

Historical Bosqueville

The Schools of Bosqueville

Through 1965



Historical Bosqueville

The Schools of Bosqueville

Through 1965

A Pictorial History of

The Schools of Bosqueville, Texas

*Featuring photos contributed by the members of
the Facebook Group*

Historical Bosqueville, Texas

Randall Scott, *Editor*

Assistant Editors

**Joyce Koch Rowell, Dorothy Lindsey Scott, and
Vicki Scott Miller**

May 2021

The Schools of Bosqueville Timeline

1850	McLennan County Organized
1850	First burial at Bosqueville Cemetery
1853-54	The first schoolhouse, a log schoolhouse, is built.
1854	Bosqueville is placed in McLennan County District No. 2.
1857	Bosqueville Academy for Boys and Seminary for Young Ladies is established by John Collier. Students of all ages attended school here until 1888.
1861	Bosqueville Male and Female College is established by Rev. Solomon G. O'Bryan.
1865	Bosqueville Male and Female College closes.
1870	By the 1870s, the African- American School is established.
1878	The first African-American schoolhouse burns, but the school continues.
1888	The old College Building is razed and a new two-room schoolhouse is built.
1888	The Bosqueville School District is established.
1896	The Bosqueville School District divides to create the Oakwood School District.
1915	The Bosqueville and Oakwood School Districts consolidate.
1926	Bosqueville School and China Spring School Districts consolidate.
1926	A private school in Bosqueville is opened by Mrs. Maureen Johnson.
1928	Bosqueville and China Spring School Districts dissolve their consolidation after two years.
1929-30	The old Bosqueville School building is moved to Steinbeck Bend Road to become the African-American School.*
1929-30	A new cement school building is built at the site of the old Bosqueville School.*
1947-48	The last year that Bosqueville offers High School through Grade 10. Grade 8 would be offered until the 1959-60 school year, after which only up to Grade 6 would be offered until 1980-81.
1952-53	A new building is built in front of the old 1930 building with three classrooms.
1958	Bosqueville and China Spring School Districts consolidate.
1959	The 1930 Bosqueville School building burns on Sunday morning, June 7.
1960	A new classroom building is completed to replace the 1930 building.
1964-65	The first Bosqueville African-American students attend China Spring High School.
1965	Bosqueville and China Spring dissolve their consolidation after seven years.
1965-66	First year of integration at Bosqueville School.
1969-70	Bosqueville School closes and all students are bused to China Spring.
1970-71	Bosqueville School reopens, never to close again.
1980-81	Grades Seven and Eight are added.
1983	The Bosqueville African-American School is demolished.
1984-85	Grade Nine is added.
1988	The first-ever Twelfth Grade Graduation held at Bosqueville School.

*According to a September 20, 1929 Waco News Tribune article, Bosqueville voters were going to the polls that day to vote on a proposed tax increase to build a "new brick or concrete school building." This is the only reference we can find to the new school. It passed, because the following year the new building was standing at Bosqueville.

This book is dedicated to

Maureen McNamara Johnson,

*who was passionate about Bosqueville history and education and was a teacher at
Bosqueville School in the early 20th Century.*

The Gift That You Hold...

In 2016, I began to scan old photos that belonged to my parents, Bill and Dorothy Lindsey Scott, both of whom were young children when their families moved to Bosqueville in the 1940s. In June, 2016, we began a Facebook group called “Historical Bosqueville, Texas”, primarily focusing on approximately the first one-hundred years of Bosqueville’s history. Soon, Joyce Koch Rowell allowed me to scan many of her old Bosqueville photos. The group quickly began to grow, and each member contributed photos and memories of their experiences of growing up in Bosqueville.

This book is the product of the many gifts that were contributed to this group in an effort to preserve the history of the place that was our home for a moment in time. It is a record of our memories and experiences, and is presented here with love and a hope that generations to come will remember the rich foundation upon which the future will be built.

***Randall Scott, Editor
April, 2021***

The Schools of Bosqueville

Page 4 *The Schools of Bosqueville Timeline*

Page 5 *Dedication*

A Brief History of Bosqueville Schools

Page 7 *The Log Schoolhouse, 1854*

Page 7 *The Bosqueville Academy for Boys and the Seminary for Young Ladies, 1857*

Page 9 *The Bosqueville Male and Female College, 1862*

Page 10 *The African American School at Bosqueville, 1870s*

Page 10 *Two School Districts: Bosqueville and Oakwood, 1896*

Page 12 *Bosqueville School District Moves Forward Into the 20th Century*

Page 14 *Memories of Robbie Cobbs*

Page 14 *Gratitude*

Photos

Page 16 *Bosqueville School, 1920-1929*

Page 28 *Bosqueville School, 1930-1939*

Page 38 *Tragedy Hits Bosqueville...the Death of Teacher Lenora Stewart in 1937*

Page 35 *Bosqueville School, 1940-1949*

Page 49 *Bosqueville School, 1950-1959*

Page 55 *Bosqueville Ball Park*

Page 67 *The Retirement Celebration of Principal W. A. Smith, May 20, 1952*

Page 85 *The 1930 School Building Destroyed by Fire-June 7, 1959*

Page 98 *Bosqueville School, 1960-1965*

Page 157 *"The Test of Time" newspaper article about Mrs. Janie Geeslin*

Page 159 *Text Books from the 1950s and 1960s*

Page 161 *"Window on the Past:*

Dilapidated Structure in Bosqueville a Reminder of Waco's Past"

Bosqueville's Neighboring Schools

Page 164 *Erath School*

Page 165 *China Spring School*

Page 176 *Patrick School*

Page 180 *Patrick-Sycamore School*

Page 183 *Rock Creek School*

Bosqueville School Today

Page 184 *Bosqueville School Today...Moving the Legacy Forward!*

**If you have any additional photos from Bosqueville School,
please email them to
wacotexashistoryinpictures@gmail.com.**

A Brief History of The Schools At Bosqueville

The Log Schoolhouse

The settlement of Bosqueville, first known as “Bosque Village”, or sometimes “Bosque”, was six miles north of Waco, across the Bosque River. The historical marker at Bosqueville Cemetery tells us that *“Burials began here as early as 1850 on 10 acres given by Little Berry White for a School and Cemetery. A log schoolhouse at this site in 1853-54 served the Methodist and*

Baptist Churches as a meeting place...”. **The log schoolhouse was the first school at Bosque Village.** Littleberry (Little Berry) White (20 Aug 1822-1 Jan 1905), who was born in Tennessee, is buried in the China Spring Cemetery.



The original Bosqueville log schoolhouse. This building was moved long ago, and still exists. This photo was contributed by Clint Detlefsen.

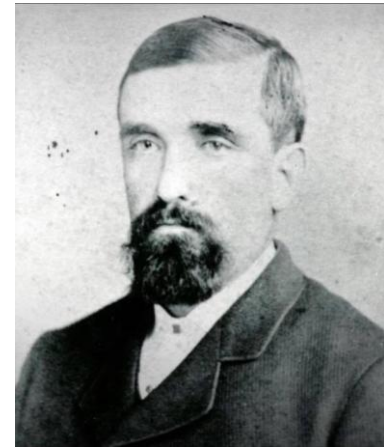
Bosqueville Academy for Boys and Seminary for Young Ladies

In Waco, there was a school called “Waco Female Seminary”. A young minister and teacher from South Carolina by the name of John Collier, who had moved to McLennan County in the early 1850s, was a teacher there. In 1854, he was approached by J. Hawks Sparks and William Cobbs, citizens of Bosque Village, to begin a new school there. He was persuaded, and agreed. The school in Waco was sold, and they purchased 50 acres of land at Bosqueville. ⁽¹⁾ This land was located near an area called “Cedar Branch”. In 1857, John Collier established the “Bosqueville Academy for Boys and Seminary for Young Ladies”. ⁽²⁾ Mrs. D. L. (Ann) Rowe, who had also been a teacher at Waco Female Seminary, was a teacher and overseer of

the Seminary for Young Ladies. The State of Texas chartered the Bosque College and Seminary in 1858. ⁽¹⁾ We believe that “Cedar Branch” is what later came to be known as “Keys Creek,” which to this day is lined with cedar trees.

John Collier was ordained by the Little River Presbytery of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in 1857, when he was twenty-three years old. That same year, he married Mary Ellen “Mollie” Fowler, an assistant at the school. Ann Rowe, who had been the overseer of the Seminary for Young Ladies, left the school in 1858, after serving for one year. Within a few years, a music conservatory was added, under the direction of Professor F. W. Krause. By 1860, 180 students were enrolled. ⁽³⁾

The main building was a large, two-story white frame structure. A November 30, 1924 article in The Waco News Tribune describes the construction of the building. *“Those early Baptists built well, and it was not long after the church was founded that a Baptist College was built there. This was an imposing building for that day and time, and was about 60 feet square and two stories. Straight cedar poles were used for the studding for the walls and for the rafters, while lumber for the big building was hauled from East Texas on ox wagons. This lumber was dressed by hand, and after the building was completed it was nicely painted, being the pride of Baptists and others of the community. The college did a fine work, but later the building burned to the ground. Reverend J. L. Walker believes the building stood near the present schoolhouse of Bosqueville.”*⁽⁴⁾ Surrounding the main building were smaller buildings that served as dormitories for the students.⁽²⁾ The 1924 newspaper article says that this was a Baptist School, but it actually considered itself to be non-denominational, even though John Collier and other leaders were Cumberland Presbyterian. This article also says that the school was burned, but every other record says it was “demolished” or “razed.”



Dr. John Collier
*Photo courtesy The Texas
 Collection, Baylor University.*

In “Early History of Bosqueville”, an undated historic paper on file at Bosqueville School that was written by Bettie McCowan Scott, it is stated that “The main building was a large, two story white-frame building with a belfry. Dormitories were smaller houses placed in the background. The first floor was one big room where all students studied together. The teacher took one class at a time for recitation. The Masons, who were always interested in education, used the upstairs as their hall. Different church denominations also worshipped in the building. Students came from far and wide to attend the College. At one time, one-hundred and eighty were enrolled.” The paper later states that Miss Eleanor Scott and Miss Mary King were two known graduates of the College. Bettie McCowan Scott was the grandmother of Maureen McNamara Johnson.

In her book “The Culture of Bosqueville,” Sarah A. Garner gives some amazing detail about the College. In it, she quotes from a booklet entitled “Bosque College and Seminary” that is at the Dolph Briscoe Center for American History in Austin, Texas. *“The course of study prescribed for graduation is as extensive as that of any other Female Seminary or College in the United States.”* She tells us that, *“The seminary had three departments: primary, preparatory, and collegiate. Students at the primary level took classes in reading, spelling, arithmetic, and geography. Once they reached the preparatory department, their coursework broadened to encompass penmanship, reading, spelling, vocabulary, arithmetic, geography, grammar, American History,*

botany and philosophy. In the collegiate department, students were classified as freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior, each level with a prescribed course of study. During their time at the seminary, all collegiate students studied English grammar, world history, composition, algebra, botany, chemistry, astrology, astronomy, geology, philosophy, and trigonometry. Latin, Greek, French, Spanish, German, and Italian were also offered, though not required. Similarly, students could take classes in piano, melodeon (a small organ), drawing, and painting, 'wax, fruit and flowers' or embroidery for additional fees. By 1858, the course offerings had expanded further to include Hebrew, guitar, violin, and flute."⁽¹⁾ Sarah A. Garner's book is an amazing study in the life and history of Bosqueville, and should be read by anyone interested in the foundation of the community of Bosqueville.

John Collier was not only a teacher, but *"was also captain of Patrol District No. 5, which included the territory between the North Bosque and Brazos rivers below Rock Creek, in 1852."*⁽²⁾ When the Civil War began in 1861, John Collier and all of the males in the school enlisted in the Confederate Army.⁽³⁾ Dr. Collier later sold three acres of land upon which the school stood to trustees William Gill, Henry Rogers, J.H. Sparks, William Cobb, and B.F. Richey. He sold it for one dollar, and in the deed, Dr. Collier reserved the right to preach in the building.⁽⁵⁾

Bosqueville Male and Female College

With John Collier and all of the males of the school gone, *"Solomon G. O'Bryan, a former*



Rev. Solomon G. O'Bryan
Photo courtesy The Texas
Collection, Baylor University.

teacher at the academy, reorganized the Collier school into the "Bosqueville Male and Female College," the first coeducational institution in McLennan County. The college closed in about 1865, and on November 16, 1888, the old building was razed." During the years after the College closed, a Baptist minister named T. F. Lockett operated a school in the old college building for a few years.⁽¹⁾ After the Civil War, the name of the community was officially changed from "Bosque Village" to "Bosqueville" a name which had evidently been in use previously, because The Bosqueville Academy for Boys and the Seminary for Young Ladies, had been named in 1857. *(For more information about Solomon G. O'Bryan, and the College at Bosqueville, see page 161.)*

The African-American School at Bosqueville

According to Sarah A. Garner's book, there was also an African-American School at Bosqueville as early as the 1870s. The first African-American school burned in 1878, but the school survived and evidently found a new place to meet. In 1896, E. B. Weaver, J. A. Weaver, and W. H. F. Woods became trustees for the Black school.⁽¹⁾ The school eventually was located on Old Steinbeck Road, now called Logue Lane, about a block to the east of the Greater Bosqueville Baptist Church. The school met there until the two schools were integrated in 1965-66. The African-American School had an award-winning girls' basketball team. According to Callie Watkins and Joyce Montgomery, two former students of the school, the building was demolished in 1983.

Two School Districts: Bosqueville and Oakwood

After the College building was destroyed in 1888, a new two-room building was built on the same site. This was the Bosqueville Schoolhouse.⁽¹⁾

In 1896, the Bosqueville School District was divided and the Oakwood School District was created. Oakwood School was about two miles north of the Bosqueville School, close to the Wortham Branch on the Rock Creek Road. Their first teacher was Miss Polly Wells, and in about the third year of operation, Hallie Earle was the teacher.



Oakwood School, c.1902

This photo was contributed by both Clint Detlefsen and Ann Calvert Garner. Ann identified her grandmother, Maude Wortham, born in 1886, on the back row, third from left. Maude's future husband, Morris Stewart, is fifth from left.



Bosqueville School, 1907
Photo contributed by Nancy Roberts Detlefsen.

REPORT CARD

REPORT OF
Pearl M. Daniels
 a pupil in the *5* Grade of
Bosqueville School
 State of *Texas* County of
McLennan District Number *26*
 for the school term beginning *Sept. 19*
1910 and ending *1911*

Promoted to *6* Grade. *Conditional*
 Retained in _____ Grade.
 Retained for special examination in _____

W. J. Porter Teacher

Pearl McDaniels'
Bosqueville School
Fifth Grade Report Card,
1910-11.

Photo contributed by
Patricia Carmody Hall.

Bosqueville School District Moves Forward Into the 20th Century

In 1915, Oakwood School consolidated with Bosqueville School.⁽¹⁾



Mrs. Barton Dear-Phelps, Principal of Bosqueville School 1922-23. The schoolhouse that was built after the old College Building was demolished stands behind her. In about 1929, this building was moved close to Greater Bosqueville Baptist Church to become the building for the African-American students. This photo was contributed to the Waco-McLennan County Public Library by Oma Laird Brown.

A 1986 cookbook produced by the Bosqueville PTA included historical notes about the school. We have been told that these notes were supplied by Mrs. Maureen Johnson. The following narrative from that book gives us a little more understanding of Bosqueville School in the early Twentieth Century: *"In 1926, Bosqueville and China Spring consolidated. That year, a private school was taught by Mrs. Rotan Johnson and Mrs. J. B. Johnson at Bosqueville. The consolidation lasted two years. In 1929, the new cement school was finished. The old three-room school building was moved to the present site on Old Steinbeck Bend Road, where it stands to this day."*⁽⁶⁾



Bosqueville School, May 22, 1952

We believe that this photo was taken by Loena Truitt Scott, and we believe she took it because she knew the new building was about to be built. Contributed by her daughter, Dianne Scott.

The “new cement school” was a southwestern mission-style building, a popular building style at the time. Other sources give the year of 1930 as the building completion date. The old wooden Bosqueville School building was moved to Steinbeck Bend Road (now Logue Lane) about two blocks east of the Greater Bosqueville Baptist Church and became the school for African-American students.

According to personal memories of Joyce Koch Rowell and Dorothy Lindsey Scott, Bosqueville School offered Grades 1-10 by the late 1930s, and graduates would then transfer to the Waco School District to complete the last two grades. Most students attended the old Waco Technical High School, “Waco Tech,” which became University High School in May, 1954. We believe the last year that Grade 10 was offered was 1947-48, after which only through Grade 8 was offered.

From discussions we have had with people that are still living who were at Bosqueville in the 1940s and 1950s, we have learned that in 1952-53, a new building was built in front of the 1930 one. This building had three classrooms-two on the southern end, and a third one on the northern end, separated by a hallway. That hallway led to a covered sidewalk that continued to the old building. There was an open space to the right, and restrooms to the left. The restrooms were a part of the new building, replacing two “outhouses” that students had used previously. There was a small space between the old and new buildings. According to the “Bosqueville’s Best” historical notes, Bosqueville Independent School District consolidated with the China Spring Independent School District in 1958 and this consolidation lasted until 1964-65.⁽⁶⁾

On Sunday morning, June 7, 1959, the old school burned. In March 1960, a new building was completed on the site of the old one. The new building contained three classrooms and a “cafetorium” with a stage, and was connected to the 1953 building with no space between the restrooms and the addition. An identical building was built at China Spring simultaneously. These two buildings at Bosqueville are still standing, surrounded by newer buildings that make up the present school. At some point, an additional building was built in the open space between the 1960 building and the 1953 building.



The 1953 building (l) and the 1960 building (r), c.1961

This photo is from the 1961 China Spring Yearbook.

Beginning in 1959-60, Bosqueville had only Grades 1-6. Beginning with Grade 7, Bosqueville students were bused to China Spring.

In 1969-70, the Bosqueville School closed and most Bosqueville students attended China Spring. The following year, 1970-71, Bosqueville reopened and has steadily grown. According to Rachel Donaldson Carter, who attended Bosqueville School and presently is employed there, Grades 7 and 8 were added in 1980-81. In 1984-85, Grade 9 was added, and the first 12th Grade graduation was May, 1988. The campus continues to grow.

Memories of Robbie Cobbs

On a “Memories” page of the “Bosqueville’s Best” book, the descendants of Robbie Cobbs, a former student and former PTA President, shared some of her memories:

“There was a big green schoolhouse that is now located on Old Steinbeck Bend Road. It was around 1926, and there are many memories of cold, winter days and warm, spring days. The winter was cold and icy, and there was ice-skating where our football field is now located. The children would run inside to warm up and dry off. The building was heated with coal in an old pot-belly stove. The children would place their feet up near the side of the hot stove. Many shoe soles were scorched but very few feet were warmed. Another treat on a cold day or on someone’s birthday was popping popcorn on the pot-belly stove. The teacher at this time was Maureen Johnson. She taught school for many years, and will forever be remembered for her dedication and love for Bosqueville.”⁽⁶⁾

Gratitude...

In addition to numerous personal interviews and comments from the members of “Historical Bosqueville”, we gratefully acknowledge the following sources that helped us prepare this brief history:

- (1) “The Culture of Bosqueville” (2002) by Sarah A. Garner.
- (2) “Handbook of Waco and McLennan County” (1972) by Dayton Kelley, editor.
- (3) “McLennan County Before 1980” (1981) by W.R. “Bob” Poage.
- (4) “Founder of Seventy Year Old Baptist Church at Bosqueville Was Blacksmith, and Good One, Too,” The Waco News Tribune, November 30, 1924.
- (5) “Early History of Bosqueville School” by Bettie McCowan Scott. This is an undated document.
- (6) “Bosqueville’s Best” (1986) by Bosqueville PTA.

*Dear old Bosqueville School, you have
stood the storms of many years.
Where girls and boys have parted,
some in joy and some in tears.
The memory of you to us old students
time alone will sever.
On us you left your stamp of usefulness
we hope will last forever.*

*by Bettie McCowan Scott
Grandmother of Maureen McNamara Johnson*

*The photographs on the following pages
were among those that were contributed
by the members of
the Facebook Group*

“Historical Bosqueville, Texas.”

*There are many more photos, newspaper articles, and
comments in our group
photo album “Bosqueville School.”*

We invite you to join us at

www.facebook.com/groups/historicalbosquevilletexas

or contact us at

wacotexashistoryinpictures@gmail.com

Bosqueville School, 1920-1929



Bosqueville School, April 18, 1920

This photo was contributed by BJ High.



Bosqueville School, Spring, 1920

Photo donated to Waco-McLennan County Library by Oma Laird Brown.



Bosqueville School, 1921

Photo contributed by both BJ High and Ann Garner. Ann identified the two girls in the center as Kathleen Stewart Scott standing behind her cousin, Rose Wortham McNamara. Eleanor Overby Crutchfield is on top row, second from left. BJ identified his mother, Velma Jenkins, as being top row, third from the right.



(Left) Mrs. Hattie Stanford, Bosqueville School, 1921. (Right) Mrs. Barton Dear-Phelps, Principal of Bosqueville School 1922-23. Photo donated to Waco-McLennan County Library by Oma Laird Brown.



Younger Boys at Bosqueville School, 1922

Lewis Moody, Vincent Sancetta, Roy Keas, Gerald Ross Shaw Blair, Eugene Judd, John Oliver Johnson, Marvin Brown, James Laird, Alvin Brown, Henry, Jessie Hardison, Ross Bethany, T. P. McNamara, Jack Shaw, Jim Beavers, Leland Rook, Billy Rook, Little Moore Boy. Photo donated to Waco-McLennan County Library by Oma Laird Brown.



Older Boys at Bosqueville School, 1922

Frank Kelly, Willie Cobb, Frank Washington, Luther Helleson, Robert Moody, Walter Keas, Floid Kelly, McIver Keas, John Brown. Photo donated to Waco-McLennan County Library by Oma Laird Brown.



Bosqueville School, December, 1922

Bosqueville School. Mrs. Barton D. Phelps, Quintella Bethany, Neomi Johnson, Geraldine Johnson, Ruby Helleson, Ruby Lee Reid, Hallie Mae Keas, Oma Laird, Marie Blair, Kathleen Stewart, Rose Wortham, Thresa Woodward, Louise Morton, John Brown, Mclver Keas, Gerald Ross Shaw, Frank Kelley, Floid Kelley, Robert Moody, Charley Morton, Willie Cobb, Ray Keas, John Oliver Johnson, Clarence Reid, Loma Laird.

Photo donated to Waco-McLennan County Library by Oma Laird Brown.

**All photos in this book are located in the group album
 “Bosqueville School”
 in our Facebook Group
 “Historical Bosqueville, Texas”
www.facebook.com/groups/historicalbosquevilletexas**

**This book is available to view online at
www.wacotexashistoryinpictures.com
 in the “Magazine” section.**

Bosque School Opens

Exercises Inaugurate 1926 Term
With Pupils Participating

The Bosqueville school opened Monday, Oct. 4, with a goodly number of pupils, patrons and friends present. An interesting program was carried out, as follows:

Song, "America"—By audience.
Devotional—Rev. B. O. Herring.
Music—Miss Blume.
Reading—Eugenia Mitchiner.
Address—Supt. H. S. Beard.
Duet—Mesdames T. C. Mitchiner and Ernest West.

Reading—Lucille Boggs.
Piano solo, "Sounds From the Convent Chapel"—Miss Blume.

The same teachers were employed, these being Mrs. William Porter, principal, with Mesdames Bernard Johnson and Rotan Johnson, the assistants.

The Opening Exercises of Bosqueville School 1926

The Waco News Tribune
October 8, 1926



Bosqueville School, 1926

This photo was contributed by Nancy Roberts Detlefsen who commented:

"Bottom row, (r-l) 5th-Annette Stewart, 6th - Mary Elizabeth Mitchiner, 7th -Ora Lee Mitchiner.

Carol Swanson Estefan says last boy on far left 1st row might be Mac or Bob Gorham.

2nd row - 4th - Virginia Stewart - kind of over Annette's left shoulder."



Bosqueville School, late 1920s

This photo was contributed by Mary Jablonowski Chandler, who said: "This photo was given to me by my aunt, Virginia Coyel Sauls. The few she was able to identify are first row, (l-r): _____, Amyot West, _____, Leland Rook. Second row, (l-r): Gerald Shaw, Calvin Robert (born 1910), _____. Third row, (l-r): Neb Shaw, Mrs. Porter, Lawrence Coyel (born 1911). There are two girls in the background. The one on the right is not identified, but the one on the left is Myrtle West (born 1913), who later married Lawrence Coyel."

**If you have any additional photos from Bosqueville School,
please email them to
wacotexashistoryinpictures@gmail.com.**

School Attendance Records Are Made.

Bosqueville Girl in Fifth
Grade Never Missed a
Day! Boy Also Sets a
Mark



Here you see two winners for attendance prizes at the Bosqueville school. Joe Sancetta, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Sancetta, route 3, has not missed a day for 1½ school years.

Virginia Stewart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Stewart, also of route 3, has that record beaten. In all her school life, and she's now in the fifth grade, she has not missed a single day. Mrs. William Porter is Bosqueville principal.

Photo contributed by Ann Garner, daughter of Virginia Stewart, c. 1926

They Won First Place in Singing Event



Bosqueville chorus singers, who won first place in grammar school chorus singing at Interscholastic league meet.

In the picture, left to right, top row: Joe Sancetta, Jimmie Copeland, Frank Judd, Darris Fletcher, Evelyn Cobb.

Second row: D. L. Tiner, David Harrell, Janie Ruth Rook, Katherine Kemble, Georgia Kimball, Virginia Stewart, W. G. West.

Bottom row: Bob Gorham, Bertha Hardison, Dathene Rogers, Mary Mitchiner, Annette Stewart, Lucille Boggs, Eugenia Mitchiner. They were directed by Mrs. William Porter.

The Waco News Tribune, April 8, 1928. A later retraction informed everyone that the director was Lucille Bell, not Mrs. Porter.

Perfect in Attendance

Many Pupils Listed on Bosqueville Honor Roll

BOSQUEVILLE, Dec. 15.—(Spl)—The attendance honor roll for Bosqueville grammar school includes the following pupils: Annette Stewart, Mary Dell Fletcher, Mary Elizabeth Mitchiner, Eugenia Mitchiner, Lucille Boggs, Virginia Stewart, Georgia Kimball, Vondell Stewart, Milford Murphy, J. C. Harrell, Juanita Crocker, Bruce Rodgers, Ora Lee Mitchiner, Lena Sancetta, Susie Harrell and Edith Kimball.

The Waco News Tribune, December 16, 1928.



Bosqueville School, First and Second Grades, 1929

Patricia Carmody Hall contributed this photo and told us the first boy on the front row on the left is her uncle, Alvin Rodgers. Mary Jablonowski Chandler told us that the two girls in the floral dresses are her aunts, Mattie Sue and Virginia Dare Coyel.



Bosqueville School, Grades Six and Seven, 1929

Ann Garner contributed this photo and said: "6th & 7th graders. Bottom row: 3rd from L is Nadine Calvert Ward; 5th from L is Virginia Stewart Calvert. Middle row, far right is Royce Calvert." Carol Swanson Estefan added: "I think front row second girl from right is Eugenia Mitchiner and third girl is Mary Elizabeth Mitchiner." Mary Jablonowski Chandler identified the girl on the second row, fourth from left, as her mother, Sarah Millicent Coyel.

"There was a big green schoolhouse that is now located on Old Steinbeck Bend Road. It was around 1926, and there are many memories of cold, winter days and warm, spring days. The winter was cold and icy, and there was ice-skating where our football field is now located. The children would run inside to warm up and dry off. The building was heated with coal in an old pot-belly stove. The children would place their feet up near the side of the hot stove. Many shoe soles were scorched but very few feet were warmed. Another treat on a cold day or on someone's birthday was popping popcorn on the pot-belly stove. The teacher at this time was Maureen Johnson. She taught school for many years, and will forever be remembered for her dedication and love for Bosqueville." -Robbie Cobbs, in the book "Bosqueville's Best", 1986.



Bosqueville School, 1929

This photo was contributed by Nancy Roberts Detlefsen. Front Row (l-r): Milford Murphy, Henry Cobb, J. C. Harrell, _____, Russell Stone, Beatrice Stone, Ivie Lee Robert, Vondell Stewart, Robert Stone (?), Harry Stone. Second Row (l-r): Ina Niswanger, Joe Sancetta, _____ Workman, Joe Robert Kemble, Vernon Judd, Royce Calvert, T. C. Keas, John Murphy, W.G. West, Bob Gorham, _____ Brownlow. Third Row (l-r): Nina Workman, Edith Kimball, Lean Gladys Keas, Afton Maddux, Margaret Rook, Ora Lee Mitchiner, Juanita Crocker, Susie Harrell, Nadine Calvert, Lucille Boggs, Lois West, Lucille Grayson, Virginia Coyel, Pauline Jenkins, Lena Sansetta, Eugenia Mitchiner, Florence Harrell. Fourth Row (l-r): Maureen Johnson (teacher), Annette Stewart, Modine Gregory, Millicent Coyle, Katherine Kemble, Virginia Stewart, Lura Niswanger, Mary Elizabeth Mitchiner, Berta Mae Hardison, Maydell Fletcher, Dathine Rogers, Betty Johnson (teacher).

**Maureen McNamara Johnson,
the teacher on the left, had a passion for education and
was a great Bosqueville historian.**

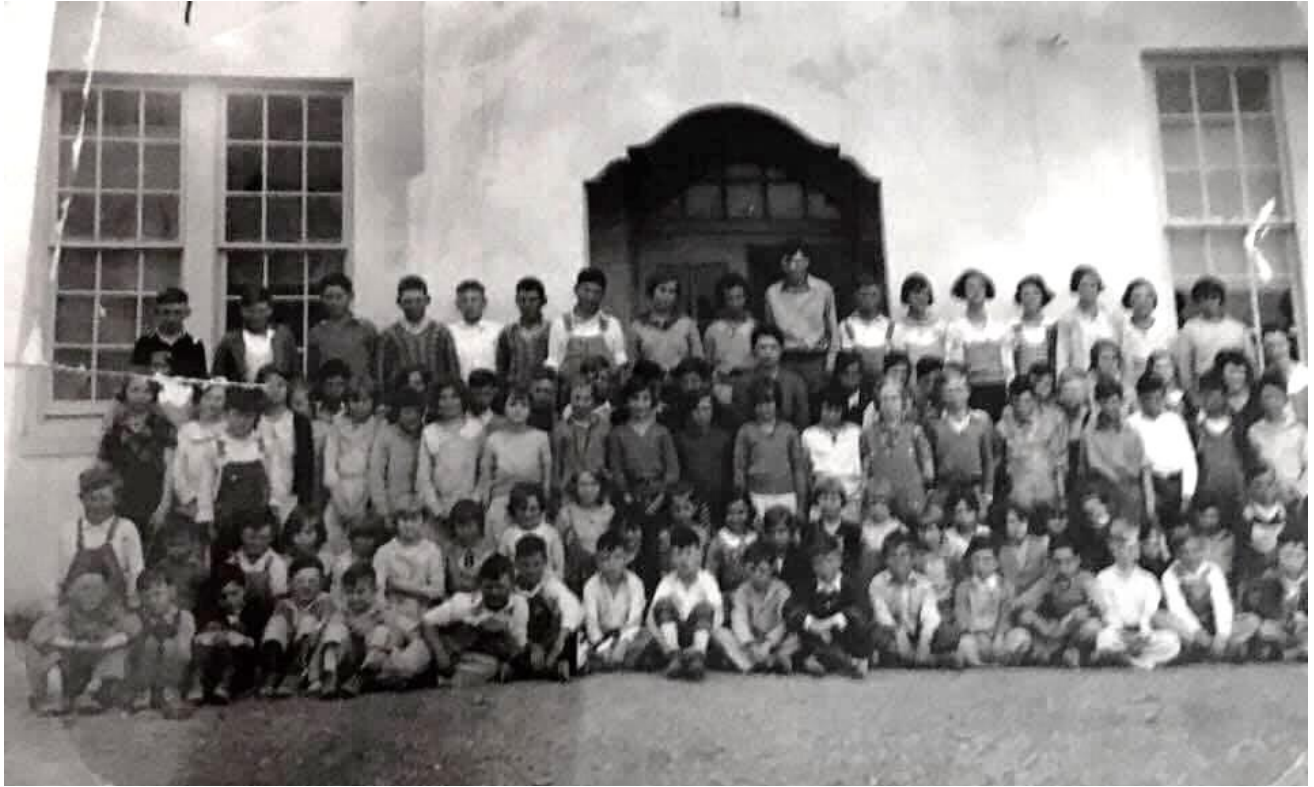


Bosqueville School, c. 1929

*Photo contributed by Nancy Roberts Detlefsen, who wrote: "The hole is where my mother cut her face out. Rose Wortham is teacher- last on top row. Vondell Stewart – last on bottom row."
The exact year is not known.*

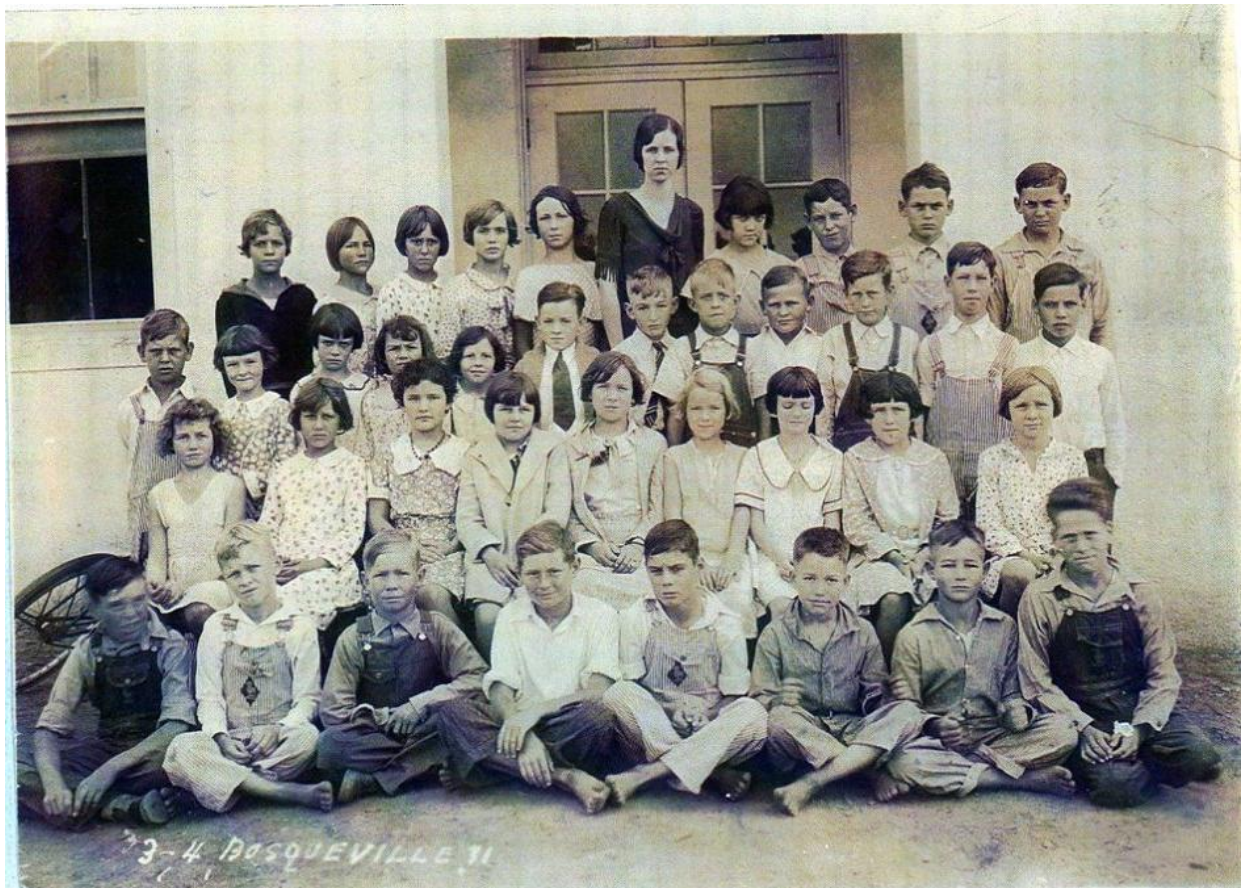
Bosqueville School, 1930-1939

Around 1929-1930, the 1888 Bosqueville schoolhouse was moved to Steinbeck Bend Road to become the school for African-American students, and a new school was built on the site of the old school. We believe this is the first photo we have of the new school.



Bosqueville School, 1930

This photo was contributed by Patricia Carmody Hall.



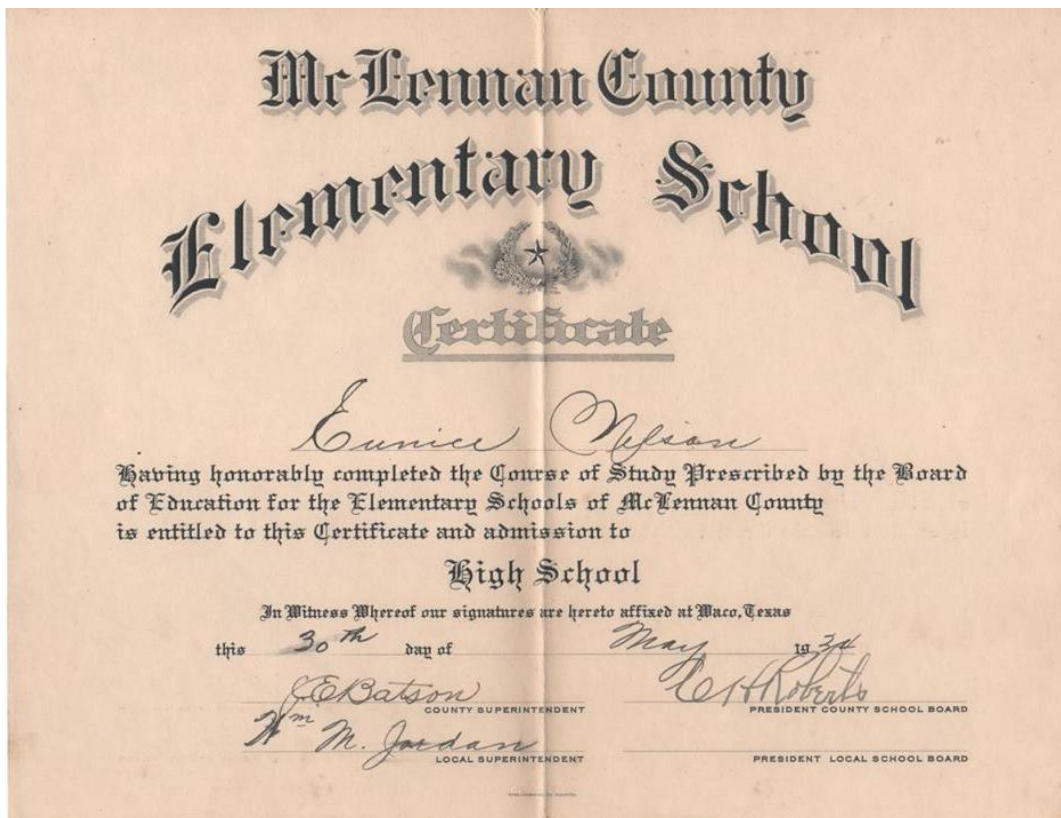
Bosqueville School, Grades Three and Four, 1931

This photo was contributed by June Brown via Cindy Johnson, and Darlene Winkelmann Gorham. First Row (l-r): Eugene "Buzz" Seawright, James Roy Robert, Troy P. Helleson, Bruce Rodgers, Bruce Alford, J. C. Harrell, Lloyd Henry "Buddy" Brown, Alton Seawright. Second Row (l-r): Margaret Brown, Mattie Sue Coyel, Vondell Stewart, _____, _____, Lucille Grayson, Clara Marie Pryor, Maurice Dennis. Third Row (l-r): Eugene Grown, Martha Ann Wortham, Juanita Jenkins, Hallie Marie Jenkins, Melba West, _____, Rawls Thomas, Edwin Kimball, Mac Gorham, Alfred Maddox, Sam Copeland, Lonzo Ivy. Fourth Row (l-r): Mary Bess Rash, Dela "Dellie" Brown, Virginia D. Coyel, Lobelia Brown, _____, Lucille West (teacher), Lena Gladys Keas, W. T. Reid, Harlen Copeland, Marlen Copeland.



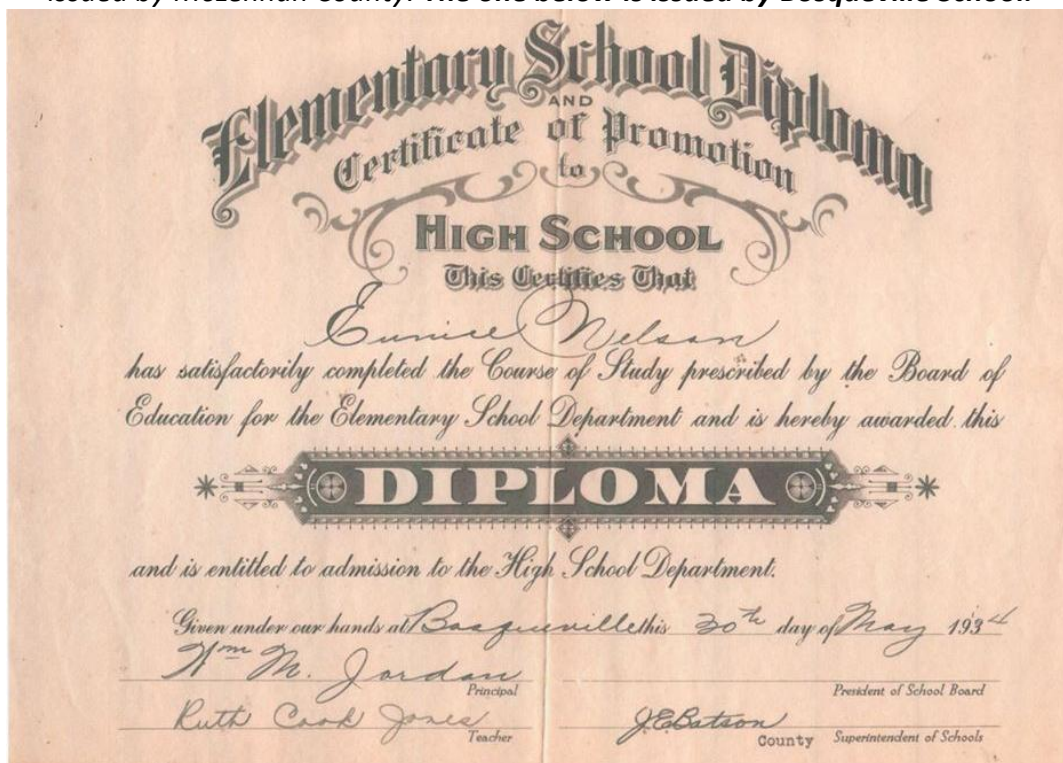
Bosqueville School, Grades Seven and Eight, 1931

Photo contributed by Nancy Roberts Detlefsen. No names are known.



Eunice Nelson (Parker)'s Elementary Diploma, 1934

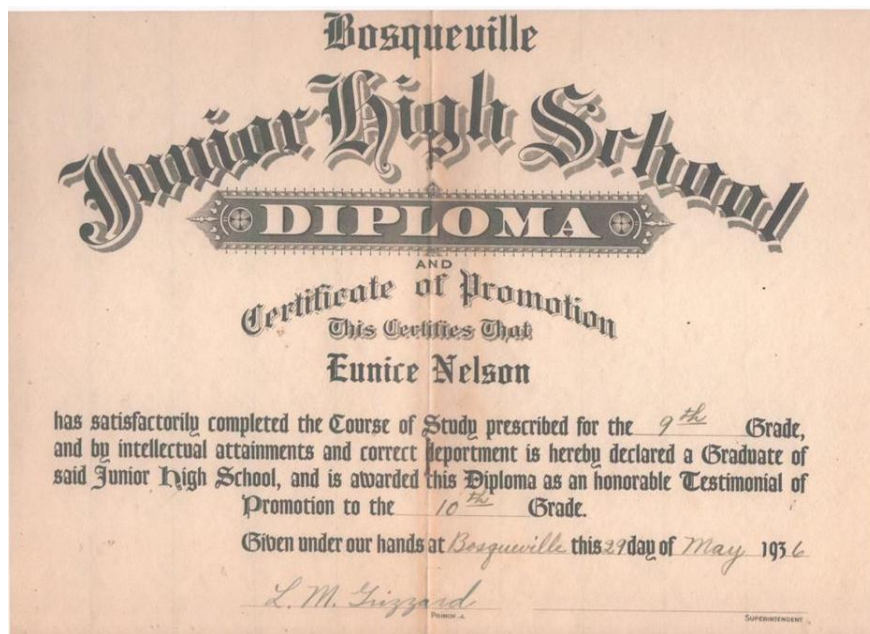
Photos contributed by Doug and Cindy Johnson Parker. Eunice Nelson (Parker)'s diploma completing "Elementary School" and granting her admission to High School, May 30, 1934. This is one of two that are different, but noting the same occasion and has the same date. This one is issued by McLennan County. **The one below is issued by Bosqueville School.**





Bosqueville School, 1935 or 1936

Photo contributed by Nancy Roberts Detlefsen, who said: "Nancy Cobbs Page has identified herself as the next to the last girl on front row going left to right. She is in her 90s now, but has identified these others. Top left – Bubba Harrell, J. C. Grayson, Boyd Cobbs, next to end is Carlos Smith. 2nd row from top – Bernie Robert, _____, Fred Smith, teacher Lenora Stewart, Louise Crump, Dorothy Judd. Bottom row – Hazel Pryor, some Copeland girls, Ruth Maddox, Nancy Cobbs, and Vernell Copeland.



Eunice Nelson (Parker)'s Diploma from Junior High School, 1936

Photo contributed by Doug and Cindy Johnson Parker. The diploma of Eunice Nelson (Parker), graduating from Junior High School, which was evidently Grade 8 and 9.

Tragedy Strikes Bosqueville School in 1937...

STEWART DEATH CLOSES SCHOOL

Bosqueville Mourns Native Daughter Who Taught Classes There for Last Three Years

Miss Lenora Stewart, 23, who had taught in Bosqueville school for the past three years, and was born and reared in that community, died in a Waco hospital at 6:20 a. m. Tuesday. Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 3 p. m. from the Bosqueville Baptist church, Dr. B. O. Hering and Rev. Glenn Campbell officiating, burial in Bosqueville cemetery, Clark's in charge.

Surviving are her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Stewart; three sisters, Mrs. M. J. Scott of Lubbock, Misses Virginia and Annette Stewart of Bosqueville. Miss Stewart was a granddaughter of "Uncle Bob" Wortham, who settled in Bosqueville community before the Civil war and served during the war; and N. Z. Stewart, who settled in the community in 1870. She attended North Texas State Teachers' college at Denton for one year, and graduated from Texas Technological college at Lubbock.

Bosqueville schools will be closed Tuesday and Wednesday in memory of Miss Stewart.



Lenora Stewart

19 February 1914-2 March 1937

Lenora Stewart was the daughter of Morris and Maude Stewart and was a 23-year-old teacher at Bosqueville School in 1937. She died unexpectedly on March 2, 1937, leaving a family, a school, and a community in shock.

This photo contributed by Clint Detlefsen.

The newspaper clipping to the left was contributed by her niece, Nancy Roberts Detlefsen.



Bosqueville School, Tenth Grade, 1939-40

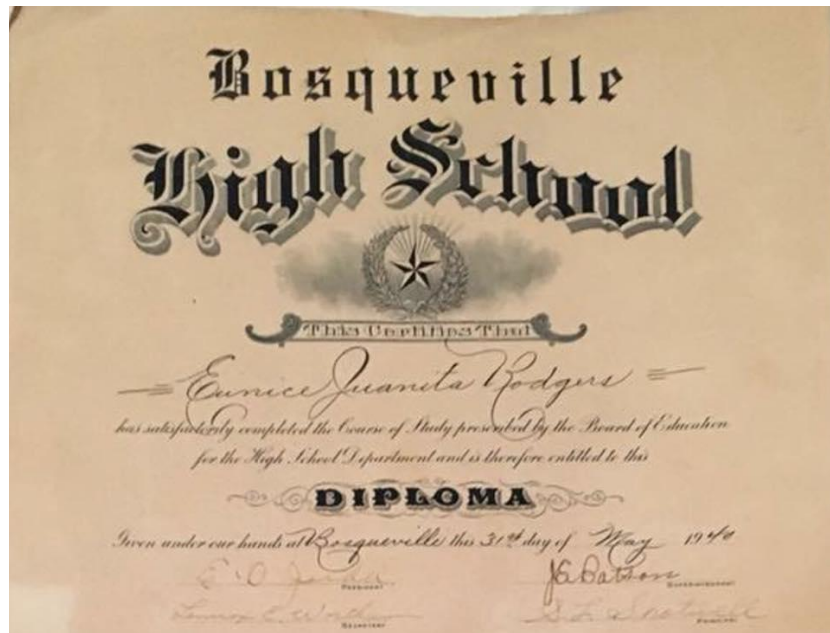
This photo was contributed by Patricia Carmody Hall. Her mother, Eunice Juanita Rogers, is on the front row, second from the right. Please note James Roy Robert's name was misspelled "Roberts" on the original photo. His name was James Roy Robert.



Bosqueville School for African-Americans

This 1888 school building, which had been the Bosqueville School, was moved to Steinbeck Bend Road around 1930 and became the African-American School. Photo courtesy of The Texas Collection, Baylor University. We believe it was demolished in 1983.

Bosqueville School, 1940-1949



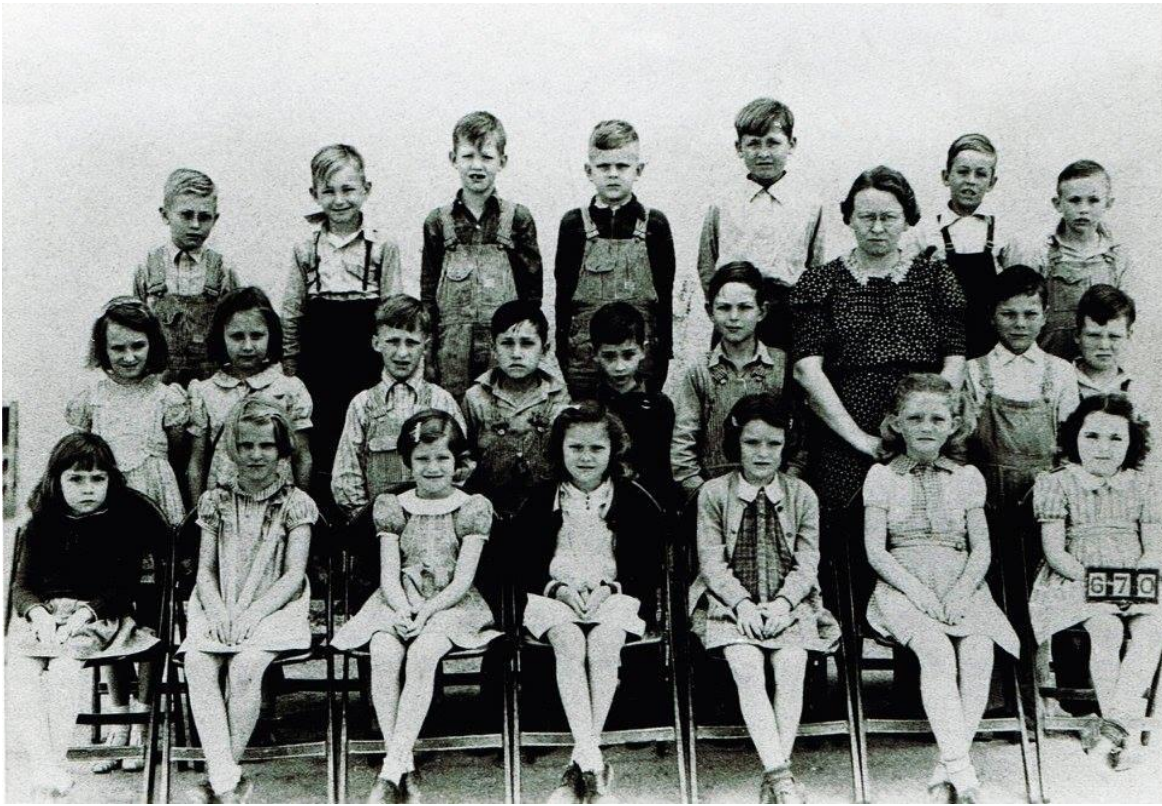
Eunice Juanita Rodgers' High School Diploma, May, 1940

In 1940, Bosqueville High School only went through Tenth Grade. Eunice completed high school at Waco High School in 1942. This photo contributed by Patricia Carmody Hall.



Bosqueville School Bus, 1942

This photo was contributed by Belva Curry Field, who said: "Mother (Elethia Curry) took this photo of me getting on the school bus. It was probably my first day of school, which would have been in the fall of 1942. This was in front of the old 'dog run' house in which my sister, Peggy Curry (Garrett), was born. It was located in Steinbeck Bend, past where the Rentz family home was later built." That corner is the Northeast corner of what was known as the "Steinbeck Loop", just before you get to the Rentz place. Notice the wagon and the milk can.



Bosqueville School, First Grade, 1941-42

Contributed by Mattie Frances Hoffman Kemp. The teacher was Mrs. Hullum. Front Row, (l-r):

_____, _____, _____, Mattie Hoffman, _____, _____, Bettie Scott.

None on second row have been identified.

Back row: _____, _____, Billy Joe Scott _____, _____, _____, Jay Wayne Boyd.

**All photos in this book are located in the group album
 “Bosqueville School”
 in our Facebook Group
 “Historical Bosqueville, Texas”
www.facebook.com/groups/historicalbosquevilletexas**

**This book is available to view online at
www.wacotexashistoryinpictures.com
 in the “Magazine” section.**



Mrs. Irene Cobb's class at the Bosqueville African-American School, 1942

This photo is from The Texas Collection, Baylor University.



Bosqueville School, First Grade, 1943-44

This photo was contributed by Jerry Hughes, who said: "My sweet wife got all dressed up with her new dress, hair combed, etc. Her mother was so proud of her, sent her to school, for her very first school picture. Louise Gaylor (Hughes) decided to take off her shoes for the picture, 2nd from left, 2nd row."

Patriotic Program Held at Bosqueville

The Bosqueville 4-H club girls met Oct. 19 at the Bosqueville school. Margaret Powell played the piano when they sang three patriotic songs, "Anchors Aweigh," "Marine Hymn," and the 4-H club song. Then Miss Hutchins gave a short talk on the importance of buying bonds and stamps.

Officers were elected as follows: Margaret Powell, president; Ivonne Beare, vice president; Lillian Copeland, secretary; Lanelle Taylor, treasurer; Patsy Boyd, reporter.

The next meeting will be the first of November.

Waco Tribune Herald, October 24, 1943.



Bosqueville School Bus

This photo was contributed by Nancy Roberts Detlefsen. Bert Pryor is in the driver's seat on the bus, and his wife, Leona and son Curtis are behind him. This house was located on Washington Lane between Rock Creek Road and the China Spring Highway.

The people on the porch are unidentified.



Bosqueville School, Grades Five and Six, 1944

This photo was contributed by Dorothy Lindsey Scott. Front row (l-r): Tommy Copeland, Legene Gaylor, Alfred Pomerinkey, Harold Wright Thomas, Jay W. Boyd, Roy Lasseter, Billy Skeen, Freddie Berry. Second Row (l-r): Cardine Smith, Patsy Walker, Catherine Mevay, Ruth Thrasher, Joan King, Marie Newton, Inez Evans, Avern Gregory, Mary Nell Wortham, Bettie Scott, Gail Halbert. Third Row (l-r): Douglas Brown, Billy Mack Balch, Richard Cook, Ruby Lane Hoffman, Mrs. B. A. Pewitte, Jr., Lela Mae Willingham, Billy Donaldson, Billy Joe Scott, Victor Hemple.



Bosqueville School, Grades Seven and Eight, 1944

This photo was contributed by Cindy Golson McElroy. Seated on the ground at front: Donald Walker. Second Row, left to right: Buggs Ashley, Theresa Blogg, Dorothy Ludwick, Louise Powell, Joyce Hankins, Sadie Lasseter, Myrtice Jobe, Patsy Boyd, Nettie Lee -----, Helen Newton, Mar---Bean. Third Row, left to right: Alton Jobe, Benson Thomas, Clarence Lehrman, Jay Thompson, L. M. Choate, Mr. Woods, Virgil Dobsen, Richard Bean, H. C. Threason, H. B. Strickland.



Ready for May Fete!

Alline Donaldson Parker contributed this photo of her with her brother, Harry, from around 1945.

She said: "Mother made my dress out of crepe paper. We were supposed to sound like rain, and look like rainbows around the May Pole."



Mr. Arthur Weaver

Mr. Arthur Weaver drove a bus for Bosqueville School. Here, he is shown in front of the African-American School, mid-1940s. Photo contributed by Joyce Montgomery.

**If you have any additional photos from Bosqueville School,
please email them to
wacotexashistoryinpictures@gmail.com.**



DEC. 1947 STUDER S.A. TEX.

Girls at Bosqueville School, 1947

This photo was contributed by Joyce Koch Rowell. Back Row: Tommie Schmidt, Martha Warren, Wanda Harcrow, Jeanine Hoffman, Corine Wright. Middle Row: Betty Campbell, Myrna Lasseter, Ruby Toten, Laurita Scott. Front Row: Annese Thomas. .



DEC. 1947 STUDER S.A. TEX.

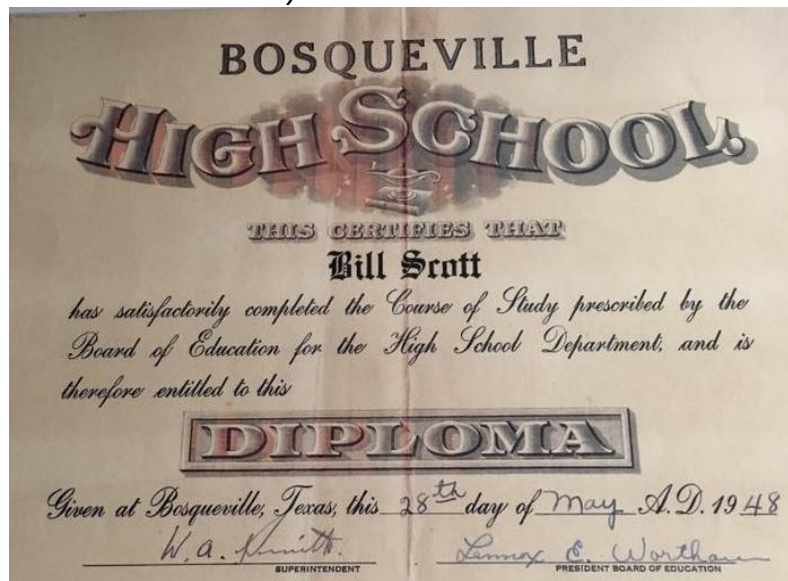
Boys at Bosqueville School, 1947

This photo was contributed by Joyce Koch Rowell. Back Row: Bobby Wallace, Willie Clements, Ralph LaFrentz, Sie Thomas, Danny Rowell. Front Row: Albert McRae, Billy Pulley, Norman Willingham, Wayne Justice.



Bosqueville School Women's Basketball Team, 1948

The 1948 Bosqueville School Women's Basketball team was the Central Texas Champion. These ladies have been identified as Willie J. Montgomery, Evelyn Kennedy, Eva Kennedy, Doris Whitaker, Georgia Anderson, and Bernice Weaver. This is from The Texas Collection at Baylor University. The team is facing the schoolhouse, with the old Steinbeck Bend Road to their left. Greater Bosqueville Baptist Church is about a block in front of them, across the street. The Crain Family lived in the houses behind them.



Bill Scott's Tenth Grade Diploma, 1948

Bill Scott went to Waco Tech in Waco to complete his high school education. We believe that 1947-48 was the last Tenth Grade Class. Photo contributed by Bill and Dorothy Lindsey Scott.



Bosqueville School, Grades Seven and Eight, May 1949

This photo was contributed by Belva Curry Field, who said: "The students are facing the school from near the road. Boys: Sam Kellam, _____, Charles Lindsey, Joe McNamara, Arthur Moeller, _____, Leon Stelter, Franklin Choate, George Moeller. Girls: Nita Lasseter, Ruth Barlow, Camelia Rentz, Thelma Koch, _____, Belva Curry, Jane Clements, Robbie Balch, Betty Royals, Melba Howell, Paulina Lasseter, Patsy Lasseter."

If Those Trees Could Talk...

"I attended Bosqueville School for my First and Second Grade years... Mrs. Geeslin was my Second Grade teacher. If that tree out front could talk, history could be re-written. Lots of memories playing there."

-Kathy Talbert

"There are so many great memories of my Bosqueville years, but one of my favorites was playing underneath the big oak trees. We would use an old broom from the classroom and sweep up mounds of dirt to form lines or walls to our make-believe playhouse. Another time we acted out 'The Wizard of Oz' underneath those old trees. If those trees could talk, they would have some stories to tell, but I think most are gone now."

-Cindy Johnson Parker



Bosqueville Teachers, May, 1949

This photo was contributed by Belva Curry Field, who wrote: "l-r: Mrs. Janie Williams (later married Lyle Geeslin), Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. Tiner, Mrs. Thornal, W. A. Smith, Helen Landers."



Seventh and Eighth Grade Trip to San Antonio, 1949

This photo was contributed by Belva Curry Field, who wrote: "Those in this photo: front- Barbara Royalls, Belva Curry, Thelma Koch, Camelia Rentz, Nita Lasseter. Middle row - Mrs. Jim Griffin, Mrs. C. V. Curry, Paulina Lasseter, Ann Bearden, Mary Ann Newton, Melba Howell, Mrs. Edgar Choate, Mrs. A. W. Rentz, Jim Griffin. Top row - Ruth Barlow, Leon Stelter, Sam Kellum, Charles Lindsey, Franklin Choate, Arthur Moeller, Joe McNamara, George Moeller, Betty Royalls."

BOSQUEVILLE SCHOOL MAY FETES were a celebration of Spring, and the end of the school year. Every class had a big part in the production, including singing, dancing and costumes. These photos are from the 1949 May Fete at Bosqueville. In the center of the celebration, the May Pole!



Bosqueville School, 1949 May Fete

Photo contributed by Belva Curry Field. (l-r) Mary Ann Newton, Paulina Lasseter, Ruth Barlow, Robbie Balch, Belva Curry, Jane Clements, Camelia Rentz, Thelma Koch, Melba Howell, Ann Bearden.



See next page for photo description.

Photo on Previous Page:
Bosqueville May Fete, 1949

The 1949 Bosqueville May Fete. This photo was contributed by Dorothy Lindsey Scott, the blonde girl who is shown here with her back to us. She told us: "Elouise Willingham and Bill Curry are to my left. I cannot remember who my dancing partner was, but I think it was Kenneth Gunter. The teacher in the background behind Bill Curry is Mrs. Tiner. I think that is Jerry Lasseter and Peggy Newton on my right and in front of them are Stan Price and JoAnn Campbell."



Bosqueville May Fete, 1949

This photo was contributed by Franklin Choate via his friend Larry E. Jenkins, who wrote: "Franklin identified the young man standing on the left as George Moeller, the young man standing on the right is Don Cruse, the older gentleman behind the mic as W. A. Smith, the young lady to his right as Jane Clemmons, on the throne is Belva Curry, standing by her is Franklin, in front of the window is Robbie Balch, at the corner of the building is Ruth Barlow, then moving to our right is JoAnn Lasseter followed by Mary Ann Newton."



Bosqueville May Fete, 1949

This photo was contributed by Peggy Curry Garrett, who wrote: "As you are looking at the picture you will notice the girl in front looking straight at the camera-that's Brenda Rentz. The first girl to her right, profile, is me. Billy Gus Koch was my May Fete partner so that is him in front of me."

REMEMBERING...

"I went to Bosqueville School Grades 1-8. My first grade I had several teachers because of WWII. Teachers who were soldier's wives had to move when their husbands were transferred. Mrs. Money was the last one in my First year and I loved her! Others from Second Grade forward were Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Railsback, Miss Crouch (Mrs. Tiner), Mrs. Landers, Mrs. Lawhon, and Mr. W. A. Smith. While in 8th grade, I got to teach the First Grade several weeks when Mrs. Thornal had surgery. Again during 8th Grade I taught for the 4th Grade teacher when she had surgery. (That could never happen today). I enjoyed playing softball on our gravel ball field. We played other county schools very competitively. The May Fete each year was fun and we had great costumes. The school and churches were important in our lives. Great school, good education and great friends!"

-Joyce Koch Rowell

Bosqueville School, 1950-1959



Bosqueville May Fete, 1950

This photo was contributed by Dorothy Lindsey Scott. Front Row, l-r: Curtis Pryor, John Flores, Royce Pryor, Bill Curry, James Howell, Paul Wood, Jimmie Willingham, Stanley Rentz, LaGran Bearden, Gene Campbell, Jimmy Allsup, Phil Rutherford. 2nd Row: Mary Allsup, Dorothy Lindsey, Patty Argo, JoAnn Campbell, Elouise Willingham, Helen Toten, Joan Lasseter, Joyce Koch, Tommie Crawford, Patsy Stegall, Virginia Pelt, Elma Lois Newton. The teacher standing in the back is Mrs. David Smith.

REMEMBERING...

"I go way back, but I liked playing Jacks with the girls while we waited on the bus. The thing I liked most was math, taught by Mr. Smith. He was also the principal if I remember correctly and there was Mrs. Lawhon."

-Alline Donaldson Parker



Bosqueville May Fete, 1950

This photo was contributed by Ralph LaFrentz. Bottom row (l-r): Jean Goodman, Jeannettie Toten, June Reese, Jeanine Hoffman, Helen Toten, Joyce Koch, Rebecca Kellam. Middle row: Norman Willingham, Pat McNamara, Charles Parsons, LaGran Bearden, Woodie Rowell, Gene Campbell, Stanley Rentz. Danny Rowell, Willie Clements, Ralph LaFrentz, William Stegall. Back row: Ruby Toten, Patsy Morris, Patricia Stegall, Lois Newton, Betty Campbell.



May Fete, 1950

This photo was contributed by Mary Ann Gustafson, who told us: "The girls on the left are (l-r) Rebecca Kellum, Betty Campbell, Elouise Willingham, JoAnn Campbell. Boy behind Betty Campbell is Norman Willingham. Robbie Balch is Queen, and Charles Lindsey is her escort. The little boy next to Charles is Billy Gus Koch and the little girl next to him is Peggy Curry Garrett and the little girl next to Peggy is Barbara Kolar. On far right is Mary Ann Shotwell, whose Dad owned the store across the road from Pete Griffin at the time."



See next page for photo description.

Photo on Previous Page:

Bosqueville Ladies and Boy, early 1950s

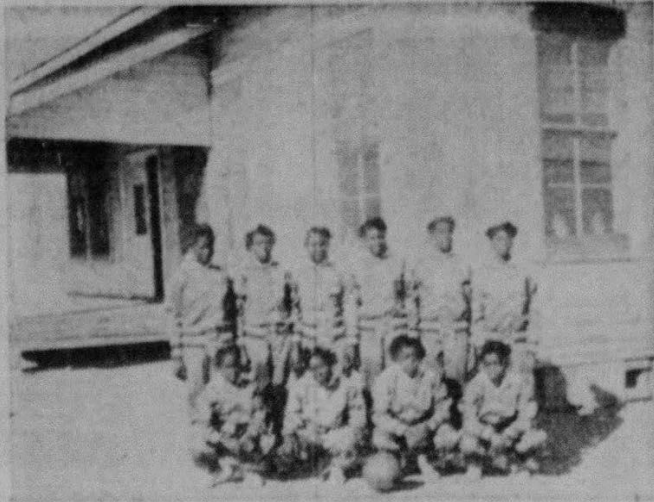
This photo was contributed by Peggy Curry Garrett, who said: "Bosqueville PTA or Women's Home Demonstration Club, date early 1950s. Front row l to r: Terry Gunter, Laura Gunter, Mildred Johnson, Mrs. Bearden, Jimmie Dollins, Mary Louise Koch, Mary Davenport, Mrs. Baker. Back row 1-r: Mrs. Spivey, Mrs. Peterson, mine and Belva's mom, Elethia Curry, Mrs. Ballew, Myrleen Lindsey, _____, Sybil Alford, Catherine Rentz, Ellen Kolar, Mrs. Balch."



A Dinner at the Bosqueville School, early 1950s

This photo was contributed by Clint Detlefsen, who said: "Photo by Jimmie Willis, and the date stamped on the copy is February 23, 1951. This is a dinner, catered by Gordon Evans Caterers, at the Bosqueville School, and the date is around 1950." In the line, the front couple is Clifford and Elethia Curry, and the next couple is Raymond and Elsie Campbell. The lady at the extreme right of the picture is Annabelle Hixson Turk.

Bosqueville Girls Defend Crown



Members of the Bosqueville girls' basketball team are defending the championship which they won last year, according to L. W. Jones, Bosqueville principal. The principal stated that the team has won five games thus far this season. The girls have lost only one game in the last three years, and that one was in the State tournament at Dallas. Jones said the girls are issuing a challenge to any and all teams, and anyone interested in games is asked to contact teachers of Bosqueville School. Members of the team are Helen Jean Woods, Bettye Jo Anderson, Lovella Anderson, Bernice Weaver, Leslie Marie Danforth, Georgia Mae Anderson, Ina Ruth Alexander, Eva Lois Kennedy and Willie J. Montgomery.

*The Bosqueville Girls
Basketball Team
continued to impress
in 1951!*

*The Waco Tribune Herald
January 28, 1951*



Bosqueville May Fete, 1951
See next page for photo description.

Photo on Previous Page:
Bosqueville May Fete, 1951

This photo was contributed by Dorothy Lindsey Scott. Front Row, (l-r): Mary Alsup, JoAnn Campbell, Dorothy Lindsey, Aline Donaldson, Elouise Willingham, Carolyn Fogle. 2nd Row: Mary Ella Morgan, Patty Argo, Fowler West, Bill Curry, Phil Rutherford, Dwayne Donaldson, Carolyn Armstrong, Margie Baker. 3rd Row: Mrs. Curteon, Kenneth Gunter, Tommy Rowell, _____, Jimmie Willingham, Stan Price, Homer Moeller.



Bosqueville May Fete, 1951

This photo was contributed by Dorothy Lindsey Scott. Left to right: Betty Campbell, Jeanine Hoffman, Tommie Schmidt, Patsy Lasseter, Melba Howell, Ann Bearden, Jean Goodman.

Dorothy Lindsey Scott said that the beautiful background on the stage was one of several scenes that were rolled up like a window shade and could be pulled down for a new background.



Bosqueville School Playground, 1951

In the foreground are (l-r) Charlene Jobe, Jeannettie Toten, and Elma Lois Newton. To the left of Charlene and on the other end of the see-saw is Alice Clements. To Charlene's right, and on the other end of the see-saw with Jeannettie is JoAnn Campbell. The other girls are not identified.



Bosqueville School, early 1950s

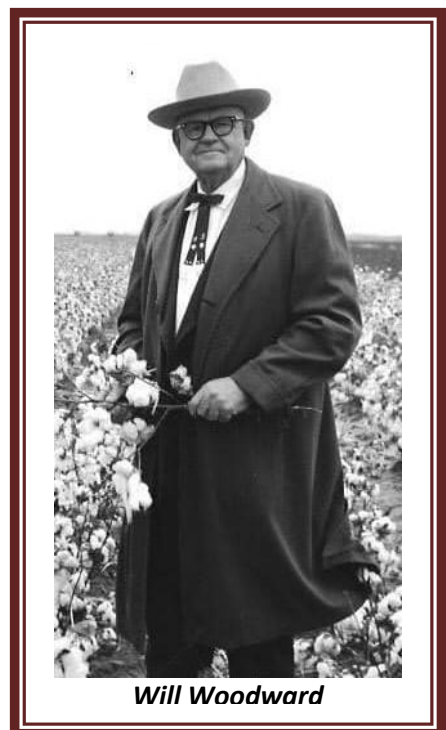
This photo of the back side of the school was contributed by Joyce Koch Rowell. Transcribed from the back of the photo: "Charles (Turkey) Lindsey, Norman Willingham, Doug Ditto, Stan Price, Arthur Moeller, Kenneth Gunter, Homer Moeller." Note the coal bin at the back of the school. The school sometimes used the garage apartment of the house next door for classes. The restrooms were not in the main building of the school. They were behind the photographer, the boy's restroom on the left side of the photo, the girl's on the right.

The Bosqueville Ball Park

The Bosqueville Ball Park opened on Friday, April 18, 1952. All of Bosqueville was excited about the new ball park that had been built behind Bosqueville School. The main field was on the south side of the school, just behind it on the east of the school. Previously at that location, there had been an empty field where school children had recess and played ball, and there had been a small chicken-wire backstop.

Will Woodward, owner of Wacona Cotton Company, was the principal benefactor of the field. Mr. Woodward loved Bosqueville and loved baseball! He wanted a place for his Wacona Cotton Men's softball team and his Northern Star Women's team to play, and he wanted to contribute to the community of Bosqueville. The Bosqueville Ball Park was sustained by Mr. Woodward, his brother Preston "Pres" Woodward and other private contributors. The ball park was used by the school, the church softball teams, and for city tournaments.

The ball park included chain-link fencing that created a backstop and dug-out area for the players, two sets of bleachers, concession stand, score board and, most

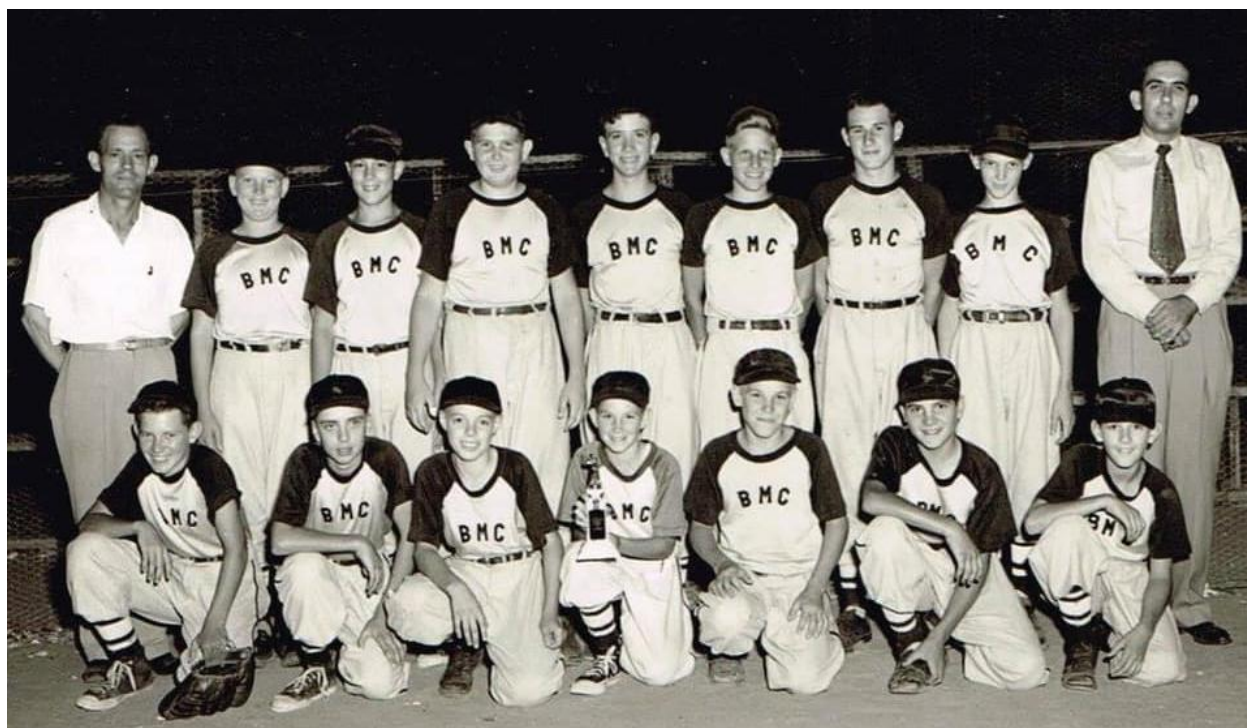


Will Woodward

importantly, **LIGHTS!** The lighted field meant a new world of tournaments and ball playing into the night. Above the concession stand was an observation stand with a public address system from which announcers commented on the game.



The following photos were taken at Bosqueville Ball Park.



Bosqueville Methodist Church Softball Team, First Place Y.M.C.A. League Winners, 1952
Front row, (l-r): Stan Price, Royce Pryor, Jimmie Willingham, Kenneth Gunter, Homer Moeller, Bennie Hoffman, Harold Ray Balch. Back row, (l-r): Mr. Ben Gibson, Coach; Jimmie Joe Helleeson, Billy Curry, Jim Wheeler, Don Cruse, James Howell, Woodie Rowell, Eddie Peterson, Reverend McCowan, Pastor of Bosqueville Methodist Church.

Triple Header Due At Softball Meet Held in Bosqueville

A triple-header gets the District Amateur Softball Association Tournament under way Monday evening at Bosqueville's new lighted park.

Waco Rams take on the 67th Training Squadron from James Connally Air Force Base in the curtain raiser at 6:30 o'clock.

William Cameron's girls, City League runners up, meet the Bellmead Independents in the second game at eight.

Bosqueville and Southland Ice complete the program at 9 o'clock.

Robinson and General Tire are first on the Tuesday card at 6:30.

Bosqueville has Brown Manufacturing girls as guests in the second tilt.

Inmon Motorcycle and Fletcher Motors, both of Waco, clash in the finale.

Jim Allen is tournament director. Winners in both men's and girls' divisions go to state meets later this month.

**Bosqueville Ball Park...
Always a Busy Place!**

**Left:
The Waco News Tribune
August 3, 1952**

**Below:
The Waco News Tribune
August 23, 1952**

Bosqueville, New Mexico Team in Game Today

Bosqueville's softball team will battle the champion post team from White Sands, N. M., on the Bosqueville diamond today.

The Hdq. Battery, 1st Guided Missile Battalion team brings a 34-4 record with them, topped by their two star hurlers, Bill Poteat and Lloyd Tolbott. The squad had a perfect 26-0 mark while winning the post league crown. After today's game, the visitors journey to Fort Sam Houston for the Fourth Army tournament.

Dorothy Lindsey Scott remembers that in order to sustain the park, they raised funds through the concession stand, but that they also "passed the hat" through the bleachers for anyone who was able to contribute.

Jim Helleson said his Dad, Troy Helleson, was the concession stand manager and that he remembers his Dad went to Waco each game day and bought candy and supplies for the concession stand. Jim said that his greatest memories were "always" being at the ball field and hearing his Uncle Norval Willingham yelling out his famous "train whistle" to cheer on his favorite ballplayers.

Joyce Koch Rowell told us, "I was a teenager! It was THE place to go!!! I got to throw out the first ball at the first game. I even remember what I wore- my dad's striped overalls! That was a very special time for all Bosqueville teenagers!"

Bill Koch said, “I played there at recess and church league softball, which George B. Scott or Mills Helton often coached. Mr. Ballew was the school coach, and Speegleville was our cross-county rival!”

Michael Haynes remembers playing Little League at the ball park until 1963 or 1964, serving as catcher with Doug Parker pitching.”



Bosqueville Baptist Church Senior Softball Team, 1952

Front row, (l-r): Albert McRay, Norman Willingham, Charles Lindsey, Joe McNamara, Danny Rowell, Pat McNamara. Back row, (l-r): G. B. Scott, Coach; Ralph LaFrentz, LaGran Bearden, Gene Campbell, Joe Morgan, Reverend J. T. Howard, Coach. They won Second Place in the Y.M.C.A. League. Photo contributed by Dorothy Lindsey Scott.



Church Softballers Played 342 Tilts In Three Months

Church athletes, with help from Waco YMCA, always do things in a big way.

In the softball season recently completed they crammed 342 games into three months. Fifty-five teams and 650 players participated. Nine diamonds were used four evenings each week.

Governing play was a committee composed of Buddy Swanner, G. B. Scott, Dick Proudly, Darrell Anderson, and Lloyd Myers.

Winners and runners-up in each league were as follows:

Adult National: Axtell Baptist, Turner Street Baptist. **Adult American:** Beverly Hills Baptist, St. Mary's. **Adult Texas:** Lakeview Baptist, Westminster Presbyterian. **Junior Major:** Calvary Baptist, First Nazarene. **Senior South:** Bosqueville Baptist, Service-Asbury Methodist. **Senior West:** Calvary Baptist, Memorial Baptist. **Intermediate:** Bosqueville Methodist, Calvary Baptist. **Junior Brazos:** First Methodist, Herring Avenue Methodist.

Bosqueville Baptist Church Softball Team, 1953

First Place in YMCA League,

Second Place in Bosqueville Tournament.

Front row, (l-r): John Flores, Albert McRae, Eddie Petrich, Norman Willingham, Stanley Rentz.

Back row, (l-r): Ed Loesch, LaGran Bearden, G. B. Scott (coach), Bill Moeller, Charles Lindsey.

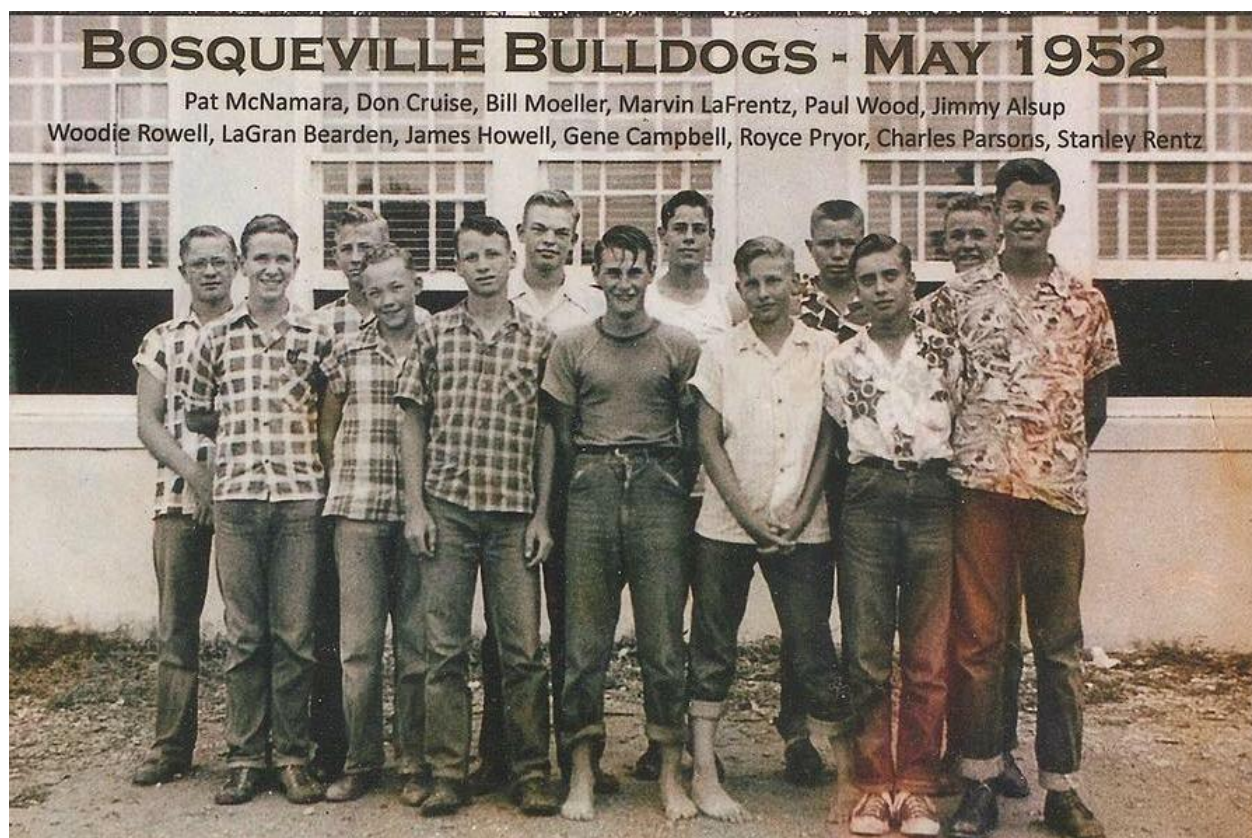
The Bosqueville Ball Park was a gathering place for many years, and created great memories for many of the people of Bosqueville.



***Mrs. Tiner
and
Mrs. Landers
were teachers at
Bosqueville School.***

***This photo was taken
around 1952.***

***Photo contributed by
Joyce Koch Rowell.***



The Bosqueville Bulldogs, May, 1952

This photo was contributed by Tommy Rowell. The names are on the photo.

End-of-School Days, May, 1952



L to R: At Cameron Park-Elouise Willingham, Dorothy Lindsey, JoAnn Campbell.



(left) Royce Pryor, Pat McNamara, Gene Campbell, Woodie Rowell, Dorothy Lindsey, and Elouise Willingham. (right) Elouise Willingham is on George and Reba Lindsey's truck at their home in Erath. These photos were contributed by Dorothy Lindsey Scott.

Dorothy said: "These photos are from the end of school picnic in 1952, at Cameron Park, just inside the front entrance on the grassy area to the right. We had been playing softball."



Bosqueville May Fete, 1952

This photo was contributed by Dorothy Lindsey Scott. Front row (l-r): Patsy Morris, JoAnn Campbell, Elouise Willingham, Claudia Brockemeyer, Carolyn Armstrong, Rebecca Kellam, Helen Toten, Barbara Crosslin. Beverley Koch is the little girl. Back row (l-r): Lois Newton, Glenda Baker, Patsy Ingram, Wanda Lassetter, Joyce Koch, June Reese, Anna Owens, Dorothy Lindsey, Ruth Merrit.

REMEMBERING...

"I attended Bosqueville School in Grades 1 through 7....so many memories come to mind! Those were the days of the coal bin behind the school, the trail leading to the outdoor restrooms, Easter egg hunts in the field behind the school, sitting on the metal well cover out front, playing under the big tree by the road at recess, waiting in line for the bus, getting the new playground equipment, the May Fetes, the monthly Community Nights held at the school, PTA sponsoring Box Suppers, Valentines parties. Also, all the wonderful teachers, Mrs. Thornal (my favorite), Mrs. Williams (Geeslin), Miss Crouch (who became Mrs. Tiner, I think), Mrs. David Smith, Mr. W. A. Smith (Principal). And many years later, serving in the PTA when three of my four children attended school there."

-Dorothy Lindsey Scott



Bosqueville May Fete, 1952

This photo was contributed by Dianne Scott. Front Row: Larry Reese, John Ed Isbell, Shirley Ann Crosslin, Joe Johnson, Dianne Scott, Mary Lee Harcrow, Roy Toten, Theresa Ann Thomas, Carol Swanson, and Ray Toten. Back Row: Frank Lewis Cummings, Sharon LaFrentz, Jerry Don Reese, Sandra Lankford, Dan Merritt, Eddie Lois Baker, Crockett Harliss, Evelyn Lankford, Dick Moeller, and Glenda Hoffman. Dianne's mother, Loena Scott, also made this note: "Dianne's first year of school." This photo was tagged as being made by Jimmie Willis Studio, and dated May 23, 1952.

**All photos in this book are located in the group album
"Bosqueville School"
in our Facebook Group
"Historical Bosqueville, Texas"
www.facebook.com/groups/historicalbosquevilletexas**

**This book is available to view online at
www.wacotexashistoryinpictures.com
in the "Magazine" section.**

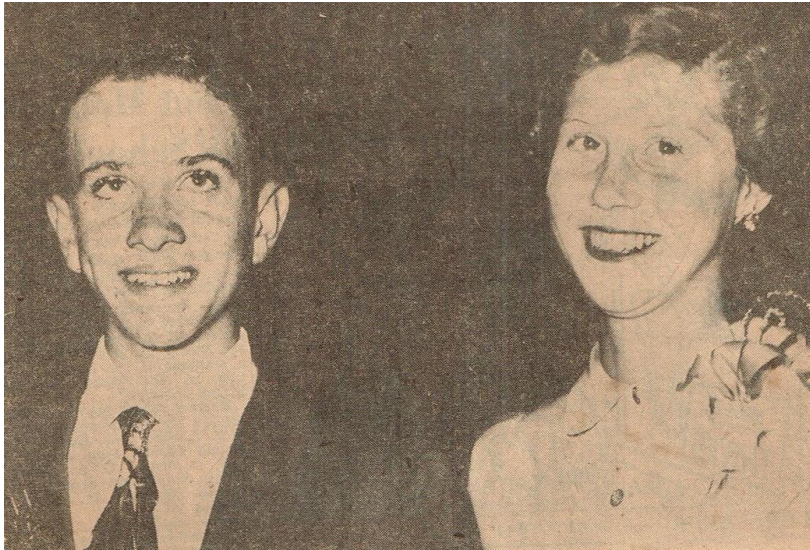
Joyce Koch-The 1952 Bosqueville May Fete Queen



*Stanley Rentz, Joyce Koch, and Principal W. A. Smith.
(below) Beverley Koch was by her sister's side!*

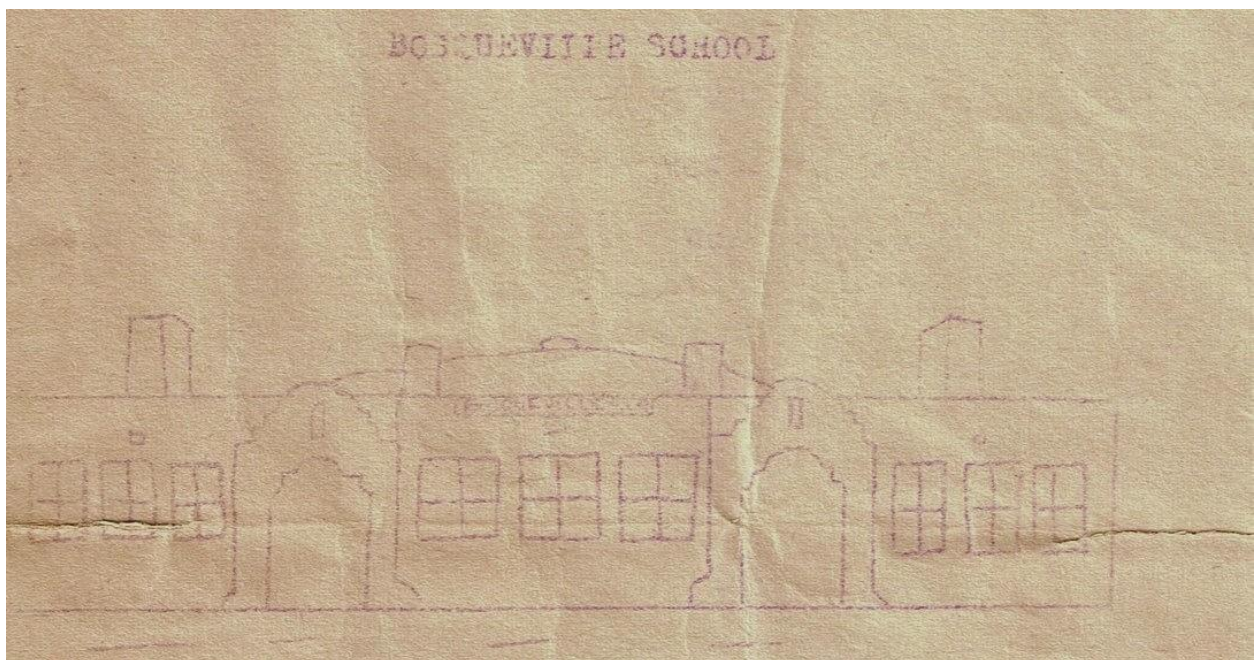


Bosqueville Eighth Grade Graduation Ceremony, 1952



Don Cruse was Valedictorian and Joyce Koch was the Salutatorian of the 1952 Eighth Grade Class and both spoke at Graduation.

Don's drawing of the school was on the cover of the graduation ceremony program.



Joyce Koch's Salutatory Speech

I
Parents, schoolmates, & friends, we
bid you a hearty welcome on this night
which is to us of such great importance.
We know that you too, are happy in our
success, for you have always aided us
when we faltered & urged us on when
we loitered. You have given us your
sympathy & understanding.
We find it hard to realize that
we have at last finished our work here.

2
and are ready for the senior high school.
Rather than a mild May evening it seems
like a New Year's Eve, to us, because
Tonight marks the beginning of a
new year of study and environment.
Success is never half so sweet as when
shared with others. Tonight we wish
you to join in our happiness and make
it your celebration. In fact, since we
owe so much to your cooperation it is
in a sense your graduation too.
Will you help us to enjoy our last
hours in this spot where we spent so
many work-filled days?
To this last festivity, we bid you
WELCOME

3

Parents, schoolmates, and friends, we bid you a hearty welcome on this night which is, to us, of such great importance. We know that you, too, are happy in our success, for you have always aided us when we faltered and urged us on when we loitered. You have given us your sympathy and understanding.

We find it hard to realize that we have at last finished our work here and are ready for the senior high school. Rather than a mild May evening, it seems like a New Year's Eve to us, because tonight marks the beginning of a new year of study and environment.

Success is never half so sweet as when shared with others. Tonight we wish you to join in our happiness and make it your celebration. In fact, since we owe so much to your cooperation it is, in a sense, your graduation too.

Will you help us to enjoy our last hours in this spot where we spent so many work-filled days?

To this last festivity, we bid you WELCOME!

The Retirement Celebration for Principal W. A. Smith



W. A. Smith was the Principal of Bosqueville School, and had served the school for 35 years, since 1917. Mrs. Smith, his wife, had taught there for 25 years, since 1927.

On Tuesday evening, May 20, 1952, over 150 people attended a dinner in their honor.

Vernon Koch presented them with this silver coffee service on behalf of the community.

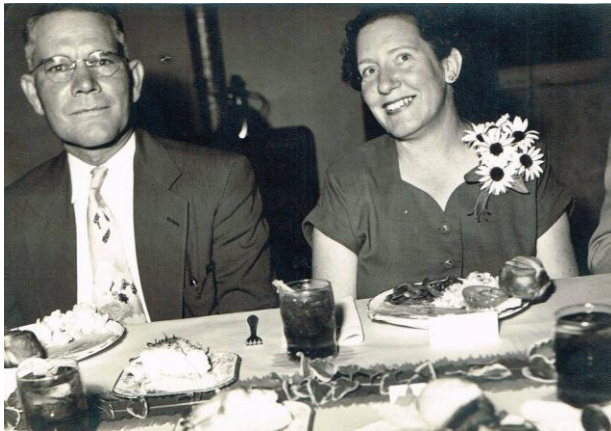


Clifford and Elethia Curry



Joe Ray and Myrleen Lindsey

Photos on these two pages were contributed by Dorothy Lindsey Scott.



George and Reba Lindsey



Vernon and Mary Louise Koch



(above) Janie Williams and Sarah Lee Lawhon, teachers from Bosqueville.

(below) Maggie Gibson worked in the cafeteria.



School Fetes
W. A. Smith
At Banquet

Sunday, May 25, 1952 *Waco Tribune Herald* Waco, Texas—Sec. III—Page 11

W. A. Smith, retiring principal of Bosqueville school, was honored by the community Tuesday evening when 150 ex-students and friends assembled around flower-decorated banquet tables at the school.

Mrs. D. Campbell, mistress of ceremonies, introduced Mrs. J. A. Thornal, ex-student and present teacher as pianist, and Mesdames Vernon Koch and C. L. Lindsey in songs and a humorous reading.

Rev. J. A. Thornal represented the ex-students in a eulogy to the principal, who has served 35 years as teacher and administrator. His wife came in for honors also, as she has taught 23 years.

Mrs. A. W. Renz and her son Stanley represented two generations of students taught by Mr. Smith. Ben Gibson spoke for the community, J. R. Lindsey for trustees.

The couple received a silver coffee service at the hands of V. Koch, in behalf of the community.

Hotel Group Secretary
TEMPLE, May 24 (SPL)—Ann Stecher of Temple's Hawn Hotel is the new secretary of the Texas Hotel Auditor's Association. She was named at the fifth annual convention of the group at Fort Worth last week end.

P-TA at Scott Elementary School Installs Officers
TEMPLE, May 24 (SPL)—Mrs. V. E. Hughes was installed as president of the Scott Elementary School P-TA at the final meeting

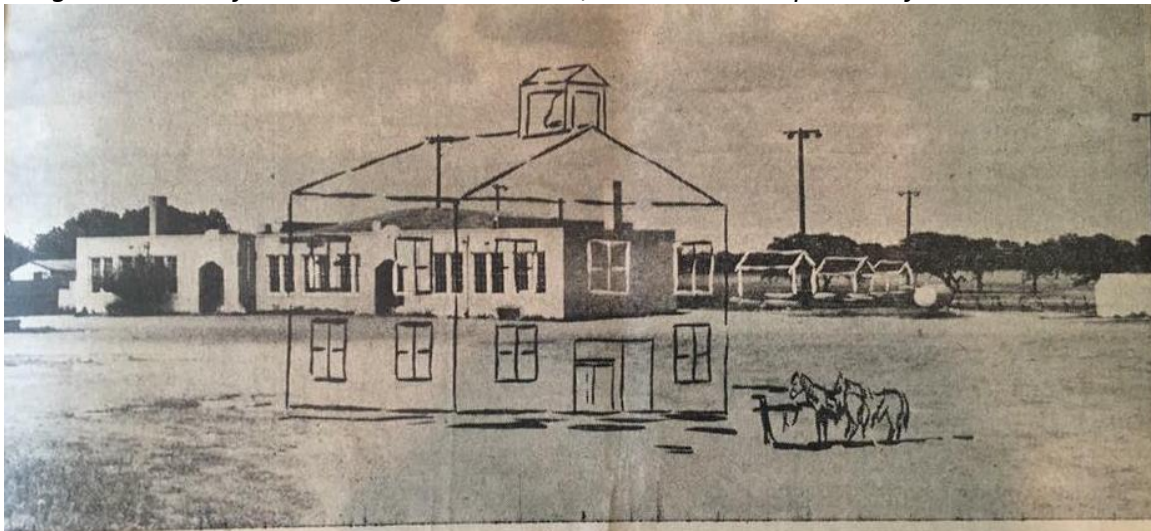
PRINCIPAL AND MRS. SMITH
BOSQUEVILLE GIVES THEM COFFEE SERVICE

The Waco Tribune Herald, May 25, 1952



Bosqueville School, May 23, 1952

This photo was contributed by Dianne Scott. We believe that Loena Truitt Scott, wife of George B. Scott, took this photo. On the back it says "Taken on Dianne's last day of first grade, May 23, 1952". This is the only photo we have ever seen of this. By at least the end of the next year, 1953, a new three-classroom was built in front of this building, and we believe she took this photo because she knew that this view would never be the same again. This building was built around 1930, and burned on Sunday, June 7, 1959. By January 1960, a new building was standing on the site of the building shown above, and it was completed a few months later.



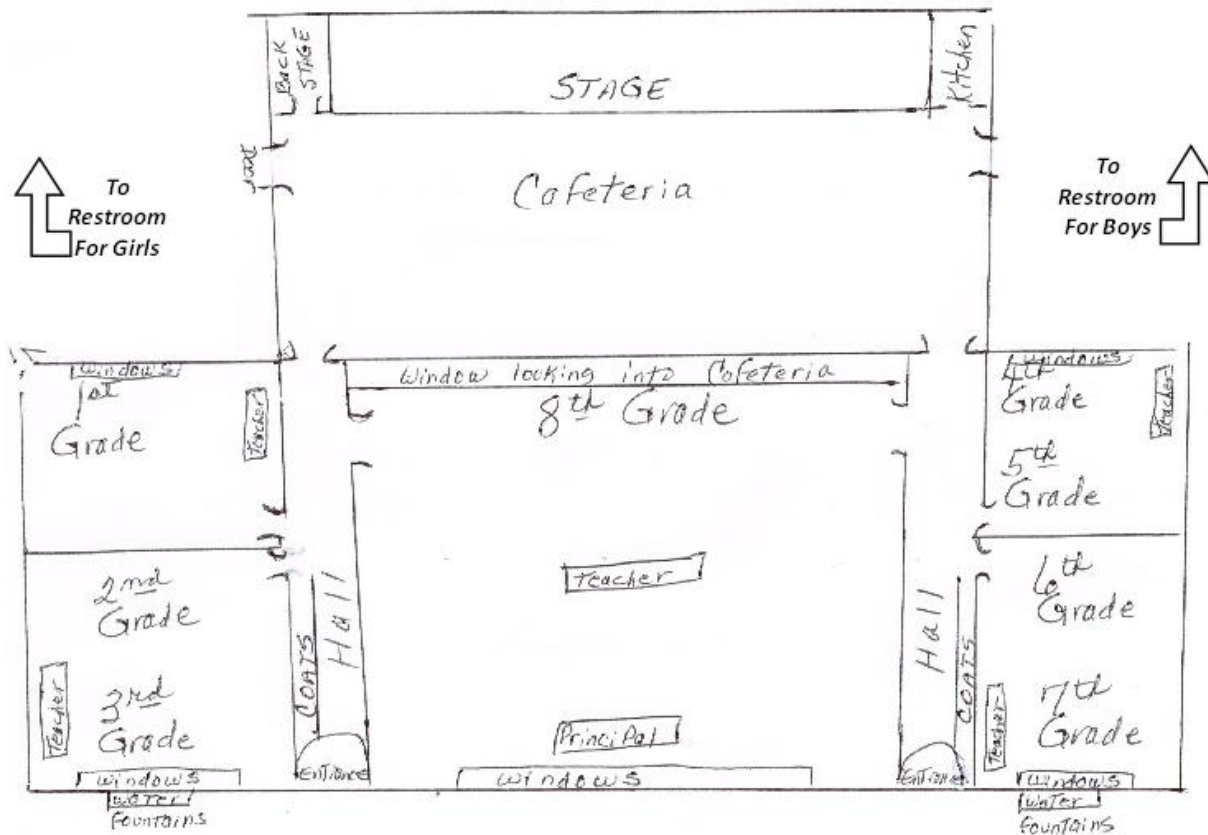
MAYBE THIS LOOKS LIKE the old college at Bosqueville and maybe it doesn't. Artist Dick Boone drew it from descriptions given by people who attended it, couldn't find a picture. It was closed down when all the boys went to the Civil War, but it opened again later,

and was famous. The smaller houses in the background were dormitories for the girls who came from far and near to attend. Behind the ghost building you can see the present Bosqueville school, built almost on the identical site of the old school. (Photo by Windy Drum).

Bosqueville School and the College

This news clipping from the Waco Tribune Herald, July 6, 1952, compares the old Bosqueville College Building to the current school building, which had been built in 1930. The College building is an artist's concept of what it might have looked like. We have a newspaper "Letter to the Editor" from the following week from an elderly lady who was a child when the old building stood affirms that this is a fairly accurate artist's concept. This photo was from an article contributed by Nancy Roberts Detlefsen.

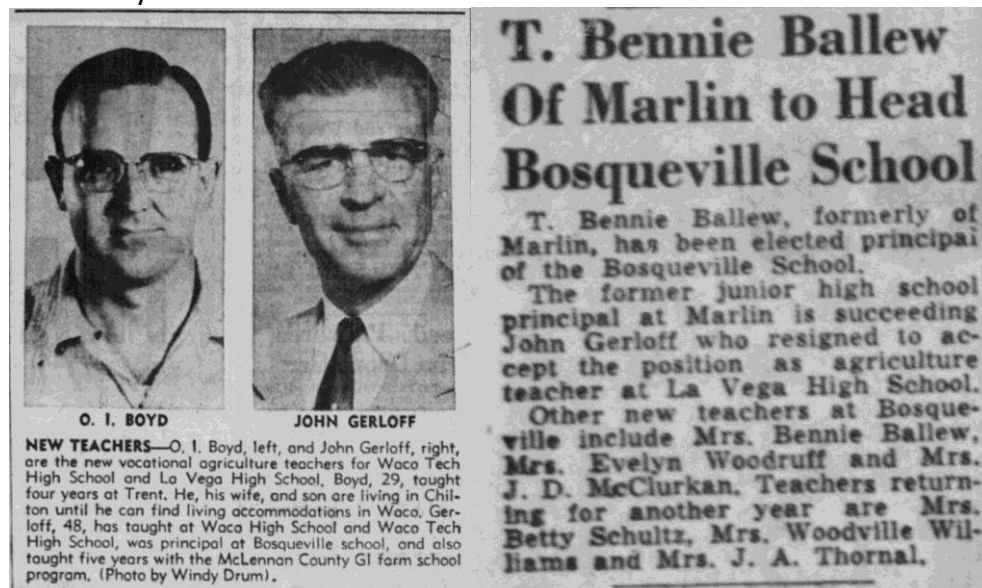
Bosqueville School Building 1930-1959



This is the Rock Creek Road side of the building, and the front of the school.

When we asked Dorothy Lindsey Scott if she remembered the floor plan of the old school well enough to draw it, she said, "Yes, I certainly do." We agree with her! Notice that the restrooms were not in the main building. Photo contributed by Dorothy Lindsey Scott.

When Principal W. A. Smith retired from Bosqueville School in 1952, after thirty-five years of service, John Gerloff became Principal at Bosqueville. The July 5, 1953 photo from the Waco Tribune Herald (on the left below) tells us that, at 48 years of age, he had taught at Waco High School, Waco Tech High School and had been Principal of Bosqueville. He was only there for the 1952-53 school year.



The July 31, 1953 Waco News Tribune article, shown above on the right, tells us that Travis Bennie Ballew (4 October 1922-31 January 1982), formerly of Marlin, has been elected the new Principal at Bosqueville. He remained there until 1959, the year the school burned. His wife's name was Glynn Dell Ballew (10 November 1921-16 May 2013), and she also started teaching at Bosqueville in 1953. After Bosqueville, the Ballews taught in the Midway Independent School District, he for twenty-two years, and she for thirty-nine years. In 2012, they were honored by Midway ISD with the Distinguished Service Award (See the photo at below left). He passed away in 1982, and after she retired from Midway in 1981, she taught at Bosqueville School for a few more years. The photo on the right of Mrs. Ballew was contributed by Stephen Bostick.





Bosqueville School, Sixth Grade, December 12, 1952

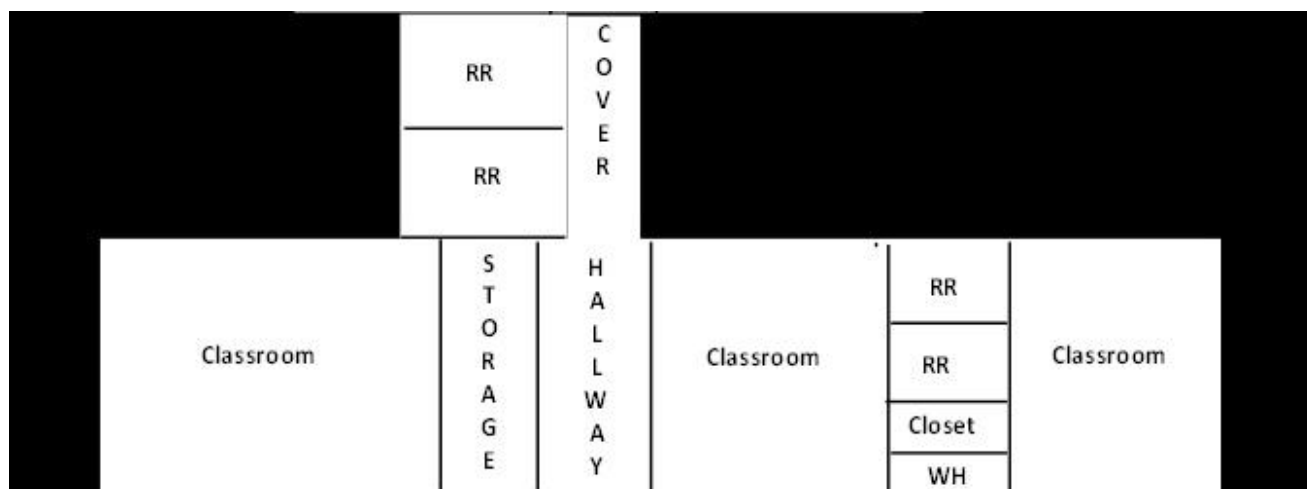
This photo was contributed by Brenda Dollins Wagner. Joe and Donna Lindsey identified these classmates: Front row (l-r): Miss Jensen, Joe Lindsey, Chesley Smith, Harold Balch, Claude Dollins, Rodney Barnes, Charles Baker, Tommy Davenport, Clyde Garcia, Kenneth Pryor, Back row (l-r): Donald Alsup, Purdincio Garcia, Nato Garcia, Wilburn Robertson, Ernestine Crawford, Wanda Bearden, Mary Tunmire, Tanthea Taylor, Edna Toten.



Bosqueville School, Second Grade, December 12, 1952

Photo contributed by Dianne Scott. Back row: Dick Moeller, Ray Toten, Roy Toten, John Ed Isbell, Patsy _____, Dianne Scott, Vera _____, Mrs. Williams. Front row: Marian Lee Harcrow, Carolyn Simpson, Glenda Hoffman, Carol Swanson, Jerry Don Reece, Ronald _____, _____, _____.

When school started in 1953, a new classroom building had been built, but the classrooms were not quite ready to be used. Sometime that Fall, the students were able to move in, and were definitely in by December. Although not to scale, this is a diagram of the new building that contained three classrooms and restrooms. This building sat in front of the old 1930 building.



There was a covered sidewalk in front of the building.



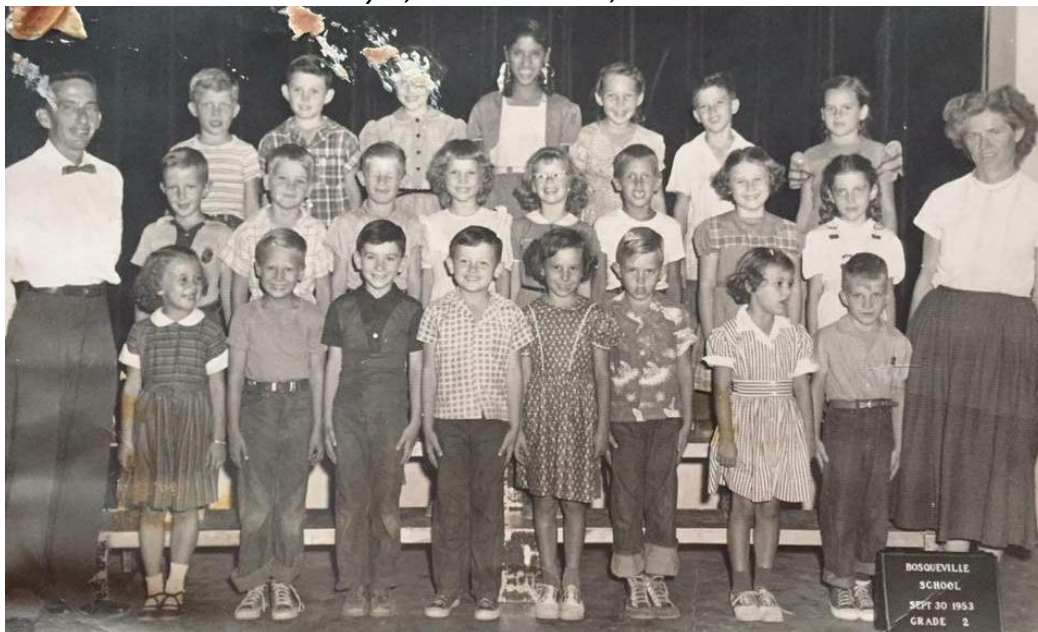
The 1953 Building, built in 1952-53

This photo is from the 1964 China Spring Yearbook.



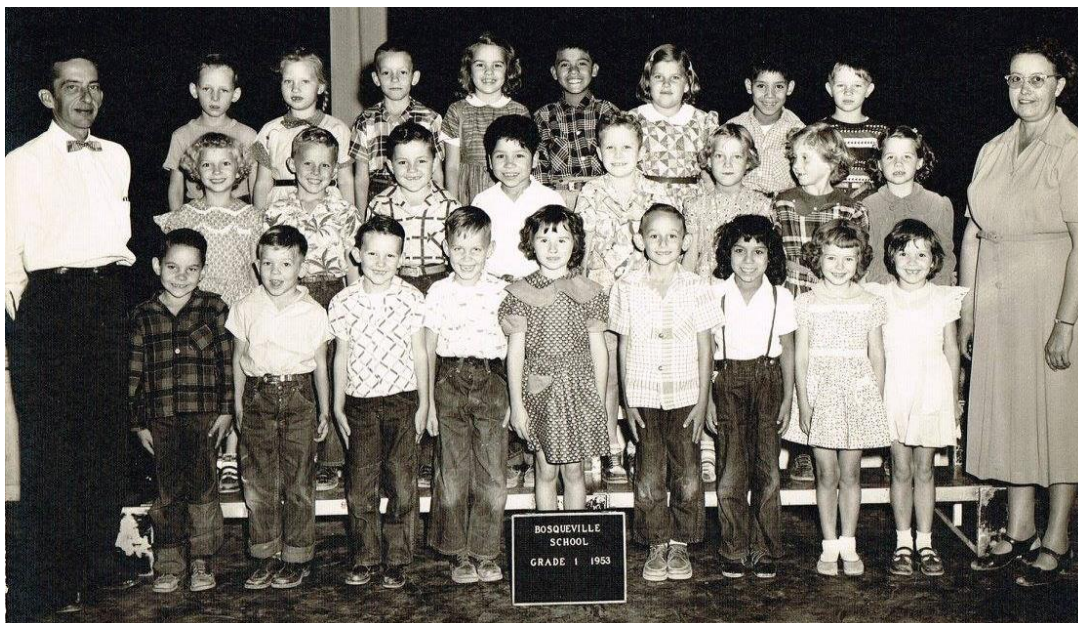
Bosqueville School, Third Grade, September 30, 1953

*This photo was contributed by Dianne Scott. Principal: T. B. Ballew
Teacher: Mrs. Betty Lou Schulze. Back row, (l-r): Frank Henry (Dick) Moeller, Dianne Scott, Frank Cummings, Joyce Loesch, John Ed Isbell, La Juan Brockmeyer, Second row: Billy George Morgan, Jerry Stewart, Ray Toten, Roy Toten, Jim Overby, Felix Salazar, Jerry Don Reese. First row: Glenda Hoffman, Bonnie Aspin, Ervin McRae, Ruth Ann Marrs, Ronnie Dean Meyer, Carol Swanson, Marian Lee Harcrow.*



Bosqueville School, Second Grade, September 30, 1953

*This photo was contributed by Mary Ann Gustafson, who said: "I am front row far left, Lucy Gorham Lee is front row 2nd from right. Nancy Mitchiner is directly behind Lucy."
(l) Mr. Ballew and (r) Mrs. Williams.*



Bosqueville School, First Grade, 1953

*This photo was contributed by Dianne Scott. Principal: Mr. T. B. Ballew
 Teacher: Mrs. J. B. Thornal Front row: Larry Hoffman, Lonnie Brink, Tammie Ray Miller,
 Benny Dale Smith, Harriet French, David Lee Samuels, Linda Martinez, Pamela Sue Peacock, Judy
 Parsons. Second row: Marion Davenport, Billy Pilley, David Kinny, Benny Martinez,
 Larry Harrell, Gloria Faye Thomas, Beverley Kay Koch, Darlene Stewart Back row:
 (Chubby) Charles Harless, Kay Harper, Larry Scott, Beverley Boyd, Leon Paloma, Marie Erlanson,
 Tony Martinez, Paul Mangus.*



In front of the new 1953 School Building, December 18, 1953

(Above) Betty Schultz and her Third Grade girls at Bosqueville School on December 18, 1953.

(Below) Third Grade Christmas Play at Bosqueville School, December 18, 1953. Dianne Scott, Marian Lee Harcrow, Bonnie_____, Dick Moeller, Jimmy Overby, John Ed Isbell, Diane Lewis. Mrs. Schultz, Nancy Newton, Glenda Hoffman,_____, Joyce Loesch, Frank Cummings.

Photos contributed by Dianne Scott.





LANDSCAPERS—Bosqueville P-TA members are landscaping the school grounds as their project for the year. Men in the group, working in co-operation with the county road commissioners, leveled the ground, spread gravel over most of it and asphalted the area between the two sections of the school building. The women planted shrubs. Future plans include a

brick planter for flowers and the erection of a flag pole. Grady Moore, McLennan County school visual aid consultant, got this picture of members discussing their plans. Shown in the foreground, left to right, are: Mrs. G. M. Gorham, Mrs. Evelyn Woodruff, Mrs. E. M. Helton, Mrs. Juanita McClurkan and T. B. Ballew.

A Landscaping Project at Bosqueville School, 1954

*(l-r) Mrs. Gorham, Mrs. Woodruff, Mrs. Helton, Mrs. McClurkan, Mr. Ballew (Principal).
The Waco Tribune Herald, March 14, 1954.*

REMEMBERING...

"Bosqueville School became a big Family of Bosqueville Kids for years."

- William Koch

Bosqueville Notes History At May Fete

Bosqueville School, rich in educational history, celebrated the centennial anniversary of Texas public school education with a recent May Fete at the school.

The first school at Bosqueville was a log building, erected where the cemetery is now located. In 1857, a college was founded in Bosqueville, which boasted an enrollment of 180 students. The college was housed in a two-story building which served a three-fold purpose—it was a school, a Masonic Lodge and a place of worship for all religious denominations in the community. When the founder, Dr. John Collier, entered the Civil War, the college was closed. In 1888, the old building was torn down.

These historical highlights were depicted by both children and adults in the community.

Bosqueville Principal T. B. Ballew narrated the development of public school education and children from eight grades participated.

Adults, many of them dressed in century-old costumes, depicted a scene from the year 1857. The scene showed picnickers listening to a sermon by Ben Gibson, representing a circuit preacher. In the scene were Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Gorham, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. McNamara, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Giles, Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Stoffregen, Mrs. Albert Rentz, Mrs. E. D. Johnson, Mrs. Ben Gibson and Mrs. Harold MacFerrin.

The traditional May Pole dance climaxed the ceremony. Eddie Pederson was crowned king and Peggy Newton queen of May. Both are eighth grade pupils.

1954 Centennial Celebration!



MARY'S LITTLE LAMB — Youngsters who attended Bosqueville's first log school house probably dressed much like the children shown here hurrying on stage for the Bosqueville School centennial celebration. That's Mary in the pic-

ture, of course, with her little lamb, Missy. The children are Travis Wayne Ballew, son of Principal and Mrs. T. Bennie Ballew, and Mary Ann Crutchfield, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Crutchfield of Bosqueville.

The Waco Tribune Herald, May 9, 1954.

"MARY'S LITTLE LAMB-Youngsters who attended Bosqueville's first log school house probably dressed much like the children shown here hurrying on stage for the Bosqueville School centennial celebration.

That's Mary in the picture, of course, with her little lamb, Missy. The children are Travis Wayne Ballew, son of the Principal and Mrs. T. Bennie Ballew, and Mary Ann Crutchfield, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R.E. Crutchfield of Bosqueville."



Bosqueville School, Third Grade May Fete Picture, April 29, 1954

This photo was contributed by Dianne Scott. Front row: Frank Lewis Cummings, Roy Toten, Glenn Thrasher. Second row: Billy George Morgan, Jerry Stewart, Dick Moeller, Bonnie Lee Aspin, Carol Swanson, Joyce Leach, Dianne Scott, LaJuan Brockenmeyer, Marian Lee Harcrow, Mrs. Betty Schulz. Photo by Jimmie Willis.



Bosqueville School, First Grade May Fete Picture, April 29, 1954

This photo was contributed by Dianne Scott. "Little Boy Blue" and "Little Bo Peep". First row: Larry Scott, Larry Harrell, Tommy Ray Miller, Billy Pilley, Benny Dale Smith. Second row: "Chubby" Charles Harless, Paul Mangus, David Kenny, David Lee Samuels. Third row: Pamela Sue Peacock, Judy Parsons, Kay Harper, Harriet French, Beverley Kay Koch, Beverley Boyd, Darlene Stewart, Marion Davenport. Mrs. J. A. Thornal, teacher.



Sixth Grade Class (l) and Fifth Grade Class (r) of 1955

These photos were contributed by Mary Ann Gustafson, who told us: "My cousin Jim Overby is the maharajah in the left photo. I am in the foreground of the picture on the right, and Lucy Gorham (Lee) is behind me." Lynn Lawhon is the boy by the window.



1956 Bosqueville Girls Basketball Team

This photo was contributed by Peggy Curry Garrett. Front Row, l-r: _____, Linda Rentz, Earlene Reed, Peggy Curry, Rosemary Gunter, Brenda Rentz, Diane Balch. Back Row, l-r: Mrs. Ballew, Shirleen Lindsey, _____, Laurita Ingram, Frances Peterson, Cherry Dollins, Barbara Kolar, _____, Verlene Toten, Mr. Ballew."

Bosqueville and China Spring School Districts consolidated in 1958-59, and were consolidated for seven years, until 1965.



Bosqueville May Fete, 1958

Doug Parker was in Bosqueville First Grade in 1957-58. The children performed dances and dressed in period costumes.

Doug was dressed as George Washington. Doug's mother, Eunice Parker, made his costume.





Mrs. Geeslin's Second and Third Grade Class, 1958-59

This photo was contributed by Cindy Johnson Parker. Back Row (l-r): Ronnie McAdams, Douglas Parker, Jack Isbell, John Paul Parsons, Dale Abernathy, Stanley Davis, Frank Mendoza, _____, _____. Second Row (l-r): _____, Debbie Fisher, _____, Mrs. Janie Geeslin, Deborah Lawhon, seated is Boyd Parker, _____, Lane Stubblefield, Dale Graham, Kenny Ingram. Two others seated: Patricia Thompson, Michael Haynes. Cindy added: "This picture was probably taken in February, 1959. Notice the George Washington silhouette and a Valentine poem behind the tall girl on the right. Also, notice names written on the blackboard."



Janie Dullye Williams Geeslin
(13 July 1913-12 October 1995) was a teacher at Bosqueville School for many years. She was twice-widowed. In this book, she is referred to as Mrs. (Woodville) Williams in the early 1950s, but Mrs. (Lyle) Geeslin in the later 1950s.

Almost any student who knew her would attest to the fact that she was a strict disciplinarian, but loved the students like her own children and was an amazing teacher.

She is buried at Saint Joseph Cemetery in Yoakum, Texas.



1959 Girls Basketball Team, 1959

This photo was contributed by Mary Ann Gustafson. (l-r) Coach Riddling, Barbara Young, Dianne Scott, Linda McCorkle, Carol Griffin, Beverley Koch, Marion Davenport, Mary Ann Crutchfield.



(left) 1959 trip to Barton Springs.

This photo was contributed by Mary Ann Gustafson. (l-r) Barbara Young, Mary Ann Crutchfield, Dianne Scott.

(below) A Bosqueville banner from the late 1950s.

This photo was contributed by Dianne Scott.



The 1959 Eighth Grade Graduation Program... ...and the End of an Era

BOSQUEVILLE

Eighth Grade

1959

COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

Bosqueville School Auditorium

Thursday Evening, May 28, 1959

Eight O'Clock

*Joyce Loesch
Mrs. Ballew
Barbara Young
T. Bennie Ballew
Richard Paul Stone
Glenn Thrasher
James Donald Kirkpatrick
Larry Reed
Lorenzo Nino
Dick Moeller
Dianne Scott*

**The
1959 Bosqueville
Eighth Grade
Commencement
was the last
such graduation until the
1980s.
From this point forward
Bosqueville School
only went through
Grade 6
for many years.**

GRADUATES

Isbell, John	Reed, Larry
Kirkpatrick, Jimmie	Scott, Dianne
Loesch, Joyce	Stone, Richard
Moeller, Dickie	Stone, Ronald
Nino, Lorenzo	Thrasher, Glenn
	Young, Barbara

Processional	Claudette Wittie
Invocation	Rev. Dwight Dudley
Salutatory	Dianne Scott
Class Poem	Dickie Moeller
Valedictory	Joyce Loesch
Address	Wm. B. Templer
Presentation of Awards	T. Bennie Ballew, Prin.
Presentation of Diplomas	Joe Ray Lindsey School Board Member
Benediction	Rev. Frank Bartos, Jr.
Recessional	Claudette Wittie

(Audience will please remain seated for recessional)

No one knew it, but this would be the last such graduation from Bosqueville School for many years. The old 1930 building burned just ten days later on Sunday, June 7, 1959.



BOSQUEVILLE SCHOOL'S old combination classroom cafeteria building was gutted by flames about 10:45 a. m. Sunday. Firemen from Waco, Bosqueville, China Spring and James Connally Air Force Base kept flames from spreading into the

four-year-old modern classroom building, just across the courtyard from the old section. Cause is undetermined but unofficial estimates put the loss at about \$35,000. (Larry Best Photo)

This is the southeastern corner of the building, and was the cafeteria entrance. The fire did not spread to the new part of the school. The man on the extreme left in the picture is identified as "Mr. Shanks." This newspaper clipping was contributed by Dianne Scott.



Fighting the Fire

The caption under this photo in the newspaper said: "Volunteer Firefighters come to firemen's aid at the Sunday Morning blaze which completely gutted the old combination classroom-cafeteria building at Bosqueville School. Firemen managed to keep flames from spreading into the new brick addition at the right of this picture. Volunteers wore their handkerchiefs as smoke masks and poured water onto the burning roof. Only walls of the old section of the school were left standing. Firemen fought the fire almost four hours." (Ann Badalari Photo)

Men are standing on the roof of the restrooms of the 1953 building. Notice that there is a walkway between the new and old building. When the new building would be constructed within the next year, it would be connected to the 1953 building, with no walkway between.

Kenny Ingram said that he remembered walking to the Baptist Church to have classes during the rebuilding time, and Gloria Prause Helleson confirmed that Myrleen Lindsey had told her the same.

Because China Spring and Bosqueville Schools had consolidated in 1958-59, the Bosqueville student photos were printed in the China Spring Yearbooks from 1959-60 to 1964-65. The photos from 1959-60 until 1963-64 were contributed by Dianne Scott.

Bosqueville School 1959-60



MRS. KATHLEEN SCOTT, Principal

In 1959-60, identical buildings were being constructed at Bosqueville and China Spring. These buildings contained a cafeteria and three classrooms.

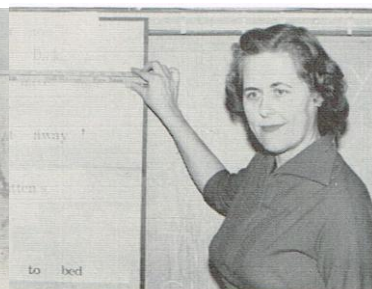
During this time, Kathleen Stewart Scott, daughter of Morris and Maude Stewart, served Bosqueville School as the Principal.



MRS. JANIE GEESLIN



MISS BETTY NICHOLSON



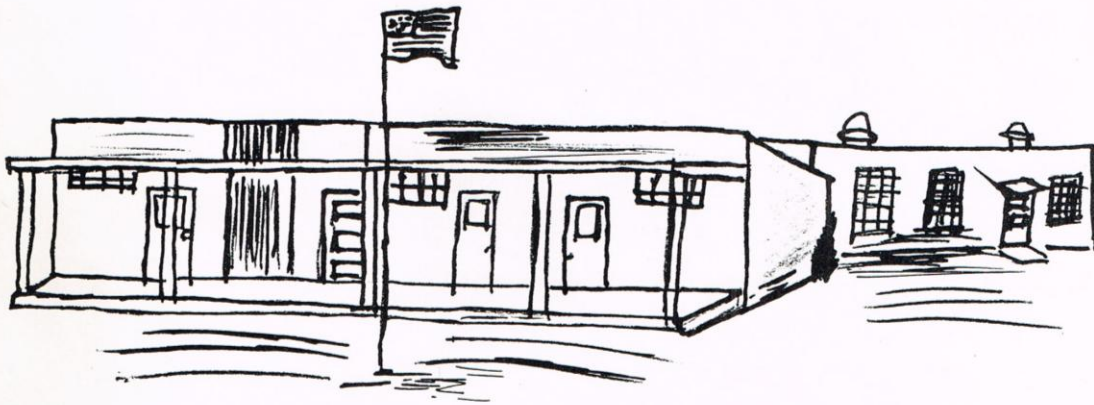
MRS. PAWNEE MARTIN

REMEMBERING...

"I went there in the First and Second Grades and my mother, Mrs. Kathleen Stewart Scott, was my teacher. I never called her "Mother" at school!"

-Kay

Bosqueville School 1959-60



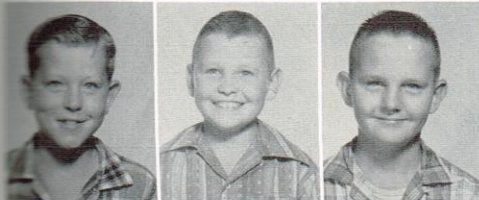
*This artist's concept of the new school was in the 1960 China Spring Yearbook.
Photo contributed by Dianne Scott.*

Bosqueville Sixth Grade

Johnnie Bradshaw
Mike Brannon
Helen Brock



Billy Graham
George Gorham
Jack Magee



Leola McCorkle
Amy Morris
Sherrilyn Thompson



Wanda Thrasher
John Walts



Bosqueville School 1959-60



Johnny Campbell
Janis Cobbs
Terry Gunter
Walter Harper

Jimmie Henshaw
Johnny Ingram
Michael Jensen
Alice Lassetter

Raymond McCorkle
Judy Russell
Janette Shanks
Bobby Stubblefield

Nealand Willingham

B
o
s
q
u
e
v
i
l
l
e

F
i
f
t
h

G
r
a
d
e

REMEMBERING...

"I attended Bosqueville for my First and Second Grade years. Mrs. Pawnee Martin was my first grade teacher. I remember she spanked my hand with a ruler for talking. I deserved it and I dearly loved her anyway. I learned to read with "Dick and Jane" and formed my ABC's on Big Chief tablets with big chunky pencils. Mrs. Geeslin was my 2nd Grade teacher. If that tree out front could talk, history could be re-written. Lots of memories playing there. The May Fete stands out to me. I remember the maypole and was chosen princess in the First Grade. Billyjack Donaldson was the prince. Peggy Helton was queen. I remember walking to Bosqueville Baptist Church to attend Sunbeams on Mondays I think. Myrleen Lindsey and Katie Gorham were always there with Kool-Aid and cookies helping us learn about Jesus and missionaries. My family picked up our house (literally) and moved to China when they enlarged Lake Waco so I finished school there."

-Kathy Talbert

Bosqueville School 1959-60

Bosqueville Fourth Grade



William
Abernathy

Nina
Bewley

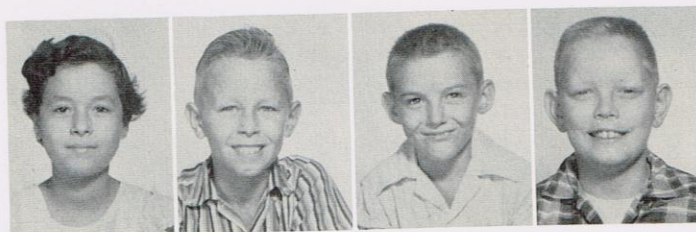
Linda
Brock

Mount
Buckner



Maisie Fancella
Jim Goram
Brenda Haynes
Wesley McCorkle

Lupe Mendoza
John Murdock
Penny Peach
Johnny Pilley



Maria
Sanchez

Bobby
Storm

Pervy
Toten

James
Vandzant

Bosqueville Third Grade

Ada Bell Bradshaw
Billy Donaldson
Bill Helton



Billy Jenson
Claude Lindsey
Tony Pederson

Bosqueville School 1959-60

Bosqueville Second Grade



Deborah
Barlow



Debra
Bewley



Charles
Brannon

Glenda
Brannon



Deborah
Fisher



Dale
Graham



Michael
Haynes



Kenneth
Ingram



Louis
Ingram

Boyd
Parker



Lane
Stubblefield



Patricia
Thompson



Bosqueville School 1959-60

Bosqueville First Grade



Lila
Donaldson



Robert
Galvez



Cassandra
Harper



Lynn
Lawhorn



Rhonda
Martin



Judy
Park



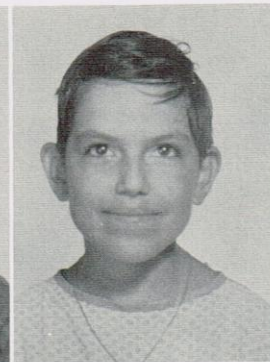
Barry
Pledger



Michael
Rachui



Patti
Russell



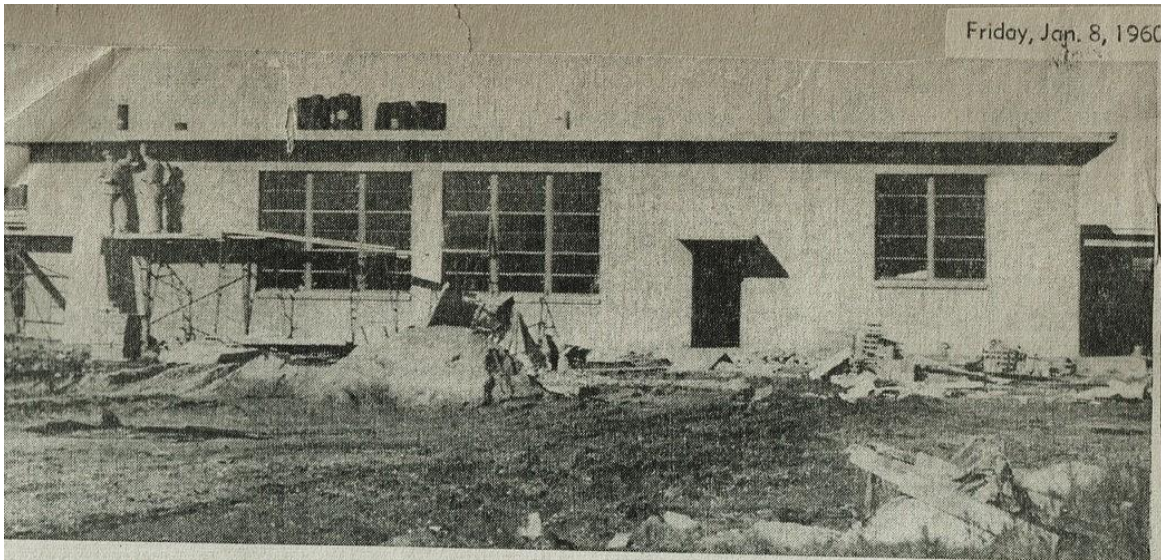
Janie
Sanchez



Michal
Seymour



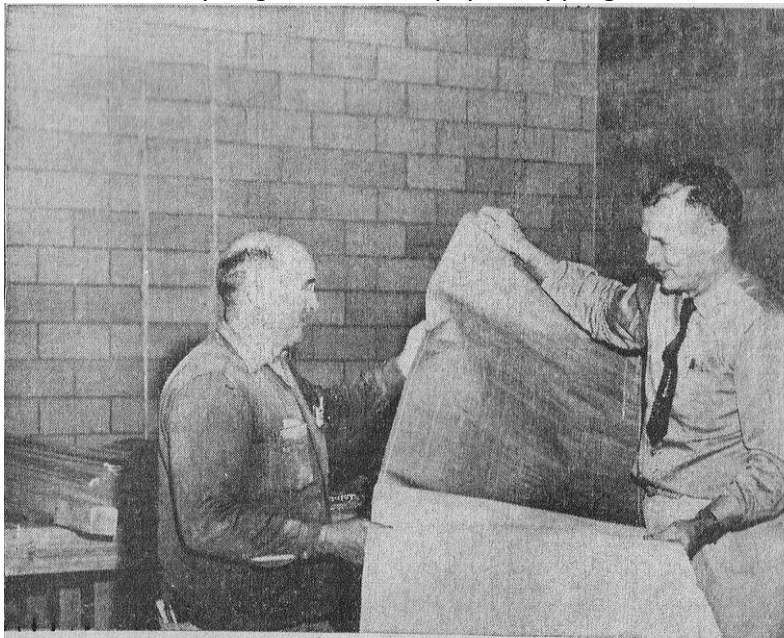
Donald
Toten



BOSQUEVILLE SCHOOL ADDITION—This is an external view of the three classrooms and cafeteria addition being added to Bosqueville school. Fire last year destroyed about half of the school. Fifth and sixth grades classes are being held in a nearby church until the addition is completed. Completion of the identical additions at Bosqueville and China

Spring will give the consolidated district a total of 21 classrooms, six at Bosqueville and 15 at China Spring. Presently there are 110 high school students in the district and 285 elementary students, 85 of whom are at Bosqueville. (John Bennett Photo)

These photos were in the newspaper on January 8, 1960, showing the progress of the new construction after just six months since the previous building burned. An identical building was being built at China Spring. These newspaper clippings were contributed by Dianne Scott.



CHINA SPRING SCHOOL — The three room and cafeteria additions at both China Spring and Bosqueville schools are nearing completion. Supt. Wilson Lucas said Thursday he thinks students will be moved in by March 1. Talking to Lucas, who is on the right above, is A. G. Williams of Jones and Williams Construction Company which is building the two additions. The two are standing in the cafeteria

at China Spring School. Behind them is a small stage. Lucas said the two identical additions are being financed with the \$80,000 bond issue voted in the consolidated district approved last summer, and \$34,037 from insurance the school collected when a portion of the Bosqueville school burned in mid-1959. (John Bennett Photo).

He 20
Reed's
flowers

Phone PL 3-3617 1029 Austin Ave.
WACO, TEXAS

China Spring and Bosqueville Schools Get New Classrooms

China Spring school and Bosqueville school (consolidated) will be sporting three new classrooms and a lunchroom each this fall when sessions start, Aug. 29.

The new classrooms and lunchrooms were completed last spring at a cost of about \$110,000. They were financed with an \$80,000 bond issue and the rest from insurance collected when three rooms and a cafeteria at Bosqueville burned June 2, 1959.

Supt. Wilson Lucas said he expects about 400 students in both schools to enroll this fall. Registration for high school students will be Aug. 26 from 9 a. m. to 3 p. m.

Other students will register the day school starts.

Lucas said his faculty is complete, with a total of 18 teachers, including four new ones. They are Bob Johnson, who formerly taught at University High in Waco and will be principal, teach science and coach basketball and help with football; Wesley Anthony, 1960 Baylor graduate who will teach math and choral; Miss

Frances McCluskey, who taught at West last year and will teach English and speech; and Don Crockett Jr., who will coach football and basketball in junior high.

Lucas said next year's budget hasn't been set yet, but will probably be about \$110,000, same as

last year. The local share of the budget will come from the district's \$1.50 per \$100 valuation tax rate. About \$2,700 will come from the Federal Government under Public Law 874, which provides for the education of children of federally connected parents. The state's part will amount to about \$54,000.

China Spring

MONDAY

Sandwiches Sliced Cheese
Sliced Lunch Meat
Pickles Onions Lettuce
Milk Apple Sauce Cake

TUESDAY

Hamburgers Potato Chips
Milk Coconut Pudding

WEDNESDAY

Barbecued Wieners Pinto Beans
Cornbread Butter
Milk Peach Cobbler

THURSDAY

Fried Chicken and Gravy
Creamed Potatoes Green Beans
Lettuce and Tomato Salad
Milk Bread Fruit Jello

FRIDAY

Three Fish Salad Apple Salad

China Spring

MONDAY — Pinto beans, white rice, corn bread, butter, peaches.

TUESDAY — Hamburgers, lettuce, pickles, onions, tomato, potato chips, banana milk.

WEDNESDAY — Turkey dressing, sweet potatoes, marshmallows, fruit salad, beans, apple sauce cake.

CHINA SPRING PRIC
weekly basis, \$1.50; daily 35 cents.

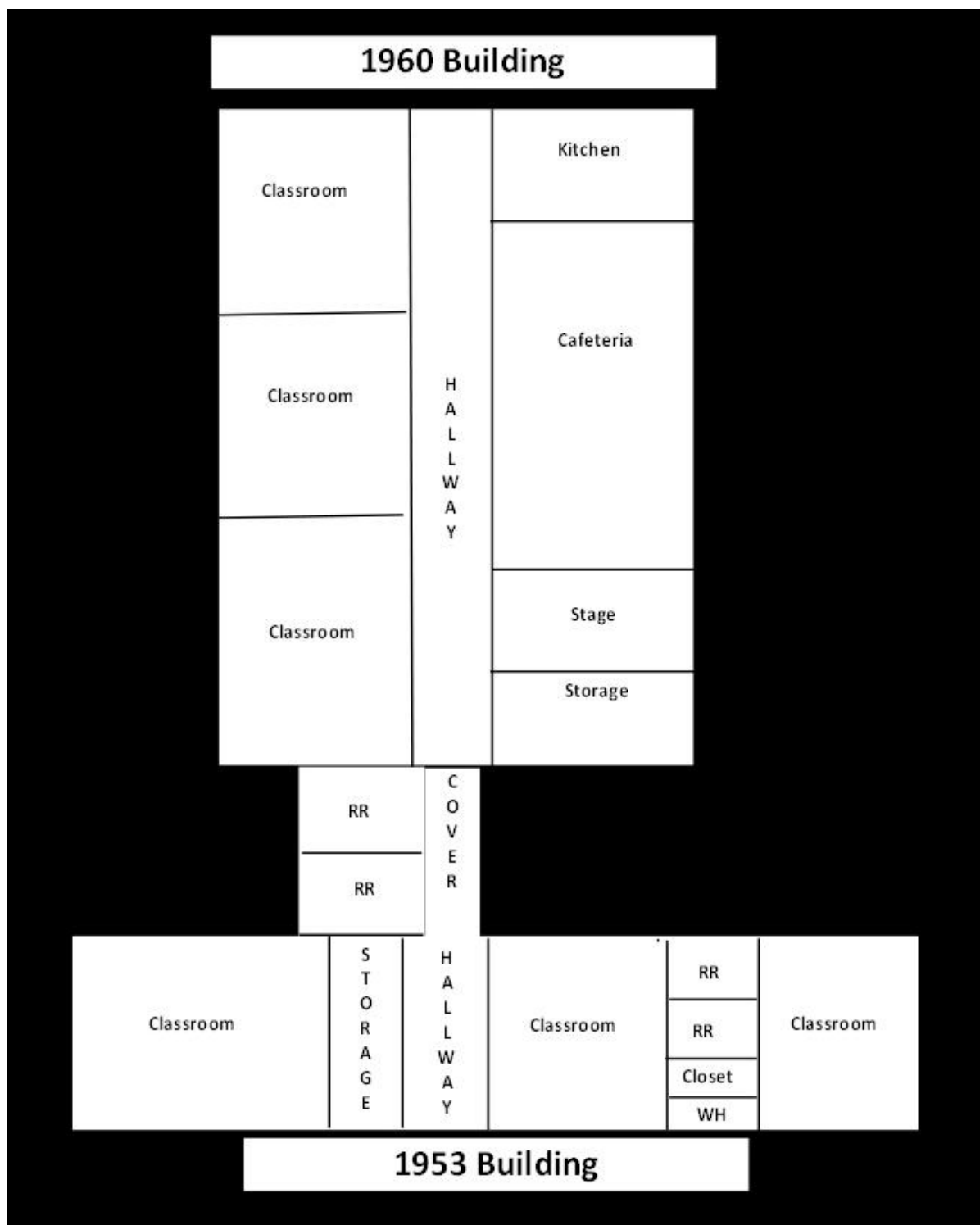
CHINA SPR

This undated newspaper clipping was printed sometime in Summer, 1960.

The photo below is from the 1962 China Spring Yearbook.



The new building was completed in the Spring of 1960.



The above floorplan, while not exactly to scale, shows the general layout of the 1960 building. The 1953 building is standing in front of it. As of 2021, both buildings are still standing and in use.



This dedicatory plaque was on the 1960 building, showing Board Members from both Bosqueville and China Spring. The 1960 building still stands, and is now completely surrounded by new buildings. This photo was contributed by Rachel Donaldson Carter.

**If you have any additional photos from Bosqueville School,
please email them to
wacotexashistoryinpictures@gmail.com.**

Bosqueville School 1960-65

Bosqueville School 1960-61

In 1960, Kathleen Scott was still the Principal at Bosqueville School. The teaching staff was the same as 1959-60. In the 1960-61 China Spring Annual, Mrs. Scott was shown with Mr. Johnson, the Principal of China Spring High School and Donald Crockett, Principal of China Spring Elementary. Mr. Lucas was the Superintendent.



China Spring High School Principal
BOB M. JOHNSON

East Texas Baptist
North Texas State
Baylor Post Graduate
Howard Payne Post Graduate

B. S.
M. S.
Science



Bosqueville Principal
KATHLEEN SCOTT

University of Houston
B.S.
Third and Fourth Grade



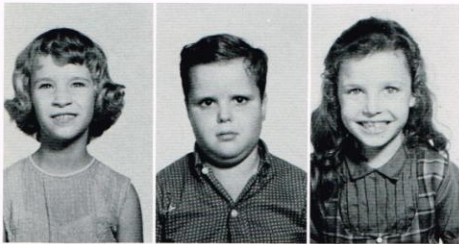
Elementary Principal
DONALD W. CROCKETT

Baylor University
B.S.
Social Studies
Jr. High P.E.
8th Grade English

Bosqueville School 1960-61



Michael Barr
Glenn Downing
Melvin Garrett



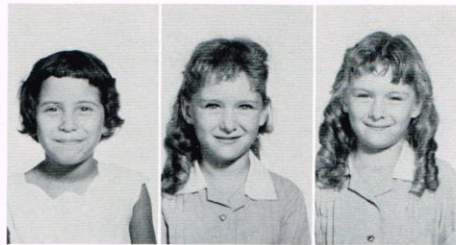
Cynthia Johnson
Jimmy Kirkland
Cheryl McCorkle

B
O
S
Q
U
E
V
I
L
L
E

F
I
R
S
T

G
R
A
D
E

Mary Quinones
Deborah Spillman
Donna Spillman



Jean Stansifer
Kenneth Toten
Deborah Walter



Nelson Willingham

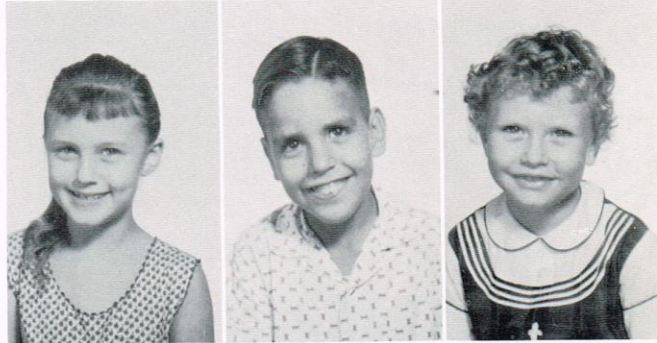
Bosqueville School 1960-61

BOSQUEVILLE SECOND GRADE

Lila Donaldson

Robert Galvez

Cassandra Harper



Raymond Hixson

Glynn Lawhon

Mark Marshall



Bosqueville School 1960-61



Rhonda Martin

Donald McAdams

Jerry McAdams

Jimmy McAdams

Dianne McTyre



Roxanne McTyre

Michael Rachui

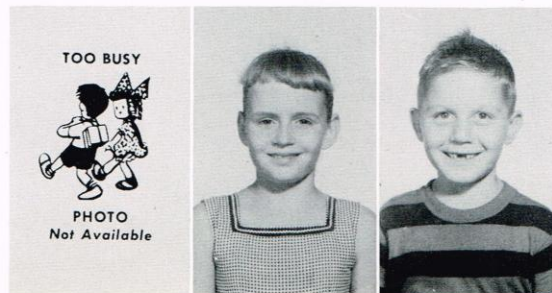
Christine Romine



Carolyn Robinson

Patty Russell

Donald Toten



Bosqueville School 1960-61



Louis Baker

Deborah Barlow

B
O
S
Q
U
E
V
I
L
L
E

Charles Brannon

Glenda Brannon

Kenneth Ingram



T
H
I
R
D

Shelia McTyre

Boyd Parker

Myra Shirley



G
R
A
D
E

Ray Shirley

Layne Stubblefield

Shirley Wallace

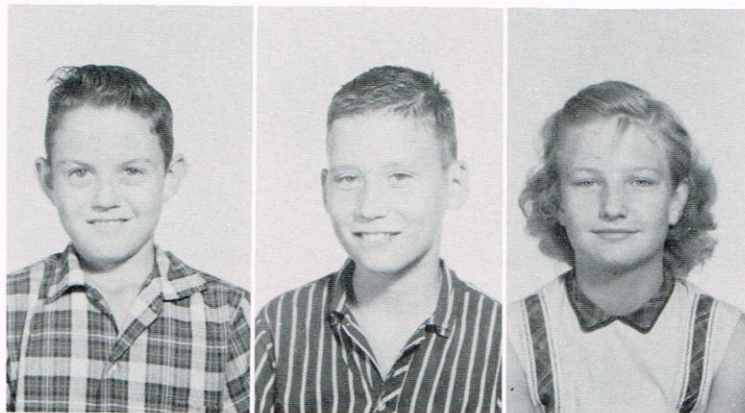


BOSQUEVILLE FOURTH GRADE

Billy Donaldson

William Helton

Dana Henshaw



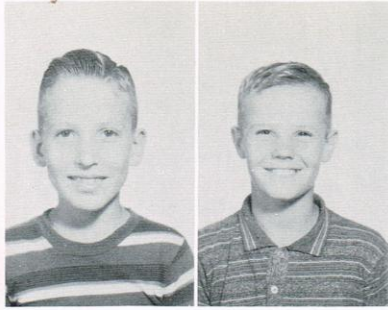
Jack Isbell

Debroah Lawhon

Claude Lindsey

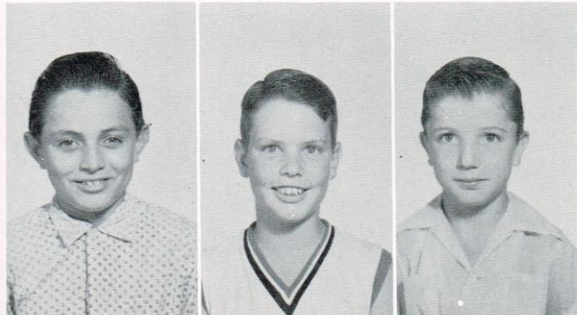


Bosqueville School 1960-61



Micheal Marshall

Ronnie McAdams



Frank Mendoza

Douglas Parker

John Paul Parsons

Jerry Pilgrim

Cynthia Rachui

Margaret Wallis



Douglas Walter



BOSQUEVILLE FIFTH GRADE

Shirley Baker

Jim Gorham

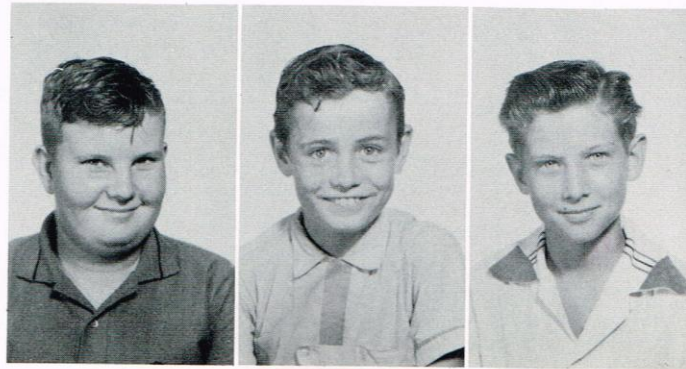
Linda Hixson



David McAdams

Wesley McCorkle

Glenn McNamara



Bosqueville School 1960-61



Tommy McTyre

Lupe Mendoza

Penny Peach



Karen Romine

Ray Shirley

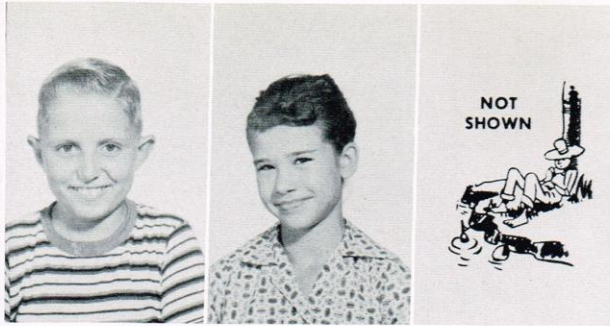
Bobby Stone



Purvey Toten

James Van Zandt

Bosqueville School 1960-61

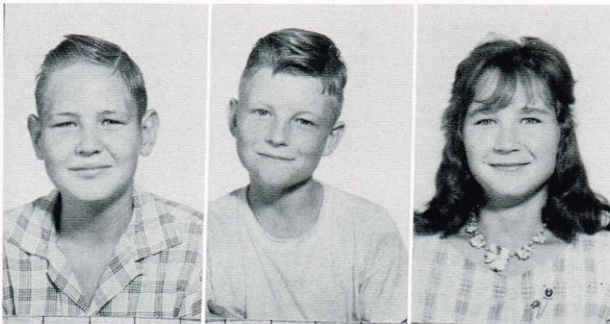


Johnny Campbell

Janis Cobbs

Walter Harper

B
O
S
Q
U
E
V
I
L
L
E



Jimmie Henshaw

Johnny Ingram

Alice Lassetter

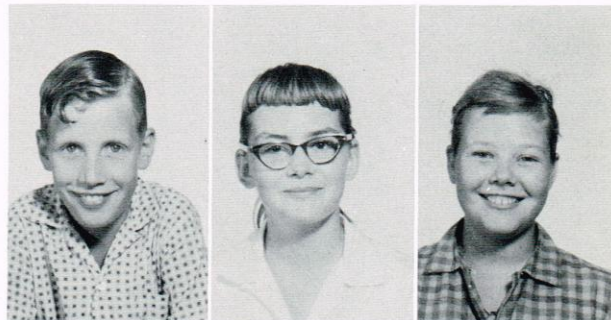
S
I
X
T
H

G
R
A
D
E

Raymond McCorkle

Judy Russell

Janette Shanks



Bobby Stubblefield

Nealand Willingham



Bosqueville School 1960-61

BOSQUEVILLE 4-H CLUBS

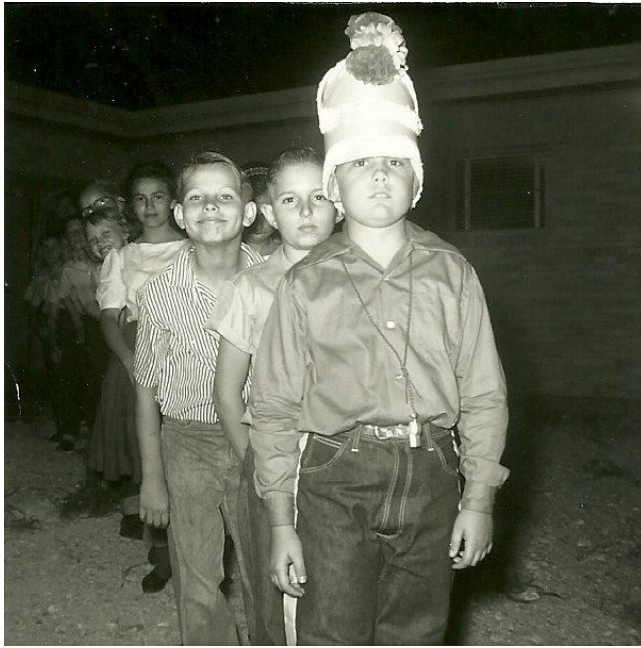


BOSQUEVILLE P.T.A.

Left to right: Mrs. J. R. Lindsey, Mrs. J. R. McNamara,
Mrs. J. R. Peach, Mrs. Earl Russell, and Mrs. J. E.
Spillman.



BOSQUEVILLE: Mrs. Parsons



1961 Bosqueville May Fete

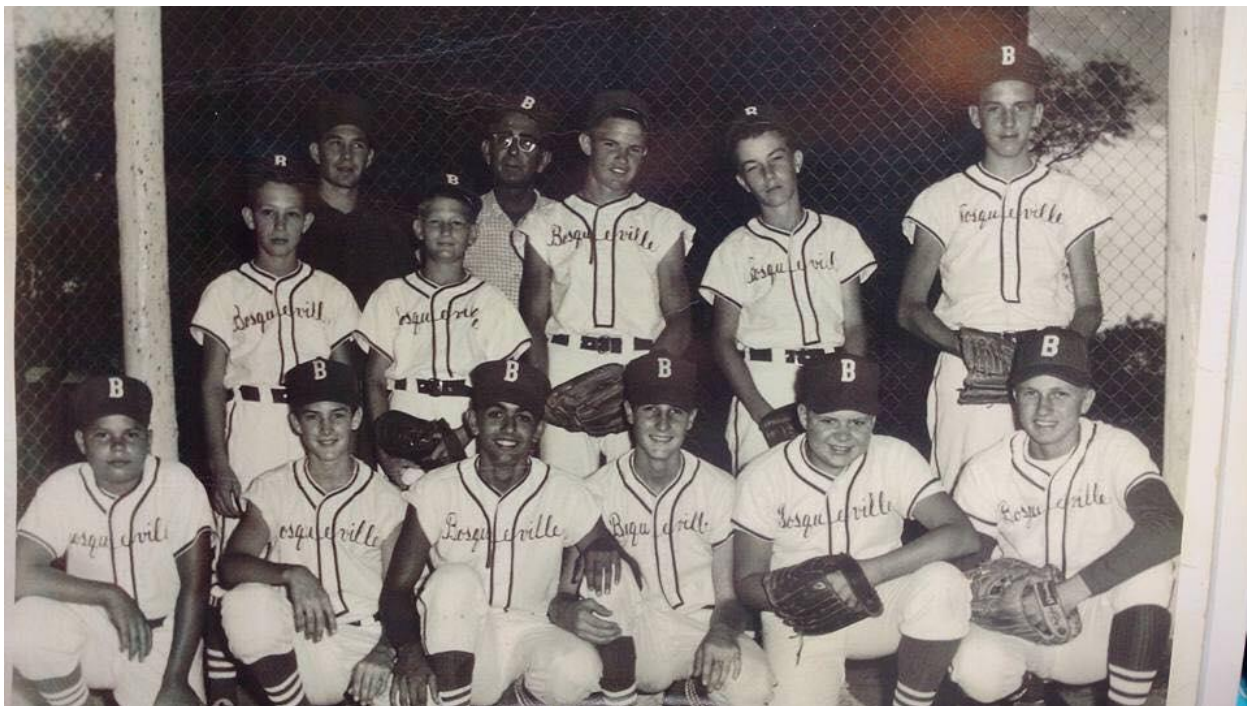
This photo was contributed by Darlene Winkelmann Gorham. From the front, Jim Gorham, Johnny Mack Campbell, _____ Cochran, _____.

Mrs. Jimmie Dollins made the drum major hat that Jim is wearing.



Bosqueville May Fete, First Grade Class. 1961

This photo was contributed by Cindy Johnson Parker. The First Grade Class-Pawnee Martin, teacher. Waiting to perform at May Fete 1961, which was on the baseball field behind the school. The girls were ballerinas and the boys were clowns. The mothers made all of the costumes. (l-r) Michael Barr, Cheryl McCorkle, Freddy Kirkland, Debbie Spillman (princess), _____, _____, Nelson Willingham, Donna Spillman, Mary Quiones, Jimmy Kirkland, Cindy Johnson, _____. Glynn Lawhon is behind Donna Spillman.



The 1961 Bosqueville Bulldogs

This photo was contributed by Donna Kerr Sanders. Front row (l-r) Brett Villines, Mike McNamara, Tommy Croford, Parnell McNamara, Curtis Harvey, Ray Roberts. Back row (l-r): Eddy Wade, Tommy Baird, Jimmie Dale Kerr, Johnnie Dale Bradshaw, Jerry Martin. The older coach is Mr. Tom Croford. The other coach is unknown.

**All photos in this book are located in the group album
 “Bosqueville School”
 in our Facebook Group
 “Historical Bosqueville, Texas”
www.facebook.com/groups/historicalbosquevilletexas**

**This book is available to view online at
www.wacotexashistoryinpictures.com
 in the “Magazine” section.**

Bosqueville School 1961-62

Some of these teachers were at China Spring.



MARY A. WOLFE
Baylor University
B. A.
Third Grade



CLAIRE E. DUTTON
Mary Hardin-Baylor
B. A.
Fourth Grade



FRANCES STOLLENWRECK
Baylor University
North Texas
Fifth Grade



BETTY NICHOLSON
Baylor University
B. A. M. S.
Fifth and Sixth



MARILYN EDWARDS
Hardin-Simmons
B. S.
Sixth Grade



KATHLEEN SCOTT
University of Houston
B. S.
Third and Fourth



META MOHUNDRO
Bowling Green Teachers
Baylor University
B. A. and M. A.
First Grade



PAWNEE MARTIN
Baylor University
B. A.
First and Second Grades



KATIE BEALL
Baylor University
B. A.
Second Grade



JANIE D. GEESLIN
San Marcos, Baylor
University
Second and Third

Bosqueville School 1961-62



Left to Right: Mrs. Mack Gorham, Mrs. Homer Wallace, Mrs. Joe Ray Lindsey, and Mrs. Earl Russell.



Mrs. Parsons, Cafeteria Manager

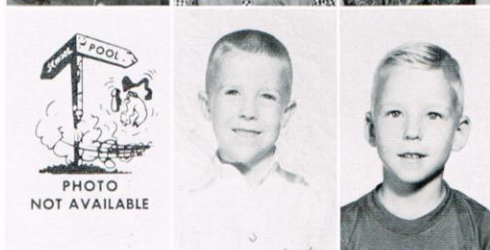
All of the China Spring and Bosqueville Students are grouped together in the 1961-62 yearbook, and they are all posted here. Please note that they may seem out of order due to the original placement on the pages in the 1961-62 yearbook.

FIRST GRADERS

Jesse Blanco
Kathy Bradshaw
Glenda Brittain



Robert Cedillo
Rodney Downing
David Fisher



Thomas German
John Ingram
Freddy Ivy



Etta May Johnson
Herbert Kroll
Ronald Kroll



Deborah Lewis
Peggy Mathis
Jimmy McCollaum

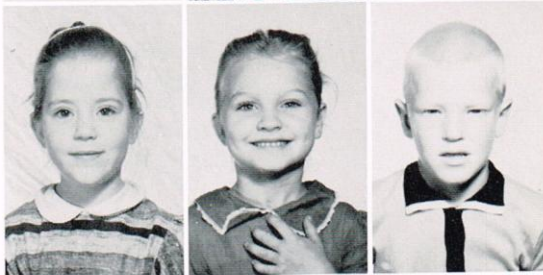
Students at Bosqueville/China Spring School 1961-62

Jerry McGaugle
Doris McNeely
Roy Pack

Picture
Not
Available



Madlyne Rogers
Verna Rozell
Robert Shows



Ruby Spence
Robert Stone
Jill Terry



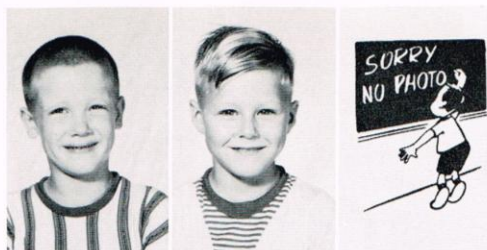
Kenneth Toten
Michael Vaughn
Johnny Webb



Doris Wallace
Grover Yankie
Pauline York

Students at Bosqueville/China Spring School 1961-62

Quintin Bird
David Brannen
Randy Childers



Ellen Garrett
Melvin Garrett
Jonathan Harper



Fred Kirkland
Gary Morgan
Carroll Romine



Randall Seymour
Peggy Stone
Sarah Taylor



Michael Thompson
Rodney Tice
Sheila Tice



Jerry Turk
Gregory Walter
Susan Whitley

Students at Bosqueville/China Spring School 1961-62



Billie
Barber

Leo
Blanco

Pamela
Brown

Regina
Cash



Larry Cobb
Eddie Culpepper
Grady Dameron



Mary Davis
Mary Dominguez
Jameia Foreman

SECOND GRADERS

Arnold German
Howard Hansen
Paula Hatfield



Mina Johnson
Garry Manges
Karen Mathis



Students at Bosqueville/China Spring School 1961-62



Walter
Mathis

James
McGee

Howard
Nelson

Carroll
Null



Joyce Pack
Larry Sandlin
Allen Shows



Ronald Spence
Larry Stone
Donald Toten

Doris Tull
Justin Turnage
Brenda Uptmore



Kathy Vaughn
Mary Webb
Ernest Wortham



Students at Bosqueville/China Spring School 1961-62



Michael Barr
Glenn Downing
Roy Gott



Cynthia Johnson
Jimmy Kirkland
Mary Quinones

Cynthia

Mary

Josie Sanchez
Deborah Spillman
Donna Spillman



Deborah Walter
Shirley Waters
Nelson Willingham



Students at Bosqueville/China Spring School 1961-62

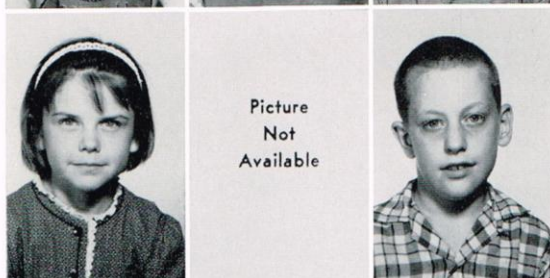
THIRD GRADERS



Tommy Barber
Don Bearden
Mary Blanco



Tommy Burt
Hope Dominguez
David Foreman



Cynthia Garrett
Kathy Hansen
Jimmy Harvey



Elizabeth Hatfield
Raymond Kroll
Billy Ladd

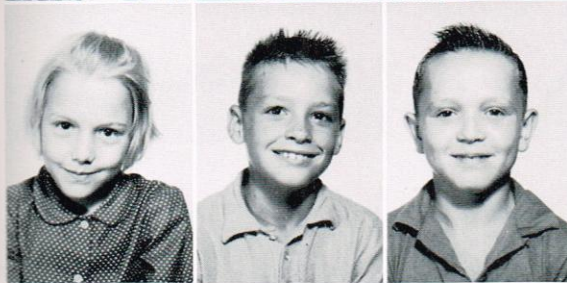


Kenneth Lutkenhaus
Mary Mathis

Students at Bosqueville/China Spring School 1961-62



Terry McNeely
Dianne McRae
Dianne McTyre



Roxanne McTyre
Rodney Mitchell
Roger Parsons



Mary Patton
Eric Spence
Jane Terry



Tommy Tull
Mabel Weaver
Evelyn Weempe



Evelyn York

Students at Bosqueville/China Spring School 1961-62

Lila Donaldson
Kathy Dowdy
Robert Galvez



Cassandra Harper
Raymond Hixson
Glynn Lawhon



Mark Marshall
Rhonda Martin
Donald McAdams



Jerry McAdams
Jimmy McAdams
Janie Melton



Christi Romine
Patti Russell
Janie Sanchez

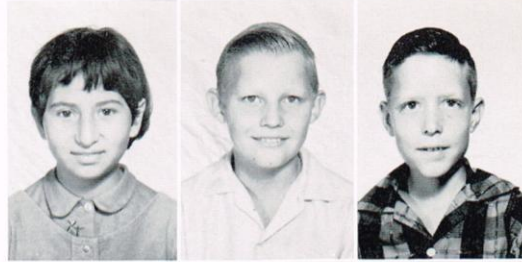


Michal Seymour
Ronald Turk



Students at Bosqueville/China Spring School 1961-62

Sylvia Almanza
Louis Baker
Garry Burson



Larry Burson
Janet Cannon
Stanley Davis



Toni Dooley
Deborah Fischer
Everett German



Dale Graham
Michael Haynes
Kay Hyde



Jim Johnson
Gilda Lene
Geron Lewis



Sheila McTyre



FOURTH GRADERS

Students at Bosqueville/China Spring School 1961-62

Deborah Nelson
Linda Norris
Larry Powers



Ronnie Pundt
Jacky Rentz
Diann Spence



John Stevens
Terry Stewart
Sherry Stone



Neva Trull
Terry Trull
Cheryl Wade



Connie Williams
Tommy Williams
Henrietta York



Students at Bosqueville/China Spring School 1961-62

Deborah Barlow
Donald Gott
Karen Harding
Kenneth Ingram



Ronnie McAdams
Boyd Parker
Myra Shirley
Roy Shirley



FOURTH AND FIFTH GRADERS

Shirley Wallis



Billy Donaldson
Bill Helton
Deborah Lawhon
Claude Lindsey



Mike Marshall
Frank Mendoza
Douglas Parker
John Parsons



Mary Smith
Marie Spence
Margaret Wallis
Don Walter



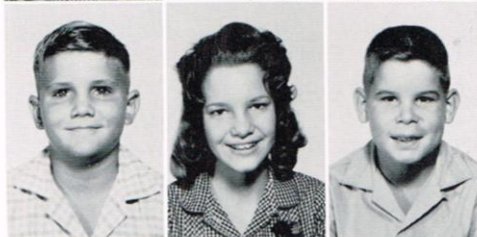
Students at Bosqueville/China Spring School 1961-62

FIFTH GRADERS

Paul Almanza
Kathy Bearden
Adabelle Bradshaw



Douglas Brittian
Linda Brock
Richard Carlisle



Cathline Dominguez
R. L. German



Becky Gilliam
Cynthia Hammons
Sharron Hardy



Stephen Harvey
Glen Jones
Janice Kerr



Students at Bosqueville/China Spring School 1961-62

Jean Kimball
Marcia Loutherback
Bobby Mathis



Picture
Not
Available

Randy Mitchell
Betty Patton
Neal Show



John Stone



Ricky Talbert
Tommy Talbert
Jerald Terry



Terry Uptmore
Pamela Wallace
Carl Weaver

Students at Bosqueville/China Spring School 1961-62

SIXTH GRADERS



PHOTO NOT
AVAILABLE



Charles
Burch



Linda
Burson

Shirley
Baker



Wayne Carlisle
Jane Conner
Michael Croford



Penny Dameron
Doris Daniel
Charles Dominguez



Cheryle Foreman
Donny Garrett
Linda Garrett



David Harding
Brenda Haynes
James Holley



Students at Bosqueville/China Spring School 1961-62



Becky
Hyde

Kathy
Ivy

Kenneth
Kerr



Lynn Kimball
Edwin Ladd
David McAdams



Jimmy Martin
Tommy McTyre
Jerry Pack

Kathie Pundt
Connie Reed
Susan Rentz



Francis Schroeder
Purvey Toten
Michael Wade



Students at Bosqueville/China Spring School 1961-62

Picture
Not
Available



Richard Childers
Jim Gorham
Gary Gott

Walter Harper
Linda Hixson
Glenn McNamara



Lupe Mendoza
Penny Peach
Karen Romine



Maria Sanchez
Ray Shirley
Bobby Storm



James Van Zandt

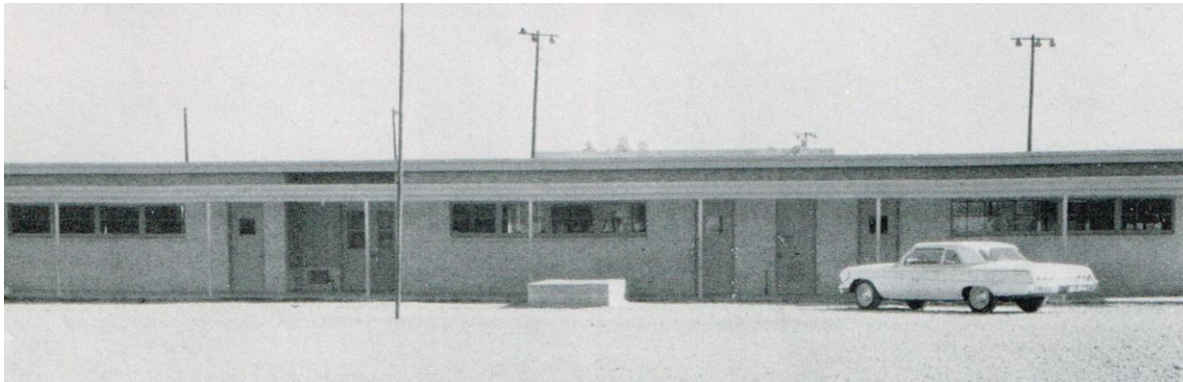
Bosqueville School 1961-62



Easter Egg Hunt at the Fred Boggs Place, 1962

The Boggs Family owned a dairy on China Spring Road between Bosqueville School and Flat Rock Road. The Spillman Family lived on the place and Mr. Spillman worked there. In 1962, Mrs. Geeslin's Class had an Easter Egg Hunt there. Rose Johnson was the room mother, so Cindy Johnson (Parker)'s brothers Jerry and C. R. are in this photo because they came with their mother. C. R. Johnson is front and center, and Jerry Johnson is to the right. Donald McAdams is on the bottom left with his hand over his eyes. His brother Jerry McAdams is next to him, eating an egg. Jimmy McAdams' face is between Donald and Jerry. Behind Jerry McAdams is Ronnie Turk. At the far right in the photo is Glynn Lawhon and to the left of him is Michael Barr, then Nelson Willingham. Behind Nelson is one of the Spillman twins, Donna or Debbie. The other one was sick that day. To the left of Nelson is Cindy Johnson (Parker). The boy behind Cindy is unidentified, but the blonde boy behind him is Paul Baggly. The boy in front of Cindy is unidentified. Mrs. Janie Geeslin is standing in the back. This photo was contributed by Cindy Johnson Parker, who also identified her classmates.

Bosqueville School 1962-63



Bosqueville Elementary School, 1962-63

BOSQUEVILLE PTA OFFICERS



SEATED, left to right: Mrs. F. M. Turk, Council Representative; Mrs. J. E. Spillman, Secretary; Mrs. Donnell Donaldson, President; Mrs. Earl Russell, Vice-President; Miss Betty Nicholson, Parliamentarian, Not pictured is Mrs. Shirley Waters, Treasurer.

Bosqueville School 1962-63

Some of these were teachers at China Spring School.



META MOHUNDRO
First Grade



PAWNEE MARTIN
First and Second Grades



KATIE BEALL
Second Grade



JANIE D. GEESLIN
Second and Third Grades

MARY WOLFE
Third Grade



KATHLEEN SCOTT
Third and Fourth
Grades



CLARA DUTTON
Fourth Grade



BETTY NICHOLSON
Fifth and Sixth
Grades



FRANCES
STOLLENWERCK
Fifth Grade



MARILYN EDWARDS
Sixth Grade



Bosqueville First Grade



Ricky Barlow
Denise Barry
Arthur Bird
Randy Brannen



Theresa Bush
Karen Cobbs
Bruce Duncan
Clinton Johnson



Joyce Johnson
Alta Trowbridge
Eunetta Wallis

REMEMBERING...

"I went there in early 1960s, First-Third Grade. My teachers were Ms. Martin for First Grade, and Ms. Geeslin Second and Third Grade. I remember being in a split classroom with Ms. Geeslin, Second and Third Grades together, which I thought was very interesting and pretty progressive for that time! My Third Grade class was all Third graders. I loved living in Bosqueville and going to school there."

-Karen Cobbs Ladd

Bosqueville School 1962-63

Bosqueville Second Grade



Quintin Bird
Ellen Garrett
Melvin Garrett
Jonathan Harper



Freddy Kirkland
Wayne Romine
Joe Senicero
Johnny Senicero



Randy Seymour
Peggy Stone
Sarah Taylor
Sheila Tice



Jerry Turk
Dean Wohlers

Bosqueville School 1962-63

Bosqueville Third Grade



Paul Baggerly
Michael Barr
Glenn Downing
Cynthia Johnson



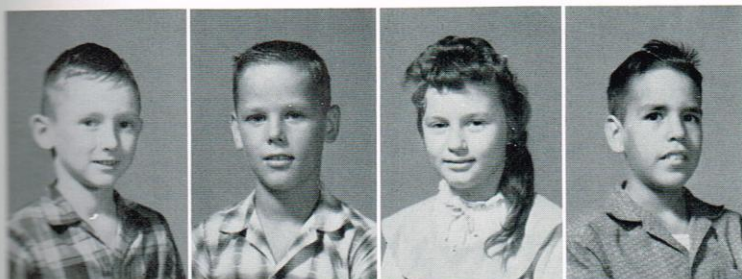
Jimmy Kirkland
Mary Quinones
Josie Sanchez
Solero Senicero



Deborah Spillman
Donna Spillman
Shirley Waters
Nelson Willingham

Bosqueville School 1962-63

Bosqueville Fourth Grade



Sammy Baxter
Melvin Bush
Lila Donaldson
Robert Galvez



Cassandra Harper
Raymond Hixson
Glynn Lawhon
Rhonda Martin



Donald McAdams
Jerry McAdams
Jimmy McAdams
Janie Melton



Christy Romine
Patti Russell
Janie Sanchez
Michal Seymour



Ronald Turk
Shirley White

Bosqueville School 1962-63

Bosqueville Fifth Grade



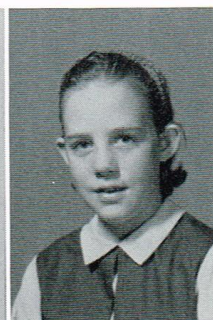
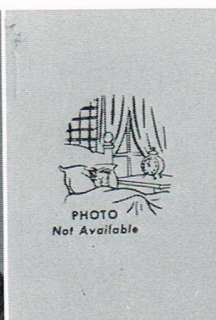
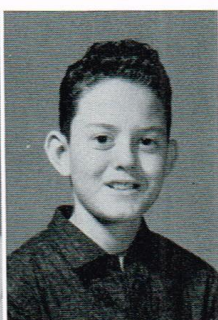
Debbie Barlow
Kenneth Ingram
Ronnie McAdams
Boyd Parker



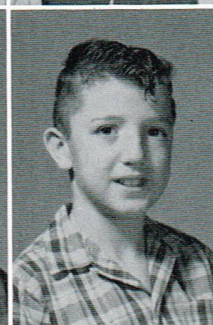
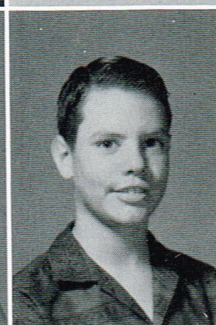
Shirley Wallis
Cary Wohlers
Dennis Wohlers

Bosqueville School 1962-63

Bosqueville Sixth Grade



Louise Baggerly
Billy Jack Donaldson
Bill Helton
Deborah Lawhon



Claude Lindsey
Frank Mendoza
Douglas Parker
John Paul Parsons



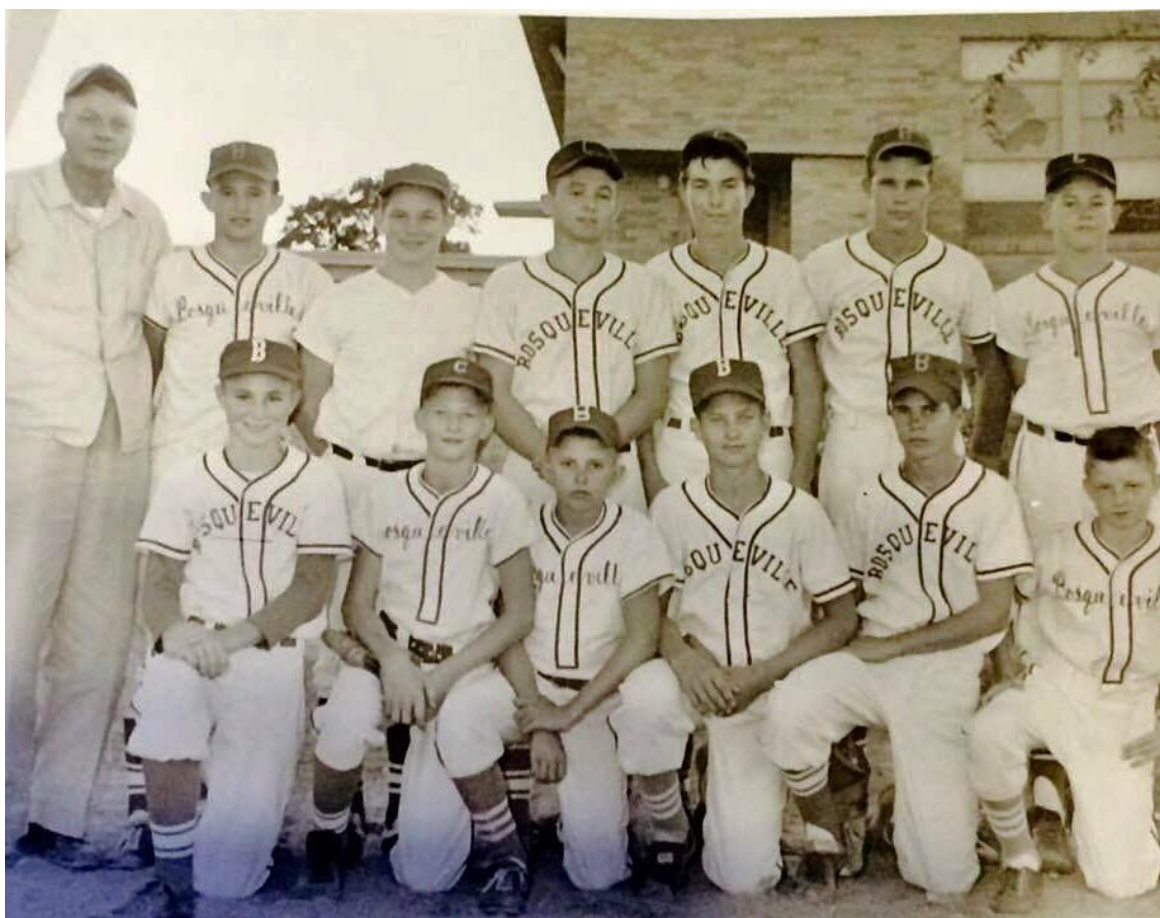
Patricia Steward
Margaret Wallis



It Took Two Tickets!

*Randall Scott fishing at the
"Fish Pond" at the Bosqueville
Fall Carnival, 1962.*

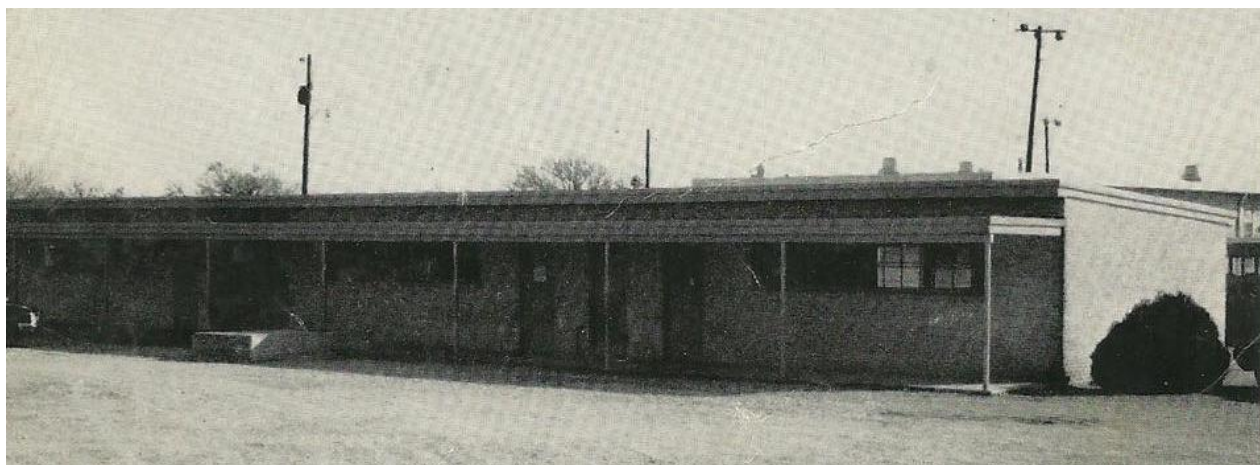
*This photo was contributed by
Dorothy Lindsey Scott.*



1963 Bosqueville Bulldogs Summer Baseball Team

This photo was contributed by Johnny Campbell. They are at the back of the 1960 building. The service entrance to the cafeteria is just behind them. Front row, (l-r): Paul Waters, Tommy Baird, Johnny Campbell, Glenn McNamara, Tommy McNamara, John Ingram. Back row, (l-r): Coach Waters, Donald Parsons, Alan Arnett, Ed Parsons, Johnnie Bradshaw, Nealand Willingham, Billy Graham.

Bosqueville School 1963-64



Bosqueville School, 1964
From the 1964 China Spring Yearbook.



The Bosqueville School PTA Leaders, 1964
*From the 1964 China Spring Yearbook. (l-r) Miss Betty Nicholson, Parliamentarian;
Mrs. G. M. Gorham, Vice-President; Mrs. C. D. Donaldson, President;
Mrs. Earl Russell, Secretary; Mrs. S. R. Waters, Treasurer.*



Mrs. Viola Parsons, the well-loved and highly respected Cafeteria Manager at Bosqueville School, 1964.

BOSQUEVILLE	
MONDAY	— Roast and gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, fresh pears, milk.
TUESDAY	— Hamburgers, potato chips, pickles, onions, cheese slices, cake squar milk.
WEDNESDAY	— Chilli ple, macaroni with tomato sauce Jello, whipped cream, milk.
THURSDAY	— Chicken and dumplings, cornbread, butter, English peas, peach cobbler, milk.
FRIDAY	— Fish sticks, catsup, pinto beans, tossed salad, rice pudding, milk.

1964 Bosqueville School Weekly Menu

This week's menu was typical of the incredible made-from-scratch meals Mrs. Parsons prepared for the students and teachers. From the Waco Tribune Herald, November 8, 1964.

Bosqueville School 1963-64

BOSQUEVILLE SIXTH GRADE

Debbie Barlow
Kenneth Ingram
Ronnie McAdams
Boyd Parker
Shirley Wallis



FIFTH GRADE

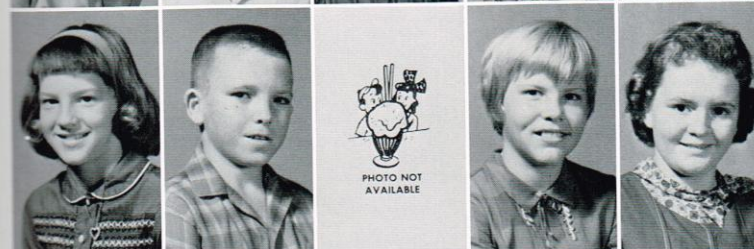
Gwen Atkins
Sammy Baxter
Melvin Bush
Carey Clements
Lila Donaldson



Robert Galvez
Raymond Hixson
Jenny Light
Rhonda Martin
Donald McAdams



Janie Melton
Rickie Mirick
Tommie Pack
Christy Romine
Patti Russell



Janie Sanchez
Ronald Turk
Shirley White
Mary Woodward



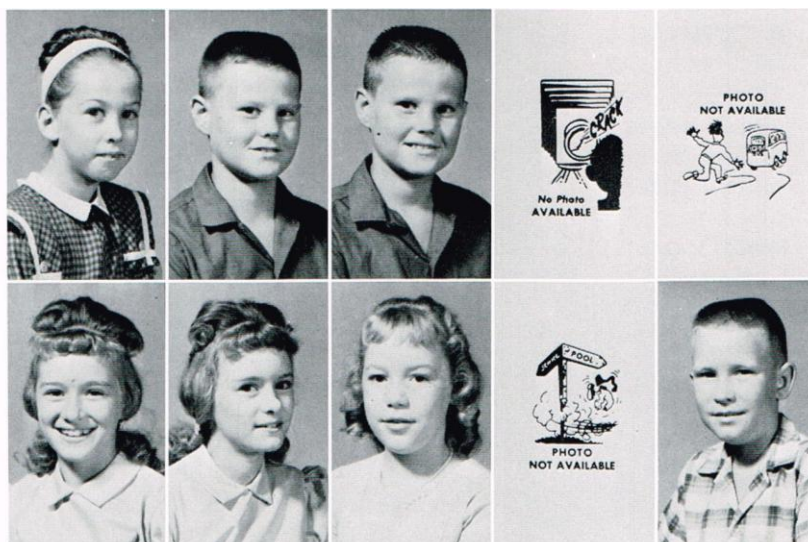
FOURTH GRADE

Paul Baggerly
Glenn Downing
Cindy Johnson
Jimmy Kirkland
Glynn Lawhon



Bosqueville School 1963-64

Janet Light
Jerry McAdams
Jimmy McAdams
Mary Quinones
Jessie Sanchez



Debbie Spillman
Donna Spillman
Shirley Waters
Charles Willie
N. Willingham



THIRD GRADE

Quinton Bird
Chreyl Clements
Freddy Kirkland
Wayne Romine
Peggy Stone

Sarah Taylor
Rodney Tice
Jerry Turk

SECOND GRADE

Joe Atkins
Richard Barlow
Denise Barry
Arthur Bird
Theresa Bush



Charles Campbell
Karen Cobb
Clinton Johnson
Joyce Johnson
Ronnie Stone

Bosqueville School 1963-64

Eunetta Wallis
Cherry Whiteley



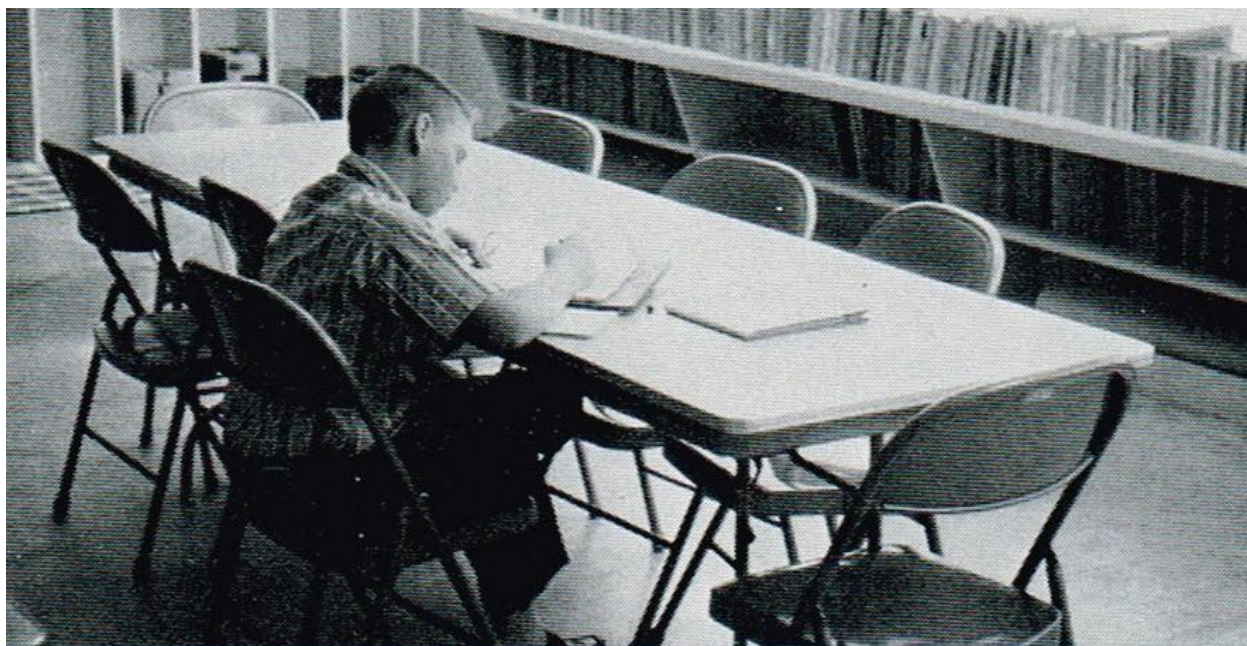
FIRST GRADE

Mark Baggerly
Mary Campbell
Brenda Cotton
Jann Downing
Gayla Graham

Dan Gorham
Tommy McAdams
Eugene Mirick
Mark Murphree
Irene Quinones

Glenn Scott
Gary Willie
Glenn Wilson

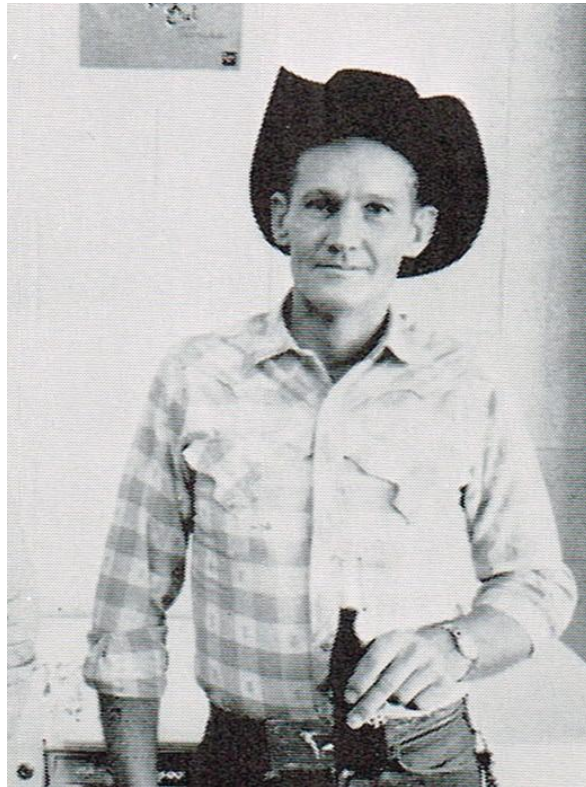
Bosqueville School 1963-64



Bosqueville School 1963-64



The Baseball Field and Concession Stand, also called "The Green House" because it was painted green.

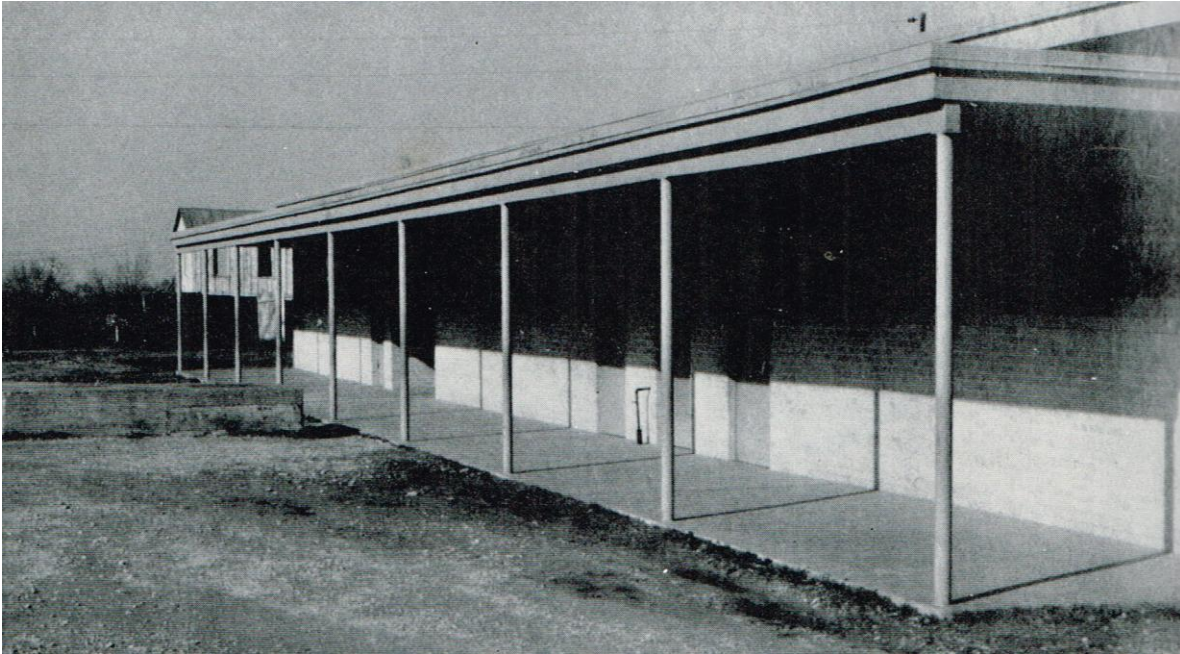


Ira Lewis, Custodian at Bosqueville School in 1963-64

Bosqueville School 1964-65

In 1964-65, the last year of the China Spring-Bosqueville Consolidated School District, all of the Bosqueville and China Spring students in Grades One-Four attended Bosqueville School, while all those in Grades Five-Twelve attended China Spring School.

These photos were contributed by Donald and Donna Norris Plemons.



Bosqueville School, 1964-65

It is a real pleasure to congratulate you at the close of this school year. It is my wish that each of you through the years may reap just rewards as you merit them. May success and happiness be yours wherever you go.

Sincerely,
Kathleen Scott
Bosqueville Principal



Parent-Teachers Association

BOSQUEVILLE OFFICERS



I regret being unable to be present at the time the Bosqueville PTA Officers picture was taken. This has been a fine year because each officer has faithfully performed her duty, standing committees (including some daddies) have functioned in an excellent manner, and members have cooperated wonderfully in every project and activity sponsored by our PTA. May I also express appreciation to our six teachers.

Thank you,

Mrs. G. M. Gorham



Left to right: Mrs. J. Jobe, Treasurer; Mrs. D. J. Harrell, Vice-President; Mrs. R. T. Phillips, Secretary.

Bosqueville School 1964-65

First Grade



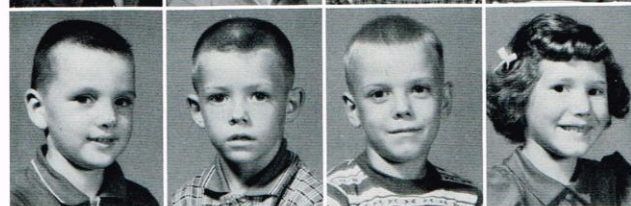
Troy Bird
Donna Brittain
Barbara Bryant
John Cedillo



Brenda Cox
John Galvez
Sandra Guthrie
Richard Hixon



Jamie Jobe
Jerry Johnson
Nimmie Johnson
Donald Keel



Billy Klawns
Mark Lantrip
Foy Light
Linda Lindsey



Deborah Mathis
Vinson Powers
Billy Robinson
Martin Sandoval

Bobby Slaughter
Alfred Snodgrass
Edwin Spence
Alsbury Toten



Debora Toten
Glenn Wilson



Pictures Not Taken

Frank Grabs
Marcus Mann

Bosqueville School 1964-65

Second Grade



Eddie Aaron
Juanita Almanza -
Thomas Bradshaw
Steven Brickhouse



Steven Brown
Vicky Brown
Mary Ann Campbell
Amelia Cedillo



Brenda Cotton
Jerry Dennard
Joe Dominquez
Jann Downing



Cynthia Freedman
Lloyd Garrett
Rodney Joe Garrett
Sharon Garrett



Dan Gorham
Michael Grubbs
Beth Harrell
John Hubbard

Odell Jackson
David Johnson
Tanya Justice
Donna Kerr



Elaine Koon
Tommy McAdams
Ernest Mitchell
Mark Murphree



Bosqueville School 1964-65

Second Grade

Carrie Norris
Ellis Powers
Bobby Robertson
Bill Russell

Richard Slaughter
Floyd Spence
Cheryl Stewart
Geary Stone

Gary Tull
Daniel Wallace
Cathie Wurbs

Third Grade

Joe Atkins
Richard Barlow
Arthur Bird
Cheryl Brickhouse

Gregory Burt
Theresa Bush
Charles Campbell
Robert Cedillo

Karen Cobbs
Wayne Culpepper
Thomas German
Jerald Grubbs

Peggy Harris
Tommy Haynes
Ellen Hill
Helen Hill



Bosqueville School 1964-65

Third Grade



Wesley Hixson
Clinton Johnson
Etta Johnson
Hunter Jackson



Joyce Johnson
Atton Kroll
Homer Ladd
Irma Lewis



Russell Morgan
William Pack
Dennis Phillips
Jerry Prause



Alicia Powers
Johnny Sandoval
Randal Seymour
Robert Shows



June Snodgrass
Edgar Sullivan
Terry Tull
Cathy Tyler

Eunetta Wallis



Fourth Grade

Quinton Bird
Katny Bradshaw
Glenda Brittain
Robert Cook



Bosqueville School 1964-65

Fourth Grade



Jimmy Cotton
Pam Cotton
Rodney Curlee
Grady Dameron



Mary Dominquez
Rodney Downing
Ellen Garrett
Melvin Garrett



Freddy Ivy
Brenda Johnson
Mina Johnson
Freddy Kirkland



Ronald Kroll
Deborah Lewis
Decolia McNeely
Cynthia Nadeay



Howard Nelson
Randy Poe
Lydia Powers
Wayne Romine

Bosqueville School 1964-65

Fourth Grade, continued

Verna Rozell
Ruby Spence
Stephen Spruiell
Eugene Stone



Kenneth Stone
Larry Stone
Peggy Stone
Billy Sullivan



Fourth Grade

Sarah Taylor
Rodney Tice
Shelia Tice
Kenneth Toten

Pictures Not Taken

Jerry Turk
Doris Wallace
Grover Yankie

Tommy Ware
Michael Stanberry

Grades Five-Twelve students of both Bosqueville and China Spring attended school at China Spring in 1964-65.

Bosqueville Crowns Pair At Festival

Deborah Lewis was crowned queen and Freddy Kirkland king of Bosqueville School's "Festival in Song" Friday evening.

Charles Wallis narrated the program. Mrs. Pawnee Martin was director.

Other members of the court were Linda Lindsey and Jamie Jobe from the first grade; Carrie Sue Norris and Dan Gorham of Mrs. Katie Beall's second grade; Brenda Cotton and Mark Murphree of Mrs. Martin's second grade; Theresa Bush and Charles Campbell of the third grade.

Mrs. Meta Mohundro's first grade presented rosebuds and honeybees to honor the "Yellow Rose of Texas." Mrs. Beall's room sang western songs. Mrs. Martin's second grade sang patriotic songs.

Bill Pack and Dennis Phillips of Mrs. Jamie Geeslin's third grade sang special numbers, followed by a square dance.

Mrs. Kathleen Scott's fourth grade presented an Hawaiian act. Miss Betty Nicholson's fourth grade presented a pantomime of the William Tell overture.

Mrs. G. M. Gorham is president of the Bosqueville P-TA which sponsored the event.

FESTIVAL IN SONG, 1965

In Spring, 1965, the traditional "May Fete" was called "Festival in Song."

Many of the children listed are from China Spring. Jann Downing reminded us that in 1964, all First-Fourth Graders in Bosqueville and China Spring attended Bosqueville School, and all Fifth-Twelfth Graders attended China Spring.

The following school year, 1965-66, the seven-year consolidation was dissolved and Bosqueville had their own Grades 1-6 and China Spring had Grades 1-12.

**The Waco Tribune Herald,
May 9, 1965.**

Bosqueville School 1965-69



Principal Claude Everett

Mr. Claude Everett was the Principal of Bosqueville School from 1965-1969.

He was known for his relaxed disposition, his love for the students, and "The Board of Education" that he kept in his office for unruly students.

Bosqueville School closed for one year in 1969-70.

When it reopened a year later, Mr. J.R. "Cotton" Grissom was the Principal.

REMEMBERING...

"I began First Grade at Bosqueville in 1965. Mrs. Katie Beall was my First Grade teacher, Mrs. Janie Geeslin was my Second and Third Grade teacher, and Mr. Henry Carter was my Fourth Grade teacher. In 1969, Bosqueville School closed and I attended China Spring School. I didn't realize it at the time, but my First Grade year was also the first year of integration at Bosqueville Elementary. In our First Grade class of twelve students, three were black and nine were white. I do not remember any racial tension at all...we were just all kids excited about our school supply boxes (cigar boxes), new desks and books, and our lunch boxes. I am so glad I never knew the days of segregation, especially at school. I remember Mrs. Parsons as the greatest cook...other than my Mom and Grandmothers! My bus drivers were Mr. Arthur Weaver (Bus 33) and Mr. Sylvester Bradshaw (Bus 53). They were men of wisdom and more like grandfathers than school workers. I also remember playing with some school friends in the overgrowth that was beyond the baseball field and finding huge chunks of concrete. Older kids said that was the old school, and I envisioned an old school that had collapsed and we were climbing on the ruins. I had no idea that the old 1930 school had burned, leaving only the concrete walls, and that the concrete had been removed to the location on which I was standing."

—Randall Scott

The Test of Time:

Retiring Teacher Still Relies on the Basics

*By Laura Lippman, Waco Tribune Herald Central Texas Writer
Spring of 1983*

The Principal and Secretary at Bosqueville School had described Janie Geeslin as a “wonderful, sweet lady”.

So it was something of a shock when she walked into the office and threatened to shoot them.

Mrs. Geeslin was joking, of course. She just can’t understand why people are making such a fuss about her retirement.

A school teacher since 1931, Mrs. Geeslin is about to turn 70 and must retire at the end of the school year. She’s not happy about that.

“I just like to teach,” she said. “I never would have retired. I never missed a day of school in my life.” *(Some of the article is missing here.)*

She has seen fads and teaching come and go, but has never let any of them influence her teaching. Since 1931, she has stressed the basics of reading, writing, and math in her classroom, whether she was teaching First or Twelfth Grade.

“I believe in those subjects,” she said. “They have to know how to read. They have to know how to spell. It is up to the teacher-it is up to me-to see they know how.”

“Some aspects have changed over the years,” she said. “I taught in the Depression when no one had anything but would share anything... In those days, you didn’t have anything to work with, you just went into the classroom and taught. *(Some of the article is missing here.)*

“...need these skills later in life.”

Working with her class Tuesday afternoon, Mrs. Geeslin seemed to be patience epitomized. She guided her Third Graders through a spelling lesson, unperturbed by the anticipatory buzzing that often accompanies the final class of the day.

But when students talked too frequently or too loudly, she reminded them of the possible penalties. In Mrs. Geeslin’s classroom, a typical punishment might include writing all the numbers up to 10,000, or completing several multiplication tables.

When other measures fail, Mrs. Geeslin will spank a student. She hasn’t had to do that very often.

“I’ve had to spank a few. I spank them with my hand and love them with...” *(Some of the article is missing here.)*



Mike James Photo

Janie Geeslin will retire this month after more than 50 years as a schoolteacher

The test of time

Retiring teacher still relies on basics

By LAURA LIPPMAN
Tribune-Herald Central Texas Writer

The principal and secretary at Bosqueville School had described Janie Geeslin as a "wonderful, sweet lady."

So it was something of a shock when she walked into the office and threatened to shoot them.

Mrs. Geeslin was joking, of course. She just can't understand why people are making such a fuss about her retirement.

A schoolteacher since 1931, Mrs. Geeslin is about to turn 70 and must retire at the end of this school year. She's not happy about that.

"I just like to teach," she said. "I never would have retired. I never missed a day of school in my life — not

15 years ago.

She has seen fads in teaching come and go, but has never let any of them influence her teaching. Since 1931, she has stressed the basics of reading, writing and math in her classroom, whether she was teaching first or 12th grade.

"I believe in those subjects," she said. "They have to know how to read. They have to know how to spell. It's up to the teacher — it's up to me — to see they know how."

Some aspects of teaching have changed over the years, she said. "I taught in the Depression when no one had anything but would share everything. In those days, you didn't have anything to work with, you just went into the classroom and taught. You built

need these skills later in life."

Working with her class Tuesday afternoon, Mrs. Geeslin seemed to be patience epitomized. She guided her third-graders through a spelling lesson, unperturbed by the anticipatory buzzing that often accompanies the final class of the day.

But when students talked too frequently or too loudly, she reminded them of the possible penalties. In Mrs. Geeslin's classroom, a typical punishment might include writing all the numbers up to 10,000 or completing several multiplication tables.

When other measures fail, Mrs. Geeslin will spank a student. She hasn't had to do that very often.

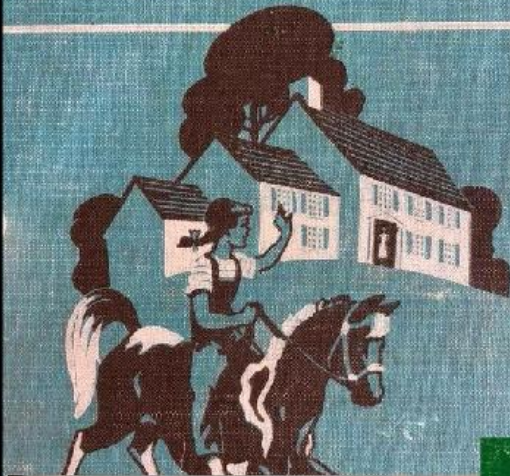
"I've had to spank a few. I spank them with my hand and love them with

Text Books at Bosqueville in the 1950s and 1960s

These photos show some of the books and pages that students at Bosqueville knew very well in the 1950s and 1960s. These photos were contributed by Vicki Scott Miller.



The Little White House



Looking Ahead

The Hurdy-Gurdy Man



It was a fine spring morning in the town of Indian Hills. Trees were beginning to turn green. People were doing their spring house cleaning.

A hurdy-gurdy man walked along, looking for a place to get breakfast. He was hungry, but he still whistled happily as he looked around the town.



Jack and Janet

Window on the Past: Dilapidated Structure in Bosqueville

A Reminder of Waco's Past

By Jeff Talbert, *Waco Etc. Magazine*, June 1999

The old house sits alone, abandoned and neglected, surrendering to the forces of weather again and again. Although the wood is splintered and decaying, it masks an intriguing history. Few people know it exists, sitting on plot of land in Bosqueville, just north of Waco. Even fewer people know of its importance and worth to Central Texas...but it has a story to tell.

Many people have heard of Van Cliburn, the world-renowned pianist who has graced the cover



of Time Magazine and performed before countless dignitaries. It may surprise many, however, to learn that this famous musician has roots in Waco. His great-grandfather, Solomon G. O'Bryan, or the "Father of Waco University" was a great pioneer of education in Central Texas, although he is hardly recognized in Waco history.

O'Bryan was born in North Carolina on January 22, 1821. He graduated from Wake Forest College in 1849 and then traveled to Alabama, where he worked as a high school teacher and preacher.

After two years, he left for Independence, Texas, accepting a professorship of math at a small, budding college called Baylor University. He also continued to preach, assuming the role of pastor at the Baptist church in Independence. However, he felt a strong desire to be more involved in frontier mission work rather than preaching in established churches. Although his salary would be cut in half, O'Bryan left for the frontier town of Waco in

1854 to follow his missionary calling.

O'Bryan took over as pastor of the young Baptist church in Waco, which had started three years earlier with four members. He preached one Sunday a month in that church, and then rode a circuit by horseback the other three Sundays to churches in Marlin, Calvert, and Deer Creek.

After a year of interaction with the people of this area, O'Bryan realized the need for education. Although a woman's school had existed since 1851, no one had yet to form a school for males. O'Bryan urgently requested that the Trinity River Baptist Association form a school in the

“growing village of Waco.” In 1856, the Trinity River Male High School was started, with O’Bryan presiding as trustee, president, and first teacher.

O’Bryan continued this job for three years until he resigned in 1859, which was approximately the same time he resigned as pastor of Waco Baptist Church. Although the reasons for his departure are unclear, it is known that he left on good terms. O’Bryan headed for Huntsville, where he again served as a preacher.

Meanwhile in Waco, the Trinity River Male High School’s name changed to Waco Classical School. The change came about after the Waco Baptist Association was formed to replace the Dallas/Fort Worth based Trinity River Baptist Association.

The name “Waco Classical School,” however, only lasted a year. In August of 1861, the state legislature passed an amendment to change the school’s name to Waco University, though it was more like a high school than a university.

In order to make Waco University worthy of its name, the school trustees wrote a letter to the faculty of Baylor University in Independence requesting that they assume control. Reluctantly they did, sending in Professor Rufus C. Burleson to lead.

O’Bryan could not stay away from Central Texas for too long. After what might have been a few months, he returned to McLennan County and settled in Bosqueville, organizing a Baptist church there. He also merged the Bosqueville Academy for Boys and the nearby Seminary for Young Ladies to form the first co-educational facility in Central Texas: Bosqueville Male and Female Academy.

Ironically, Bosqueville Academy and Waco University, the school originally started at O’Bryan’s request, quickly became fierce rivals as they fought for survival in an area with few prospective students. Bosqueville Academy would eventually fade away, while Waco University would merge with Baylor University in 1866, forming a strong institution that has grown to more than 13,000 students today.

O’Bryan left Bosqueville Academy in 1866 and traveled to Milam County, where he became ill with yellow fever and died at 45 years of age.



*Solomon Green O'Bryan, 1821-1867
Teacher and Pastor
Photo from The Texas Collection,
Baylor University*

Although he is buried in Huntsville, his influence is strong and alive in Waco today through an old, creaking house in Bosqueville. It is at least 130 years old, and it is one of the last links to Solomon G. O'Bryan and Waco's first attempts to have solid institutions of education. The house was once the women's dormitory of the Bosqueville Male and Female Academy. Today, it is owned by Kenny and Jenny Ingram, who were residents of Bosqueville until four years ago. They now live in McAllen, Texas.

Ingram showed the house to Waco historian Roger Conger in 1994. He told Kenny to dismantle it and save the old, hand-carved logs. Ingram said he would love to restore it, but he doesn't think he has the means or time to invest in it right now, especially since he lives out of town.

"I'm hoping somebody would have the desire to redo it," he said. "If we lived in Waco, we would do it."

For now, they have placed a tin roof over it, hoping to protect it from the weather. To many people it might be a rotting, insignificant structure with no value. A deeper look, however, reveals a rare window into Waco's educational history and a valuable link to the past.



This house at Bosqueville was once dormitories for girls.

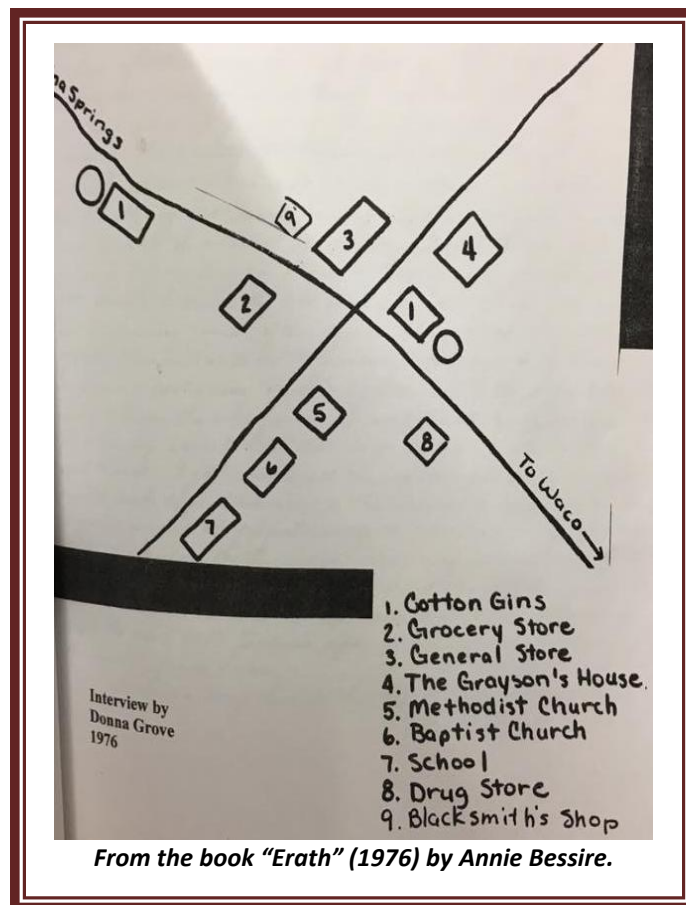
This article was contributed by Nancy Roberts Detlefsen.

Bosqueville's Neighboring Schools

In the early 20th Century, the schools that neighbored Bosqueville School were the schools at Erath, China Spring, Patrick and Rock Creek.

Erath School

"There is some confusion in regard to the Erath community. It is located on the Waco-China Spring road about two miles south of China Spring. At present, it is a community rather than a town, but fifty years ago it had a gin, two stores, two churches (Baptist and Methodist), a school, and a blacksmith shop. One-hundred years ago it had post office which Dan Garrett thinks was located a little southwest of the last store. Erath is reported to have been established shortly after Waco Village. John M. Flanagan was named postmaster in 1858. The village was evidently named for George B. Erath, but the fact that the Erath house was located some six or eight miles to the southwest, and the fact that the Bosqueville community seems to have sometimes been referred to as "Erath" has tended to develop misunderstandings as to the community's development. The home of John (Cotton) Johnson was about a mile south of the gin. Today, the Wortham Bend Road branches off of the Waco-China Spring road near this point, and there is a considerable concentration of houses. This area is now known as Valley View. There is another concentration of homes just north of the old gin around Seago Hill, and a third group to the west along the road to Crawford. They can all be said to make up Erath." *From the book "McLennan County-Before 1980" (1981) by W. R. "Bob" Poage.*



We have no photographs of the Erath School, but we do have this map of the old Erath community from the book "Erath" (1976) by Annie Bessire, showing the location of the school on present-day Tree Lake Drive.

China Spring School

"The (China Spring) community was first settled about 1870, about three years before the Conger Brothers obtained title to the eleven-league Rabajo grant on which the town is located. These early settlers were recognized as having good title by the Congers and there was no such extensive litigation as developed in connection with the settlers on the LaVega grant east of Waco where there was a very similar conflict as to ownership. The community grew rapidly, and by 1880 had some two-hundred inhabitants with a gin, a gristmill, and several business houses. The school district was created in 1884 with B.L. Kennedy, Eli Ditto, and William Smith as trustees. Today, China Spring has one of the best rural school systems in the county and has one of the outstanding Class B football teams of the state." *From the book "McLennan County-Before 1980" (1981) by W. R. "Bob" Poage.*

"In 1884, the China Spring School District formed with the first trustees being Ben Kennedy, Eli Ditto, and William Smith. In the 1890s, Adams Academy, an institute of higher learning, was operated by the Disciples of Christ. Some of the boys who attended were Robert G. Granger, Will McLennan, Les Talbert, and Dee Conger." *From the book "Historic McLennan County" (2010) compiled by Sharon Bracken, and this article written by Hal Pledger.*



China Spring School

From the book "Historic McLennan County" (2010) compiled by Sharon Bracken.

This photo courtesy of Frances Olson.

The photo above shows the old China Spring School, built in 1919, which sat in the middle of what later became the football field. This is actually the BACK of the building, which would be facing what would later become the press box and home-side bleachers. The front of the building had a set of steps that were flanked on each side by rows of beautiful shrubs, and

faced downtown China Spring. Grades 5-8 met in this building. We have been told that Lake Waco could be seen from the second floor. It stood until around 1951.



China Spring School, painted by Alvena Prause Pocock

This picture of the old China Spring School was painted by Alvena Prause Pocock. This school building was built in 1919 and stood until the early 1950s. This photo belonged to Dovie Lee Stone Winkelmann, and was contributed by her daughter, Darlene Winkelmann Gorham.

About 200 feet south of this building was a wooden structure that had an entry/hallway and three large classrooms. Grades 1-4 met were in this wooden building. The wooden building and the brick building stood until about 1951, when the new school was built.

**If you have any additional photos from Bosqueville School,
please email them to
wacotexashistoryinpictures@gmail.com.**



The China Spring Dramatic Club
The Waco News Tribune, May 6, 1928.



China Spring School, First Grade, 1931
*This photo was contributed by June Brown via Cindy Johnson Parker.
 The names of those pictured are not known to us.*



China Spring School, Fourth Grade, 1931

First row (l-r): Dana Forney Crawford, John Edwin Cook, Herbert Behnke, Sterling Joe Brown.

Second row (i-r): Mary Frances Goldman, Betty D. Smith, Billy Ditto, Robert Kelly, Lola Pearl Pringle, Dovie Lee Stone, Rosalie Faukenberg. Third row (l-r): Travis Sumerlin, Vernell Hanna, W.D. Ray, Dorothy Cutberth, Harold Sadler, June Marie Anderson, Mabel Buro, Fourth Row (l-r): Dorothy Mae Hixson, JoAnn Baker, Kepler Webb, Mary Alice Bennett, Joyce Stone, Billy Mae Crawford. Fifth row (l-r): Lessie Ree Clements, Alfred Erlanson, Raleigh Stegall, Melvin Garrett, Carl Robert Benkly. Sixth row (l-r): Margie Robinson, Irene Garrett, Fay Garrett, Nellie Mae Noble, Lena Buro.

This photo was contributed by Debbie Randant.



China Spring High School English Class, 1931

This photo was contributed by Betty Grube Kiowski, who said: "This photo belonged to my grandmother, Margaret Grayson Pierce. It was labeled '1931 English Class' and was taken at China Spring High School. This photo is from the early days when China Spring had a high school, before the time China Spring High School students went to schools in Waco, and before new high school opened in China Spring in the early 1954. In the photo, my grandmother is seated on the bottom row, second from the right. My grandfather, Cliff Pierce, is standing on the back row, far right. In this photo, my grandmother is 16, and my grandfather is 18. They were married four years later, when they eloped to Valley Mills! This photo was given to me by my mother, Shirley Pierce Grube, and it had belonged to my grandmother. "



Scottish Dancers at China Spring, c. 1939

This photo belonged to Dovie Lee Stone Winkelmann, and was contributed by her daughter, Darlene Winkelmann Gorham.



China Spring Band, c. 1939

This photo belonged to Dovie Lee Stone Winkelmann, and was contributed by her daughter, Darlene Winkelmann Gorham.



1943-44 China Spring School Teachers

They are standing in front of the old two-story brick school building that stood from 1919 until the early 1950s. It was in the middle of what would later become the old football field. Nancy Granger Ferguson told us: "The first one on the right is Mrs. Palmer, second one, Mrs. Mohundro and the fourth one Mrs. Lane. The man in the back is Mr. E. O. Miller." This photo belonged to Dovie Lee Stone Winkelmann and was contributed by her daughter, Darlene Winkelmann Gorham.



Proposed New Gymnasium and Classrooms for China Spring School, 1950

By 1950, China Spring School District had taken in the old schools of Erath, Patrick and Wortham Bend, and had 212 students. The old China Spring School, which had been built in 1919, was in the middle of the field that would later become the football field. It was deemed unsafe and new school needed to be built. Voters went to the polls to vote on it on August 19, 1950. It passed and, as a result, a new building was built that had a gymnasium and eight classrooms. This building housed grades one through eight, and high school students were bussed to Waco schools. This perspective of the back of the new building, would be the view from the back of the old school.

The first day of school in this new building was Monday, September 10, 1951.

In 1954, China Spring voted to add four new classrooms so that they could have a high school that went through Grade 12. These were built at the end of the building at the right of this picture, and ran parallel to the gymnasium. By 1959, another wing had been added that ran parallel to the front building, creating a courtyard between the four buildings, although I can find no record of that last building being added.



The Conger Family Home on the southeast corner of the High School Building, mid-1950s
Famed Waco historian Roger Conger was from China Spring. This was the Conger Family Home. Jared Talbert told us: "Bunt and Ruby Talbert (my grandparents) purchased this property in the mid 50's and tore down the old Conger house. The home that currently sits on this property was built in 1958 and is built from reclaimed lumber from the Conger house. There are two barns (one you can see in this picture and the other behind the house) that still stand today." Photo from The Texas Collection, Baylor University.

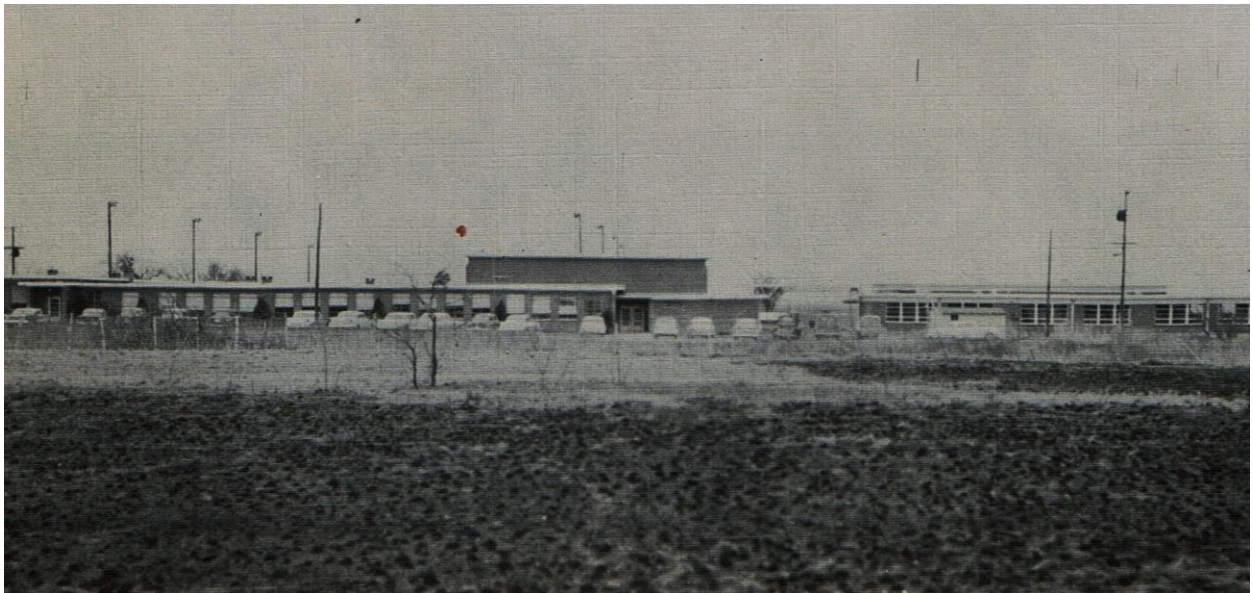


China Spring High School, 1959
This photo shows the gym which had been built in 1951 and the new wing which was built in 1954.



China Spring High School, Sophomore Class Officers, 1958-59.

(l-r) Shirleen Lindsey, Reporter; Ethelyne Mathis, Treasurer; Adine January, Vice-President; Delores Yanez, Secretary; Standing, Mrs. Morrow, Sponsor, Kenneth Cutbirth, President; Donald Campbell, Parliamentarian. From the 1959 China Spring Yearbook.



China Spring School, 1960

This photo shows the gym and front classrooms that had been built in 1951, the classrooms that were added in 1954 when it became a high school, and the "new" elementary school building to the right of the gym that was built in 1960. From the 1960 Cougar Yearbook.



The front of the new China Spring High School, 1962
 From the 1962 China Spring Yearbook.



FIVE DEFENSIVE STARS for District 16-B champion China Spring are Nelon Willingham (80), Randy Downing (62), Lang Langford (48) Donald Montgomery (40) and Terry Upmore (23). (Hollis Biddle photo)

Five Defensive Stars at China Spring High School
The Waco News Tribune, November 23, 1966

We are grateful for conversations with Gloria Prause Helleson and Mary Harrell Wettermann, two former China Spring students, that contributed to this article about China Spring School.

Patrick School



OLD PATRICK SCHOOL: These are students of Patrick School around 1898 or 1900.

The photograph was provided by Mrs. G. B. Copeland of China Spring, who was reared at Patrick. She and others from Patrick compiled this list of names of the people in the picture. **Top row, from left**, Dellie Herring, Etta Spark, Susie Henson, Bert Foy (a substitute teacher), Thrana Albert, Mary Henderson, Willie Robertson, Claud Albert, George Wilson, Clarence Evans, Jim Robertson, Will Hicks, Clint Johnson, and the teacher, a Mr. Webb; **Second row**, starting with those sitting on the steps, Esther Evans, Anna Lou Doyle, Ethel Robertson, Minnie Caliham, Fannie Robertson, Julia Bachlor, Nora Robertson (a substitute teacher), May Wilson, Lillie May Robertson, Janice Hicks, Hassie Robertson, Ethel Haney, Ethel Biggs, Lizzie Garrett, Cliff Murphy; **Third row**, Gladys Doyle, Jessie Garrett, Ida Shaw, Leona Robertson, Cattie Garrett, Marie Sparks, Willie Sparks, Rosie Garrett, Fannie Garrett, George Wilson, Newt Johnson, Frank Evans, Ed Murphy, Carl Albert; bottom row, sitting on ground, Ernest Doyle, Nib Shaw, Nay Garrett, Martin Hicks, Charley Hicks, Carl Evans, and Dee Herring.

One of Big Things to Do in Patrick Was Scare Newlyweds With a Saw

By John Banta, The Waco News Tribune, November 28, 1968

PATRICK---A six-foot circular blade and a sledge hammer make about as good a noise-making combination as you can find when a bunch of young fellows set out to shivaree a couple on their wedding night.

Morris Stewart of Bosqueville remembers when one of the big things to do in the old Patrick community was to shivaree newlyweds. They'd sneak up to the couple's house on their wedding night and make all sorts of terrible noise outside their window. This was supposed to cause so much consternation for the couple that they would get up and provide refreshments for the noisy guests so they'd go away and leave them alone.

Stewart said a bunch of Patrick boys would get the saw blade from the old lumber saw mill, run a crowbar through the center hole, and a man would take hold of the crowbar on each side of the blade and they'd carry it to a spot just outside the newly-married couple's window. Then, somebody armed with a sledge hammer would begin striking the saw blade. It would nearly shake the owls out of trees half a mile away.

The big saw blade came from the old Garrett sawmill, one of the early establishments at the Patrick community on the Brazos River, a dozen northwest of Waco. It sawed timber into lumber for building houses, ginned cotton and ground grain into flour and meal. Stewart says he thinks it was steam-powered.

Mrs. Jim Garrett of Valley Mills, who was reared in Patrick, says the mill was established by Milton Garrett sometime after the Civil War. She says Milton Garrett came to the Patrick area from Georgia with his mother, a widow, and his sister. She said the community was first known as Garrett's Mill, but that another early name was Shoofly.

Mrs. Garrett says she can remember where the mill had stood, but that it was gone before she can remember.

She says a Baptist Church was established in 1854 by people of the Rock Creek and Patrick communities, the people first meeting in homes. The first church house was located at Rock Creek, but later moved to Patrick, keeping the name of Rock Creek Baptist church, which it still has. The church entered the Baptist Association in 1872.

Mrs. G.B. Copeland of China Spring, who used to live at Patrick, says her grandmother arrived in that community in 1859. She says her father, E.F. Foy, and Cicero Talbert gave the land for the Patrick Cemetery.

She said there was a family that came through in a covered wagon and cross the Brazos River at Patrick. They had a sick child, and camped on her father's place so they could care for the child. But the child died, and was the first person buried in the Patrick Cemetery.

Mrs. Copeland says a school house was built at Patrick around 1870. The first teacher was Ed Robertson. It was a one-room school. In about 1880, a second story was added, and when the Odd Fellows Lodge was organized in the 1890s, it used the upstairs room for a meeting place. Rock Creek and Patrick schools later consolidated and became Sycamore school. Now, all of them are consolidated with China Spring schools. A cyclone blew the old Patrick school down about the time of World War I, but it was not being used at the time.

Mrs. Copeland's father, E. F. Foy, was a native of England, became a trapeze man in an American circus, left the circus in Waco, married, and became a farmer in Patrick. Mrs. Copeland and Stewart both said they remembered a big tree on the corner of the Foy place, which was said to have been the tree they used to hang horse thieves.

Back in the early days, Patrick had three stores, a blacksmith shop, a gin, a saloon, a drug store, and the community has had a number of doctors. Stewart said Patrick's trade area used to extend on both sides of the Brazos to Hickory Flat, Smith Bend, and Wortham Bend.

One of the early doctors was Dr. H. M. Stewart, an uncle of Morris Stewart. Dr. Stewart came to Patrick in the 1870s from Georgia. In addition to practicing medicine, he farmed.

Morris Stewart says he remembers a story often told about Dr. Stewart. According to the story, the doctor was out in his field plowing one day, barefooted, when a fellow came riding over from across the Brazos with his horse in a long run, he rode up to where the doctor was plowing and asked if he could tell him where to find "that young doctor" who lived at Patrick.

The Doctor told the man that he was the doctor. The man looked down at Dr. Stewart's bare feet and his overalls and said, "Well, you don't look much like a doctor to me."

The man told the doctor that a fellow over across the river had got his leg broke and he wanted the doctor hurry over and fix him up.

Dr. Stewart told the man if he'd wait just a minute, he'd go to the house and get his shoes and put on some more clothes so he would look more like a doctor. He explained to the man that he had only one pair of shoes and didn't see any use wearing them out plowing.

The doctor then put on his shoes and changed clothes and accompanied the man and set his friend's leg.



STEWART, D. G.

Doctor Green Stewart, 79, who lived between China Spring and Bosqueville, died in a local hospital Thursday morning at 2:30 o'clock after an illness of 10 days. Funeral services will be held from China Spring Methodist church Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Rev. G. C. Williams officiating. Clark's in charge. Pallbearers will be John Grayson, Hugh Grayson, Roy Stone, Foreston Scott, Ben Giles and Everett White. Surviving are his widow; three sons, Lovick of Olney, Narris of North Pleasanton and Emory of Walnut Springs; five daughters, Mrs. J. L. Williams of Sabinal, Mrs. J. W. McAlpine of Chicago, Mrs. John Firestone of Henrietta, Mrs. T. A. Burroughs of Mart and Mrs. W. K. Koethe of Henrietta; 21 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

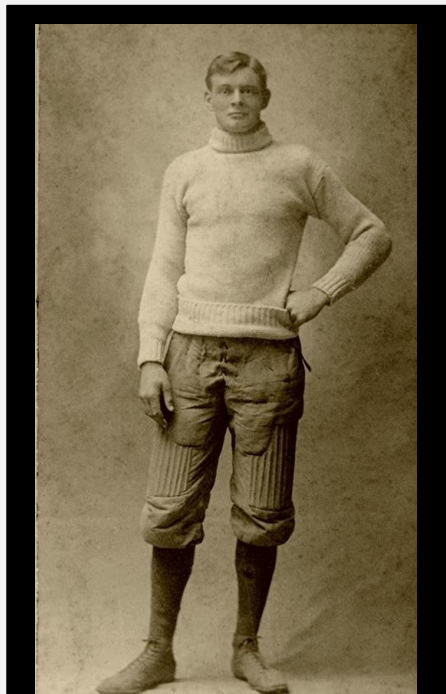
Mr. Stewart came to this county 58 years ago and taught in the Patrick school for two years. He had lived near China Spring for the past 45 years.

D. G. Stewart was a teacher, a doctor, a farmer and a teacher at Patrick.

The photo on the left was contributed by Nancy Roberts Detlefsen.

The obituary on the right was in the Waco News Tribune on May 27, 1938.

Operator of one of the stores in the early days was Patrick Gallagher. When the post office was established in his store, he became the postmaster. The post office department wanted to know what to name the place, and he said, "Call it Patrick."



Morris Stewart
played football for TCU
when it was in North Waco.
Photo contributed by
Ann Garner.

Dan Garrett, a descendant of the early Garretts of the community, found an old newspaper clipping that listed the first trustees of Patrick school. They were R. M. Hardwick, William Horn, and Dr. S. F. Maddin.

Morris Stewart says he remembers when he was a kid he hauled 40 cords of wood across the Brazos at Patrick for the China Spring gin, in a wagon pulled by mules.

He says one fellow crossed the Brazos at Eagle Ford near Patrick with a wagon load of hay, on ice, in the winter of 1897.

As good roads and automobiles began to develop, Patrick began to decline like most small towns. Today about all that's left is the church house and several residences. For many years, Patrick was a voting box, but that was eliminated a couple of years ago.

"Patrick used to be a wonderful community," recalls Stewart. "We used to go down there on the river at Eagle Ford and have big fish fries, cooking fish in wash pots."

“And if a farmer around Patrick was knocked out so he couldn’t do his work, all his neighbors came to help, and they would make his crop for him. Patrick was a wonderful community,” said Stewart.

Patrick-Sycamore School

We believe that the Patrick-Sycamore School was a later merging of the Rock Creek and Patrick schools. It was existent by at least 1914, and until at least 1929.



Patrick-Sycamore School, with teacher Mrs. Sara Walker, between 1907 and 1910

This photo is from a paper entitled “The Environment and History of Patrick, McLennan County, Texas” (1976) by Philip Miller. From The Texas Collection, Baylor University.

PATRICK—SYCAMORE SCHOOL NOTES.

Special to the News.

Rock Creek, May 20.—The Patrick-Sycamore school will close Saturday, May 26. As a part of the program a play, "The Mechanic's Reprieve," will be given.

CAST OF CHARACTERS.

Col. Harrington W. T. Veatch
John Rodgers Frank Wardlaw
Warden Joyce Raymond Doyle
Dan Trogan T. P. Scott
Lester Wilson Lawrence Moncus
E. % Walker Stephen Baird
Gov. Bailey Landon Layne
Roberts Joseph Moncus
Mary Harrington Miss Mabel Hale
Annie Miss Annie Lee Layne
Louis Miss Emma Murphy
Admission 10c and 15c. Time 8 p. m.

The school has made rapid progress. Three years ago W. T. Veatch was elected teacher. The enrollment for that year was sixty-three, instruction was given in seven grades. Last year Mr. Veatch was re-elected as principal and Miss Ruby Wilson assistant.

Principal Veatch is to retire but on retiring he expresses regret that athletics have not been pushed. The school has a boys' baseball team and a basketball team for the girls. The boys played only five games and won four of them. The girls did not play and matched games.

Old Dobbin and These Are Going to Be in Big Parade April 27

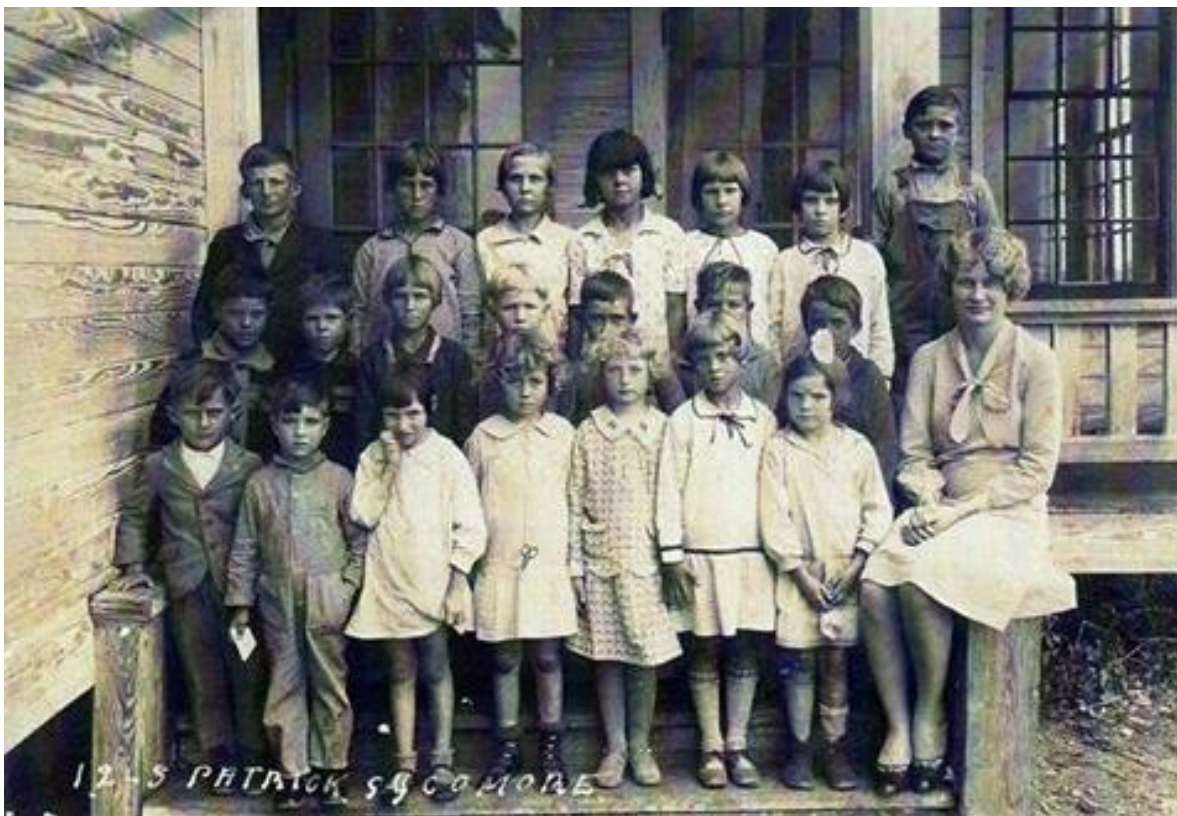


Mickle Photo

Patrick-Sycamore school will turn out in style for the County School Fair parade Friday morning, April 27 at 10 o'clock. Misses Florence and Ruby Kelly, teachers in the school, and a quartet of the pupils who drive to the center of learning every day, are shown here in the vehicle they use, which will represent the school in the parade. It was the talk of the country in the day of such turnouts, with a speaking tube to the driver, windows that can be lowered or raised, a smoker's tray, curtains all around, and lamps.

News from Patrick-Sycamore School

Ron Cook contributed these two newspaper clippings. The one on the left is dated May 21, 1917, from the Waco Morning News and tells us that they had sixty-three students, and offered Grades 1-7. They had a drama class, a boys' baseball team, and a girls' basketball team. Principal W. T. Veatch at started at the school in 1914. The photo on the left is dated April 17, 1928, from the Waco News Tribune, and tells us that the school was a part of the 1928 County School Fair Parade. The photo was by Mickle Studio, a well-known photographic studio in downtown Waco.



Patrick Sycamore School, Grades One, Two and Three, c. 1929-30

Photo contributed by June Brown via Cindy Johnson Parker, and Gloria Prause Helleson.
First row, l-r: Alton Barton, H. M. Garrett, Annie Marie Hill, Marguret Brown, Eugenia Kelley, Annie Pearl Bridges, Francis Sharp, Florence Kelly (teacher). Second row, l-r: Ira Spence, Lawrence Spence, Dellie Brown, Troy P. Helleson, Bennet Hixson, Buddy Brown, B. W. Hixson. Third row, l-r: Harold Brumfield, Johnnie Brown, Evelyn Hicks, Anna Bell Hixson, Imogene Helleson, Francis Bridges, Clyde Hixson.



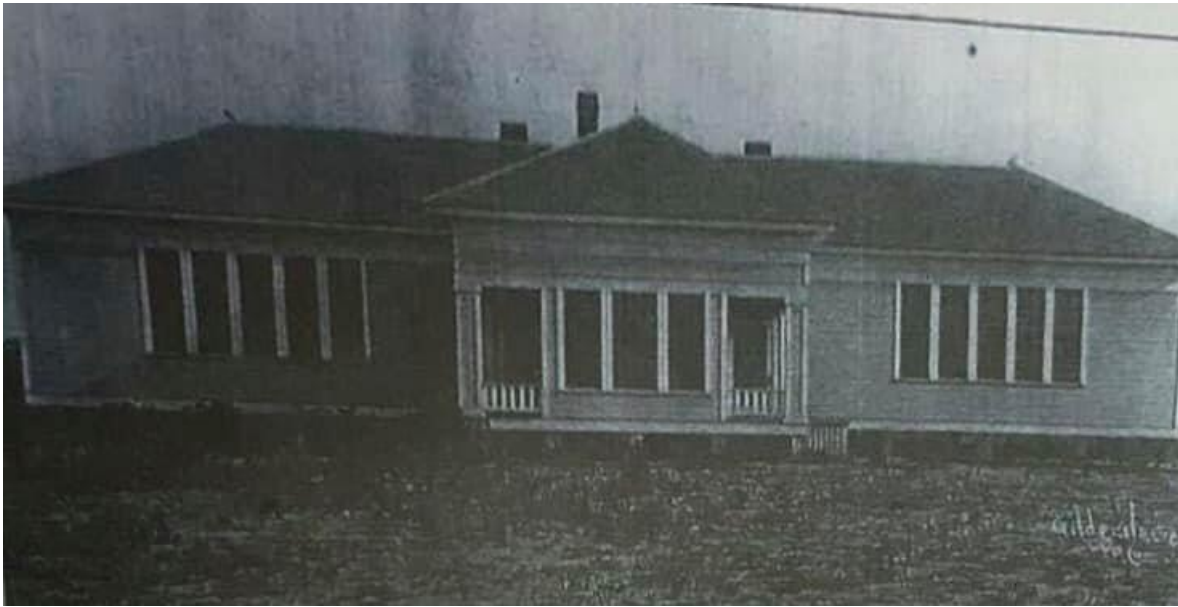
Troy Pressly Helleson

Troy Pressly Helleson

(24 September 1921-30 March 2017)

attended Patrick-Sycamore School, and is shown in the photo above. He started there in 1927 at age 6, and had just finished Second Grade when Patrick-Sycamore School consolidated with China Spring School in 1929. His family moved to Bosqueville in 1929, and he entered Third Grade there. He graduated from Bosqueville in 1937. He later served in WWII and was chosen to be a USA Honorary Body Guard to General Douglas MacArthur. This photo and information was contributed by Gloria Prause Helleson.

Rock Creek School



Rock Creek School

Rock Creek School was located just north east of Rock Creek. Photograph by Fred Gildersleeve. From the Gildersleeve-Conger Collection, The Texas Collection, Baylor University. We have been told that this building was later moved to China Spring.

Photo contributed by Debbie Randant.



Rock Creek School

Miss Ocie Breeding was the teacher, but the others are not identified.

Bosqueville School Today...Moving the Legacy Forward!

In 1969-70, the Bosqueville School closed and all Bosqueville students attended China Spring School. The following year, 1970-71, Bosqueville reopened and has steadily grown since then. According to Rachel Donaldson Carter, who attended Bosqueville School and is presently employed there, Grades Seven and Eight were added in 1980-81. In 1984-85, Grade Nine was added, and the first Twelfth Grade graduation was in May, 1988. The campus continues to grow. Unless otherwise noted, all photos are from Google Earth.



Bosqueville School Campuses

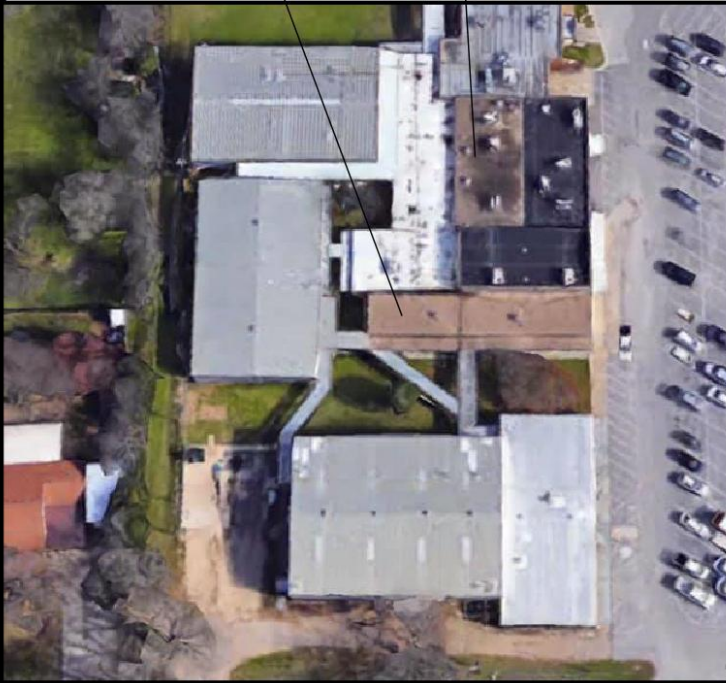
The main campus is located at the approximate site of the old "Bosqueville Academy for Boys and the Seminary for Young Ladies" at 7636 Rock Creek Road. The Elementary School Campus is located nearby at 1000 Washington Lane, with roads on the property connecting the campuses.



Bosqueville School, 7636 Rock Creek Road

1953 Building

1960 Building

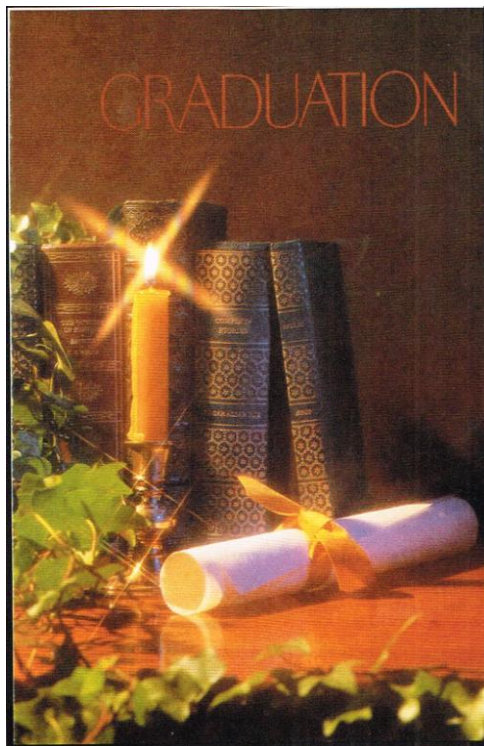


The diagram to the left shows the location of the 1953 and 1960 buildings, now surrounded by new buildings that make up the main campus.

The photo below shows the 1953 building, still visible from the street. The 1960 building is surrounded by newer buildings. The space between the 1953 and 1960 buildings was originally an open courtyard.



The 1953 Building



1988
GRADUATES
BOSQUEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

PHIL A. BEATTY
TERESA C. BROWN
DIONEA F. BRUNER
DAYNA L. COOPER
MELISSA J. HATFIELD
KEITH A. HARLESS
LARRY P. HOLLINGSWORTH
WILLIAM D. KOSAR
MELISSA L. LINDSEY
LARRY G. PLEMONS
TERRY L. SOHNS
FRED A. STELTER
ROBERT A. STEPP
BARRY B. WATKINS
LESLIE S. WHITNEY
ROBERT C. WOODS
RICHARD L. ZIRPS

THE FIRST GRADUATING
CLASS OF
BOSQUEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL



GRADUATION EXERCISES

BOSQUEVILLE
HIGH SCHOOL

Saturday, May 28, 1988
8:00 P.M.

McLennan Community College
Performing Arts Center



COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

ProcessionalCindy Queen
Music Teacher, Bosqueville High School
InvocationPenny Allison
Trustee, Bosqueville I.S.D.
Salutatory AddressDionea Bruner
Valedictory AddressMelissa Jan Hatfield
Special AddressRichard L. Zirps
Foreign Exchange Student
Special Awards.....Roy H. Trussell
Superintendent, Bosqueville I.S.D.
Introduction of Speaker.....Roy H. Trussell
Superintendent, Bosqueville I.S.D.
Class Address.....M. A. TAYLOR
STATE REPRESENTATIVE
Introduction of President
of Board of Trustees.....Roy H. Trussell
Superintendent, Bosqueville I.S.D.
Introduction of Board MembersLane Donaldson
President, Board of Education
Certification of ClassC. L. Hammond
Principal, Bosqueville I.S.D.
Presentation of Diplomas.....Lane Donaldson
Benediction.....Roy H. Trussell
Recessional.....Cindy Queen
HONOR USHERS
Russell Brown Jana Helleson
Lucio Olvera Tami Pagan

The First Twelfth-Grade Graduating Class of Bosqueville High School, 1988
From the 2018 Bosqueville ISD Yearbook. Contributed by Rachel Donaldson Carter.



Bosqueville High School



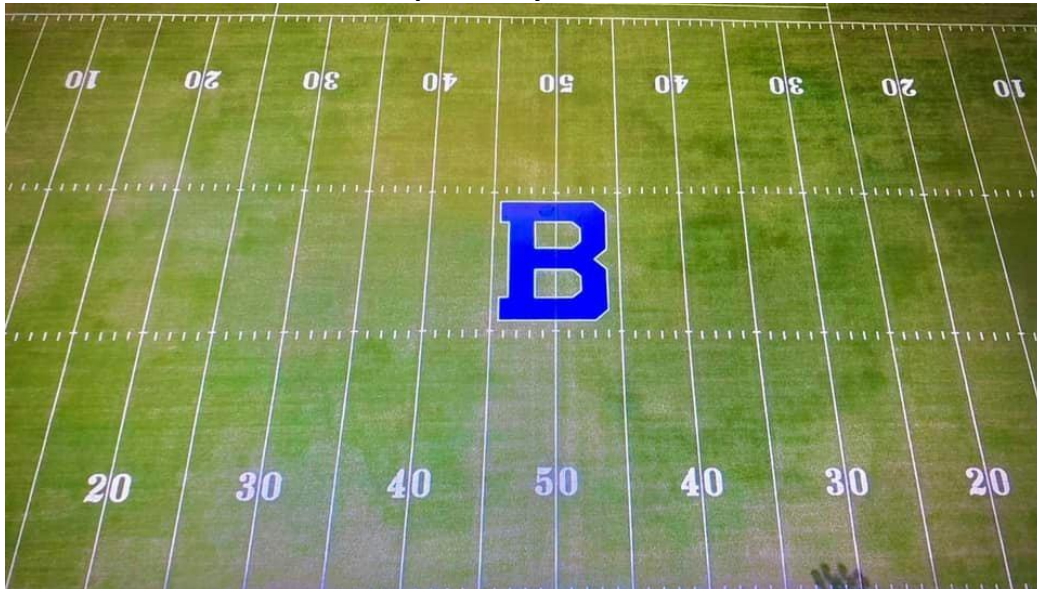
Bosqueville High School Football Field



Bosqueville High School Baseball Field. Drone photo by Mike Finnell.



Drone photos by Mike Finnell.



Drone photos by Mike Finnell.

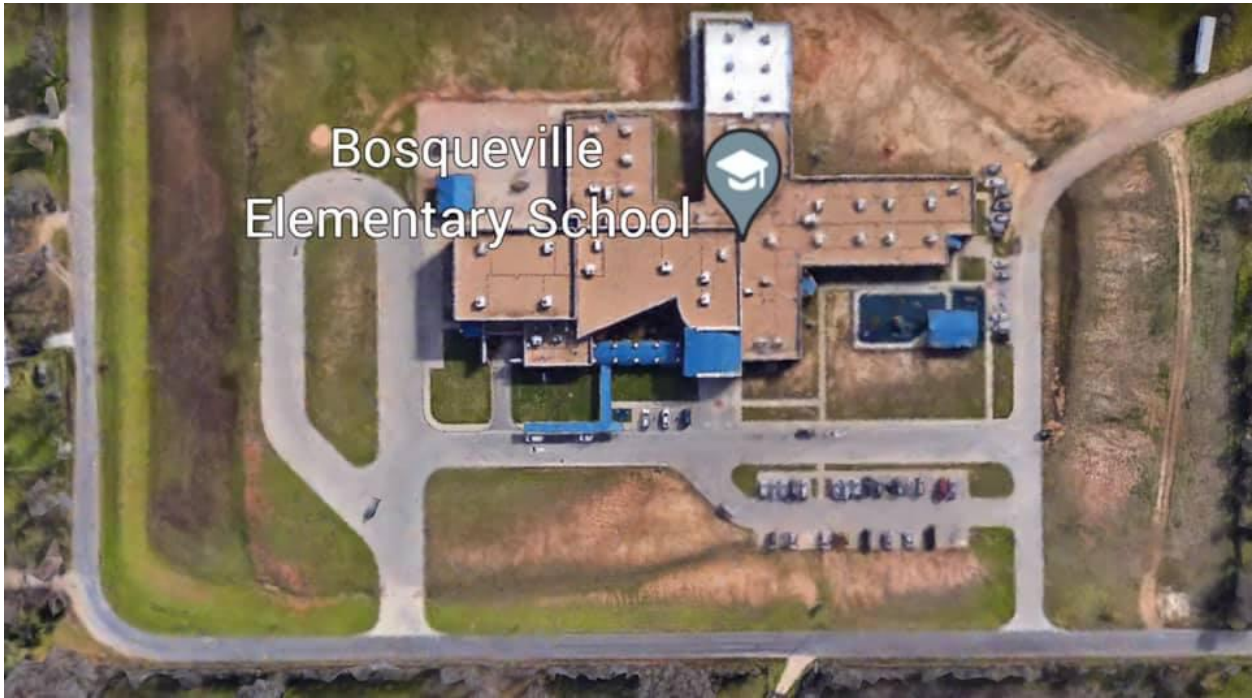


The 1953 Building at right, and the 1960 Building at the top middle of the photo.
The 1960 Building is surrounded by a newer building. The taller building just behind the 1953 Building sits where an empty courtyard once stood.



Bosqueville Elementary at 1000 Washington Lane

The Elementary School is connected to the original school campus by roads on their property.



*Dear old Bosqueville School, you have
stood the storms of many years.
Where girls and boys have parted,
some in joy and some in tears.
The memory of you to us old students
time alone will sever.
On us you left your stamp of usefulness
we hope will last forever.*

by Bettie McCowan Scott
Grandmother of Maureen McNamara Johnson