

# History of Pintlala School Pintlala, Alabama

*Cover photograph:*

Opening Ceremonies, Pintlala School, Wednesday, September 20, 1922,  
Pintlala School Auditorium

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## Introduction

You hold in your hands the historical overview of a true community treasure. Pintlala School has contributed to the mystique of living in an incredibly wonderful part of Montgomery County, Alabama. Since 1922 the alumni of Pintlala School have been summoned by the powerful magnetism of their memories to a time when the glories of public education found expression in what people now envy: a strong sense of place and community.

This production has been a team effort with many persons making contributions. The primary share of credit, however, goes to Alice Carter, a lifetime resident of Pintlala whose family played prominent roles in the life of the school. Her grandfather, William Tankersley, officially “received” the school on behalf of the community on opening day, September 20, 1922. On the same day her aunt, Alice Tankersley, a twenty-year old Grange Hall alumna, played the piano. Years later her mother, Ethel Tankersley Todd, taught hundreds of students during a sterling career in the classroom. From the seminal idea to her extensive research, to her organization of materials, and finally to her writing of the texts, Alice Carter has given us a gift to enrich our community for generations to come.

Public education in Montgomery County is a subject worthy of future research and scholarship. Other areas of needed research are the county’s oversight of education in black communities, the emergence of Rosenwald schools along with the powerful influence of Booker T. Washington, and the desegregation of public schools. The pages of this treatise focus on the early years of Pintlala School with some representative information and photographs from more recent decades. Both hard history and emotional nostalgia are reflected throughout this work.

Today rural communities and their schools are erroneously considered by some to be irrelevant and out of date. Yet Pintlala Elementary School continues to perpetuate its heritage of rigorous education for a diversity of students. A school’s destiny is often in the hands of distant and detached decision-makers. Hopefully, this historical perspective will aid in understanding the strong union between a small school and a passionate community in Pintlala, Alabama.

There were two booklets which galvanized the public in Montgomery County and prepared citizens for sweeping changes in public education: *The Physical and Health Conditions of The Montgomery County Rural Schools for White Children* by William F. Feagin,

County Superintendent-Elect, June 1917 and *Transportation of School Children, Montgomery County*, by T.L. Head, Jr., September 18, 1922. The contents and photographs can be seen in their entirety on the website for the Pintlala Historical Association ([www. pintlalahistoricalassociation.com](http://www.pintlalahistoricalassociation.com)). Both booklets are provided courtesy of the Alabama Department of Archives and History.

Gary Burton, President  
Pintlala Historical Association  
October 2009

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Alice Todd Carter

Pintlala Historical Association

2009

Note: Bracketed material added by author for clarification purposes

## Pintlala Glory Song

Modern Education is marching along,  
Modern Education is marching along,  
Modern Education is marching along,

By universal call.

Glory, Glory, Halleluiah

Glory, Glory, Halleluiah

Glory, Glory, Halleluiah

Yes, universal call.

Montgomery County is taking the lead,  
Montgomery County is taking the lead,  
Montgomery County is taking the lead,

And perfecting the plan.

Glory, Glory, Halleluiah

Glory, Glory, Halleluiah

Glory, Glory, Halleluiah

Yes, perfecting the plan.

Pintlala High School is a link in the chain  
Pintlala High School is a link in the chain  
Pintlala High School is a link in the chain

And we will weld it true.

Glory, Glory, Halleluiah

Glory, Glory, Halleluiah

Glory, Glory, Halleluiah

Yes, we will weld it true.

She's building yonder on this beautiful lot,  
She's building yonder on this beautiful lot,  
She's building yonder on this beautiful lot,

And deep in our hearts, too.

Glory, Glory, Halleluiah

Glory, Glory, Halleluiah

Glory, Glory, Halleluiah

Yes, deep in our hearts, too.

We will back her up with all that we can do,  
We will back her up with all that we can do,  
We will back her up with all that we can do,

And ask God's blessing, too.

Glory, Glory, Halleluiah

Glory, Glory, Halleluiah

Glory, Glory, Halleluiah

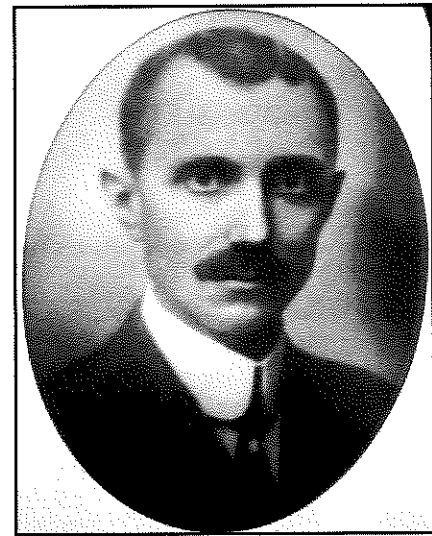
Yes, ask God's blessing, too.

What a unique way to open a look into the earliest history of Pintlala Junior High School. It seems logical to conclude that this song was composed to rally the community in support of the consolidation plan whereby a new school would be built in the community of Pintlala. Author unknown, date unknown, Collection of Patsy Hall Davis

## Overview of Public Education

### Development of Public Education in Montgomery County

In 1922 Pintlala School opened its new doors to school children in southwest Montgomery County. These children came from one and two teacher schools sprinkled throughout the county in buildings in primitive condition and where classes were sometimes conducted by non-certified teachers. There were 47 schools of this type in Montgomery County which were consolidated into eight schools in 1922. These eight schools were: Capital Heights, Catoma, Chisholm, Cloverdale, Pike Road, Pine Level, Ramer and Pintlala. At this time in the history of Montgomery County education, Capital Heights, Chisholm and Cloverdale were schools considered county schools—not a part of the city school system. A very simplified look at the organization of the education systems in our county is based on the State Code of Alabama. The code outlines the “County Board Law” which was constructed by William F. Feagin, the thirteenth State Superintendent of Education from 1915 to 1918. This newly composed law was adopted by the State Legislature on August 16, 1915, and mandated the election of boards of education for all areas of the state not part of an incorporated city or town. Thus Montgomery County had two separate boards of education—one city and one county. These boards supervised two separate sets of schools, one for white children and one for African-American children.



William F. Feagin, date unknown, photo courtesy of Alabama Department of Education

### Local School Trustees

A section of the “County Board Law” outlines the use of community leaders as trustees for individual schools. These trustees were appointed by the County Boards of Education to care for the school property, oversee the general interests of the school, make reports through the County Superintendent concerning progress and needs of the school and report the will and sentiment of the citizens of local communities regarding their school. These trustees by law were not paid from public school funds.

Minutes of the Montgomery County Board of Education for November 28, 1917, record: "The people of the community in which Grange Hall School is located request the appointment of three school trustees in order that the title of the Grange Hall School property might be cleared up. Elected were: Mr. G.M. Shackelford, Mr. A.W. Mosley and Dr. William Tankersley." They were not appointed for any definite time. The only other found listing of trustees was from the County Board minutes for June 5, 1922: "Trustees for Grange Hall are Dr. Frank Shackelford, Samuel Fischer and W. J. Sellers." Curiously in the Pintlala P.T.A. minutes of May 19th, 1931, Mrs. Barnes [Rawdon] reported that "The Trustees are officially no more." She further stated that the organization would continue to feel free to call upon them personally for any favor that might be needed. Board minutes for the county system provided no hint regarding the elimination of the trustee system.

### **Merger of Boards of Education**

A thorough examination of the schools of our county was completed in 1919 and Montgomery County citizens were made aware of the dire need for better schools and were prepared for the consolidation of its schools. However, some families remained skeptical of a plan to put their children on trucks outfitted as school buses and drive them miles from their familiar one or two-room schools. This plan for our county was developed by William F. Feagin who became Montgomery County Superintendent of Education and served from October 1, 1918, to April 23, 1920. His plan, *The Physical and Health Conditions of The Montgomery County Rural Schools for White Children*, for consolidation was progressive and foreword looking. However, Feagin dealt with personal scandal in 1920 and resigned from his position. He was succeeded by Arthur F. Harman, who remained in that position of leadership until January 1, 1928, when he resigned to become Director of the Division of Educational Administration of the State Department of Education and subsequently the State Superintendent of Education in 1929 to 1935



Arthur F. Harman, date unknown,  
photo courtesy of Alabama  
Department of Education

when he was selected president of Alabama College, Montevallo, Alabama. Minutes of the County Board of Education (overseeing county i.e. rural schools) for December 5, 1927, outline the plan for reorganizing the entire Montgomery County School system into one governed by a single board. This plan was a result of state legislation designed to have a unified school board system in Montgomery County. At a January 5, 1928, meeting of the board (rural schools) members present were: Jesse B. Hearin, J.M. Hobbie, Simon Gassenheimer, S.T. Rushton with P.M. McIntyre being absent. T.L. Head, Acting Superintendent, was also present. The following resolution, from board minutes, was passed and paved the way for the merger of the dual boards and the creation of a unified system of education in Montgomery County: "Whereas, by provision of an act adopted by the legislature of Alabama: This board will go out of existence on the 30th day of June 1928, after which time the administration of the affairs of the public schools of Montgomery County will be in the hands of the Board provided for in said act..."

The name for the resulting board would be Montgomery County Board of Education. On July 13, 1928, the new governing body met with the following present according to minutes of the school board: Mrs. L.W. Tyson, Messrs. L.C. Cardinal, J.M. Garrett, Tyler Goodwyn, Jesse B. Hearin, Leopold Strauss, S.T. Rushton, P.M. McIntyre and William R. Harrison, sitting Superintendent of City Schools. This group pledged cooperation and support for the new consolidated board, agreed to draw up new by-laws and elected Harrison as Superintendent and Thomas L. Head, Assistant Superintendent.

Teachers elected at Pintlala Junior High School were: L.R. Scarborough, principal; Lillian Benson, Bonnie Frost, Estelle Camp, Annie Mae Lewis, Mrs. P.M. McIntyre and Mary McLean White.

### **Education in Early Pintlala**

The small rural community of Pintlala had been educating its children in various facilities as early as the 1800s. References to schools in stores, homes and private academies appear in privately held papers. One excellent source describing early education in our community was written in 1941 by Edward Madison Shackelford, President Emeritus, State Teachers College, Troy, Alabama and native of Pintlala in *George Shackelford and Annette Jeter and Their Descendants*:

Pintlala has been more fortunate than most rural communities; for, while we have comparatively few details about schools and teachers prior to the War of the 60's, we

have an unbroken record since that time. It is strange indeed that so little on this subject has come down from our fathers and mothers, and it is stranger still that we didn't inquire more particularly about it while they were living. I recall hearing my father mention a Mr. Foster, Mr. Pierce, and a Mr. Supple as three of his teachers; but about all that I ever heard him tell about his school experiences was of pranks played on their teachers by the school boys, and the fact that he himself would have been a great speller if he could have got as much of Webster's blue back speller into his head as he got into his stomach. He must have had more teachers, for he had a pretty fair common school education, even though he did spell largely by the phonetic method. As to my mother, I do not recall hearing her mention any of her teachers except one Mr. Hunt; but she had a much better education than my father had. We know in a general way that all rural schools in those days were on a private subscription basis, and that they were taught usually by teachers who went from community to community and "made up" their little schools, and taught them in whatever vacant room might happen to be available. I attended two schools taught in rooms in private residences and one in a vacant store. As far as I know, the Norman school house, built of pine logs and situated about half a mile to the rear of the old Parmer house and overlooking Pinchona swamp, was the first building in the community erected exclusively for school purposes. It was used as such for only a short time because it was so poorly adapted to its purpose, and was so poorly located. I doubt whether the spot on which it stood could be very easily recognized now. It was in that old building that my second teacher, Mr. Daniel C. Tharin, made more kinds of impressions than one upon me and others of his pupils. Next came the first public school in the village, taught by Miss Bettie Bonham in the old Bonham store, which stood just south of the present store of Mrs. Moseley. After that, Mrs. W.A. Killough (Miss Mollie, we called her) taught the village school in the north room of the old Bonham residence and later in the Grange Hall. Then came the Grange Hall Academy, with Col. Davis F. Gaffney as teacher. Naturally the building of the Grange Hall fixed the school location, and the old hall remained the school home until it was superseded in 1922 by the present Junior High School building. Following Col. Gaffney came Mr. Claude B. Rencher, under whom the writer concluded his preparation for entrance to the State University in 1881. Others who kept the good work going were, James N. Gilchrist, J.D. Garrett, Lucia Wild, Belle Smith, Rebecca Gardner, Mrs. Frank Shackelford (our own Fannie) Minnie Ramey, Eula Bay Townsend, William Tankersley, James Tankersley, Lucy Walker, Hermione Huckabee (afterwards, Mrs. Geo. H. Shackelford), Howard Green, J.E. Garrett, Mineola King, Principal Ben S. Copeland, and Principal L.R. Scarborough. (Space forbids naming the subordinate teachers since the organization of the junior high school in 1923, however much I wish to do so.)

The Grange Hall in Pintlala was erected circa 1875 and was sponsored by The National Grange of the Patrons of Husbandry. It was the home for Grange members and their activities and provided a room for the local school until the new consolidated school was built just feet away in 1922. The Grange building continued to serve as the Home Economics classroom for several years and eventually became the home for Mr. Taylor, [which Mr. Taylor is not clear] the school custodian. In 1980



the building was moved to Old Alabama Town in Montgomery, where it was restored and is used for meetings in the twenty-first century.

## Establishment of Pintlala School

Many families in the Pintlala area worked diligently for a new school. Four landowners of prime real estate at the intersection of the Federal Road/Old Hayneville Road and Highway 31 either sold or donated land to the Montgomery County Board of Education in 1919. Forty persons made monetary contributions to a school fund to facilitate the purchase of 80 acres set aside for the site of the new consolidated Pintlala School. The four groups owning the land destined to become an educational campus were: the L.B. Reynolds family, Anderson William Mosley family, the surviving family of Dr. Claudius Washington Powell (Mrs. Lula Jane Mosley Powell and daughter, Louise—Lula Jane was sister to Anderson William Mosley) and the last remaining members of the Pintlala Grange, No. 175 who were: George H. Shackelford, Mrs. A.W. Mosley, Frank Shackelford, Mrs. Frank Shackelford, W.P. McGehee, Mrs. F.M. Mosley, Mrs. Lula J. Powell and Miss Minnie Ramey. The Reynolds family were heirs of Jodie Williams Reynolds daughter of Rebecca Shackelford Williams and Nathaniel Williams all buried in the Shackelford Cemetery, Pintlala, Alabama. The Grange



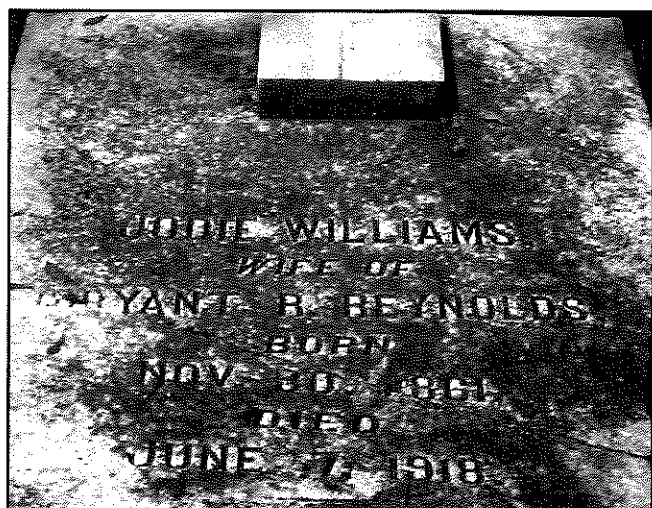
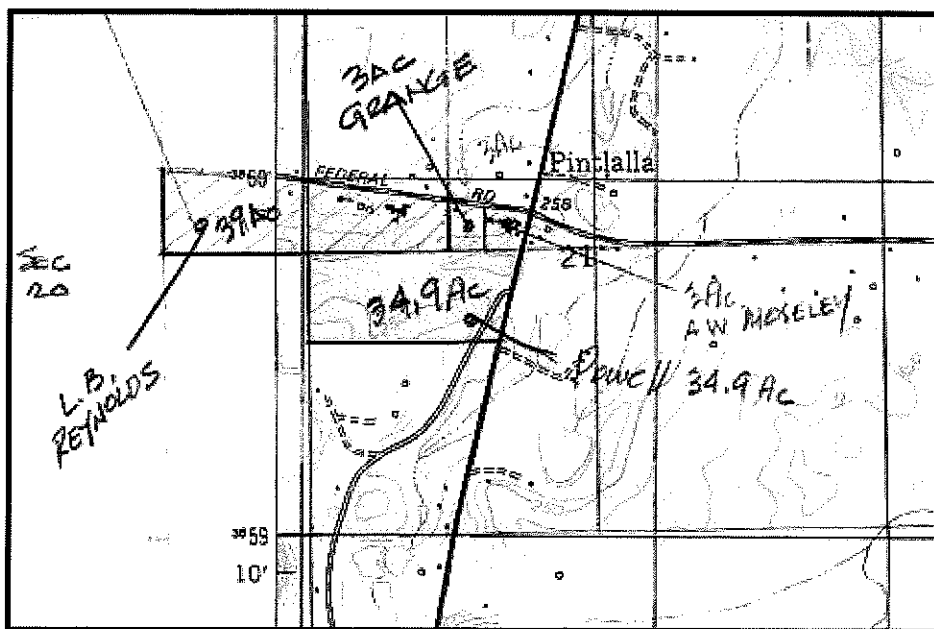
Anderson Mosley, 1920, copied from *Mosley: A Family History*, 1995 by Clanton Mosley



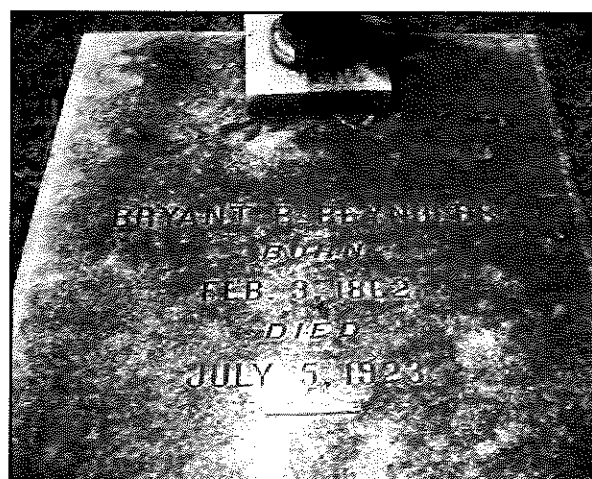
Dr. Claudius Powell, daughter, Mary Louise Powell and wife, Lula Jane Powell, ca. 1905, copied from *Mosley: A Family History*, 1995 by Clanton Mosley

Hall lot of three acres was deeded to the Board of Education by the above listed members. The Reynolds property, which is actually the exact site of the 1922 building, was purchased for \$1200.00. The Powell land was purchased for \$1750.00, and it is unclear how the Mosley property was acquired, but it is probable that the three acres valued at \$1500.00 were given to the board of education in exchange for the last remaining \$100.00 from the school fund.

Map of plots for school lot shown by original owners, drawn by Pat Moseley, 2009, photo courtesy of the author



Tombstone of Jodie Reynolds, member of Shackelford family. Shackelford Cemetery, Pintlala, AL, Collection of Pintlala Historical Association



Tombstone of Bryant Reynolds, husband of Jodie Reynolds. Shackelford Cemetery, Pintlala, AL, Collection of Pintlala Historical Association

At a meeting held by C. H. Shackelford, Mrs. A. W. Mosley, Frank Shackelford, Mrs. Frank Shackelford, W. F. McGhee, Mrs. F. H. Mosley, Mrs. Lula J. Powell and Miss Minnie Ramey, at Pittala Ala. on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1919, the following resolution was offered by C. H. Shackelford, and adopted by vote of all of those present:

"WHEREAS the Patrons of Husbandry of Pintala Grange No. 175 was discontinued or abandoned some fifteen years ago, and the said organization did cease to operate as such, and C. H. Shackelford, Mrs. A. W. Mosley, Frank Shackelford, Mrs. Frank Shackelford, W. F. McGhee, Mrs. F. H. Mosley, Mrs. Lula J. Powell and Miss Minnie Ramey are the only remaining members of said organization, and are now the only remaining members of Pintala Grange No. 175:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the three acres of land conveyed to the Patrons of Husbandry or Members of Pintala Grange No. 175 by C. H. Bonham on October 3<sup>rd</sup> 1875, by deed recorded in Deed Book 8, page 352, in the Office of the Probate Judge of Montgomery County, be no longer held or used for the Grange Hall or educational purposes by said Patrons of Husbandry, or by the Members of Pintala Grange No. 175.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the remaining members of said Patrons of Husbandry of Pintala Grange No. 175 join in the execution of an instrument relinquishing and conveying to the County Board of Education of Montgomery County whatever right, title and interest they, as such members, or the said Association, Patrons of Husbandry or Members of Pintala Grange No. 175, have in and to the said three acres of land."

I hereby certify that the above is the original resolution offered and adopted at a meeting of the above named persons held the 15<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1919, at Pittala Ala.

Frank Shackelford

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE PINTALA SCHOOL LOT FUND.			
Debits		Credits	
1919			
Dr. W. Williams	100.00	June 17-Surveying lot	25.00
Dr. William Tankersley	100.00	July 10-Bayne's land	1200.00
Dr. R. Garrett	400.00	" Bayne's land rent	70.00
Dr. C. Lancaster	200.00	" 15-Register in Chan-	7.10
Dr. W. Shackelford	100.00	cery	
Frank Shackelford	100.00	" 15-Mrs. L.J. Powell-	1750.00
Dr. C. Shackelford	200.00	land	
Dr. C. Callaway	50.00	" 15-Recording deeds	8.00
Dr. R. Garrett	100.00	Steiner, Crum & Co	100.00
Edith Anderson	50.00	Aug. 1-land abstracts	56.94
Thomas, J. Smith	10.00	By balance	12.94
Dr. C. Gay	10.00		
Dr. L. Tyson	100.00		
Joel B. Davis	50.00		
Dr. Frank Davis	10.00		
Dr. D. Suggs	10.00		
Dr. G. L. Kenney	10.00		
Dr. C. Bellows	100.00		
Dr. C. Brown	50.00		
Dr. W. H. Brown	50.00		
Dr. C. L. Brown	10.00		
Dr. J. Bellows Jr.	10.00		
Dr. J. Bellows Sr.	10.00		
Dr. J. Johnson	10.00		
Dr. J. Kenney	10.00		
Dr. J. Kenney Jr.	10.00		
Dr. L. Shackelford	10.00		
Edith Anderson	10.00		
Dr. C. Anderson Jr.	10.00		
Dr. D. Anderson	10.00		
Dr. W. Brown	10.00		
Samuel Marshall	10.00		
Dr. W. Kenney	10.00		
Dr. J. L. Tankersley	50.00		
Dr. J. Smith	5.00		
Dr. W. Bellows	200.00		
Dr. C. Gay	50.00		
Alfred Gay	50.00		
Land of Bayne's land	70.00		
	\$3330.00		\$3330.00
To Balance on Hand	12.94		

School lot fund, donors and land values, 1919, Collection of Pintala Historical Association

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	\$3330.00		\$3330.00
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Average and value of the school lots:			
The B. N. Bayne's land	39 acres		\$1200.00
Mrs. E. J. Powell's land	35 "		1750.00
Orange Hill school lot	3 "		1000.00
A.W. Mosely's lot with deep well	1 "		1500.00
TOTALS	80		\$5450.00

## Memories of Grange Hall School

Written by Alice Tankersley,  
January 1978 and transcribed for family  
files by Alice Carter. Alice Tankersley  
taught school at Pintlala in 1938-1940 in  
the junior high school.

After my grandmother's death in 1914,  
my mother, a widow, married Dr.  
William Tankersley, her deceased  
husband's brother, who lived in the  
Pintlala community. We moved to  
Pintlala and I attended the Grange Hall  
School during the 1914-15 session  
when I was around eleven or twelve  
years old.

Mr. Ernest Garrett (J. E.) father of William Silas Garrett, present superintendent of  
Education in Montgomery County, was the principal of the school and the only  
teacher. Grades ranged from one to "Latin and algebra." I sat in a double desk with  
Lula Mae Mosley (Mrs. Riley Tyre) who now lives just across the road from Pintlala  
School. There was a big "pot-bellied" stove for heat. A long bench was in the front  
of the room where the children sat when "in class." A black board and stands with  
maps faced the students.

The girls toilet was in a wooded area back of the school building. There was scarcely  
a path, as it usually stayed covered with vines and leaves-and with frogs and snakes  
about, so you had to look carefully as you took a step or seat!



Alice Tankersley, date unknown,  
photo courtesy of the author



Grange Hall, ca. 1920, photo courtesy of the author

On warm days there were wonderful long windows with no  
screens. I don't recall being bothered by flies, but I well  
remember a yellow-jacket stinging me on the back of the  
neck one day.

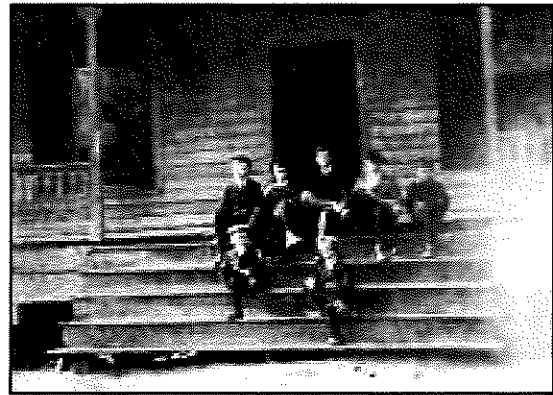
At lunch time (lunches were carried in boxes or paper bags)  
and recess, we usually played "stealing sticks." All the  
children played. Two sides were chosen. A pile of sticks was  
placed behind each side. You tried to get by the defending  
line and steal a stick and bring it back to your pile without  
being caught. Sides were usually evenly divided as to age  
and size of children. Jake Chestnut (deceased) used to ride  
his horse to school where he tied it to the limb of a tree  
nearby. His "bus" was always waiting in the afternoon. We  
lived about a mile from the school. I rode my bicycle about  
1/2 mile to Mr. Garrett's house then walked the rest of the  
way with him and his children. The other children walked.

I forgot to mention the raised platform at the front of the  
school which was used for any special presentation,  
speeches, recitals, etc. I believe there must have been a  
room for the music teacher off this stage, when a teacher

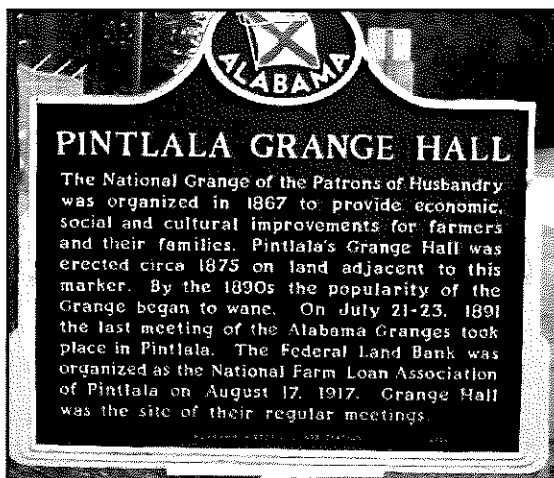
was available. Ruth Jordan (Mrs. Phuso Kilgore) from Highland Home, Alabama, taught music at Grange Hall and boarded with Mrs. Anderson Mosley.

I believe my father, Dr. George Tankersley and uncles, Drs. Felix, James, and William Tankersley and an aunt, Mrs. Lucy Tankersley Garrett (all deceased) went to Grange Hall when they were children. I have heard my Uncle Will [Dr. William Tankersley, who became the writer's step-father] mention a Mr. Rencher, who taught there. Teachers I have known were: Mrs. Hermione Huckabee Shackelford, Mrs. Howard Greene McLean, Mr. Ernest Garrett, Mrs. Mineola King Sellers (Mrs. Hayden Sellers), who died several weeks ago, and her sister Zera, Miss Janie Belle Garrett (deceased). Students I can recall at Grange Hall when I was there were: Janie Belle, Corrie, Jim and Edgar Garrett; Lula Mae and Wilbur Mosley, Jake Chestnut, Alice and Mae Murrell.

Former students whom I believe went to Grange Hall and still live in the community are: David Murrell, Carrol Mosley, Annie Mosley Chestnut, Carrie Mosley Newell (now living in a nursing home in Montgomery).



Boys at Grange Hall, date and identities unknown, photo courtesy of the author



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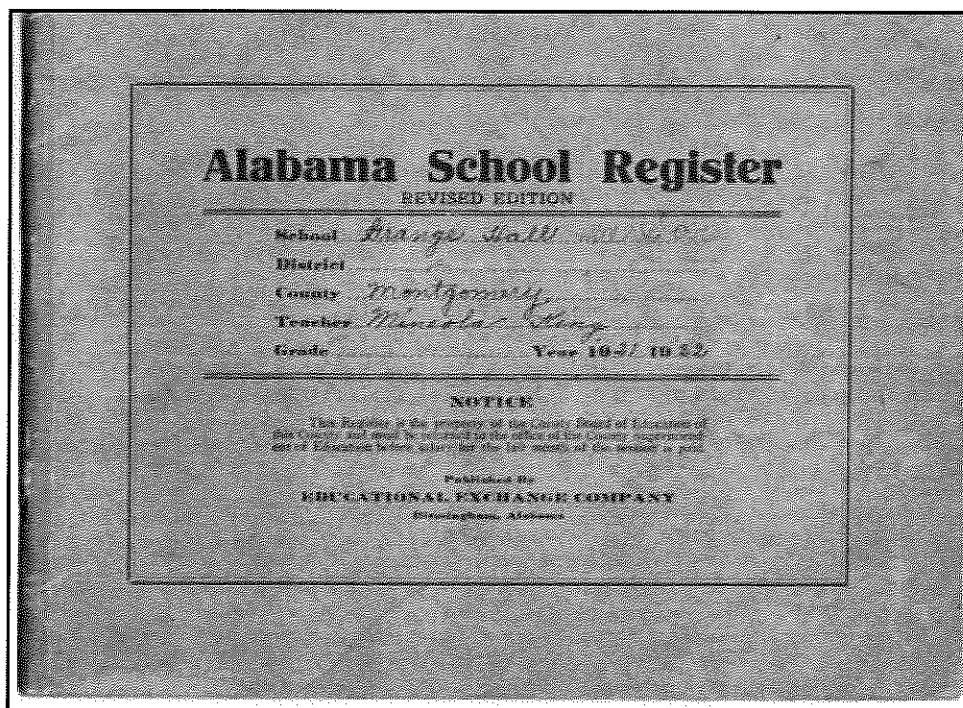




Grange Hall and students, ca. 1900. Only identified persons: Lower Right, Front Row: Estelle, George Adkin, Annie or Carrie and Sallie Mosley, copied from the Collection of Clanton Mosley



Grange Hall Class, ca. 1908. L-R: Louise Powell, Mary Fleta Shackelford, Ethel Norman, Wilbur Mosley, Hugh Mosley, Annie Mosley, Estelle Mosley and Rosalie Norman; teacher, copied from the Collection of Clanton Mosley



1921-1922, Grange Hall, Alabama School Register, Teacher: Mineola King, Collection of Pintlala Historical Association



## Architecture of Pintlala School

The similar architectural designs for the consolidated schools listed earlier were the work of Frederick Ausfeld, Austrian born partner in the Ausfeld-Blount Architectural Firm headquartered in the Bell Building, located at the corner of Lee and Montgomery Streets in Montgomery. Ausfeld was the architect for several well known Montgomery buildings including Sidney Lanier High School, the Jeff Davis Hotel, Schloss & Kahn Warehouse on Coosa Street, and was the principal architect for the Bell Building itself.

Minutes from the Montgomery County Board of Education, on file at the County Board office, 307 South Decatur Street, Montgomery, Alabama, recorded on May 22, 1919, that Frederick Ausfeld was selected to draw plans and specifications of the building to be constructed at Grange Hall and said plans were adopted on July 5, 1919, by the County Board.

The Pintlala building has been described as Mediterranean in style, constructed of brick with a facade of stucco, curved arches, open breezeways or corridors and courtyards. In the days prior to air conditioning the breezeways allowed air to circulate if classroom doors remained open. Of course, in the winter it was quite cold



Architect, Frederick Ausfeld, date unknown, photo courtesy of Margaret Lynne Ausfeld



Pintlala School, ca. 1922, photo courtesy of the author

when making trips down the corridors to the bathrooms, auditorium or lunchroom. One wall of each of the six classrooms had tall windows allowing in light and air. Off each classroom was a cloakroom used for coats, storage and

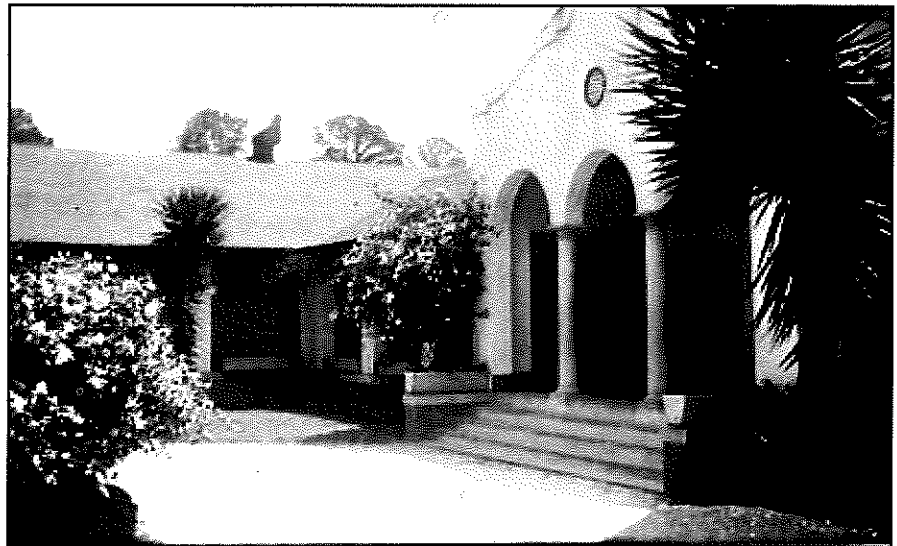
often isolation for misbehaving students. The auditorium was in the center block of the building with a stage for performances and a dressing room on either side of the stage. A projection booth was at the rear of the auditorium, accessed through the office. A ticket booth was located between the two sets of double auditorium doors. The office was located to the left of the auditorium.

There was a rather large iron triangle which hung outside the office and was sounded for the opening and closing of the school day. Eventually an automatic electric bell system replaced the triangle.

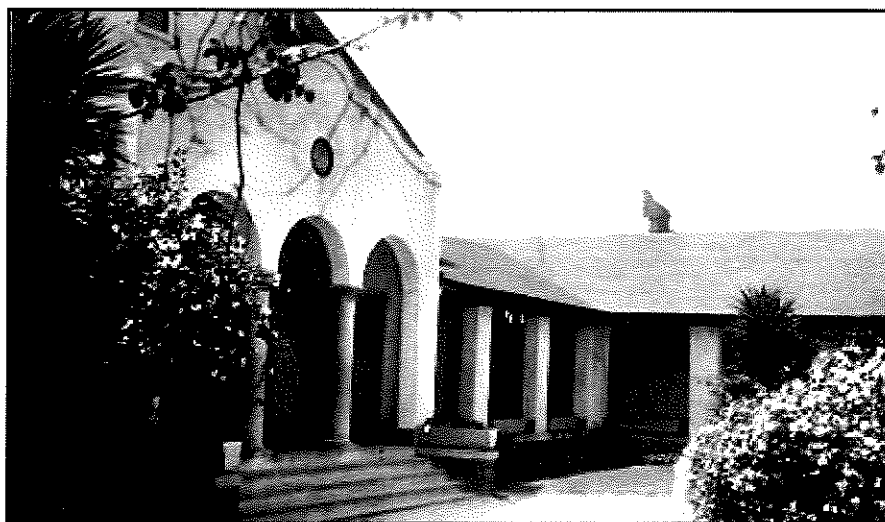
The *Montgomery Journal* newspaper reported in its

November 19, 1921, edition that S.L. Fulgum of Pensacola was the contractor for the Pintlala, Chisholm and Pine Level school buildings.

Over the years many changes and additions have been made to the 1922



Pintlala School, East Wing, ca. 1929, photo courtesy of the author

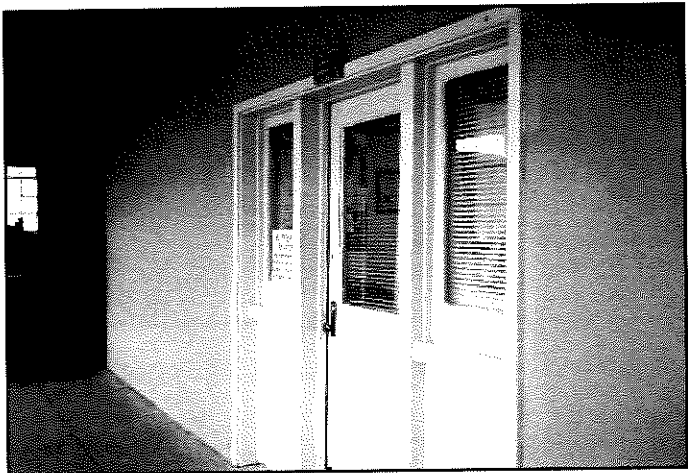


Pintlala School, West Wing, ca. 1929, photo courtesy of the author

original building, yet as of 2009 the original exterior appearance of the building, including the open corridors, has remained constant.



Pintlala School, featuring fence, date unknown, photo courtesy of the author



Original Office Door, date unknown, photo courtesy of the author



Auditorium windows, date unknown, photo courtesy of the author

## Pintlala School Opening Ceremonies

Transcription, portion of article from the  
*Montgomery Advertiser*, Thursday, September 21,  
1922:

**Dedicatory Exercise for County's New  
Consolidated Schools Come to Close This  
Afternoon At Pine Level**

**Dr. Dresslar Chief Speaker on Wednesday  
Program Opening at Pintlala**

**LaPine School Presented to Community With  
Appropriate Service in Afternoon\***

The dedicatory exercises held by the various consolidated schools of the county erected the past year will be concluded on Thursday, when the new addition at the Pike Road school and the Pine Level school will be formally presented to the patrons with an appropriate program. The former will be held at 10 o'clock and the later at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.



O.C. McGehee, Methodist minister (grandson of Abner McGehee, early Hope Hull settler, and founder of Alabama Bible Society) pronounced benediction at school opening ceremonies, September 20, 1922, date unknown, photo courtesy United Methodist Church Archives, Huntingdon College, Montgomery, Alabama



Guy I. Renfroe, Church of Christ minister, offered opening prayer of school opening ceremonies, September 20, 1922, date unknown, photo courtesy of Clydetta Fulmer

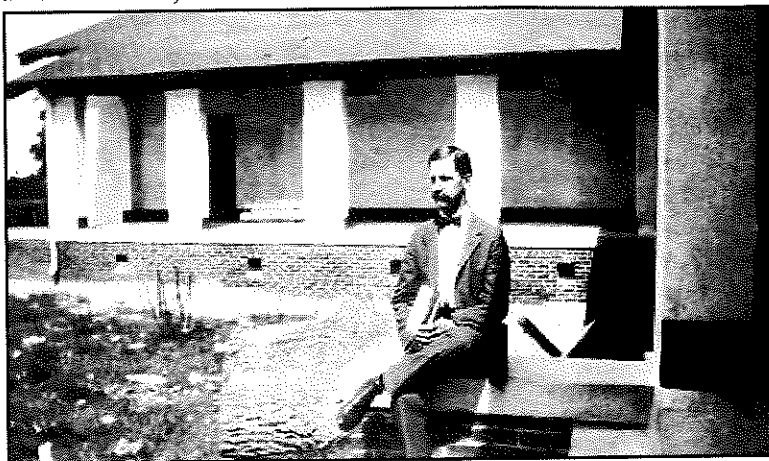
Two new complete consolidated schools were opened on Wednesday, at Pintlala and LaPine.

Both openings were well attended by the residents of those communities and showed the enthusiasm that has marked the openings of these schools throughout the week.

Dr. F.B. Dresslar, in one of his exceptionally beautiful addresses, took for his theme for the Pintlala dedication his late book, "Ethics of Trees," in which trees were compared to man's life in a very splendid argument. Dr. Dresslar who is member of the Peabody faculty has been present at all of the dedications and has delivered the principal addresses upon these interesting occasions.

\*[Portion of article concerning LaPine School events not reproduced for this publication]

Dr. Frank Shackelford of Pintlala, one of the most active members of that community, acted as the chairman of the morning and opened the program of speaking with a short story showing the progress of education in that community and what a wonderful step consolidating schools were in the life of education of that place. Dr. William Tankersley, member of the



Dr. Frank Shackelford, devoted leader in movement to obtain school for Pintlala and organizer of opening ceremonies handwritten on his personal stationery, ca. 1922, photo courtesy of Jean Henry

county board of education and representing it, accepted the new school building from Berto H. Johnson, member of the county board of revenue, who formally placed it in the hands of the county educational force. Mr. Johnson especially commended the splendid work of Robert H. Jones, president of the county board of education, who, though unable to participate in the exercises, was present on the stage. Mr. Jones, was tendered an informal reception by his numerous friends at the school. His absence from other dedicatory exercises has been keenly felt. Dr. Tankersley, in the course of his talk, spoke of the untiring efforts of William F. Feagin, Jack Thorington, Dr. Shackelford, and A.F. Harman, in locating the school in Pintlala, the most appropriate site for the building.



William Tankersley, Board of Education Member at the time of opening ceremonies, date unknown, photo courtesy of the author

A.F. Harman, county superintendent, informally introduced the members of the faculty, including Mrs. William Tankersley, instructor of music, and Ubo Reidel, orchestra leader and teacher of orchestral instruments. The faculty is composed of Ben S. Copeland, principal, Miss Zera King and Miss Minneola King, Miss Corrie Mae Garrett, Mrs. Pete McIntyre, who holds the record for long service in the schools of the county, and Miss Eliza Norman.

The principal followed his introduction with a short talk, expressing his gladness at being with this school and hoping for a successful year.

During the morning program delightful musical numbers were given by a well known Montgomery artist, Mrs. Fannie Marks Seibels, violinist, accompanied by another Montgomery musician, Miss Dora Sternfeld. Miss Alice Tankersley also gave beautiful musical numbers.

The afternoon program, given after a barbecue under the big oak trees on the school grounds, was featured with a reminiscent address by Dr. E.M. Shackelford, president

of the Troy Normal School, who received the basic part of his education at Pintlala and was a former resident of that place. Dr. Shackelford paid a tribute to his former instructors during his early days and touched on the pioneers in rural education in the county. He spoke of the generousness of the Montgomery city and county tax payers in making the consolidated school possible and gave a brief resume of the educational work in Montgomery county prior to the establishment of the new type of schools.

Because of the pretty sentiment of the former student returning to the enterprising community the audience sang "Auld Lang Syne," during the afternoon. Miss Janie Belle Garrett entertained the patrons with several pretty piano selections.

There were many prominent Montgomerians present at the Pintlala exercises. Among whom were Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Jones, Miss Roberta Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hobbie, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hattemer, T.L. Head, Miss Cora Pearson, James W. Heustiss, Paul B. Fuller, Mrs. Mamie C. Thorington, Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus B. Brown, C.M. Farrior, Mr. Sibley of Auburn, and Jessie B. Hearin of the Montgomery Chamber of Commerce.



Original Pintlala School Faculty, Opening Ceremonies, 1922, L-R: Zera King, Corrie Mae Garrett, Mineola King Sellers, Kitty McIntyre, Eliza Norman and Ben F. Copeland, photo courtesy of Patsy Hall Davis

Dr. Frank Shackelford

Hope Hall, Ala.

## Programme

Dedicating Pintala Junior High School -  
9-20-1922  
Wednesday

10 AM. Call to order Frank Shackelford

Prayer. Guy Riefman  
Song "America" - Audience

Address. Bertha H. Johnson, for  
Board of Revenue.

Address. Dr. W. J. Jockeys, for  
Board of Ed. - Revenue building

Address. A. F. Hannon. Introduces  
Teachers.

Music. Piano Solo, Alice Jockeys.

Address. Dr. F. B. Driscoll.

"Ethics of the Jews"  
Introduced by B. S. Copeland

## Dinner

2:30 PM. Address. Prof. E. M. Shackelford

Music. Piano Solo. Cornelia Garner

Fact. Dr. O. C. McEwen

Resolutions. Dr. O. C. McEwen

Closing

Handwritten program from Pintala School opening ceremonies; composed by Dr. Frank Shackelford, 1922, Collection of Pintala Historical Association, gift of Patsy Hall Davis



## **Principals and Associated Educators, Montgomery, County**

### **Principals Serving Pintlala School, (1922-2009)**

- Ben S. Copeland (1922-1926)
- Lee Ray Scarborough (1926-1968)
- Farrar Lee Spear (1968-1970)
- Neill Cowles, Jr. (1970-1978)
- G.M. Winston (1978-1987)
- Robert Belser (1987-1993, January)
- Dr. Betty Coleman (1993, February-1994)
- Cathey Hendricks (1994-1996)
- Lillian Givan Sanders (1996-1998)
- Chuck Insinga (1998-2003)
- Jason Lowe (2003-2004)
- Jeff Camp (2004-2007)
- Rod Sellers (2007-2009)

(Dates provided by Human Resources Division of Montgomery County Board of Education, Spear through Sellers)

### **Montgomery County Board of Education, 1917 (for rural schools)**

The following served during the period of planning for consolidation of the county schools while William F. Feagin served as Superintendent of Education-elect in 1917:

- F.C. Stevenson, Chairman
- P.M. McIntyre
- Lee Callaway
- Simon Gassenheimer
- Clayton T. Tullis

### **Montgomery County Board of Education, 1921**

Montgomery County Board of Education (for rural schools) in 1921.

- Jack Thorington, President
- Simon Gassenheimer
- Jack Hobbie
- P.M. McIntyre
- Dr. William Tankersley



## **Montgomery County Board of Education, 1922**

Montgomery County Board of Education (for rural schools) in 1922 at time of opening of Pintlala School:

- Jesse B. Hearin, President
- Simon Gassenheimer
- J.M. Hobbie
- P.M. McIntyre
- Dr. William Tankersley\*

\* Dr. Tankersley, a resident of Pintlala, was appointed to replace Lee Callaway who resigned in 1920 to run for tax assessor. Tankersley remained on the Board until his resignation in 1926. He served as secretary of the Board for several of those years.

## **Montgomery County Board of Revenue, 1922**

Montgomery County Board of Revenue at time of Pintlala School opening:

- D.C. Allen, President
- Cyrus B. Brown
- L.C. Curry
- Berto H. Johnson
- S.T. Rushton
- James W. Heustess, Clerk
- Thomas H. Edwards, County Engineer
- Charles M. Farrow, Assistant Engineer

## **Montgomery County Superintendents of Education**

- Charles L. Floyd, 1889-1917
- William R. Harrison, 1917-1936\*
- Clarence M. Dannelly, 1936-1958
- Walter T. McKee, 1958-1972
- William Silas Garrett, 1972-1980
- Henry H. Adair, 1980-1986
- Thomas A. Bobo, 1986-1993
- John A. Eberhart, 1993-1998
- H. Clinton Carter, 1998-2004
- Carlinda Purcell, 2004-2006
- John Dilworth, 2006-2009
- Barbara Thompson, July 2009

\*Merger of City and County Boards of Education took place in 1928 during tenure of William R. Harrison as City Superintendent. He was elected Superintendent of the consolidated Board of Education and T.L. Head was made Assistant Superintendent.

## **Montgomery County Board of Education, July 2009**

- Heather Sellers
- Charlotte Meadows
- Eleanor Lewis Dawkins
- Mary Briers
- Melissa B. Snowden
- Robert Porterfield
- Beverly Ross

## **Montgomery City Council, 2009**

- Charles Jinright, President
- Jim Spear
- Charles Smith
- Tracy Larkin
- David Burkett
- Cornelius "C.C." Calhoun
- Willie Cook
- Martha Roby
- Glen Pruitt, Jr.

### **Montgomery County Commission, Early 2009**

- Elton N. Dean, Chairman
- Dimitri Polizos
- Jiles Williams, Jr.
- Reed Ingram

### **Montgomery Legislative Delegation, 2009**

- Greg Wren, Chairman
- David Grimes
- Alvin Holmes
- John Knight
- Jay Love
- Thad McClammy

### **Pintlala School Save Our School (SOS) Task Force, July 2009**

- Rev. Gary P. Burton, Chairman
- Eric and Rhonda Brown
- Will Brown
- Rev. Ben Matthews
- Sarah Murchison
- Ray and Susan Scott
- Gaines and Ina Slade
- Antha Taylor
- Logan Taylor
- Beverly Williams

## Faculty and Staff: Pintlala School

As much as is desired to list every person who has ever been employed at Pintlala School, space and cost prohibit this luxury. The focus of this publication has been on the early years in the life of the school and this continues with the faculty and staff section.

Little is known of the first principal, Ben S. Copeland—where did he come from and where did he go after three school terms at Pintlala. Lee Ray Scarborough became the second principal and remained in that position for 42 years. In addition to his administrative duties, Scarborough taught manual arts to the boys and algebra classes for the junior high students. Many former male students have vivid memories of his use of the paddle!



Bonnie Frost, ca. 1925-30, Collection of Pintlala Historical Association



Lillian Benson, ca. 1925-30, Collection of Pintlala Historical Association

For many years the teachers at Pintlala were community residents who knew all of the parents and children connected to the school. From Sarah Elizabeth Garrett Moore's memory, found later in this publication, we learn that some of the early teachers boarded with local families during the school year. Like the example of L.R. Scarborough, longevity among the ranks of teachers and other staff was often the case. Kittye Brown McIntyre holds the record of 53 years as a classroom teacher in Montgomery County, 38 of those years were at Pintlala. In 1960 law required teachers to retire at age 70. Kittye achieved that age in January 1960 and was allowed to complete the school year. It was interesting to find her listed in the minutes of the Montgomery County Board of

Education as a teacher at the Legrand School in 1917 earning \$75.00 per year. Lottie Ree Garrett completed 39 years in the classroom at Pintlala when she retired in 1974. Ervel Scarborough, completed 25 plus years and sisters Mary McLean White and Laura McLean taught together for about eighteen years. Ethel T. Todd, a graduate of Pintlala, began her career there in 1952 and retired in 1978 during which time she introduced the first electric phonograph to the school. Claire Parker, currently assisting in the school office, retired in 2005 for a total of twenty-seven years, all at Pintlala.

Other staff personnel with long terms of service include Annie Bell Poole and her husband, Charlie Poole.

Unfortunately the County Board of Education Support Personnel Division found no information for Mrs. Poole but it is estimated that she began running the lunchroom in 1948 and perhaps retired in 1974. T. L. Head, Jr., Assistant Superintendent of Education, in his paper of 1922, found at Alabama Department of Archives and History, in *Transportation of School Children: Montgomery County, Alabama*, four men were listed as bus drivers at Pintlala as of November 24, 1922. They were: W. L. Neal, G. A. Mosley, Joe Brady and Z. T. Davis. Charlie Poole was a bus driver and jack-of-all trades beginning at the school in 1948 and retired in 1970 for a total of 22 years. Eliza Burt drove a school bus in 1969 and worked in the lunchroom. She worked along side Annie Bell Poole and when Poole retired, Burt began managing the cafeteria. She retired in 1996 with 27 years at Pintlala under her belt. Other fondly remembered bus drivers are Willie Neal, Cecil Dean and Coby Howard.

The first custodian in the 1920s was a man simply called "Wells" by the students and he boarded with Mrs. Sallie Mosley. Brothers, Jesse and John Wesley Taylor, were custodians who are remembered but for whom the County Board



L-R: Estelle Broadway, unknown and L.R. Scarborough, 1920's, photo courtesy of the author

personnel records do not coincide with former pupils' memories of their times at Pintlalā. They worked at different times in the 1940s through the 1950s. Some students remember John Lee Huffman working as custodian. Tom Flynn, began as custodian in 1959 and retired in 1988—29 years of keeping everyone warm and clean!

It is evident that all of the long-time employees loved their school and the children they served.



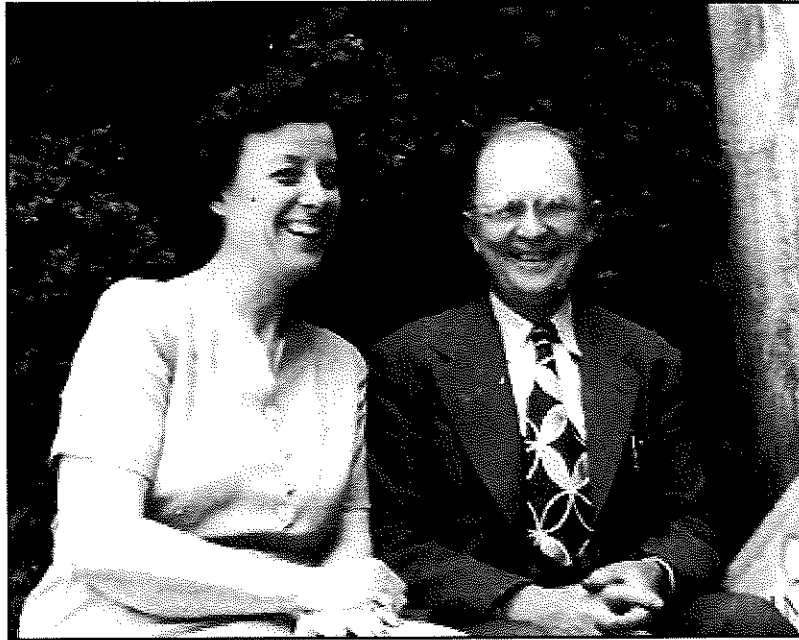
Mr. Wells, first custodian. He was proud of the roses! ca. 1929, photo courtesy of the author



L-R Standing: Kittye Brown McIntyre, Mary McLean White and L. R. Scarbrough, Kneeling: identities unknown, ca. 1929, photo courtesy of the author



L-R: L.R. Scarborough, Mary McLean White, Estelle Camp, Kittye Brown McIntyre, and Annie Mae Lewis, date unknown, photo courtesy of the author



Ervel and L.R. Scarborough, date unknown, photo courtesy of Margery Boyd Henry



L-R Front Row: L.R. Scarborough, Kittye McIntyre, L-R Back Row: Ervel Scarborough, Lottie Ree Garrett, Laura McLean, Mary McLean White and May Green, date unknown, photo courtesy of Margery Boyd Henry





L-R: Teachers: Lillian Benson, junior high and Clifford Vinson, first grade, date unknown, photo courtesy of Joyce Marshall Nicoll



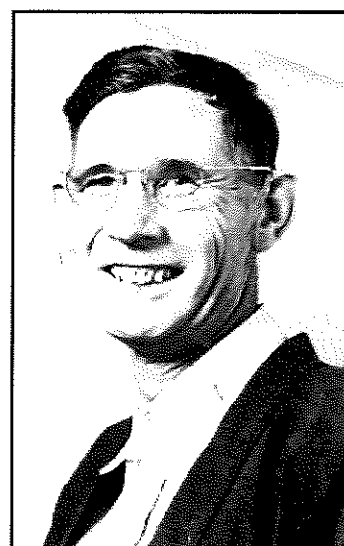
Pintlala Faculty L-R: Gertrude Jeter, L.R. Scarborough, Ervel Scarborough, Julia Alverson, Ethel Todd, Esther Suggs, Lottie Ree Garrett, 1961, copied from *Montgomery Advertiser*



Coby Howard, Bus Driver, 1946, photo courtesy of Margery Boyd Henry



Cecil Dean, Bus Driver, date unknown, photo courtesy of Margery Boyd Henry



Charlie Poole, Bus Driver, 1949, photo courtesy of Beverly Ming





Angela Busby, Kindergarten  
Sheila McKnight, Kindergarten  
Patrice Wasden, First Grade  
Mary Ann Sell, First Grade



Nancy Slough, Second Grade  
Mary Coker, Second Grade  
Theresa Leonard, Third Grade  
Cathy Simmons, Third Grade



Virginia Smiley, Fourth Grade  
Phyllis McGuire, Fourth Grade  
Vincent Cox, Fifth Grade  
Claire Parker, Sixth Grade



Renee Burch, Sixth Grade  
ins Dav s, Special Education  
Janice Anderson, Ch. 1 Reading  
Cathy Poaga, Parent Resource  
Coordinator



Earnestine Ward, Ch. 1 Aide  
Budget Reader, Teacher Aide  
Sarah Truswell, Music  
Connie Shuford, Phy. Ed.



Jacquelyn Smith, Librarian  
Carol Smith, Resource Teacher  
Jane Dickson, Counselor  
Kay Spruey, Speech

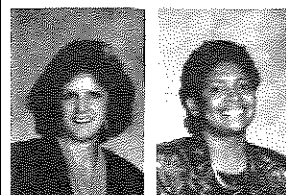
# Pintlala Elementary School Faculty, 1993, copied from Pintlala School Annual, 1993- 1994, courtesy of Janice Anderson



Eliza Burt, Cafeteria Manager  
Delia Buiger, Cafeteria  
Margaret Fleeton, Cafeteria-  
Transportation  
Opal Matthews, Transportation



Clinton Broadway, Transportation  
James Felder, Custodian  
Jerome Osborne, Custodian



Linda Birchfield, Secretary  
Betty Coleman, Principal

Not Pictured:  
Claude Donerison, Transp.

Pintlala Elementary School  
Staff, 1993, copied from  
Pintlala School Annual,  
1993-1994, courtesy of  
Janice Anderson

### **Pintlala Elementary Faculty and Staff 2009-2010**

- Principal, Rod Sellers
- Secretary, Linda Birchfield
- Kindergarten, Jan Moseley
- 1st grade, Amy Moseley
- 1st grade, Christi Self
- 2nd grade, Theresa Leonard
- 2nd grade, Regina White
- 3rd grade, Lisa Hester
- 3rd grade, Schiree Burke
- 4th grade, Sharon Maddox
- 5th grade, Marilyn Best
- 6th grade, Ursula Hardy
- Counselor, Barbara Bosarge
- Reading Coach, Rhonda Bell
- PE Coach, Demetrius Vaughn
- Special Education, Tammy Scott
- Pre- K, Debbie Petty
- Paraprofessional, Becky Parnell
- Librarian, Barbara Nesbitt
- Speech Pathologist, Lee Sharpe
- Office, Claire Parker
- Nurse, Jennifer Moseley
- Lunchroom Manager, Mattie Lawson
- Lunchroom, Tamara Hartsfield
- Lunchroom, Josephine Johnson
- Lunchroom, Carlotta Carter
- Custodian, Carl Freeman
- Custodian, Jerome Osborne
- Bus Drivers: Claude Donerlson, Willie McClain,  
Stephen McGough and Cindy Squires

## **Pintlala School Lunchroom**

### **Meager Beginnings**

Minutes from the Pintlala School Parent Teacher Association [PTA] reveal the persistent struggle of having a lunchroom at the school. The September 18, 1940, minutes taken by Mrs. N.J. Venable state that there was a special meeting on that date to discuss organizing a cafeteria in the school. Mrs. Guy [?], Mrs. Davis [?] and Mrs. [Clarence] Windham were appointed a committee to see Mr. [T.L.] Head Assistant Superintendent] about helping the school financially to fix a place for a cafeteria. By November the school had received \$75.00 from the Montgomery County Board of Revenue and work had begun on the cafeteria which was located in the basement area under the boys bathroom. At the November PTA meeting there was a secret vote for a person to be in charge of the lunchroom. The Alabama Power Company provided a stove and Tennille Furniture Co. of Montgomery donated linoleum for table coverings. In December of 1940 the PTA voted to purchase an electric refrigerator.

Apparently Mrs. [May] Green was voted to be the lunchroom manager as at this meeting her salary was listed as \$10.00 a week and her helper, Mary Boyd, was to be paid \$4.00 a week. Dish cloths and cup towels for the lunchroom were brought by members to the January 15, 1941, meeting and at the March meeting plans were made to give a benefit party for the cafeteria with Mrs. [Gus] Boyd appointed as chairman. The October 15, 1941, minutes of the organization state that "Mrs. Green should take a 'negro' helper and run the cafeteria." She was to divide the \$4.00 paid to Mary Boyd with herself and the helper. It was also voted to screen the windows and door of the eatery. In October 1942 Mrs. Green explained to the PTA that with the increase in food prices and the cafeteria already in debt from the previous year, she could not serve five cent plates. There was a seconded motion to charge ten cents for plates and the same for soup. The Montgomery County Board of Revenue again came to the aid of the cafeteria in November of 1942 with a \$50.00 donation with which Mrs. Green purchased some new linoleum for tables and wanted to have the stove rewired. The February minutes in 1943 indicate that some pecans had been gathered and it was voted to use them in the cafeteria.

Mrs. Green had to appeal to the PTA each year to be renewed as cafeteria manager and this was voted on in March 1943 and the price of lunches was discussed. In September of 1943 Mrs. Green gave a financial report of the lunchroom to the

PTA. Mr. Scarborough moved that Mrs. Green be given the lunchroom and all she could make over expenses and to reimburse herself for the previous year's arrears. This was seconded by Miss Laura McLean. By October, the second month of school, the burners on the stove were burned out making it difficult to prepare meals for the children. It was voted that the stove be repaired and the bill would be paid by the PTA.

Mr. Scarborough took the floor at the May 17, 1944, meeting to explain what a terrible handicap Mrs. Green was under to run the cafeteria and a motion was made to increase the cost of plates to 15 cents for the year. Mrs. Green submitted her application again for the 1945 school year and was duly elected.

In 1945 an audit of the lunchroom books had been made by Mr. Head and found to be accurate in every detail. A vote of thanks was given Mrs. Green. She then made a request for donations of dish towels and announced that the lunchroom would sell school supplies. This same year a motion was approved to have the PTA assume the additional power bill of \$14.50 per month resulting from the extra lunchroom stove.

Mrs. Green was voted the expenses of \$20.00 to attend a cafeteria managers meeting in Tuscaloosa at the University in the summer of 1946 and in September she announced that lunches would be 15 cents; she was given the approval to make the necessary purchases in equipping the lunchroom. In October that year Mr. Scarborough announced that 100 children were being fed daily in the lunchroom. A committee was formed to make a trip to Birmingham in December to select a stove for the cafeteria; additional equipment was purchased and it was voted that the PTA would pay for it.

At the March 1947 PTA meeting a motion was made to sponsor a dance at the school with the proceeds to be used to cover the deficit in the lunchroom account; any surplus was to be used to help purchase a cooler. In April of the same year, Mr. Scarborough reported the lunchroom deficit as being over \$100.00. Again a dance was scheduled for May 3, 1947, with the Stephens Orchestra playing and the income would be used to cover the lunchroom deficit. In September cafeteria prices were discussed and voted that the PTA would assume financial responsibility when deficits occur. In November there was a deficit of \$120.00 for the first two school months of 1947. By December a number of lunchroom repairs needed to be made in order to comply with health regulations. They were: purchase of hot water heater, walls must

be made smooth, etc., sewage system must be rearranged to carry off water from lunchroom, additional sink for hand washing needed and linoleum for tables was needed. Mr. Scarborough would take up the payment of said repairs with the school board. The Treasurer was instructed to pay the cafeteria deficit and a motion was made to increase cost of plates by five cents. An additional motion was made to pay the down payment on the water heater. Money from a cake walk at a dance was used to buy silver and utensils for lunchroom.

Mr. Scarborough explained at the January 23, 1948, PTA meeting the recent improvements and purchases for the lunchroom and he also read the menus for the week so that members might be informed about all lunchroom matters as well as the finances. In February 1948 the PTA voted to give Mrs. Green \$10.00 Coca Cola money to use with the \$47.00 cake walk money for linoleum for the lunch room. In March Mr. Scarborough reported efforts were being made to secure a new lunchroom at Pintlala. The last volume of PTA minutes available to the Historical Association included an entry for May 1949 when Mr. Scarborough reported no further information about the lunchroom except that the Health Department had asked that the old one not be opened another year.

### **Dream Comes True**

Mr. Scarborough's long-time dream for a new lunchroom did not happen until the opening of school in September 1957. In an article in the *Montgomery Advertiser*, September 1957 by Jean Liner, student reporter from Pintlala, a description of the new lunchroom and the excitement it brought to the school and community was provided. It was reported to be pretty with lots of light coming in the big windows and big enough to accommodate ten tables seating eight people at a time, and their food was served on trays. There was a heated serving table to keep the food warm, a dishwasher, plenty of storage room and a chopping block in the new modern kitchen.

Mrs. Annie Bell Poole became the second lunchroom manager at Pintlala but records for which year she began are not available. It seems probable that she began with the opening of school in September of 1948. This is based on an article in the 1958 *Pintlala News*, a school newspaper produced by the sixth grade class of Ethel Todd, which stated that Mrs. Poole had been with the lunchroom for ten years. She had various helpers from the community over the years including Mrs. W.C. Hornady, Mrs. Riley Tyre, Mrs. Fannie Fits, Mrs. Feigh Brown and her husband, bus driver,



Annie Bell Poole, 1960,  
photo courtesy of Beverly Ming

Charlie Poole who was always at her side helping when his schedule allowed. Students enjoyed being allowed to help serve food or clean trays from time to time.

Mrs. Eliza Burt became a bus driver in 1969 and moved into the lunchroom managers job in 1974 when Mrs. Poole retired after approximately 26 years of service. Mrs. Burt had several helpers including Mrs. Josephine Johnson who continues to assist Ms. Mattie Lawson, who manages both Pintlala and Southlawn school lunchrooms.

The early struggles to keep the lunchroom afloat have been eased over the years as it came under the management of the Board of Education and received government commodity foods. Mrs. Burt remembered that when she began with the lunchroom in 1975 they fed around 200 students daily and when she retired in 1996 under principal Cathey Hendricks the number was around 150. She stated in a telephone interview that "more that 50 percent of those fed were either on reduced rate or free lunch programs."

Students and visitors who were treated to lunch at the school over the many years of its existence have all had wonderful memories of the delicious food served there--especially Mrs. Poole's rolls and cookies!

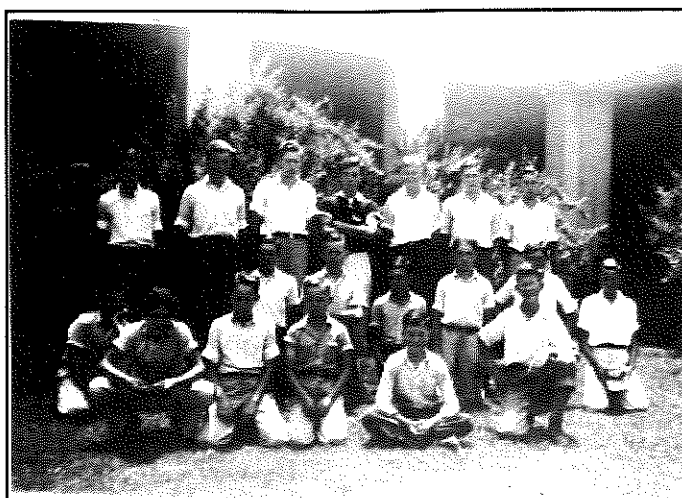


Eliza Burt, date unknown,  
photo courtesy of Eliza Burt

## Activities at Pintlala School

In the very earliest days of Pintlala School activities overlapped into those of the community. There were Sunday afternoon sings and the PTA sponsored plays with the actors coming from the ranks of families involved at the school. There were Major Bowes or talent shows held in the auditorium. The PTA struggled to make money to finance purchases ranging from stoves for the home economics class to books for the library and even for mundane pencil sharpeners for classrooms.

Thus activities often served not only as entertainment for the community, but also as fund raisers. In the late 1940s and early 1950s the PTA sponsored dances in



Boys 4-H Club, ca. 1936-37, Those identified: Front Row, 3rd from left, S.J. Guy; Front Row, seated, 2nd from right: Julius Britt Norman; Second Row, on knees, 3rd from right, Wilbur Neal, photo courtesy of Julius Britt Norman

the auditorium as a means of raising money. Musical groups from Montgomery would provide the music. Refreshments were sold and cake walks were an added item of entertainment at the dances.

Students engaged in activities that often emphasized civic duty and patriotism. In the 1940s they involved the whole community by selling war bonds. The American Red Cross sponsored Junior Red Cross Chapters at schools for many years, a



Red Cross Wreaths, ca. 1950's, Pintlala Library, gift of Beverly Ming

date of when those ended was not available. Pintlala's project for many years was to make Christmas wreaths for the Veteran's Hospital or Maxwell Air Force Base Hospital in Montgomery.



4-H Club work was present as early as 1936 and became popular in 1950s. This program was sponsored by the Cooperative Extension Service who provided leaders for boys and girls. Some of the teachers at Pintlala acted as local leaders for the clubs. Students learned the basics of parliamentary procedure by conducting their own meetings. Many projects carried out by the members were both educational and practical. These projects ranged from food preparation, food preservation, garment construction to raising cattle and showing them at competitions. These many activities gave rural students the opportunity to meet other students from all over Montgomery County. Pintlala always won its share of honors in all areas of 4-H club work.

Ball games were popular events for students. Softball, basketball and even football in 1968 were available for participation. Principals and bus drivers at various times coached, umpired



Anna Stringfellow, American Red Cross Representative and Ethel Todd, teacher, date unknown, photo courtesy of the author

and generally encouraged students to do their best and have fun at the same time.

Piano lessons were offered for a

fee from a music teacher who would come and teach in a room attached to the bus house.

Students would use their study time for the lessons.



Red Cross Wreaths, possibly Junior High Classes, date unknown, photo courtesy of the author

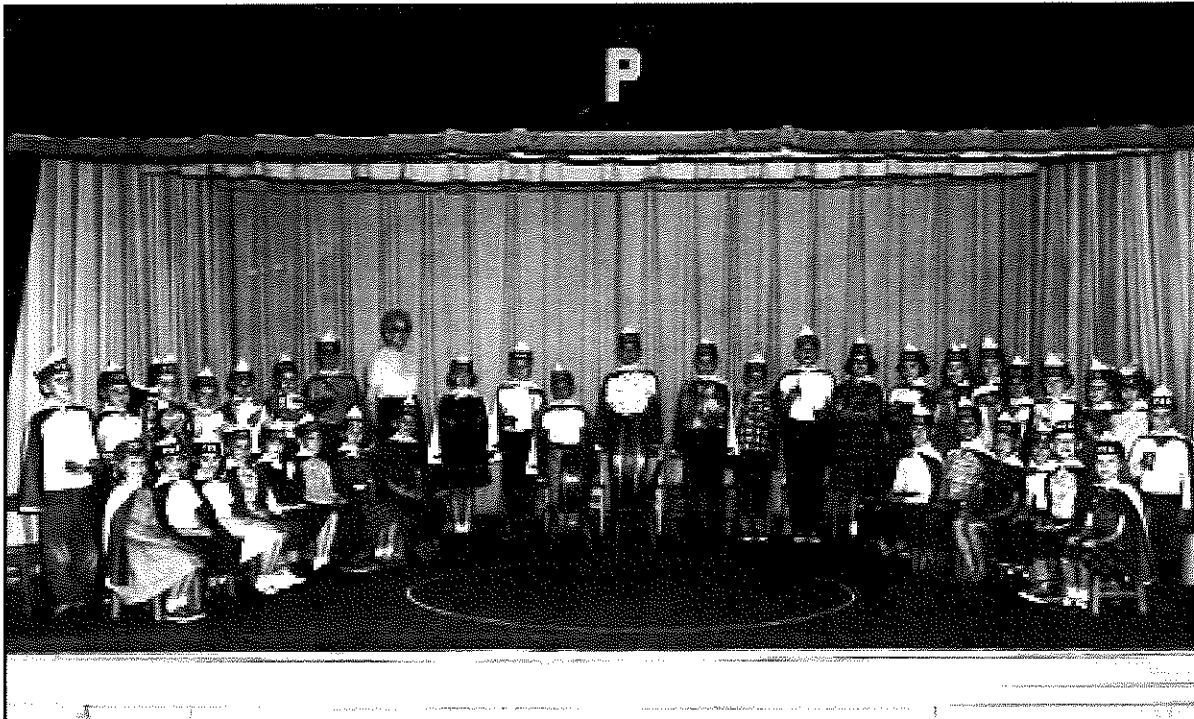


Red Cross Wreaths, L-R Front Row: Jimmy Poole, Peggy Parker, and Leellen Hubbard, L-R Second Row: Annette Lassiter, Bobby Coon, and Clyde Mosley, date unknown, photo courtesy of the author



Recitals were held at the end of the school year. One of the highlights for children was to be a part of Miss Kittye's Rhythm Band. This was really part of the curriculum for teaching music and students felt so special at performances wearing their capes and hats which were made by mothers. They felt it more an activity than anything educational.

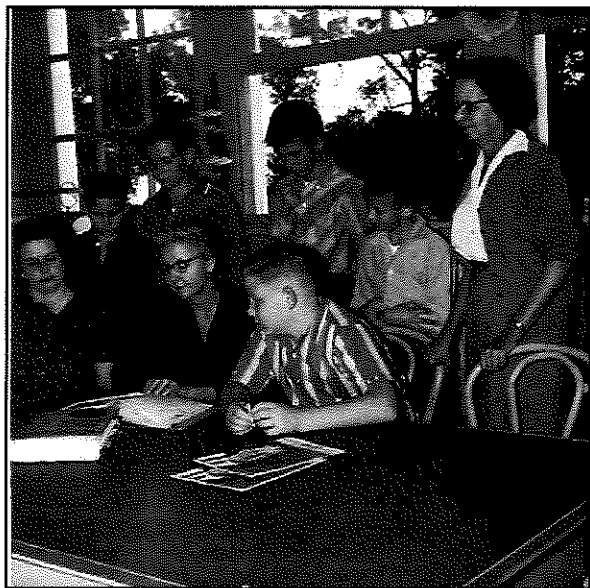
Brownie, Girl Scout, and Boy Scout troops were formed and met after school with parents from the community acting as leaders.



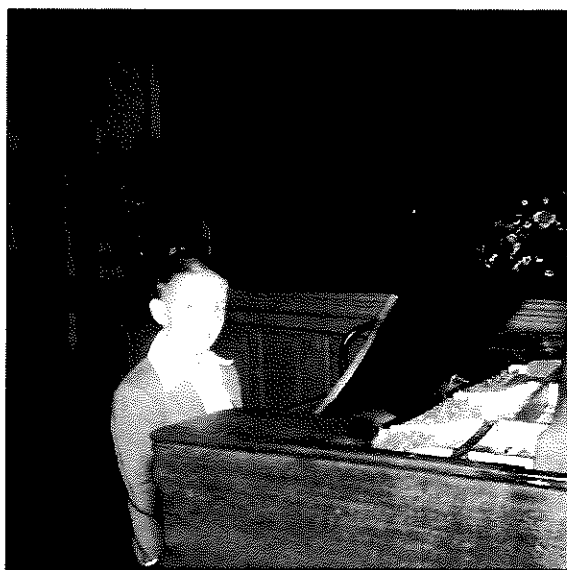
Rhythm Band, Third and Fourth Grades of 1959-1960, photo courtesy of Patsy Hall Davis



Small section of Rhythm Band, date unknown, photo courtesy of the author



Working on 4-H Record Books. 1962, L-R Seated: Jennie Davis, Pearl Mosley, and Clyde Mosley, L-R Back Row: Tommy Guy, Dwight Davis, Arthur Marxer, Randy Chesnutt, Ethel Todd; teacher, photo courtesy of Patsy and Dwight Davis



Rusty Huxford, Piano Recital, 1955, photo courtesy of the author



Junior Boys 4-H Club Officers, ca. 1965-66, L-R: Bill Guy, Wayne Hatcher, Allen Lassiter, Leslie Strickland, Jimmy McGinty and Carl Boyd, photo courtesy of Wayne and Pat Hatcher

## **Transition and Change at Pintlala School**

Lee R. Scarborough, second principal at Pintlala School, retired in 1968 after 42 years of leadership. Transition and change began during his last years when Calvin Brown, the first African-American student enrolled in the second grade in 1966 with Mrs. Emma Lee Graham as his teacher. Among his classmates, as remembered by others in that second grade class were: Kim Cline, Gus Henry, Cindy Hall, Julie Jones, Cathy Lassiter, Rebecca Taylor, Sheri Messick, Jeannie Arrighi, Bruce Chesnutt and Ronnie McGinty. A class roll for this second grade was not available. Calvin had attended a Rosenwald school named after the dirt road on which it was located, McLean Road in Hope Hull. He finished first grade there and it closed the next school year. Under the freedom of choice policies developed between 1965 and 1970 in order to integrate schools that had used segregated educational systems, Calvin moved to Pintlala and attended there until the junior high portion of the school closed in 1970; then went along with others to Bellingrath Junior High School in Montgomery. He found his time at Pintlala a good experience, not traumatic even though he was the only African-American student at the school for the entire year of second grade. Mrs. Joyce Womack, the first African-American teacher was assigned to Pintlala the same year.

### **Change of Leadership**

Scarborough was followed by Farrar Spear in September, 1968. What a jolt to the day to day operation of the school this must have been! Any change of leadership after 42 years surely brought mixed reactions from all working to try new ideas and to move forward in a new day in education systems throughout the south.

Neill J. Cowles, Jr. followed Spear in September 1970. His tenure also brought major changes for teachers and students. His memories of those days follow:

The school years of 1968-1970 brought major changes to Pintlala School. I, Neill Cowles, came in September 1970 as principal following Farrar Spear. The school changed from a junior high school with grades one through nine to an all elementary school serving grades one through six. This was also the first year of court ordered integration. The school went from majority white to majority black. Some of the junior high teachers elected to remain at Pintlala and teach in elementary grades. Annie Belle Poole remained on as lunchroom manager. She retired in 1974 and was followed by Eliza Burt.

At this time Pintlala School had the only coal-fired boiler in the Montgomery County School System. The long-time custodian, Tom Flynn, would keep the boiler fired over the week-end so that the school was never cold on Monday mornings. The heat

was changed to propane when the coal supplier could no longer guarantee coal in the energy crisis of the early 1970s.

In the mid 1970s the faculty and staff began a lengthy study as part of a county-wide effort to get all the schools accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools [SACS]. As a result of this study, Pintlala School was accredited in 1977. Accreditation brought a lower pupil-teacher ratio, libraries in all schools with a minimum number of books per child, teachers were given a planning period, music and physical education teachers were added to allow this planning period. Pintlala also got a part-time secretary. The auditorium was walled off to create a space for the library.

At the end of the 1977-78 school year, I was transferred to Dunbar Elementary School in Ramer and was replaced by G. M. Winston.

As Neill Cowles documented above, a significant change came to Pintlala Junior High School in May 1970 when the last class graduated from the junior high school section. From that date forward the school has been an elementary school. Students graduating as the last ninth grade class at Pintlala were:

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|--------------------------|------------------------|
| • Willie Michael Bell    | • Willie Edward Vinson |
| • Robert Stanley Cauthen | • Ginger Cutts         |
| • Tommy Lee Flynn        | • Martha Duggar        |
| • Benny Eugene Gill      | • Laura Jane Hall      |
| • Michael David Hadden   | • Sarah Ellen Hall     |
| • Henry Clayton Jackson  | • Sheryl Mathews       |
| • Glenn Allen Lassiter   | • Carol Osborne        |
| • James McGinty          | • Cindy Phifer         |

When school opened in September 1978 there were only six white students in the entire school. Dr. Betty Coleman became principal in February 1993 and served only until the end of the 1994 school year. The school census had declined considerably and she initiated a drive to rebuild that census. Brochures were mailed and phone calls made. The census increased and the black to white student population increased to right at 50/50.

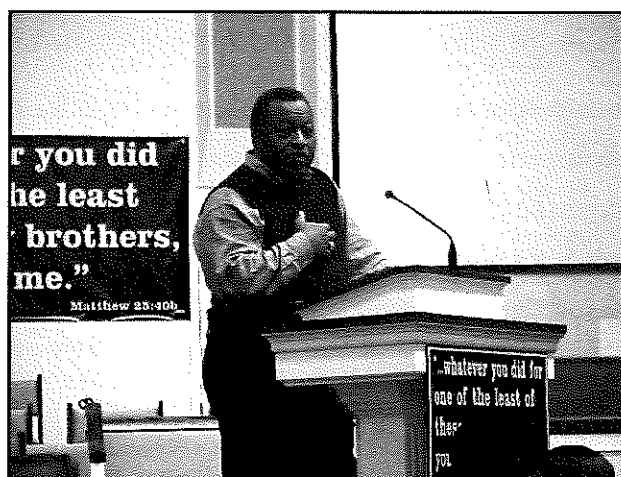
### **No Child Left Behind Act**

One of the next big changes affected the way teachers focused their goals for standardized student achievement. The No Child Left Behind Law was signed by President George Bush in 2002. At Pintlala these laws brought change to what was being taught and the amount of time particular subjects were taught. Teachers began

concentrating on materials presented on standardized tests such as the SAT [Stanford Achievement Test] and the ARMT [Alabama Reading and Math Test]. Teachers had students practice strategies or testing skills for these types of tests. The time necessary to emphasize these goals was carved out of subject areas not tested. The consequences for this time management was that students may have missed some of the more fun educational activities. Claire Parker a twenty-seven-year veteran teacher at Pintlala believes that the No Child Left Behind Law has improved reading and math scores but that it has come at the expense of instruction in science, art and social studies. Pintlala students have consistently scored at or above the desired ranking established by the county school system.

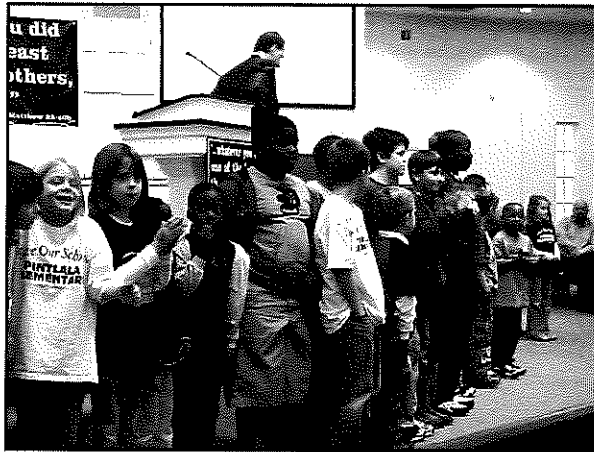
A traumatic transition for the 87-year-old institution came in March 2009 when the Montgomery Board of Education under the helm of Superintendent John Dilworth voted to close two elementary schools in the system. Unfortunately Pintlala School was one of these. Due to the work of many people in the Pintlala community and with the support of city, county and state governing agencies the current Board of Education rescinded its vote to close the school. A group named SAVE OUR SCHOOL or SOS, under the leadership of Gary P. Burton, became pivotal in the fight to retain a public school presence in the southwest portion of Montgomery County. One member of this group who served "above and beyond the call of duty" was Beverly Williams.

On May 1, 2009, a joint announcement between the Mayor of Montgomery, the Montgomery County Commission, and the Montgomery Legislative Delegation made possible the provision of 1.8 million dollars in order for Pintlala and Hayneville Road Elementary schools to remain open. This was a one-time provision. Pintlala's portion of the amount was approximately \$500,000. Todd Strange, Mayor of Montgomery, Elton Dean, Chairman of the Montgomery County Commission with Commissioner Reed Ingram



Elton Dean, Chairman of the Montgomery County Commission, key speaker, Save our School meeting, 2009, photo courtesy of Jerrie Burton

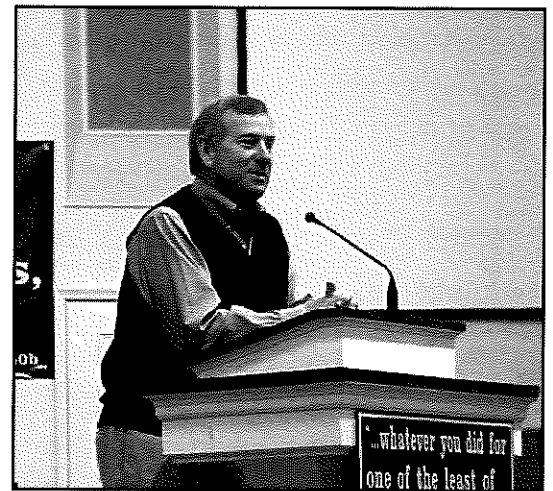
gave strong leadership in saving Pintlala School. They were joined by the Montgomery Legislative Delegation in the Alabama Legislature. The delegation was ably chaired by Greg Wren. Lists of those comprising each governmental entity can be found in the section, **Principals and Associated Educators, Montgomery County.**



Pintlala Elementary students at a Save Our School meeting, 2009, County Commissioner Reed Ingram on stage, photo courtesy of Jerrie Burton

school's faculty to produce students who perform at or above the demands of testing based teaching and who have established a model for the blending of races in a caring atmosphere conducive to learning and the nurturing of each child.

The resolve and proactive stand of the SOS group continues at the time of this publication. Currently the school is being conducted in temporary classroom units spread out on the campus. The great hope and prayer of pupils, families, teachers and supporters of this unique and always small rural school is that the modernization of the 1922 building will be completed and classes will resume in the pastoral setting of Pintlala, Alabama. This modernization will permit the excellent job of the



Montgomery Mayor Todd Strange, key speaker, Save our School meeting, 2009, photo courtesy of Jerrie Burton



## Unique Honors and Highlights for Pintlala School

Over the 87 years in the life of Pintlala School many honors and highlights have come its way. As early as December 1926 a national journal of education, *School Life*, published by the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Education featured on its cover a group of lovely young ladies pictured on the school lawn participating in a May Pole Celebration. Distinguished visitors from local public dignitaries to a President of the United States have found their way to the rural campus and school facility.

During the 1990 school year, Pintlala Elementary School was designated

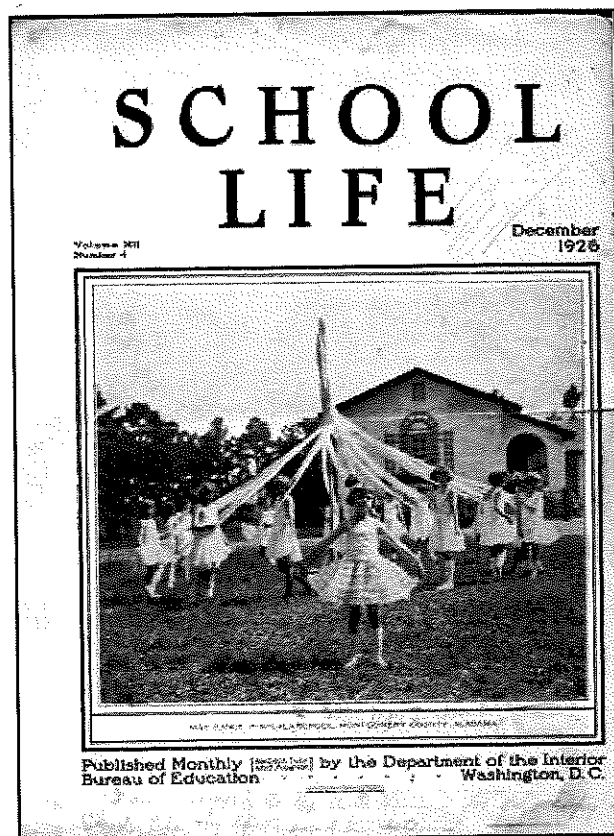


Dot Davis (Cline), president of the Pintlala School Junior Red Cross Chapter receives from State Civilian Defense Director, Haygood Paterson, a certificate of merit for outstanding defense work done by the pupils at Pintlala in 1945. Pictured behind Dot is Mary Ann Guy. The photograph appeared in the January 29, 1945 *Montgomery Advertiser*, photo courtesy of Alabama Department of Archives and History

the nation's first "Equality

School" by Dr. Robert Sinclair, Professor of Education at the University of Massachusetts at Amhurst and Director of The National Coalition of Equality in Learning. The five-year National Coalition initiative was funded by the Danforth Foundation and was supported by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cosby. Dr. Sinclair described his assessment of the school to the *Montgomery Advertiser*, a local newspaper, as follows: "There is a priority on decency, people treating each other in ways that show they respect individual differences."

Later, several other Montgomery Public Schools followed suit with Pintlala Elementary to



May pole celebration, 1926, Ethel Tankersley, foreground, Magazine courtesy of the author

form the Montgomery Coalition. A number of school systems from California, Minnesota, Missouri, Texas, Virginia, and other states joined the Montgomery schools in making up this special group.

National Coalition schools were distinctive in that only schools which offer a warm, supportive environment with administrators, teachers, and community members providing special attention to individual students were selected to participate. Coalition Schools exhibit a strong sense of community interaction and support.

Through Pintlala Elementary School's membership in The National Coalition, Pintlala teachers and administrators were able to visit other school systems across the country and to participate in innovative professional development experiences which enhanced their teaching skills.

In the Spring of 1991, Mrs. Camille Cosby visited Pintlala Elementary School and toured the school building, ate lunch with teachers, and read a special children's book to first grade students. While at Pintlala Mrs. Cosby was accompanied by Pintlala Historical Association member, Dr. Ina Garrett Slade, of the Montgomery County Department of Education. Her visit was a memorable experience for students and teachers.



L-R: Camille Cosby; Dr. Norma Jean Anderson; Janice Anderson, teacher; Robert Belser, principal; Margaret Mehearg; Linda Birchfield, staff; Dr. Ina Slade; Dr. Robert Sinclair, 1991, photo courtesy of Janice Anderson



NASA astronaut, first Alabamian and second woman to walk in space, Dr. Kathryn Cordell Thornton, attended Pintlala for one year in 1966-67. On October 29, 1992, she returned to the school for a very special visit and brought with her the photograph of the school that travelled into space with her that same year. The photograph was presented to the school and a video of her space flight was shown. The school presented a plaque to Dr. Thornton in appreciation. Janice Anderson, fifth and sixth grade teacher, arranged the visit of Dr. Thornton. Dr. Thornton went into space on four different missions: the first in 1989, then the 1992 mission, and in 1993 when she participated in the first repair of the Hubble telescope. Her last trip into space was in 1995.

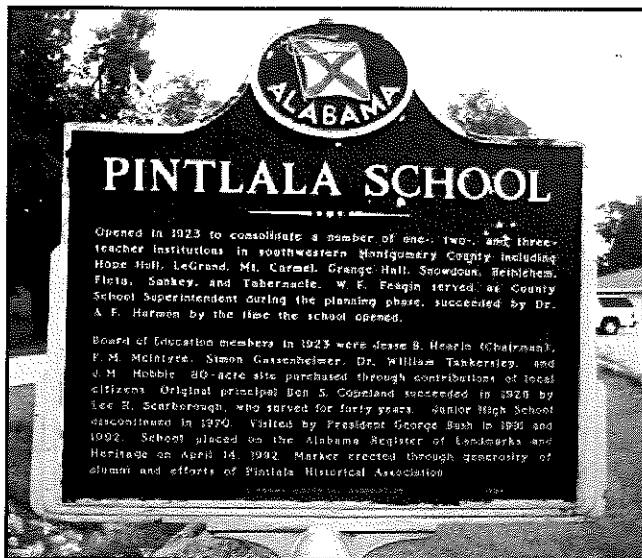


Dr. Kathryn Cordell Thornton and Ethel Todd, 1992, photo courtesy of Janice Anderson



Dr. Kathryn Cordell Thornton and Janice Anderson, teacher, 1992, photo courtesy of Janice Anderson

On April 24, 1994 the unveiling of an historic marker for Pintlala School took place at three in the afternoon and was sponsored by Pintlala Historical Association. Dignitaries attending were Dr. John Eberhart, Montgomery County Superintendent of Education; Mary Ann Neely, representing the Alabama Historical Commission; Commissioner Lynn A. Gowan of the Montgomery County Commission and Dr. Betty Coleman, principal. The marker was unveiled by Brittany Davis and Mallory Hitson students at the school. The ceremony was the culmination of work led by Ethel Tankersley Todd and documented in a public way that the school had been deemed a significant



Historical Marker, Alabama Historical Association, Placed 1994, Collection of Pintlala Historical Association

landmark by the Alabama Historical Commission and added the school to the Alabama Register of Landmarks and Heritage.

Program from Marker Placement Ceremony, 1994, Collection of Pintlala Historical Association

#### PROGRAM for TODAY'S UNVEILING

Master of Ceremonies.....	Rev. Gary P. Burton President, Pintlala Historical Association
Invocation.....	Rev. Gary P. Burton
Welcome from the Pintlala Community.....	Mr. Terry Birchfield 1963 Alumnus, Pintlala Junior High School
The Role of Pintlala Historical Association.....	Mr. Kerry Brown
A Letter of Acknowledgement from President George Bush.....	Mr. Ray Scott
Greetings from the Superintendent.....	Dr. John Eberhart Montgomery Public Schools
The Historical Perspective.....	Mrs. Mary Ann Neeley Alabama Historical Commission
Remarks from Our Commissioner.....	Mr. Lynn A. Gowan Montgomery County Commissioner
How the Project was Funded.....	Mr. Charles Hall
An Invitation to Open House.....	Dr. Betty Coleman Principal, Pintlala Elementary School

#### The Unveiling

Brittany Davis and Mallory Hitson,  
students at Pintlala Elementary School, will be  
assisted by Alice Carter.

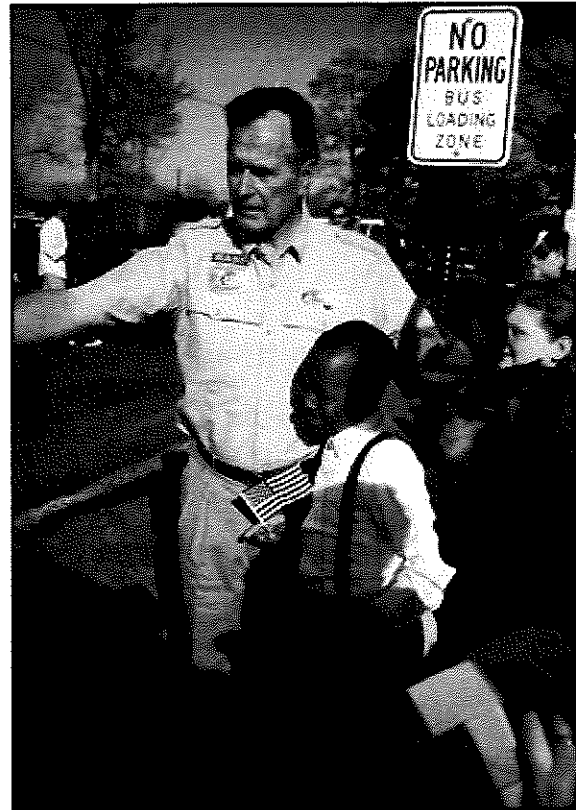
#### Thanks to -

The Administration and Faculty of the Pintlala Elementary School, especially Dr. Coleman and Mrs. Cathy Poage, for their support and for providing the Open House following today's unveiling.  
Mr. and Mrs. Ray Scott for their financial help with the refreshments.  
Mr. Allen Brady who erected the historic marker.  
Lurline and Charles Hall, and Mattie Smith for their contributions.  
Miriam and Leslie Williams for copying records.  
Ethel Tankersley Todd for her vision, leadership and encouragement with this project.

Perhaps unique to any elementary school in the nation, Pintlala Elementary School was visited by a sitting president of the United States, not once but twice. Months before George Herbert Walker Bush, 41st President of the United States stepped onto the school campus in 1991, he and Mrs. Bush were in Pintlala on January 1, 1990, as guests of Ray and Susan Scott. Scott, founder of the Bass Anglers Sportsman Society, had invited the President to Pintlala for a day of friendship and fishing. While the event had attracted widespread media attention, two Pintlala Elementary students, Wilson Scott (son of the Scotts) and Tony Wood, had the opportunity to inform the President of the work of the school's Law Awareness Club. That simple introduction was a precursor of more presidential visits to the school.

The following year on April 13, 1991, around 5:00 in the afternoon, the Presidential motorcade left the home of the Scotts bound for Pintlala Baptist Church. The fisherman-President permitted the important caravan to stop at Pintlala Elementary School where he was greeted by students, teachers, and school board members. A school newspaper, *Pintlala Monthly*, coordinated by Janice Anderson, teacher, captured the enthusiasm of the moment: "The excitement began to build and spread throughout the crowd as the motorcade came into view. When the limousine carrying the President entered the school's driveway, one could feel the onset of a magnificent crescendo whose magnitude knew no bounds as President Bush emerged from the car and approached with an extended hand."

Another visit on March 7, 1992, proved to be a repetition of the earlier euphoria. Those students who were eyewitnesses to history learned that the most powerful man in the world was also the most personable.

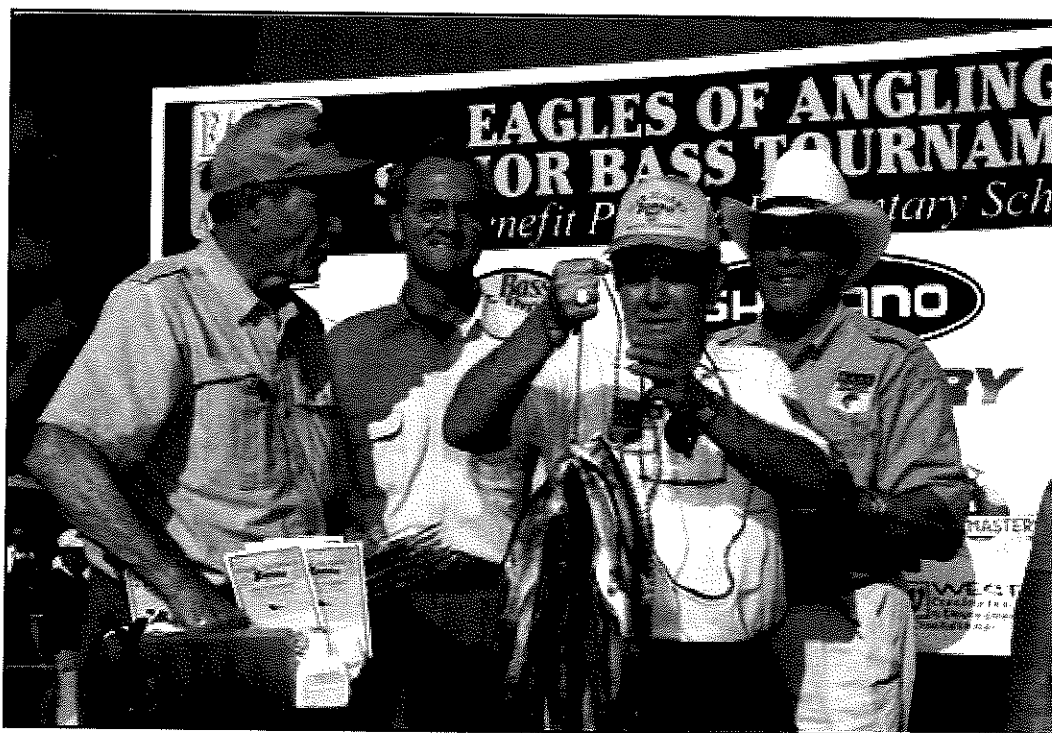


President George Herbert Walker Bush and unidentified student, 1991, photo courtesy of Janice Anderson

Possibly the capstone of President Bush's visits to the school occurred when he had been out of office a few years. On May 18, 2001, Ray Scott hosted yet another fishing tournament in which senior bass fishermen participated with the former president. The tournament raised thousands of dollars used to assist the teachers of Pintlala School with funds for classroom supplies and resource materials.

When the school was slated for closure in early 2009, the eighty-four year old former president placed a phone call to Governor Bob Riley, requesting that all effort be expended to maintain the viability of the small rural school. A convergence of hard work on the part of many persons made those hopes a reality.

These visits by various dignitaries by no means outshine the many awards bestowed on the school throughout the years of its existence for student participation in War Bond Drives in the 1940s, 100 percent participation in the United Appeal and exceptional school attendance for Montgomery County, 4-H Awards for the county and other awards earned, all due to student participation with large amounts of encouragement from dedicated parents and teachers.



2001 Eagles of Angling Senior Bass Tournament provided funds for teacher resources, L-R: President George Herbert Walker Bush, Governor Don Siegelman, Stan Sloan and Ray Scott.

## PTA and Other Tidbits

The following edited entries are from the PTA journals of minutes taken by the secretaries over the years from 1922 when the school still met in the Grange Hall through 1949 when the three volumes of minutes stop. We are grateful that these journals have been entrusted to the care and preservation of the Pintlala Historical Association.

### PTA

- From the Montgomery County Board of Education minutes: 1918— all schools closed on account of Spanish Influenza
- April 26, 1922--Pintlala PTA made a request for road improvements
- May 28, 1922--Adopted move to have a community sing every Sunday afternoon at schoolhouse [Grange Hall]; Met to discuss making payment on piano purchase for school
- September 14, 1922--met, turned meeting over to Dr. [Frank] Shackelford and Mr. Copeland, object of meeting was to make plans for the bar-b-q on the following Wednesday at the new school building [opening ceremonies]
- February 23, 1923--Mr. Copeland told of plans for flowers for front beds and requested plants for same
- January 23, 1923--voted that sandwiches be provided and sold to children of school as lunch
- September 15, 1927--school sign first mentioned
- October 26, 1927--deciding on marker for school lot, Mr. Claude Boyd to be consulted for a concrete marker design, deemed an important decision; Speaker presented talk in interest of proposed bond issue
- January 18, 1928--A marker of polished concrete was made by Mr. Claude Boyd and placed at the intersection of the roads. The association voted to pay Boyd \$20 for materials and labor [whereabouts of marker unknown]; Association voted to give a shower in honor of Mrs. Scarborough, bride of our principal, date to be decided
- March 21, 1928--Shower for Mrs. Scarborough was set for Tuesday, April 3, to be a miscellaneous surprise shower at her home
- September 17, 1928--The goal of the PTA for the year was to furnish curtains for the stage

- January 28--no meeting--Influenza epidemic
- February 1928--"Rained out"
- March 1928--no meeting due to road conditions
- October 1929--Mr. George Shackelford brought up for question and discussion the idea of rebuilding and cleaning out the fish pond on the school property with a view of selling fishing rights and beautifying grounds. After a long discussion pro and con, committees were appointed to see the Board of Education, Mr. Scarborough to investigate the probable cost and estimate cost of labor, Mr. J.A. Campbell, G.H. Shackelford and A.R. Garrett were the committee appointed; To maintain her place as an accredited Junior High, Pintlala needs more books in the library
- November 20, 1929--The estimated cost of a four acre pond was \$120.00. Members present voted in favor of building the pond. The previously named committee was to investigate the rights to use the old road bed as a bank for the pond
- February 19, 1930--Cast of characters announced for the play "Hazel Adams" : Mr. Adams: Ed Crenshaw, Mrs. Adams: Mrs. Fred Duggar, Hazel: Corrie Francis Garrett, John Esterbrook and George Beatty, Detective: Edgar Garrett, Chloe: Lula May Mosley, Joe: Perry Davis, Maze: A.R. Garrett, Sr.; Voted to allow \$30.00 for material to build slides, swings and seesaws, Mr. Scarborough and bus drivers will build the playground equipment; Mrs. McIntyre reported several students had no books. PTA voted to pay for the books
- October 15, 1930--No action taken on proposal to build the school pond leaving this open for larger consideration of the parents and teachers
- January 21, 1931--Motion to prevent children from going to store at all; but that Mrs. Mosley be allowed to have a booth arranged at some place on grounds for convenience of children if she feels so disposed. Miss [Bonnie] Frost asked for a set of books, a late encyclopedia to be added to library to keep it in a standard for library for junior schools. Voted to ask for state aid, but if the aid not available at present time to buy books anyway with hope of getting aid later as they are badly needed
- September 14, 1931--It was discussed and voted to donate \$50.00 to cover [roof] Grange Hall, also moved and adopted to pay the amount. The Hall to be used as living quarters for Mr. Taylor and he to pay rent until the amount is

repaid, then the building to be used free of rent [which Mr. Taylor can not be determined]

- October 21, 1931--Discussion centered on finishing repair work begun on Grange Hall. It was moved and adopted to donate \$25.00 more to finish the job
- March 1932--Mr. Scarborough put before the association that it is necessary to cover the school building since it is leaking badly and to prevent more serious injury to the building
- May 19, last day of school 1931--Mrs. Barnes reported that officially the TRUSTEES are no more, but that "we shall feel free to call upon them personally for any favor we may need"
- March 10, 1933--PTA met on Washington's birthday to have a tree planting but the grounds were too damp so was postponed until later
- September, 1938--\$13.30 was turned over to PTA by Miss[Lillian] Benson with understanding that when the light posts were put up at school entrance, the words "Senior Class of 1938" were to be put on them
- No November 1938 meeting due to death of Dr. [Thomas] Duncan [of Fleta]
- December, 1938--PTA paid for heater for room where dancing and music are taught and voted to put a floodlight on building with Mr. [Julian] Venable asked to do the work; After the meeting the PTA was invited to the home of Miss Alice Tankersley and served delicious refreshments
- January, 1939--Motion was carried to send bus drivers a note of thanks for painting the interior of the school building and the school board and Mr. [T.L.] Head a note of thanks for their cooperation. Voted that Mrs. Mary Barnes write letter to school board protesting the discrimination made in reference to county schools. [nature of discrimination unknown]
- February, 1939--Letter from Dr. [Clarence] Dannelly [superintendent] acknowledging the protest of the PTA relative to a discrimination made against county schools; Mr. Scarborough reported that Mr. [Hop] Murrell had given a \$30.00 estimate for brick and labor for front columns. The PTA voted to have Mr. Murrell put up the post and lay the cables
- March, 1939--Voted that the treasurer pay Mr. [J.P.] Henry \$17.61 covering cost of brick and gas for hauling brick for the columns. A vote of thanks was given Mr. Scarborough for his help in erecting the columns



- April, 1939--The president brought before the PTA that the men in the community wanted to rent the dipping vat that belongs to the school. The men would be willing to repair vat and pay \$5.00 a year rent. The offer was accepted by the PTA if agreeable with Mr. Head
- May, 1939--Mr. Scarborough reported that Dr. Dannelly would like to see school board about dipping vat before giving permission
- September, 1939--PTA voted to put a chain across the front of the school grounds with a cattle gap at each entrance. Mr. Scarborough appointed to get material and have work done
- October 19, 1939--Mrs. [May] Green reported on playground equipment. A motion was made to buy a set of six swings for the playground, the cost to be approximately \$100.00. It was decided to plan an oyster supper to be given in the new workshop when it has been completed. [Perhaps this is the manual arts classroom which was located under the building and at various times on both wings]
- November 15, 1939--The local president of the Farm Bureau discussed at the PTA meeting a project to be sponsored by the Farm Bureau members with the assistance of the PTA. Their aim is to build a lake at the site of the old pond on the school property
- April, 1940--Pasture rent of \$10.00 for the year was topic for discussion. Members wanted to rent pasture for more money. It was decided to have bids and rent to the highest bidder
- May 15, 1940--Members voted to rent pasture to Mrs. Hawthorne for another year for \$10.00 provided she would repair the fence. Discussion held about the basket picnic for the last day of school and the members voted to have a barbecue instead
- April 15, 1942--Mrs. Hawthorne paid \$10.00 pasture rent. PTA made \$41.43 on the Tom Thumb Wedding
- November 13, 1942--Since Mrs. Cooper McGehee the new secretary/treasurer is moving away, it is necessary for third time secretary/treasurer is to be elected. Mrs. C.F. Windham being the victim
- April 21, 1943--The Jeep Campaign was explained by Miss Benson and an appeal was made to buy bonds through the Pintlala School, in order that our quota might be reached. (We are happy to announce that this went over in a big way.)

- May 19, 1943--Mr. Scarborough reported a total of 150 pounds of clothing, 36 pairs of shoes and 18 hats were gotten up through the school children for the Russian Relief Fund. A motion was made and approved that Mrs. [J.P.] Henry contact Mr. and Mrs. Hawthorne and ask that they fix the fence to keep the cows off the school yard
- September 22, 1943--The Hostesses for the year: September, Mt. Carmel: Madames Sam Guy, Will Guy, Claude Boyd, Cliff Talley, Nettie Nolan; October, Hope Hull: Madames Ed Pettus, McGehee, Sheehan and Selsor; November, LeGrand: Madames Leonard Sankey, Maggie Sankey, W.E. Suggs, French, Dean; January, South Hope Hull: Madames Green, Davis, Stewart and February, North Pintlala: Madames Anderson, Reddoch, Cleghorn Venable; March, Bethlehem: Madames Hattaway, Brady, Hall Stough, Hornady; April, South Pintlala: Madames Henry, Curtis Chesnutt, Windham; May, Tabernacle: Madames Boyd, J.Chestnut, J.B. Davis, Urquhart
- October 20, 1943--Motion was made by Mrs. Pettus and duly seconded and carried that the pasture be rented to Mr. Taylor [which one is unknown] for the coming year with the understanding that he keep up the fence
- September 20, 1944--Mrs. Stewart displayed the quilt which she had so beautifully outlined with the history of Pintlala School and explained how squares would be filled in. A vote of thanks was given Mrs. Stewart. [Does anyone know owner of quilt?]
- November 10, 1944--It was decided that Mr. Huffman should have the pasture. January, 1945--Mrs. Mary White announced that on January 26th the State Defense Council would visit Pintlala to award a citation and flag to the Junior Red Cross for the splendid work they had done for the year. [See PHA Newsletter, V. XXIII, No.1, January 2009]
- February, 1945--Motions was made and carried that a benefit party be given by the school children. The money made would be used to install another stove and repair the red one for the lunch room. Date of party to be decided by teachers
- April 18, 1945--Pintlala PTA held its monthly meeting with a spend-the-day quilting party
- Suggestions were made as to the best way to dispose of the quilt. It was decided that chances would be sold with one thousand chances to be sold by the children. Mrs. Scarborough offered to have chances made. A vote was taken and six dollars was to given for first, second and third prize for the

pupils selling the most chances. The quilt was to be given at graduation exercises

- May 25, 1945--Drawing for the PTA quilt was held as part of the exercises. Mr. Mills of Legrand being the winner. Children winning prizes for selling the greatest number of chances were: Frank Stewart, first prize; Betty Jean Cleghorn, second prize; Dorothy Duggar and Marguerite Lamar tied for third prize
- Chances on quilt totaled \$121.61
- September 5, 1945--A motion carried to write a letter to the members of the Board of Revenue asking that a check be made of all bridges leading to Pintlala School over which school buses must pass
- November 16, 1945--The following motions were approved: 1. The PTA assume the additional power bill resulting from the extra lunchroom stove--\$14.50 per month. 2. The sale of pulpwood on school grounds would meet the approval of the PTA
- The secretary read a letter from the music supervisor stating the inability to secure a teacher for Pintlala
- Mrs. Huffman suggested that the house on the school grounds [Grange Hall] would be greatly improved if wiring installed. The Board of Education will be asked to furnish the wiring of same. December 18, 1945--Old business included a decision to have the pulpwood on the school grounds estimated for selling. It was suggested that a new home economics room be added in the school basement, the PTA to furnish it. The wiring of the house on the school property was continued as business for the future
- February 22, 1946--Announcement was made that the Board of Education had agreed to build and wire a home economics room in the basement of the school building, the PTA to furnish same
- November 20, 1946--Motion carried to sponsor a dance, at a date to be set with Stephens' orchestra to provide music. A motion carried to buy four cakes for auction and cake walk to be held at the dance
- December 18, 1946--A net of \$250.66 was made at the dance
- Friday night, February 21, 1947--Mrs. Mary McLean White, who will retire at the end of the year, was honored
- April 16, 1947--Silas Garrett was the speaker and made a talk in favor of the proposed sales tax for Montgomery County

- December 19, 1947--Santa Claus (Marshall Green) and his helpers distributed gifts to the school children, with fruit and candy from the PTA given to each child
- May 19, 1948--Members toured nearly completed Home Economics room
- September 6, 1948-49--Motion carried to have a shower honoring Mrs. Cleveland Sellers (formerly Miss Lillian Sharp) with September 24 chosen as the date, the hours from 3 to 6. It was also decided to give a gift of silver to her from the PTA
- January 19, 1949--Mr. Scarborough reported that \$210.56 had been paid on the motion picture projector (\$85.00 of this having come from the sale of some timber off the school property also, \$67.22 (the proceeds from the last dance) was turned over to Mr. Scarborough to be paid on the projector leaving a balance of \$148.00 owed
- March 1949--Mr. Scarborough asked all PTA members to sign a statement giving their consent to sell the timber on the school property. All members agreed to do so. The money is to be used for the school
- April 20, 1949--Mr. Scarborough reported the sale of the timber on the school property for \$2250.00, possibilities of a new lunchroom were discussed

#### Other Tidbits

- There have been two school newspapers at Pintlala with students acting as reporters. One was titled *Pintlala News* and its advisor was Ethel Todd, the fifth and sixth graders were reporters. The second paper was the *Pintlala Monthly* and its advisor was Janice Anderson. The former was published in the 1950s and 60s, the latter in 1980s and 1990s.
- *Pintlala News*, December, 1958: The ninth grade students have finished building a barbecue pit behind the lunchroom. Even the girls helped by handing the bricks to the boys and the boys laid them as Mr. Scarborough directed them. Mr. Poole and Mr. Coby Howard helped. Mr. Styles Murrell gave a day of his time to help the students complete the pit. Sometime this year when they have some extra money they plan to put a top over the pit.
- *Pintlala News*, February, 1959: On Saturday night, January 31, the P.T.A. sponsored a turkey supper and a womanless wedding. Mr. Abner McGehee and Mrs. Ivan Morgan contributed the turkeys. The P.T.A. asked the parents of children in school to contribute a quarter to pay for the "trimmings". \$20.00 was contributed by eighty families. The food was "sold out." We cleared about \$260.00. After the turkey supper there was an entertaining womanless

wedding. The characters were: bride, Mr. Wallace Bush; groom, Mr. S.J. Guy; Ushers, Mr. Henry, Mr. Meadows, Mr. Law; minister, Mr. C.S. Johnston; objector, Mr. B.L. Perry; ring bearer, Mr. Gus Boyd, Sr.; flower girls, Mr. Robert Sharpe, Mr. Will Norman; singers, Mr. Jack Hornady and Mr. Glenn Lassiter.

## Board of Revenue of Montgomery County

Department of Engineering

THOMAS H. EDWARDS  
County Engineer

MONTGOMERY 2, ALA.

September 14, 1945

Mrs. A. F. Dugger, Secretary-Treasurer  
Pintala P. T. A.,  
Hope Hall, Ala.

Dear Mrs. Dugger:

Your letter under date of September 13, addressed to the Chairman of Board of Revenue, has been referred to this office.

Please be assured that we are going to do everything in our power to keep the bridges over which the School Buses travel in a safe condition. We have issued instructions to all foremen to make weekly inspections of all bridges and keep them in the best condition possible.

Of course, you know that war conditions have made it impossible to do everything we would like to do. The War Production Board has limited us to about one half of the lumber requirements for the bridges, nails are almost impossible to get, and labor is short. We hope this condition will improve shortly.

We appreciate your interest and cooperation.

Yours very truly,

THOMAS H. EDWARDS  
County Engineer.

Response to PTA's letter requesting safe bridges in 1945, Collection of Pintala Historical Association

## Pintlala Memories

There is at least one representative memory for each decade in the life of Pintlala School written for this history. Every student who ever attended Pintlala has their own special memory—some not always positive—but all of these memories and experiences have helped to make us who we are today.

### Thomas Chesnutt, Class of 1936

Few things in life remain the same. However, the appearance of Pintlala Elementary and Junior High School has not changed since I remember it in the 1920s. My grandfather Mosley, owned a sawmill and cotton gin on the corner of Highway 31; across the road he ran Mosley's Store so I often passed the school.

Mr. Copeland presided as principal and Mr. Wells did the janitorial work. First grade teacher, Annie Mae Chesnutt, left just before I entered first grade in September 1927 and Mr. Scarborough reigned as principal. Many teachers stayed at Pintlala for years, instructing two hundred thirty-five students. I remember these teachers: first grade, Miss Vinson; second and third grades, Miss Kittye (Mrs. Pete) McIntyre; together Miss Laura McLean and her sister, Mrs. Mary White, taught fourth, fifth and sixth grades; Miss Lillian Benson and Miss Bonnie Frost taught seventh, eighth and ninth grades.

As I entered seventh grade, Miss Frost left to be married and Miss Van Pelt taught her classes for a year. The new teacher was Miss Lottie Ree Garrett. While I attended Pintlala, Mr. Taylor [which Mr. Taylor ?] became janitor. During my school years, the staff consisted of one principal, six teachers and a janitor. Miss Ward, the County nurse, came to school three or four times a year. When she gave typhoid shots, she came every week for three times and also gave Hookworm medication when needed. She was murdered, but I don't know the details. Alice Tankersley visited us once a month as the County music teacher. Miss Benson helped produce student plays. Mrs. [Dimple] Davis from Ft. Deposit came every week to give piano lessons to students whose parents paid for the lessons.

Almost all children rode the narrow buses with the door at the back. They had exhaust whistles with four pipes, which emitted a shrill, loud sound. A brother and sister who lived on Highway 31 rode their horses to school for several years. One day the boy rode his horse at full speed and missed the turn. The horse fell in the ditch

and died there. West of the school, a building with three stalls, housed the buses. On one end, a repair shop provided a place for Mr. Neal to work on the buses and on the other end, a locker room had showers for the boys. Mr. Dean, Mr. Neal and Mr. Tillery drove the buses. At one time girls took tap dancing lessons in the locker area.

Football and basketball teams practiced during PE class with the basketball court in the auditorium. One basket stood in front of the stage and the other on the opposite end under the projection booth. In 1932, the Pintlala team won the County Junior High Basketball championship.

The auditorium served for various activities. Every Friday we had an assembly and often sang "Dixie", "Carry Me Back to Old Virginny", "My Old Kentucky Home" and similar songs. The office sat on one side of the auditorium and the library on the other side. Located at the end of the classrooms, the boy's restroom was on one side, the girl's on the other side of the building.

A building between the school and bus stalls contained the water pump and a Delco electrical system, which supplied water and electricity to the school.

Each room had a single bare light bulb hanging from the ceiling. To the left of the classroom door, a cloakroom provided hooks for coats. The teacher's desk and blackboard occupied the other end. Opposite the door, the wall had windows the length of the room. I don't remember the electricity ever being on during the day. We relied on window light to see. Our wooden desks had a drawer under the seat, a rectangular desktop with a slot for pencils and a hole for an ink well. Braced on one side, we slid in them from the other side.

A wood-burning boiler created steam to supply heat to the school. In the summer, the County contracted to cut wood and piled it in rows behind the school. They cut wood in 4 foot lengths about 5 to 6 inches thick and stacked it in piles 8 to 10 feet high and 12 to 13 rows about 100 feet long. The furnace room was located on the lower level of the building underneath the auditorium stage.

One of Mr. Scarborough's favorite punishments for wrong deeds by boys was the wood-pile. The culprit took one piece of wood from the pile, walked to the furnace room window and threw it in, then went back for another piece. Depending on the severity of the offense, he repeated the trip 50 to 300 times, either before or after school, at recess or his free time. Miss Kittye swatted a ruler across the palm of the hand and sometimes students sat in the cloakroom as a disciplinary measure. Mr. Scarborough also used the paddle.



Miss Kittye reinforced health hygiene in a unique way. She supplied the students with a toothbrush and toothpaste. For several weeks after lunch, we lined up at the water fountain, held out our brush and she put toothpaste on it. We then brushed our teeth. She also said if we wanted healthy bodies, not to drink or smoke.

In the mornings, we had a fifteen-minute recess. Everyone brought his own lunch, whatever was available at home. During the Depression, it might be a baked sweet potato, biscuits and sugar cane syrup, peanut butter or tomato sandwiches. For me, Mother wrapped the tomato in wax paper and I put it on the bread and mayonnaise at lunch. We drank water.

Sometimes the classroom held one grade, and sometimes two. The junior high girls had Home Ec. and cooked, but didn't sew. Some years they had Shop, but not while I went to Pintlala. We had study hall in our classroom.

The school year always started after Labor Day and ended around May 30th. On the last day of school, students, family and friends were invited to an all-day picnic. I graduated from junior high in May 1936 and then attended Sidney Lanier High School in Montgomery.

The outside physical building looks the same, but education, policies and ideals are different.

### **Sarah G. (Tweet) Moore, Student, 1929-1937**

In the early 1920s, many of the families who lived in the Pintlala Community were actively engaged in trying to get a consolidated school placed in Pintlala. People gave money and or land, and others also were involved in planning plays to present at many locations in the county. (Remember, in the early 1920s there wasn't radio and T.V. to entertain us, so people paid to see amateur actors present plays!) Some bar-be-ques, etc., were planned too (people still pay to eat). I know my parents were actively engaged in helping to get the school placed right where it is now and were very proud of the school.

The school was still relatively new when I began school. The teachers I had were first rate. To help assure that we could attract that type of teachers, several families opened their homes to board teachers. Dr. & Mrs. Frank Shackelford kept some and my parents had many teachers board with us after my older siblings left home for college or jobs away from home. There may have been others who had teachers in their homes.

I remember my first grade teacher, Miss Clifford Vinson—a petite blonde that I considered to be beautiful, though a picture I have seemed to prove that her inner beauty won the hearts of the children she taught. "Miss Kittye" McIntyre was the teacher I remembered as my third grade teacher. I cannot remember who I designated as my second grade teacher, but I do know I had only two teachers for the first three grades. Mrs. McIntyre was a longtime local community member. Also, for the fourth through the sixth grades, we had two teachers, local sisters, Miss Laura McLean and Mrs. Mary McLean White. Strangely, I remember Miss Laura as a fourth grade teacher and Mrs. White as a sixth grade teacher, though again I had two teachers for three grades. I was taught second and fifth grades, and can't understand why I don't remember how they handled that.

Alabama had a six-three-three school program—six elementary, three years of Junior High and three Senior high. In Junior High, I remember Lottie Ree Garrett, a Pintlala native, and Lillian Benson and Bonnie Frost who I remember boarding at my home while I was in Lanier, Mary Hall Van Pelt who on her senior year at the University of Alabama was Miss Alabama. These were the teachers I remember in my eight years at Pintlala. (I attended, in 9th grade, Cloverdale Jr. High to get Latin.)

At Pintlala I was there from 1929-1937. In addition to the teachers, Mr. Lee Ray Scarborough was Principal, but since I never was sent to his office I had no idea what his job was! (An aside note) He lived across the highway from the Henry's dairy farm, and his little dog became rabid and bit eleven of the kids in my age group. For 21 days we had to line up each morning with Dr. Shackelford to get shots in our abdomen. Fortunately, the shots worked. I was one of the bitten kids with three scratches across my hand where I tried to separate the mad dog from my pets. In that time period my brother in Sidney Lanier lost a friend to rabies. Times have made some great improvements.

Aside from the excellent teachers I had or knew of at Pintlala, the Montgomery County School System provided many extras. One was a health nurse who came around and gave shots, kept health records and tested us for TB and parasites, etc.

I remember in health training, we had "toothbrush drills." Companies like Colgate-Palmolive would furnish small glasses, a tooth brush, and small tubes of tooth paste. We would go outside in the sunlight and brush our teeth. "Left upper teeth brush down, 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 6 - 7 - 8 - 9 - 10 - now right front upper, brush down 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5 - 6 - 7 - 8 - 9 - 10. Back and front we brush down on the upper teeth and then we

brushed up on the lower teeth again getting every tooth brushed. In later years, dental assistants usually commented that I really had learned how to brush my teeth well. Thanks to lessons at Pintlala!

The area around Pintlala was not so sandy, so I did not have to endure hookworm treatment. The health nurse collected stool samples and many of the children from the sandy areas of Montgomery County had to be treated for intestinal parasites. The treatment made the child rather ill, but it killed the destructive parasites. These children were often pale (anemic) and listless, but thanks to treatment to cure what was causing this. My brother spoke once to one of his old schoolmates and asked how she was. To his amazement, she'd graduated from the Sorbonne in Paris and was a very successful lawyer in California!! The health nurse helped her to be healthy enough so her bright mind could absorb the education we were offered at Pintlala.

Another very helpful extra were music instructors who came to the schools and organized choruses all over the county school system. Then each Spring they would have a county-wide music festival at Sidney Lanier High in Montgomery. All the girls wore rainbow hued dresses and we filled the stage at Lanier. Also at the music festival, all the piano students were seated at many grand pianos on the Lanier stage. We had no chance to practice as a group before our big performance. I remember being one of a duet with that large stage covered with pianos. One song I remember playing was "Country Gardens." Those who attended were astounded that it was so beautifully done when we were never all together! (Another change in times!)

The school did not have a lunchroom, so we brought lunches. Many of us can hardly eat a just-made pineapple or tomato sandwich. (They need about four or five hours to get nice and soggy—like aged wine! So much tastier!) Sometimes our teachers got extra duty at lunch time. I remember we always cracked our hard boiled eggs on someone else's head, but one memorable day, a busy mother failed to boil her eggs! The teachers got to wash some heads and dresses. (Remember phones and cars were not so common, so some kids and their clothes were left to dry out in the restroom and to go home slightly damp and wrinkled!)

Also, in those days we did not have "juvenile delinquents" although from one experience one day at school the teachers quickly deducted the fact that "only one student was smart enough to pull such a stunt." Llewellyn Dugger, whose father and uncle developed what is now Clorox and another relative developed Aureomycin, by

virtue of his heritage had knowledge of and access to all sorts of chemicals. He devised a slow burning fuse which one night he ran all over the roof of the school, with firecrackers attached at intervals. The next day we all had the excitement of hearing firecrackers exploding periodically much of the day. The children secretly loved that!

Weekly, we had a ("chapel") program in the auditorium. Various grades were featured each week. I was part of a group all dressed in colonial era clothes as we danced a minuet. Our mothers made our costumes and these programs had participation by as many parents as could come. (Again, lack of automobiles and good roads kept many away.) Another program was the story of Hansel & Gretel. I can remember a house in the woods covered with real cookies and candies, which we got to enjoy after the play was over. We had a rhythm band in the first three grades with homemade capes and caps. Parents who lived close enough to school were at school often with tubs of cut roses and greenery to decorate the stage.

Life was exciting and a real learning experience at Pintlala. May it remain a school, I pray!

### **Jane Windham Chesnutt, Student 1937-1943**

My Pintlala School experience became a monument to exceptional teachers, choice classmates and real education that have impressed me all of my life. I did, however, leave Pintlala in the eighth grade in order to take Latin at Cloverdale School in Montgomery.

By 1937 I joined Miss Clifford Vinson's first grade reading circle and on to the second and third grades with Miss Kittye McIntyre. Miss Kittye was strict about arithmetic, but all fun in directing our little Rhythm Band. Sometimes we would perform at Friday Chapel in the large auditorium. Miss Kittye played "Clayton's Grand March" as we marched in.

Next, it was across the corridor for Miss Laura McLean's penmanship classes and learning state capitols and how to spell them. Miss Laura and her sister, Mrs. Mary White were always very fashionably dressed. Mrs. White taught geography and history in a very serious way.

For English, Miss Lottie Ree Garrett introduced us to the classics, and listened to our book reports. I enjoyed the grammar lessons and diagramming sentences best of all.

Miss Lillian Benson taught the highest grades on the same side as the first, second and third grade rooms. She and Miss Vinson boarded in the Reed Garrett home across Highway 31 where my parents, the Clarence Windhams, had moved from Birmingham into what was once the Tan Shackelford house that sat back off the highway in the Pintlala community.

Each Spring, the piano teacher Mrs. Dimple Davis from Ft. Deposit presented her students in piano concerts on the stage in the auditorium. She gave lessons in the old bus house separate from the main school building. Also, Mrs. Georgette Johnson had dancing students there.

For the recitals, the stage was decked out in Spring flowers, many roses and so forth that were blooming locally. I recall my own nerves when my turn came to play the grand piano on stage in a recital.

My mother, Ethel Windham, was active in the P.T.A. Mrs. Marshall Green began a lunch room in the basement where great hot foods were served for only a few coins. Often there were talent shows at the school in the evenings. A womanless wedding brought much laughter. As a community entertainment, we had Saturday night dances with a live band. Many danced to the lively music while other folks sat in chairs along the walls and just watched.

Pintlala hosted numerous barbecues. The men who cooked stayed up all night tending the meat and peeling potatoes for delicious Camp Stew. These barbecues benefitted local churches and other promotional drives in the community.

Our principal, Mr. Lee Ray Scarborough, held the school together for many dedicated years.

Bus driver, Mr. Cecil Dean, rang the bell to open and close the school day. Mr. Neal was my bus driver.

More recently the Saturday night gatherings for baseball brought neighbors and others out for a social evening of fun in the summer time.

My children and grand children were privileged to attend Pintlala School also and have their own more up-to-date memories.

May God forbid the doors be closed to this fine institution of learning.

## Jack Hornady, Class of 1944

In January of 1936 my family moved from Snowdown to Pintlala. At that time my twin sister, Jean, and I had completed our first semester of first grade at Goode Street School in Montgomery. The Pintlala faculty at that time was: Miss Clifford Vinson, Mrs. Kittye McIntyre, Miss Laura McLean, Mrs. Mary McLean White, Miss Lottie Ree Garrett and Miss Lillian Benson. Mr. L.R. Scarborough was principal and he was assisted administratively in the office by Mr. Cecil Dean who also drove the school bus route from the Bethlehem and Fleta communities. Mr. Jessie Taylor was custodian of the building and grounds and resided in the old Grange Hall building which was located on the school premises at the site now occupied by the Pintlala Water System office. Mr. Willie Neal drove the bus from the Mt. Carmel and Davenport communities and served as vehicle maintenance mechanic. Mr. Pete Thames drove the bus from the Hope Hull community and a satellite route that served the Tabernacle community.

Miss Benson and Mrs. Kittye McIntyre taught grades one thru three. Miss Laura McLean and Mrs. White, her sister, taught grades four, five, and six. Miss Garrett and Miss Vinson taught grades seven, eight and nine with the exception of ninth grade math (first year algebra) which was taught by Mr. Scarborough.

As we entered the second grade, Miss Vinson and Miss Kittye were faced with a dilemma caused by two new students entering Pintlala in the second grade, one of whom was Jack Gray and the other was Jack Mahan. There were now three students in our class with the same first name, "Jack." The teachers decided to call me "Jack," Jack Gray was called Jackie due to his small stature, and Jack Mahan was called Mahan. These identities served us, our classmates and our teachers well for our remaining years at Pintlala thru the ninth grade.

In addition to grade level academic studies we were actively engaged in extra curricular activities such as 4-H Clubs with its associated projects, drama performances at weekly chapel assemblies which were all led and supervised by faculty. I think my most memorable outside activity was during the early months of World War II when I was selected to chair our schools War Bond Drive. We had a recommended goal for sale of the bonds to assist our country in its efforts to win the war. Students purchased stamps at 25 cents each and pasted them in books provided until we accumulated \$18.75. These books were then exchanged for a twenty-five

dollar War Bond. We always exceeded our goal at Pintlala due to the generosity and patriotism of our community families. We received recognition from county and state agencies each year and were awarded certificates for high performance. A highlight for me at the end of my term as chairman was that we sold enough bonds to buy not one jeep for the armed forces but two for the year. Our major purchaser that year was Mr. Davis Shackelford. Our school reward was to have military personnel from Maxwell Field bring a jeep to Pintlala School and give all of our students a ride. I was privileged to go to Maxwell and direct the driver of the jeep to Pintlala.

It was an unauthorized tradition in those days that the senior class (ninth grade) would plan to cut class, leave school, and walk around the "Tabernacle Loop." While this tradition was often successfully planned and orchestrated without the faculty's knowledge, I don't recall it having ever been successfully completed! It always aroused Mr. Scarborough's wrath and his expression of genuine concern for the student's safety. Inasmuch as the girls' misbehavior was not subject to Mr. Scarborough's generous use of his paddle as was that of the boys, his lectures about this tradition were indeed a memorable lesson to us all.

A major highlight of our experience during our Pintlala years was construction and opening of our school cafeteria. A door and windows were knocked out of the high brick wall at the rear of the building's west wing. Students were allowed to assist with the construction by hauling dirt from the basement floor by wheel barrow in preparation for the pouring of a concrete floor. Mrs. May Green, mother of our classmate, Kate Olive Green, became our first and long time lunch room manager. Delicious and nutritious meals were provided at 5 cents each in the beginning.

Pintlala School has made Pintlala community proud since its inception and its proud heritage has contributed greatly, not only to the Pintlala community and Montgomery County but its positive influence has extended to environs beyond the confines of America. I am proud that Pintlala School is a part of my heritage and hope for the future of mankind. May the storms of time never overcome its worthiness to thrive.

#### **Rae Venable Calvert, Class of 1945**

[This memory was adapted from a letter Rae Venable Calvert wrote to Ethel Tankersley Todd in 1997]

The graduating class at Pintlala School in May 1945 consisted of only four people: Paula Mills, Helen Howard, Hazel Bozeman, and myself. They went to Ramer for senior high school; I attended Lanier in Montgomery.

My valedictory address was written with a great deal of help from my teacher, Lottie Ree Garrett.

Other teachers I remember: Lillian Vinson and Kitty McIntyre (1st three grades; Laura McLean and Mary McLean White (4th, 5th, & 6th); and Miss Benson, Lottie Ree Garrett, Lee Ray Scarborough, and Mrs. Scarborough (7th, 8th & 9th).

Mrs. Scarborough taught home economics classes in the old Grange Hall Building, and Mr. Scarborough taught our math classes. English, spelling, history, etc., were taught by Miss Benson and Lottie Ree Garrett. The Pintlala teachers provided us with an excellent education in the basics so that the transition to Lanier High School, along with all the "city" pupils, was not difficult.

Mrs. C. M. Davis came from Fort Deposit once or twice a month to give piano lessons (for which we were excused from class). The piano teaching room was part of the bus barn.

### **Johnnie Lynn Halse Norsworthy, Class of 1957**

I have listed the members of my class that I can remember, but I also remember there were 13 members of the graduating class of 1957.

Because of a shortage of funds, the school board was trying to find a way to keep schools open. I had been following the school board's efforts, and when I heard they wanted to close Pintlala School, I was very sad to know that the place I went to school would be no more. Then Alice Todd Carter called and asked if I could write a short piece about my memories and experiences at Pintlala.

My family and I moved to Pintlala in 1948 and lived "across the creek" in the old Lassiter home place not too far from the school. I didn't know it at the time, but they didn't want to accept me as a student—the reason, I was physically handicapped and had to use a wheelchair to get around. My mother and father talked them into trying me out, along with help from others, and I started to school in the first grade.

I even rode the school bus. Mr. Dean and Mr. Coby Howard were the drivers. They picked me up and put me on a seat in the bus and put my chair in the back of the bus, and we went to school. I especially remember Mr. Coby. He spoiled me. He brought me a bag of penny candy and a comic book everyday.



Mrs. Lillian Sellers was my teacher in the first and second grades where I learned to read and write. I remember *Dick and Jane* very well. I had to have help to go to the bathroom, and some of the junior high school girls would come and take care of me.

I missed most of the third grade because I was in the Shriner's Hospital in Greenville, South Carolina, but I wasn't forgotten. About once or twice a month, I received a card from one of the classes at Pintlala. They were in the shape of little girls, each dressed in the style of their country, and every student would sign their names on the inside. They also sent me an album in which to keep them. I still have it and the little girl cards. They are old and fragile now and packed up, but they always bring back good memories.

Mrs. Kittye McIntyre taught the third and fourth grades, and she helped me to catch up with what I had missed in the third grade and I was allowed to go on to the fourth grade. "Miss Kittye" as she was called, was very strict, but if we made hundreds on our spelling tests and did our arithmetic drills with no mistakes, we could go outside and play during spelling and arithmetic classes on Fridays.

The parents were very supportive of the school and PTA meetings were always well attended. They planned Womanless Weddings, talent shows, Halloween Carnivals, Christmas parties and barbeques, which besides being lots of fun, raised money for the school. When the auditorium needed black shades so that educational films could be shown, a project was undertaken to raise the money for it. The money was raised ten cents at a time. Movies were rented and tickets were sold and shown once a week in the auditorium. Of course, the movies were hard to see because there were no black shades, but the kids went anyway. It was fun. The only thing was, when the money was raised and the shades installed, no more fun movies were shown on Fridays.

The school was built with open corridors; three rooms on each side with the office, the auditorium, and the kitchen in the middle. No matter where one went, they had to go outside to get to another room or to the office or the auditorium. One day at recess, some friends and I were strolling down the corridor. Someone was pushing me, and when we reached the corner to turn, some boys, running down the corridor from the opposite direction, plowed into us. One of them stepped on my footrest trying to stop. My chair flipped forward and I went flying through the air. No one was

hurt, but several boys were in lots of hot water. I think it scared them, probably as much, if not more, as it scared us. Today, it is a funny story, but not then.

Mrs. Ethel May Todd was our fifth and sixth grade teacher. Mary James Liner, Norma Morgan, and I were pretty good friends, and I remember playing jacks. It was very popular with the girls at that time. We got really good. Oh yes, and Bolo bats, I think that's what it was called. It was a flat piece of wood shaped like a paddle. A long rubber band was attached to the bat and a rubber ball was attached at the other end. The goal was to see how long you could keep the ball bouncing on the paddle. We had some lively competitions with both games.

I know we were there to learn, and we did, but most of what I remember is what we did for fun. The music and the rhythm band were great. I always liked participating in these activities, even though I couldn't carry a "tune in a bucket" as the old saying goes. Every Friday the whole school assembled in the auditorium for various and sundry reasons. Miss Lottie Ree Garrett led the music and taught us to appreciate all kinds, classical, folk, hymns, patriotic and, the most fun, rounds. One group would start the song, then the next group started the song, while the first group continued to sing, then the third group and so on. It was fun even if we didn't get it right most of the time.

The rhythm band was made up of drums, sticks, tambourines, wood blocks, and one twittering bird whistle. We learned to keep time to the music and to learn how music was arranged so that we could play our particular instrument at the right time. It was a big thing. We practiced and practiced and then we played for our parents and friends.

Junior high school sped by. I remember turning 13 years old in the seventh grade, and suddenly I was fifteen and graduating from the ninth grade. Miss Garrett and Mrs. Scarborough taught and we thought we were grown up, and maybe we were, just naive and inexperienced. Miss Garrett had to be away from school for one whole school year, and Mrs. Alverson taught her English and history classes for that year.

I was really challenged that year. She was a very good teacher and she expected her students to stretch their brains. I found out that I wasn't as smart as I thought I was, but I worked harder after the first six weeks when Cs showed up on my report card. I had never had a C on my report card!

The ninth grade came and we were called seniors. This would be our last year at Pintlala. High school for me would be Sidney Lanier as it would be for several

others. Those who lived farther south in the county would go to Ramer to high school. We would never be together again, and some we would never see again. Our lives were changing. We were growing up and into a new and unknown future. Pintlala, the teachers, bus drivers, and students, shaped my perspective of life and the world.

#### **Class List**

1. Verba Lee Brady
2. William Coon
3. Elaine Hall
4. Johnnie Lynn Halse
5. Mary Jane Jackson
6. Mary James Liner

7. Annette Lubetkin
8. Norma Morgan
9. Sammy Murrell
10. Freddie Rhodes
11. Shirleyette Smith
12. Junior Stewart
13. (I can't remember the last one)

#### **Karon Sharpe Bailey, Class of 1962**

September 1953 I will never forget the button-down-the front yellow print dress that my mother sewed for me to wear on my first day at Pintlala School. My first grade teacher, Mrs. Lillian Sharpe Sellers, introduced me to the make-believe "Dick", "Jane", "Sally" and "Spot" and to my real-life friend Linda Brown Torode. We colored pictures together, ate lunches complete with Mrs. Charlie Poole's delicious yeast rolls and peanut butter dessert bars, and comforted each other when the "highschoolers" told us tales of a fire-breathing monster who lived in the furnace room and ate first graders.

For our second grade teacher, we had Mrs. Marie Moore, a truly kind person and such a dedicated teacher. Using her thorough knowledge of the new "phonics" system, she taught us how to sound out words and set us on the path of bemoaning independent readers.

In the third and fourth grades, Mrs. Kittye McIntyre took us on nature walks to collect specimens of wildflowers which she attached to the bulletin board and later quizzed us on their names. In the winter we studied geography and shivered along with the Laplanders who peopled our textbook. Spring found us practicing for the annual Rhythm Band performance. All the girls wanted to play tambourines, but somehow "Miss Kittye" convinced each of us that our instrument (mine being the autoharp) was vital to the success of the program.

Mrs. Ethel May Todd welcomed us to the fifth and sixth grade classroom. She had the unique ability to recognize the strengths of each student and lead him or her to make the most of their talents. For example, through sponsoring the 4-H Club, Mrs. Todd encouraged many of us to sew our first aprons and skirts and to model them in a county-wide 4-H Competition. In the classroom, we mastered naming the Presidents; we learned to spell the states and their capitals; and we even located every state on a map. We concentrated on spelling and even competed on Channel 12's Spelldown television program. But my favorite activity was a fifteen minute period after lunch during which we used our very best penmanship as we wrote in specially lined booklets while Mrs. Todd played soft classical music in the background.

Junior High was a whirl of activities for us and our teachers, Mr. and Mrs. Lee R. Scarborough and Miss Lottie Ree Garrett. We were now sewing and modeling dresses for 4-H and learning to make beautiful Christmas wreaths all the way from bending coat hanger circles to making papier-mache forms to wiring on cedar boughs, holly, pinecones, and a cheerful red ribbon-all to be delivered to patients at the Veterans Hospital. Mrs. Scarborough helped us etch metal trays which many of us still treasure. I made one with an Asian garden scene complete with weeping willows and feathery Japanese maples. Four years later my younger brother Albert etched a rearing horse on his tray. My mother still has them. Of course the high point of the fall semester was the annual Christmas program. Only those who sang in Miss Garrett's chorus still know all the words to all the verses of "We Three Kings of Orient Are." At the end of the program, Santa came in carrying a huge pack stuffed with gifts, one for each child in grades 1-9. Spring brought graduation and partings from those who had come to be as close as siblings. Those were indeed the "good old days," 1953-1962!

### **Caffey Norman, Class of 1967**

I started school at Pintlala in first grade in 1959 but was promoted in the middle of the fifth grade to the sixth grade. I have memories of Tom Flynn pouring coals into the furnace to keep us warm; Charlie Poole calling me the "little professor" when I got on the bus; the aroma of freshly baked rolls by Mrs. Poole in the lunchroom. I remember playing Rebel vs. Yankee on the playground, where only two boys whose parents were in the military would ever consent to be the Yankees. I remember some older boy, whose name I can not recall, carrying me around the

playground when I was in first grade and he would have me recite the state capitols backward and forward. I remember my grandfather coming to an assembly and buck dancing for everyone. I also remember Curtis Massey standing up on his motorcycle while riding down Highway 31.

### **Deloris Ward McGill, Class 1968**

I started first grade at Pintlala in 1959—there was no Pre-K or kindergarten—first grade was where you started school. My teacher was Julia Alverson. Of course my favorite part of the day was recess, where we played on monkey bars and the merry go round.

The school bus driven by Mr. Charlie Poole, picked me up at the end of our drive and we traveled down dirt roads for almost an hour picking up kids before getting to the school.

We always had great food in the lunchroom prepared by Mrs. Poole. The homemade yeast rolls were a favorite everyday.

Mr. Scarborough was principal and his wife taught in the junior high along with Lottie Ree Garrett. Elementary teachers I remember were Ms. Suggs (who later became Mrs. Jones), Mrs. McCabe and Mrs. Ethel May Todd.

At Pintlala girls wore dresses (no pants allowed except on extreme cold days). The rooms were not air conditioned and the heat came from radiators around the classroom walls. The basement boiler room was a dark scary place for us girls. We thought someone lived down there.

During summer and Christmas breaks the classroom floors were oiled. Such an awful smell when school resumed and the floors were so slick it was hard to walk on them.

In Jr. High the girls joined the 4-H club where we learned to sew and cook. We had fashion shows and dairy foods demonstrations to show off our "new" talents.

Pintlala also had a piano teacher and I took "private" lessons during the school day from Mrs. Stuart. A wood burning pot belly stove kept us warm in that little piano room. Of course there was that end of year piano recital in the auditorium.

We had Halloween carnivals, bingo games in the lunchroom and one year a womanless wedding where our dads dressed up like brides and bridesmaids.

Pintlala had both elementary and junior high and I was there for all 9 grades. My graduating class had at least 15 students. I feel fortunate to have the memories and friendships from a small school where everyone knew everybody.

### **Wayne Hatcher, Class of 1969**

I moved to Katie Lane in Hope Hull during the summer before my fifth grade year. My mother recalls a visit from Mr. Scarborough, the man who was to be my new principal. That was the first indication of the warm atmosphere that was to be found at Pintlala School.

I was a typical boy, sneaking through the tunnels under the school, sliding on the newly oiled auditorium floors and playing practical jokes on the teachers. Only once did my antics send me to Mr. Scarborough's paddle. After that I was well aware of how far to go with my mischief!

The judge of a good teacher is made not only by the time you spend in her class, but also as you go through life and are reminded of all the things you were taught. Such is the case with my favorite teacher, Mrs. Ethel May Todd. She had a great way of teaching her students the required subjects, life lessons, a love of community and discipline. I had the privilege of knowing Mrs. Todd in my adult life. She represented in her personal life all the values she taught in her classroom.

I left Pintlala with a lot of wonderful memories. However, more importantly, I left with an excellent education from dedicated teachers who gave me a strong foundation for life.

### **Farrar Spear, Principal, 1968-1970**

I went to Pintlala as principal in 1968-1969 school year and served the next year, 1969-1970. It was a very pleasant assignment. During my first year the school served grades one through nine. In addition to principal duties, I also taught algebra to energetic and eager-to-learn students which always makes teaching a pleasure. I replaced Lee R. Scarborough as principal and he would come to see us from time to time. If he did not come for a while, I would go to see him. He was such a nice man; I enjoyed knowing him.

My first year at Pintlala we formed a football and basketball team, with cheerleaders. Ruth and L.E. Ward helped me with both programs. I drove the bus and coached. We played the B and C teams from the junior high schools in Montgomery as well as the team from Pine Level. Our colors were purple and black. Some of the

participating students enrolled that I can remember are: Charlie, Sherrie and Gail Matthews, Tom Flynn's sons, Wayne Hatcher who now runs the store in Pintlala, Jimmy McGinty and Javier Pitts. During softball season, I would always pitch for both sides one or twice a week.

I wrote a manual so that we could have a blueprint for guidance in managing the school. Through teacher and parent meetings, we developed our programs together. We had so many wonderful people—that was what was very special about Pintlala. I still have adults come up to me and talk to me about our time together at Pintlala School.

Mrs. Annie Bell Poole was our lunchroom supervisor, and her husband, Charlie Poole, drove a bus. At break each day, Mrs. Poole would have freshly baked hot rolls that were the best! No wonder I got fat!

During my second year at Pintlala, we began a home-making class, but as usual there was no classroom available. During that summer prior to school opening, we cleaned out another storage area on the east side of the building under the classrooms to accommodate this class. The county system assigned a teacher for the class and it became a very good program.

One amusing incident that I recall from my second year was that we had a man assigned to us as a classroom teacher and he was from New York City. He told us all that he was going to teach us Alabamians how to treat everyone. He taught until Christmas and then returned to New York. You see, we already knew how to treat each other. We treated each other with love and respect.

### **Denise Ward, Class of 1970**

Summer was officially over when parents took their kids to school for registration. Along with the teachers, the county health nurse was there to make sure we had all our shots to start school. The school seemed huge to a first grader. Grades 1 through 3 were on one side and grades 4 through 6 on the other. Separating these two areas was a large auditorium and the principal's office. Grades 7 through 9 seemed like they were in a separate county. Actually they were just down a few stairs from the rest of the building. On one side of the auditorium was a large weeping willow tree and beneath the tree was a small pool which always had goldfish. I think this was one of Mrs. Alverson's pet projects. The pool was right outside her First

Grade classroom. We got to watch them being fed. Students weren't allowed to wander to any other part of the school. You stayed on your side of the school.

The mornings started with a devotional and prayer. It was done using the PA system so every classroom and every student was included. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Every student placed their right hand over their heart and recited the Pledge in unison. Then it was down to learning. For the first three years, you never left your classroom. Your teacher taught all subjects-reading, writing, and arithmetic.

All the rooms had wooden floors and once a year they were oiled down. They rooms were heated by radiators and I remember the sound they made as the hot water spewed. The teachers adjusted them by turning a black knob at the base. Cooling the rooms consisted of raising and lowering the windows.

The lunchroom was huge and had three distinct sections for sitting. Each grade had a specific section. First graders were first in line and sat in the section to the far left. Second graders came in next and sat in the middle section followed by the third graders who sat in the far right. The school teachers all sat at a head table so they could see out over their students. The next three grades came in and followed the same seating arrangements. No student was allowed to leave until their teacher approved. Each student would take their food tray and show the teacher what they had or had not eaten. If you had a lot of food leftover, you were told to go back and eat some more. Students did not bring their lunch. I remember my mother writing a check at the beginning of the week to pay for my lunch and the amount on the check was \$1.75 (for the whole week)! WOW, I ate all week for a \$1.75! Food was served on plates and bowls and these were placed on your tray. On special days, we would have ice cream and a real treat was to get chocolate milk. This only happened about once a month. Mrs. Charlie Poole was in charge of the lunchroom and she made sure all her children had good nutritious food to eat.

During the school year, each grade put on a production. We all had a part singing, dancing, reciting lines, etc. One of my favorites was the year we did Hans Christian Anderson. The seventh, eighth, and ninth graders always did Christmas. It was a very exciting time. We had class up until lunch and then each class had a party. Every class had homeroom mothers and they brought in snacks. The anticipation mounted because all day, the shades on the auditorium windows had been pulled down and we were not allowed to see in. Something big was going to happen and we



couldn't wait. We all lined up and marched down the hall to the auditorium. When the doors opened, our mouths flew open. There, in the middle of the auditorium, stood this enormous Christmas tree surrounded by hundreds of presents. Chairs were placed along the walls and we all took our seats. The junior high students came in and wore white robes with red ties. They sang several songs and we joined in on some. Then they came down off the stage and started handing out the presents under the tree to all of us. This is what we had been waiting for all day and now it was happening. Everyone knew everyone. If a present had the name Susie Brown, no matter who picked up the package, they knew Susie Brown and where she was sitting. There was a present for everyone.

One year, every student was lined up outside the auditorium and one by one we were given the TB tine test. No one had a clue what was going on, but we later learned from our parents there was a scare that someone at the school had TB. It was a false alarm, but immediate action was taken to ward off an epidemic. Talk about running a well oiled machine! The principle, teachers, and parents were always on top of any and every thing happening.

At the end of the day, there were three buses waiting to take us all home. Mr. Charlie Poole was our bus driver (his wife was in charge of the lunchroom). One year (1966/1967), as we were coming around a curve on a gravel road, we met a dump truck. The truck was on our side of the road and we hit head on. There were about a dozen of us left on the bus and we were all bruised and shaken. I remember seeing Mr. Poole's glasses hanging over the steering wheel and they were broken. There were some stitches and a broken bone, but mostly we all had bruises. I remember I was small enough to actually curl up on the seat and had fallen asleep. When I woke up, my seat was on top of me. We were called into the principal's (Mr. Scarborough) office the next day and he checked all our injuries. We were all very lucky!

Another time we had just left the school and were stopped next to Mosley's store. If you have ever tried to cross there, you know you can't see any cars coming until they top the hill. Normally, Jimmy McGinty would get off the bus and motion for us to cross the highway. This particular day, we didn't have anyone to motion us across the road. Mr. Poole pulled out and as he did, a car topped the hill and he slammed on the brakes. A girl by the name of Jan (can't remember her last name but they lived on Butler Mill Road) was sitting in the front seat and her mouth hit the hand rail. The impact knocked out all of her top teeth, root and all. Now we didn't

have cell phones, but somehow, her mother was notified and she met the bus somewhere on the route and took Jan to the doctor. They were able to put all her teeth back in and she did not lose a single one.

Every year the school had a Halloween Carnival. Families loaded up and came for the evening. Kids went from booth to booth inside the auditorium to bob for apples, go fishing, have their fortune told, spin the wheel, etc. We all ate dinner in the lunchroom and afterwards, bingo was ready to be played. Most of the moms stayed and played bingo and the men had a hammer contest. There were huge pieces of wood placed on the sidewalk. The men got one swing at a nail to see if they could get it flush with the wood. Everyone knew everyone and kids were safe to roam all night. They didn't leave the area and there was no security needed. Kids knew their boundaries and if they wandered, there was someone there to turn them around. By the end of the night, everyone had migrated back to the lunchroom for the final bingo prizes. It was always a huge success and probably a fund raiser, but to us kids, it was loads of fun all night!

When the school doors opened in 1967, we knew there would be new faces in the classrooms. Our parents had told us about integration but all we really knew was that African-Americans would now be sitting in the classrooms with us. I remember the day vividly. I was sitting in Mrs. Todd's class and we were all waiting for the moment. I didn't know how many new students would be in our class, just that there would be some. All of a sudden, the classroom door swung open and there they were. There were two girls and one boy. One of the girls was Loretta Flynn (her father worked at the school). I believe the other girl's name was Mildred and the boy was her brother, Joel. Their last name was Sawyer. Joel was first through the door. He entered like a bull and as he headed to the first empty seat, he looked around at all of us. He had no fear. Mildred was a tall girl and she came through the door next followed by Loretta. The girls were much more reserved than Joel. They sat in other empty seats around the classroom. I don't ever remember them sitting off by themselves in the classroom, lunchroom, or on the bus. What had just happened in Mrs. Todd's room happened in all the classrooms. The principal, who was Mr. Spear, brought them to each room. It all happened with no pomp and circumstance, fanfare, or news media. Once they stepped into the classrooms, they were students just like the rest of us.

At the beginning of the school year in 1969, Pintlala introduced its first football team. The coach was Mercer Jones. I believe Jimmy McGinty was the quarterback.

Cheerleaders were voted on by each class. There were three ninth graders, two eighth graders, and one seventh grader. I can remember all but one: Sherry Davis, Sarah Ellen Hall, Gail Greer, Martha Duggar, Denise Ward. Not sure how many games we played but I don't think we won any of them. It was the first time any of us had been introduced to football. Junior Highs in the Montgomery area had football, but the rural schools like Pintlala did not. It was a great experience for everyone because I believe every single boy in the seventh, eighth, and ninth grade played.

I can't remember all of the names of teachers and staff, but some other names come to mind are still very vivid. Thomas Flynn was the janitor. He was everywhere. He made sure we had heat in the winter and the school was kept neat and clean. I remember one day at lunch, he actually fell through the ceiling right over the table where the teachers sat. Well, I guess it was him because you never saw his head, just his legs. He was able to pull himself back up into the ceiling. It was quite exciting.

Mrs. Julia Alverson got us all started on the right foot in first grade. Mrs. Graham was my second grade teacher and I remember her working with us on music. She played a xylophone and we sang the scales. We had music time in every grade. Mrs. Esther Suggs Jones taught third grade and Mrs. Ann McCabe taught fourth. I can't remember the name of the other teacher who taught the fourth-sixth grade. Mrs. Ethel Todd was our sixth grade teacher. By the time we moved over to the 4-6 side, we moved to different classrooms for different subjects. Mrs. Todd taught math, penmanship, and reading. Mrs. McCabe did history, and the other teacher did science. When we went downstairs to the seventh grade, we were taught by Miss Lottie Ree Garrett, Mrs. Joyce Womack and one other female teacher. Mrs. Womack was the first and only black teacher while I was there. I remember her being my science teacher. She may have taught other subjects, but all I recall is science.

In addition to the education we were receiving, we were also offered the opportunity to take music lessons. A music teacher came to the school and those wishing to take lessons made arrangements with their teachers to do so. Most took piano, but there were also some ukulele lessons. The music room was a separate room that sat all the way at the end of the school property. The lessons were approximately 30 minutes and a recital was given at the end of the school year. Besides the music lessons, 4-H was big part of Pintlala. You didn't start participating until 4th grade. We learned about health and nutrition and how to make things. A dairy foods presentation was done incorporating the basic foods groups. We learned to sew

aprons, skirts, and dresses. Not sure what the boys were learning while we were cooking and sewing, but it offered a lot and we all learned a lot.

At the end of the school year in 1970, Pintlala closed its junior high and became an elementary school. Hooper was established and I went there. Most others in the class went to Bellingrath or Cloverdale in Montgomery and some went to Lowndes Academy. If the walls could talk, there would be many more memories to share. Some things we think will never change, but just in those 7 years at Pintlala, I saw lots of changes. Had it not been for the solid foundation of Pintlala and its educators and staff, I don't think a lot of us would have made it as far as we did and for that, I will forever be thankful.

### **Kenneth N. Johnson, Class of 1971**

I was a student at Pintlala Elementary from 1966 to 1971. Even before people came up with the idea of "no child left behind," Pintlala was already making sure that no one was left behind. The unity of the community caused not one child to be overlooked, but all were treated equally in a positive learning environment. With teachers like Mrs. Ethel M. Todd, there was no need for a principal because she knew the parents of every child. She not only cared for our discipline but also for our academic studies.

Small community schools such as Pintlala challenge students and parents to do better in school because everyone knows one another. I thank God for Pintlala School. The learning curve today is so high and advanced that we just need to keep these small community schools where they are and watch our communities blossom.

### **Dana Burton Brown, Class of 1984**

It has been well over two decades since I have walked the worn path from my parents' home to Pintlala Elementary School. While an everyday routine for six years for my brother, Jason, and me, walking to school was a unique mode of transportation shared by no other student at Pintlala since that time to my knowledge. That daily trek led me to a place where a significant part of my childhood was spent and where many memories were made. Those memories, as varied and scattered as they are, can be contained in the ambiance, acceptance, and opportunities offered by the school to me and to countless others.

The architecture and design of Pintlala Elementary alone speak volumes about the school's ambiance. The outside corridors seem to voice an open invitation to the

students to feel at home and to be free to learn. Now that I am older, I appreciate so much more the glimpses we had of our rural setting while traveling to and from our classrooms. Those walkways also led to two of my favorite places at the school the library and the cafeteria. In my younger years at Pintlala, with every visit to the library I wished for the librarian, Mrs. Smith, to read to my class the stories of Amelia Bedelia, which she did often. I was intrigued and humored by the literal interpretation taken by Amelia from phrases like "dress the turkey" and "draw the drapes." The library itself was a large room where it was difficult to breathe on a hot day due to the absence of air conditioning. I can still remember the scent of the room filled with aged books, old fixtures, and friends who had just played kickball in the Alabama heat. On the contrary, when entering the cafeteria I was often greeted with a sweet aroma of freshly baked rolls from the oven. I knew before age seven that there would never be another roll superior to those baked by the Pintlala cafeteria staff.

The acceptance of me by my peers and teachers at Pintlala is also a fond memory. During my years there, I was typically one of three white students in my class. Feeling out of place would have been expected. However, my black friends embraced me and treated me like a sister, no, like a princess. I loved them, and they loved me. I did not know the world outside of our small town could be any different. My teachers at Pintlala were not unlike my friends. In my mind they were an extension of my family, and they wanted to be. Times are different now. Long gone are the days when teachers sat with their students at the lunchroom table simply to know them better, but I remember clearly my first grade teacher, Mrs. Colvin, gladly sitting with me and my classmates, and we coveted the seat of honor next to her.

Thirdly, I must say that the most significant memories I have of Pintlala Elementary are of academic opportunities the school afforded me. Because of early skills I had developed at home, our principal, G.M. Winston, gave my parents and me the choice to bypass second grade. That option is unheard of today, but I did take advantage of the chance and have never regretted the decision. Sacrifices were also made by the school staff to allow me to advance even further academically when Mrs. Fleeton, Mr. Broadway, and Mr. Flynn rotated driving one little girl by bus nearly 30 miles to Catoma Elementary School for a weekly accelerated program.

As I look through memorabilia to aid in my reflection of days gone by, I thumb through countless awards, "straight A" report cards, embarrassing photos, and a summa cum laude diploma from my former university. Did Pintlala Elementary fully

train me for my academic future? Without a doubt. Did Pintlala enable me to love and accept people in a socially diverse world? Absolutely. Nevertheless, there is one thing for which Pintlala did not and could not have prepared me-the sheer delight I would feel as I curl up with my three sons to read and chuckle at the antics of Amelia Bedelia.

### **Wilson Scott, Class of 1991**

All I can say is I'm sure glad I had the opportunity to attend a true country school. My five years at Pintlala Elementary are as vivid today as they were when I graduated from sixth grade and they are remembered with so much affection and gratitude.

I moved with my parents to the country in the second grade. I came from a private school in the city but it didn't take much investigation to find out that both the academics and discipline at Pintlala were outstanding. I would soon find out that the teachers not only knew how to teach and keep order, they also knew how to be caring and compassionate and make you feel like a very special, and unique individual.

Beyond the classroom, Pintlala also offered me a lesson in life. I enjoyed the company and friendship of so many different kinds of kids from so many different backgrounds. After graduation, I easily made the transition to military school and then a big public high school my last 1 1/2 years, and then to college.

My dad always likes to talk about how important foundations are in any endeavor, especially schooling. I got the foundation lecture a lot. But he was right. Pintlala gave me a solid foundation that not only prepared me for academics but the challenges of living itself.

If the role of a school is to help prepare students for life, Pintlala gets an "A."

### **Janice Anderson, Teacher, 1985-1994**

Before 1985, I knew very little about Pintlala Elementary School other than it was a small rural school where I wanted to complete my teaching career. I had spent over half of my career teaching in schools with large student enrollments and numerous faculty members. Entering Pintlala Elementary in a quiet scenic setting with a student body of less than 150 and small faculty was a complete but refreshing change. The grades included kindergarten through sixth with one teacher for each grade. Each class had eighteen or less students composed of 90 percent black students and 10% white students.

During the nine years I taught at Pintlala, I experienced and observed many changes at the campus. The faculty began to market the school and its curriculum to the immediate and surrounding communities. When families were introduced to the experienced and dedicated faculty and the friendly involved student body, the school population began to soar. By October 1, 1994 when I retired, the enrollment had increased to 240 plus with an approximate 50-50 ratio. Throughout the years, it has maintained a ratio and enrollment close to these numbers.

For a small rural school, many outstanding and memorable events occurred. One such event was a visit President George H. Bush made to the campus to greet students and faculty. Later, Camille Cosby, wife of comedian and television star Bill Cosby, visited the school as a member of the National Advisory Coalition for Reaching Marginal Learners. Astronaut, Dr. Kathryn Thornton thrilled the students and faculty with tapes and a narrative of her flight in space. She also returned items of Pintlala School that she took on her space mission. The Pintlala Community has a special connection to Dr. Thornton because she lived in the area for several years as a young girl. On April 14, 1992, Pintlala School was added to the Alabama Register of Landmarks and Heritage. Mrs. Ethel Tankersley Todd, founder of the Pintlala Historical Association and former student and teacher at Pintlala, spearheaded this project for approximately two years. These events ranked at the top, but there were many others that were also historical.

When I remember my time at Pintlala School, I am most confident that I worked with some of the most talented, respectful, caring and intelligent students and faculty anywhere. I found the parents and community to be supportive and always willing to lend a helping hand. Pintlala Elementary is a unique school situated in a unique community with very special caring people, and no matter where you search, you could never duplicate this school located in the heart of an extraordinary community.

#### **Claire Parker, Teacher, 1978-2005**

I came to Pintlala School as a first year teacher in 1978 as the fifth and sixth grade teacher. When I came to Pintlala School, G.M. Winston was principal and there were only six white students in the whole school. Over time, and with the arrival in February of 1993 of Dr. Betty Coleman, did an appreciable number of white students return. She worked hard to bring all people together and accomplished this through

publicity and personal contacts. My fondest memory of my time at Pintlala is the approximately 10 trips we made to Disneyworld with students from grade 6 during the years between 1990 and 2003. Those were students who would never have had the opportunity to make such a trip without the generous help of Montgomery County Commissioner, Lynn Gowan. He provided us with financial backing from his discretionary funds. This enabled us to charter a bus, pay for hotel accommodations and purchase tickets. The students paid for their food and if they could not afford to do so, we helped them raise the money by doing various projects such as painting a barn! Many of my students who made the trip had never been out of the state before.

The faculty at Pintlala is like family and many are from the area and know the background of the students. They take a personal interest in their students. Pintlala is a unique school and its rural setting provides a child-friendly, safe environment for its students. Pintlala School is truly a community school where teachers, parents and guardians are involved in educating our children.

I remained at Pintlala as a classroom teacher until my retirement in 2005--for a total of twenty-seven years! I currently work in the office at my Pintlala "home".

#### **Margaret Fleeton, Pintlala Employee, Retired 2007**

Some of the best years of my life were spent working in various capacities with Pintlala Elementary School. My working association with the school began in the 1975-76 school year. There was always good cooperation at every level. The children were wonderful and we were blessed to have good, capable administrators. I have served under six principals, beginning with Neill Cowles, Jr. and ending with Chuck Insinga.

I worked as a classroom aid, drove a school bus, and served in the lunchroom. The lunchroom was managed for many years by Annie Bell Poole. In recent years I worked alongside Eliza Burt and Mattie Lawson.

A wonderful source of pleasure for me was my involvement with Teacher Appreciation Days and putting together memory books for the classes of 2000-2007. I loved all the children of Pintlala School. We were very close. We always had great support from our partners in education, Pintlala Baptist Church and Philips-Riley Funeral Home.

One special memory I have was driving a school bus transporting Dana Burton to the Quest program at Catoma School. She was "my baby".



## Ina Garrett Slade—The Garrett Family and Pintlala School

Members of the Garrett family have always been connected in the roles of student, teacher or principal, with the history of education in the Pintlala community. My grandfather, Joseph Ernest Garrett served as the principal and only teacher at the Grange Hall school during the 1914-15 school term (as related by Alice Tankersley in 1978). My aunt, Janie Belle Garrett, eldest daughter of Joseph Ernest and Charlotte Merritt Garrett, served as a teacher at the Grange Hall School. Uncles Frank Edgar and James Garrett and Aunt Corrie Mae Garrett King attended the school as students.

Corrie Garrett served as a teacher at Pintlala School before going on to teach at other schools in the city of Montgomery. My aunt, Lottie Ree Garrett devoted her entire teaching career to Pintlala School, instructing many of Pintlala's current residents or their parents or grandparents. She began teaching there in 1935-36 and retired in 1974.

My father, William Silas Garrett, was a student in the first class of first graders to attend the newly opened Pintlala School in 1922. Some of my earliest memories as a young child are of my father telling me stories of his boyhood growing up in the Pintlala community. He was a consummate storyteller, embellished the factual content of each story just enough to hold a child's eager attention. One of my favorite tales was of my father walking to Pintlala School, in various seasons and all kinds of weather, with a brown paper sack holding his lunch of a baked sweet potato, a Garrett apple and if times were good, a biscuit with syrup. He told me that one of his jobs at Pintlala School was to ring an old-fashioned brass bell to call school into session each morning. Many years later the bell, which hung on the school wall in the exterior breezeway, was made into a plaque and presented to my father at his retirement celebration as the Superintendent of the Montgomery Public Schools. The plaque and bell now hang in the lobby of Garrett Elementary School in Montgomery.

As a child, I remember accompanying my aunt Lottie Ree and her Pintlala School social studies students on a bus trip to Mobile to tour Bellingrath Gardens and other historic sites. It was all very exciting for me, being with the older children and staying overnight in the campgrounds at a state park. Aunt Lottie Ree purchased several "Pride of Mobile" azaleas, which she brought back and planted in the gardens of the old Garrett family home on Highway 31. Those azaleas and their descendants are still beautiful in the spring. As an adult working with the Montgomery Public

School System, I recall pleasant drives out into the county to visit teachers at Pintlala School. Even then, the atmosphere at the school, with its open breezeways, well-mannered students, and kind, patient teachers, was different from that of schools "in town".

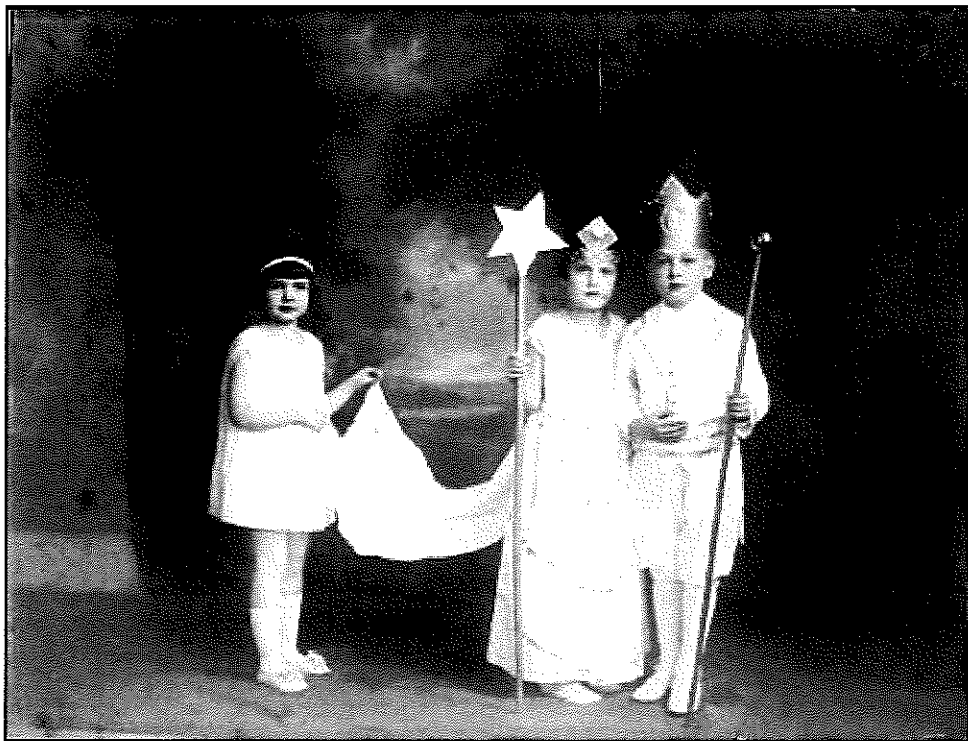
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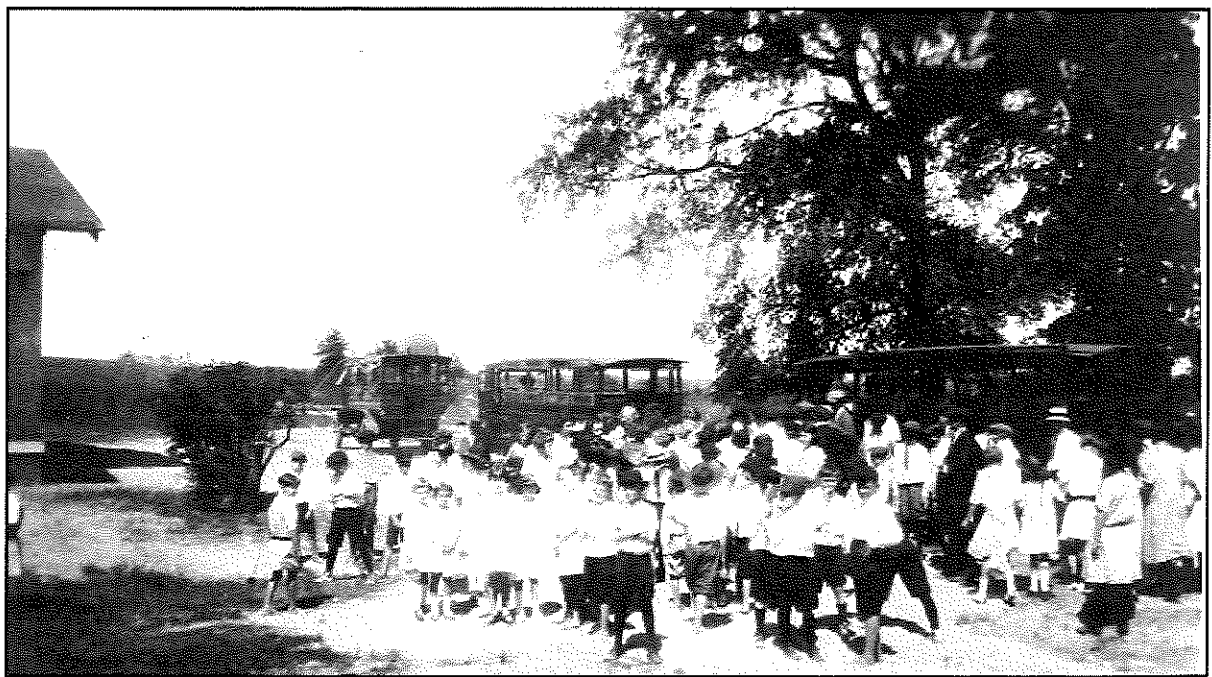
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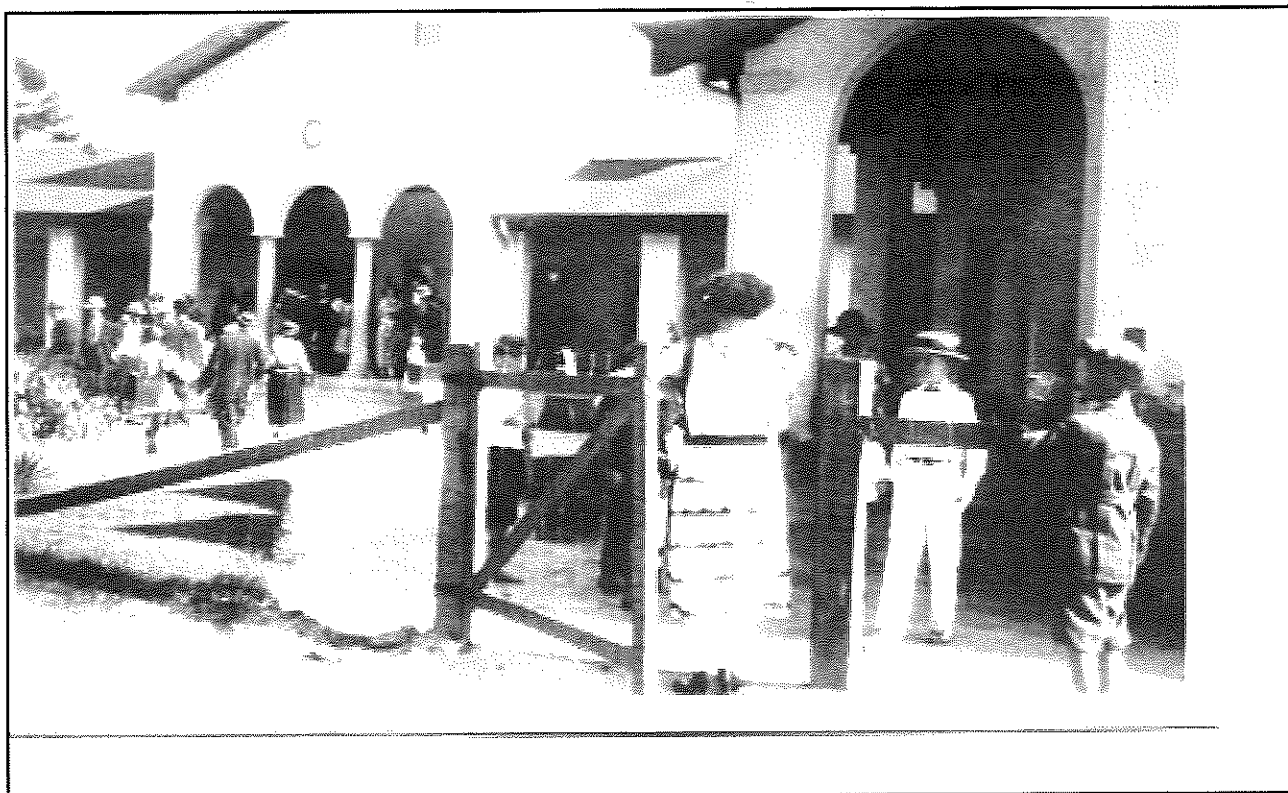
Students in costume at  
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First Grade Play, 1927, L-R: Fannie  
Ellen Henry, unknown, Rawdon  
Barnes, Jr., photo courtesy Lee Barnes



Early school buses and students, date unknown, photo courtesy of the author



Gathering at Pintlala School, date and event unknown, photo courtesy of the author



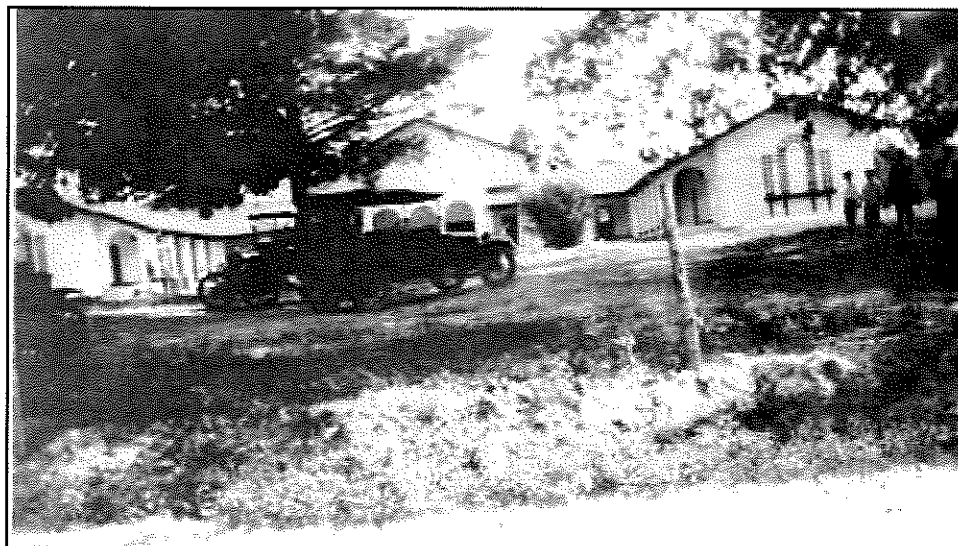
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Pintlala School, ca. 1929, Car on Left: L.R. Scarbrough, principal; Car on Right: Annie May Lewis, teacher, photo courtesy of the author



Pintlala School, May 1929, photo courtesy of the author



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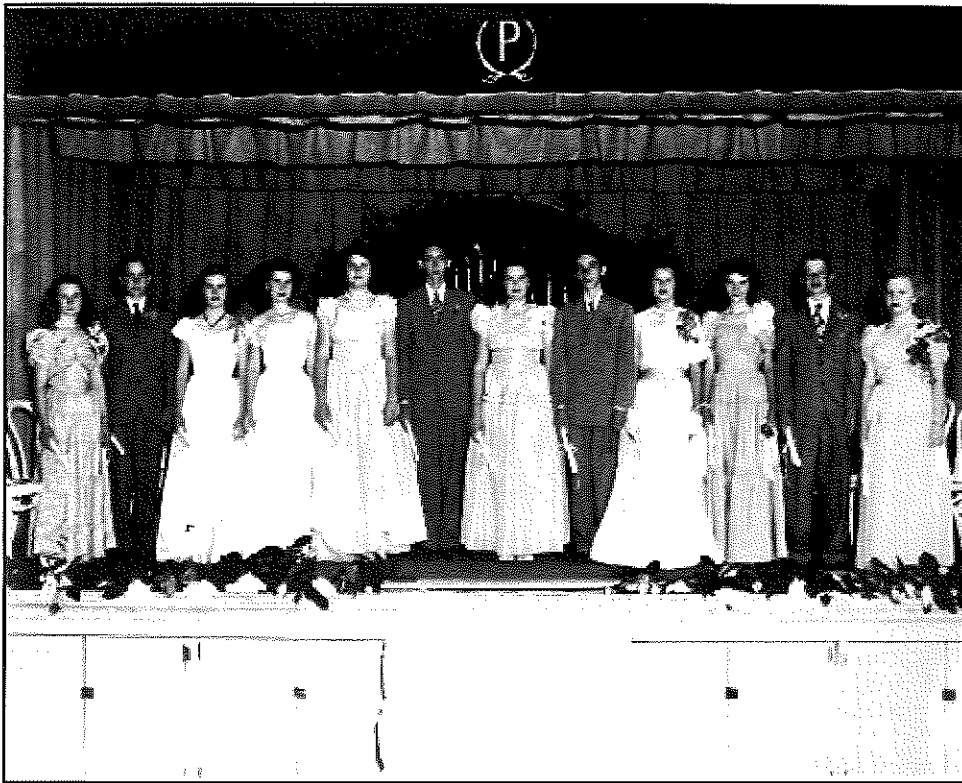




Ninth Grade Class, 1947, L-R  
 Front Row: Betty Jean Cleghorn,  
 Althea Beck, Virginia Gardner, L-  
 R Back Row: Lowell Thomas  
 Hataway (note his hat in the  
 shrubbery above), Helen  
 Bozeman, Betty Jo Whitley, Doris  
 Helen Smith, Ann Chesnutt,  
 Elizabeth Morgan, photo  
 courtesy of Margery Boyd Henry



Eighth Grade Class, 1947,  
 L-R Front Row: Margie  
 Bozeman, Eloise Hall, John  
 Allen Rowe, Nat Venable,  
 Alton Hall, L-R Middle  
 Row: Gloria Thomas,  
 Voncille Pettus, Davis  
 Henry, L-R Back Row:  
 Marguerite Lamar, Margery  
 Boyd, Donna Ann Walker,  
 Mary Otis Collier, Mildred  
 Swaggerty and Freddie  
 Mizell, photo courtesy of  
 Margery Boyd Henry



Ninth Grade,  
Graduation, 1948, L-R:  
Margie Bozeman, Davis  
Henry, Voncile Pettus,  
Margueritte Lamar, Margery  
Boyd, Alton Hall, Mary Otis  
Collier, John Allen Rowe,  
Donna Ann Walker, Freddie  
Mizelle, Nat Venable, Eloise  
Hall, photo courtesy of  
Margery Boyd Henry

Community Youth Club Talent Show  
held at Pintlala School Auditorium, ca.  
1940's, L-R Front Row: Frank Stewrt,  
Ted Newell, Durward Newell, Nat  
Venable, Gene Langford, Johnny  
Reddoch, Mrs. Mae Langford, Elaine  
Hall, Dorothy Duggar, and Floyd  
Smith; L-R Middle Row: Claire Hall,  
Elizabeth Hall, Joy Langford,  
unknown, Davis Henry, Eloise Hall,  
Ann Chesnutt, Jean Hornady ,  
Rae Venable, Rebecca Hatfield, Jane  
Windham, Margery Boyd, William  
Hobbie, Felix Lassiter, Bobby  
Chesnutt; L-R Back Row: Jamie  
Henry, George Henry, Alton Hall,  
Jean Humphries Henry, Elizabeth  
Hobbie Chesnutt, Mae Chesnutt,  
Mary Virginia Lassiter, Glenn Lassiter,  
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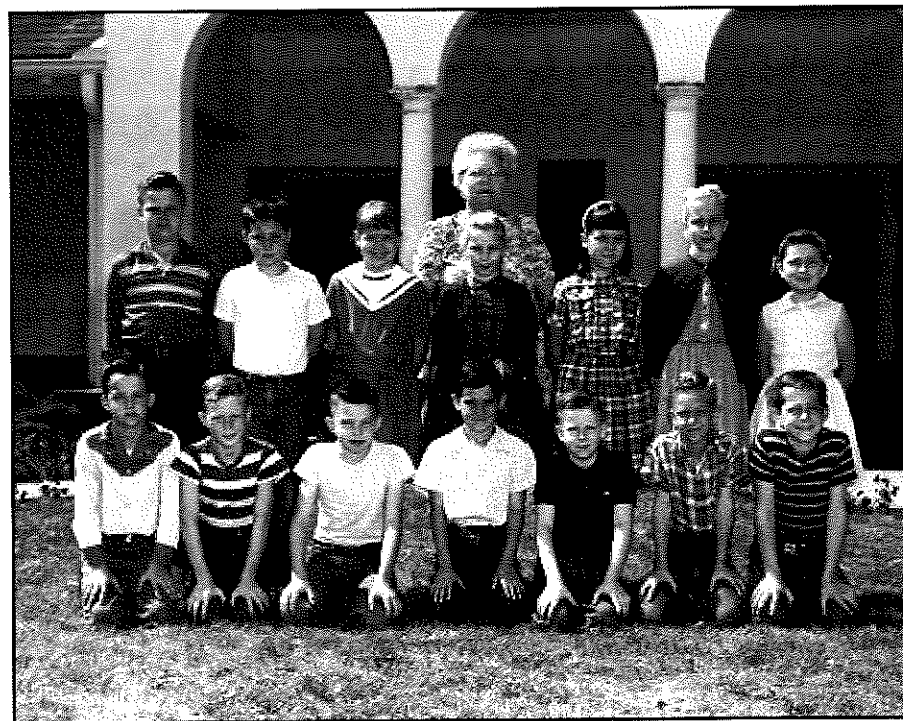


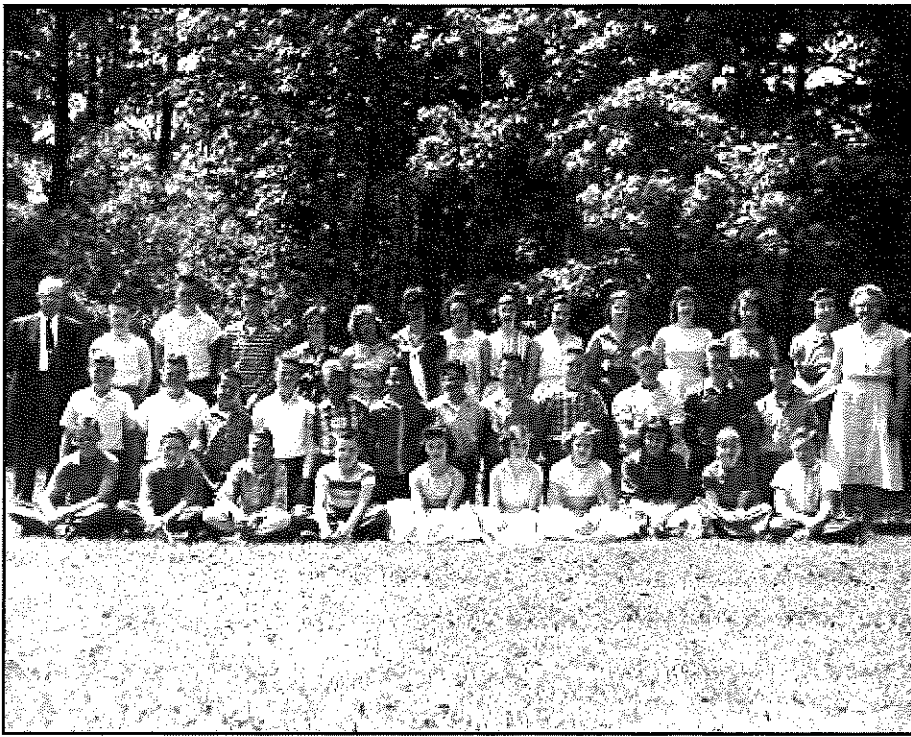




Shackelford Family Reunion, this gathering was held at Pintlala School for many years, date unknown, Collection of Pintlala Historical Association

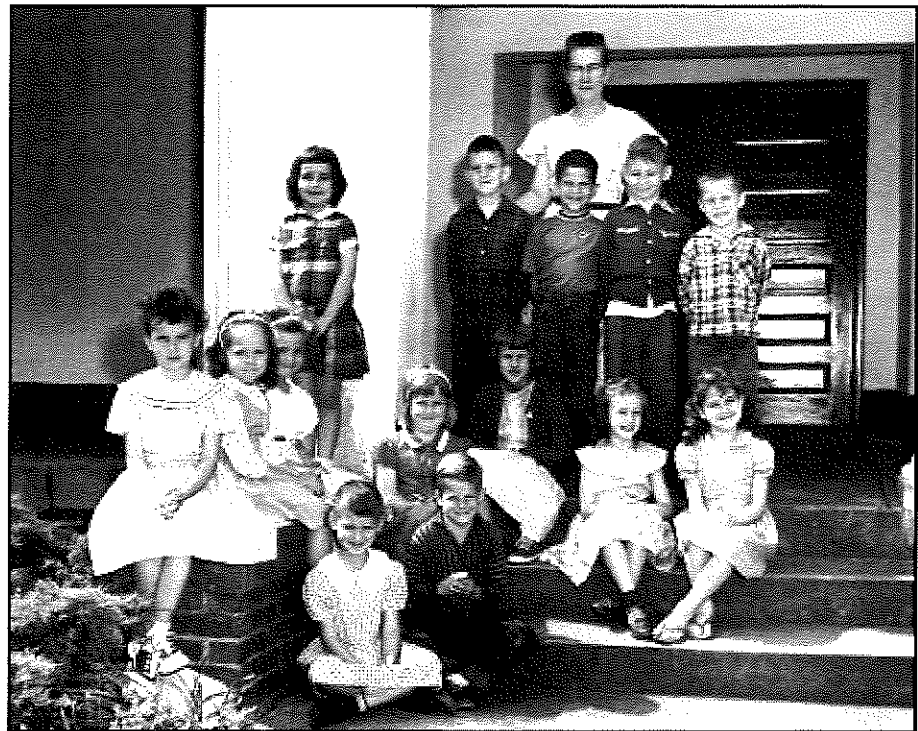
Fourth Grade Class, 1960, L-R Front Row: Thomas Davis, Allen Brady, Flynn Payne, Walter Johnson, James Guy Scaife, James Keith Stanley, Kerry Wayne Brown; L-R Back Row: Albert Sharpe, Greg Wombles, Becky Webster(?), Trudy Stollenwerk, Patricia Boyd, Shirley Johnson, Janice Vaughn; Rear: Gertrude Jeter; teacher, photo courtesy of Mrs. Robert Sharpe





Junior High School classes, ca. 1959-60, L-R Front Row: Kenneth Murrell, Durward Newell, Joe Poole, Barry Miller, Linda Brown, Linda Vaughn, Jean Loftin, Betty Vaughn, Gayle Defee, Laslie Hall; Second Row: Ronnie Johnson, Bobby Coon, Ricky Waldon, Roger Defee, Philip Murrell, Freddie Murrell, ?, Benny Hitch, Clarence Golson, Charles Middlebrooks, Jimmy Poole, Rusty Huxford, Lottie Ree Garrett, teacher, L-R Back Row: L. R. Scarborough, principal; Danny Bush, Charles Coon, ?, Betty Brady, Cindy Hawkins, Theresa Marxer, Nancy Dean, Leola Perry, Karon Sharpe, Leellen Hubbard, Barbara Ann Rogers, Mary Searcy and Mrs. Ervel Scarborough; teacher, photo courtesy of Mrs. Robert Sharpe

First Grade Class, ca. 1959-1960  
Standing in Rear: Julia Alverson; teacher; L-R Standing Back Row: Charlotte Boyd, W. Caffey Norman, III, Jerry Free, Wayne Cawthon, Dean Stolenwerk, L-R Sitting: Mary Ann Poole, Patsy Hall, Delores Ward, Dawn Newcomer, Ruby Law, Ricky Johnson, Linda Cauthen, Carol Alexander, ? Pittman, Collection of Pintlala Historical Association

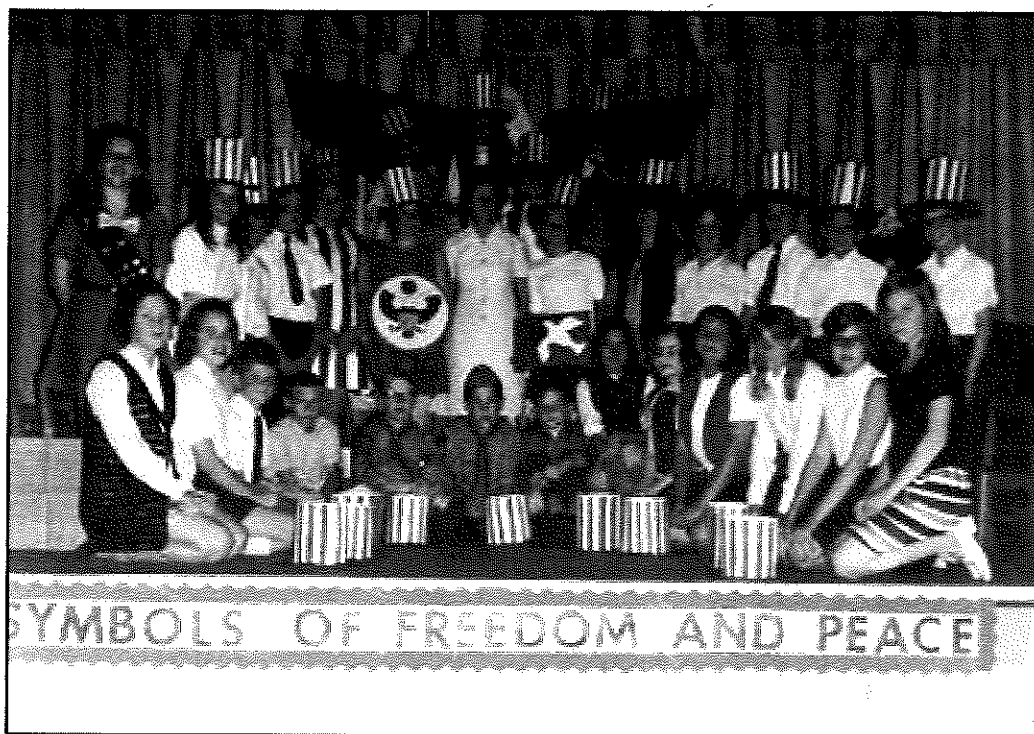


Commencement Graduation Program	
Pintala Jr. High School	
Class of '30	
1. Invocation-	Mr. A. R. Garrett
2. Prayers-	John Carlton, Jr.
3. Class Prophecy-	Georgia Lee Hall
4. Class Will-	Alma Garrett
5. Valedictory-	Ethel Mae Rankersley
6. Baccalaureate Address-	Mr. R. W. Hodges
7. Presentation of Diplomas-	Mr. L. R. Scarborough
8. Class Song-	
9. Benediction-	Mr. A. R. Garrett

1930 Graduation Program,  
Collection of the author

Class Play - 1930	
The Price of Love	
Juniata Class	
Director, Miss Conner	
CHARACTERS	
MEN	
"NICK" FURNESS	Stuart Garrett, A Former Aviator
MR. CAMERON, "CAMMIE"	John Carlton, A Lawyer
ORREN MILNEY	Pascal Owar, Mary's Husband
TOM	Ray Rankersley, Orren's Nephew
WILL	Ernest Ryans, Gilda's Cousin
SAMUELS	Allen Jackson, An Officer of the Law
QUINN	Anna M. Gabe, Another Officer
WOMEN	
FRANCE WHITON	Marguerite Reynolds, The Girl Who Played "Boy"
BETH FURNESS	E. M. Rankersley, Modern Maiden Lady
MARY MILNEY	Georgia Lee Hall, Her Neighbor and Best Friend
LAURA	Caroline Smith, Daughter of Milney's Business Partner
GILDA	Doris Hawthorn, Laura's Pal
DEVENT HUNTINGTON	Joseph, Calculating English Girl
ROSE	Mavis Taylor, A Colored Maid
TIME—The Present.	
PLACE—The Garden of Beth Furness's Cottage.	
TIME OF PLAYING—A Full Evening.	

1930 Class Play Program, Collection of  
the author



Fifth and Sixth Grades,  
Patriotic Program,  
ca. 1969-1970, photo  
courtesy of the author



Visit by Santa Claus a.k.a.  
Dwight Davis, Mrs. Lora Boyd  
holding her granddaughter,  
Lora Gail Henry, 1964, photo  
courtesy of Patsy and Dwight  
Davis

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