

Livingston Grade School

The first school was a wooden building built in 1907. With the continued increase in population, it became necessary to enlarge the school which was completed in 1912. No one knows exactly how the increase of rooms to the school was made. Some of the pictures show a likelihood of an addition on the back.



First grade school built in 1907. Addition was made to the building to accommodate increased student population. Note cross on white background hanging in upstairs windows. This represented rooms in which each child had given money for the Junior Red Cross.

This small town had its problems concerning the student population. In 1916 and 1917 the school could only operate for half-days because it was too crowded. In November, 1918, every child, as well as adults, was vaccinated for smallpox. It was spreading across the country like wildfire. In October of that same year, the school had to be closed for two months because of the Spanish Influenza epidemic.

There were two entrances to this school one on the north and one on the south side of the building. There were two

classrooms on the east side of the first floor and two classrooms on the west side. Later the two classrooms on the west were converted to an auditorium. This auditorium had a stage at the south end of the room. This room was used for music classes, movies and plays. In later years, the auditorium was used as a cafeteria.

On the upper floor were four classrooms – two on the east and two on the west. In the early 1940s the northwest room was used as a lunchroom where a meal could be purchased for five-cents.

It has also been noted that at the first school there was a large bell tower on the top of the building. This was topped by a flagpole from which flew Old Glory every day. The bell in the tower was rung every day as a signal for school to begin. The bell could be heard throughout the town. Some time later, according to pictures in the Madison County Historical Museum, the upper portion of the tower that housed the bell and supported the flag pole was removed. Even the



This is the same building after more renovations took place. Notice the difference in the bell tower from photo above.

bell enclosure disappeared, but the bell was put in the cupola on the front of the roof and was rung by pulling on a rope just inside the front door. The flag was later flown from a flagpole next to the bicycle racks.

One unique feature of the building was the metal fire escapes that were erected on the outside reaching to each of the second floor rooms. At that time virtually all schools in the area were built of wood thereby making them a significant fire hazard.

On the east side of the frame building was a playground. There was a sliding board, merry-go-round (made to be pushed by your feet), see-saw, and of course several swings. It was not a fancy playground. Everything was made of wood or iron. There was no grass growing in or around the playground.

This building was used until 1961 when the new A.R. Graiff Grade School was built along Livingston Avenue. A great many young people went to this old frame building before it was torn down to make way for apartment buildings.



Livingston Grade School Kindergarten Class 1954-1955.

Pictured by row from left:

Row 1: Joann Linenman, Shirley Meier, Lonnie Kopuster, Patty Matesa, and David Genczo.

Row 2: Michael Denny, Barbara Arndt, Bruce Chulka, Debbie Moggio, and teacher, Maridel Nixon.

Row 3: LaWayne France, Michael Vallow, Vara Lynn Best, Dennis Best, and Diane Booth.

At table: Lorna Cox, Ronnie Schoen, Gerald Tsupros, Larry Machuga, and Ronnie Ocepek.



Thom Thumb's Wedding
February 18, 1921

Back row from left: Floyd Moss, Klavora, Anton Karnosky, Belva Coalson, Joe Petruska, Calligaris, Vallow, Satovia, Carlo Bononi, Pauline Guillian.

Second row: Loris Becker Bernardin, Mary Saulkis, Max Larker, Unidentified, John Sahovich, Unidentified, Dick Salter, Bozik, Coalson, Dorothy Evans, Frank Kosloski, and Clara Sievers

Third row (seated): Louis Moggio, Unidentified, Calligaris, Groom Andy Minkanic, Preacher John Minkanic (between Bride and Groom), Bride Norma Alfeld, Unidentified, Unidentified, Unidentified, Unidentified and John Berdoni.

Front (kneeling): All Unidentified.



The Cruise of the Trundle Bed
1929 - 1930

Third, Fourth and Fifth Grades

Teachers Edna Kroeger, Leona Bernardin and Margaret Livingston



Livingston Grade School Fourth Grade. Teacher was Dora Dixon who is seated on step at left of photo. September 1924.



Pictured from left to right:

Back row: Russell, Jones, Clinton Kerin, Robert Strohl, Onelio Pellizzaro, Tom Karnosky, Bob Urban, Tom Margaritis, Mike Zarr, Fred Bononi, Bill Majeski, Marion Scanzoni,
 Middle row: Ali Farhath, Henry Malench, Richard Heinz, Calvin Hainaut, Billie Teeske
 Front row: Norma Callovini, Dorothy Kostadin, teacher, Norma Maskey, Frieda Covi, Dorothy Facinelli, Arlene Falkenberg, Irene Mellas.

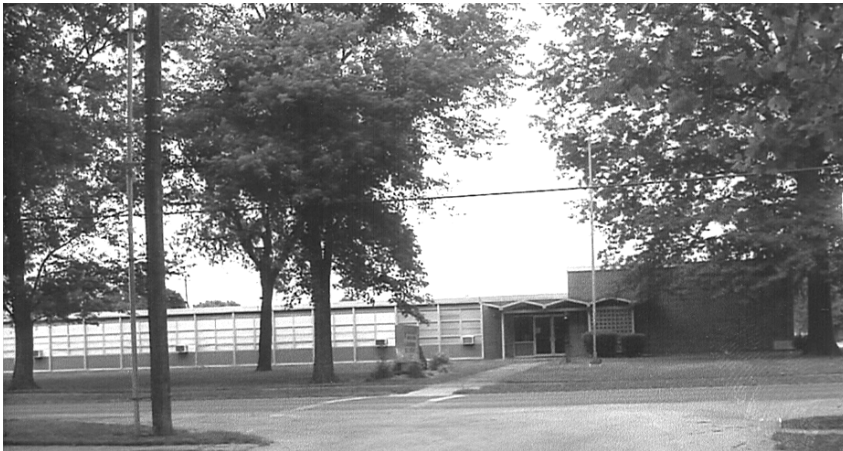
A.R. Graiff Grade School

After years of deterioration it became necessary to replace the original frame building and the original brick high school that was then housing grades five through eight. A.R. Graiff the district superintendent as well as the school board worked diligently to see that the new school building became a reality. Construction of the new grade school on Livingston Avenue began in 1961. The school was constructed at a cost of over \$161,507.00 and contained eight classrooms, four restrooms, a principal's office, an all-purpose room, a large kitchen, a central library for upper grades and a heating control room. Mr. Graiff died in the spring of 1961. In his memory the new A.R. Graiff Grade School was dedicated on September 9, 1962. Continued growth in the community led to the addition of five classrooms, a teacher's workroom and speech room in 1965 - 1966.



Ground breaking ceremony:

From left to right: Architect, Marion Verton, principal; Dave Dzurus, school board member; Andy Grega, school board member, with shovel; John Lenger, school board member, George Best, school board member, and Oscar Windisch, school board member. Man on earthmover is unidentified.



At left, A.R. Graiff Grade School as it appears today.

At right, Grade School sign. The school is readying for its second year as a part of the Staunton School District.



Livingston Elementary Teachers

S – Superintendent

P – Principal

AP – Assistant Principal

J.M. Stevens.....	1907 – 1908	P
Lillian Weber.....	1907 – 1908	
Carrie Schoeumetzler	1907 – 1908	
T.L. Knight	1908 – 1909	
J.A. Hebenstreit	1908 – 1909	
Grant Carlock	1908 – 0909	
E.W. Bunn	1913 – 1916	
Mary Hornsberger.....	1913 – 1915	
Mamie Green	1913 – 1914	
Myrtle Rusher	1913 – 1915	
Edna Graf.....	1913 – 1914	
Ruth Best	1913 – 1923	
Ivan Bunn	1914 – 1916	
Elma Carson	1914 – 1918	
Elizabeth Zobovcik.....	1914 – 1915	
Eva Carlton	1914 – 1934	
Beula Howell	1915 – 1918	
Minnie Holliger	1915 – 1918	
Iona Foster	1915 – 1919	
Tipmer Rachow	1916 – 1923	
	1923 – 1926	S
Mabel Jones	1916 – 1919	
Delores Meyer	1918 – 1919	
Nancy Best.....	1918 – 1920	
Alma Larson	1918 – 1920	
Bettie Tabor	1918 – 1920	
Julie Bolton.....	1918 – 1920	
Mae Tabor.....	1919 – 1920	
Darrel Kilduff	1919 – 1920	
Sadie Landau	1919 – 1920	
Mae McLaughlin	1919 – 1920	
Mrs. Tipmer Rachow	1920 – 1921	
Frances M. Hoy	1920 – 1921	
Leona Kroeger	1920 – 1922	
Josephine Finnegan.....	1920 – 1924	
Vida R. O’Neal	1920 – 1922	
Jennie Best.....	1921 – 1923	
Florence C. Marland	1921 – 1923	
Lillie Boyle	1921 – 1925	
Herman Koch.....	1921 – 1922	
Dora Dixon	1922 – 1926	
Lucille Reeves	1922 – 1924	
Marquis Hattenhauer	1922 – 1926	P
Eileen Wyatt	1922 – 1923	
Mariette Leroy	1922 – 1923	

Camillia Myers	1923 – 1924
Camillia Hodge.....	1923 – 1925
Irene Morrissey.....	1923 – 1924
Mary Risco	1923 – 1924
Elva Teus	1923 – 1926
Olga Andrews.....	1924 – 1926
Elva Geers	1924 – 1927
Mary Schmidt	1924 – 1928
Mary Urbancsnik.....	1924 – 1925
Norma Walther	1925 – 1929
Corinne Miller	1925 – 1926
Rebecca Livingston	1926 – 1930
Anna Sander	1926 – 1928
Lucille McLauchlin	1926 – 1929
Phyllis Meyers.....	1926 – 1928
Marie Valerio.....	1927 – 1935
Faye Livesey.....	1928 – 1929
Pearl Nessel.....	1928 – 1929
Wm. Russell Combs	1928 – 1930
Margaret Livingston	1929 – 1931
Mary Hornsberger	1929 – 1930
Edna Kroeger.....	1929 – 1935
Leona Benardin	1929 – 1931
Lucille Dillingham.....	1930 – 1934
Angela Repovsch.....	1931 – 1942
Eloise Bird	1931 – 1933
Margaret Moorman.....	1932 – 1933
Anton Perne	1932 – 1939
	1939 – 1943 P
Dorothy Kostadin Banjavic ...	1934 – 1942
	1945 – 1946
Otto Unger	1935 – 1936
Eloise Moehrman.....	1935 – 1936
Elsie Pahsler	1935 – 1950
Louise Paulicka Moggio.....	1936 – 1939
	1950 – 1958
Emma Larcker	1936 – 1974
John Lusiana.....	1938 – 1941
Sophia Moggio	1939 – 1945
Evelyn Bowles.....	1941 – 1934
	1947 – 1950
Jessie Brit Buehling.....	1942 – 1946
	1971 – 1981
Leona Dzurus.....	1943 – 1944
	1946 – 1947

Albert R. Graiff.....	1943 – 1961	P
Valera Perne	1944 – 1945	
	1946 – 1955	
Florence Ficker	1945 – 1949	
	1952 – 1953	
Corinthia Cross	1949 – 1950	
Ira Bowles, Jr.....	1950 – 1952	
	1954 – 1961	
	1965 – 1966	
Viola Highlander Bohenen	1950 – 1962	
Maxine Bickline Homeier	1950 – 1952	
	1954 – 1958	
Dean Pieper.....	1950 – 1952	
Elmer Sandrin	1951 – 1960	AP

*Livingston Elementary District # 141 became
Livingston Consolidated School District #4 in
1952.*