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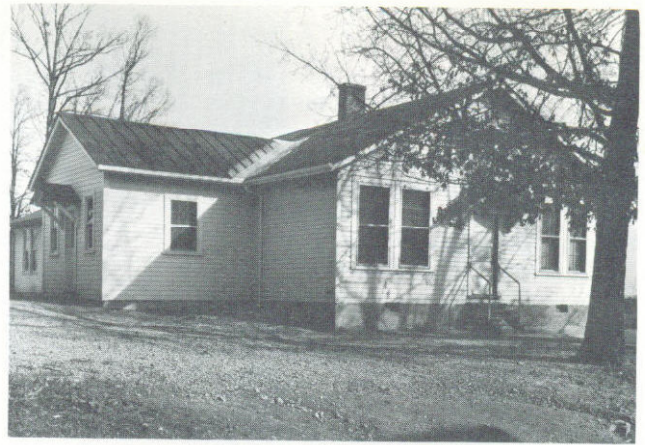
1949-1953

Each year saw an increase in enrollment, and each year new equipment was added to care for this increase. Additional bookcases and magazine racks were added. "The Gardener" won first place in the contest at Washington and Lee University. Mr. A. V. DeHaven served as principal from 1947 to 1949, then Mr. Earl Paylor came and served until 1953. A much-needed office was added to the Vo-Ag building. Graduates of 1950 included: Franklin Adams, Wilson Davis, Billy Dodson, Leon Edmunds, Malcolm Francis, Robert Ingram, Bobby Jones, Vernon Oakes, Nancy Montgomery, Ruby Moser, Rita Parker, Ruth Ricketts, Aileen Taylor, Barbara Williams, and Ann Yeatts.

During 1951 and 1952, the addition to the front of the building was completed and occupied. It consisted of the cafeteria and business department, and business subjects were offered for the first time. Classes in typing, bookkeeping, and general business were taught with 61 students enrolled. The cafeteria was made more up-to-date and large enough to serve the growing enrollment of the school.

The school paper was continued under the name, "The Gardener" and has continued through 1964.

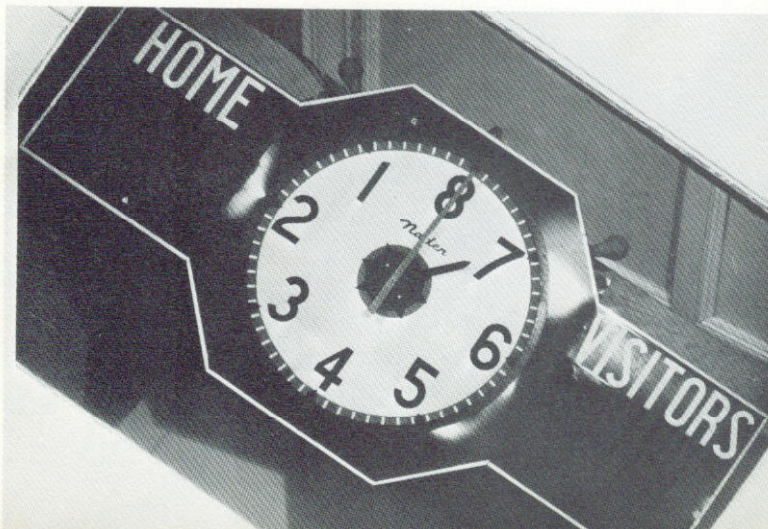
The electric scoreboard was installed in the auditorium in 1952, donated by the Ruritan Club, and during this year, the basketball teams won both county and district championship tournaments.



The Agricultural Building, showing the additions and improvements.



The school takes on a "new look" with the addition to the front.



The scoreboard makes it easier to keep up with the scores at games.