

Waggener High School



Lyndon Elementary School 1st. Edition

This is one of many sections that contain information, photos, newspaper articles, internet items, etc. of the St. Matthews area and especially of Waggener High School. Many of the items came from Al Ring's personal collections but many people have helped and I have tried to give credit where I can.

The purpose of this "collection" was to create the history of Waggener and the students and teachers who were there during my time. Being retired I now have time to do many of the things I have always wanted, this project is just one of them. The collection is continuing today, so if you should have old or new information on the St. Matthews area from 1950 to 1962 or Waggener High, please contact Al Ring.

All graphics have been improved to make the resolution as good as possible, but the reader should remember that many came from copies of old newspaper articles and photos. Credit to the source of the photos, etc. is provided whenever it was available. We realize that many items are not identified and regret that we weren't able to provide this information. As far as the newspaper articles that are not identified, 99% of them would have to be from one of three possible sources. *The Courier-Journal*, *The Louisville Times* or one of the *Voice* publications. Books that we have used for some information include, *Randy*, *Cactus*, *Uncle*, *Ed and the Golden age of Louisville Television*, *Waggener High School Alumni Directory 1996*, *Waggener Traditional High School Alumni Directory 2007*, *Memories of Fontaine Ferry Park*, *St. Matthews The Crossroads of Beargrass* by Samuel W. Thomas, *St. Matthews, 25 Years a City Two Centuries a Community*, *St. Matthews 1960-1995*, *Waggener Lair's 1958 to 1962*, *The Holy Warrior*, *Muhammad Ali*, *Louisville's Own (An Illustrated Encyclopedia Of Louisville Area Recorded Pop Music From 1953 to 1983)*.

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Explanation of the following pages, (Please Read)

This section is about the Elementary schools that “most” of the Waggener 1960, 61, 62, Alumni went to in the St. Matthews area. I have tried to concentrate on the history of the schools during the time period that many of us would have been at these schools. From these schools, we went on to Waggener High. Some later history is included for those who moved from the area and have not kept up with that schools history. (Such as the 1971 fire at Great-house.)

Lyndon Elementary School

Courtesy of Larry Myers:

Lyndon Elementary School

4th grade boys, Mrs. Mattingly, teacher, Lyndon Elementary, 1951/52 school year.



Joe Dietrich, Larry Myers, Jeff ?????, Ken Anderson, ?????, Dave Marrett, ?????, ?????, Bob Lam, Bill Mayrose, Perry Wood, ?????

TODAY, 2008:

After Lyndon Elementary School closed in 73/74 it sat vacant until it re-opened in 1976 as Vocational Rehabilitation School. It closed in 1992 and the school building again sat vacant for a while until it re-opened as Jaeger Education Center, which is open today.

On the three levels the first is early childhood development, Preschool, the middle floor in Alternative school and the top floor is a training center of Jefferson County Public School teachers on computers.

I was told, but don't remember there are no stairs in the building.



Band, Al Ring
Would love to have people send in names of students.

Courtesy of Al Ring:

Lyndon Elementary School

Typical Report Card form 3rd grade.

TO THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN

Please see that your child presents this card for your signature at the end of each six week period.

Signatures of Parent or Guardian

1st Period: _____
 2nd Period: Quinton E. Ring
 3rd Period: Charlotte A. Ring
 4th Period: Charlotte A. Ring
 5th Period: Charlotte A. Ring
 6th Period: _____

Date: May 29, 1952

This Pupil is Hereby:
 Retained in Grade _____
 Promoted to Grade 4th
 Placed on Trial in _____

This record approved by
W. F. Lam Principal

JEFFERSON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
ELEMENTARY REPORT CARD

School Year 1951-1952

REPORT OF
Alan Ring
(Name of Child)

Age 8
 Grade III

Teacher: Mrs. D. B. Caswell
 Principal: Mr. W. F. Lam
 School: Lyndon

TO PARENTS:
 "The home and the school should work together for the good of the child."

It is important that the teacher should be fully informed as to the child's physical condition, life outside school, and previous history. Parents are cordially invited to confer with the teacher or the principal.

RICHARD VAN HOOSE, Supt.

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COMMENTS BY THE TEACHER

Alan Ring

A—Excellent, from 93 to 100.
 B—Very Good, from 86 to 92.
 C—Good, from 79 to 85.
 B—Fair, from 70 to 78.
 F—Failure, below 70.

SUBJECT	Period						Year Average
	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Days Present		24	30	26	24	27	136
Days Absent		3	0	4	1	2	10
Times Tardy		0	0	0	0	0	0
Conduct		S	S	S	S	S	S+
Application		S	S	S+	S+	S+	S+
Citizenship		S	S	S	S	S	S
Arithmetic		S	S-	S	S+	S	S
Art		S	S	S	S	S	S
Civics							
Writing		S	S	S	S	S	S
English		S	S	S	S	S	S
Geography							
Health		S	S	S	S	S	S
History							
Music		S	S	S	S	S	S
Physical Education		S	S	S	S	S	S
Reading		S	S-	S-	S	S-	S-
Spelling		S	S	S	S+	S	S
Height		xxxx	xxxx		xxxx		
Weight		xxxx	xxxx		xxxx		

Grade Placement By Standardized Test
S = works up to ability

First Six Weeks _____
 Second Six Weeks Alan is a joy to have.
 Third Six Weeks The work is harder so we have slowed down but have improved this week.
 Fourth Six Weeks Alan has shown some better work.
 Fifth Six Weeks Am proud of this. He has really worked.
 Last Six Weeks Alan I am proud of your work. Please continue to read this summer. "Give to the world the best you have and the best will come back to you."
Lumkrosson = S = S

Winning A Radio Quiz Started It . . .

Lyndon School Library Does A Lot Of Growing In 5 Years

By JOYCE GRIFFIN

After starting with only one set of out-dated encyclopedias five years ago, Lyndon School's Library now boasts 1520 books including five sets of up-to-date encyclopedias. All of these books are exclusively for the first through sixth grades.

In 1948 the library got a boost with two sets of encyclopedias won by students on the "Quiz-down" radio quiz program.

The children who were on the "Quizdown Team" were Pamela Reed, Bobby Thomale, Joe Bob Griffin, Andrew Stuebling, Jackie Henry, Philip Falk, Keith Boone, John Goetz, Ray Burke, Janice Jackson, Joe Richardson, Billy Arrington, Carol Seaton, Beverly Richardson, Joyce Ann Hurt, Terry Huffaker, and Hugh Dunhan.

Lyndon's library is supplemented by the 304 books that the Louisville public library sends to the school each year. Both the Lyndon School PTA and the Jefferson County Board of Education give a fund to the library each year for the purchase of new books.

Mrs. Nance S. Zipf has been the librarian for three years. She comes to the school twice a week and has complete charge of the library, also instructing the students in the usage of the library.

The total circulation for last

year was 10,348 books. The children are only permitted to borrow one book at a time because of the limited supply. Approximately 200 children use the library every day that it is open. The boys and girls use the library for pleasure reading, for informational reading, and for research on reference questions.

Members of the PTA library committee are Mrs. M. J. Fisher, chairman; Mrs. Earl Gray, Mrs. E. B. Tucker, and Mrs. B. G. Williams. Each member of the committee helps in the library a half day a week. The parents are interested in the library and what it can do for their children. They give of their time and energy freely. The entire PTA co-operates in helping to raise the money to buy books for the library.

When the library was first started, one end of the upstairs hall was partitioned off to serve as the library. However, in 1950 this small room was outgrown and the library moved into a large classroom. In the new library the children are taught how to use the card catalogue and reference books.

Through the help of the PTA and the whole community the library at Lyndon School has grown from practically nothing five years ago to the new, large, well-equipped library that it is today.



"Look, Barbara, here it is." Gerry Wilson triumphantly announces the sought-for information has been found in one of the 1520 books contained in the new Lyndon School Library. Gerry, 125 Bonner Avenue, and Barbara Baron, Lyndon Lane, are sixth grade students who find the new library just what they needed.—Carolyn Kennedy photo.

September 20, 1952

Lyndon School Taking Clothes For Needy

Lyndon School is starting a "clothes closet" for the needy children of the school. The school would appreciate any contributions of used children's clothing. They also request that anyone who would like to donate a wardrobe or something in which the clothes could be stored, to contact Mrs. Clay Morris at TA. 5039 or Mrs. Elizabeth Schmidt, at TA. 2287.

November 6, 1952

Lyndon School Sets P.T.A. Dad's Night

Lyndon School will hold its regular Dad's Night P.T.A. meeting Thursday night, April 9, at 7:30 p.m. in the Lyndon School Auditorium.

Miss Lillian Lehman, from the K. E. A. office, will speak about the Minimum Foundation Program of Education, which is proposed by the State Department of Education, and also backed by the K. E. A. This problem will come up for a vote in the not too distant future. All parents are urged to attend this important meeting.

The 4-H club will present part of the program.

The 1st and 2nd grade mothers will serve refreshments.

April 2, 1953



SONG, DANCE, AND MUSIC highlighted the Lyndon P.T.A. Carnival held at the school last Saturday night. At left, Larry Orr, singer and dancer par excellence, drops to one knee, Jolson-style, and sings to dancers Tricia Downs and Sherry Rose, while Billy Phillips rips out a tune on the accordion. These four performers starred in the cabaret show, one of the carnival's highlights. The cabaret, sponsored by Mrs. Emily Jane Salyer's second grade and directed by Mrs. Doris Falveloth, featured a cast of 70. There were also rides, booths, and a barbecue supper at the school that night.

January 22, 1953

October 1, 1953

Courtesy *The Voice Of St. Matthews:*

Lyndon Elementary School

Lyndon

School Opens, Writer Introduces Principal

Merry laughter rang through the halls of Lyndon Elementary school Tuesday as the '54 and '55 session opened for registration. Kenneth Lam, principal, expected an enrollment of 500 children, which is capacity. For the benefit of the newcomers to our school, Mr. Lam is starting his eighth year here.

Mr. Lam, a graduate of Western with a major in history and minor in education, started on his teaching career in 1931 at Russellville, Ky. In 1934 he came to Jefferson County and taught at Fairdale doing Junior High and Senior high work. During the war years he took time off from teaching and did defense work. In 1944 he resumed his teaching career at Bedford, Ky., where he was principal from 1944 to 1947. Bedford school was from the first grade through senior high. In 1947 Mr. Lam came to Lyndon as principal. During the summer months, many of us have come to know and love him as the Playground Recreation Supervisor. Need we say more?

September 9, 1954



—photo by Dastl Willis

Lyndon School principal Kenneth Lam, left, and dance teacher Sally Elder were the surprised recipients of gifts last week at a party celebrating the closing of the dance class taught by Sally. Lloyd Ray, head of the Lyndon Recreation Board, right, made the presentation. Sally, 16, of 415 Ellac, got a purse and corsage from the Cotillion Class, which she has been teaching since January, and a travelling alarm clock from the Ladies Auxiliary of the Lyndon Volunteer Fire Department. Mr. Lam received a shirt and tie from the pupils for his help and for allowing the class to be held at his school.

May 5, 1955



—photo by Ford-Griffin photographers

Singing "Mr. Sandman" at the Lyndon School P.T.A. talent show Friday were, first row, Judy Fane and Sharon Wel-

mer, second row, Paula Milburn, Sally Kennedy, Sue Keeling and Diane Heitenman, and third row, Vicky Linn Guthrie and Donna Wolf.

April 7, 1955

Courtesy Josephine "Jo" Crume Miles:

Lyndon Elementary School

The Courier-Journal, 1954/55

Lyndon student Eddie Bignon



Eddie Bignon, 12, Lyndon, Ky., gets ready to spin into the Bop routine.



It comes out looking just like the rubber-leg routine that used to be.

LEG JAM

They call it the 'Bop,' that new dance the teen-agers are doing, and it's the hottest thing going

By **IRA GREENBERG**
Courier-Journal Staff Writer

WHAT is neat, real cool, and then gone? Could be an ice cube, only it's not: On the contrary, it's one of the hottest little dances that's hit Louisville in years—and it's spreading like a wind-swept blaze.

Called "Bop," it's an importation from Texas that has been mastered by hundreds of teen-agers in the junior and senior high schools of Jefferson County.

One of its foremost practitioners is 12-year-old Eddie Bignon of Lyndon, Ky., who'll spin into his one-man routine at the word, "Go." *

Eddie likes the dance because it's a "neat" number. He describes it "real gone." It's also "real cool."

The "Bop" is a one-man dance that so far has proved most popular with boys, but girls are taking it up too, Eddie reports, usually working out a pattern with a partner. Hot, jazz-type music is best suited for Bop. As Eddie does it, it resembles the old "rubber-leg act"

that former high-school generations made famous. The dance is built around a knee and ankle action. You move sideways, pivoting on the heel and toe of one foot and at the same time co-ordinating a heel and toe tap of the other.

Then you alternate. But all the time your knees are coming together and moving apart to give a relaxed, rubber-leg like effect.

Sounds easy? Believe me, it isn't. I attempted the routine after several minutes of intense tutoring on Eddie's part—and failed miserably. Anyway, it looks easy—or rather, real neat.

Eddie, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Hoy Woosley and a Sixth Grade pupil at Lyndon Grade School, picked up the dance a few months before Christmas after watching several of his older friends go through it.

Two Texas boys introduced it here on a visit during the summer of 1954. By the time they returned to Dallas, the Bop had captured a few teen-agers' enthusiasm, and after two youngsters exhibited it at an Eastern High School variety show, it began to catch on.

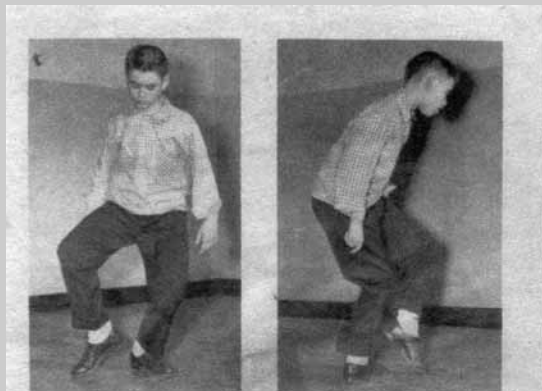
It has since spread to Fern Creek High, Waggener Junior High, and Lyndon, Stivers, and Greathouse Grade Schools, to name a few. Altogether the dance has some 400 adherents, and the number grows each week.

Why the name, "Bop"? Eddie shrugs. "What else can you call it?"

Charlie Spears, youth director of the Jefferson County Playground and Recreation Board, said the Bop is a regular part of dance activities at several teen-age clubs, and a few have weekly Bop contests.

"The kids are wild about it," he said.

Eddie ranks it with football, baseball, and basketball, his favorite sports. "It's just a real cool number," he said with a grin.



There's nothing to it, he'll tell you. You pivot on one foot and do a heel-and-toe tap with other.



Courier-Journal Photos by Robert Steinau
 But when Reporter Ira Greenberg, left, tried it, he found those old bones couldn't take it.

'This Is Your Life' Honors Farmer

Outgoing principal Kenneth Farmer was honored with a "This Is Your Life at Greathouse" program Friday evening at the school.

His 10-year career at Greathouse was reviewed in a script prepared by Mrs. Arch Herron and read by Emil Aun, editor of *The Voice*.

Mr. Farmer, surprised and grinning, was afterwards presented by the P.T.A. with a movie camera and projector, a copy of the script and a pictorial review of his year

at Greathouse in a leather folder. Also honored was Greathouse teacher Elizabeth Bennett, who leaves after this year to become principal at Eastwood School. Her career was also reviewed, and she was presented with an orchid, earrings and a necklace, also by the P.T.A.

One by one, the highlights of Mr. Farmer's career at Greathouse were recalled. At appropriate intervals, former P.T.A. presidents and teachers who worked with him at Greathouse appeared on the stage.

First was Mrs. Charles Beatty,

president of the P.T.A. in 1946-1948. Next was Mrs. Karl Straub, P.T.A. president in 1948-1950. When Mrs. J. Ashby Miller, P.T.A. president in 1950-1951 came on the stage, the announcer remembered to tell Mr. Farmer to kiss her on the cheek.

He did so. Then, to the delight of the crowd of about 300, he kissed Mrs. Straub and Mrs. Beatty also. Afterwards, he kissed all the ladies as they came on the stage.

Mrs. Herron, who arranged the program, was next. She was P.T.A. president in 1951-1953. Then came Mrs. Ruth H. Osborne, who was a teacher at Greathouse 21 years before becoming principal at Silvers School in 1952.

Mrs. Mabel Bowen, now principal at Ballard School, was next, followed by Mrs. Lane McCroskey, P.T.A. president in 1953-1954 and Mrs. Edwin A. Wahl, president for the past two years.

One of the highlights of the program was the announcement that the Greathouse library under Mr. Farmer had grown from fewer than 100 books in 1949 to 4,000 books today, including nine sets of encyclopedias.

"Circulation is over 1,000 books a week," said the announcer. "In these six years, the P.T.A. has contributed \$5,000 to the library and Greathouse now has the best elementary school library in the state."

This announcement drew applause from the audience.

Then the announcer told Mr. Farmer, who is leaving to become principal of the Goldsmith Lane School:

School:

"Words cannot express to you how everyone of us feels about the splendid work you have done. Actually, though your work has been great, that in itself is small compared with the example you have set for these children. They love you and respect you.

"Your leaving will be the heart of a school taken away, and yet you will be leaving us something of yourself that no one will ever forget. Your ideals will be here—all of the things you stand for. They will always be a part of this school and of this community.

"Just as you have said that there are no hard and fast rules for handling children, even so there are no hard and fast rules for saying farewell. Let us just say 'au revoir' and may you know that with the giving of this gift goes the expression of everything we feel for you."

Then Mrs. Farmer and their two children, Mike and Linda, were brought up to the stage and introduced.

May 12, 1955



—Photo by Jim Miller

All together at the program for Kenneth Farmer at Greathouse last week were, seated, Mrs. E. A. Wahl, Mrs. Lane McCroskey, Mrs. Ruth Osborne, Mr. Farmer, Mike and Linda Farmer, and Mrs. J. Ashby Miller; standing, Mrs. Mabel Bowen, Miss Elizabeth Bennett, Mrs. Karl Straub, Mrs. Farmer, Mrs. Arch Herron, and Mrs. Charles Beatty.

New Teachers, Rooms Give School That New Look

The Lyndon School has a completely new look! The new look includes five new teachers and such improvements as the following: five additional classrooms, new library, an audio visual room, asphalt tile flooring over the entire school building, special acoustical equipment in all the classrooms, and fluorescent lighting in all of the classrooms.

In addition to all these helpful facilities which have been added the community would like to welcome the new teachers we mentioned at the beginning of this article. They are Mrs. Shirley Christie, third grade; Mrs. Mildred Gill, first grade; Miss Rita Dowd, second grade; Mrs. Charles Knadler, fourth grade; and Mrs. Rilda Steele, second grade. We are very happy to

welcome back to our school, after a year's absence, Mrs. Fannie Lowe.

September 8, 1955

Lyndon, Greathouse To Observe National Book Week

"A wonderful exhibit of new children's books will be on exhibit in the Lyndon School library during National Book Week, November 13-19," said Mrs. Nance Zipf, school librarian.

Parents of youngsters in grades three through six are invited to visit the library with their children during Book Week she said.

Mrs. Zipf, who is also librarian for Greathouse School, says this community has some of the best elementary school libraries in Kentucky.

The Greathouse library, which contains 4,000 books, has been moved into a converted classroom, she said. Lyndon has a brand-new library room, with 2,800 books, built during the summer by the County Board of Education.

Though the Lyndon library is in its seventh year, this is the first year it has had a room specially built for it. An audio visual room is attached.

At Lyndon and Greathouse, grades two to six visit the library once a week, and any child may exchange a book before school on any day the library is open.

The first grades visit the library for one period every other week to enjoy the picture books, she said. Teachers say this experience has done much to develop reading readiness.

Book Week, "Let's Read More" with children's art work during is the slogan at both libraries.

Mrs. Billy Davis is chairman of the Lyndon P.T.A. library committee. Mrs. B. Woods is chairman at Greathouse.

Mrs. Zipf said both libraries have encyclopedia carts which can be wheeled into any classroom and used. She said boys and girls at both schools enjoy reading and using the libraries.



Mrs. Nance Zipf, librarian rear, helps Junie Price Williams and Martha Thorn, fourth graders, find the books they want at Lyndon School's new library. (The little fellow with his back turned is Robert Totten). Seated and reading are, from left, six graders Gordon Keal, Randy Wayne Nelson, Mike Pulliam, John Gilbert, Tricia Downs, and John Turlington.

November 10, 1955

November 17, 1955

Introducing

Mrs. Ed. Bailey, Lyndon Teacher

Mrs. Ed. Bailey of Lyndon Lane is a first grade teacher at Lyndon School.

Mrs. Bailey, formerly Elizabeth Hutcherson, was born in Glasgow, Ky. She was graduated from Asbury College at Williamsport, Ky. and has worked towards her masters degree at Western State and the University of Louisville.

Mrs. Bailey has been married for 20 years and has one 14 year-old son, Quin, who attends Waggener School.

She has taught at Lyndon School for eight years and has been teaching for almost 20 years. Her hobby is working with young people and Church work. She is a member of Indian Hills Methodist Church.

Now is the time to sort out any toys your children may no longer be playing with. The Cubs, Scouts and Explorers of Seneca District are again participating in "Toys for Toys." They will distribute door hangers, explaining the project on November 25 and 26, and collect toys on Saturday, December 3.

Introducing

Principal Kenneth Lam Of Lyndon

By EVE MILBURN

Kenneth Lam, principal of Lyndon School, was born December 7, 1908, in Central City, Ky. He attended grade school in Central City, high school at Russellville, Ky., two years of Junior College at Bethel College, and

received his A. B. and M. A. degrees at Western State.

Mr. Lam has been principal of Lyndon for eight years. Before that he taught three years at Russellville, eight years at Fairdale and was principal for three years at Bedford, Ky.

Mr. Lam and his wife are very

what Mr. Lam regards as his hobby.

They have two sons, Bobby and Jerry.

Jerry seems to have inherited his parents' love for music. He has his own radio program every Friday night at 7:30 p.m.

December 8, 1955

Lyndon Teachers:

Librarian Nance Zipf

By EVE MILBURN

Mrs. Nance Zipf is a very special person to more than 500 young children at Lyndon School. Mrs. Zipf is the school librarian and each child eagerly looks forward to the three days she has the library open each week.

Mrs. Zipf was born in Chattanooga, Tenn. She attended Baldwin College at Berea, Ohio, and received her A. B. degree there. Her degree in library science came from Western Reserve College in Cleveland and her Master's degree was obtained at Columbia University.

She has taught Library Science at many schools. Some of them were Catholic University, Washington, D. C., Peabody College,

Nashville, and Nazareth College, Louisville.

She was Supervisor of School Libraries in East Orange, N. J., and has conducted workshops at North Western in Evanston, Ill. and at a college in Bethlehem, Pa.

She has been teaching for 26 years. Her hobbies are children's books, which she collects, and gardening.

Mr. and Mrs. Zipf live at 3910 Leland Road in St. Matthews. Mr. Zipf is a retired Air Force Colonel. He is connected with the Borg-Warner Co. and commutes between Louisville and Dayton, Ohio.

Mrs. Zipf says her ambition is to have an elementary library in every elementary school in the United States.

January 19, 1956

Lyndon Teachers

Mrs. Christine Kemp

By EVE MILBURN

Mrs. Christine Kemp is another of the fine teachers that Lyndon School is so proud of.

Mrs. Kemp came to Lyndon six years ago and is a first grade teacher.

She is a very busy person, finding time to teach, marry, raise a family, keep house and enjoy several hobbies. She likes having friends drop in, cooking and growing flowers.

Her oldest daughter, Lida Lee, is a freshman at the University of Kentucky and Mildred is a Junior at Eastern High School.

Born Christine Thoiss at Prospect (which is still her home), she attended Louisville Girls High, Atherton High, Louisville Normal and Nazareth College.

She and Mr. Kemp have been married for 20 years. Mr. Kemp is employed at the Jeffersonville Quartermaster's Depot. They belong to the Prospect Christian Church.

When asked her ambition, she replied, "to be a successful teacher." I think she can be certain this ambition has already been realized. The many first graders

she has started on their way to perhaps brilliant futures will always remember and love her.

"A smart husband hides his money in clothes that need mending.—Charles Jones.

"The silver lining is easy to find in someone else's cloud." — Paul Larmer.

January 26, 1956

Lyndon

By MABEL POLLITT

Teachers Introduced; 456 Enroll At School

I would like to introduce to you this week two gracious teachers of the sixth grades in the Lyndon Elementary School.

First we will stop by the door of Mrs. Carrie Rudd who lives in St. Matthews at 403 Macon. Mrs. Rudd is the mother of four children. One is married and has two children, living in Cincinnati; one will graduate from St. Xavier college in Cincinnati, this year; another is a senior at Sacred Heart, Cincinnati; and the other is a sophomore in high school.

Mrs. Rudd got her BS degree this year from Nazareth college. There are 31 boys and girls in her room this year, and from experience, we know they will all come out with a head full of knowledge. Mrs. Rudd is also serving on the student council at the Lyndon School. Mrs. Rudd taught in the city schools before coming to Lyndon, where she has been 12 years.

When you stop by and meet Mrs. Gerald Jones, you will know immediately she hails from the deep south. Mrs. Jones also lives in St. Matthews at 410 Bauer. She has had a varied life of teaching and social welfare work. Fifteen years of her life were given to social welfare all up and down the east coast from New Jersey down through the Carolinas and into Tennessee and Georgia, her home state. Her husband was a Canadian.

She has one daughter married, who has one child and lives in Lexington. Mrs. Jones received her normal training at the University of Georgia in Athens, her BS degree at the University of Louisville, and is now working on her master degree at the University of Kentucky. The first teaching in Kentucky by Mrs. Jones was at the Kentucky Children's Home and from there she came to Lyndon in 1947.

The total enrollment at Lyndon School this year is 456, a little lighter than expected. Both teachers and pupils are happy because they now have full use of their auditorium. Last year it was used for two classrooms. Arrangements are now being made for the annual school fall carnival which will take place Friday evening, Sept. 25, at the school. Keep this date in mind and visit your school.

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About 350 people attended the fish fry at the school last Friday evening, making it a success. These fish fries are held the second Friday in each month.

Having completed all the necessary requirements to make first class scouts, the following boys of Troop 114 were promoted last Tuesday evening at their regular meeting: Charlie Preston, Tenny Klefer and Tommy Housekeeper. From tenderfoot to second class: Melvyn Price, Douglass Kennedy, Michael Lynch and Tommy Wiley.

We are glad to report that Mrs. A. W. Borie is recuperating nicely from her recent operation.

Mrs. Ida Carnes visited with her daughter and family last week, the Lloyd T. Rays.

The Lyndon Woman's Club will have their first meeting of the fall September 22 at the St. Thomas Parish House beginning at 10:30. Mrs. E. C. Guillet of Seymour, Ind. will speak on antiques.

The Woman's Missionary Unit of the Lyndon Baptist Church observed Week of Prayer last week for state missions. Mrs. Gilbert Westerfield, Mrs. Earl Gary, Mrs. W. R. Cobb and Mrs. Paul Flemming were in charge of the programs during the week. The ladies joined with the entire church on Wednesday evening and had as their speaker, Rev. G. R. Pendergraph.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Inman and children, Sally, John and Dick spent last week visiting friends and relatives in Springfield, and Chicago, Ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Robard and children, Lola and Buddy, of North Park Place have recently returned from Monterey, Mexico, and also a tour of the Southwestern States.

Misses Katherine Lewis, Joy Ray, Sue Stoffy, Carol Saxon, Y

Courtesy *The Voice Of St. Matthews:*

Lyndon Elementary School

Grade Schools Enroll 13% More Than Last Year

School started Tuesday:

Enrollment in St. Matthews area County and Catholic grade schools is already up by 742 pupils over last year, an increase of more than 13 per cent.

And the total is expected to go even higher, as stragglers are enrolled the rest of the week.

Figures compiled by the County Board of Education at the end of the day on Tuesday, the first day of school, showed an enrollment of 3,877 in seven schools here as compared with 3,388 last year.

The Catholic Board of Education reported that by the end of the day Tuesday, 2,451 pupils had enrolled in four Catholic schools here, as compared with 2,198 last year.

No figures were available by press time for Trinity High, Eastern High, or Waggener Junior High.

September 6, 1956

County School Enrollment		
School	This Yr.	Last Yr.
Ballard	308	272
Chenoweth	611	615
Greathouse	543	465
Lyndon	610	534
Middletown	548	457
St. Matthews	541	338
Stivers	716	707
Totals	3,877	3,388
Catholic School Enrollment		
Holy Spirit	616	612
Holy Trinity	583	567
Our Lady of Lourdes	682	540
St. Margaret Mary	570	479
Totals	2,451	2,198

LYNDON
 Principal: Kenneth Lam.
 Teachers: Mildred Upton Gill, Mrs. Christine Kemp, Mrs. Leone Eblen, Nella Louise Jeffries, Emily Jane Salyers, Christine McFarland, Jean Lee Seible, Virginia Clifford, Geneveive Hamm, Maude Little, Mrs. Frances Hatzfeld, Clara Young Harris, Edith Knadler, Genereose Mattingly Mossie Day Hardesty, Jeanne Haynes, Mrs. Mae Jackson, Carrie Rudd, Beulah Jones, and Jessie McGlon.
 * Non-degree.

August 15, 1957

The Lyndon PTA School Carnival will open Saturday, Sept. 28. We need the help and enthusiasm of every Lyndon PTA member and parent to make this the biggest and best carnival yet.

A good dinner will be served by the fifth and sixth grades starting at 5 p.m. In the booths we will find silhouettes and picture drawings of parents; bazaar of hand-made articles, plants, pop-corn and chance clown, soft drinks and snacks, white elephant, ring toss and balloon dart game, fish pond, favorite doll booth, water gun and candle game, fish bowls, throw clown and movies, country store, home made candy and cake booth, postoffice and imported baskets.

September 26, 1957

Under the guidance of Mrs. Louis Lusky, the new Lyndon PTA officers wish to pursue several new ideas this year, two of which are as follows:

1. The appointment to the Board of a chairman of a committee to study the problem of the exceptional child (i.e. the child either above or below normal) and to cooperate with school authorities in any way possible to provide service for such children; 2. The incorporation of fathers into our PTA program to a greater degree. Mrs. Lusky is a graduate of a Pennsylvania College and worked for a year in Frankfort, Germany with the U.N.R.R.A., an organization operating for the purpose of sending displaced persons home again or getting them established in a new country. While in Germany she met Mr. Lusky, who was with the legal division of the U. S. Army.

The Lusky's have two children, Mary, who will be a fourth grader the coming school year and John, who will be in the second grade. They are at home on LaGrange Road and Mr. Lusky is an Attorney and has offices in the Hoffman Building.

May 15, 1958

June 30, 1960

Lyndon Teachers—

Mrs. G. L. Surber

By EVE MILBURN

Mrs. G. L. Surber is a fifth grade teacher at Lyndon School. Born in Jackson, Ky., she received her A. B. degree at Georgetown College and her Masters degree at University of Louisville. She also attended Eastern College.

Mrs. Surber is a widow and has one child, a daughter, who is an attorney, practicing in Cincinnati.

Before Mrs. Surber came to Louisville, she was principal at Hazard City school. She has been teaching for twenty years and has been at Lyndon for three years.

Her hobbies are reading and

traveling, when she's not busy teaching the three R's to the small fry at Lyndon.

December 8, 1958

Estes named Principal at Lyndon

Robert Estes has been named new principal at the Lyndon Consolidated School beginning in September. He is replacing David Espin who will become principal at the new Dixie Elementary School.

Mr. Estes, 48, was formerly principal at Hawthorne Elementary School for five years. He is now in New York where he has been on leave the past year completing work on his doctor of education degree at New York University.

He received his A.B. degree from Furman University and his masters degree in education at the University of Louisville. He has been in Jefferson County for 10 years. He also taught one year at Okolona School and was principal one year at Valley Elementary.

He is married and has three children.

Betty D. Lowe, a teacher in the St. Matthews Elementary School advance program, will become principal at the Gilmore Lane School.

Lyndon PTA to hold first meeting

Lyndon P.T.A. will have their first meeting Thursday, Sept. 15 at 7:30 p.m. Mr. David Espin, former Lyndon Principal, will introduce Mr. John Lowe, new principal, of Lyndon Elementary School.

New officers of the year will be presented. They are: president, Mrs. Theodore Bickel; first vice president, Mrs. G. P. Dillon; second vice president, Mrs. Frank Borie; third vice president, Mrs. A. K. Huling; and treasurer, Mrs. T. R. Gardner. There will be room visitation and all parents have been asked to attend.

September 15, 1960

School festival October 28

Lyndon School has Fall Festival, Saturday, Oct. 28. The Festival will begin at 2 p.m. and close at 9 p.m., which should really give everyone an opportunity to spend their weekly allowance twice. Turkey Dinner will be served from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. and the Chefs have promised there will be plenty on hand for all who wish to join their friends and neighbors at dinner.

Silhouettes will again be made and this sponsored by the P.T.A.; The Scouting Exhibit will be under the direction of Mrs. Herman Emler and Scouts of Lyndon will have their exhibit in room No. 4, 1st floor; White Elephants will be on sale and this is one of the most popular booths at any festival; Booths of Clown Throw, Dart Games, Fish Bowls, Ring Toss will attract those who want a "Take home gift"; Refreshments of all types will be awaiting your purchase . . . Cotton candy, home-made candies, yummy pop corn with lots of butter, and crunchy cookies to nibble as you enter the Cake Walk; A Country Store and Post Office will attract the "Oldies" of the crowd while the tots yell for a gay colored balloon. The Dinner Auction for the hungry, Panning for Gold for the dreamer and a gift just for Mom or Grandma will be at the Plant Booth.

Lyndon PTA sets fall festival

The Lyndon consolidated School P.T.A. is making plans for its fall festival set for Saturday, October 28 at the school.

Festival activities will be from 2 to 9 p.m. A turkey dinner will be served from 5 to 7.

The Lyndon School P.T.A. will meet in the auditorium at 7 p.m. this evening for the second of a series of three telecasts. "Trends in Education." There will be discussion led by group leaders and recorded for the incorporation of a summarized report to the County school Board.

October 19, 1961



In a festive spirit are (from left) Marlene Coleman, Arthur Coal, Steven King and Patty Ann Lassiter.

These four kids chose the merry-go-round among the activities at Lyndon School festival Saturday. From (from left) are Steven Simola and Bobby Vaughn. Rear are Nancy Vaughn and Rose Mary Norton.

November 2, 1961

October 19, 1961

St. Matthews Area Elementary Schools:

Courtesy *The Voice Of St. Matthews:*

Lyndon Elementary School

Lyndon Consolidated School, Wood Rd., will have its first PTA meeting tonight. Mrs. James O. Johnson, PTA president, announced "It's Get-acquainted-nite". The business meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. and afterwards, teachers new to Lyndon School will be introduced and join the 1962-63 faculty.

Lyndon School now has a staff of 25. Another fourth grade was added this year and so were two new members of the faculty. They are Mrs. Carol J. Hoepner and Miss Patricia Earnst. Named also was a new librarian, Mr. James Norsworthy.

Mrs. James O. Johnson announced the Lyndon School PTA and Committee Chairmen for this year. They are first vice president Mrs. Richard Wheeler; second vice president Mrs. Robert Gelbard; third vice president Mr. Paul Kooiker;

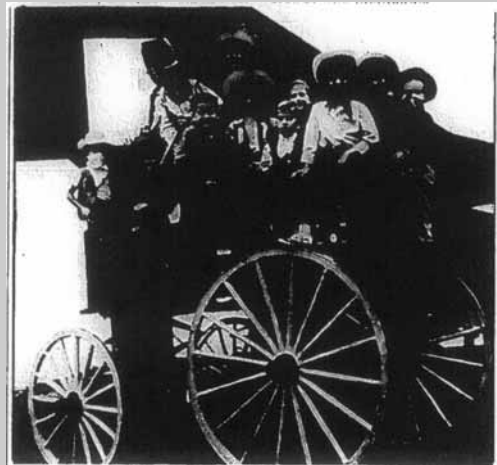
treasurer Mrs. Bradley Turner; corresponding secretary Mrs. Herman Emler; recording secretary Mrs. Hugh Abbott. Character and spiritual, Mrs. Gene Miller; civil defense John Barnstead; publicity Mrs. Charles Stephen; pre-school, Mrs. Robert L. Welter; arts and music Mrs. Clark Nelson; room mothers, Mrs. Jack Vell; lunch room, Mrs. Neville Tatum; welfare, Mrs. W. E. Pierce, library, Mrs. Blaine Loudin; safety, Mr. Ned Tanselle; parent-ed., Joe Zwischenberger; nursery, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hill; hospitality, Mrs. Jack Carpenter; historian, Mrs. Ted Bickel; health, Dr. Robert Levy; parliamentarian, Mrs. Sam Jordan; faculty advisor, John Lowe, principal of Lyndon School.



Lyndon Elementary School PTA held its annual fall festival last Saturday and among the many activities and booths was the Girl Scout Troop 444. Here Susan Turner turns out a display which was prepared for the PTA. See visiting for booth.

October 18, 1962

September 27, 1962



October 11, 1962

This group of Lyndon children have boarded a chuck wagon and all set for the Lyndon Elementary School Roundup.



Mayor William O. Cowger autographs an animal book for third grade children at Lyndon School.

Mayor Cowger in person

Gives Lyndon third graders zoo report

Lyndon Elementary School third graders got a first hand report on Louisville's proposed zoo from Mayor William O. Cowger last week. His unexpected visit came about this way:

Thirty five students in a class wrote the Mayor about the zoo as a class project, and the Mayor figured it would be easier to just appear in person--which he did with illustrative literature of zoo animals.

The students gave rapt attention as he explained the many different animals which he hopes to bring the proposed zoo.

They gave out with oh's and ah's when the Mayor said it is hoped the children's section of the zoo will be opened by next September. He explained that the children's zoo will have animals which children can pet.

The Mayor was delighted with various drawings the children made accompanying the letters, which he said were well written.

January 17, 1963

Lyndon school to register first graders

Lyndon Consolidated School, 502 Wood Road, will register children entering the first grade in September on Thursday, April 4. Children must present their birth certificate together with evidence of immunization against smallpox, polio and diphtheria.

A parent-child program on human growth and development will be held on April 3 and 4 in the school auditorium. On Wednesday at 7:30 p.m., the girls and their mothers will meet with Dr. Dorothy Magallon, the moderator and discussion leader. Dr. Magallon is a member of the staff at Central State Hospital, Lakeland.

The boys and their fathers will meet on Thursday, at 7:30 p.m. in the school auditorium. Dr. Elliott Podoll, a pediatrician, will be moderator. He is a member of the staff at Children's Hospital.

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County Schools expect 15,000

Jefferson County School children will trek back to school on September 5. The expected enrollments of public schools in the St. Matthews area is over 15,000 - 8,858 in the high schools and 6,834 in the elementary schools.

Students will report for a full day on Sept. 5. Those new to the school districts are asked to register with their school before opening date.

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

August 8, 1963

A few changes in administrative personnel include the appointment of Mrs. Elizabeth Bennett as principal of the New Jane Hite Elementary School opening this year at Middletown. Miss Bennett was formerly principal at Eastwood School which was closed at the end of last year.

Mrs. Armelia Armstrong formerly, a counselor at Eastern High School, has been appointed an added counselor at Westport High School due to the increased enrollment at Westport brought about by the addition of the eleventh grade this year. Mrs. Lucille Brown who served as a part time counselor at Eastern last year will serve full time there this year.

The schools and their expected enrollments are:

High Schools -- Eastern, 1,805; Seneca, 2,827; Waggener, 2,448; Westport, 1,778.

Elementary schools -- Chenoweth, 660; Greathouse, 511; Jane Hite, 540; Kentucky Children's Home, 175; Lyndon, 657;

Lions give school patrols new rainwear

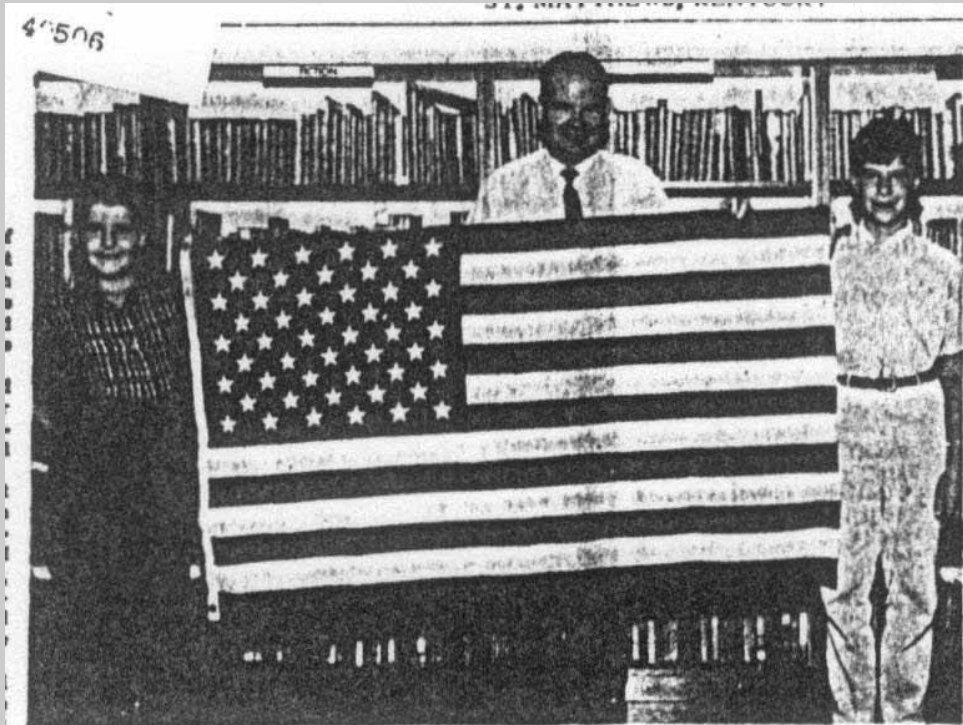
School safety patrols aren't going to get wet if the St. Matthews Lions Club can help it. The club this year has distributed 51 raincoats and hats to schools in addition to rainwear schools have on hand.

Bill Tolliver, club safety chairman and security officer of the county school system, distributed garments to these schools:

Chenoweth Lane, 4; Stivers, 3; Greathouse, 5; St. Margaret Mary, 7; Lyndon, 5; Wilder, 6; Shryock, 11; and Holy Trinity 10.

St. Matthews Elementary and Our Lady of Lourdes were already well stocked from earlier donations.

October 3, 1963



An American flag that flew over the United States Capitol has been presented to the Lyndon Consolidated School by Dale McMakin, at right, where he was a sixth grader last year. Receiving the flag, which will hang in the school library, is principal John Lowe, center. At left is Dale's brother, Patrick.

Lyndon student gives flag to school

A flag which has flown over the United States Capitol in Washington has been presented to the Lyndon Consolidated School and will hang in the school library. The flag was presented at the request of Dale McMakin, 12, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. McMakin, 406 Wood Rd.

Last Spring, Dale, then a sixth grader at Lyndon School, was in Washington with a Farm Bureau tour. While there the group had dinner with the congressmen and senators, at which time Dale made a request to Senator John Sherman

Cooper for a flag that had flown over the Capitol for his school. He is a seventh grader at Westport High School this year.

Dale has recently received the flag along with framed letters from Senator Cooper and Capitol architect, George Stuart, certifying the flag had flown over the capitol.

Dale has made the presentation to John Lowe school principal who said the flag and the letters will hang in the school library. Mr. Lowe said a dedication ceremony will probably be scheduled later.



REPRESENTATIVES of three schools gather around Robert Whitney after presenting him a certificate of appreciation from all children in the county school system. The citation was presented after Whitney conducted the Youth Orchestra for the last time at Convention Center recently. He has retired as director of the Louisville Orchestra and the Youth Orchestra. Looking on are, from left, Marion Doss, representing Valley Elementary School; Brant Stevens, Kennedy Elementary, and Phillip Quinn, Lyndon Elementary.

May 11, 1967

Courtesy of Al Ring:

Lyndon Elementary School



Courtesy of Bill Wetherton:**Lyndon Elementary School**

Here are some fond remembrances about Lyndon school from Mrs. Frank (Miss Caroline) Barth. Caroline Barth and my mother, Helen Wetherton, are both in the early 90s and still active. They both have been active in the Lyndon Homemakers group from day one. Miss Caroline was maybe a little more active at Lyndon School than mom. I spoke to Miss Caroline on June 2nd and I thought some of this information might fit into your website. Maybe a little genealogy first would be helpful.

Miss Caroline married Frank Barth, her second marriage. Her first husband died in WW II. She has two sons, B J (Billy Jim) (1941) and Rudy Miller (1943), from the first marriage. Rudy married Becky Arnold (A Arnold & Son Moving and Storage).

My mom was married to William M. Wetherton, Sr, so I am the Jr (1943). I have two siblings, Sister Lynne (1941) and Jim (1949). Lynne and B J graduated from Eastern, Rudy and I from Waggener, and my brother Jim from Westport, all from the same 309 N. Lyndon Lane house.

Lyndon Elementary was opened sometime mid to late 40s. The first principal of Lyndon Elementary was Mrs. Fiemster (sp?). She lived in crescent Hill. One of her neighbors was Mame S Waggener. Mrs. Fiemster was teaching at Greathouse and Mame Waggener was involved in getting her to become the principal at Lyndon. The third principal was Robert Lamb. His son Bobby eventually went to New York and one day was found dead in the East River, the apparent murder was never solved to my knowledge.

There is an "Ormsby Village" book according to Miss Caroline that might have some Lyndon information. Ormsby was the children's reformatory located at the intersection of Whipps Mill Road and LaGrange Road.

Miss Caroline was possibly the first president of the Lyndon PTA. The kitchen needed \$3,000 for upgrading. Miss C appointed a committee of Owen and Doris Pillans, Ella and Dan Ross, Jack and Lois Mayrose, Bill and Helen Wetherton, plus some others. The fund raising began. This would have been when Lynne and B J were in about the 5th grade so about 1951. Friday night fish fries, paper drives, rummage sales, etc were conducted by all parents and kids. I recall going door to door picking up stacks of papers to fill my wagon and moms station wagon and taking them to the containers behind the school. Miss C recalls during one of the rummage sales a large collection of new men's clothes arrive from a family who had a sudden death. The clothes were all the right size to fit Principal Lamb. Miss C had to pull Mr. Lamb to the room where the clothes were displayed (he got the first choice) to buy lots of the new clothing pieces.

During the Friday night fish fries, the moms and maybe some dads put on variety show on the gym stage. Somehow a dramatic instructor was located to help with the organization and choreography. One of the ladies got a deal from the local fish supplier, all the moms made pies, and Hortense Thomale was in charge of the potatoes. Hortense was the wife of "Tiny" Thomale who played the piano and accordion on the TV show Hayloft Hoedown. Quite often a square dance caller was brought in and the gym was filled with local dancers. I seem to recall that eventually the fish fries were taken over by the Fire Department as their fund raiser.

Another yearly event was the ice cream social at St. Thomas Episcopal church. It was held in mid summer. There was a spin wheel booth for cakes, dart throwing, a white elephant booth and for sure ice cream and cake, maybe some other victuals/vittles too. Part of the event was to elect a Miss Lyndon. A group of young ladies were individually sponsored by the local merchants, a box or boxes were placed around town, and you voted by the number of pennies place in the box, more fund raising.

Once the money was raised to satisfy the kitchen needs, fund raising continued for the Lyndon Recreation which Miss C believes was the real start of kids organized sports.

Miss C remembers one day when My Lamb came to her and said if we could raise \$???? we could install an intercom system and he could address everyone in the school at the same time, in their rooms, and from his office. More fund raising.

When I was in the sixth grade, I had the honor of being president of some group, I think it was related to academics. There was a fine black gentleman who was the school janitor and general all around handyman. He could play the piano like a dream. He never read music, just played by instinct. He would call me Mr. President, really made me feel important.

The was a group of 10 to 20 families that mom and dad always referred to as the Lyndon crowd. All of the adults and the kids were in a close age range and we all played and worked and "churched" together. Mom and Miss Caroline are about the only two who are still active.

William M. Wetherton
6-5-08

Comments from Alumni of Lyndon:

Lyndon Elementary School

Lyndon School is still there. Jeff Co Schools uses it for a variety of things. I was Principal of all the schools in Jeff Co operated for delinquent, disturbed and profoundly retarded kids. It was a great career. Judy

I went to Lyndon until 6th grade...Mrs. Ebelen (sp), Mrs. Sawyer, Mrs. Caswell, etc....is there still a school there? It would be ancient by now! Maren

Gaye, Did Nancy Duncan teach first grade at Lyndon? Linda

Hello to another voice out of my Lyndon past...remember the Friday night Fish Fries at Lyndon school? I remember hating fish but loving to go because my friends were there.

I too am living in a money pit in Louisa, Virginia...a frame farmhouse built in 1884 by a guy injured in the Civil War...neat old house...recently renovated by the people we bought it from. New innards, some new siding and wood trim which already needs paint after 3 summers! Oh, well...our antique furniture looks good in it!

Tell me about your place and how life has treated you. Maren

Betty, I remember you. I lived by the creek at Lyndon Lane and Wood Road. I bought the house from my parents and lived there 5 years. My identical twin sons were born while we lived there in 71. I remember the fish fries at Lyndon school Friday night and the summer ice cream social at St. Thomas Episcopal Church. Mr. Lamb was principal. Maurice the janitor played the piano. Pam Oliver and Sharon Sillman (now Willer) were good buddies. Joyce Green is coming in September. I moved over off 42 and then to Anchorage in 77 to the "Reynolds" house. It will not known as mine until I sell or die. I bought with a 5 year restoration plan and that was 24 years ago. Bill

St. Matthews Area Elementary Schools:

Today

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Lyndon Elementary School

