

THE KATE DUNCAN SMITH DAR SCHOOL STORY

Grant, Alabama

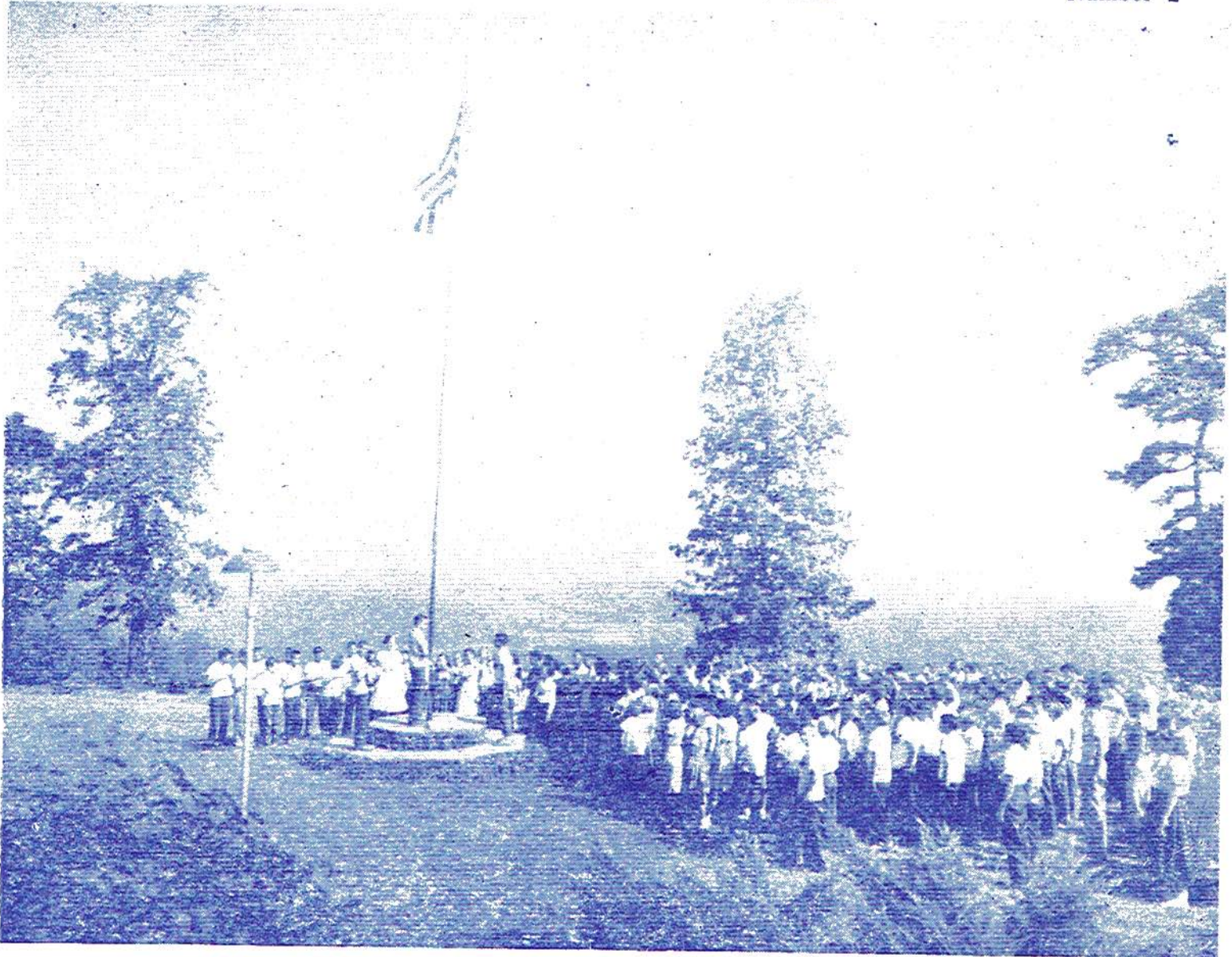
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K.D.S. students salute flag at entrance of main building with Kenamer's Cove forming a blue and misty background.

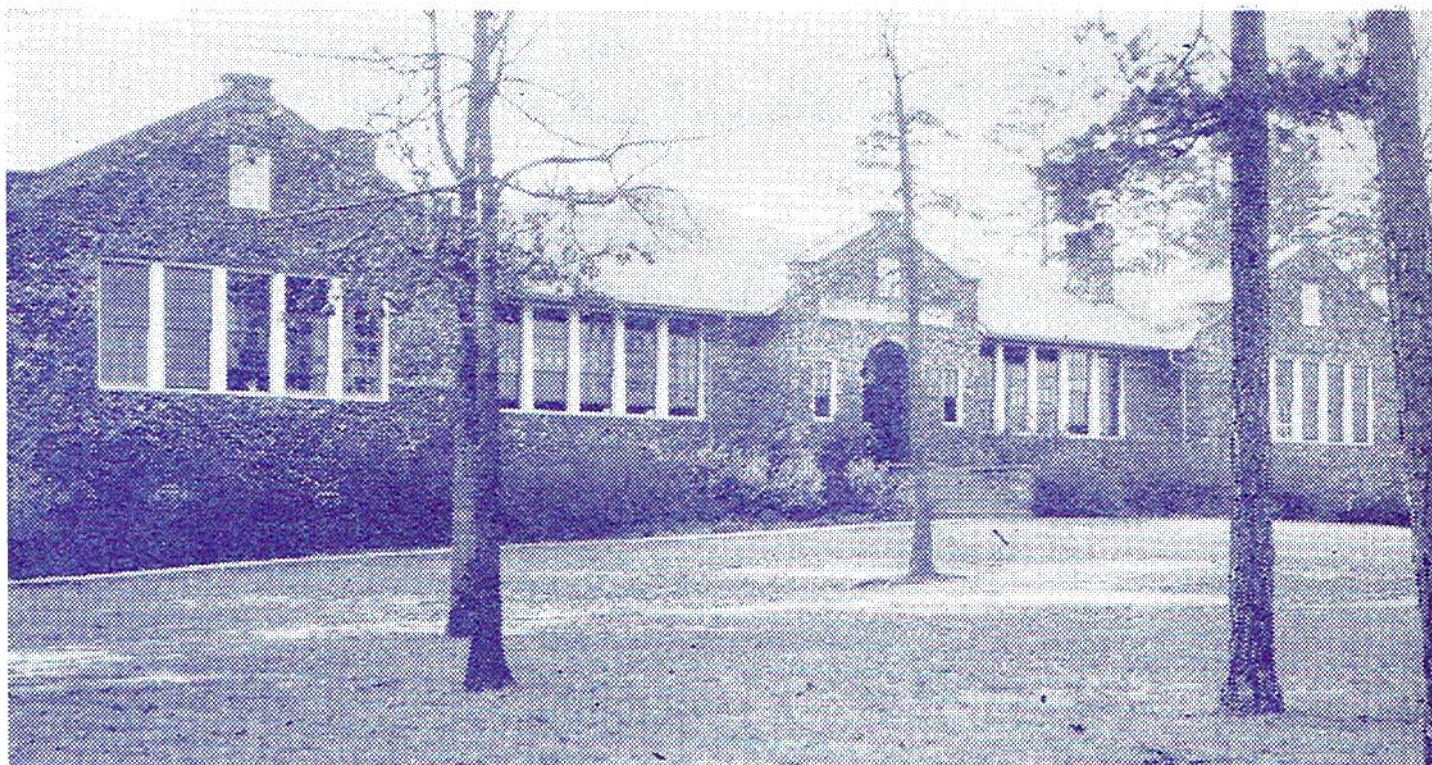
Kate Duncan Smith DAR School is located in North East Alabama, on top of Gunter Mountain at an elevation of 1200 feet amid beautiful scenery that affords a breathtaking view of historic Kenamer's Cove some 600 feet below. Howard Hill, the famous archer, who has travelled widely, termed it "one of the most beautiful views I have ever seen." A series of low mountain ranges are visible as one looks over the valley and the last and highest is an extension of the Cumberland Mountains, a plateau of the Appalachian Range that extends from South

West Virginia to North Alabama.

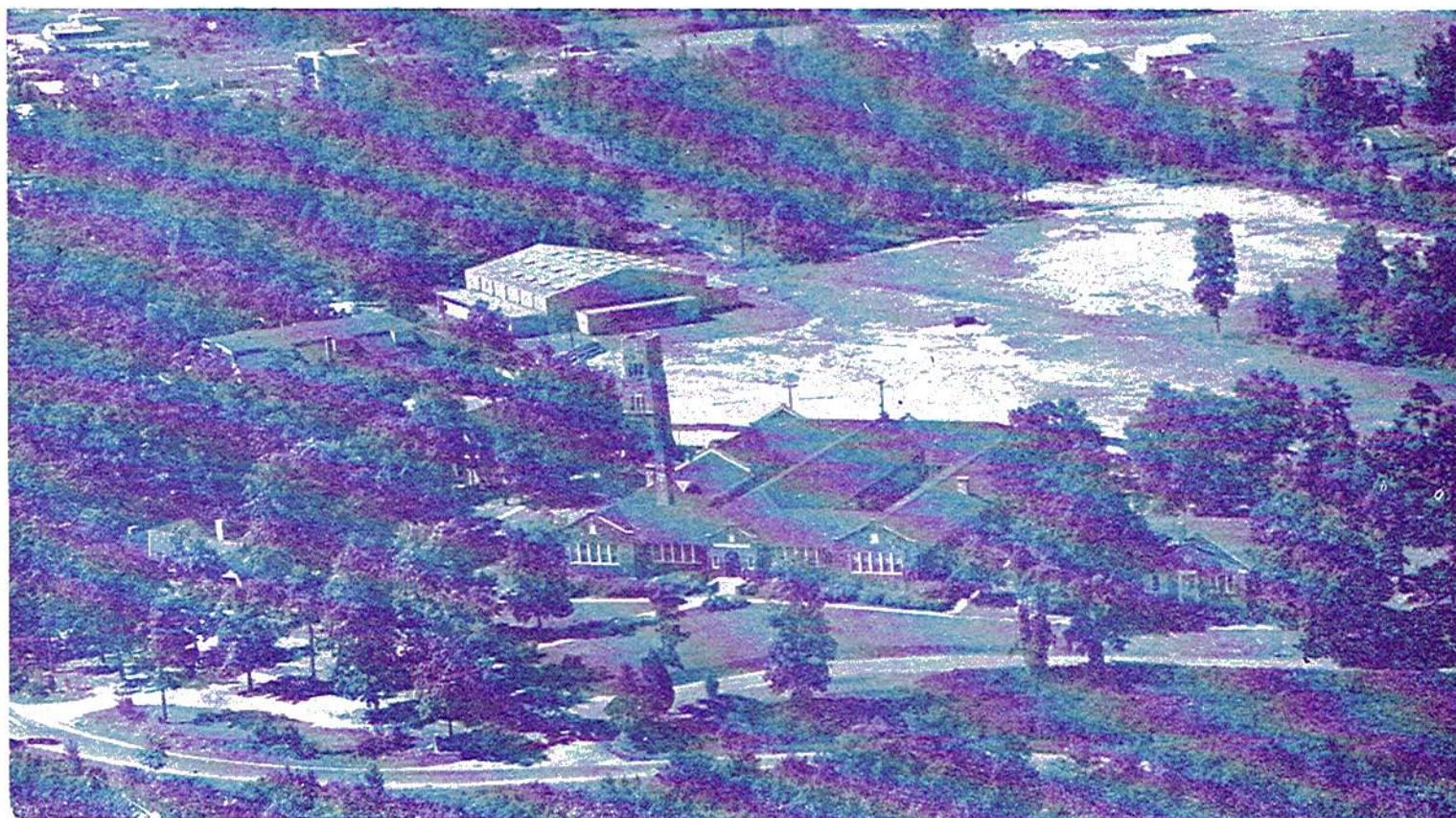
An Iowa DAR, who visited the school with the Bus Tour of 1960, wrote as follows: "The view from your beautiful mountain is superb! I took pictures of it and the Wild Hydrangea and the Mimosa which were so gorgeous when we were there." Just five miles from the school in the valley below is Cathedral Caverns that is rapidly gaining a national reputation as one of the scenic attractions in Alabama and indeed the South. (See the June, 1962 issue of Reader's Digest. "A MAN,

A CAVE, and A DREAM".)

The Kate Duncan Smith DAR School had its beginning at Alabama's Eighth DAR State Conference in 1906, when the following resolution was adopted: "Whereas, the honor and welfare of our country demand that children shall be trained in the knowledge and practice of pure and noble citizenship; and Whereas, this matter is not adequately provided for in the present curriculum of the schools, therefore, be it Resolved that this Conference adopt measures to insure greater Patriotic Education throughout



These four rooms comprised the school in 1924—nine additions have been made since.



Aerial view of school looking west from school entrance. New gymnasium with sky lights can be seen in left background and a cluster of farm buildings are visible at edge of farm fields. New play area is just west of gym. Four rooms on front were erected by mountain people in 1924.

the State.”

In her report to the Conference of 1910, the Alabama State Regent recommended, “That a fund be raised by volunteer offerings of Daughters of the American Revolution to purchase a location for the Mountain Children of Alabama.” Four years later the Alabama Daughters were so concerned over conditions disclosed in

the report of the Chairman of the Patriotic Education Committee that an educational fund was established for the purpose of improving these “appalling conditions.”

For several years the Alabama DAR had subscribed to an Educational Fund that was used to promote Patriotic Education in several schools in the state. This

continued until 1919, when a motion was carried to establish and maintain one “Daughters of the American Revolution School” and “That the Daughters of the American Revolution School be named in honor of the State Regent (Kate Duncan Smith) who through ten years had done strenuous pioneer work and for 21 years had been the guiding hand

of the Alabama Society of the D.A.R."

Mrs. Smith was elected State Regent of Alabama in 1897. She was present at the first thirty-five State Conference, as State Regent for ten years, as Vice President General two years, and as Honorary Life Vice President General twenty-three years. She did not miss attending an Alabama State Conference until the year of her death in 1934.

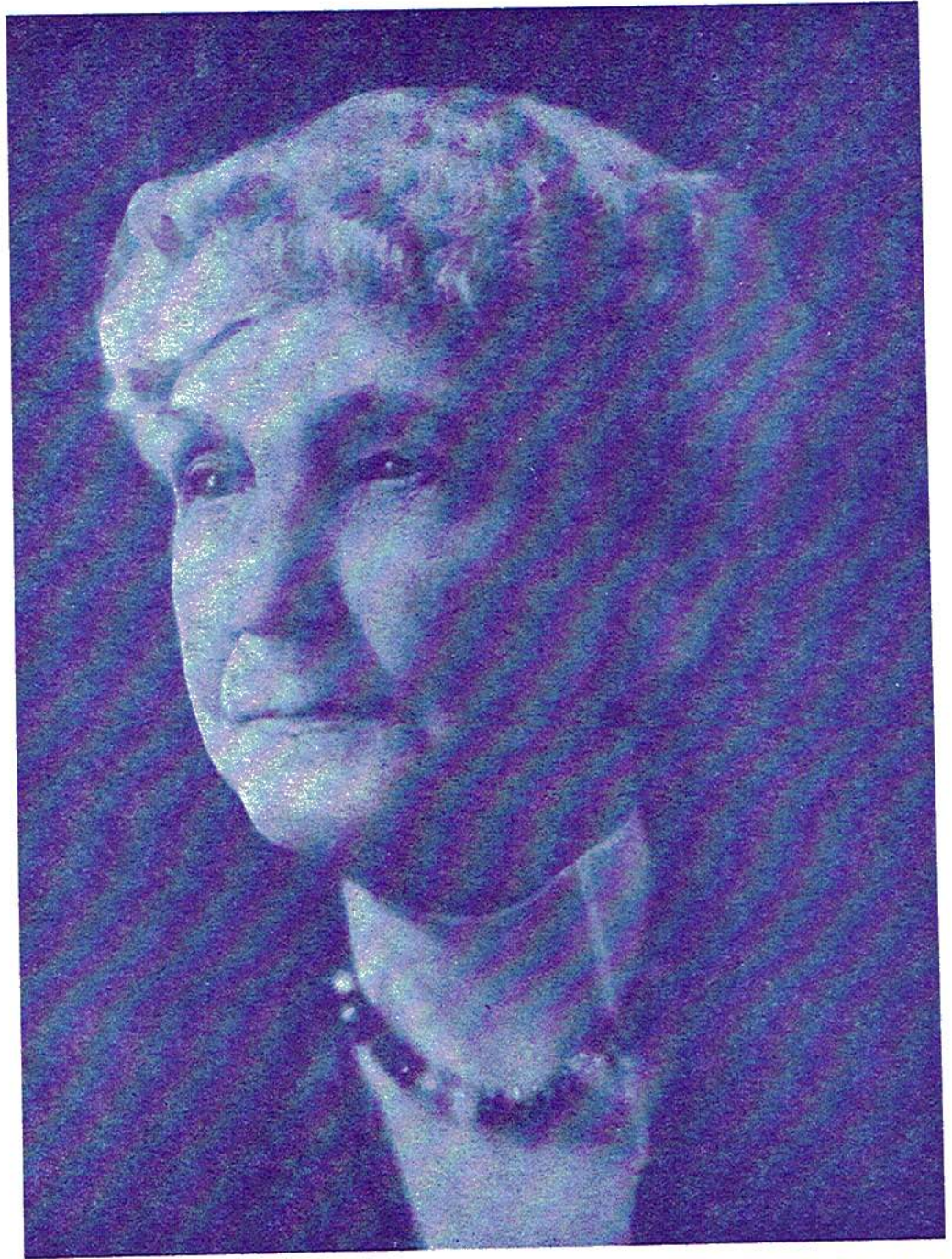
Kate Duncan Smith (Mrs. J. Morgan) was a native of Alabama and resided in the state all her life. The daughter of Daniel Duncan, a Presbyterian minister, and Rachel Harrington. Mrs. Smith was descended through many lines of Scottish, Quaker, and Cavalier ancestry of the Colonial and Revolutionary periods.

Mrs. Smith was a talented singer, possessing a beautiful lyric soprano voice, and throughout her life was active in religious, literary and educational circles—she was often president of her church missionary society. In addition to her very active DAR leadership, she was also a member of the Alabama Society of Colonial Dames and was for eight years the president of this organization. She was also a member for a number of years of the Board of Lady Managers which built and, for a time, operated Hillman Hospital in Birmingham. Her name, along with others, is engraved in the cornerstone of that building.

A painting of Mrs. Smith hangs in the Alabama Room, Memorial Continental Hall, Washington, D.C. and the Kate Duncan Smith DAR School often referred to as the "School On A Mountain Top" bears the name of this gifted and charming lady who did so much for the educational, cultural and civic life of her state.

Selection of School Site

Alabama DAR Officials considered several possible locations for their school before journeying to Gunter Mountain in Marshall County. Mr. Jasper Morrow, a rural mail carrier serving the mountain area, had read that the Alabama DAR organization was interested in establishing a high school in a backward mountainous area. He talked with all his patrons concerning the urgent need for the school and interest and enthusiasm mounted. When the Alabama DAR officers visited the Gunter Mountain Plateau in 1922, they were so overwhelmed by the eagerness of the people to have the school, their genuine



Kate Duncan Smith (Mrs. J. Morgan) THE INSPIRATION BEHIND IT ALL!

mountain hospitality that included their now famous Basket Dinner, and the very apparent need for the school that the decision was quickly made to establish the institution in this section.

ISOLATED BACKWARD AREA

The isolation of this area was emphasized in a dramatic manner when the cars in which the DAR rode had to be pulled up the wretched mountain road by mules and horses. The selection of the improbable site of the school at the very northern edge of the Gunter Mountain Plateau was a fitting climax to an eventful day. It was indeed a strange procession that wound through the woods of Gunter Mountain some 40 years ago, but it was a day

that DAR and the mountain folks would long remember.

Here was a thickly settled mountain region almost completely shut off from the rest of the world that was inhabited by a pure strain of English people, descendants of soldiers of the American Revolution, who had made their way southward through the Appalachians, generation after generation, until they had stopped in the foothills of the Cumberland Mountains. Here isolated from the world, the Whitakers, Norrises, Coopers, Garretts, and Yorks (some directly related to Sgt. Alvin York) and many other families remained pure-bred, fair-skinned, with dark or blond hair, a proud independent people. There was not a single negro or person of foreign descent on Gun-

ter Mountain.

However, the people were existing under the most primitive conditions, victims of an isolation which kept out modern methods of living. The farms on which these people settled were, for the most part, steep and unproductive. Many times of the year the only way out was by horseback or foot. Gunterville, the seat of Marshall County and some 13 miles away, was normally a full day's journey by wagon and the Tennessee River had to be crossed by ferry. A few ramschackle schools offered scant learning up to about the 7th or 8th grade level. There was no doctor on the mountain and the community had definitely run down. The people were poorly nourished, thinly clad and crowded into small houses without conveniences. Lawlessness was common.

Many Denied Educational Heritage

Here hundreds of fine young Americans were being denied that privilege of education and training which should be the heritage of every boy and girl in the land. The Alabama DAR saw in this setting the potential for the type of rural community on which the welfare of our nation is so dependent. Here was a wonderful opportunity to demonstrate the effectiveness of an educational program designed to fit the needs of a backward rural area. The 38 year history of the Kate Duncan Smith DAR School, that reads almost like a fairy tale in many instances, is really the unfolding and fulfillment of this early dream. It is a fitting tribute to DAR everywhere and to the good people of Gunter Mountain who, through the years, availed themselves of opportunities that were often sacrificially given.

People Were Not Satisfied

The Gunter Mountain people were not satisfied with their lot. They wanted something better and hearing of the proposed school they went after it with all the forces at their command. Money was raised in the community for the purchase of one hundred acres of land from "Uncle" Wiley Ayers and his brother John Ayers, Sr., who in the interest of the community and the school, made the land available at reduced rates. Some land was given outright. Some good ladies of the community sold their "best hens" in order to contribute on this project.

Funds were not available for



"Old Tin Top" that was replaced by K.D.S. School in February, 1924.



Dedication of the Home Economics Building in 1934 was an important event and Mrs. William H. Pouch, National Chairman of Approved Schools from New York, was present to do the honors. (Extreme left, front row.)



The Home Economics Building was completed in 1934—Girls receive excellent training in this well equipped building.

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the establishment of the school, but the Alabama DAR raised the necessary money by unselfish and dedicated work so that the all-important undertaking began in the latter part of 1922. The people left their crops to give time and labor in the construction of the building and the men not only donated their labor and time but used their mules and wagons to haul rocks and other materials to the building site. Cement for the rock work, for instance, was hauled from Woodville, a distance of ten miles, over rugged roads. So many wagons were on hand to pick up the first shipment of cement that several returned empty or with only two or three sacks. With this splendid co-operation, the Kate Duncan Smith DAR School officially opened on February 26, 1924, in a small, four-room rock building with two teachers and less than 100 students.

Early Years Were Difficult

The early years of the school were difficult ones but this unusual educational venture caught the fancy of the National Society DAR and help was forthcoming. In ten years the small, four-room structure tripled in size and was still growing fast.

The Vocational Agriculture and Home Economics building was constructed in 1934. This was a great stride forward and Mrs. William H. Pouch, National Chairman of DAR Approved Schools, came from New York to dedicate the building.

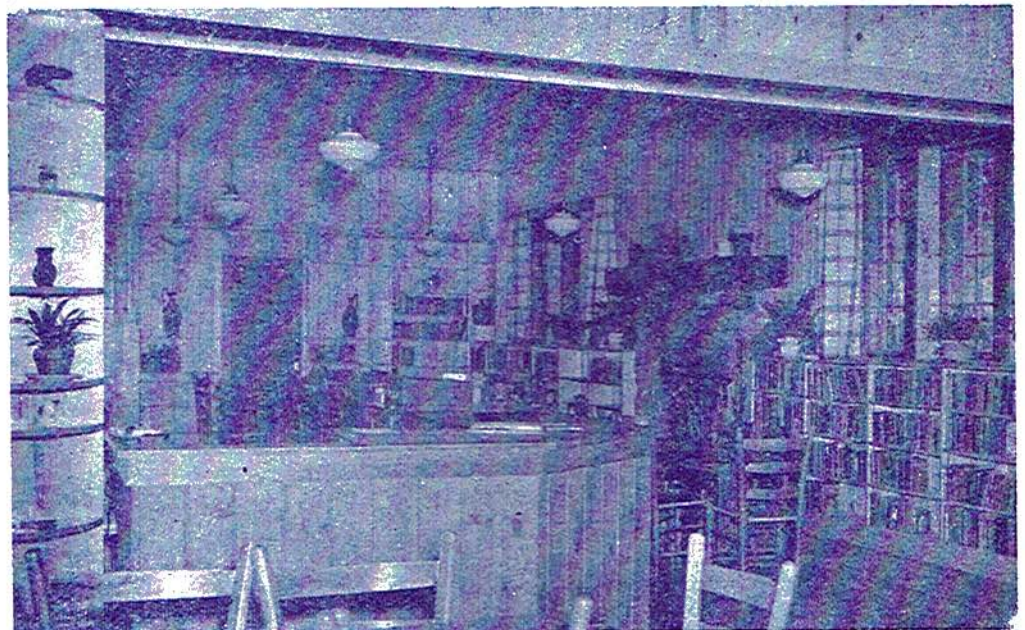
In 1935 the Connecticut DAR became interested in the efforts of the home economics department to improve the homes of the students and these patriotic women contributed funds for the establishment of Ann Rogers Minor Practice Cottage. Here the home economics girls live, and under the guidance of the home economics teacher, actually practice those



Minor Practice Cottage, a Connecticut Building, where Home Economic girls stay and receive practical training in properly running a household. Building was completed in 1935.



The Pennsylvania Log Library Begun in 1935 by a grateful Mountain people.



Interior view of Pennsylvania Log Library that has around 7,000 volumes and a number of interesting antiques.

things learned in the classroom. School officials and faculty members are proud that Kate Duncan Smith is still the only high school in the state where girls taking home economics are housed on the campus for extended periods of time and given professional supervision.

Today, the Home Economics Department is especially well equipped and the classroom has a number of modern sewing machines that are used in the instructional program. The spacious and attractive kitchen is furnished with a number of modern ranges, a refrigerator, washer and dryer. Here the girls learn much practical information including the latest techniques in the culinary arts.

The Vocational Agriculture department was transferred to the new Mechanical Arts Building in 1957 and the work in this area is covered chronologically in the latter part of the history.

ALABAMA'S LAST OLD FASHIONED HOUSE-RAISING

A great deal has been written about the colorful pioneer custom of house-raising and how this practice included much rollicking good fun and hard work for the participants. To most of us today these events seem far away and long ago. One of Alabama's last "old fashioned house-raisings," occurred in 1935 at the DAR School high atop scenic Gunter Mountain.

The school needed a library badly but there was not enough money to build one. The Gunter Mountaineers who had helped construct the main school building in 1924 suddenly hit upon the idea of an old-fashioned log library with labor and logs supplied by a grateful people. "Say, what's the idea of waiting for money anyhow," some of the oldtimers exclaimed. "In the old days folks in these parts built their houses without money. Let's just get together and have an old-fashioned house-raising." Community volunteers cut down pine trees and hauled the logs to the school. Men and even women and children joined in skinning the logs. "Uncle Wayne Campbell," member of the local school board, was chosen to supervise the construction and he led an advance guard of workers in constructing a foundation for the library.

On the appointed day for the log-raising, mountain families in large numbers converged on the scene about sun-up in wagons, buggies, and by foot with just a



Home Economics Building As It Appears Today.



Munson Cottage, a gift of Marion Munson of Connecticut, was constructed in 1937 as a home for the principal.



Heaume Teacherage on right was a gift of Ohio Daughters in 1937. Patton Guest House on left was given by Ohio in 1951.

sprinkling of cars and trucks of rather ancient vintage. After the usual greetings and comments concerning crops and weather, the men quickly began notching the logs, maneuvering them into place, sawing off extra lengths and the

like while the women prepared a sumptuous meal, a fore-runner of the now famous Basket Dinner of this area.

OLD STYLE FOLLOWED

With the exception of attractive

windows and the use of 10-penny nails in the place of wooden pegs, the building was constructed exactly as similar structures a 100 years before. The chimney was of the "stick and mud" variety with a fireplace that boasted a 7½ foot hearth. The roof was of hand made shingles and cement or "chinking" was plastered between the logs to keep out the cold.

FEW CHANGES HAVE BEEN MADE

Only a few major changes have since been made at the library—it has been enlarged, pine paneling and gas heat added and composition shingles have replaced the wooden ones. Aside from these improvements, the building stands today much as then—a tribute to the skill and resourcefulness of a mountain people who were willing to sacrifice their time and effort for the common good.

Pennsylvania DAR were interested in the library from the start and in 1937 assumed the major responsibility for supplying and maintaining it—they have supported the library in an outstanding way ever since. The Pennsylvania Juniors have also shown a keen interest in the Pennsylvania Log Library and have generously lent their support to projects designed to improve the library offerings or facilities. They remodeled the library and installed a new gas heating system in 1952.

In 1936 Marion Munson, a Connecticut Daughter, contributed funds to build Munson Cottage as a home for the principal. The next year Daughters of the American Revolution in 48 states raised the money to build Becker Hall, the school gymnasium, named in honor of the President General at that time, Mrs. Florence Hague Becker. Ohio Daughters gave Julia Heaume Teacherage in 1937 also.

In the same year, Mr. and Mrs. Harper Sheppard of Hanover, Pennsylvania, presented the Sheppard Water Tower to the children of K.D.S. School.

Health Center Established in 1938

In 1938 Mrs. Minette G. Dick, of Maryland, gave funds to build the Health House where the registered nurse lives and serves the school and community. School records reveal that health conditions in many mountain homes at this time were truly appalling. Ignorance of the most elementary health rules, superstitions, and lack of professional medical services caused widespread diseases and death among infants and



Some came in wagons to one of first dedications, possibly in 1933.



Dick Health House, home of School Nurse, begun in 1938.



School health program provides many vital services—these students are receiving vitamins and having their weight checked.

young children. Malnutrition was common as was rickets and an especially high rate of tuberculosis was found among the older people who almost always remained in the home and tended the younger children.

The mountain people gradually learned that the school nurse was their friend and only interested in helping them. Correctly approached, they almost always responded in a friendly way to the school's efforts in their behalf, and this has been true to the pres-

ent. One of the school's early nurses expressed it this way: "Way back in the mountains—God's good country—one finds the flowers and the ferns, the red-bud and dogwood and "sarvice" trees (service trees as oak, cedar, etc.); the creeks, huge overhanging rocks, winding roads, some so steep and some in the creek beds; and the friendliest people in the world, with time to enjoy a caller."

The nurse continued: "Babies are 'loved to death' in the moun-

tains. A cheerful, calm understanding of their needs would make over the lives of thousands of mothers. Fear of unknown troubles of the tiny baby brings on a loving care which would be enough to warm one's heart if it were not so harmful to the baby and the family's peace and happiness. A young girl said to me last summer, "It is sad to walk in our burial ground; there are so many graves of little children."

Health Conditions Have Improved

Some twenty-four years after the establishment of the Health Center in 1938, general health conditions have greatly improved in the mountain area but much remains to be done. There is still no doctor on the mountain and the school nurse has a full time job serving the school and community. Malnutrition is not as widespread as it once was, but it is still a problem that is being attacked on three fronts. The school provides vitamins for children who need them at very nominal rates and they are given to those that are undernourished and unable to pay even the low rates charged. The Mid-Morning Lunch supported by the CAR organization provides milk and cookies daily to youngsters in the lower grades, many of whom do not receive an adequate breakfast. A number of students who can't afford to buy the regular hot lunch served daily in the school lunchroom, are allowed to work to pay for their lunches. A number of free lunches are given to undernourished youngsters who can't afford to pay and who are too small to work in the lunchroom or elsewhere.

The nurse performs a variety of services that include the keeping of student health records, giving eye examinations, administering first aid for minor accidents, taking children to a doctor when advisable, and occasionally to the Crippled Children's Clinic in Birmingham for corrective measures. She takes children home if they become ill at school and visits the mothers of the poorer children in order to help work out proper food and health habits. She gives immunization injections at school for diptheria, tetanus, whooping cough, typhoid and polio. When the nurse or teachers determine that a family is unable to buy clothing at the low prices charged at Rummage Sales, it is provided by the school. The Health Program constitutes one



Ball Teacherage, a 1938 gift of the George and Frances Ball Foundation.



The Sheppard Water Tower Completed in 1937 and Helen Pouch Lunchroom in 1946.

of the school's most valuable services and money can always be used to advantage to buy such items as bandages, adhesive, antiseptics, band-aids, gauze, cotton and a variety of ointments, all of which are quite expensive.

The Junior Membership Committee of Pennsylvania annually contributes to the Helena Pouch Junior Memorial Scholarship Fund that provides for a number of these vital health services and pays the salary of the school nurse.

Ball Teacherage Built in 1938

Ball Teacherage, a 1938 gift of the George and Frances Ball

Foundation, has space and facilities for ten single teachers. Alabama DAR purchased the Model Farm in 1940 and Indiana Daughters gave Schlosser Cottage as a home for the vocational agriculture teacher.

Four classrooms were added to the main building in 1941. They were gifts of the Pennsylvania, California, and Minnesota DAR. This building now contains 16 classrooms, an auditorium, several offices and services rooms.

Building and expansion were retarded during the war, but through the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Pouch of New York City, the Helen Pouch

Lunchroom was completed in 1946. This beautiful building of native brown stone has modern equipment and a dining hall that seats over 225 boys and girls. By 1961 more than 450 students were eating daily in the lunchroom. Here the ladies of Gunter Mountain serve their famous Dedication Day Basket Dinner to show their appreciation to the DAR organization. The DAR members partake liberally of the multifarious meal to show their appreciation of delicious food painstakingly prepared.

Extensive repairs and improvements were made at the lunchroom in 1961 and new tables and chairs were purchased in 1962. A sizeable legacy from the estate of Helena R. Pouch. (Mrs. William H.) made these improvements, as well as many others, possible.

Water System Improved

By 1947 an enlarged school plant needed an improved water system and the Pennsylvania State Society accepted this important project in honor of their State Regent, Mrs. Harlow B. Kirkpatrick, who served in that capacity 1947-50.

A home adjoining school property was purchased for a caretaker's home in 1947 through a gift of Winnie Doan Rexer of Ohio.

In 1948 the Illinois Daughters provided funds to build Illinois Cottage, a home for the assistant principal. This same year a used clothing store was constructed and Becker Gymnasium was remodeled.

In 1949 the Michigan Apartment for teachers was built and Pennsylvania DAR gave funds for the installation of a new water system. In the same year the Alabama DAR erected the Alabama Primary Building that provides attractive modern classrooms for the first three grades.

Commercial Department Established in 1948

Miss Katharine Matthies of Connecticut gave funds for establishing the Commercial Department that opened in 1948 with 49 students enrolled in the school's first typing classes.

In 1950 the Leopold Faculty Cottage was constructed with funds donated by the late Louise Leopold of Chicago.

The isolated location of the school made the securing of milk for the school lunchroom a difficult problem. After a decision to enlarge the school dairy herd in



Illinois Cottage was built by Illinois Daughters in 1948 as the home of the Assistant Principal. It was enlarged four years later and became the home of the Executive Secretary.



Mr. Jack Ellis, operator of the DAR School Farm, looks over the Registered Dairy Herd that has won many state honors. P. M. Wilder, Vocational Teacher, supervises operation of the farm.

1950, Indiana Daughters built a Grade A. Dairy Barn and installed modern equipment.

For several years the school processed its own milk and supplied the lunchroom directly. Under this system the school had no market for its surplus milk in the summer when school was not in session and there were many problems related to the pasteurization of it. As a result, all milk is now sent to a processing plant which in turn gives the school a favorable year-around price for its raw milk while supplying the amount needed for the lunchroom.

Patton Place, a new guest house and gift of Ohio Daughters, was built in 1951 as was the Michigan Garage and adjoining Storage House by Michigan DAR.

Over \$5,000 was spent in 1951 to lay asphalt tile over the old splintery wooden floors in the main building—Ohio Daughters generously gave more than 75% of this amount.

Extensive repairs were made to

Becker Gymnasium in 1952 by New Jersey Daughters and the National Officers Club and two rooms and a bath were added to Illinois Cottage. During the year, Pennsylvania DAR gave a large walk-in refrigerator for the lunchroom; while contributions from Missouri and several other states provided a badly needed campus lighting system.

Additional Acres Acquired

The school purchased 30 acres of land adjoining the school farm in 1953; the Ohio Passageway from the main Building to the Lunchroom was built as was the Michigan Covered Passageway linking the Main and Home Economics building. The addition of several native stone walks enhanced the appearance of the spacious campus and made it more accessible.

The home economics foods laboratory was completely remodeled in 1954 by New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Missouri

Daughters and work began on the Nan Roberts Lane Chapel and the Michigan Crafts Center.

The Crafts Center was completed in 1955 and affords excellent opportunities for students to display their artistic talents and inclinations by weaving, etching trays, making figurines, trivets, necklaces, bracelets and similar items. A limited number of craft articles are usually available to DAR Chapters for sale or display, but requests should be made approximately three weeks in advance of date needed.

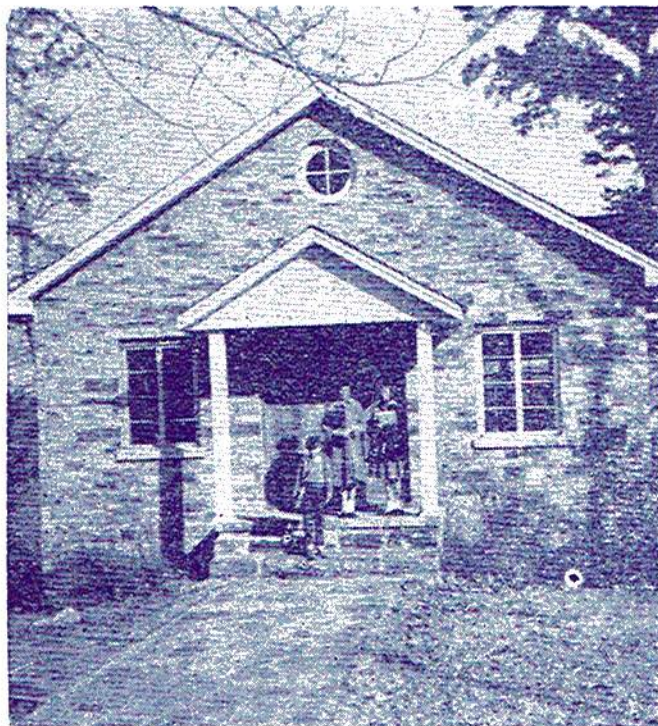
Beautiful and restful Lane Chapel was completed in 1956. It was built and is maintained by the Alabama Officers' Club of the National DAR Society. Special programs as musicals and Christmas Pageants are presented in the Chapel and occasionally a class will go there for group singing or to listen to organ music. The 1961 Iowa Bus Tour Group held a very impressive evening worship service in the chapel as a fitting climax to its first day on the K.D.S. campus. The chapel has become a favorite marrying place for graduates of the school. Certainly this is one of the most beautiful buildings on the campus and no DAR should consider a visit to K.D.S. complete without seeing it.

Mechanical Arts Building Completed in 1957

The Mechanical Arts building was completed in 1957 and here the boys taking vocational agriculture receive good training in the latest farming techniques and methods, gain skill in wood and metal work, and learn to repair and maintain farm machinery. Skills are developed which help them to find employment in expanding industry in adjoining areas while maintaining homes on Gunter Mountain. Farmers make use of the excellent shop equipment to make needed repairs on their farm machinery. The vocational teacher offers technical advice or assistance to boys for home or farm improvement as, for example, when modern plumbing is installed or a stock pond built.

A lot and building adjoining Rexer Cottage was purchased in 1958 and remodeled as a faculty residence.

The Blanche and Katherine Zimmerman Storage Building, named in honor of its Michigan donors, was completed in 1959. It provides vitally needed storage space and serves as a convenient fueling place for school buses that are parked there during the school day. Bus drivers report that



Michigan Crafts Center completed in 1955.



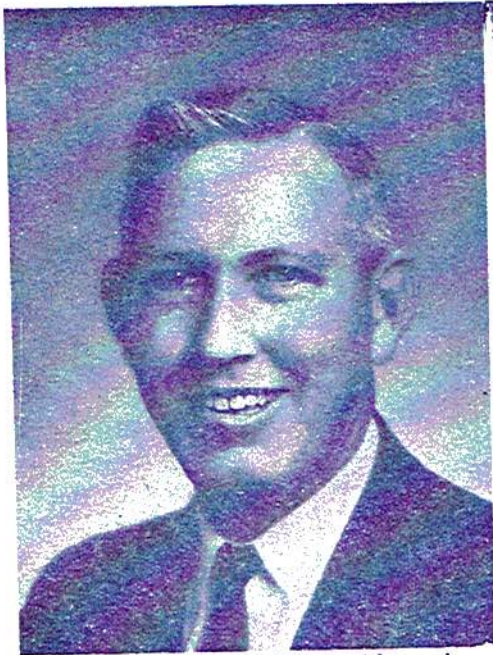
Lovely Nan Roberts Lane Chapel, a gift of the Alabama Officers' Club of the National Society, completed in 1956.

K.D.S. bus parking and loading arrangement is considered one of the best in Alabama.

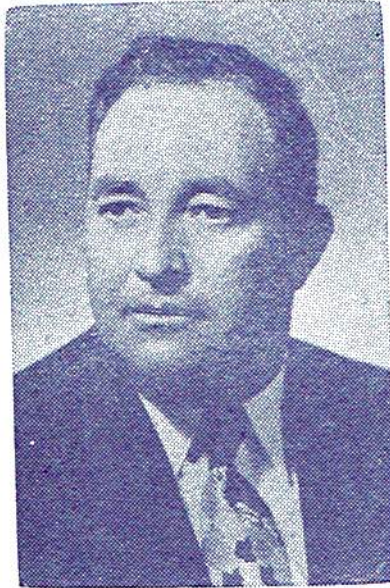
Music Room Sound-Proofed in 1959

Another 1959 project of benefit to the instructional program was the sound-proofing of the music room by the Junior Membership Committee of Michigan.

The Alabama Passageway enclosing the outer corridor of the Alabama Primary Building was completed in the fall of 1959. Steel encased windows bordered by native stone add beauty and comfort to the elementary rooms and make possible a reduction in fuel bills. Children in the first three grades can now go to and from the main building and to restrooms within their own with-



John Morrow, First Alumni Association President, 1960.



Elmer Wright, Second President of Alumni Association.



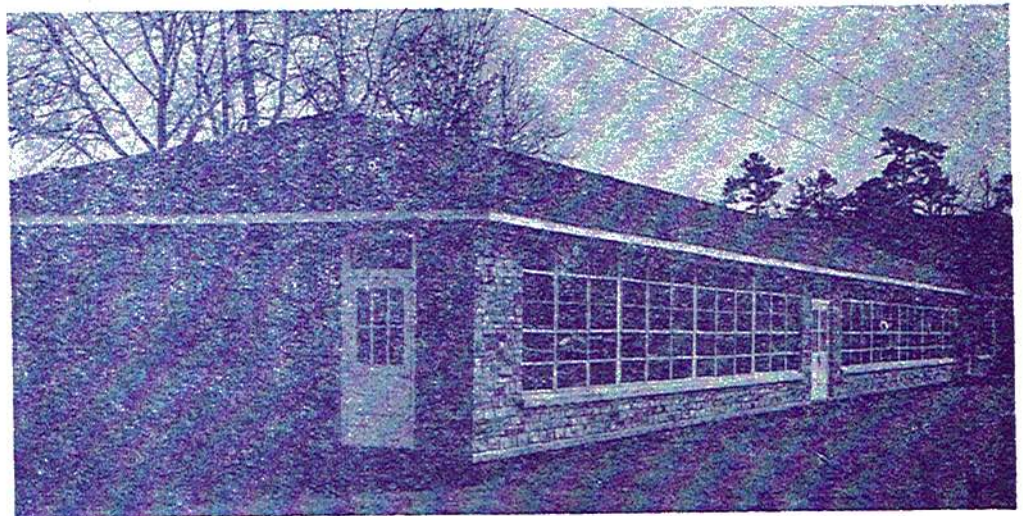
R.B. Derrick, 1962-63 President of Alumni Association.



The Mechanical Arts Building, a project of many states, was completed in 1957 and is considered one of the best equipped rural shops in the state.



Future Farmers of America making mailboxes to last. Standing left to right, Robert Click, James Chambless, kneeling, Cagene Lewis, Otis Butler.



Alabama Primary Building Constructed in 1949 with Passageway Enclosure 1959.

out being exposed to the cold and disagreeable winter weather. This was an Alabama project costing approximately \$3,400.00.

In the fall of 1959 walks of native stone were constructed around Lane Chapel as a result of a cash contribution by Mrs. Walter Scott Welch, Sr., of Laurel, Mississippi. The following

summer the Alabama Officers' Club of the DAR provided funds to plant boxwoods around the chapel, landscape the grounds and sow bermuda grass. In addition, a long curved retaining rock wall of native stone was built to separate the parking area in front of the chapel from the chapel grounds and to control run-off

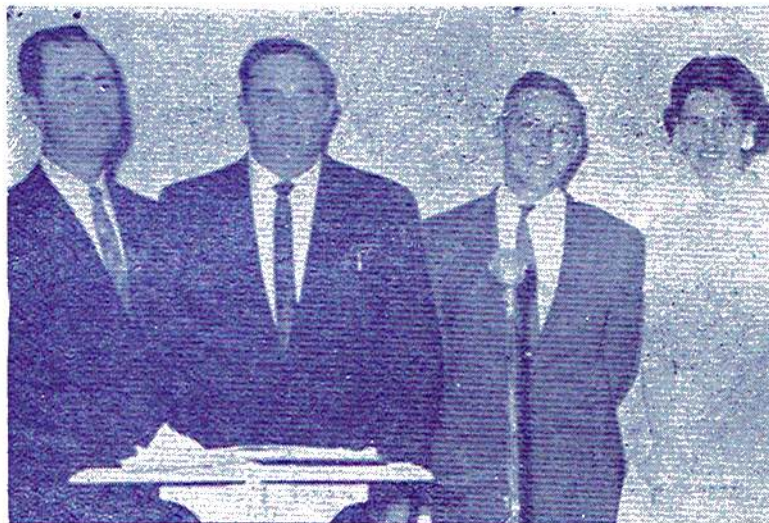
water. California accepted this project and the Marshall County Road Commissioner from this district, Mr. German Click, "black-topped" the parking area at no cost whatsoever to the school. This is only one example of many times that Mr. Click or other Road Commissioners have used their equipment and men to complete projects for the school without charge that otherwise would have cost heavily. At times in the summer these workers, who live on and around Gunter Mountain, have worked several hours for the school after working a 9-hour day for the county.

In March, 1960, the Indiana Model Farm Grade A. Dairy completed a mandatory conversion to modern pipe line and bulk tank milking in accordance with the latest Alabama Health Department recommendations. This improvement provides more sanitary milk with lower bacteria count and should enable the school to gradually increase the size of its registered Jersey herd of 30 cows without additional labor costs. Indiana Daughters readily accepted the conversion project which cost over \$4,000.00. In recent years the DAR herd has won top honors in Alabama for producing the most milk of any registered Jersey herd of comparable size in the entire state. More than once its has boasted the highest producing registered Jersey in Alabama.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ORGANIZED IN 1960

In May, 1960, an Alumni Banquet was held at Kate Duncan Smith School and at the business meeting that followed an Alumni Association was organized and a slate of officers elected for the ensuing year. Approximately 500 people attended; most were graduates of the school and many were out-of-state residents. This splendid response is typical of the strong attachment graduates have for the school and proves once again that K.D.S. is a unique institution. Mr. John Morrow who is chief of the Target Branch, Nike Zeus Project of the Army Missile Command, Redstone Arsenal, Huntsville, Alabama, with an equivalent rank of Brigadier General, was elected first Alumni Association President. John, who lives near the school, is the son of Mr. Jasper Morrow who played a key role in getting K.D.S. established on Gunter Mountain.

John's family was recently nominated, along with seven others from Marshall County,



First Alumni Association Officers left to right: R. B. Derrick, Vice President, Elmer Wright, Secretary, John Morrow, President, Ruth Gayle, Treasurer.

to participate in a contest sponsored by the Alabama Extension Service and the Birmingham News to select a model family for the state.

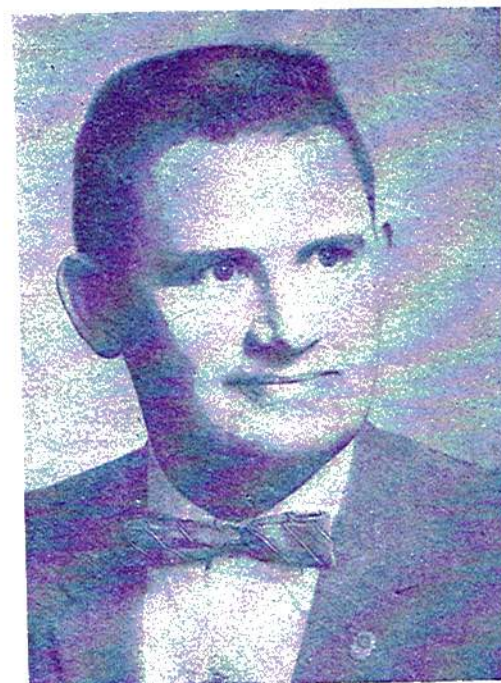
A number of DAR members were present for the first meeting including Mrs. H. Grady Jacobs, Chairman of the Board of Trustees at K.D.S., Mrs. Everette L. Repass, Board Member from Salem, Virginia, Mrs. Thomas R. Navin, Board Member from Tucson, Arizona, Mrs. Oscar Horton, member of the Board from Gunterville, and Mrs. John C. McDermott, Alabama Second Vice Regent, also from Gunterville. Mrs. Samuel L. Earle, daughter of Kate Duncan Smith from Birmingham, Alabama, was unanimously elected to honorary lifetime membership in the Alumni organization.

Outstanding Graduate Programs

Outstanding programs featuring graduate speakers have been customary since the founding of the Alumni Association. Mr. J. Oran Hardin of the Class of 1942, who is now on the staff of the University of Maryland, spoke at the first banquet and urged that the Association be established. He stressed the need for outstanding leadership and a positive program that would benefit the school. Mr. Hardin emphasized the ever-increasing need for higher education in our complex society and the following year the Alumni Association voted to give a College Aid Scholarship to a deserving and aspiring student from K.D.S.

Dr. Jean Gayle Addressed Alumni

Dr. H. Jean Gayle, class of 1941 and a dentist of Warrior, Ala-



Dr. H. Jean Gayle, Class of 1941

bama, where he is active in the religious and civic work of his community, also spoke at the first Alumni meeting.

Dr. Gayle has served as deacon and superintendent of the adult department of Sunday School in the First Baptist Church of Warrior, district governor of Lions International, Neighborhood chairman of the Boy Scouts and Vice-President of the Alabama Chapter, American Society of Dentistry for Children. In his speech Dr. Gayle pointed to the improved roads, school facilities, and the higher standard of living on Gunter Mountain today as contrasted to the time when he was growing up. He gave the "DAR School" a great deal of credit for the unusual progress that has been made on the mountain, especially for the good educational opportunities

it has afforded the youth of the area who otherwise would have been slighted. He stated that "had it not been for the DAR School I would probably not have finished high school and would likely be "PLOWING A MULE ON THE SLOPES OF GUNTER MOUNTAIN TODAY!"



Dr. John R. Whitaker, class of '47

Numerous examples could be given of K.D.S. students who attended college with DAR support and later were eminently successful in their chosen fields. John R. Whitaker, who graduated from Kate Duncan Smith in 1947, is a very good example. John had been a very outstanding and brilliant student throughout his school career and led all of his classes scholastically. However, he regarded his high school education as terminal as he felt it would be impossible for him to attend college because of financial reasons. Mr. John P. Tyson, who was then principal of K.D.S., talked with John and offered him DAR Scholarship Aid which he readily and gratefully accepted. He enrolled at Berea College, Berea Kentucky, and was graduated four years later, again at the head of his class of 227.

Because of his brilliant scholastic record, John was granted a scholarship by Ohio State University where he later received a Ph.D. Degree. Today, he is teaching food technology at the State University of California at Davis.

Recently he was sent, along with other members of the faculty, to Cambridge, England, for a week of study and research.

KDS Graduates Very Grateful

Dr. Whitaker is very grateful to the DAR organization for opening an entirely new field of thought and endeavor for him and vastly broadening his mental horizons. He keeps in touch with



New York Faculty Cottage Completed in 1961.



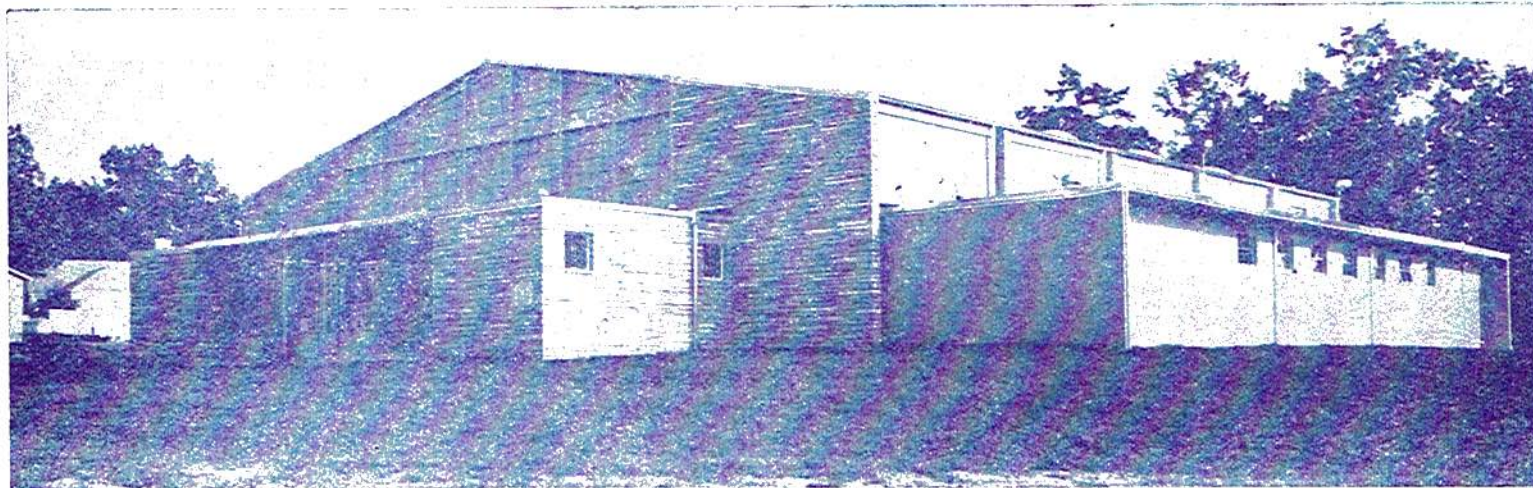
Mrs. Frank B. Cuff, former New York State Regent and Present Corresponding Secretary General, admires the beautiful spread eagle that adorns the cottage named in her honor.

the progress of the school and has made talks to DAR members about it and what it means to the community. In 1961, he addressed a DAR meeting in California that was attended by one or more national officers. Shortly thereafter, the school received a letter from Mrs. Douglas J. Bacon of El Cerrito, California, in which she stated: "In January we had the pleasure of having Dr. Whitaker, of Davis, California, as our guest speaker. Everyone enjoyed his talk very much, including our Assistant State Chairman of DAR School Committee. I felt quite honored to receive a letter from the National Chairman, complimenting me on presenting such a fine program, and expressing her

pride, as well as that of our society, in having such a prominent graduate from your school."

A wise man once observed: "When I was young I did not know the height of the mountains; now that I am old I cannot climb them—genius is youth plus vision." No one would deny that the DAR organization has for years been increasing the vision of the youth of the Gunter Mountain area by providing superior educational facilities and contributing to an improved instructional program.

Dr. Whitaker's mother, who lives near the school, makes the very artistic cornhusk dolls so popular with DAR members everywhere.



Doris Pike White Auditorium-Gymnasium, an all States Project, Completed in 1961.

Texas Project Completed 1960-61

Three rooms in the Old Vocational and Home Economics Building were remodeled in 1960 as a Texas State Project. One small room that was formerly the office of the vocational teacher was enlarged and painted to serve as a conference room for students who need special guidance. A larger adjoining science classroom was painted and the room next to it completely renovated for use as a science laboratory. Restrooms were needed in this building and were installed a few months later. Additional chairs, science equipment, and supplies were secured as a part of the same project sponsored by Mrs. Edgar R. Riggs, Texas State Regent at the time.

New York Builds Faculty Duplex

In 1959 New York State accepted a project to build a badly needed duplex apartment for young married couples at an estimated cost of \$8,000. A concerted drive for funds started immediately and construction began in the early summer of 1960. One apartment was completed in August of the same year in time for occupancy by the science teacher and his family for the 1960-61 school year. The other apartment was finished during the winter and was occupied the following summer. Each apartment has two bedrooms, bath, living room and kitchen. New York Daughters have since given an electric range for each apartment and Ann Hutchinson Chapter has provided a walk to each dwelling.

The total cost of this project was considerably less than the original estimate. By 1962 the hard-working New York Daughters had wisely established an endowment or maintenance fund for the building exceeding \$4,000. The New York Faculty House is informally and affectionately call-

ed "Cuff Cottage" in honor of Mrs. Frank B. Cuff, former State Regent and Present Corresponding Secretary General. The duplex is located between Schlosser and Rexer Memorial Cottages on the southern extremity of the campus in a beautiful and spacious setting.

Mrs. William H. Sullivan, Jr., former 1st Vice President General and honorary State Regent of New York, procured a beautiful golden spread eagle that adorns the cottage and adds distinction to it. School and DAR officials are most grateful to New York for accepting and completing this major project so promptly and making these desirable living quarters available much sooner than would normally be expected.

OHIO DAUGHTERS REMODEL HEAUME KITCHEN

In the fall of 1959, Mrs. Wallace Heiser, Ohio State Chairman of DAR Schools Committee, from Cleveland, visited the school and decided that Heaume Kitchen needed a face-lifting. With the approval of Mrs. Stanley L. Houghton, (now Mrs. Harvey A. Minton), she immediately began a campaign to raise the necessary funds. As a result, the following improvements were made in the summer of 1960. New cabinets of pine paneling were built, a new double bowl, stainless steel sink added, vinyl tile laid, all wood work painted, a recessed electrical wall heater installed, and a wall clock procured so that those all important teacher meals can be served on time. Some months later, a short flagstone walk was laid to the rear entrance of Heaume Kitchen. The teachers greatly appreciate these outstanding improvements on the part of Ohio Daughters.

NEW PLAY AREA DEVELOPED

Another project of major scope was the enlargement of the play-

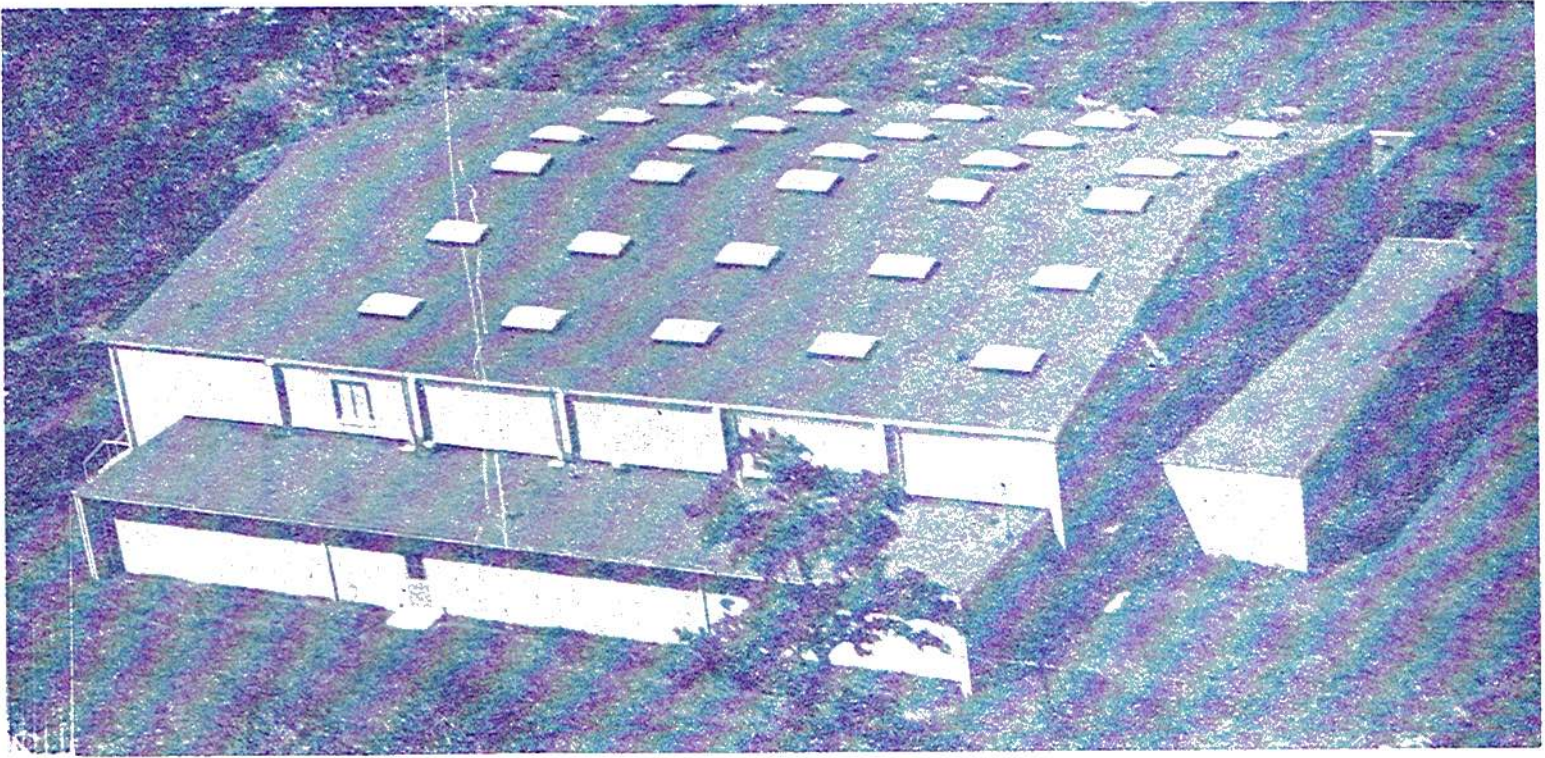
ground area. Financial responsibility for this undertaking that included the development of a new baseball field and play area and a tennis court was shared by the local P.T.A. organization and the National Society CAR. The tennis court, ball field, and play area were in use by the spring of 1961. The school also shared in this project as the vocational teacher and the school work force co-operated in erecting backstops for the old and new baseball fields and the tennis court, laying off the ball fields and extending water lines to them.

In the summer of 1961 an active summer recreation program was sponsored by the recently organized local Lions' Club. Little League and Pony League teams were organized and supervised by local mountain people who volunteered their services without charge. Uniforms were furnished by local and Gunterville merchants. Most of these boys had never worn a baseball uniform and they were extremely proud of them—many wore them off the field as well as during practice and play.

Ball fields are those "magic" places where boys tend to become men and men boys—judging from the happy sounds emanating from them, ours are happy fields. We are very grateful to all who had a part in this worthwhile endeavor.

DORIS PIKE WHITE AUDITORIUM-GYMNASIUM

The largest project ever undertaken at the school was the construction of the Doris Pike White Auditorium-Gymnasium named in honor of Mrs. Ashmead White, President General, NSDAR, 1959-62. This beautiful and functional structure was begun on October 24, 1960, completed in the summer of 1961 and dedicated by historical coincidence, October 24, 1961, by a very proud President



30 dome lights in new gymnasium give adequate light except on very cloudy days and thus saves on school electric bill.

General who called it "More beautiful than my fondest expectations." Total cost of the building, including permanent seats on one side and the architect's fee, was approximately \$128,000. It was necessary to borrow \$30,000.00 in the summer of 1961 to finish the building, but with fine DAR support, this was paid off by July 1962.

Total receipts as of July, 1962, indicated approximately \$124,000 from the National Society, all of which went to pay for the building. The school paid approximately \$4,000 on the building including a partial payment on the final contract and a partial payment to the architect. In addition, the school paid approximately \$19,000 for essential equipment and improvements not included in the contract. These included two main and four cross-court basketball goals, five sections of folding bleachers with a seating capacity of 600, 270 wire baskets with racks for boys' and girls' dressing rooms, three cement and two flagstone walks, rubber mats to protect floor areas having especially heavy traffic, a stage curtain and cyclorama, an electric drinking fountain, and lectern, to mention the most expensive items. Thus, the total cost of this entire project including building, equipment, and all improvements was approximately \$147,000.00.

Readers may recall that the original estimate of the cost of the building ranged from \$125,000 to \$150,000 so we feel that money

has been wisely spent and value received. However, it should be emphasized that this project did place a very heavy financial strain on the school at a time when another costly, but necessary, project was being completed—the expansion of the school water system. We do hope that chapters that have not contributed anything to this project will consider sending the school some money so that it can be partially reimbursed for a number of expenditures the school had not anticipated paying for when the building was begun. We also hope that some states that contributed less than \$500 will want to raise this amount so that the name of the state can be placed on the large plaque in the lobby. This can easily be done at any time as individual name plates are used for each state. A memorial book will be secured to list individual and chapter donations already made and those that are made later.

The Alumni, people of Gunter Mountain and surrounding areas, and members of the faculty generously contributed \$750.00 to the bleacher project of 1961-62.

THANK YOU

We extend our sincere thanks to all DAR everywhere who participated in the Auditorium-Gymnasium project and hope that many will be able to visit the campus and see this beautiful structure that is the pride and

joy of our students. We should like to thank especially Mrs. Ashmead White and Mrs. Paul R. Greenlease for their outstanding leadership and untiring efforts. We also thank Mrs. Fred Aebly, former Vice Chairman DAR School Committee, and newly elected member of the K.D.S. Board of Trustees, of New York City, for successfully leading the largest single drive on the building—the lobby project by the Northeastern Division of States consisting of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New York, Rhode Island and Vermont. The goal was \$18,000 and it was over-subscribed by several thousand.

We say a special thank you to Mrs. Leonard Ceaburn McCrary, Vice President General from Alabama, who as State Regent, spearheaded the drive that netted the largest amount from one state (over \$15,000 which was Alabama's project for the stage.) In addition to her hard work and fine leadership, Mrs. McCrary made a generous personal contribution of approximately \$1,000 on the Stage Project. Mrs. H. Grady Jacobs, K.D.S. Board of Trustees Chairman, was one of the first to see the need for the new auditorium-gymnasium and she never wavered in her conviction that DAR members throughout the country would respond favorably and generously to the idea. Other Alabama Daughters who always lend their support to any school project or undertaking are: Mrs. Robert T. Comer, Vice Chairman,

Board of Trustees, Mrs. Smith G. Fallaw, National Advisor to the DAR School Committee and Secretary, Board of Trustees, and Mrs. Kathryn Brooks, present State Regent, all of Birmingham.

Mrs. Samuel L. Earle Lifelong Supporter of School

Mrs. Samuel L. Earle, daughter of Kate Duncan Smith, and Honorary Life Chairman of the K.D.S. Board of Trustees, of Birmingham, has a long and brilliant record of service to the school that reaches back to the very infancy of the institution. She was appointed Chairman of the Alabama Patriotic Education Committee in 1928 and has been actively engaged in work for the school ever since. Her advice is often sought by fellow Board Members on important school matters. Until his death several years ago, Mr. Earle was also an ardent supporter of the school—he and Mrs. Earle made frequent visits to the school and were known and loved throughout the Mountain.

The State Does Contribute

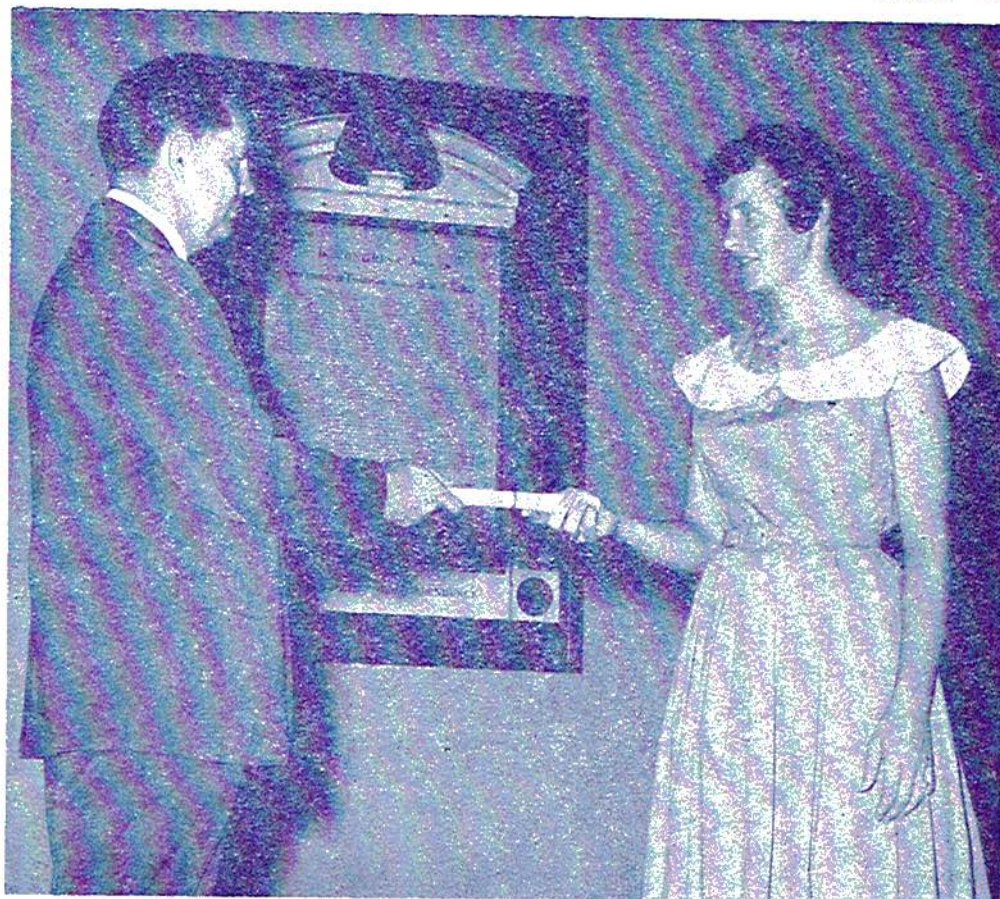
A history of the school would not be complete or factually correct without pointing out that the state of Alabama does contribute a great deal to the school. While the school is owned and operated by the DAR, the state contributes heavily in three areas. It supplies and maintains all buses of which there are eight, and it also pays the salaries of all drivers. In addition, the state furnishes the coal burned in the school buildings, provides some gas, and pays the basic salary for all but two teachers.

A fine working relationship has existed over the years between K.D.S. administrators and county and state educators.

DAR Own Land and Buildings

The DAR does own the land and buildings—it maintains the latter, and when the need arises, builds new structures.

It also pays the salary of two teachers; that of the executive secretary and his bookkeeper-secretary, a secretary for the principal, the school nurse who works closely with the students and adults, and an average of two to three maintenance workers



K.D.S Graduate Receives Berry Scholarship

Joyce Norris, a deserving 1962 K.D.S. graduate, gratefully accepts a 4 year scholarship to the Berry Schools of Rome, Georgia, given by the Georgia State Society honoring Mrs. Samuel M. Merritt, State Regent. Ned Cary, Executive Secretary of K. D. S., makes presentation on the stage of the Doris Pike White Auditorium-

throughout the year. DAR funds also supplement the salary of the principal, vocational agriculture and home economics teachers and helps pay for groceries used by girls who stay at the Home Economics Practice Cottage during the year. In addition, a number of deserving students are given work scholarships—they work in the lunchroom, classrooms, library, etc. and are paid small monthly sums for their services. Depending somewhat on the amount of scholarship money available, one to several boys are hired in the summer months to do innumerable non-skilled to semi-skilled jobs related to the general maintenance and upkeep of the school buildings and grounds. Mowing grass, clipping hedges, caring for flowers, shrubbery, and painting are typical chores performed by

Gymnasium before beautiful framed Declaration of Independence that was a gift of the Alabama CAR Society. Thomas Jefferson felt strongly that a well educated public was a prerequisite to a strong and successful democratic government. We sincerely appreciate the stellar support that the DAR organization is according our College Aid Program and we urge your continued interest and backing in this worthy endeavor.

these students. It has been noted that those boys who have had vocational training and shop work tend to be more proficient in their work than those who have not.

College Aid Program Expanding

DAR Funds also enable many talented and ambitious youngsters to secure a higher education through the K.D.S. College Aid Program. A full scholarship is considered \$225.00 except at Lincoln Memorial University, a DAR supported institution, where \$300.00 is given—the college matches this amount in a "Work Scholarship" to the Student. Almost without exception, DAR College aid recipients do work to help defray their college expenses and they receive as much assistance as their parents are able to give them.



Mr. Olen Tucker
"GROWING A DOCTOR"

Olen Tucker, a graduate of Kate Duncan Smith and Jacksonville State College, Jacksonville, Alabama, entered the University of Alabama Medical Center, Birmingham in 1960 by virtue of a DAR Medical Scholarship and family assistance. Olen, who has long aspired to be a doctor, is now a Junior and has indicated that if he is successful he would like to practice on Gunter Mountain which has no doctor. The school has never had a graduate become a M.D. but boasts one Phd., Mr. John R. Whitaker, presently employed at the University of California Agriculture Experiment station, Davis, California.

At present, ten students are receiving College Aid assistance. Limited assistance is also available through a DAR Loan Fund for graduates who wish to attend a business college or take a short specialized or technical course that will enable them to secure better and more permanent employment.

The College Aid Program is an important DAR service, and with a gradual increase in the number of our students attending institutions of higher learning, it takes on added significance.

**New Water System Installed
 1960-61**

Securing sufficient water has always been a problem for the school that is located on the very crest of Gunter Mountain where water is scarce and good wells a rarity. Numerous wells have been drilled on school property over the years, but none have produced over 25 gallons per minute, and as the school expanded this proved inadequate. For a number of years a mountain spring was used successfully, but in more recent



This is the new 30,000 gallon water tank erected in 1961.

years it too proved insufficient in very dry periods.

Local Postmaster Befriends School

Mr. Carter Campbell, Postmaster of Grant and owner of the town water system, has generously befriended the school on numerous occasions by allowing it to "cut in" on his system when the school water supply was low or the system under repair. At times the school has used up to 6,000 gallons a day from Mr. Campbell for a week or more and the school has never been charged a cent for this invaluable service. Occasionally, the school has been able to provide water to Mr. Campbell during brief periods and once for

an extended time when he was encountering water difficulties. At one period during the summer of 1960 when the school was on Mr. Campbell's system, it was actually depriving his paying customers of sufficient water during certain hours of the day. Consequently, school officials had a comprehensive water survey made, and in line with water engineer recommendations, drilled three test wells in the valley of Kennamer's Cove on the property of Mr. R. W. Bearden who had generously given the school unrestricted, permanent water rights. The third well was tested for a continuous 24-hour period and never pumped less than 162 gallons per minute

—for a forty-minute period near the conclusion of the test it was pumped at the rate of 300 gallons per minute and showed no signs of diminishing. The driller described it as the best producing well he had ever drilled in this general area.

A 20 horse power heavy duty pump was installed at the well and a four inch heavy cast main was laid from the well to the 30,000 gallon standpipe type reservoir some 9,870 feet away and some 600 feet higher. Several thousand feet of the line were laid up a steep mountain slope that was very difficult to climb. After several months of very hard work by the school work force in all types of weather, the new water system was operating satisfactorily and providing an adequate year-around supply of water for the first time in years.

Mr. John Ayers Installs New System

Mr. John Ayers, talented Maintenance Supervisor for the school, who used the school work force and equipment to install the water system, worked closely with Mr. R. H. "Bob" Lieurance, Factory Representative for the Universal Manufacturing Company, Atlanta, Georgia. Mr. Lieurance very generously supplied the technical knowledge needed for this major undertaking at no cost to the school.

The new system uses a pressure pump and tank to maintain a steady pressure of from 50-70 lbs. compared to the old gravity flow system that ranged from 10 to 20 lbs. on different points on the campus when sufficient water was available to none on the highest points when it was decidedly low. The present system can pump 100 gallons per minute into the lines compared to 8-10 under the old setup and this has given the school greater fire protection and some reduction in insurance rates. Outside drinking fountains that have worked only spasmodically in recent years because of lack of pressure and water, now gush forth with the cool, clear liquid.

"Number One Problem" Apparently Solved

Mr. John P. Tyson, former executive secretary, termed the lack of sufficient water the number one problem facing the school in his opinion when he became president of a local Junior College in the summer of 1959. We are proud that this problem has apparently been solved and that the school does appear to have sufficient



Ladies First!

water for the present and foreseeable future.

The school was able to save several thousand dollars on this project by using its own maintenance supervisor, work force, machinery, and the free engineering services of Mr. Lieurance. Mr. Smith G. Fallaw, K.D.S. Board Member from Birmingham, used his keen judgement and business background to effect a considerable saving in the purchase of the water tank. Total cost of this project that was paid for in individual and chapter donations and available school funds was approximately \$28,000. The old Pennsylvania system will be kept on a stand by basis in case of fire or damage to the new system.

School Saves Large Amount

A reputable engineering firm that completed the water survey for the school submitted a bid on a water system very similar to the one installed with only two major cost differences. This company proposed laying a six inch main

from the large tank to the rear of the school, a distance of approximately 2,000 feet, and the erection of a 50-60,000 gallon overhead gravity flow tank instead of the 30,000 gallon standpipe type actually used. Their bid was \$88,000.00 or some \$60,000.00 more than was actually spent!

Keep The Rummage Rolling

Rummage sales are held on the average of twice a month in the old gymnasium or Becker Hall and once or more a month in the rummage room of the new gymnasium. These sales provide the people of Gunter Mountain good clothing at nominal rates and bring in a steady source of much needed revenue to the school. "Dead Head" or free freight service has been established in certain areas of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan and Alabama, and it is hoped that this fine accommodation will gradually be extended to all states. Mrs. C. Howard Van Atta of Cincinnati, with

the assistance of State School Chairmen throughout the country, worked long and hard on the free freight project.

School and DAR officials are very grateful to the following motor freight lines for providing free freight service for rummage shipments: Baggett Transportation Company of Alabama that delivers directly to the school each week at no charge; Silver Fleet Motor Express of Ohio and Kentucky; Jack Cole Company in Michigan and Alabama; Hall motor Express of Alabama. We believe that DAR who have occasion to use motor freight lines for other than rummage shipments will want to use these lines when available

Brown Chevrolet Company of Guntersville, Alabama, has for years allowed the motor lines to leave shipments for Kate Duncan Smith School there until the school could pick them up. No charge has been made for this service for which we are very grateful.

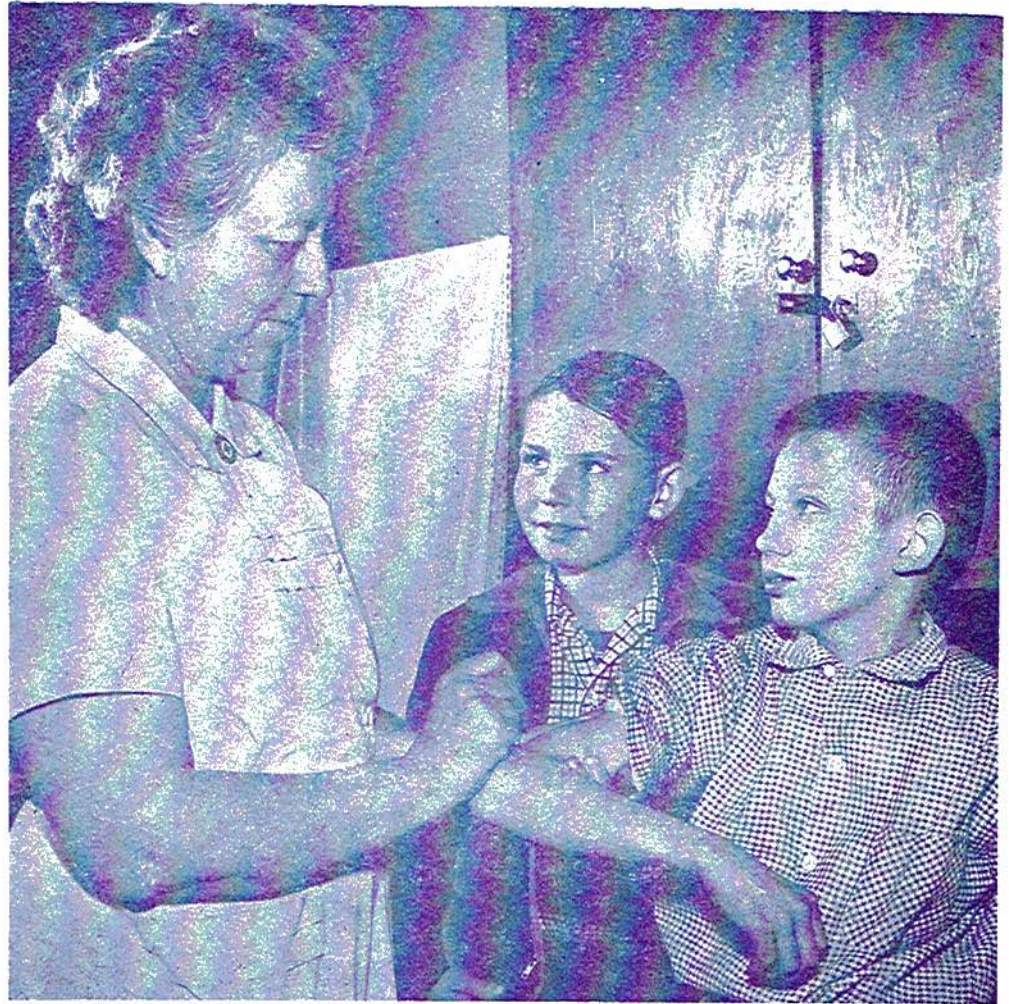
With a new rummage room to display clothing, the school can now use more to advantage—we hope that all chapters will continue to send wearing apparel of all types for boys and girls, men and women. Any kind of jewelry is also welcomed.

PLEASE SEND ALL FREIGHT AND EXPRESS SHIPMENTS TO GUNTERSVILLE, ALABAMA, WHERE THE SCHOOL MAINTAINS REGULAR PICK-UP SERVICES—PARCEL POST PACKAGES SHOULD BE SENT TO GRANT. It is a good idea to put two labels containing a printed or typed address of the chapter or individual making the contribution so that a letter of acknowledgment and thanks can be promptly sent. Occasionally, a package will be received from which the sender's address has been lost.

MAINTENANCE COSTS ARE HIGH

Some states and individuals have in the past constructed nice buildings on the campus without establishing a maintenance fund for them. As the buildings get older, and maintenance cost mount, it places a great financial strain on the school that now has 25 major buildings to care for—this often means that repairs and improvements are not made when needed because of lack of funds.

When Illinois constructed Illinois Cottage in 1948 and Leopold Cottage in 1950, the state wisely set up a sizeable maintenance fund for both. As a result, these



No doctor on the mountain but Nurse Horton is on the job. Billy Rice stands by his pal, Jerry Wayne.

two buildings are well kept, and as repairs can be made when needed, the cost is actually less. Contributions have been made by Illinois Daughters from time to time so that the maintenance fund today is approximately \$2,000.00. When the New York Daughters constructed the New York Faculty House in honor of Mrs. Frank Cuff in 1960-1961, they also provided for a permanent maintenance or endowment fund that today exceeds \$4,000.00. This gives New York Daughters assurance that in the years ahead "Cuff Cottage" will remain a building they can point to with pride. Maryland Daughters are considering the establishment of a maintenance or endowment fund for the Dick Health House.

MARYLAND THOROUGHLY RENOVATES DICK HEALTH HOUSE

In the spring of 1961, Mrs. Eliot C. Lovett of Chevy Chase, Maryland, visited the K.D.S. campus and decided that the Dick Health House, a Maryland building and one of the oldest on the campus, needed a complete renovation. School officials made a careful estimate of the cost of proposed improvements and this

was given to the Maryland Daughters. An all out campaign to raise funds for this project began immediately and by late Spring 1962 the most thorough renovation in the school's history was completed. In all, Maryland raised approximately \$2300.00 and MINNESOTA sent over \$200.00 for this project for a total of approximately \$2500.00. The over-all improvement to the Health House is almost startling, both in appearance and comfort. It is hoped that other states with old homes on the campus that need repairing and improving will be alerted and encouraged by Maryland's very successful, fast action.

Recent Improvements

To merely enumerate a majority of the larger projects completed in the spring and summer of 1962 will emphasize the extent of our school maintenance program.

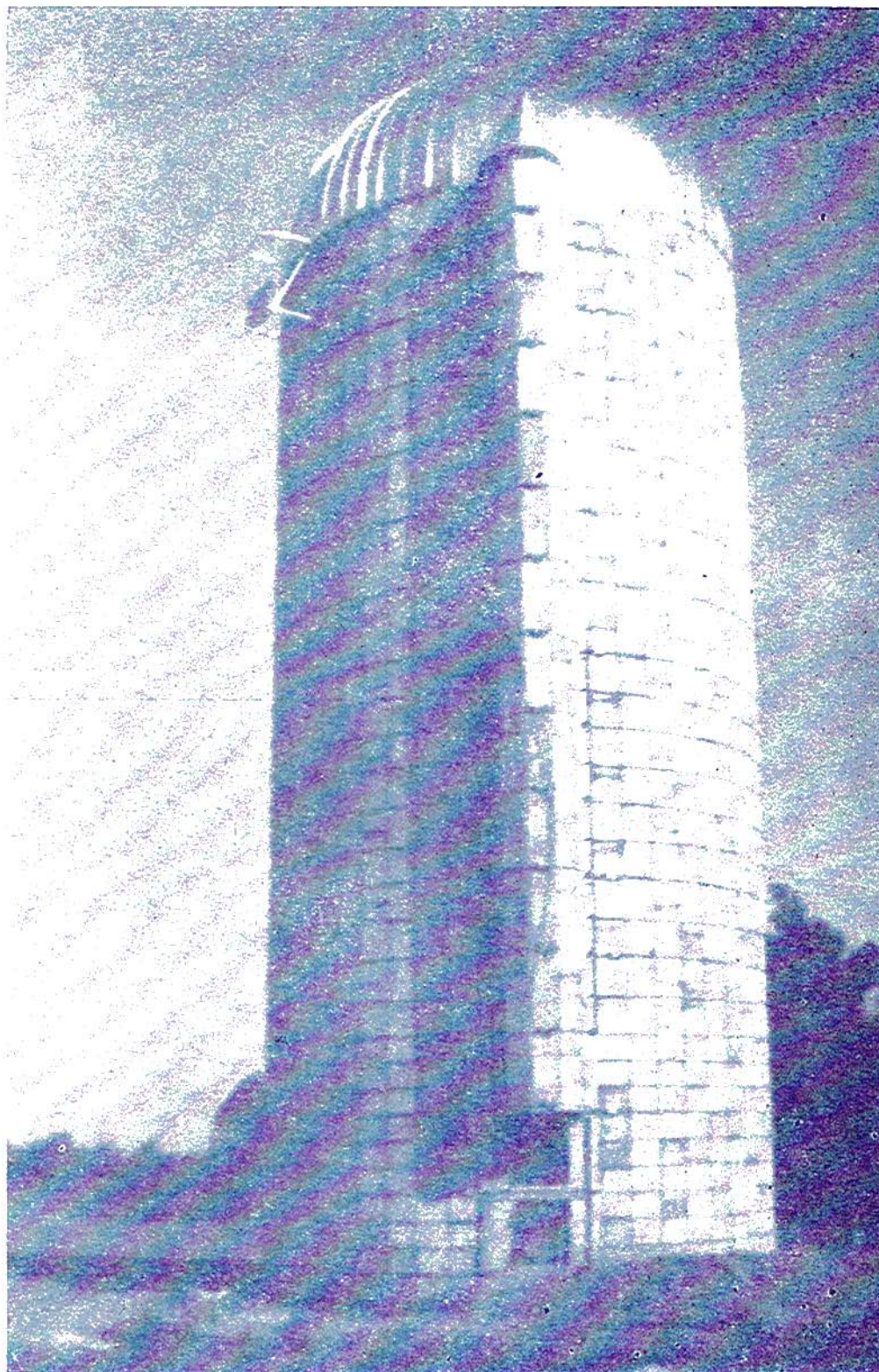
Shortly after the renovation of the Dick Health House, considerable work was done at Minor Practice Cottage. Rubber base tile was laid in three rooms and a bath, several rooms were painted, a closet added, and all the house was given an outside coat

of paint, the porch was repaired and painted, and new aluminum window screens replaced wooden ones that were warped. At the same time, Connecticut, under the leadership of Miss Katharine Matthies, provided funds for the purchase of a new couch and a matching chair at the Practice Cottage and additional money for maintenance work there.

During the Spring, underbrush was cleared from a very rough three to four acre wooded area east of the new road leading to the Doris Pike White Auditorium-Gymnasium southward to Schlosser Cottage near the southern extremity of the campus. Stumps were removed, the land levelled, and grass was sown—Work Scholarship boys cleared a similar area west of the new road in the summer. This part of the campus gives promise of being one of the most attractive of the spacious school grounds. Rattlesnakes have apparently moved westward from this wooded plot as a number were killed around the farm buildings during and after the clearing operation. We hope that cutting grass and removing logs and stumps from the recently acquired acreage just north of the farm will encourage the continuation of this modern Westward Movement!

Silo Erected

During the Summer of 1962, the Indiana Model Dairy Unit was carefully painted inside and out and all other farm structures were spray-painted. Other improvements included the erection of a new fence to take in an acre and a half of new property purchased by the school in 1961. A feeding area adjacent to the farm buildings was graded for better drainage and a base for an upright silo was dug. The silo that is 18 feet wide and 40 feet high was erected in late August of 1962 to make the dairy operation more efficient. A trench silo had been used for a number of years, but heavy winter rains made it difficult to remove all the silage and normally a good portion of it was wasted. In addition, older cows drove off the younger ones that consequently received less feed. The upright silo should enable the farm to have more and better silage during most periods of the year, and the installation of a bunk feeder should provide for more equal distribution of feed for cows. These improvements should increase the butter fat content and thus total dairy income.



The Pennsylvania Silo (Juniors) erected in August, 1962, to Make Farm Operation More Efficient.

Pennsylvania Juniors Accept Silo Project

The approximate cost of the silo was \$2500 and essential equipment as blower, silage unloader, and bunk feeder for efficient silage operation was additional. Pennsylvania Juniors have accepted the silo as a project for which we are most grateful. Iowa Daughters, always staunch farm supporters, readily accepted a \$1000 silage equipment project honoring their State Re-

gent, Mrs. E. L. McMichael or more affectionately "Marie." A price list of needed silage or farm equipment will be furnished any state upon request.

Other summer accomplishments included the painting of all halls in the main school building, one office and a number of classrooms. In addition, the floors of all classrooms were cleaned and waxed as were the hall floors. Summer maintenance was performed on school furnaces to assure proper operation in the winter and 13 in-

dividual gas heaters were installed at Ball Teacherage to replace the old coal furnace that was no longer satisfactory. Five walks were laid around the new gymnasium, three cement and two of flagstone. The entire campus of approximately 20 acres was limed and fertilized and considerable care was devoted to flowers, shrubbery, and grass.

New roofs were put on the Alabama Primary Building, the Home Economics Building, and the Michigan Apartment, and the latter was painted throughout.

Local Road Commissioners Aid School

The Marshall County Road Commissioner for this district, Mr. Budge Word, and his employees, "blacktopped" the parking area in front of the gymnasium and behind the school. They hope to soon complete the road leading to the parking area behind the auditorium-gymnasium.

KDS A Major Investment Today

A number of other projects not enumerated are scheduled for completion before winter. This detailed accounting of major projects completed in a span of a few months emphasizes that Kate Duncan Smith DAR School, embracing a total of almost 240 acres including the school farm, 25 major buildings, and a DAR investment valued at approximately one million dollars, is a major operation today requiring a considerable annual expenditure if it is to be kept as DAR everywhere would want it.

Those in charge of the school believe strongly that excellent housing facilities are necessary if good teachers are to be secured in this rural area. And so it goes! Land, buildings, equipment and thousands of dollars each year are invested in the youth of this state by the Daughters of the American Revolution. Yet, the Kate Duncan School is more than a group of fine buildings provided by the DAR organization—it is not just another school for mountain boys and girls. It is a school that has as its objectives the elevation of an entire mountain area economically, socially, physically, and spiritually. There is a strong feeling among the members of the faculty that they are attempting to do more than the average school because the total objective includes the elevation of all the people of Gunter Mountain rather than just teaching children what is to be found between the covers of school books, important though that is. We feel that the program of the school must be such that



The class of 1949 faced the future with confidence. Average class today has about 25 to 30 members.

it helps bring about more comfortable homes, better prepared and more nourishing meals, healthier people, mentally and physically, promotes modern farm practices, and better use of leisure time. A major objective is to produce a better informed and more civic minded citizenry.

KDS Was First An Elementary School

Although Kate Duncan Smith was established in 1924, it is not commonly known that during the early years the institution was only an elementary school. The first graduating class was in 1931 and it had only two members, Miss Laverne Taylor and Miss Louise Kennamer. Miss Kennamer lived in sight of the school in beautiful Kennamer's Cove in a house that is still standing. Both graduates are now married. Mrs. Carlton Click (nee Laverne Taylor) lives at Grant, Route 2, and Mrs. Hubert Barclay at Scottsboro, Alabama. Both of these ladies were, appropriately enough, featured speakers at the Alumni Association meetings mentioned previously.

The class of 1932 also had two members and the class of 1935 only five, but the class of 1936 boasted 24 members. Thus, through the years the number of graduates has gradually increased until now the senior classes usually have 25 or more members—the class of 1950 saw 29 members graduate. During the 39 years



Members of First Graduating Class Laverne Taylor - Louise Kennamer

of the school's existence approximately 500 boys and girls have graduated and taken their places in society, business, and industry in such a manner as to reflect credit and honor on the institution and the DAR organization.

The Kate Duncan Smith DAR School, affectionately called "KDS," is not a boarding school, but is operated as a public day school and approximately 80% of

the pupils come in eight buses from a 100 square-mile district that comprizes all of Gunter Mountain and several surrounding valleys and coves. Many ride several miles to and from school. Although housing conditions are improving, a considerable number of students still come from small, crowded homes, that do not have the comforts and conveniences most DAR would consider essential.

Perhaps 80 to 85% of the students will not attend college. Though we encourage them to go just as far educationally as it is practical or possible, the fact remains that most of them will not attend institutions of higher learning. Therefore, we are not interested primarily in preparation for college but in preparation for living. The success of the efforts of those in charge at the school is dependent upon the improvements made upon the farms and homes of all the people of Gunter Mountain. The vocational agriculture and home economics departments and the health program have made excellent progress. We know . . . we have seen the results, and we invite all our DAR friends to visit the school and see for themselves the fine work they are making possible.

WELL BEHAVED STUDENTS

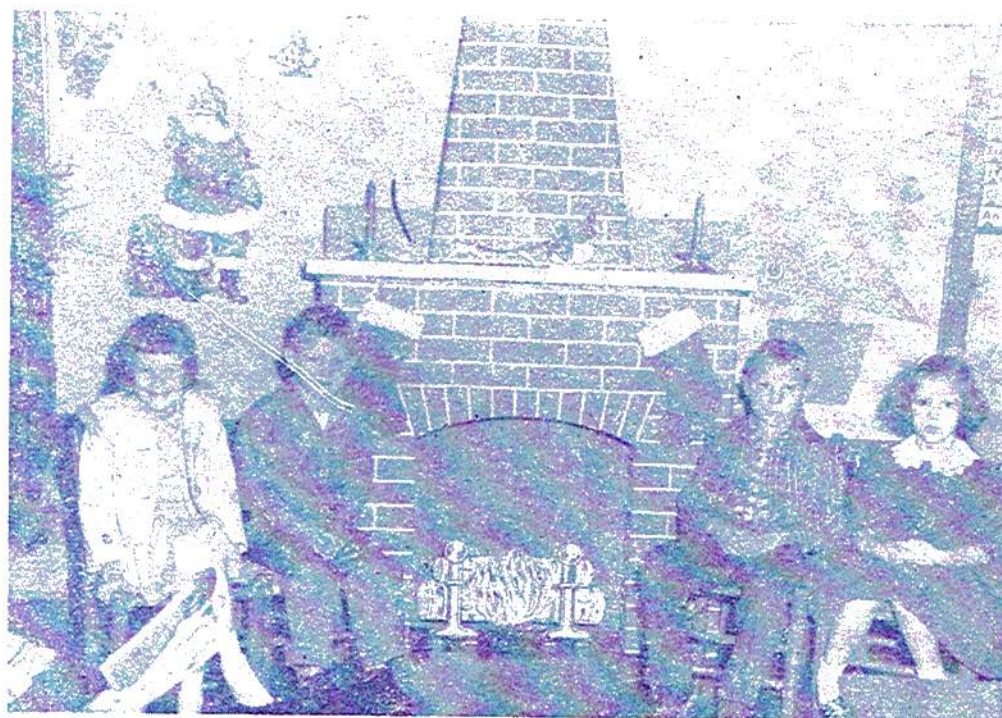
DAR who have visited the K.D.S. campus know that the students are well behaved. Most realize what the DAR organization has done and is doing for them and appreciate it. In 1961 a New York Daughter visited the school and was shown through the elementary rooms of the Alabama Primary Building. She entered a first grade room that was completely quiet and where all students were working. She looked around for the teacher and was politely informed by a little girl that their teacher was sick; as it was early in the morning, the substitute teacher had not arrived. This lady was astonished and greatly impressed that children so young would go ahead with their work and be so quiet and well behaved without teacher supervision. Thereafter, she delightedly told New York DAR and members from the other states of this incident.

ENROLLMENT INCREASES

The last few years have seen a steady climb in total enrollment at the "DAR School" as it is proudly referred to by the local people. In the 1960-61 school year total enrollment grades 1-12 was 615; in 1961-62 it was 640 and



Students enjoy Christmas Pageants—this scene was in Becker Hall.



These elementary students pose happily before DAR Christmas present are distributed.

the enrollment at the beginning of the 1962-63 school year was 656.

A breakdown of latest enrollment figures shows 313 in the elementary grades (1-6) 223 in Junior High (grades 7-9) and 120 Sr. High Students grades 10-12. School costs are often directly related to number of pupils so that an enrollment increase often means a proportionate increase in operating expenses.

CHRISTMAS At K.D.S.

There are several outstanding days or events at the Kate Duncan Smith DAR School. The boys and girls eagerly look forward to the annual Dedication Day in October when Daughters of the American Revolution from many

states visit the school to see at first hand their educational project in the mountains of North Alabama. For the seniors, Commencement Sunday and Graduation hold an understandable pride. However, the day most eagerly awaited by all the student is the day that school dismisses for the Christmas holidays. Gunter Mountain is no exception to the joys of Christmas, and since for many of our students the greatest enjoyment is that provided by the school through the generosity of the DAR everywhere, its great appeal is easily understood.

On the day that school is dismissed for the holidays, an attempt is made to conduct "school as usual" for the first period or so. This is never eminently suc-

cessful for obvious reasons and usually at nine o'clock designated class groups go at thirty minute intervals to lovely Lane Chapel where they enjoy a beautiful Christmas Program.

At the conclusion of the program that is given several times, classes that have seen it return to their rooms that are bright with decorations and Christmas trees. Here they sing Christmas carols and receive the presents which the DAR have provided. Candy and fruit are served to students and parents in attendance. This too is given by DAR friends and chapters.

The children are usually dismissed at noon whereupon they eagerly rush outside to the buses that await most of them. They clutch their presents and "Merry Christmas" echoes happily up and down the corridors as small children and seniors alike make no effort to conceal their joyous Christmas spirit. This is Christmas at K.D.S. and we thank you so much.

Several years ago, an elementary teacher suggested that her students write letters to Santa Claus. This happy proposal was instantly acted upon by the group and one little girl began her letter: DEAR DAR: She was not too wrong at that!

It has been said that "a man never stands so tall as when he stoops to help a child." We feel that the true Christmas spirit is embodied in the numerous DAR gifts that are provided our students each year. If it is indeed more blessed to give than receive, then DAR members throughout the country must be richly blessed for their investment of time, effort and expense that others may be made happy!

FACULTY STUDY

The faculty has been engaged for several months in a Self Study Program designed to materially improve the over-all school program. The school is fully accredited by the Alabama State Department of Education, but is seeking membership in the Southern Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges that has, in some instances, higher standards than the State Department. Membership in this organization should result in more prestige and recognition for the school.

Mrs. Paul R. Greenlease, National Chairman DAR School Committee from 1959-62, was keenly interested in the welfare of the school and she suggested this study that has the backing of the Board of Trustees, National

Officers, faculty and school officials.

SCHOOL PROBLEMS

One serious school problem is that of overcrowded classrooms, especially in the elementary grades where classes of 40 to 50 are not uncommon. Another is the rather high number of students who drop out of school at the Junior and Senior high level. Providing a wider selection of technical subjects for those students who plan to attend college, while offering the needed basic courses for the large majority who will not, is a tough administrative problem common to many small high schools.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO SCHOOL ARE DEDUCTIBLE

We call your attention to the fact that the U. S. Department of Revenue has ruled that contributions to Kate Duncan Smith DAR School are deductible by donors when computing their taxable income, and bequests, legacies, devises or transfers to or for the school's use are deductible in computing the values of taxable estate of a decedent for Federal estate tax purposes in the manner and to the extent provided by sections 2055 and 2106 of the 1954 code.

Our endowment is only slightly over \$80,000.00 and should be at least one-half million to provide a sizeable source of operational expenses for a growing institution. Our endowment is only a fraction of that of some other DAR supported schools, and we emphasize this only because we think it is pertinent information to anyone considering a contribution, bequest, or legacy. IF YOU ARE THINKING OF GIVING TO AN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION, WHY NOT CONSIDER YOUR OWN KATE DUNCAN SMITH DAR SCHOOL? We are most grateful to all who have made contributions to K.D.S.—we are striving hard to merit your continuing support by providing a sound educational program that meets the needs of the majority of students who will not attend institutions of higher learning. At the same time, we try to provide a wider selection of more advanced subjects for the gradually increasing number that do attend college.

Gifts To K.D.S. May Be Made In A Variety of Ways As Follows:

1. BY SPECIFIC GIFT UNDER YOUR WILL. You may leave outright a sum of money, specified securities, real property, or a

fraction or percentage of your estate.

2. BY GIFTS OF RESIDUE UNDER YOUR WILL. You may leave all or a portion of your residuary estate to Kate Duncan Smith DAR School, Grant, Alabama.

3. BY LIVING TRUST. You may put your property in trust and have the income paid to you or to any other person or persons for life and then have the principal or income to go to the Kate Duncan Smith DAR School.

4. BY LIFE INSURANCE TRUST. You may put life insurance in trust and after your death, have the income paid to your wife, husband, or other person for life, and then have the income or principal go to Kate Duncan Smith DAR School.

5. BY LIFE INSURANCE. You may have life insurance made payable direct to Kate Duncan Smith DAR School.

6. BY ANNUITY. The unconsented portion of a refund annuity may be made payable to Kate Duncan Smith DAR School.

The principal of these gifts will carry the name of the donor unless other instructions are given. The income will be used for Kate Duncan Smith in the manner judged best by its trustees, unless otherwise specified by the donor. ALL GIFTS ARE TAX EXEMPT.

7. BY TRANSFER OF STOCKS AND BONDS. You may save by this transaction on your income tax.

The incorporate name of the school is: Kate Duncan Smith DAR School, Grant, Alabama.

WHY NOT CONSIDER A KATE DUNCAN SMITH DAR BEQUEST?

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, Administration Building, 1776 D. Street, N. W. has a lawyer who will give legal advice concerning a gift to K.D.S. or Tamassee. Kate Duncan Smith School has a capable lawyer on its Board of Trustees who will provide the same service for K.D.S.

KDS Has Made

Outstanding Contribution

Little did the Alabama Daughters dream in 1924 that their small four-room school house with two teachers and less than 100 students would grow into the present institution which is recognized by business and professional leaders, as well as educators, as having made an outstanding contribution to the economic, social and cultural life of North Alabama and indeed the state. Its grad-

uates are now scattered from Georgia to California, from the Dakotas to the Gulf, and are to be found in the Mid-West and the Eastern states!

THE LATE COL. JOE STARNES PRAISED SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY

The late Colonel Joe Starnes of Guntersville, Alabama, an outstanding attorney and former United State Congressman from Alabama, was for many years a member of the Kate Duncan Smith Board of Trustees. He was a brilliant spokesman for the school he loved so well and he once stated that it had brought more good in the community it served than anything he knew of in his long career as a public servant. At that time he stated: "All of us have marveled at the transformation made in the life of the community's social, economic and spiritual development. We have a social order in the mountain territory served which has been leavened by the continued mental and spiritual development of the youth of the area. Improved farming methods and housekeeping methods taught at the school have added to the income of the good people served by the school and made home life more attractive to their families.

The moral and spiritual forces of the community have developed a fine civic consciousness. This is evidenced in a number of ways, but I have noted the following in particular: (1) The unusual interest taken in the affairs of government and the fact that Grant is now (1953) the fifth largest voting precinct in the county; (2) The good people of Gunter Mountain cheerfully assume their duties and responsibilities toward the State in serving on juries; (3) An improved road network on the mountain; and (4) Most striking is the fact that 30 years ago approximately 50% of all the criminal cases tried in the Circuit Court of this County each year were from this area. Now we rarely find the name of a defendant on the criminal docket from the area."

1945 Graduate Expresses Pride In School

Mrs. June Gayle Troup, a K.D.S. Graduate of 1945, was until recently a supervisor of a purchasing department at Redstone Arsenal, Huntsville, Alabama, where she had twelve employees working under her. Mrs. Troup was the Alumni Speaker at Continental Congress in 1958 where she

delivered a very fine address that was incorporated in the Congressional Record. Mrs. Troup said at that time: "I'm very proud and happy to be a graduate of Kate Duncan Smith School. I feel that we have many more opportunities that other schools of the state do not have. My son and daughter both attend the school and it is with intense pride that my family holds the record of having the largest family group ever graduate from it. I am one of 6 children. My sister, Charlotte, graduated in 1939—her oldest son will do the same within three years. My brothers, Wallace and Jean, both graduated in 1941, I graduated in 1945, my sister, Ruth graduated in 1946, and lastly, my sister, Earlene, in 1948. Two of her four children also attend the Kate Duncan Smith School (three today).

THE "TIE THAT BINDS"

"At times we have discussed moving to a new place of residence, but it would necessitate severing our "tie that binds" with the Kate Duncan Smith School and my children, Rhonda and Tommy, protest very vigorously. To prove this point, last Saturday, my daughter actually made this statement when we were approaching the town of Guntersville, "Mama, this would be a pretty place to live in if we had the DAR School over here."

"They are quite attached to the school and try to prove their affection and loyalty in attaining the best marks possible. You can understand the deep love of the school when I tell you my children cry and are upset, if for any reason, they have to be absent. Their father understands their feelings too, as he also graduated from the school. So, you see we are into the third generation attending our DAR School."

U. S. Congressman Albert Rains Commends School

On Monday, May 19, 1958, in the House of Representatives, the Honorable Albert Rains, of Alabama, had this to say of Mrs. Troup and K.D.S. "Mr. Speaker: The DAR support a number of fine education projects throughout the country and among them is the Kate Duncan Smith School which is located in my district. This school, high atop Gunter Mountain at Grant, Alabama, has turned out scores of well trained, patriotic and useful citizens since it was established by the DAR in 1924. This school, like other DAR educational projects, has under-

taken to teach better farming methods and better homemaking to the rural children of the area it serves. We in Alabama are proud of the great DAR School and of its graduates. I would like to call attention of my colleagues to an address delivered by Mrs. June Gayle Troup, an alumna of the school, at the recent DAR Continental Congress. Mrs. Troup's address was then incorporated in the Congressional Record. (Mrs. Troup became the new DAR Bookkeeper Secretary in August, 1962, when she replaced Mrs. E. S. Holliman, who moved with her husband to Tuscaloosa, Alabama.)

GOVERNOR PRAISES SCHOOL

In February, 1953, Gordon Persons, Governor of Alabama, wrote Mr. John P. Tyson who was then Executive Secretary of Kate Duncan Smith School as follows: Dear Mr. Tyson:

It is indeed a pleasure to write you this letter as the Kate Duncan Smith DAR School marks its 29th Anniversary.

In its almost three decades of existence, this institution has made a lasting mark on the life of Marshall County, and the state of Alabama. Already its outstanding students have made names for themselves prominent in education and industry.

As official spokesman for the state of Alabama, let me express appreciation for the part that the Kate Duncan Smith School has played in our educational and cultural life.

We wish for your organization many, many more years of continued success.

Sincerely,
Gordon Persons
Governor

At the same time, Festus M. Cook, then President of Snead College, Boaz, Alabama, located some 30 miles east of Kate Duncan Smith School, made the following statement: "The Kate Duncan Smith School is an institution unique in the history of education in the state. Although its progress was somewhat slow at first, it has never taken a backward step. Through the years I have watched, with more than passing interest, its steady growth in prestige and usefulness, until it has become one of the leading educational institutions in North Alabama.

The growth and success of any social institution do not come as a matter of course, but as a result of a definite cause or causes. The reasons for the phenomenal



The 1962 Patriots had a very successful season. They lost only three lettermen by graduation route and feel 1963 should be "the year".

success of the Kate Duncan Smith School are not hard to find.

First, the faith of the founders was perhaps the strongest element in the making of a healthy, growing thing of the little project. The second factor that insured its growth was the high quality of its leadership—both professional and economic. Principals, teachers, superintendents, and trustees have, as a rule, been persons actuated by the noblest motives and possessing qualities of leadership to an unusual degree in professional and business matters.

The third, and perhaps the greatest reason for the unparalleled growth of this institution is found in the quality of service it renders to its constituency. It is a truism in a democracy that a social institution—church, school, college, hospital—usually lives if it renders a socially useful purpose and dies when it ceases to

serve.

Kate Duncan Smith School has never, for a single period, deviated from its original purpose—that of bringing light to those in darkness; creating beauty where there was drabness; establishing cultural standards in places culturally barren; routing ignorance and superstition and enthroning truth and tolerance.

All of us—both laymen and educators—who are familiar with the history of the institution are agreed that the Kate Duncan Smith DAR School at Grant has been, is now, and will continue to be a vital force in the cultural advancement of the people of Northeast Alabama.

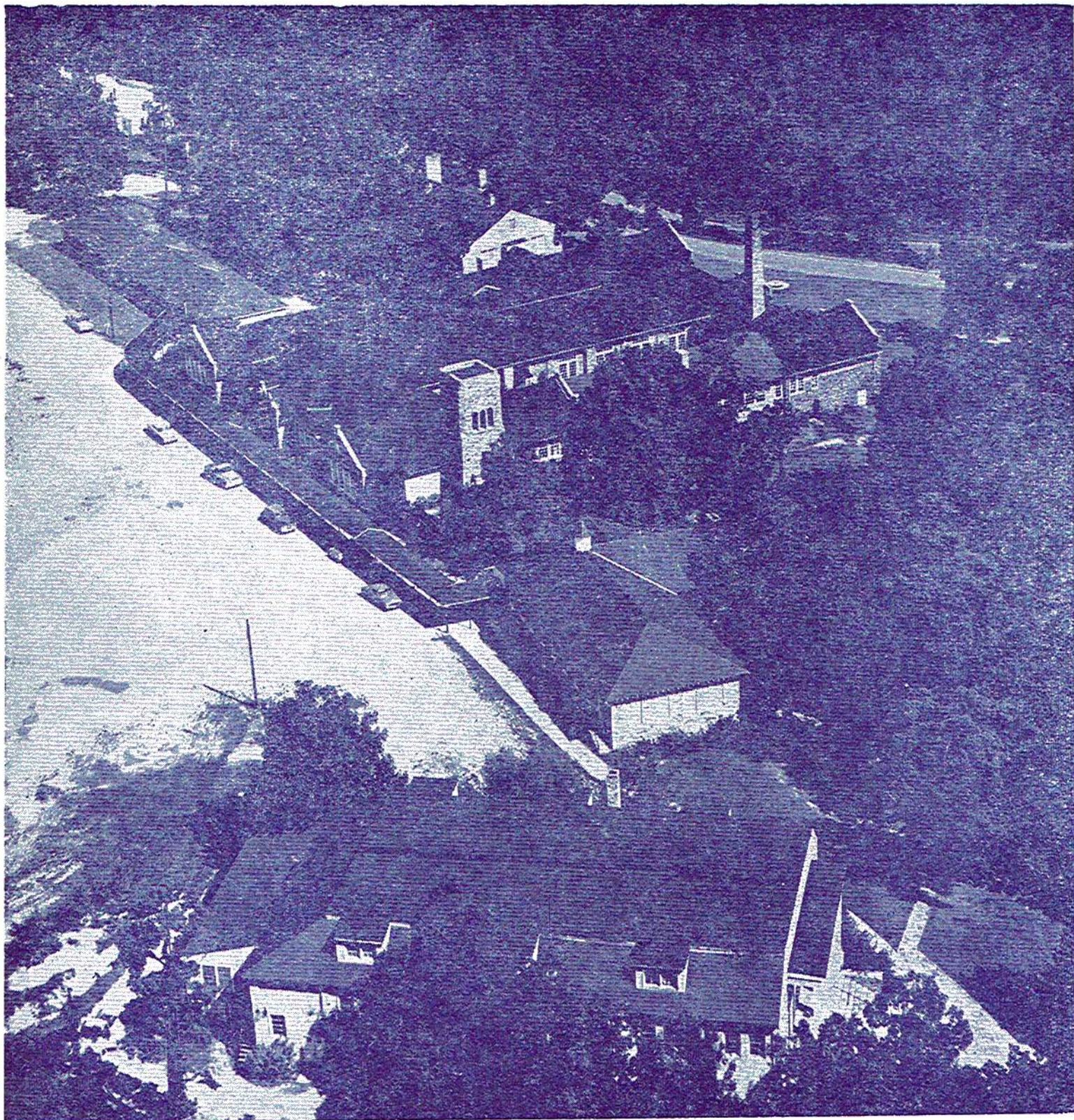
**A Statement by W. W. Ayers
("Uncle Wiley") Long Time
Resident of Gunter Mountain**

"I appreciate the DAR School being built in my community. I

think it is the best school any country ever had. I live near the school and lived here long before it was built. I helped do some of the work when the school was first started. I am an aged man and I have no children to go to school now, but I have about 30 grandchildren and a few great-grandchildren and I'm proud we have such a fine school for them. I AM THE MAN WHO LET THE SCHOOL HAVE MOST OF THE LAND IT OWNS. (Caps our own).

Along with some others I did lot of free labor when the DAR ladies started to build the school. I helped haul the stone and cement with a team of mules. My wife carried on the work at home while I worked on the school building. My wife and I haven't forgotten the school. We are friends to the DAR ladies and the school." (Mrs. Ayers is now deceased).

(As pointed out earlier in the



A recent aerial close up taken from the rear of campus.

history, "Uncle Wiley" and other local people played an important part in the early history of the school. Much of the land owned by the school was purchased from him at reduced rates and he also gave the school a number of acres.) Mr. Ayers is now almost 80 years of age and still lives just back of the school. He drove the first bus to serve the school, a Model T in 1928. At that time two canvas covered wagons brought students out of Kenna-mer's Cove as roads in that area

were too bad for the bus. Despite his age, "Uncle Wiley" maintains an active interest in the school and often walks over "to see how things are going."

THANK YOU DAR

Some years before his death, Mr. L. W. Campbell and his wife, who is still living, expressed their appreciation to the DAR as follows:

"We want to express our appreciation to you for giving us the fine school, and all the other

things you have done for Gunter Mountain and the surrounding communities.

You can never realize just how much the school has done for these people. We are seventy-four years of age and have lived here all our lives. We have been interested in the school from the beginning and tried to help all we could in it.

We have intelligent young people and the majority of them could not have finished high school elsewhere. I hope that



Beautiful and historic Kenamer's Cove as seen from the steps of the main building.

sometime you will be able to know fully the fruits of your labor among our people."

("Uncle Wayne"), as Mr Campbell was affectionately known to his friends, was also a long time resident of Gunter Mountain and he donated some of the original 100 acres the good people of the mountain deeded to the school. He also used his wagon and mules to haul cement and stone for the construction of the original four-room building and gave considerable "free labor" in addition. His appreciation was deep and genuine. Mrs. Campbell, known to her friends as "Aunt Dicy", still lives at Grant.)

Mrs Samuel L. Earle, Daughter of Kate Duncan Smith, Describes School

The Kate Duncan Smith DAR School has more than anything

else—OPPORTUNITY.

It has brought to men and women of Gunter Mountain the opportunity for a broader and fuller life. It has brought to their children educational advantages second to none in the state. It has brought to their children's children the same opportunities.

It has brought to the Alabama DAR the opportunity of service and work for a project near at hand and it has given the unselfish DAR of other states an added and unselfish opportunity for service outside their own states. For those who have watched the growth from a small country school to an institution of beauty and force it has brought another opportunity for service and happiness.

**LUCILE S. EARLE
(Mrs. Samuel L.)**

(For approximately 20 years

Mrs. Earle was Alabama State Chairman of Approved Schools and is now Honorary Life Chairman of the Board of Trustees and Honorary Life Time Member of the Alumni Association. No other person has worked more untiringly and unselfishly for the school.)

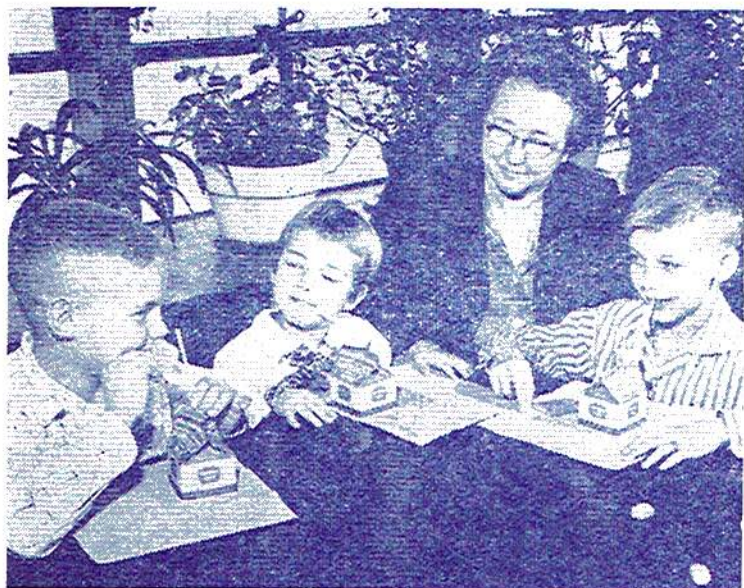
KATE DUNCAN SMITH

HAD A VISION

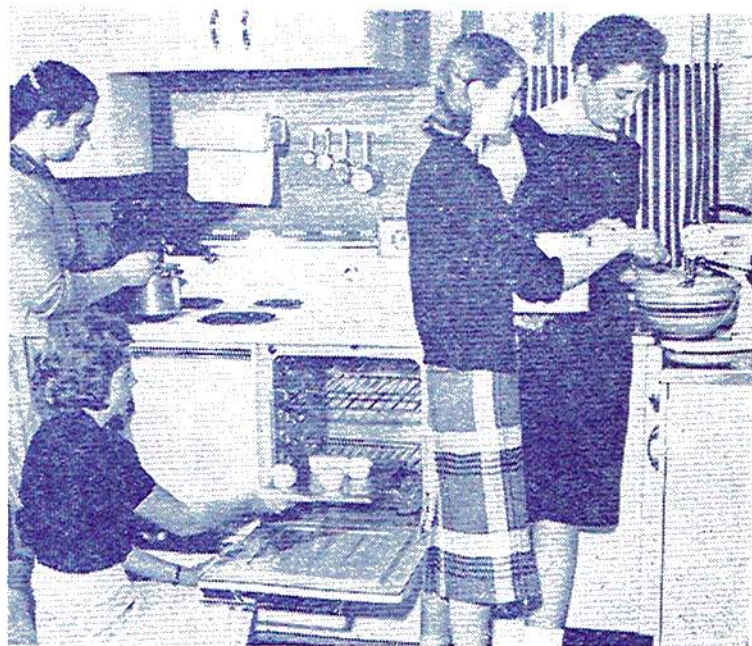
Kate Duncan Smith could not possibly foresee the far reaching changes for good that would occur in the years ahead when on that eventful day some 40 years ago she selected the site of the school at the very northern edge of the Gunter Mountain Plateau. As she looked far below to Kenamer's Cove, a beautiful, flat green valley, surrounded by numerous mountain ranges with the blue foothills of the Cumberlands on her left, she had a vision—



Mrs. Ashmead White, President General 1959-62, surrounded by mountain ladies, gets a closeup of famous Basket Lunch.



Mid-Morning Lunch—Miss Ollie Elmore, second grade teacher, has seen two generations at DAR School. Left to right, Eddie McBride, Kathy Rice, and Jimmy Pendergrass.



Home Economics Girls Preparing A Meal In The Practice Cottage Kitchen.

Alabama DAR caught that vision and the National Society has broadened it. THIS IS NOW YOUR LEGACY! We know that you will continue to enrich it by keeping the "lamp of learning" burning brightly on Gunter Mountain as an illustrious example of the inestimable value of such an educational undertaking embodying historic, patriotic, and religious emphasis.

THANK YOU FOR THE
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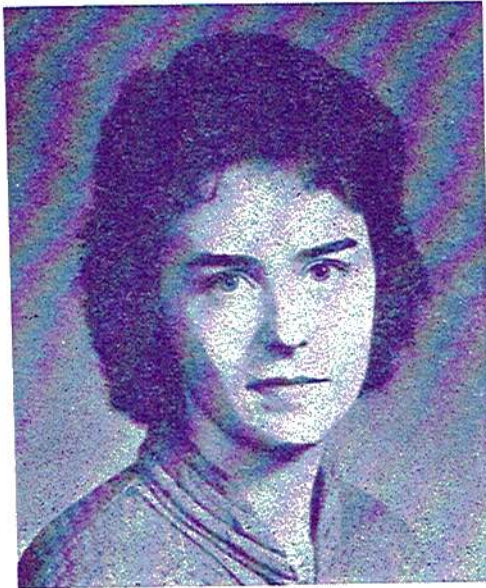
**NEW SLIDES ARE
NOW AVAILABLE**

Several new sets of 35 mm colored slides of the school are

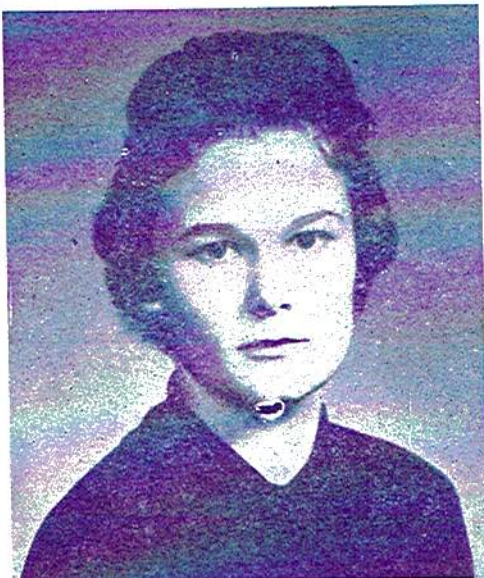
now available at National Headquarters in Washington and at the school. They include pictures of all major buildings and a number of student and campus scenes. No charge is made for the use of these slides, but they should be requested two to three weeks before date needed. Please return promptly after using. Thank you.



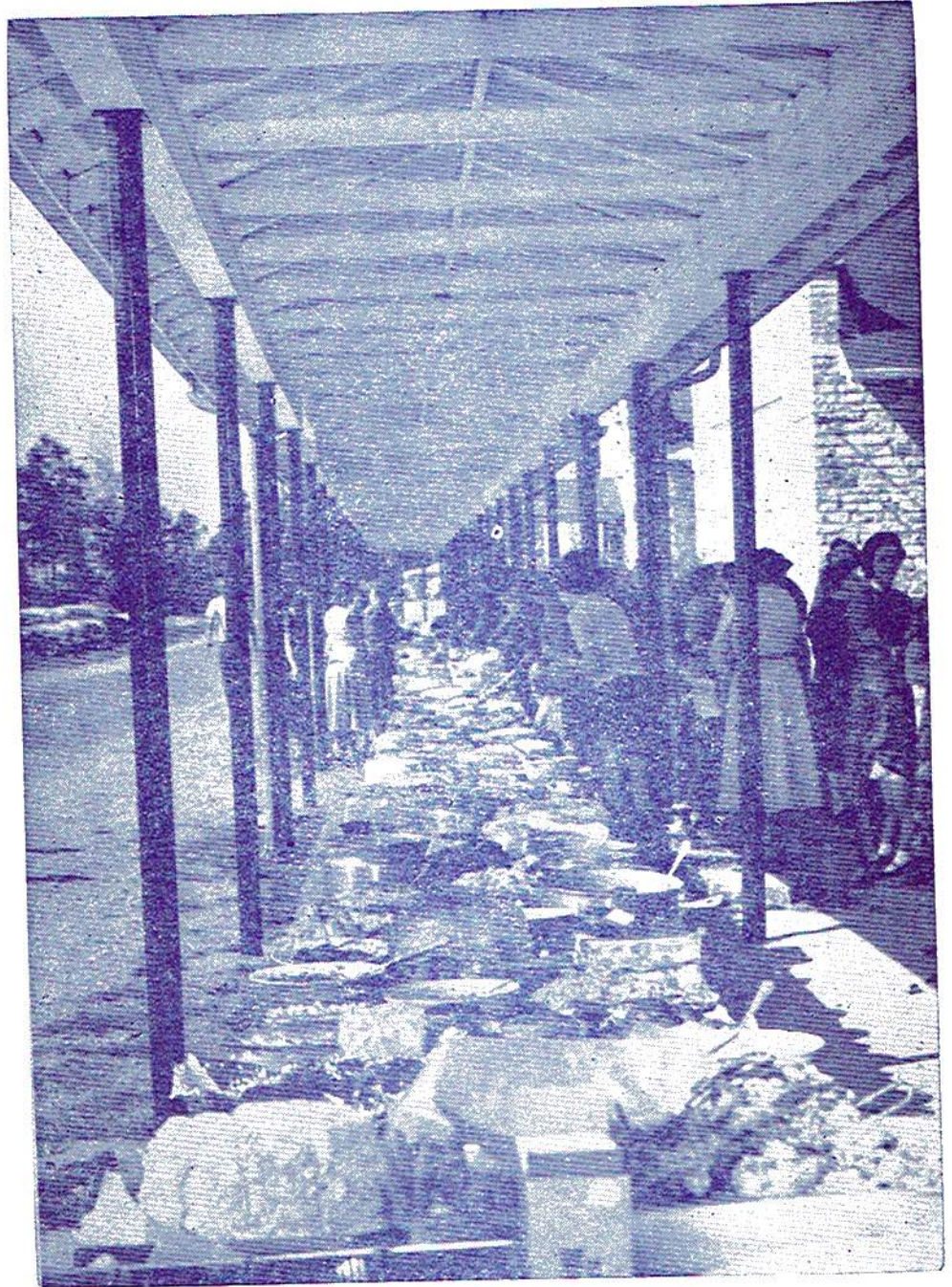
Barbara Johnson, First Place
Winner 1962 Navin History
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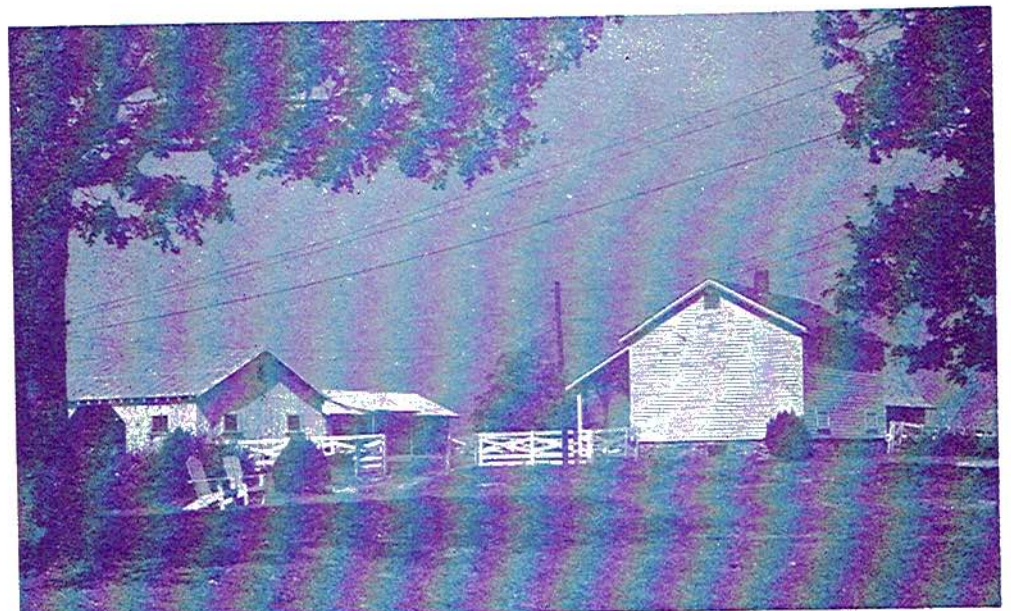
Zelma Bevel, who received DAR
1962 Good Citizen Award



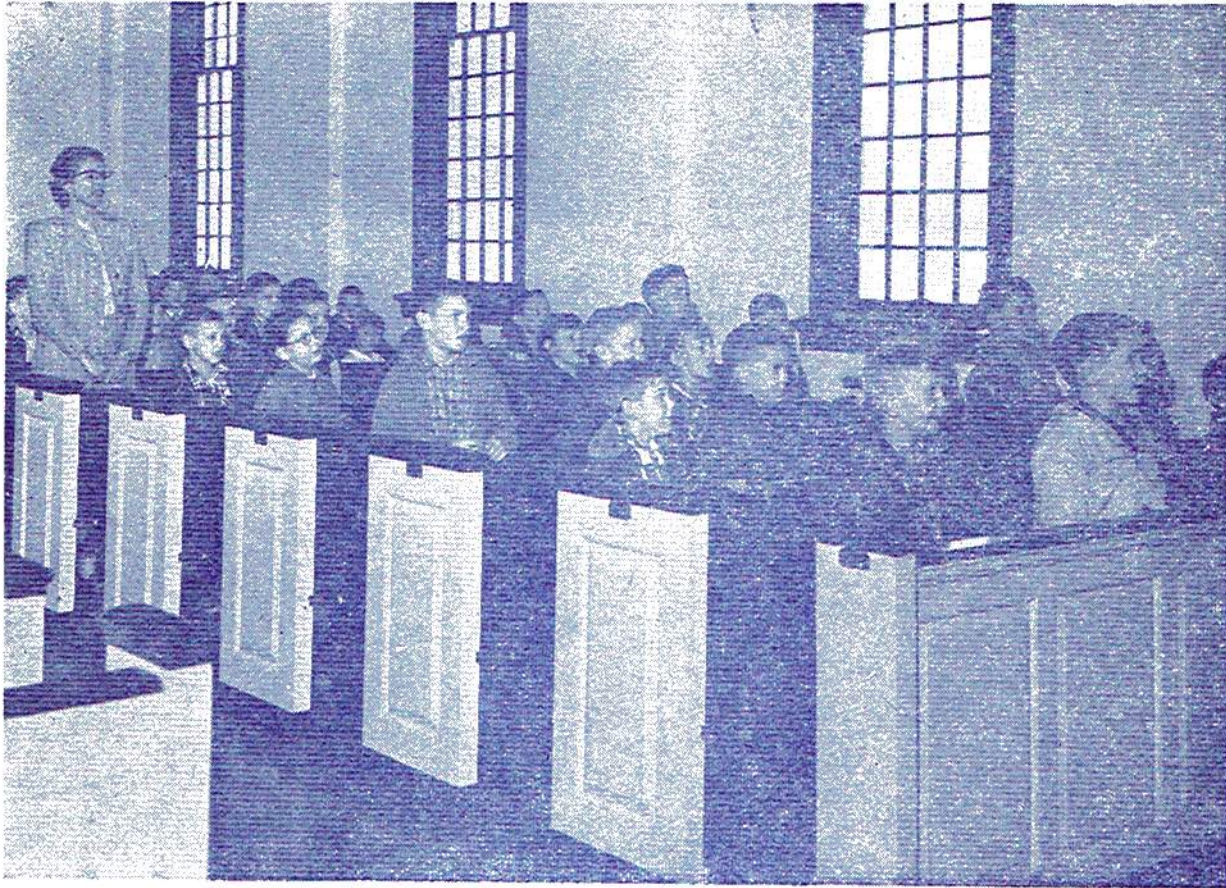
Judy Foster who received the
Marion Sheridan Bryan Home
Making Award for 1962



The Famous Basket Dinner of The Gunter Mountain Ladies Spread
Under the Ohio Passageway.



A peaceful scene showing the Indiana Model Farm Buildings.



Students like to sing in lovely and restful Lane Chapel.



TRAVIS BISHOP
Class of 1953

Travis Bishop, grandson of "Uncle Wiley Ayers", finished college with DAR assistance and now has a very good job at Redstone Arsenal, Huntsville.

He married Zona Ann Edmonds, also a graduate of KDS. They live at Grant where they recently completed a new home. They have a daughter, Suzann, who is one year of age.



Weaving is a fine and enjoyable art. Here a teacher gives instruction to an attentive student in the well equipped Michigan Crafts Center.

A WORD OF EXPLANATION

Readers will note that as a rule major projects completed within recent years are covered in more detail than those of earlier years. This is not an attempt to give more recognition or attach more importance to more recent developments, but resulted because organized factual information about earlier projects is often very meager.

The office of the Executive Secretary receives numerous requests in the course of a year for background information on the school from which talks and programs can be developed. Although we had a brief factual history of the institution and several pieces of literature on various phases of the school program, there was no single comprehensive treatment of the subject—that is primarily why this work was undertaken. If a person does not wish to read the history in its entirety, he or she may occasionally find it useful as a reference for background information on the school and community. Your comments are welcomed.

Ned Cary
Executive Secretary



ELIZABETH ANDERSON

Elizabeth Anderson, KDS graduate and senior at Lincoln Memorial University, Harrogate, Tennessee, has compiled the best scholastic record of any College Aid student in recent years. She is majoring in Elementary Education and expects to enter the teaching profession.



MRS. ROBERT V. H. DUNCAN, PESIDENT GENERAL, NSDAR 1962-65, AND MEMBER OF KDS BOARD OF TRUSTEES.



Elementary students like to sing and have native ability.

