

~~Wade  
Parrish  
Sunder~~

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Manzanola Colo.

Dec 7 1937

Dear Cousin Eugenie,  
We were so glad to get  
your letter and learn  
what was going on.  
We were not sure  
that you were there.  
No one else ever writes  
so we just had to wait.  
Where is Colern?  
Did Lon Neta come home  
this time? We thought  
that you might be over  
there. Some one told  
Theo that they saw you  
passing thro' on a train.  
Kettie Loraig wrote me  
about it. They were  
expecting us any  
way. But I could not  
go. The summer was  
so hot & dry.

2 I just came near giving  
out. I was like an old white man  
that I saw in Hill City. I was  
spending the night there in a  
hotel. During the night Malotto's  
General Store caught fire and burned  
Hill City had no fire department at the  
time (1890's) The citizenry turned out and  
fought the fire. Great excitement. All  
was over when people began to ask  
What, who, and how? about it. Here is  
where the old man came in. He was tired  
but told how he had run and yelled  
for help. About the bucket squad  
he organized and more. He would always end up  
"I tell you I was just about petered"  
So he was. Just worn out and  
saying: "I am about petered out"  
Well we were sorry to hear about  
Rizzie. You know Hattie Jean  
called to tell us about it. Viola nor  
May were not at home but she got  
Nert's house. Gale the oldest boy  
got the message when he told the  
folks they thought it was Willie's  
daughter. They did not have Hattie  
Jean's address. So Viola got on the  
phone to Colo Springs to talk to Net

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nothing she said as  
soon as she could find  
out she would say they  
had tried to get Marie.  
Then Viola came out and  
we told her who it was.  
Where was Fizzie living?  
I am glad Ora Switzer  
is realizing something  
from her struggle  
in educating her son.  
So many sons forget.  
I am glad she is fixing  
up her home, before  
too many years she  
won't be able to scout  
out and make<sup>it</sup> Then a  
home is something to be  
happy about. Nicodemus  
is dead you say. It may  
have a renewal some time  
oil or something. But oh I can  
remember when she was a  
burner, The best town in  
the valley until one got to  
Beloit Kansas. The 80's - 90's

AFTER FIVE DAYS RETURN TO

Lulu S. Loraig  
Manzanola  
Colorado



Mrs Engenie Alexander  
Boque  
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Dear Coz and family

Here I am late again  
with my letter writing  
at that all are well  
and going good, Mamm  
had a touch of the flu  
but has fully recovered  
she is in La Junta now  
for a while, the town  
chaps want her there  
during the winter weather  
but I doubt her staying  
that long, Leenetta is better  
now than she has been  
for sometime, she now  
is a proud grandmother  
Dear her son is in the  
Air Core stationed in Texas  
he seems to like it quite

well, but army life is all  
the same I think and the  
Boys dont dare complain  
once they are in. The rest  
of the family is well, Harveys  
boy Harvey Jr is in Korea  
seems they are just flanking  
the water front watching  
those trechuous devils,  
he is in the Bakery dept  
says they load 15 trucks  
daily with 750 loaves of  
bread each, so you know  
they are ~~ating~~ something  
with that bread. Well we  
guess Maude is still  
on the mend, she never  
says a word, and I have  
not had time to go up.

How do you write to  
Mattie Biff I want her  
to know I'm thinking

of her prayerfully, she can  
be cured if she could  
only have faith in God  
not man alone. How are  
the rest of the folks there  
my! but we were sorry  
to hear of the old P.O. at  
Demus' going. Those  
people would have kept  
it paying its way had  
they all posted their  
letters there and made  
all money orders there  
instead of any where most  
convenient, I believe there  
are enough on the town  
site. Well anyway I'm sorry  
I'll close here. And hope  
to see you before the  
next year is too old. Oh  
yes I hope is in a practicing

business in Seattle, he  
is some sort of psychic  
Dr. is treating Nettie Asbery  
and she is able to get out  
of her wheel chair some.  
I'll close now

Hope you are in good  
health      much love  
Hattie

Ruth Finney

201 E. 18<sup>th</sup> St.

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Anola Colo



Mrs Eugenia Alexander  
Bogue  
Kansas

R.F.D.

4539 N. E. Rodney  
Portland, Oregon  
Dec. 29, 1953

Dear mother + all:

This is just a note to say hello, and to let you know that we had a nice Xmas. Thanks for our subscription to the Kansas City Call. We always enjoy reading it. I hope that you folks received your packages O.K. I forget to write and tell you that I sent them by express. I just put everything in your old suit case.

Tell Marie + Warren that we are ~~now~~ using our scale every day. It is some thing that we have wanted for a long time. Tell Bernice that she could

not have picked a better gift for us. I have been talking about a Chipping dish for years. I am going to use it New Years day for our blackeyed peas. Tell Buddy + Lois thanks too for their lovely gifts. Did Sharon receive her slacks. I had them sent from the store.

Every thing is quiet here since Christmas. Mable + Joe, Herman + I are going to spend New Years Eve night over at Bill + Dot Berrys, so we will not be out on the street.

I guess you have heard by now that Eula's niece Emma Belle was killed in an auto ~~wreck~~ wreck Sunday some where between Fulton Mo. and Moline, Ill. Eula sent us a telegram Sunday evening. I called Eula right after receiving the message. I wanted to console her as much as

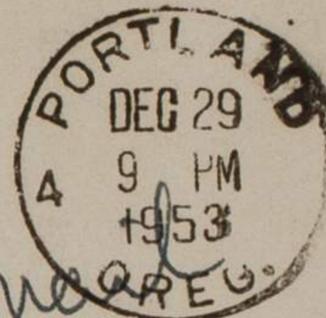
possible. You know Eula is always so  
nice to us in time of need.

Herman is ready to go to  
the Post Office so it will close. Love  
to you + all.

Lovingly your daughter  
Loretta

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2752 N. WILLIAMS AVENUE  
PORTLAND 12, OREGON



Air mail



Mrs Eugenie Alexander  
Boque, Kansas

Graham County

4539 N.E. Rodney

Portland, Oregon

Jan. 20, 1954

Dear mother & all;

Received your letter and also Marie's last week, and was very glad to get them. We had 7 or 8 inches of snow here Friday night and Sat. morning. We had to put the chains on our car Sat. morning for the first time since we've been here. The weather man is predicting more snow for tonight. I don't know what's wrong with Oregon trying to act like Kansas.

We are still working trying to sell these 16 new homes. Right now the weather is keeping nearly everyone inside. These people here are not use to snow. I am almost contented at home myself.

I had a letter from Cousin Hattie thanking us for the Xmas gifts and the calendar. I also received a long letter from Cousin Nellie thanking me for her calendar. She wrote all the Bonner Springs news and gossip. She sent me a number of clippings from K. C. Star about Verle Switzer. She did not know him, but she knew that I would know him. Anna Frazier sent us a thank you note for our remembering to send a calendar to her. This morning I received a letter from Reba Pleasant of Philly and also a letter from Eula. Eula said that she had had letters from Bernice + Marie. She also said that Mr. Houston was better and that <sup>he</sup> is at home now.

The Unthanks Celebrated their 25<sup>th</sup>

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wedding anniversary Sunday. It was a nice affair and they received a number of nice gifts. I helped out by pouring coffee for a while.

There is no news here to write about. We receive our Call paper every Monday, and we are thankful for it. You could not have sent us a better gift.

Tell Marie that I will be answering her letter soon.

Thursday afternoon. It is sleeting now. I hope that it will soon turn to rain. We are invited to Vernon + Lenora Gaskins to night for dinner. It is Vernon's birthday. I will not have to cook. (smile) Have not heard any more from Donald Keith. I guess that he has not been down since New Years.

Lots of love to you and

all the family. Have Bernice & Harry  
moved as yet. I want to send ~~her~~ them  
something for the house. Write soon

Lovingly your daughter

Lounette

P.S.

Eula thanked me in her letter for  
insisting that she take some insurance  
out on Emma Belle. Of course insurance  
money will not take the place of  
Emma Belle, but it will help Eula.  
I am going to tell Eula to invest it  
in property.

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Mrs Eugenie Alexander  
Bogue, Kansas

Manzanola Colo

January 31-1954

Dear Genie

I hope this finds you and the family OK. We are doing fine. Had quite a bit of snow but the ground is clean now. You know the south west wind melts the snow off in a hurry when we have one which we do often. That makes it good for the cattle men. ~~The~~ The snow was beautiful on the mountain this morning, a lot of it up there reaching down to the foot hills. Snow up there has driven the deer and the antelope down and several of them have been out here grazing on our stacks and we need our hays to. No we do not shoot them. The season is past and a fine would attache so they are roaming here

quite at leisure.

I hear that Bernice & Harry have moved into their new home. Oh my that is great such fine progress. Did they make a well and put up a tank for modern fixtures?

I wish I could come down but I shall have to wait until warm weather comes. Do you think Neodum will get her Post Office again? We hear from Harvey boy in Corea. He is a truck driver. Dean Lee's boy is in Lowry Air Field Denver.

My ain't there a lot of sick? just think the Hill City Hospital full already. But Viola says she thinks some go just to rest. Not sick at all. But I would not go to rest I am sure I can rest better at home. Write me I am so glad to get your letters. Love Lulu

Sanola  
Mo.



Mrs Eugenie Alexander  
Bogue  
Kansas

Miss Nina Duden  
7801 Franklin  
Buena Park, Calif.

April 29 '54

Dear Eugenia

What a lovely Easter card, thank you so much. Cards have meant so much to me the last 4 months, because I have been at home recuperating from very serious surgery.

An ulcer developed on my esophagus & wouldn't heal, so I had it taken out. They took out one rib (to get at it) two inches of my esophagus, patched it up with a piece of my stomach, sewed up my stomach and a split in my diaphragm (the big muscle between the lungs & the stomach) and backed their way out to the "tune" of 4½ hrs. on the operating table & \$3600. I call that Major surgery with a capital M. But I can

eat anything now & hope to be  
back at the school house in two wks.  
Fortunately I had insurance "Blue  
Shield" that paid \$2600. of the bill - so I  
feel lucky all around.

I don't teach in this school, (the pupils  
were gathered up for the picture)  
I work 4 hrs. per day just talking  
to people - so it's an easy job to  
retire to.

I've heard it is so dry in Kansas this  
year & I hope you have had some rain  
for I haven't forgotten what dust storms  
are like, and Kansas seems to always  
need rain. We have had  $11\frac{1}{2}$  inches this year  
which is a lot for us - but our crops  
are all irrigated from the Colorado river.  
Hope you had a nice Easter

Sincerely  
Gina Duden



# The Ghost Town

# SCHOOL

Built near Beloit, Kansas 1879

KNOTT'S BERRY FARM



**STILL** sits the school house on School Road, not a beggar sunning, but basking in all its glory of 74 years, a beacon of learning and forming those precepts which are the foundation of our freedom loving America.

**IN 1875** farmers from Iowa settled near Beloit, Kansas. They built homes, a store and a school house. The latter was a social center destined to wield a great influence in the religious and financial development of the community.

**EIGHTEEN** by twenty-four feet seems small today, compared to our sprawling modern buildings, However it was large enough to heat comfortably in a Kansas blizzard.

**THE** "pot belly" stove stood in the center surrounded by a metal jacket to act as a circulator and to protect those sitting nearest.

**THE** dinner pails that usually rested on a shelf were put under the stove on cold days, and sorry was he, who failed to put his bottle of ink there also. Upon his arrival next morning it had either bursted or the ink and cork stood up two inches out of the bottle.

**THE** first seats were double desks and home made benches, then single desks and two fine recitation benches "modernized" the school.

Recently three original double desks have been added to help bring back fond memories to the thousands of visitors who enter its doors.

**THE** teacher's desk was on a rostrum and an organ in the rear of the room doubled for the Saturday night dance and Sunday morning church.

THIS IS TEACHER!

**SIX** kerosene lamps, one at each window, served as lighting. These were usually brought, trimmed and filled by the school board members.

When they went home, the lamps went with them, so all others were forced to depart also.

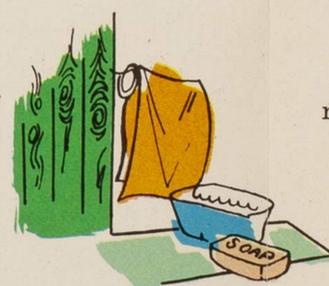
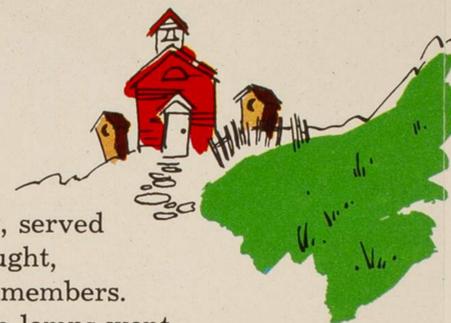
**LITERARIES**, Spelling Bees and Christmas programs were important occasions. The calico curtains with brass rings still hang from the corner bookcase as though it was only last week that the walls resounded to stirring recitations of "Laska" and "Curfew Shall Not Ring Tonight."

**TEACHERS** were leaders in the community and held the respect of almost everyone. A program of 21 classes a day was about the minimum for eight grades. Children learned from each other, were self reliant, worked quietly, and learned to complete their recitations within the allotted time.

**VERY** little school time was used to teach multiplication tables. Children sung them to each other out in the yard to the tune of "Yankee Doodle." States and capitals and their locations were likewise sung. The tune was "Old Aunt Rody."

**REPETITION** is the law of learning and country school children heard the same lessons every year they attended, and by the time they reached the eighth grade they knew about all of the *right* answers. That accounts for the excellent foundation that *older* the generation has and their ability to retain fundamental facts.

**FROM** 1877 to 1902 salaries ranged from \$10.00 to \$40.00 per month. Very few stayed longer than one year and three "gave up." They were probably teaching for that one year of experience as a stepping stone to a better job and likely had plenty of it in this district.



**PUPILS**, teachers and district residents have visited us and from their confessions

I surmise that there were often bullets in the stove, sulphur on top, hair in the inkwell, snakes and mice in the teacher's desk, live chickens in the toilets, and plenty of snowballs as the pupils dashed along the paths to the two important little houses in the rear corners of the playground.

**EVERYONE** drank from the same dipper. Homemade lye soap, a wash basin, and occasionally a roller towel met all the needs for cleanliness.

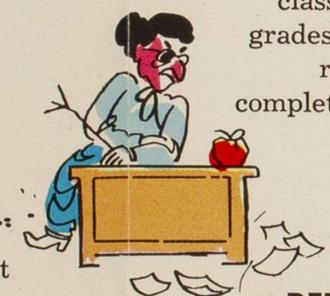
**McGUFFEY READERS** set the standard in reading and literature, and each pupil read in his "level" of reading regardless of age, size or grade. Oral reading was stressed, thus much program material was developed for their entertainments.

**WEBSTER'S BLUE BACK SPELLER** produced excellent spellers and contained an amazing amount of information.

**MR. WALTER KNOTT** was able to buy this school at auction. It was carefully dismantled, trucked out and set up for your enjoyment. All equipment came with the building. The Osage Orange posts have held up the swings for fifty years. They have been reinforced and continue to bring joy to the thousands of children who love to swing.

**DEEP** carvings on the corner stone which has been re-set in the front steps have already been obliterated by the thousands who enter the door.

**AFTER** the siding was replaced the cracks were filled and a coat of white preserving paint was applied. Kansas schools were white unless built of brick or stone but the public felt it should be red. Therefore Mr. Knott added a bell tower and bell and gave it an antique red finish. The original name plate made of wood is still above the door.



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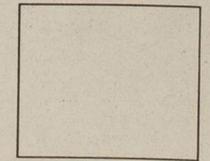
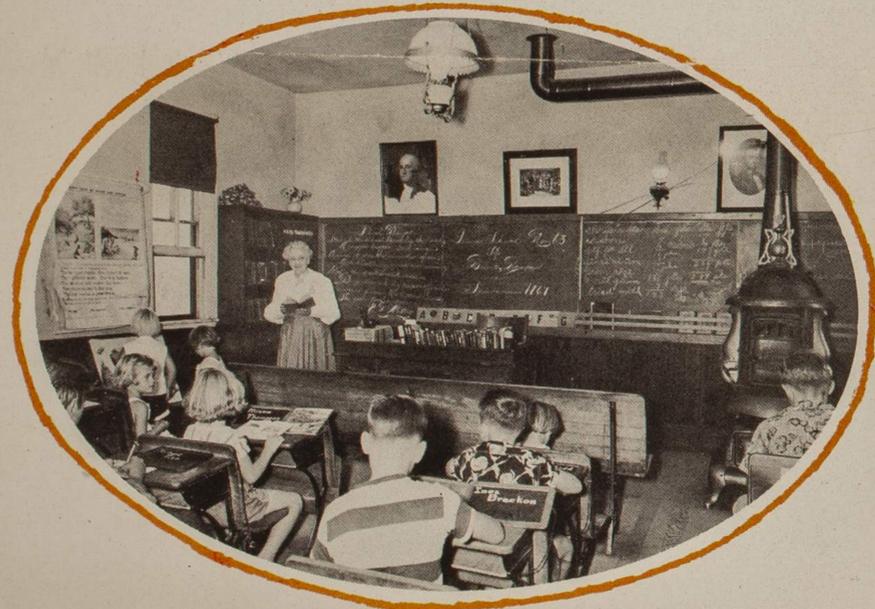
Philip Gilkerson



*Sincerely  
Vina Duden*

**WE** are grateful to Mr. Walter Knott for preserving this typical old school because they are fast giving way to consolidation and modern expansion. It brings fond memories and sometimes tears to those older guests who were pupils in the old schools and we hope it will help the younger generation to appreciate the work and the determination of the pioneers to get the best education available at the time.

*N.D.*



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2723 SOUTH LA SALLE AVENUE  
LOS ANGELES 18, CALIFORNIA

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Dear Eugenie

This is to let you know that I have just received your letter of July 10, 1953, it has been over at my old add. 2723 Dalton all this time. I happened to meet Mrs Dagan the woman we roomed with at the market she told me she had some mail for me at her house I went over and got your letter and

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a letter from Josephine Allen<sup>Jones</sup>,  
also written a long time ago. but  
however was very happy to hear  
from you because I have after  
wondered why no one would not  
write me any more.

We are well, and truly hope  
same of you and all

Please write me real soon  
and all the news I have

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MRS. ROY W. BROOKS  
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not heard from any one, and it makes me feel very lonely at times. remember me to all the family. I always felt I wrote last I am not sure when. but I do hope it will never be this long again. well did you have the reunion? sorry about your knee hope it is well by now. How are Alex & Katie by now?

well we have just had our first

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MRS. ROY W. BROOKS  
2723 SOUTH LA SALLE AVENUE  
LOS ANGELES 18, CALIFORNIA

rain of the fall about 2 in was  
very nice and needed so much.  
still nice & warm

well I will close for now hoping  
to hear from you real soon  
and all the news love to all  
from us both

as ever yours  
Pehrille

2723 La Salle Ave  
Los Angeles 18 Calif.



Mrs Eugenie Alexander

Bogue, Kansas.

(Fraham Co.)

MRS. ROY W. BROOKS  
2723 SOUTH LA SALLE AVENUE  
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4539 N. E. Rodney

Portland, Oregon

Jan. 26, 1955

Dear mother:

I fully intended to have written before now, but you know how one puts off writing. I hope that you are feeling better. Marie said in her letter that you were having trouble with your knee.

We are both feeling fine, and are as busy as ever whether ~~we~~ we sell or don't sell it takes the same amount of time. Theoplis Craig was in Portland last week. He called here at the office, but would not tell us where he was. He talked rather crazy on the telephone, so I decided ~~to~~ that he must have been in some dive that he did not want us to know about.

He talked like some one using dope.

Elmer Gruppie was in town Sat. He came here to the office and visited with us for about two hours.

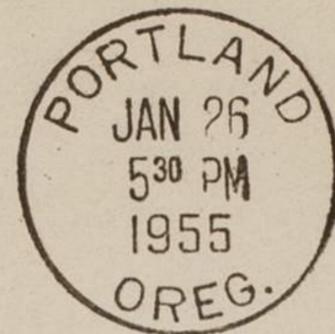
Mable just left here. She comes over most every day during a rest period. She always asks about you. Her birthday is the 22nd of November. Portland would not be the same to me without Mable. She treats me like I am her sister.

Do you folks read the Portland news in the Los Angeles Sentinel. Bernadette is writing the news from here for the paper. I understand that we will soon have a Negro paper here. I will send it to you whenever they start publishing it.

Tell Sharyn that I will be answering her letter soon. There is not any news here, but this short letter will let you know that I am thinking of you. Lots of love to you + all.

Lovingly your daughter  
Lorretta

4539 N.E. Rodney  
Portland 11, Oregon



Mrs Eugenie Alexander  
Bogue, Kansas

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Dear sister:

Just a note to let you know that I received your letter last week. Yes, it seems like it has been ages since I was home, or since I've seen any of my family. There is no news here to write about, just the same old thing. Work, cook, eat look at TV and sleep. I just finished reading "Brighter Sun" by Mr. Buster. It is a good book.

What kind of floors are you and Warren putting down. That is a nice inside job while the weather is cold. Have you heard Sharlyn say what she would like to have for her birthday. Bill Berry will be in R.C. around the 15<sup>th</sup> of April to an Urban League Conference. If any of you are in R.C. at the time, he would enjoy seeing you. I will write more next time. Love to all  
Your sis Fornette

4539 N. E. Rodney

Feb. 25, 1955

Portland, Oregon

Dear mother & all;

I know that you are wondering why I don't write. I hope that you and all the family is well. It seems that we go to work every day, and then home to cook and eat look at TV and go to sleep.

Business is slow right now, but we feel that it will pick up when the weather is better. I have been reading in the paper about the cold weather there. Of course you can only believe about ~~half~~ half that you read in the paper.

I just finished reading a book that was written by Mr

Buster. It is called "Brighter Sun" and is a story of Mr Buster's family relating to slavery. I had heard him talk about many of the things that he mentioned in his book.

Have you heard from Cousin Lou recently. I dreamed about her the other night, so I am wondering if she is thinking of coming out this way. Theophilus and his wife were down here a few weeks ago. They came by our office, but I happened to be out on a call and missed them. Herman talked with them. The wife is white and quite young.

Do you know whether Harold and Aletha plan to come out here to get Donald when he gets out of the Army next month. We have not seen Donald since New Years, so we do not know

the date that he is to get out.

Mable & Joe are well and Mable speaks of you often. We ate dinner out to ~~the~~ their house last Friday night.

Write soon and tell me the ~~news~~ news. Lots of love to you and the family.

Lovingly your daughter  
Loretta

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Mrs Eugenie Alexander  
Bogue, Kansas

4539 N. E. Rodney  
Portland 11, Oregon  
May 4, 1955

Dear mother + all;

It seems that I am the world's worse when it comes to writing. I want to thank you, Marie and Bernice for my birthday gift. I went down town this week and bought a very nice slip which I needed. I received cards from Eula, Edna and cousin Nellie. Mabel gave me two pairs of hose, Dottie Berry two handkerchiefs and Herman a washable house coat, so you see I had a very nice birthday.

We are having some very nice weather here now. I hope that it will last a while. I washed this morning and hung my clothes out doors on the line. The first time I've hung any thing out since last fall. Every one seems to be working in their yards and washing windows. I should be doing both.

Loren Miller + his wife from Los Angeles were here last week end. They came up Friday and left Monday. Mrs Miller was the main speaker for the Urban League Annual Meeting. We went to all the entertainments given for them. The Urban League gave a get together party in our basement for the Millers on Sat. night. There were about

fifty people mixed group. It started at 8:00 and was over before 12:00 o'clock. You know white people come on time and don't try to stay all night. Thelma Unthank had dinner for 20 people Sunday evening. We went there also. She had turkey and ham and every thing, but none of the food was seasoned. The Millers seemed to enjoy Portland. She both asked about Warren. I think Warren is a cousin of theirs.

Well this Sat. and the weather is changing. Much cooler and a little cloudy. Mamma I sent you a hemlock dress for Mother's day. I think that it will be a nice cool dress for you to wear this summer you may have to have some one open it down the front, so that it will be easier for you to get into.

Tell Marie & Bernice that I will be writing to them soon. I see by the "Call" paper that J. A. Kreeg is dead. We use to work with him at Atlanta Life Ins. Co. He was nice to work with. Did Donald Pieth come home? We had expected to hear from him when <sup>he</sup> came through here.

I hope that you have a nice Mother's Day mamma. I wish that I was there to spend it with you. Lots of love to you and all the family.

Lovingly your daughter  
Louetta

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*Mrs Eugenie Alexander  
Bogue, Kansas*

*Graham County*

4539 N. E. Rodney

Portland, Oregon

June 14, 1955

Dear mother + all;

I have been intending to write for some time, but it seems that I am always busy either at home or in the office. I am sorry too mamma that I miss you each time that I've called.

We had some nice warm weather here last week. ~~Sat~~ Last Thur. + Friday the temperature was around 96° degrees. I enjoyed those warm days, although these Oregonians were complaining about not having any rain. However it is cool and rainy here this week. Cool enough for a suit and a coat.

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The Elks Lodge had an honorary banquet for Dr. Unthank on 4<sup>th</sup> of this month. It was a very nice affair. Atty Stokes from Seattle was the main speaker. The banquet was given at the Multnomah Hotel down town. There were around 250 people there.

Herman made a business trip to Los Angeles on June 2<sup>nd</sup> and came back on June 6<sup>th</sup>. He is trying to sell some property in Los Angeles for a man who lives here. The seller of the property here paid of Herman's expenses ~~that~~ in order to get him to go.

I think that Rev. & Mrs Williams went to Kansas City, Mo. to the Sunday school Convention, but we did not see them before they left. I do not know whether they drove or not. We had a Woman's Day program at our church

3.  
on May 29<sup>th</sup> We raised \$2076.<sup>00</sup> The men are having a Men's Day program in July, and I understand that they are going to try to raise more money ~~that~~ than we did. (smile).

Ex president Truman was here in Portland this past Sat. & Sunday. They rode in the Rose Festival Parade Sat. and then Sat. night Truman spoke at the Jefferson Jackson Democratic Dinner. There was a large crowd at the dinner, I think about 700 or 800. Herman & I were the only colored there except those who were waiting table. It was \$25.00 a plate dinner. Our tickets were given to us since we are good democrats and we work with the party. (smile)

Well I don't know any news to write about. I wish that I could come home this summer, but since Herman and I both want to come there in December, I will have to wait until then. Do you think that any of you will come out this summer?

How is Bernice getting along?  
 Tell her that I will writing to her soon. Lots of love to you and all the family.

Lovingly your daughter

Louretta

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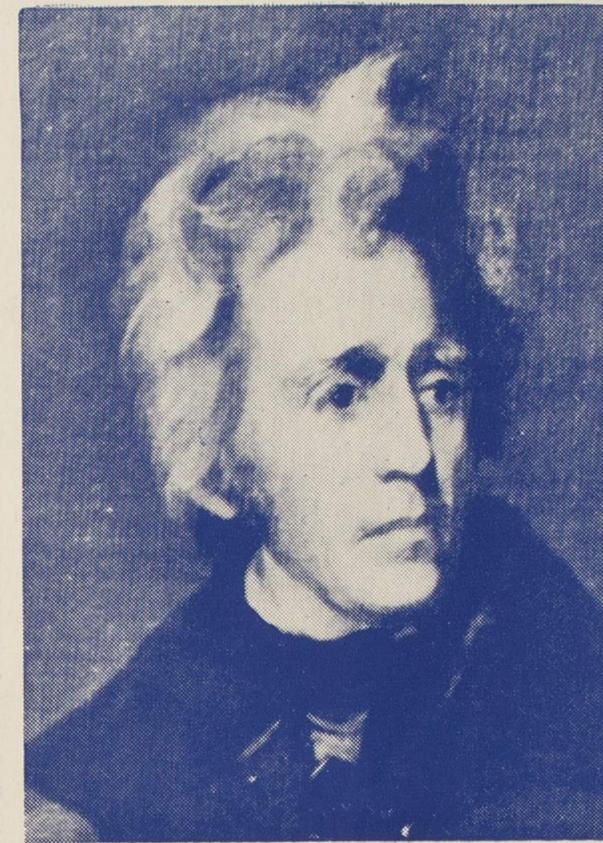
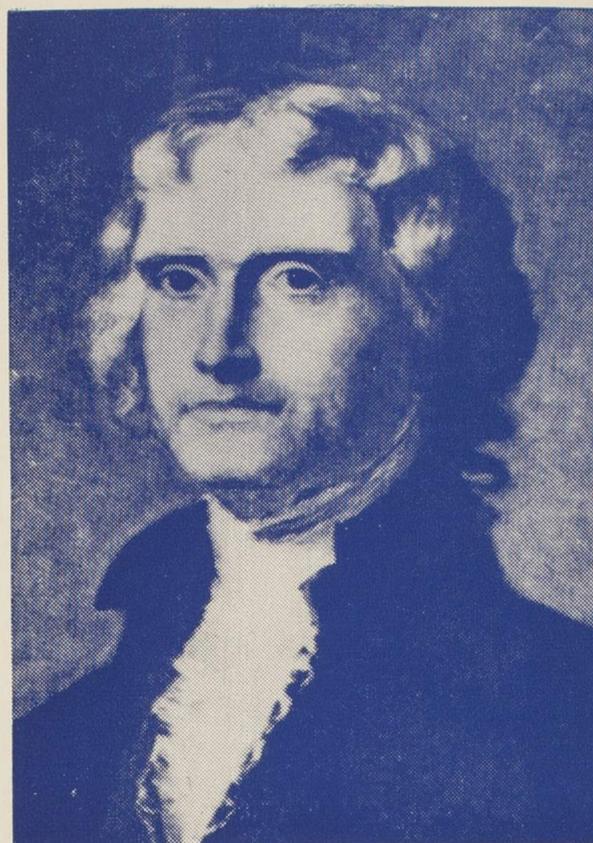
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## *A Brief Background — Dr. DeNorval Unthank*

Dr. Unthank was born in Allentown, Pennsylvania, December 14, 1899. Attended public and high school in Kansas City, Missouri, received his A.B. degree from the University of Michigan and his M.D. degree from Howard University. Dr. Unthank is a member of the American, National, and Multnomah County, Medical Associations, the American Geriatrics and American Trudeau Societies. He is a member of the National Council of the Y.M.C.A., Past-President of the Urban League of Portland, the N.A.A.C.P. and Past-Vice-President of the Portland Council of Churches. The doctor is a member of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity and the St. Philips Episcopal Church. While enjoying an extensive practice of medicine, and the father of five children, the physician's activities have touched many areas of human endeavor, not only in the City of Roses but throughout the Northwest.



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Dear Friend of Kansas Tech:

As you doubtless know, the State of Kansas has closed Kansas Technical Institute as of June 5th this year, and allocated the buildings and grounds to the Highway Patrol, the T.B. Sanitorium, Income Tax Division, and Surplus Property Stores. All of this was in violation of the original agreement existing between the State of Kansas and members of the corporation, known as the Industrial and Educational Institute of Topeka. One of the members of this corporation was the Missionary Baptist State Convention of Kansas.

We feel there is still a vital need for Kansas Tech, as no other State school offers a similar curriculum on the same level.

Even though the State of Kansas did not buy the land, and has erected only a small part of the physical plant, yet it has closed the school and seized the property for other state agencies. The Missionary Baptist State Convention of Kansas has, on behalf of the neglected and under-privileged youth of our State and other interested parties, and members of the original corporation, restrained; enjoined, and brought suit against the State of Kansas, to attempt to enforce the reversionary clause in the original deed that provided for return of the property in the event Kansas ceased to use it as a school.

The State of Kansas, in turn, is exerting every possible pressure to make us withdraw the suit, and remove the restraining order. We believe that an injustice is being perpetuated against a minority people and that the school should be continued as a private, non-denominational, integrated one.

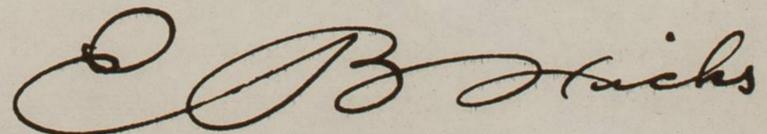
This letter comes to you to request your moral and financial support for this great undertaking. The total cost of the suit is not known at the present time, but we are interested in winning the suit and maintaining the school. Contributions for this purpose are already starting to come in. Will you, also, send a personal contribution, as well as urge your friends, your relatives, neighbors, your Church, and other organizations to send worthwhile contributions?

Money will be receipted and accounted for by this office, and regular reports made as to income and disbursements. All money left over after the expenses of the court procedure will go toward K.T.I.'s 1955-56 school budget. Make all money orders and checks payable and send to:

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Thank you for your interest and assistance.

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4539 N. E. Rodney  
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April 19, 1956

Dear mother,

Just a few lines to let you know that we are O. K. We have had summer weather here for the last few days. It is just wonderful to have some sun shine. I hope that you are having nice weather there along with needed moisture.

I have not ~~so~~ talked with Mrs Nickols for some time. She said the last time that I talked with her that she was getting use to being alone. Do you think that Mary and Rowena will continue to live in that big house. It seems that I can't get much written. I keep looking out the window at folks strolling by in their summer clothes.

I washed my two summer dresses the other night, but I have not ironed them as yet. Mable + Joe are fine. We spent Sunday evening with them. I guess that Bill + Dot Berry are separated. Dot is at home in Penn. with her mother. Little Joe is in Ohio with Bill's sister, and Bill is in Chicago. I am not surprised at this since they were not getting along well here.

Mamma I am glad that you took the trip along with the others to Elwood and to K.C. I know that every one was glad to see you. I will stop writing now and get this letter into the mail before too late. Tell Sharyn that I received her thank you note. Love to you and all the family. Your daughter  
Lounelle

Dear Marie: Some days look very bright toward my coming home and other days don't look so good. I guess that I am just too anxious to sell a house. I wanted to be there for Mother's day, but if I don't make it by then I am sure that I will be there for Memorial Day. I guess that I will just give up driving. I don't think that Herman is particular about my taking the car. Maybe I will get more rest by coming on the train. I could however visit more places if I could drive. I had planned in the back of my head that we would drive by the way of F.A. even if we could only spend a few days. I need a change of some kind.

You know I have not written to Eula. I hope that I can do so tomorrow. I still want her to come out here for the summer. Did you get the washer + dryer. I know that it will be a treat to have them both. I will be writing again next

week when I have a little more time.

Lots of love  
Your sister Lonnetta

Bro Carl Roberts  
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me your brother  
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