

1923-1926

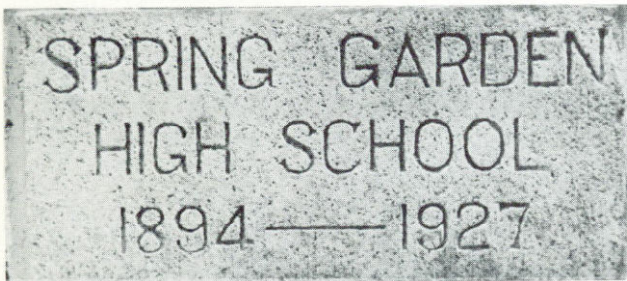
Mr. A. R. Marshall came as principal in 1923. A committee was appointed to find out what to do and how best to proceed toward getting the county school board to either build some additional school rooms or erect another, more adequate building. Before this could be done, however, the patrons knew that improvement of the road towards Shockoe and Riceville had to be done in order to guarantee the enrollment of more high school pupils.

The Danville Chamber of Commerce donated \$1800.00 of the amount necessary to build the road to Shockoe. The School League secured right-of-way, soil, and about \$2500.00 for changing and soiling the road leading to school. One girl, Lillie Waldron, was the only graduate in 1924.

A total of seven teachers were employed in 1925. In this year, Mr. J. A. Cox agreed to sell to the county three acres of land, at \$200.00 an acre, joining the school grounds on the southwest side. This offer was accepted.

Four girls graduated in 1925. They were: Estelle Cox, Adele Atkinson, Latane Owen, and Bessie Terry. The following year, the county Board of Supervisors appropriated \$22,000.00 for erecting a new building, which amount was insufficient for the type of structure desired by the patrons. In August of 1926, the League adopted this resolution: "Resolved that the people of the community haul free, certain building material in order to get the building put up within the amount appropriated." The following men agreed to assist with the hauling: J. A. Conway, C. D. Bryant, L. H. Terry, E. F. Bryant, J. A. Atkinson, L. A. Bryant, J. A. Cox, W. T. Shields, A. H. Cox, W. H. Shields; D. H. Finch, A. W. Thompson, S. F. Brown, and E. S. Adams. Some hauling of rock and sand was done by W. D. Owen, M. S. Rogers, E. L. Cox, and Dr. C. C. Grove. Subscriptions of money were received from patrons to hire the remainder of the hauling.

1926-1929



Mr. L. H. Irby became principal in 1926. County school busses were put into operation for the transportation of pupils to school from neighboring communities. Two girls, Rachel Terry and Ethel Wood, were the only graduates that year.

The Cornerstone for the new school building was laid by the Carter Lodge of Masons on May 7, 1927.

Thus through the efforts of the members of the Spring Garden League, the County School Board, and others, this new school was built at its present location. Many problems and hardships had to be overcome. The work was interrupted many times because of bad roads, making the transportation of materials impossible for days at a time, especially during the winter months. In spite of all these difficulties, however, the school was completed, and the senior class of 1927 used the "brand" new auditorium for their graduating exercises. Those receiving diplomas were: Geraldine Snead, Mary Cox, Ruth Jones, Glenn Jones, Cecile Bryant, Lucy Echols, Kathleen Dawson, Albert Edward Cox, Luther Blair, and Robert Fitzgerald.

