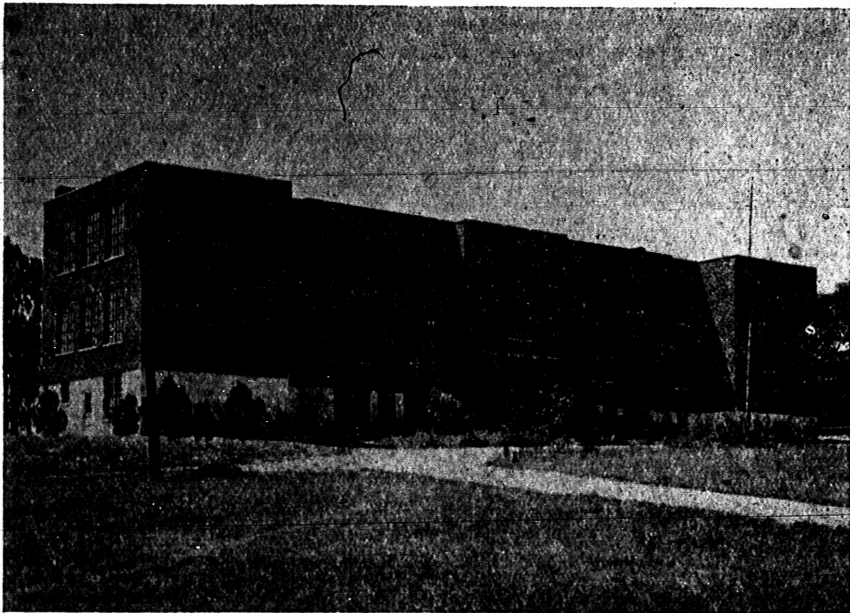


## Salvisa School



## HISTORY OF SALVISA SCHOOL

The earliest schools of Salvisa, so far as can be ascertained by its oldest citizens, were those supported by subscription, each pupil's parents contributing to the general cost of the school, according to his status, the tuition of the advanced student being more than that of the primary. The existence of two or more simultaneous subscription, or special schools as they were sometimes called, was not unusual. Fifty was approximately the number to which the pupils of one school was limited. The term was never longer than six months.

The buildings most frequently used were the present residence of Mr. J. M. Ransdell on the Bondville road and a one-room house known as the Lodge, two lots south of the Methodist Church on the State Pike. Both were the familiar one-room structures with huge wood stoves in the center and the dunce stool in the corner. The Blue-back Speller, the copy book and a reader were many times the sole texts; the other subjects, history, geography, and arithmetic, were taught according to the teacher's own ideas and theories.

After the Civil War, the free common school was opened for five months of the year. This was supplemented by a three-months special school for those who would subscribe. From 1865 to 1911 the residence of Mr. Ransdell served as the seat of learning in Salvisa, the school having progressed to a two-room, two-teacher county institution. For the last few years in this building, the faculty included Mr. Henry Walker, principal and Miss Bee James, assistant.

In 1912, through the persistent efforts of several patrons, the Salvisa school withdrew from the county system and became an independent high school. To accommodate the increased number of pupils, a five-room frame building was erected on a campus of five acres of blue grass on the Bondville Road.

From 1914 to 1918, with Mr. Jas. L. Rynerson as principal, the high school enrollment averaged forty. In 1917 the first high school commencement was held for the graduating class made up of Misses Hazel and Ada Smith, Katherine Sanders, and Mr. Robert Baker.

Through the capable leadership of Mrs. Emma Y. Case, principal 1921-1924, the school became an accredited four-year high school, with an enrollment of approximately 130. An ever-increasing interest was shown by the pupils in athletics and dramatics.

After a disastrous fire destroyed the frame building, the school was again taken over by the County Board, and the fall of 1930 the pupils entered a modern brick school building of six rooms and a spacious gymnasium.

In the last five years tremendous strides have been made in the development of an outstanding, progressive school system. Under the supervision of Miss Gladys V. Seay, principal, an adequate library of 500 volumes has been collected, two pianos purchased, a kitchen built in the basement, a driveway made, shrubbery attractively planted, and a handsome stage curtain hung.

To insure better preparation for the high school, pupils of the seventh, and eighth grades have been transferred to Salvisa from Lyceum, Short, and Wheat, and Vanarsdell schools. To facilitate transportation of these younger children, a school bus, operated by Mr. Colon Hawkins, was furnished by the county. The bus now transports all students living more than a mile from the school.

In view of a growing attendance, there have been built this year to the original building two wings of two rooms each, besides the boiler and shower rooms.

So, through a period of eighty-six years, means of education in Salvisa have grown from a one-room, one teacher subscription school of fifty pupils to an up-to-date school plant of ten class rooms, besides a well-equipped gymnasium and auditorium, a faculty of eight, and an enrollment of 167 pupils.

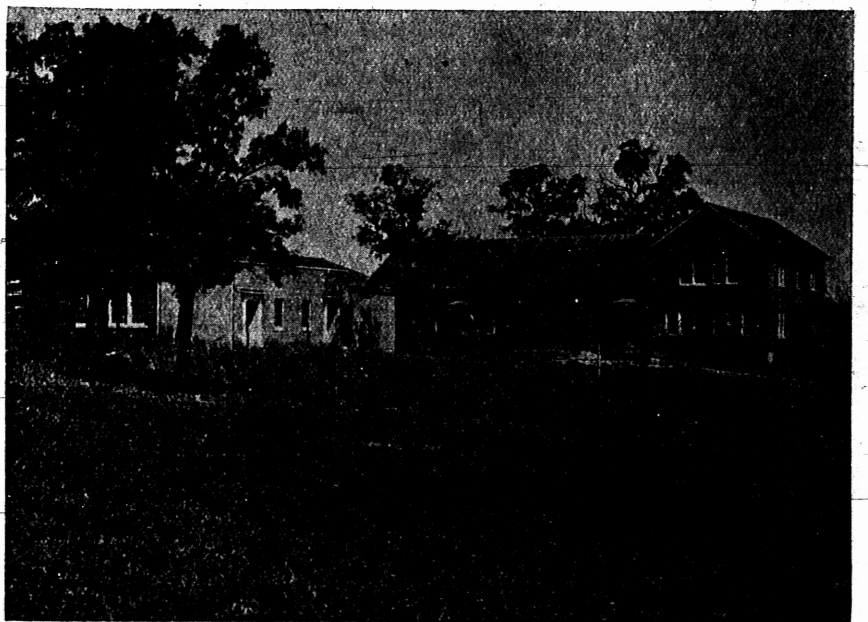
Faculty 1935-36 — High School: Irmel Brown, Prin., Miss Bertha Gill, James L. Rynerson. Mrs. Abe Sharp, Elementary School: Curtis Demaree, Miss Mary M. McWilliams, Miss Margaret Mayes, Miss Grace Champion, Bertha Gill, Teacher.

## GRADUATES OF 1936



Beatrice Brown, Hortaline Brown, George F. Falls, Eva Frances Gregory, Edmund B. Miller, Jr., Preston Parsons, Evelyn Parsons, James Garnett Ransdell, Edna Record, Nell Riley, Aileen Robinson, Flora Robinson, Christine Sims, Wesley Herman Sims.

## McAfee School



## GRADUATES OF 1936



Wilma M. Bunnell, Oneth P. Bunton, Miller B. Dean, Jr., Roy E. Davenport, James G. Dismuke, Hugh James, Thomas E. Jones, Jr., Madeline Parker, E. P. Robinson, Wilma V. Taylor, Elmer Walters.

## McAFEE SCHOOL HISTORY

The history of the McAfee School is one of which its makers may well be proud. Taking its name from the famous pioneers—the McAfee brothers—and standing in a community rich in historic traditions, the school has played a large part in the development and advancement of the county.

Very early in pioneer days, a school was established in the McAfee community. This building was of logs, and together with the first church of the community, the original Providence Presbyterian church, stood in what is now the Providence cemetery. Later a brick building was erected on the present site, and became a typical Latin Grammar school like many of those in New England, but far in advance of type generally existing in Kentucky at the time. Then, the school passed through the academy stage, numbering among its teachers and students many splendid men and women.

The history of the McAfee School has always been closely connected with that of Providence Church; in fact, the property on which the school is now located was deeded by the church to the education system of the county.

With the establishment of schools by the state, the McAfee School continued as a part of that system, and has the distinction of being the oldest county high school. This was brought about in 1923—due to the hearty cooperation and work on the part of the community and school authorities. High school rooms were added to the old building, and an auditorium was built and equipped. Miss Lucile Sharp, now Mrs. W. N. Brown, became the first principal and served very efficiently in that capacity until 1929, when she became the county superintendent. Since that time, with the exception of one year, Mrs. T. G. Harned has been the principal.

In 1927, another forward step was taken when, for the first time in the county, the teaching of vocational agriculture was introduced. This position, since 1927, has been held by T. G. Harned. Also, at this time, additional rooms were added, and the auditorium was enlarged and improved.

During the summer of 1935, plans were completed for the erection of a splendid gymnasium containing a beautiful stage and two class rooms. Construction was carried out in the fall and winter, and now, the McAfee School and community may again be proud of improved educational facilities.

It is of interest to note that, since its construction in 1923, the McAfee High School has graduated approximately one hundred fifty students. Of that number, one third have continued their training, in college, nurses training, business schools or some other specialized form. The school likes to feel that it also helps to build good citizens who are not specialists and it would remember many among its former students who, having completed high school, have taken their place as homemakers and substantial citizens.

So, to a history so deserving honor and credit, we pay tribute, and voice the sentiment that it behooves the school and community of today to add its share of merit to a glorious past.

McAfee School Faculty — High School: Alice C. Harned, Prin., T. G. Harned, Rebecca Long, Carlos, Ezra Jones, Elementary School: Myrtle D. Watts, Beatrice Sims, Katherine D. McBeath, Louise Lapsley.

Alice C. Harned, Prin.

serve until 1929 when they were succeeded by Mr. Edward A. Walker, principal, and Mr. Bernice Champion, assistant high school teacher and coach which position Mr. Champion still holds.

In 1929 the Board of Education decided to build an auditorium for the school. The people of the community realizing the need of a gymnasium raised \$400 by popular subscription and succeeded in having the board construct a combination auditorium and gymnasium instead. In 1932 Mr. Walker was succeeded as principal by Mr. Rawdy Whittaker who still holds that position. In 1935-1936 two new rooms were added which will be ready for use in September of this year making a total (Continued on page 8)

## Cornishville School



## GRADUATES OF 1936



Elizabeth Alford, Murrell Gabhart, Ellen J. Gardner, Elmer R. Graham, Bessie M. Harlow, Virginia M. Long, Leslie G. Matherly, Vera B. Moore, J. H. Newby, Ruth Peavler, Nantle B. Reed, R. G. Shelton, Martha Louise Sims, Gladys M. Votaw.

## HISTORY OF THE CORNISHVILLE SCHOOL

The burning of the courthouse in Harrodsburg a few years ago destroyed the written records of the Cornishville School up to that date. Much of the following data have been gathered from and by the citizens of the community.

In 1871 an old log barn was converted into a school building which was used three months each year from the above date to 1889. The teachers in the "Old Barn" from 1876 to 1886 are unknown. Those known in order were: Harry Munday, Jim Gillespie, John Gillespie, Floyd Taylor, Jim Layne, and a Mr. Crossfield.

In the year 1889 the pupils moved from the "Old Barn" into a one room building which was located on the hill to the left of the Cornishville Christian Church with Miss Betty Patterson as teacher until 1892. From 1892 to 1905 the length of the school term was increased from three to five months and Miss Lucy Childs served as teacher. From 1897 to 1905 Marvin Wash was the teacher, 1906 and 1907 Robert Lee Shirley taught. In 1907 the length of the term was

increased to six months and Miss Minnie Vanarsdale taught until 1909. For the next three years Miss Jennie Houchin taught followed by Mr. R. L. Black, better known as "Bob Black," who taught in 1912 and 1913.

The school building burned in 1914 and a new one room building was erected on the present site and Miss Lucy Childs returned as teacher. The teachers from 1915 to 1920, in order were: Fannie Vaught, Miss Campbell, Ora L. Martin, Miss Cook, and Roy Black. In 1920 a second room was added, the term changed to seven months and Miss Ava and Odile Watts taught. In 1921-22 Miss Bessie Wright and Miss Grace Sanders, 1922-23 Miss Gertie Isham and Miss Gladys Matherly and in 1923-24 Mrs. Lillian Whittinghill and Miss Venice Gibson were the teachers.

A second story of two rooms was added in 1924 and the Cornishville High School established with an enrollment of 15 students and Miss Louise Dowell as principal and teacher. James B. Holtzclaw became principal in 1925 and Miss Maud Wilson assistant high school teacher. In 1926 Miss Wilson became Mrs. Maud W. Holtzclaw and the two continued to