

Pineville School, Hamblen County, Tennessee

In 1939, there were 48 students with 2 teachers in the school's two classrooms. **Henry Gladson Cardwell** (center) taught grades 1-3 & **Principal Axie Allen Johnson** (left) taught grades 4-8.



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North Carolina native, Henry Gladson Cardwell (1910-1981) came to Morristown around 1930 as a student at Morristown Normal & Industrial College. In 1934, he married Tennessee native Pauline Shields (1913-1999) in Morristown. They lived on Prince Street in 1940 with their 4 daughters; Elfrida, Christian, Margaret and Peggy Jane. Mother Pauline was active in the community as a member of the Progressive League. She led a discussion on Communism at Judson S. Hill school and also served on the PTA there. They attended Union Memorial Methodist Church. By 1959, they lived on Branner Street in town.

Principal Axie Allen Johnson (1915 -) was born in Tennessee to Allen D. Johnson (born 1865 in LeGette's Mill, Marion, South Carolina) and Tennessee native, Elizabeth "Lizzie" Williams (1872-1951). Allen Sr. worked as a farmer and the family owned their home. Everyone in the household was literate. By 1930 Allen Sr had passed away.

Throughout his career, Axie Johnson was associated with music and education, beginning at Morristown College as early as 1936. He was a performing pianist and 1940 worked as a teacher at Pineville School. In 1940, his family lived at 516 Center Street in Morristown. From at least 1951-1953 he was listed as a professor at Morristown College, leading the Music Department and directing the touring Morristown College Ensemble. During that time, he would also attend summer classes at Indiana University, Bloomington. By the Fall of 1954, he had joined the staff of Jackson College as Instructor of Music in Mississippi.

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(Daily Gazette and Mail, November 12, 1953)

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The Pineville P.T.A. plans for your enjoyment a Fall Musical on Friday night November 13th, 8:00 p.m. at the Pineville School. The music will be furnished by the following groups: 1. The Laymon's Trio, 2. The Spiritual Gospel Singers, and 3. The Friendship Chorus. A food sale will follow the Musical.

(The Morristown Sun, November 13, 1953)

In January of 1954, Pineville School was consolidated with Russellville School into the new, brick, Miller W. Boyd School in the same community. (*The Morristown Sun, January 27, 1954*)

Miller W. Boyd School Formally Opened at New Pineville Site

Miller W. Boyd School officially opened last Thursday, marking the end of Pineville School and Russellville II School. The beginning of complete consolidation for colored youths of Hamblen County in a centrally located school with all modern conveniences marks an era of educational progress for the citizens of Hamblen County.

Thursday was a day of much commotion for all. Materials and equipment were to be rearranged. Pupils of grades one through six had to learn new classmates and teachers. The dietitian came to an electric kitchen.

Pupils were acquainted with the proper usage of rest room and fountain facilities. The first meal from a cafeteria was eaten. The view of the spacious cafeteria with three long tables beautifully decorated with colorful pots of flowers furnished by Miss Ruby Rogers, took most of the children's appetites.

The Experience Chart built by Mrs. B. T. Taylor's primary grades well describe so the situation:

Our First Day at Miller W. Boyd

Thursday was our first day in our new school.

We were excited.

It did feel like school.

No one stand around and talk.

to fire.

to carry.

doors rest rooms.

No evening lunches in our room.

Is this really us?

Many pupils told why they liked to attend the Miller W. Boyd

School. Barbara Lee submits her reason as follows:

"I like to attend the Miller W. Boyd School because it has all necessary conveniences to make school life enjoyable.

"I like the green boards. It's a rest for the eyes to see green boards instead of black boards. The tile floors are much better than bare hard wood floors. It's much easier to mop floors than to oil them. I also like the indoor lavatory. On cold days like today, it is very pleasant to be inside from morning until evening, unless you just want to go outside.

"Most of all, I like the view up here in the hill. This morning when I was on the outside and looked around at the beauty of the scenery, it was glorious to behold. The location of the school, the wonderful view atop the hill that extends to the horizon, the beauty of the interior and exterior of the building makes me think of Dr. M. W. Boyd's life.

"The hill makes me think of him as an outstanding educator who was high in his profession. The view that extends to the horizon compares with Dr. Boyd's eagerness to look out and find those persons who needed help, and the beauty of the building compares with his determination to improve and beautify his surroundings. I want to be an outstanding, recognized educator when I am grown. That is why I like to attend the Miller W. Boyd School."

The Sun's Editorial

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NO, MRS. BUIS, YOU AREN'T SILLY:

In an adjoining news column our readers will find the news story concerning the opening of the new Miller W. Boyd school at Pineville. Mrs. Buis, the mother of one of the students at the new school wrote the following letter to Miss Irvin, the principal of the Boyd School. In light of the school building problems here in our area, Mrs. Buis's letter tells in every day language what many of us feel about new schools and our teachers. Sometimes, thoughts are all dressed up so that they are flowery and meaningless, but Mrs. Buis's letter gets across our feelings about new schools and teachers much better than we could do it.

Dear Miss Irvin:

Here's hoping you won't think I am silly. But the children have just come home with the good news. "Oh, mother", they said, "we have moved into our new school." I can't explain how I felt. I wanted to laugh and cry, but all I could say was Thank God. For I knew it wasn't anything that I did or any one else alone, but all of us together. I am thinking of school when I started in 1933. I remember so well the long walk to the old church on the hill just below the new school. We went to school five days, Sunday School one day, all in the same building. We had to sit close together on cold days around the "old Pot Belly Stove" to keep from freezing. We ate cold lunches carried from home. Then the county started feeding with food furnished by the WPA. Mrs. Lula Bly was our cook. She cooked the hash at home for that was all the food furnished. We brought our bread from home. If we forgot our bread, we ate our hash without bread. The hash was carried from Mrs. Bly's home. Sometimes in real cold weather the hash was cold by the time we ate it. But we were glad to get it anyway.

Then we took a step to the two room school. The white paint on the new scooh the new desk, and kitchen stove marked a great improvement. At last Pineville had a school. No more cold lunches. No more soup and hash without bread. Yes, it was wonderful to me. But now when the good news comes of a new, big school with modern conveniences replacing our inadequate facilities, I am so happy. Oh how happy the children should be, but not only the children, but all of Hamblen County. We should be happy because we should know that our new school has come about by the group unit-

ing with its forces and working for one purpose. This should teach us that together we stand and divided we fall.

Yes, it was a big step from the old weather beaten church on the hill to the little white school in the valley. But so much greater is the jump to the beautiful red brick school on the hill. I think we should be thankful also towards our former teachers, Mrs. Bonnie Lebow, Mr. A. A. Johnson, Mr. Henry Cardwell, Miss Therresa Chestnut and others who taught us to not to give up, who with poor facilities fought cold and unthankfulness of the community to help lay the foundation on which we have taken this great jump. Yes, we have come a long way with the help of God.

May God bless you and the whole school.

Mrs. Buis

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