

Teacher Appreciation

Martha Smith Philips



Philips and her Class in the Classroom

Date unknown - 1924-1954



Surprise testimonial from Former and New Students at a Meeting of the Greenlawn P.T.A. for Martha Philips

Dated Tuesday, June 1st, 1954



Harold P. Ben R.
Robert I.
Frank S.
Georgetta Mary K.
Cornelius R.
Horace L.
Amandus R.
Herbert T.
Jean B. Clifford P.
Walter B. Robert N.
Alex S. Freddie S.
Helen B. Jean C.
Virginia R. Bobby S.
Dorothy S. Carol S.
Pauline K.
Florence T.
Muriel C.
Ethel T.
Howard S.
Charles C.
Vincent B.
Walter N.
Billy S.
Billy Sp.
Marg S.
Catherine P.
Dorothy R.
Billy Sun.
Tommy L.
Peter K.
Marilyn P.

“After a brief program of teachers being named, Mrs. Martha Smith Philips was called upon the stage, the complete surprise glowed from her smiling face. A large bouquet of red roses was presented to her by Paul Vigneaux as the start of the occasion dedicated to her for the thirty years of loyal and understanding teaching of the first graders in the Greenlawn Public School.” (Pictured Top Right)

“A resident in Huntington for thirty-seven years, a graduate from Oneonta College in N.Y. and also N.Y.U., she began teaching when the Greenlawn Public School was built in 1924, and has never left her position as its first grade teacher”

Pages from her scrapbook, which she compiled after 30 years of service, provide us a glimpse into school life at the Greenlawn Public School. Her care for her students didn't stop once they left the classroom. Martha would continue to follow her students, such as cutting out the newspaper clippings when one would get married. Her commitment to both the school and her students is truly what made her so special.