

1953-1963

Mr. L.C. Neeley served as principal for ten years. During that time, new cafeteria equipment was added, the faculty was increased, and new courses—journalism, Latin, solid geometry, physics, and dramatics were added to the curriculum.

A Spanish club was organized and the seniors of 1953 toured Washington in conjunction with their government class.

Participation in Forensic activities was encouraged and during these years, many honors were won in public speaking, prose reading, and poetry reading. The dramatics class also won high honors several times in the One-Act Play Festival.

A new club, The Future Teachers of America, was organized. The school was presented a flag of Pittsylvania County. The annual was revived and given a new name, THE MIRROR. It, along with the school paper, was entered in the Publications contest at Washington and Lee University. Both won high awards several times during these years.

The basketball teams became recognized, winning the county championship a number of years. The baseball team also won the title of county champs many times.

Playground equipment was purchased and the grounds were graded and seeded.

A tennis court was built by the Ruritan Club in 1959. The committee responsible for this was led by Mr. Ryland Warren, our mathematics teacher.

Bleachers were built around the edges of the basketball court so more patrons could be seated at the ball games.



Here are a group of cold seniors waiting outside the White House during their tour of the nation's Capitol.



This group waits impatiently to board the bus for their trip to Florida. They are: the bus driver, Jimmy Oakes, Tommy Farson, Connie Tucker, Henry Lee Finch, Tommy Owen, George Farson, Shirley McDaniel, Charles Farson, Alan Bryant, Betty Raynor, Bob Hankins, Douglas Neal,

Faye Redd, Bonnie McGregor, Johnny Simmons, Mrs. Farson, Patsy Lewis, Mrs. Rogers, Mrs. Finch, Mrs. Barksdale, Mrs. Edmunds, Mrs. Fitzgerald, Mr. Ingram, Mrs. Dodson, Mrs. Carter, Mr. Farson, Mrs. Wilson, Johnny Adkins, and Norris Fowlkes.