



Tam's Front Porch Ponderings
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Many of you may have noticed that I had the Class Year wrong on last week's article. So here it is again, including a picture, with the correct year. I apologize for calling you the class of '57 when you are...

THE CLASS OF 1958

The room was dark, the students sat as quietly as they could. They wiggled and squirmed in their seats, an occasional giggle could be heard from the girls and then someone whispered excitedly, "Here she comes!" Everyone held their breath and when the door opened, the students stood up and yelled, "SURPRISE!"

Their teacher had no idea what was going on! Looking around the room she spotted the huge bouquet of flowers, the cards that filled the table where her seat was and the twelve students who had planned the event. Mrs. Ann Franklin Hardy celebrated her 84th birthday with her very first class of students, Estill County Engineers Class of 1958!

The group gathered around the table were Phyllis Scott Warford, Louise Dunaway Holbrook, Faye Richardson

Thank You, Mrs. Hardy

Embry, Class President Red Williams and wife Linda, Jack Puckett and wife Rachel along with granddaughter Ashleigh, Hallie Bee Parks Harris, Margie Hisle Shepherd, Onnaleen Hicks Muncie, Rose Ann Puckett Adams, Faye Daniels Reece, Brenda Richardson Chaney and all the way from Batavia, Ohio, Barbara Horn Noland and husband Harold. Fifty Eight years after graduation and a class honored their teacher, isn't that amazing! I listened as they shared stories and watched Ann's eyes dance as she recounted her first teaching position. "We grew up together!", she laughed. "I was as green as they come when I became their class sponsor that Freshman year. Back then, you sponsored a class all the way through high school, so yes, we grew up together!" The Class of '58 not only had the privilege of Mrs. Hardy as a teacher, but they developed a strong friendship that has lasted through the years.

Seated beside Class President Red Williams, Ann grinned as she recalled the antics of the class. "They weren't bad children, they were just having a good time", everyone laughed as one after another began sharing. The boys got suspended for sitting on the stage during a basketball game and in perfect timing they crossed their legs to the left, then to the right. They got in deep trouble and were suspended for it! Someone called out, "Do you remember selling anti-freeze for the senior trip?" Everyone began talking at once, "Yes, we sold anti-freeze, fruit cakes, light bulbs..." then Ann piped in, "Do you re-

member cleaning the windows of Ford Garage on Broadway?" She laughed, catching her breath between stories, "The girls didn't even know what the squeegee was, so the men from Ford Garage ended up cleaning most of the windows demonstrating, but still paid them for it." The Class of 1958 was the ONLY graduating class to EVER go to New York City AND Washington, DC on their senior trip. Ann told the story of how they approached the Superintendent and the Principal about the trip. The graduating class had 62 students and it would cost each student \$89.00. "If you raise the money, you can go", were the words of the Superintendent. "Little did he know how hard these kids were going to work for that trip!", Ann said with a grin. "We raised the money and they just about didn't let us go! They never DREAMED we could raise that kind of money...but we did!"

How wonderful it was to hear them laugh and recall their youth. They talked of those that had passed away, those that sent their love and best wishes but couldn't attend and they were still laughing until the tears ran down their faces as I left them an hour later. It was a grand day for a Grand Lady, Mrs. Ann Franklin Hardy, one of the noblest, sweetest ladies I've ever had the pleasure of knowing. She is the true definition of a Southern Belle, her dignity and grace are a fine example to the young ladies of today. In a Miley Cyrus world, it's good to know that true ladies like Ann Franklin Hardy, still exist! Thank you Mrs. Hardy...for everything!

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Mrs. Ann Franklin Hardy, ECHS Class of 1958 Sponsor, and Class President Red Williams.
 Photo submitted by Tammy Terry

Estill County Schools

PRESCHOOL

REGISTRATION / SCREENING

2015-16 School Year

CALL GENIA TO SCHEDULE A SCREENING APPOINTMENT AT 726-3078

Scheduled Screening Date

Monday, July 20, 2015 * 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm

At South Irvine P-K Center, 1000 South Irvine Road, Irvine, KY

Preschool Qualification Guidelines:

- Children who turn four years old by August 1st and meet income requirements or have a delay or disability
- Children who turn three years old by August 1st and have a delay or disability or meet Head Start requirements
- Children may attend on a tuition basis, depending upon enrollment numbers of income-eligible students. Tuition fee is \$175 per month for 10 months. This is offered on a first-come, first-served basis for four-year-old children.

Bring the following required documents to the screening appointment:

- Child's Certified State Sealed Birth Certificate (not a hospital certificate)
- Child's Social Security Card (optional)
- Proof of Family Income (For eligibility purposes): Check Stub, Tax Forms, Statement from Employer, SSI Award Letter, Food Stamp Letter, Child Care Subsidy Form, statement from person providing room and board
- Up to date immunization certificate recorded on a Kentucky form only
- School Entry Physical that includes blood pressure, Hemoglobin count, and Lead Screening/test
- Eye Exam by an Optometrist or Ophthalmologist
- School Entry Dental Exam performed by a licensed dental professional
- Medical Insurance Card
- Copy of legal guardianship, (if not biological parent)

* The above documents will be required for your child to ATTEND school in August 2015.

It is important to bring your child to registration as he/she will be screened at that time. The developmental screening will involve your child in several learning and play activities. Through these activities we will examine his/her developmental status in areas such as general language, hand-eye coordination, gross motor progress (e.g. catching, skipping), as well as school knowledge (e.g., shapes, colors). Your child will not be expected to complete all the tasks. We are more interested in how he/she responds to the tasks. A speech language pathologist will screen for speech and language concerns if needed. A hearing screening will be completed during the screening process. The screening will last approximately 1 hour.

Preschool children must qualify for the preschool program according to State and Federal guidelines in order to attend.

Estill Woman Shares Memories

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Another son came along later, but at one time the family slept four each in double beds. They heated their home with a tin heater or a 55-gallon barrel with a door cut in the side.

The family had to do whatever they could during the hard times and her mother canned fruits, vegetables and even pork sausage to put in the cellar under the house. The children walked up to three miles to get milk and butter from their grandparents' at Marbleyard.

Times were even harder, says Madalene, when some of the men would gather in the woods to "shoot dice" or play poker for money, and the wives and children of many of these men would have to go without food.

Despite the hardships, Madalene's mother, Mary, loved all her children and grieved deeply over the two she lost at an early age. As the seventh of eleven children, Madalene once asked her mother why she had wanted so many children. Mary told her that she wanted everyone of her children and that she loved Madalene and all of them very much.

The McIntosh children attended school at the one-room Gum Springs School where they carried water from a nearby spring. After petitioning the school board, the community was allowed to hold church services in the school building.

Later, the Gum Springs Church was built nearby, and Madalene said a special thing happened in 1947 when she was eleven years old and her father gave his heart to the Lord at the first service held in the new Gum

Springs church building.

"This was so special because from that day on, our life changed," said Madalene. "When there was a church anywhere close by, we were in attendance." She still attends church when she can at Knowlton Church of God where her son, Kenny, is the pastor.

Today, Madalene's son, grandchildren and great grandchildren are as special to her as she and her brothers and sisters were to her

mother and father. She tell you that the best years of your life is when you have children.

Wasson's book is 60 pages with historical information about the Tipton Ridge, Fitchburg, Cob Hill, Furnace and surrounding areas and the people who lived there.

The cost of the book is \$15.00 which includes delivery. For more information, call Madalene at (606) 726-9705.

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