

1961-62
School Year



MARY McELROY MITCHELL

- Birthplace: Fayette County, Georgia, June 22, 1907.
- Parents: James Hapner and Emma Leathrough McElroy.
- Married: C. M. Mitchell, December 29, 1926.
- Education: Oglethorpe University, AB Degree, 1937 and University of Georgia, MA Degree, 1955.
- Experience: Principal, Cross Roads School, Fulton County, Georgia; Principal, Mayson and Cascade Elementary Schools.
- Honors: Honorary Mayor, Cascade Heights, Atlanta, Georgia since 1958; National Arovet Auxiliary Distinguished Service Award, 1958; Fifth District Teacher of the Year, 1960; WES Beaver Award, 1960; ITA Year Book dedicated to me in 1956-57; Portrait given to school by ITA, 1961 and listed in Who's Who in American Education, 1960.
- Member: Alpha Nu Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, of which I was president, 1958-60; Kappa Delta Pi; Fulton County Teachers Credit Union, of which I have served as president since 1958; GFA; NWA; Georgia Congress of Parents and Teachers (Life Membership); National Elementary Principals Association; Georgia Elementary Principals Association and Family Service Society Board of Directors, 1962-65.
- Church Affiliation: President of J.C.Y. class, Beecher Hills Baptist Church; member of Beecher Hills Baptist Church; Assistant Superintendent of Adult Department and member of Benevolent Committee of Beecher Hills Baptist Church.



MARTHA ELMY WAGNER

I was born August 29, 1918 in Rice Community, Old Campbell County. My family lived on my grandparents' farm. I was an only girl with three brothers and three boy cousins. All of the other children in the community who were my age were boys. To provide sisters for me, my family sent me to a girl's camp each summer. I spent many happy days at Brenau College's Camp Takeda. I was a counselor there for two years after I started teaching.

A retired schoolteacher aunt taught the children in my family until I was in the fourth grade. I finished elementary school at Rice, and graduated from Campbell High School in Fairburn in 1935. My high school days were happy ones. I was a class officer, officer in Tri-Ki-Y, a member of the Frank L. Stanton Literary Society, a charter member of the National Data Club, and a Senior Superlative.

I can't remember when I did not want to be a schoolteacher. While I was a high school senior I asked Mr. Jere A. Wells, Fulton County School superintendent, where I should go to college to get good teacher training. He recommended G.E.O.W. I entered in September, 1935, attended summer schools and finished my work in August, 1938. I spent the schoolyear 1938-39 as a traveling companion of my grandmother. It was a memorable year.

I began my teaching career in September, 1939 at Rice. I transferred the next year to Mayson School, and in September, 1947 I came to Cascade. I have been at Cascade since with the exception of a three year maternity leave and one semester at H. C. Burgess School.

I am a member of Alpha Nu chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma and have served that chapter as recording secretary.

I have just been elected recording secretary of A.O.E. for 1962-63.

My church work has meant much to me through the years. I am a Baptist, and I have worked for twenty years in the training department of my church.

My husband is an insurance agent. We have one daughter who is in the first grade at Harris Street School, East Point. My mother lives with us.



WILLIE MAE LEWIS POETTER

Birthplace: Covington County, Mississippi. July 30, 1917.

Parents: Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Lewis.

Education: Graduated from Collins High School, Collins, Mississippi in 1935. Attended Jones County Junior College, Ellisville, Mississippi in 1936-37.

Received a BS in Elementary Education, minor English and Speech, from Mississippi Southern College in August, 1961, with all practice teaching done in Mississippi State Southern College Reading Clinic, under direction of Dr. Ralph Staiger.

Experience: Employed as a secretary and accountant with the Federal Land Bank of New Orleans and the State Bank and Trust Company, Collins, Mississippi. For approximately two years employed as a secretary at the First National Bank of Atlanta.

Began supply teaching in 1956, Area IV and assigned supply teaching as kindergarten teacher in 1957-58 at Cascade School. Since that time I have taught Fourth and presently Second grades at Cascade.

Member: Theta Gamma Chapter, Kappa Delta Pi, Mississippi Southern College, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, August, 1960; Delta Kappa Gamma, Atlanta, Georgia, May, 1962; Beecher Hills Baptist Church and teaching a class of Adult ladies.

Family Status: Married Paul E. Poetter, of Atlanta, on January 25, 1946.

Two daughters, Paula, 14 and Pamela, 9.

NAN SLAPPEY MARSH

Birthplace: Albany, Georgia. August 1, 1907.

Education: Albany High; Georgia State College for Women, 2 year
Teacher's Diploma and Oglethorpe University, BS degree.

Experience: Supply work and 15 years at Cascade School.

Member: Covenant Presbyterian Church; ATA; GEA; NEA; ACE and PTA.

Family Status: Married in 1930 to Claude Edward Marsh, Jr.
Have two married sons and three grandchildren.





LOUISE WILLIAMS JENKINS

Birthplace: Tallapoosa County, Alabama. September 21, 1919.

Parents: Reverend and Mrs. A. W. Williams.

Education: Attended several Georgia schools throughout Georgia but finished the seventh grade at Model School, Rome, Georgia. I had to move from Forsyth, Georgia a few months before graduation, but received my diploma at Cumming High School in 1936.

Attended Young Harris College for two years but received an AB degree in 1940 from LaGrange College, with a major in English and a minor in French.

My postgraduate work has consisted of 6 weeks work on MA at Winthrop College, Rock Hill, South Carolina in 1941; 6 weeks in Health Education at the University of Georgia, 1956 and the University of Georgia Summer School in 1957, completing my Elementary Certification.

Experience: Winfield High School, Thomson, Georgia, 1940-41; Lowell High School, Lowell, North Carolina, 1941-42; Zebulon High School, Zebulon, Georgia, 1942; Pike County Schools, Georgia, (Visiting Teacher), 1945; Cascade School, 1950; Dalton Grade School, Georgia, 1951 and back to Cascade School where I have been teaching since 1951.

Honors: I was presented the Freedom's Foundation Award at the Georgia Leadership Institute, September 14, 1960; served on the staff of Health Education Seminar at the University of Georgia; elected to the Executive Board of the Metropolitan Atlanta Council on Alcoholism and represented the Executive Board at a regional school in Jackson, Mississippi in August, 1961.

Member: GEA; NEA and ACE.

Church Affiliation: Member of the Audubon Forest Methodist Church and a member of the following organizations within the church; Official Board; Commission on Christian Vocations; Adult Sunday School Council; Commission on Education and a teacher of a 10th grade co-ed class.



MARY TIMMONS BARKSDALE

Birthplace: Cherokee County, Georgia. October 20, 1905.

Parents: John C. and Mary E. King Timmons.

Education: Elementary, High School and two years College at Reinhardt College Waleska, Georgia. AB degree from LaGrange College. Attended two summers at University of Georgia and two summers at University of North Carolina; three work shops in Child Study and AATES courses in Child Study.

Experience: Two years at Chatsworth, Murray County, Georgia; two years at Fairmount, Bartow County, Georgia; one year at Blackwell Consolidated, Cobb County, Georgia; five years at Forest Park, Clayton County, Georgia; one year at Longino, Fulton County, Georgia and nineteen years at Cascade School.

Family Status: Married Malcolm T. Barksdale on May 23, 1928. Two children, Malcolm T. Barksdale, Jr., University of Georgia, D.V.M. and Carolyn Barksdale Linger, Agnes Scott Music Major.

Honors: Valedictorian of graduating class, Reinhardt College, Waleska, Georgia, thereby winning a scholarship to LaGrange College, LaGrange, Georgia.

Member: First Baptist Church, East Point, Georgia; Sunday School Class of First Baptist, of which I am the pianist; Civil Defense Instructor's Class; GEA; NEA; GMEA and Woodmen Circle of Georgia, of which I am State Musician.



RUTH DEMPSEY

Born, April 17, 1912 in Fulton County, Georgia on McDonough Rd., SE. Parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Dempsey. One brother, R. L. Dempsey, who lives in Tampa, Florida.

I received my education in the Fulton County Schools. First and Second Grades at Lakewood Heights School; Third and Fourth Grades at Benteen School; Fifth, Sixth and Seventh Grades at Bolton School; High School at Fulton High, graduating in May, 1930.

I graduated from LaGrange College, LaGrange, Georgia, with an AB degree in June, 1934. I majored in French, with minors in English, Science and Religious Education. I was a member and president of Alpha Kappa Theta Sorority; president of Intersorority Council; Vice-president of Student Government Association when a Junior and President when a Senior.

I began teaching in September, 1934, and have taught 28 years--eight years at Perkerson School and the other twenty at Cascade School.

I am an active member in Sunday School and Church at Park Street Methodist Church in West End.



DEANE SAUNDERS DYSON

Birthplace: "Redlands", Bedford County, Virginia.

Parents: Mr. and Mrs. Samuel H. Saunders.

Family: Youngest of eight children, seven girls (all of whom taught school) and one boy.
Father a dairyman, banker and county commissioner for 25 years.

Education: Graduated from Bedford High School, 1938. Received BS degree from Longwood College, Farmville, Virginia; attended University of North Carolina for 6 weeks in summer of 1940 (Physics course); took graduate course in Education at University of North Carolina in summer, 1941, and represented classroom teachers on Curriculum Committee, compiling state course of study for Health Education for State of Virginia.

Experience: Taught 8 years in Bedford High School, Bedford, Virginia; supplied and taught one year in Falls Church High School, Falls Church, Virginia, taught the second grade in Cascade School for 5½ years and presently teaching seventh grade in Cascade School.

Member: Beecher Hills Baptist Church; Pi Gamma Mu, Kappa Delta Pi; Delta Kappa Gamma; NEA; GEA; ATA; and ACE.

Family Status: Married in 1946 to J. Marshall Dyson of Richmond, Virginia, sales representative for Corning Glass Works. One daughter, Pattie Deane, born October 29, 1947.

Interests: Have taught Sunday School most of adult life. Enjoy music, travel, politics and people, and especially find satisfaction and pleasure in working with children and fellow-members of the teaching profession.