

## SOME INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT CASCADE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Cascade Avenue was constructed in what was then classified a rural area. There were no paved roads, no electric lights, no fire departments, no police department and no inside plumbing (toilets and/or wash basins). There was no cafeteria so children as well as teachers brought their lunches to school in old lard (grease, cooking oil) buckets made of metal. Libraries were none existent too.

Most students made a walk of 5 to 7 miles to school daily. Most teachers boarded in homes as near to the school as possible. Those who were not fortunate enough to board close by came by horse and buggy. Some teachers as well as students road horses to class daily. Many schools had their own private gardens which the teachers and students cultivated. During World War I the practice of maintaining gardens on the school grounds as well as private residence was greatly encouraged by the United States government. These gardens were referred to as (Victory Gardens) and the seeds were supplied by the government for free.

Mrs. Mitchell, the sixth principal of Cascade Elementary school was know as the official mayor of Cascade Heights. She is credited with establishing one of the first cafeteria programs for the school as well.

Cascade Avenue School was originally constructed in 1908 under the Fulton County School System at a cost of \$650.00. The Building was valued however at \$1,500.00, consisting of a two room frame building. The desks and furnishings in the building were valued at \$150.00. By 1909 the enrollment total for students was 65 and the staff consisted of two teachers Miss Calvert and Mr. Robert Lamkin who was probably the principal of the school...

Cascade Elementary School was constructed in 1928. The Fulton County School Board hired an architect named Mr. George H. Bond and paid him the sum of \$400.00 for his services. This structure was revised in 1935, 1948, and again in 1970.

In 1951 under the COMPROMISE PLAN -- PLAN OF IMPROVEMENT Cascade Elementary Became part of the Atlanta Public School System. The plan would integrate Cascade for the first time. integration actually took place during the early 70's under Dr. Crims' administration. (APS's first black superintendent)

Cascade Elementary School was adopted in September of 1974 by the Hillside Chapel and Truth Center through their Community Outreach Program. During this period Atlanta elected its first black mayor, the honorable Maynard Holbrook Jackson, former President James Earl Carter was governor of Georgia, and the late Dr. Benjamin E. Mays was president of the Atlanta School Board, Mrs. Carrie Lacey was principal at this time. In 1983 the Literacy Action Program adopted Cascade Elementary. In 1988-89 school year C&S Bank adopted the Cascade Elementary School.

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MARTHA LINN HAGER

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. In grade six sisters for me, my family sent me to a girl's camp each summer. I spent many happy days at Brecken College's G. & J. Talbots. 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-Hi-Y, a member of the Frank L. Stanton Literary Society, a charter member of the National Beta 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.S.C.W. I entered in September, 1935, attended summer schools and finished my work in August, 1938. I spent the school year 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 Maycon 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. O. Burgess School.

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

I have just been elected recording secretary of A.C.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

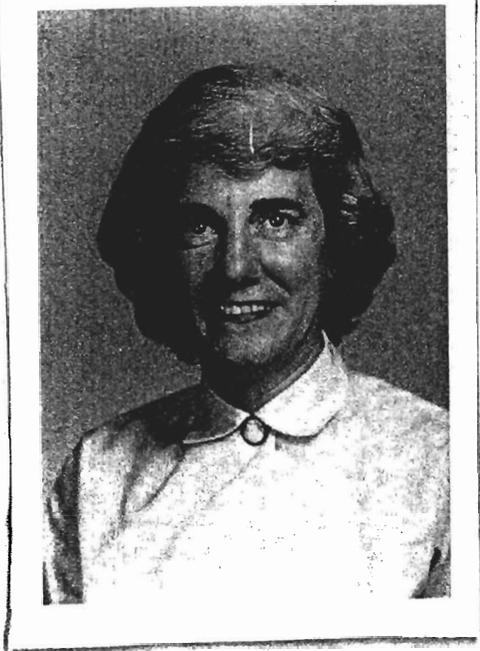
Born, April 17, 1912 in Fulton County, Georgia on McDonough Rd., SE. Parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Dempsey. One brother, R. L. Dempsey, who lives in Tampa, Florida.

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.