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Abstract: **Sue Reese Dinges**

Mrs Dinges provides some interesting stories about being bused from the Alief area to attend school in Missouri City. In 1962 she returned to teach junior high school students language arts – reading, writing and spelling.

Although Sue did not live in Fort Bend County until 2005, all 4 of her sons attended and graduated from Fort Bend schools since she was a teacher prior to the consolidation of the school district.

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Interview Summary

People (in order mentioned in interview)

Mr. Chiapetta – bus driver
 Mr. Louis P. Rodgers – school superintendent
 Mrs. Francis King – social studies teacher
 Ms. Dorothy Haygood McSparran– English teacher
 Mrs. Minelma Tyng – business teacher.
 Sue Brinkman Alston – best friend
 Jiggie Herndon Hester & Mickey Herndon Ross – twin classmates
 Bessie White – classmate
 Norma Dietrich MacAllister – classmate
 Betty Hambrick Davis – classmate, deceased
 Bill Scanlin – classmate
 Glen Johec – classmate
 Louis Rychlik – classmate
 Gerald Rivette – classmate
 Gene Dinges – spouse
 Mr. E. A. Jones – school principal
 Mrs. Alice Ehmann – homemaking teacher
 Lawrence Elkins – coach & FBISD superintendent
 Mrs. Rose Bend Morris – girl’s coach, P. E., Spanish teacher
 W. A. Brinkman, Claude J. Borden, Ralph O. Senior, Sr. Lawrence Vacarro – school board members
 Mr. Patton – school superintendent
 Mrs. Sammie Petrie – assistant principal

Mr. Leon Scarcella – band director

Places / Businesses

Houston, Texas
 Fort Bend County
 Missouri City
 Alief Independent School District
 Stafford, Texas
 Sugar Land, Texas
 Federal Tank Company
 Mexia, Texas
 Missouri City High School
 DeWalt
 Arcola
 Lufkin ISD
 Fort Bend Independent School District
 Lakeview Elementary
 Dulles Junior High School
 Dulles High School
 Missouri City Junior High School
 Missouri City ISD
 Jones Elementary School
 Arthur Murray Dance Studio, Houston
 Future Farmers of America
 Rice University
 Sugar Creek Country Club
 Future Homemakers of America
 Fresno

Events

Sue recalls being a transfer student from Alief to Missouri City school since her parents could afford to pay out of district tuition.

She rode a bus about 12+ miles along some dirt roads. Once when the bus broke down the students rode on the back of a flatbed truck but due to her age, Sue had to ride in the cab.

Sue shares many stories about classmates and teachers during her 11 years as a student in the Missouri City Independent School District (ISD).

In 1962 she began teaching language arts – reading, writing and spelling in Fort Bend ISD. She and her husband Gene were both graduates of Missouri City ISD and their four sons were graduates of FBISD.

After the death of her husband in 2005, Sue moved to Fort Bend County.