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Years attended PVES 1951-

My favorite Pleasant View Memory is:

When I was in 3rd grade, we moved from the old PVES to the new PVES. It was wonderful! Having a cafeteria when we got to the new school was great. Emily McDaniel and Alice Carpenter made delicious food. I can still remember those wonderful rolls, green beans and the macaroni and cheese. Mrs. Moore, the 2nd grade teacher would always put a big, beautiful, colored chalk drawing on her board for every season. Colored chalk was a big to me! When I was in the 4th grade, one of my classmates lost her mother. Mrs. Dodd (5th grade) and Mrs. Tinsley (Music Teacher) paid special attention to her. Mrs. Dodd made sure she always had a part in assemblies. Mrs. Tinsley not only gave her music lessons, but took her into her home for visits and saw to some of her needs. I sure haven't forgotten their kindness to this girl. Mrs. Dodd's purse always amazed me when I saw her open it, everything was organized in envelopes and had rubber bands around everything! I always think how delighted Mrs. Dodd would have been is she had lived to see the invention of Ziplock bags!

On Fridays, we always had assemblies with a different grade being in charge each time. It gave us all a chance to get in front of people to "perform". I remember especially, that every time the 5th grade, under the guidance of Mrs. Dodd, had assembly; we always sang "Sweet Hour of Prayer" as a large group.

Later in the 7th grade, I remember that Mrs. Hill, (7th grade teacher and Principal) had a PTA program that Margaret Lee Campbell and I had a big part in. On the night of it and in front of the whole auditorium full of people; Margaret Lee and I got tickled when our parts came. Needless to say, Mrs. Hill was not a happy woman! Neither were my parents when conduct grades for the six weeks came out!

My favorite memory of the Pleasant View teachers is not so much what they taught me, but how they taught me. They taught me by the kind of people they were and how they made elementary school a pleasant time in my life.

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