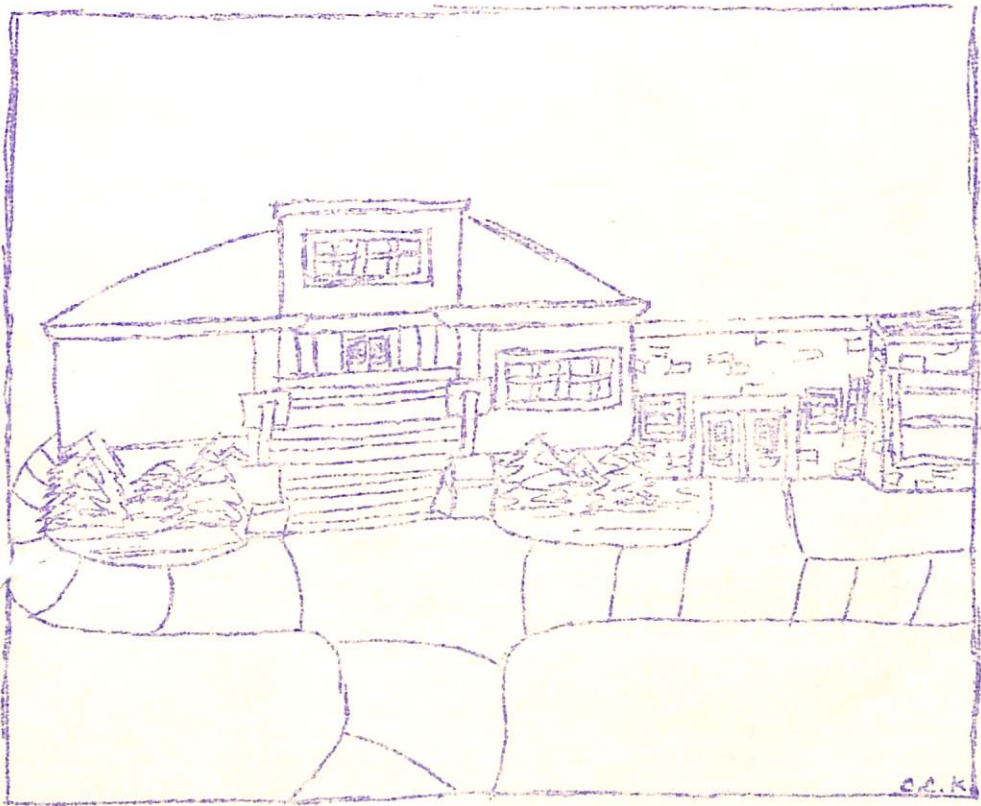


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HIGHLIGHTS

SCHOOL GOES ON T V

The programs presented at Hamilton School, in many respects, are not new. The school has been functioning at its present location for 34 years. It has been "taking in" at 9 A. M. and "letting out" at 3:20 or 3:30 for these many years. But what else do you know about your school?

For the "Home Viewers" who seldom visit the school or enter into its activities, these highlights of its programs are especially prepared. So fix something to nibble on, pull up an easy chair, select your favorite program and see how it is portrayed at Hamilton School.

DING-DONG SCHOOL

The activities in the first grade vary from teaching reading to teaching children how to tie shoe strings. This year there have been so many who couldn't tie their shoes that we felt this would be a good lesson. We had much success.

The children enjoy music, art, and Bible which are taught them aside from their regular work. They enjoy these to the fullest.

We have blocks, picture puzzles, games of Old Maids, checkers, tinker toys, colored sticks, American logs and various other games to use during bad weather while playing in the room. They learn to play the games well together and also to share with others.

The most interesting thing is that some days our room is almost like a dentist office when the children start wanting teeth pulled. First grade is the real place for this and sometimes three or four are pulled in a day.

KITCHEN CUPBOARD

Please come with me to our school cafeteria. One of the nicest persons that you will find there is our cook, Mrs. W. S. Stowers. She has such abilities that one cannot find words to tell you about them. She has such interest in her work that each lunch is served is just as tasty as though she were preparing it for her family. Our hot lunches have been such an asset to our school. We operate with government help in surplus commodities and money. This is the first year that we have served milk and find that it adds so much.

Not only has emphasis been placed on adequate lunches but our cafeteria acquired a new look this year. We had it painted and had rubber treads put on the floor. Each year we try to add something to the kitchen that will save time and work. Over the past few years we have added an electric mixer, new dining tables, plastic plates, french fry cutter, french fryer, meat slicer and various other things that have made our kitchen more modern.

ON YOUR ACCOUNT

(1944 & 1952) Encyclopedia, refrigerator - part, hot water heater - part, duplicator, maps -Early American, flag plot, projector, screen, stage stand-(speakers.)

(1952 - 1953) Bulletin board, green cabinet for office, adding machine, office tables, duplicator cabinet, Atlas and 2 stands.

(1953 - 1954) Sliding board, clock, flag, seesaws, dining table

(1954 - 1955) Childcraft, stand for childcraft, black shades, labor for painting dining room, art cabinet, rubber treads.

Above are a list of improvements that have been added to the school over a period of years. It is well to note that they have been purchased with money raised from various sources (paper drive, dinners sponsored by teachers, proceeds from sale of paper and pencils, candy and ice cream . It has been said that our

school tops all others for thrift. Our principal and teachers deserve a great deal of credit because they give so willingly of their time to promote all of these activities that help make the improvements possible.

Each year in the different grades in school we have an item on the book list called "Room Supply" money. This money is used to purchase Kleenex tissues, curtains, paper and pencils for 1st and 2nd grades, pencil sharpeners, Scotch tape, thumb tacks, rubber bands, paper clips and all the items that are needed to carry on class room work. It is much better to have these things purchased by the teachers because they know exactly what is needed for the different types of work.

RELIGIOUS HOUR

Every Friday morning from 9 to 12 Week Day Religious Education is taught in all the grades by Miss Barbara Black.

This is Miss Black's first year in the county. She comes from Libanon, Pennsylvania and holds a collegiate certificate from Grove City College, near Pittsburg.

Her winsome manner has won the affection and esteem of all. Her spiritual influence is quite outstanding. Not only are 39 boys and girls who do not attend Sunday School benefited but she contributes to the spiritual growth of all concerned.

This program is financed by the Baptist, Methodist, and Episcopal churches and other interested persons in the community.

MOVIE TIME

Several years ago our school purchased a movie projector to show movies supplied by the Bureau of Teaching Materials in Charlottesville and State Board

of Education in Richmond. They can be ordered to correlate with any subject that we are teaching in the various grades.

PERSON TO PERSON (School Assemblies)

Realizing that children need to be brought together to learn and carry out better rules of conduct and courtesy in public groups, each Wednesday morning we meet for Assembly. During this time we have had many interesting visitors.

For spiritual inspiration we turned first to Rev. Emory Ellmore, Methodist minister and patron. He started our first day of school off in the right direction and has been our main "sparkplug" in past graduation exercises and other programs.

Mr. Harrison Branch, a local resident, proved to be quite interesting. His unique version of the lad who gave Jesus his "fishes and bread" to feed the five thousand was inspiring. His talk was spiced with wit and poetry.

Next Mrs. Malcolm Hoge of near Lincoln gave us highlights of her trip around the world. Her fascinating descriptions, personal stories and pictures seemed to carry us right along with her. Pictures of her riding a camel and elephant were rather amusing. The scarves and jewelry from various countries along her route were most interesting.

The Rev. Russel Pitts, at the time one of our local ministers, was a welcome visitor to our school. In his quiet, sincere manner he told us of the importance of honesty and self-evaluation. His talk made a great impression on our students, as reflected by later comments.

Another local resident, Mrs. Esther Rogers Cowart, thrilled us with her stories of life in the Philippines. She and her family had lived there for 18 months at an army post. She gave us highlights of customs, habits, education and religion of the islands. We learned many astonishing facts, such as how people could live amid vast hordes of flies, mosquitoes and snakes. Her story

of having personally "lived thru" the terrible monsoons was breathtaking. She shared with us many types of handicraft-wood carving, fine embroidery and fascinating jewelry.

Our next assembly visitor created much excitement among the children. "What is that man doing in the hall with a women's skirt on?" came the question. That man, proved to be Mr. Frank Keesling, of near Lovettsville. He was a part of the great I.F.Y.E. program (International Farm Youth Exchange) in which he spent 4 months in Scotland. Dressed in kilts, to look the part, he gave us a most interesting talk accompanied by slides. From this much was learned of customs of the people and also the climate - very cool and rain most every day. As a closing thought, he told of his great joy at seeing again "The Statue of Liberty" on arriving home. Never before had he fully realized what the statue symbolized. He made us even more mindful of our great heritage here in America.

Plans are being made for a couple more well known speakers.

Along with each of these assembly programs, the children have enjoyed much singing. We feel that these assemblies have been not only educational but most enjoyable and have added just a bit more to our ever expanding school program.

TOP PRIORITY (Health)

The Clinic Room is very useful in our school. It is equipped with a bed for children getting sick to use, a supply cabinet and a lovely medicine cabinet. The medicine cabinet was given us in 1952 by the Purcellville Lions Club. The Lions Club allows us ten dollars each year for the purchasing of the supplies needed to keep our cabinet well equipped.

Many of our children are treated in the clinic for scratches, nosebleeds, toothaches, etc.

Our Clinic Room is temporarily serving as the Office as well as Clinic since we have additional teachers.

YOUTH FORUM(The Student Cooperative Association)

The aims and purposes of the Student Cooperative Association are citizenship, cooperation, health, recreation, and self-improvement.

Our slogan is -"The School and Community Growing Together".

The S. C. A. is an organization of outstanding promise in the life of Virginia. It is a law of life that we learn by doing. We feel we are in a position to prepare more completely finished citizens of tomorrow than have past generations.

The activities of our S. C. A. do more than prepare for citizenship. The organization provides opportunities for exercising many of the functions of citizenship during school life.

Instead of interfering with the regular school routine the work of the Association completes it. The program meets the enthusiastic approval of both teacher and students, enabling us to work together constructively and happily.

We are proud of our S. C. A. in the Hamilton School and we seek your cooperation in supporting it. The meetings are held once a month with varying programs given.

Our officers are : Glen Kalnasy -President Jane Brown- Secretary
Francis Mock -Vice-president Bill Bosley - Treasurer
Donald Heskett - Sergeant at Arms

YOUTH FORUM (4-H Club)

The 4-H Club is made up of boys and girls of the fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh grades who are ten years old and who enjoy activities of home and farm. It is voluntary and based on everyday farm living. It is guided by leaders who are interested in boys and girls.

The 4-H emblem is a four leaf clover. The motto of the 4-H Club is "To Make the Best Better". It is the aim of every member to learn to do as many projects as they can. Many of the boys and girls of our school in the past have won

ribbons for outstanding achievements in garden, poultry, stock raising, sewing and cooking projects.

Mrs. Lillian Higgott Smith, our leader since 1944, is very proud of our club work at Hamilton. We have 21 members this year. Our officers are

President - Francis Mock

Sergeant-at-arms - Woody Turner

Vice-President - Bill Francis

Song Leader - Jackie Jessee

Secretary - Ruth Brown

Cheer leader - Harry Cusick

Treasurer - Bill Bosley

Our club tries to raise money each year for a community project, dues and a picnic in summer. We pay one half the bus fare to 4-H camp every year for two members of our club. We make this money for our expenses by having a Bake and Rummage Sale every spring. Last year we made \$23.14. This year we made \$41.40. This proves we are making the best better. Our county dues each year are \$4.00.

Some of our community projects in the past have been purchases of a bulletin board in the front hall, \$38.00 in 1952-53. A clock in the hall and \$10.00 toward the stage flag in 1953-54. And this year we have given \$10.00 toward the paint purchased for our dining room.

We are grateful to our many loyal friends who give us things each year for our Rummage and Bake sale and make our club a success.

STORYTIME

Storytime is always looked forward to by the children. We, as teachers, read many, many stories to our children. Good books that are much above their reading grade level are used. In the lower grades a book called "Time for Fairy Tales, Old and New" by Arbuthnot is used a great deal. This contains folk tales, myths, epics, fables and modern fanciful tales for children. Then, a book of children's poetry, "Sung Under the Silver Umbrella" is always enjoyed.

The Bookmobile visits our school once a month. Each room receives a box of 20 or more books. These have been carefully selected by Mrs. Wicks for the

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various grade level. Most all of these can be read by the children. The children are encouraged to learn to read a book well, so that they might read it to their classmates. This is especially true in grades two and three.

New books are added to our school library each year through two funds, a State Literary Fund and the Peabody Fund.

SPORTS (Come! Let's Play!)

In our school we are fully aware of the saying that "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy." Special emphasis is placed on the physical education program.

During the winter months when it is not deemed wise to have the children outside for recess periods, games are provided for each room. In this way each child has the opportunity to take part in quiet games.

The playground equipment and games are furnished by the S. C. A. Most S. C. A. funds come from the semi-annual "Paper Drives" to which many of our patrons so willingly give of their time and cars.

DECEMBER BRIDE

Yes, we have one. Our sweet and jovial Mrs. Lillian Piggott became the bride of Mr. William T. Smith on December 18th. Our bride seems most happy in her new role but to many she is still "Mrs. Piggott".

The bridegroom plays the leading role in another program - MY FAVORITE HUSBAND - which may be seen on another network - a farm near Lincoln.

All of us have our favorites but "Wm. T." is the one we hear the most about around here.

MR. PEPPERS

Mr. Peppers can be seen five days a week in the fifth grade. He is enrolled under the name of James Reynolds but few know him as such. You can't understand a word he says but if you should meet a boy with a crew haircut, in a plaid shirt, horn rimmed glasses, a broad grin and dancing eyes. -That's "Mr. Peppers".

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ROY ROGERS, Gene Autrey, THE LONE RANGER - and other outstanding cowboys-
can be seen in action on the playground any day when the weather permits the
first, second and third grade boys to play outside.

WHAT'S MY LINE? (Mrs. Louise Hawthorne, Music Teacher)

Teaching Music is my line
Pupils at Hamilton School are fine,
Faculty members are tried and true,
Each does her best to work with you.

Clack-a-lack, a-lack, Boom! Boom! Boom!
You hear the noise of the sticks and drum,
It's the Rhythm Band you hear
With Cummins, Conard and Laycock bringing
up the rear.

Singing is the most fun
Lively songs they give the gun,
Keeping the tune they start out with,
They are the pupils of Mrs. Smith.

"Davy Crockett" is their pet theme,
The story of which each can dream.
You should hear the songs they raise
When they sing for their Principal, Mrs. Mayse.

WHAT'S MY LINE? (Mr. Warren Clark)

In January of this year the first band was organized at Hamilton School
under the direction of Mr. Warren Clark who also teaches band at Loudoun County
High School, Leesburg, and Purcellville.

At present there are 16 students participating:

Bill Francis - saxophone	Ruth Brown - bell-lair	Elaine Jessee - clarinet
Eddie Crooks - trumpet	Dickie McDaniel - trombone	Donna Taylor-clarinet
Betty Jane Mock - clarinet	Harry Cusick - trombone	
Tommy Laycock - trumpet	Chas. Lee Weaning - trumpet	
Ruth Ann Mock - flute	Suzanne Turner - flute	
Francis Mock - trombone	Billy Stanford - coronet	
Bill Bosley - saxophone	Woody Turner - trombone	

WHAT'S MY LINE? (Mrs. Delores Phillips, Art Teacher)

We think we are fortunate in Hamilton School to have the assistance of Mrs. Delores Phillips with our art program. Mrs. Phillips comes once each month and offers suggestions and gives help where needed.

The first and second grades are doing finger painting and some of the designs have been very good. This is done in third grade this year and also some water coloring. The third grade has joined the fourth this spring in ceramics. The fourth and fifth grades have done some very good pieces in ceramics since we have had our kiln. Our kiln was given to us by the Old Dominion Foundation. We are also helping other schools by firing their pieces for them.

In the sixth and seventh grades the art program is centered around the use of water color and charcoal. Some of the pictures they have made in these grades were very good and they have received much admiration.

THIS IS YOUR LIFE

Our principle subject for this issue is one who anyone associated with Hamilton School will readily recognize. She came to Hamilton in 1944 with 28 years of teaching experience. During these past 11 years, under her capable leadership, the school has made outstanding progress. Much of which can be seen in "On Your Account". This progress can be attributed mainly to her interest in children and ability to maintain discipline. So the teachers and pupils of Hamilton School today salute their principal - MRS. FRANCES MAYSE.

Mrs. Mayse has two children - Miss Frances Mayse, who is a Social worker for Traveler's Aid in Washington, D. C. and Merine Captain Stewart Mayse, now stationed in Korea. But, of course, the "Apples of Grandmother's eye" are Linda and Stewart Mayse, Jr. who, with their mother, are now occupying her home in Round Hill.

Desiring to broaden herself, not just by eating, Mrs. Mayse uses her

vacation each year for traveling - always striving to increase her knowledge.

One might say her life is devoted to her church and children - her children, her grandchildren and the children in Hamilton School.

Anyone who has worked with her knows they just don't come any better - For to know her is to love her.

FACTS FORUM

While Hamilton School is feeling quite "smug" about the accomplishments it has made within its immediate scope, we, nevertheless, must stop and face the "facts"

The "facts" being that without our efficient School Superintendent - Mr. O. L. Emerick and School Board back of us, our work would have been much harder and less pleasant.

The new addition to the building in 1951, including a much needed auditorium with stage curtains is a "fact" of which we are most proud. This addition also includes an attractive First Grade room and two rest rooms.

Other "facts", or improvements that have been added are space for an office and a clinic and outside fountains.

These are just "the facts", mam! But "facts" about a group of people of whom we are mighty proud.

STRIKE IT RICH

As teachers we never hope to do this. The values we receive from our profession cannot be measured in dollars and cents. THE BIG PAY-OFF comes when we see the children we have taught go out in the world and become successful in their chosen profession or line of work. But above all, it is with a feeling of pride that we see boys and girls go out to become good citizens and thereby make this a better world in which to live. We like to think that we have been some small link in their chain to success.

IT'S A GREAT LIFE -For -" Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."