

**Jack Archer**  
**Ohio State 1954**

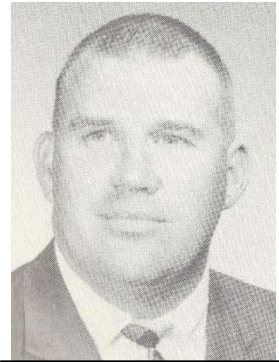


**Coach Archer**  
**1961**

**John Samuel "Jack" Archer** was born July 31, 1934 in Dayton, Ohio to mechanic Samuel and Dorothy Dean Archer. Jack was a three-sport star at Kettering, OH Fairmount High School, earning two letters in football and basketball and three in baseball. Archer was the honorary captain and unanimous selection to the Miami Valley League (MVL) All-Star football team in 1952 and all-MVL in baseball in 1953. He attended Ohio State 1953-5, playing football, freshman basketball, and baseball. Following spring football practice in 1955, Archer left college to play professional baseball with the Chicago Cubs organization and was assigned to Kalamazoo, MI (Class C). After one year, Archer elected to return to college athletics but NCAA rules restrictions on professional athletes only allowed him to play non-baseball sports at Independent Colleges; hence he negotiated a football scholarship at the University of Chattanooga starting in fall of 1956. Arriving in Chattanooga with his new bride, Lila Whitmann of Miamisburg, OH, Archer was a starter at halfback for the 1956-58 Moccasin football teams. In 1959 Archer served as a student assistant football coach at UC, and upon completing requirements for a BS in Physical Education, joined Central in January 1960 as backfield coach for E. B. Etter and taught biology and general science. During his 10 1/2 years at Central, Archer also served as golf (1960-70), baseball (1969-70) and wrestling coach (1967-69). In 1963-4 Archer moonlighted as a defensive back for the Chattanooga Cherokees professional football team. Also in 1965, Jack Archer, a Fort Oglethorpe resident, became Supervisor of the City Recreation Department.

In 1970 Etter announced his retirement from teaching and coaching in the Hamilton County System and Archer succeeded him as head football coach for one spring practice; however Archer, that summer, accepted the head coaching position in football and baseball at the New Lakeview-Fort Oglethorpe (LFO) High School. From 1970-73 Archer's football teams were 19-14-3, but in baseball Archer's first two teams - 1971 and 72 - won Georgia State Championships and Archer was named the Georgia Coach of the Year for baseball both years. Archer coached baseball until 1976 before becoming athletic director and assistant principal at LFO. Archer did return to coaching LFO baseball in 1977 in an emergency role, and the team compiled a 18-5 record, going well into the state championship tournament before being eliminated. Archer never returned to coaching and resigned from LFO after the 1981 school year, then

retired from his position with Fort Oglethorpe in 1985 after 20 years. After that he devoted his time to raising funds for youth programs and scholarships until his death on April 25, 1998. Jack Archer was survived by his mother, wife, son John S. (Jay) Archer Jr., daughter Laurie Archer Bowman, and daughter Michelle Archer Sims. He was buried in Lakewood Memory Gardens South, Rossville, GA. In 2000 Jack Archer was inducted into the Fairmont, OH Athletic Hall of Fame.



**Jack Archer**  
**1963 Champion**



**W. Morris Bales**  
**1935 Champion**



**In Concert**  
**1959**



**Morris Bales**  
**1963 Champion**

**William Morris Bales** was born in Athens, TN January 13, 1918 to William Pearly and Daphne Eufaula Morris Bales. The Bales family moved in 1919 from Athens, where William P. Bales had attended Tennessee Wesleyan, to Jackson, MS, where Mr. Bales taught and coached at Millsaps College. In fall 1921, the Bales relocated to Chattanooga where W. P. initially taught and coached at City High, moving to Central the second semester as history teacher and supplanting Rusty Cornelius as the head basketball and baseball coach. Morris Bales then grew up accompanying his father to Central basketball and baseball games. By 1931 Morris Bales had entered Central as a freshman, but unlike his father, was involved in music, rather than athletics. By graduation in 1935, Bales was Vice President of the Band Club, President of the Orchestra, and was a featured soloist of both on the cornet. Morris Bales entered UC that fall graduating with a double degree - BA and a BS in music - in 1940. That fall Bales joined the faculty at Tyner for two months before enlisting in the US Army on Nov 4, 1940. Stationed at Camp Forrest in Tullahoma, Bales married Dorothy Louise Hennessee in Chattanooga Dec 6, 1941.

Bale's musical talent led to his becoming a military band director and commission to Warrant Officer (j.g.) on Aug 8, 1942, and he was discharged from active duty Feb 7, 1946. He and Dorothy had their only child, Ronald, born October 14, 1946. Morris Bales then became band director at Red Bank High that fall while a member of the Tennessee National Guard, and on Oct 5, 1950 was reactivated during the Korean Conflict, serving until August 1, 1952 as a Chief Warrant Officer and director of the 129th Army Band, Tennessee National Guard, at Camp Stewart, GA. Returning to Chattanooga, Bales promptly replaced departing Band Director B. H. Walker at Central High School, directing the band and majorettes, and also inherited the Swing Band from Assistant Principal O'Neal in 1959. Morris Bales' tenure at Central concluded when Old Central closed its doors in May 1969. He then served as Band Director at his other Alma Mater, UC, from 1970- 1983. Mr. Bales directed a number of jazz and swing bands in his private life for many years in the Chattanooga area, and a number of professional musicians today still reference Morris Bales in their professional resumes. William Morris Bales passed away one year after his wife, on Sept 10, 2002 at age 84. He was survived by his younger sister, Marjorie Bales White, son Ronald, four grandchildren, and buried in the Chattanooga National Cemetery.



**Linnie K. Barger**  
**1934 Dynamo**

Linnie Kerr Morrell was born Sept 17, 1901 in Chattanooga to Rev. Wheeler Murphy and Linnie Kerr Wolf Morrell. Linnie had an older brother, William, and later was to have three half-sisters. Her father's ministry in the Methodist Church took them to Knoxville in 1908 (where her mother died in 1911), then Johnson City 1912-17, and finally Bluefield, WV where Ms. Morrell began her teaching career in 1922 at the Fairview School, following her graduation from Martha Washington College in Abingdon, VA. She returned to Chattanooga in 1923 to teach at East Side Jr. High for five years, then at the Georgia State Women's College, Milledgeville, GA for one year, before returning to teach English at City High in 1929. During her stint at East Side, she met fellow teacher Henry L. Barger, who left teaching in 1928 to begin a Law practice. Ms. Morrell and Mr. Barger were married in 1929 and moved to Tremont St. in North Chattanooga. Mrs. Barger earned an MA from Peabody College by 1933 and continued to teach English at City until 1940. She then transferred to Central for 1940-42, taking leave to give birth to William H. Barger on November 12, 1942. The Bargers then moved to McBrien Road. In 1950 she returned to Central, teaching English until 1964. After retirement she taught The Pearl Morrell Sunday School Class (named after her stepmother Pearl Renfroe Morrell) until shortly before her passing on December 29, 1983 at age 82. She was buried beside her husband in Forest Hills Cemetery and was survived by her son and two half-sisters.



**Kay Barger**  
**1963 Champion**



**Frank Beck**  
**1938 Champion**

**Frank Henderson Beck** was born October 12, 1920 to William Clark (Central 1911) and Emily Frank Henderson Beck ('13). Frank was the second of four children and was born in Chattanooga, although her family were residents of Dover, OH, where William Beck was a foundry superintendent. In 1924 the Becks moved back to North Chattanooga where William joined the family firm -Title Guaranty and Trust- as manager of maps and surveys and Frank's brothers - Willam ('44) and Henry ('46) - were born. Frank attended Normal Park School, entering Central in fall 1934 and graduating in 1938. Ms. Beck then attended UC, earning a AB in English in 1942, and took employment with TVA in the Maps and Surveys Division. While living on Crestwood Drive in Dallas Heights, next door neighbor Raymond Patterson, manager of WDEF Radio, persuaded Ms Beck to join the staff at WDXB in 1950, and then WDEF in 1955. In 1962-3 Ms. Beck made two notable life changes, first replacing Ms. Edmund Hooser as an English teacher at Central fall of 1962, then marrying Central High graduate ('36) and widower James Carlos Robbins on Feb 22, 1963. Mrs. Robbins had a passion for written works and eventually taught an Honors English course devoted to prose and poetry. She taught at Old and New Central until 1980, retiring to her home on W. Mississippi Avenue. Her husband passed away on Nov 11, 1996, and Mrs. Robbins moved to a retirement home in East Ridge. Frank Beck Robbins died August 7, 2007 and was survived by her sister, Emily Beck Dahl, three nephews, and one niece. She is buried in Chattanooga Memorial Gardens.



**Mrs J C Robbins**  
**1963 Champion**





**Lora G. Dare**  
**1923 Index**

**Lora Genoa Dare** was born July 6, 1898 in Mason City, IL to farmer David L. and Melissa Genoa Herwig Dare. The youngest of three daughters, Lora entered Illinois State Teachers College in 1916, won several oratorical contests in college, and graduated from the Junior College program in 1919, taking a teaching position at Thorpe, WI High School. Lora returned to Illinois State in 1922, completed her 4-year degree in 1923, and taught at Peoria Community HS, Peoria, IL that fall. During her senior year she was class vice-president. After teaching one year, Lora married Peoria newspaper advertising manager Kenneth K. Flenniken in 1925. In late 1926 Ken accepted a job with the Chattanooga Times and the Flennikens relocated to Chattanooga just in time to give birth to their only child, Dorthea, on March 22, 1927. By 1940 Ken was advertising manager for radio station WDOD and in 1943 Lora returned to teaching, replacing Mrs. George Harding at Central High as speech teacher. Speech became a department at Central in the 50s and Lora Flenniken became the department head until her retirement in 1964 after 21 years. Although Central never had a Theater Arts Dept, Mrs. Flenniken was a defacto director, being responsible for most of the plays and musicals performed at Central for two decades. Lora and Ken Flenniken remained in Chattanooga, with Ken passing in February 1970. Lora lived for another 21 years, passing on July 26, 1991. She was survived by her daughter Dorthea Grigonis and two granddaughters. Lora and Ken Flenniken are buried in Greenwood Cemetery.



**Lora Flenniken**  
**1963 Champion**

(Picture from 1949 Sphinx)

**Donald Lebron Brown**, the second of four children of auto mechanic Clarence Aaron and Eva Viola Justice Brown, was born in Catoosa County, GA June 29, 1923. Donald attended Lakeview High School before joining the Navy in 1943, and spent Wartime (1943-45) in the South Pacific as crewman on PT Boat 246, Squadron 20. Brown saw action in the battles of the Treasury Islands (Oct 27- Nov 12, 1943) and Bougainville (Nov - Dec 1943). Entering Emory & Henry College in March 1946, Brown met his future wife, June Rice, and married that December. Donald Brown worked at (and pitched softball for) the Town House Hosiery Mill in Chilhowie, VA while attending college and graduated (BS) in 1949. Mr. Brown continued working at Town House Mills until moving to Ooltewah in 1952, working at Ross-Meehan Foundries. In the late 1950s Brown became an instrument technician with the Tennessee Highway Department, then decided to become a teacher. Gaining a teaching certificate proved less than straightforward, as Brown took required courses at UC, Middle Tennessee, and UT before finally teaching at Central starting in the fall of 1961. For 5 years Mr. Brown taught history and served as a guidance counselor at Central before leaving in 1966, in advance of his position's moving to J.B. Brown Jr. High. After one semester at Ooltewah High, Mr. Brown moved to Lakeview High, teaching math and science, before becoming an Assistant Principal. When Lakeview and Fort Oglethorpe High schools merged in 1970, he became the first Principal of Lakeview Jr. High. In 1977 Donald Brown left academics to become superintendent of the Chattanooga River Terminal, finally retiring in 1985. Donald Brown was an artist, musician, and raised and showed dahlias in his spare time; he also served as a Deacon, Sunday School teacher and choir director at Westside Baptist Church. Mr. Brown passed away on July 26, 2016, survived by his wife, one brother, and several nieces and nephews. He was buried in the Chattanooga National Cemetery.



**Donald L. Brown**  
**1963 Champion**



**Genevra Proffitt**  
**1922 Moccasin**



**Captain 1922**  
**UC Basketball**

Genevra Proffitt was born April 23, 1903 to schoolteachers Samuel Houston and Nevada Williams Proffitt of White County, TN. The Proffitt family moved to the Sale Creek area of Hamilton County in 1909 where Houston Proffitt was the first principal of the new Sale Creek High School, and by 1918 the family resided at 411 Campbell Street, where Houston was principal of the East Chattanooga School, Nevada a teacher there, Genevra a senior at Central, and older sister Laurine a teacher. Genevra graduated from Central at age 15, entered UC in fall 1918 and graduated (AB) in 1922 (at age 19), having been a founding member of the Kappa Theta Lambda Sorority. She was captain of the 1922 UC Women's Basketball Team. She returned to Central that fall as a French instructor and also taught algebra. In September 1922 Genevra Proffitt was apparently the youngest teacher ever to teach at Central at 19 years 4 months of age (some six days younger than Annie May Shelton in her 1909 debut at Central). In 1926 she was one of the founders of the Alpha Delta Pi sorority at UC. On August 4, 1925 she married Harry Leon Brown, residing on Oak Street. By 1940 the Browns had merged with the Proffitt's household on Barton Avenue in North Chattanooga, and in 1941 Genevra Brown took leave of absence from Central at the start of the second semester to give birth to twin girls -Harriette and Genevieve - who were to graduate from Central in 1959. During her absence from teaching Mrs. Brown served in many civic and teachers organizations and clubs and taught Bible classes at the Central Church of Christ. In the fall of 1960 Mrs. Brown returned to teach English at Central (temporarily replacing Ms. Anne Moffitt), taught one year at East Ridge Jr High, then returned to Dodds Avenue in fall, 1962 to teach French and Latin, retiring at the end of the 1964 school year. Genevra Brown passed away January 21, 1965, leaving her daughters, husband, and mother as survivors, and was buried in Greenwood Cemetery.



**Mrs. Genevra Brown**  
**1963 Champion**



**Mary E. Hall Campbell** was born on June 3, 1911 in Nara Visa, NM to Loudon, TN native Frank Bowman Hall and Mildred Jessie Badger Hall. The Halls moved to Cleveland, TN shortly after Mary's birth and her three younger sisters were born in Cleveland between 1912 and 1915. The Halls then moved to Mildred's hometown, Chicago, where their youngest, Frank, was born in 1918. Mary married another Frank - Frank Alonzo (Swan) Campbell - in Chicago Nov 24, 1930, and after the birth of their son, Frank Jr. in 1931, the Campbells moved to the Tampa FL area, and then to Chattanooga in 1935. In the 1940 census Mary is listed as having three years of high school, but during the 40s Mary earned her diploma and also her teaching certificate.

As Frank Jr. (Class of 1949) was attending Central, Mary Campbell began teaching elementary school at Harrison (1948), then Elbert Long (1955), McBrien (1960) and East Brainerd (1961) before coming to Central fall 1961 as assistant librarian to Ellen Mullennix. In fall of 1966 she left Central to direct libraries at Westview and Lakeside Elementary Schools and retired in 1973, moving to Florida with her husband. After her husband passed in 1990, Mary moved near her son in the Tampa, FL area and passed away Feb 8, 2001 at age 89.



**Mary H. Campbell**  
**1963 Champion**



**Lorene Castle**  
**1957 Champion**

**Lorene Crawford** was born March 28, 1916 in Hollywood, AL to farmer John Harvey and Margaret Bradford Crawford. The Crawfords moved to Gurley, AL around 1920 where Lorene and her two older siblings- Auval and Pauline - attended Madison County schools. On November 17, 1931 at age 15, Lorene married Gerald L. Castle and dropped out of school in the tenth grade. The Castles had a daughter, Janette, on March 2, 1933 and moved to Kingsport, TN in 1934, where Gerald was a mechanic at a hosiery mill and a second daughter, Doris, was born. By 1947 the Castles had relocated to Chattanooga on Ivy Street (Glenwood), where Gerald was mechanic at Miller-Smith Hosiery Mills, Lorene was cafeteria manager at Glenwood School, and daughters Janette (Central '51) and Doris ('52) were students at Dickinson Jr High. In fall 1954, Lorene became the cafeteria manager at Central, replacing Pearl Nage. Mrs. Castle retired as old Central closed in 1969. Lorene Castle continued to live in Chattanooga after retirement and passed away January 23, 1988, survived by her husband and two daughters, one brother and one sister, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, and was buried in Greenwood Cemetery. Gerald Castle joined her in January, 1992.



**Lorene Castle**  
**1963 Champion**



**Louise G. Hughes**  
**1933 Dynamo**

Louise Gertrude Hughes, an only child, was born in Chattanooga November 24, 1913 to John B. and Ina May Nabors Hughes. John, a telegrapher for the N C & St Louis Railway, lived in St Elmo (except for a brief period near Trenton GA in the mid-1920s), and Louise attended St Elmo schools (20th District, St Elmo Elementary, and Lookout Jr. High) before graduating from City High in 1933. Ms. Hughes then received a business degree from McKenzie around 1935 and a BA from UC in 1939. Still living with her parents in St. Elmo, she began teaching at Hixson High in 1939 and continued commuting to Hixson from Georgia Avenue after her marriage to Hardie Caudle July 16, 1947. In 1953 Mrs. Caudle came to Central as a business teacher (moving to N. Mari-Jon Drive about that time) and remained at Central after the move to Harrison, retiring in 1979 for a 40 year teaching career, 26 at Central. The Caudles had no children, and after Hardie's death in 1980, Louise moved to an apartment on Bacon Trail until her passing at age 84 on May 3, 1998. She is buried in Greenwood Cemetery.



**Louise H. Caudle**  
**1963 Champion**



**Joyce Ireland**  
**1962 Moccasin**



**Mrs. Joyce Cook**  
**2014**

**Joyce Gail Ireland** was born February 21, 1940 in Chattanooga to textile worker Woodrow Egbert and Frances Ina Brown Ireland. The younger of two sisters, Joyce attended East Ridge School and Brainerd Junior High, entering Central in fall 1954 as 9th grader and graduating in 1958. She was Miss East Ridge for 1958. Joyce received a BA in Business from UC in 1962 where she was the first female ever elected to office of the Student Body (Secretary-Treasurer in 1961-2), and was listed in Who's Who in American Colleges that year. On July 28, 1962 Joyce married fellow UC graduate Thomas Westmoreland Cook, Jr. and joined the staff at Central that fall, teaching business courses - bookkeeping, business law, typing, and shorthand. After two years the Cooks relocated to Nashville, TN where they began several business enterprises. Mrs. Cook was a Co-founder and served as President of the Electronic Transaction Association 1997-99 and founded IMA Payment Systems in 1986, serving as its Chief Executive Officer and President until 1999. In 2000 Mrs. Cook founded International Cybertrans, serving as CEO until 2013, when she sold the company and retired. Mrs. Cook has received many awards for her business acumen, including a 1995 Outstanding Achievement Award (Business) by the State of Tennessee, and was a finalist for National Business Woman of the Year, also in 1995. Joyce and Tom Cook had two children - Mary Catherine, born in 1965, and Thomas W. (West) III (1968). Joyce currently serves on the Executive Board of the Middle Tennessee YMCA and is on the Board of the Boy Scouts of America and the Leukemia-Lymphoma Society. Mrs. Cook is also a member of the Advisory Board at Network Contract Solutions, LLC and serves on the Atlanta Federal Reserve Advisory Council. The Cooks also fund an endowment at UTC - the Joyce Ireland Cook Scholarship (established in 1999) - to assist female UTC students majoring in business. Tom Cook passed away on March 27, 2018 just as Joyce received news of her induction into the Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame for Central High for 2018.



**Mrs. Joyce Cook**  
**1963 Champion**



**Christina Coppinger**  
**1944 Champion**

**Christina Ruth Coppinger** was born October 17, 1912 to Sale Creek farmer Andrew Jackson and Josie Bower Coppinger. Her family was to include a sister, Mary Katherine, born in 1913 and a brother, Andrew Jackson (Jack) Jr, born 1920. Christina graduated from Sale Creek High in 1930 and during the mid-30s attended Mountain City (McKenzie) Business College, before becoming a clerk at Southland News on McCallie Avenue. In 1943 Miss Coppinger succeeded Mrs. Sam McAllister Jr. as secretary to Stacey Nelson at Central, a position she held for 25 years, before leaving in 1968. She later worked at East Ridge High while living in Red Bank. Christina Coppinger passed away on March 5, 1997 and was buried in Chattanooga Memorial Park. She was survived by her brother, a niece, and a nephew.



**Christina Coppinger**  
**1963 Champion**



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**Martha Renfroe**  
**1940 Northeastern**

Martha Chew Renfroe was born June 6, 1917 in Dyer, Arkansas to farmer William M. and Amanda Vaught Renfroe. Martha was the youngest of four and graduated from Alma (AR) High School around 1935 and received a BS from Northeastern (OK) Teachers College in Tahlequah, OK in 1940. She later attended and graduated from Oklahoma State in Stillwater, OK. Ms. Renfroe married Army SGT Hoyt Elwin Core in Washington in July 14, 1942, and gave birth to a daughter, Elaine (Central '62) in 1945. The Cores moved to Chattanooga in 1948 where both Hoyt and Martha were employed by Act-O-Lane Gas. A son, Paul, was born in 1948 and daughter, Ruth (Central '68), in 1950.

Martha Core began teaching in Hamilton County when Spring Creek Elementary opened in fall, 1952. After 9 years, she moved to Central in fall, 1961, teaching sophomore Home Economics and continuing until she joined the staff at the new J. B. Brown school in fall of 1967. After teaching at J. B. Brown, she completed her 27 year teaching career at the Bess T. Shepherd Elementary School, retiring in 1979. Martha passed away August 20, 1996 at age 79, leaving behind her husband and three children. Ms Core was buried at the Chattanooga National Cemetery and joined there by her husband in 2002.



**Martha Core**  
**1963 Champion**



**Janette Crawley**  
**1956 Moccasin**

Margaret Janette Castle was born in Gurley, AL on March 2, 1933 to mill worker Gerald Lee and Lorene Crawford Castle. The Castles moved to Kingsport, TN in 1934 where Janette's sister, Doris, was born in July, and Gerald was employed as a textile mill mechanic. In 1942 the Castles moved to Chattanooga, living with Gerald's widowed mother at 2407 Ivy, where Gerald found employment at Miller-Smith Hosiery Mills, and Lorene worked in the Glenwood School cafeteria, where Janette and Doris attended. Janette entered Central High in fall 1949 from Dickinson Jr. High and graduated in 1951. After attending UC from 1951-4, Janette married Central grad Mack S. Crawley ('51) on April 25, 1954, returning to UC in fall 1955 and graduating with a BS in Home Economics in 1956. Mrs. Crawley gave birth to daughter, Cheryl, in March, 1957 then joined the Central faculty fall 1958, replacing Bernyce Clementson in the Home Economics Dept. Mrs. Crawley took leave for the 1961-2 school year after giving birth to Keith (Central '79) in July 1961, returning in fall 1962 to teach science. In 1965 Mrs. Crawley left Central, returning in fall 1968 to Home Economics, where she remained until retirement at New Central in 1992. Her twice interrupted career at Central totaled 30 years. In 1997 Mrs. Crawley received the Central High Distinguished Alumni Award. Janette Crawley lived in Harrison after retirement, passing away Nov 27, 2012. She was survived by her husband, sister, two children, two grandchildren, and was buried in Chattanooga National Cemetery.



**Janette Crawley**  
**1963 Champion**



**Edna Cross**  
**1926 Champion**

**Edna King Cross** was born in Decatur, TN Dec 23, 1893 to dentist John B and Kittie Blevins Cross. In 1900 the Cross family had moved to Athens, but by 1910, Edna, her parents, and older sister Agnes, had relocated to Decatur, TN. Shortly thereafter Edna entered Centenary College in Shreveport, LA. After college, Ms. Cross returned to Decatur and taught in the Meigs County school system until 1924, when she began her career at Central teaching history. Edna Cross never married and retired on Jan 30, 1963 after 38 1/2 years at Central. The 1964 Champion paid tribute to her service. She passed away Oct 10, 1965 and was buried in Decatur Cemetery, Decatur, TN.



**Edna Cross**  
**1963**



**Mary Lou Derryberry**  
**1932 Champion**

**Mary Lou Derryberry** was born Nov 24, 1901 in Marshall County, TN to John Andrew and Leanna Josephine Craig Derryberry. The Derryberrys moved to Murfreesboro before 1910 where John worked as a carpenter. Sons Graham and John were born in 1903 and 1911, and in 1918 Leanna died. Following her mother's passing, Mary (nicknamed Minnie by her family) took leave from preparatory school at Tennessee College of Murfreesboro (TCM), and eventually graduated from Murfreesboro Central around 1922. She then re-enrolled in the college division at TCM, receiving a BS in 1926. Ms. Derryberry then taught Latin at both TCM preparatory and Murfreesboro Central for four years, coming to Chattanooga Central in the second semester of 1930-1931 as a Latin instructor. She received her MA from Peabody College in 1935, alternating Summer school at Peabody and living on Barton Avenue in North Chattanooga during the school year. In fall 1939, Ms. Derryberry switched to teaching art under Department Head Margaret Hays and the following year became head of the Art Department upon Ms. Hays' departure. At that time, she had moved to Vine Street and, upon her retirement in January, 1968 was living on Belvoir Avenue. Of her 38 years at Central, 28 and a half were in art, all but one as the department head.

After retirement she studied art at the University of Georgia and the University of New Mexico. She belonged to many educational and cultural organizations and avidly supported the Hunter Art Museum. Ms. Derryberry continued living in Chattanooga until her passing on August 20, 1981. She was survived by two nieces and one nephew, and was buried alongside her younger brother, John, and his wife in Woodlawn Memorial Park, Greenville, South Carolina.



**Mary Lou Derryberry**  
**1963 Champion**



**Anna Adams**  
**1926 Champion**

Anna Elsie Adams was born September 1908 in West Palm Beach, FL to Charles B. and Elsie Conner Adams. The Adams were married in Chattanooga in September, 1907, moved to West Palm Beach, FL in 1908, to Texas in 1910, back to Chattanooga in 1912, and California by 1915. In 1920 they were living back in Chattanooga where Anna attended Mountain Creek School. By that time the Adams had four daughters, each having been born in a different state. In 1922 Anna entered Central High, graduating in 1926. After enrolling at MTTC in Murfreesboro, Anna married J. Pope Dyer and began teaching at Signal Mountain Elementary (where J Pope was the new principal). Her daughter, Sarah Jane, was born November 22, 1927, followed by J. Pope Jr. (Oct 18, 1929) and John A. (Sept 28, 1936). Anna Dyer continued to teach at Signal Mtn. for 21 years, until coming to Central High in fall, 1948 as secretary to Principal Nelson. Anna Dyer passed away on Feb 16, 1969 after serving just over 20 years as assistant registrar and secretary at Central, leaving behind her husband, three children, and two sisters. She was buried in Chattanooga Memorial Gardens.



**Anna A. Dyer**  
**1963 Champion**





**J Pope Dyer**  
**1929 Jurist**

**Joseph Pope Dyer** was born July 2, 1904 in Dunlap, TN to store merchant James Edgar and Pearl Lasater Dyer. J. Pope was the fourth of six children and was educated in the Sequatchie County schools, entering Middle Tennessee Teachers College around 1921 and graduating in 1925. That fall he began an 8-year job as principal of Signal Mountain Grammar School and in 1927 married one of the teachers there - Anna Adams, a 1926 Central graduate. J Pope also attended the Chattanooga Law School, graduating in 1929. J Pope moved to Central in fall 1933 as a history and social science teacher beginning a 40-year career, ending with his retirement in 1973. During that time he won 28 Freedoms Foundation Awards, earned an MA from UT, served two terms as a Signal Mountain commissioner and three terms on the Tennessee Constitution Committee. Dyer also was Social Science Dept Head at Central for over 30 years. After retirement he served as a delegate to the 1976 Democratic National Convention. After Anna passed away in 1969, he remarried to Willie Mae Lamb Barker in 1970.

Dyer belonged to numerous educational and civic groups and authored at least three books on Tennessee history. He also taught extension courses for MTSU for 22 years and was recognized as Distinguished Alumnus by MTSU. He passed away on December 4, 1983, preceded in death by his first wife, Anna, and daughter, Sarah Jean Saunders. He was survived by his second wife, Willie Mae, and two sons, Joseph P. Jr (Central '47) and John ('54). He and Anna are buried in Chattanooga Memorial Park.



**J Pope Dyer**  
**1963 Champion**



**Pauline Malone**  
**1943 Hacawa**

**Dorothy Pauline Malone** was born September 22, 1922 to farmer Lee R. Malone and Bertha Miller Malone in Iredell County, North Carolina. Pauline graduated from Henkel High School, Statesville, NC in 1939 and Lenoir-Rhyne College, Hickory NC in 1943 with an AB in Commercial Subjects. She married Lee R. Ellis and they moved to Raleigh, NC in 1946, where Pauline first worked as a stenographer for the NC State Welfare Agency and then for the US Social Security Office. In June, 1954 Lee Ellis received a BS in Electrical Engineering from NCSU, and the Ellises moved to Chattanooga, where Lee worked at TVA. In January 1955, Pauline became the Registrar for Central, replacing Thelma Scoggin. Mrs. Ellis later made the transition to New Central, retiring in 1980 after 25 years' service. Pauline Ellis passed away in Chattanooga March 9, 1997, survived by her husband.



**Pauline M. Ellis**  
**1963 Champion**



**E.B. Etter**  
**1932 Moccasin**



**Coach Etter**  
**1955**

**Eugene Bonaparte Etter Jr.** was born November 4, 1913 in Warren County, TN to schoolteachers E. B. and Etna Josephine Prater Etter. E. B. Etter Jr. was the only child of Etna but had four older half-siblings from his father's first marriage to Mattie Myers Etter, who had passed away in 1910. Just after E. B. had completed his first year at Viola, TN High School, E. B. Sr died suddenly on July 3, 1927, and Etna accepted a position at White Oak Elementary School for that fall, necessitating moving to Red Bank. E.B. Etter then entered Central in fall 1927 as a sophomore and graduated in 1930, having been a member of the football, basketball, and baseball teams as well as a Band and Glee Club member. But it was academically that E.B. Jr. really excelled, earning a scholarship to UC by placing first in a Chattanooga area-wide entrance exam. At UC, "Red" Etter played halfback on the football teams of 1931-33, graduating in 1934. Etter's first job after graduation was athletic director at an obscure secondary school, Fruitland Institute, in Hendersonville, NC in fall 1934. The following two school terms Etter served as assistant athletic director and Instructor of Latin and French at the Morgan School in Petersburg, TN. In 1937 Etter returned to Chattanooga as a salesman for Newton Chevrolet, but by fall was teaching at Brainerd Jr. High and coaching basketball. Etter married former Miss Central Helen Gross (Central '36) in 1938 and became an owner/operator of the Brainerd Pan-Am service station at 3201 Brainerd Road, still maintaining his teaching and coaching jobs at Brainerd. Son Gene was born on August 24, 1939, and in 1940 the Etters moved from Brainerd to 114 Fair Street in Red Bank, where they would reside for the next 25 years.

In fall 1940, Etter became Principal of Park Place School and had only served a few months, when on November 28, 1940 he was badly burned in a fire at the service station and disabled for 4 months. Park Place School closed in 1941 and Etter returned to Brainerd Jr High for the fall 1941 term, but was only there for one semester, leaving to finish the second semester as a math teacher/football coach at City High. Over at Central, World War 2 had decimated the coaching staff, prompting head football coach Dean Petersen to replace departing line coach Walter Newland. Petersen offered the job to Etter, who readily accepted. After one season, Peterson himself was activated as an Army Reserve Officer, and the head coaching/athletic director job fell to Etter with one lone football assistant, Lester Newton. Etter's first season was a successful 8-3-1 and by 1946, with the acquisition of coaches Jake Seaton and John Karwowski, Central had won its first State Championship. After Karwowski was replaced by Stan Farmer in 1947, Central would win six more championships - in 1951-54, '57, '62 and '65. In all Etter would teach mathematics and coach for 27 years at Central, including stints as baseball coach (92-21 record; 2

state champions in 6 years), boxing, track, and wrestling . His football record of 208-64-13 at Central (over 76% winning percentage) ranks as the best ever at Central and he left Central in 1970 with the most wins of any football coach in Tennessee. Etter went on to an equally successful coaching career at Baylor Prep (107-35 and one state/national championship), retiring for good after the 1983 football season ended. Coach Etter immersed himself in church work at the Red Bank Baptist Church and gardening at his Signal Mountain home, until around 2005, moving into a retirement facility close to Gene. On February 8, 2006 E. B. Etter passed away at his home, was survived by his wife, sons Gene (Central '57) and Bobby ('63), six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, and was buried in Chattanooga Memorial Park in White Oak. Helen joined him in December 2013. The awards Coach Etter received are too numerous to mention, but his selection to the TSSAA Sports Hall of Fame in 1985 (as a football coach) and Chattanooga Area Sports Hall of Fame (as a softball pitcher) are two of the highlights. For a more detailed look at Coach Etter's life, see the articles by John Shearer in the [chattanooga.com](http://www.chattanooga.com):

<http://www.chattanooga.com/2013/11/3/262676/Remembering-Coach-Red-Etter-On-His.aspx> and:

<http://www.chattanooga.com/2013/11/7/263025/Remembering-Coach-Red-Etter-On-His.aspx>



**E. B. Etter**  
**1963 Champion**



**Stan Farmer**  
**1938 Dynamo**



**CPO Stan Farmer**  
**USN 1942**



**Coach Farmer**  
**1955**

**Stanley James Farmer** was born in St. Elmo, TN to foundryman Frank Wilmoth and Margaret Eva Echols Farmer on February 13, 1913. Stan was the youngest of four children and attended St. Elmo schools, entering City High in fall 1928. After his junior year Stan entered the US Marine Corps at age 17 for two years, then returned to City for his senior year, fall of 1932, starring in football and graduating in 1933. Farmer then entered Emory & Henry College that fall, playing varsity football for 4 years and graduating with an A.B. in 1937. He returned to City High in fall of 1937 as a teacher and football coach, then re-enlisted in the Navy on June 21, 1942, as a Chief Petty Officer. Following service as commanding officer of a tanker in the Atlantic, Farmer saw action in the battlefield at Saipan and Tinian, before becoming a Lieutenant Commander in charge of gunnery for the 5th Marine Division at Iwo Jima. After receiving battlefield decorations, Farmer was released from active duty Aug 15, 1946. Farmer remained in the Naval Reserve as a commissioned officer through the Korean conflict, eventually retiring with the rank of Commander. Stan Farmer completed his requirements for his MA from Columbia and joined Central as a physical education instructor and line coach in fall of 1947. Over the next 23 years Farmer was an integral part of 7 state championship football teams and coached several successful summer baseball teams, before leaving coaching for good in 1970. His coaching and teaching career were twice interrupted - in 1952 by the Korean War and again in 1960 when he briefly served as Personnel Director for Peerless Woolen Mills. Along the way, Farmer married Katherine L. Phillips July 16, 1950, and their daughter Kathy Ann (Central '74) was born October 17, 1956. Farmer became the assistant principal to Hobart Millsaps in fall 1970, following the death of longtime assistant principal W. Everett O'Neal, and held that position until Millsaps' retirement in 1977. For one year, Stan Farmer was commander-in-chief at Central before retiring at the end of the 1977-78 school year. Stan Farmer was honored in the years to come - the present football field at New Central has his name as does the school mascot - but probably no greater tribute came from Jerry Summers ('59) in his book entitled, *The Lawyer and the Turtle*, in which he narrates a group of Stan Farmer stories illustrating how Stan, the teacher and coach, touched all who came under his watch. Stanley James Farmer passed away on September 16, 1996, survived by his wife, daughter, and sister. A host of his former students and players served as pallbearers, as he was laid to rest in the Chattanooga National Cemetery.



**Stan Farmer**  
**1963 Champion**





**Everette N. Fields**  
**1942 Champion**

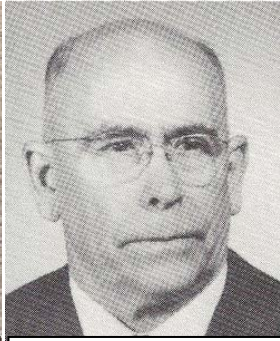
Everette N. Fields was born in Lantana, Cumberland County, TN on March 9, 1915 to farmer Ernest O. and Myrtle McDowell Fields. Everette, the sixth of eight children, graduated from Crossville High School in 1932 and attended Freed-Hardeman College and Vanderbilt University before accepting his first teaching assignment in Altoona, FL in 1934. The following year, Fields moved to Chattanooga, teaching at Hardy Jr. High and living with his sister, Ethel Grissom, in Red Bank. Fields then entered Peabody College in 1936 and received a BS in 1939, also winning the Tennessee State Oratorical Medal in his junior year. Fields then returned to Hardy for three more years, before moving to Central in fall 1942, teaching history, economics, and social science. Fields left Central in 1968 for a similar position at East Ridge High School. In 1977 he became a Counselor for the Hamilton County Schools, his last few years assigned to Ooltewah High, and retired in 1985 after teaching for 48 years. During that period he also was a minister for a number of Churches of Christ, including East Chattanooga, Ridgedale, East Lake and East Brainerd, as well as several rural churches in Middle Tennessee. He also earned an MA in Education from UT during his time at Central. A lifelong bachelor, Fields passed away March 5, 1991, survived by three sisters. He was buried in Chattanooga Memorial Gardens.



**Everette N. Fields**  
**1963 Champion**



**1922 Champion**



**1963 Champion**

**Jesse Jordan (JJ) Fletcher** was born in Chattanooga August 18, 1900 to Robert Lee and Mabel Miller Fletcher. The Fletchers moved to Nashville in 1906, where Robert managed an automobile repair shop, and moved again to Murfreesboro in 1916. In 1918 JJ worked as a mechanic at a Murfreesboro garage. After 2 years at Middle Tennessee Normal School (now MTSU), JJ Fletcher began his teaching career at Central in the fall of 1921, residing at 606 Dodds Avenue. By 1924 he had married Lula Josephine Johnson of Murfreesboro and they were residing at 334 Cameron Lane. By the mid-1930s JJ and Lula had moved to Glendon Drive and had three children. Mr. Fletcher logged 49 1/2 years in the Manual Training Dept, teaching automotive mechanics - 48 at old Central - retiring in 1970, then returning from retirement for the fall semester 1970 (until a replacement could be hired) at New Central in Harrison. He was also the head of the Manual Training Dept from 1943 on, following the death of his predecessor, C. J. Anderson, in June of that year. Fletcher also excelled with a camera, leading him to become Coach Etter's film director/cameraman for nearly two decades. Etter was one of the first high school coaches to film football games, and from about 1953 to 1969 J. J. Fletcher filmed every Central football game, encompassing thousands of travel miles in the process. Fletcher passed away on May 26, 1971, preceded in death by his oldest son Robert G. (Central '42), and survived by his wife, son John J. ('57), and daughters Marion Standefer ('45) and Elizabeth Carter ('49). He was buried in Hamilton Memorial Gardens and joined by his wife in 1998. Mr. Fletcher's long career at Central is second only to Annie May Shelton's 51 years.



**J J Fletcher filming a game at Chamberlain Field, circa 1957**

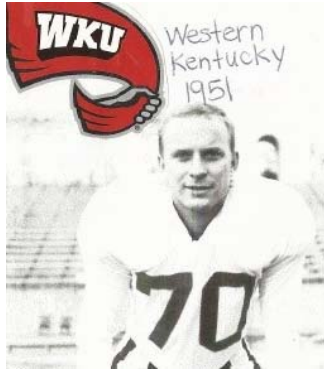


**Reba Fults**  
**1943 Champion**

**Reba Lou Eblen Fults** was born September 27, 1911 in Tyner, TN to Dr. Thomas Nelson and Cordelia Short Eblen. The youngest of five, Reba attended Hamilton County, then Marion County schools (as her parents had moved to Orme, TN before 1928), graduating from South Pittsburg High and entering Middle Tennessee State in 1930. She left MTSC at the end of her junior year due to her father's illness and moved to her older sister's East Chattanooga home with her mother following his death in January, 1935. Reba married MTSC classmate (and 1934 graduate) Lawrence L. Fults on June 8, 1935, and they moved to Whitwell, TN, where both taught school. Mrs. Fults earned enough summer credits to get her BA from MTSC in June 1941, and in 1943 she and her husband moved to Alabama Avenue, where she began a 31-year career teaching social science and civics at Central while her husband taught at Tyner. By the early 50s the Fults had relocated to Shallowford Road where they lived until Reba retired from New Central in 1973. (Mrs Fults took leave in 1947-8 to give birth to son, Larry, on 10/24/47, so her total service was 30 years.) Mrs. Fults won many awards, including the Evans award for outstanding Hamilton County teacher in 1968, and she earned an MA from MTSC while at Central. After retirement, the Fults moved to Ooltewah where they lived until Lawrence's death in 1987. Reba Fults then moved to Florida to be close to her son and granddaughter, passing away in Ocala, FL on June 16, 1995 at age 83. Reba and Lawrence Fults are both buried in the Tyner cemetery.

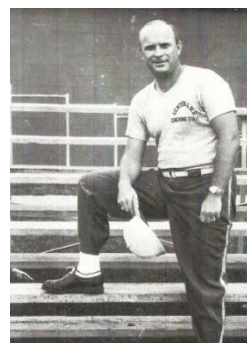


**Reba Fults**  
**1963 Champion**

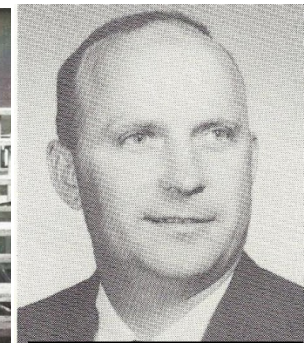


**James E. Hale**  
**1955 Moccasin**

**James Earl Hale** was born January 16, 1933 in Chattanooga to Joseph Earl (Central '27) and Pauline Austin Hale. An only child, Jimmy grew up on North Orchard Knob in Avondale (strategically close to the Avondale Recreation Center) where he honed his athletic skills. After attending Avondale Grammar and Hardy Jr. High, Hale entered Central in fall 1948, and by graduation in 1951 had earned multiple letters in football, baseball, and track, and found time to qualify for the National Honor Society. Hale then attended and played football at Western Kentucky Teachers College 1951-3, then transferred to UC, graduating with a BS in 1955. In short order, Hale was commissioned a 1st Lt. in the Army and married the former Ila Jean Gross on June 25. That fall, Hale began teaching history at Central and coached the football "B" team, but entered active duty with the US Army at the end of his first year at Central, reporting to Fort Sill, OK for artillery training. In January 1958 Hale returned to Central from active duty just in time to assist Coach Etter with the baseball team. Hale acted as head coach for much of that season in Etter's absence, a successful one with a 16-4 record and District and Region championships. Jimmy Hale became the head baseball coach in 1958-59 and coached until 1964, compiling a 68-30 record, including a State Championship in 1960. He also coached the junior high football team during the same period. In 1960 he received his MEd from UC and gradually moved from the math and history classrooms into the central office, serving as a guidance counselor starting in 1961, then Head of the Guidance Dept. 1962-66. In 1966 Hale left Central to become the Assistant Principal at Red Bank, then to being Principal at Tyner 1971-4, Soddy-Daisy Jr. High 1974-80 and Birchwood School 1980-90, retiring in 1990. All three of the Hale's children - Dawn (born 6/27/56), David (10/23/59, Central '78), and Gina (3/23/66) - became Hamilton County teachers. And few are aware that Mr. Hale for a time tooted his own horn, as a trumpet player in his church orchestra at Avondale Baptist. Jimmy Hale was inducted into the Greater Chattanooga Sports Hall of Fame in 1995. The Hales currently reside in East Brainerd, enjoying the visits of their 6 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.



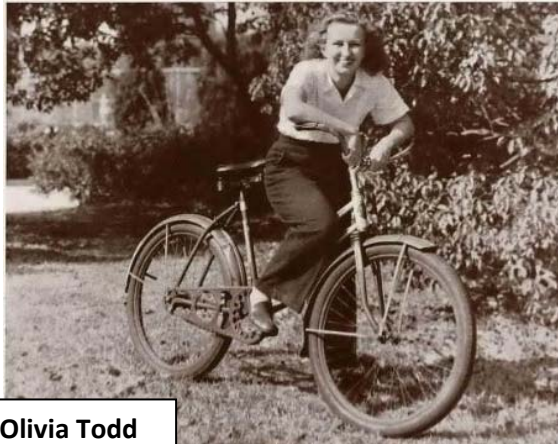
**Jimmy Hale**  
**1955 Champion**



**James E. Hale**  
**1963 Champion**



**Margaret Olivia Todd**  
**1944 Flastacowo**



**Margaret Olivia Todd**, the only child of Percy F. and Olivia Johnson Todd, was born Dec 5, 1922 in Pontiac, Michigan. Her father, an employee of Oakland Automotive Co., retired and moved the family to Orlando, FL in 1928. Her mother started a nursing career there. Margaret graduated from Orlando High School in 1940 and entered Florida State College for Women (later Florida State University), graduating with a BS in Physical Education in 1944. (She was featured in the 1944 Flastacowo Yearbook, pictured on a bicycle, paying tribute to her service as President of the Women's Athletic Association and her boundless energy.) While in college she met Chattanooga native and 1940 Central grad Joseph E. Hammack (stationed at the Orlando Army Air Base), and they were married after her graduation in 1944. Margaret taught Physical Education at Cherokee Jr. High for two years in Orlando until Joseph was discharged from service in 1946, whereupon they moved to Chattanooga. Joseph Hammack worked as a clerk for a local law firm, eventually becoming a land appraiser for Hamilton County, while Margaret joined the Central faculty in fall 1946. In the early 50s the Hammacks relocated to a farm off Snow Hill Road. Margaret taught physical education, health, and Civics continuously until her retirement from New Central in 1984, for a 38 year career. In addition, she assisted coaching the women's basketball team with Gordon Smith 1949-53 and was head coach until 1957, at which time Central ceased fielding a team. After retirement, Mrs. Hammack received a Distinguished Alumni Award from Central in 1992. She and Joseph remained at their Ooltewah farm until her passing on Dec 28, 1994. She was interred in Hamilton Memorial Gardens, to be joined by her husband in 2007.



**Margaret Hammack**  
**1963 Champion**





**Elizabeth Rebecca  
Bigger**

**Elizabeth Rebecca Bigger** was born August 18, 1904 in Chapel Hill, TN to farmer and insurance agent Joseph Robbie and Hettie Jones Harris Bigger. The second of five children, Rebecca was educated in the Marshall County Schools and moved to Chattanooga with her family following their father's death in 1921. "Becca" entered Maryville (TN) College that fall and graduated in 1925, the yearbook noting her prowess in mathematics and ambition to teach math. Ms. Bigger, indeed, taught mathematics in the Hamilton County Schools from 1925 until 1969, starting with Daisy High School 1925-37, Hixson 37-41, Central 1941-3, then Hixson again 1943-47. During much of that period, she lived with her mother and 3 younger brothers on East 4th St. At age 43 she left teaching, married local surgeon and widower Dr. John B Haskins on Dec 31, 1948, and moved to Sterling Street, their marriage lasting until his death on May 4, 1953. In 1955, Mrs. Haskins returned to Central, teaching Algebra I & 2 until Old Central's closing in 1969. She was the 1965 recipient of the Z. Carter Patten Award given to outstanding teachers in Hamilton County. After retirement from the County Schools, Mrs. Haskins moved to Whitehall Road in North Chattanooga and taught math at GPS for another two years. Mrs. Haskins served many years as a Grey Lady and Red Cross volunteer at Memorial Hospital, passing away in Chattanooga on December 7, 1994 at age 90. She is buried with her husband in Forest Hills Cemetery.



**Rebecca B. Haskins  
1963 Champion**



**Bobbie Ruth Hodges**  
**1950 Buccaneer**

**Mary Ruth Hodges** was born June 2, 1923 in Chattanooga to postal carrier Robert Murray and Ruth Evans Hodges. By school age, "Mary Ruth" had become "Bobbie Ruth" as she attended Ridgedale Grammar, then Brainerd Jr. High (her parents moved from Bailey Avenue to Idlewild Ave in 1935), then to Central fall of 1938. After graduation from Central in 1941, Ms Hodges worked as a stenographer at Harris & Hogshead through WW2 and in fall 1946 entered East Tennessee State College. At ETSC, she was selected to Who's Who her senior year based on her many extra-curricular activities and leadership positions, graduating in 1950 with a BA in English. That fall, Ms. Hodges began her career at Bradley Central teaching English, then came to Central fall of 1951 as an English teacher. Her subsequent 18 years at Central also included teaching History and serving as a guidance counselor. Ms. Hodges moved back to Hixson High fall 1969 (as Old Central moved to Harrison), where she taught English and History for another 19 years, before retiring at the end of the 1987-88 school year to care for her mother. In 1974 she received the Teacher of the Year Award from the Chattanooga Civitan Club. During her 38-year teaching career she won two Evans Foundation Master Teacher Awards (1965 at Central and 1974 at Hixson), the Laura Brock Award for Excellence, a Freedoms Foundation Award (1968), and in 1999 received the Distinguished Alumni Award from Central. Her civic accomplishments were many, detailed in her obituary: <https://www.chattanoogan.com/2016/5/23/324784/Hodges-Bobbie-Ruth.aspx>

After her mother's passing, Ms. Hodges moved into an apartment in East Ridge before entering Elmcroft at Shallowford, where she passed away on May 22, 2016. Bobbie Ruth Hodges had represented the Old Central faculty as the oldest surviving faculty member at the Historical Marker Dedication on August 4, 2012. She was buried in Forest Hills Cemetery next to her parents.



**Bobbie Ruth Hodges**  
**1963 Champion**



**J Arlie Hoodenpyl**  
**1929 Moccasin**

**Joseph Arlie Hoodenpyl** was born in Sequatchie County, TN December 15, 1905 to farmer George Right and Susan Madson McEntire Hoodenpyl. Arlie was the sixth of eight children and first attended school on Signal Mountain, entering Central in fall 1921 from Fairmount School. After graduation in 1925, J. Arlie graduated from UC in 1929 with a BS in Chemistry and promptly returned under the Rotunda that fall, and kept returning each fall for 34 more years. Hoodenpyl was head of the Science Department from 1951 until retirement in 1964. After leaving Central, Hoodenpyl became head of the Science Dept at Red Bank High in fall 1964, then assumed the same position at Hixson High in 1967, finally retiring in 1971 with 42 year's service teaching chemistry. Hoodenpyl initially lived on Bailey Avenue as he began his term at Central, but purchased a farm on Anderson Pike on Signal Mountain in 1932, where he raised cattle for many years. He resided there for 58 years until his passing October 14, 1990. He was survived by older brother Early (who lived to age 109) and sisters Jewel, Goldia (Central '24), and Ruby ('26). It was noted in his obituary that Hoodenpyl, as a member of the Hamilton County Pension Board for 40 years, drafted the first teacher's pension plan in Tennessee, that later served as a model for the Tennessee Legislature's Plan adopted in 1945. He was also active in the Tennessee Historical Society until his passing. J Arlie Hoodenpyl is buried in the Hoodenpyl Cemetery in Sequatchie County.



**J Arlie Hoodenpyl**  
**1963 Champion**



**Minnie Lee Morgan**  
**1938 Champion**

**Minnie Lee Morgan** was born in Chattanooga July 16, 1915 to Fletcher Rogers and Agnes Lawson Morgan. Minnie Lee was the third of 11 children, all of whom eventually graduated from Central High, except for Fletcher R. Jr. who died of meningitis in 1926 at age 3. Her sisters Lucille ('32), Juanita ('34), Virginia ('35), Alberta ('38), Bernice ('39), Gertrude ('43), Agnes ('45) and Barbara ('50) and brother John ('49) made the Morgan family regular guests at graduation for two decades. About the time Minnie Lee was born the Morgan family resided in Alton Park and Fletcher Sr. was employed by a dairy, but by the mid 1920s her father was partner in a law firm and they had relocated to Tunnel Boulevard. Minnie Lee entered Central in 1929 from Eastdale School and graduated in 1933. Four years later, she earned a BA from UC in English and began teaching at Central that fall. In an uninterrupted career of 36 years, Miss Morgan taught English at Central, including stewardship of the Central Digest from 1955 to 1958, and head of the English Dept following Annie May Shelton's retirement in 1960 (earning an MEd from UC in 1961), until her own retirement from New Central in 1973. In 1973-4 Miss Morgan taught English at Carol City H S of Miami Springs, FL, then 1974-8 at South Iredell H S in Troutman, NC. Finally retiring after 41 years, she then married Ralph Hooker, living in Hot Springs, AR until Ralph's death in 1986. Mrs. Hooker then returned to North Carolina, living near her brother, John, and wife Virginia Askew Morgan (Central '50) in Denver, NC. Minnie Lee passed away on Christmas Day 2007, survived by four sisters, her sister-in-law, and 43 nieces and nephews. She is interred in Greenwood Cemetery.



**Minnie Lee Morgan**  
**1963 Champion**



**Brenda Ann Garrett**  
**1962 Volunteer**

**Brenda Ann Garrett** was born November 23, 1940 in Nashville, TN to John George and Thelma L. Garrett. The older of two children, Brenda entered Isaac Litton High School in 1954 and at the end of her freshman year moved to Asheville, NC, where she attended Lee Edwards High School for two years, returning to Litton in 1957 to complete her senior year. Ms. Garrett entered UT fall 1958, graduating with a BS in Education in 1962. Ms. Garrett became Mrs. Herbert Lowe Hooper Jr., marrying a fellow teacher, Ooltewah native, and UT grad on July 28, 1962, shortly before becoming a junior high English teacher at Central. Ms. Hooper toiled two years at Old Central, leaving in 1964, when her husband returned to UT to work on a Masters Degree. For 1964-65 Mrs. Hooper taught at Maryville Junior High, before returning to Ooltewah High School for the 1965-66 school year. Daughter Ann Marie was born Dec 28, 1967. After a twelve-year period of parenting (including a one-year stay in Knoxville while Herbert completed his PhD at UT, 1977-78), Mrs. Hooper became an adjunct instructor in English at UTC (1980-2) and Chattanooga State (1982-4), returning to New Central as an English and Speech teacher (grades 9-12) in 1984. At Central Mrs. Hooper authored the first curriculum for World Studies (combining 10th grade World Literature, Writing, and History) and implemented the first program for Dual Enrollment English, wherein students earned dual high school and college English credits. In 1993 Mrs. Hooper was the Champion Dedicatory and, instead of delivering the standard inspirational speech to graduating seniors on Senior Day, penned and read a terse, open letter to the World that was worthy of reprint in the Champion (shown below). Brenda Garrett Hooper retired from teaching at New Central in 2004 with 22 years total service at Central, and currently lives on Signal Mountain with Herbert, a retired college math professor, where they perform their role as advisors of two grown grandsons.





Brenda Hooper giving Dedicatory  
Speech, Senior Day 1993

Dear World:

Here they come — the class of 1993. Some are coming to you, World, just full of anger and hostility. Keep them from harm.

Some are coming to you lacking some skills they need because they were mistrustful of us. Give them a second chance.

Some are coming to you vowing never to set foot in a classroom again. Soften their resolve when they find "on the job training" not to be what they thought it would be because they have no discipline and poor study habits. Teach them patience with themselves.

Some come to you, World, thinking that their good looks or position or money will get them whatever they want. Send someone to be there for them when physical beauty fades and fortunes dwindle away.

Some will come to you, World, feeling like losers. They have always been at the wrong place at the wrong time. They have never felt success. Make them winners, World. Lift them above the mud and the mire of mediocrity to the mountain of achievement.

Some come to you ready to become the next professionals. They are ready to be our lawyers and teachers and doctors. Give them good mentors and strong perseverance.

Some come to you ready to lead the rest of us with their smiles, brilliance, and charm. Give them integrity, honesty, and open doors.

So I send you all of my beautiful young friends. They come from this safe haven, this cocoon to your waiting arms. Open your arms to them in love; do not shut them out. Be kind to them and treat them well. Remind them often that friends are friends forever, and that a lifetime's not too long to live as friends.

God Bless You, My Friends





**Ed Hoover**  
**1962 Midlander**

**James Edward Hoover** was born in Viola, TN on August 19, 1936 to truck driver Alton Ross and Cora Belle Crawley Hoover. The youngest of three children, Ed attended schools in Warren County, graduating from McMinnville Central High in 1954. He joined the Air Force out of high school, serving as an electronics technician and leaving as a Staff Sergeant in 1958. That fall he entered MTSC, graduating in 1962 with a BA in Industrial Arts. Hoover began at Central that fall as a mechanical drawing instructor, with his first noteworthy achievement coming some two years hence on August 29, 1964, when he married 1963 Central graduate Nancy Elaine Bradford. The Hoovers in short order had two sons -David, born Sept 1, 1966 and Phillip, born October 1, 1967. Hoover became the Industrial Arts Department Head at New Central in 1974 upon the retirement of Jake Seaton, earned his MEd in 1976 from UC, and in 1977 was honored as the Champion Dedicatory, obliging him to deliver the key address at Senior Day. Hoover had launched several extramural business ventures, notably as owner of the Thrifty Way and Quick-Thrift Corporations, which operated retail establishments in East Ridge, including Baskin-Robbins, several car washes, and laundries. After Hoover had delivered the Senior day speech, he eased out the door at the end of the 1977 school year and did not return. His teaching awards included an Evans Foundation Excellence in Teaching (1975), and Hoover was a finalist for Hamilton County Teacher of the Year in 1976. After leaving Central, Hoover joined the Hamilton County District Attorney's Office, serving as Principal Investigator, then Office Manager until retirement in 2016. From 1978-84 Ed served on the State Board of Paroles, appointed by Tennessee Governor Lamar Alexander. Hoover participated in the International Law Enforcement Olympics (tennis) in Sydney, Australia in 1988. James Edward Hoover passed away on June 15, 2019 after battling Parkinson's Disease, survived by wife Nancy, his two sons, brother Harold Hoover, and sister Alene Southard. Ed Hoover is buried in the Chattanooga National Cemetery.



**Ed Hoover**  
**1963 Champion**



**Sarah B. Hubbard**  
**1926 Midlander**



**MTTC**  
**Basketball**  
**1926**

**Sarah Bankston Hubbard** was born December 16, 1902 in Chattanooga to Bernice Peter and Nettie Cross Bankston Hubbard. Nettie died when Sarah was 17 months old, and Sarah moved to her maternal grandparents' house on Douglas Street. Her father remarried and moved to Nashville in 1906. Sarah's grandfather, John Henry Bankston, died in 1915. Sarah had graduated from City High in 1921, and was attending Middle Tennessee Teachers College when her grandmother, Sarah Jane Powers Bankston, died in May, 1923. Sarah dropped out in 1924 to take care of her grandmother's affairs, then returned to Murfreesboro and graduated in 1926. Ms. Hubbard began teaching at Hardy Jr. High in fall, 1926 and left at the end of the 1927-8 term, spending two years as PE Director at William Woods Junior College in Fulton, MO.

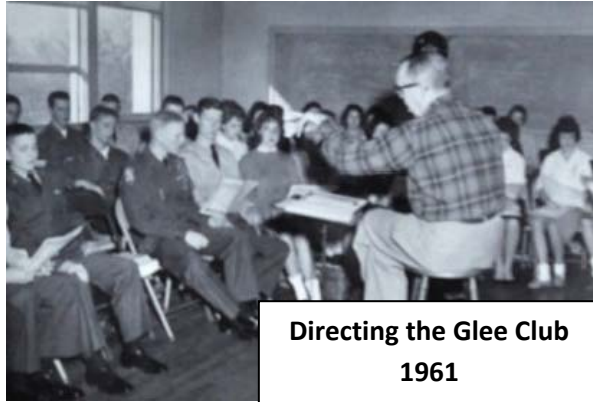
Returning to Chattanooga in 1930, Ms. Hubbard began a 35 year career teaching physical education and directing women's athletics at Central. Having played on the MTTC women's basketball and soccer teams, she also coached the Central's girls basketball teams of the 1930s. Ms. Hubbard reorganized the Women's Athletic Department at Central into the Gym Staff and revamped most of the gym programs, including May Day festivities. Ms. Hubbard retired at the end of the 1964-65 school year to her home on S. Germantown Road. She passed away in Maryville, TN March 16, 1987, age 84, and was buried next to her maternal grandparents in Forest Hills Cemetery.



**Sarah B. Hubbard**  
**1963 Champion**



**Kenneth W John**  
**1929 Sycamore**



**Directing the Glee Club**  
**1961**

**Kenneth Wayne John** was born July 2, 1906 in Radley, Indiana to Edgar Frank and Gertrude Waite Miller John. Kenneth was second of 5 children, and lived on a farm where his father raised and sold grain. Kenneth John graduated from Fairmount, IN high school in 1924 where he was in the school orchestra, chorus, and played basketball. In 1924-5 he attended Marion College (later Indiana Wesleyan) Normal School, then entered Indiana State Teachers College that fall, graduating with a BA (music) in 1929. While at Indiana State, Mr. John was a violinist with the Terre Haute Symphony. His first year after graduation was spent teaching algebra and music at the high school in Johnston City, IL, then 1930-31 living back at home and working in a theater orchestra in Marion. Mr. John's next major accomplishments were in accepting the position of Music Dept Head at Chattanooga Central High School fall 1931, then marrying Beulah Lavonne Crist during Christmas break, December 25, 1932 in Marion, OH. The Johns lived on South Moore Road until after WW2, moving to Brainerd Road by 1946. During this period the Johns had their daughter Barbara Ann (Central '57) in 1939. Mr. John coached Central's first golf teams 1938-40, and he spent summers putting his farm equipment experience to work as a mechanical repairman for Vance Steel. He was also skilled in woodworking, once crafting and installing cabinets in the faculty dining room. Mr. John also performed with the Chattanooga Symphony Orchestra for many years and was a member of the Knights of Pythias. His most favorite times were spent fly fishing in the Smokies. Mr. John remained as head of the music department, directing the orchestra and glee club, until his retirement at New Central in 1971, after 40 years service. He remained a resident of Chattanooga after retirement, serving as choir director at the Northside Presbyterian Church, and passed away in Nashville May 1, 1994 while visiting his daughter. He was survived by his wife and daughter and was buried in Hamilton Memorial Gardens, joined by Beulah in May, 2001.



**Kenneth W John**  
**1963 Champion**



**Blanche Rogers**  
**1926 Champion**

**Blanche Olivia Sowers** was born in Knoxville, TN February 8, 1897 to Robert W. and Ivy Obedience Jenkins Sowers. The Sowers moved to Chattanooga with Blanche and her younger sisters, Lois and Frances, around 1912, residing at 162 Oak St, where Mr. Sowers was a clothing salesman for Palmer-Sowers Co. Blanche and her sister Lois graduated from City High in 1915, and both began teaching in the Chattanooga school system at the Jefferson Street School shortly thereafter. Ms Sowers moved to the Third District School in the early 1920s, as she attended evening and summer classes at UC. She married Albert Bruce Rogers on June 1, 1921 and by 1925 had received her AB (graduating Magna Cum Laude) from the University of Chattanooga, starting her career at Central that fall teaching English. A daughter, Blanche Alberta "Bert" Rogers, was born August 5, 1929. On June 21, 1950 Bruce Rogers died in a VA hospital and on July 7, 1951 Alberta was killed in a car accident on the John Ross Bridge. Blanche Rogers married widower Frank Wilbur Kalb in 1955 and continued teaching English at Central until the end of the 1967 school year, a career spanning 42 years. Her husband Frank died in 1970, and Blanche died in a local hospital March 30, 1981 at age 84. She was survived by a niece, Mrs. Frances Bickers Hawkins, and buried in Chattanooga Memorial Park.



**Mrs. Blanche Kalb**  
**1963**



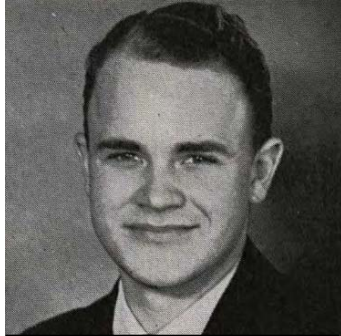
**Linda Kelly**  
**1962 Buccaneer**

**Linda Katherine Kelly** was born December 15, 1940 to newspaper editor George William and Elizabeth Sherwood Kelly in Johnson City TN. Linda, the older of two daughters, attended public schools in Johnson City, graduating from Science Hill HS in 1958, then receiving a BS from East Tennessee State in 1962. Linda's first teaching job was at Central High, fall 1962, teaching junior high English, where she was mentored by Minnie Lee Morgan. Following the end of the 1962-3 school year, Ms. Kelly returned to Johnson City, marrying fellow graduate and future ETSU tennis coach Gilbert (Buddy) Hartsell in 1964. Mrs. Hartsell taught English at Johnson City South Jr. High from 1963-68, taking a respite to give birth to a son, Kelly, in 1969 and daughter, Janie, in 1972. Following the untimely passing of her husband in 1982, Mrs. Hartsell worked for 11 years as an educational assistant for the Johnson City Board of Education, assigned to Keystone and Mountain View Elementary Schools. Now retired, Linda Kelly Hartsell continues to reside in Johnson City with two nearby grandchildren and is an active volunteer for several local Christian associations.



**Linda Kelly**  
**1963 Champion**



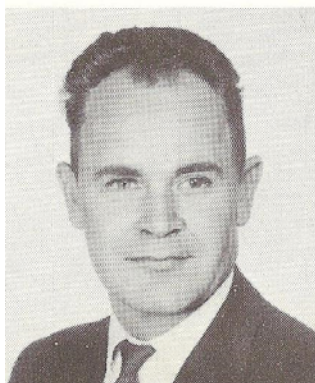


**David Litz**  
**1940 Itakha**

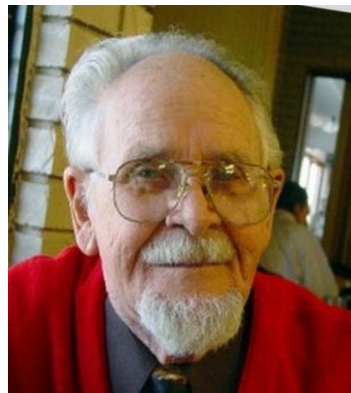


**David Litz**  
**1949 Moccasin**

**David Graham Litz** was born on May 5, 1922 in Morristown, TN to farmer Thomas Gratton and Cora Mae Freeman Litz. David and his younger brother Howard helped work the family farm while attending Hamblen County Schools. David graduated from Morristown High in 1940 and secured a job with TVA in construction, working with heavy equipment and land surveying. On Nov 9, 1942 he joined the US Navy for the duration of WW2. Litz was a Seabee, serving in Alaska and Japan, later attending many of the Seabee reunions nationwide. In 1946 Mr. Litz made a number of significant decisions: (1) leaving the Navy on January 4; (2) marrying Normal Park School music teacher and Elizabethton, TN native Gladys Eloise Parker in Elizabethton on February 9; (3) enrolling at the University of Chattanooga that summer in Civil Engineering; and (4) having his first and only child, Nancy, on December 19. David Litz completed his degree in three years, graduating in June 1949, while Eloise continued at Normal Park School. Litz then taught auto mechanics at City High in 1949-50, but wanting to teach mathematics, took course work at Peabody the following summer and joined the Central faculty fall 1950, teaching math, as Central expanded from four to six grades. Eloise Litz moved to East Side Jr. High shortly thereafter. Mr. Litz taught math at Central until the end of the 1967-68 school year, then at J. B. Brown Middle School until 1971-2. A Seabee and engineer at heart, Mr. Litz then owned and operated several businesses, including earth moving equipment, and was involved in real estate ventures in the Chattanooga area. In his eighties Mr. Litz attended Central Connection luncheons up until his passing on June 9, 2009 at age 87. He was survived by his wife of 63 years, Eloise, daughter Nancy, two grandchildren and one great-grandchild, and was buried in Chattanooga National Cemetery. Eloise joined him in August 2018.



**David Litz**  
**1963 Champion**



**David Litz**  
**2008 Connection Luncheon**





**Mildred Major**  
**1936 Midlander**

Mildred Lavonia Major was born May 30, 1914 to William Wilson "Will" and Daisy Chambers Major in Tyner, TN. Will Major was the 2nd Principal of Tyner High School 1923-1938. An only child, Mildred graduated from Tyner in 1932 and MTSC in 1936 with a BA in English, and later earned an MA from UT during the summer breaks from teaching. She taught at Hixson High, Birchwood Elementary, and then Birchwood High School for 20 years until coming to Central as an English and Creative Writing teacher in the fall of 1956. While at Birchwood she boarded during the school year with the Randolph family. When she began at Central, Ms. Major rejoined her recently widowed mother in Chickamauga, GA. Mildred Major is credited with starting the Student Council at Central. Ms. Major also taught Creative Writing at Cadek Conservatory from 1963-69. When Old Central closed in 1969, Ms. Major moved to the main offices of Hamilton County Schools as a curriculum specialist, then came back to New Central 1976-77 as an on-site curriculum specialist. She retired at the end of the 1977 school year with 41 years service, 14 at Old & New Central. After retirement she lived in Chickamauga, GA, where she was involved in local historical societies, conducting tours of the Gordon-Lee Mansion near Chickamauga. Ms Major passed away February 5, 2005, & was buried in the Chickamauga Cemetery next to her parents.



**Mansion Tour Guide**  
**1978**



**1963 Champion**



**Dewey McCrary**  
**1954 Champion**

**Dewey Verdi Love** was born Sept 1, 1899 in Blue Pond, DeKalb County, AL to farmer George Washington and Jimmie Adeline Bailey Love. She was the fifth of eleven children, and moved to Chattanooga in 1918, beginning her nursing career at the Woolford-Johnson Infirmary at McCallie & Central Avenue. In 1922 she worked for O B Andrews Co and married stock exchange operator Ernest B. McCrary on Sep 22, 1926. In addition to three stepchildren, Mrs. McCrary gave birth to two children - son Dewey (born 1928) and daughter Mary, born in 1931. In 1934 Ernest passed away and Mrs. McCrary re-entered the work force as a registered nurse at Children's Hospital, while living in Red Bank. In 1942 she became the on-site nurse at Ross-Meehan Foundries. In the early 1950s she joined the Hamilton County School System as a nurse and was assigned to Central in the fall of 1953. When J. B. Brown Jr. High opened in 1967, McCrary moved there, retiring in 1970 and moving to Signal Mountain. Dewey Love McCrary passed away on October 16, 1990, survived by her two children, three stepsons, two sisters and one brother. She was buried in Chattanooga Memorial Park.



**Dewey McCrary**  
**1963 Champion**



**W. Hobart Millsaps**  
**1932 Buffalo**

**William Hobart Millsaps** was born in Daisy, TN August 4, 1910 to William (Willie) Jarrett and Birdie Zellum Thompson Millsaps. Willie Millsaps was a coal miner with operations on Mobray Mountain, but he moved his family to Daisy in the early 1900s and built a house in Daisy adjacent to the school building. Hobart, the youngest of four, attended that school and eventually graduated from Daisy High School in 1929, noted as a basketball standout. He was the leading scorer on a team which arguably was Daisy's best ever, that team winning the Dixie Championship in 1928. Hobart Millsaps entered Milligan College in 1929, and graduated with a BS in Chemistry in 1933. He married Milligan graduate Myra Sue Bryant on Sept 28, 1935. Following a stint as teacher and basketball coach at Hixson High, Millsaps returned to college, receiving an MS Ed from UT in 1939. After teaching and coaching at Lenoir City High for a year, Millsaps came to Central in 1940 as a general science instructor, then directed diversified occupations from 1941-48.

In 1948 he became Principal of Red Bank High, but returned in short order to Central, replacing retiring Stacey Nelson in 1950 as Old Central's fourth, and last, Principal. Mr. Millsap's tenure at Old Central was marked by athletic and academic successes, from 7 football and 3 baseball state championships to winning the 1963 National Bellamy Award for the state of Tennessee. His accomplishments in education were many, serving terms as President of the National Association of Secondary School Principals, similar state, regional, and local educational foundations, as well as awards from Milligan College, Tennessee Dept of Education, US Army, and the Freedoms Foundation. For athletics, he was inducted into the TSSAA Hall of Fame in 1984. Millsaps guided the 1969 transition to New Central, retiring in 1976 after 34 years at Central, 26 as Principal. He retired to his Daisy home, passing on December 17, 1987 at age 77, and was survived by his wife of 52 years, Myra, and sons William (Class of 1960) and Bryant, Class of 1965. W. Hobart Millsaps was buried at Hamilton Memorial Gardens and joined by Myra in October 1998.



**W. Hobart Millsaps**  
**1963 Champion**



**Willard N. Millsaps**  
**1925 Buffalo**



**Baseball Captain**  
**1925**



**Asst Coach**  
**1930-31**

**Willard Newton Millsaps** was born in Soddy, TN June 5, 1902 to Adam Garfield and Lillie May Dyke Millsaps. The second of five children, Willard Millsaps was a star athlete at Soddy High School, class of 1920. While a star in local amateur baseball, Millsaps first enrolled at Tennessee Tech in 1920 then transferred to Milligan College, Elizabethton, TN in 1921, where he became captain of the baseball team and played basketball, graduating in 1925. Millsaps played professional baseball from 1925-30 in the Carolina League, compiling a .318 lifetime batting average. On July 8, 1925 - his rookie season for the Danville (VA) Leafs - Millsaps had a career day, hitting three home runs, going 5 for 5, and driving in 8 runs against the Durham Bulls. Off-season, Millsaps served as head athletic coach and math instructor at Rockwood (TN) high school. On May 25, 1930 Willard married Soddy native Lucile Springfield. Concurrently, head football coach Dean Petersen left Central, George McCoy succeeded him, and hired Millsaps as an assistant. Willard Millsaps assisted McCoy, then Petersen, through the 1934 football season, and also assisted baseball coach W T Bales from 1931-39. He taught general science and math at Central from 1930-42, then became Principal at Soddy-Daisy High School. On October 27, 1942 Millsaps was drafted into the Army at Fort Oglethorpe and, after serving almost a year, was discharged on August 1, 1943, returning to Soddy-Daisy as principal until 1947. Millsaps then applied his craft back at Central from 1947-1966, teaching geometry, trigonometry, then advanced math/calculus and retired after 40 years of teaching and coaching, 31 at Central. He was head of the math department from 1956-on, following the retirement of W. H. Templeton. During his tenure Millsaps earned an MA from UC. Millsaps was on the Electric Power Board for 19 years, held membership/leadership positions in a number of fraternal organizations and teachers' associations, and is in the Chattanooga Oldtimers Sports Hall of Fame for baseball. Millsaps' wife of nearly 45 years, Lucille, passed away on May 5, 1975. He then moved to Virginia Beach, VA to be close to his daughter, Betty Jones (Central '58) and two grandsons, passing on Dec 7, 1982. Millsaps' junior yearbook, the 1924 Buffalo, states, "He says very little, but does much without noise." That, in essence, was Willard Newton Millsaps.



**Willard N. Millsaps**  
**1963 Champion**



**Minnie Lee Morgan**  
**1938 Champion**

**Minnie Lee Morgan** was born in Chattanooga July 16, 1915 to Fletcher Rogers and Agnes Lawson Morgan. Minnie Lee was the third of 11 children, all of whom eventually graduated from Central High, except for Fletcher R. Jr. who died of meningitis in 1926 at age 3. Her sisters Lucille ('32), Juanita ('34), Virginia ('35), Alberta ('38), Bernice ('39), Gertrude ('43), Agnes ('45) and Barbara ('50) and brother John ('49) made the Morgan family regular guests at graduation for two decades. About the time Minnie Lee was born the Morgan family resided in Alton Park and Fletcher Sr. was employed by a dairy, but by the mid 1920s her father was partner in a law firm, and they had relocated to Tunnel Boulevard. Minnie Lee entered Central in 1929 from Eastdale School and graduated in 1933. Four years later, she earned a BA from UC in English and began teaching at Central that fall. In an uninterrupted career of 36 years, Miss Morgan taught English at Central, including stewardship of the Central Digest from 1955 to 1958, and head of the English Dept following Annie May Shelton's retirement in 1960 (earning an MEd from UC in 1961), until her own retirement from New Central in 1973. In 1973-4 Miss Morgan taught English at Carol City H S of Miami Springs, FL, then 1974-8 at South Iredell H S in Troutman, NC. Finally retiring after 41 years, she then married Ralph Hooker, living in Hot Springs, AR until Ralph's death in 1986. Mrs. Hooker then returned to North Carolina, living near her brother, John, and wife Virginia Askew Morgan (Central '50) in Denver, NC. Minnie Lee passed away on Christmas Day 2007, survived by four sisters, her sister-in-law, and 43 nieces and nephews. She is interred in Greenwood Cemetery.



**Minnie Lee Morgan**  
**1963 Champion**



**Sarah Ellen Mullennix**  
**1927 Old Hickory**

**Sarah Ellen Mullennix** was born April 17, 1906 in Chattanooga as the only child of William Perry and Vertie Maud Lauderback Mullennix. The Mullennix family lived in North Chattanooga where Ellen attended Normal Park School, then relocated to Anderson Avenue in 1919 where she attended East Side Jr. High before entering Central in 1921. After graduation in 1924, Ellen enrolled at East Tennessee State College in Johnson City, where she was vice-president of her class, graduating in 1928. After graduation she taught at East Ridge Elementary and Hixson High School before coming to Central as an English teacher in 1929. She resided in North Chattanooga and commuted across town to Central for the next 40 years. During her career at Central she earned an MA from Columbia in 1938 and, later, a Library Science Degree from Peabody. Ms. Mullennix transitioned from English to full time Librarian between 1946 and 1950, and became the Head Librarian in 1961 upon the resignation of Mary Sanders. As Old Central closed in 1969, Ms. Mullennix became Librarian at Hixson High, retiring in 1975 and ending a 47-year career with Hamilton County. Ms. Mullennix was a 1996 recipient of Central's Distinguished Alumni Award. Ellen Mullennix passed April 13, 2002, four days short of her 96th year, at a healthcare facility in Soddy-Daisy, and was interred at Chattanooga Memorial Park. Ms. Mullennix never married and was survived by a number of cousins.

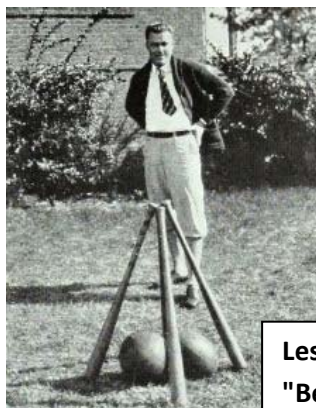


**Ellen Mullennix**  
**1963 Champion**





**James Lester Newton**  
**1930 Reflector**

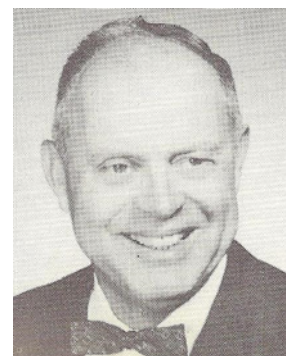


**Les Newton**  
**"Best Athlete"**

**Coach Les Newton**  
**1956**



**James Lester Newton** was born in the Falling Water area of Hamilton County to Eugene Wilson and Mary Elizabeth Newton on July 22, 1906. The oldest of three, Lester, graduated from Daisy High School around 1924 and entered Carson-Newman College in 1925. In January, 1928 Newton transferred to South Georgia Teacher's College (now Georgia Southern U. of Statesboro, GA), where he played football, basketball, and baseball (and coached the women's basketball team) until graduation with a BS in Math and Science in 1930. In his senior year Les Newton was named "Best Athlete". Lester's first job was coaching and teaching history at nearby Reidsville (GA) High School 1930-32. With his mother's health failing, Lester returned home, teaching biology, chemistry, and physics at Daisy High for one year, then became principal at Falling Water Elementary in 1934, following his mother's death. In fall 1941, Newton became an assistant to Central football coach Dean Petersen, replacing Ralph Olinger as the B Team (Grasscutters) coach, and also teaching ninth grade history. He married Mary Louise Allison Browne on January 31, 1942 in Atlanta. "Les" then became a long-time assistant to E. B. Etter in 1943, staying through the 1959 football season, when health issues forced him to give up coaching. During the 1950s Newton directed the summer Knothole Baseball Program (junior high baseball), and also coached B team basketball in the 1940s. Les Newton maintained his history teaching duties and became a frequent visitor (adjunct coach) to the football practice field through the 1966-67 school year, at which time the junior high school at Central became a separate entity - J B Brown - and Newton moved to the new school. Newton retired from teaching in 1971, having remarried widow and McMinn County native Gladys Armstrong Ware on June 29, 1968 following Louise's death in 1965. Newton was placed in a local nursing home in the mid-70s, and he passed away on his 73rd birthday July 22, 1979. He was survived by his wife, Gladys, and younger brother, Lawrence Newton, of Abilene, TX. Les Newton is buried in Forest Hills Cemetery with his first wife.



**Les Newton**  
**1963 Champion**



**Ruby L. Nipper**  
**1936 Buffalo**

**Ruby Louise Nipper** was born May 17, 1913 in Soddy, TN to J. C. and Nancy McGuire Nipper. Ruby was the sixth of 7 children, and at age 17 moved in with her older sister, Rose, upon the death of her father. Rose, a teacher at Soddy, encouraged Ruby to become a teacher. After graduating from Soddy High (1930), Mountain City Business College (McKenzie, 1932), then Milligan College (A.B.) in 1936, Ms. Nipper started a 32-year career with Hamilton County, beginning at Red Bank Jr. High in 1936. As Red Bank transitioned to a high school 1938-40, Ms. Nipper became the first business (commercial) teacher. In 1941 she took leave to work for the Office of Scientific Research & Development in Washington, DC for 4 years, then taught at Carson City (NV) High School for a year, then worked for the Porcelain Enamel Institute in Norcross, GA for two years. Ruby Nipper moved to Central in fall 1948 to head the Commercial Dept (replacing Lydia Gore Rice, who had passed away suddenly on May 10, 1948), a position she held for 15 years. Ms. Nipper resided at Tunnel Boulevard during her tenure at Central. While at Central she earned her MA from UT in August 1951. She then left in fall 1963 to become the assistant principal at Hixson, moving in with her brother William Louis Nipper (Central '25) at Pine Cone Lane in Red Bank, and retiring in June 1975. She enjoyed a long retirement during which the remaining 5 of her siblings passed. Ms Nipper passed on January 29, 2007 at age 93, with only one niece surviving. She was buried in the Soddy Presbyterian Cemetery with the rest of the Nipper family.

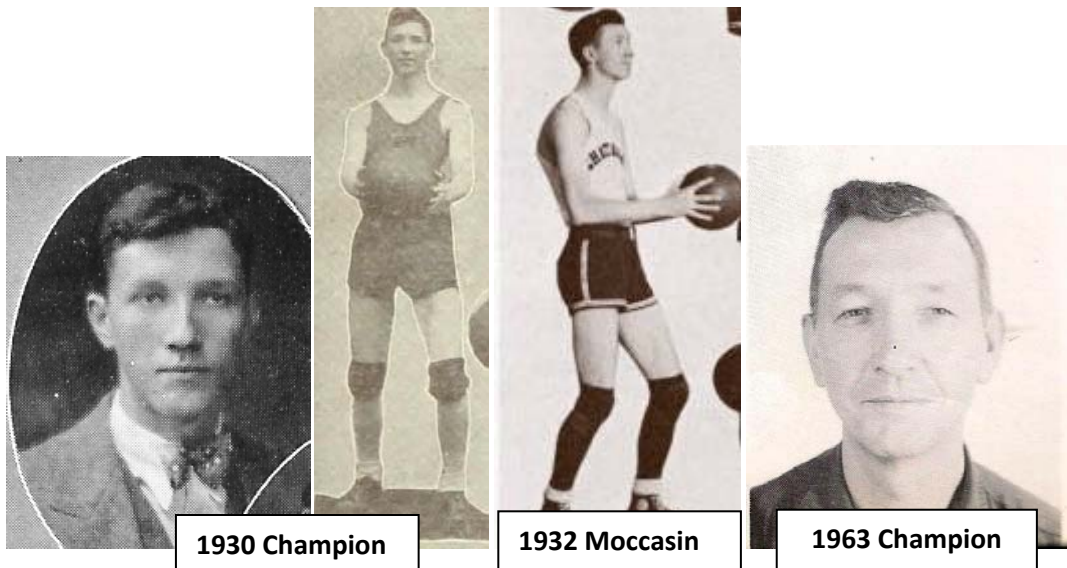


**Ruby L. Nipper**  
**1963 Champion**



**Marjorie Ruth Ogle** was born in Chattanooga to fireman Richard Newton and Minnie Ethel Bradshaw Ogle on February 9, 1927. Marjorie, the sixth of seven children, resided at 1606 South Hawthorne St and attended Highland Park Grammar, East Side Jr. High, and Central High, graduating in 1945. The Ogle family moved back to their home area (Emert's Cove) in Sevier County, TN, while Marjorie attended Milligan College in Elizabethton 1945-47. Ms. Ogle taught at Pittman Center High School, Sevier County beginning fall, 1947, attending East Tennessee State during the summer sessions, and earning her BA in 1950. Ms. Ogle applied to teach at Tyner but Principal Millsaps steered her to Central fall, 1957 to teach English. While at Central she earned her MEd from UC. In 1959, Ms Ogle replaced Minnie Lee Morgan as faculty sponsor of the Digest Editorial Staff, which she maintained until becoming head of the Language Department (upon the retirement of Ms. Morgan) in 1973. Ms. Ogle revised the course of study and taught Journalism at Central for the first time in fall 1961; she later originated a course for Journalism 2, making Central one of few state schools to offer an accredited minor in Journalism. She also won the Evans Teaching Award in 1963. Under her tutelage, the Digest won medals from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association and a superior rating from the Tennessee High School Press Association. Ms. Ogle served as the first president of an honorary teacher's society - Delta Kappa Gamma, Alpha Phi Chapter. She was the Champion Dedicatory in 1967. From 1973 until retirement Ms. Ogle was the Senior Class sponsor at Central. She retired in 1989, ending a 42-year teaching career - 32 years split between Old and New Central - and currently resides on Belvoir Avenue.





**Ralph Eugene Olinger** was born February 22, 1912 at Soddy, TN to coal miner John Thomas Olinger and Algie Parazade Flerl Olinger. Ralph was the 7th of eight children. In 1922 Ralph's father became foreman of the Durham Coal & Iron's mines and the Olingers relocated to North Market Street. Ralph entered Central in fall 1925 and played varsity football 1927-9, but it was in his first year on the basketball team that made history. The 1929 basketball team was not only undefeated but won the TIAA tournament in Nashville by outscoring their last three opponents 101-25, including a 36-0 shutout of BGA, in which Olinger "played one of the best defensive games that has been seen.." -*Chattanooga Times March 9, 1929*. Olinger actually graduated in 1929, but being only 17 and lacking money for college, opted for another year at Central and celebrated by blocking two punts for touchdowns in the 1929 football game against City.

Olinger entered the University of Chattanooga in 1930, playing freshman football and basketball. For each of his years on the varsity basketball team (1932-4) he was the leading scorer and rebounder and an All- Dixie Conference selection. Olinger also started at tackle on the football team in 1932-3. After graduating from UC with a BS in Science, Olinger married Margarite Frances Fields on October 20, 1934, then began his teaching career back at Central and also became the B team football coach in 1935. In 1941 Olinger left teaching and entered the Army in 1942. Following his discharge, Olinger entered UT in Knoxville and received his MS in Physics (working as a truant officer at one point to support his family), then returned to Central fall of 1951. During his second stint at Central Olinger designed and constructed the mechanical apparatus at the Gooney Golf facility on Brainerd Road. He taught general science and physics until 1967, opting to go to J B Brown Jr High, when the junior high at Central was discontinued. He retired in 1974 and moved to Asheville, NC to be near his daughter, Eugenia (Central '58), where he channeled his lifelong interest in botany by working at the Asheville Botanical Gardens. After his wife of 50 years, Marguerite, passed in 1986, Ralph followed shortly, dying in Altamonte Springs, FL on Sept 14, 1987. He was survived by his daughter, Eugenia Heist.





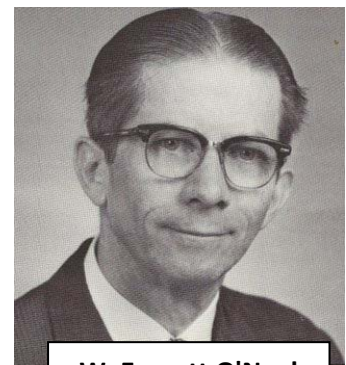
**W. Everett O'Neal  
1925 Moccasin**



**O'Neal with first  
Swing Band 1943-44**

Wiley Everett O'Neal was born January 6, 1904 in South Pittsburg, TN to Charles Lafayette and Mary Elizabeth Sherrill O'Neal. The O'Neal family moved to East 21st Street in Chattanooga before 1910 where Everett, oldest of four, attended Chattanooga schools, graduating from City High (at the Old Dickinson Bldg) in 1921. O'Neal entered UC that fall, graduating with a BA in math in 1925. After working at R. N. Lee as a clerk and becoming a registered pharmacist, Everett O'Neal joined the faculty of Hixson High in 1928 teaching mathematics. On June 16, 1936 he married fellow Hixson music teacher (and daughter of the Principal) Elma Rebecca Jones and moved to 1218 Mississippi Avenue. At Hixson, Mr. O'Neal was responsible for starting up the first high school swing band in the Chattanooga area.

In 1943 O'Neal joined the Central faculty, teaching math, and promptly started Central's first Swing Band. He was appointed Assistant Principal to Hobart Millsaps in 1950 and received his MA from UC in 1954. Outside of Central, O'Neal also performed as a professional musician. O'Neal turned over the swing band to Morris Bales in 1959, continuing as Assistant Principal through the transition to the Harrison site in 1969, and retiring at the end of the 1970 school year due to health issues. He passed away on September 24, 1970 at age 66, leaving his wife, son W. Everett Jr. (class of '56), and daughter Elma O'Neal Morris, class of 1960. O'Neal's 20 years as Central's Assistant Principal was the longest on record. Everett O'Neal was buried at Chattanooga Memorial Park, to be joined by his wife, Rebecca, nearly 35 years later.



**W. Everett O'Neal  
1965 Champion**



**Edward Owens**  
**1939 Buffalo**

**Edward Agee Owens** was born March 3, 1918 in Gladeville, Wise County, Virginia to coal miner/electrician William Benjamin and Parker Mason Owens. Owens received a BS from Milligan College in 1939 and a DDS from Atlanta-Southern Dental College in 1943. "Eddie" entered the Army upon graduation from dental school and served as a Medical Officer until discharge in 1946, at which time he briefly practiced dentistry in Virginia before marrying former Milligan classmate and Daisy Elementary School teacher Blanche Millsaps and began practicing dentistry in Daisy. Edward and Blanche (younger sister of Willard Millsaps) had two children - Edward Jr. (born 6/1/48) and Deborah Diane (born 11/14/53). In 1962 Edward Owens earned teaching certification from UC and began his second career at Central High teaching biology that fall, eventually succeeding J. Arlie Hoodenpyl as chemistry teacher and science department head in 1964. Dr Owens received an MS in Biology from Peabody in 1965. Owens left New Central in 1972 to become a physics and chemistry teacher at Soddy-Daisy High, retiring in 1983. The 1976 Trojan Yearbook was dedicated to Dr. Owens. Eddie Owens passed away in Soddy-Daisy on February 25, 1998, survived by his wife, two children and two grandchildren. He was buried in the Millsaps Cemetery in Soddy, to be joined in February 2014 by Blanche.



**Dr. Edward Owens**  
**1963 Champion**





**Augusta Peoples  
1948 Champion**

**Willia Augusta Jones** was born July 8, 1899 in Sequatchie County, TN to farmer Earl Robertson Jones and Emily Catherine Tipton Jones. Augusta had one older sister, Lillie, and was to have a younger sister, Earl, born in 1902. Augusta was educated in the Sequatchie County Schools and entered Carson-Newman College in 1920, graduating in 1924. She married Morristown, TN native Landon Crockett Peoples in Jefferson City on March 25, 1925. The Peoples moved to Louisville, KY in 1929 where Landon was a student at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, then to Soddy, TN in 1931 where Augusta began her Hamilton County teaching career at Soddy Elementary. By 1935 the Peoples had moved to eastern Hamilton County where Mrs. Peoples taught at East Brainerd School. All five of Augusta and Landon's children were to graduate from Central - Jean ('43), Emily ('45), Walter ('48), Crocker ('49) and Mary Julia ('51). Mrs. Peoples moved to Central in the fall of 1947 (joining her sister and fellow English teacher Miss Earl R. Jones), teaching math and English, and continued until retirement at the end of the 1965-66 school year. After her husband's passing in September 1974, Augusta Peoples died on April 13, 1977, survived by all five children, 14 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She was buried beside her husband in the Westview Cemetery, Jefferson City, TN.



**Augusta Peoples  
1963 Champion**



**Mary Ellen Rice**  
**1927 Moccasin**

**Mary Ellen Rice** was born November 6, 1903 in Union Parish, Louisiana to Fitz George and Gertrude Barrett Rice. Mary's father, born in England, was a clerk for the Cincinnati, New Orleans and Texas Pacific Railroad and had moved from Chattanooga around 1900 with his wife and Mary's two older brothers, Barrett and George. Mary Rice's early years were spent in Louisiana and Mississippi, but in 1918 her family moved back to Chattanooga from Jackson, MS and Mary graduated from City High in 1923. She was the first recipient of the Bible Study Medal given by the Chattanooga Schools. In 1927 she received an AB degree from UC, and began her 42 year career as a Spanish teacher at Central. While at Central Ms. Rice lived in a downtown apartment on Georgia Avenue. In 1960 Ms. Rice became head of the foreign language dept upon the retirement of Lillie Schwartz. Rice retired along with Old Central at the end of the 1968-69 school year. After retirement Ms. Rice moved to an apartment on S. Germantown Rd and passed away Sept 3, 1997 at age 93. She was buried in Magnolia Cemetery, Augusta, GA, beside her mother and oldest brother, Barrett Rice. Tu recordaremos, Sra. Arroz.



**Mary Ellen Rice**  
**1963**

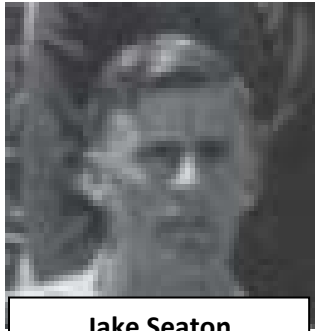


**Elizabeth Newberry**  
**1923 Argo**

**Nina Elizabeth Newberry** was born June 17, 1903 in Soddy, TN to Thomas Henry and Effie Clift Newberry. The second of seven children, Elizabeth graduated from Soddy High in 1919 and Shorter College (Rome, GA) in 1923. Ms Newberry joined the Central faculty as an English teacher that fall and remained in that position for 41 years until her retirement at the end of the 1964 school year. After earning her MA from Peabody College by attending summer sessions, Miss Newberry married former Central Physics teacher Henry B. Robinson (1926-29) on December 27, 1929 and is pictured in the Champion as Mrs. H. B. Robinson from 1931 on. The Robinsons resided at 502 Crewdson Street in North Chattanooga for over 40 years. Mrs. Robinson passed away July 24, 1975 and is buried in the Soddy Presbyterian Cemetery.



**Elizabeth Robinson 1963**



**Jake Seaton**  
**1934 Chalk Line**



**Coach Seaton**  
**1956**

**Jacob Marion Seaton** was born in Nolichucky, TN August 13, 1909 to David M. and Effie Jane Bailey Seaton. "Jake" attended Washington Academy in Limestone, TN and entered East Tennessee State Teachers College in 1930 on a baseball scholarship. After playing multiple sports at ETSTC, Seaton graduated in 1934 with a BS in Industrial Arts. His first teaching job began that fall at Daisy High School, where he was also an assistant basketball coach. In 1937 Seaton married Lillian Shadwick on July 16 and also worked as an inspector for International Harvester, then from 1937-42 was teacher and assistant football, basketball, and baseball coach for the newly merged Soddy-Daisy High School. His only child, Janette, (Central '57) was born August 31, 1939. In 1942 Seaton became a recruiting specialist for DuPont, traveling nationwide to fill needed skills at wartime production facilities.

Jake Seaton returned to Chattanooga in the fall of 1945 as an Industrial Arts teacher and assistant football coach at Central, staying at the helm until his retirement from New Central in 1974. His 29 consecutive years as a football coach at Central eclipsed Coach Etter's 28 years as the longest in Central's history. Seaton initially coached the "B" teams and with the addition of the junior high in 1950, became the linebackers and ends coach through 1969, then line coach 1970-73. He was also instrumental in starting the Fellowship of Christian Athletes Chapter at Central. After retirement, Seaton stayed active in the Kiwanis Club and as a Sunday School teacher (Wesley Memorial UMC), and in 1993 received the Central High Distinguished Alumni/Supporter Award. Suffering from Alzheimers in his later years, Jake and his second wife, Hester Sue Abernathy Seaton, lived in an assisted living facility in Chattanooga. They passed away on consecutive days in January, 2001 - Hester on the 7th and Jake in the 8th - and were buried at Chattanooga Memorial Park. Jacob Marion Seaton was survived by his daughter, Janette Seaton Odenberg.



**Jake Seaton**  
**1963 Champion**



**Elinor Armstrong**  
**1941 Volunteer**

Elinor Ault Armstrong was born January 8, 1919 to Howard Thomas and Margaret Nina Ault Armstrong. The youngest of four daughters, Elinor graduated from Knoxville Central HS in 1937 and received a BS in Home economics from UT in 1941. Elinor began her teaching career at the Heiskell School in Knoxville that fall, and in February 1942 married music teacher Stanley M. Shaver in Marseilles, IL. Stanley was inducted into the Army in later in 1942 and served in the Pacific Theater. Elinor gave birth to a daughter, Sandra, in 1943 and the Shavers moved to Richmond, VA in 1944 where Stanley was director of General McArthur's 292 ACF HQ Band and a second child, Steven, was born. Following Stanley Shaver's military discharge in 1945, the Shavers lived in Alabama and Georgia where Stanley was a music teacher, before his becoming an executive assistant with Harriman Mfg Co of Chattanooga in 1951 and relocating the family to St Elmo. In 1957 Mrs. Shaver returned to teaching at Rossville High School, and in 1961 came to Central, replacing the retiring Margaret Taylor of the Home Economics Dept.

Mrs. Shaver left Central at the end of the 1966-7 school year and continued working for the Hamilton County Schools for another decade. In 1995 the Shavers moved to Concord, TN to be closer to their children and grandchildren, and Elinor passed away on July 16, 2007 at Parkwest Medical Center in Knoxville. She was survived by her husband, two children, four grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. Elinor Shaver was buried in the Tennessee Veteran's Cemetery, Knoxville, to be joined by her husband, Stanley five years later.



**Elinor Shaver**  
**1963 Champion**





**Pauline Shearer**  
**1944 Champion**

Ruby Pauline Shearer was born February 1, 1902 in Knoxville ,TN to Dr. Montreville Decatur and Effie Smith Patty Shearer. Dr. Shearer's practice covered a large rural area of southeast TN, and the Shearers lived in various places from Knoxville, TN to Murphy, NC in the early 1900s. Pauline's younger brother, Ralph, was born in Turtletown in 1904 and sister Elizabeth in Englewood in 1906. By 1910 the Shearers had settled in Tellico Plains, where Pauline graduated from high school. In 1921-22 Pauline and Ralph attended Maryville College. In 1927 her mother passed away and in 1930 Pauline was teaching in public school in Athens, TN. At some point she received a BA degree at Middle Tennessee State, and taught in the South Carolina public schools. By the early 1940s Ms. Shearer was teaching at Henderson Business College, Henderson, NC, and in fall 1942 became an instructor at Edmonson's Business College in Chattanooga. She began a 25 1/2 year career teaching business at Central in January 1943, retiring in 1968. After retirement Ms. Shearer moved to a retirement facility in Signal Mountain and passed away Sept 21, 1985 at Life Care Center in Collegedale, TN. She was survived by two nephews and three nieces and buried next to her parents and brother at Westview Cemetery in Sweetwater, TN.



**Pauline Shearer**  
**1963 Champion**



**Janie Llewellyn**  
**1921 Volunteer**

**Jane Elmyra Llewellyn** was born June 12, 1900 in Concord, TN to schoolteacher John B. and Elizabeth Morris Llewellyn, the youngest of five siblings. In 1903 a younger brother died in infancy and her father passed away. "Janie" graduated from Farragut High School and entered the University of Tennessee in 1917, graduating in 1921 with a BA in Home Economics, having been Vice-President of her Sophomore Class 1918-19. Ms. Llewellyn worked for the Knox County Schools 1921-22, then worked in the summer of 1922 as a Home Demonstration Agent in Fray, AL before joining Central in the fall of 1922 as Domestic Arts instructor within the Domestic Science program directed by Mrs. Byron Leinhart. In 1924 she became head of the Domestic Science Department (renamed Home Economics Dept in 1925). Janie Llewellyn lived at various Highland Park addresses until her marriage to James E. Shropshire on May 27, 1932, when they relocated to South Moore Road. By 1935 they had moved to 415 Brookfield Avenue, where they remained for the rest of their lives. Mrs. Shropshire directed the Home Economics Dept at Central until her retirement at the end of the 1968 school year, a career of 46 years. During her tenure, she also served as President of the Hamilton County Home Economics Association. She passed away unexpectedly while visiting her brother in Knoxville December 23, 1968 at age 68. She was survived by her husband, James, and her brother, Frank Llewellyn, and was buried in Greenwood Cemetery.



**Janie Shropshire**  
**1963 Champion**



**Virginia Murray**  
**1923 Moccasin**

**Frances Virginia Murray** was born in Chattanooga on October 15, 1902 to grocer Thomas Amzi and Maude Estelle Head Murray. "Virgie" grew up on East 44th Street and attended Cedar Hill school on East 13th Avenue, entering Central as a freshman in 1915. After graduation in 1919, Ms. Murray attended UC, graduating with an AB in 1923. After teaching at Dickinson Jr. High from 1923-27, she started a 39-year stint at Central, teaching English from 1927-29, then history until 1966. By 1929 she had earned an MA from Columbia and on June 21, 1930 married Alfred G. Skates, residing on Dodds Avenue. By 1940 the Skates had moved to Germantown Road where they lived until Alfred's passing in 1968. Mrs. Skates chaired the history department for ten years starting fall of 1956, succeeding W. P. Bales, until her retirement. Virginia Murray Skates died at age 77 on October 17, 1979, survived by her younger sister, Vivian Murray Gilbert, two nieces, and three nephews. She was buried in Anderson Cemetery, Ringgold, Georgia.



**Virginia Skates**  
**1963**



**Gordon W. Smith**  
**1949 Champion**

**Gordon William Smith** was born in Montlake, Hamilton County, TN on October 13, 1908 to coal miner Emmett Peyton and Mary K. "Molly" Bellis Smith. By 1910 the Smiths had moved to Sequatchie County, by 1920 to White County, and by 1930 back to Dunlap, TN with Gordon and 5 siblings. Gordon entered MTTC and graduated in 1935 (BS In Math) with his first teaching and coaching job at Patten High School in Bledsoe County. After marrying and having two sons -Terry Anderson Smith in 1935 and Billy Gordon Smith in 1938 - Gordon and family moved to El Paso, TX where he was a salesman for the Borden Co. 1940-41. During WW2 Gordon Smith followed the ship building industry as a x-ray welder, residing in Vicksburg, MS, Savannah, GA, and Jacksonville, FL, finally ending up in Oak Ridge, TN in 1943 where the atomic bomb was being developed. After the war he bought a farm in Viola, TN and farmed for three years. Smith then returned to teaching and coaching, next in Norris, TN, then McMinnville, and finally to Central High in the fall of 1948 as a diversified occupations instructor. In 1949 Smith became the golf team sponsor and women's basketball coach at Central, positions he held until taking over for Coach William P. Bales as the men's basketball coach in 1954. Smith also taught math, becoming head of the Math Dept upon the retirement of Willard Millsaps in 1966. He retired in 1974 after 28 years at Central.

As head basketball coach, 15 of his 20 teams won city championships, two going to the state finals. Several of his players received local, regional, and state honors, going on to successful college basketball careers. As Math Department Head, Smith's students also won local and statewide math competitions, evidence that Professor Smith put as much effort into teaching as Coach Smith put into coaching. After retirement Gordon Smith moved to Maury County, TN then to Delano, TN. In 1989 he was named to the Chattanooga Area Old Timers Sports Hall of Fame. Gordon Smith passed away Feb 6, 1990 in Delano, survived by his wife Jackie, and two sons. He is buried in the Rankin Cemetery, Dunlap, TN.



**Gordon W. Smith**  
**1963 Champion**



**Eva Hoyt Spaulding**  
**1959 Champion**

**Eva Louise Hoyt** was born November 12, 1901 in Harriman, TN to farmer Fred Fisher and Matilda Sophia Erickson Hoyt. An only child, Eva graduated from Clinton TN High School around 1919, earned a teaching certificate from East Tennessee State Normal School in 1922, and married James H. (Herbert) Spaulding in Roane County on May 2, 1924. Eva Spaulding taught in Harriman schools for three years before the Spauldings moved to Tampa, Florida, where their son James was born in 1929, then to Chattanooga later that year. In 1934 the Spauldings, living on S. St Marks, had a daughter, Ann (Central '52), on August 9. On Dec 12, 1953 Herbert, a bank cashier, passed away. Eva Spaulding worked at Miller Brothers in Brainerd from its opening in 1954 until becoming the school matron at Central in the fall of 1956. Mrs. Spaulding continued in that role to the New Central, retiring in 1972. She passed away in Chattanooga at age 90 on January 30, 1992, having outlived her daughter, Ann S. Lomenick (died Oct 31, 1988), but survived by her son, Dr. James H Spaulding Jr.



**Eva H. Spaulding**  
**1963 Champion**



**Jane Sutton  
1935 Dynamo**

Jane F. Sutton was born July 17, 1917 in Sparta, TN to Frank Havron and Kate Simpson Rhea Sutton. In 1925 the Suttons moved to North Chattanooga where Frank and oldest son Frank Jr. worked as insurance agents, older brother Howard entered UC, and Jane attended Normal Park School, eventually graduating from City High in 1935. Frank Sr. was killed in an automobile accident in 1937 as Jane attended UC. After graduating from UC in 1939, Jane taught at East Side Jr High until 1942, marrying James Patton Still on Jan 22, 1942. While James was stationed at the Perry (FL) Army Air Base during WW2, Jane taught school in Perry, and following the war they moved back to North Chattanooga where their daughter Ellen Margaret was born Jan 23, 1946. Jane Still began teaching at Normal Park School shortly thereafter, then came to Central fall 1960 as a reading instructor. She earned her MEd from UC in August, 1961. In 1966 Mrs. Still left Central to head the Hamilton County Schools' Reading Program, where she remained until leaving the Hamilton County School System around 1977. She then returned to teaching elementary school at Boyd Buchanan until 1982. After retirement, she volunteered at Changed Lives, Community Kitchen, Senior Neighbors Portable Meals, and Martin Boyd Christian Home. Jane Still received many awards (including a Freedoms Foundation Medal), held offices in numerous educational organizations, and was also well-known locally as a musician. Her husband, James, passed away in 2001, and Jane moved to Charleston, SC to be near her daughter, living there until her passing on June 29, 2012. Jane Sutton Still, survived by her daughter, was buried in the Highland Cemetery, Sparta TN, next to her husband and near her parents.



**Jane Still  
1963 Champion**



**Virginia Summerour**  
**1951 Entre Nous**

Virginia Lou Jackson was born Jan 9, 1930 in Jamestown, AL to James E. and Nora Jackson. The youngest of 9 children, Virginia and her family moved to DeKalb County AL before 1935. Virginia graduated from Valley Head High School in 1947 and attended Jacksonville State Teachers College that fall, where she met Henagar, AL resident and WW2 veteran W. Frank Summerour. They were married on August 17, 1948 and both transferred to Howard College (now Samford University) in 1948, graduating in 1951. Virginia in Secretarial Science (BS) and Frank in Business Administration (BA). After graduation the Summerours remained in Birmingham where Frank was a manager trainee for Moore-Handley Hardware, and Virginia taught bookkeeping and typing at Hewitt High School, Trussville, AL. In 1954 Frank Summerour was appointed an office manager for Moore-Handley in Chattanooga, and Virginia took a job as bookkeeper for the Electric Power Board. They resided at 3800 Oakland Terrace in Red Bank.

Virginia Summerour then accepted a job teaching bookkeeping at Central in the Business Dept in Fall, 1956 and became head of the business department upon the departure of Ruby Nipper in the Fall of 1963. Mrs. Summerour moved to New Central in 1969 and remained as the business department chair until her retirement in 1986. The 1986 Champion was dedicated to her for her 30 years service at Central. She remarked in that dedicatory that her time at Central began with the celebration of Central's 50th anniversary and 30 years afterward she still felt the excitement. By then she and her husband were residing at Bella Vista Drive near Hamilton Mall. Mrs. Summerour had only 9 years to enjoy her retirement, passing on Sept. 7, 1995. She was interred in Chattanooga Memorial Gardens, to be joined by her husband in March 2000.



**Virginia Summerour**  
**1963 Champion**



**Clarence G. Towery**  
**1931 Midlander**

Clarence Goodrich Towery was born January 28, 1906 to Lincoln County TN farmer William Alexander and Rose Anna Simmons Towery. Clarence was the fifth of nine children. Clarence and his younger brother James began teaching in Lincoln County at the elementary school level in the late 1920s, but Clarence returned to MTTC in 1930 to finish his BA, achieved in 1932. He then began teaching at Lincoln County HS in Fayetteville fall 1932, and married Mildred Turney on June 2, 1934. In 1941 the Towerys relocated to Chattanooga where Clarence started a 28-year assignment teaching biology at Central. During Clarence's first semester at Central, Mildred gave birth to their only child, Twyman (born October 25), who would later graduate from Central in 1959.

Clarence's hobby of photography led to his becoming Central's perennial photo-journalist for the Champion and Digest, teaching photography, and sponsoring the Photography Club. One highlight occurred the afternoon of Friday, September 30, 1949 when Towery was taking pre-game photos of the football team at Frawley Field, and observed parachutes trailing behind an Air Force bomber passing overhead. His photo led to a feature as Picture of the Week in the October 10, 1949 Life Magazine, of the event leading to the plane's crash on Missionary Ridge just moments after the photos were taken. Towery retired as Old Central closed in 1969, and briefly rejoined three of his farming brothers in Highland City, Florida growing citrus, before returning to S. St Marks Ave. in Chattanooga due to failing health. He passed away on Nov 11, 1975 and was buried in Riverview Memorial Gardens in Fayetteville, TN. His three brothers, son Twyman, two grandchildren, and wife Mildred survived him, with Mildred joining him in February, 2003.



**Clarence G. Towery**  
**1963 Champion**



**Dorothy L. Walker**  
**1939 Champion**

**Dorothy Louise Walker** was born October 13, 1914 in Hixson, TN to farmer Samuel Beene and Susan Orpha Long Walker. Dorothy was the second of six children, two of which died before adulthood. Dorothy Walker graduated from Hixson High in 1932, Tennessee State Teachers College (MTSU) in 1936 and earned an MA from Peabody in 1938. She joined Central's faculty in 1938 as a Business teacher and continued in that role for 28 years until retirement from teaching in 1966. Ms. Walker worked as a paralegal for another 20 years before retiring and passed away July 20, 2004 at age 89. A lifelong member of the Hixson Church of Christ, Dorothy Walker was survived by two nephews and three nieces and buried in Hamilton Memorial Gardens.



**Dorothy L. Walker**  
**1963 Champion**



**Flora Beck**  
**1931 Moccasin**

**Flora Elizabeth Beck** was born January 31, 1908 in Riverview to William Sherman and Flora Anna Tarwater Beck. Her father was a noted businessman and at that time was chair of the Hamilton County High School Board. In 1908 Flora's two oldest siblings - Anna and William - were freshman at the new Central High School, graduating in 1911. Other siblings and future Central graduates were Otis (1916), Frank (1918), and Edgar (1922). Flora entered Central in fall 1922 from Normal Park School and graduated in 1926. She entered Duke University that fall, later transferring to Martha Washington College, and then to the University of Chattanooga in 1929, graduating with an AB in mathematics in 1931. Joining Central's faculty that fall, Ms. Beck taught algebra and geometry for 42 years until her retirement at New Central in 1973. In 1948 Ms. Beck became Mrs. Henry Reginald Ware on August 7, residing on W. Mississippi Ave. During her years at Central, Flora Beck Ware was active in the Alumni Association, serving as Secretary-Treasurer for many years. Henry Ware passed away in May, 1981 and Flora Ware on July 14, 1991. She was survived by two nieces and one nephew.



**Flora Ware**  
**1963 Champion**





**Robert S Wharton**  
**1931 Midlander**

Robert Samuel Wharton was born in Woodbury, Cannon County, TN August 13, 1909 to farmer Samuel Weeden and Mary Mears Wharton. The Wharton family lived near Readyville in Rutherford County, between Woodbury and Murfreesboro. Robert's three older siblings and sister-in-law became teachers, and in 1928 Robert entered MTSC in Murfreesboro intending to follow them. Graduating in 1932 with a BA in Industrial Arts, Wharton then taught in Murfreesboro before accepting a position at Central in fall, 1935. Wharton married former Central graduate ('35) and fellow teacher Natalie Bedoit May 31, 1940 and the Whartons moved to Ooltewah. Wharton continued to teach manual arts at Central and in 1961 replaced Archie Bibbey as printing instructor and assumed responsibility for production of the Central Digests. Wharton retired at New Central in 1971 after 36 years. During his tenure Wharton was responsible for a number of intramural activities, one being the faculty-senior basketball games played to benefit the Digest.

The Whartons were volunteers in many areas, particularly in wildlife preservation and scouting, and worked at the Chattanooga Nature Center for many years after retirement. Robert Wharton passed away in Ooltewah on December 27, 2000, survived by his wife Natalie, daughters Natalie Brown, Marcia Fletcher, and Rebecca Riggs, one brother, one sister, and seven grandchildren. He was buried in Lakewood Memory Gardens East and joined by Natalie in August, 2013.



**Robert S Wharton**  
**1963 Champion**



**Margaret L. Winslett**  
**1920 Silhouette**

Margaret Lee Winslett was born Jan 5, 1900 in Epes, Alabama to general store owner Robert Lee and Amanda Banks Harris Winslett. The older of two children, Margaret grew up in Jones Bluff, AL, attending boarding schools until her graduation from Agnes Scott College (Decatur, GA) in 1920. She taught briefly at Nacoochee-Rabun Gap school in Georgia before before earning BA and MA degrees in Christian Education at Union Theological Seminary in New York, then becoming a missionary for the Presbyterian Church. Ms. Winslett was sent to China in 1926. In 1938 she was interned by the invading Japanese Army and detained for 4 years, but allowed to return to the US in 1942. She then taught Bible at Red Bank High until 1946 when she returned to her mission, once again aborted in 1948 due to the Civil War and eventual Communist takeover of China. Ms. Winslett returned to Chattanooga in 1957 and began an 12 year stint at Central, teaching Bible until 1969. After retirement she taught Bible classes at the Second Presbyterian Church into the mid 1980s, passing on April 16, 1993. Her body was donated to the UT medical School in Memphis.



**Margaret Winslett**  
**1963 Champion**



**Ethel York**  
**May, 1917 Technala**

Ethel York was born on March 9, 1897 in Empire, Alabama to minister William Thomas Jefferson and Elizabeth Evaline Phillips York. The older of two, Ethel, and her younger sister Gertrude, both attended the Alabama College for Women in Montevallo, AL for their high school and junior college education (Ethel graduated in 1917) and then Peabody Teachers College in Nashville for their college degrees. Ethel worked as a school teacher in Jasper AL from 1917 until around 1922, before entering Peabody with Gertrude. In 1925 the York family moved to Chattanooga, where their father, "T. J.", was assistant pastor for the First Baptist Church. In 1926 Gertrude began teaching at Dickinson Jr High while Ethel, though listed as a Chattanooga resident, was already teaching at Selma High School in Selma, AL. By 1929 Ethel had moved to Troy State Teachers College, Troy, AL as a Home Economics Instructor. After her father passed away in 1932, Ethel and her mother, Eva, lived in Troy until Ethel accepted a job in 1935 with the Works Progress Administration in Chattanooga and she and Eva moved into a Georgia Street apartment with Gertrude. In 1939 Ethel became a home economics instructor at Soddy-Daisy High but transferred to Central for the second semester in January, 1940 and remained at that position until retirement in 1967. Ethel York remained in Chattanooga after retirement and passed away on October 9, 1981 at age 84. She was survived by her sister and buried in the York family plot at Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Jefferson County, AL.



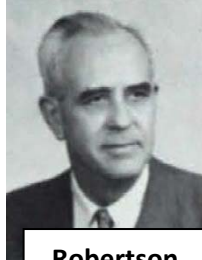
**Ethel York**  
**1963 Champion**

## OTHER TEACHERS FROM 1958-62

After we arrived at Central, some of us as early as fall, 1957, we observed, prior to our graduation, the departure of several teachers who had left their mark under the Rotunda. These included:



**Ore**



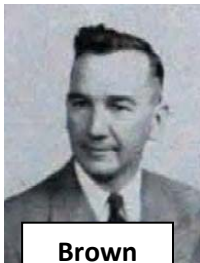
**Robertson**



**Clementson**



**King**



**Brown**



**Moore**



**Jones**



**Sanders**



**Taylor**



**Tiernan**



**Moffitt**



**Hooser**

**Ms. Joe Ore**, biology, retired in 1958 after 29 years at Central

**Mr. A.B. Robertson**, math, retired in 1958 after 17 years at Central

**Mrs. Bernyce Clementson**, home ec, Class of 1921, moved to East Ridge High in 1958 after 24 years

**Ms. Sally May King**, English, retired in 1959 after 31 years at Central

**Mr. Ed Brown**, math, retired in 1959 after 16 years at Central

**Mr. Donald Moore**, science, Class of 1949, moved to Red Bank Jr. High in 1960 after 4 years

**Ms. Earl Jones**, English, passed away while on leave in 1960; 30 years at Central

**Mrs. Mary Sanders**, librarian, moved to East Ridge Jr. High in 1961 after 18 years at Central

**Ms. Margaret Taylor**, home economics, retired in 1961 after 34 years at Central

**Ms. Frances Tiernan**, social science, moved to Dayton University in 1961 after 17 years at Central

**Ms. Anne Moffitt**, English, Class of 1922, retired in Jan 1962 after 24 1/2 years at Central

**Ms. Mary Edmund Hooser**, English, retired in 1962 after 37 years at Central

And two very special teachers, who were the only two to serve under all four Old Central principals:



**Shelton**



**Schwartz**

**Mrs. John A. "Annie May" Shelton**, who retired in 1960 after 51 years at Central;

**Ms. Lillie Schwartz**, who retired in 1960 with 40+ years toiled at Central



**Annie May Crutchfield**  
**1911 Sleepless Eye**

**Annie May Crutchfield** was born April 19, 1890 to Dr. Campbell and Mary Ellington Crutchfield in Watertown, TN, the eldest of three daughters. She attended Dixon Academy in Shelbyville, TN, received an AB from Peabody College in 1908, and by 1911 an MA from Columbia. Her father passed away in 1906, and her mother shortly thereafter moved to Chattanooga where Annie May's three uncles were living, making Chattanooga a natural place to begin her teaching career. After teaching at Ridgedale School (at age 18) for the 1908-09 school year, Annie was summoned to Central as an English teacher in the fall of 1909, beginning an unparalleled 51-year career under the Rotunda. On December 23, 1912 Annie married John A. Shelton, then principal of Avondale School (later at Hardy Jr. High from its beginning in 1926 until 1953). Their marriage lasted until John's passing in March 1956. Mrs. Shelton's mother had lived with the Shelton's at 416 Glenwood Drive, just a stone's throw from Central, until her passing in December 1951. The Shelton's were so close to the Central family, that the eight pallbearers at Mrs. Crutchfield's funeral were all members of the 1951 football team. Annie May Shelton retired at the end of the 1959-60 school year and passed away on Sept 20, 1973 - one of only two teachers to serve under all four principals at Old Central. Her name adorned the National Honor Society Chapter at Old Central as it still does today at the new school. Several college scholarships are still offered in her name by local and state educational associations. She and John left no direct descendants and are buried in Forest Hills Cemetery, Chattanooga.





**Lillie Schwartz**  
**1913 Central**

**Lillie Schwartz** was born in Chattanooga Dec 24, 1889 to German Immigrants Henry and Jennie Poss Schwartz. The youngest of six children, Lillie graduated from City High in 1905 and received a BA from Ohio Wesleyan in 1909. Schwartz taught Latin and German at E. C. Glass High School, Lynchburg, VA for two years, before moving to Central at the beginning of the 1911-12 school year. She taught, at various times, German, French, English, and Latin at Central over a long, but intermittent, period that spanned 49 years, retiring at the end of the 1959-60 school year. Ms Schwartz was notorious for missing the faculty photo shoots, and her photo is absent in many Champions. The Chattanooga City Directories list Ms. Schwartz as a teacher at Central for 1911-17 and 1926-59, although the 1961 Champion credits her with 43 years, while her Chattanooga *Times* obituary says 41. Her leaving Central as the US declared war on Germany and not returning for nearly a decade was probably not coincidental. Ms. Schwartz never married, passing away in Chattanooga on Nov 10, 1963, and survived by three sisters and two brothers. She was buried in the Schwartz family plot at Mizpah Cemetery, Chattanooga.



**Joe Ore**  
**1930 Champion**

**Joe Ann Ore** was born in New Market, Jefferson County, TN Dec 1, 1892 to livestock dealer John C. and Nancy (Nannie) J. Elmore Ore. Ms. Ore was the middle child with older sister Pearl and younger brother Raymond. The Ore family moved to Birmingham, Alabama around 1893 and Nannie passed away in July, 1897. At that point Joe and her sister returned to Tennessee and lived with their maternal grandparents in New Market, while their father and brother remained in Birmingham. By 1920 Joe was a student at Carson-Newman, graduating with a BS in science around 1922. Her first teaching assignment was at Blair Jr. High in Norfolk, VA in fall of 1922, followed by teaching assignments in North Carolina until 1929. In fall 1929 Ms. Ore began a 29-year career teaching biology at Central, retiring in July 1958 and citing the failing health of her sister, Pearl. Ms. Ore moved to Miami, FL, residing with her sister until her passing, then moved back to Chattanooga until her own death in October of 1972. Joe Ore was buried in Lakewood Memory Gardens, East, and had no immediate survivors.



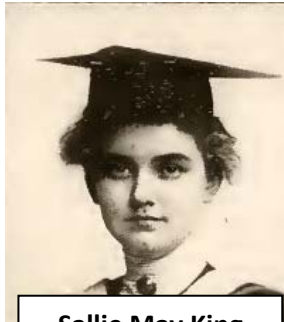
**A B Robertson**  
**1942 Champion**

**Archie Boone Robertson** was born March 22, 1889 in Booneville, Moore County, TN to carpenter Lodrick James and Alice Alferetta Parks Robertson. Boone was the fourth of 10 children and attended Franklin County schools. His teaching career began 1914 in Huntland TN, where he married Edna E. Banks June 14, 1915. Daughter Joberta was born August 29, 1916 and son, Rob Roy, Jan 28, 1922. In 1919 Robertson became principal of Huntland High School before becoming principal of Maryville (TN) High School 1924-5, then moving to Viola TN, as principal of Viola High School 1925-1927. Robertson then accepted the job of Associate Headmaster of the Stuyvesant School in Warrenton, VA (1927-29), and from 1929-31 taught at the Lee School (college) in Black Mountain, NC. In 1931 the Robertsons moved to Montview Drive in Brainerd where A. B. was principal of Kings Point School until 1932. From 1932-4 Robertson attended UC, attaining a BA in education and moving to North Seminole Drive. He then taught math at Chattanooga Vocational School 1934-6 and at City High 1936-40. Returning to management, Robertson served as the Third District School principal 1940-41. Robertson's final act came as he moved to Central High fall of 1941. A. B. Robertson then logged 17 years teaching mathematics, including a short period as department head, retiring in 1958. He and his wife remained at their Seminole Drive residence during retirement, with A. B. passing away on Jan 7, 1975 at age 85. He was survived by his wife and two children.



**Bernyce Smedley**  
**1921 Champion**

**Willie Bernyce Smedley** was born to collection agent William Charles and Mary Susan Ragon Smedley in East Chattanooga October 21, 1902. Bernyce entered Central in 1917 from East Chattanooga School, graduating in 1921. Bernyce received a BA in music and arts from Carson-Newman in 1925. On August 18, 1926 she married bank teller George Mercer Clementson (Central 1915). In the late 20s, Bernyce Clementson had number of vocations, including a stint with the Navy in Washington DC and as a dietician with the University of Maine. By 1930 Mrs. Clementson had returned to Chattanooga and joined the faculty of Tyner that fall. In 1934 she began a 24-year term with Central's Home Economics Department, leaving in 1958 to start up the Home Economics Department at East Ridge High School. During her years at Central Mrs. Clementson had served as an officer in the East Tennessee Educational Association and as president of the Chattanooga-Hamilton County Home Economics Association, and was a pianist at the Highland Park Baptist Church. After her retirement in 1970, the Clementsons moved to Rhea County. Mercer passed away in December, 1980, and Bernyce followed on May 14, 1991 at age 88. They are interred at Greenwood Cemetery.



**Sallie May King**  
**1915 Silhouette**

**Sallie May King** was born Sep 27, 1893 in Elkton, Giles County, TN to farmer Joseph Harmon and Rosa Belle Gilbert King. Sallie May was the fourth of five children and was educated in private boarding schools, culminating in her graduation (A.B.) from Agnes Scott College in 1915. While teaching in Darien, Georgia, Ms. King earned an MA from Columbia and began a 31-year career at Central in the English Department in fall of 1928. Sally May King was the Champion editorial sponsor from 1928 until her retirement in 1959 and the Digest editorial sponsor from 1928 to 1955. Ms. King left Central to live with her widowed sister, Bessie King Anderson, in Ardmore Tenn. Ms. King passed away in Pulaski, TN on March 8, 1980 and was buried beside many of her family in Maplewood Cemetery, Pulaski.



**Ed Brown**  
**1945 Champion**

**Edward W. Brown** was born March 5, 1894 in Riceville. TN to farmer Joseph W. and Sarah Greenlee Brown. The sixth of eight children, Ed worked on the family farm and attended Tennessee Wesleyan until joining the Navy during WWI (1918-19); afterwards he attended Akron University before teaching in McMinn County for two years. Around 1924 Brown became principal of the East Brainerd School and took courses at UC leading to a BA in 1930, when he became superintendent of the school system in the Lisbon District (Chattanooga Valley) in Walker County GA. Ed also became an insurance agent for Massachusetts Mutual in 1931, living in Chattanooga Valley. After getting Chattanooga Valley High School accredited, as its first Principal, Brown left teaching and started his own agency, Ed Brown Insurance, in the early 40s. Brown, who later, in a 1955 Digest interview, stated that he was an insurance agent who taught math as a hobby, joined Central in fall 1943 at age 49, teaching until 1959. After retiring from teaching, Brown joined R.E. Hill Insurance Co. Ed Brown passed away Nov 19, 1974 and is buried in Forest Hills Cemetery. He never married and was survived by two sisters and a brother.



**Donald C. Moore**  
**1953 Moccasin**

**Donald Claude Moore** was born on the Fort Benning, GA reservation August 13, 1931 to Warrant Officer Claude I. Moore and Almeda G. Moore. The younger of two siblings, Donald lived near military posts until his father retired from the Army in December 1945. After Moore completed junior high school in Madison, GA May 1946, his parents moved to Red Bank, and Moore enrolled in Central fall of 1946 as a sophomore. After graduating in 1949, Moore enrolled in UC and received a BS in Science in 1953. He then became 2LT Donald Moore, serving in Korea as part of his college ROTC commitment, and left the service in 1955 as a First Lieutenant. Moore began teaching general science at Central in fall 1956, leaving after the 1959-60 school year to teach at Red Bank Jr. High. His total service teaching reached 39 years as he retired from Red Bank at the end of the 1995 school term. He passed away April 7, 2001 at his Red Bank home, survived by one niece. Donald C. Moore was buried next to his parents in Hamilton Memorial Gardens Cemetery.



**Earl R. Jones**  
**1930 Champion**

Earl Robertson Jones was born April 27, 1902 in Sequatchie County, TN to farmer Earl Robertson Jones and Emily Catherine Tipton Jones. The youngest of three sisters, Earl Jones was educated in the Sequatchie County Schools, graduating from high school in Dunlap in 1920. She entered Carson-Newman in 1924, receiving a BA in 1928, and taught in Trion, GA, before coming to Central in 1929. Ms. Jones taught English and history until the 1959-60 school year, when her health declined. Ms. Jones had earned an MA from UT during the 1930s. She passed away on April 16, 1960, ending her career of 30 years at Central. Ms. Jones never married and was survived by her two sisters, including fellow faculty member, Augusta Peoples, and was buried in the Chapel Hill cemetery, Dunlap. TN.



**Mary Robinson**  
**1927 Chilhoweean**

**Mary Estelyn Robinson** was born January 18, 1909 in Harriman, TN to educator William Theodore and Julia Gray Hamlin Robinson. The middle of three children, Mary and her family moved to Chattanooga in 1917 when her father became Principal of City High School. Mary entered City from the Third District School in 1922, graduating in 1926. Mary spent one year at Maryville College, then split time taking classes at both UC and UT, before marrying John P. Sanders January 19, 1936 and moving to Knoxville. In Knoxville the Sanders operated a bicycle shop and a bookstore, and Mary became a licensed pilot. On April 14, 1937 daughter Barbara was born, followed by son William's birth in 1942. After earning an LLB at Peabody during the summers, Mary Sanders moved back to Chattanooga in 1943, living with her parents at 317 Crestway in Brainerd, and became an assistant librarian at Central High that fall, replacing Mrs. Clarence Kolyck. Mrs. Sanders became the head librarian in fall 1944 upon the resignation of Elizabeth Beamguard. After her father's passing in 1957 and her mother's moving to a health care facility, Mrs. Sanders moved to 825 Belvoir Terrace in 1961 and became the librarian at East Ridge Jr. High that fall. She retired in 1964 and passed away June 13, 1986, survived by her children.



**Margaret Taylor**  
**1925 Volunteer**

**Margaret Sue Taylor** was born in Cleveland, TN on December 20, 1892 to merchant James Newton Taylor and Margaret Elizabeth Fetzer Taylor. Margaret was the fourth of five siblings. Her father passed away during her senior year in high school, and Margaret delayed college to care for her mother and help her older brother Ernest with the family business. After her mother's passing in 1920, Margaret entered the University of Tennessee, graduating with a BS in Home Economics in 1925. After two years teaching at Bradley Central, Ms. Taylor replaced Mary Chenault of Central's Home Economics Dept. in fall 1927 and remained for 34 years, retiring in 1961. Ms. Taylor moved to Fort Myers, FL, living with a niece, and passed away there February 21, 1977. She was buried in the Taylor family plot, Fort Hill Cemetery, Cleveland, TN, and survived by three nieces and three nephews.



**Frances Tiernan**  
**1946 Champion**

**Anne Frances Tiernan** was born in Chattanooga on June 24, 1904 to Irish immigrant Hugh and Mary Rielley Tiernan. Frances was the youngest of nine, and her father died while she was in infancy. She entered Notre Dame School in 1911 and graduated in 1923. Her college experience is still being researched (perhaps Nazareth College, Louisville) but her first recorded teaching job was at the Shepherd School, Toledo, OH from 1928-31. Ms. Tiernan is listed as living in Chattanooga 1931-7, but was apparently still teaching out of state. In 1937 she began teaching at Chattanooga Vocational School (later Kirkman Tech) and remained there until securing a job at Central teaching Economics and Social Science in 1944. Mrs. Tiernan left in 1961, having won Freedoms Foundations Awards for her work in the social sciences, and became an Assistant Professor of English at Dayton University. Mrs. Tiernan retired from teaching in 1969 and passed away in Dayton August 20, 1981, survived by one nephew and one grand-niece, and was buried in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Chattanooga.



**Anne Moffitt**  
**1927 Appalachian**

**Anne Eunice Moffitt** was born August 31, 1903 in Lancaster, Texas to Baptist Minister William Alfred and Mannie Price Moffitt, the fourth of five children. Anne attended high schools in Fayetteville, AR before the family moved to Chattanooga in 1921. She and younger brother Walter both graduated from Central in 1922. Ms. Moffitt attended the University of Chattanooga one year, then entered Carson-Newman College in 1923, receiving her AB in 1927. After graduation, Moffitt taught at Soddy Elementary and Rhea County High School. In 1930 she boarded with Hobart Millsaps' family in Daisy as she began a 7-year teaching stint at Daisy High School. When Soddy and Daisy High merged in 1937, Moffitt moved back with her widowed mother on Douglas Street and began teaching English at Central. During the 40s Moffitt spent summers at Columbia and earned an MA in English. After her mother passed away in 1953, Moffitt boarded with fellow teacher Ellen Mullennix on Barton Street in North Chattanooga until retirement. Ms. Moffitt took a leave of absence for the 1960-61 school year, and she was temporarily replaced by Geneva Brown; she returned for the start of the 1961-2 school year, but retired after 23 1/2 years at Central in January, 1962. Jo Ann French completed the school term in Moffitt's place. After retirement Ms. Moffitt served as librarian for the First Baptist Church. While visiting her widowed sister-in-law (Mrs. James Moffitt) in Winston-Salem, NC, Moffitt suffered a fatal heart attack on November 12, 1969. She was survived by her sister-in-law, several nieces and nephews, and buried in Forest Hills Cemetery with her parents.





**Mary Edmund Hooser**  
**1926 Champion**

**Mary Edmund Hooser** was born on January 28, 1900 in Haley (Bedford County), TN to mail carrier and farmer George Marion Hooser Jr. and Hattie Cordelia Hickerson Hooser. Mary was the oldest of five, all of whom would become college graduates and teachers. Ms. Hooser received her BS from Peabody Teachers College in 1923, and after teaching for two years in Bedford County, came to Central fall 1925 as an English teacher. By attending Columbia University in the summers, she received an MA in 1930. Edmund Hooser spent the remainder of her 37-year career at Central teaching while living in downtown Chattanooga apartments and spending the summers at her parents' farm in Bedford County, except for one overseas trip to Europe in summer 1932. A private person, Ms. Hooser retired in 1962 and returned to Bedford County, where she passed away in Wartrace April 5, 1986. She was survived by one brother and one sister.