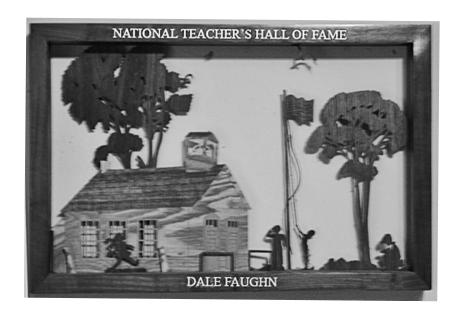
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This is the true story of a boy who grew up in Kentucky. It was the 1930s. The country was in the Great Depression. People did not have much money. It was a hard time for a boy to grow up in, but he saw beyond the problems. The boy's name was Dale Faughn, and this is his story about how a dream was born in his heart.





Dale's parents were Wayne and Dora Faughn. Dale had a brother named Herman, and a sister named Ileen. His other sister died when she was only eight years old. She had whooping cough, which then turned into pneumonia.



The Faughns lived in a tiny wooden house. They were very poor. Dale's father did not own his own land to farm. He was hired to do farm work for landowners in his county. Sometimes Dale's mother ironed clothes, sheets, pillow cases, dishtowels and other cloth items to make money.

At first, Dale went to school in a one-room schoolhouse. There were children in his school of all different ages and grades. Children of tobacco farmers often missed a lot of school. They had to help in the fields. They got behind in their studies. Therefore, many times there were young teenagers in Dale's school. Later on, Dale went to a two-room schoolhouse.



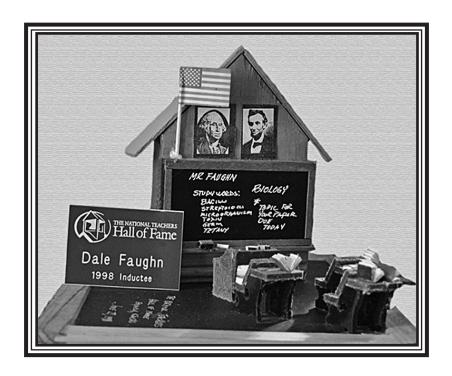
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Dale was very grateful to many people. His teachers helped him to learn many things. His church leaders taught him about God. His parents worked hard to take care of his needs. Wherever he went, acts of kindness met him.

One exceptional day a mail carrier gave Dale a beautiful lunch box. It was a treasure! Dale's heart burst with joy. Someday he would give to others as he had been given to.

Being poor was not easy. But life was beautiful for Dale Faughn. The future stretched out before him, full of promise. He would be able to do great things with an education. By the time Dale was in fifth grade, he knew what he had to do. He knew how he would give back for all he had been given. He would become a schoolteacher.



In his lifetime, Dale Faughn would reach out to the children of Western Kentucky. He would help to shape many lives. He would turn many students into lifelong learners. And he still does.



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