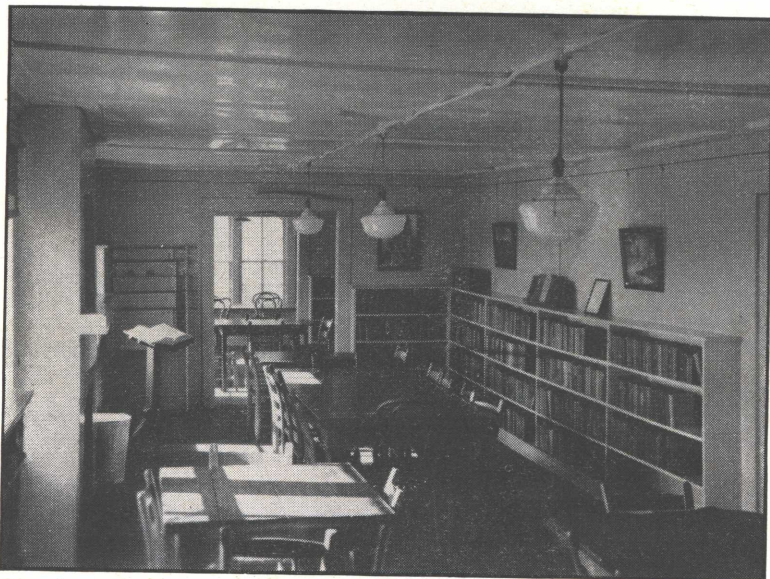


To
ALUMNI, FORMER STUDENTS and FRIENDS OF
PLEASANT HILL ACADEMY

Coming to this school was a *pioneering* act for you—whether you attended PHA in the “early days” or more recently. You came because other schools were not available or because you wanted the quality of life which was prevalent here. In any event, this was a revolutionary act for you—changing your way of life at the time and probably for your entire future. This Bulletin comes to you to say that other young people are still *pioneering* as you did; many of them are still coming from regions where schools are not available; still others want what you most desired here and are coming for the same reason.

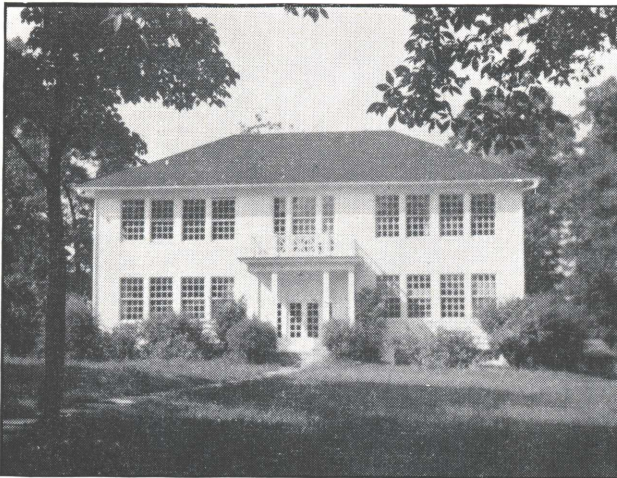


The Library

Applications are pouring in for next year—applications from dozens of elementary school graduates who face circumstances much like your own when you came here. Fortunately we will be able to take many of them. The American Missionary Association will continue to make the facilities of this school available as it has done for fifty-five years. True, we will have to turn away twice as many as we accept but we will be glad that we can take even as many as those accepted.

You are well aware that there is no luxury at Pleasant Hill Academy. Also, you know that such would rob this school of its opportunity to do what it has tried to do—to provide experience in the kind of living which is possible and desired after leaving PHA.

But luxury and the necessities are not the same. Our food is plain but wholesome. (The improvement of students' physical condition is remarkable.) Living conditions are modest and clean. We have a faculty second to no other high school in the state in all 'round ability. True, our equipment is meager but we are trying to make the most of it. Interestingly, whole caravans of teachers have been coming through Pleasant Hill to see what has been done with much less equipment than most high schools possess, particularly in the Crafts work. Even though we would like to have certain additions in the way of maps, reference books, and even classrooms—(classes have to be held in the chapel)—we are proud of the reputation we have for doing good work with our limited equipment.



Hopkins Hall

Class rooms

Craft shop

Science rooms

Art room

Woodworking

equipment

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE?

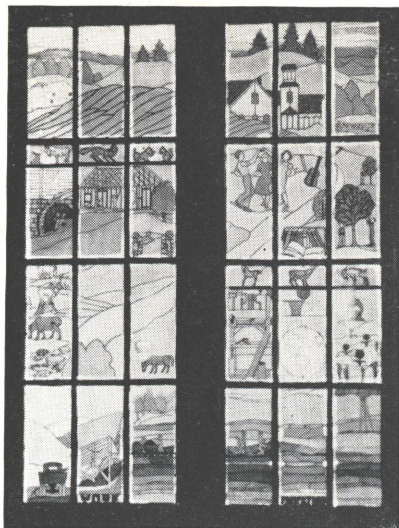
For the fifty-five years of the school's history its support has come from church people. Neither the American Missionary Association nor the individual donors have sought to press the students into a particular denomination, even though one denomination, the Congregational-Christian Churches, has supplied practically all of the support. This church's desire has been to produce a company of strong Christian citizens.

Today the benevolences of most denominations are declining. The denomination supporting PHA receives less than half of what it did ten years ago. *In spite of this fact* the denomination is putting more money into this school. The desire to make Pleasant Hill Academy more useful each succeeding year has impelled the church to make available all possible aid.

ANY PIONEERING TODAY?

The life, needs, current conditions, history, and future of people living on the Cumberland Plateau, in the South with its amazing development, and in America, as our country faces changes of unprecedented proportions—these are the bases for our curriculum.

Educational surveyors of nationwide reputation have been studying the situation at Pleasant Hill during this school year. All have said the same thing, namely, that this school ought to be a demonstration place for community education at its best. Each called attention to the commendable use of very limited resources. True, each has felt that substantial improvements in physical equipment should also be made but we have not the resources to make the additions proposed.



Work and Education symbolized by Academy students in "stained glass" windows constructed for Community Church House

HOW INTERESTED ARE OUR ALUMNI?

After the Alumni dinner last year a company of graduates came to the Principal, saying that Alumni were eager to aid the school but nothing had been asked of them.

Our Alumni are not wealthy. For the most part they are farmers, teachers, homemakers; some are lawyers, ministers, business men and office workers, with a substantial number of industrial workers. "With our small incomes what can we do?" The heart and hub of a school should be its *Library*. The state requires a fully trained librarian for all secondary schools. To comply with the requirement we have this year added a full time librarian, and we have also been increasing the use of our facilities, giving all students training in library usage and making all our work much more dependent upon the library.

If the Alumni would assume the expense of maintaining the library it would be an inestimable boon to Pleasant Hill Academy. By so doing you could make a direct contribution to the increased usefulness of this school.

The American Missionary Association has supplied the funds for salaries of the teaching staff and has provided for the upkeep and repair of the buildings.

It is the responsibility of the Administration to secure funds for food, (a huge item), for the expenses entailed in operating the dormitories, and for supplying clothing to many of the students. (This they work for, but, of course, we receive no cash for their labor.) Many of the students do not have the money to pay even the book rental charges, so they are permitted to work out that amount. The school, to be sure, must pay cash for the books. One in a great while a friend contributes the amount necessary to finance a student over and above the teaching costs. One such gift came to us this year.



Your Junior Colleagues in the Pioneer Tradition

BECAUSE . . .

Pleasant Hill Academy must continue to pioneer as you did when you were here, we are asking you to help make this possible. If you, our Alumni, will undertake the maintenance of the Library, the very heart of the school, you may continue your own pioneering through the service given by a strong and useful school.

The amount needed for this purpose is \$250.00. Will you help in any measure to keep the life of this school flowing?