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**Interview OH #010
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Class of 1914

Interviewed: July 31, 1977

Interviewer: Ann Yarborough Evans

Index by: Michelle Dubert-Bellrichard

Length: 00:42:48

Abstract: In her interview with Ann Yarborough Evans, Emma Cockfield describes her time as a student at Winthrop from 1910-1914. This interview was conducted for inclusion into the Louise Pettus Archives and Special Collections Oral History Program.

Keywords: Teaching, Winthrop Training School, food, dorms, rules and regulations

Interview Session (July 31, 1977): Digital File

Time	Keywords
00:00:00	<i>Start of Interview/Interviewer's Introduction</i>
00:00:20	<i>Question:</i> Department with outstanding reputation? <i>Answer:</i> All departments were thorough. Taught at the training school for 6 months. EC describes the children.
00:01:40	<i>Question:</i> Training school? <i>Answer:</i> Went her senior year. Was graded for her work. Children were well behaved.
00:02:38	<i>Question:</i> Other courses? <i>Answer:</i> Math and history. History was taught at "Main" building. Dr. Thompson oversaw education courses.
00:04:05	<i>Question:</i> Education department? <i>Answer:</i> Just like other classes. Didn't have to take any foreign languages. Took gym. EC loved tennis. Students had to wear blue jerseys. Winthrop gave students uniforms for gym and classes. "I didn't have any hips." EC had to wear a belt.
00:07:28	<i>Question:</i> What church did you attend? <i>Answer:</i> Presbyterian. Describes the blue line. EC says campus was moved a whole block.
00:08:10	<i>Question:</i> Church activities? <i>Answer:</i> Morning watch. Prayer meetings. Students had to go to church in "Main" building.

- 00:09:00 *Question:* The Little Chapel? *Answer:* It wasn't there.
- 00:09:15 *Question:* Amphitheater? *Answer:* "We didn't have anything." EC describes campus.
- 00:10:25 *Question:* Rules and regulations? *Answer:* Students had to be on-time for meals.
- 00:11:15 *Question:* What was the food like? *Answer:* "I could always eat." EC describes the food. Ice cream from the college farm. Cheese wheel.
- 00:13:15 *Question:* Farm? *Answer:* EC went there a few years ago. Describes the land.
- 00:15:05 *Question:* Maid service? *Answer:* Students had to clean up their own rooms.
- 00:16:23 *Question:* How did you clean your room? *Answer:* There wasn't a lot to fix up. Students had few items.
- 00:17:30 *Question:* Sign in and out? *Answer:* Had to check out at night.
- 00:18:05 *Question:* Did you go home? *Answer:* Just for Christmas. Had to travel by train.
- 00:19:19 *Question:* Dorm rules? *Answer:* Didn't leave room during study period.
- 00:20:20 *Question:* Room inspections? *Answer:* Yes. Students didn't know when they were coming.
- 00:20:35 *Question:* Dorm elections? *Answer:* EC talks about the condition of certain dorms.
- 00:21:40 *Question:* Fire drills? *Answer:* Fire escapes.
- 00:22:25 *Question:* Dorm elections? *Answer:* No.
- 00:22:47 *Question:* Dorm parties? *Answer:* Get-togethers. Fried chicken.
- 00:23:48 *Question:* Drama department? *Answer:* Yes. EC remembers students who participated in plays.
- 00:24:40 *Question:* Clubs? *Answer:* Literary Society.
- 00:25:00 *Question:* Religious clubs? *Answer:* Bible study.
- 00:25:30 *Question:* Classes? *Answer:* EC loved sewing. EC describes sewing a dress.

- 00:27:30 *Question:* Junior/senior? *Answer:* No men on campus.
- 00:28:12 *Question:* Advisors? *Answer:* “Very few.” Training School teachers were the best, in EC’s opinion.
- 00:28:55 *Question:* Manual for rules and regulations? *Answer:* Didn’t have one. EC describes serious offenses. Some girls ran away.
- 00:29:40 *Question:* Reprimand for cheating/smoking/drinking? *Answer:* EC says there wasn’t any.
- 00:30:05 *Question:* Married girls? *Answer:* EC talks about dating on campus.
- 00:31:20 *Question:* What time did you have to be back in the dorms? *Answer:* Bell would ring. EC talks about the library’s current location.
- 00:32:10 *Question:* Library? *Answer:* EC studied in Dacus.
- 00:32:45 *Question:* Sports? *Answer:* Basketball.
- 00:33:20 *Question:* Foreign students? *Answer:* Few. Students from Korea, Japan, and China.
- 00:34:00 *Question:* Discussion or lecture classes? *Answer:* Both.
- 00:34:59 *Question:* Grades? *Answer:* Can’t remember.
- 00:35:55 *Question:* Commencement? *Answer:* EC describes class size. Recalls graduation.
- 00:36:35 *Question:* Parents go to graduation? *Answer:* No.
- 00:36:45 *Question:* No trouble getting a job? *Answer:* No.
- 00:37:25 *Question:* Majored in Home Ec.? *Answer:* No. Everyone had to take those classes.
- 00:37:45 *Question:* Glee club? *Answer:* Yes. Did not tour other colleges.
- 00:38:25 *Question:* Did you like Winthrop? *Answer:* Glad to get an education.
- 00:39:10 *Question:* Favorite food? *Answer:* Ice cream was the best. Serving style. Dining room scholarship.
- 00:42:07 ***End of interview***