



Tennessee Historical Commission

National Register of Historic Places Information Packet



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INTRODUCTION

The National Register of Historic Places is the nation's list of cultural resources considered worthy of preservation. Our office can tell you if the building you are interested in is listed in the National Register, or if it is included in a survey of historic buildings. If your building has other historic buildings surrounding it, it could be in a historic district. If you think your building is in a historic district, but you do not know its name, provide our office with the name of some surrounding streets.

The first step in determining whether your property is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places is to complete the Tennessee Historical Commission National Register Information Form. Send the completed form to our office along with current photographs of the exterior (all sides and additions) and the interior, a sketch/plan of the property showing the main building and outbuildings, and a statement that explains why the property is historically or architecturally important. Photographs can be 35 mm or digital. Including a sketched floor plan of the building with the dates of major changes to the building will help us evaluate the property. For properties with multiple buildings on the site, a sketched site plan should be included.

Send the completed information to the address on the front page. The staff will review your information, make a preliminary determination of eligibility, and assist you with the National Register process. We may also want to come and look at your building. See the links in the box below for additional information on the National Register of Historic Places.

This form is intended for individual buildings. If you are interested in nominating a site or a historic district, there is additional information at the end of the packet.

Note: if this information packet is more than one year old, call our office at (615) 532-1550 to see if an updated information packet is available. Changes in Federal regulations or staff policy may make this packet outdated.

Two documents that will help you when completing this Information Packet can be accessed at <http://www.nps.gov/nr/publications/index.htm> They are *Researching a Historic Property* and two brochures on the National Register: *My Property is Important to America's Heritage* and *The National Register of Historic Places*.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION

TENNESSEE HISTORICAL COMMISSION

NATIONAL REGISTER INFORMATION APPLICATION

PROPERTY NAME

Historic Chester County Training School/Vincent High School

Current North Chester Alternative School

PROPERTY ADDRESS

Street 186 Luray Avenue

City Henderson

County Chester

OWNER (S) OF PROPERTY

Name(s) Chester County Board of Education

Street 970 East Main Street

City Henderson

State TN Zip Code 38340

Phone 731-989-5134

Email [REDACTED]

Source of Information (Information must be from legal records - e.g., tax records, deeds)

Deeds, Cornerstone on building, tax records, 1988 North Chester Elem. School

Abestos Management Plan, Chester County Board of Education Minutes

PROPERTY USE (example: residence, school, warehouse)

Historic School

Current School

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION 1949; dedicated in 1950

Source of Information

Cornerstone on building; article from Chester County Independent newspaper,
85th Yr.; No. 52; Fri., April 7, 1950 ed., Chester County Board of Education Min.

ARCHITECT/BUILDER Spencer & Ross architects; Johnson Lumber Co. contractor

Source of Information

Cornerstone on building; article from Chester County Independent newspaper
85th Year; No. 52, Friday, April 7, 1950 ed.; Chester County Board of Education
Minutes

Include dates or approximate dates of all changes.

NUMBER OF STORIES

Historic one
Current one

WALL COVERING (example: weatherboard, brick veneer, stucco)

Historic Masonry Concrete
Current Masonry Concrete

CONSTRUCTION (example: log, frame, brick)

Historic Brick
Current Brick

ROOF SHAPE (example: gable roof, asphalt shingles; hip roof, metal)

Historic Flat roof framing; roof cover-deck: built up composition
Current No change

TRIM - TYPE AND MATERIAL (example: wood porch ornamentation, limestone lintels)

Historic No trim
Current No trim

FLOOR PLAN (example: rectangular, L-shaped, irregular)

Historic L- shaped
Current L - shaped

WINDOWS

Historic Metal framed
Current Metal framed in classrooms; gym windows removed & sealed with concrete

INTERIOR FEATURES (example: fireplaces, staircases, wainscoting)

Historic None

Current None

MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND DATE (example: rear addition ca. 1925; windows replaced ca. 1960; interior changes ca. 1919)

Refer to Appendix CC for list of major alterations and dates to Chester County Training School/

Vincent High School

OTHER BUILDINGS ON PROPERTY - TYPE AND DATE OF CONSTRUCTION

(example: garage - 1940; barn - 1920; smokehouse - 1860)

Brick Storage Building, 1949; Portable Storage Building, 1966

Soccer Field House, 2011

ACREAGE OF PROPERTY 10 acres

SITE FEATURES (example: rural, city lot, wooded lot, etc.)

rural setting

IS THE PROPERTY THREATENED? (Explain briefly: by neglect, new roads, etc.)

Some of the rooms in the building are threatened by neglect because they are used for storage by the school system.

SIGNIFICANCE Check the box by the criterion under which you believe your property is eligible.

Refer to brochures for the criteria.

- ☒ **Criterion A** (history)
☐ **Criterion B** (person)
☐ **Criterion C** (architecture)
☐ **Criterion D** (archaeology)

Write a brief history of the property and why it is important. Use separate pages and include your sources of information.

Application Prepared By Elizabeth A. Saunders

Street [REDACTED]

City [REDACTED] State [REDACTED] Zip Code [REDACTED]

Telephone [REDACTED] Email [REDACTED] Date June 17, 2024

Sites

Sites include cemeteries, battlefields, and archaeological sites. In addition to the location of the property, owner information, and contact information for the preparer of the form, include the following:

- Photographs of the site. Photographs should represent the entire site, not just a portion of a site.
- Sketched site map, showing what part of the site is historic and, if appropriate, what part is modern. In many instances cemeteries and similar sites have older areas but they have expanded in recent years or the land has been altered in recent years.
- As for buildings, include a brief history of the property and why you believe it meets one of the National Register criteria.

Historic Districts

Historic districts can include a handful of buildings or several hundred buildings. Most districts will require a site visit from the staff but we need some basic information before we can make a visit. In addition to the location of the property, owner information, and contact information for the preparer of the form, include the following:

- Photographs of representative streetscapes in the proposed district. If the area has a lot of trees you will need to take photographs of individual buildings instead. Ideally you should take both streetscape views and a few individual houses. The photographs should depict historic buildings and modern buildings in the proposed district.
- A map showing the proposed boundaries of the district. The photographs you take should be keyed to this map.
- A brief history of the proposed district. This can include how the neighborhood developed, architectural styles in the area, and, where appropriate, information on selected prominent individuals in the proposed district. We do not need a history of every house or resident of the area.

Farmsteads

Farms consist of a primary residence/farmhouse, historic outbuildings, and landscape features. Complete the information form for the farmhouse and farm history. Also include a sketched map of the property showing all of the outbuildings and photographs showing outbuildings and landscape features. The history of the farmstead should include the use of the land in addition to the use of the buildings.

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Brief History of Chester County Training School/Vincent High School

The predecessor of Chester County Training School/Vincent High School was Henderson Rosenwald School.¹ (See Appendix A for copy of Chester County of Education Board Minutes) In 1922, two acres of land was purchased by the Chester County Board of Education and the City Board of Education to build a school building for the African American people of the city of Henderson and Chester County for a sum of \$1,000.00 in the “Jaybird” Community (west side of the city of Henderson). The building fund was a part of a consolidation fund with \$1,000 out of what is known as the Rosenwald Fund and the remainder of the said cost of the building to be paid as follows: one-third: county Board of Education, one-third: City Board of Education, and remaining one-third: colored citizens of Henderson and Chester County. (See Appendix B for copy of deed of purchase for Henderson Rosenwald School on Highway 45 and map and plot showing location of Henderson Rosenwald School building on Highway 45)

On July 6, 1932, the principal of Henderson Rosenwald School, J. A. Vincent received permission to reorganize the school as a high school and the name was changed to Chester County Training School.² It became the first African American high school in Chester County. The first graduating class in 1936 consisted of seven students. In the second graduating class of 1937, J. M. Trice, a student of the class would later become principal of Chester County Training School/Vincent High School in 1948. (See Appendix C for picture second graduating class of 1937)

The school provided a new quality of educational accommodations for students and teachers in the Henderson city limits. (See Appendix D for picture of Chester County Training School building in 1939)

By 1940, Supt. R. E. Henson was appointed to negotiate with the NYA authorities to build a vocational shop at the Chester County Training School. By 1942, the school had added a vocational shop and a vocational agricultural teacher, J. K. Davis. Classes were conducted in nine communities of the county of colored farmers. The classes stressed gardens of victory and emphasis on egg production to combat malnutrition.³ (See Appendix E for copy of newspaper article)

Because of the difficulties imposed on residents by the Depression, several of the rural communities requested the Board of Education to provide transportation from their schools to the Chester County Training School to allow their students to receive a high school education.⁴

As enrollment continued to increase, it was necessary to increase the teaching staff. A music teacher, Mildred Davis,⁵ was added and a part-time Jeanes teacher, Josie Clemons, was employed to work with the African Americans schools in the county on a part-time basis. Josie Clemons also served as a liaison between black schools in Chester County and the local newspaper.⁶ (See Appendix F for examples of articles written by Josie Clemons for the *Chester County Independent*)

On November 8, 1948, a fire destroyed Chester County Training School in the “Jaybird” Community (west side of the city). In need of another school, the board met on November 12,

1948, and discussed the situation of the burning of Chester County Training School.⁷ On January 27, 1949, the Board purchased land in the “Lucyville” Community (east side of the city to build the school. (See Appendix G for copy of Chester County Board of Education Minutes approving purchase and copy of deed to purchase of land in the Lucyville Community)

While the school building was being constructed, a local café (Lonnie Welch’s Café)⁸ and a church building (Cools Spring Baptist Church)⁹ were rented for classrooms for Chester County Training School in the “Jaybird” Community.

Many supporters joined in the effort to build a new facility. Architects presented plans to the Board for the new facility.¹⁰ (See Appendix H for copy of Board minutes which architects presented plans for the new building). Bids for the new building were advertised.¹¹ (See Appendix I for a copy of an advertised bid.) Johnson Lumber Company was the lowest bidder.¹² (See Appendix J for a copy of the Board minutes with the lowest bidder and the amount of the bid) In 1949, construction of the new building began. The superintendent of Chester County schools announced the high school is about to be completed and opened in the near future.¹³ (See Appendix K for a copy of the newspaper article.) This new school facility was completed in 1950 at the final cost of \$116,800.00. The local newspaper published an article announcing the dedication of the new facility.¹⁴ (See Appendix L for a copy of the newspaper article.) After completion of the new school facility, dedicatory exercises were held. (See Appendix M for a copy of the souvenir program of the dedicatory exercises of Chester County Training School.) A cornerstone was placed on the new building. (See Appendix N for a picture of the cornerstone.)

At the time the new high school was built, there were six rural black schools. It had been known for some time that one large school could supply more needs of all the people than several small ones. To reach the goal would not be easy.

On May 31, 1962, the Chester County Board of Education approved a contract to build an addition to Chester County Training School.¹⁵ Work was completed in remodeling the existing part of Chester County Training School and making addition to the same. After all the correction by architects had been made and the three county schools, Oak Grove, Jacks Creek, and Gibson Rosenwald were closed Friday, February 22, 1963, all students were transported to Chester County Training School.¹⁶ Five classrooms, kitchen, cafeteria, and two bathrooms were added. After a long hard struggle, all black schools in Chester County were consolidated, including grades one through twelve in 1963. (See Appendix O for a copy of the newspaper article on School Completed Consolidation.)

On November 1, 1963, an epoch was reached at Chester County Training School. The name was changed to Vincent High School in honor of its first principal, J. A. Vincent.¹⁷

Year after year the students grew greater in number and caliber. The last high school class graduated from Vincent High School in 1968. In the wake of integration, the great school came to a silence, closing as Vincent High School and merging with Chester County High School because of desegregation in 1969.¹⁸ (See Appendix DD for a listing of dates and events in the history of Chester County Training School/Vincent High School).

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- ¹ Chester County Board of Education Minutes, Book 1928-29, page 7.
 - ² Chester County Board of Education Minutes, Book 1932, page 52; Book 1933, page 67.
 - ³ Chester County Board of Education Minutes, Book 1941, page 80.
 - ⁴ Chester County Board of Education Minutes, Book 1942, page 102.
 - ⁵ Chester County Board of Education Minutes, Book 1942, page 102.
 - ⁶ Chester County Board of Education Minutes, Book 1943, page 126.
 - ⁷ Chester County Board of Education Minutes, Book 1948, page 213.
 - ⁸ Chester County Board of Education Minutes, Book 1949, Jan. 27 page 1; March 10, pages 222 & 224; April 11, page 227; July 13, page 238.
 - ⁹ Chester County Board of Education Minutes, Book 1949, page 222.
 - ¹⁰ Chester County Board of Education Minutes, Book 1949, page 223.
 - ¹¹ Thursday, June 30, 1949, Bids for Contract At Henderson, *The Memphis Press Scimitar*.
 - ¹² Chester County Board of Education Minutes, Book 1949, page 235.
 - ¹³ Armour, Tom, January 27, 1950, New Colored School Here Will Open in Near Future, *Chester County Independent*.
 - ¹⁴ Friday, April 7, 1950, New Colored School Here To Be Dedicated, *Chester County Independent*.
 - ¹⁵ Chester County Board of Education Minutes, Book 1962 page 70.
 - ¹⁶ Chester County Board of Education Minutes, Book 1963, page 96.
 - ¹⁷ Chester County Board of Education Minutes, Book 1963, page 118.
 - ¹⁸ Chester County Board of Education Minutes, Book 1969, pages 256-257.

Why It is Important

The Chester County Training-Vincent High School, at 186 Luray Avenue, Henderson, Chester County, Tennessee, is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A for its statewide and national importance in African-American Education and its local importance as an institution associated with important events in African-American social and educational history. Built from 1949 to 1950, the school served African-American students from the numerous small communities in Chester County and represented a major improvement in public education opportunities for African-American students from the rural communities in Chester County.

The current Chester County Training-Vincent High School building was dedicated in 1950 to meet the growing needs of the African-American student population in Chester County until it closed as a part of integration in 1969. While not the only African-American school in Chester County, it was the only African-American high school in the county. The school and the grounds were also an important location of community gatherings, adult-education programs, and events for the African-American community. (See Appendix P for a listing of some the uses of the CCT/Vincent High building). The rental of the surplus grounds also served as a source of income for the school.¹

In strongly segregated rural Chester County, Chester County Training-Vincent High School was a pillar of the African-American community. The period of importance ranges from 1922 with its predecessor, to 1949-1950 with the construction of the new building to 1969 with integration of Chester County Schools.

The realization and example of the importance of education for African-Americans in Chester County was exemplified by the combined efforts of the city and county boards of education and African-Americans in building a school for African-Americans. In 1922, two acres of land was purchased by the Chester County Board of Education and the City Board of Education to build a school building for the African American people of the city of Henderson and Chester County for a sum of \$1,000.00 in the "Jaybird" Community (west side of the city of Henderson). Also, the importance of the contribution of the Rosenwald Foundation to education in the South can be illustrated. (See Appendix A for copy of Chester County of Education Board Minutes and Appendix B for copy of deed of purchase for Henderson Rosenwald School on Highway 45 and map and plot showing location of Henderson Rosenwald School building on Highway 45)

The importance of the school can be seen in some of the teachers and principals in the history of Chester County Training-Vincent High School who deserve recognition for their contributions to education in the county, state, and nation. J. A. Vincent was founder of the school in 1922 and served as its first principal from 1922-1937. On July 6, 1932, the principal of Henderson Rosenwald School, J. A. Vincent received permission to reorganize the school as a high school and the name was changed to Chester County Training School.² It became the first African American high school in Chester County. In 1963, the name of the school was changed to Vincent High School in honor of him.³ Claude C. Bond served as one of the teachers in the

school in 1930-31. His first appointment as a teacher in a one-room school led to his appointment to other positions in education.⁴ (See Appendix Q for a copy of Chester County Board of Minutes showing Claude Bond as one of the teachers). He served as principal of Montgomery High School in Lexington, Tennessee for 21 years. He served as principal of Howard High School in Chattanooga beginning in 1956 and then as Coordinator of General Education for the City system, and then became Assistant Superintendent for Personnel Services. He served nine years on the Tennessee Board of Regents.⁵ The legacy he left will long be remembered, for, he touched many lives as he moved throughout the state in his chosen profession. In 1935-37, Walton B. Stewart served as one the teachers.⁶ In 1943-44, he was selected as principal of Chester County Training School.⁷ In 1944, he moved to Milwaukee, Wisconsin where he became active in the labor movement and in the Democratic Party. He was chairman for several years of the 6th Ward Democratic Party, and was elected a delegate at large to the 1952 Democratic Party, and was elected as a delegate at large at the 1952 Democratic National Convention. He was elected to the Wisconsin House of Representatives in 1954. He also served as the only African-American member of the Milwaukee Motion Picture Commission. He continued to work as a teacher and was head of the mathematics department at Roosevelt Junior High School in Milwaukee.⁸ J. M. Trice, a member of the second graduating class of Chester County Training School was named principal in 1948 of Chester County Training -Vincent High School and served as principal until 1969 when the school system was integrated.⁹ He was hired as the attendance teacher from 1971-72 and resigned August 31, 1972.¹⁰

The importance of the school building and grounds was also a place of social gatherings in the African-American community. One of the first social gathering was in 1950 when the Board of Education approved the African-American Masons to use the school auditorium for a Masonic convention.¹¹ A barbeque picnic was held on August 8 beginning in 1950. The event was sponsored by the African-American PTAs and community to raise funds of the school. It became an annual event for the African-American citizens in the county and surrounding counties ending in 1957.¹² Various other events have been held in the Chester County Training-Vincent High School building such as Sunday lunches of various African-American churches held in the cafeteria, community basketball practices, games in the gym, and community social events held in the cafeteria and gym. (See Appendix P for a listing of some uses of the Chester County Training School/Vincent High School building and land).

The dedicatory services of the Chester County Training School shows an example of the importance and appreciation of supporters for the school. (Refer to Appendix M for a copy of the original souvenir program of the Dedicatory Exercises of Chester County Training School, Henderson, Tennessee, April 7, 1950)

In 1953-55, the local PTAs and school used the surplus campus grounds to raise crops and rented the land to the people of the county to raise cotton and corn for funds to support the school.¹³

The building's importance to the community can be seen in adult-education classes offered for African-Americans in 1969¹⁴ and the use of the Shop-Agricultural building by the Shiloh Area

Development Corporation Neighborhood Service Center in 1969 in providing services to African-Americans.¹⁵ (See Appendix R for a picture of Shiloh Area Development Class of 1969). Senior citizens met in the building while a building was being secured for them in 1977.¹⁶

The building has also been used by the Chester County School system in housing several occupants. It has housed the Chester County Junior High while a new building was being constructed.¹⁷ (See Appendix S for a picture of Vincent High School labeled as Chester County Junior High School). It housed the six graders in the county while a space was being added to an existing school. The name of the building was changed to North Chester Elementary School while the six graders were housed in the building.¹⁸ (See Appendix T for a picture of Vincent High School labeled as North Chester and the school system's Human Resource Agency). The Family Resource Center was housed in the building.¹⁹ (See Appendix T for a picture of Vincent High School labeled as North Chester and the school system's Human Resource Agency). Kindergarten classes were held in the building while space was be added to the other elementary schools in the county.²⁰ HeadStart was housed in the building while a new facility was being built.²¹

Vincent High School in Chester County played a unique role in the desegregation of schools in the South. Chester's schools were legally segregated before the Supreme Court's 1954 desegregation decision. Under pressures from the federal government, it begun a "freedom of choice" plan to integrate completely or forfeit its federal funds. The problem was Vincent High School's student body consisted of 305 blacks and no whites. School Superintendent V. M. Plunk said in a telephone interview, "There is nothing wrong with Vincent school except its location." "It's surrounded by small Negro huts." Plunk also said, "if the Vincent High School was situated away from the Negro section of town, local whites would not balk so much at sending their children to Vincent." ²² (See Appendix U for copies of newspaper articles showing the unique role Vincent High School in Chester County played in the desegregation of schools).

The Chester County School system was among three southern schools which faced cutoff of funds because the Office of Health, Education and Welfare says they failed to meet federal guidelines. A spokesman for HEW Office of Civil Rights said the system was among 102 southern school districts investigated. Supt. Plunk protested the cutoff of funds. "Newsday," daily news paper of Long Island, N.Y., says Health, Education and Welfare Secretary Robert Finch "personally negotiated an unusual settlement under which the (Chester County) school district could postpone full desegregation for a year without losing \$148,000 in federal funds." Another nationally prominent newspaper reported that restoration of Chester County federal school funds in March by Health, Education and Welfare Secretary Robert Finch was politically motivated. ²³ (See Appendix U for copies of newspaper articles showing the unique role Vincent High School in Chester County played in the desegregation of schools).

In 1967, two trips were made by HEW officials to Chester County to negotiate a plan to produce integration. However, Superintendent Plunk and the Board of Education would not accept any plan to produce total integration in the county. For two years, the school system showed little

signs of bending as the case continued. On February 16, 1969, Secretary of HEW, Finch announced he was cutting off Chester County funds in thirty days. On February 24, 1969, Superintendent Plunk sent a letter to Tennessee's Senator Howard Baker in Washington for another review. Senator Baker sent a special department team to Chester County to see Superintendent Plunk. Later, Superintendent Plunk traveled to Washington to see Assistant Secretary Panetta and Health, Education and Welfare Secretary Finch. March 16, 1969, the Chester County Board of Education approved a plan to meet some the HEW's objectives, including the transfer of all black students at Vincent High School to the white Chester County High School by September 1970. However, that still left grades 1-8 of black students at Vincent High School. Finch extended the deadline for cutting off funds March 16, 1969, and had another meeting in its place March 19, 1969, with Senator Baker and Supt. Plunk. The Chester County Board of Education agreed to send 35 white students the following year to Vincent High School for classes in music and chorus.²⁴ (See Appendix U for copies of newspaper articles showing the unique role Vincent High School in Chester County played in the desegregation of schools).

Even though the plan to desegregate schools in Chester County was acceptable legally, many HEW professionals remained convinced that Chester County got something other districts like it had never gotten: an extra year to desegregate without a clear need to build more classrooms. According to Edwin H. Yourman, HEW's assistant general counsel for education, "As for as I know, there never was a case where there was so much feeling (in the department) that they already had a usable facility." Another veteran department official refers to Chester's plan to build new classrooms onto a white school building as "something we can hide behind" in defending the Chester settlement to other school districts.²⁵ (See Appendix U for copies of newspaper articles showing the unique role Vincent High School in Chester County played in the desegregation of schools).

The importance of the Chester County Training/Vincent High building can be seen in the gratitude of the alumni association in being able to meet in the building for the first time since the school closed its doors in 1969. Teachers and students had a chance to reconnect in their former school. (Refer to appendix V for copy of newspaper clipping of the event entitled "Celebrating Vincent High")

A signed petition of about 254 names of alumni, family, and friends of the former Chester County Training/Vincent High School, encouraging the placing of Chester County Training-Vincent High School's building in the National Register for Historic Places also emphasizes the importance of the school. (Refer to Appendix W for copies of the signed petition)

A letter of request was mailed to Supt. Troy Kilzer to approach the Chester County Board of Education to begin the process of applying for a National Register for Historic Places for Vincent High School (See Appendix X for a copy of the letter mailed to Supt. Troy Kilzer).

Additional importance of the school can be seen in the approval of the Chester County School Board granting permission to begin the process of applying for placement in the National

Register of Historical Places. (Refer to Appendix Y for newspaper article: “Chester County Board of Education Votes to Move Ahead with Process”)

Lastly, a presentation by an intern, Kylie Carte, in the history department at Freed-Hardeman University, assisting in this research, (See Appendix Z for copy of the Practicum Internship Approval Form for Kylie Carter). Carter presented at the 2022 University Scholars’ Day entitled “Worthy of Preservation: Nominating Henderson’s All-Black Vincent High School for the National Register of Historic Places” also demonstrates its importance to the community (See Appendix AA

copy of Freed-Hardeman University Scholars’ Day – Celebrating Scholarship and Academic Achievement, October 28, 2022 Program). (See Appendix BB for a copy of the newspaper article “FHU’s Annual Scholars Day Celebrates Academic Research, Student Achievement”)

If Vincent High School becomes a nationally recognized historic school, the mission and vision of the Vincent High School Committee/Alumni Organization’s mission and statements would be as follows:

1. The Committee/Alumni Organization would work with the school system in meeting the community through public service, heritage education and programs designed to enhance the quality of life for Chester County residents of all ages. We would also provide facilities for our programs while offering affordable and comfortable space to other civic organizations as needed.
2. The Committee/Alumni Organization would like to be an African American school on the National Register of Historic Places and honor this designation through continued preservation efforts and heritage exhibits. We could hold our community programming in some the rooms not used by the school system and offer the use of the other rooms not used to other civic organizations by request.

The mission of the Vincent High School Committee/Alumni Organization is to retain, preserve, and interpret the historic qualities of the former Vincent High School and to promote community engagement through enrichment activities that benefit all residents of Chester County. We seek to build up the community by inspiring the same dedication to learning and commitment to excellence felt by former students. To reach this goal, the Vincent High School Committee/Alumni Organization will:

1. Maintain and preserve the historic character of selected rooms within the former Vincent High School by planning, collecting, displaying interpreting historic artifacts and documents relating to the school to African American education in West Tennessee, and to the history of Henderson and Chester County.
2. Increase access to job readiness programs, senior citizens activities, after-school enrichment programs, leisure activities for all ages and technology.
3. Respond to the needs of the community by offering affordable temporary or permanent space to civic organizations and small businesses that demonstrate commitment to the improvement of Chester County.

An example of a vision statement for the Vincent High School Committee/Alumni Organization would be below.

In times past, at the heart of the African American community was a school that inspired personal growth beyond its walls and instilled a sense of pride and possibility in its pupils. Although only a structure of the school remains, we wish to rekindle its spirit and invite our neighbors to see our organization as a provider of civic-minded programs and education for all. Whether we greet visitors who travel to see our heritage exhibits or open our doors to local after-school enrichment programs, the Vincent High School Committee/Alumni Organization hopes to offer sustainable community improvement that translates our rich past into a better future.

¹ Chester County Board of Education Minutes, Book 1951, March 8, p. 300.

² Chester County Board of Education Minutes, Book 1932, page 52; Book 1933, page 67.

³ Chester County Board of Education, Book 1963, p. 118.

⁴ Chester County Board of Education, Book 1930-31, p. 28.

⁵ "Giant Leaves Legacy in Education: Dr. Claude C. Bond," found on the community history website. Yesterday's Tennessee, <https://www.tnyesterday.com/schools/henderson/mhs/bond.html>

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Appendix A

Copy of the Page from the Chester County Board of Education Minutes, Book 1929-30, July, p. 11, Showing the Title Henderson Rosenwald

Roby	Steve Smith	\$ 15.00
Leah	Must Eye butchers	\$ 25.00
	Harmonia Wright	\$ 25.00
Leah	Orland Oxford	\$ 25.00
	Maud Chest	\$ 25.00
Henderson	M. G. Montgomery Prin	\$ 270.00
	Ed. Smith	135.00
	Anna Langston	85.00
	Mrs. Laura Corrother	75.00
Cheney Co. High	M. G. Montgomery Prin	\$ 270.00
	J. H. Williams 12 months	\$ 166.66
	Wm. Stewart	\$ 150.00
	Mrs. Pauline Martin	\$ 150.00
	Miss Bernice Corrother	\$ 183.33
	Miss Helen Keller	\$ 133.33
	Mrs. Annie Dickinson	\$ 140.00

Calorid Teachers

Jacks Green		\$ 60.00
Gibson Rosenwald	W. A. Carter	\$ 85.00
	Mrs. W. A. Carter	\$ 27.50

Oak Grove	H. L. S. Moss	\$ 80.00
	Alma Moss	\$ 67.50

Lawton	Louis Trice Hort	\$ 40.00
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Henderson Rosenwald	J. A. Vincent	\$ 80.00
(Rosa Bell Davis)	John Stanford	\$ 40.00 (60.00)
	Birtha Loomis	\$ 60.00
	Florence McWilliam Wood	\$ 65.00

etyma	Magnolia Brady	\$ 60.00
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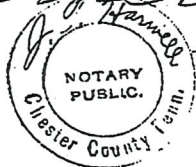
Appendix B

Copy of Deed to Purchase of Land for Henderson Rosenwald on Highway 45 (now Church Street)

And

Map and Plot Showing Location of Henderson Rosenwald

before me, privately and apart from her husband and the said W. S. Carson, acknowledged the execution of the said deed to have been done by her freely, voluntarily, and understandingly, without compulsion or constraint from her said husband, and for the purposes therein expressed. Witness - of said County, this 7th day of April 1922.



J. T. Harwell,
Notary Public

State of Tennessee,
Chester County, Registered Office April 11, 1922.
for said County, do certify that the foregoing Deed and Certificate are registered in said office in Deed Book No. 28, page 474, that they were received April 7, 1922, at 1 o'clock P. M. and were entered in Note Book 3, page 474.
W. T. Lindsey,
Register.

P. L. Hardin

his wife
To Deed

County Board
Education

Chester County Tenn.

For and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar cash in hand paid the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged. And whereas the County Board of Education of Chester County and the City Board of Education of the City of Henderson in the State of Tennessee, are ready to build a school building for the colored people of Henderson and Chester County Tennessee, and whereas the State Board of Education of Tennessee, has agreed to pay unto said building fund \$1000.00 and of the funds set apart as a consolidation fund. And One thousand Dollars out what is known as

the Hansdewald fund and the remainder of the said cost of said building to be paid as follows:-

One third by the County Board of Education, One third by the said City Board of Education, and the other remaining third by the colored citizens of Henderson and Chester County.

And in order to have a suitable lot on which to build said house we P. L. Hardin and wife Netta Hardin have bargained and sold and by these presents do transfer and convey unto the said L. M. Seaton, Thomas P. Talley, J. R. Pillman, J. E. Rowsey, W. B. Clayton, J. G. Rush, J. M. Stewart Supt, the County Board of Education of said County, and their successors in office a certain tract or parcel of land in Henderson Chester County, State of Tennessee, as follows:-

On the north by W. S. Baugh's wood lot;

On the south by Steed and Street,

On the east by Steed,

On the west by Steed, containing 2 acres more or less.

This deed included the entire 2 acre Block, but excludes a lot of Lizzie Copeland Neely 49 feet wide and 130 feet deep, out of the said west corner, and three lots out of the south east corner, 25 feet wide and 130 feet deep, or with a front of 75 feet, now owned by L. G. McKinney and known as lots 6, 7, 8, in block one in the McKinney Addition to the City of Henderson, Tenn, and recorded in Deed Book 21, page 153.

This Block of land was layed off in lots namely Lots 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23- and 24.

To Have and to Hold the said tract or parcel of land with the appurtenances, estate, title, and interest thereto belonging to the said

L. M. Seaton, F. Maness, J. A. Talley, J. R. Tillman, J. E. Rousey, W. A. Dayton, L. P. Rush, J. M. Stewart, County Supt, Said Board of Education and their successors in office forever. And we do covenant with the said L. M. Seaton, F. Maness, J. A. Talley, J. R. Tillman, J. E. Rousey, W. A. Dayton, L. P. Rush, and J. M. Stewart, Supt, as members of said County Board of Education, and their successors in office, that we are lawfully seized and possessed of said land in fee simple; have a good right to convey it, and the same is unincumbered.

And we do further covenant and bind ourselves our heirs and representatives, to warrant and forever defend the title to said land to the said L. M. Seaton, F. Maness, J. A. Talley, J. R. Tillman, J. E. Rousey, W. A. Dayton, L. P. Rush, J. M. Stewart, Supt, and their successors in office, against the lawful claims of all person whomsoever.

Witness our hands this 11-day of April 1922.

P. L. Harden,
Netter Harden.

State of Tennessee
Photo County) Personally appeared
before me, G. M. Williams
a Notary Public in and for said
County and State, the within
name of P. L. Harden, the bargain-
or with whom I am personally
acquainted and who acknow-
ledge that he executed the
within instrument for the
purposes therein contained.
And Netter Harden, wife of
the said P. L. Harden, having
appeared before me, finally and
apart from her husband, the
said P. L. Harden, acknowledged
the execution of the said instrument

to have been done by her freely, voluntarily and understandingly, without compulsion or constraint from her said husband, and for the purposes therein expressed.



Witness my hand and official seal at Henderson, Tennessee, this 11 day of April, 1922.

C. M. Williams

Notary Public

State of Tennessee, Register's Office, April 13, 1922.
(Chester County.) J. H. Lindsey, Register of said County, do certify that the foregoing deed and certificate are registered in said office in Book No. 28, page 476; that they were received April 11, 1922, at 5:30 o'clock P. M., and entered in Note Book 3 page 485.

J. H. Lindsey,
Register.

J. B. Madison
To & Deed
Ed. Thomas.

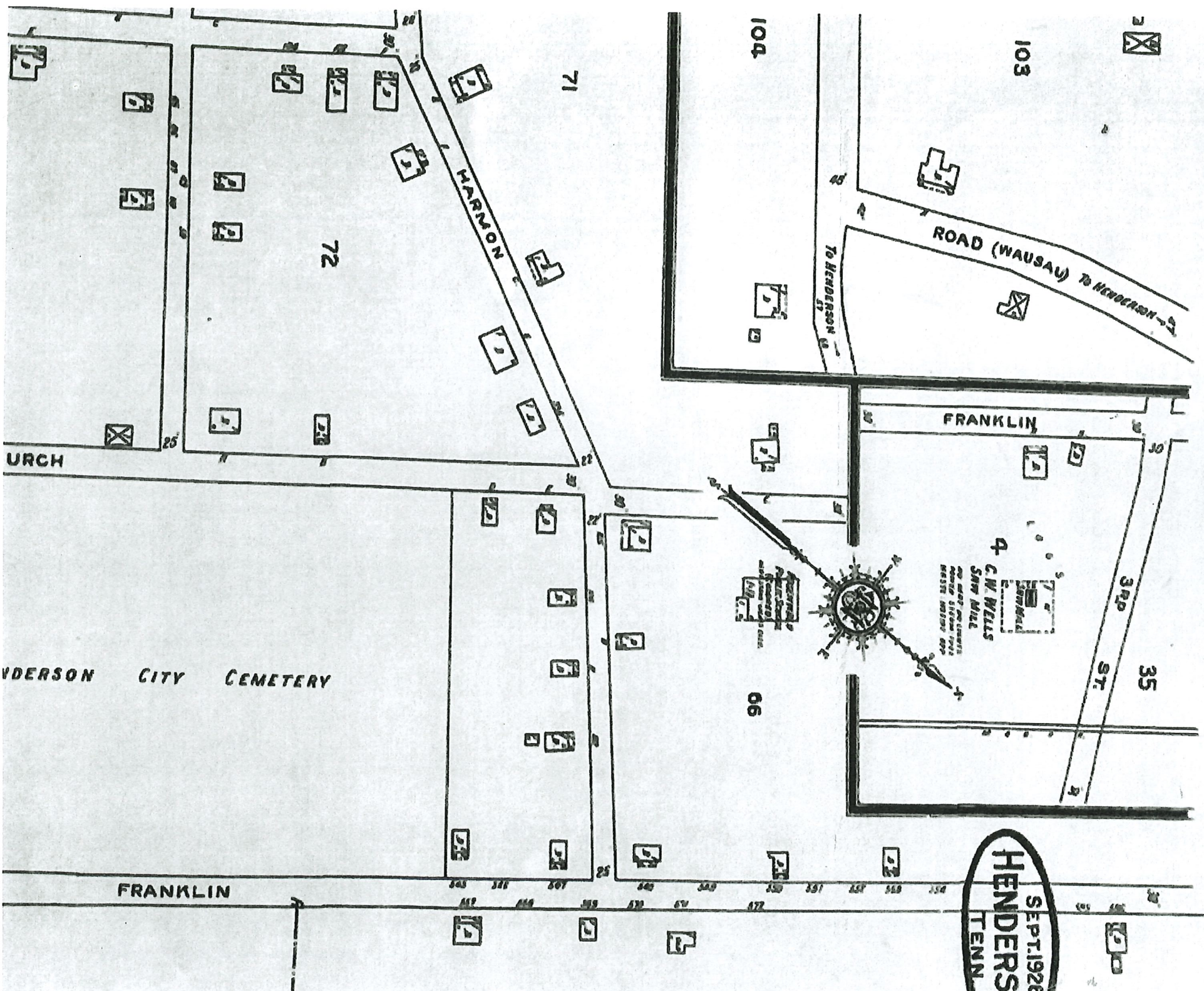
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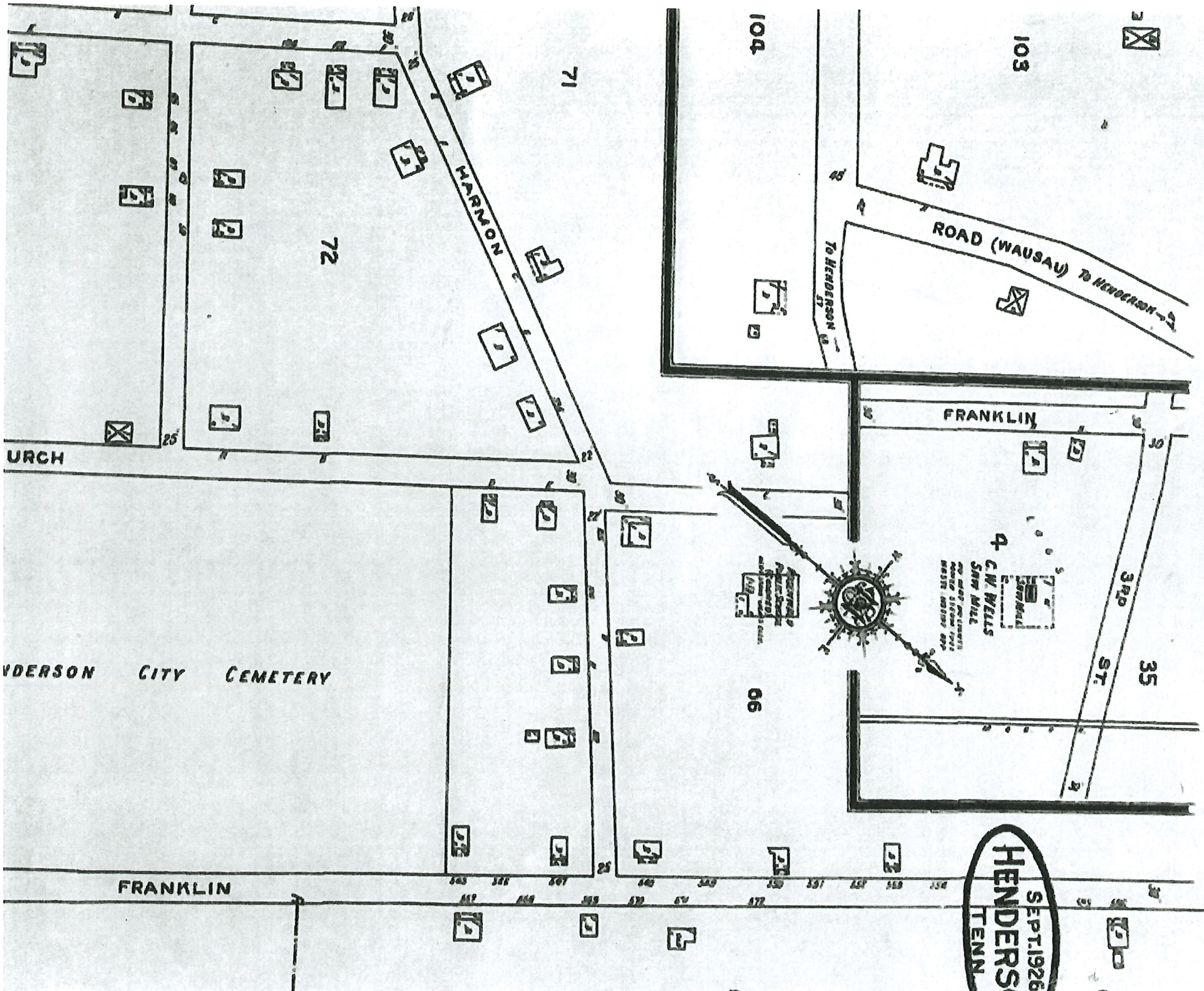
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For and in consideration of the sum of fourteen hundred dollars cash paid, and for the purpose of taking care of me the remainder of my natural life, J. B. Madison, have bargained and sold and by these presents do transfer and convey unto the said Ed. Thomas, his heirs and assigns, a certain tract or parcel of land in 8th Dist Chester County, State of Tennessee, as follows:

Bounded on the west by Ed. Morrison, Gilmore and John Cupples,
On the north Bulliner;
On the east Thomas & Henry;
On the south by Morrison & Halton.
By estimation to be 225 Acres be the same more or less.



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Appendix C

Picture of Second Graduating Class of Chester County Training School, 1937



Chester County Training School

Second Graduating Class 1937



Appendix D

Picture of Chester County Training School Building, 1939

Chester County Training School 1939

The first black high school, Chester County Training School, was opened in 1932 after much hard work by local PTAs and other citizen groups, with Mr. J. A. Vincent serving as principal. This school was located on Hwy 45 what is now North Church Avenue at a place near the College Inn on North Church Ave.



Courtesy of the Tennessee State Library & Archives
Tennessee Dept. of Education 1874-1984
Record Group 273A, Box 1
Schoolhouse Photos 1938-1942

Appendix E

Copy of Newspaper Article from *Chester County Independent*, 1942 to Coincide with the Chester County Board of Education Minutes Book 1941, April 24, p. 80

Only Yesterday

"Heat wave leads to traffic jam at Lake

*From the files of the
Chester County Independent
June 12, 1942*

"Legion Picnic To Be Held"

Yes, it's going to be held! The thing which has been disturbing hundreds of citizens has been decided: The American Legion will hold its annual picnic and barbecue ... at Hardeman Grove near town.

The Legion barbecue, with an elaborate program of outstanding entertainment, has for many years been one of the outstanding entertainment events of this section.

Further details and the program will be announced shortly. Mark the date.

"Food For Freedom By Colored Farmers"

As their contribution to the war effort, colored farmers of Chester County are busy producing food for freedom, states J. K. Davis, vocational agricultural teacher at the Chester County Training School.

Classes have been conducted in nine communities of the county with 328 colored farmers in attendance. These classes stress gardens for victory and emphasis is placed on egg production to combat malnutrition. Colored farmers purchased over 2,000 baby chicks and boys constructed the brooders. Davis states the "V" slogan has

to fishing, dancing in the lodge and picnicking and horseback riding.

"Welcome Stranger"

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cook are the proud parents of a new boy, born June 1, weighing 9 ½ pounds; he is their fourth child.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Ross of Jacks Creek are the proud parents of a baby boy, born May 25; he is their fourth child.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Russell of Finger are the proud parents of a baby girl, born June 7, weighing 8 ½ pounds; she is their fourth child.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Connor of Glendale community are the proud parents of a new boy, born June 9, their fourth child.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Roark are the proud parents of a baby girl, born June 10. She is their second child and has been named Ava Jewel.

June 12, 1942

Appendix F

Examples of Newspaper Articles Written by Josie Clemons for the *Chester County Independent*

January 1950

NEWS OF INTEREST TO COLORED READERS

By JOSIE CLEMONS

We wish to apologize to the readers of this item for its absence for the past two weeks. Illness and other unavoidable reasons of the reporter prevented its appearance.

Again we are faced with the campaign for that dreadful disease, polio, and we trust that everyone will play his part in helping Chester County meet its quota.

The time is drawing near for the completion of our beautiful new school and we are planning a dedication of it in order that our many friends can be with us to celebrate this most wonderful occasion.

The tower of Babel was 300 feet in height.

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NEWS OF INTEREST TO COLORED READERS

By JOSIE CLEMONS

February 17, 1951

The New Homemakers of America West Tennessee District met at the Merry High School in Jackson, Tennessee on Saturday February 11. There was a quiz contest with questions taken from the Official Guide and the Parliamentary Procdeures. Ella Mae McHaney from the Chester County Training School won fourth place. There was a talent program in the afternoon with representatives from all schools participating. Palestine Sneed of the Junior Class of Chester County Training School was re-elected persident of the district for 1950-51.

Everyone is excited and bubbling over with eagerness to get into the beautiful new school. Certainly no one could blame any one for this interest because we all have suffered under many handicaps since we have been without a building. Now we have the building and the children of Chester County can have the opportunity to work comfortably and help solve many of the problems that are confronting them. We are planning to dedicate our new school in the near future.

The Home Improvement Club of Gibson Community is sponsoring a miscellaneous program at the school Sunday, February 20, 1950, at 7:30. The program is given to secure funds to put a rug on the lunch room floor. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Bonds pay five for four!

ley, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Talley and Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Tarpley visited in the W. H. Talley home last Tuesday night. — The Oak Grove Missionary Society met last Wednesday in an all day meeting. Mrs. Pauline Talley was leader of the program, "Bringing His Name Together". Mrs. Mabel Patterson gave the devotional. Others taking part on the program were Mesdames Luna Henderson, Lillian Peddy, Donie White, Ruth Talley, Maurine Talley and Miss Ruby Plunk. At the noon hour lunch and cold drinks were enjoyed. We were glad to have Mrs. Harve Murchison as a visitor.

NEWS OF INTEREST TO COLORED READERS By JOSIE CLEMONS

We are having lots of rain and colds are very prevalent, but we trust that everyone can stay in school if at all possible in order that the attendance will not lag during this period.

On my visits to various schools, I find that there is much improvement in the instructional program of the schools from the standpoint of class room performance of the teachers and the progress of the pupils. As a result of the workshop held in October 1949 for the teachers. This is clearly seen from these angles; grouping and planning the work, understanding the blocking of time and trying to study and understand children. Principal J. M. Trice makes the following report for Chester

County Training School:

Due to conditions beyond our control, the washing machine that was scheduled to be given away March 1, 1950 by the American Legion Post 194 will be given away March 8, 1950 at the Chester County Training School.

The County-wide P.T.A. met on Friday night, February 24, 1950, in a very important meeting. Many plans were made which will help the school. Everybody seems to be interested in all movements.

The basketball teams will take part in the tournament this week, March 3, 4, 5 at the National Guard Armory in Jackson, Tenn. The girls will play Miles High School of Union City Thursday at 8:00 P. M. The boys will play Decatur County Training School at 11:00 A. M. Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Stroud were in St. Louis this week where they attended a meeting for Chevrolet dealers.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Steed, Mr. and Mrs. John L. Weeks, Mrs. Ollie McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Bolton, Shirley, Mike and Anthony, Mr. and Mrs. Grady Cooley and family, Mrs. Jimmy Hill and daughters, Sara and Doris Kathryn Watkins, Mrs. Flossie Vickery, Mrs. Lillie Phillips and children, and Miss Catherine Thomas were among those who attended the basketball tournament in Jackson last week.

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FRIDAY, MARCH 17, 1950.

NEWS OF INTEREST TO COLORED READERS

By JOSIE CLEMONS

An open house was held on last Friday night, March 10, 1950, at our new school. This was a very good meeting and largely attended. We were very glad to have the County Superintendent and the chairman of the County Board of Education present.

The teachers and pupils were happy beyond expression to begin classes in the beautiful classrooms of the new school on Monday. All indications are that they will better express this happiness in the work that will be done. There were a number of visitors

to come in and see them in operation during the day.

A very fine faculty meeting was held on Monday at 3:30 by Principal J. M. Trice. Many plans were formulated to meet the needs of the teachers and pupils in a new situation.

There will be a meeting of the Teachers' Association on Friday, March 17 at 3:30. All teachers are asked to be present and on time. Bring your test materials to this meeting.

The P. T. A. of Gibson will have a program and social Saturday night, April 1 at 7:30. The public is invited.

Be suure to give to the Red Cross. It needs you and you don't know how soon you will need it.

March 1950

NEWS OF INTEREST TO COLORED READERS

By JOSIE CLEMONS

The teachers who attended the State Teachers Meeting last week report that it was a very profitable meeting.

J. M. Trice, principal of the Chester County Training School has announced the honor students of the class of 1950 as Maxine Barham with a general average of 97.5 valedictorian, Jean Moton with a general average of 96 salutatorian and Mattie M. Clifford with a general average of 95.5 Essayist. Those receiving honorable mention are Annie L. Hardin, Evelyn Muse and Member C. Hart.

The dedicatory exercises of the new Chester County Training School will be held on April 7,

1950. Many plans have been formulated to make this one of the greatest celebrations in the history of our school.

The P.T.A. of Gibson School is inviting you to attend the Social on Saturday night, April 1, at 7:30.

Jacks Creek School is having a program on Sunday night, April 2 at 7:30. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Meekings were honored at a delightful party on March 21 in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Will Rice.

Ice cream and punch were served from the lace draped table in the dining room. There were 12 guests present. Many nice gifts were presented to the honorees by the hostesses Mrs. Addie Rice, Mrs. Roy Meeking, Mrs. Willie L. Harris and Miss Dorothy Green.

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NEWS OF INTEREST TO COLORED READERS

By JOBIE CLEMONS

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April 1950

Our attention is still toward the Dedication of the new school, but from a different angle. We feel that this program was a success and we realize that this success was the result of the wholehearted cooperation on the part of the citizens of Chester County. We are very grateful to all for lending this excellent spirit of cooperation. It will long be remembered in the years to come. We are also grateful to Mr. Sewell, President of Lane College, Jackson, Tenn., for the sound, valuable message that he brought to us and Prof. J. T. Womack for the lovely numbers that he sang. It was a very great pleasure to have many friends to celebrate this day with us.

We feel that special commendations should go to Mr. T. D. Pace and his staff of the Chester County Independent for their commendable job of printing and the write-up of the Dedictory Exercises of our school. They did all of our printing.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Scott and small daughter, Susan, of Jackson spent Sunday here with her mother, Mrs. Eula Williams.

April 14, 1950

LARGE CROWD AT SCHOOL DEDICATION

Christie County Training School, the new colored school recently completed here at a cost of more than \$115,000 was officially dedicated on last Friday with appropriate ceremonies.

Many members of the County Court, the Board of Education and others prominent in the affairs of Christie County participated and voiced their sincere congratulations in celebrating this important new institution.

BAPTIST ACTIVITIES

Appendix G

Copy of Chester County Board of Education Minutes Approving Purchase of Land in the Lucyville Community And Copy of Deed to the Purchase of Land in the Lucyville Community

January 27, 1949

County Light Bills

Motion was made by H. E. Cooper and seconded by J. E. Peddy that the County pay all light bills for all schools in the county. Motion carried.

PURCHASE OF DESKS

Motion made by W. M. McCollum and seconded by R. M. Johnson that the Chairman, J. L. McHaney, and Superintendent, Tom Armour, purchase needed school desks if money is available. Motion carried.

LIGHT AND WATER BILL AT COLORED SCHOOL

Motion was made by W. M. McCollum and seconded by R. M. Johnson that Lonnie Welch be paid the light and water bills for use of his building for Chester County Training School while school is in session. Motion carried.

D. W. MASSENGILL JANITOR SERVICE

Motion made by J. W. Wyatt and seconded by J. E. Peddy that D. W. Massengill be paid \$50 per month for janitor services at Chester County High School and overflow rooms. Motion carried.

TRANSFER OF PUPIL FROM CABO TO ROBY

Motion was made by J. W. Wyatt and Seconded by R. M. Johnson that the Superintendent check with Miss Lessie Barton and Miss Mary Jane Bishop in regard to Junior Mooney's transferring from Cabo to Roby. This change was requested by pupil's father in order that he might ride with Miss Bishop to Roby. The Board voted to give Superintendent power to act in this case.

COLORED SCHOOL SITE

At this time the business of purchasing land for site of Chester County Training School came before the board. Delegates from both sides, representing old site in Jaybird and proposed new site in Lucyville, came before the Board and presented petitions. Afterwards, there was much discussion concerning the two sites with the Board visiting both sites and then returning to Superintendent's office. There was then further discussion after which the Chairman asked for a roll call, with members answering as follows:

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|----------------------|------------|
| 1. W. M. McCollum | -Lucyville |
| 2. R. M. Johnson | -Old site |
| 3. R. A. Talley, Sr. | -Lucyville |
| 4. J. E. Peddy | -Lucyville |
| 5. J. L. McHaney | -Lucyville |
| 6. H. E. Cooper | -Lucyville |
| 7. J. W. Wyatt | -Lucyville |

January 27, 1949

COLORED SCHOOL SITE (Cont.)

After roll call, motion was made by J. E. Peddy and seconded by J. W. Wyatt that 30 Acres of land be purchased from Mrs. Pearl Tarpley at \$175.00 per acre for the new site of Chester County Training School. The Chairman of the School Board, J. L. McHaney, and Superintendent of Schools, Tom Armour, were authorized by the Board to purchase said land and write warrant for same, (\$5,250.00) before option expired, February 1, 1949. Motion carried by Board.

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

Motion was made by R. M. Johnson and seconded by H. E. Cooper that all warrants written by the Superintendent of Schools and signed by Chairman of Board and Superintendent through January 27, be approved. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, motion was made by W. M. McCollum and seconded by J. W. Wyatt that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried and adjournment was in order.

Signed:

Tom Armour
Secty. School Board

Signed:

1. J. L. McHaney
Chairman

2. _____

3. _____

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**CHESTER COUNTY, TENNESSEE
FIXED ASSET ACQUISITION/DISPOSITION RECORD**

REAL PROPERTY

ACQUISITION:

ACCOUNT CODE 7110-01-55

DATE ACQUIRED 2/1/49

LAND

DIST/MAP/GROUP/PARCEL _____

DEED BK/PAGE Bk 6, pg 125 PURCHASE PRICE \$5250

DEED RESTRICTIONS _____

PROPERTY NAME Location of North Chester School
(Originally C.C. Training School)

PROPERTY ADDRESS 524 Murray Avenue

METHOD OF ACQUISITION _____

NO. OF ACRES 34 1/2

NO. RIDGES ON PROPERTY _____

The site of Chester County Junior High School, which is approximately 28 acres, was acquired through a land swap between the Board of Education and the city and county. The land was jointly owned by Chester County and the City of Henderson. The Board of Education then owned approximately 34 acres at the location of North Chester School, then known as the Junior High.

In a land transfer, the Board of Education exchanged approximately 25 acres from the Junior High for approximately 28 acres on Highway 100 E. The Chester County Junior High was then built at this location. This land also includes building sites of the Bus Shop and the Central Office, as well as the baseball field.

DISPOSITION:

DATE OF DISPOSITION 1975- Swapped approximately 25 acres
to City & County - Now only 10 acres at N.C.

METHOD OF DISPOSITION (transfer, sale) _____

SIGNATURE _____

DEPARTMENTAL PROPERTY COORDINATOR

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That, for and in consideration of the sum of FIVE THOUSAND, TWO HUNDRED FIFTY AND NO/100 (\$5,250.00) DOLLARS, cash in hand paid by the CHESTER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we, Mrs. Pearl Tarpley and Bonna Tarpley Jones, have this day bargained and sold and by these presents, do sell, transfer and convey unto the said CHESTER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, their successors and assigns forever, the following described lands, situated in the 6th Civil District of Chester County, Tennessee to wit:

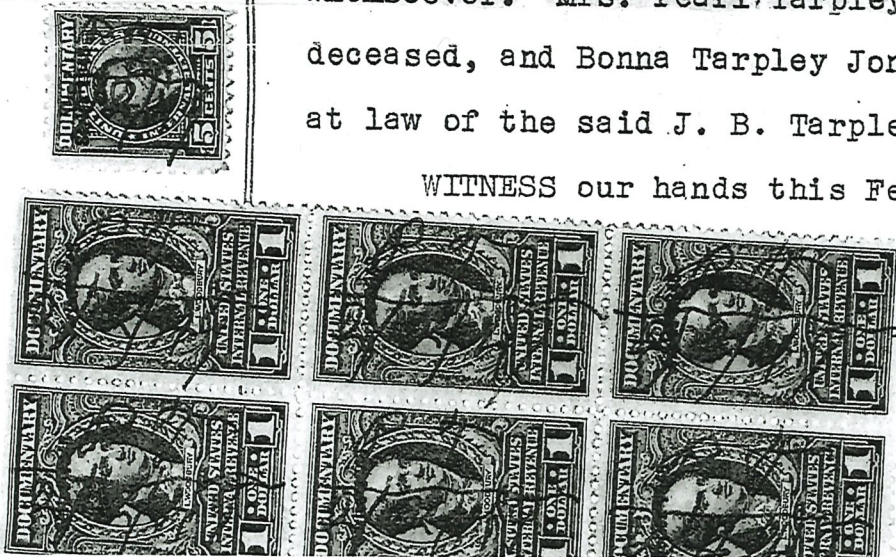
Beginning in the center of the Henderson-Mifflin road at the southwest corner of the tract herein described, which point is at the intersection of the Mifflin road and what is known as the Stewart road; runs thence east along said Stewart road 108 poles to the old G. C. Butler southwest corner; thence north 53 poles to the W. H. Weeks southeast corner; thence west 100 poles to the Mifflin road; thence south 10 degrees west with said Mifflin road 54-1/2 poles to the point of beginning, containing 30 acres, be the same more or less.

This is a portion of the land which was deeded to us under partition deed of December 11, 1942, of record in Deed Book No. 41, at page 21, in the Register's Office of Chester County, Tennessee.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD said lands with all the estate, title, interest and appurtenances thereto belonging to the said CHESTER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, their successors and assigns forever. We covenant that we are lawfully seized and possessed of said lands in fee simple, have a good and lawful right to sell and convey same and that the same are unincumbered, except the taxes for the year 1949, which taxes if any, are to be paid by the purchasers. We further covenant and bind ourselves, our heirs and representatives to warrant and forever defend the title to said lands to the said CHESTER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, their successors and assigns against the lawful claims of all persons whomsoever. Mrs. Pearl Tarpley is the widow of J. B. Tarpley, deceased, and Bonna Tarpley Jones, is the only child and heir at law of the said J. B. Tarpley, deceased.

WITNESS our hands this February 1, 1949.

Mrs Pearl Tarpley
Bonna Tarpley Jones



Appendix H

Copy of Chester County Board of Education Minutes in Which Architects
Presented Plans for the New Building – Chester County Training School

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Architects Meet With Board

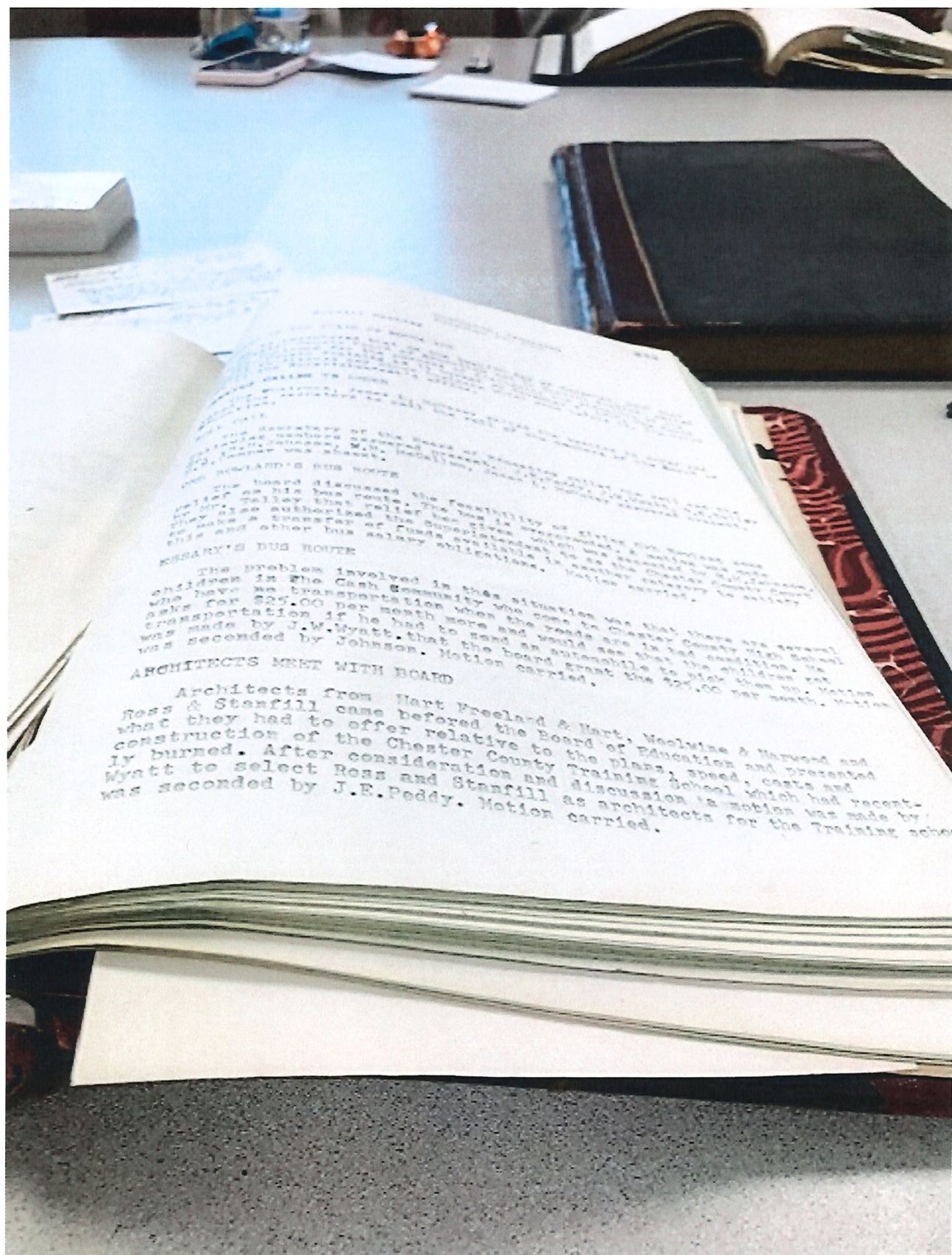
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Plans For Colored School

Mr. Ross + Mr. Stanfill, architects for the colored school, come before board to discuss plans for new building; after discussion motion was approved to show architects land that was purchase for the colored school in order that they might make plans in accordance and present to Board in near future.



KERRY'S BUS ROUTE

The board discussed the feasibility of giving Mr. Knight some relief on his bus route. The bus is overcrowded, a motion was made by Mr. Talley that relief be given which was seconded by Mr. Johnson. They also authorized the Superintendent as far as the Chester County roads to make a transfer of funds available in another category to satisfy this and other bus salary obligations. Motion carried.

ARCHITECTS MEET WITH BOARD

Architects from Hart Freeland & Hart, Woolwine & Harwood and Ross & Stanfill came before the Board of Education and presented what they had to offer relative to the plans, speed, costs and construction of the Chester County Training School which had recently burned. After consideration and discussion a motion was made by Wyatt to select Ross and Stanfill as architects for the Training school was seconded by J.E. Peddy. Motion carried.

Appendix I

Copy of an Advertised Bid for Contract for Chester County Training School
in Henderson, Tennessee

Bids for Contract At Henderson

Bids for the contract to build the proposed Chester County Training School (negro), at Henderson, Tenn., were due this week in the office of the county superintendent.

Spencer & Ross, of Memphis and Jackson, prepared plans for the modern one-story building, to contain five classrooms and a combination auditorium, gym and cafeteria. East and west sides of the classrooms will have continuous glass walls. Doors and door frames will be of steel.

Bidding was:

East Construction Co., Memphis.
Johnson Lumber Co., Henderson, Tenn.
Johnson Construction Co., Paducah, Tenn.
Johnson-Ross Construction Co., Jackson, Tenn.

Appendix J

Copy of Chester County Board of Education Minutes Showing the Lowest Bidder and the Lowest Bid for the New Building - Chester County Training School

Henderson, Tennessee
July 6, 1949

SPECIAL MEETING OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Chester County Board of Education met in special session in the Office of the Supt. of Schools in Henderson, Tennessee, on July 6, 1949.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The Chairman, Alex Lowrance, called the meeting to order and ordered the Secretary, Tom Armour, to call the roll.

ROLL CALL

Upon roll call by the Secretary, the following members answered present:

W. M. McCollum	R. A. Talley, S.
J. L. McHaney	Granville Tucker
J. P. Deming	J. W. Wyatt
J. E. Peddy	Alex Lowrance
R. M. Johnson	(absent at roll call, reached meeting 10 minutes late)
E. E. Cooper,	being absent.

QUORUM

Upon roll call, the Secretary announced a quorum and the Chairman ordered the minutes for previous meeting be read. Upon reading of minutes, motion was made by J. P. Deming and seconded by R. M. Johnson that the minutes be approved as read. Motion carried by Board.

NEW WELLS AT PLAINVIEW & MONTEZUMA CO.

Motion made by J. L. McHaney and seconded by J. P. Deming that two pump wells be installed at the following schools: Plainview & Montezuma colored. Motion carried by Board.

TRANSPORTING GRANVILLE CHILDREN

Motion made by J. L. McHaney and seconded by J. W. Wyatt that Mr. Grantham transport his children to school in his own car, the three grade children to be transported to Harmony and the high school pupils to be transported to Henderson. Motion carried by Board.

ELECTING TEACHER FOR WOODVILLE

Motion made by J. P. Deming and seconded by J. W. Wyatt that J. P. Deming be elected to teach at Woodville for 1949-50. Motion carried by Board.

CONSTRUCT NEW COLORED SCHOOL

Motion made by W. M. McCollum and seconded by J. P. Deming that a new colored school building be constructed by Johnson Lumber Company, the lowest bidder, the bid being \$116,098.00; motion carried by the Board. (Chester Co. Training School, colored)

TEACHER FOR CENTER POINT SCHOOL

Motion made by J. W. Wyatt and seconded by J. L. McHaney that Supt. Tom Armour, Board Members R. M. Johnson and Granville Tucker, be given power to hire a teacher for Center Point School for 1949-50 school term. Motion carried by Board.

ORR ROLAND'S BUS

Motion made by J. L. McHaney and seconded by J. E. Peddy that Supt. Tom Armour and Board Members J. P. Deming and J. W. Wyatt investigate the crowded condition of Orr Roland's bus. Motion carried by Board.

ESSARY'S BUS ROUTE

Motion made by J. W. Wyatt and seconded by J. L. McHaney that one mile be added to Essary's bus route. Motion carried by Board.

BUS DRIVER FOR WOODVILLE SCHOOL

Motion made by J. L. McHaney and seconded by W. M. McCollum that Supt. Tom Armour and Board Members Wyatt and Deming be given power to hire a bus driver for Woodville school. Motion carried by Board.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR MAY T. WHEATLEY

Motion made by W. M. McCollum and seconded by J. P. Deming that May T. Wheatley be given a leave of absence for one year at Mrs. Wheatley's request (school year 1949-50). Motion carried by Board.

HIRING TEACHER FOR WILSON

Motion made by J. P. Deming and seconded by J. W. Wyatt that Mr. Cook be hired as teacher for Wilson School. Motion carried by Board.

BUS DRIVERS' SALARIES

Motion made by J. L. McHaney and seconded by Granville Tucker that bus drivers' salaries be set the same as last year with additional for any mileage added according to last year's contract. Motion carried by Board.

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Construct New Colored School

New Colored school building be
constructed by Johnson Lumber
Co. the lowest bidder, the bid
being \$116,098.00 motion carried
by the Bd. (Chester County Training
School, Colored)

Appendix K

Copy of Newspaper Article Announcing Chester County Training
School is About to Be Constructed and Opened in the Near Future

NEW COLORED SCHOOL HERE WILL OPEN IN NEAR FUTURE

DR. AND MRS. ROBERT HENDERSON LEAVE TO MAKE MEMPHIS HOME

Dr. Robert P. Henderson who has been practicing in Henderson for the past fourteen months has accepted a three-year resident physician with the John Gaston Hospital in Memphis and will be associated with the Department of Radiology.

In the time that he has been associated with the Stradman Clinic here he has made many staunch friends who regret to see him leave but who wish him well in his specialized line that he has chosen in the Memphis hospital.

Dr. Henderson is being replaced at the Stradman Clinic by Dr. H. D. Farthing, a graduate of the University of Tennessee, who comes to Henderson from the John Gaston Hospital in Memphis where he has just completed his internship. Dr. Farthing also worked for some time in the Department of Radiology of the Baptist Hospital of Memphis. He is a native of Oklahoma and is married. Mrs. Farthing is a graduate of the University of Tennessee School of Nursing and is now employed in the Department of Surgery of John Gaston Hospital in Memphis.

Dr. and Mrs. Farthing will make their home after February 1 in the residence on Creek Avenue formerly occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Garland.

Tom Armour, Superintendent of Chester County schools, announces that the new colored high school is about completed and will be opened in the near future. Contractor A. M. Johnson has a few finishing touches to add, and the big new school will be ready to go into service.

The school is an eye-appealing structure of eight class rooms with a combination gymnasium and auditorium with stage, etc., and ample seating capacity. The building cost approximately \$116.00 and will be heated by steam. It is of concrete block, and steel with brick veneer outer walls and embodies many of the features contained in the most modern educational structures of the South.

One feature in particular is the wide use that has been given to glass in the outer walls.

Engineers state that with the use of glass in the classrooms the pupils will have ample natural light on bright days and with no blinding outside glare. Since the glass used is of a type designed especially for such institutions.

New desks for teachers and pupils have been purchased, along with other new equipment, according to Superintendent Armour and the new school plant for colored students will fill a long-felt need. Since the disastrous fire that razed the old structure on Highway 43 the students have been scattered out over town in churches and other temporary quarters and along with the faculty, they will now delight in the comforts of this new building.

January 27, 1950

Appendix L

Copy of Article from *Chester County Independent* Announcing the Dedication of Chester County Training School

Chester County Independent

85TH. YEAR NO. 52.

OFFICIAL PUBLICATION
CITY OF HENDERSON

HENDERSON, TENNESSEE, FRIDAY, APRIL 7, 1950.

OFFICIAL PUBLICATION
FOR CHESTER COUNTY

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New Colored School Here To Be Dedicated

Dedicatory exercises of an appropriate nature were planned for Friday morning, April 7, at 10:30 A. M., for Chester County Training School, the new colored school that was recently completed here in Henderson.

The new educational edifice is modern in every respect and cost in excess of \$116,000 to construct. Johnson Lumber Company had the contract and despite inclement weather, shortage of steel, and many other obstacles, completed the building in the allotted time and did a splendid job.

A portion of the Friday morning dedicatory program includes presentation of the new building by Mr. Charles Ross, architect, and acceptance by Mr. Tom Armour, Superintendent of Chester County Schools.

Prof. Richard H. Sewell, president of Lane College, of Jackson, Tenn., is scheduled to deliver an address and many other featured speakers are on the program.

The faculty of the new school, under the leadership of Prof. J. M. Trice, and with the guidance of Supt. Tom Armour, issued a 24-page souvenir program of the Dedicatory Exercises, replete with pictures of Negro educators, P.T.A. groups and other interesting facts.

The new colored school fills a long-felt need in the educational life of Chester County and is truly a forward step of which all citizens of this county are proud.

Appendix M

Copy of Souvenir Program of the Dedicatory Exercises of Chester County Training School

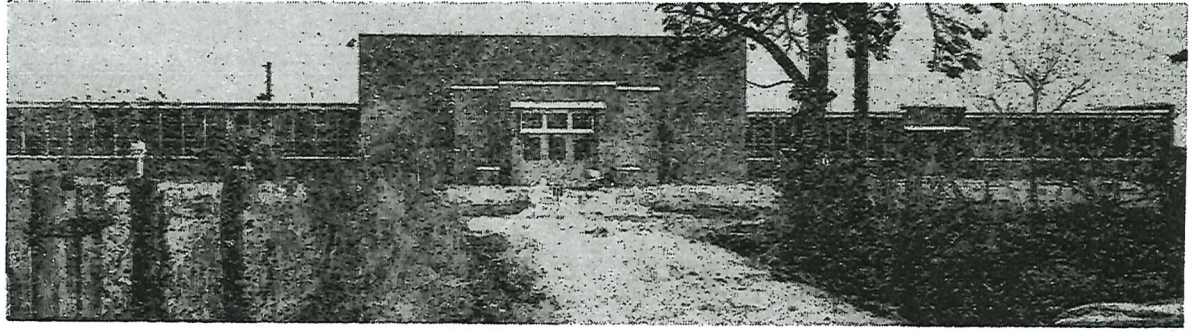
SOUVENIR PROGRAM
OF THE
Dedicatory Exercises
OF
Chester County
Training School

HENDERSON, TENNESSEE

APRIL 7, 1950



CHESTER COUNTY TRAINING SCHOOL



Principal's Message

WE wish to pause at this moment to thank the Superintendent, Board of Education, County Court, and State Officials for making this occasion possible.

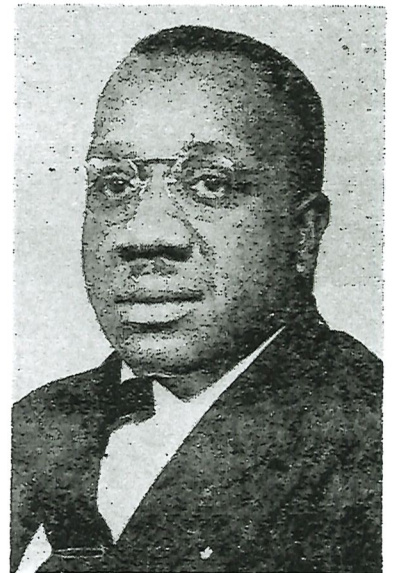
We feel that every citizen in Chester County should be proud to have such an institution for the training of our boys and girls to fit themselves in our complex society. For many years the citizens of this County have striven hard to get an adequate school for the boys and girls of this County. You have worked hard and untiringly; many times it seemed that all hope was gone, yet you worked on and today we can see the realization of our work, hopes, and dreams.

We feel that without the very fine cooperation and understanding of our Superintendent, Board of Education, and the County Court this beautiful structure that we dedicate here this morning could not have been possible. Again we thank you.

We wish also to express our appreciation to the faculty for your devoted service and courageous leadership. For the past twelve months we have worked under the most trying situations, yet you never failed nor faltered. Your fidelity and devotion shall never be forgotten.

This occasion should serve as a challenge to each of us. We have the building that we have waited for so long. What are we going to do with it? Are we going to be contented with this building or are we going to rededicate ourselves to the task yet to be done, to cooperate in every way to make this school one of the best schools in the State?

Knowing you as we do, we feel that you will meet this challenge, and give the boys and girls of Chester County the best training that can be had. Knowing that our boys and girls are our greatest possession we feel that they deserve the best. With the help of God and His divine guidance we hope to move ahead and meet this challenge.



MR. J. MANLY TRICE
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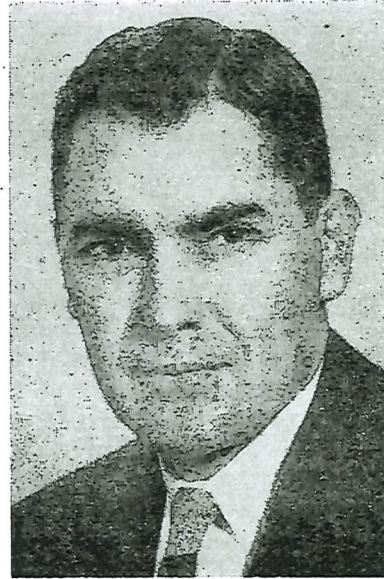
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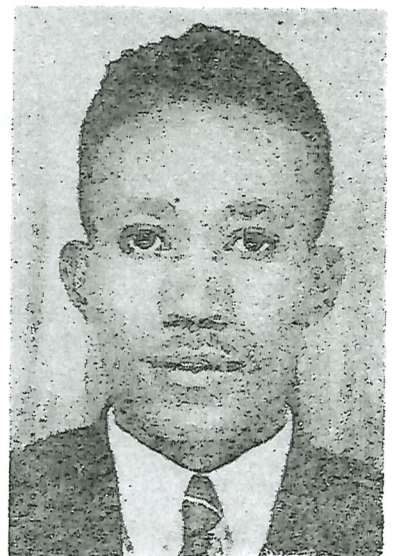
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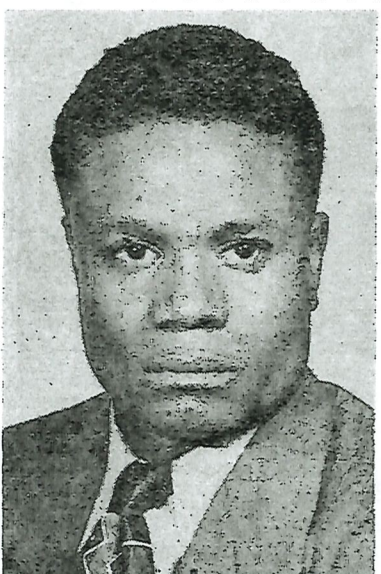
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School Bus Operator



MR. FRANK SHERROD
School Bus Operator

A SALUTE

We wish to pay tribute to these gentlemen who have stayed with the school program and activities for many years. We are sure that they are happy to see the culmination of their work. We think of Mr. Tom Hunter as one of the fathers of the school. He has never failed in any duty that he was called on to do, no night too dark or distance too far, he has always and is now ready and willing to do his duty for the school. We feel that all of you have done your part in making this day a reality.

By The Principal.



MR. TOM HUNTER



REV. M. H. TRICE



MR. ELIJAH BARNES



MR. GAVIN WADE



MR. R. M. RUTH
President County-wide P. T. A.



REV. OBIE CASON
President, District P. T. A.

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Ground-breaking exercises were held at the present site of the new school on July 6, 1949, when the School Board, pictured above, accompanied by Mr. W. E. Turner of Nashville, director of Negro Education in Tennessee, and his assistant, Mr. R. E. Clay, Developer of Negro Education, also of Nashville, witnessed turning of the first shovel of earth to start the new building.

THANKS TO THE COUNTY COURT

We wish to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Chester County Court for their part in making this new building a reality. Members of the County Court are as follows: Mr. J. C. Kent, Enville; Mr. Alton Brown, Enville; Mr. Ernest Jones, Jacks Creek; Mr. H. A. Flatt, Jacks Creek; Mr. C. S. Howell, Henderson; Mr. R. A. Talley, Jr., Henderson; Mr. J. A. Peddy, Henderson; Mr. Grady Maness, Henderson; Mr. W. C. Vestal, Beech Bluff; Mr. R. E. Butler, Luray; Mr. C. L. Parrish, Henderson; Dr. H. M. Steadman, Henderson; Mr. R. E. Davis, Henderson; Mr. Joe Melton, Henderson; Mr. Tom McCorkle, Henderson; Mr. G. F. Patterson, Finger; Mr. George Naylor, Finger; Mr. W. L. Morrison, Montezuma; Mr. J. D. Halton, Henderson; Mr. W. M. Mays, Pinson; Mr. Joe F. Cain, Pinson; Mr. J. T. Hatch, Bethel Springs; Mr. Paul Henson, Montezuma; Mr. R. T. Goodwin, Enville; Mr. L. E. Pusser, Enville; Mr. H. E. Hurst, Bethel Springs; Mr. E. W. Rowland, Montezuma; Mr. J. D. Haggard, Lula; Mr. W. E. Tucker, Jacks Creek.

Dedicatory Exercises

April 7, 1950 10:30 A. M.

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Scripture Rev. D. B. Hardy

Prayer Rev. R. L. Lanier

Music "Open The Gates of The Temple"
Chester County Training School Chorus

Presentation of Building Mr. Charlie Ross, Architect

Acceptance of Building Mr. Tom Armour, Superintendent

Expression of Appreciation Lower Grades

Expression of Appreciation Upper Grades

Music Selected
Chester County Training School Chorus

Introduction of Speaker Mrs. Josie Clemons, Jeanes Supervisor,
Chester County and McNairy County

Address Mr. Richard H. Sewell, President of Lane College,
Jackson, Tennessee

Music, "Bless This House" Mr. T. J. Womack

Presentation of Platform Guest Professor J. M. Trice

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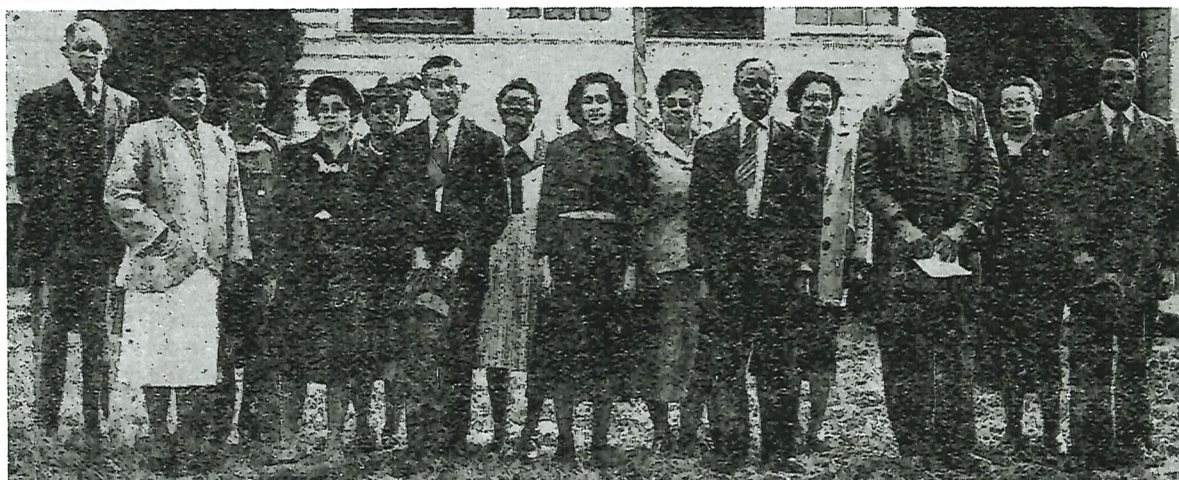
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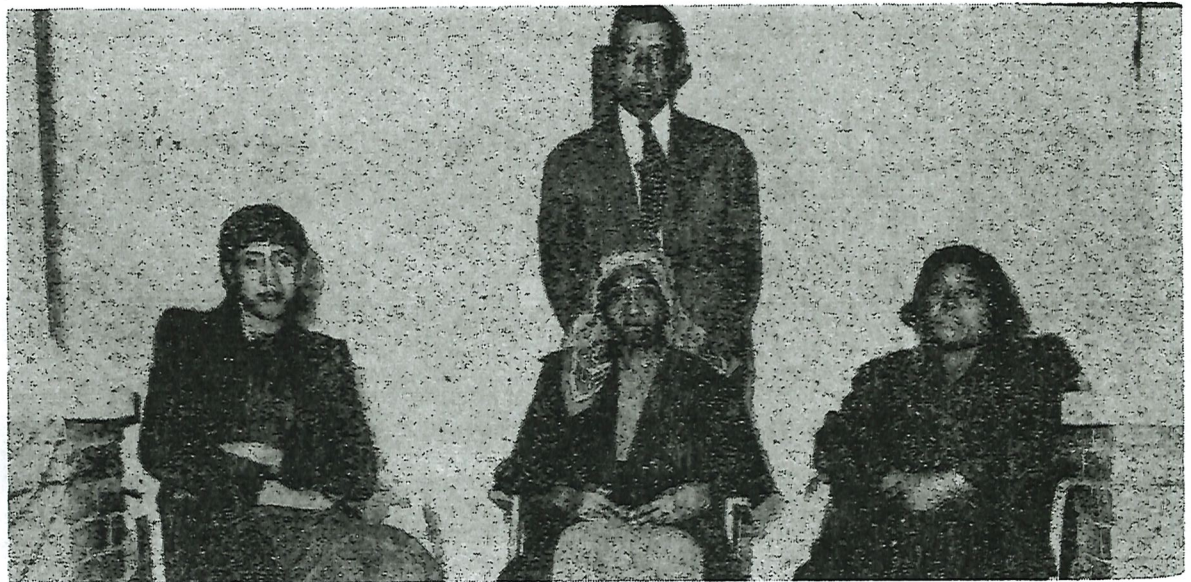
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Appendix N

Picture of Cornerstone Place on Chester County Training School Building



Appendix O

Copy of the Newspaper Article on Chester County Training School Completed Consolidation

School Completed Consolidation To Begin Monday

HENDERSON, Tenn. — The new addition to the Chester County Training School has been completed and the three county schools for colored children will be consolidated with the Training School, beginning Monday. The schools are Oak Grove, Jacks Creek and Rosenwald, according to Supt. V. M. Plunk.

Five classrooms have been added to the school with two of them self-contained, two storage rooms and a new modern cafeteria. Prof. J. M. Trice, principal of Chester County Training School, said that the cafeteria is modern in every way and meets a long felt need. It is completely equipped with gas ranges, baking ovens, potato peelers, steam tables, compartment sinks and automatic dishwashers. It is one of the best arranged and equipped cafeterias in this area.

Prof. Trice expressed appreciation to Supt. Plunk, members of the Board of Education, the County Court, and all who had a part in this achievement.

A. M. Johnson was contractor for the school and George Mahan Jr. of Jackson the architect.

The original building has been completely renovated with the old ceiling replaced and all the interior repainted.

These Chester County Training School includes grades one through twelve and has a faculty of fifteen. The total enrollment after consolidation Monday will be 384, according to Supt. Plunk.

Appendix P

Listing of Some of the Uses of the Chester County Training School/Vincent High School Building
and Land with Dates

Uses of the Chester County Training-Vincent High School Building and Land

1. 1942 June 12 - Food For Freedom By Colored Farmers
As their contribution to the war efforts of Chester County are busy producing food for freedom states J. K. Davis, vocational agricultural teacher at the Chester County Training School. Classes have been conducted in nine Communities of the county with 328 colored farmers in attendance. These Classes stress gardens for victory and emphasis is placed on egg production to combat malnutrition. Colored farmers purchased over 2,000 baby chicks and boys constructed the brooders. (From the files of the *Chester County Independent* newspaper)
2. 1950 Feb. 17 - Board approves the colored Masons be allowed to use the new colored school auditorium for Masonic convention in April. (Bd. meeting min.,p. 266)
3. 1950 July 7 - Barbecue at Colored School
Approved colored people be allowed to have barbecue picnic on August at colored school
4. 1953 Dec. 10 - Board to rent farm land at CCTS to C.J. Record for crop year of 1954 (Bd. meeting min.,p. 71)
5. 1955 March 10 - Board to rent CCTS land to colored PTA for crop year 1955 (Bd. meeting min.,p. 103)
6. 1963 Feb. 22 - Consolidation of rural schools with CCTS
7. 1969 The Agriculture/Shop Building used to house Shiloh Area Dev. Corp. Neighborhood Service Center offered various classes to the to the community such as:
 - canning
 - sewing
 - cake decorating
 - distribution of seeds for gardening
8. 1973 Aug. 17; Sept. 12, 1974 - Housed kindergarten class
9. 1977 March 10 - Senior citizens used the building
10. 1970-71 - 1978 - Junior high (7th & 8th grades) occupied the building (Bd. meeting min.,p. 175)

11. 1978-79 - 1996-97 Apr. 3 - Name changed to North Chester Elem. when 6th grade moved in (Bd. meeting min., p.211)
12. 1979 July 19 - Use of gym for Dance by Fair Board - Square Dancing
13. 1980 March 13 - Pole Painting Class by Juanita Canada
14. 1984 April 15 - Headstart moved into building (Bd. meeting min., April 15, 1983)
15. 1985 Dec. 19 - New computer program at North Chester. Purchased three computers to be used in computer program; money to be furnished by North Chester and PTA
16. 1993 Dec. 7 - Chester Family Resource Center (Bd. meeting min., p.32)
17. 2007-08 Housed the Adult Literacy Program
18. 2007 to present
 - Alternative School, Special Needs Class and Technology Office
19. 2007 to present
 - Various Other Events Have Been Held in the Building:
 - Sunday luncheons of various churches in the community held in the cafeteria
 - Community basketball practices and games held in the gym
 - Freed-Hardeman University has used the gym for batting practice
 - Community social events held in cafeteria and gym
20. 2022-24 -Juneteenth Community Celebration

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Appendix Q

Copy of the Chester County Board of Education Minutes Showing Claude Bond as One of the Teachers

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Thereupon The Board adjourned to Sept 12

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Appendix R

Picture of Shiloh Area Development Class of 1969

Thursday, September 25, 1969



HELPING OTHERS — Members of the Shiloh Area Development Corporation Neighborhood Service Center work daily to help interested citizens develop home improvement skills to better their way of living. A group of workers are pictured above making dresses and pillows from

materials donated by local businessmen. Picture left to right are Mrs. Mattie Phelps, Mrs. Geneva Crowe, Mrs. Nannie M. Ross, Mrs. Alene Parker, Mrs. Allene Wilson, Mrs. Nancy Cupples, Mrs. Mary K. Smith, Miss Sarah Jones and Nethe Moten Ross.

Appendix S

Picture of Vincent High School Building Labeled as Chester County Junior High School

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1977-1978

“Good-bye!”



“To leave is to die
a little;
to die to what we
love.
We leave behind a
bit of ourselves
wherever we have
been.”

Appendix T

Picture of Vincent High School Building Labeled as North Chester School and Family Resource Center

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Holiday heist nets 52 school computers

Thieves reportedly took computers and caused much damage to a Chester County school system building over the holiday weekend, with the total loss exceeding \$16 thousand.

According to a report from the Henderson Police Department, sometime between 3 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 22 and 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 26, 52 computers were stolen from North Chester School, also known as the Family Resource Center, at 524 Luray Ave.

Evidence suggests that thieves first entered the building around 1:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 24. It was not immediately clear whether the computers were taken at that time or later that night.

Fred Brown, technology coordinator for the school system, was out of town over the weekend, but returned about 4 p.m. Sunday. Upon entering the building, he immediately knew foul play had occurred.

A window had been broken in a classroom located across the hallway from the technology office, and the door to the office had been damaged. Missing were 52 Dell Mini 1018 laptop computers, black in color with 10-inch screens. All of the computers were new and all but four were still in their boxes. Each laptop was valued at \$310. An additional 19 laptops were not taken.

Ceiling tiles had been removed and wires were hanging from the ceiling. Security cameras, valued at \$50 each, were also taken. Thieves also helped themselves to soft drinks taken from the refrigerator, as well as a jar of peanut butter belonging to an employee. Marks on the tile floor led to a back door that was left propped open with a piece of cardboard. Total value of the computers, plus damages was placed at \$16,570.

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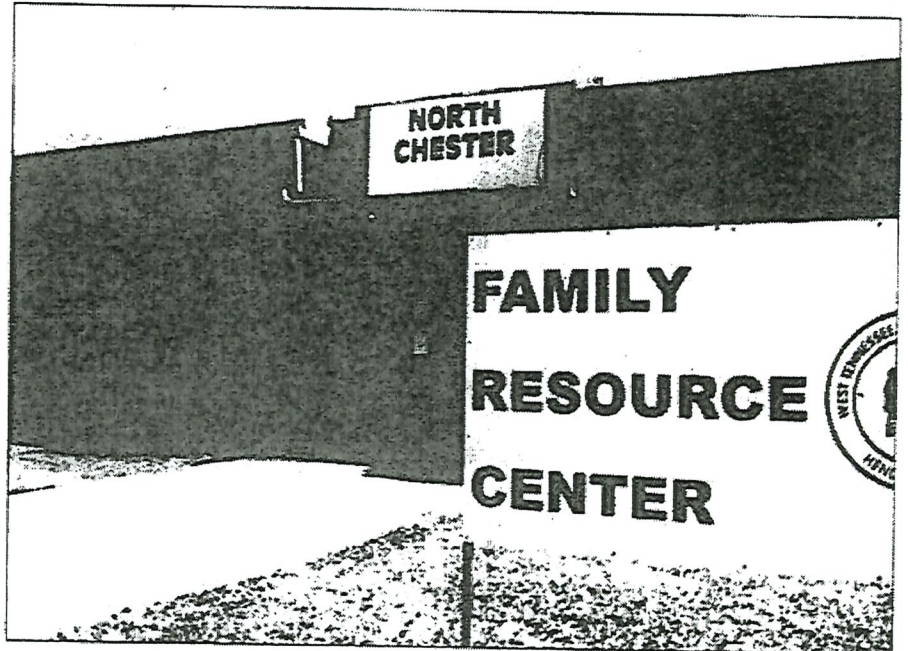


Photo by James A. Webb, Independent

North Chester School on Luray Ave. has suffered three break-ins in the last three months, the latest occurring last weekend in which 52 laptop computers were reportedly stolen.

Appendix U

Copies of Newspaper Articles Showing the Unique Role Vincent High School in Chester County Played in Desegregation

Washington—President Nixon announced yesterday a surprise proposal to add \$1 billion to federal efforts to combat hunger in America.

The President's hunger package, announced after some of its liberal administration backers had given up hope that White House approval would come this year, would provide free food stamps to the very poor and cut-rate food stamps to others below the \$4,000 annual income line. Daniel P. Moynihan, the head of Nixon's Urban Affairs Council, unabashedly labeled the new food plan "the most comprehensive, total program ever proposed by a President of the United States."

Nixon said in a special message to Congress that he planned to link his new food stamp plan with his administration's welfare program revisions, which will be submitted to Congress before the end of the year.

The shape of the revisions was sketched in today when Health, Education and Welfare Secretary Finch told Congress the administration will propose a program of direct cash assistance instead of food stamps for welfare recipients in the next few months. Speaking to a Senate committee on nutrition investigating hunger in the U.S. Finch said: "Over the long run a more basic answer to the problem of malnutrition—as with other problems associated with poverty—must be found. Cash income, not a succession of payments-in-kind, best preserves the dignity and freedom of choice of the individual to meet his

own needs through the workings of the private market. Until the time when we have achieved major welfare reform, however, the food stamp program is vital and must be expanded."

Within the last couple of weeks, administration liberals who favored the hunger plan were conceding that it has been shelved because of increased emphasis on anti-inflation measures and arguments presented by conservative administration members such as Arthur Burns, counselor to the President. Reports of the apparent shelving were carried in many newspapers, and pressure on Nixon began mounting in both Congress and the press for the administration to reactivate the hunger proposal.

Moynihan conceded that the administration was aware of those pressures,

but said that they had resulted in no significant change in the administration's intention to combat hunger. The plan had been in the works all along, Moynihan contended, although he acknowledged that he did not realize how large Nixon's anti-hunger package would be until about 10 days ago.

In his message outlining the new plan, the President commented, "That hunger and malnutrition should persist in a land such as ours is embarrassing and intolerable. Something very like the honor of American democracy is at issue." The U.S. has come to the aid of starving people throughout the world, Nixon said, "But the moment is at hand to put an end to hunger in America itself for all time. It is a moment to act with vigor."

The new Nixon program would cost

the administration's planned fiscal 1971 hunger expenditure to \$2.5 billion. The administration previously had asked for \$1.5 billion for hunger programs.

Currently, administration officials said, there are persons paying "well above" 60 per cent of their income for federal food stamps. The Nixon administration has already asked for \$1.5 billion for hunger programs in the fiscal 1970 budget, a \$15,000,000 increase from the Johnson administration's 1970 budget. The new Nixon program would cost an additional \$1 billion, thus bringing the administration's planned fiscal 1971 hunger expenditure to \$2.5 billion.

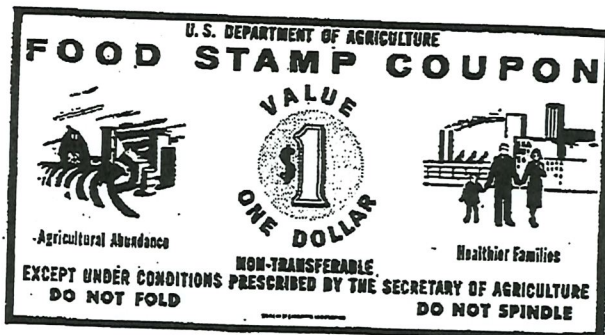
In other actions yesterday, Nixon:

- Announced plans to establish pilot programs for needy pregnant women and mothers of infants to receive vouchers, redeemable at food and drug stores, for such items as infant formulas and other nutrition necessities.

- Directed the Urban Council to consider establishment of a new agency, the Food and Nutrition Service under the Agriculture Department, to run the food programs.

- Established an Urban Council committee to deal with the food and health matters.

- Asked Finch to coordinate Medicaid with the food programs, expand the national nutrition survey now being conducted by the Public Health Service and begin research into the relationship of malnutrition and mental retardation.



Dixie Calls Signals, Finch Shifts

By Joseph Albright

Chief Washington Correspondent

Washington—At the urgent request of a southern Republican senator, Health, Education and Welfare Secretary Finch intervened in a Tennessee school desegregation case and personally negotiated an unusual settlement under which the school district could postpone full desegregation for a year without losing \$148,000 in federal funds.

Sen. Howard H. Baker (R-Tenn.) triumphantly announced Finch's decision to restore funds to Chester County, Tenn., on March 19. That was just six days before voters in the adjacent congressional district went to the polls in a special congressional election, the first since President Nixon took office.

Finch's chief deputy for civil rights, Leon E. Panetta, told Newsday that the special congressional election "had some influence" on the Health, Education and Welfare Department's normal decision-making process. "Had not Sen. Baker indicated a great interest in the case, and had not the secretary become involved, the chances are that Chester County's funds would be terminated today," Panetta said. Finch has declined to comment on the case.

Mrs. Ruby Martin, Panetta's predecessor in the Department's Office of Civil Rights, charged that the Chester County settlement was a deviation from guideline policies made for the sole purpose of "political sellout." But just how uncommon were such "sellouts" was another question, because Panetta pointed to a case last July in Columbus, Miss., where the Johnson administration reacted in almost exactly the same way under the same kind of pressure from a congressman.

Panetta, a liberal Republican lawyer, insisted that the Chester County plan approved by Finch could not bend or weaken the controversial school desegregation guidelines issued by the department during the Johnson administration. Panetta added, "To be very frank, I did not like the plan. But it can be defended as being legal."

Among the lawyers and administrators in Finch's Office of Civil Rights, there is an even stronger conviction that Finch should not have let himself become involved personally in negotiating the terms



Newsday Photo by Bob Arnold
SEGREGATED. Debra Jones, a first-grader, is one of about 350 Negro students at the all-Negro Vincent School in Chester County, Tenn.

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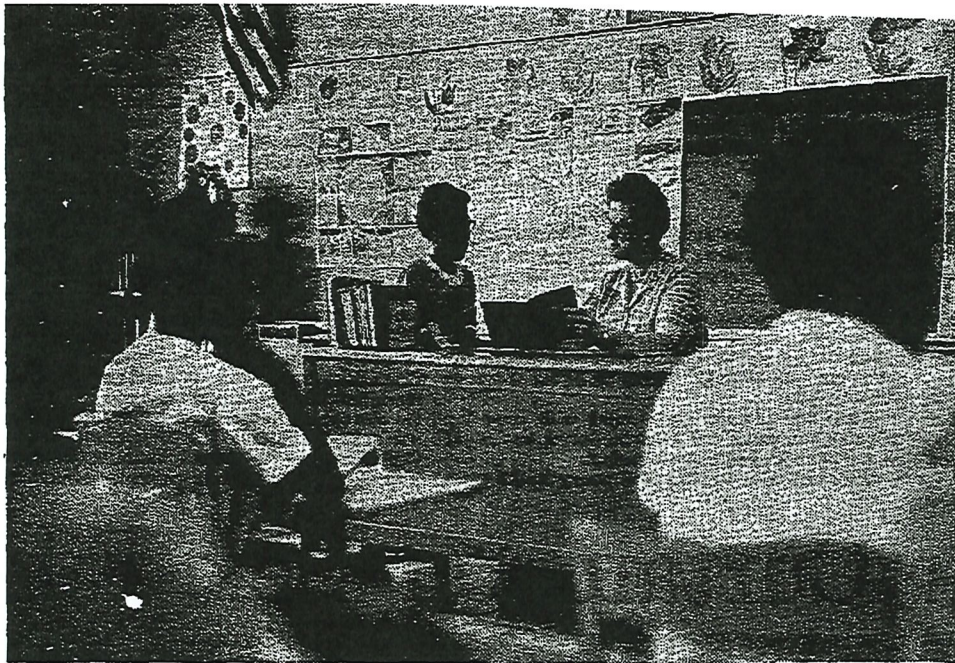
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—School Superintendent V. M. Plunk,
Chester County, Tenn.



Newsday Photo by Bob Arnold

Mrs. Ruby Bush, One of Three White Teachers in Vincent School, Conducts Fourth-Grade Class

Guidelines Still Guides?

Newsday Washington Bureau

Washington—The Nixon administration has chosen a curious forum for its strongest pronouncement on the controversial school desegregation guidelines that are gradually eliminating "black only" and "white only" schools in the South.

In a memo posted recently on a bulletin board at the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, the department's guidelines-enforcement staff was told by its new chief:

"I would like to assure each and every one of you that there is absolutely no truth to the story that the guidelines will be changed. The story is based on a misinterpretation of information that originated from the White House . . . Of those who are still wondering, the policy of this department is that we will still abide by the current guidelines and in no way weaken our approach or the law."

The memo was signed by Leon E. Panetta, a liberal Republican lawyer recently installed by Health, Education and Welfare Secretary Finch as director of the department's office of civil rights.

So far, Panetta's superiors have not chosen to speak that directly about enforcing the guidelines. But, despite some tendency toward vagueness in expressing policy on the guidelines, the Nixon administration has so far resisted Southern pressures to junk the bureaucratic machinery set up by the Johnson administration to shove reluctant school districts toward integration. According to Roy Wilkins of the NAACP, Finch has "said the wrong things and done the right things."

In the first three months of the Nixon administration, the department's office of civil rights has:

- Cited 19 southern school districts (plus one in Michigan) for violations of the civil rights act of 1964. Citing a district is the first step in an involved series of hearings and appeals that can lead to a cutoff of federal aid unless an acceptable desegregation plan is filed in the meantime.

- Cut off the funds to eight school districts which had originally been cited under the Johnson administration.

- Negotiated desegregation agreements with 21 districts, which were either about to lose their funds or already had them cut off.

To an extent, the department's forward motion has been cancelled out, according to career Health, Education and Welfare officials, because some school districts in the south still doubt that

they do not desegregate. Even Negro leaders including Wilkins, have accused the administration of wavering on guideline enforcement when it delayed cutting off funds from districts balking at desegregation. At least 23 school districts, mostly in South Carolina, have told HEW that they plan to modify or renounce their desegregation agreements since last fall. Part of the uncertainty in the South grew out of a series of ambiguous campaign statements by Nixon in which he expressed strong reservations about the guidelines but said that federal funds to school districts should be cut off as a "last resort."

The new administration's most widely quoted document on the guidelines is a rambling interview Finch gave in the March 10 issue of the magazine U.S. News and World Report. After noting a rise in integration in the South, Finch declared, "But our problems are now going to be in the national enforcement field, and we have to redraw the guidelines so they are nationally applicable. Maybe we'll be able to come up with a set that is clearer." Many southerners seized on the interview as a sign that the guidelines would be watered down.

Another wave of rumors began when southern Republican leaders learned from the White House that Robert Mardian, a Goldwater aide in the 1964 campaign, would get the job of Health, Education and Welfare general counsel. As the department's lawyer, he would be the final arbiter of the legality of the guidelines. As it turned out, Mardian got the job, but Finch turned down his suggestion that the department should begin accepting desegregation plans that extended the Johnson administration's compliance deadlines beyond the fall of 1970.

An authorized Health, Education and Welfare spokesman sought to clarify the administration's policy on the guidelines on April 15, after a meeting between Nixon, Finch and Attorney General Mitchell. "No change is contemplated now in the existing guidelines," Finch's spokesman said. Later, the finality of the pronouncement was blunted, somewhat when the White House sources said that they were awaiting the results of pending court cases on school desegregation because they might suggest some new approach to implementing the guidelines.

When the civil rights act of 1964 was passed, one per cent of Negro students in the deep South went to desegregated schools. After four years of enforcing the guidelines, about 20 per cent of Negro students in the South attend desegregated

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that his direct involvement interfered with his duties as a final reviewing authority, in case someone decided to challenge the details of the plan. Panetta explained that Finch got involved in the case personally because at that point he had not named his own man to run the Office of Civil Rights. "The secretary will not be getting involved in these cases from now on, in order to protect his reviewing authority," Panetta said.

Baker's direct approach to Finch in late February was not the only political channel used during the Chester County negotiations. White House Deputy Assistant William Timmons, a member of President Nixon's congressional relations staff, recalled that he had telephoned Panetta about the case at the request of Rep. William Brock (R-Tenn.)

"I called Panetta," Timmons said, "and reminded him that there was a campaign on in the adjacent district. I told him I would hope he would be aware of it and take a good look at the case." Timmons said that he did not ask Panetta to give Chester County any special break, but "always to know that they had a Republican running over there." A second White House congressional relations aide, Lamar A. Alexander, said he also called Panetta "two or three or four times at the request of Baker's office, but only to get information on the status of the case."

Panetta said that neither Timmons nor Alexander had suggested that the Republican candidate in the election, Leonard Dunavant, had a strong chance of winning. "But there was the fear that school desegregation would become a major issue in the election," Panetta recalled. As it turned out, Dunavant ran third in the balloting, behind a conservative Democrat and a backer of George Wallace. And there was little if any discussion of the Chester County case by any of the candidates.

Mrs. Martin contended that of all the southern school districts which filed desegregation plans accepted by the department under the March, 1968, desegregation guidelines, Chester County was the only one allowed to postpone total desegregation until the 1970-71 school year without meeting one of two special exceptions: (1) when a majority of the pupils



Sen. Howard Baker
He Called . . .



Robert H. Finch
... He Answered



Wilbur J. Cohen
He Answered . . .



Sen. John Stennis
... His Call

in the district are Negroes, or (2) when there is a need to build more classrooms or other school facilities to make the desegregation plan workable. Mrs. Martin, a Johnson appointee whom Finch sought to retain at a higher salary, left to go into civil rights work before the Chester County decision.

Chester is a dirt-poor, fundamentalist county in western Tennessee which former Alabama Gov. George Wallace carried 2-1 over Nixon in November, with Hubert H. Humphrey limping in third. Chester's schools were legally segregated before the Supreme Court's 1954 desegregation decision. Since then, under the impact of various federal pressures, it has instituted a "freedom of choice" plan which has brought partial desegregation. Like all other southern school districts, Chester is being forced to desegregate completely or lose its federal funds.

"We do not have a dual system here," School Superintendent V. M. Plunk told a local newspaper recently. "We have one predominantly white and one predominantly colored school, but we have an integrated school system." There are 405 Negro pupils, about 14 per cent of the students in the six Chester County schools. One hundred of the Negroes are scattered among the five predominantly white schools.

The problem is the Vincent school, where the student body consists of the remaining 305 Negroes and no whites. "There is nothing wrong with Vincent school except its location," Plunk said in a telephone interview. "It's surrounded by small Negro huts." Plunk said that if the Vincent school were situated away from the Negro section of town, local whites would not balk so much at sending their children to Vincent.

Agents from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare made two trips to Chester County in 1967 in an effort to negotiate some sort of plan that would produce total desegregation. But Plunk and the other elders of Chester County stood firm, and the department soon started the quasi-judicial machinery of hearings and appeals that leads ultimately to a cutoff of federal funds if the district does not come up with an acceptable desegregation plan.

For two years, the district showed few signs of bending as the case progressed. On Feb. 16, Finch announced that he was cutting off Chester County's federal funds in 30 days. Finch's action shocked the school board and on Feb. 24 Plunk fired off a letter to Baker in Washington asking for one more review.

"The West Tennessee leaders in the Republican Party have the utmost confidence in you," the school superintendent told Baker in his letter.

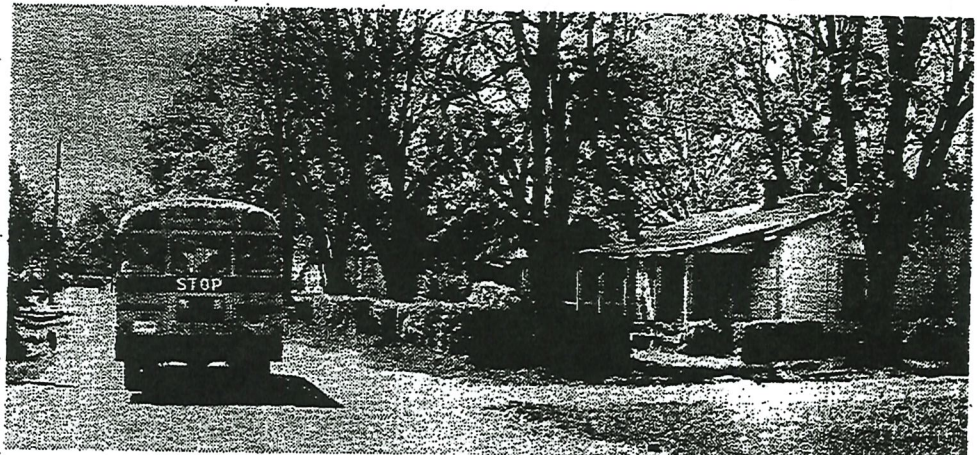
At Baker's behest, a special department team was dispatched to see Plunk. Later, Plunk came to Washington to see Panetta and Finch. On March 16, the Chester County school board approved a plan that answered some of department's objections, including provisions to transfer all the Negroes in the Vincent school's high school grades to the white Chester County high school next September. Total desegregation was promised by September, 1970. But that still left the first eight grades of the Vincent school all-Negro next year. Top department desegregation experts said that that would be a violation of the guidelines even though it involved a relatively small number of Negro students.

Finch extended the deadline for cutting off funds March 16, and called another meeting with Plunk and Baker in his office on March 19. First he met with Panetta and the three top department guidelines experts and asked them to suggest some wrinkle that Chester County might accept to overcome the segregation of grades one through eight. Their answer: Get Plunk to move some of the classes from one of the

district's nearby white schools into the Vincent school on a desegregated basis.

Finch took the suggestion back to Plunk and Baker in his office, and Plunk and the Chester County school board agreed to send 35 white elementary students next year to the Vincent school for regular classes in music and chorus.

Even though Panetta said that the plan was acceptable legally, many of the department's professionals remain convinced that Chester County got something other districts like it had never gotten: an extra year to desegregate without a clear need to build more classrooms. Edwin H. Yourman, the department's assistant general counsel for education, recalled expressing the belief that the Chester County plan fell within the guidelines if the proposition is accepted that Chester County really needed new buildings to desegregate. But Yourman added, "As far as I know, there never was a case where there was so much feeling (in the department) that they already had a usable facility." Another veteran department official refers to Chester's plan to build eight new classrooms onto a white school building as "something we can hit behind" in defending the Chester settlement to other school districts.



Homes Near Vincent School Are Called 'Huts' by School Superintendent

Newsday Photo by Eds. Arnold

...Just Like the Dem Team Did

Washington—After getting a call from a powerful Mississippi senator, President Johnson's Health, Education and Welfare secretary, Wilbur Cohen, quietly ordered his department's lawyers last July to drop an enforcement proceeding aimed at compelling a Mississippi school district to desegregate faster.

Sen. John Stennis (D-Miss.), whose telephone call led to Cohen's decision to overrule his subordinates on the case, is one of 11 members of the Senate appropriations subcommittee that handles the Department of Health, Education and Welfare's annual appropriations bill.

As it happened, Cohen was reviewing the Mississippi school case just at the time when the subcommittee was deliberating on how much money the department should spend this year. Cohen made his decision in late July, a few days after the subcommittee reported out the department money bill and a few days before the full committee sent it on to the Senate. The final bill, passed in the Senate in September, gave the department \$15.7 billion, more than \$1.2 billion more than the House version.

In a recent interview, ex-Secretary Cohen candidly conceded that he took Stennis' strategic role on the appropriations subcommittee into account when he made his decision on the school case. "I would have had to put that into the equation," Cohen said.

The case Cohen decided to drop was a routine administrative action designed to force the schools in Columbus, Miss., to desegregate at a faster pace or else forfeit \$710,000 a year in federal funds. The case was similar to more than 400 that had been initiated during the Johnson administration. But after a formal hearing on the department's evidence, government hearing examiner J. Marker Dorn ruled against the department, holding that the Columbus schools were being integrated quickly enough to comply with the law.

To Edwin Yourman, the department's top lawyer in the education field, Dorn's ruling was a "bum decision" that had to be appealed to keep the department's position on the guidelines consistent. One of Yourman's assistants drew up a 20-page appeal brief. Department aides at the time were pointing to the fact that only four per cent of the Negro students attended formerly all-white schools and the rest attended all-Negro schools. They said that there was no reason to expect that any of the five all-Negro schools would cease to be all-Negro schools by 1969-70, "in five years, or ever," under the plan that the Columbus board was urging.

Cohen said in a recent interview that he read the proposed appeal brief at Stennis' request, and he agreed with Yourman on the legal points of the case. "But there was a judgmental factor," Cohen added.

In the end, the local school people would be still making only some nominal concession, and I had to decide whether that would really help the people of that community." Cohen said he anticipated that if he dropped the appeal, the department might later start a case against Columbus County. He said that "if eventually we did get something worked out, maybe I could get Stennis to make some statement of support for the settlement."

Yourman said recently that the Columbus case was one of only 10 cases that the department had lost before government hearing examiners. In the other nine cases, he said, the department's general counsel routinely filed appeals without seeking permission from the health, education and welfare secretary himself.

The Columbus case escaped public notice until a member of the Nixon administration learned of it and pointed it out to a Newsday reporter who was asking questions about a desegregation case in Chester County, Tenn., which Health, Education and Welfare Secretary Finch recently settled at the request of Sen. Howard H. Baker (R-Tenn.).

Mrs. Ruby Martin, who headed the department's Office of Civil Rights under Cohen, recently charged that the Chester County settlement by Finch was a "political sellout." Asked what she thought about Cohen's Columbus decision, Mrs. Martin replied, "That was a political sellout, too." She said that she

'Sellout' Is Charged In Chester Case

By JOHNNY MALONE

A second nationally prominent newspaper has reported that restoration of Chester County federal school funds in March by Health, Education and Welfare Secretary Robert Finch was politically motivated.

"Newsday," daily newspaper of Long Island, N.Y., says Finch "personally negotiated an unusual settlement under which the (Chester County) school district could postpone full desegregation for a year without losing \$142,000 in federal funds."

Joseph Albright, "Newsday's" Washington correspondent, says Finch intervened at the "urgent request" of Sen. Howard H. Baker, R-Tenn., who "triumphantly" announced Finch's decision to restore funds to Chester County on March 19.

"That was just six days before voters in the adjacent congressional district went to the polls in a special congressional election, the first since President Nixon took office," Albright writes in the dispatch. He was referring to the special

8th District Congressional race in which Democrat Ed Jones, Wallaceite William J. Davis and Republican Leonard Dunavant were vying for the post vacated upon the death of Rep. Robert A. (Fats) Everett. Jones won the election and Dunavant came in third.

Albright quotes Leon E. Panetta, Finch's chief deputy for civil rights, as saying that the special congressional election "had some influence" on HEW's normal decision-making process.

Panetta is quoted as saying: "Had not Sen. Baker indicated a great interest in the case, and had not the secretary become involved, the chances are that Chester County's funds would be terminated today."

Dateline: West State

Albright writes further: "Mrs. Ruby Martin, Panetta's predecessor in the department's Office of Civil Rights, charged that the Chester County settlement was a deviation from guideline policies made for the sole purpose of 'political sellout.' But just how uncommon were such 'sellouts' was another question, because Panetta pointed to a case last July in Columbus, Miss., where the Johnson administration reacted in almost exactly the same way under the same kind of pressure from a congressman."

This column reported last month an article by Leon Lind say, Atlanta correspondent for the Boston-based "Christian Science Monitor," in which essentially the same "sellout" charge was made.

Chester County has agreed to a plan whereby all Negro high school students in the county will attend the previously predominantly white county high school. However, complete integration of elementary students will await construction of \$200,000 in additional classrooms at previously white schools.

The structurally-sound Vincent High and Elementary Negro School will be vacated by

the beginning of the 1970-71 school year. The "Newsday" reporter says that many of HEW's "professionals remain convinced that Chester County got something other districts like it had never gotten: an extra year to desegregate without a clear need to build more classrooms."

Albright says further: "Edwin H. Yourman, the department's assistant general counsel for education, recalled expressing the belief that the Chester County plan fell within the guidelines if the proposition is accepted that Chester County really needed new buildings to desegregate."

"But Yourman added, 'As far as I know, there never was a case where there was so much feeling (in the department) that they already had a usable facility.'"

"Another veteran department official refers to Chester's plan to build eight new classrooms onto a white school building as 'something we can hide behind' in defending the Chester settlement to other school districts."

"Newsday" quotes Chester County School Supt. V. M. Plunk as explaining: "There is nothing wrong with Vincent school except its location. It's surrounded by small Negro huts." Plunk is reported as saying that if the school "were situated away from the Negro section of town, local whites would not balk so much at sending their children to Vincent."

"Chester is a dirt-poor, fundamentalist county in Western Tennessee which former Alabama Gov. George Wallace carried 2-1 over Nixon in November, with Hubert H. Humphrey limping in third," "Newsday" says.

The newspaper says Chester County has 405 Negro pupils, about 14 per cent of the enrollment in the six county schools. "One hundred of the Negroes are scattered among the five predominantly white schools. The problem is the Vincent school, where the student body consists of the remaining 305 Negroes and no whites."

Albright writes that when

Finch announced Feb. 16 that aid would be cut off to the Chester County school system, Plunk "fired off" a letter to Baker, writing: "The West Tennessee leaders in the Republican Party have the utmost confidence in you."

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Funds Cutoff Protested By Chester Schools Chief

HENDERSON, Tenn. — The superintendent of Chester County schools said yesterday the Department of Health, Education and Welfare acted wrongly in cutting off funds for the system because of lack of integration.

"We feel we have been wrongly treated. All phases of our school activities, including transportation, have been completely integrated," V. M. Plunk said after learning from \$30,000 to \$40,000 in federal aid would be withdrawn March 16 if the system did not meet guidelines.

"The first we knew of the planned cutoff was what we heard on the radio. We have received no official announcement," the superintendent said.

THE CHESTER County system is among three Southern school systems which face a

been ruled not in compliance by an examiner.

J. Howard Warf, state commissioner of education, said in Nashville he believes the Chester County situation can be worked out without loss of funds.

"It does look as though we will be able to bring about successful negotiations with HEW. Negotiations are now in progress, and it appears we will be able to resolve the matter satisfactorily," Warf said.

PLUNK SAID if negotiations fail and the funds are cut off, schools in the county will continue to operate.

"It will hurt quite a bit, but the schools are in good financial shape and could operate without the federal funds," he said.

He said the system receives about \$134,000 in federal aid annually.

HE DEFENDED the system, saying, "We have good

schools. Six years ago we consolidated the 19 schools in the county into six modern and well-equipped schools.

"At least 25% of the Negro students now attend previously all-white schools and 50% of the schools now have substantial faculty integration."

Plunk said the division to cut off funds is based on school desegregation in November 1967, "not on the current status."

"We haven't been contacted in four months," he said.

FINCH'S ACTION drew fire from at least two Tennessee congressmen, Rep. Ray Blanton, Democrat, and Rep. Dan Kuykendall, Memphis Republican.

"I am requesting an immediate extension and a hearing," Blanton said.

"I firmly believe that Chester County schools have endeavored to comply, and before funds are withdrawn the case should be heard in its entirety."

• See editorial, "More School Funds Cut," page 14.

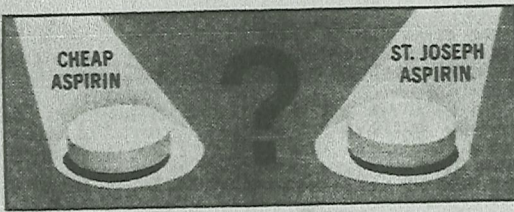
cutoff of funds because HEW says they fail to meet federal guidelines.

Robert H. Finch, secretary of the Department of Health Education and Welfare, who announced the cutoff, said all negotiations had failed in efforts to gain compliance with the federal desegregation standards.

Louis E. Mathis, a spokesman for HEW's office of civil rights, said the three systems are among 102 Southern school districts investigated.

HE SAID 37 districts have been told they are not in compliance with the 1964 Civil Rights Act; 20 have had hearings but the hearing examiners have not yet delivered a decision; and 45, including the three ordered cut off, have

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Appendix V

Copy of Newspaper Article Entitled “Celebrating Vincent High School – All Class Reunion 2011”

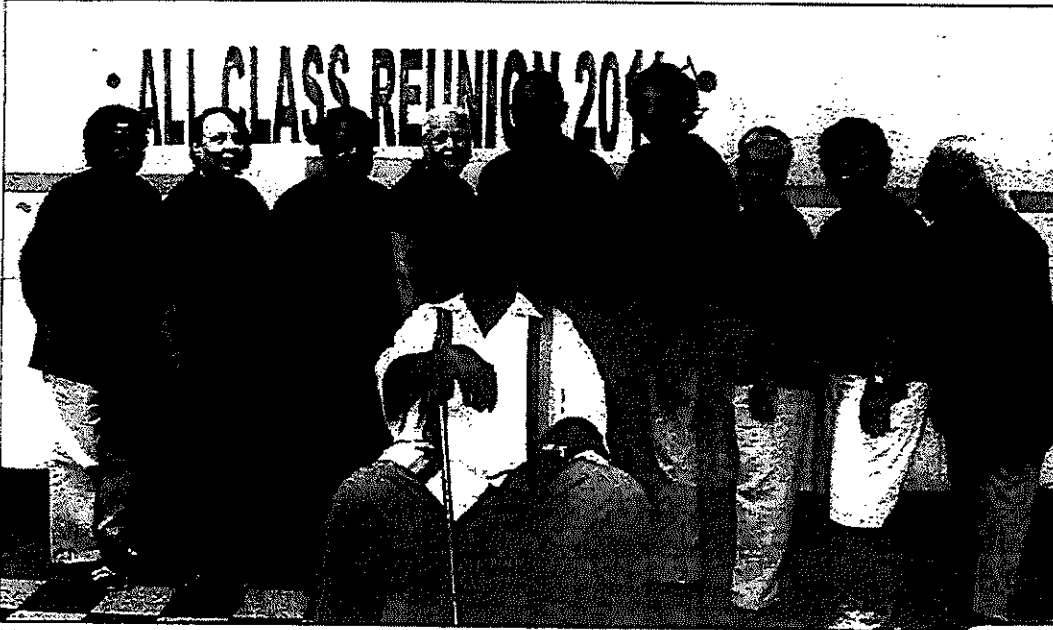
all Class Reunion
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Celebrating Vincent High



Courtesy photo

Vincent High School alumni examine pictures from their school days. For the first time since the school closed its doors in 1969, teachers and alumni had a chance to reconnect in their former school. Vincent High was Chester County's historically black school during the 1950s and '60s. When the county schools integrated in 1969-1970, Vincent closed its doors and was renamed North Chester. The former students had not been able to revisit their school until last Saturday. See pages 1-B and 2-B for story and additional pictures.



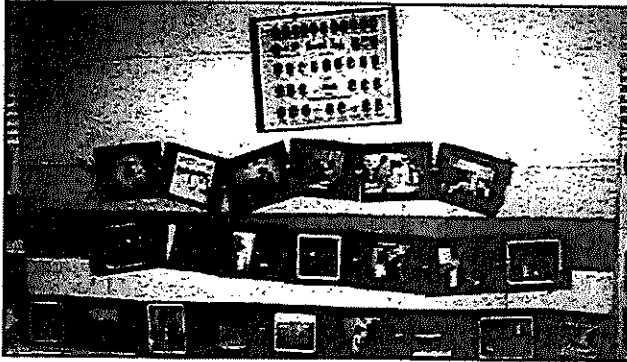
Members of the Vincent High School All Class Reunion committee organized the 2011 reunion, which marked the first time many had revisited their former high school.



J.P. Davis



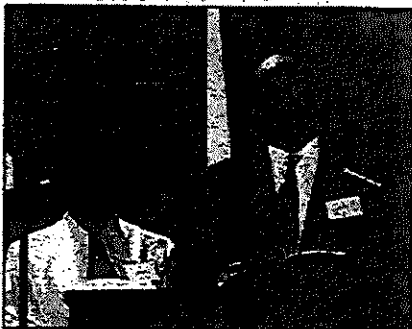
Annette Johnson



Pictures from events and activities at Vincent High School are displayed beneath the 1968 class photo.



John Welch and Eddie Davis



Masters of ceremonies Sheila and Harry Davis



Brenda and Richard DePriest

Revisiting the hallowed halls of school:

Vincent High students return to school grounds for first time since integration closed its doors

By Mary Mann
Reporter
Staff Writer

In 1964, Vincent High School closed its doors. After the last class graduated from the historically black Chester County school, the remaining students were integrated into the Chester County school system, and Vincent High School was renamed North Chester. Now, the students who attended Vincent as a high school have had the opportunity to return during the reunion. But this couldn't erase the memories the students have of their beloved school.

Beginning in the mid-1980s, alumni from Vincent High School began holding an all-grade reunion every two years. They have met at various locations throughout Chester County, but since the school was effectively destroyed by integration, they were never able to return "home" — until this year.

Integration brought students of all races and backgrounds together and in almost everyone to have access to the same opportunities and levels of education. However, those who had graduated from Vincent High School felt that without a school, they had watched over the years as their alma mater was transformed to another school and sixth grade to high school center. Not ultimately to offer, storage and an alternative school. The town without school now serves as a catalyst for unused equipment and countryside school employees.

"We were heartbroken when we came out here and looked at it," said Annette Johnson, a 1968 graduate of Vincent High. Johnson was on the reunion planning committee, and after years of petitioning the school system, Superintendent Christie Fipkin granted the committee the use of the school cafeteria and gymnasium for their reunion festivities last weekend. When Johnson first toured the school, the gym, which had been the social center of the former school, was being used for boxing practice and covered in painting and the cafeteria kitchen, which was added in the late

1960s, was filled with unused items needing storage.

"I was hurt by the condition it was in," Johnson said. "There are so many good memories here."

Many of the Vincent alumni have dreamed that the school could one day be converted into a community center, similar to the old Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. School in Brownsville. They feel that it would be a positive way to preserve the history and legacy of Vincent High School and the community. However, since the building is still in use, the alumni are excited that they finally had the chance to go back inside and relive their school days.

"I'm just excited that they finally let us back in," Johnson added. "It's a historical moment, and a one-time thing we wanted to do."

After many failed attempts to request use of the school for one night, the wish was finally granted. However, until approximately three weeks ago, the reunion committee wasn't positive that they would be allowed to revisit their school. There appeared to be a problem removing the nets used for boxing practice, and some of the coaches worried that football attire might damage the floor. Fipkin assured the committee that she would see to it that they had access, and soon the nets were put up and covered, and the floor was completely refinished.

"Mrs. Fipkin has done everything she can to make sure this night is perfect for us," Johnson said.



Nina Rose taught for many years at Vincent High School. She was recognized as the oldest member present at the reunion.

On Saturday morning, Sept. 3, the alumni held a brunch in the cafeteria. This was followed by a golf tournament, and the reunion prom, which included dinner and dancing, concluded the celebration.

While much has changed since the last class of students left Vincent High School, much remains the same. Johnson recalled exactly where her locker was located, and what classes

were held in each classroom. Before the previous day cafeteria was added, students ate lunch in the gym. The school received commodities from the school system, and the cook used them to make lunches the former students still fondly remember.

While Johnson and other committee members decorated the building, they discussed their favorite lunches. Peanut butter cookies, cake with

peanut butter frosting, vegetable soup, and grilled cheese sandwiches topped their list of beloved meals.

"We had some good times here," Johnson said. "We all looked after each other and took care of each other. We were all poor, but we didn't know we were."

Ethel Wade, a 1964 Vincent High graduate and 2011 retiree from the Chester County School System, added that her fondest memory is of playing basketball on the basketball team. She fondly remembers seventh grade and her teacher George Sanders.

The year Johnson was crowned homecoming queen, she rode on the first and only Vincent High School ever entered in the Chester County Christmas Parade. "That's something you never forget."

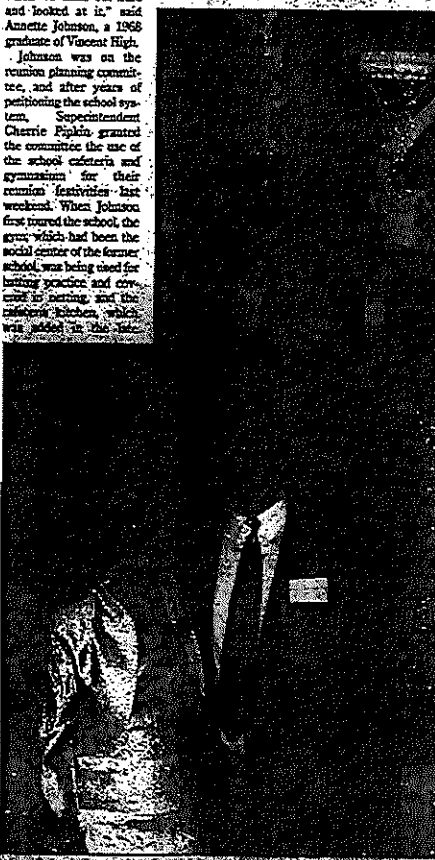
High school was important to Barbara Reeves,

class of 1967, because "It was great to meet the girl who became my best friend." Her sophomore year, she was also named homecoming queen.

All three women recalled how much they admired their teachers' fashionable attire. Much has changed over the years, and now teachers' clothing is often indistinguishable from that of their students, but the students of Vincent High School still cling to the memories of their school days. Over 300 photos were compiled on a DVD slideshow that was played during brunch, and each class made a poster with photos and memories of their time at Vincent.

Approximately 160 people from all grades and graduation years attended the reunion, which takes place on Labor Day weekend every two years.

Photos are continued on page 2-B.



Members of the reunion planning committee (above) stand in front of the beautifully decorated stage.



Members of the reunion planning committee (above) stand in front of the beautifully decorated stage.



Each class made poster boards with photos and memories from their school days at Vincent High School, which were displayed during brunch.



During Saturday's brunch, alumni helped themselves to trays and towers of breakfast goodies.

Appendix Y

Copies of Newspaper Articles Showing the Chester County Board of Education Voting to Move Ahead with Process for Applying for the National Register for Historic Places for Vincent High School

Chester County Board of Education votes

to move ahead with process

By Holly Roeder

Staff Writer

The Chester County School Board met in regular session Thursday, September 22. All members were present, with Becky Hutcherson attending the meeting virtually. The meeting was held at East Chester Elementary, where students presented a "Leader in Me" program, outlining Seven Habits of Happy Kids.

Clay Rogers was welcomed to his first board meeting, representing District 2. It was announced that there is an open position for the District 1 representative which is expected to be filled with the November elections.

After approving the agenda, the first item of business was to elect a board chairman. Hutcherson nominated Shane Connor, with Ben Cupples seconding. Connor was elected by acclamation, the vote unanimous.

The next item was to name Vice Chair. Hutcherson nominated Ben Cupples, and Jeff

Harris seconded. Cupples was named by unanimous vote.

Hutcherson was elected Legislative Representative by acclamation, in a unanimous vote, being nominated by Cupples.

Moving on to delegations, Debbie Maness approached the board requesting a reconsideration to return to the State insurance plan from the current private health plan, and/or to give plan members an option to switch back. According to Maness, she was making the request par-

tially due to having been with the private plan for a number of years, stability of the state plans and a desire to allow the teachers a voice in the process.

Superintendent Troy Kilzer responded that the current plan benefits in Cigna are the same the Blue Cross Blue Shield state plan benefits.

He further explained that the plans are compared regularly, and as they noticed last year the state plan was cheaper, they had planned to switch to it if it was again this year; however, the private plan was \$1

cheaper, and they elected to stay with it.

Concerning a property for sale by the school system, about .8 acres with a block house, Superintendent Troy Kilzer reported having received two bids since bids opened Sept. 14. One from Steve Hite for \$5,000, the purpose being to use as a sand blast shop for his auto body shop. The second bid was by Clay Morris for \$10,060, for real estate value. The board voted unanimously to reject both bids.

The board voted to accept

the recommendation to change the grading scale of credit recovery in accordance with the new Tennessee 10-point grading scale. According to Kilzer, the most a student can earn through credit recovery is a D, which was previously, a 70. This grade has been adjusted to a 60 for D.

Regarding recommendations which will be sent to state legislature for discussion, the board voted to recommend leaving the decision of grade retention at local levels.

"One test is not the best measure to determine whether that student is capable of success or not," Kilzer said.

The second resolution concerned drawing educators' time away from instruction time. Kilzer explained, "In some cases their duties and additional duties are significant, and it impedes their opportunity to teach students well...We request that the state government look at

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in addition to what our teachers are hired to do." The board voted unanimously to recommend the state consider revision of these duties.

Dr. Elizabeth Saunders approached the board requesting to move forward with the process to submit North Chester/Vincent High School for historical consideration with the National Register of Historical Places. There was some discussion of what this would mean for the building, including possible renovations to one room such as the cafeteria or gymnasium, versus the whole building. The building is currently being used by the school system for classrooms, office space and storage.

Connor asked Dr. Saunders what would be the ultimate goal in this endeavor. Her response was that the

first goal would be to have North Chester/Vincent included in the National Register, and later the possibility of acquiring grants for renovations. The board questioned whether the grants would require matching funds from the county. Kilzer stated someone he had spoken with at the Tennessee Historical Commission reported the grant would require 40% matching funds.

James Vincent also approached the board, stating they are simply asking for the board's support in getting the process started, permission to go into the school to get pictures and measurements for the application process.

Saunders continued to say the historical register process could lead to renovations and further community use for North Chester.

Cupples made a motion to support the process of achieving historical status, and Harris seconded. All were in agreement and the motion passed to a standing

ovation by the crowd.

In other decisions, Kilzer asked the board to authorize school fundraiser requests, which the board approved unanimously.

The board also voted unanimously to include cargo pants/shorts and carpenter pants and shorts in the accepted dress code policy.

In final business, the board approved the budget plan.

Before the meeting adjourned, Kilzer reported State Board Representative Larry Jensen recently visited the school, observing classes and programs, and meeting with teachers and students.

Finally, Kilzer updated the board on bus situation. He said there are 11 potential drivers ready to test, that two have been ready for a month. According to Kilzer Hardin Co. is also three routes down, "Everyone is short on drivers," he said.

The next school board meeting is scheduled for Oct. 20 at Jacks Creek Elementary.



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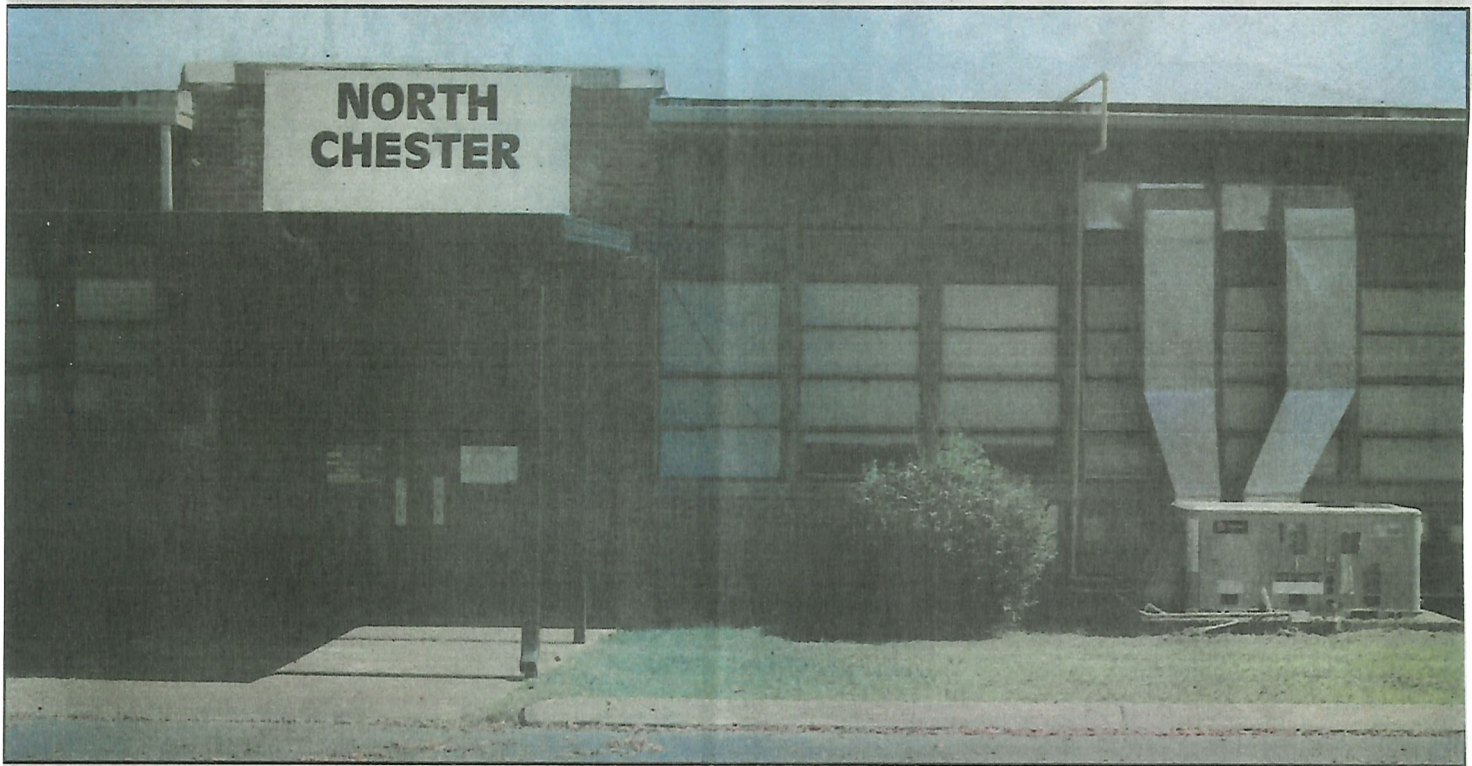
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CCBOE to consider recognizing North Chester school as Historic Place



At 7 p.m. at East Chester, Cafeteria, the Chester County Board of Education meeting will be meeting this evening (Thursday, September 22) to consider a request to recognize North Chester in the National Register of Historic Places.

The board will also consider to approve the district-wide fundraisers for the

school year of 2022-23 this week along with the ESSER 2.0 and 3.0 Budget Plans for the 2023 Fiscal Year.

Director of Schools, Troy Kilzer II, with his fellow school board members will welcome Clay Rodgers as a new board member.

Other items on the agenda include:

- Selecting the board chair-

man, vice-chairman and legislative representative

- The recommendation for the BOE action of bids submitted to purchase the Arendall Minor Plat

- The recommendation from TSBA for revision to the CCBOE Board Policy 4.210

- Recommendation from CCBOE for revision to the student dress code policy

CCBOE Policy 6.310

- Considerations to approve resolutions regarding Third/Fourth Grade retention and revisions to educator licensing requirements.

The next CC Board of Education meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 20, 2020 at Jack's Creek Elementary School.

Appendix AA

Copy of Freed-Hardeman University Scholar's Day – Celebrating Scholarship and Academic Achievement October 28, 2022 Program



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KEYNOTE SPEAKER: **KATLYN CLIFTON**

Katlyn G. Clifton is a practicing eldercare consultant, trainer, and grief coach in Gallatin, Tennessee, where she is the Executive Director of Christian Towers and Manor, a retirement community which offers positive, intentional retirement living and transition guidance through social work advocacy and case management to approximately 200 older adults. As a professional Gero Doula, Katlyn walks with families as a specialty type of life coach for all things aging, sickness, planning, and end-of-life.

Her journey to being a professional Gero Doula began during her undergraduate studies at Freed-Hardeman University where she received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Psychology in 2009. During her time at FHU, she began to care for a friend with a terminal diagnosis in the home under hospice service. It was then that she discovered her passion for end-of-life care, chaplaincy, and grief care. After graduating from Freed-Hardeman, Katlyn earned a Master's Degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling from Western Kentucky University where she specialized in aging, grief, and counseling intervention. She supplemented her training by earning additional credentials as a Certified Senior Advisor (CSA)®, a Certified Senior Occupancy Specialist (COS), a Certified End-of-Life Doula (EOLD), and a second Master's Degree in Business Administration (MBA).

Currently, Katlyn is completing a Doctoral Degree in Gerontology. Her dissertation is focused on the impact of end-of-life guidance on contentment, engagement, and feeling of satisfaction as well as lowered isolation, stagnation, failure to thrive, insecurity, suffering, and private pay cost at all levels of eldercare. She is completing her clinical residency for this degree at Anderson Funeral Home in Gallatin (under the supervision of Damon Hobbs) where she is able to use her skills working with the community while also continuing her education in end-of-life issues.

PROGRAM

Chapel.....8:30 - 8:45 a.m.

Loyd Auditorium

Welcome and Keynote Address.....8:45 - 9:20 a.m.

Loyd Auditorium *Katlyn Clifton*

Poster Presentations9:20 - 9:40 a.m.

- Loyd Lobby Deep Neural Networks for Electrical Impedance Tomography – *Soledad Farber*
- Elon Musk Says It Matters: Depopulation, Age and Why He's Right – *Christina Jackson, Charlie Smith*
- Profiling Cell Differentiation in Proximal Tubule Epithelium During Cystogenesis – *Katie Stickels*
- Discerning Dignity in Delivery – *Mattie Adams, Olivia Tejada, Gayle Davidson*
- Comparison of Growth Charts in the U.S. and Honduras – *Megan Perkins, Rachel Tucker, Sarah Pierce*
- "So, You Wanna Make a Rat Game?": The Process of Video Game Development – *Soledad Farber, Abbie Vance, and Robert Nichols*
- An Exploration of Satisfaction and Preparedness as Perceived by Classroom Teachers and Substitute Teachers – *Aarek Farmer*
- Healthcare in Honduras – *Elizabeth Thomas, Rachel Thomas, Sarah Pierce*
- Uncle Sam's Income – *Lexi Hearn, Brandon Lanciloti*
- Topoisomerase II: For When DNA Needs to Relax and Unwind – *Lauren Fielding, Jessica Musselman, Emma Baxter, Clay Durham, Daniel England, Joseph E. Deweese*
- The Association Between Agreeableness, Empathetic Distress, and People Pleasing – *Leighanne R. Dugger, Alicia Harrington, Nolan Couch*
- The Significance of Phonetics in Spanish Communication and Learning – *Madeline Carter, Perry Hardin*
- 3D Printing for the FHU Community (Display) – *Ben Clark*

Art Displays

New York, New York: Street Photography from New York City. *Timothy Aaron, Collin Baker, Betsy Burnette, Chloe Calendine, Jud Davis, Brandon Ford, Ashton Lamb, Hannah Manasco, Abigail McCain, Brooke Mefford, Braylin Mitchell, Leigh Sanders, Cora Sharp, Delaney Steward, Daniel Trimm*

Session One9:40 - 9:55 a.m.

- Loyd Stage Leadership Theory Application to Eldership Models – *Josh Ketchum*
- Auditorium A Plasmonic Coupling in Ag–Au Nanosphere Heterodimers – *Breanna Tonkery, Jim Barr, Elise Chaffin*
- Auditorium B The Final: Correlation Between Scores on Teaching Licensure Exams and Teacher Efficacy – *Casey Jackson, Jennifer Creecy*
- Auditorium C Neo-Gothic Architecture & How It Impacted Romantic Writers – *Rose Duke, Margaret Payne*

Auditorium D Constructing Equipment for Performance Testing – *Daniel Arnold, Jana Meninno*

BFCR Finding Five Stories: The Thought World Evident in Paul's Letter to the Ephesians – *Doug Burleson*

PCR Using Data Analytics to Improve Your Teaching and Course Evaluations – *Charlie Smith*

Session Two10:05 - 10:20 a.m.

- Loyd Stage Finding Need Next Door: Serving Through Remote Area Medical – *Lily Conkle, Ben Dedeyan, Camryn Kime, Cameron Kuhl, Clare Nash, Addison O'Brian, Erick Osorio, Carly Vance, Wendy Gean*
- Auditorium A PEGs and Jokers (Chemistry Edition) – *Amanda Blakeman, Elise Chaffin*
- Auditorium B Will This Vaccine Kill Me? Understanding Modern Vaccines at the Scientific Level – *Skylar Ray, Rebecca Bush*
- Auditorium C Jane and Dorothy: A Trip to Romantic England – *Molly Clemons, Margaret Payne*
- Auditorium D My Monkeys, My Zoo – *Jalen Johnson, Lee Barton*
- BFCR The Earliest Image of Jesus – *Justin Rogers*
- PCR Sports Team Relocation: A Review of the Economic Effects of Teams Leaving Cities – *Vincent Meninno, Charlie Smith*

Session Three.....10:30 - 10:45 a.m.

- Loyd Stage Differentiated Instruction in Action – *Jenny Odom, Aundrea McFall*
- Auditorium A Mutations in the Unstructured C-terminal Domain of Topoisomerase II α Impact the Ability of the Enzyme to Clamp Around DNA – *Jessica Musselman, Lauren Fielding, Emma Baxter, Joseph E. Deweese*
- Auditorium B Restorationist Monuments: A Civil War Framework for Considering Memory, Legacy, and Race at Churches of Christ Colleges & Universities – *Corey J. Markum*
- Auditorium C Bracketology: Predicting the NCAA Tournament Using Analytical Models – *Coy Baker, Charlie Smith*
- Auditorium D Critical Review of Washington D.C. Security – *Re'Elle Crowell, Naomi Elliott, Stark Davis*
- BFCR The Role That Role-Playing Plays in Accounting Pedagogy – *Brandon Lanciloti, Ashley Deffenbaugh, Tom DeBerry*
- PCR And the Winner Is . . . Gabriel Boric, the Tattooed Millennial! – *Linda E. Moran*

Session Four10:55 - 11:10 a.m.

- Loyd Stage Faculty Perspectives of Interprofessional Dumpster Diving – *Meagan Spencer, Jana Meninno, Gayle McDonald, Alesha Northcutt, Chris White, Ben Clark, Aundrea McFall*
- Auditorium A PSICalc - Using Math to Solve Questions of Protein Structure and Function – *Clark Endsley, Kori Moore, Joseph E. Deweese*
- Auditorium B Worthy of Preservation: Nominating Henderson's All-Black Vincent High School for the National Register of Historic Places – *Kylie Carter, Greg Massey, Elizabeth Saunders*
- Auditorium C DataFest: What's the Buzz All About? – *Grant Hunter, Charlie Smith*

Auditorium D	Rabbits, Mushrooms, and Herdies: The Scholarly Life of Beatrix Potter – <i>Margaret Payne</i>
BFCR	Ending the Stigma – <i>Lauren Cabrera, James Dalton</i>
PCR	"Act but thy Part": Theatricality and Persuasion in Robert Rogers' <i>Ponteach</i> and His <i>Journals</i> – <i>Derrick Spradlin</i>

Session Five 11:20 - 11:35 a.m.

Loyd Stage	Athlete Monitoring: The Four W's – <i>Jana Meninno</i>
Auditorium A	Cutting Up: Examining the DNA Cleavage Reaction of Topoisomerase II α – <i>Daniel England, Clay Durham, Joseph E. Deweese</i>
Auditorium B	Narcissistic Decimals: The Numbers that are Obsessed with Themselves – <i>Lucy Johnson, Jared Collins</i>
Auditorium C	Divine Simplicity: Is there a Biblical Warrant for the Thomistic Doctrine? – <i>Daniel McMillin, Donnie DeBord</i>
Auditorium D	"The Most Expressive Language in the World": Language Ideologies in Asunción, Paraguay – <i>Perry Hardin</i>
BFCR	Silent: Drowning in America – <i>Abigail Leland, Gayle McDonald</i>

Session Six 11:45 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Loyd Stage	How to use FHU's 3D printers – <i>Ben Clark</i>
Auditorium A	I Get Knocked Down, but I Get Up Again: In Search of Evidence for a Hypervirulent Soft-Rot Mutant – <i>Josie Gannon, Caleb Kersey</i>
Auditorium B	Minnesota Missions Summer 2022 – <i>Makaley Waide, Zach Bauman, Abigail Leland, Kevin Moore</i>
Auditorium C	There Must Be Something In the Water: How Clean Water Can Prevent Disease and Promote Health in the Country of Honduras – <i>Kate Harrison, Nora Welch, Camille Erwin, Sarah Woodard, Sarah Pierce</i>
Auditorium D	Jesus, Memes, and Me – <i>Wyatt Fairman, Matthew Sokoloski</i>
BFCR	edTPA – What Does It Take? – <i>Jennifer Creecy, Corey Sweatt</i>
Draughton Center	"Clouds" for Trumpet and Piano, Original Composition by Donovan Hamlett – <i>Donovan Hamlett, Jesse Eaton, Alan Kinningham</i>

Abbreviations:

BFCR = Butt's Family Conference Room (second floor, Counseling Center Hallway)

PCR = President's Conference Room (first floor, accessible along the back wall of Loyd Auditorium)

Appendix BB

Copy of Newspaper Article "FHU's Annual Scholars' Day Celebrates Academic Research, Student Achievement"

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FHU's annual Scholars' Day celebrates academic research, student achievement

From Jesus memes to the discovery of new math, Freed-Hardeman University's Seventh Annual Scholars' Day covered a myriad of interesting topics for students to explore during the morning-long event held in Loyd Auditorium Friday, Oct. 28, 2022.

Dr. Joe Deweese, director of undergraduate research, said this year's Scholars' Day had the largest number of participants with nearly every department represented — 40 oral presentations, 12 posters and one additional display, 17 art displays and a musical. "Overall, about 100 different people participated," he said. For Scholars' Day academic classes are canceled so students may attend the presentations.

Two popular crowd pleasers during Scholars' Day were demonstrations of a 3D printer and a student-produced video game. "The interactive experiences were a big draw," said Deweese, adding that work of the planning committee contributed to this year's success. "The committee did a great job of getting the word out and keeping it out there," he said.

Among the day's oral presentations were "Jesus, Memes, and Me" from FHU student Wyatt Fairman and Dr. Matthew Sokoloski, of the Bible department. "I'm not even going to lie to ya'll, I came up with this idea as a complete and total joke and somehow it got approved for Scholars' Day," Fairman said. However, his thought-provoking research also served as a call to action. Sokoloski and Fairman

offered that people should change the way social media is used to show compassion for one another.

FHU mathematics major Lucy Johnson and Dr. Jared Collins, of the mathematics department, gave a presentation about narcissistic decimals, which are best explained as numbers that are the sum of their digits raised to the number of digits. "We discovered new math," said Collins, who added that the study will be sent to peer review journals for publication by the middle of Spring 2023 semester.

FHU history and secondary education major Kylie Carter worked with Dr. Elizabeth Saunders to nominate Vincent High School to the National Register of Historic Places. "The reason for nominating this building is to preserve the memories that have happened there. So many people associate this building with excellence in education, and that deserves to be recognized and preserved," Carter said.

FHU alumna Katlyn Clifton served as the keynote speaker for University Scholars' Day. Clifton is a practicing eldercare consultant, trainer and grief coach in Gallatin, Tennessee, where she is the Executive Director of Christian Towers and Manor, a retirement community which offers positive, intentional retirement living and transition guidance through social work advocacy and case management to approximately 200 older adults.

After graduating from Freed-Hardeman, Katlyn earned a Master's Degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling from Western Kentucky University where she specialized in aging, grief and counseling intervention.

During Monday's chapel, FHU President David R. Shannon praised faculty and staff for the success of Scholars' Day and encouraged students.

"Scholars' Day is a day where we pause and share what you are researching," he said. "The day you graduate and you go into your first full time job, it'll be your knowledge that helps you move forward in your work. I appreciate the faculty and staff that were a part of it and for all they did to make this day happen."

The mission of Freed-Hardeman University is to help students develop their God-given talents for His glory by empowering them with an education that integrates Christian faith, scholarship and service. With locations in Henderson and Memphis, FHU offers associ-

Major Alternations and Dates at Chester County Training-Vincent High School

1. 1949 Brick storage building added (N. Chester Asbestos Management Plan)
2. 1953 Repair and installation of science equipment in room (Bd. meeting mins.; p.50)
3. 1954 Sept. 9 - Construction of Agriculture/Shop building (Bd. meeting mins.; p.92)
4. 1956 Oct. 19 - Conversion of furnace to gas (Bd. meeting mins.; p. 170)
5. 1958 Oct. 22 - Tile replaced on floors., number of sq. ft. floor 8,363; type of tile C grade; 1/8", toilets 458 sq. ft. ceramic tile; paid \$3,286 to Charles Ross, architect & contractor (Bd. meeting mins.; p. 228)
6. 1960 Jan. 11 - Installed science equipment in room (Bd. meeting mins.; p. 267)
7. 1962 July 2 - Approved installation of an additional septic tank
8. 1963 Feb. 22 - Five classrooms, kitchen, cafeteria, and two bathrooms added (10, 511 sq. ft.) *The Jackson Sun* newspaper: 'School Completed Consolidation To Begin Monday'
"The original building has been completely renovated with old ceiling replaced and all the interior repainted" stated J. M. Trice, principal of CCTS
9. 1963 March 18 - Installation of windows in new addition by Johnson Lumber Co.
10. 1964 June 23 - Installation of security lights
11. 1965 Nov. 29 - New Hog Barn for FFA; built on Vincent High's property near the Woods' property line
12. 1966 New pre-fab classroom added
13. 1966 Portable storage building added (N. Chester Sch. Asbestos Management Plan)
14. 1979 May 24 - Paving parking lots (Bd. meeting mins.; p. 250)
15. 1992 December - Roof repair on building (Bd. meeting mins.; p. 322)
16. 1993 June 24 - Repair of boiler (Bd. meeting mins.; p. 335)
17. 1984 April 15 - Fire escape windows added in Headstart Classrooms (Bd. meeting min., April 15, 1983)

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List of Major Alterations and Dates for Vincent High School/Chester County Training School

18. 2002 Jan. 7 - Roof repair (Bd. meeting mins.; p. 250)
19. 2009 Nov. 5 - New HVAC installed to replace radiators
20. 2011 June 23 - Soccer Field and Field House added
21. 2023 Feb. - Removed and blocked in windows in gym

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Listing of Dates and Events in the History of Chester County Training School/Vincent High School

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Chester County Training School/Vincent High School

- 1922 Two acres of land was purchased by the Chester County Board of Education and the City Board of Education to build a school building for the Colored People of Henderson and Chester County. The land was purchased from P. L. Hardin and Netter Hardin in the Jaybird Community (What was Hwy. 45 and is now North Church Ave at a place near the College Inn Motel) for the sum of \$1,000.00. The building fund was a part of a consolidation fund with one thousand dollars out what is known as the Rosenwald fund and the remainder of the said cost of the building to be paid as follows: one third- County Board of Education, one third - City Board of Education, and remaining one third- Colored citizens of Henderson and Chester County. (Source: Deed)
- 1926 Rosenwald Public School Building (Colored) is shown on a Sept., 1926 map of the city of Henderson, TN (Source: Sept., 1926 map of Henderson, TN)
- 1926-
- 1930 J. A. Vincent, principal of Henderson Rosenwald School; Claude Bond serves as one of the teachers. (Source: Chester County Board of Education Minutes, 1928-29; p.7 & 1929-30 July; p. 7)
- 1930 Mabel McKay, a colored Demonstration Agent is employed as a Demonstration Agent to work with the colored schools of the county and later became a Jeannes supervisor for the county. (Source: Source: Chester County Board of Education Minutes, Sept. 12, 1930; p. 31)
- 1931 G. R. Brown, Jr., principal of Henderson Rosenwald School; Claude Bond serves as one of the teachers. (Source: Chester County Board of Education Minutes, 1930-31; p. 11)
- 1932 J. A. Vincent, principal of High School Dept. High school grades was added to Henderson Rosenwald School and the name was changed to Chester County Training School. It becomes the first black high school in Chester County. (Source: Source: Chester County Board of Education Minutes, July 6, 1932; p. 52)
- 1933
- 1934 J.A. Vincent, principal of Chester County Training School High School Dept. (Source: Chester County Board of Education Minutes, June 9, 1933; p. 67 and May 8, 1934; p. 70)
- 1935 H. D. Tyus, served one month as principal of Chester County Training School; Walter B. Stewart serves as one of the teachers. (Source: Chester County Board of Education Minutes, May 10, 1935; p. 86)

- 1935 J. A. Vincent elected principal of the grades in Chester County Training School (Source: Chester County Board of Education Minutes, June 13, 1935; p. 92)
- 1936 First graduating class of Chester County Training School consisted of seven students. J. A. Vincent, principal of Chester County Training School (Source: Chester County Board of Education Minutes, May 14, 1936; p. 113)
- 1937 Second graduating class of Chester County Training School; J. M. Trice, a student in the class would become the principal of CCTS in 1948. (Picture)
- 1937-
- 1938 Walter B. Stewart is listed as one of the teachers at CCTS on April 15, 1937-38 but resigns in 1937- Walter Stewart having resigned as teacher. The Board delegated to W.M. McCollum, W. A. Clayton, R. E. Henson power to select a teacher for the vacancy as soon as a teacher could be had. (Source: Chester County Board of Education Minutes, July 14, 1937-38; p. 138)
- 1937 Cawthon School Bus. At this time a delegation led by Charles Clifford (colored) came before the Board to ask the Board to cause a bus to be run from Cawthon colored school to the Chester County Training School. Also ask the Board to have a well dug at said Cawthon School; stating the patrons will pay one half the expense of digging said well. Motion made by W. P. Ivey, seconded by W. M. McCollum to furnish gasoline and motor oil and allow \$10.00 per month to run a bus to said Chester County Training High School and to have a well dug at Cawthon School. This motion carried by a vote of the Board. (Source: Chester County Board of Education Minutes, July 14, 1937; p.2)
- 1938 R. C. Martin, principal of Chester County Training, Elementary and Chester County Training High School. (Source: Chester County Board of Education Minutes, April 28, 1938; pp. 19 & 20)
- 1939 J. A. Vincent, principal of Henderson Training School and William Dorsey, principal of Chester County Training School and resigns in 1939. (Source: Chester County Board of Education Minutes, April 27, 1939; p. 38)
- 1940
- 1942 J. A. Vincent, principal of Chester County Training School. (Source: Chester County Board of Education Minutes, April 24, 1941; p. 80 and April 16, 1942; p. 80)
- 1941 Vocational Shop for Chester County Training School. Supt. R. E. Henson was appointed to Negotiate with the NYA authorities to build a vocational agriculture shop at the Chester County Training School. (Source: Chester County Board of Education Minutes, April 24, 1941; p. 80)

- 1942 Masseyville Colored Delegation: Delegation from Masseyville Colored School came before the Board and desired that the Board furnish transportation from Masseyville to Chester County Training School for several high school students. Board deferred action until court met and made adjustments in the budget relative transportation. Motion carried by vote of the Board. (Source: Chester County Board of Education Minutes, June 11, 1942; p. 102)
- 1942 Mildred Davis placed at Chester County Training School. Such changes necessary in order to have a music teacher in the Chester County Training School. (Source: Chester County Board of Education Minutes, June 11, 1942; p. 102)
- 1942 Food For Freedom By Colored Farmers. As their contributions to the war effort, colored farmers of Chester County are busy producing food for freedom, states J. K. Davis, vocational agricultural teacher at the Chester County Training School. Classes have been conducted in nine communities of the county with 328 colored farmers in attendance. These classes stress gardens for victory and emphasis is placed on egg production to combat malnutrition. Colored farmers purchased over 2000 baby chicks and boys constructed the brooders. (Source: From the files of the Chester County Independent, June 12, 1942; *Only Yesterday*; Chester County Independent, Thursday, June 14, 2012; p. 6-A)
- 1943 Walter B. Stewart, principal of Chester County Training School. (Source: Chester County Board of Education Minutes, April 8, 1943; p. 114)
- 1943 Negro Home Economics Building: Motion by Board if money is available that Chester County Training School be covered. (Source: Chester County Board of Education Minutes, April 8, 1943; p. 114)
- 1943 Josie Clemmons hired as Jeanes teacher. (The Jeanes Supervisors were a group of African American teachers who worked in southern rural schools and communities in the United States between 1908 and 1968. The fund educated and hired black teachers and traveling supervisors for rural schools and improved African American school facilities. Jeanes Supervisors had no specific job descriptions. Jeanes Supervisors helped families plan arrangements to bury loved ones, built pit toilets, and organized health department vaccinations for school children. They also taught women in the community how to plant gardens and can vegetables, raised funds for a new school, and helped teachers develop lesson plans. Jeanes Supervisors emphasized community self-help. Jeanes Supervisors submitted monthly reports to their superintendents and to the state agent for Negro education and held annual exhibits of industrial work by community parents and students.) (Source: Chester County Board of Education Minutes, December 9, 1943; p. 126)
- 1944 Walter B. Stewart, principal of Chester County Training School; Stewart resigns and

- moves to Milwaukee. (Source: Chester County Board of Education Minutes, June 8, 1944 p. 134)
- 1944 J. A. Vincent, principal of Chester County Training School. (Source: Chester County Board of Education Minutes, July 5, 1944; p. 134)
- 1946 Josie Clemons, Jeannes teacher one half time. (Source: Chester County Board of Education Minutes, April 11, 1946; p. 160)
- 1947 John Manley Trice (J. M. Trice) hired as teacher at CCTS; Josie Clemons rehired as Jeannes teacher half time. (Source: Chester County Board of Education Minutes, April 5, 1947; p. 174)
- 1947 Pansey Westbrook, principal of CCTS. (Source: Chester County Board of Education Minutes, May 24, 1947; p. 178)
- 1948 John Manley Trice (J. M. Trice) principal of CCTS (Source: Chester County Board of Education Minutes, April 24, & June, 1948; p. 201)
- 1948 Colored School – Training: The construction of a colored high school was discussed. A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Wyatt that plans and specifications be secured by architects. Motion carried. (Source: Chester County Board of Education Minutes, Sept. 9, 1948; p. 211)
- 1948 Chester County Training School burned on November 8, 1948. (November 12, 1948 – Special Meeting of Board) “Be it remembered that on the twelfth day of November, 1948 that the Chester County Board of Education met in special session, called by the chairman for the purpose of discussing the situation of the Chester County Training School as it burned on November 8, 1948. The Board agreed to discuss any other business which came before it. The Board met in the superintendent’s office.” (Source: Chester County Board of Education Minutes, November 12, 1948 (Special Meeting), p. 213)
- 1948 Architects Meet with Board: Architects from Hart Freeland & Hart, Wollwine and Harwood and Ross & Stanfill came before the Board of Education and presented what they had to offer relative to the plans, speed, costs and construction of the CCTS which had recently burned. After consideration and discussion, a motion was made by Wyatt to select Ross & Stanfill as architects for the CCTS and was seconded by J. E. Peddy. Motion carried. (Source: Chester County Board of Education Minutes, Nov. 12, 1948; p. 213)
- 1948 Anderson to clean building site of colored training school. (Source: Chester County Board of Education Minutes, Dec. 9, 1948; p. 215)

1949 Colored School Site. At this time the business of purchasing land for site of Chester County Training School came before the Board. Delegates from both sides, representing the old site in Jaybird and proposed new site in Lucyville, came before the Board and presented petitions. Afterwards, there was much discussion concerning the two sites with the Board visiting both sites and then returning to superintendent's office. There was then further discussion after which the chairman asked for a roll call, with members answering as follows:

1. W. M. Mcollum - Lucyville
2. R. M. Johnson - old site (Jaybird)
3. R. A. Talley, Sr. - Lucyville
4. J. E. Peddy - Lucyville
5. J. L. McHaney - Lucyville
6. H. E. Cooper - Lucyville
7. J. W. Wyatt - Lucyville

After roll call, motion was made by J. E. Peddy and seconded by J. W. Wyatt that 30 acres of land be purchased from Mrs. Pearl Tarpley at \$175.00 per acre for the new site of CCTS. The chairman of the School Board, J. L. McHaney and Superintendent of Schools, Tom Armour, were authorized by the Board to purchase said land and write warrant for same, (\$5,250.00) before option expired, February 1, 1949. Motion carried by Board. (Source: Chester County Board of Education Minutes, Jan. 27, 1949; p. 218-19)

1949 Light and Water Bill at Colored School. Motion was made by W. M. McCollum and seconded by R. M. Johnson that Lonnie Welch be paid the light and water bills for use of his building for CCTS while in session. Motion carried. (Source: Chester County Board of Education Minutes, Jan. 27, 1949; p. 218)

(Lonnie Welch's café building and Mt. Zion Methodist Church was used for meeting places for students after the CCTS burned in Jaybird. Lonnie Welch's Café was located on Highway 45, next to the City of Henderson Cemetery - What is now N. Church Ave. (Harmon St.) (Sources: Chester County Board of Education Minutes, Jan. 27, 1949; p. 218 and via telephone conversation with Mozella Welch Baldrige, daughter of Lonnie Welch in March 2023).

1949 Purchased 34 ½ acres from Mrs. Pearl Tarpley and Bonna Tarpley at 524 Luray Ave. for \$5, 250.00. (Source: Deed, Feb. 1, 1949 between Pearl Tarpley and Bonna Tarpley and Chester County Board of Education in the 6th Civil District of Chester County, Tennessee)

1949 Delivery of Gravel to Lonnie Welch. Paid \$8.25 for load of gravel delivered to Lonnie Welch's café used for CCTS. (Source: Chester County Board of Education Minutes, March 10, 1949; p. 221)

1949 Rent for Use of Lonnie Welch's Building for School. March 1, 1949, Lonnie Welch paid \$7.50 per month for rent for use of his building for CCTS while school is in session. Source: Chester County Board of Education Minutes, March 10, 1949; p. 224)

- 1949 Rent and Janitor Service at Baptist Church. Motion was made by J. L. McHaney and seconded by J. W. Wyatt that janitor service and rent be paid to the Baptist Church for use of room there. Motion carried by Board with voting aye. (Source: Chester County Board of Education Minutes, March 10, 1949; p. 222)
- 1949 Plans for Colored School. Mr. Ross & Mr. Stanfill, architects for the colored school, came before the Board to discuss plans for new building; after discussion motion was approved to show architects land that was purchased for the colored school in order that they might make plans in accordance and present to Board in near future. (Source: Chester County Board of Education Minutes, March 10, 1949; p. 223)
- 1949 Approval of Plans for Colored High School. The plans for the colored school were approved, having already been partially approved by State Dept. of Education. (Source: Chester County Board of Education Minutes, April 11, 1949; p. 225)
- 1949 Final Settlement with Lonnie Welch. Lonnie Welch was paid \$30.00 per month for use of his café building as classroom for CCTS. There was deducted from this \$30.00 monthly payments made to date for lights, water, gravel, etc. and shall include any damage to building and contents. (John Manley Trice (J. M. Trice) principal of CCTS (Source: Chester County Board of Education Minutes, April 11, 1949; p. 227)
- 1949 Bids for Contract in Henderson. Bids for the contract to build the proposed Chester County Training School (Negro) at Henderson, TN were due this week in the office of county superintendent. Spencer & Ross of Memphis and Jackson, prepared plans for the modern one-story building to contain five classrooms and a combination auditorium, gym and cafeteria. East and west sides of the classrooms will have continuous walls. Doors and door frames will be of steel. Bidding are: L. M. Construction Company, Memphis, Johnson Lumber Company, Henderson, TN and Johnson-Hearn Construction Company, Jackson, TN (Source: The Memphis Press-Scimitar (Memphis, TN), Thurs., June 30, 1949)
- 1949 Chester County Elects Teachers. Henderson, TN., June 18 – Tom Armour, Supt. of Chester County Schools, announces the election of the teachers for the school year 1949-50. The schools and teachers are: Colored teachers: Chester County Training School: John M. Trice, principal, E. L. Burnett, Lorenia McCall, Pansy Westbrook, Mary Trice, and Bertha Davy. (Source: 2023 Newspapers.Com; June 18, 1949-1950; Chester County teachers)
- 1949 Construct New Colored School. New colored school building will be constructed by Johnson Lumber Company, the lowest bidder; the bid being \$116, 098.00. Motion carried by the Board. (Source: Chester County Board of Education Minutes, July 6, 1949; p. 235)

- 1949 Rent for Lonnie Welch's Café. Paid Lonnie Welch \$30.00 per month for use of his café as a school building until new CCTS is completed. Light and water bills and any damage will be paid by owner. (Source: Chester County Board of Education Minutes, July 13, 1949; p. 238)
- 1949 Paying Architects Spencer and Ross. Three percent fee for drawing colored school plans. (Source: Chester County Board of Education Minutes, July 13, 1949; p. 238)
- 1949 Paying of Contractor and Architects Fees. Board moved initial payment of \$9,658.78 be made to Johnson Lumber Company, contractor and 3% general supervision payment \$289.76 be made to Spencer & Ross Architects for CCTS now being constructed. (Source: Chester County Board of Education Minutes, August 12, 1949; p. 242)
- 1949 Water for Chester County Training School. Board votes that the City credit the water bill and pay \$50.00 per month to School Board for CCTS. The City is to furnish fire plugs and supervise laying of water line and fire protection at cost. (Source: Chester County Board of Education Minutes, August 12, 1949; p. 240.)
- 1949 Board voted to investigate the sale of colored school property in Jaybird. (Source: Chester County Board of Education Minutes, August 17, 1949; p. 245.)
- 1949 Board Authorized to Pay Johnson Lumber Company. Board authorized to pay Johnson Lumber Company in the amount of \$13,532.40 for second installment on construction of the new colored high school and pay 3% general supervision fee of \$405.97 to Spencer & Ross, architects for CCTS. (Source: Chester County Board of Education Minutes, Sept. 8, 1949; p. 246)
- 1949 Board moved the new colored high school building be charged to Sales Tax Coverage. (Source: Chester County Board of Education Minutes, Sept. 20, 1949; p. 249)
- 1949 Sale of Old Chester County Training School Site (Jaybird). Board authorized colored school property in Jaybird be advertised for sale to the highest bidder on November 4, 1949. (Source: Chester County Board of Education Minutes, Oct. 15, 1949; p. 252)
- 1949 Third Payment of New Colored School. Board authorizes to pay Johnson Lumber Company \$20,702.45 for third installment on construction of CCTS and pay 3% general supervision fee of \$621.07 to Spencer & Ross Architects, Jackson, TN. (Source: Chester County Board of Education Minutes, Oct. 15, 1949; p. 251)
- 1949 Fourth Payment on New Colored School. Board approves the fourth installment on new CCTS be paid Johnson Lumber Company \$17,661.78 and 3% supervision fee be paid \$529.85 to Spencer & Ross Architects. (Source: Chester County Board of Education Minutes, Nov. 4, 1949; p. 254)

- 1949 Sale of Colored School Property. The highest bid for sale of colored school property located in Jaybird was John and Gus Bolen (City Drug Store) in the amount of \$2,155.75. (Source: Chester County Board of Education Minutes, Nov. 4, 1949; p. 254)
- 1949 Fifth Payment on New Colored School. Board authorizes fifth payment on CCTS to Johnson Lumber Company \$15,153.48; 3% general supervision fee of \$454.60 to Spencer & Ross, Architects. (Source: Chester County Board of Education Minutes, Dec. 8, 1949; p. 256.)
- 1949 Purchase of Desks for Colored High School. Board authorizes bids on desks for the new CCTS. (Source: Chester County Board of Education Minutes, Dec. 8, 1949; p. 257)
- 1950 Board authorizes purchase of desks and chairs for CCTS (Source: Chester County Board of Education Minutes, Jan. 6, 1950; p. 259)
- 1950 Sixth Payment on New Colored School. Board authorizes sixth installment on new CCTS be paid Johnson Lumber Company \$22,056.57 and 3% general supervision fee \$661.70 paid Spencer & Ross, Architects. (Source: Chester County Board of Education Minutes, Jan. 6, 1950; p. 258)
- 1950 Armour, Tom. (January 27, 1950). "New Colored School Here Will Open in Near Future." Chester County Independent.
- 1950 Special Meeting of Board of Education. Special meeting of Board for Feb. 17, 1950, 9:00 A.M. for purpose of inspecting the new CCTS. (Source: Chester County Board of Education Minutes, Feb. 9, 1950; p. 261)
- 1950 Seventh Payment of New Colored School. Board paid Johnson Lumber Company \$5,297.49 and 3% general supervision fee \$158.92 to Spencer & Ross, Architects. (Source: Chester County Board of Education Minutes, Feb. 9, 1950; p. 260)
- 1950 Visit to New Colored School. Board of Education visited the new CCTS as a body. During meeting, met with contractor and architects. Discussed the probable date of opening of CCTS. (Source: Chester County Board of Education Minutes, Feb. 17, 1950; p. 264)
- 1950 Insurance on New Colored School. Board discussed insurance on new colored school. (Source: Chester County Board of Education Minutes, Feb. 17, 1950; p. 267)
- 1950 Armour, Tom. (March 17, 1950) "Supt. Tom Armour Tells of Opening of Negro School." Chester County Independent. Summary: Supt. Tom Armour announces the opening of Chester County Training School. The new structure for colored students of Chester County which recently been completed at a cost of \$116,800.00. Students were moved into the new structure on last Monday, March 13. Dedication of the new school will take place within a few weeks and an appropriate program is being planned.

- 1950 "New Colored School Here to Be Dedicated." (April 7, 1950). Chester County Independent.
- 1950 Dedicatory Exercises of CCTS. (Source: Souvenir Program of Dedicatory Exercise of Chester County Training School; Henderson, Tennessee, April 7, 1950)
- 1950 Use of Additional Land at Colored School. Additional land outside of campus which will be restricted to use under supervision of PTA for possible crops. Authorized committee to supervise laying out of campus at colored school and general activities. Source: Chester County Board of Education Minutes, April 7, 1950; p. 269)
- 1950 "New Colored School Here to Be Dedicated." (April 7, 1950) Chester County Independent. Dedicatory exercises of an appropriate nature were planned for Friday morning, April 7, at 10:30 A.M., for Chester County Training School, the new colored school that was recently completed here in Henderson.
- The new educational edifice is modern in every respect and cost in excess of \$116,000 to construct. Johnson Lumber Company had the contract and despite inclement weather, shortage of steel, and many other obstacles, completed the building in the allotted time and did a splendid job.
- A portion of the Friday morning dedicatory program includes presentation of the new building by Mr. Charles Ross, architect, and acceptance by Mr. Tom Armour, Superintendent of Chester County Schools. Pro. Richard H. Sewell, president of Lane College, of Jackson Tenn. is scheduled to deliver an address and many other featured speakers are on the program.
- The faculty of the new school, under the leadership of the new school, under the leadership of Prof. J. M. Trice, with the guidance of Supt. Tom Armour, issued a 24-page souvenir program of the Dedicatory Exercises, complete with pictures of Negro educators, P.T.A. groups and other interesting facts.
- The new colored school fills a long-felt need in the educational life of Chester County and is truly a forward step of which all citizens of this county are proud.
- 1950 "Large Crowd At School Dedication." (April 14, 1950) Chester County Independent. Chester County Training School, the new colored school recently completed here at a cost of more than \$116,000 was officially dedicated on last Friday with appropriate ceremonies. Many members of the County Court, the Board of Education, and others prominent in the affairs of Chester County attended and joined their colored neighbors in celebrating this momentous occasion.
- 1950 Final Payment on New Colored School. Final payment to Johnson Lumber Company of \$2,000.00. (Source: Chester County Board of Education Minutes, May 11, 1950; p. 270)
- 1950 Approval of Jeannes Teacher. (Source: Chester County Board of Education Minutes, May 11, 1950; p. 268)

1950 Armour, Tom. (1950, May 17) "Supt. Tom Armour Tells of Opening of Negro School." Chester County Independent. Supt. Tom Armour announces the opening of Chester County Training School. The new structure for colored students of Chester County which has recently been completed at a cost of \$116,800.00. Students were moved into the new structure on last Monday 13. Dedication of the new school will take place within a few weeks and an appropriate program is being planned.

1950 Josie Clemons, Jeannes Teacher for Chester County Publishes "News of Interest to Colored Readers" in the Chester County Independent. The following are some of the articles published by Josie Clemons:

Clemons, Josie. (January 1950) "News of Interest to Colored Readers." Chester County Independent. Summary of article: Apologized to readers for the absence of article from newspaper for past two weeks. Encourages readers to play this part in the helping Chester County to meet its quota in the campaign against polio. Reminds of the completion of the new school and planning of the dedication. PTA of Gibson will have a program and Social Saturday, April 1 at 7:30 PM. Encouraged everyone to give to Red Cross.

Clemons, Josie. (February 17, 1950) "News of Interest to Colored Readers." Chester County Independent. Summary of article: New Homemakers of America met at Merry High School in Jackson on Saturday, February 11. Palestine Sneed of Chester County was re-elected president of the district for 1950-51. Expresses excitement and eagerness to get into the new building after the suffering of many hardships since they have been without a building. Children of Chester County can have the opportunity to work comfortably and help solve many of the problems confronting them. The Home Improvement Club of Gibson community is sponsoring a program at the school to secure funds to put a rug on the lunchroom floor.

Clemons, Josie. (March 3, 1950) "News of Interest to Colored Readers." Chester County Independent. Summary: Encourages students to stay in school in spite of lots of rain and colds. Findings on her visits to various school: much improvement in the instructional programs from standpoint of classroom performance of teachers and students as a result of workshop held October 1949 for the teachers. Specific areas mentioned: grouping and planning the work, understanding the blocking of time and trying to study and understand children. County-wide PTA on Friday night, February 14, 1950. Plans were made to help the schools. Basketball teams will take part in tournament at the National Guard Armory in Jackson, TN.

Clemons, Josie. (March 1950) "News of Interest to Colored Readers." Chester County Independent. Summary of article: Teachers attended State Teachers' Meeting.

Honor students announced by Principal J. M. Trice. Announced the dedicatory exercises for Chester County Training School on April 7. Jacks Creek is having program on Sunday night, April 2 at 7:30 PM.

Clemons, Josie. "News of Interest to Colored Readers" (March 17, 1950) Chester County Independent. Summary: Opening house was held Friday night, March 10, 1950 at new school. Superintendent and school board members attended. Classes will begin on Monday. Faculty meeting was held Monday at 3:30 by Principal J. M. Trice to formulate plans to meet the needs of teachers and students in the new building. Meeting of the Teacher's Association on Friday, March 17 at 3:30. Teachers are asked to bring test materials to the meeting.

Clemons, Josie. "News of Interest to Colored Readers." (April 1950) Chester County Independent. Summary of article: Compliments citizens of Chester County for cooperation in the dedication of new building. Expresses gratitude to Mr. Sewell, president of Lane College D. Pace and staff of Chester County Independent for printing and write-up of dedicatory exercises.

- 1950 Barbecue at Colored School. Board approves colored people be allowed to have barbeque picnic on August 8 at colored school Source: Chester County Board of Education Minutes, March 8, 1951; p. 300)
- 1951 Rent of surplus school campus at CCTS for growing cotton and corn (Source: Chester County Board of Education Minutes, March 8, 1951; p. 300)
- 1951 Board rents farm land at CCTS to C. J. Record for the crop year 1954 (Source: Chester County Board of Education Minutes, Dec. 10, 1953; p. 71)
- 1953 Repairing and installation of science equipment at CCTS (Source: Chester County Board of Education Minutes, March 12, 1953; p. 50)
- 1954 Bids on construction of a 30 x 48 room at CCTS to be used as Agriculture Building and E.L. Burnett approved to teach agriculture at CCTS for school year 1954-55 (Source: Chester County Board of Education Minutes, June 10, 1954; pp.82 & 85)
- 1954 Board authorize the county supt. and chairman to make payments to Raymond Johnson in the amount of \$7,829.00 for construction of Agriculture Building at CCTS (Source: Chester County Board of Education Minutes, Sept. 9, 1954; p. 92)

- 1955 Renting CCTS land to Colored PTA for crop year 1955 (Source: Chester County Board of Education Minutes, March 10, 1955; p. 103)
- 1956 Gas for Chester County Training School. Motion made for bids on natural gas burners for CCTS. Motion carried (Source: Chester County Board of Education Minutes, October 19, 1956; p. 167)
- 1956 Approval of Gas at CCTS. Approval to convert CCTS furnace to gas. Motion carried (Source: Chester County Board of Education Minutes, October 19, 1956; p. 170)
- 1958 Acceptance of Work at CCTS. Motion made by H.E. Cooper and seconded by M.H. Hurst Board members and County Supt. meet with Charles Ross Architect and contractor to tile floors at CCTS and inspect work been done. Upon completion, the County Supt. and Board Chairman are authorized to pay contractor \$3,286.25 for service. Motion carried (Source: Chester County Board of Education Minutes, October 22, 1958; p.228)
- 1960 Install science equipment at CCTS. Motion was approved for James Mitchell & Dewey Williams to install science equipment at CCTS (Source: Chester County Board of Education Minutes, January 11, 1960; p. 267)
- 1960 Title V Guidance program approved for CCTS Source: Chester County Board of Education Minutes, September 29, 1960; p. 8)
- 1962 Contract on CCTS to build an addition approved. Low bidder was Johnson Lumber Co. (Source: Chester County Board of Education Minutes, May 31, 1962; p. 70)
- 1962 Approved installation of additional septic tank for CCTS Source: Chester County Board of Education Minutes, July 2, 1962; p. 76)
- 1963 Acceptance of Chester County Training School Addition. Work done by Johnson Lumber Company in remodeling the existing part of Chester County School and making addition to same. After all the correction by architects have been made, three county schools: Oak Grove, Jacks Creek, and Gibson Rosenwald be closed Friday, February 22, 1963. All students transported to Chester County Training School Source: Chester County Board of Education Minutes, February 19, 1963; p. 96)
- 1963 Chester County Training School addition finished, Feb.; Five classrooms, kitchen, cafeteria and two bathrooms added (10,511 sq. ft.). Consolidation of rural schools with Chester County Training School

- 1963 J. M. Trice, principal of Chester County Training School announces the opening of the new cafeteria. "The cafeteria is modern in every sense of the word and meets a long felt need." [...]. 63-64 school year (Source: From "Only Yesterday" Thurs., February 28, 2013 edition of Chester County Independent)
- 1963 Approved Installation of Windows at CCTS by Johnson Lumber Co. and Purchase of Student Desks Source: Chester County Board of Education Minutes, March 18, 1963; pp.97 & 98)
- 1963 County School Property to be Sold May 7, 1963. Sale of the remaining old elementary schools and land (Chester County Independent, April 26, 1963)
- 1963 Discussion of Open House and Dedication of Name Changed to Vincent High School Source: Chester County Board of Education Minutes, August 28, 1963; p. 118)
- 1963 Placing Plaque for Name Change to Vincent High School Source: Chester County Board of Education Minutes, November 1, 1963; p. 125)
- 1963 Name Changed to Vincent High School after its first principal, J. A. Vincent. Approved dedication of change of name for November 3 or 17 to be decided by Principal J.M. Trice and teachers. A plaque showing name of school to be placed on school ground at CCTS to show name changed to Vincent High School Source: Chester County Board of Education Minutes, November 1, 1963; p. 125)
- 1965 Purchase of Cafeteria Tables for CCTS (Source: Chester County Board of Education Minutes, July 24, 1965; p. 164)
- 1966 The Board authorized the superintendent to advertise in the county paper and send letters to parents for "freedom of choice" to attend schools for coming year 1967 as required by Office of Health, Education, and Welfare and to authorize the submitting of form 441-B as required Source: Chester County Board of Education Minutes, March 25, 1966; p. 182)
- 1966 Superintendent informed the Board of the demands regarding integration made by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. The superintendent and chairman of the board are to be authorized to see if some Negro children would change their "freedom of choice" plans submitted earlier from attending the Negro school to attending white schools. This is to be done during the three weeks fall vacation period. Also, if vacancies occur, the Board will employ a Negro teacher to fill vacancy. The superintendent was further authorized to write a letter to Department of Health, Education and Welfare to inform them of this proposal. Source: Chester County Board of Education Minutes, August 30, 1966; p. 199)

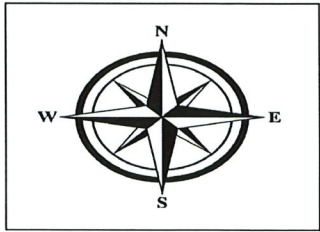
- 1966 Approved adding a course in Building Trades at Vincent High School for the coming school year 1966-67. Approved under Title I to purchase equipment (Source: Chester County Board of Education Minutes, April 1, 1966; p. 185)
- 1966 Board allowed request for Negro children to transfer from Vincent High School (3 students) to Chester County High School and East Chester Elementary School (6 students) (Source: Chester County Board of Education Minutes, May 25, 1966; p. 190)
- 1966 Accept new Pre-Fab Classroom added to Vincent High School (Source: Chester County Board of Education Minutes, July 27, 1966; p. 196)
- 1968 The last high school class graduated from Vincent High School
- 1969 Vincent High School merged with Chester County High School as a result of desegregation.
- 1969 Approve Desegregation Plan 1969-70. (Source: Chester County Board of Education Minutes, March 14, 1969; pp. 256-257)
1. Transfer ninth through twelfth grades from Vincent High to Chester County High School.
 2. Allow "Freedom of Choice" for all grades in county.
 3. Since ninth through twelfth grades will transfer from Vincent High School, all teachers will transfer without regard to race, color, or national origin.
 4. Transportation will be completely integrated. This was done in 1968-69 with the exception of one bus and a driver retiring this year due to age 65.
 5. All activities of the school, ball teams, teacher meetings, in-service training, band, beauty reviews, etc. have already been completely integrated and this will continue.
 6. 1970-71, Vincent High School will be closed and all pupils and teachers transferred to other existing schools in the county.
 7. All activities of the school will continue to be fully integrated.
- 1969 Final Desegregation Plan: We, the Chester County Board of Education and superintendent of schools, do hereby agree to send approximately thirty-five white elementary school pupils to Vincent High School or regular scheduled classes for music and chorus. These classes will be taught by our regular music and band teachers for the school years 1969-1970. (Source: Chester County Board of Education Minutes, April 2, 1969; p.260)
- 1969 Youth Meeting at Vincent High School. Meeting of youths of the community under the supervision of Mr. Austin at Neighborhood Service Center at Vincent High School. (Source: Chester County Board of Education Minutes, August 12, 1969; p.273)
- 1971 J. M. Trice, former principal of Vincent High School, elected attendance teacher for school year 1971-72 (Source: Chester County Board of Education Minutes, May 20, 1971; p. 12)

- 1972 Acceptance of Resignation of J. M. Trice. Motion made by Houston Carroll and seconded by Gene Hall that the Board accept resignation of John M. Trice effective August 31, 1972 (Source: Chester County Board of Education Minutes, August 31, 1972; p.38)
- 1992 Roof Replacement at North Chester. Work to begin in December, 1992 on roofing project. (Source: Chester County Board of Education Minutes, July 27, 1966; p. 322)
- 1993 Board Approves New Boiler for North Chester. (Source: Chester County Board of Education Minutes, February 9, 1993; p. 326)
- 2009 New HVAC at North Chester Installed (Source: Chester County Board of Education Minutes, November 5, 2009; p. 21)
- 2011 Soccer Field and House Complete. New soccer field and house added to campus at North Chester (Source: Chester County Board of Education Minutes, June 23, 2011; p. 8)

Appendix EE

Floor Plan of Vincent High School

Floor Plan of Vincent High School



Soccer Field House

Outside A
Outside B

Wing C

Furnace Room
Girls R
Boys R
CR 7
CR 6
CR 5

CR 11
CR 12
Restroom
Restroom
Storage

Hallway (West Wing D)

CR 10
CR 9
CR 8

Wing D
(See Appendix O for Completion of Wing D)

walk

Outside Entrance

Hallway (Wings A and C)

CR 4
CR 3

Outside Entrance
Hall (Wing B)

CR 2
CR 1

Wing B

Stage
Gym

Entrance from Luray Avenue

Library

Wing A

Office
Workroom

Luray Avenue Entrance

Outside Entrance

Cafeteria/Kitchen

Outside Entrance

Fourth Street

186 Luray Avenue

Floor Plan Not to Scale

Appendix FF

Room List Which Coincides with Floor Plan (Appendix EE) and Pictures

Wing A (South Side of Building)

- Image 1 - Wing A - Front Entrance Hallway from Luray Avenue
- Image 2 - Wing A – Library
- Image 3 - Wing A - Library Storage Room
- Image 4 - Wing A – Office
- Image 5 - Wing A – Workroom

Wing B (West Side of Building)

- Image 6 - Wing B - Classroom 1
- Image 7 - Wing B - Classroom 2
- Image 8 - Wing B - Classroom 3
- Image 9 - Wing B - Classroom 4
- Image 10 - Wing B – Hallway
- Image 11 - Wing B – Gym
- Image 12 - Wing B - Gym Stage

Wing C (North Side of Building)

- Image 13 - Wing C - Furnace Room
- Image 14 - Wing C - Girls Restroom
- Image 15 - Wing C - Boys Restroom
- Image 16 - Wing C - Classroom 7
- Image 17 - Wing C - Classroom 6
- Image 18 - Wing C - Classroom 5

Wing D (East Side of Building)

- Image 19 - Wing D – Storage
- Image 20 - Wing D - Boys Restroom
- Image 21 - Wing D - Girls Restroom
- Image 22 - Wing D - Classroom 12
- Image 23 - Wing D - Classroom 11
- Image 24 - Wing D - Outside Entrance Hallway
- Image 25 - Wing D - Classroom 10
- Image 26 - Wing D - Classroom 9
- Image 27 - Wing D - Classroom 8
- Image 28 - Wing D – Hallway
- Image 29 - Wing D - Entrance to Kitchen from 4th Street
- Image 30 - Wing D – Cafeteria
- Image 31 - Wing D - Cafeteria Kitchen Restroom
- Image 32 - Wing D - Entrance to Wings A and D Hallway from Cafeteria and Luray Avenue

Outside View of Building

- Image 33 - Front Entrance from Luray Avenue 1
- Image 34 - Front Entrance from Luray Avenue 2
- Image 35 - Front Entrance from Luray Avenue 3
- Image 36 - Outside of View of Gym
- Image 37 - Outside of View of Wing D View 1
- Image 38 - Outside of View of Wing D View 2

Other Buildings on Property

- Image 33 - Outside View of Exterior Building 1 - Soccer Field House
- Image 34 - Inside View of Exterior Portable Outside Building A
- Image 35 - Inside View of Exterior Brick Outside Building B View 1
- Image 36 - Inside View of Exterior Brick Outside Building B View 2

Appendix GG

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