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HISTORY OF THE LOXLEY SCHOOL

In the year 1908 the Loxley School was located about a mile west of the present school. It was a one room school. This building is still standing in the back of what is known as the Mahler home. A former pupil of that school tells me that when they walked in the room the floor would wobble, as it lacked proper bracing. Water was carried from a quarter of a mile, from what is now the Lacy home. It was at that time a hotel. Miss Beatrice Partridge was the teacher that year,(Now B. Saxe living in Mobile).Mr. Humble followed Miss Partridge and taught the next two years. One of the vivid pictures some of his pupils rememver is that he made erasers out of his old pants.

In 1911 a two room school was built across the highway from the present school. This school was built by R.Y. Smith and J.C. Griffing on the Mahler land. In 1917 this building was moved to the present site and another room added. When the school became crowded a room in the Episcopal Church and also one in the old Creamery Building was used as classrooms.

In 1927 the present school was built. It had six classrooms, auditorium, office, and library. At present we have eleven rooms, auditorium, library, office, bathrooms, lavatories and drinking fountains in every room. A Cafeteria was added in 1950.

The Wade and Wetzell Schools were consolidated with the Loxley School. In 1919 Loxley had three teachers, 107pupils, and taught through the tenth grade. At present we have twelve teachers, a janitor, a secretary and two workers in the Cafeteria.We have three buses carring 162 children and an enrollment of 377 children.

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We have won several trophies for basketball.

The trustees are Comer Hobbs, James Stapleton, and Fred Buettner. Comer Hobbs has been a trustee since 1927.

We have always had an active P.T.A. Years ago it was known as the Loxley School Improvement Association.

I would like to mention Mrs. Adams, as she was such a faithful worker in the P.T.A. and acted as president for a number of years.

The present officers of the P.T.A. are Mr.Harold Boone-President, Mrs. Fannie Robinson-Wice President, Mrs. Roy Davis Jr.-Secretary, Mrs. C.Champion-Treasure.

Many things have been added to the school from time to time as gifts from the graduating classes to mention a few, walk in front of school, pictures, books, concrete benches and bird bath for the yard, record player, butane stove for classroom, flagpole, twenty-five dollar bond.

Mr. Windbigler of the Azalea Glen Nursery has helped beartify the yard. He has donated much of the shrubbery.

The following have been principals in the Loxley School.

Miss Beatrice Partridge-------1908-1909--one year
Charles Rumble----------1909-1911--two years
Ethel Weekley----------1911-1913--two years
Mrs. Wallace ----------1913-1914--one year
Mr. Hodges----------1914-1915--one year
Minnie McQuire----------1915-1917-- two years
Mr. Knolton----------1917-1918-- one year
Jennie Clark----------1918-1919--one year

George Strong----------1919-1920--one year

Low Ella Pebbles----------1920-1922--two years

A.L. Brazil----------1922-1924--two years

John Huff----------1924-1934--ten years

J.H. Hadley ----------1934-1937--three years

W.C. McGowan----------1937-1943--six years

Bertie Gilbert----------1943-1945--two years

S.R. Gates----------1945- --

Teachers Registers in the office date back to 1919-1920.

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LOXLEY SCHOOL

"The principal made erasers out of his old pants."

On 1908, the one room Loxley School was located about a mile west of the present school. A former student said that when they walked in the room, the floor would wobble, as it lacked proper bracing. Water was carried from a quarter of a mile away from a small hotel. One of the most vivid recollections about one of the early principals is that he made erasers out of his old pants.

IN 1911, a two room school was built across the nighway from the present school and in ~~1977~~ 1917, this building was moved across the highway and another room added. When the school became overcrowded, a room in the Episcopal church and also one in the old Creamery Building were used as classrooms.

The ~~six~~ classroom school building was constructed in 1927. The school also had an auditorium, office, and library and a cafeteria was added in 1950.

Former school principals at Loxley were Miss Beatrice Partridge, Charles Humble, Ethel Weekley, Mrs. Wallace, Mr. Hodges, Minnie McQuire, Mr. Knolton, Jennie Clark, George Strong, Lou Ellen Pebbles, A.L. Brazil, John Huff, J.H. Hadley, W.C. McGowan, Bertie Gilbert and S.R. Gates. (This history goes only as far as 1945)

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supplements individual classes, grade levels and special projects such as the math and science lab. The Pelican's Nest Science Lab received several grants and awards in 2000, including Best Community Environmental Education Project, Environmental Education Association of Alabama and Citizen Scientist Award and the Sea World/Busch Gardens Environmental Excellence Award Center for Marine Conservation.

Central Baldwin County Area Public Schools

ROBERTSDALE HIGH SCHOOL

A wooden two-story structure built in 1905 was the first home of Robertsdale High School. Six years later, it was replaced by a more permanent block building that taught grades one through eight. Students in grades nine through 12 attended classes in Bay Minette. In 1928, a building was erected and housed students in grades one through 12. This is the present site of Robertsdale Elementary School. In 1992, Robertsdale High School opened on Highway 59.

Situated along the campus' 50 acres are 58 instructional rooms, a media center and gymnasium, along with a football field house, football and band practice fields, and softball and baseball facilities.

CENTRAL BALDWIN MIDDLE SCHOOL

Located on Highway 59 between the towns of Loxley and Robertsdale, Central Baldwin Middle School joined the Baldwin County Public School family in 1994. Its formation opened many doors, helping to bring the children of the outlying Loxley, Robertsdale, Silverhill and Summerdale communities, together to learn under one roof. The plant's incorporation also enhances the opportunities for those students who plan to attend Robertsdale High School.

Loxley

Another community founded in the shadows of Baldwin County's land rush after the turn of the 20th-century was Loxley, which is still a major player in the area's agricultural identity. In the years following its initial founding, Loxley became home to one of the county's few junior high schools at the time.

LOXLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Located on Chicago Street, Loxley Junior High School for grades 1-9 opened its doors in 1927. Mrs. Bertie Gilbert functioned as the site's earliest principal. In addition, successors W. Chandler McGowen, Leslie Smith and A. R.McVay also served terms as superintendent over the county's school board.

Fifty years later, a new junior high facility was constructed on County Road 49 to serve grades 7-9. The former junior high building became Loxley Elementary School and had classes for grades K-6.

In 1995, Central Baldwin Middle School was built north of Robertsdale, and students attending the former junior high were moved to CBMS, while the former junior high became the teaching site for grades 4 and 5 in the Loxley area.

Construction of a new wing at Loxley Elementary in 1997 provided 21 classrooms, a computer lab, library and gym. Currently, the school maintains educational, creative and extracurricular programs for about 350 K-6 students.

ROBERTSDALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

In 1905, Southern Plantation Development Company of Chicago, Illinois founded Robertsdale, Alabama. This same company also built Robertsdale Elementary School, a two-story frame structure. The school's 35 students eagerly attended the grades 1 through 8 classes. In 1914, the School Improvement Society voted to build a three-room school. Additions were made until 1920, when a larger facility was needed.

In 1927, students moved into the larger building, which remains on the current site. It consisted of a main building, auditorium and agricultural building, which also housed a shop used for vocational classes. The present gymnasium was constructed in the 1960s, and in 1986, a science wing and cafeteria adjoined the facility.

SILVERHILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Founded in 1902 in of all places a Land Company office, Silverhill Elementary School housed the state's first "paid" teacher. A class of 25 students, of Swedish and Czechoslovakian descent, occupied the small office space, now the Silverhill Public Library. With an increase in enrollment, a new two-story building was dedicated in 1907 at the corner of Fourth and Eighth avenues. To better accommodate the eager students, the school decided to further divide the grades. Children in the 5th through 8th grades attended mornings, while primary up to 4th grade classes met in the afternoon.

In 1928, a new school was built, a brick building with six classrooms, an auditorium, kitchen and office. A fire that destroyed the building in 1955, gave the school a chance to expand its complex. By the next year, a new structure consisting of six classrooms, two restrooms, an office and boiler room, was added. In 1981, the current cafeteria was built, and in 1986, the kindergarten and middle school wings (now 2nd and 3rd grade classes) were created. The most recent addition include grade rooms 4 and 5, and the library wing.

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Wood Burning Stoves To Bunsen Burners



Class Of 1914 Graduates From Two-Room School

With the consolidation of the Wade and Wentzel schools with Loxley, the above two-room school rapidly became inadequate to handle increasing student numbers. The class of 1914 was one of the last to occupy the schoolhouse before it was moved.



Barnhill



Brock



Langham



Driscoll

Do You Recognize These Prominent Loxley Citizens?

JUDY H. NEWMAN
Editor

"From wood-burning stoves to bunsen burners," remarked one old-timer of Loxley when reminesing about the changes in the school system in his home town over the last seven decades.

"Yes, I can remember the day when each large house had its own one-room house and teachers used to travel about from one school to the next, on a rotating basis," said Mrs. Roy Ellison, long-time resident of Loxley. She vaguely remembers the days of the one-room schools, but quite vividly recalls travelling by wood-burning and coal-burning trains along the old "Fort Morgan Line" from Loxley to Bay Minette to attend high school.

Chuckling to herself, Mrs. Ellison said, "It took what seemed to be forever to get to Bay Minette, because we had to make so many stops between here and there." She noted that besides a number of students, the train also carried cargo and mail back and forth between the towns.

In 1908, a small, white frame, one-room generl school was located in back of what is now known as the Mahler Home, approximately one mile west of the location of the present elementary school. According to stories passed down through generations of students, and former pupils of the school, Miss Beatrice Partridge, a pleasant, but "watchful" lady, became the instructor of students in grades one through high school.

Two things former students seem to recall most about this litle schoolroom was the unsteadiness of the boards on the floors, one description given was that "when you walked in the room, the floor would wobble, as it lacked proper bracing." Not only was the floor an nuisance, but availability of water created a great inconvenience. Students had to carry buckets of water approximately a quarter of a mile away from what was then a hotel-now the Lacey sage to continue to occupy. R. Y. Smith and J. C. Griffin, two gentlemen and businessmen in town, undertook the construction of a new two-room frame school, just across the street from the present elementary school, on land owned by the Mahler family.

After six years of occupancy, the building was moved across the street to the present site of the elementary school, with another room added to facilitate student enrollment. Between 1917 and 1927, the school became so crowded that students were forced to use other facilities as classrooms. The Episcopal Church donated a room for classroom use and another classroom was located in the old creamery building.

Consolidation of two area schools with the Loxley school was credited with the overcrowding of the school facility. The Wade and Wetzel schools were consolidated with Loxley, and in 1919, Loxley had only three teachers for a student enrollment of 107, ranging from grade one through ten.

In 1927, students in Loxley transferred to what appeared to them to be a gigantic new six-classroom school with an auditorium, office and library to boot. Each room had its own lavatory, and bathroom and drinking fountain. Such luxury!

The contemporary style of the brick veneer building wea designed with high vaulted ceilings in hallways and rooms, and high, arched doorways so that late spring and early fall heat would rise above the working area of the students and give much greater circulation of air.

The Loxley School system of 1980 shows marked progress not only in increased numbers of instruction, but added extra-cirricular facilities. The Elementary school hosts a staff of 12 regular classroom teachers,

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Children Shop
New
Sweet Sixteen Shop
Pre-Teen Fashions For
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Loxley 1:00 Thursday

Hurley Howell (yes)
moved & now living
principal
- Loxley Jr. High – at integration
- Bus driver

Sylvia Mammich yes w/photos
above

Lutecia McCord Wallace. no dr. appt.
family was Wetzhill Hill school (yes)
Consolidation –

Iris Kuklo – Loxley Public Library – no but loaned yearbooks
scrapbook

Wendell Barnhill – on vacation this week
cell:
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Rochelle Robinson yes
went to school there & taught there husband comes also – pics at Silverhill & Daphne

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Gerald & Rochelle Robinson
500 Sp Ft Blvd Ap. 341

Sp. Ft.

Gerald - principal at
coach@ Rdale
Rosinton - prin
Silverhill - prin
Daphne Jr. Hi -

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Wendell Barnhill — left message 10/13

Lutecia Wallace

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he was 1941 – 9th grade

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moved in 1945

Lutecia remembers

Evelyn Driscoll

started at school there

when class was in a potato

shed –

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1st Sat after
4th of July

Everyone who went
to Loyalty Jr. Hi —

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Lovelock Jr. Hi
5-1-16

Iris Kuskelo
Lovelock Public Library

Has a scrapbook done by a
long time teacher there

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Iris Ward Kukla

Loxley Library –

Mary Fenter

Mildred Bertagnolli

– 1st grade Dec. 1971 McGowan was principal

Domestic get together

Loxley 1949-50 9th 1-9 15 in class – county

Lillian Smith (past 40+ years) – has scrapbooks at the Loxley library

W.C. McGowan was principal

Birdie Gilbert lady principal during the years – later librarian at RBDH

1926 Quiet

3rd grade a retired teacher – Mrs Lawrence

Wendell Barnhill pharmacist

July 4th – together

Inez Jean Fenter Duck on Hwy 64

– Robert Bates principal

= Glenn Duck –

= Dudley Howell –

W.C. McGowan

Birdie Gilbert

Rochelle Hubbard Robinson – lives in Rosenton

(teacher)

newspaper article

Sept 14 Bulletin Feb. 27 1960 Judy Dawson editor

Wood Burning Stoves & Burner Burners

Lurecia Wallace – Wetzell Hill

Magnolia St. – Big House –

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Dear Ms. Hi

Secretary Long time —
(4 more to 3 others —
(see file cabinet mound to Bay Michelle)
will bring photos to Lodge &
Fix + see if we can scan them —

Sylvia Mannich

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Loxley Elmo Jr. H.
1-6

Dudley Howell
211 Day Ave.
Bay Minette, Al 36507

wife - (Ruth retired SS tchr C&M)

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Dudley Jr. Hi

principal

Dudley Hmell

211 Bay Ave.

Bay Minette AL 36507



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Lotley Junior High School teachers - year ?-

Mrs. Edwin Ellis
(Elmeda)

Elsie D'Olive

Miss Rose Hardy

Edna S. Reding

Mrs. Frost Smith
(Lillian B)

Mrs. Ethel Lecroy
(James)

Mrs. Patrice K. Robinson

Mr. Dudley Howell
assist Prin, Teacher

Irma J. Canaan

Mr. Glen Duck
Principal Lotley Jr. High

Lal Swift

Mrs. Glen Duck

Benoist

Vencil Taylor

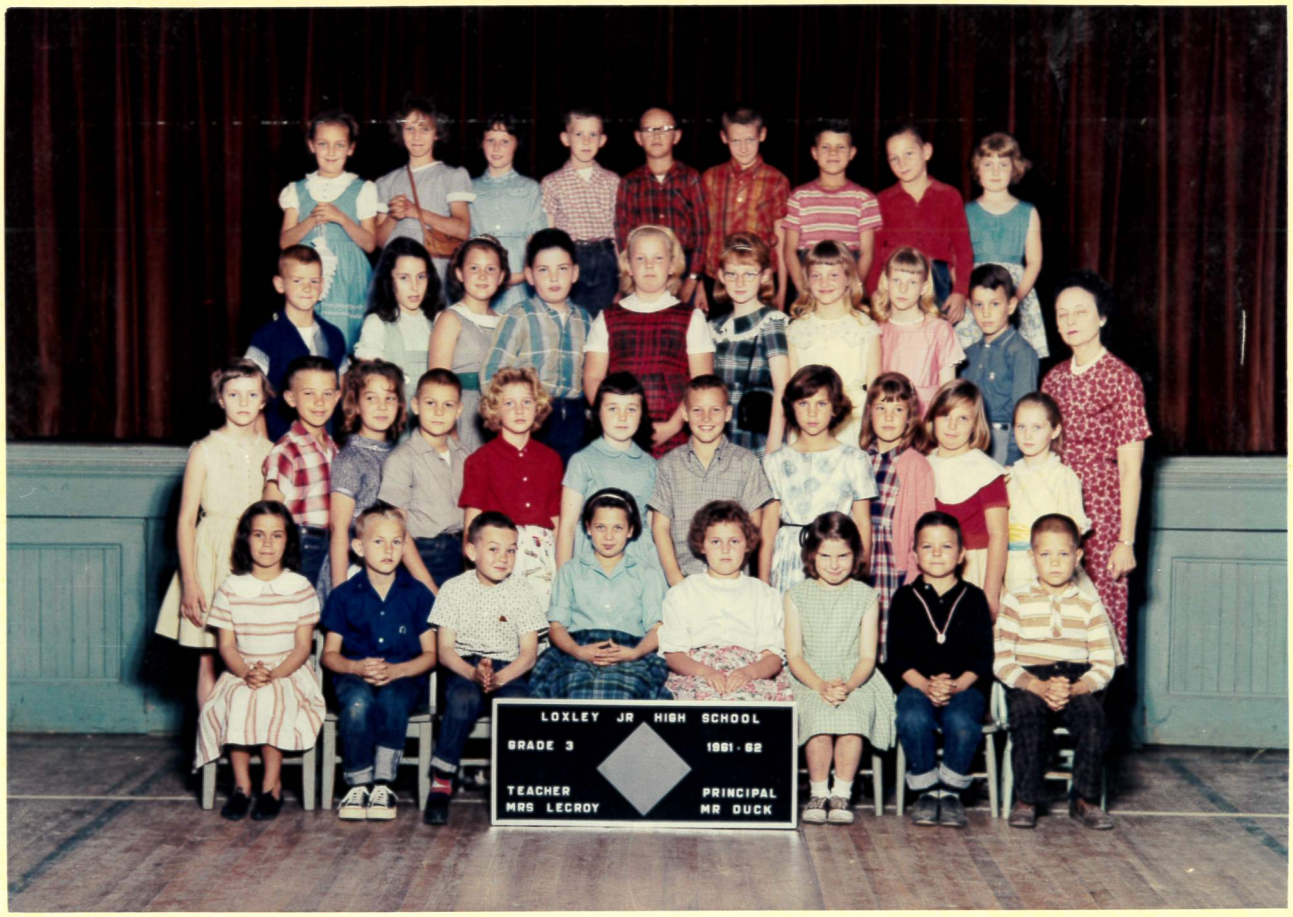
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Jean Middleton

Mrs. Ethel LeRoy - her son brought the book


LOXLEY JR HIGH SCHOOL
GRADE 3
1961-62
TEACHER
MRS LECROY
PRINCIPAL
MR DUCK