

THE GOOD OLD DAYS



Pupils At Corinth School About 1917

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Did you ever try to determine the correct identity of seventy-two people on a fifty year old (or more) picture? It's a challenging job, to say the least. We think there are seventy-two people on this, because that number came out twice—in the 3rd and 4th counts. And it must be fifty years old, more or less. We are guessing the age by Clifford Johnson's age. He's the little boy at the left end of the first row with his hands in his pockets. We know Cliff and while it will be quite some time before he qualifies for medicare, he's still no spring chicken, and so we are dating this picture by how long ago we think it would be when he started to school.

It was also Clifford who first studied this picture carefully and remembered back through the years and named these girls and boys as best he could. We think he did extremely well to get so many named, but in case he was wrong about some of you, don't tell me about it. Just take it up with Cliff at the Rose Hill Hardware Co. He's there except when the fish are coming in near his place on Topsail. Several other old Corinth pupils gave us a lead on a few more of these but there are still some that we cannot identify yet and hope you will realize that it just couldn't be helped.

Corinth School house was on the grounds of the Corinth Baptist Church yard that was built as a result of the interest and ambition of the parents in the community to further the education of their children. It was opened about 1908 and served until the consolidation of schools developed better equipped systems for the education of the children. But from 1908 until around 1925 this three teacher school was a necessity. Now the children travel on buses to other schools out of the community. We imagine that Mr. Sidney Johnson, who will be 101 years old in July, is the only living member of the group who was responsible for this

good school.

Seated on a board on the ground are five of the group of older girls of the school displaying their tennis rackets and nets. Left to right they are Mary Savage, who married Ray Young of the Providence Community nearby, Kathleen Rogers who lived in Pender Co. after her marriage Mary Lou Wallace now of Raleigh, Alice Brice, who married Leo Usher and lives just beyond Concord Church not too far away and Mary Brice who went to South Carolina to live after her marriage.

Second row, unknown pupil first, Clifford Johnson, who lives in the old home his father built in 1896 from the timbers of the original Corinth Church, Julia Marshburn married Archie Hollingsworth and lives at the old Marshburn home place, next child unknown, Maggie Swinson married Bruce Rogers and now lives in Rose Hill, next two girls unknown, there Lucy Rogers who became a nurse, married and now lives in Rocky Mount, Louise James married Jack Carr and lives in Wallace, next child is a little boy named Graham Savage, next is unknown, the tall boy next is Jesse Dixon who grew up and went to Greensboro to live. Next to Jesse is another we could not identify, then William Lloyd Swinson, who died while in service in World War II. Vivian Rogers, next, lives out at his old homeplace, next is unknown, then we have the twins, Arlie and Carlie Fussell and we certainly don't know which is which. Last boy in row is unidentified.

The third row and fourth row are a little hard to keep in a straight line near the end, but we'll tell you the best we can straighten it out. 3rd row, the principal of the school, Miss Carrie Wells, married Rob Wells. She is now deceased. She lived near Teachey. I.J. Johnson is the little boy standing next, but the top of his head is covered with something that makes him look like he has on a curly wig. It's just not

I.J.'s hair. Until his tragic death in a truck accident a while back, I.J. lived in Rose Hill where his wife and daughter still live. Next is unknown, then Pauline Johnson, who married Julian Wells and lives at her old home place, the Roy Johnson farm. Skip a space on this row where no one is standing then the next boy is unknown to us. By his side is Edwin Brice, who was afflicted with asthma and later went out to Arizona to live. His sister Alice (Mrs. L. G. Usher) visited him at his home in Tucson last year and says he is doing fine. The dry climate has cured his asthma (except when it rains) and he's a hefty guy of 200 pounds weight. Between Edwin and the last boy on the row are two boys and a girl that we could not identify, and the last on the row is William McClung.

The fourth row begins with an unidentified little boy and next to him is a Parker boy whose first name could not be remembered. Standing next is Sallie Mae Johnson who lives in Raleigh, then Mary Johnson, who married a Vernon and now lives in Rose Hill. We think the girl by her is Betty Lou Johnson. Next is not recognized but next is Nellie Savage who married Lonnie Benton, Lonnie later became a missionary Baptist minister and they are now living not too far from Rose Hill down on the coast. Idella Johnson is next. We think the next girl is Wilma Knowles, who is now deceased. The other four on this line are unknown to us. Among all the "unknown" pupils on this picture should be several we know who went to school at Corinth along then. Where is "Bossy" Brice, whose real name is George Register Brice? Bossy now keeps tab on the community from his store at "Brice's Corner" near his old home, but we couldn't find him on this picture. Maybe he was too young. Other's missing are Lillian and Sally James, Ira Fussell and a few other Fussells from that neighborhood.

Geddie Dixon and other Dixons, some Raynors and Jones', Matthews, Drews, Boone's and Casteens.

The fifth row begins with Mac Johnson who now lives in Portsmouth, then Maybell Knowles now in Wallace, Rosa Lee Johnson is now Mrs. Hardigan of New York City. Rosa Lee was down here last July to help celebrate Mr. Sidney Johnson's 100th birthday. Next is Annie May Young who married a Jenkins and lives out at the old place. Then comes Kathleen Johnson, sister of Odell and Clifford, Kathleen married Norwood Williams and lives on the Harrell's Store Road from Wallace. The teacher, Miss Eva Vass of Mt. Olive is next to Kathleen. Old pupils remember her both as an excellent teacher and a firm disciplinarian who didn't let those kids get away with a thing. Berta May Johnson is next. She married Marvin Knowles lives in Wallace and we hope someone will save her a copy of the picture as she is now on a trip to see three of her children, all living in California.

Jantie Bell Johnson, next, married and lives in Zebulan. When very small, both of her parents died within a week and Jantie Bell was taken into the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Johnson and grew up as one of their own. She gets back to visit often. Next, the little girl, is Ruth James, now deceased, we hear. Next is Margaret Brice. She married Garner Edwards and lives in Beulaville. Then we have Nora Carr, the pretty young teacher of the first grade. She married Tracey Brown of Magnolia. The last little girl on the row, close to the teacher, is Mary Foy Johnson, who married a King and lives in Wallace. Old friends can find her at the "Sewing Basket" where she works.

On the last row, beginning

Savings Associations Capitalize On Credit Card

Home Federal Savings and Loan in Warsaw has recently begun a campaign to alert the public to the dangers of overcharging with the all-purpose credit card. Capitalizing on the "card craze", Home Federal is offering to its savings account holders a No-Credit Card as a gentle reminder not to overdo it.

Using "Save Now—Buy Later" for the overall theme, the campaign points out the advantages of saving over credit with lines like "You can't charge anything with it, but you won't owe anything either." "The figures tell you what you've got, not what you owe." "It doesn't charge interest; it pays interest," and "It's a lot nicer having money pile up for you instead of against you."

The No-Credit Card idea is becoming very popular, according to Robert F. Kornegay, of Home Federal Savings. It has been picked up by an increasing number of savings and loan associations in North Carolina and the neighboring states; and inquiries have come from as far away as Utah about the campaign.

"We are very pleased with the reception of this plan of thrift promotion," said Kornegay. "It's not a scheme of any sort. We really feel that Save Now—Buy Later is a basic part of the economy."

The No-Credit Card campaign was originated in Kingston the first week of February. Since then, it has spread to Greensboro, Gastonia, Charlotte, Greenville, New Bern, Goldsboro and Danville.

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From left end, Luther Brice of Newberry, S.C. All the Brices on this picture plus several more were brothers and sisters still noted for their pep and the fun they get from living. Next to Luther is Manley Matthews, deceased, William Rogers, now deceased, is next, then a Kenon boy, first name unknown. The two attractive girls next are sisters whose first names we can't remember. They are the daughters of Mr. Henry Peter Young. Next to them is Bell Fussell, then Arthur Kenan who now lives near Wallace. Sidney Odell Johnson of Rose Hill is the next boy and it was he and his brother Clifford who identified the majority of these boys and girls. Next to S.O. is Cecil Rogers, now deceased, then Winfred Young, also deceased.

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