

Story Time

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Once Upon a Time

Ebenezer had a nine year old piano player who was so short she couldn't reach the piano peddles with her feet. She had another woman to do the piano peddles while she played. This girl was later to be Bobbie Jean Burns Bumgarner's mother. Her name was Lara, and just like Bobbie Jean, she had a smile for everyone and loved to talk to everyone. She married Clyde Burns. He was our Watkin's man. He would go from house to house selling Watkin products. He also was our church treasurer and did other things in the church. Bobbie Jean came in late one morning for Sunday school and she told us she wasn't late—that she had been talking to someone outside who wanted to talk, so she was talking to them.

The Singing Friendship Class

Marsha McRary was the teacher of this class. Amanda McRary, Carla McRary, Stephanie Shook, Mary Teague, and a couple more girls loved to sing. They would see which one of them could out do the other. They were all beautiful little girls, just like we have beautiful children now. I miss hearing their sweet little voices, just like I miss seeing and hearing our children sing now. It is time we got the sound of music back into the church. So come on kids, sing out loud and sing out strong for Jesus. When I was you alls age, we sang the children's songs that were in the Cokesbury Hymnal. We were another group who loved to sing. You all need to learn to play the piano or guitar or drums and so on. We need a children's band also. So come on kids, let's do it, OK?



Back in My Time

Some of the children that sang songs like "Everybody Ought to Love Jesus" or "Into My Heart" were Nancy Baker Sears, Helen Baker Munday, Gail Reid, Gary Reid, Steve McRary, Gerald Frye, Carolyn Frye Davis, Phyllis Ann McRary Collins, Doris Ann McRary Day, Betty Joyce Williams, Joyce Marshall, Dude Reid, and Ezma Roberts Austin. Just as I left out some names in the Friendship Class, so I have with our group; so please excuse me if your name wasn't included above. Carolyn Frye Davis later learned to play the piano. Berry McRary helped us sing also, and so did I. Carolyn and John Cole used to sing together. Carolyn played the piano for him to sing, too.

