

Frances Suddarth: Teaching Third Grade

FS: I began teaching third grade. I taught third grade from then until I retired in '97 at Elkton. Those first few years, I had forty plus students. And they ranged in reading level from Kindergarten to, well, at the end of the year I had them reading at the 5th and 6th grade levels. I had that many levels of reading. . . All in one third grade class. And that was in the older Elkton School building, before the fire of '71 or '72. . . .No PE coach, no art teacher. You did PE, art, music, and the full curriculum.

Frances Suddarth: Beer Taverns

FS: The town of Elkton, was full of beer taverns. There was almost one on every corner. And I am very pleased to say that that's one thing that we don't have now. Maybe two or three, but there used to be, oh, ten or twelve. . . Saturday night was a really rowdy time in the town.

Frances Suddarth: Helping Each Other

FS: They have always been people who cared for each other, helped each other.