

thirteenth principal.

Walker and 17 teachers taught an enrollment of 509. Coming with Walker to Bailey was E. A. Howton to head the Agricultural Department, which moved that year into its new and present building. As a result of the Farmers School, financed in part by the Federal Government and begun under Howton's supervision in '41, the department was able to equip the shop rooms with much of the machinery and tools needed to do the type of work the men and boys have been turning out since that time.

In the fall of 1940 Miss Miriam Garret, with the help of NYA workers, opened a hot lunch stand. The next year the balcony of the auditorium was converted into the school's first real lunch room with Mrs. Percy Murray as its supervisor.

January, 1940, saw the first issues of the BUGLE published, and a year later, the first journalism class organized. This paper has continued its publication except for two non-consecutive years. For the past 15 years, the journalism class has been making trips to Columbia Scholastic Press Convention in New York and bringing home First Place or Medalist Rating for high schools 300 or less in enrollment. State and National recognition gained from these honors and the BUGLE'S wide exchange with other papers have brought to the school more publicity than any other one of its activities; for example, one day's mail brought requests for copies from New Hampshire and South Dakota. Mrs. Howard Farmer, first adviser, was joined by Mrs. L. T. Lassiter the next year. They have been serving as advisers ever since. It was this paper's recognition that led to the State Department's arranging for President Bayar of Turkey to visit the school while he and his party were touring the United States.

The year 1941 welcomed Mrs. L. T. Lassiter as a new faculty member and as head of Bailey's first commercial department. Graduates from this department are accepted for qualified positions without any further business training. This department is also recognized as one of the best and most thorough of any small school in the State.

About this time, the school installed the hall lockers, for the convenience of students, and the sound system to connect classrooms with the office. In the meantime, Sears Roebuck and Company presented to the school a Junior set of the Encyclopedia Britannica.

The year Walker resigned, the number of graduates had climbed to thirty-three.

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As the school marched on, broadening its curriculum and expanding its efforts to meet the needs of the students, M. W. Weaver became its leader. Still here, he has the honor of having served the school longest of any principal. With him came the addition of the twelfth grade, bringing with it a demand for an enlarged plant. This demand was met by the addition of four rooms at the east end of the building, two upstairs and two down. The two rooms on the ground floor were taken over by the first grades; the two upstairs enabled the library to have a combination reading and library room for the first time and the BUGLE to have its first publishing quarters, even if it did have to share them with the English department.

By 1953 another addition was made. This time it was a new building that housed a Home Economics Department and a cafeteria.

Finally, in 1954 an elementary library, under the supervision of Mrs. R. G. L. Edwards, was opened for the first time. This library now has 2,760 volumes; the high school library has 2,119 volumes.

When the new home economics department was opened, the old room was converted into a science department.

For the past several years Mrs. George C. Johnson and Mrs. Helen Murray have been full time piano and public school music teachers.

Within the last year an office secretary has been employed, a 29 piece band organized, and the school acreage increased to ten.

1957 finds the school keeping pace with the progress of the times as it graduates the largest class in its history, sees the possibility of an additional teacher next year, purchases uniforms for the band, and improves the auditorium stage by adding a cyclorama and refinishing the floor.

But these facts and statistics do not tell the whole story.