

RHS History

Because there was no documentation concerning the history of RHS, the newspaper staff decided to gather information relating to the infant days of the school. It is hoped that another "historian" will revise this material and will continue to keep Ruffin alive through continued research.

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1946-69

J. C. Greenlee became principal and agriculture teacher of Ruffin High and Elementary School (formerly located in the present Community Center, adjacent to the present Ruffin Community playground).

The regular school session started about the third of October and ended in May-- an eight month term. Parents felt that a nine month session would interrupt their farming program.

Seven teachers and 180 students (elementary and high school) started school in three buildings; one five-room building, one three-room building, and Buckhead Methodist Church.

Mr. Ralph Durham, Superintendent, saw the need for an additional building; therefore, another building was erected to house the elementary students.

During this period, students went to the eleventh grade. In order to complete the twelfth grade, students matriculated at Colleton Training School and Wilkinson High School.

Mr. B.F. Barnhill organized the sports program. Basketball teams were transported in private cars. Since no referees were available, the coaches called the games played on the outside. In November 1946, Ruffin was defeated by Yemassee 26-0, the first game.

Later, an agriculture-cannery was built. Students were taught canning on Tuesdays and Thursdays.