

LES ELEVES  
LAON - FRANCE

Laon ES  
1952-1954

this book belongs to:

John O'Neal

4<sup>th</sup> grade



## 1952 - 1953

The Laon Elementary School for the children of Wing personnel stationed at Laon Air Base was established in Crepy-en-Laonnois, France, in 1952. The school is about three kilometers from the base.

The present building was rented early in 1952, under the direction of the Air Base Group Commander J H Batjet. After delays caused by extensive repairs, the school opened for classes 3 November 1952.

Four teachers comprised the faculty, which included the principal, Mr Joe M Simpson, a resident of Mount Ida, Arkansas. Other members were : Mrs Marijane Strunck, Chicago ; Mrs Betty Perkins, Amité, Louisiana; and Mrs Eugenia Deats, Detroit.

Supplies at the beginning of the term were meagre, but the situation remedied itself as the year went on. Several substitute and replacement teachers were employed as illness and transfers took their toll. Mrs Elsa Buckley, a Philadelphian, took over the second grade and Mrs Betty Jo Parker replaced Mrs Deats, Mrs Lewis Britain then took over the vacancy caused by Mrs Parker's husband transferring to England.

The year came to a successful close and four children graduated from the eighth grade. Diplomas were awarded to : Linda Ray, Frances Moynahan, Frances Fridkin and Genevieve Sharp by the late Colonel John P Crocker, former Deputy Wing Commander, Laon Air Base.

## 1953 - 1954

The dependent's school began the second year of operation by opening on schedule immediately after Labor Day with a staff of six teachers and Mr Simpson, who had vacationed in the United States and then returned for his second term as principal.

Returning to the first grade teaching position after a vacation in Germany was Mrs Buckley and a new faculty consisted of the following : Miss Mae L Bressler, Wyoming ; Miss Ruth Sohn, Carlyle, Illinois ; Miss Anne V Casey, Augusta, Georgia ; Miss Doris Nelson, Audubon, Iowa ; and Mr James E Trail, Emporia, Kansas.

Mrs Edith V Jenson, of Mayville, Illinois became the fourth grade teacher in the second semester.

Headquarters 38<sup>th</sup> Air Base Group  
Laon Air Base, France

15 May 1954.

To the Pupils of the Dependents Elementary School ;

It is with pride and satisfaction that I write to you students of our school at Crepy-et-Laonnoise. I know that all of your parents share with me the feeling of accomplishment in establishing an American school here in France where none existed before ; and that you are able to continue your studies so far from home.

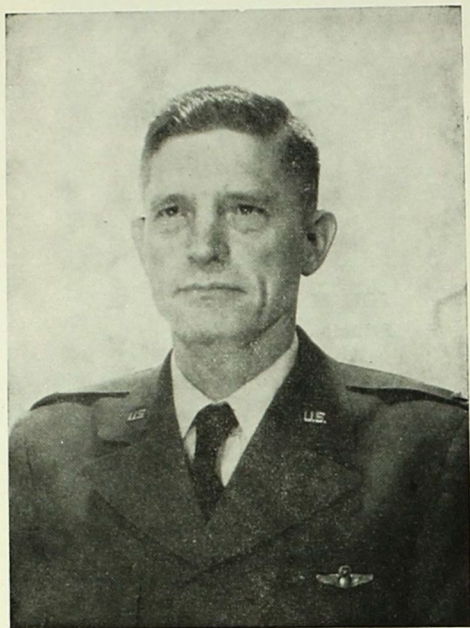
However, nothing is perfect and you may suffer many minor inconveniences, but I know that, in years to come, you will look back on them with a smile.

Then, on the other hand, you have had an opportunity that many children will never have. You have been able to see for yourselves the historic places that others see only in their imagination. Also, you have heard and had the chance to speak the fundamentals of the French language which will be invaluable in later years.

To those who will be here another school year or more, I join with your schoolmates who are leaving in saying "au revoir" and hope the remainder of your stay will be profitable. To those leaving, as I am shortly, I hope to see you again.

Sincerely,

JOSEPH H BATJER  
Colonel USAF  
Commander



W. L. KENNEDY  
Colonel  
Base Commander



JOSEPH H. BATJER  
Colonel USAF  
Commander



Major E.A. YAROCH  
School Officer 1954



Major C.K. MADISON, Jr.  
School Officer 1952-53



JOE M. SIMPSON  
Principal 1952-53-54  
Whose Home is  
Mount Ida, Arkansas

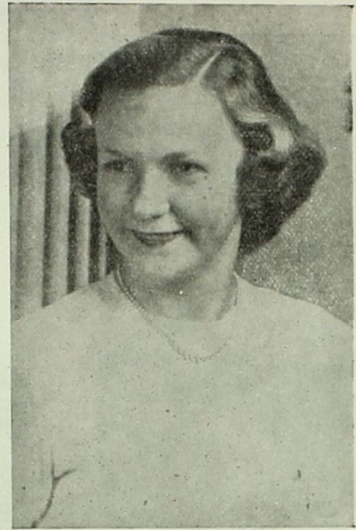
ANTOINETTE DENQUIN  
Secretary  
Calais, France



*Elsa D. Buckley*



Mrs. ELSA D. BUCKLEY  
Philadelphia, Pa.  
Faculty 1952/53-1953/54



Mrs. BETTY PERKINS  
Amité, Louisiana  
Faculty 1952-53

## Faculty



Mrs. MARYJANE STRUNCK  
Chicago, Ill  
Faculty 1952-1953



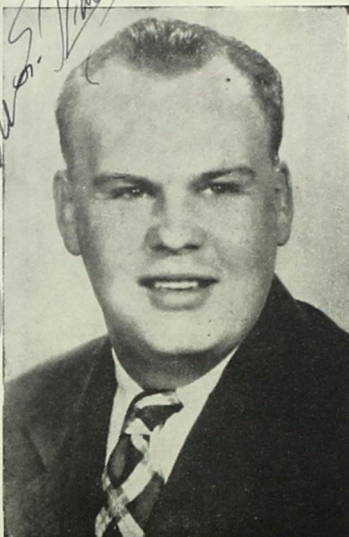
Mrs. ESTHER BRITAIN  
Chicago, Ill  
Faculty 1952-1953





ANNE VAUGHAN CASEY  
Augusta, Georgia

*James E. Trail*



JAMES E. TRAIL  
Emporia, Kansas



DORIS L. NELSON  
Audubon, Iowa  
and Hawthorne, California

## Faculty

*Best wishes to  
a very nice boy,  
Edith Jensen*

*Ruth Sohn*



RUTH SOHN  
Carlyle, Ill.



Mrs. EDITH JENSON  
Mayville, Ill.



MAE L. BRESSLER  
Moose, Wyoming



P. T. A.

Mrs. BRITAIN,  
*Chairman*

Mrs. ROSSON,  
*Treasurer*

Mrs. KARSCHNER,  
*Vice-President*

Mrs. LAIRD,  
*Secretary*

1953-1954



American Faculty  
entertains French Faculty  
at tea party given  
in the School.

1953



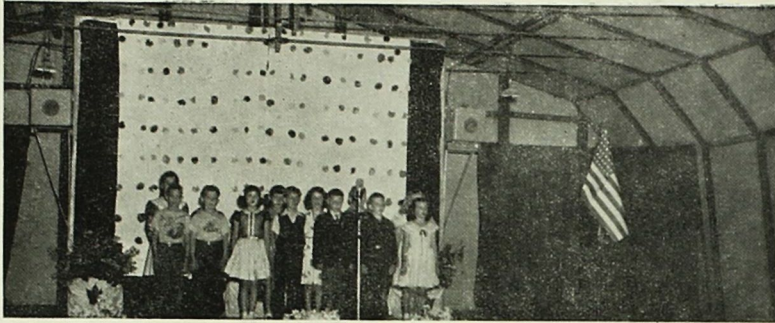
## GRADUATION 1952-1953



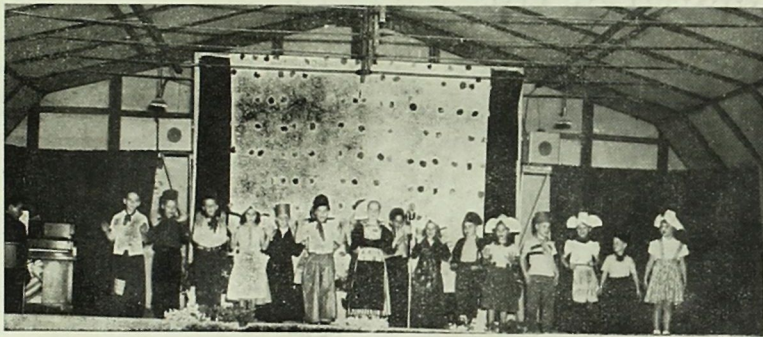
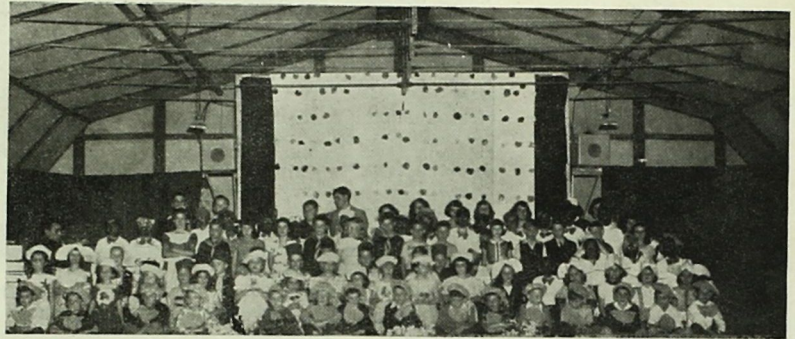
*Left to right* : Mr. SIMPSON, Principal ; Major C.K. MADISON, School Officer ; Colonel J.P. CROCKER delivering diplomas to : FRANCES FRIDKIN, FRANCES MOYNAHAN, LINDA RAY and GENEVIEVE SHARP.



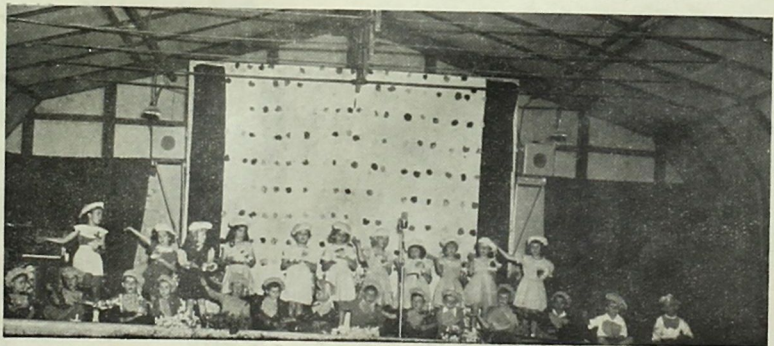
# PROGRAMS - 1952-1953



THE ACADEMY  
1952-1953



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1952-1953



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1952-1953

EIGHTH GRADE - 1953-1954

*Hood Luch*



PATRICIA BEIDLER  
Wheatland, Calif.

*Gerald*

GERALD SHARP  
San Bernardino, Calif.

DAVID HARRIS  
Houston, Mo.



CHARLES PINE  
Pueblo, Colorado

SANDRA REED  
Bryan, Texas

SEVENTH GRADE - 1953-1954



EDWARD BENDER  
San Antonio, Tex.

NELLY CREUZET  
Fort Worth, Tex.

*Nelly Creuzet*

WILLIAM KENNEDY  
San Antonio, Tex.

DIANNE CAVANAGH  
Great Neck, N.Y.



ROBIN COLLORD  
Maywood, Ill.

MARY DAVIS  
Biloxi, Miss.

LINDA POLSON  
Creston, Iowa

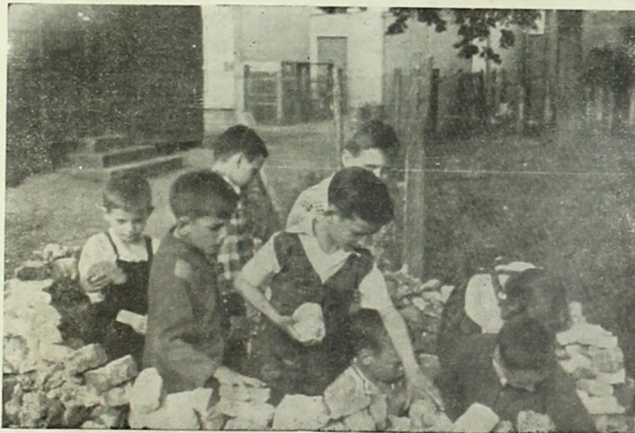
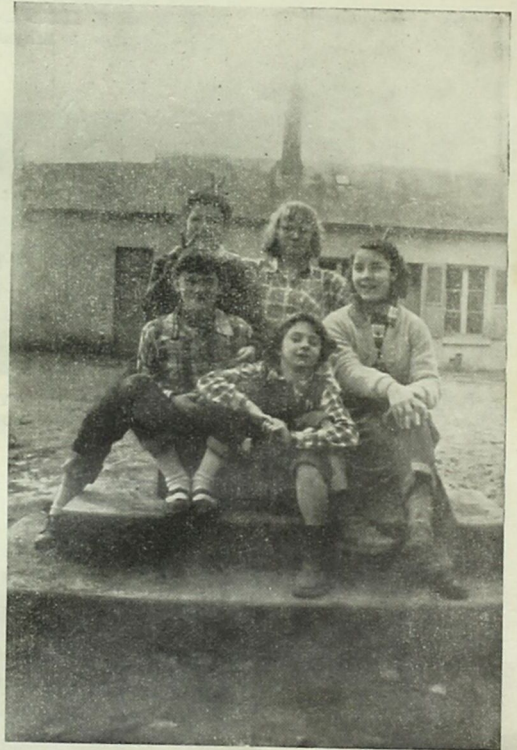


## CLASSROOM

1954



## FIELD TRIPS



Dianne    Linda  
Pat        Nelly     Mary

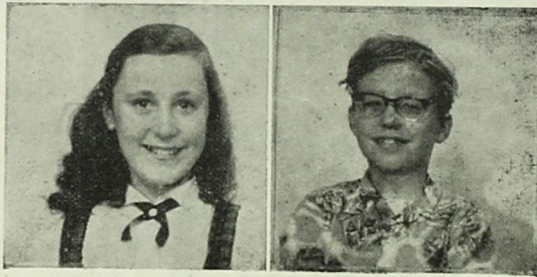
SIXTH GRADE 1953-1954



GLORIA BEIDLER  
Wheatland, Calif.

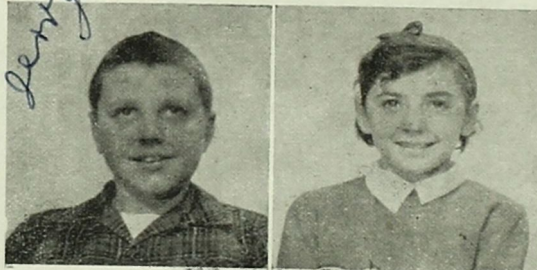
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DEANNE BRITAIN  
Des Plaines, Ill.



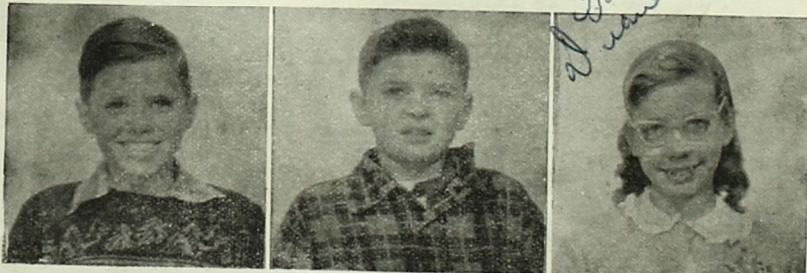
LORNA COLLORD  
Maywood, Ill.

GARY GUNN  
Tacoma, Wash.



JERRY JESSUP  
Montgomery, Ala.

INGEBORD PARKER  
Elba, Ala.



KEN MC DONALD  
Shreveport, La.

ALAN RAY  
Louisville, Ky.

BARBARA SOMMERS  
St Joseph, Mo

FIFTH GRADE - 1953-1954

*Good Luck  
Anita Cardinal*



LINDA CARDINALE  
Jamestown, N.Y.



*Thomas Magee*

THOMAS MAGEE  
Levittown, N.Y.



NANETTE FISCHER  
Albion, Michigan  
*key*



GEORGANA HALL  
Melbourne, Florida



MARY CLAIRE HARRIS  
Houston, Missouri



SANDRA KUNSELMAN  
New Kensington, Penna.



JERRY LAIRD  
Bessemer, Alabama



*Pat*

*Patricia Nelson*

PATRICIA NELSON  
Salt Lake City, Utah



JOHNNIE REED  
Bryan, Texas



JOE ROGAN  
Delta, Colorado



MARILEE SCHROEDER  
Bremerton, Wash.



JAMES SMITH  
Fort Wayne, Indiana  
*DAVID*



FOURTH GRADE - 1953-1954



JAMES BOYD  
Houston, Tex.



ERNEST PANNELL  
Lolita, Tex.



BOBBY CLAY  
Quincy, Florida



LINDA DAVIS  
Biloxi, Miss.



ROGER HARRIS  
Elberton, Georgia



JUDITH HESSON  
Prenton, New Jersey



RONALD MAYER  
Gas City, Kansas



SHARON PINE  
Pueblo, Colorado



CHARLES SMITH  
Rising Sun, Ind.



PATRICIA SNOGLES  
Liverpool, N.Y.



MICHAEL SOMMERS  
St Joseph, Mo.



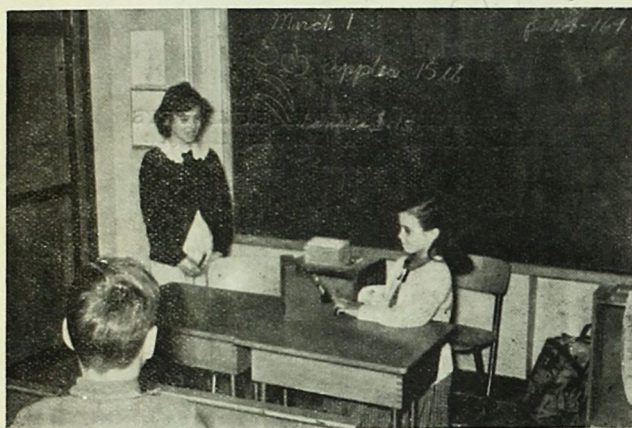
JOHN O'NEAL  
Shriesport, La.



JOHN WOODYARD  
Natchitoches, La.



Earl CAUTHEN



Patriotic and Busy  
1954



Boy Scouts

THIRD GRADE - 1953-1954



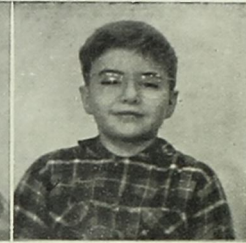
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Wheatland, Calif.



JANE CULVER  
Sacramento, Calif.



BRIAN NILSSON  
Sacramento, Calif.



GEORGE STILLO  
San Bernardino, Calif.



GLEN CLARK  
Columbus, Georgia



GEORGE EHELMAN  
Portland, Oregon



MARY EUBANKS  
Tallahassee, Florida



PATRICIA HUMPHREYS  
Mt Clemens, Michigan



JOYCE KUNSELMAN  
New Kensington, Penna.



RANDAL SEBRING  
Tannersville, Penna.



EUGENE LACOUTURE  
Beaumont, Texas



KENDALL ROBERSON  
Lookout Mountain, Tex.



SHARON LITTLEJOHN  
Hampton, Virginia



LEE UMSTATT  
Front Royal, Virginia



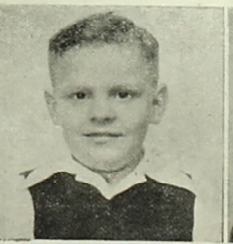
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Mattoon, Illinois



ROGER ROSS  
Kewanee, Illinois



MICHAEL MOYNAHAN  
Phoenix, Arizona



GARY MUDD  
Tacoma, Wash.



JANET RICHTER  
Midwest City, Okla.



PATRICIA SAVAGE  
Sparta, Tenn.

SECOND GRADE - 1953-1954



JODY AUSTIN  
Ezard, Neb.



WILLARD BALES  
Miles City, Montana



CYNTHIA BALLARD  
San Antonio, Tex.



HARRY BENNETT  
Fort Worth, Tex.



REBECCA BOYD  
Houston, Tex.



CARON GOLLADAY  
Maypearl, Tex.



JEANE HILL  
Alice, Tex.



REBECCA ROSSON  
Afton, Tex.



NORA ROTH  
San Antonio, Tex.



KENNETH BAUMAN  
Miami Beach, Fla.



LINDA EUBANKS  
Tallahassee, Fla.



THOMAS DAVIS  
Biloxi, Miss.

Howell



CAROLYNE ELLISON  
Winsboro, S.C.



HOWELL HANSON  
Savannah, Georgia



VERNON HARRIS  
Elberton, Georgia



DAVID HAZELWOOD  
Fieldale, Virginia

SECOND GRADE - 1953-1954



JAMES HAZELWOOD  
Fieldale, Virginia



NORMAN RIXEY  
Culpeper, Virginia



JOHNNY JACOBS  
Lumberton, N.C.



MARY KATTERFIELD  
Hempstead, N.Y.

*Billy*



BILLY LEDFORD  
Lake Charles, La.



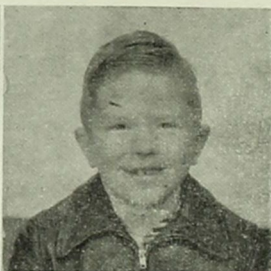
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Knoxville, Tenn.



PAUL MICKELSON  
San Bernardino, Calif.



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Bellflower, Calif.



GARY SEBRING  
Tannersville, Penna.

*Deborah*



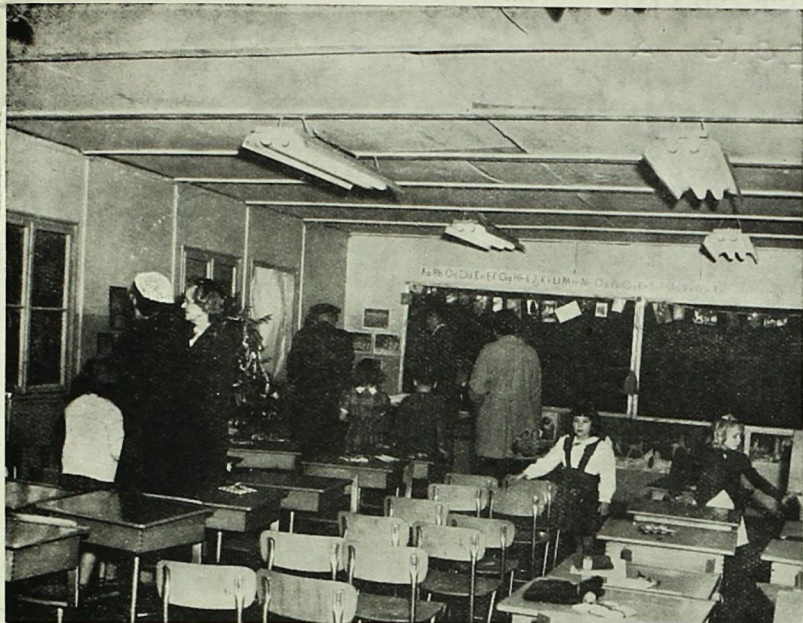
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ALBERT SATTERWHITE  
Fort Wayne, Indiana



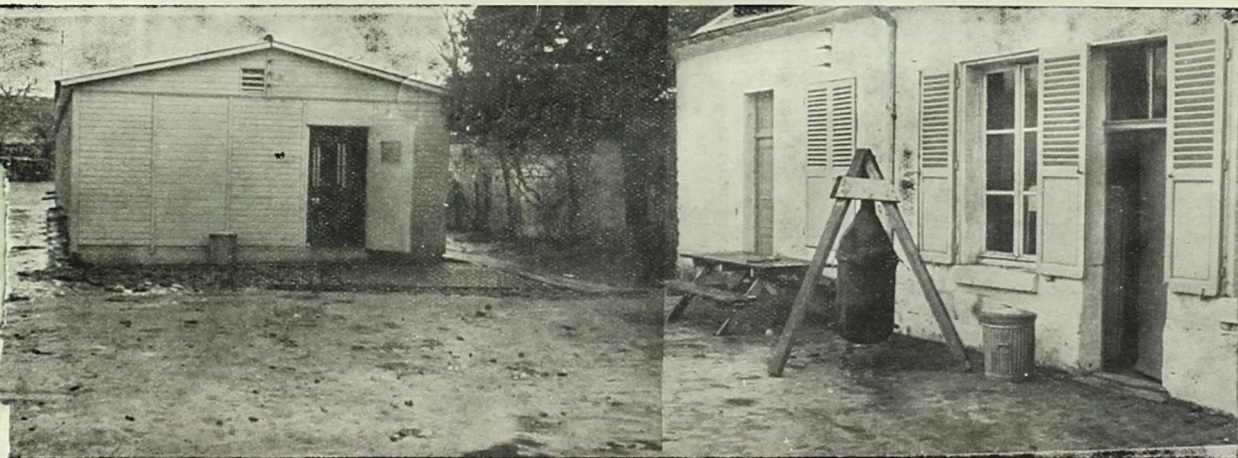
PATRICK WINEGARD  
Monroe County, Fla.



Christmas 1953



Play  
Ground ?



FIRST GRADE - 1953-1954

Linda A

Eddie A

Carolyn A



LINDA ADAMS  
New Cumberland W.V.

ROY ALEXANDER  
Middlesboro, Kentucky

DAVID RAY  
Louisville, Ky.

CAROLYN ALLISON  
Bristol, Tenn.

Linda B



SANDRA LA CROIX  
Germantown, Tenn.

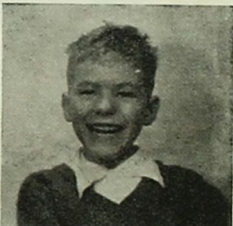
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Sparta, Tenn.

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San Antonio, Tex.

Gail L

Elizabeth S



JOANNE BATJER  
Seabrook, Tex.

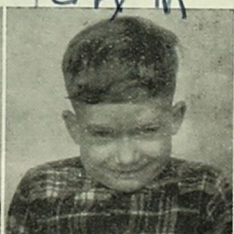
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Lubbock, Tex.

DANIEL KLIPSTINE  
Palestine, Tex.

PETER BITMAN  
Los Angeles, Calif.

Terry M

Michael M



SARAH EMCH  
Stockton, Calif.

CRAIG COLLORD  
Maywood, Ill.

TERRY MC KINNEY  
Decatur, Ill.

MICHAEL MC NALLY  
Oak Park, Ill.

Linda D.



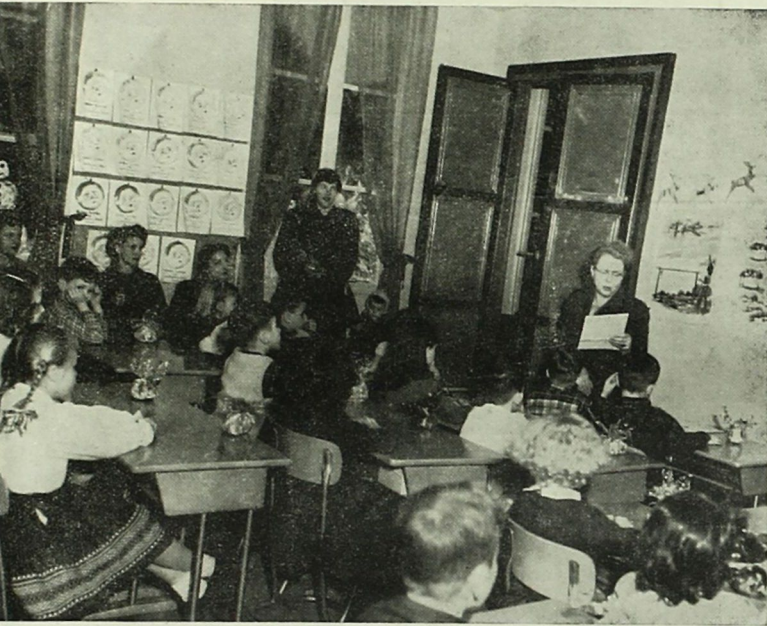
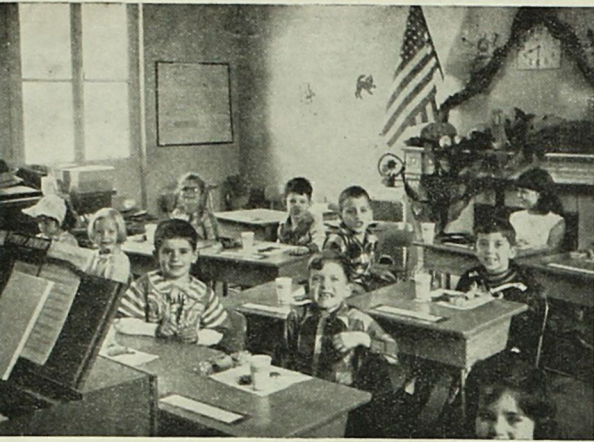
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Boyle, Miss.

CHERYL DAVIS  
Edge Water Park, Miss.

LINDA DUCHESNE  
Arlington, Va.

NATASHA RIXEY  
Cuipeper, Va.

# FIRST GRADE IN ACTION





FIRST GRADE - 1953-1954

Janet E

MICHAEL R



JANET EGGE  
Montgomery, Ala.



JUDY JESSUP  
Montgomery, Ala.



STEVE PYRON  
Birmingham, Ala.



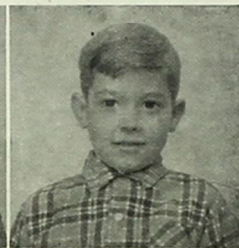
MICHAEL ROWE  
Ada, Ala.



ROBERT FISCHER  
Albion, Michigan



MARY L. GUILLORY  
Louisiana



JIM WILLEY  
Lake Charles, La.

Larry H.

Glen K.



LARRY HARRIS  
Elberton, Ga.



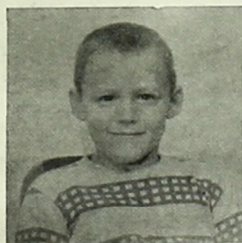
MICHELINE JACOBS  
Lumberton, N.C.



GLEN KANE  
New York, N.Y.



DEENA SNOGLES  
Liverpool, N.Y.



SAMMY SOMMERS  
St Joseph, Mo.



JO ANN SPOTTS  
Lock Haven, Penna.



CHRISTINE STUART  
Coral Gables, Fla.



JAMES WHITE  
Kenosha, Wisconsin



CELIA WOODWARD  
Midwest City, Okla.

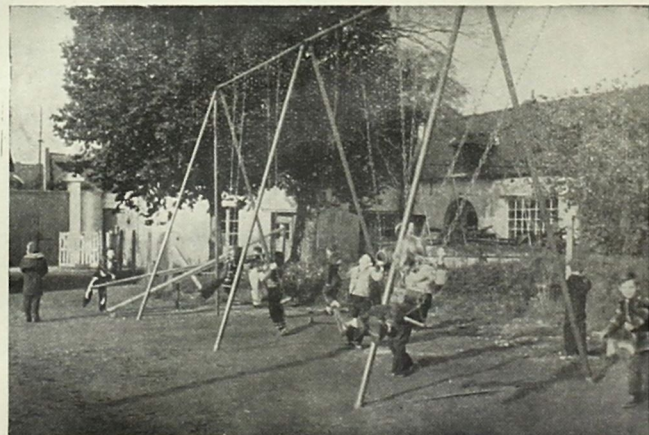


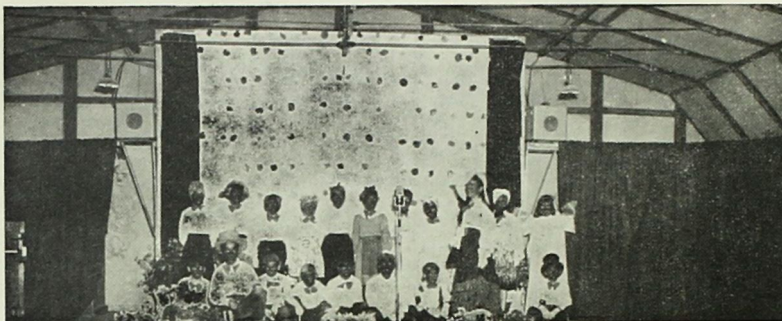
DAVID S. WYKOFF  
Bedford, Indiana



SUSAN SATTERWHITE  
Fort Wayne, Indiana

ACTIVITIES IN GRADE ONE - 1953-1954





We regret that pictures of the following students were not available for publication

### Moved to Germany

#### FIRST GRADE

ANDREW COBB  
*Cordele, Georgia*  
NORBERT MERLING  
*Cumberland, Md*  
GARY OUTENREATH  
FLORENCE SOGAARD  
*Centralia, Wash*

#### THIRD GRADE

DAVID BURROW  
*Ft Wayne, Indiana*  
SANDRA KRAMER  
*Annapolis, Md.*  
CHRISTIAN MADISON  
*Lincolnwood, Ill.*  
KAREN MADISON  
*Lincolnwood, Ill.*

#### FOURTH GRADE

JULIE COBB  
*Corcele, Ga.*  
WALTER ULBRICHT  
*Chicago, Ill.*

### Moved to the U. S.

#### FIRST GRADE

MARY COLEMAN  
*San Antonio, Tex*  
GWEN KORNHEISER  
*Detroit, Michigan*  
TOMMY ROBERTS  
*Prospect Hgts, Ill.*  
BRIAN SHELTON  
*Everett, Wash.*

#### SECOND GRADE

ROGER COBB  
*Cordele, Georgia*  
LEE MAUD HAYDEN  
*Copiuague, N.Y.*

#### FOURTH GRADE

JAYME KAHN  
*Chicago, Ill.*  
JAMES ROBERTS  
*Prospect Hgts, Ill.*

#### FIFTH GRADE

GEOFFREY SHELTON  
*Everett, Wash.*

#### SIXTH GRADE

ROY KOCH  
*Chicago, Ill.*

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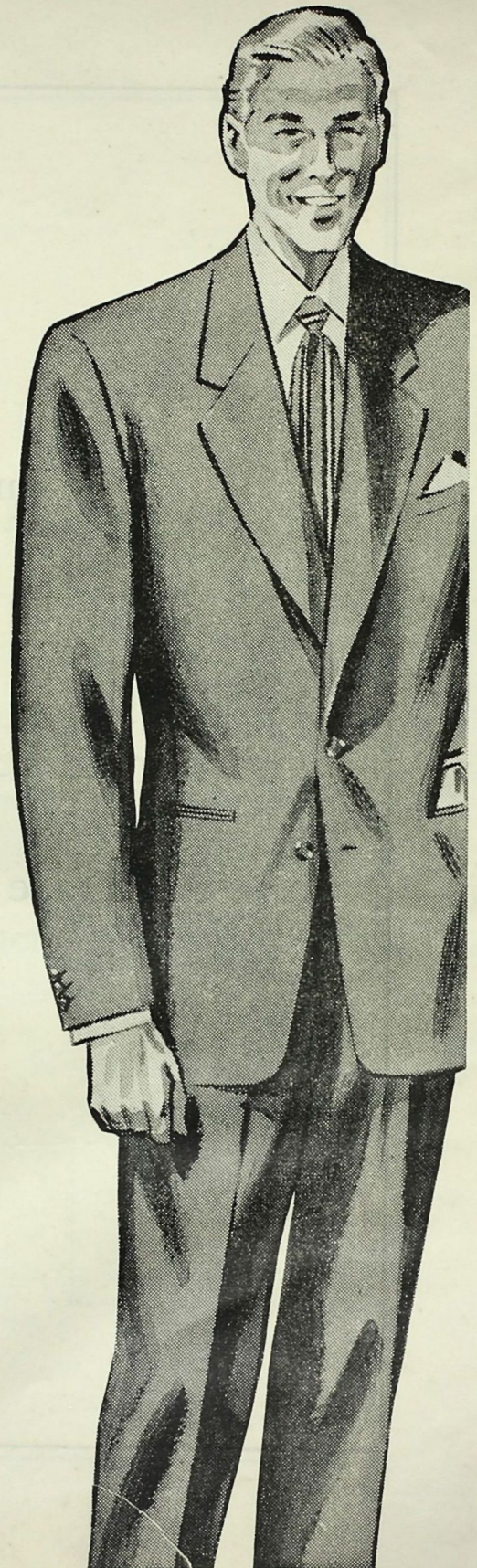
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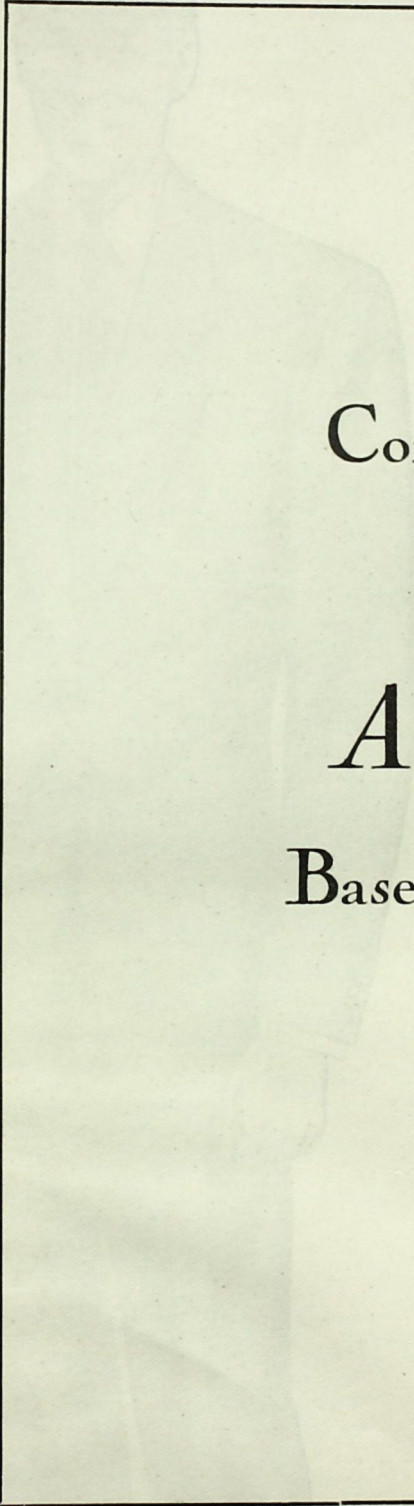
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