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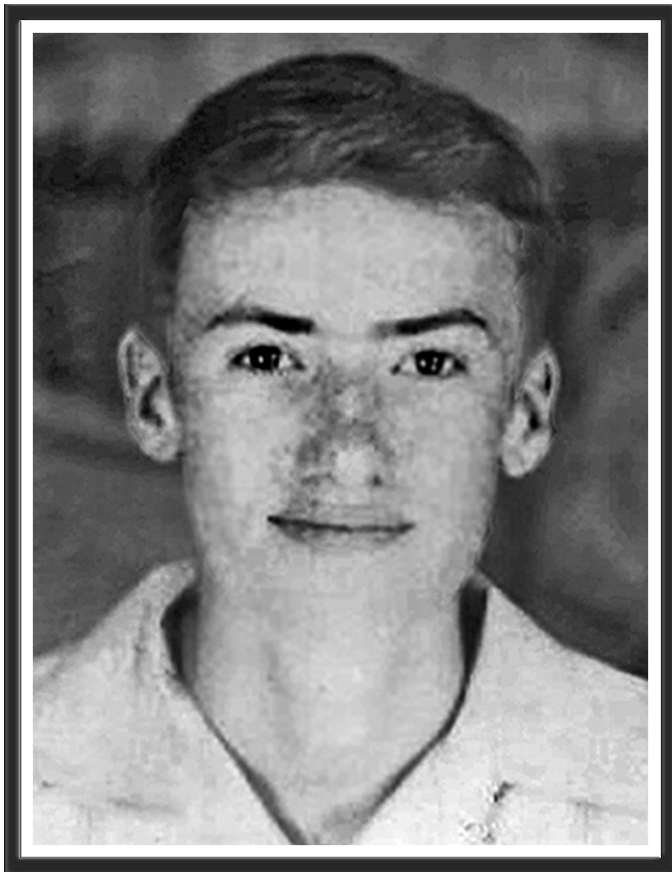
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This is the true story of a poor boy that became a great teacher. His name is Dale Faughn. The story took place in Kentucky during the time in our country called the Great Depression. People did not have much money. They had to work very hard to stay alive.

Dale Faughn liked school. He had a burning desire to become a teacher. He had to find a way to finish high school, but it would not be easy. In those days, people spent most of their time working, just to survive.



Dale's father, Wayne Faughn, worked hard on other people's farms. He had to labor long hours to support his family. He plowed and planted, and later he harvested the crops. He chopped wood and repaired barns and broken fences. He earned about 50 cents a day doing all of this work. Being a man during the Great Depression was not easy.





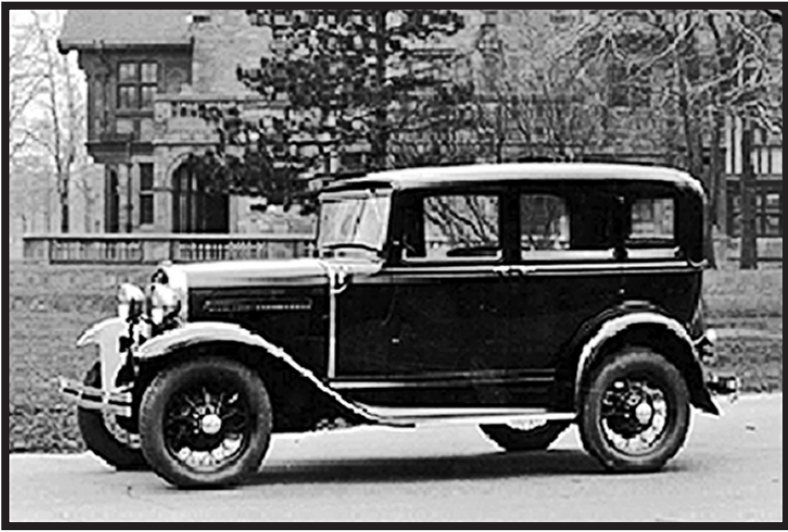


Dale's mother, Dora Faughn, worked hard at home. She grew vegetables. She fixed all of the meals. She washed all of the clothes and she kept the house clean. Sometimes, to earn money, she ironed clothes for other people. Being a woman during the Great Depression was very difficult.



Dale Faughn and his mother, Dora Faughn

Wayne and Dora loved their children. They wanted Dale to get a good education. Dale's life would be better if he was well educated. So Wayne helped Dale get to high school. He gave Dale a good part of his wages to provide rides for him.



The first year, Dale rode to high school with a senior. That boy had a Model A Ford. He drove five other students besides Dale to school every day. He charged each student 20 cents a day. The money that the young man made driving students, a dollar a day, was a lot back then.

The second year, Dale could not find a ride to Eddyville High School. He had to transfer to Princeton High School. Princeton was a bigger high school, and it was also further away. Now Dale's rides would cost 25 cents a day.





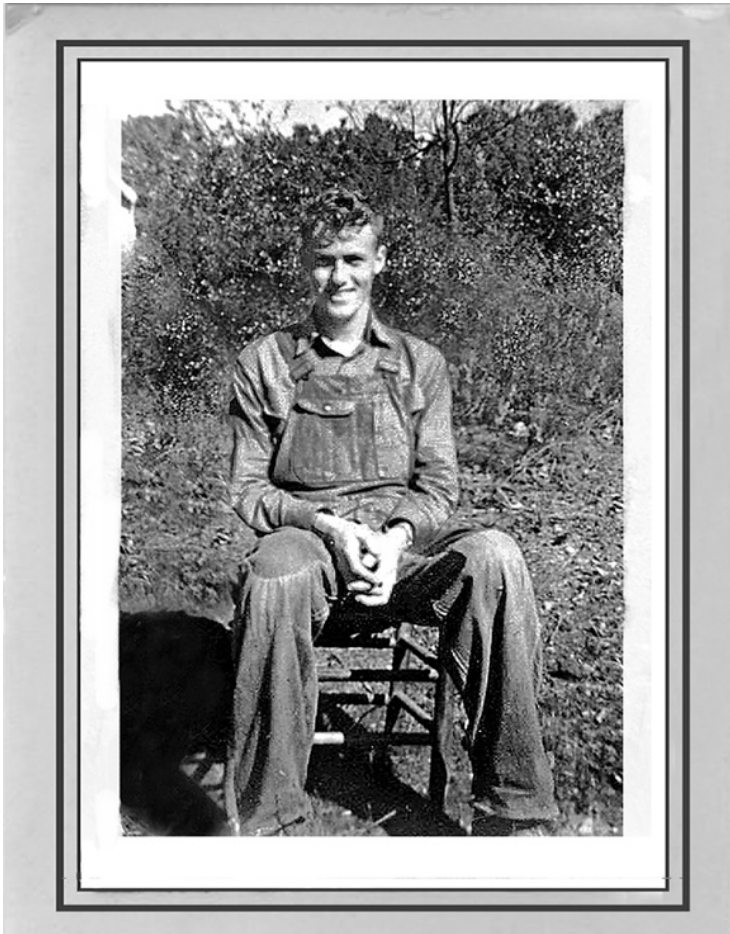
Dale would rise from bed at 4:00 in the morning. It was still dark outside. In those days, Dale got a ride to Princeton with a mail carrier. He had to walk almost a mile to meet his ride. Dale took a kerosene lantern with him to light his way.



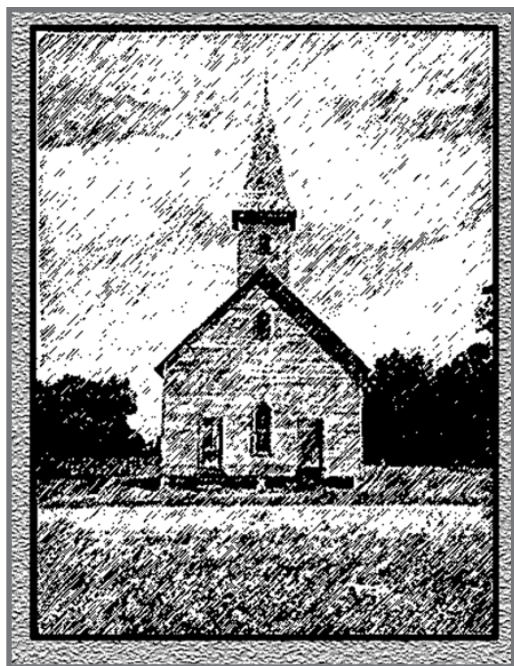
After school each day Dale waited in the poolroom for his ride. He used that time to study and do his homework. It was almost 6:30 PM by the time Dale reached home. That only left time to eat and wash up. During the winter months, it was already dark.



One time on his way home, Dale saw something that was scary. He saw a light in a vacant house. His eyes grew wide with fright and he thought of running away. Then he realized that he had been fooled. The light was just a reflection of his own lantern!



Dale had many adventures and hard times. Through them all, Dale's desire to become a teacher still burned. He had to finish high school.



There were people along the way that helped spur Dale on. Every act of kindness that people did for Dale turned into a seed. Those seeds took root in his heart and grew. They grew into a strong idea. Dale wanted to give back.

Dale's Sunday school teacher, Mister Jim, sent Dale to church camp. It was there that Dale gave his life to God. From that time on, Dale felt that his desire to teach came from God.





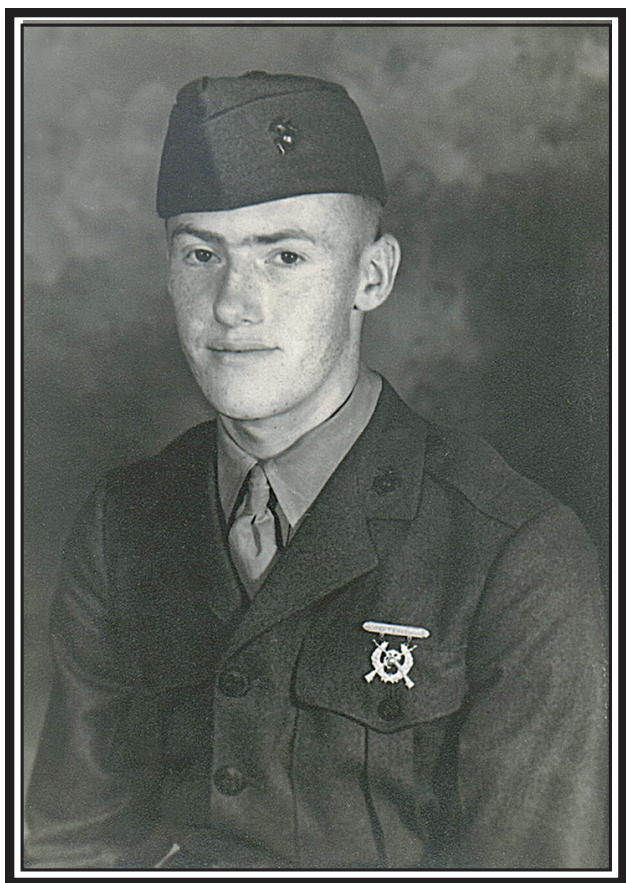
Eddyville High School

Dale was able to return to Eddyville High School the next year. Since the fourth grade, Dale had been a year behind in his schooling. That year, members of his family had gotten a terrible illness called diphtheria. No one in the family was allowed to be near other people, except his father. That rule was made so that others would not catch the sickness. That kind of rule is called "quarantine". Dale missed almost a whole year of school then. Now his high school teachers figured out how he could take all of the necessary courses in only two more years.

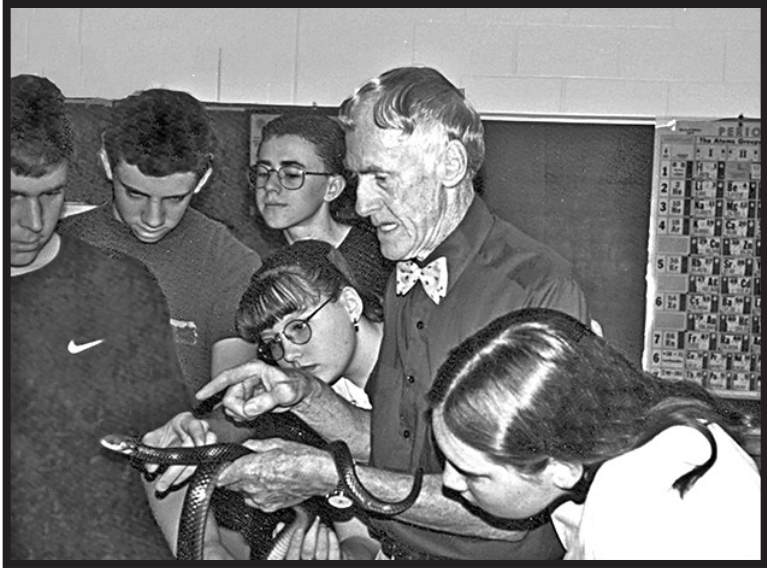


The country was at war. Many countries were at war. There were so many countries at war that the war was called a world war. This was the second time many countries were at war with one another. This time in history was called World War II.

In his senior year, Dale turned 18. Boys had to go fight in World War II when they turned 18. Dale had not yet finished high school. The United States Department of War would agree to let Dale finish that school year.



One week after he graduated, Dale Faughn became a United States marine. He was excited about going overseas. He wanted to fight for this great country. But, somehow, he would have to live. He had to become a teacher.



It was Dale Faughn's destiny to become a great teacher. He would go on to help hundreds of Kentucky children to blossom. He would make a big difference in their lives. His way of teaching biology would impact education in this country. And he is not through yet.