

Celebrating 100 Years of Public Education in Kentucky



Mr. C. B. Burchfield

Mr. C. B. Burchfield, manager of the Black Star Coal Company since its establishment in 1921, has been the major leader in the development of the religious and educational center of the community. He has had as a prime objective the organization and maintenance of a good church and a progressive school system. A natural sociologist, he realized that the welfare of the community depended on these foundations.

The community, in return, is deeply appreciative of Mr. Burchfield's efficient leadership in the planning and erecting of adequate buildings for the housing of the church and the school. It is characteristic of his keen mind that Mr. Burchfield foresaw a new day in education for mining communities. He planned the first modern brick school building erected in a mining camp in Harlan County. Until this building was planned, in 1924, it was the custom to build very poor frame structures to serve as mining camp schools.

Mr. Burchfield has been a faithful sponsor of all progressive school activities. He has given his mature counsel on all important undertakings of the school. He has followed the athletic program more closely than any other one person in the community. He has watched the school grow step by step from a one-room to a seventeen room school. He has seen the school develop a twelve year program which is recognized as one of the best in the schools of the South. He takes a personal pride in the fact that Black Star High School is a member of the Southern Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges, the highest recognition a school can gain. (Continued on Page 4)



Administration Building

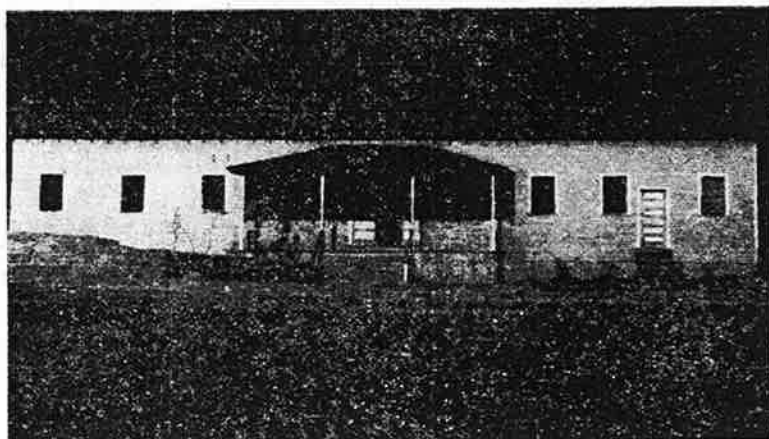
Black Star H. S. 1921 - 1938

Black Star's first school house was a little shack near the Harlan tipple. A passer-by on one day might see several children, on the next day none. Often the teacher waited a-

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Principal's Home



Gymnasium

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The members of the senior class wish to express their appreciation to the school for all they have accomplished during their high school years. The Mountain Eagle is glad to devote its editorial column to them for this purpose.

I have enjoyed my four years of school at Black Star. The commercial department has helped me very much. Home economics has helped me in cooking and sewing. I have enjoyed all of my activities. Goldie Sexton

Black Star High School has been the most important step in my ladder of success. Roy Brassfield

I have profited a great deal by the commercial and English departments of Black Star High School. My other subjects, and also my clubs — chiefly glee club, have meant a lot to me too. I am proud to be called a graduate of Black Star High School.

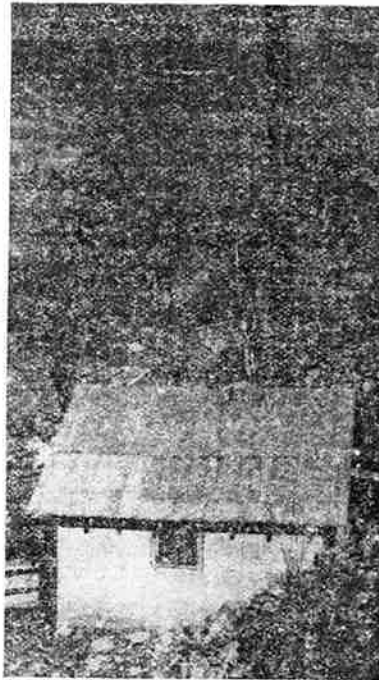
Cleda Steele Corneilius

My most worthwhile things are those that I have learned from this school. Caudille Barnette

I have certainly enjoyed the nine years I have attended school here. I can see a great improvement in the school since I first entered. I've enjoyed all of my subjects, especially the commercial courses taught by Mr. Hume. I'm sure that these will be of great help to me in the future. I have enjoyed taking part in all the clubs of the school, especially glee club and dramatics; also my work on the school paper has been of great help to me. Pruda Reed

I have enjoyed going to school at Black Star. All of my subjects have meant a great deal to me.

Pat Thomas



Central Heating Plant

The commercial courses have helped me more than any of my other subjects. I am planning to go to a business college and I think my schooling here will help me then. Thanks and much progress to the commercial department. Eldon Hill

Because I plan to enter business college soon, the commercial courses that I have taken will greatly aid me. Thanks to the school and good luck in the future. Olen Horton

Words cannot express the deep gratitude I feel toward Black Star High School in providing opportunities for development of musical talent. As I am a lover of music, I especially appreciate the addition of band and desire it to become the best in the state.

The commercial classes have helped me greatly and I am sure they will prove very valuable to me in the future. Gladys Ellwood

I greatly appreciate the training in business that I have acquired at Black Star High School. I have some credits that other schools could not have given me. The band has helped me a lot too. I shall never forget the happy days spent in the classrooms of Black Star High School.

Alfred Montgomery

Black Star has prepared me for my business future. I greatly appreciate the courses I have taken and I think that all the teachers have been wonderful.

Harvey Eads

The things that I have learned in this school will help me carve a path that I may follow through life.

J. B. Sexton

Of the schools that I have attended I am sure Black Star is the best equipped. The commercial department has been of great help to me. I have enjoyed typing, bookkeeping, and shorthand. The home economics has helped me a great deal in cooking and sewing. I have enjoyed all the activities. Although I attended a different school my first semester, I am glad I chose Black Star for my last three and one-half years.

Verna Hensley

The Black Star school has been good to me. When I think of the hours I have spent here, I sum it up into this thought: I have wasted precious moments; perhaps I have caused my teachers unnecessary trouble; perhaps I have been neglectful of my classmates. But whatever my weakness my school has stood by me and tried to make of that weakness a strength.

Tom Elliott

CALENDAR**February**

- 7th — School Masters Club.
- 8th — Loyall Game.
- 9th — Vote Season Tickets for Basketball Queen.
- 10th — Freshman Play.
- 11th — Barbourville Game.
- 15th — Pineville Game.
- 18th — Harlan Game.
- 22nd — Pennington Game.
- 23rd — "B" Team Basketball Tournament at Loyall.
- 25th — Everts Game.

March

- 2nd-5th — "A" Team Basketball Tournament at Everts.
- 2nd — 1st and 3rd Grade Program.
- 7th-12th — Regional Tournament at Barbourville.
- 14th-18th — State Tournament at Lexington.
- 17th — Senior Play.
- 24th — 2nd Grade Program.
- 25th-26th — Debate Tournament at Pineville.

April

- 2nd — Band Contest at Harlan.
- 9th — Vocal Contest at Pineville.
- 9th — Field Day.
- 13th-16th — K. E. A.
- 22nd — (Scholastic) Contest.
- 27th-30th — Music Contest at Lexington.
- 25th — Census Day.

May

- 15th — Vesper Service.
- 17th — School Exhibit.
- 19th — Commencement.

THROUGH THE NET (Tom Elliott)

Evarts

In the return game with Evarts the Eagles were in top form and eager to avenge a football defeat handed to them by the visitors last year. The boys from Evarts were not able to stop the big black team. The final score was Black Star 52, Evarts 6. Shoupe led for the winners with 15 points.

Williamsburg

For the second time this season the Eagles had their wings clipped by the powerful Williamsburg contingent. This time the score was 34 to 25 for the opponents.

Pennington Gap

The Eagles, playing all men, wrested another victory for Black Star from the Pennington Gap squad. Carter annexed 15 of the Eagles' 29 markers. The hosts accounted for 21 points.

Lone Jack

In a satisfactorily interesting game the Eagles topped the Lone Jack boys by a score of 27-23. Shoupe and Carter tied for scoring honors on the Black Star team with 11 points each.

St. Charles

Falling victim to the Eagles' onslaught the St. Charles team dropped the victory by a score of 22-15. Carter was ahead in the Black Star scoring with 12 points.

West Corbin

Substituting for a scheduled opponent, West Corbin appeared for the first time on the Black Star floor. The first period was apparently a sizer-upper, after which the Eagles with their opponent's number soared away to a 46-22 victory.

Lynn Camp

Good passing and fast floor work featured the Eagle-Lynn Camp fracas. Carter and Dugger led for the winner, Black Star, with 16 and 19 points.

Loyall

In a game which would put the winning team in the Conference lead the Loyall Indians got the jump on the Black Star Eagles to lead them 20-10 at the half. Little scoring was done in the third period. But that fourth quarter! The Black Star boys started hitting the basket and with only two minutes to play Loyall had a lead of just one point, 23-22. It looked like the Eagles couldn't be stopped, but Heap Big Indians thought differently. Two more points were all the Eagles could tally while

the Indians scored four more. The final score was 27-24.

Carroll Davenport's long shots from the center of the floor were the high light of the game. He led the Eagles with 9 points. Lawson led for the Indians with 11.

Barbourville

The Eagles went to town both figuratively and literally when they encountered the Barbourville Tigers there. When the final period ended the Eagles had pulled the Tiger's claws to the tune of 41-18.

In the preliminary game the Eaglets nipped the Tiger Cubs 25-21.

"B" TEAM

(Warren Elliott)

Eaglets Lose To Lone Jack

The Black Star Baby Eagles went to Lone Jack determined to bring back another victory. Although they fell one point short of the victory, they gave the Lone Jack "B" team all the punishment they wanted. At the end of the game the Eagles were behind their opponents, to the score of 26-25.

Eaglets Smash St. Charles

The Black Star "B's" whipped out a 26-6 victory over the St. Charles "B's". The Eaglets were never hard pressed. They took it easy the first half, but the last half shot at will, while their defense held their opponents well in check.

Eaglets Lose To Williamsburg

The Eaglets stood up under a crashing defeat handed to them by Williamsburg. This makes two games the Black Star "B" team have been forced to drop to the powerful Williamsburg team. Although the Eaglets fought back violently they were not able to out-fight their opponents. The score was Williamsburg 31, Black Star 7.

Eaglets Invade Lynn Camp

The Eagles' "B" team invaded Lynn Camp to add another victory to their string. The Eaglets were leading throughout the game. At the rest period the Eagles were leading 4-2.

It was a nip and tuck game but the Eaglets finally tucked away a 9-5 victory under their belts.

Eaglets Outpoint Indians

The Black Star "B" team rescued a 17-11 victory from the blood-thirsty Loyall Indians after the toughest battle they have had this season. The Eaglets were out ahead by a 11-7 lead at the half. Hall and Johnson were high pointers for the Eaglets, while the entire team played good defensive ball.

IN BRIEF REVIEW

Shoupe Champion Speller

Edith Shoupe, the 8th grade runner-up in last year's spelling bee, won the grade school championship when she spelled down Herbert Reeves of the sixth grade. The competition was held at a special assembly period.

When only five remained on the platform three of the contestants were of the same family. Edith Shoupe; the winner, Paul, her brother, and Edna, who is a fifth grader.

Baker Outstanding In Play

Wendell Baker, as Pompdebill VIII, King of Hearts, stole the show when the Freshmen presented their annual evening performance, a one-act comedy entitled, "The Knave of Hearts". He was ably supported by Louise Smith in the role of the Lady Violetta.

Special mention is due Violet Whitaker, who substituted in a minor roll, at the proverbial "eleventh hour."

Other members of the cast deserve commendation for good work in their first high school dramatic offering: Hobert Wright, the Chancellor; Adron Brassfield, the Knave; Louise Tyree, lady-in-waiting; Ethel Morse, pastry cook; Herman Adkins and Ruben Rains, heralds; and the chorus which presented a song and dance number: Juanita Carter, Dellarhea Greene, Pauline Harkness, Louise Hurley, Pauline Stepp, Amenia Taylor, Ruby Taylor, Reba Ward, and Geraldine Estridge.

SOPHOMORES PRESENT

MOCK FACULTY

"O wad some power the giftie gie us
To see oursels as ithers see us!"

The faculty had this power given to them when the Sophomores presented their second chapel program of the year. According to the applause Jess Caddell, who impersonated Mr. Roaden, gave the most outstanding performance. While rocking on his feet and twiddling his thumbs, he announced that those who came in tardy to chapel were to see him in his office at the close of the period.

Others who received much applause from the student body were: Billy Burnette, impersonating Mr. Hume in a typing class; Elizabeth Young as Miss Carroll in the study hall; Ted Ramsey as Coach Giles on the football field; Carolyn Martin as Miss Warfield at the beauty parlor; and Billy Boatenreiter as Mr. Wiley conducting a history class.

Vocal solos were sung by Mary Horton, Gladys Carter and Carolyn Martin.

BLACK STAR HIGH SCHOOL

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round for some time and then went home because no pupils appeared to be taught their three "R's." The second year Miss Steele (now Mrs. W. E. Baker) taught the school in a dwelling house secured for that purpose. When the third year of Black Star's existence as a camp was at hand, several separate buildings were utilized for teaching purposes. Mr. Blount was in charge. He was succeeded the following year by Mr. Porter.

An increased enrollment made a building imperative. A new brick structure was planned and supervised by Mr. Burchfield. Mr. Wilson became the principal, and a junior high school was organized. In the six years that Mr. Wilson was school head the curriculum was extended to take in four-year high school work. He was succeeded by the present principal, Mr. Roaden. Under Mr. Roaden's progressive management Black Star was admitted into the Southern Association and has now grown to be recognized as one of the outstanding schools in the section.

The story of the development of Black Star High School reads like the proverbial "rags to riches" fairy tale. From its humble beginnings the school has grown to a plant valued at \$130,000. This has been a fairly rapid progress. The administration building, erected in 1924 by the Black Star Coal Company at a cost of \$48,000 (since improved until its present valuation is \$65,000) led the procession. Five years later the gymnasium was constructed on the cooperative plan. The men of the community financed the labor; the Company the material. Green timber cut off the land was used in construction. The initial value of this building — \$35,000 — has doubled.

In 1935 two other buildings were added to the school plant. Keeping well abreast of the times the Company converted a dwelling near the campus into a home economics laboratory. No rent is charged for the use of this building. The central heating plant, one of the few in Kentucky schools, was another cooperative project in which the school and the Company shared.

The latest addition to the school plant is the principal's home built in the summer of 1937 by the Company. This building is a point of very



Home Economics Building

special pride because few, if any, high schools in the United States have had a home built especially for the principal. This structure, equipped with all modern conveniences, adds greatly to the beauty of the grounds.

In 1932 when the depression was at its lowest ebb, Black Star made a provision to furnish basal texts to all students. Black Star thus holds the unique honor of being the first school in the state to provide free text books.

A glimpse inside the school to see how this efficient machine works is even more interesting than a walk about the grounds. Black Star High School boasts a commercial department equipped to care for all students in the upper classes of the high school department. Typing, shorthand, bookkeeping, commercial law, and business arithmetic start the pupil well on his way to a business career. A science laboratory with special tables and other necessary equipment gives the student an opportunity to carry on individual or group experiments in addition to regular classroom instruction. Contrary to practice in many other schools no lab fee is charged.

An up-to-date library is no small part of the school system. The Black Star library is fitted with tables and chairs to comfortably accommodate fifty-four pupils. Approximately 1150 volumes, newspaper racks for daily papers, a vertical file, complete catalogue and shelf list, and two workrooms in which all magazines are kept on file, make up the library equipment.

The home economics laboratory is planned to take care of classes as large as twenty in number. The theory and practice of all arts pertaining to home management are taught.

Installation of "bask-o-lite" goals in the gymnasium last year brought

much pleasure to the community fans as well as to the visiting teams and the Black Star squad. This year addition of fifteen 500 watt bulbs gives the players an abundance of light. Value of this equipment is approximately \$252.00.

Competitive extra-curricular activities include band, glee clubs, and debate. Physical education, including rhythmic, offers ample opportunity to develop correct posture and graceful carriage. An active dramatics club is a favorite with the students.

New uniforms were acquired early in February 1938 by the band. Those instruments and uniforms not personally owned by the pupils are purchased by the school.

Most recent equipment in use is a public address system. In assembly programs the pupils have an opportunity to "face the mike" to announce, debate, or sing, as the occasion demands. Mention of another unusually progressive step, taken by several of the more advanced schools in the state, should not be omitted. Reference is to the acquisition of a moving picture machine with which the school plans to bring to the community films of an educational, literary, and historical value.

High school basketball was established in 1928. In 1929, and again in 1932, the girls won the district championship. In '32 the boys also won the district championship and the following year won the tournament. In 1937 the boys won the Cumberland Valley championship, and were the runners-up in the tournament.

High school football was begun in 1932 and continued with a good record. The best year was in 1935 with five games won, two tied, and two lost.

Glee clubs were initiated in 1933 and entered the state contest for the first time in 1935. In 1937 the clubs received ratings of "Superior" and "Excellent" in the state contests.

Piano instruction was first given in 1933 while band was started in 1936.

MR. BURCHFIELD

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For this fine system (which has been developed in a little more than a decade) the community, the faculty, and the student body are indeed grateful to its founder and leader, Mr. Burchfield.