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## Jeannie C. Riley "Edna Burgoo"

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Edna Burgoo wore a shoe size No 10 When the roll was called that fall and class was ready to begin She was five feet nine and showin' signs of growin' still some more Every time she'd sit down she bump her knees and knock her pencils on the floor There was one old gripy teacher in the bunch Picked on Edna for everything from books to the baloney in her lunch And Edna's temper every day was growin' mighty thin So to avoid the clash she changed her class took up gym when basketball begin Now the forward on our team was Mabel Earl She refused to let her couch replace her with this big new girl So Edna won the bench while we moaned and groaned as Mabel failed to score Now I can't say who done it but at the half someone helped Mabel break her toe Now the action sure got fast that second half With Mabel out Edna came on strong to bring the hometeam back There was no way that ball could miss when Edna raised her feet And when a mighty throw put it through the hook The crowd came screaming off their seats Our strappy little guard was Emma Jean No sooner the ball would miss the hook then she'd steal it for our team Edna threw the goal so fast the lights couldn't keep up with the score And a halftime 80:17 climbed all the way to read 90:84 Two minutes left showed on the scoreboard clock Edna and Emma Jean were sweatin' like cotton hands on the dock

With seconds left a faster playin' just about splattered our minds

For Edna had two free shots coming and the score was 90:89

When Edna Burgoo put her tootsies on the mark Everybody in that place got so quiet it hurt my heart She bounced the ball on her fingertips and then she hit the spot It was 90:90 but nobody moved and she steadied her knees for that second shot Made no difference if her shoe was No 10 We were pullin' for her to make the mark and let our hometeam win Then the hats flew high and the crowd went wild when Edna's shot was done For she made champions of us all with the score of 90:91

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