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County, Kentucky

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CHAPTER III  
SURVEY OF SCHOOLS

Report of (1934) Conditions

The survey of school buildings, their grounds, and their location relative to roads and population centers was conducted in the summer of 1934. The work was accomplished with the assistance of the personnel of the superintendent's office and of the WPA workers who were attached to this office.

The following data were compiled and used as a basis for several tables. Table III shows the estimate of the enrollment and the census for 1934-1935, and Table IV presents the county school district property values as of July 1, 1922.

It was necessary that the buildings, grounds, and equipment of each district, the census and previous enrollment, and the educational opportunities of district graduates (county eighth grade) be considered before further plans could be laid out or accomplished. With these objectives in mind, each school district was visited, the various items evaluated, and recommendations made accordingly. The Statute<sup>1</sup> provides that

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Legislative Acts of Kentucky, 1934, Section #4399-6.

TABLE III

ESTIMATE OF ENROLLMENT - CENSUS, PENDLETON COUNTY SCHOOLS  
1934-35

School	Enrollment	Census
Bonar	29	43
Bunker Hill	21	27
Butler	469	451
Carntown	22	21
Cliff	22	33
Darrossville	75	99
Doel	21	28
Elizabethville	22	32
Falmouth Colored	37	46
Fisher	45	47
Galloway	20	33
Gardnersville	43	58
Goforth	123	143
Hill Dale	16	12
Knoxville	57	63
Latimer	24	31
Licking Valley	19	19
Livingood	20	27
Locust	17	46
McKinneysburg	27	26
Morgan	287	310
Mt. Vernon	57	62
New Zion	8	10
Oak Grove	66	66
Oak Hill	38	74
Oakland	37	54
Peach Grove	57	93
Pleasant Hill	54	73
Pleasant Ridge	23	49
Portland	42	59
Wood	<u>37</u>	<u>44</u>
Total	1825	2239



TABLE IV

PENDLETON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPERTIES,  
VALUES OF JULY 1, 1922

Subd. No.	Name of School	Values of Buildings & Grounds	Furniture & Equipment	Library	Other Property if any	Total Value
1.	Livingood	500	220	5	5	730
2.	Hill Dale	775	140	30	5	950
3.	Bunker Hill	1350	260	5	75	1690
4.	Licking Valley	1500	240	50	5	1795
5.	Elizabethville	459	180	15	5	650
6.	Lightfoot	500	90	10	5	605
7.	Oak Grove	600	70	—	—	670
8.	Mount Moriah	1300	240	5	5	1550
9.	Erving	300	100	10	—	410
10.	Catswba	400	190	—	—	590
11.	Wood	1300	190	—	—	1490
12.	Galloway	875	275	20	10	1180
13.	Blackburn	100	160	5	—	260
14.	Fredericksburg	300	95	25	—	420
15.	Murphy	200	280	50	50	580
16.	Doel	700	90	10	—	800
17.	Oakland	1350	155	10	—	1515
18.	Hall	1100	240	15	5	1360
19.	Cliff	550	175	5	—	730
20.	McKinneysburg	450	160	10	5	625
21.	Richland	350	100	5	—	455
22.	Mt. Vernon	1000	215	30	—	1245
23.	Oak Hill	375	170	30	5	580
24.	Bonar8	250	240	15	5	510
25.	Concord	250	180	10	—	440
26.	Pleasant Hill	700	210	65	5	980
27.	Fisher	1300	200	135	10	1645
28.	New Zion	1600	150	10	10	1770
29.	Mt. Auburn	1350	340	40	5	1735
30.	New Hope	150	110	5	—	265
31.	Carntown	1250	230	30	—	1520
32.	Fossett	700	150	15	5	870
33.	Aspen Grove	1880	240	10	5	2055
34.	Mt. Olive	1000	200	40	20	1260

TABLE IV (cont'd)

Subd. No.	Name of School	Values of Buildings & Grounds	Furniture & Equipment	Library	Other Property if any	Total Value
35.	Caldwell	900	165	30	5	1100
36.	Gardnerville	2150	300	5	5	2460
37.	Kentillan	375	150			525
38.	Pleasant Ridge	2100	235	15		2350
39.	Knorrville	650	75	15		740
40.	Latimer	225	110	10		335
41.	Loeust Grove	550	100	45		660
42.	Short Creek	1000	340	5		1390
43.	Orem	125	200	5		330
44.	Lovelace	750	210	5		970
45.	Hightower	1150	230	40	10	1430
46.	Braun	300	130	40		460
47.	Roenoake	600	210	10	5	825
48.	Liberty	400	155	30	10	595
49.	Kt. Pleasant	475	90	30	5	595
50.	Thompson	375	80	30	5	490
51.	Mohahan	650	200	35	5	890
52.	Greenwood	700	140	40	5	880
53.	Boston	700	170	35	5	910
54.	Flour Creek	1600	320	20	10	1950
55.	Mt. Hope	350	170	10	20	550
A.	Palmouth	1100	140		5	1245
Average		43,900 784	10,195 182	1,165 2,080	355 630	55,615 993

Pendleton County Schools, 1922, Palmouth, Kentucky.



no subdistrict shall exist which has less than fifty white census pupils residing therein; however, emergency districts may be authorized by the state board of education upon application by a county board of education.

The following districts were evaluated during July and August of 1934:

Bonar <sup>2</sup> - Sub-District - Census 43. The building and equipment were in fair condition. School children from this sub-district were attending high school at Falmouth. The parents were responsible for transportation costs, while tuition was paid by the county board of education. A recommendation was made that this be held as an emergency district for one year.

Bunker Hill - Sub-District - Census 27. The building was in moderately good condition. Its outbuildings were in need of repair and replacement. Several children from this sub-district were attending high school at Falmouth. The parents were responsible for transportation costs, while tuition was paid by the county board of education. The recommendation was made that this be held as an emergency district for one year.

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Pendleton County Map, Chapter I (each school located).

Butler - Consolidated and High School - Census 451.

The building was in fair condition, the water system was found to be in need of overhauling, and the entire building required cleaning. There were insufficient seating arrangements in various classrooms, and two classes were housed outside of the main building, one under a church and one under a lodge hall. Emergency repairs and elimination of the overcrowded condition were recommended as part of the general plan for better school housing.

Cliff - Sub-District - Census 33. The building and equipment were in moderately good condition. School children from this sub-district were attending high school at Falmouth. The parents were responsible for transportation costs and tuition was paid by the board of education. The recommendation was made that this be held as an emergency district for one year.

Carntown - Sub-District - Census 21. The building and equipment were in fair condition. Children from this sub-district were attending high school at Butler. The parents were partially responsible for transportation costs. A recommendation was made that this be held as an emergency district for one year.

Demossville - Sub-District - Census 99. The building and equipment were in very poor condition. Children from this district were attending high school at Butler. Transportation was furnished by the county board of education. A recommendation was made that this sub-district be considered in the general consolidation plan.

Doel - Sub-District - Census 28. The building and equipment were in extremely poor condition. Children from this sub-district were attending high school at Falmouth. Their parents were responsible for their transportation, while their tuition was paid by the board of education. It was recommended that this be held as an emergency district for one year.

Elizabethville - Sub-District - Census 32. The building and equipment were in poor condition. Children from this sub-district were attending high school at Falmouth and Goforth. Transportation was furnished to Goforth and tuition was paid to the Falmouth board of education. A recommendation was made that this sub-district be consolidated with Goforth as soon as possible.

Falmouth Colored - Census 46. The building and equipment were in good condition. Colored high school children were attending high schools in larger cities. A percentage of the tuition and maintenance costs was borne by the board of education and the parents were responsible for the remainder.

Fisher - Sub-District - Census 47. The building and equipment were in bad condition. Children from this sub-district were attending high school at Butler. The parents were responsible for transportation costs. A recommendation was made that this district be considered in the consolidation program.

Galloway - Sub-District - Census 33. The building and equipment were in very poor condition. Children from this district were attending high school at Falmouth. The parents were respon-



sible for transportation costs, while tuition was paid at Falmouth. It was recommended that this district be considered in the consolidation program.

Gardnersville - Sub-District - Census 58. The building and equipment were in poor condition. Transportation and high school facilities at Butler were furnished by the board of education. The recommendation was made that this district be considered in the consolidation plan.

Goforth - Census 143. The building and equipment were in moderately good condition. This was a four year high school with insufficient numbers to be maintained as such. It was recommended that this be considered a junior high school and that in due time a new building be undertaken for Goforth and the adjoining districts.

Hilldale - Sub-District - Census 12. The building and equipment were in excellent condition. A recommendation was made that this be held as an emergency district for one year.

Knoxville - Sub-District - Census 63. The buildings and equipment were in average condition. Children from this sub-district were attending high school at Butler. Transportation was furnished by the board of education. The recommendation was made that this district be considered in the consolidation plan.

Latimer - Sub-District - Census 31. The buildings and equipment were in fair condition. Children were attending high school at Morgan. It was recommended that this district be

considered in the consolidation plan.

Lovelace - Sub-District - Census 24. The building and equipment were in moderately good condition. School children from this sub-district were attending high school at Falmouth. The parents were responsible for transportation costs, while tuition was paid by the county board of education. The recommendation was made that this school be consolidated with Goforth, transportation furnished, and the building and grounds sold.

Licking Valley - Sub-District - Census 19. The building and equipment were in average condition. Children from this district were attending high school at Falmouth. A recommendation was made that this be held as an emergency district for one year.

Livingood - Sub-District - Census 27. The building and equipment were in extremely poor condition. Children from this district were attending high school at Morgan. Transportation was furnished by the county board of education. A recommendation was made that this be held as an emergency district for one year.

Locust - Sub-District - Census 46. The building and equipment were in moderately good condition. Children from this sub-district were attending high school at Morgan. Their transportation and tuition were furnished by the county board of education. It was recommended that this district be considered in the consolidation plan.

McKinneysburg - Sub-District - Census 26. Its buildings and equipment were in good condition, but its present site was on

a river bank. The recommendation was made that this district be considered in the reorganization plans.

Morgan - Consolidated and High School - Census 310. This was a four year high school with a Class B rating. School had been closed for six weeks during the past term because of faculty strife. Its building and equipment were in poor condition. One grade was not housed on the campus. The recommendation was made that the building be cleaned and roofed, additional land be purchased for school grounds, a provision made to load busses off the highway, that this be considered a four year high school and equipment purchased to place it in Class A, and that it be considered in the consolidation and building program.

Mt. Vernon - Sub-District - Census 62. The building and equipment were in poor condition. Children from this district were attending high school at Falmouth. The parents were responsible for transportation costs, while tuition was paid by the county board of education. A recommendation was made that this be considered in the consolidation program.

McMillan - Sub-District - Census 23. The building and equipment were in average condition. Children from this district were attending high school at Butler. Their transportation was furnished by the county board of education. A recommendation was made that this district be abolished, the children furnished transportation to Gardnersville, and the building sold.

Mt. Moriah - Sub-District - Census 27. The building and



equipment were in fair condition. Children from this district were attending high school at Butler by way of the busses which pass through this district from one end to the other. It was recommended that this district be abolished, the children sent to Butler, and the building sold.

New Zion - Sub-District - Census 10. The building and equipment were in fair condition. School children from this sub-district were attending high school at Falmouth. The parents were responsible for transportation costs, while tuition was paid by the board of education. A recommendation was made that this be held as an emergency district for one year.

Oak Grove - Sub-District - Census 66. The building and equipment were in moderately good condition. School children from this district were attending high school at Butler. Their tuition and transportation were furnished by the board of education. A recommendation was made that this district be considered in the consolidation plan.

Oak Hill - Sub-District - Census 74. The building and equipment were in good condition, but there was no water supply. School children from this district were attending high school at Falmouth. The parents were responsible for transportation costs, while tuition was paid by the board of education. A recommendation was made that this district be considered in the consolidation plan.

Oakland - Sub-District - Census 54. The building and

equipment were in poor condition. Children from this district were attending high school at Falmouth, the parents were responsible for transportation costs, and tuition was paid by the board of education. It was recommended that this district be considered in the consolidation plan.

Peach Grove - Sub-District - Census 93. The building and equipment were in good condition. School children from this district were attending high school at Butler, their tuition being furnished by the county board of education. A recommendation was made that this district be considered in the consolidation program.

Pleasant Hill - Sub-District - Census 73. The building and equipment were in bad condition. Children from this district were attending high school at Falmouth or Butler. The parents were responsible for transportation costs and tuition was paid by the board of education. The recommendation was made that this district be considered in the consolidation plan.

Pleasant Ridge - Sub-District - Census 49. The building and equipment were in poor condition. School children from this sub-district were attending high school at Butler. It was recommended that this district be considered in the consolidation plan.

Portland - Sub-District - Census 59. The building and equipment were in poor condition. Children from this district were attending high school at Butler. A recommendation was made that this district be considered in the consolidation plan.

Wood - Sub-District - Census 44. The building and

equipment were in poor condition. School children from this district were attending high school at Falmouth, their tuition being paid by the board of education. It was recommended that this district be considered in the consolidation program.