

COOKEVILLE CITY SCHOOL
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The present building occupied by the Cookeville Elementary School was erected in 1922. An Elementary school was taught from 1922 until 1924. At that time the High School was removed from Tennessee Polytechnic to this building, where it remained until 1932. It then became necessary to separate the High School Department from the Elementary due to the large enrollment. Since that time only the eight grades have been taught here.

The building contains, in addition to its twenty-five classrooms, an auditorium with a seating capacity of twelve hundred and fifty. In order to relieve the crowded condition of the building made by an enrollment of eight hundred and fifty children, a project is being considered to build three or four ward schools in different parts of the city.

The school ground is being improved greatly, not only from a standpoint of beauty, but because of its being made a better and safer place for the children to play. This is made possible by leveling the ground, removing dead trees, sodding, and planting shrubbery on various parts of the campus.

At present the faculty consists of twenty-one regular teachers and two nursery teachers. In addition to this regular teaching staff the various departments of music, dancing, art, and expression are conducted by well trained teachers.

Death of Miss Mary Jenkins:

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Funeral services will be held today, in Lebanon, for Miss Mary Jenkins, aged 61, a widely known and greatly loved teacher, who has been teaching in the public schools of Lebanon for the past twenty-eight years, prior to which time she was a teacher in the Cookeville City school for several years.

She was held in the most affectionate esteem by many people of Cookeville who are her former pupils.

Her death occurred Tuesday night, in a Lebanon hospital, following a few days' illness of pneumonia.

Miss Jenkins was born and reared in Lebanon and was a graduate of Cumberland University.

She is survived by one brother, Geo. Jenkins, of Lebanon.

CLOSING EXERCISES AT CITY SCHOOL
END ALMOST A CENTURY OF HISTORY
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The doors of Cookeville City School were closed for the last time last Friday ending a period of almost a century that a school has been operated on the site. Next fall will mark the first time since the Civil War days the absence of the sound of school bells and the sound of children playing on the grounds.

Three modern buildings replace the school where four generations of Cookevillians have learned the three R's, all which have been built or enlarged in the past year.

Many changes have taken place since the four acre site was sold to the trustees of Washington Academy on a hot July day 92 years ago for the sum of \$200. The two story brick building was started in the late 1850's but was not completed until after the Civil War. Walter S. McClain says in his history of Putnam County the building was located in a wilderness of scrubby oaks and chinquapin bushes and was the only house west of the branch except two or three widely scattered residences.

The old landmark was torn down in 1898 to make room for a much larger and more modern building which was opened as the Cookeville High School in 1901. This building in turn was removed to make way for the present building which cost \$100,000 to construct in 1921.

A short program in the auditorium featured the closing program by the pupils of the seventh and eighth grade. The devotional was conducted by Carol Hudson and Roenelia Goolsby. A duet "The Lord is My Shepherd" was sung by Kay and Shirley Johnson. Hubert Bennett, Jr. led the group in the pledge to the flag. A trumpet solo, "Handkerchief Dance" was given by Katheen Moran. The boys and girls that had served as Library and Office helpers during the year were recognized as well as were the Safety Patrol boys. A chorus composed of seventh and eighth grade girls sang "the Little Red School House" and "the Song of Praise".

The Perfect Attendance Certificates and a number of medals were presented by principal, Henry B. Ferrell. H. S. Barnes awarded the American Legion Citizenship medals. The Tennessee History medal was presented by Mrs. John W. Terry, Regent of the D. A. R.

There were 62 boys and girls promoted to the 9th grade, as follows: Billy Clay Allen, George David Allen, Polly Delores Bilyeu, Raymond Howard Bowman, Loretta Faye Braswell, Iva Vernell Bray, Naomi Lou Breeding, James Howard Burch, Mary Alice Burris, Glynn Edward Carmack, Mary Agnes Christian, Patty Ann Cobb, Thomas Uriah Dowler, Waymon Clay Elrod, Mary Levena Eubank, Joyce Faye Featherston, Ronnie Fitzpatrick, Jessie Ruth Flatt, Jimmy Ford, Betty Jean Gay, Allon Gentry, Charles Conrad Gentry, Roenella Ruth Goolsby, Robert Stanton Greenwood, David Aaron Hall, Richard Lee Harding, Claude Ann Huddleston.

Carol Ann Hudson, Donald Lee Jackson, Jimmy Jackson, Kaye Genene Johnson, Shirley Jean Johnson, Donald Richard Judd, David Knight, Lorena Lee Lambert, Johnny Wilson Lee, Betty Sue McBroom, William Malone, William Thomas Malone, Jo Anne Maloney, Ridley Maynard, Jack Allen Midgett, Frances Milsap, Donald Minnear, John Patrick Moran, Patsy Ruth Morris, Charles Donald Mott, Billie Ann Owens, Roger Jerry Parris, Barbara Jean Pointer, Franklin Delano Ramsey, Wanda Sue Rodgers, Ester Roberts, Herbie Scarlett, Etmo Smith, Linda Gail Stamps, Joe Thompson, Edna Maxine Walker, Rodgers Dean Williams, Dimple Joyce Willoughby, Diana Winningham, and Kenneth Ray Wyatt.

The following boys and girls received perfect attendance certificates: One Year Perfect Attendance: Kenneth Jackson, Eva Kathryn Vickers, Rebecca Ann Maynard, Bobby Howard Cobble, Robert Lee Pointer, Sandra Jeter, Geraldine Maynard, Jenny Allison, Joe Smoot, Linda Borden, Horace Burks, James Lee Hix, Jerry Owens, Mary Frances Pointer, Billy Randolph, Errol Nelson Bowman, Joe Lennon, Geneva Cobble, James Earl Barnes, Patricia May Barwick, Roberta Ann Stephenson, James N. Anderson, William Howard Coleman, William Sumner Hunter, Grover Neal Bennett, Johnnie Copeland, Curt Smith, Shirly Burgess, Ethel Lee, Mary Ann Whiteaker, Jack Birdwell, Tommy Burks, Albert Dyer, Norma Bumbalough, Hubert Bennett, Jr., Sue Newman, Wanda Willoughby, Jimmy Jackson, Etmo Smith and Roenella Goolsby.

Two Year Perfect Attendance: John Anderson, Jim Hudson, Carl Franklin, Barbara Gentry, Peggy Sue Ford, Alice Fay Mitchell, Billy Kohn Walker, Dow Hix, Betty Lou Ford, Brenda McCulley, Betty Sue McGlasson, Max Grimes, Janis Parks, Shirley Jean Johnson, Billie Ann Owens.

Three Year Perfect Attendance: Rosemary Gentry, Patricia Joyce Wilmoth, Helen Jean Mott, Robert Jerald Shoemaker.

Four Year Perfect Attendance: Harlon Johnson.

Five Year Perfect Attendance: Joan Marie McGlasson, Earl J. Franklin, Patsy Ann Jackson, Sue Carr, Henry Paul Jackson, Betty Jean Hawkins.

Six Year Perfect Attendance: Donna Faye Harding, Betty Sue McBroom, Rogers Wayne Bohannon.

The students receiving medals for outstanding scholarship and citizenship include: Gordon Senter, a 6th grade student, was the winner of the Mathematics medal given by J. J. Fouth to the student of the first six grades who makes the highest grade on a special prepared examination.

Sue McBroom, an 8th grade student, winner of the mathematics medal given by Beecher Gentry to the student who had the highest combined average in Arithmetic in the 7th and 8th grades while in attendance at City School.

Harlon Johnson, a 6th grade pupil, was awarded the spelling medal given by H. H. "Jimmy" Clark, to the student of the 5th and 6th grades who is determined the best speller in a special contest.

Betty Gay, an 8th grade student, was the winner of the Tennessee History medal given by the Old Walton Road Chapter of the D. A. R. to the student who made the highest average grade in Tennessee History for the school year.

Frank Ramsey and Roenella Goolsby were the winners of the Citizenship medals given by the American Legion, Post 46 to the boy and girl of the 8th grade class who meet the high standards and qualifications of good citizenship.

Corrynne Smith, a 7th grade student, was the winner of the Spelling medal given by Walter Carlen to the Champion Speller of the 7th and 8th grade.

Roenella Goolsby, an 8th grade student, winner of the Science medal given by Dr. W. A. Hensley to the 8th grade student who makes the highest average in General Science.

Roenella Goolsby, an 8th grade student, was the winner of the Scholarship medal to the student who makes the highest combined average in the 7th and 8th grades while in attendance at City School. This medal was given by Lester King.

Jerry Parris and Sue Rodgers were the winners of the Sportsmanship trophies given by Hubert Bennett to the boy and girl who meet the high standard and qualification of good sportsmanship.

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