

# A Step Back in Time By Bobbie Sue Shelton-Lonas

**March 1907** - Misses Irene and Maud Little delightfully entertained the "Jolly Girl Club" last Monday evening, after having been postponed on account of rain. Misses Maggie Russell and Gertrude Elmore assisted the hostess in entertaining the friends present. Games were the amusement of the evening. Those present were Misses Cora and Florence Elmore, Maggie Russell, Gertrude Elmore, Fannie Berry, Mary Dryden, Jessie Elmore, Daisy Utermoehlen, Susie and Nettie Little, Beulah Beechboard, Ethel Motlow, Messrs. Sam and Jesse Owen, Bun Hay, Lewis and Tom Elmore, John Taylor, Melvin Wilson, Clifton Little.

**1908** - Miss Emma Love celebrated her 18<sup>th</sup> birthday on last Wednesday night. Quite a number of her friends were present. Music was furnished on violin and organ by Horace Jackson and sister, Miss Willie. Ice cream and cake were served as refreshments. Those present were Misses Fannie Giles, Bettie and Ola White, of Puckett; Estelle Jordan and Kate Windrow of Rocky Glade; Minnie Johns of Eagleville; Bessie Carson of Nashville; Myrtle Ralston, Annie Lou Morgan, Maud Manire and Willie Jackson. Messrs. Quin Barnes of Midland; Jack Smotherman, Grady Jackson, Bob White, Eliza Wray, Blake Giles, of Puckett; Keithley Rowland of Rocky Glade; Horace Jackson, Pat Taylor, Tolbert, Macy Lee and Cleveland Ralston.

**Sept. 1908** - A reunion of Confederate soldiers was held at Eagleville Wednesday. A bountiful basket dinner was spread and quite a number of ex-Confederates attended.

**April 1909** - Quite a number of little people were entertained by a delightful Easter egg hunt, given by Bessie Maxwell at her home at Rockvale. A large number of eggs being hid made the hunt very interesting. The prize eggs were found by Miss Blanche Lamb and Master Mack Burt.

**June, 1910** - A distressing accident occurred early Monday morning on the Eagleville Pike near Puckett, in which, Mrs. J. N. Martin lost her life. She was with her husband in a buggy coming to this city.

Mr. R. N. Johnson, manager of the American Pencil Co., was returning from his home in Lewisburg, in his automobile, when he saw the buggy ahead of him. He sounded the horn and noticed that the driver had drawn the horse and buggy to the side of the road. Everything appeared to be correct until Johnson attempted to pass. At this instant, Mrs. Martin, it is stated, jumped or fell from the buggy in front of the auto. Mr. Johnson did all he could to stop the machine, but was powerless. Mrs. Martin was almost instantly killed. Mr. Johnson is very much distressed at the accident and none deploras it more than he.

**December 1912** - A big rabbit barbecue was given at Mr. Andrew Turner's home, near Eagleville, on Monday night. Fifteen fine, plump rabbits were dressed by Mr. Turner and barbecued by Mrs. Cora McDaniel and those partaking of the feast say they never had anything better to eat. Among those present were: J. F. Baskin, W. A. Burkhart and family, Sam Maupin and family, R. H. Baskin, Jesse Wilson, Jas. Vaughan, besides a number of young people. The rabbits as dressed by Mr. Turner looked good enough to eat without cooking. Mrs. Cora McDaniel is to be praised for the excellent manner in which they were barbecued. Some of the guest say their mouths are watering for a repetition of the feast. Tuesday night, a similar feast was held at W. A. Burkhart's

**May 1913** - Mrs. Jesse Morgan was a charming hostess last Saturday evening, when she entertained in a delightful manner, to compliment her guests, Misses Lee, Bennett and Hampton, of Smyrna. Rook was played at several tables. The following

young people were present: Misses Annie Lee Rowland, Susie Morgan, Anna Bell McCord, Ethel Hampton, Leronia Lee, Willie Bennett, Cora V. Windrow, and Lee Marler, Messrs. Forest Tucker, Walker Carlton, Clyde Frost, Tom Seat, Esley Wray, Carl Owen, Travis Windrow and Elmer McCord of Christiana.

**1913** - Miss Annie Alcorn, a highly esteemed young lady, was fatally burned at her home near Eagleville Sunday. Although she was given prompt medical attention, she died Monday. The young lady was making a fire in the stove preparatory to cooking breakfast. She had poured kerosene on the wood and accidentally spilled some on her clothing, which ignited, and she was enveloped in flames before anyone could reach her. Her father was badly burned on the hands in his efforts to extinguish the flames. Miss Alcorn was about 19 years of age and a Christian.

**May 1913** - Mrs. Crockett Ralston was hostess of a most attractively planned lawn party last Thursday evening at her home near Eagleville in honor of Miss Nettie Overall and Miss Eva Palmer of Knoxville. The spacious lawn was beautifully decorated with numerous Japanese lights. A special feature of amusement was a cake walk, after which the cake was presented to Miss Audry Jackson. There were sixty guests present and at a late hour a tempting ice course was served. Mrs. Ralston was assisted in receiving and entertaining by her sisters, Misses Katherine and Ora Mai Love and Misses Lois Ralston and Audry Jackson.

**1915** - The marriage of Miss Allean Faris, the beautiful and accomplished daughter of Mr. R. W. Faris of Rockvale and Mr. Thomas Howard, of Perry, Iowa, was briefly noted in the News Banner of April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

It has since developed that this marriage was just a little bit out of the ordinary, not altogether devoid of the romantic and idealistic. Their courtship began through correspondence. The stalwart young groom, whose presence and bearing have proven him to be a manly man, had set his heart and hopes upon securing a Tennessee girl for a bride. A few short months ago in looking over a copy of the News Banner, which had by chance come into his

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possession, his eyes rested upon a name and address in its news columns which stood out in bold relief and inspired within him the feeling of adoration. In response a feeling that wouldn't down, he indicted a letter to Miss Faris, which brought its reply. Other letters passed between them and photographs were exchanged, and then came Mr. Howard for a visit to the Faris home in December last. He laid siege of love with the ardor and persistency of a Lochinvar of old, and in his splendid personality and deportment readily found favor not only with the object of his affections, but also with the stern parents, who, at first, were anything but pleased. The wedding day was set for the leafy month of June, but after his return home, time dragged too heavily with these ardent lovers with so much distance separating them, hence, the earlier marriage.

Mr. Howard has given to his new parents-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Faris, such glowing accounts of Iowa that they too have decided to go to that State to reside, temporarily at least. Mr. Faris will retain his fine farm near Rockvale, but last week had a sale of stock and personal preparatory to leaving for Iowa.

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While researching for the above news articles, I was reminded of a "killer storm/tornado that hit the Windrow Community in the spring of 1913. Four members of the Lee Rowland Family were killed including a daughter Leanna, who had just returned home from school. (This article appeared in the September, 2008 Eagleville Times.) The old Windrow School was also destroyed by the storm, and was later rebuilt.

### WINDROW SCHOOL

Windrow School was located on the southeast side of Windrow Road, at its intersection with Snail Shell Cave Road. The Windrow family gave the land for a church, a camp meeting ground, and a school. The T. Winrow estate, the Windrow Church and Camp Ground are shown on the 1878 Beers Map indicating that the school must have been built later.

The school was a one-room frame building facing northwest. It was weather-boarded, painted white, with a front porch and a belfry with lattice work. Inside the room at the back were a long stage and a

blackboard. A pot-bellied stove furnished the heat. Grades were one through eight. In 1913, the school had about thirty students. On March 13, 1913, a little after three o'clock in the afternoon, a double-pronged tornado blew away the school and left a lot of damage in the area.

Among the teachers were Nanny Wade, Lottie Ralston, Miss Willie Haynes, Hugh McHenry, Mrs. John Reed, Stella Scales and Mary Knott, the last teacher. Most of the teachers boarded at the homes of Minnie Kelton and Maturity Windrow.

On September 6, 1913 Trustees of the M. E. Church, T. O. Johnson, A. C. Johnson, Gilbert Floyd, Lem Lawrence, Taylor Johnson, A. or S. Vaughn, and in addition J. S. Jarratt signed a deed to the Rutherford County Board of Education for one acre of land. Roy Watson and Myers Vaughn carried water for the workers who rebuilt the schoolhouse. The frame building consisted of one long room with a porch at the front. A stage was at the far end of the room.

Teachers were Mary Knott, Nina Williams, Lottie Ralston, Lola Tilford, Era Hutchison, Elsie Mai Tatum and Charlie Tolbert.

In the late 1930's or early 40's a new school building replacing the one that was blown away. This new building had one very large room, a small room called the "cook" room and two large cloak rooms. A pot-bellied stove was the source of heat. The building was weather-boarded and painted white. Teachers were Charlie Tolbert and Owen Scott.

When the smaller schools were consolidated with the larger area schools, Windrow students were transferred mostly to Rockvale or to Murfreesboro. The school building was bought by Paul Parker Windrow and the ownership was transferred several times. When Mr. Will Parsley bought the building, he moved it to Barfield where it was used as a home. (Thanks to Mrs. Pauline Arnold for contributing the "Windrow School" picture.)

Anyone with information and/or pictures on any "Rebekah" or "Odd Fellow" Lodge in Eagleville and surrounding communities, please contact Bobbie Sue Shelton-Lonas at (615-274-6282) or 4606 Highway 41 A N., Eagleville, Tn. 37060. Need for a future article.



**WINDROW SCHOOL STUDENTS (DATE UNCERTAIN – ABOUT 1907 – 1909)** The numbered names below correspond with numbers on each student. 1) Tennie Carlton, 2) Mary Kelton, 3) John Bell Leathers, 4) Johnnie Dyer, 5) Beatrice Jackson, 6) Annie Leathers, 7) Richie Windrow, 8) Lottie Wilson, 9) Lola Kelton, 10) Frazer Watson, 11) Minnie Jackson, 12) Willie Watson, 13) Lillie Wilson, 14) Willie West, 15) Mollie Watson, 16) Bobbie Wilson, 17) Ollie West, 18) Etta Rowland, 19) Laura Bell Thomas, 20) Willie Leathers, 21) Jesse Lee Thomas, 22) Clem West, 23) Tom Windrow, 24) Homer Wilson, 25) Ira Jackson, 26) Leslie Thomason, 27) Talmage Vaughn, 28) Wash West, 29) Robert Watson, 30) Pearl Jackson, 31) Lytle Windrow, 32) Evie Wilson, 33) Rose Windrow, 34) Mary Rucker Vaughn, 35) Rosa Lee Rowland, 36) Jim (Chuck) Thomas, 37) Paul Windrow, 38) Jonnie Kate Wilson, 39) Ada West, 40) unknown.