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Trash haulers short of quota again

Resource Authority says they need 30 days to improve — or else

By JENNIFER PEEBLES
Staff Writer

GALLATIN — The companies that pick up garbage from county businesses brought less trash to the county incinerator in April than they did in March, a shortage that could speed up the county's efforts to go in-

to its own trash-hauling business. The seven private haulers — including three large companies and four smaller ones — brought 3,072.5 tons of trash to the Sumner County Resource Authority in April, or about 927.5 tons short of a monthly quota they agreed on in early March.

The haulers brought 3,218.7 tons of garbage to the incinerator in March, an amount 781.3 tons shy of the 4,000-tons-per-month quota.

"I think if the numbers don't change much, I think the board may go ahead with the franchise," said Resource Authority General Manager Bob Brown.

The authority is threatening to go into business against the private haulers to make sure the incinerator has the garbage needed to burn. One of the incinerator's two boil-

ers was shut down almost 24 hours in February because of a shortage.

The Resource Authority's directors voted last week to give the haulers 30 days to bring more trash and meet the quota, or the authority may create its own trash-hauling operation by this summer, Brown said.

The major hauling companies, such as the big three — Browning-Ferris Industries, Waste Management Inc. and Sanifill — own their own private landfills where they can dump garbage without paying a "tip-

ping fee," a \$46-per-ton fee the authority charges each time a truck dumps its load at the incinerator's trash pit.

The Resource Authority's directors have told Brown to write a letter to the haulers, "basically telling them what the numbers are, and if they don't improve then we'll go ahead with the franchise."

The authority's board meets again at 5 p.m. May 19 at the Resource Authority headquarters, 625 Rappahannock Wire Road, Gallatin. ■



Sumner
Voices
Randy Cline

If you see a tourist, say howdy!

If you see any visitors wandering around Sumner County today, give them a big ol' Sumner County smile and tell them to come back and see us again.

I'm sure most Sumner County residents are always nice to our visitors, but being nice today has special meaning. Today is National Tourist Appreciation Day. In fact, this week — May 4-10 — is Tourism Week, and the month of May has been declared National Tourism Month.

The most recent information available from the U.S. Data Center shows that Sumner County, as well as the state, has many reasons to appreciate our visitors.

Tennessee has at least 7.7 billion reasons to be nice to our visitors; that's how many dollars travelers spent here in 1995, a 6.4% increase over 1994. That amount ranks Tennessee 15th among the 50 states. Traveler expenditures generated 138,600 jobs, the tourism industry the second-largest employer in Tennessee behind health care.

In 1995, travelers in Sumner County spent \$43.65 million, which represents an increase of 10.53% over 1994. The increase compares favorably with the statewide average increase of 6.4% and the average 7% increase in the 13 Middle Tennessee counties that comprise the Greater Nashville Regional Council.

Sumner County ranks 20th among Tennessee's 95 counties in traveler expenditures, which created more than 520 jobs and a payroll in excess of \$7.2 million. More than \$880,000 of local tax revenues were generated in Sumner County by travelers in 1995.

So what does all of this mean? It means that tourism is serious business in Tennessee.

A lot has happened locally in tourism promotion in the last two years. An effort by the United Chambers of Commerce of Sumner County has resulted in the Sumner County Commission investing more of the county's hotel occupancy tax collections in tourism promotions. The United Chamber Board created a position for a full-time tourism director, and I was fortunate to be hired into that position in May 1995.

Since that time, 362 rooms in four hotels have been added within the county. With that addition, Sumner County is now better able to host large events like the BassMasters Tennessee Top 100 fishing tournament held last October at Rockland Recreation Area in Hendersonville.

At least \$250,000 was spent in Sumner County by the more than 400 visitors during the fishing tournament. They slept in hotels, ate at restaurants, bought gas, shopped and visited our attractions and historical sites. Research shows these "new" dollars turned over twice before they left the county, which makes the local economic impact of the event a conservative \$750,000.

So, you may ask again, what does all this mean to the average Sumner County resident? The answer is simple — tax dollars. Every time a dollar is spent here, half of the local sales tax money collected goes directly to our schools.

So when you see a visitor, go out of your way to help them. If you see an out-of-town or out-of-state license tag on a car, be a little bit more patient as they try to find their way. To borrow a phrase used several years ago by the Tennessee Department of Tourism, "Be very nice to our visitors. They're very nice to us." ■

Randy Cline is the Sumner County tourism director.

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"You've heard it takes a village to raise a child? Well, the village raised the kids here." — Lester Mae Hill

The school pride built

In a one-room school in Cairo, a community shared hopes, dreams and raised their children together

By JENNIFER PEEBLES
Staff Writer

Built on a Sears, Roebuck and Co. executive's philanthropy and a community's willingness to dig deep in its pockets, this is one schoolroom that doesn't look big enough to hold much more than memories.

But it held the hopes and dreams of a community for a better life for its children.

It may not have been outfitted with water pipes or electrical wires during much of its life as a school, but it was equipped with the love — and the community support — it needed to rear two generations.

And for the now-grown children of the Cairo Rosenwald School, the white-clapboard walls around its one tiny schoolroom are still big enough and strong enough to hold an entire world view of what it was like to grow up in a mostly black farming community in the World War II era. It is a philosophy that taught the need for education, commitment to hard work and regular church-going — not to mention the valuable lesson that an exploded pressure cooker is very hard to clean up after.

"You've heard it takes a village to raise a child?" asks Lester Mae Hill, a Cairo student in the 1940s. "Well, the village raised the kids here."

When the children of the Cairo School — and their parents, children and grandchildren — get back together May 17, they will mark a new era in the life of the little one-room building on Ziegler's Fort Road, which closed in 1958 after 36 years as a school.

A plaque to be unveiled that day will show that the school is listed on the National



From left, Ruby Williams, Lester Mae Hill and Verdell Williams stand in front of the historic Cairo School. Hill and Verdell Williams attended school there and Ruby Williams' husband attended school there.

Register of Historic Places, the first black-owned building in Sumner County to be so honored.

The former students may look back fondly at their schooling at Cairo (pronounced KAY-ro, like the corn syrup), but it was by no means easy. The school itself was born in an era of racial segregation that did not end in Sumner County until 12 years after the Cairo School closed.

They attended a one-room school, fetched water with a pail and used outhouses, while white students learned in better facilities with modern conveniences. They walked to get an education while Sumner's white students rode buses.

Several of the Cairo students got together at the school last week to talk about their experiences.

They took seats in the old desks they sat in as youngsters — smaller people sat in the small seats for the younger grades, bigger

people in the bigger seats for the junior high-aged students, the seats with the initials and hearts carved into them, with the gaping circles cut out in the upper-right corner where the inkwells once were placed.

This is some of what they had to say.

Back then, it was one for all

They say time makes some things bigger and other things smaller.

"I was thinking about the size of this building," said Walter Hollerman, a former Cairo student.

"We used to run around the building, around the sides of it, and inside it looked like the size of the Kroger store in Gallatin."

Hollerman, who retired last year after 35 years as a teacher, most of them in the Sumner schools, was a student at Cairo from 1941-49.

His wife, Frances, also attended the school

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Edith Glover, her daughter Angela Sweatt and Sweatt's daughter Angela at Cairo School.

Steeple Players revel in amazing technicolor

By ROCHELLE CARTER
Staff Writer

HENDERSONVILLE — The Steeple Players are not using Hendersonville First United Methodist Church's stage and their grand musical productions to preach the gospel.

But their grand-scale performances have brought people of all faiths and backgrounds into this building, whether it be to belt out a musical number or just see a good local performance, members say.

Tomorrow is opening night for *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*.

This is the first musical written by playwright Andrew Lloyd Webber. It tells the Old Testament story of Joseph, who was sold into slavery by his 11 jealous brothers after Joseph's father gave him the multicolored coat. Joseph becomes an inspired

Getting there

The Steeple Players will perform *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* tomorrow through Sunday at Hendersonville First United Methodist Church.

Tomorrow's performance will benefit Habitat for Humanity. Tickets are \$10 and the performance will be at 7 p.m.

Friday and Saturday performances are also at 7 p.m. and Sunday's will be at 2:30 p.m. The ticket price for Friday, Saturday and Sunday is \$5.

Call the church at 824-8725 for more information.

leader who rescues Egypt from famine after interpreting the dream of an Egyptian pharaoh.

Although this play is biblically inspired, the roster of performances put on by the three-year-old Steeple Players reads more like those on Broadway marquees, such as *Alice in Wonderland*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, *Steel Magnolias*, and *Godspell*.

"Our outlook is to bring the community into the Christian world and

the Christian world into the community," said Cay Barton, a choreographer and all-around trouble-shooter for the group.

"There are a lot of secular plays that have a good message to them."

Plus, "a lot of the Christian plays are real sappy," Barton chuckled.

Hendersonville First United Methodist is one of Sumner County's

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Set designer Cori Blauw works on the set of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," which will be performed by the Steeple Players.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Frost takes some sweetness out of strawberry fest

But don't despair. Even though many of the early variety strawberries were killed by the Spring frosts, the county's agricultural extension leader promises there will be plenty of other great-tasting berries for this year's annual festival in Portland. On 3G.

Local road repairs

If you're planning to hit the road this week, take a moment to review our map of road construction projects in Sumner County. The map, updated weekly, gives you the latest on new and ongoing projects. On 4G.



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Tiny Cairo School holds much more than memories

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with him. She walked 10 miles, round trip, to school and back each day.

"Back then, it was fun to us," Frances Hollerman said.

Walter Hollerman, who now lives in Gallatin, recalls the pros and cons of learning in a school where grades 1-8 were lumped together.

Students had more freedom to learn at their own pace, he said.

"If he was teaching eighth-grade mathematics, and he was teaching fractions, and I was in the fourth grade, I could get fractions then or I could come back to it later. You were exposed to all the subject matter in all the grades."

On the other hand, "No teacher is good at all the subjects. Back then, we had one teacher teaching it all."

Parents did more than attend PTA meetings

Today, parental involvement in the schools might mean going to a PTA meeting once a month.

At the Cairo School, the parents spent more than a year raising the money to get the school built.

In those pre-government-lunch-program days, parents donated the food that was cooked on the kitchen's wood-burning stove and served to the students.

"They had a canning committee, and they would come down here to the school and they would can vegetables they had brought," Hill recalled, as some of her schoolmates jokingly urged her to tell the infamous pressure-cooker story.

"At one time they had a pressure cooker here, and one day the pressure cooker blew up when they were canning. [Its contents] went up to the top of the ceiling and it was up there 'til ... oh, when I graduated it was still up there."

There was no running water in the school until 1953, when a pump house was built. (It pumped distasteful sulphur water.) Before then, beginning in 1922, students were dispatched with a bucket across the road, where student Elnora Jackson's father, Charles (Jack) Robb, offered them water.

For toilet facilities, the children used boys and girls' outhouses, one of which is still standing today.

A large pot-bellied stove sat for a time at the front of the schoolroom, recalled Mary E. Hogan, who attended the school in the 1920s and sent two sons to it as well.

"We called it 'Big Belly,'" she said. "And one day, somebody came and stole Big Belly."

"We didn't have any linoleum," she said, motioning at the yellow covering that has been installed in recent years. "Our floor was wood and we had to put oil on it to keep the dirt down."

But the community overcame what it did not have by sticking together.

"From this one-room school," said Verdel Williams, a student at Cairo from 1938-44, "we got lawyers, we got nurses, we got preachers, teachers. They all started right here in this one-room school. Dietitians.

"... With the morals and the things that our parents believed — they believed in going to church, and they believed in doing right, and they believed in hard work and they believed in working for everything they got, and nobody gave us anything," she said.

"Still don't," another voice adds.

The picture of philanthropy still hangs in Cairo School

"We would have box suppers, pie suppers, to raise the money," recalled Edna Hollerman, Walter Hollerman's mother.

She knows both sides of the story. Of her 13 children, all of them attended the Cairo School — except, she said, "my baby." (In case you're wondering, the baby is now an assistant principal at Gallatin High School. And Mrs. Hollerman has 45 great-grandchildren.)

Edna Hollerman also attended school in what the Cairo students refer to as "the old school," a long-gone structure that was the precursor to the existing Cairo school building. It stood near where the current school stands today.

How old was the old school? Mrs. Hollerman, 87, started there when she was four.

Then, in the early 1920s, a Chicagoan who would never set foot in Cairo made big news.

The foundation formed by Julius Rosenwald (1862-1932), a philanthropist who made a fortune as an early investor and executive of Sears, Roebuck and Co. who was committed to helping black people, offered to put up \$500 to build a school in Cairo.

The Rosenwald Fund built 5,300 schools in 15 Southern states in the early part of the century.

The group also offered scholarships and fellowships and funded health services for blacks, but the cookie-cutter, largely one-room schools that popped up all over — seven were built in Sumner County alone — would be what Rosenwald



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A group of former students and their family and friends gather at the Cairo School last week. Many families had multiple generations who attended the small, one-room school.

County's first, but largely forgotten, community

Before Tennessee pioneer James Winchester died in the early 19th century, he reflected on the two cities he had helped found — a Cumberland River port city called Cairo in Sumner County and a Mississippi River port town called Memphis.

His assessment was different than the ones we modern-day folk might have, says Sumner County historian Walter T. Durham.

"He felt that Cairo had been successful, and Memphis had been a failure," said Durham, who wrote a biography of Winchester.

Cairo — a good chunk of which is now under the waters of Old Hickory Lake — was Sumner County's first real town, founded in the 1790s in the county's southeastern corner.

"It was a good-sized town," Durham said. It also was a planned community — streets and alleys were laid out and lots sold for development.

It was such a thriving town, Cairo residents made a pitch to become the state capital in the early 1800s.

Before that, they made a bid to become Sumner's county seat, but the state legislature snubbed them, in favor of laying out a new town, to be called Gallatin.

Cairo boasted large warehouses that stored cotton, tobacco and other commodities for shipment to the major ports at Natchez, Miss., and New Orleans.

Winchester and business partner William Cage also ran a large general store that sold everything you could need to live on the Tennessee frontier, Durham said.

"Cairo looked like it was going to really take off," Durham said.

But Gallatin's rise would be part of Cairo's fall, Durham said.

Gallatin was just three miles from the river even then. And the county seat just seemed like the place to be, the "creme de la creme" of county towns, he said.

Winchester and Cage's town planning also was a bit too broad.

"A lot of it was just overpromotion," Durham said. "The area was not ready for that much town." ■

'Good As Gold' recipes



Probably the best way in the world to eat strawberries is standing in a knee-deep patch pulling them off the vine. That's when they are warm and juicy and the sweetest.

But if there are any berries left over from your picking adventure try one of these recipes.

Just plain strawberries with cream and a little sugar is divine. A little more sophisticated dessert is strawberries with a splash of liqueur poured over top.

Dixie Strawberry Shortcake

2 quarts ripe strawberries, hulled
1 recipe Beth's Buttermilk Biscuits (see below)
4 tablespoons sugar
1 large egg, beaten
1 cup heavy cream
1 tablespoon vanilla extract
1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1 cup reduced-fat sour cream

Preparation time: 30 minutes.
Cooking time: 12 minutes.

1. Preheat the oven to 450 degrees Fahrenheit. Using a food processor or blender, puree one cup of the berries and pour into a serving bowl. Slice the remaining berries; toss with the puree and set aside.

2. Prepare the dough, sifting two tablespoons of the sugar with the flour and adding the beaten egg with the buttermilk. Pat down the dough to 1 1/2 inches thick; cut with a 3 1/2-inch round cutter (preferably fluted) into six short-cakes, re-rolling the scraps as you go. Bake on an ungreased baking sheet for 12 minutes or until golden and puffy.

3. While the biscuits bake, in a clean medium-size bowl with an electric mixer on high, beat the heavy cream until frothy. Add the remaining sugar, vanilla, and cinnamon, beating until stiff, then fold in the sour cream. To serve, split the hot biscuits and generously layer with berries and cream, inside and on top. Makes six servings.

Beth's Buttermilk Biscuits

2 cups sifted all-purpose flour
1 tablespoon baking powder
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1/3 cup solid vegetable shortening
2 tablespoons unsalted butter or margarine, at room temperature
3/4 cup low-fat buttermilk

Preparation time: 20 minutes.
Cooking time: 12 minutes.

Follow directions in Dixie Strawberry Shortcake recipe for preparing the biscuits.

Serves six.
Both recipes from *Reader's Digest Down Home Cooking — The New, Healthier Way*.

Fresh Strawberry Mousse

4 cups sliced strawberries
6 tablespoons cornstarch
1/2 to 2/3 cup fresh lemon juice
1 teaspoons grated lemon rind
1/2 pint heavy cream, whipped

1. Place the strawberries in a medium-sized saucepan. Cover and cook over medium heat for five to eight minutes, until it looks like soup. Transfer to a medium-sized bowl and set aside.

2. Without washing it first, use the same saucepan for this step. Combine the cornstarch sugar, and lemon juice in the pan, and whisk until uniform.

3. Pour the still-hot strawberry soup back into the cornstarch mixture, whisking constantly. Return the pan to the stove, and cook over medium heat, stirring constantly until thick. This should take about five minutes. Remove from heat, and stir in the lemon rind.

4. Transfer back to the same bowl the strawberries had been in and cool to room temperature.

5. Puree until smooth in a food processor or blender, and return to the bowl. Cover tightly and chill until cold.

6. Fold in the whipped cream and serve.

Serves four to six.
From *The Enchanted Broccoli Forest*.

Red Wine & Cassis Strawberries

3 cups ripe strawberries, washed and hulled
3 tablespoons sugar
3 tablespoons cassis (black currant-flavored liqueur) or creme de mures (blackberry-flavored liqueur)
3/4 cup dry, fruity red wine
1 tablespoon shredded peppermint leaves
4 tablespoons sour cream (optional)
cookies (optional)

1. Quarter the berries, and place them in a bowl with the sugar, liqueur, wine and mint. Mix well and serve immediately, or refrigerate for up to eight hours until serving time.

2. Spoon the berries and marinate into wine goblets for serving. If desired, top each dessert with a dollop of sour cream, and serve with a cookie.

Serves four.

From *Good As Gold: America's Finest Chefs and Famous Cooks Celebrate 100 years of the Modern Olympic Games*.



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Portland Strawberry Festival cut short by Spring frosts

By ROCHELLE CARTER
Staff Writer

PORTLAND — As many as half of the early variety berries in this area were damaged by late spring frosts, but there still should be plenty available for the 56th Annual Portland Strawberry Festival next week.

Farmers saw temperatures dip below freezing many mornings last month, according to the National Weather Service in Nashville. As a result, they lost a lot of their Early Glow berries, a "real good, sweet early variety" that is susceptible to frost occurring in the late spring, said Wesley Myers, Sumner County's agricultural extension leader and a strawberry farmer.

"They bloom earlier and they have been damaged some, probably as much as 50%," Myers said.

This year's strawberry season will be shorter because so many blossoms didn't make it through frigid April nights. Plus, our uncommonly cool spring is slowing down the ripening process, Myers said.

"Usually, we will have some ripe and ready to pick by the first week-end in May," Myers said. This year, "most strawberry fields will be in full production by the 14th."

"A lot of people would like to be picking by the weekend before that and, normally, we would be, but because of the frost and the cool tem-

Festival schedule

The 56th Annual Portland Strawberry Festival starts at 7 p.m. next Wednesday with the church choir concert in the Portland High auditorium.

The Kiwanis Club will have its prayer breakfast 7 a.m. Thursday, May 15, at McKendree Memorial United Methodist Church, 208 Wheeler St. May 16 is Chamber Day at the I-65 Tennessee Welcome Center from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Saturday, May 17, starts at 6 a.m. with the Rotary Pancake Breakfast. The Strawberry Stride 5K and Fun Run starts at 8 a.m. at Meadowbrook Park. The 56th annual Strawberry Parade will be at 1 p.m.

Call 325-9032 for information.

peratures we might not be picking too many by Mother's Day."

On rare occasions, berries from other locales had to be shipped in for the festival, said Alice Walker, executive director of the Portland Chamber of Commerce.

Farmers have planted several varieties of mid- and late-season berries such as All-Star, Honey Eye, Cardinal, Red Chief, and Guardian, so there should be plenty of other berries available, Myers said.

"We will more than likely have a fairly good crop," Myers said. ■

is most noted for today.

A brown-tinted photograph of Rosenwald still hangs in the school, above the doorway.

The total school construction cost \$1,900. The county government — which at the time wasn't doing much to educate black students — chipped in \$700. Cairo would have to match that amount.

It took "a couple-three years" to raise the money, Mrs. Hollerman recalled.

They had all kinds of fund-raising methods, including forming a club that called on members to donate money in the month their birthday fell.

The school was built in 1922, according to blueprints the Rosenwald people used for all its one-room schools, said Velma Brinkley of Gallatin, daughter-in-law of late Cairo teacher J. Hutch Brinkley. Though she didn't attend the school, she researched its history and worked to get it on the National Register and the Tennessee Register of Historic Places.

The principal, teacher and even a cook

You really get to know your teacher well after eight years of school with them, Walter Hollerman said.

"You looked up to them as role models — basically because you didn't know any other teachers."

J. Hutch Brinkley, of Gallatin, taught at the Cairo School briefly in the late 1920s, then transferred to another school district and served in the Navy.

In 1945, he returned and taught there until the county closed the Cairo School.

"He was the principal, the teacher, the substitute cook," joked Velma Brinkley, who is married to Walter's son Frank, also a school administrator.

"The janitor. Whatever else needed to be done, he did."

Substitute cook? It helped that the kitchen area was put in the front of the schoolroom.

The school had two cooks in that period — Nannie Turner and Hester Patterson, whose daughter, Odella Patterson Jenkins, was a student at the school. ("Mrs. Patterson — Lord, she could cook some cornbread," joked Hill.)

But every now and then the cooks couldn't make it. So Mr. Brinkley worked a double shift.

"He cooked and he taught and he never missed a class," Hill said. "He would stand up here and teach and be peeling potatoes."

"Whenever things like that came up, it was like things just moved on.

You almost didn't recognize it."

Mr. Brinkley would call on students from the kitchen to recite while he prepared lunch, Velma Brinkley said. "They just had to speak loudly so he could hear."

"One of Mr. Brinkley's favorites was the 19th Psalm," Walter Hollerman said. "I can still recite most of it today."

Bible study was a regular part of the curriculum.

"Every day before we would start the day, we always had devotion," Hill said, as Verdel Williams continued for her: "which consisted of a spiritual song and reading from the Bible, and prayer. And each one of us had to perform one of those functions during the year."

An era eventually must come to an end

In 1958, the county decided to "consolidate" the outlying black schools and closed Cairo School.

The Cairo Improvement Club, the local civic group — many of whose members are Cairo students — has been using the school ever since as a community center.

They've kept the school in good shape through the years, and no major additions or renovations have been done to the building since it was built — unless you count the installation of the cement wheelchair-access ramp.

No one kept a formal count of how many students were educated in the 36 years of the Cairo School, Velma Brinkley said.

One of J. Hutch Brinkley's class

Getting there

An open house and dedication service at Cairo School is scheduled for 2 p.m. Saturday, May 17.

The ceremony will open with a service at Williams Chapel Church, across the road from the school. After the church service, the bronze National Register of Historic Places plaque will be unveiled at the school by local and state officials.

A reception will be held inside the school building.

The school's bell will be one of the items on display at the reception, along with a school register, report cards, photographs and other artifacts.

The public is invited. There is no admission charge.

The school is near the intersection of Ziegler's Fort Road and Cairo Road.

To get there, take Cairo Road from Gallatin and follow it until it dead-ends at Ziegler's Fort Road. There, take a left on Ziegler's Fort. The school is on the left.

registers has been saved, and it shows he had 30 students that particular year, she said.

"Miss Edna, when you were making all those pies and frying all those fish, did you ever think ...?" she asked Edna Hollerman.

"No," Miss Edna replied. "I sure didn't." ■

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