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If this can be used,
you are welcome to do so.
I do not wish it returned.

Louise Lyon



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MEMORIES OF COLUMBUS POWELL

The "original" Columbus Powell School was located at the lower corner of Roan Street at Pine Street. The current building was built in the 30's.

My years in the "old" and "new" buildings were happy years with many friendships being made that have lasted through the years. The teachers and children had good rapport together and Miss Margaret Fain, Principal, had good rapport with the children. I remember her well with her white hair pulled to the top of her head in a bun and she usually had a pencil sticking through the bun. Miss Fain walked around with a yardstick in her hand when she visited the classrooms, which kept us all pretty much in line. However, as the old saying goes, "her bark was worse than her bite" for she dearly loved all the children who went through Columbus Powell. For those children who did not have breakfast before coming to school, she always saw that they received a nourishing breakfast before classes began.

One of the most enjoyable events I recall that took place in the Spring of the year was the Maypole Dance. We all dressed up in pretty outfits and with colorful streamers danced to music around the pole intertwining the streamers. Family and friends turned out in numbers and it was always a festive affair.

I remember too, we had "spelling bees" each week and Miss Fain would come around to give out the words. Those who made a 100 were rewarded by being taken as a group to a movie. It certainly made for learning to spell well!

The years at Columbus Powell were truly happy, fun and formative years. The teachers were very instrumental in helping form good work and study habits, and in giving us good understanding and working knowledge of the subjects we studied. Many of the teachers I have remembered well over the years as they made a strong impression on my life.

One can never go back but it is nice to recall moments that have meant a lot in your life and Columbus Powell was certainly one of my favorite "moments".

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Anna Lee Shell
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Dear Anna,

I just wonder if you could look
something up for me in the Press
Chronicle. ^{Subrapely} The Date was Jan 8, 1956
I think there was a 2 page story of
Dr. Thomas A. Houston of Johnson
Co. 2nd, who was my great great
uncle. I don't know why my sister
didn't keep the paper when it came
~~out~~ out. I would like to know, who
wrote the story & how they got the
information, I've tried for 3 or 4
years to find my branch of Houston
& this story, I've heard many times or
some of it. If I could find who wrote
the story I might find who my ancestor
could you find out who their writer was
in 1956 (Jan 8, might not be the right
Sunday. but would have to be close,
if it is how could I get a copy of
that paper? Sincerely
Anna Lee Shell

enclosed is self Add. Envelopes -

4th grade class, Columbus Powell School

May 9, 1910

I can identify only Mildred Buchanan, the little girl on the end of last row with large white bows in her hair.

Mildred was the daughter of attorney and Mrs. Stokes Buchanan, *my fathers sister.

Earl R. Buchanan
203 Brown Ave.
Johnson City, Tn. 37601

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MRS ROBERT N DOSSER
109 E NINTH AVE
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Lifestyles Department Memories
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Tuesday, May 19, '87

Lifestyles Department Memories,
Johnson City Press,
Dear Sir:-

Am enclosing a snapshot of a group which attended West Side School, at Boone St. and West Watauga Ave. (now known as Watauga Square Apts.)

As well as I remember, this was the 5th grade. I was on the right hand corner. My name, Georgia Matthews, daughter of Dr. W. J. Matthews, one of the leading physicians of J. City. I later in 1929, married Robert N. Dossier who was manager & part owner of Dossier's Dept. Store on East Main St.

Some of the members of the class were Ella V. Ross, who

in later years became Dean of Women at E. T. S. U., Fred Artz; brother of the late Wellesford P. Artz, one time Mayor of J. City, William Hart, president of the 1920 class of Science Hill Bobby & Walter Jobe; Bobby later became head of the J. C. Waterdept. Mary Louise Miller, daughter of Lee F. Miller, prominent lawyer

Miss Marguerite Pamplin taught English grammar & I recall she always said "Don't say got, unless you got to." She later married Mr. W. B. Ellison who was the Mayor of J. City in the twenties I believe. There are many others in this class, some whose names I can call, others not. If this picture brings back some happy

memories, then I shall be
happy too.

Sincerely,

(Mrs. R. W.) Georgia M. Dease
109 East 9th Ave.
Johnson City, Tenn.

Edna A. Wells
1301 E. Chilhowie Ave.
Johnson City, In. 37607



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June 15, 1987

Dear Anne Newton,

My name is Edna Arnett Wells and I have a 6th grade graduating class of 24th day of May 1937

I have some very fond memories of Columbus Powell School. I remember we had Operettas and plays and once in a play I was a Carnation flower. My costume was made from pink crepe paper. It was so short that I remember I was embarrassed.

I always enjoyed May Day because we danced around the May pole.

I remember Miss Pain, once called me into her office and paddled my hand with

a ruler. I can't remember
what I'd done. But I loved
her just the same.

Would you please send
my picture back.

Thank You,
Edna Arnett Wells
1301 E. Chilhowie Av.
Johnson City, In. 37601

Phone no. 615-928-3857

Members of my 6th Grade
Graduating Class of
Columbus Powell School Year 1937

Front Row

Eva Jean Coryne

Unidentified (Olga first name)

Mildred Clay

Unidentified

Elizabeth McMackin (Jibbie)

Unidentified

Charlotte Shipley

Billy Clayd

Bryon Pringzell

Unidentified

Buddy Pickering

Bobby Lacey

Fed Morris

Arlen Tucker

Paul Swatzell

Jack Underwood

Larry Mitchell

Back Row

Mary Sue Lusk (teacher)

Edna Arnett Wells

Veta Austin

Dorothy Chinouth
Nadine Davis
Barbara Mc Cracey
Lorraine Gray (teacher)
Thelma Piercy
Jewel Jean Kilby
Barbara Godsey
Louise Huddle (teacher)
Mary Nell Givens
Margaret Pain (principal)
Unidentified (Flora first name)
Frances Myers
Daisy Mae Presley
Lorraine Ramsey
Lala Barnett
Unidentified
George Stansberry
Jean Norris
Elwood Peathers
William Belew (teacher)

Miss Anne Newton

June 17, 1987

Betty Kate Mussen Paulk
502 East Watauga Avenue
Johnson City, Tennessee 37601
928-1225

In the story and pictures of me and my school mates at Annie Wilder School in Johnson City (where Johnson City Senior Citizens Center is now located) - there was a big round metal tube on the ^{outside} of the building used as a fire escape we use to slide down the inside of the enclosed tube from the second floor to the ground. It was the only fire escape tube on the outside of the school building like this that I can recall. We used to enjoy a lot ^{sliding} down the tube during fire drills and playing.

Someone had mentioned this to me after I brought the pictures to you and thought it might be of added interest in the piece about Annie Wilder School that people may remember.

Please also use my name as Betty Kate Mussen Paulk because I used the name Betty Kate in school.

MYRA FRIZZELL
504 West Maple Street
JOHNSON CITY, TN 37604



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IT'S A BAD MATCH.

People For The
American Way

MYRA FRIZZELL
504 West Maple Street
JOHNSON CITY, TN 37604

July 2, 1987

Dear Ms Newton,

These are snapshots of the May Day Court at Columbus Powell in 1931 showing the King and Queen, her ladies-in-waiting from the eighth grade, the train bearers and the crown bearer from the first grade. The pictures were made at the Seavers' house following the ceremony at school.

The queen is Louise Seavers, now Mrs. Louise Seavers McMachin (926-0472) and my brother is the little boy with the bow tie, now Dr. Byron Frizzell. The little girl on the end behind the train may be Elizabeth "Tibbie" McMachin Hodges (928-1625). My mother thinks

her brother Harry McMackin, Jr.
may be the king. Harry and Louise
are now husband and wife

I was not old enough to go to school
and don't remember this occasion, but
I did go to Columbus Powell and I re-
member what a holy terror Miss
Fain was.

I have enjoyed your articles the
pictures tremendously.

Sincerely,

Myra Frizzell

MYRA FRIZZELL
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July 6, 1987

Dear Ms. Newton:

Recently I found an item in my late sister's (Clara B. Hunt) scrap books of a May 1, 1949 Johnson City Press - Chronicle write up about Miss Margaret Fair, Principal, Columbus Powell school retiring after 36 years as principal of Columbus Powell school.

I also have photo of my sister

(Clara Hunt) as "May Queen" - a "May Day Celebration" was a must yearly for Columbus Powell and Miss Fair.

If you are interested in the above you may call me at 926-9988.

Yours truly,
(mm) Kathleen B. Gibbs

615 E. Unaka Ave Apt 1

Johnson City Tenn 37604

P.S. I also found a copy of a "Knoxville Daily Journal" dated Aug. 30, 1896. So brittle it could not be mailed.



Miss Anne Newton
Lifestyles,
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FRED E. ARTZ *- Box 156*
1039 SOUTH SHORE
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July 16th., 1987

Anne Newton,
Lifestyles
Johnson City, Tenn 37605

My good friend, Elaine Cutshall of Artz, Cutshall, Inc. sent me your recent article concerning one of the most outstanding classes of South West Side School. Namely the 6th Grade class of 1915.

I have one of them Photo taken at that time, so my records are pretty good.

Reading from L-R 1st row.

Mabek Robinson-Selma-Lunfasite-Zelma Keelber-
Garry Dinsmore-Hera GRAY*Walter Cuntis- Fred Artz-
William Hart-Vlair Gedry-Mattie Weems-GeGe Matthews-
Walter Jabe-Ella Ross-Robert Jabe-Lena Gregory-
Merel Davis-Jacki Bowman-Bennie Artz-Earle Marrel
Edna Dickey-Adelaide Miller-Delno Diddle-Beaul Marlin
Oscar Silver-Hugten Belten-Albert Dyere-James Densby-
Billie Pargen-Margaret Campbell Roma Collins-Kate Young
James Werley-Rpbert Steele- A few names missing, sorry.
Trust these name will be helpful.

Copy: Mrs Desser

Sincerely,

Fred E Artz *Fred E. Artz*

Request: Fred e Artz
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Naples, Florida 33940
Tele-813-261-6327

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Walloon Lake, Mich 49796
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George R. Hobson
Barbara J. Hobson

July 20, 1987

Dear Ms. Newton:

Enclosed is a notation regarding graduates of Columbus Powell in 1933. This would have been during the Depression Years.

We went to Jr. High School in January and then we were disbursed to different sections of the 7th grade so do not recall very many of the students being in my classes. I was the smallest person in my graduating class and it was so noted in the exercise program.

I have another picture (not yet located) taken at the back of the old school. I recall the following teachers from those early years: Sue Rogan (1st grade); Ms. Ellison; Ms. Landreth; Ms. Good; Ms. Crowe; Mr. Johnson; Ms. Dora Huddle; Ms. Louise Huddle; Mrs. Pansy Huddle; Ms. Dulaney; Ms. Hall (taught Music); Ms. Gray (Librarian and read books to us); Ms. Funk (stressed good spelling); Ms. Boring (taught penmanship); and possibly others I have forgotten. They were very strict but fair and kind.

Other tid-bits may follow.

Sincerely, *Jeann Grindstaff Hobson*

Picture taken at
new Columbus Powell
school steps
Date stamped on
back of original
is January 12, 1933.

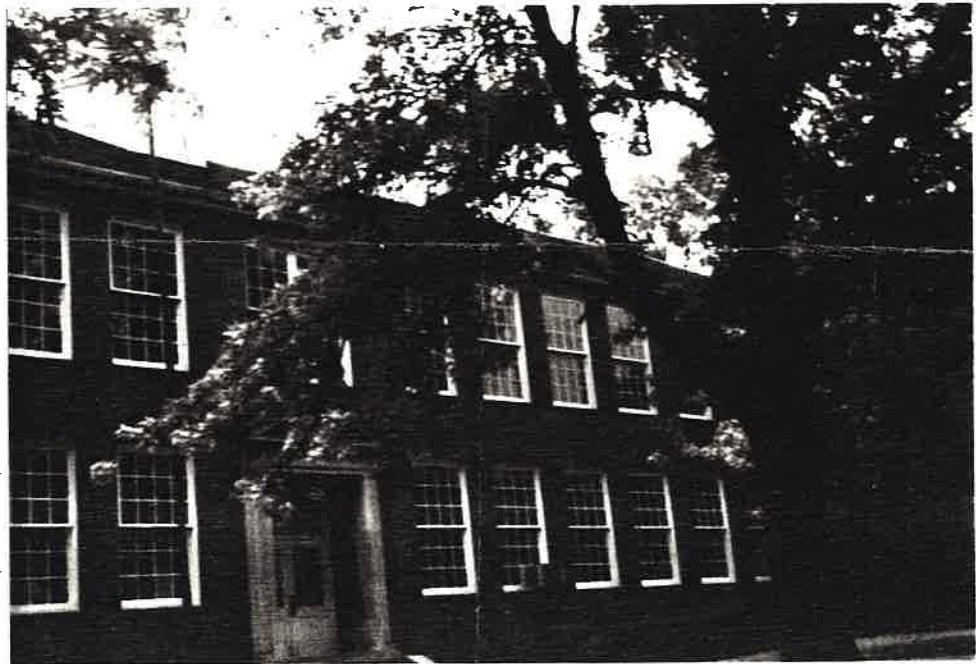
We went to Jr. Hi
mid-term to 7th grade



Note Ms. Fain has the
same coat with fur that is
in another published picture.

The students from left to right as indicated
on back of picture are:

First row:
Helen Vest
Eugenia Range
Jean Grindstaff
(myself)
Ms. Fain
Stephen Edmonds
Sitting on step:
Harold Hurst
Ralph Seaver
Warren Elrod
2nd row:
Beatrice Scott
Joe Baker
Clarence Jackson
Seated:
Kenneth Scott
Ms. Pansy Huddle
Kenneth Shell
Harry Burdick
Blair Hagy
3rd row:
Reece Campbell
John Jones
Robert Freeman
James Cooper
Howard Peterson
Seated:
Ross Loyd)
Neil Loyd) Brothers
James Whaley (Top step)
Standing top: Mary Ellen Burnett
Gladys Sisk



Lower photo made of same door in the 70's, 18

Ms. Fain planted purple iris around the school as
it was the State flower. We marched both in and out
of school. She was very strict and
was very solicitous of the children having
good personal hygiene. She would call
children to her office who were unkempt.

Ms. Huddle was a good teacher and very kind.

Good luck in your pursuit of memorabilia.

Sincerely,

Jean Hobson
Jean Grindstaff Hobson

Mae Walker

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Knox TN

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1987



Mae M. Newton

Johnson City Press

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P.S.
Thank you!

Amazingly good
especially for an
oral & denture
Let's, more material.

Miss
1310 West
7823 Gleason Rd
Knoxville TN 37919



By *Bertha Cooley*

West's Mae Walker in LMU's hall of fame



MAE WALKER

Congratulations are in order for Miss Mae Walker, author, teacher, editor.

A West Knoxville resident, she has just been inducted into the new Lincoln Memorial University's Literary Hall of Fame along with thirty other honorees.

All have made significant contributions to literature, particularly that of Appalachia. Also each has been either a former student or a teacher at the privately endowed university. Mae taught there 1943-51.

Each inductee was honored at the Homecoming Alumni banquet, Nov. 13. Each received a scroll embossed with the seal of LMU and signed by the President of the University and Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

The new Literary Hall of Fame is housed in the LMU library. A photograph and biographical sketch of each honoree is mounted on an individual plaque, which bears the Literary Hall of Fame's logo — a quill pen in an inkwell resting on a book.

When she first heard about her award, Mae said, "It is almost overwhelming to be honored along with such greats as author Dr. Jesse Stuart, college presidents and chancellors as well as professors from places like Yale."

Mae's greatest contribution while teaching at LMU was editing a prizewinning quarterly "The Lincolnette," for four years. Fifteen hundred copies were mailed to almost every state and to several foreign

countries.

Space does not allow a listing of all of Mae's accomplishments. Apparently, teaching has been her first love. She devoted forty years to what she calls "creative teaching." She adds, "I never used orthodox methods if I could help it."

She tells of appearing in class, her face covered with a heavy black veil, to teach Hawthorne's "The Minister's Black Veil."

She says, "It was surprising how dismal an effect (that veil) had on the students. They will never forget that psychological story!"

Along the same line, Mae claims as her hobby "pushing buttons to see what a person is like. You can find something good about everybody."

What she learned about life and people she put into poetry — some 150 published. One book of poetry, Reflections, is in its second printing.

Another book in its fourth printing is a clever study of a cat in "catteral" — Mae's own word meaning "cat talk."

Whether traveling abroad, entertaining a group by playing the autoharp and singing folk tunes, or attending classes at Columbia University in New York, Mae used her experiences as grist for her writing.

During her five years teaching at Pembroke State University (N.C.), Mae made a twenty-two day tour of nine European countries. She highlighted her experiences in a travel series for a local newspaper. She did magazine articles and had her own columns in papers in Kentucky, Tennessee, and New York. One called "Walker Talk" carried on the mast head Mae's picture — then a beautiful young woman.

For twenty-six years Mae served on the editorial staff of "The Journal of Business Education!" She wrote two regular columns for each issue.

"Yes, I was always really busy," says Mae. "I received by BS degree from East Tennessee State and my MA from Peabody in Nashville. I took a great many courses in graduate study in New York while I taught in a variety of places, including old Knoxville High. I did all my work for a doctoral degree, but I became ill and did not finish it."

"However, I can say I am a Ph.D. That means Pinch Hitler Deluxe! No matter where I was, if a crisis arose I always was called on to fill in. The effort usually paid off."

In 1972 she was presented a Special Achievement Award by the Tennessee Women's Press and Author's Club for chairing a committee which created a North Carolina literary map.

"The old map published in 1950 was out of print and out of date. It featured only 127 writers. That number rose to

300.

"Of course, we could squeeze in only as many names as space would allow. It was always decisions, decisions, decisions!"

Mae calls the map her number one accomplishment. It took two and one-half years of endless correspondence, telephone calls, and bus trips to authenticate and sort out which names got on the map or which got "dropped off the edge of that symbolic world, which, after all, had to be flat."

Recently Mae was honored by the Center for Southern Folklore at Memphis. She had donated a great many photographs taken by her parents (both professional photographers, family

memorabilia and letters that record life in East Tennessee during the early 1900s.

She authenticated and captioned every item, then made recordings explaining the Walker Collection which will travel throughout the schools in Tennessee.

Mae Walker has been a member of the Knoxville Branch of the National League of American Pen Women since the early 1940s and her name appears in five Who's Who type of reference books.

A variety of illnesses has beset Mae these past few years preventing her from typing accurately or rapidly.

She says, "My head is just full of a thousand ideas I'd like to get on paper!"

Her enthusiasm is infectious.

With her indomitable spirit, she may yet add new copy to augment that already listed in LMU's Literary Hall of Fame.

*new York Univ (NYU)
in New York City*