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The following, and more, are in this picture: Emmett Moon, Bea Atkinson, Eunice Roach, Nellie Roach, Bessie Woodson, Lottie Owen, W.H. Shields, A.B. Woodson, Ruth Thompson, Patte Terry, Essie Shields, Lillie Woodson, Ruth Shields, Noel Dodson, Frank A. Terry,

Nettie Bryant, Louise Thompson, Helen Conway, Hallie Owen, Randolph Shields, Henry Terry, Pearl East, Ruth Conway, Myrtle Owen, Henry Shields, E. N. Oakes, Mattie Barksdale, Florence Conway, Jake Arendall.

1920-1923

In 1920 a high school department was included in the curriculum. More teachers were added to the faculty and more subjects were taught. Mr. J. P. Daugherty was principal at this time. In 1922 the enrollment in the high school had reached 37. It was in this year that a new compulsory school law was passed. Individual cars were used to transport children from Chestnut Level, Java, and Shockoe.

Some much-needed repairs to the school building were done by members of the School League, who donated both time and money to this project. According to the minutes of the School League, Superintendent F. B. Watson, at the November 1922 meeting, expressed himself as being well pleased with the progress the school had already made and predicted great things the school could accomplish in the future.

In 1923 the League purchased library books, attempting to meet the requirements for an accredited high school. One additional teacher was asked for, and Superintendent Watson told the patrons that if they would dig a well on the school grounds, this additional teacher would be supplied. Immediately, the patrons began subscribing money for digging the well. It was finished, and the school got the teacher in the fall of 1924.

The county did not furnish janitorial service, so the students took 'holiday' at times to sweep the grounds with brooms made of dogwood brush. The boys kept the fires going in the pot-bellied stoves.

Six students comprised the class of 1923, the first to be graduated from the Spring Garden High School. They were: Walter Hodnett, Sallie Atkinson, Eva Bryant, Virginia Burnett, Evelyn Jones, and Mildred Shields.