

1931-1934

Mr. T. M. Thomas became principal in 1931. The first record that we have found of the school having a newspaper was in 1933. "The Messenger" was mimeographed and distributed on the last school day of each month. Eddie Owen was the editor, and the staff consisted of a group of FFA boys. The Public Speaking Club won first place in spelling and reading for Pittsylvania County and also won in the district contest for that year. The 1933 graduates were: Stuart Adams, Comanche Abbott, Joseph Kent Dawson, Wilson Jones, Robert Motley, Rodney Snead, Oscar Shields, Eddie Owen, Marie Atkinson, Ruth Cox, Hazel Dunn, Louise Early, Beatrice Edmunds, Reba Farmer, Gladys Lewis, Nellie Rogers, Mildred Roark, Ollie Rebecca Shelton, Frances Thompson, Genevieve Walton, and Mary Yates.

1934-1941

During Mr. G. L. Bromleigh's principalship, there were increases in enrollment and subjects offered. In 1938 and 1939 the Works Progress Administration added the two wings on the south-east side of the building to care for the increased elementary enrollment and to house a science laboratory for the high school. Some equipment for this laboratory was purchased.

A part-time teacher-librarian was added to the faculty in 1940. The choral club of thirty-five voices was furnished vestments, and "flag football" was organized in physical education classes—the first team in Pittsylvania County. Other schools came to watch the teams play, according to the principal's yearly report.



1936 high school teachers were Miss Alice Hardcastle, Mr. Bromleigh, Miss Emma Farson, Mr. Myers, and Miss Aileen Nuchols.

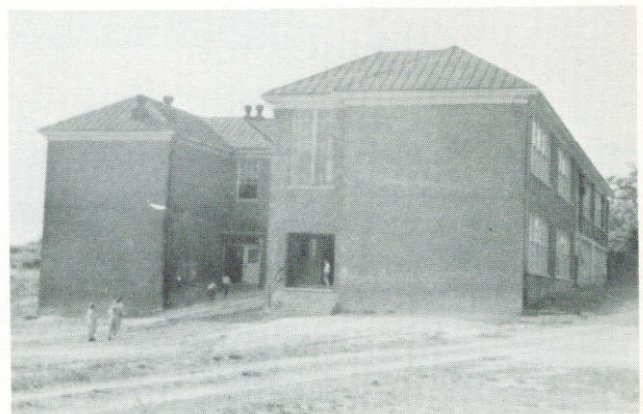


Students are getting into one of the busses which will carry them home.

In 1934 the old frame building was torn down and the materials were used to build a Home Economics Cottage, an Agricultural Building, and a custodian's house. The Home Ec. Cottage was sparsely furnished, and the students used a wood cook stove. A coal heater was used for heating. Many changes have been made during the past 18 years. A floor furnace, a hot water heater, an electric stove, refrigerator, and an automatic washer were installed. Bathroom fixtures were added, kitchen cabinets built. The young Farmers and Young Homemakers tore out the walls and put on sheet rock, added florescent lights, and sanded and refinished the floors. New sewing equipment has also been added and the old has been replaced.

The boys in the school began taking Agriculture as early as 1928. They organized as Future Farmers of Virginia and received a charter. In 1930 they joined the Future Farmers of America and received a charter from the two-year old national organization. Sometime between 1935 to 1941, the first electric power tools were purchased for the shop.

The need for more space became acute and in 1944 or 1945 an addition was built, which was used as a shop. This part of the building has been opened to the farmers in the community to repair their machinery. Here, also, the boys are taught the safe way to use these various tools.



A view of the two wings which were added to the school. This is taken from the rear of the building.