



**Times
Remembered**
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Back to School

Back to school . . . do memories ring a bell? Remember when you would shop for school clothes, school supplies and get a haircut or perm.

Mom would take me shopping in downtown Irvine or sometimes in Richmond to get two or three new outfits and shoes. I wasn't hard to please; I just wanted something new. We shopped at Central Department Store, Boyd Hardy's Store and the Rite-Way store most of the time.

I remember one of the dresses in particular that I liked very much. It was white with red flowers and a red tie. I had my picture made in it in the 3rd

grade. Many of my dresses were hand-me-downs from my older sisters plus Mom made most of our clothes unless it was a special occasion such as Easter and back to school dresses.

Remember when Mom would set your hair or slick back that stubborn cowlick in anticipation of the first day of school. You would sleep on brush hair curlers all night. Ouch! How did we do it? We even wore our hair in curlers to town with a scarf of fluffy hair net over them.

About a week before school started, I would have to get my hair cut short or get a perm. I hated both. If I got a perm it was with those hot, electric curlers that resembled the electric chair, courtesy of Mamie Cox at Cox's Beauty Shop, or a bobbed hair cut by Bill Cox. I remember sitting on a stack of towels to even reach the blazing, hot devil machine. You better not complain that your ears and head were burning, because Miss Mamie would admonish you. When she was through with me I had kinky hair that wouldn't relax. I vowed never to get a perm when I got older; I still don't get perms to this day.

The first day of school I looked like a poodle head; but I wasn't alone; obviously our mothers must have gotten together.

My 1st grade year was in a one-room school at Stump School; it used to sit near the coal wash on a hill. My Great Aunt Nell Black was my teacher. Boy . . . was she strict. She had many

rules, but she was an excellent teacher. We need more teachers like her today. But teachers do not have any authority now days. There is no discipline in schools today.

My second year I went to Hargett Elementary. The principal was Mr. John D. Witt, who carried a paddle with him at all times. He meant business! Everyone feared him. My 2nd grade teacher was Mrs. Lillian Isaacs. She was a sweetie and I learned to write that year. Third year was Mrs. Edith Harris; she was very strict and Mrs. Opal Richardson was my 4th grade teacher. She loved music and had a beautiful voice. I acquired a love for music that year. We sang every morning and said the Pledge of Alliance and the Lord's Prayer.

By 7th grade I went to Ravenna Elementary, which was a very good school; I learned many things that were beneficial to my high school classes. Such as: required reading, research papers and oral book reports. Public speaking and proper language were taught; things I had never done. I had Mrs. Gross, Mrs. Feltner, and Mr. Villers. We changed classes and I learned more that year than any other year. 8th Grade was Mrs. Rice, who was a great teacher at West Irvine.

After I retired from my position at Blue Grass Army Depot, I thought I wanted to substitute teach. I tried a few times and after I found out how some kids behave I said no; this is not for me.

The Middle Schoolers were the worst; some wouldn't even bring their books or pencil and paper to class. They would put their heads on the desk and not even pay attention. The kids that want to learn get short changed because of the ones that won't work in class. Then parents wonder why they are failing? Many act like it's the teachers fault.

My Daddy always told me I had better work in class and do what the teacher, coach or any other authoritative figure told me to do, and if I didn't I'd get a good whipping when I got home. Parents don't enforce rules like that anymore. It's, "Oh! Honey it will be alright, I know you did your work and practiced, and you are the best player/student on the team, you didn't do anything wrong, he or she is just a bad teacher/coach and just picking on you." Bologna!! That is what's wrong with world today; parents defend their kids no matter what they do; they are petted and pampered and don't have chores, discipline; or are never made to do anything. Some even tell their parents what to do.

School restarted this week here and we all must be more observant of children crossing streets and school buses loading and unloading. I hope this is a great year for everyone. Work hard in class to learn . . . it will benefit you now and later in life to acquire a career that you love and will enable you to contribute to society.

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