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COUNTY DRAMATIC CONTEST IS INTERESTING FEATURE

LARGE ATTENDANCE

Westfield and Pilot Mountain
Plays Tie For First
Place Trophy

Over 700 people filled the high school auditorium to overflowing Saturday night, May 2, to witness the dramatic contest held at Pilot Mountain. Eight Surry county high schools convened for the contest which began at two o'clock in the afternoon.

Pilot Mountain, Franklin, Dobson, Flat Rock, White Plains, Westfield, Low Gap, and Copeland each presented a one-act play in the order named. Each school was well represented, and there was much talent and ability evident both on part of the actors and their directors.

Every play measured up to the highest standards; some of the plays far outstripped plays of the professional stage. Comments from the audience indicated surprise that high school people were capable of such performances.

At the close of the contest the judges deliberated for forty minutes and like a "hung jury" reported they they were unable to agree upon the winners. They deliberated a few minutes longer and returned the decision of a tie for first place by Pilot Mountain and Westfield, and that third place should go to Flat Rock. Copeland was given honorable mention.

COMING IN



Prof. E. B. Carroll, principal of Flat Rock High School, will head the School Master's Club for 1931-32.

TAYLOR AND SHELTON WIN BATTING HONORS

Babe Taylor and Pete Shelton led the batting assault for Westfield's Conference baseball champions during the season just ended. Taylor hit .440 while playing only 6 out of 9 games, but the stocky little Shelton did yeoman service behind the bat in every game and hammered the ball for a .437 average to top all the regulars. The squad as a whole showed an average of .313 to tell the wherefore of their championship claims.

Ty Inman, ranking third with .395 percent, was the only player to hit safely in every game. The fourth and fifth ranks went to Harvey

ALL-CONFERENCE TEAMS FOR 1930-31

Boy's Basketball

First Team	Position	Second Team
Hunter, Westfield	F.	Vaughan, Dobson
Simpson, Copeland	F.	Jackson, White Plains
Collins, Dobson	C.	Lawrence, White Plains
Hiatt, Dobson	G.	Owens, Westfield
Simmons, Copeland	G.	Inman, Westfield

Girls' Basketball

First Team	Position	Second Team
M. Slate, Westfield	F.	F. Cooke, Flat Rock
Hatcher, Franklin	F.	Beasley, Westfield
McGee, Pilot Mountain	J. C.	Benson, Mt. Park
Patterson, Pilot Mt.	S. C.	T. Cooke, Westfield
E. Slate, Westfield	G.	Williams, Mt. Park
Snow, Pilot Mt.	G.	Terry, Franklin

Baseball

First Team	Position	Second Team
Cooke, Flat Rock	P.	E. Simmons, Copeland
Lawrence, Westfield	P.	Southard, Dobson
Hiatt, Dobson	C.	A. Shelton, Westfield
Folger, Dobson	1B.	P. Shelton, Westfield
Johnson, Flat Rock	2B.	L. Chilton, Pilot Mt.
Simpson, Copeland	SS.	Mounts, Dobson
Inman, Westfield	3B.	B. Chilton, Pilot Mt.
Hunter, Westfield	LF.	Parsons, Franklin
Arrington, Westfield	CF.	Frye, Pilot Mtn.
Barnes, Flat Rock	RF.	Hall, Westfield

Boys Track

First Squad	Events	Second Squad
Arrington, Westfield	100 yard dash	Evans, Copeland
Hunter, Westfield	220 yard dash	Badgett, White Pl.
L. Chilton, Pilot Mtn.	440 yard dash	Comer, Dobson
Jackson, White Plains	75 yard hurdles	D. Cooke, Westfld.
B. Cooke, Westfield	High jump	W. Hayes, Low Gp
Greenwood, Beulah	Broad jump	George, Westfield
Belton, Flat Rock	Baseball throw	B. Chilton, Pt. Mt.

Girls Track

Stone, Westfield	50 yard dash	Woods, Franklin
S. Slate, Westfield	High jump	Hatcher, Franklin
Simmons, Franklin	(Tie for first)	
	Basketball throw	Hauser, Pilot Mtn.

COACHES NAME ALL-STARS FROM CONFERENCE SCHOOLS

The year just past has been Copeland both back in togs to

WESTFIELD COMMENCEMENT CLOSES SUCCESSFUL YEAR

GOING OUT



Prof. I. O. Hauser, principal of White Plains High School, is the retiring president of the School Master's Club.

HUNTER IS BEST ALL ROUND STAR

Harvey Hunter, star of Westfield teams in all three sports during the past two seasons, ranks as the best all-round athlete in the Surry County Conference. There are several athletes in the county who made letters in basketball, baseball and track, but the Wildcat speed artist is the only one to earn a post on the All-Conference first team in all three sports.

Hunter was an All-Conference forward for the past two years in basketball, scoring 221 points in 1930 and 238 points last season. He was perhaps the best fielder in the

Eighteen Graduate

Hon. Lacy M. Butler Delivers
Principal Address to Seniors

Hon. Lacy M. Butler, Winston-Salem attorney, delivered the commencement address on Monday night, May 18, as the Westfield high school closed the most successful year in its history. This address, followed by the presentation of diplomas to the eighteen members of the graduating class marked the closing event on the four day commencement program.

The exercises opened on Monday night, May 15, with the grammar grade program, the seventh grade graduation and the presentation of prizes and awards. These exercises were featured by the presentation of the two silver loving cups won by Westfield students this year. They were presented by Dr. J. T. Smith to Captain Harvey Hunter of Westfield's county track champions and to Will Christian, representing the caste of the one-act play, "Peggy," which won top honors in the county dramatic contests.

The seniors presented their play, "His Best Investment," at the school auditorium on Saturday night, May 16, and on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock the baccalaureate sermon was delivered by Rev. J. W. McFall, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, Mount Airy. The class day exercises were in the form of a play, entitled, "Climb Though the Mountains Be Rugged," and were

gy," a play by the Carolina Playmakers. The scene was the interior of a wretchedly poor tenant farmer's hut located on the plantation of Mr. McDonald, a cold, strict business man whose philosophy was that "charity had no place in business." Peggy, the tenant's daughter, realizing the wretchedness of the life of the family, hoped to rise above it. Her parents objected to her casual conversational acquaintance with Wes McDonald, the landlord's son, who had been to college, and they insisted that she marry Jed, another

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WESTFIELD WINS IN CINDER MEET

**Franklin Takes Second As
Wildcats Win Second
Straight Title**

The Westfield Wildcats romped to an easy victory in the second annual Surry Conference track and field meet held at Westfield on Saturday, April 25, scoring 41 points against a fast field that included nine of the ten conference schools. The Franklin runners and jumpers bagged 22 points for second place, with White Plains 13 counters netting third. Other scoring teams included Pilot Mountain 8 1-2, Beulah 8, Copeland 8, Flat Rock 7, Dobson 4 1-2 and Low Gap 4.

The young athletes took Father Time and Mother Distance for a ride as they smashed seven of the 1930 records in the thirteen events and tied two others. The Westfield stars led in this attack against the existing marks, breaking four and helping Franklin tie another. White Plains recorded two new marks, and Flat Rock got the other. The second tied record was credited to Pilot Mountain's quarter-miler.

The Westfield tracksters opened in the same impressive fashion as in the first annual meet a year ago, winning the first three sprint events in record time. Boyd Arrington tied the state record in the prelims of the 100 yard dash,

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Hunter with .370 and Clip Chilton with .367 percent. Paul Shelton topped the run getters, scoring 15 runs in 9 games. He was closely followed by Ty Inman, who crossed the plate 13 times.

The other lettermen and their averages included Boyd Arrington and Captain Will Christian, each hitting .333; Woodrow Lawrence with .300; Paul Shelton with .290; Fred Owens with .280; Vance Tilley hitting .250; Glenn Hall with .167 and Reece Arrington, who failed to hit while playing in five games.

"W" WEARERS NAME TAYLOR PRESIDENT

Rex "Babe" Taylor, elongated basketball center and baseball outfielder, headed the Westfield Monogram Club for the past year, being elected at a meeting of the wearers of the "W" held on Friday, May 15. The tall senior won out by a wide majority over Elma Beasley and Harvey Hunter, the other candidates nominated for the office. This is the final honors for Taylor, as he topped off his athletic career at Westfield high by graduation this year.

JUNIOR MARSHALS FOR COMMENCEMENT

The crowds attending commencement exercises at Westfield high school the week-end off May 15-18 were capably handled and seated by five efficient marshals elected from the junior class. The marshals force included Elma Beasley, chief marshal; and Boyd Arrington, Glenn Hall, Allene Collins and Edith Jessup, assistant marshals.

VETERANS TO LEAD NEXT YEAR'S TEAMS

Three veteran Wildcat athletes will lead the Westfield athletic teams into action next year, for the lettermen in the varsity sports named rising seniors and old stars to captain the teams at the close of the various seasons. Boyd Arrington will captain both boys basketball and track, Elma Beasley will lead the girls basketball, and Glenn Hall will captain the baseball squad.

one of the most successful athletic campaigns in the history of Surry county schools, with a general spirit of good sportsmanship and clean rivalry all up and down the line. While Dobson, Pilot Mountain and Westfield copped the championship honors, the other seven teams gave them plenty of competition, and there were outstanding players on all the teams.

There were no All-Conference teams picked by seasons as the sports came and went, and general canvass around amongst the coaches reveals the general concensus of opinion as to the all-round value and rating of the various star athletes, and with this final issue of the county school papers goes an attempt to choose an absolutely unbiased set of All-Conference teams in all the sports.

These teams, as stated above, have been picked after interviewing practically every coach in the league on the subject, although no written picks were asked for or submitted. Among the coaches who voiced spoken opinions or picks for various teams were Johnnie Clemmer and Miss Clyde Mullis of Copeland, Miss Pearl Hatcher of Franklin, Glenn O'Brien and Miss Mary Ellen Lassiter of Flat Rock, M. C. Minor of Low Gap, J. V. Womble of White Plains, and Luther Byrd, Charles D. Ball and Mrs. Will Christian of Westfield. The choices covered boys and girls basketball and baseball, while the first place winners in track might well be called the All-Conference track team.

Boy's Basketball Stars

The crack Dobson basketball quint romped home with the boys' basketball honors after hard scraps with such teams as Copeland, White Plains and Westfield, all of which offered some great players. These four teams showed the way most of the time, and general concensus of opinion gave them the monopoly of the first and second team births.

The forward posts were generally conceded to be cinched as the season opened, with Harvey Hunter of Westfield and Claude Simpson of

battle for the berths they so clearly earned a year ago. Both boys continued their brilliant play and clearly deserved the honor for the second straight year, so to them go the forwards on the first team. Sam Vaughan, who shifted his allegiance this year from Flat Rock to Dobson, broke thru in stellar fashion and earned a right to pair with Hamp Jackson, little speed demon of the White Plains team, as second team forwards. Jackson is on the All-Conference team for the second straight year.

Hal Collins, captain of the Dobson championship outfit, moved over to the capital city, after captaining the Westfield Wildcats during the 1930 season and shifted from forward to play a brilliant game at center. He was clearly the pivot of his team's play all the way, and deserves the first All-Conference center honor. Fox Lawrence, veteran of several seasons at White Plains, won a margin over Jimmie Johnson of Flat Rock, Rex Venable of Copeland and Rex Taylor of Westfield to take the second center post.

The selection of the guards offer some diversity of opinion, but all the choices practically centered on four men. They were Willie Simmons of Copeland, Vestal Hiatt of Dobson, and Fred Owens and Ty Inman of Westfield, so they have been awarded the honors. Simmons and Hiatt, ranking stars of the first and second place teams were given the first team guards, while the Westfield teammates will pair on the second all-star quintet.

All-Conference Girls

The race for the girls championship proved a three cornered affair between the championship Pilot Mountain outfit and the crack clubs from Franklin and Westfield, which tied for second place this season. The Pilot Mountain team boasted one of the finest clubs ever seen through this section, with at least three stars rating a place on any all-star team. The Westfield girls, who failed to make a second straight Conference title, were a well-balanced outfit with

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conference in his outfield play, and a batting average of .370 is nothing to be sneezed at in any league. He smashed the two-twenty record to bits in track this year, and is the only athlete in the county to hold two Conference records. His 1930 mark in the broad jump still stands, and he added the new two-twenty mark this season.

Among the stars making first All-Conference teams in two sports were Claude Simpson, Copeland's star basketball forward and baseball shortstop; Vestal Hiatt, Dobson's brilliant basketball guard and baseball catcher; and Boyd Arrington, speedking of Westfield's track team and centerfield on the baseball squad.

DR. SMITH HONORED BY MONOGRAM CLUB

Dr. J. T. Smith, chairman of the Westfield school board and one of the chief backers of the Wildcat athletic teams, is now a full-fledged Wildcat and an authorized wearer of the big block "W" that distinguishes members of the Westfield teams. The monogram club members voted unanimously to take Dr. Smith into their club as an honorary member, and Coach Luther Byrd presented him with the regular certificate and letter at the opening commencement exercises on Friday, May 15.

DELLIE PELL TOPS SENIORS IN GRADES

Dellie Pell, by virtue of high grades attained on her courses during the last two years of her high school career, was valedictorian of the class of 1931 at Westfield high this year and delivered the class farewell address on graduation night. Walter Tilley, another of the highest ranking students, won the salutatory honors and welcomed the parents and friends to the graduation exercises.

Dellie Pell and Gladys Stone made such a close battle for valedictory honors that they had to match for the place. Both averaged over 96 percent for the last two years of high school.

given on Monday morning, May 18, at 10 o'clock.

The eighteen seniors who received diplomas this year included President Will Christian, Walter Tilley, Harvey Hunter, Fred Owens, Fred George, Rex Taylor, Artie Hunter, Gladys Stone, Tincy Cooke, Frances Pell, Susie Smith, Alice Owens, Mollie Slate, Lillian Chilton, Ethel Rogers, and Eunice Frans.

WILDCAT ATHLETES AWARDED LETTERS

Stars of Four Teams Receive Rewards for Years Play

The stars of Westfield's championship track and baseball squad were awarded their letters, stars and certificates by Coach Luther Byrd as a feature of the "Senior Chapel" on Thursday, May 14, completing the athletic awards for the year. There were 15 track athletes and 13 baseball stars given letters or stars, bringing the total awards for the year to 43 in four sports.

The 43 letters went to exactly 29 athletes, with an even dozen all-round stars doubling in two or more sports. Only three boys made the grade to win three letters Harvey Hunter, Boyd Arrington and Fred Owens winning regular berths in basketball, baseball and track. Nine other boys and girls won positions in two sports to show their versatility.

The two sport athletes included Rex Taylor, Ty Inman, Glenn Hall, and Clyde Chilton, basketball and baseball; Boyce Cooke, basketball and track; and Anabell Stone, Tincy Cooke, Allene Slate and Allene Cooke, girls basketball and track. Those winning one letter included Mollie Slate, Elma Beasley, Edith Slate and Ruth Cooke, girls basketball; Paul Shelton, Woodrow Lawrence, Reece Arrington, Vance Tilley and Will Christian, baseball; and Dick Cooke, Clarence Arrington, Carnie George, Frances Slate, Thadie Slate and Hazel Inman, track.

Prof. Arthur F. Graham, principal of Copeland high school, became a member of the Matrimonial Club shortly after the close of school.

COACHES NAME ALL-STARS —CONFERENCE SCHOOLS

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strong forwards and guards. Franklin had a great set of forwards, but were weak on their guard play.

Almost without dissent, the girls coaches that were interviewed agreed that the first All-Conference team should include Molly Slate of Westfield and Virginia Hatcher of Franklin at forwards, Bill McGee of Pilot Mountain as jumping center, June Patterson of Pilot Mountain as side center, and Edith Slate of Westfield and Leoda Snow of Pilot Mountain as guards. These six girls were sensational in their play and as steady and consistent as the Rock of Gibraltar.

There was no such easy task in naming the second team, but, with some disagreement expected from different sources, the following six girls have been chosen with Elma Beasley of Westfield and Foy Cooke of Flat Rock at the forward posts, Fay Benson of Mountain Park at jumping center, Tincy Cooke of Westfield at side center, and Mary Williams of Mountain Park and Bill Terry of Franklin at the guards. These girls were all towers of strength on their teams.

Baseball's Elite Outfit

There was no regular schedule played in baseball, but just as the Dobson team piled up the best record and was conceded the title in 1930, so the Westfield club showed the best all-round season and laid a practically clear claim to the baseball crown for the season. The Wildcats won 8 games and lost two, playing every high school baseball team in the county conference. The Dobson team, with the next best mark, failed to play either Flat Rock or Pilot Mountain, both of which had strong teams.

Showing as tight a competition as the race brought forth there will be more argument over the all-star baseball choices. Dillard Cooke of Flat Rock and Woodrow Lawrence

and Carnie George of Westfield on the broad jump, and Archie Belton of Flat Rock and Herman Chilton of Pilot Mountain on the baseball throw. The girls included Bell Stone of Westfield and Mabel Wood of Franklin on the 50 yard dash, Frances Slate of Westfield and Virginia Hatcher of Franklin on the girls' high jump, and Kathleen Simmons of Franklin and Lolene Hauser of Pilot Mountain on the basketball throw.

Great Progress In State School System

Statistics Given for Past Decade

This issue of this publication presents a statistical story of public education in North Carolina for three selected years at five-year intervals. These years are 1918-19, 1923-24 and 1928-29. All statistics for the year 1929-30 are not yet complete and for that reason data for that particular year are not used. The facts presented for these three years indicate very clearly the growth in public education during the past decade. They show also that considerable progress has been made in certain phases of the educational situation of the State. Furthermore, these statistics disclose the fact that not all the educational problems of the State have been solved.

The table at the right shows this statistical matter for the State as a whole and in most instances each item is divided on the basis of race. There is no attempt in the number of this publication to show the discrepancies that exist between the educational advantages offered in rural and in charter or city schools. The facts in this issue are presented simply for the purpose of giving a picture of the total school situation for the last year for which a full year's record is available, as well as for the purpose of showing the changes that have taken place since 1918-19, ten years ago, and 1923-24, five years

ago, new buildings and equipment, the value of all school property in 1928-29 is nearly seven times the 1918-19 value. The sum of \$107,856,829.35 is now invested in public school property, whereas in 1918-19 the sum of \$16,294,859.00 represented the total investment in such property.

Number of Schoolhouses

Whereas the value of school buildings and other property has increased very rapidly during the last ten-year period, the number of schoolhouses has actually decreased. In 1918-19 there were a total of 8,239 schoolhouses in use. This number decreased to 7,360 in 1923-24 and to 6,089 in 1928-29, a total decrease of 2,150 schoolhouses during the ten year period. Nearly all the decrease was made in schoolhouse for the white race.

Average Value of Each Schoolhouse

An average in total value of school property coupled with a decrease in number of schoolhouses made the average value of property per schoolhouse increase very rapidly. In 1918-19 the average value of property to the number of schoolhouses was approximately \$2,000. In 1923-24 this average value had increased to \$8,100 and in 1928-29 to \$17,700. It is evident from these facts that there are yet schoolhouses in the State which have a low valuation.

Average Value of Property Per Child Enrolled.

The value of property per child enrolled in school gives the best idea of the amount of school property available in the State and of the change that has taken place in this respect within the past ten years. In 1918-19 there was on an average \$27.55 worth of school property for each pupil enrolled. By 1923-24 this value had nearly trebled, the average being \$75.35; and by 1928-29 it had increased to \$126.02.

All these figures indicate that the children of the State are being provided with better housing situations, and that the physical property of the school purchased at this time

1928-29 was \$927.21, while that of a colored teacher was \$510.07. This salary is based on the average length of school term.

School Enrollment

There were in 1918-19 832,839 children eligible under the law to attend the public schools. By 1928-29 the number of children on the census of school age (6 to 21) had increased to 1,013,906. Of this number approximately seven-tenths were white and three-tenths colored.

Of this total 1928-29 census 855,882 were actually enrolled in school, 595,747 white children and 260,135 colored children. In the school year 1918-19 there were 591,487 children enrolled in school. Within ten years, therefore, there has been an increase of 264,395 in public school enrollment, approximately 45 per cent increase.

The average daily attendance, which in 1918-19 was 385,673, increased to 571,359 in 1923-24 and to 644,755 in 1928-29. The enrollment of 1928-29 was more than the school census of 1918-19, and the attendance of 1928-29 was more than the enrollment of 1918-19.

Another indication of the increase in school enrollment is the increase in number of children going to school. In 1918-19 only 71 per cent of the total school population enrolled in school, whereas in 1923-24 86.1 per cent and in 1928-29 84.4 per cent of the school census of those respective years entered school.

There was also better attendance of those who attended school in 1928-29 than the pupils who attended ten years prior to that year. Out of every 100 enrolled in 1918-19 only 65 attended on an average every day. During 1928-29 an average of 75 of every 100 enrolled attended school every day.

School Term

The average school term has increased in length from 112 days in 1918-19 to 152.9 days in 1928-29, a total of two school months.

The average number of days

to 2,137 in 1928-29, but the number of volumes in these libraries increased from 361,068 in 1923-24 to 732,376 in 1928-20.

Consolidation and Transportation

The number of consolidated schools increased from 691 in 1923-24 to 986 in 1928-29.

In 1923-24 there were 1,318 vehicles used in transporting. In 1928-29 there were 3,716 children to and from schools. vehicles, mostly motor, used for school transportation purposes.

In 1923-24 there were 48,251 children transported, whereas in 1928-29 165,328 children were transported.

In 1923-24 the cost of transportation amounted to \$654,644.62, whereas in 1928-29 the cost of transportation had increased to \$1,929,282.99.

The average annual cost of transporting a pupil to school in 1923-24 was \$13.57. In 1928-29 this average cost was \$11.67.

Allan Jessup, star pitcher for the Westfield high school baseball team in 1930, was a member of the varsity squad and team at Appalachian State Normal in Boone the past season.

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of Westfield stood out among the pitchers and rate first berths easily. Others who appeared to rate first team honors include Vestal Hiatt of Dobson, catcher; Jim Folger of Dobson, first base; Jimmie Johnson of Flat Rock, second base; Claude Simpson of Copeland, shortstop; Ty Inman of Westfield, third base; Harvey Hunter of Westfield, left field; Boyd Arrington of Westfield, centerfield; and Fred Barnes of Flat Rock, right field. These were chosen for both hitting and fielding ability.

The second team choices probably should include Sebastian Southard of Dobson, pitcher; Pete Shelton of Westfield, catcher; Paul Shelton of Westfield, first base; Herbert Chilton of Pilot Mountain, second base; Heber Mounts of Dobson, shortstop; Herman Chilton of Pilot Mountain, third base; Tom Parsons of Franklin, left field; Arthur Frye of Pilot Mountain, center field; and Glenn Hall of Westfield, right field. There may have been others as good as these stars, but they failed to show as much either at the plate or in the field.

All-Star Track Athletes

The boys and girls who led the way in their events in the county meet at Westfield on Saturday, April 25, clearly deserve the berths on the All-Conference track team. The first and second place winners, then, in the individual events are named in the following list as the team. The relay fours could be moller from their ranks.

The team included Boyd Arrington of Westfield and Bill Evans of Copeland on the 100 yard dash, Harvey Hunter of Westfield and Herman Badgett of White Plains on the 220 yard dash, Herbert Chilton of Pilot Mountain and Wilson Comer of Dobson on the quarter mile, Hamp Jackson of White Plains and Dick Cooke of Westfield on the hurdles, Boyce Cooke of Westfield and Will Hayes of Low Gap on the boys high jump, Tom Greenwood of Beulah

ago. These items will be taken up and discussed in the order in which they appear in the table.

School Expenditures

The total cash disbursement for the elementary and secondary schools of the State in 1918-19 was \$7,140,240.78. In 1928-29 the sum of 41,630,400.63 was disbursed for all school purposes, including both capital outlay and debt service, which, in most cases, is the paying back of the amount borrowed and formerly spent for capital outlay purposes, the actual amount spent for the school during 1928-29 was \$35,941,318.70. Five years preceding, the corresponding expenditure was \$29,747,074.84; and ten years preceding, \$6,767,062.03. The first five years, from 1918-19 to 1923-24, of this ten-year period shows the greatest increase in school expenditures. During the second half of the period, from 1924-25 to 1928-29, expenditures for current expenses plus capital outlay have increased on an average slightly more than a million dollars a year.

When the expenditure for each of the three groups, current expense, capital outlay and debt service, is examined separately a different picture is obtained. Current expense, the amount of disbursement for the current operation of the public schools, increased nearly \$13,000,00 the first five years of the period under discussion and approximately \$8,000,000 the last five years, from 1923-24 to 1928-29.

The expenditure for capital outlay, on the other hand, increased from \$917,932.25 in 1918-19 to \$10,668,418.97 in 1923-24, but dropped to \$7,979,786.85 in 1928-29. The debt service obligation of the schools has also increased from \$372,178.75 in 1918-19 to \$5,689,081.93 in 1928-29. The disbursements for capital outlay and debt service combined are approximately equal for 1923-24 and 1928-29.

Value of School Property

As a result of the expenditure for capital outlay pur-

is more permanent than that heretofore acquired.

Number Rural Schoolhouses

Item 6 of the table shows the number of rural schoolhouses. The total line for this should be studied in comparison with item 4. Of the 8,239 schoolhouses in 1918-19, 7,753 were located in rural districts. In 1928-29 there were 5,565 rural schoolhouses and 524 schoolhouses in charter districts. Note the type of construction of these rural buildings and in the tendency in number of each type. There are now nearly 1,000 brick buildings, whereas there were only 183 in 1918-19. The number of houses of frame and log construction on the other hand show a decided decrease. There were 7,446 frame and 124 log schoolhouse in use in 1918-19, whereas in 1928-29 the number of frame buildings had decreased to 4,569 and log houses to only 22.

Size of Schools.

The number of one-teacher schools in 1928-29 is less than half the number of 1918-29, when there were 4,437 schools of this kind. The number of large schools, on the other hand, has more than doubled, increasing from 444 in 1918-19 to 1,154 in 1928-29. Of this number 918 are for the colored race.

Teachers

In 1918-19 there were 15,069 teachers, principals and supervisors employed in the public schools, 11,681 white and 3,388 colored. Ten years later this number of employed school workers had increased to 24,925.

Of the number employed in 1918-19, it is estimated that approximately 2,806 held Class A certificates. Of the total number employed in 1928-29 a total of 7,315 held this highest type of certificate.

In 1918-19 the average annual salary of a public school teacher was \$318.26. During the five-year period from 1918-19 to 1923-24 this amount increased to \$713.18, and five years later to \$821.07. The average annual salary of a white teacher during the year

each enrolled child attended school, likewise shows an increase of approximately 40 days or two school months since 1918-19.

The records as to the number of pupils attending those schools having an eight month term or longer are not available for 1918-19, but in 1923-24 there were 391,381 pupils or 49.4 per cent of the total enrollment in schools having an eight months term or more. Five years later, 1928-29, the number of pupils in these schools had increased to 564,718.66 per cent of the total enrollment or nearly equal the enrollment of 1918-19.

High Schools

In 1918-19 there were 391 public high schools. This number had increased to 736 in 1923-24 and to 881 in 1928-29. Of this number in 1928-29 114 were for the colored race.

Enrolled in the 391 high schools operated in 1918-19 were 23,665 boys and girls. In the 881 schools in operation during 1928-29 there were 109,957 boys and girls. In other words, there were enrolled in public high schools in 1928-29 nearly five times the number in 1918-19.

There were in 1918-19 a total of 2,040 graduates of high school. In 1928-29 there were nearly seven times this number, or 13,667. Of this number 12,145 were from white schools and 1,522 from colored schools.

Of the total 881 public high schools operated in 1928-29 641 were accredited, that is, they met certain definite requirements as to attendance, length of term, number of teachers, etc. In 1923-24 there were only 340 accredited high schools.

Libraries

The number of libraries decreased from 3,287 in 1923-24

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Bryan High School Will Be Operated Again Next Season

The Bryan high school will be operated again next year in connection with the Mountain Park institute, following the acceptance on Monday of this week by the county board of education of a proposition made by Rev. J. H. Fulghum, president of the Mountain Park School. This decision was made by the board only after hearing a petition from the citizens of the Bryan section for a separate school.

The petition, presented by Attorney A. D. Folger of Dobson, and showing the signatures of 77 citizens of the section around Mountain Park, asked for permission to lay off a new special tax district that would not include the Mountain Park school property and for permission to operate a school separate and distinct from the private institution. The citizens, in a special election some weeks ago, had voted off the old special tax district.

The proposed new district "gerrymandered" around several little sections, showing the existence of factional differences between different groups of citizens as well as with the Mountain Park school authorities, and after hearing speeches for and against the petition, the board went into executive session to consider the petition and a proposition to be presented by Rev. Fulghum relative to operation of the Bryan

high school by the Mountain Park funds.

Rev. Fulghum presented his proposition in the presence of Attorney Folger, who represented the citizens of the opposition. The proposition was for the county board to send all Bryan high school pupils to Mountain Park, paying a tuition equal to the salary of three teachers for the six months term and also to pay transportation costs for the regular six months. Then he agreed to take over all expenses and to operate both the high school section at Mountain Park and the elementary school at Bryan for the extended two months without any cost to the county for either teachers or transportation.

The board, after due consideration, agreed to accept the Mountain Park offer for the year 1931-32, giving Rev. Fulghum the privilege of renewing the contract for three years more. However, to pacify the opponents of the plan and work a peaceable compromise, Rev. Fulghum agreed not to ask for any extension of the arrangement beyond the agreed four year period. The entire arrangement was made, pending the agreement of the state department. This approval is expected, for Dr. J. H. Highsmith, state high school inspector, has approved the Mountain Park Institute as a standard school.

WESTFIELD WINS IN CINDER MEET

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setting the Conference mark down to 10.4 seconds and then romped to an easy first in the finals. Captain Harvey Hunter smashed the furlong record to smithereens as he took first in the two-twenty, and Bell Stone tied the Southern intercollegiate women's record and set a new Conference mark of 6.4 seconds as she won Westfield's third first place in the 50 yard dash for girls.

Hamp Jackson, speedy little White Plains hurdler, accounted for another new record when he raced over the timbers in 10.2 seconds, and Herbert Chilton of Pilot Mountain

Boys half-mile: White Plains. 1 minute 35 seconds. (New record).
 Mixed 400 yard shuttle: Franklin. 57 minutes.

COUNTY DRAMATIC CONTEST IS AN INTERESTING FEATURE

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poor tenant. A discussion of the affair formed the core of the play. In this discussion the father who had been "ailin' from misery around his heart" becomes infuriated, started to drive Peggy from home, was suddenly struck by an attack, and dropped dead to the floor.

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old mark of a year before. The
White Plains half-mile relay
four raced home in 1 minute
35 seconds for a new mark in
their event, topping off the re-
cord smashing in the running
events.

Two new marks and a tied
record was the toll in the field
events, with Boyce Cooke,
lanky Westfield high jumper,
topping 5 feet 4 inches to
break his own old record by
even eight inches. Frances
Slate of Westfield and Virgin-
ia Hatcher of Franklin tied
for first in the girls' high jump
and in so doing equalled Hat-
cher's own record of 4 feet 2
inches. Archie Belton, iron-
armed youngster from Flat
Rock, tossed the baseball 286
feet 10 inches to set a new
mark in the baseball throw.

The first place winners in
the thirteen events with their
winning times, heights or dis-
tances were as follows:

Boys Events

100 yard dash: Arrington,
Westfield. 10.5 seconds. (New
record of 10.4 seconds in the
preliminaries).

220 yard dash: Hunter, West-
field. 23.4 seconds. (New re-
cord).

440 yard dash: Chilton, Pilot
Mountain. 54 seconds. (Ties
record).

75 yard hurdles: Jackson,
White Plains. 10.2 seconds.
(New record).

Running high jump: B. Cooke,
Westfield. 5 feet 4 inches.
(New record).

Running broad jump: Green-
wood, Beulah. 17 feet 6 inches.

Baseball throw: Belton, Flat
Rock. 286 feet 10 inches. (New
record).

Girls Events

50 yard dash: Stone, West-
field. 6.4 seconds. (New re-
cord).

Running high jump: Hatcher,
Franklin, and F. Slate, West-
field, tied for first. 4 feet 2
inches. (Ties record).

Basketball throw: K. Simmons,
Franklin. 63 feet 10 inches.

Relays

Girls 400 yard shuttle: Frank-
lin. 58 seconds.

ther. Jed consulted the land-
lord who agreed that if Jed
would marry Peggy all could
stay. After her mother's pleas
Peggy sobbed, "I guess it's the
only way out."

Although highly dramatic
the play was expertly present-
ed. Westfield deserves much
praise and glory for her cast,
especially commendable were
the characters of Peggy's mo-
ther and father and Jed.
These three performed to per-
fection.

Pilot Mountain presented
"Dead Expense," one of the
three plays given by the Sen-
ior class the preceding Thurs-
day evening. The cast, com-
posed of Leoda Snow, George
Fulk, Willie Lou McGee and
Carl Hill, delivered their parts
smoothly and were highly ty-
pical of their roles. So well did
they assume their characters
that they fit perfectly into the
atmosphere of the play and its
setting. Mrs. George B. Reid of
the high school faculty direct-
ed the play.

Flat Rock gave "The Lucky
Fool," a play set in a living
room of a hotel apartment.
The plot hinged around a
scheme on the part of a young
newly wedded couple to de-
ceive an aunt so that the ne-
phew would share in an estate.
Julia, the wife, was thought to
be too much of a flapper,
and to fool the aunt an old-
fashioned girl had to be secur-
ed. Joe, the elevator boy, had
the task of selecting her, and
he did it in a fashion all of his
own. Minerva, selected by
Joe, outflattered poor Julia,
but a change was too late, and
the aunt entered. The aunt
soon discovered the plot, how-
ever, because she had witness-
ed the wedding unknown to
anyone. So Julia was not such
a flapper after all; Minerva
was born in 1880, but knew
plenty about modern girls.

The play was full of laughs
from beginning to end and dif-
fered considerably from the
other plays given. The charac-
ters were well chosen and
played their parts like veteran
actors. Miss Joyce Flippin of
the Flat Rock faculty directed
the play.

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SURRY ATHLETICS ON UPWARD GRADE

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The rural high schools of Surry county, keepin step with progress in other lines, now conduct a well organized program of athletics for both boys and girls. The Mount Airy and Elkin schools have long catered to athletics as a means of physical development, but it is just within recent years that the rural systems have progressed beyond the stages of "town ball" and "prisoner's base" at recess and noon hour recreation.

The Surry High School Conference, an athletic body completion, with regularly defined schedules mapped out for the boys basketball teams and sports, including boys basketball, girls basketball, baseball and track. Championship competition, with trophy awards in most sports, keep the interest so engendered keeps many boys and girls in school to graduate with honors.

Conference Membership

The schools at White Plains, Copeland and Pilot Mountain kept up a half-shod interest in athletics during the last eight or ten years, largely confined to a little boys baseball and basketball. However, with the birth of the Surry Conference, new leaders such as Westfield, Dobson, Flat Rock and Franklin came into the spotlight. The conference members include the high schools at Copeland, Westfield, Dobson, Beulah, Low Gap(Franklin, Pilot Mountain, White Plains, Flat Rock and Mountain Park Institute.

The season of 1929-30 marked the first championship composed of ten of the smaller high schools of the county, has been no small factor in this development. Organized two years ago, the conference now promotes hot rivalry in four the championship and on a

playing coaches, each of them having specially trained mentors as long as three or four years ago. The others have followed suit.

The coaching staffs at the various schools during the past year included Johnnie Clemmer and Miss Clyde Mullis at Copeland; Earl Sims and Miss Verdye Jackson at Dobson; Glenn O'Brien and Miss Mary Ellen Lassiter at Flat Rock; Luther Byrd, Charles D. Ball and Mrs. Will Christian at Westfield; Elbert Partridge and Miss Pearl Hatcher at Franklin; Raymond Thomas and Miss Nell Thomas at Pilot Mountain; J. V. Womble at White Plains; Claude Farrell and Miss Sells at Mountain Park; G. W. Stillwell at Beulah; and M. C. Minor at Low Gap.

Capable coaching and a better playing schedule has given the athletes a better chance, and the all-star teams show many fine athletes during the two years of play, including both boys and girls that stood out in various sports. Among the outstanding boys of the two seasons were Claude Simpson, Harvey Martina nd Rex Venable of Copeland; Harvey Hunter, Boyd Arrington, Ty Inman, Fred Owens and Allan Jessup of Westfield; Buck Hill and Herbert Chilton of Pilot Mountain; Jimmie Johnson and Jimmie Hiatt of Flat Rock; Hamp Jackson, Fox Lawrence and Herman Badgett of White Plains; Kermit Wood, Moore Booker and Jesse Wagner of Franklin; Arnold and Wilson Ramey of Beulah; and such athletes as Dillard Cooke, Vestel Hiatt and Hal Collins, all playing for two schools during the time.

The outstanding girls, some starring in both basketball and track, others in basketball alone, include Ethel Jessup, Bell Stone, Tincy Cooke, Mollie and Edith Slate, and Elma Beasley, all of Westfield; Bill MacGee, June Patterson, Mildred Beasley and Leoda Snow, of Pilot Mountain; Virginia Hatcher, Kathleen Simmons and Mabel Wood, of Franklin;

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Delphia Lawrence '31
Flat Rock High School

State Takes Over All Surry Schools

New Law Passed by the 1931 Legislature

Of interest to a large number of people in the county is the plan of operation finally adopted by the legislature for the conduct of the schools for the next two years. During the closing session a cut of not more than 10 per cent was allowed to be made in the salaries of teachers and all state officials. Whether this cut comes from what the teachers received for the year just closing or from what they would get next year has not been determined.

The state will levy a uniform tax rate of 15 cents on land to raise money to operate the county schools for six months. This state money is used only for actual operation of the schools and does not provide for buildings, paying for buildings erected in the past, nor for interest due on bonds for erection of buildings. Neither does it pay for extended terms beyond the six months term. Here in Surry we now have a school tax of 67 cents. It is estimated that the county will require 20 cents to pay interest and bonds on its school debt, leaving a saving of 47 cents in the tax rate on schools. This does not include the local tax district levies.

The state has also relieved the counties of the upkeep of the county roads effective July 1st. In Surry the road fund levy has been 20 cents and this will be taken care of from now on by the state. Based on last year's property valuation the new tax laws will mean a reduction of 67 cents on the county tax ticket. The reduction,

many other details.

After the current expense budget has been prepared and sent to the State Board of Equalization and state superintendent of public instruction, the Board of Equalization must pass upon, approve or disapprove of the following items: (1) The salary of the county superintendent, as fixed in section 8 of the bill; (2) travel allowance of the county superintendent; (3) clerical help in the office of the county board of education; (4) office expense of the county board of education; (5) Per diem allowance for the county board of education. Under the heading of instructional service, the Board of Equalization must also check the following objects: (1) Cost of instruction of elementary children, white and colored separately; (2) cost off instruction of high school children, white and colored separately; (3) the cost of principals; (4) cost of instructional supplies; (5) cost of rural supervision; (6) cost of teachers of agriculture and of "such other instructional service as may be found necessary for efficient operation of the schools."

The Board of Equalization is also given general supervision over the operation of the school plants in all the counties and districts, including the cost of janitorial service, fuel, janitorial supplies and all other items having to do with plant maintenance. In fact, this bill makes the State Board of Equalization the supreme court in all school affairs, and the agency which has final authority over all school administration and operation costs in all the counties. This board may also make certain rules and regulations for the allowance of additional teachers under certain circumstances.

The bill allows each county an average of \$8 per pupil for transportation, but gives the Board of Equalization power to study the transportation needs in each county to determine if the cost is less than \$8

Now's the time we must depart,
Certainly we hate to go
From the very depths of your heart,
You know that it is so.

Those dear old days have been but few,
The days that we have known before
Those dear old days with you
Won't ever be anymore.

As we lift the handkerchief to our eyes
To part with friends so true,
A swollen feeling is in our heart
As to them we bid "adieu."
Geneva B. '31

There were two married baseball players in the Surry County Conference high school ranks during the season just ended. They were Captain Will Christian, outfielder for the Westfield Wildcats, and Sebastian Southard, star pitcher for the Dobson outfit.

Prof. Arthur D. Smith, principal of Pilot Mountain high school during the past year, is reported spending the summer in Nashville, Tenn.

Supt. E. S. Hendren and family are spending two weeks of June visiting friends and relatives in Jacksonville, Sarasota and other Florida cities.

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percentage basis. The girls cagers and the baseball titles were settled more less on a best record basis, while the first annual conference track and field meet settled the cinder championship. The season just past marked the second successful year, with regular schedules in every sport except baseball.

Championship Teams

The first two seasons, with eight championships to be won or lost, found the Westfield high school leading the way with four championship teams to its credit. That left four titles for the other nine schools to split, and Dobson took the runner-up position with two championships, leaving one each for Copeland and Pilot Mountain highs.

The Westfield Wildcats won their first title in girls basketball during the 1929-30 season, stacking up 14 victories in 16 starts for the best record in the county that season. Topping this they romped home by a wide margin in the first annual conference track meet at Dobson. During the year just past the 'Cat athletes added a second track title by a still wider margin and ran up the top record among the county baseball entries.

The Dobson boys and girls from over the capital way failed to enter basketball teams during the first year of conference play, but the Dobson boys batted their way to a clean claim to the baseball crown that spring. This year they took to basketball with a vengeance and copped the boys' basketball championship in great style, breaking a long reign by Copeland. The Copeland Bluebirds had won boys basketball in 1930. The eighth championship, this year's girls basketball title, was won by a crack outfit from Pilot Mountain.

Coaches and Athletics

This hot competition for the championship in various sports has raised the standard of athletics in all schools, and called for well organized coaching staffs in most of them. The schools of Copeland, White Plains and Flat Rock were the leaders in em-

Foy Cooke and Theima Kirkland of Flat Rock; Josephine Stanley of Dobson and Hazel Eads of Copeland.

THE ROAD TO SUCCESS

We the lucky class of 1931 testify that "there is but one direct road to success and few there be that shall find it." As I rise from my comfortable seat and look over the heads of my dear old class-mates I just wonder how many of us are on this pleasant but difficult path to success. I wonder if we are now treading on this path we can keep it up throughout our lives.

Because of our financial conditions some of us may prophesy that the train on the road to success will leave us entirely. But we must remember an honest effort is worth its weight in goal. If you see a proposition peeping forth that may be a benefit to you as someone else, never leave it until it becomes a blessing for someone. Always remember the old slogan, "If at first you don't succeed try, try again."

We all long to be able sometime in life to pass through the doors of success into happiness and good fortune. But as school is almost at the summertime of a life is approaching us rapidly. The road through the sun is pleasant and entertaining but is so long and weary that the majority of us will sit and moan the departure of the coal shade of our school.

We do not realize that there are hundreds on this road to success while there are billions who are waiting for success to come to them. Because success never seeks out an individual those waiting decide to cut across the fields thinking it to be nearer. But as the sun begins to get sleepy we find ourselves at the end of our path no better than we were when we started.

I heard someone say I have traveled this road full twenty years and to the best of my knowledge I've never seen anything to compare with the picture of success. The picture is wonderful but to assist in its creation is much better.

however, may not be quite as much, as it is expected that there will be a considerable falling off in the listing of personal property for this year. The tax rate last year for the county was \$1.15.

The school budget in every county must be set up in three separate divisions, accorded to this bill, as follows:

1. The current expense budget for the operation of the six months' term.
2. A capital outlay, a county-wide extended term, a current year and a debt service budget.
3. The extended term budgets for the various special districts.

Under the terms of this bill the state will pay the cost of the current expense budget only, while the counties will have to levy a sufficient tax rate to pay the entire cost of the expense under items two and three.

The current expense budget for the six months term must be approved by the State Board of Equalization, however, before the counties will be able to get a single cent from the state. The county budget for capital outlay, county-wide extended term, current year and debt service budget, must be approved by each board of county commissioners. The county commissioners must also levy a sufficient tax to meet this budget, as required by section 79, chapter 136, Public Laws of 1923. The budget for the extended terms must also be approved by the State Board of Equalization for all those districts that receive state aid, and the county commissioners must levy a sufficient tax rate to make up the differences between the state aid and the total amount of the budget.

The bill goes into intricate detail concerning the manner in which these various budgets must be set up, including the salary schedule for teachers, principals and superintendents, the number of teachers in the schools, the number of pupils per teacher and how and when additional teachers may be obtained or allotted allowances for transportation, and

per pupil, whereupon it may decrease the allowance to those counties where the cost is less than this amount.

Only a minimum budget is provided by the state for the six months' school term, so that in some counties this budget will be considerably less than it is at the present time. If these counties want to maintain a more expensive six months' school term, the state will provide under this act, pay higher salaries to their teachers, have more extensive courses and more teachers, they may do so provided the additional ad valorem tax levy necessary to pay for all this is first approved both by the county board of education and the board of county commissioners, with the final approval of the State Board of Equalization. This additional tax levy with its purpose must also be shown on the tax receipts issued by the county.

SENIOR FAREWELL

Farewell, dear friend and schoolmates,
We're drifting from thy sight.
Four years with thee were pleasant ones
We've enjoyed them with all our might.
Sometimes the days have seemed long and rough,
After the toils of the day were over
But the trials of the world are over tough,
For we can't all find a four leaf clover.

We hope that each of you will will climb,
Up to this round of the ladder,
That none of you will be behind
With the look that is the sadder.
We wish you luck in everything,
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