

# 213 TALES

by the late  
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After the school at Mount Carmel closed, I had to start riding a school bus and was going to Ravenna to school. We were going to a bigger school now and it was a lot different. There were eight grades now and each was in its own room. They had indoor plumbing and a lunch room to eat at. The playground was behind the lunch room. They had a lot of swings and other things. The ball field was beside the building. The building was heated by a coal steam furnace. The heat radiators were in each room and they would get hot. The first floor had four rooms and the girls rest room was on the right end and the boys on the left end.

The upstairs had the fifth through eighth grades in it. The principal's office was upstairs in the middle. Mr. Banks was the principal. He was a big man and you didn't want to go to his office.

I had gotten fatter now and wore overalls to school the first three years. Mom decided I should have regular pants now. She got my sister Margie to get my pants at J.C. Penny in Winchester. She would have someone to cut them off because I had short legs.

We had to ride the bus from Millers

Creek and it was a 1963 or so Ford. Its number was 18. But #15 went out 213 and was an International. Both were Blue Bird buses.

It was a lot different now, and I was scared. My teacher was Mrs. Betty Arthur. Her husband worked with Dad at Richmond. She was a small, short woman. She was really nice but would spank you if you were bad. I made a lot of new friends there. There was a couple more who were fat. Lonnie Muncy was the biggest. They said he had something wrong with him. A year or two before I had met him on Walters Ridge. They lived in the old Check Chaney house then. He was now living beside the school with his grandparents, his daddy and his little brother.

Jessie Wells Henderson III was the other one and he was about the same size as me. There was a lot of pretty girls there, too. I always was stuck on one. I thought she was so pretty. We had recess in the morning. We would play softball outside if it wasn't cold. We had a gym teacher once a week and would go to the gym and do things. Mrs. Kiser was the gym teacher. We had a ball court to play basketball now. I never had played basketball before. They had a big climb rope on the side. I never could climb it but a lot of the kids could. It was a lot of fun, playing in the gym.

My brother Glenn was in the eighth grade. Sue was in the seventh and were both upstairs. The lunch room had good food. We always had fish on Friday.

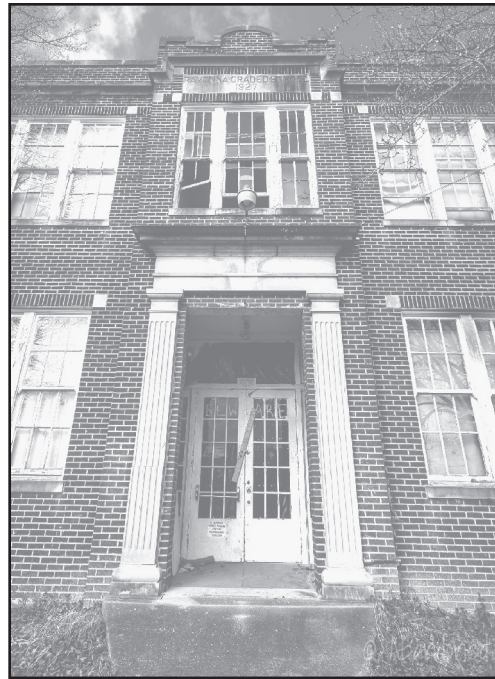
Mom would give us lunch money for all week on Monday. It cost 25 cents and 5 cents for chocolate or extra milk. We had lunch trays and the milk was in paper cartons. They had brought milk to Mount Carmel sometimes and once it was in half pint bottles and I didn't like it. The milk at Ravenna was good and the chocolate was really good. Sometimes I would get chocolate milk. The milk was from Spring Grove Dairy. They were out of Morehead. We met a lot of new kids at Ravenna. You had to line up in the gym to get your lunch. There would be classes eating at the same time.

We would catch the bus in the afternoon and go home. We had to change our clothes and put our play clothes on. Then we would play and do our chores. Sue met Carol Marcum and she would stay all night with her sometimes. Dad parked in Ravenna and sometimes we would go to town. Carol's daddy was the janitor at Ravenna School. They lived at Rogers Fork and went to Mount Carmel Church. She was a big, tall girl. Now, she's over six feet tall. Her dad was Hobe.

We would have shows sometimes at school. The stage was in the front of the gym and they would put chairs in the gym. They were the lunch room chairs. One time an old man brought a horse and a Western show. They would have a Christmas play. Sometimes, some of the boys would play music for us. Jack Webb would always play the drums. His daddy run a small jewelry store in

Irvine called The Jewel Box. There were also basketball games. They would fold the tables up and line the chairs up in the lunch room. We were the Ravenna Blue Devils. Then, some schools would come from out of the county to play Ravenna but later, they only played other county schools in Estill County.

We had our school pictures taken this year. My brother Glenn wore the same kind of sweater that I did. Things were sure different now. We had it made and didn't know it. They had a big eighth grade graduation then and all the kids got to watch it. They would walk up on the stage and get their diplomas. A lot of people didn't go on to high school then.



Ravenna School now closed

## Fox School Notes

We, the students of Fox School organized our Literary Society, Friday, August 3, 1928, which we gave the name of Fike, in honor of our teacher, Miss Ula Fike, who assisted us in our organization. The first meeting was called to order and the following officers were elected:

President - Effie Brandenburg

Vice President - Clay Wilson

Sec. and Treas. - Adolph Richardson

Sargent at Arms - Floie Estes

The new president, Brandenburg, then appointed as a program committee: Fannie Joe Richardson, chairman; floie B. Estes and Clay Wilson, assistants, after which the meeting adjourned.

Then, on Friday, August 10, 1928, the Society was called to order by the president and the

following program was rendered:

Song, "America" - pupils

Devotional - Edea Estes

Vocal Duet - Nettie E. Estes, Anna Lou Freeman

Reading - Fannie Joe Richardson

Cracker Eating Contest - Clay Wilsons, Adolph Richardson

Story - Bert Richardson

Song, "Darling Nellie Grey" - pupils

Play, "Courtship," - Flossie Estes and Effie Brandenburg.

Vocal Trio - Madge Wilson, Price Freeman, Reva Brandenburg

The meeting adjourned until Friday, August 24, 1928.

A number of friends and visitors were present and we invited them back again. We are sure that these programs will improve our public speaking.

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Lois Richardson Lynch



The George W. Stone (1836-1920) Family

This is part of the Stone family that was very prominent in the Twin Creek and Cressy areas of the northern end of Estill County since the early 1800's. In front of the door is George W. Stone, father of Bill and Jimmy D. Stone, holding Willie Price, son of Dillard. From left are Jimmy D. the son of Jim, Jim and Julina, and in back, Carrie, wife of Dillard, holding Lonnie, and Naomi Stone, daughter of Jim. At right is Harley Lee, Charlie son of Jim, Virgil, Sissie and Mary Ella, all Stones. This photo was taken around August, 1911, after the birth of Lonnie on June 19 and before the death of Charlie on Sept. 2. (Courtesy of George's great grandson Jim Stone)

# FOX SCHOOL CLASS OF 1928

(courtesy of Lois Richardson Lynch)



Nettie Estes

Ray Freeman

Barbara Wilson

Pryse Freeman

Bonnie McKinney

Paul Freeman

William Elmore

Burt Richardson

Anna Lou Freeman

John Henry Freeman

Edea Estes

Preston Freeman

Eula Fike, teacher

Lula Bell Singleton

Thomas Estes

Madge Wilson

Algin Ingram

Reva Brandenburg

Adolph Richardson

Ruth Dennis

Arlie Estes

Clara McKinney

Frank Horn

R.J. Dennis

Raymond Estes

Harold McKinney

Wilburn Estes

Elora Hall