

# Clio Grandfather Acts as School 'Room Mother'

Room mothers who take turns assisting their children's teacher, Mrs. Alberta Aurand, with her weekly milk money have become familiar to her fourth grade students as this happens each Monday. The custom has become a welcome occasion for both the students and teacher.

Endowed with extremely logical minds they even took it right in stride when a grandfather appeared at the school to perform that task for the busy instructor. But, such a unique event, in this area, set off a chain of events.

A Messenger photographer was called in to take a picture of the grandfather, Herman Clappe, who lives on Campbell St., with his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. James Clappe.

Mrs. Betty Newman and her fourth graders were invited in and the elderly gentleman delighted the group with reflections on his boyhood school life in the rural community of Fulton, Ky. This is located about forty miles from the Mississippi River, he said. Benches were used for seating in those days and modern conveniences were sadly lacking.

"Those are supposed to be the good old days," he opined, "but these are the best; and better days will come!" Travel was by foot, horseback or horse and buggy but he didn't figure walking to school hurt him any.

The children listened attentively while Mr. Clappe told them of seeing white haired Buffalo Bill and even Annie Oakley and the hour of living in the past with

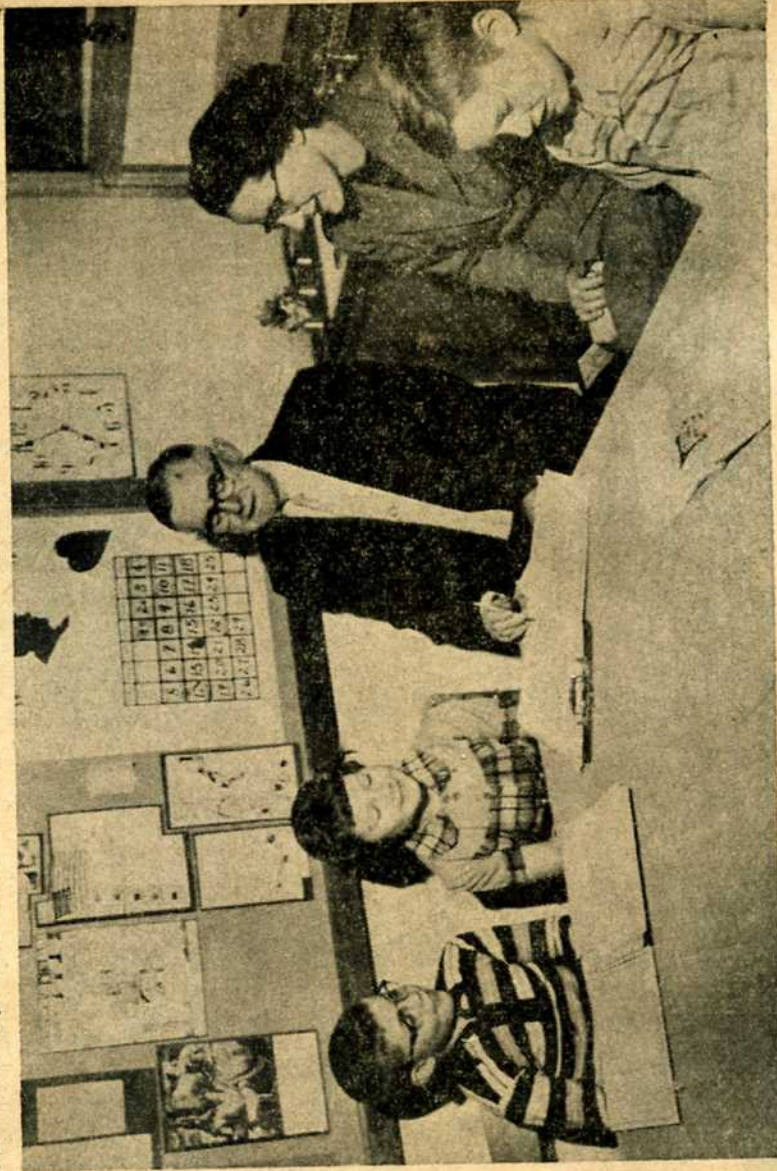
Edwina's grandfather was considered well spent.

Mrs. Tom Clevenger, who has assisted with the milk money on two previous dates, returned for this special occasion. Other home room mothers assisting this year are Mrs. Herbert Allis, Mrs. Harold Bruckner, Mrs. Eldon Gal-

braith, Mrs. W. Griffor, Mrs. Frank Horkey, Mrs. Eldon McBride and Mrs. James Colenso.

The simple gesture of inviting mothers in is paying off with increased family interest. It has become a habit at PTA meetings for Mrs. Aurand's room to capture the monthly attendance Aurand.

Mrs. Aurand is grateful for one of Mr. Clappe's fervent opinions—he sees little harm in today's young people. He believes "they are pretty good youngsters" and will go a long way, which is an opinion often expressed by Mrs.



KENTUCKY COLONEL—Youngsters of Mrs. Alberta Aurand's fourth grade were pleasantly surprised Monday morning when a "home room" grandfather" instead of a mother appeared to assist their teacher. Herman Clappe, center, formerly of Fulton, Ky., worked with Mike Griffor and Judy Allis, left, and Mrs. Tom Clevenger and son Tommy, right. (Messenger Photo)