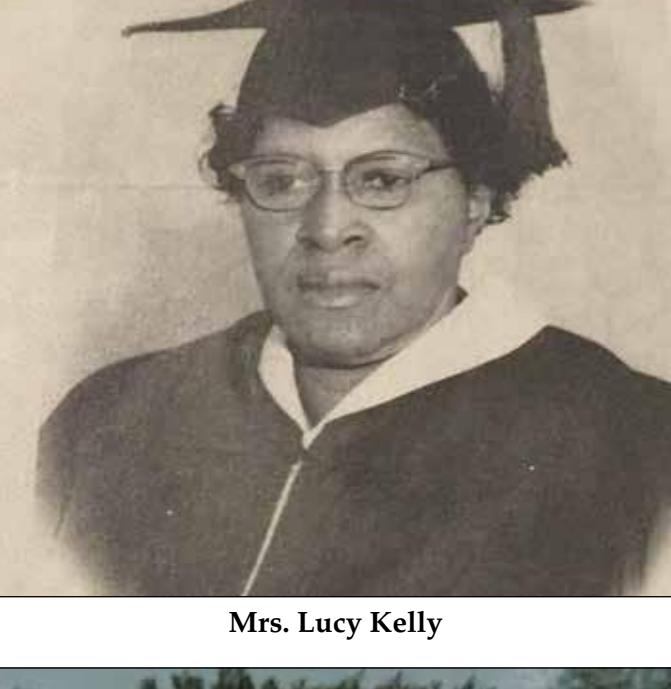


Mrs. Lucy Kelly – Still Known by Her Full Name

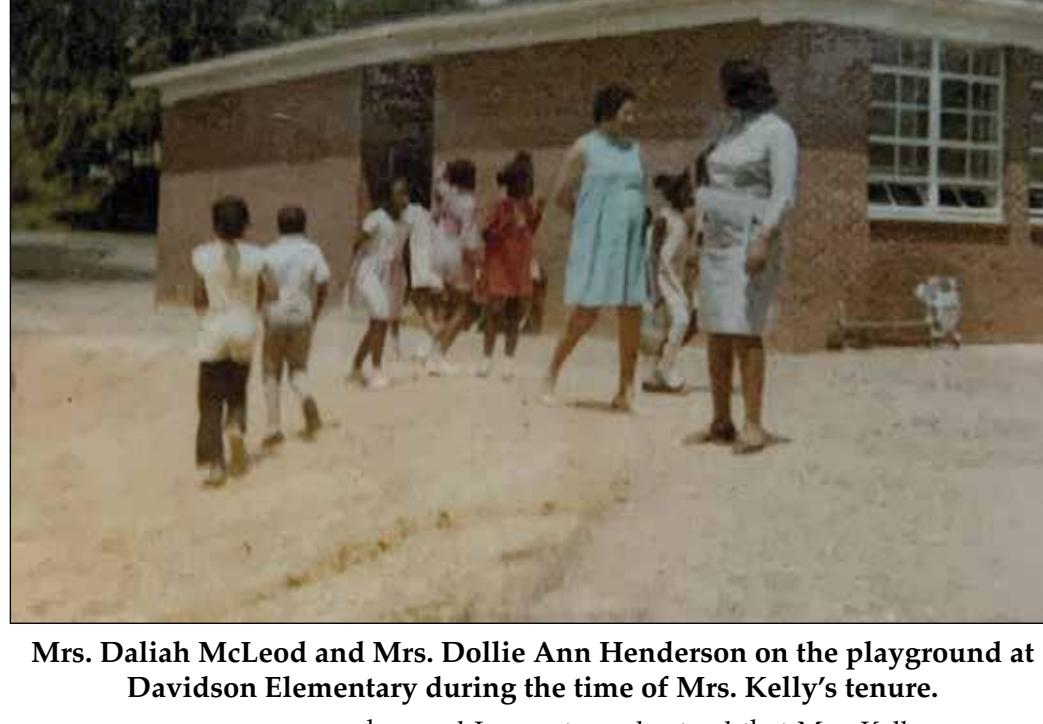


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By Dottie Chapman Reed



Mrs. Lucy Kelly



Mrs. Daliah McLeod and Mrs. Dollie Ann Henderson on the playground at Davidson Elementary during the time of Mrs. Kelly's tenure.

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following multiple public meetings prior to the adoption of the new regulations to ensure access by fire trucks or ambulances to lots in mobile home parks. Upchurch is the second property owner to publicly question the requirement after Andy Paul shared similar concerns for a mobile home park on County Road 105 during a discussion with supervisors back in July.

In both the July meeting and last week's meeting, input from supervisors included changing the regulations, ideas that ranged from eliminating the paving requirement and allowing

adequate gravel access roads for mobile home parks to strengthening regulations to improve the sightliness of mobile home parks.

"If we are going to change this, let's set about the effort to change it. But until we do, let's stick with it," District 3 Supervisor Lee McMinn recommended about adhering to the regulations until any changes are made by supervisors.

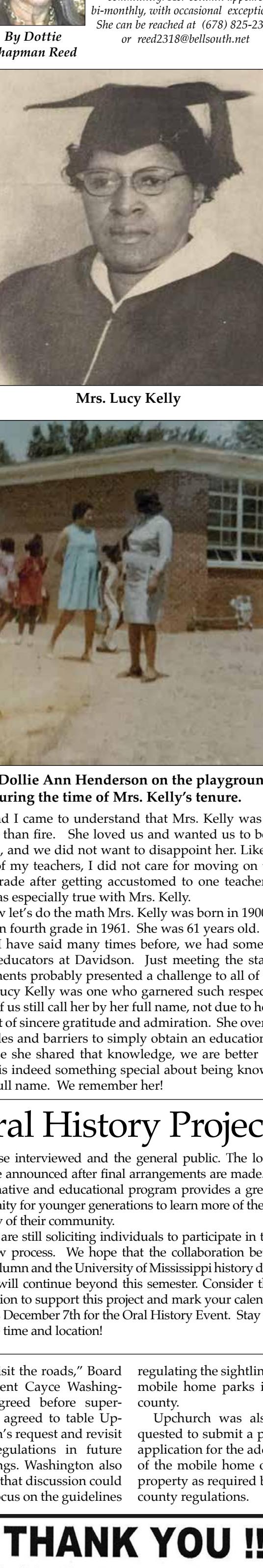
"I have no problem with it not being paved, but let's make sure we go through the proper channels to change it," District 2 Supervisor Ken Rogers agreed.

"There sounds like consideration would be made

to revisit the roads," Board President Cayce Washington agreed before supervisors agreed to table Upchurch's request and revisit the regulations in future meetings. Washington also noted that discussion could also focus on the guidelines

regulating the sightliness of mobile home parks in the county.

Upchurch was also requested to submit a permit application for the addition of the mobile home on his property as required by the county regulations.



Betty's Week

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my relief on Friday night. Their daughter, Misty Wright, who teaches school in the South Panola School District, has the flu. She also has been very ill, but seemed to be getting better.

Heard of several more

friends and family mem-

bers of the nursing home

staff who have been very

sick. Seems that the flu

and pneumonia season are

beginning early this year.

Hope everyone recovers

soon. In the office sinuses

have been the main ail-

ment. Maybe if the weath-

er ever settles down, this

problem will clear up.

Mine are different from

most—they don't stop up,

they drain almost to the

point of drowning me at

night. Also, they affect my

ears, causing me to lose

my balance. Usually I just

can't walk straight and hit

the walls or furniture, but

twice over the weekend

I almost fell backward.

Thankfully I was close

enough to furniture to

catch—was scary though.

These girls also helped

out when we needed

things folded, inserted

or with any other chores

they could do around the

newspaper office. They

were always a joy to have

around and it was so good

to see Wanda and enjoy re-

calling many of these fun

times.

concert, it was so great to

visit with Evelyn Cook

and her daughter, Wanda.

Wanda and the late Kitty

Craven were good friends.

Kitty worked for us for a

few years and we got to

enjoy all her friends, who

often came by. There were

about half-dozen of these

girls, of which Wanda

was probably the closest

friend. Many times we

went on trips with these

girls and the late Stanley

Crow. Think several of

them were members of the

rifle or flag team. One of

the things I remember was

that on our 15th wedding

anniversary some of them

(pretty sure Wanda was

one of them) gave us a

steak dinner and Stan pro-

vided a cake with a bride

and groom topper.

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Sunday, we again en-

joyed having Bro. Bily

Childs fill our pulpit

during the morning and

evening services. Emily

joined him that night and

we're always glad to have

her visit. Another visitor

on Sunday night was Linda

Williams. Linda is guest

director for our Christmas

Cantata. For many years

Linda was the Music Di-

rector at Bethel Baptist

Church. She was also an

EMT at Yalobusha General

Hospital. Then she taught

in the nursing program

of Northwest Mississip-

pi Community College at

Oxford, teaching many of

the nurses from Water Val-

ley and the surrounding

areas. After retirement she

was our music director at

Woodland Hills for a few

years.

Veterans were honored

on Monday, November 11,

with a program beginning

at 11 a.m. at VFW Post 4100.

Rep. Tommy Reynolds

was the principal speaker.

This program is always ex-

cellent, as it should be. We

owe so much to these men

and women who have sac-

rificed so much to keep us

free. Thanks for your ser-

vice.

At the conclusion of the

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THANK YOU

To the voters of Yalobusha County, I want to thank you for electing me as your next Justice Court Judge. I am humbled by the encouragement and support I received. And I pledge to perform my judicial duties to the best of my ability.

A special thank you goes out to my relatives and friends who manned stations outside the polling places for me. I also want to thank my friend Tommy Defer for running a good clean campaign, and for a hard fought battle. His family and mine have been friends for years and nothing has or will change that.

Lastly, I want to thank my late wife, Shelley, without whose love and support I never would have made it this far. This political victory is hers as much as it is mine.

Sincerely,

Trent Howell

