

A Step Back in Time

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Class of 1952 - Eagleville High School

In 1940 when a group of Eagleville community children, were preparing for the first grade at Eagleville School, the world was in a very disconcerting condition. Recently experiencing the Great Depression, United States was on the edge of World War II with the beginning of draft registration of approximately 16 million men. Franklin D. Roosevelt defeated his Republican challenger, Wendell Wilkie and became the United States first and only third-term president. Even with the war and politics being the news headlines that year for the parents, a group of five and six year olds, had other things on their mind; the new experience of leaving familiar surroundings of home, meeting their first school teacher, and making a lot of new friends. On the brighter side of 1940, these students got their first look at newly released Walt Disney's animated films, Pinocchio and Fantasia. Also the cartoon characters, Tom and Jerry made their debut.

Miss Frances Dement (Elmore), their first grade teacher, and Mr. J. W. Wheeler, the principal, greeted these students on the first day of school. In 1946 Mr. U. R. Elmore, former principal of Forrest High School in Chapel Hill, became their new principal and remained principal at Eagleville High School until his death in 1967.

As the teachers and class-roll changed through the years, it was 1952 and a class of 16 students, was in their last year of high school. The class roster included; Raymond Batts, Nancy Sue Crosslin, Rachel Dalton, Gordon Foster, Richard Grubbs, Gordon Layne, Hazel Manier, Sara Manier, Jo Ann Morris, Betty Jo Puckett, Johnnie Pugh, Cecil Ryan, Joe Shelton, Alma Taylor, Emery Vincion and Mary White.

Hazel Manier was class president; Emery Vincion was vice-president; Johnnie Pugh was secretary and Joe Shelton, treasurer.

In 1952, the Eagleville High School faculty, and subjects they taught included; U. R. Elmore, Principal, English and History; Mrs. W. E. Pate, Mathematics and American History; Mrs. W. T. Pittard, Typing and English; Carroll Smith, Coach and 8th Grade, Marvin Shanks, Vocational Agriculture; Miss Rebecca Spahr, Vocational Home Economics, General Science; Mrs. John Dyer, 7th Grade; Mr. D. L. Manier, 5th and 6th Grade; Mrs. Crawford Crowe, 4th and 5th Grade; Miss Sally Ezell, 3rd and 4th Grade, Mrs. Virginia Jackson, 2nd and 3rd Grade; Mrs. Martha Elmore, 1st Grade; Miss Ethel Elmore, Music. For several years, due to enrollment, there were split grades in the elementary grades.

Several students of the "Class of 1952", was very active in extracurricular activities; basketball, cheerleading, Future Homemakers of America, Future Farmers of America, Four-H Club and Music. In the spring each year, the Juniors and Seniors enjoyed the tradition

of traveling to Chattanooga for the Junior and Senior class trip. Another anticipated event each year was the "Senior Play, directed by Mrs. U. R. Elmore. It took many hours of practice and on the big night, the auditorium would be filled with family and friends. (See inserted picture of the Senior Play Program).

During the senior year, classmates were also busy working on the school annual "Lone Eagle". The annual staff for the school year, 1951-52 were; Mary White, Activity Editor; Johnnie Pugh, Secretary; Nancy Crosslin, Editor-in-Chief; Hazel Manier, Art Editor; Joe Shelton, Business Manager; Jo Ann Morris, Class Editor. This class also carried on the tradition of having a class will in the "Lone Eagle";

Class Will---We, the Senior Class of EHS in the year of 1952 supposedly being of sound mind and memory, are aware, that after long years of work and play, that our school days have come to an end. Therefore we do hereby declare this to be our last will and testament.

To our Alma Mater, our beloved school, we leave our heartfelt gratitude for education, fellowship and fun.

To Mr. Shanks, we will all our 4-H emblems, pins and

good record books.

To Mr. Smith, we will all our perfectly good wads of chewing gum.

To Mrs. Pittard, we will all our unfinished typing assignments.

To Mrs. Pate, we will all of Jo Ann's curls. "What few she does not already have."

To Mr. Elmore, we will all the scrap paper in our desk.

Joe Shelton leaves his likeness for basketball to Merkle Rigsby and Jerry Foster.

Mary White leaves her cheerleading ability to Betty Jane Holder.

Nancy Sue Crosslin will her ball suit and worn out tennis shoes to Alma Leathers.

Emery Vincion will his name "Pretty Boy" to Buddy Taylor.

Raymond Batts wills his willingness to co-operate to Marion Ghee.

Sara Manier wills her early morning smile to Helen Isom.

Betty Jo Puckett wills all the newspapers to Barbara



Raymond Batts



Nancy Sue Crosslin



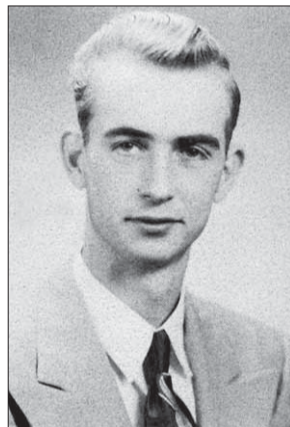
Rachel Dalton



Gordon Foster



Richard Grubbs



Gordon Layne



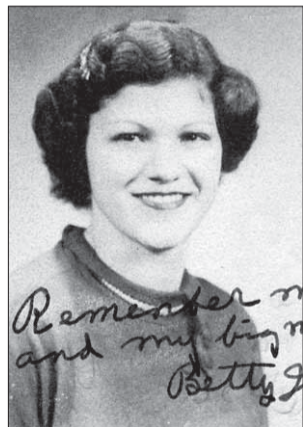
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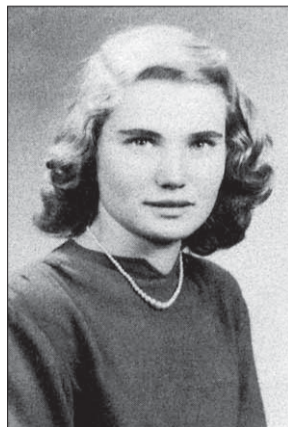
Sara Manier



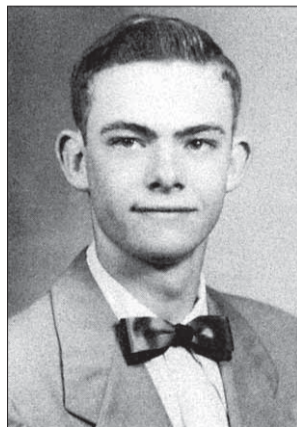
Jo Anne Morris



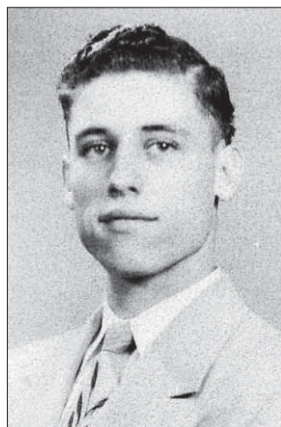
Betty Jo Puckett



Johnnie Pugh



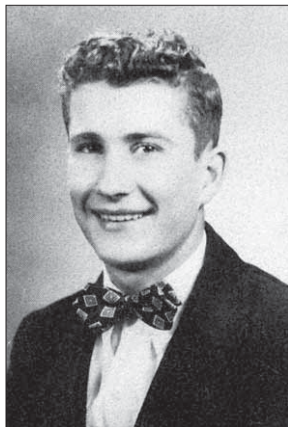
Cecil Ryan



Joe Shelton



Alma Taylor



Emery Vincion



Mary White

THE SENIOR CLASS
OF
EAGLEVILLE SCHOOL
PRESENTS
CLEMENTINE

A comedy in three acts, produced by Special Arrangement with
The Dramatic Publishing Co. of Chicago

ON
FRIDAY NIGHT, MARCH 28th
School Auditorium
AT 7:45
(DIRECTED BY MRS. URBANE R. ELMORE)

CAST OF CHARACTERS

Clementine Kelly—a tomboy.....	JoAnn Morris
Mary Kelly—her mother.....	Hazel Manier
Gerald Kelly—the Mayor, her father.....	Gordon Layne
Bertha—the housekeeper.....	Johnnie Pugh
Abe Carter—the handyman.....	Joe Shelton
Hank Matthews—Clem's pal.....	Emery Vincion
Pete—a ladies' man.....	Gordon Foster
Tubby—who has hay fever.....	Richard Grubbs
Cathy—who has discovered boys.....	Nancy Crosslin
Jane Ann—a little gossip.....	Mary White
Ann McNeil—a speech teacher.....	Alma Taylor
Miss Prunella Pringle—Ann's Aunt.....	Rachel Dalton

PLACE: The living-room in Mayor Kelly's home in Hooterville
TIME: Early Fall

ACT I. Ten o'clock on a Saturday morning in early September
ACT II. Scene I: 4 o'clock on a Friday afternoon, a few weeks later
Scene II: Ten o'clock the same evening
ACT III. 7:30 on a Monday evening in October

Music between acts under the direction of Miss Ethel Elmore

Redmon so she can get the news

Jo Ann Morris wills her mischievous ways to Donnie Frost.

Cecil Ryan leaves his ability to race around the building to James Thomas Lamb.

Gordon Layne wills his popularity to Charles McCord and Thomas K. Vaughn.

Richard Grubbs wills his ability to box to Herbert Brisby.

Gordon Foster wills his sincerity to J. I. Hay.

Johnnie Pugh wills her temper to Judy Reed and Margaret Kelley.

Hazel Manier wills complete ownership of the basketball Rule Book to Hazel Redmon.

Alma Taylor wills her secrets to Mary Elizabeth Lynch and Carolyn Scott.

Rachel Dalton wills her place in the concession stand to Josephine Boyce.

Among other activities for the classmates associated with the "Lone Eagle", was asking area businesses to purchase an advertisement space in the annual. Eagleville High School has always had a lot of support from the area businesses as well as Murfreesboro establishments. Listed below are the area businesses that placed an ad in the 1952 Lone Eagle:

Eagleville Businesses:

Marshall Bros. "Complete Rolling Store
Little Green Hay's Big Hardware Store –
Serving Eagleville More Than 53 years

E. L. Williams – Drugs – Paint-Shoes
Crosslin Motors – General Overhauling
– Gulf Gas – Lee Tires

Bank of Eagleville

Shelton and Smithson Service Station
– Gas – Standard –Oil –Tires and
Repairing

Crosslin Supply Company – Eagle
Hereford Farm

W. H. Dyer Feed Mill

Eagleville Electric and Plumbing Service
– C. N. Alexander –Myers Pump-
Youngstown Kitchen

J. O. Neelly – Electrical – Plumbing
– Refrigeration –

Blanton Service Parts – Wholesale Auto
Parts & Accessories

Russell Puckett Grocery

H. D. "Ted" Floyd Insurance

A. S. Lynch Grocery Store "Rolling
Store"

Compliments of: Bill Pate and Jordan Redmon (School
Bus Drivers)

I.P. Burns & Son – Feed-Seed-Fertilizer—We Clean and
Process – Buy and Sell – Rockvale, Tn.

A. D. Marable – General Store – Rocky Glade,
Tennessee

Bank of College Grove – College Grove, Tn.

Covington Feed & Seed Co., - Feed-Seed-Grain-Fertilizer
– College Grove, Tn.

J. E. Hardison Oil Co. Jobber Ashland Oil Refining Co.
College Grove, Tn.

Maxwell's Pharmacy – Prescription Druggist – College
Grove, Tennessee

The senior year began to come to a close.

Commencement Exercises (Baccalaureate) was
held at the Eagleville High School Auditorium on Sunday
evening May 11th at 7:30 Sermon by Rev. J. Harold
Stephens, Prayer by Rev. Billy Blankenship

Graduation Exercises held in the Eagleville High
School Auditorium, Friday Evening May 16th at 8 p.m.

According to the program:

Welcome - Emery Vincion

New Frontiers Beckon - Joe Shelton,

Take Your Place - Mary White,

For Courageous Leadership - Jo Ann Morris,

"Shadows Across My Heart" Hazel Manier

In the Cause of Peace - Johnnie Pugh,

To Build For Freedom - Gordon Layne

A challenge to Youth - Nancy Sue Crosslin

Presentation of Awards - U. R. Elmore - Presentation of
Diplomas - W. P. McCord.

With the completion of graduation activities, it was
time for one of the most anticipated events for the
graduates of Eagleville High School. "The Senior Trip to
Washington D. C." The week after graduation, Mr. and
Mrs. U. R. Elmore and Mr. and Mrs. W. E. (Bill) Pate,
chaperoned the recently graduates to Washington D.C.,
for a week of touring historic places. The group traveled
in Mr. Pate's school bus.

The Class of 1952 has gathered for two reunions
since graduation: 25th and 50th year. It's been sixty
years, since sixteen seniors, walked across the stage of
Eagleville High School and received their diplomas. Nine
classmates are now deceased. The living classmates
are; Emery Vincion, Jo Ann Morris (Shelton), Nancy Sue
Crosslin (Davis), Gordon Foster, Alma Taylor (McCollum),
Betty Jo Puckett (Carney), Hazel Manier (Carlton).



1945 5th Grade Eagleville High School

Front Row L to R: Louise McElhaney, Hazel Manier, Louise Putnam, Rachel Dalton, Ruth Ann McClaran, Betty Jo Puckett, Freida Dalton. Second Row: Nancy Sue Crosslin, Johnnie Pugh, Emery Vincion, Jimmy Vaughn, Joe Shelton



25th Year Class Reunion - Class of 1952 Eagleville High School

L to R: First Row: Carol Smith (Former Coach), Johnnie Pugh (Anderson), Hazel Manier (Carlton), Joe Shelton, Emery Vincion, Mrs. W. T. Pittard (Former Teacher). Second Row: Cecil Ryan, Gordon Foster, Joann Morris (Shelton), Nancy Sue Crosslin (Davis), Rachel Dalton (Shelton), Alma Taylor (McCollum). Third Row: Raymond Batts, Richard Grubbs, Gordon Layne