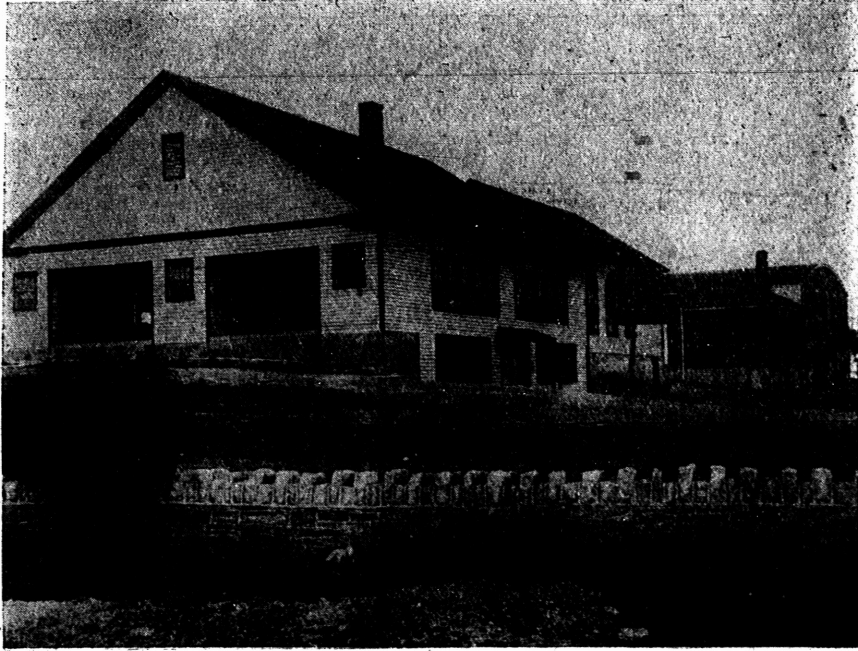


MERCER COUNTY HIGH SCHOOLS

Rose Hill School



HISTORY OF ROSE HILL SCHOOL

The first school in this section was a log building at the Oakland Church, on Oakland Lane, about a mile east of Rose Hill. Mr. Bill Elliott taught at this school sixty-three years ago. Others who taught there were: Miss Mallie Terhune, Henry Smith, and Mrs. Sutherland.

In 1890 the school was moved from Oakland Lane to the property now occupied by the family of Mr. Winfield Russell. Mr. Bob Warner was the first teacher at this location.

In 1918 the school was moved to its present location. Miss Eolian Mathewly was the first teacher here. The next improvement was the addition of another classroom. The teachers were Miss Etta Kays and Miss Grace Sanders. In 1924 four rooms were added, two upstairs and two below. In 1928 were added an office and an auditorium. This year has seen the erection of a beautiful brick gymnasium and two large classrooms.

The high school was begun in 1924 with Mr. E. A. Walker as principal. There were no graduates this year. Mr. Shouse was principal the next year, and Mr. Waskom, the next. In 1928 Mr. O. W. McMurtry became the principal. Eight-four students will have been graduated during his eight years, bringing the total to ninety-nine. In 1924 the enrollment was seventeen; in 1936 the high school had an enrollment of seventy. In 1930 an agricultural department was added with Mr. Hugh L. Davis as Smith-Hughes teacher. This year the department has an enrollment of twenty-seven. Under the leadership of Mr. McMurtry the school is meeting the state requirements for enrollment and number of teachers; the library has been catalogued; and this year curtains have been purchased for the new auditorium at a cost of \$400.

All the graduates are living—all but one in Mercer county. Of the ninety-nine (including this year's) graduates, thirty-six have furthered their education.

And so from a one-room log house with one teacher, Rose Hill School has grown to have ten rooms and a gymnasium with eight teachers and a total enrollment of one hundred and seventy-five, and to hold its place with any other high school of its size in the state.

Faculty, 1935-36—High School: O. W. McMurtry, Prin., Mrs. O. W. McMurtry, Hugh L. Davis, Marshall Black. Elementary School: Donald Hood, Alex Kirkland, Miss Beulah Best, Mrs. Eva Watts Foster. O. W. McMurtry.

SALVISA HIGH SCHOOL

HONOR ROLL

For Entire Year
Hertaline Brown
Eva Gregory
Evelyn Parsons
Edna Mae Record
Nell Riley
Christine Sims
Marshall Sanders
Hazel Caruthers
For Second Semester
Hertaline Brown
Eva Gregory
Edna Mae Record
Nell Riley
Christine Sims
Adeline Gritton
Lucille Gritton
Virginia Randall
Marshall Sanders
Frances Boatley
Hazel Caruthers
Naomi Wiley
Irmel Brown.

GRADUATES OF 1936



Levi Camden, Marshall, Maurice Carpenter, Donald M. Gash, Isabell Henry, Martha Kirkland, Kermit Patterson, Loyd Vandivier.

TEAMWORK HAS MADE THE GROWTH OF COUNTY SCHOOLS

Teamwork between County Superintendent W. W. Ensminger, his Assistant Superintendent, Mrs. Lucile Sharp Brown, and the members of the Mercer County Board of Education, together with the principals of the various high schools, has made possible the splendid growth and accomplishments of the common school system in this community. The plans of these directors of education could not have been carried out except for the loyalty of the capable teachers in the schools of the various districts.

The histories of the five high schools published in this paper show the gradual growth from one room log buildings to the splendid educational plants of today. Pupils from distant points reach their schools on well equipped modern buses, where a few years ago they trudged along the roads, or parents had to provide a means of transportation.

Parent-Teacher Associations in many localities deserve a share of commendation for their contributions to the schools. The patrons, also, have learned that changes which they sometimes thought unnecessary, have in the long run benefitted their children and added to the uplifting influences of the community life.

ARCHITECT, CONTRACTORS DO FINE WORK FOR SCHOOLS

The new additions to the Mercer county high schools are being completed by Howell and Goin, contractors, of Frankfort. The architect who made the plans is John F. Wilson. Superintendent W. W. Ensminger states that both the architect and contractors have done fine work for Mercer county and he predicted that all the buildings would be completed and final settlements made by early in July.

Howell and Goin devote a large part of their contracting business to building schools. They are now beginning a large elementary school in Frankfort that will cost approximately \$200,000. Mr. Wilson also specializes in making plans for schools and is the architect for several which are now under construction in other counties and cities.

COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

Mercer County High Schools

Monday, June 8th, 1936

7:45 P. M.

Christian Church
Harrodsburg, Ky.

Lucile Sharp Brown, Presiding

Music by

The Harrodsburg Choral Club

Mrs. J. Hal Grimes and Mrs. Charles N. Riker,
Directors

Organ Prelude—America, the Beautiful.....Demarest
Mrs. Andrew Alexander

Processional—MarchParker

Invocation.....Rev. T. Hassell Bowen

Chorus—The Far Away Bells.....Gordon

Announcements

Address—The Modern Reconstruction of the World—
Bishop William N. Ainsworth, D. D.
Methodist Episcopal Church, South

Chorus—Selection

Awarding of Diplomas.....Principals of High Schools

Chorus—Danny Boy.....Weatherly-Salter

Recessional—March De Fete.....Barrell

Benediction.....Rev. G. R. Tomlin

GRADUATES OF 1936



Mabel Irene Bowen, Loretta Coslow, Robert A. Davenport, Lelia Mae Drury, Zelma Mae Demaree, Sarah Kathleen Poulter, Mabelle Sanders.

HISTORY OF FAIRVIEW SCHOOL

The earliest history of the Fairview School, as a public institution, (as far as we can ascertain) dates back to the middle of the nineteenth century, when a log building on the George Brown farm, later owned by Judge C. A. Hardin, was used as a seat of learning, and was, no doubt, like other schools of that early day, a regular "Deestrick Schule," as described by William Carleton. We can picture in our mind's eye the children of the substantial citizenry that has always characterized this community having their Friday afternoon programs in this log structure for the entertainment of the patrons and trustees, who with critical eye passed upon the capabilities of the teacher.

Later, the children living close to Dugansville found it more convenient to attend school in a log building, which was used on Sunday for worship, and on week days for school purposes where the lessons in geography and arithmetic were droned out in rhythmical song. This building was on the site of the present day Hebron Church. Here, though the environment may not have been attractive, yet the schools of those early days produced a citizenry that has stood for the things that are wholesome and good.

All through these years there has been progress shown and the one room log structure gave way to a more attractive frame building, located on the site of the present High school building. This school continued as a one room school until 1924, when the citizens, with the board of education financed a larger structure of four rooms, and established at that time a two year high school of which Miss Ada Stevens was principal with Misses Louise Dowell and Kate Robinson as assistants. Soon Mr. Laurel Graham was added to the faculty.

In 1928 the board of education built the beautiful little auditorium at the rear of the old building, and in 1929 the school became a four year accredited high school under the leadership of Mr. Clarence Harney, who continued there a number of years, and brought the school up to a high standard. In 1935 the board erected two new class rooms and built a modern up-to-date gymnasium. The school today is progressing under the leadership of W. C. Stevens as principal with the following corps of teachers: Bruce Champion, Joe Dennis and Frances Honchel in the high school, and Ruth D. Sanders, Mamie Wells, Mrs. W. C. Stevens and Elizabeth D. Sanford serving in the elementary grades.

The future of this school is most promising, as it serves a large community of people who are interested in better things for their children.

—L. S. B.

CITIZENS HOLDING COMPANY FURNISHED BUILDING FUND

When pressing need for new class rooms and gymnasiums were felt, owing to the growth of the county schools, and there were no funds available from the regular school sources a Mercer County Holding Company was formed to supply money for the improvements. This company is composed of patriotic citizens who incorporated on a non-profit basis. They secured the cash for the work to begin last year, and as funds for school purposes come to hand, the County Board of Education pays back to the Holding Company the amount supplied and in the course of a few years the county will own entirely all its modern school plants.

Members Mercer Board of Education
J. L. Crutcher, Chairman, W. T. Best, Lloyd Mayes, William Barnett, Harry Davenport, William W. Ensminger, Superintendent, Lucile Sharp Brown, Secretary.

High School Principals
O. W. McMurtry, Rose Hill High School; Rawdy Whittaker, Cornishville High School; W. C. Stevens, Fairview High School; Irmel Brown, Salvisa High School; Alice C. Harnead, McAfee High School.

COUNTY SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Many cultural and character building activities, aside from the regular course of study, are enjoyed by the boys and girls through the county high schools. They could not have had these advantages except through the high schools. Chief among the character forming organizations are the Girl Reserves and the Hi-Y which are branches of the Young Women's Christian Association and the Young Men's Association. Not only is systematic Bible study part of the work of those who are members, but certain qualities of Christian living are required of all admitted into the two groups.

Glee Clubs are also popular with the students. Organized singing is a great pleasure and influence in any community. Through the glee clubs the boys and girls receive instruction in music, learn harmony and teamwork, and through their programs bring a better appreciation of good music to the communities where they reside.

PUPILS LEARN PUBLIC SPIRIT

Beautifying the school grounds with shrubs and learning to respect the attractive buildings erected for their use, are steps in public spirit and good citizenship being taught the school children. Planting has been done at many small schools as well as high school centers. As soon as the new auditorium and class rooms are completed, systematic planting to add to their beauty will go forward.

Rose Hill and McAfee high schools have agricultural courses through the Smith-Hughes work. By means of these the boys are being taught the principals of better farming and business connected with that profession under the leadership of trained men.

W. M. WESLEY TAKES SCHOOLS AT EVARTS

W. M. Wesley, superintendent of the city schools in Harlan for two years, has accepted the position as superintendent of the schools at Everts, Ky., where he succeeds L. R. Moseng. Mr. Wesley was superintendent of the graded and high schools at Burgin for some years.