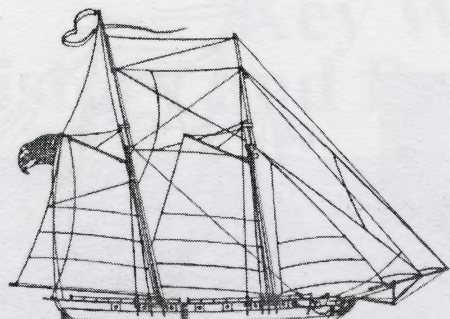


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Key West High School

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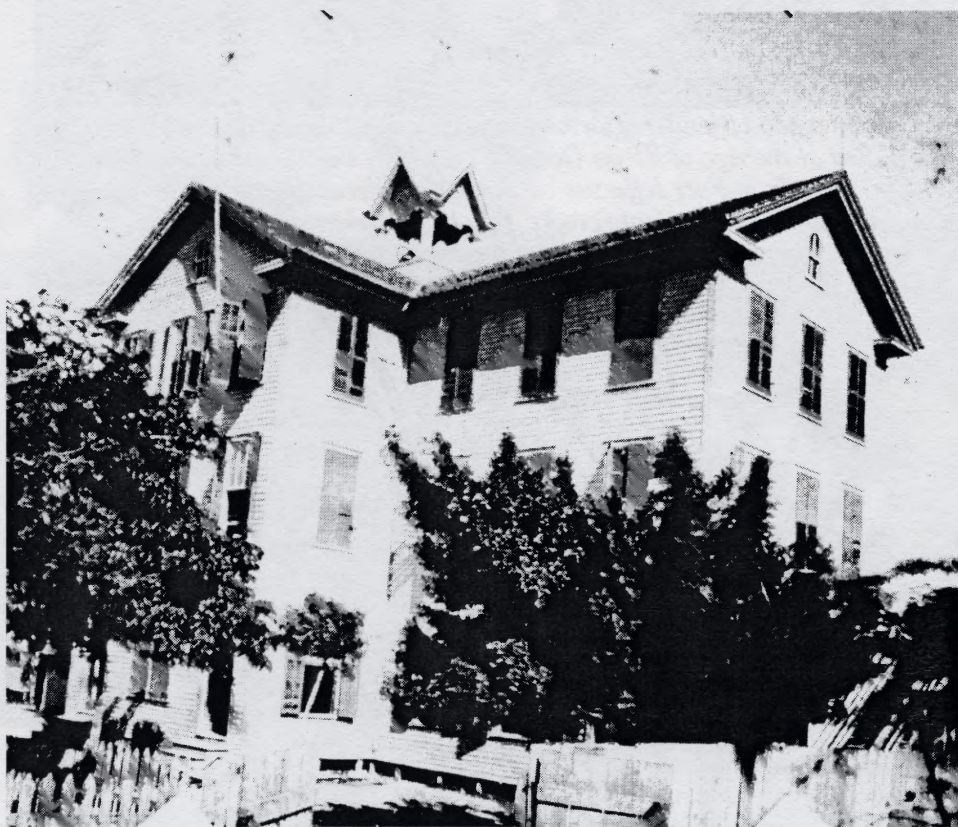
Marion Percey Geiger came to Key West when there was no public high school, only the Roman Catholic high school at the convent and a Methodist high school called the Seminary or Ruth Hargrove Institute on United Street east of White Street. The Seminary housed kindergarten through 12th grades.

Mr. Geiger came as principal of the public elementary school called Sears School, housed in a three-story frame building in Free School Alley on the east side of Simonton Street, between Southard and Fleming Streets.

Through much hard work and personal sacrifice, Mr. Geiger built up a high school and in 1908, triumphantly presented his first graduate, the late Honorable Lance Lester Sr.

On July 4, 1909, the new Harris School was dedicated and the Sears building was torn down. Mr. Geiger became the first principal of the Harris School, which housed grades one through twelve.

In 1914-1915, under Superintendent Virgil Lowe, the Division Street School was built to take the place of the old frame building called Russell Hall which



Sears School Key West's first public school. Photo credit: Monroe County Library.

had housed grades one through eight. The building was completed before May 4, which was the date for graduation of the class of 1915 from Harris School. Because the stage and auditorium of the new Division Street School were larger than those at Harris School, it was decided to hold the graduation exercises in the new school. There were 800 permanent seats and 200 more were placed at the back, along

the sides and in the aisles, so 1,000 tickets were given out and the new auditorium was filled to capacity for the first event to be held there.

In September 1915, after Mr. Geiger left Key West, Mr. G.E. Mackay became principal of the Division Street School, which housed grades one through twelve, and the high school was no longer located in the Harris School. In

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Society News

By Tom and Lynda Hambright



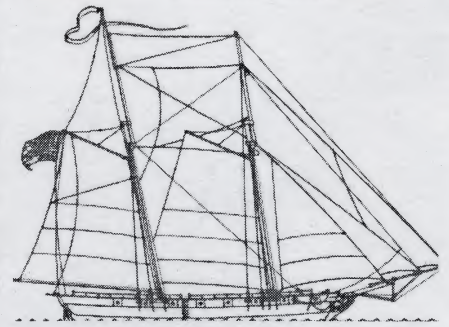
KWMHS lost a good friend and former member of the board of director when Dave Sanford died at the age of 81 on October 18, 2003. Dave seen above during the Society's 1995 trip to Fort Jefferson on the Yankee Freedom. He will be missed by the Society and Key West. Photo credit: Tom Hambright.



Key West lost a legendary charter boat captain with the death of Tommy Lones on November 10, 2003 at the age of 90. Captain Lones was known for his spectacular catches and record fish such as the jewfish taken on his boat in 1957. Photo credit: Monroe County Library.

New Member

Kathryn A. Hoisington, Key West.



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Key West High School History and Prophecy of Class of 1915



Eliza Gardner left and Grace Herrick on Graduation Day May 4, 1915. Photo credit: Ann Gardner.

By Eliza Gardner

One morning in September about four years and eight months ago, I came into the Harris School yard for the first time, an ugly little sunburned girl, attired in a white long-waisted dress and with two black bows sticking up from my tightly screwed dutch braids.

Soon after I had entered the yard, a bell rang and everybody ran to the front of the building to line up. After being questioned by a man that I rightly took to be

the professor, I was directed to line up with the seventh grade girls. Of this I was glad, for near the middle of the line was Grace Herrick a sweet, fair-faced girl, whom I had known some years before. She welcomed me with a smile. Another bell rang, and to what seemed wonderful music, we marched into the auditorium. After the exercises, which impressed me greatly, were over, the classes were dismissed to their rooms.

Not long after, Professor

Geiger came into the seventh grade room, and along with Grace Herrick and others, I was sent into the eighth grade. Our teacher, Miss Laura Grillon, we liked very much. Then began a happy term of school life. There were about thirty of us, some good, some bad, and some just happy-go-lucky. Some studied hard, and some never studied at all. Grace was among the good ones. Since she always knew her lessons and never did anything against the rules, every
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Complete Educational Directory of the State of Florida 1915-1916

Monroe County School Excerpt from "The Florida Genealogist"

January/March 2003

By Linda Pazics Kleback

Name of School	Names of Principal and Teachers	Post Office	Florida Cert. Held	Monthly Salary	Number of Pupils Enrolled	Number above 8th Grade
Harris School	W. L. Osterhaut	Key West	S.	110.00	724	
	Jennie Seymour,	Key West	1st	55.00		
	E. H. Crain	Key West	2nd	45.00		
	Mary Dunn	Key West	2nd	50.00		
	Mae Sands	Key West	1st	55.00		
	Ruby Kemp	Key West	1st	50.00		
	Hazel Harris	Key West	1st	48.00		
	Portia Johnson	Key West	1st	48.00		
	Victoria Pastorini	Key West	1st	53.00		
	Emma Torano	Key West	1st	55.00		
	Charlotte Gould	Key West	2nd	50.00		
	Floriatt Torano	Key West	2nd	40.00		
	Louise Grant	Key West	2nd	50.00		
	Flossie Baker	Key West	2nd	45.00		
	Ruth Canfield	Key West	1st	45.00		
	Leona Curry	Key West	2nd	45.00		
	Lottie Herrick	Key West	3rd	40.00		
	Argentina Delgado	Key West	3rd	40.00		
Dora Perez	Key West	3rd	49.00			
Hilda Saunders	Key West	3rd	47.00			
Division Street High School	G. E. McKay	Key West	Sp.	150.00	686	35
	Marjorie Leach	Key West	S.	90.00		
	M. E. Russell	Key West	1st	100.00		
	Sadie Moss	Key West	1st	60.00		
	Grace Roberts	Key West	1st	60.00		
	Lillian Wilson	Key West	1st	55.00		
	Julia Roberts	Key West	1st	60.00		
	Margueritt Archer	Key West	1st	50.00		
	Isabell Biaza	Key West	2nd	53.00		
	Clarice Roberts	Key West	1st	55.00		
	Angela Ritter	Key West	1st	45.00		
	Elise Warren	Key West	1st	50.00		
	Una Russell	Key West	2nd	40.00		
Alice Roberts	Key West	2nd	45.00			



The No Name Key School. Written under the photo by the teacher is "Some tender morsels for Mosquitoes." Photo credit: Monroe County Library.

	Mamie Archer	Key West	2nd	45.00	
	Mary Albury	Key West	2nd	40.00	
	Miriam Gochering	Key West	3rd	45.00	
San Carlos	Espeanza Napolis	Key West	T.	40.00	143
Big Pine	Adda Johnson	Key West	2nd	40.00	12
No Name Key	Ema Curry	Key West	T.	40.00	15
Marathon	Ruby Hobson	Key West	T.	40.00	10
Mettacombi	A. Capes	Islamorado	T.	45.00	28
Plantation	Annie Haskins	Key West	1st	45.00	10
Planter	Mamie Kemp	Key West	1st	45.00	15
Rock Harbor	Luraine Garfunkel	Fla. City	1st	45.00	16
Key Largo Sound	Marjorie Taylor	Key West	T.	40.00	10
Flamingo	Carrie Hertell	Key West	T.	40.00	
Douglass	J.N. English	Key West	1st	85.00	
	Mildred Shavers	Key West	2nd	50.00	
	Constance Roberts	Key West	1st	40.00	
	Lucile Shackelford	Key West	2nd	35.00	
	Irene Roberts	Key West	2nd	35.00	
	S.J. Walters	Key West	3rd	40.00	
	Florida Gandolfo	Key West	3rd	35.00	
	Leonie Adams	Key West	3rd	30.00	
	Stella Cantrell	Key West	T.	30.00	

The following abbreviations designate the different certificates: S. for State; L. S. for Life State; U. S. for Graduate State; Sp. For Special; L. 1st for Life First Grade; L. E. for Life Extension; 1st, for First Grade; 2nd for Second Grade, 3rd for Third Grade; P. for Primary; L. P. for Life Primary; T. for Temporary; and No. for no certificate.

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week her name appeared on the honor roll. Not realizing the value of time, I was more happy-go-lucky than anything else. True, I worked hard at arithmetic, but because I had studied most of the lessons before, it seemed foolish to bother with them again when otherwise I could have such a good time and there were so many interesting books to read.

A number of us were frantic about reading. We sat together in the same corner of the room, and many a day, when we should have been studying our lessons, we were deep in some storybook. Often, things to eat were passed around, mostly candy and lemons. Grace never did take any. Sometimes, when we talked rather loudly, Miss Laura would lose all patience. She would holler at the girls and take a stick to the boys. We still liked her. We knew that she wanted us to do right, and some of us did try to be better.

Although we were only eighth graders, we were way ahead of the high school. The high school did not have any kind of a newspaper, while every day we published "The Fool's Advice." This interesting paper, edited by Harry Dority, was both serious and humorous. D. A. Thompson was the famous cartoonist.

Near the end of the term, an entertainment, to be held in connection with commencement, was arranged. Grace and I were both in it. As Miss Laura, who did most of the work, was obliged to be gone nearly all of the time, Mr. Melvin Russell, a student from the eleventh grade, was sent to teach us. We did not like the idea of being presided over by a high-school boy, but we put up with it. He made us learn the first and last parts of the Declaration of Independence by heart, word for word. I remember

some of it yet. Commencement was a grand success. Grace was awarded a gold pin for conduct, while I received one for arithmetic.

When school opened again, we were freshmen in high school, with Miss Florence Smith for teacher. The class of thirty had shrunk to about fifteen. The high school then was conducted as the grades are, with one teacher for each class. That year I came to school with the determination to study. We were beginning Latin and algebra, and Miss Florence made us understand that if we acquired a solid foundation, the years to come would be much easier, so that year we studied hard, but read comparatively few books. We were not treated badly as freshmen sometimes are, neither did we try to "boss" our superiors.

During our freshmen year, the present high school literary society was organized. Though we knew just as much about it as the Juniors and Seniors did, we knew our place and kept it. We elected a senior as first president. The second president was a junior. We thought it our duty to do the hard work, and consequently, were much benefited. From the dues, we raised enough to buy twelve high school pennants, to subscribe for thirty copies of "Current Events", and still had a good balance left to help with our first high school banquet.

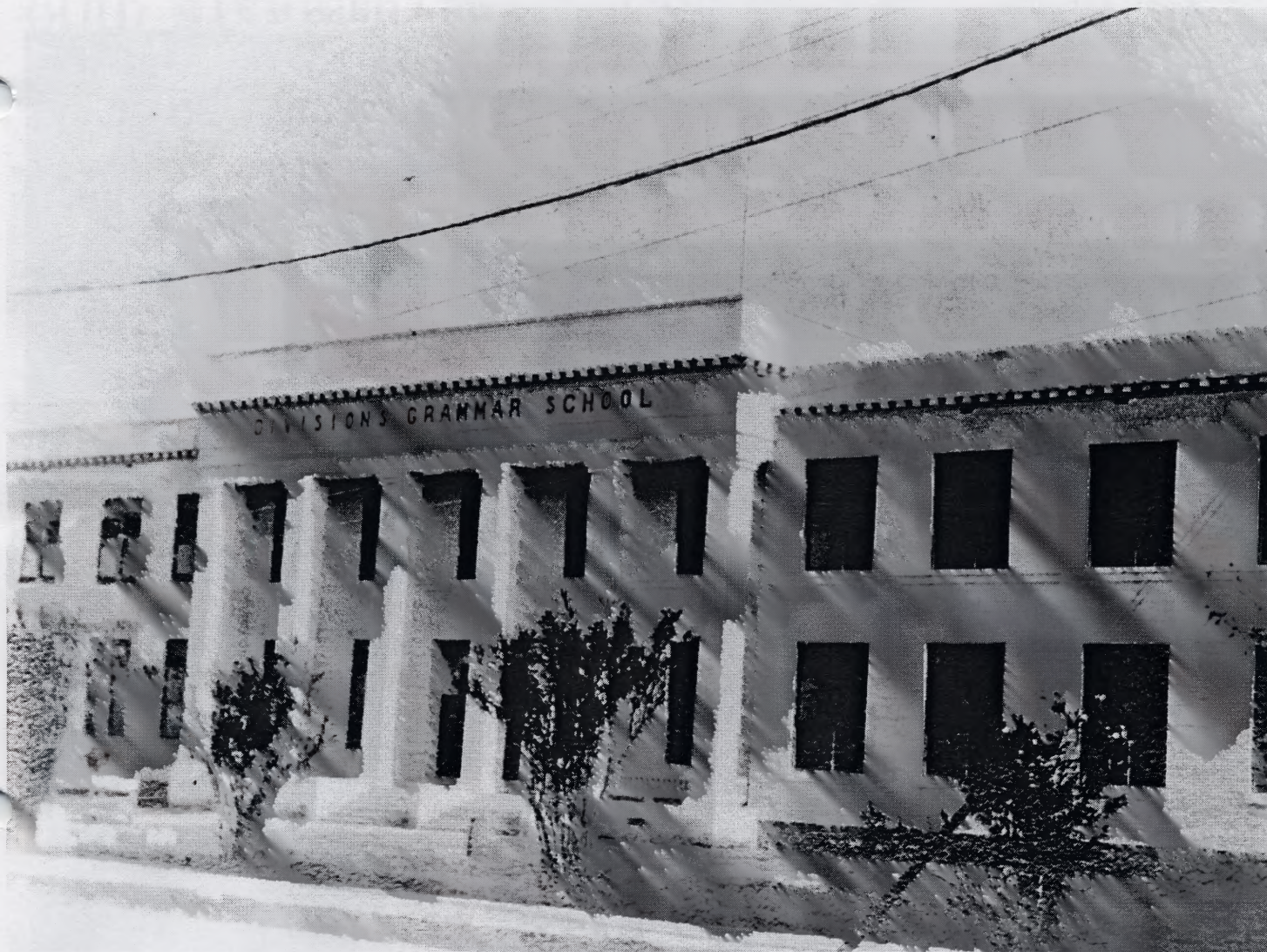
At this time were organized two basketball teams by the high school, and by our class, a sewing society, which met Wednesdays after school. We never had fussing or quarrelling. Miss Florence was constantly dinning quotations in our ears such as "Great talkers are like broken pitchers, they hold nothing", or "An empty person and an empty wagon driving over a road are alike. They make a great deal of noise."

One of the best that she taught us was that "In unity there is strength." Again and again in history has the truth of this been put forth.

One morning, two weeks before school closed for the summer, no Miss Florence appeared. Though we knew that she had a beau, we did not dream that she would get married without inviting us to the wedding, especially near the end of the term however, we found out that it had happened and so quietly, that we did not even suspect a wedding. The last two weeks we were taught by Miss Rosalie Archer, a sister of one of our classmates.

The next September sun shedding its rays over Key West, found a high school run by modern methods. There was a new math teacher, Miss Lee from Gainesville. No one could help liking her. Mr. Geiger fell in love with her from the first. Our freshman class of fifteen had become a sophomore class of six girls. Miss Lurline Roberts was our teacher more than anyone else. She had us first thing in the morning for history and last thing in the afternoon for physical geography. In between we went to Miss Grace Roberts in the freshman room for English" to Miss Lee at junior headquarters for math, and to Mr. Russell in the senior room for Latin. Basketball and Literary Society flourished. The new Freshies were just the right sort. Before the end of the term, much to our sorrow, two of our classmates dropped from the ranks. During the four months of vacation, another lost the desire for school life.

Our junior year opened with only three, but one dropped out and left Grace and me. At first we were lonesome. The room seemed so big and empty with just us two and the teacher. However, we grew



The Division Street Grammar School, now the Harvey Government Center at the Historic Truman School. The school's name was changed when Division Street was named for President Truman. Photo credit: Monroe County Library.

to like it. We found that a half of each teacher was much better than a sixth, a fifteenth, or a thirtieth.

A pleasant memory of our junior year was the visit of Dr. Thackston, State High School Inspector. He had visited us before when we were freshmen. This time he saw many improvements. Mr. Geiger, who now punished anybody who persisted in calling him "professor", was working wonders. Of course, Dr. Thackston liked the juniors better than he did the other classes. He was delighted at the way that we translated Latin into English and English into Latin. In English period he dropped in on us.

We talked together a few minutes and he asked our opinions of some books that were being used in high schools. In the afternoon, the whole high school assembled in the senior class room and was addressed by Dr. Thackston. He urged athletics and above all, a strong Literary Society.

Our juniorhood came to an end and with the dignity of senior life, came many changes. The high school found itself in new quarters, which had been built over the auditorium during the summer. There were three class rooms, a library and study combined, and a wide hall. Three new teachers, all college graduates, had taken the

place of the old ones. We were much gratified to find a librarian in charge of our growing library. But alas for the seniors, they were quartered with the juniors, and except in trigonometry, were obliged to be satisfied with just one eleventh of each teacher. The only consolation we got was to listen to the mistakes that the juniors made, or to hear the stories that they wrote. We love the juniors though. It is a comfort to know that there are people around who are more ignorant than you are, even if they do not show it. We are going to give them all the old things that we no longer want. This

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year we have enjoyed a number of social occasions. The day after Thanksgiving, the Literary Society went on a glorious picnic at the second tower. Some time after that there was another at the first tower. On April 23, all the officers and members of our senior class dined with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fisher. Today we are giving our class day exercises. After the juniors had begged and pleaded, we reluctantly agreed to let them assist us. Poor juniors: They think it is hard to have been in such close companionship with seniors for a whole term and not be able to graduate with them. No matter how much we regret it, we must leave them. In a few days we shall be graduated from an accredited senior high school. We shall not be in the high school next year. Neither will our honorable principal be here, but we wish for you luck and another good principal, and for the high school, unity and strength.

It is May 4, 1965, fifty years tonight since Grace Herrick and I were graduated from Harris High School, Key West, Florida. Our colors were royal purple and white and our flower the white rose. Our motto had been "Ser mas bien qua. paracer"(To be is better than to seem.)

We went to college and graduated together. Then for five years we taught in our Key West High School. After that Grace was married and went to make her home in the Catskill Mountains. I heard from her every week for three years and judging from her letters, she must have been happy. She told me about her little boy, whom, in honor of our high school days, she had named Marion Percy after Mr. Geiger. The fourth year, letters came at rare intervals. Sometimes for months I would not receive one.

Reunions of Class 1915



Grace Dunaway, left, and Eliza Gardner on May 4, 1965. Photo credit: Ann Gardner.

From the Key West Citizen of May 16, 1965

The Golden Jubilee of the Key West High School was celebrated recently with 100 percent attendance.

There were only two graduates that year, Grace Herrick, who is now Mrs. F.R. Dunaway of Jacksonville, Fla., and Eliza Gardner of 1104 Petronia St., Key West.

Miss Herrick and Miss Gardner were classmates also at Florida State College for Women in Tallahassee.

Miss Herrick taught school for several years, and then married. She now has two married children and seven grandchildren. Miss Gardner taught in Key West

for 32 years and is now retired.

The two held a quiet but joyous anniversary celebration at Miss Gardner's home on May 4.

They reported having great fun trying to identify schoolmates and teachers in pictures taken more than 50 years ago; reading their class History and Prophecy, their class song and the poem, "To Our Colors," which they were surprised to rediscover to have been royal purple and white.

They also found pleasure in going over their commencement song and other songs and hymns taught by Laura Grillon and sung in Harris School in the bygone days of their sojourn there.

60th Reunion

From the Key West Citizen of July 24, 1975

On May 4th, 1915 there were only two graduates from Key West high School. Grace Herrick, now Mrs. Rosser Dunaway of Jacksonville, and Eliza Gardner of 1104 Petronia St.

This year, Mrs. Dunaway came to Key West and she and Eliza Gardner had the 60th class reunion with 100 per cent attendance.

Members of the families gathered at the Gardner home to help them make the reunion a happy occasion. The class song, the class poem, old pictures and other souvenirs brought back many happy memories. Miss Gardner was assisted in hospitality by her niece, Ann.

Ten years ago the Class members celebrated their 50th anniversary, and now, a decade later, they had one more happy reunion to remember.

From the Key West Citizen of September, 1991

Grace Herrick Dunaway died Wednesday Sept. 4, 1991 in Prince Frederick, Md. She was 95.

A native of Key West, she was a former resident of Jacksonville and a member of Swain Memorial United Methodist Church.

Widow of the late Frank R. Dunaway, she is survived by her daughter, Blanche D. Miller of Friendship, Md.; her son, Frank R. Dunaway Jr. of Alexandria, Va., seven grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews in Key West.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 7, at Swain Memorial United Methodist Church in Jacksonville with Bishop Robert M. Blackburn officiating.



Eliza Gardner, left, and Grace Dunaway during the final reunion of the Key West High School class of 1915 held in Key West in January 1987. Photo credit: Ann Gardner.

From the Key West Citizen of September 5, 1995

Eliza Melicent Gardner died Saturday, Sept. 2, 1995, at the age of 100 years in the home where she was born on Jan. 26, 1895, and where she lived her entire life.

A graduate of Monroe County High School (now Key West High), and Florida State College for Women (now Florida State University), she retired in 1950 after a 32-year career of teaching math at Key West High School. During her early years of teaching, she played baseball in the school yard with the students and because, instead of running, she skipped from base to base, she acquired the nickname "Skippy Doodle."

She is preceded in death by her parents, John and Susan Curry Gardner, and all her siblings; Gloriana Bayly, Susie A. Gardner, John A. Gardner, and Henry A. Gardner Sr.

She is survived by three

nephews; Richard W. Gardner, Sr. of Ft. Myers; John L. Gardner Sr. of Cape Coral and Author G. Gardner of Key West; four nieces, Elizabeth Ann Gardner, Edna Jean Valdez, and Clara Cates of Key West, and Mary Lou Love of Columbia, S.C.; two sisters-in-law, Martha and Edna Gardner of Key West; 12 great nieces and nephews; sixteen great great nieces and nephews and numerous cousins.

A visitation will be held Wednesday, Sept. 6, 1995, at the Dean-Lopez Funeral Home Chapel from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Funeral services will be held Thursday, Sept. 7, 1995, at 10 a.m. at the St. Paul's Episcopal Church with Father Paul Rasmus officiating.

Burial will follow in the family plot at the Key West City Cemetery. Flowers are being accepted, but for those who wish to make a donation may do so to the St. Paul's Episcopal Church organ fund, or the charity of their choice in Eliza's name.

Key West High School Papers

The High School Snapper

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KEY WEST, FLORIDA, FEBRUARY, 18, 1916

No. 1

Championship Banner Won By Seniors

The seniors won the championship banner offered by the faculty to the class making the greatest number of points in the meet held by the High School Athletic Association. The banner, crimson and silver gray in color, is six feet long by two feet wide and bears the inscription, "Champions."

Those events which were postponed for lack of time, took place Wednesday and Thursday of this week. It was left for the girls to win the banner for the high school and they did it nobly. The basket ball games and the doughnut race were the deciding issues. There were three games of basket ball; one between the seniors and the sophomores which resulted in a score of 4 to 13 in favor of the seniors; a second between the seniors and the grades resulting in a score of 7 to 4 in favor

Double Header Friday Night

A double header game of basket ball was played last Friday night in the Honor gymnasium. Both of the High School teams came out victorious. The first team defeated the Army by a score of 10 to 14 while the second team put it over the Braves of the Seaside Street School by the time of 24 to 12.

Both games were hot and speedy. The seniors did a splendid job because they did it with without some of their best men. Among them were

who took part in the finish. In the game between the school teams the Braves secured a victory over the better players, but if the class of the first ball the score was 12 to 8 in their favor. However, Stanton brought down to business in the second half and made an excellent play.

Henry Saunders, a Lovette star, was put out of commission near the end of the first half. Some clever plays were made by members of both

Board Will Complete Gym.

The Board of Education, when requested by a committee from the A. S. S. Association, consented to complete the high school gymnasium.

The proposed plan provides for a gymnasium to be built on the site of the old gymnasium. The plan also provides for the building of a new gymnasium on the site of the old gymnasium. A new building will be built on the site of the old gymnasium.

New plans are being made by the Board of Education. The new plans are being made by the Board of Education. The new plans are being made by the Board of Education.

Weekly Honor Roll

P. O. S. of A. Entertainment

The Patriotic Order Sons of America are planning an entertainment to be given at the High School.

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What About the High School Bathhouse

The High School Bathhouse is a subject of interest to the community. The High School Bathhouse is a subject of interest to the community.

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MONROE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

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EDUCATIONAL WEEK OBSERVED ILLITERACY MENACE TO NATION

Interesting Talks Given By Leading Citizens And Pupils

Educational week opened with an essay by Mr. Stanton Cooper of the Senior Class of Monroe County High School, entitled, "The Privileges and Responsibilities of American Citizens," in which he admirably contrasted the privileges of citizenship in our country as compared with those of foreign nations.

Miss Dora Cale rendered effectively James Whitcomb Riley's poem "Old Glory."

Mrs. DeBoe then addressed the assembled school on the subject of "Books," which was especially valuable in that it sharply defined the

A fitting tribute was paid our newly organized High School orchestra by Superintendent Lowe, who was next on the program. The subject of Superintendent Lowe's talk was "American Ideals," which forcibly brought to us the fact that national ideals are but a reflection of personal ideals. He brought out the relationship between these ideals and education.

Dr. Warren was then introduced and accused Superintendent Lowe of stealing his thunder. He then went on to comment upon the appropriate

National Scope And Solution To Question Imperative

GOOD SPIRIT NECESSARY TO THIS SCHOOL Importance In School Affairs Is Brought Out By Miss Armstrong

An old negro preacher once undertook to define a phenomenon, and this is what he said: "Brethren when you see a cow walking down de road, dat am not a phenomenon, and when you see a thistle growing by de side ob de road, dat am not phenomenon. And again, when yo' see a canary bird a singing in his cage, dat still

The trite saying that knowledge is power could not be more forcibly impressed upon our minds than when we consider the text of our subject. The fact that we are able to reason and think shows the necessity of using these great powers that are a part of our very lives, and of using them rightly. As citizens of the greatest and most powerful nation this world has ever seen, it is incumbent upon us to appreciate to the full extent, this heritage that has been preserved and handed down to us from our forefathers. It is our

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Commencement Opens Sunday With Baccalaureate Session



THE KEY WEST HIGH SCHOOL

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Next Sunday we observe a solemn ceremony and religious service in our auditorium. This occurs once each year and is known as the baccalaureate session. In this ceremony the graduating class is dressed in robes and academic caps. They line up in the hall and promptly at 11 o'clock they file slowly down the aisle followed by the school officials and guest speakers, to places reserved for them near the front of the chapel. The girls keep their caps on at all times but the boys keep theirs on only while standing, except during the invocation and the benediction.

While the graduates, officials and speakers are marching in the audience rises and remains standing until the graduates are in their places. This is repeated at the close of the ceremony.

With the new building on White Street the name was changed to The Conch.

THE SNAPPER

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KEY WEST HIGH SCHOOL, JANUARY 18, 1935

PRICE, FIVE CENTS



HIGH SCHOOL BOYS PLAY HOMESTEAD

Tonight the High school boys will play their second game of the season against the Homestead High school basketball team. A short time ago the home team beat the Redland High school 15 to 10 in favor of the home boys. Now tonight they hope to show even better skill by defeating Home-

TYPISTS MAKE PERFECT RECORDS

The Commercial department reports the following honor roll based on perfect ten minute records in typing:

First semester students requiring a minimum of not less than twenty net words:

Chester Knowles, 26.
Eloise Guito, 38.
Sylvia Sawyer, 49.

Second semester students requiring a minimum of not less than thirty net words:

Isabel Armayor, 35.
Hilda Demerritt, 36.
Jack Pierce, 38.
Delio Cruz, 40.

SENIOR CLASS ELECTS CONCH STAFF FOR '35

The Senior class called a meeting for the purpose of electing various members of The Conch staff.

The joke editor was the first to be considered. Nominations were not made from the floor, therefore the editor was given power to appoint one.

Ed Woodson was voted for sports editor.

Hilda Demerritt was voted to be giftorian.

The rest of the offices were considered voluntary. Albert Wiggins, Edna Rob-

PEP TEAM MAKES PLANS FOR TRIP

The pep team has been on the alert this week and has raised a few dollars though its work is not yet done.

Local business men have contributed. After this campaign is over the names of the contributors will be announced.

This afternoon a Kiddie Kabaret will be presented in the auditorium for students as well as outsiders. Miss Clara Yates and Victor Larsen are sponsoring the show. The kabaret will be for the benefit of the pep team.

In 1935 the paper finally settled on the name of The Snapper.

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1923, the high school was moved from the Division Street School to a new building on White Street, between United and Seminary Streets and the Division Street School became a grammar school.

Elizabeth Ann Gardner is a fifth generation Conch. She graduated from Key West High and Florida State University with a Masters Degree in Food and Nutrition with a minor in Biochemistry. She retired as Monroe County Nutritionist and spends her time researching family history and cleaning the sidewalks at Petronia and Francis Streets. She supplied most of the material used in this issue of the Journal

The following was taken from the Coconut Special of May 7, 1928.

The Monroe County High School has had a very changeable career during the past, but has finally found its place and has settled down to work its way to fame. It has been changing from place to place because the enrollment of pupils outgrew the space; available for them. But it has finally found a suitable place to hold the future enrollment for many years. This is chiefly due to the effort put forth by the members of the School Board. It shows that the members of the Board have become better acquainted with the school work and what is needed most in the schools. This is being shown chiefly by the present members, because of their strenuous efforts to better the school and its surroundings. The schools are aware of the fact that the superintendent, school board and principal have been at their best or the schools would not have prospered as they have

during the past. The names of the members of the School Board and the principals of the past up to the present date are as follows:

County Superintendent
1894-1900--Mr. C. F. Kemp.
1901-1908--Dr. Harris.
1909-1924--Mr. V. S. Lowe.
1925-1928--Mr. Melvin Russell.

High School Principals
1905-1916--Mr. N. P. Geiger.
1916-1921--Mr. G. E. McKay.
1922-1924--Mr. Bowden.
1923-1925--Mr. Coher.
1925-1926--Mr. Duncan.
1926-1927--Mr. A. D. Odom.
1927-1928--Mr. E. E. Mossman.

Members of the School Board
Mr. Wm. McNamara.
Mr. Paul Roberts.

1920
Same except Mr. Wm. Kemp filled unexpired term of Mr. Wm. McNamara.

1921
Chairman, Mr. Chas. Curtiss.
Mr. Paul Roberts.
Dr. Wm. Kemp.
1922
Same as 1921.
1923
Chairman, Mr. Abelardo Lopez.
Mr. Millard Gibson.
Mrs. DeBoe (Chas. Curtiss filled the unexpired term of Mrs. DeBoe).

1924
Chairman, Mr. Chas. Curtiss.
Mr. Millard Gibson.
Mr. Abelardo Lopez.
1925
Chairman, Mr. Abelardo Lopez.
Mr. Chas. Curtiss.
Mr. Millard Gibson.

1926
Chairman, Mr. Abelardo Lopez.
Mr. Millard Gibson.
Mr. Chas. Curtiss. (Mr. Clarence Pierce filled the unexpired term of Mr. Curtiss).

1927
Chairman, Mr. Abelardo Lopez.
Mr. Millard Gibson.
Mr. Clarence Pierce.

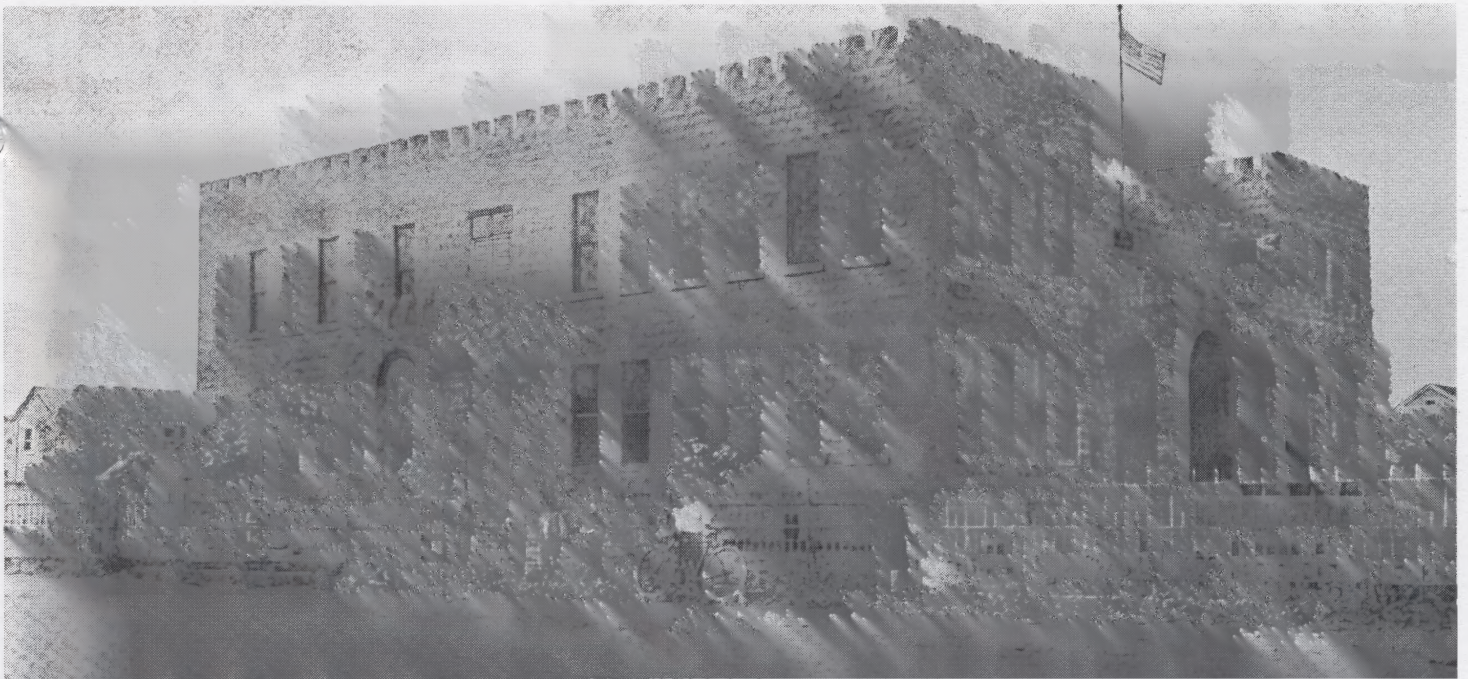
1928
Chairman, Mr. Millard Gibson.

Mr. Willard Albury.
Mr. Clarence Pierce.

Monroe County High School

Alumni

1908
Lance Lester.
1909
Miriam Russell.
Jennie Lewin.
1910
Isabel Baez.
1911
Myrtle Archer.
Carrie Hertell.
Florine Cook.
Hazel Harris.
Ella Skelton.
Julius Pearlman.
1912
Una Russell.
Will Eneas.
1913
Mamie Saunders.
Ruby Kemp.
Portia Johnson.
Ivy Perpall.
Etnel Sawyer.
Mamie Archer.
Hollon Bervaldi.
1914
Lotta Herrick.
Floriette Torano.
Hillary Albury.
1915
Grace Herrick.
Eliza Gardner.
1916
Anna Sheppard.
Vera Berry.
Mable Roberts.
Ethea Kemp.
Mamie Saunders.
Doris Roberts.
Ruth Herrick.
Joe Watkins.
Fred Demeritt.
Noel Cook.
Willie McClintock.
1917



The Harris High School about 1910. Photo credit: Monroe County Library.

Marie Russell.
Bennie Archer.
Benjamin Saunders.
Vernon Watts.
Floyd Whalton.

1918

Kathleen Minticeno.
Mariam Watkins.
Naomi Sweeting.
Ernest Roberts.
Maynard Baker.
Edison Archer.

1919

Jennie Sweeting.
Rebah Herrick.
Miriam Carey.
Reba Russell.
Shirley Cook.

1920

Doris Johnson.
Carola Roberts.
Clarice Johnson.
Leota Grillon.
Florence Gardner.
Mary Trevor.
Mizpah Sweeting.
Dorothy Decker.
Mary Pritchard.
Lulu Nelson.
David Kirchik.
Bennie Margulis.

Robert Givens.
Mario Martinez.
Floyd Johnson.
Elmer Smythe.
Harry Warren.

Joe Cook.

John Sharpley.
Allison Roberts.

1921

Dorothy Beaver.
Susie Gardner.
Mable Welch.
Elizabeth Sharpley.

Dorothy. Pease.

Rolina Curry.

Mary Costar.

Gladys Ingram.

Sybil Sawyer.

Maxwell Curry.

Morris Margulis.

David Weintraub.

John Gardner.

Josephine Osterhoudt.

1922

Grace Romaguera.

Spero McClintock.

Averil Cleare.

Elizabeth Curry.

Consuela Warren.

Illma Louise Garthside.

Eloise Curtis.

Josephine Park.
Texas Welch.

Nell Johnson.

Cuba Haycraft.

Elizabeth Whalton.

Kathleen Maloney.

Margaret Martinez.

Will Albury.

John Warren.

Marklin Johnson.

George Brooks.

George Henry Garthside.

Oscar Gongalez.

George Archer.

Bennie Carey.

Edwin Trevor.

Ralph Higgs.

Raymond Lord.

Ruth Knowles.

Edward Archer.

1923

Mary Sweeting.

Mary Louise Pinder.

Mable Sharpley.

Sadell Albury.

Florence Graham.

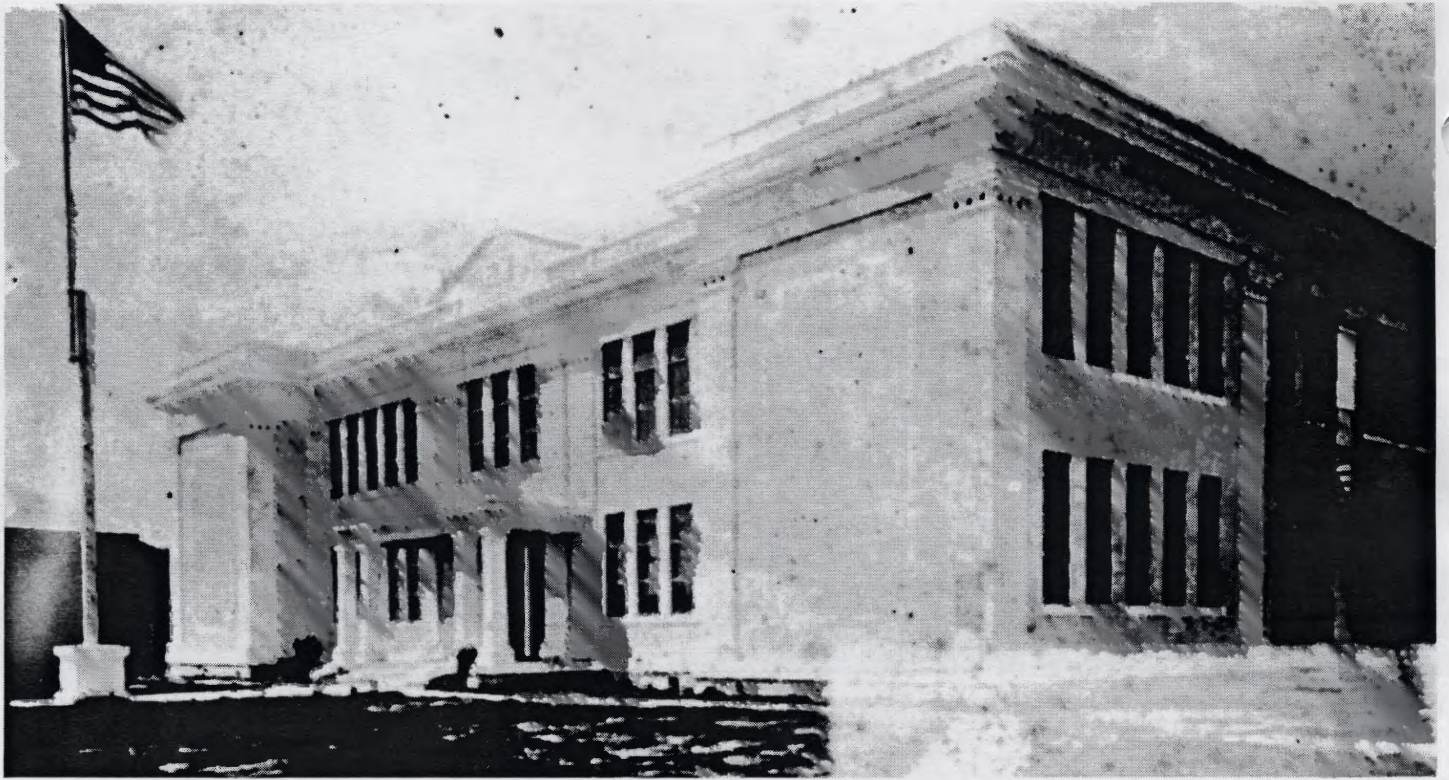
Louise Brady.

Thelma Sands.

Miriam Carey.

Isabel Avila.

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The Key West High School on White Street in the 1920's. Photo credit: Monroe County Library.

(Schools from page 13)

Rosalie Warren.
 Jennie Weintraub.
 Irene Burrus.
 Azula Saunders.
 Pauline Burrus.
 Elizabeth Lowe.
 Eunice Baker.
 Violet McNamara.
 Mavereen Sawyer.
 Eulalie Mathews.
 Irma Curry.
 Jennie Mae Johnson.
 William Voght.
 Everett Albury.
 James Singleton.
 Homer Herrick.
 Alvin Davis.
 Charles Smith.
 Mervin Archer.
 Franklin Archer.
 Curry Harris.
 Jack Kirchick.
 Fred Lebos.
 Gilbert Goshorn.
 Russell Sawyer.
 Isadore Goldstein.
 Eugene Roberts.
 Jack Givens.

1924

Vivien Saunders.
 Alberta Russell.
 Katherine Peace.
 Eldon Brisson.
 Clinton Wilson.
 Mary Falk.
 Charlotte Lunn.
 Stanton Cooper.
 Allan Cleare.
 Stokes Filer.
 Eloise E. Lowe.
 Dora Cale.
 Neva Hall.
 Mary Collins.
 Elizabeth Eakins.
 George Cook.
 Thelma Knowles.
 Edna Perez.
 Eleanor Richards.
 Emil Russell.
 Raymond Albury.
 Margaret Graham.
 Ruby L. Johnson.
 Mirta Lacedonia.
 Florelle Carey.
 Norman Carey.
 Fred Curry.

1925

Lilia Azpetia.
 Celeste Archer.
 Wilma Burrus.
 Francis Cochran.
 Dorothy Cleare.
 Kermit Cleare.
 Charles L. Albury.
 George Gardner.
 Mary Ingram.
 Eloise Lowe.
 Emory Monticeno.
 Angela Perez.
 Bobby (Ella) Roberts.
 Harold Russell.

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Floyd Schrader.
1926
Frances Elizabeth Cale.
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Philip L. Cosgrove.
Ray G. Curry.
Margaret Rebekah Curtis.
Joseph Harry Dongo.
Magdelin Eugenia Leon.
Allan L. Hampton.
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1927
Louise Cleare.
Sarah Elizabeth Baker.
Carrie Watson.
Grace Phyllis Roberts.
Earl Carlisle Jackson.
Anna Francis Hollerich.
Sara May Hill.
Ida Louise Johnson.
Helen Claude Williams.
Lorena Givens.
Henry Blumer Owen.
Louise Roberts Ketchum.
Marion Wells Russell.
Ida Emma Curry.
Claude Guthrie Babcock.
Jayne Lewis.
Margaret Helen Shaw.
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Joseph Carlin Pierce.
Coleman Nockolds, Jr.

Jewell Lena Louise Nelson.
Leslie Eugene Russell.
Charles Cecil Albury.
1927-28
George Adams.
Glynn Archer.
Dorothy Archer.
Floyd Ayala.
Kermit Baker.
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Louise Brady.
Harry Capo.
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Allen E. Curry.
Dorothy Curry.
George Curry.
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