my privilege to be closely associated with her in the last two years of her life and I was greatly inspired by her faith in her Maker and her fellowman.

Pauline Nixon Rich

Miss Roberts taught us all to strive for excellence in every undertaking, and that nothing less than one's best effort is ever good enough. She was an inspiration to me in countless ways, and to thousands of others.

Mary Edmunds

Mary, you may use whatever portion of the above you wish. I'm sorry I don't have a picture.

Pell City, Alabama

April 27, 1977

Mrs. Annie Hunter Terrant Hamner

308 River Bluff Drive

Sheffield, Alabama 35660

Dear Mrs. Hamner:

I am working on a Terrant Family line and I wondered if you might have some information that might help me.

I know definitely that Samuel I. Hamner lived in Pell City, Alabama, where he bought a lot of land in the early 1800s. In a building on the lot he had a store. I have a letter from Jefferson County, Alabama, dated 1850, which is a copy of that was written by John C. Hamner to his father, John I. Hamner. The letter mentions his daughter, Miss Mary, who married a Robbs and went to Holly Springs, North Carolina, his wife, and grandchildren. It is a wonderful letter even if it makes you want to cry over the sweet way it ends. This letter was written in the 1850's. This is a far back as proof.

Can you help me? If you have any information, I will appreciate any help. If you let me know what the price, I will pay for it.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Joe Longoid, Box 561, Pell City

Miss Roberts has meant
a lot to my life during
my grammar school days
also through out the
years of her life
Martin Burnham

Miss Roberts taught me
the appreciation of a
clean character and
high standards of life
Geneva Burnham

MISS ROBERTS TAUGHT ME THE REAL
MEANING OF DO UNTO OTHERS AS
YOU WOULD THAT THEY SHOULD DO
UNTO YOU

Paul Callahan

Miss Roberts was
dedicated to excellence
and demanded from
those she taught the
very best they had to
offer. Anything less
was not
acceptable.

Dale Collins

✓

Miss Lola Roberts taught me
in the 1th grade. She took
special interest in me for
I had polio when I was a child.
I had to learn to write with
my left hand since my right
hand was crippled. Miss Roberts
gave to me this special
attention for she understood I
could learn but needed more
time and attention. She was a
blessing to me in my school
days and for the remainder of
her life. I appreciate and
thank her for her sincere help
and understanding. I am
grateful for this opportunity
to say she was a superior teacher.

Paul Eugene Barber

May 7, 1977

Dear Mary,

Enclosed please find photo
for use in the exhibit honoring
Miss Roberts. My phrase is -
"She taught me the value of
integrity."

Sincerely,
Calvin Edmunds

✓

...She instilled in me the desire
to strive to be the very best
in everything I did and she
would then give the confidence I needed
to try.

Isabella Perry Hazelwood



500 City, Ala.
Jan. 12, 1967

Home	\$2000.00	
Furniture		
& China	8000.00	
Home Policy	25000.00	
Armed & Bull's		
Insurance	\$1000.00	} Carolyn & John
	2000.00	
Investors Mutual	3500.00	
Government Bond	\$1723.40	Carolyn John 7/2/65
Walter Co & Southern Co -		500.00
Savings Accts	\$3832.61	
Insurance		
Federal Employees	1000.00	} 7 1/2 % 7 % 5 %
	1000.00	
Proterius Life 6858	1000.00	
+ 2.42		
Dividend		

over
April 27, 1977

Dear Margaret,
Was so glad to hear from you and appreciated you remembering me. You know what great companions Lola and I were for many years. I could write lots in memory of her, but know it should be brief. I hardly know what to write as so many good things could be said.

Am enclosing this inscription. I made two copies. Take the one you think is best. One may take up too much room. I am also enclosing a terrible picture of myself as it was the only one I could get. My niece had it in her bikini folder and gave it to me. I have some better pictures at home but no one is there to hunt for it. I know Lola would appreciate all that has been done in her memory by the people of Bell City whom she loved. I am doing fairly well to have been so seriously ill. The doctors say I am doing fine now. However, I was in the hospital three times and then had a very serious operation. Since then, I have been here at this Nursing Home for about six months. I am not strong enough yet to go home as I walk with a cane but hope to go home some time in June.
Hope your "Book Fair" will be a success.

(over)

I will always be interested in
you Bell City people for
I love you All.

Best wishes,
Sincerely,
Kicie Heflin

P.S. If the picture and what
I have written don't suit,
please let me know
and I will try to do better.
Maybe you can cut down
the picture and etc. to
make them fit the
way you want to use them.

My address
The Ideal Rest Home
1203 Isvitt St.
Mobile, Alabama 36604

MRS. P. H. MURPHY
1421 MELROSE PLACE
BIRMINGHAM, ALA.

May 21, 1951

Dear Lola,

I had intended writing you weeks ago but just never did get around to it. It seems I stay in such a mad rush all the time.

I applied for a regular teaching job next year and I gave your name as reference and intended writing you and asking you if you would recommend me - I had no idea they would write you anytime soon as they

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I feel quite flattered as I
have taught over these more
than any other supply teachers.
In fact I'm the only supply
teacher he has called for the
last month. That is such a
large school that sometimes
they have had as many
as three supply teachers at
once. Supply teaching is hard
the and I know it would
be much easier if I had
a regular job. I would
make so much more and
I would have a good part
time and I would teach
what I wanted to teach.
Of course I'm more

MRS. P. H. MURPHY
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BIRMINGHAM, ALA.

Grade group I taught is, without a doubt, the worst group of children I have ever seen any where. I think about ten of them really belong in a reform school. The teacher who teaches them is considered one of the best disciplinaries in the city and she said they were just about to put her to bed. They have two classes at South Highland which consist of the poorest children in the city. I have taught that several times & I really enjoyed them. I also taught

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MRS. P. H. MURPHY
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BIRMINGHAM, ALA.

over Brother. I went to see
Papa & Brother several months
ago and I noticed how
Brother wacked & used
his arms. I knew some-
thing was radically
wrong with him. I insisted
that he see a doctor but he
said he was not sick. He
did finally go to the doctor
two weeks ago and the
doctor ordered him to the
hospital at once. I went
over & got Papa & brought
him over here with me.
The doctor over there
found out his trouble.

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MRS. P. H. MURPHY
1421 MELROSE PLACE
BIRMINGHAM, ALA.

have started it about five years ago. Brother works all the time now but I don't have any idea how long it will be before he is absolutely helpless - Thinking of all this nearly drives me crazy. He had a kidney stone too & has to go back to the hospital this week to get that removed. I feel awfully sorry for Brother as it seems he hasn't gotten very much out of life - He is an optimiste as I.C. would

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accident and was distressed
when Lavinia told me
he had been in the hospital
so long and had had such
a horrible time. I sincerely
hope that he has fully
recovered by now. Peggy
Joyner, my next door neighbor's
home is in Macon. She goes
over to Macon quite often.
I asked her to call me
but she never has done
it.

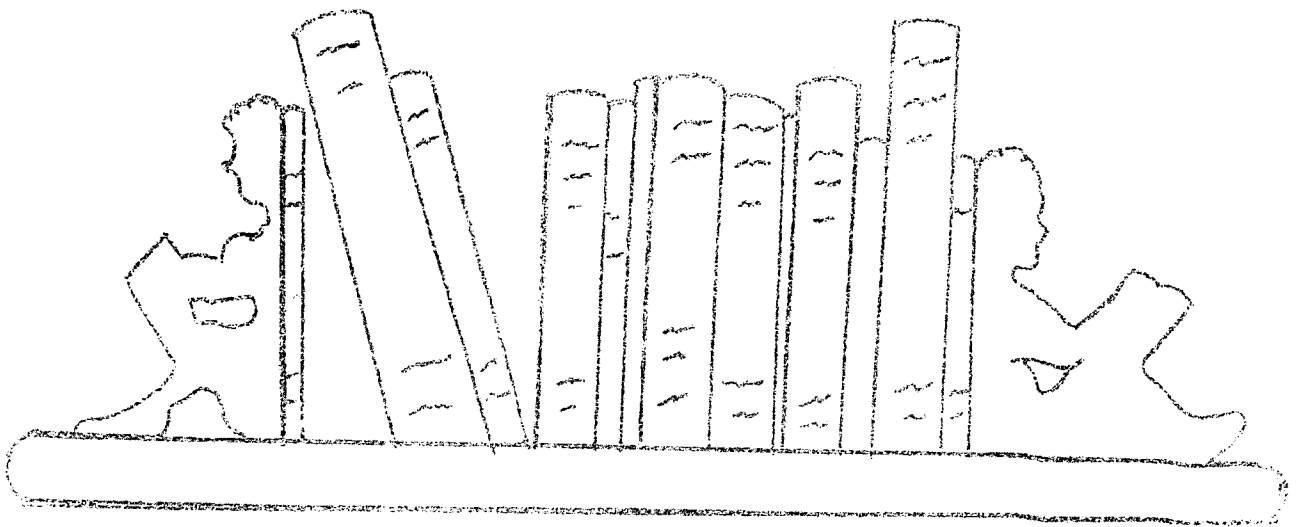
Inla, I am planning on
going to camp
Macon later just before

MRS. P. H. MURPHY
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BIRMINGHAM, ALA.

be delighted to have you and
if you didn't have time I
could meet you down town.
I would like to see you
& talk to you.

I stay so busy that I
hardly have time to think -
Pat & I are painting the
house on the inside and I'm
trying to do my spring clean-
ing for & work in the yard
and then I teach several
days almost every week and
Sunday School on Sunday.
I'm supposed to have charge
of the primary Dept. Episcopal
Bill about in July or I think
I hope I will have gotten

WAKE UP, READ, GROW



PRESENTED BY

SOUTH ST. CLAIR SCHOOL

April 25, 1960 and

April 28, 1960, 7:30 AM

CHARACTERS

CHORAL GROUP: Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Grades.

Citizen 1: Richard Callahan
Citizen 2: Sammy Worthy

Voice 1: Carla Williams
Voice 2: Linda Gant

Vesta, Goddess of Hearth: Donna Bain

Mother: Suzanne Smith

Father: Ricky Polk

Children:
Jack- Reed Alexander
Bill- John Florida
Mary- Kay Smith
Sue- Neta Mae Stewart

Book Ends: Suellen Perry
Johnnie Fleming
Shirley Smith
Roy Holladay

Little Bo Peep: Jessica Lonergan
Little Miss Muffett: Donna Gallups
Little Boy Blue: Kenneth Windsor
Little Jack Horner: Carl Goodgame
Bobby Shafto: Tommy Smith
Old King Cole: Mart Vardaman
Little Tom Thumb: Donald Tollison
Jack and Jill: Johnny Roe - Rosemary Love
Mary, Quite Contrary: Kathy Jo Bowman
Peter Cotton Tail: Reginald Clark Smith

The Twins: Ricky Adams - Ronald Adams
Three Little Pigs: Eric Smith - Charlie Barber - Ronald Garner
Mother Pig: Nancy Simons
Wolf: Mike Turner

Little Red Riding Hood: Jackie Howard
Wolf: Larry Jones
Mother: Wilma Parker
Grandmother: Sherree Simmons
Woodcutter: Johnny Lee Jones - Ricky Howard

Jack & Jill: Dickie Smith
Sister: Sherree Simmons

Robin Hood: Porter Livy
Little John: Mike Thompson

Tom Sawyer: Ronny Kimberly
Huckleberry Finn: Michael Stewart

Little Women:
Mother- Nina Wright
Jo- Patsy Ingram
Meg- Mary Weems
Beth- Patsy Ritch
Amy- Becky Smith

The Raggedy Man: Steve Garner

The Barefoot Boy: Johnny Richey

The Pied Piper of Hamelin:
Pied Piper- Kenneth Ledbetter
Crippled Boy- Latere Jones
Children: Judy Henderson- Angela Smith-
Carsa Mitchell- Mack Payne- Dwight
Bradshaw- Frankie Emerson- Peggy
Bryan- Stephen Buckner- Rex Bell
Larry Braden- Vickey Streety-
Bill Cox.

Bible:
Naomi: Christa Goodwin
Ruth: Phyllis Smith
Joseph: Hazel Phillips

David Crockett: Jackie Cansy

George Washington : Kenneth Dorough

Andrew Jackson: Jimmy Cagle

Jefferson Davis : James Roberson

Clara Barton : DeLana Barber

Emma Sanson: Carolyn Simon

Jane Adams:- Dianne Epperson

Philip Sousa: Robert Stewart

Francis Scott Key: Ronald Cook

Scouts: Hugh Holladay - Davis Abbott

BE PREPARED

FOR YOU ARE GOING TO BE

CALLED ON TO RECITE o o o



PRESENTED BY

SOUTH ST. CLAIR SCHOOL

APRIL 26, 1961 9:00 AM

APRIL 27, 1961 7:30 PM

SOUTH ST. CLAIN SCHOOL PROGRAM

April 26, 1961

"Be Prepared For You Are Going to Be Called on to Recite"

"Be Prepared for You are Going to Be Called on To Recite"
is centered around a youth growing in good home and community atmosphere in quest of truth about his heritage.

He knows he is valuable member of a family group and is important in community life, church, school, and that his full growth, mentally, physically, morally, and spiritually is necessary in order that he may "Be Prepared, Ready to Recite" in our Democratic way of life.

In the review of some historical facts, he learns that his heritage has not always been regular and smooth, but that it has been earned through hardships with many interruptions, "off beats," disturbance, hate, fear, and war, and even cold war. He hears voices of leaders of the Past, leaders with courage, confidence, and enthusiasm prepared to carry on-invent, create, initiate, think, and plan with a will to do.

He listens as Citizens of Today tell about current problems; confusion, unrest, indecision, rapid change, and expansion of false ideologies, Communism, and Socialism, and ever increasing "Leachism." He understands how important it is for every human being to realize that he is created in the image of God with a mind and a soul and that it is time to awaken, get knowledge not only of Science and Mathematics, but of himself as an individual, a good Scout who feels important, is somebody with reverence for God and responsible to all

ankind, family, community, state, nation, and world. He learns that there was never a greater need for readers, learners, interested, informed individuals with character, good morals-faith, hope- ideas, ideals, imagination, and vision with appreciation for the good, the pure, the beautiful, and love for one another.

With this youth and others like him, there will be more leaders who practice the golden rule-who live and help live, who share not by such racial or division but by multiplication-who are people with developed talents producing more goods for more people.

There will be more people educated with appreciation for the cultural and spiritual values necessary for abundant living-more living in safety-partnership, sharing profits and hardships - balancing duty with privilege ready-prepared to make and keep America beautiful, good, and great-yes, ready "Prepared When Called on to Recite."

Scene I The Church

Scripture-Philippians 4:8

Song:

Glories in Canons	Mozart
Lord's Prayer	Melitta
Psalmist Chorus	Maria

Scene II Family Enjoying Outdoors

Songs

Happy Wanderers	Bligg-Melita
Never Walk Alone	Rodgers-Hammerstein
Solo--Michael Turner	
O What A Beautiful Morning	Rodgers-Hammerstein
The Syncopated Clock	Parish-Anderson
Battle Hymn of Republic	Howe
Solo--William C. Smith	
Waltz of Flowers	Psycholowky

Characters:

Father	Harry Smith
Mother	Patricia Thomas
John	Danny Merrymen
Beth	Nell Riser
Voices	Beth Hardwick & Gwin Ragon
Communism	Hugh Holladay
Capitalism	David Abott
Flag	David DeKough
America	Suzanne Lyker &
Citizen of Today	Waymon Adams
It	Patricia Barber
Heritage	Sara Ann Love
	Allen Walker

Roles and Characters in Scenes:

Dancers:

Michael Fambro
 Bobby Gene Adams
 Barry Davis
 Edwin Deason
 Paul Mullins
 John Abott
 Michael Harris
 Dianne Epperson
 Felicia Harmon
 Kay Starned
 James Agan
 Esther Bryant
 Liane Smith
 Lebra Widaman
 Gail Hallett
 Le Jane Barber
 Huey Lea Lyons
 Linda Willamon
 Deborah Lambert

Rozanne Dukacek
 Cynthia Coleman
 Beth Hardwick
 Susan Cornett
 Christie Goodwin
 Shyllis West
 Isabella Perry
 Margie Yates

Pupils who served on Committees in creating and staging the playlet:

Deborah Lambert
 Linda Willamon
 Sarah Ann Love
 David Abott
 Dean Higginbotham
 Iva Chambleas
 Suzanne Luker
 Danny Merryman
 Gwin Hagan
 Beth Hardwick
 Waylon Adams
 Allen Walker
 Gail Hallett
 Barry Smith
 Hugh Holliday
 David Dorrough
 Patricia Thomas
 Patsy Barber
 Dianne Epperson

Q. Prepared For You Are Going to be Called on to Recite"
 was a subject suggested by Mr. Hugh Comer.

Dance Ballet-

Mrs. Davis-Directress

Choral Group

200 members from 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th grades under direction of Mr. Harold Harris, Piano Teacher and Director of Choral Groups, assisted by Mrs. Harold Williams.

Stage-Pictures

Creative work of Wayne Spradley, former pupil of Avondale Mills School, and graduate of Pell City High School, assisted by 6th grade boys, Pat Gosper and Kenneth Dorrough.

Curtain-Lights by Iva Chambless, Dan Little-John, and Jackie Cassidy.

ST. CLAIR COUNTY MOUNTAIN TOURISM FOR BETTER TOMORROW

CREATED BY SIXTH GRADE PUPILS

SYNOPSIS

St. Clair County faces the future with its complex civilization and its threat of Socialism and Communism.

Alert, informed and trained citizens review her vast natural, human and social resources. They make intelligent positive and confident plans to promote economic, social and civic welfare of citizens in a greater democracy.

These plans include:

- Adequate school training and co-operation
- Improved reading and library facilities
- Church attendance, improvement and co-operation
- Cemeteries, improvement and beautification

- Better livestock, poultry expansion
- More long staple cotton
- Soil building and conservation of soil and water
- Increased pine production
- Wildlife protection
- Beautification and recreation projects

- Good government
- Civic improvement
- Encouragement of thrift, economy and savings
- Industrial expansion

SYNOPSIS

I. CITIZENS

1. DEMOCRACY, SOCIALISM, COMMUNISM

III. ST. CLAIR COUNTY

CHARACTERS

- DEMOCRACY Jane Taylor
- COMMUNISM Barbara Smith
- SOCIALISM Mary Jo Worthy
- ST. CLAIR COUNTY Jan Bowlin
- NATURAL RESOURCES Linda Thomas
- HUMAN RESOURCE: Melba Owens
- SOCIAL RESOURCES Laura Henninger

CHARACTERS - CONTINUED

CITIZENS

Stephen Whittle, Jimmy Leigh Gray, Jimmy
Reese, Bill Gray, Gene Smith, John Hunka-
pillar, Larry Buckner, Tommy Snow.

VOICES

School Patsy Jordan
Church Sheila Callahan
Government Kay Barber

SCHOOL BOYS

John Brazier, Frank Davis, Jerry Gallups,
George Ray Franklin

4-H CLUB MEMBERS Julia Mitchell
Ted Hershey

SCOUTS Ray Lowery
Randy Banks

ACCORDIONIST Wayne Polk

READERS

Martha Deason, Jane Hendrick, Martha
Tucker, Sharon Riley, Glenda Eades, Judy
Hannah, Shirley Perkins, Edy Ford, Angela
Gann, Burton Maye, Peggy Hipton, Swank Weeks,
Charles Mabee, Joe Littlejohn, Gloria
Phillips, Virginia Kirkland, Kathy Smith,
June Ranselwood, Laura Hollis, Wilda Morrison,
Connie Horton

SONGS AND DANCES

1. Largo (from Xerxes) Handel
2. America
3. Wind and Rain Dance
4. Dance - May Pole
5. Dance - Green Sleeves
6. Song - O God Our Help in Ages Past
7. Dance - Woodland Nymphs
8. Song - Alabama
9. Dance - Waltz of Flowers
10. Dance - Spring Song
11. Dance - To a Water Lily
12. Song - Battle Hymn of Republic
13. Song - America the Beautiful

INTRODUCTION Bobby Turner
Alex Seals



Loss Of Miss Iola Roberts

aps DONALD COMER, JR., Chairman of The Board, Avondale Mills: "There is no person I know of in the state of Alabama who has done more toward seeing that the young people in their county received a first class education in every sense than Miss Iola Roberts. She has been a wonderful friend and source of inspiration to generations of people in St. Clair County and to others of us who had the opportunity of knowing her. Her life with us will always be a shining example of what one person can do for the good of their neighbors."

reply her will mily GEORGE EDEN, St. Clair County Superintendent of Education:

"The education world lost a dedicated and gracious lady in the passing of Miss Iola Roberts. Miss Roberts taught in the schools of St. Clair County for 50 years. I can think of no other person who has had as much influence on the lives of thousands of boys and girls as did this lady: A person of kindness, I have known her to spend her own money to see that children had the proper food and clothing. Miss Roberts will be greatly missed by her many friends, former students and loved ones."

PAUL TURNER, Mayor of Pell City: "An educator and
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Educator, Cultural Leader—

Funeral Held Wednesday For Miss Iola Roberts

Funeral services were held Wednesday for Miss Iola Roberts, educator, cultural and civic leader in Pell City for half a century.

The gentle lady who taught generations of Pell Citizens, always striving to imbue them with an appreciation of cultural values, died Monday night at St. Clair County Hospital. She was 79.

A Pell City teaching career which began in 1920 at the old Avondale Mills School was climaxed by her retirement in 1967 from the school which bore her name.

The Pell City Lions Club spearheaded a successful movement to change the name of South St. Clair Elementary School, built in 1954, to Iola Roberts School. An act of the Alabama Legislature made it official in 1965 and Governor George C. Wallace was speaker at dedication services held that year.

Miss Roberts was educated in schools of her hometown of Wadley, Ala., Huntingdon College, Auburn University and Columbia University. She received a Masters degree from Auburn.

Ever active in the cultural and civic affairs of the community, in addition to her dedicated service to the field of education, Miss Roberts was, at various times, a member of the

Pell City Business and Professional Women's Club, the St. Clair County Development Committee and an active member of the Methodist Church.

She was one of the organizers of St. Clair Federal Savings and Loan Association and served on the Cahaba Girl Scout Council board of directors.

Professionally, she was a member of both the Alabama and National Education Associations, National Principals Association, Kappa Delta Pi and Delta Kappa Gamma, an organization of women teachers who achieved distinction as leaders in their field.

She was an associate member of the Allied Arts Club.

Survivors include two nieces, Mrs. Carolyn Roberts Hallenberg of Atlanta, Ga., and Mrs. Gail Roberts Pellett of Greenville, South Carolina; two nephews, Charles Werth Roberts, Jr., of Demopolis, Alabama, and John A. Roberts of Columbus, Georgia; 13 great-nieces and nephews.

Relatives have requested that memorial donations be made to Iola Roberts School, and Principal Roy Mann has said any monies received will be used to buy needed equipment for the school.

Funeral services were held

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Miss Iola Roberts

In 5 Communities

City, County, State Mourn

Very few people live to see schools named in their honor. But then, very few people are living legends, as was Miss Iola Roberts.

Tributes to her memory and to the distinguished record of unselfish and totally dedicated service to the community which was hers, have come in from community, county and state leaders, including Governor George C. Wallace, who join countless numbers of Pell Citizens whose lives she touched and influenced, in mourning a great loss.

Most all conversations or statements began with, "Where do you begin in trying to describe how important Miss Roberts' contributions to the community were?"

And the overriding theme of all comments has been: "no other single person has ever contributed so much." Which hits the nail squarely on the head.

Some samples of statements the Observer has received:

GEORGE C. WALLACE, Governor of Alabama: "I deeply regretted to learn of Miss Roberts' passing. She was a lady who contributed above and beyond the call of duty to her community, state and country. She was loved by all and missed very much. My prayers and sympathy are with her and many friends."

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humanitarian, she probably who has ever lived in Pell Cit; the people and community sl than she found it because o appreciation of the earth's always looked for the best in life was an inspiration -- her

MARIE TUCK, fellow retir their cultural background to She tried to get her students music, art, etc. One doesn't k evaluating her importance. person who has contributed s

ROY GIBSON, longtime Superintendent of Education fine person. She always stres and music."

Miss Roberts—

from the Kilgroe Chapel W nesday, Dr. T. A. Edgar a Rev. Henry Gary officiat Kilgroe directing. Interm was in Wadley (Ala.) Cemete

Swimmer—

joy in living.

Today, Chris must be tak all the way to the CP Center Gadsden for professional tre ment and therapy. His moth Mrs. Linda Carreker, former Miss Bice of Pell Ci thinks that someday treatm will be available to Chris a other CP children right here St. Clair County.

Mrs. Carreker, an attract young homemaker who sper most of her day looking af Christopher's needs at th Pine Harbor home, is also member of the St. Clair Cou CP Committee, which is heac by Leland Gossett. She h joined Gossett in appealing St. Clair County citizens to o their hearts and support f upcoming CP Telethon set : this Saturday and Sunday.

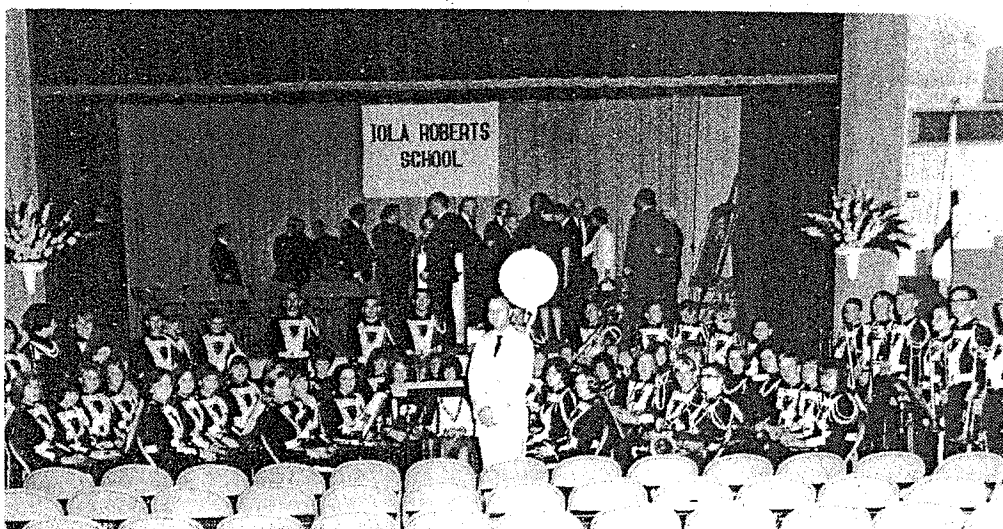
"Last year," says M Carreker, "St. Clair County f far behind other counties pledges. We are all hoping tl year will be different, mu different."

"Through medical resear we are certain we can find n ways to improve the quality life for children like Chris a perhaps even cure this terril condition."



Admiring Portrait

Miss Iola Roberts and Governor Wallace admire the portrait of Miss Roberts which was presented at ceremonies when South St. Clair School was named in her honor, in 1965, as a result of a Pell City Lions Club project. The portrait hangs at Iola Roberts School.



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 and more lives than any person
 gave a half century of service to
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 ontribution. She never lacked
 or failed to express it. She
 and gave the best she had. Her
 y a benediction."
 her: "So many owe so much of
 Roberts' teaching and guidance.
 appreciate the aesthetic values -
 here to start or where to end in
 's probably never been one
 to the community."
 Clair educator and former
 was an excellent teacher and a
 finer things in life, such as art



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Pallbearers were Paul
 Turner, Harold King, Harold
 Williams, Dale Collins, Edwin
 Holladay, Hugh Williamson,
 Roy Mann and Dodd Cox.

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In the meantime, Mrs.
 Arreker and Chris are prepar-
 ing to journey to Birmingham
 for this year's Telethon, since
 Chris has been invited, along
 with dozens of other children to
 appear on the program.
 Denied the "breakthroughs"
 many expect to come from
 medical research in the future,
 he would expect Chris to have
 ready given up. Not so. And
 far from having a morbid fear
 of water arising from his almost
 fatal experience, Chris today
 enjoys water. In fact, he is a
 member of the Gadsden CP
 Children's Swimming Team
 and the proud holder of the
 trophy for "good sportsman-
 ship." A quitter, Chris most
 certainly is not.

Surrounded By Friends

Miss Iola Roberts was surrounded by friends at the 1965 dedication of Iola Roberts School in Pell City. From left, longtime friend Mrs. W. H. Lewis, Miss Roberts, Governor George Wallace, who made the dedicatory address and his wife, the late Lurleen Wallace.

Agreed, money will not "buy"
 a cure for anything. But without
 money and time and talent and
 hard work, the door leading to a
 better life for CP children will
 never open. Its locks will stand
 fast.

Each of us, says Mrs.
 Arreker, has a key. Perhaps a
 tiny one, but still a key.
 Mark Spitz, look out!



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1965 Iola Roberts School Dedication

In this 1965 photo, made on the day the name of South St. Clair School was officially changed to Iola Roberts School, are, from left, Roy Mann, then principal of Pell City High School; Otis Perry, then city councilman; A. T. Winkler, who headed the Lions Club project to have the name changed in Miss Roberts' honor;

the late Mrs. Lurleen Wallace, A. D. "Chick" M. Probate Judge Hoyt Hamilton, Miss Roberts, Edwin Holladay, Hugh Williamson, and Harold Club.

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for four more years.*

Governor and Mrs. George Wallace greeted Pell City friends on the occasion of the dedication of Iola Roberts School in 1965. From left are Dee Hyde, Police Chief Ruble Bowlin, Governor Wallace, the late Sam Burt, then mayor of Pell City, and Mrs. Lurleen Wallace. In the background, from left, are Oscar Fouts of Ashville, then a Wallace coordinator for the county, A. J. Blake and then-Probate Judge Hoyt Hamilton.



Being Congratulated

Governor George Wallace, Oscar Fouts, Mayor Sam Burt, and J. Craig Smith, then president of the Lions Club.

Congratulating Miss Roberts following 1965 dedication ceremonies at Iola Roberts School were, from left, Governor George Wallace, Harold King, then president of the Pell City Lions Club, and J. Craig Smith, then president of Avondale Mills. In the background, between King and Smith, was the late Edmund Blair, Pell City newspaper publisher.

LES LOCKRIDGE

CIL - PELL CITY, ALA.

*As I have seen many of you,
it is possible to see all of you.*

*Work and many improvements
in the past four years. WE HAVE ONLY
to continue to work for you*

Decision expected on historic house

BY BERT SPENCE
News-Aegis Writer

The fate of Pell City's historic Iola Roberts house is expected to be decided early this week by the Board of Directors of Project Pride, the organization which has sponsored the "Save the House" fundraising campaign over the last year and a half.

The Greek Revival house was for many years the residence of Pell City educator Iola Roberts and has become the focus during the last three years of efforts to save it from destruction.

Project Pride began raising funds in December of 1984 in an effort to move the house from its current location on Comer Avenue to a site in Cropwell. The fundraising project closed in February of 1985 with around \$60,000 collected, according to statements from then-Operations Chairman Ron Shaw.

Shaw also indicated at that time that more funds from a musical benefit and from a sale of the work of a local artist were yet to be collected.

Former Project Pride President Tommy Bain—no new president has been elected for the organization this year—said Thursday that approximately \$55,000 is in the fund to save the house. That amount, he said, is enough to move the house to the Cropwell site, but not enough to restore it to useable shape.

Bain added that the last winter took a heavy toll on the house, most probably making it more expensive than was first thought to restore the house to a useable condition if moved.

Bain indicated Thursday that the Project Pride board would meet early this week to determine if moving the house is still a viable project. If it is decided not to move the house, disposition of the funds raised for the project will be decided as well.

The house is the former residence of Iola Roberts, teacher and later

principal at the Avondale Mills Elementary School in Pell City. A large percentage of native Pell City residents during the last 50 years were either taught by Roberts or shaped by her academic policies as principal of what was then Pell City's only elementary school.

The house, one of the oldest in Pell City, became threatened when People's Bank, now Colonial Bank of Pell City, announced that it needed the house site for expansion. The house is adjacent to the bank and the site is owned by the bank.

Bank officials indicated they had no desire to tear down the historical home and even contributed the first \$20,000 to the Save the House fund. Before the plan to move the house to Cropwell was conceived, other options were also explored.

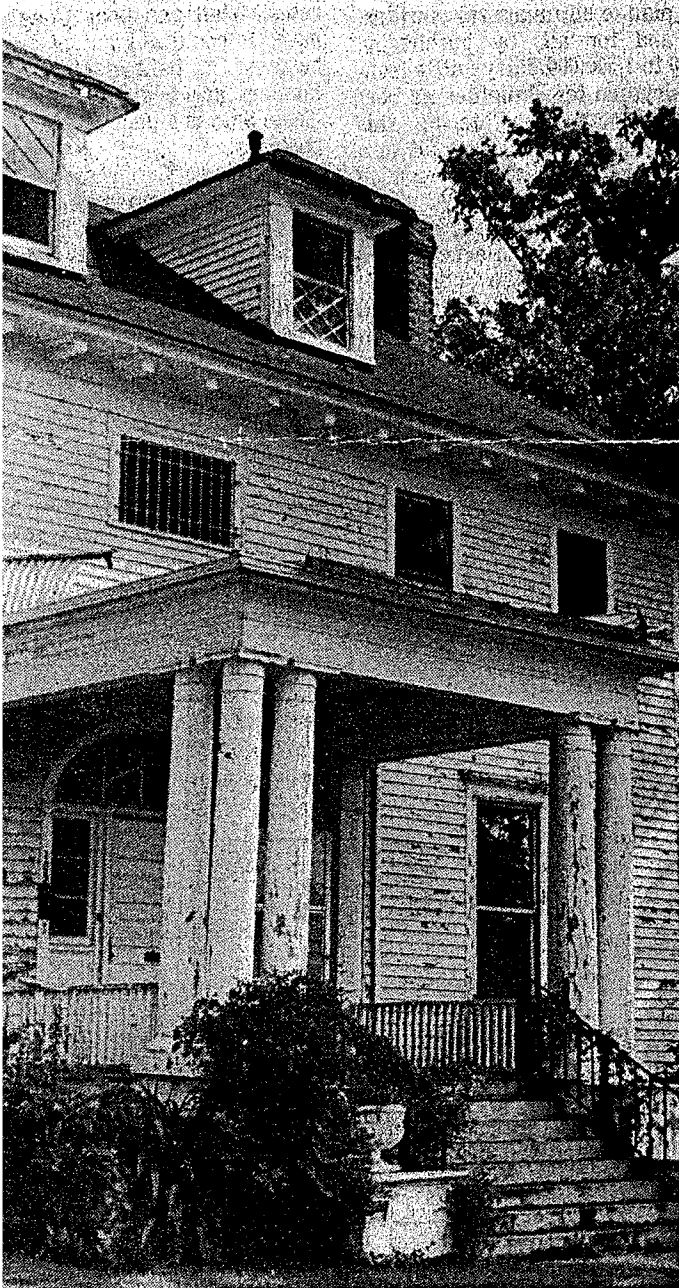
Bill Cloud, head of Cloud Enterprises and owner of the Cubberd chain of convenience stores, said he offered at one time to buy and move the house. No prices were ever quoted on the deal, he said, but shortly thereafter he was presented with an alternate proposal that would have had him paying to move the house, and also paying several thousand dollars a month in upkeep.

Cloud said he was somewhat insulted by the proposal, which he felt called for too large an expenditure on his part, but said he suggested at the time that a closer site than Cropwell be found for the house.

Cloud said he had been interested in using part of the house for his company offices and would have been willing to make other parts available to the Chamber of Commerce and other civic organizations.

Such was essentially the plan of the Project Pride move. The house was to have been moved, restored, and used for Chamber of Commerce headquarters. The house was to have been made available for other civic organizations also.

The house has continued to sit empty during efforts to save it and is beginning to visibly deteriorate.



winter's worth of damage

historic Iola Roberts house has begun to visibly deteriorate it sits vacant, waiting for action on efforts to save it from ction. Damage last winter has probably upped the cost of restor-house.

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