

1945-1947

Mr. Raymond Bodkin came as principal in 1945. The high school enrollment reached 117 pupils. Lights were installed in the seventh grade, junior, and sophomore classrooms. The cafeteria was moved down in the basement, and new equipment was purchased, including a stove, cooking utensils and dishes.

The name of the school paper was changed to "The Gardener," and it won a first place award at the Southern Interscholastic Press Association held at Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Virginia.

The school had its first yearbook, THE BEACON, in 1946. The editor was Ray Shields. Construction was begun on a cannery building in the fall of 1946 with Mr. Doug Dyer and Mr. Eddie Dallas in charge. That same year, the baseball team were county champions. Two teachers were added to the faculty, also. A new system of bells was installed by Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Troy Thompson.



The new cannery building as it looked when completed.



One of the big vats used for making stew and drying lard is being used by two patrons.

Mrs. Ruth Dodson, cannery supervisor, Mrs. Rebecca Adams, Mrs. Glenn Yates, Mrs. M. S. Rogers, Mrs. Glenn Rogers, Mrs. Eva Giles, and Mrs. Virginia Terry prepare vegetables for canning as Mr. L. C. Neeley looks on.

