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## PLEASANT HILL ACADEMY

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### School Calendar

Sept. 3rd.	. . . .	Opening of Fall Term
Oct. 29th.	. . . .	Payment of Mid-Term Bills
Nov. 27th.	. . . .	Thanksgiving Holiday
Dec. 23rd.	. . . .	Christmas Holidays Begin
Jan. 6th.	. . . .	Spring Term Begins
Feb. 22nd.	. . . .	Washington's Birthday Holiday and Celebration
Mar. 10th.	. . . .	Payment of Mid-Term Bills
May 12th.	. . . .	School Closes
May 13th.	. . . .	Commencement

### General Information

Pleasant Hill Academy is situated in the mountains of Tennessee, on the Cumberland Plateau in Cumberland County. It is on the Memphis-to-Bristol Highway, 12 miles from Crossville, and 16 miles from Sparta. The Tennessee Central Railway passes within 8 miles of Pleasant Hill at Mayland and within 6 miles at Pomona Roads. The N. C. & St. L. passes within 6 miles of the school at DeRossett.

In plain view of Pleasant Hill the Crab Orchard Range looms up 1000 feet higher than the Plateau on the East. The mountain drops 1500 feet only a few miles from Pleasant Hill on the West. The whole section is studded with spruce, holly, laurel, ivy, dogwood, redbud, rhododendron, and thousands of other well-known and unnamed flowers. The school situated in the midst of these has been rightly termed "Beautiful for Situation." These together with an altitude of 2000 feet and a pleasant climate, make Pleasant Hill a most attractive and healthful place the year round.

The Academy has a splendid farm of more than 200 acres which helps to supply food and labor for the students. The campus and plant contain ten good buildings, including Boys' Dormitory, Girls' Hall, Chapel and Class Building, Domestic Science Building, a New Modern High School Building and a splendid Barn, together with a lighting plant for for the entire campus and a water system that pro-



vides filtered water in quantities sufficient for all the school's needs, including fire protection. By the beginning of the fall term a new and fully equipped modern laundry is expected to be in operation.

The faculty is composed of twenty consecrated Christian teachers and workers. Most of them are college graduates and each one is specially trained for the sort of work he or she is doing.

### Purpose

It is the purpose of Pleasant Hill Academy to provide a practical Christian education to as many mountain boys and girls of the South, and especially Tennessee, as the school can accommodate. Students should go out from Pleasant Hill better fitted to cope with life's problems, better fitted in a Christian way to serve the world and mankind, prepared to make better citizens and to upbuild the communities in which they live.

Those who wish to go to college will also find that the work given here will fit them for college entrance. It is not the purpose of the school to train the students away from the mountains and their homes, but to teach them the dignity and usefulness of labor and how best to serve in their own communities and among their own people. To these ends, such practical subjects as these are taught: Bible, Manual Training, Agriculture, Domestic Science, Art, Weaving, Music, Civics, and Teachers' Training in addition to the regular school courses.

### Course of Study

The first twelve grades which lead to graduation from high school, are taught. For the first five months each year the school receives compensation from the County and carries the free school at no cost to the students in the first eight grades who live in the vicinity of Pleasant Hill. After the first five months the work is continued, but a slight charge is made each month to help pay the salaries of the teachers. No funds are received from the County for high school work. Consequently a slight charge is made each month to the local high school students to help bear expenses.

### Entrance Requirements

Since the course of study embraces all the grades, a student may enter in any grade, except that students under fifteen years of age should not apply for entrance in the boarding department, and students who have been turned away from school because of improper conduct may be refused admittance for the same reason. Students entering any grade or class will be expected to show a certificate to the effect that all work in the previous grades has been satisfactorily completed. In addition, boarding students should fill out the regular application blank and send statements from one or more prominent citizens as proof of their good moral character.

### Graduation

In order to graduate from the eighth grade, a student



ent must satisfactorily pass the first eight grades as prescribed by the State Board of Education.

In order to graduate from the high school, a student must satisfactorily complete 16 standard units of credits. (A standard unit requires 45 minutes recitation, five times each week for the school year. In laboratory work, 90 minutes count as 45 minutes of recitation.) Four units of English, two units of Mathematics and one unit each of History, Science, and Bible, together with seven electives, are required for graduation. Each student who expects to graduate must select some branch of study in which to specialize and must take four units in that line of study. Students will have the following branches of study from which to select:

Agriculture, (Smith-Hughes)  
Commerce,  
Home Economics,  
Manual Trades,  
Science,  
General or Academic.

Before graduation each student must deliver an original oration which will be satisfactory to the faculty committee which will be appointed to judge. In addition, all bills within the school must be paid or satisfactorily arranged for.

#### Medals and Prizes

A Lincoln Medal of solid government bronze will be awarded on Lincoln's Birthday to that student in



WHEELER HALL AND DOMESTIC SCIENCE BUILDING



PIONEER HALL, BOYS' DORMITORY



the high school who writes the best essay on Abraham Lincoln.

A gold medal will be awarded to that student in the high school who maintains the highest scholastic average for the entire year.

An effort prize of five dollars has been given by Miss Emily Reece for the student who shall put forth the most effort during the school year.

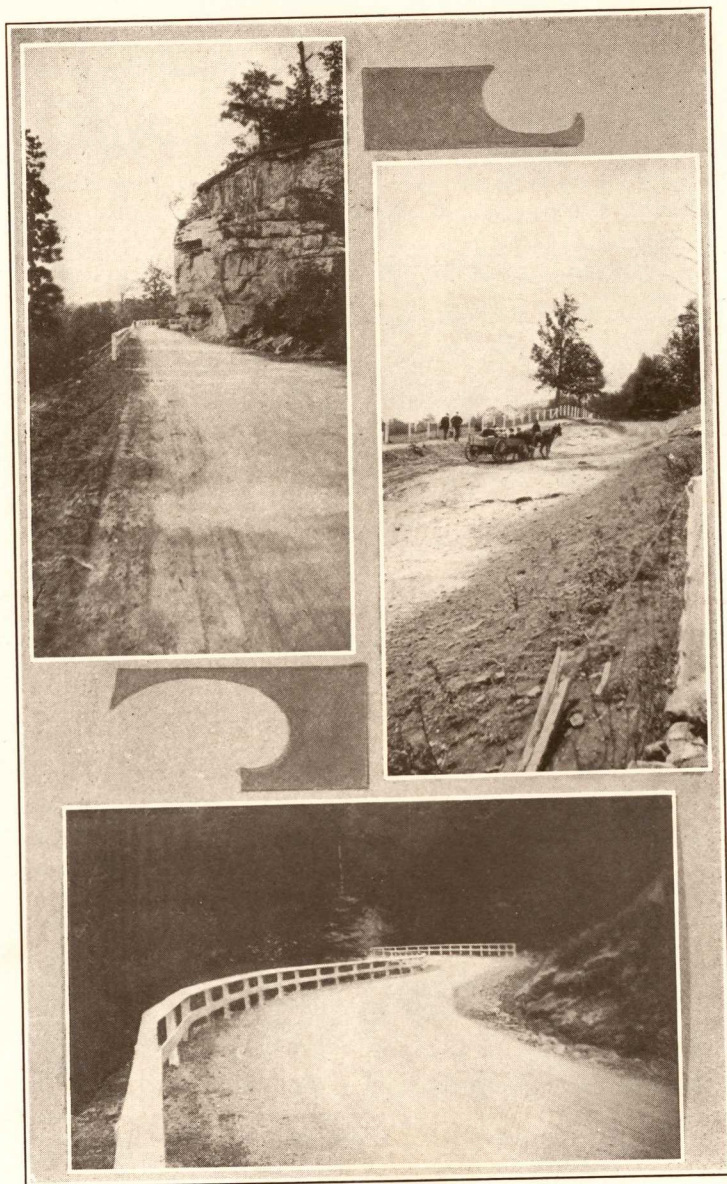
Students of the high school are eligible to compete for the Firestone Good Roads Essay Scholarship which provides for four years in college, approximately \$4,000.

#### Student Organizations

Probably nothing outside of the class room has more value to the student in developing leadership and self-expression than the student organizations.

There are four literary societies, two for the boys and two for the girls. Each boarding student is supposed to be an active member of one of these. Day students are also welcomed.

The Athanaeum is a literary organization of the entire student body. It meets once each month, and is the real mouthpiece of the school to the public.



ROAD SCENES NEAR PLEASANT HILL



The Christian Endeavor is an organization of the young people of the school and community. It meets each Sunday evening and devotes its meetings to the promotion of Christian work.

There are two glee clubs, one for the boys and one for the girls. Through the assistance of the music director, they add much to enrich the school and community life during the year.

#### Athletics

The main athletics sports, Football, Basket Ball, Baseball, and Track will be provided for the boys. The girls may have a Basket Ball team and whatever other teams the physical director may think best. In addition to the main athletic sports, physical training will be provided for and required of all students. The school has been fortunate in securing able coaches and physical directors for both boys and girls.

#### Medical Care

Dr. May Wharton, who is widely known through this section for her splendid medical work, and who has her own private sanitorium in Pleasant Hill, is a member of the faculty and is the school physician. A small medical fee which is included in the school expenses brings the services of Dr. May to the students. Miss Alice Adshead, head nurse at "Uplands" Sanitorium, teaches nursing for the girls.

#### Co-operative Store

For the benefit of the students and the school, there will be maintained a co-operative store this

year to furnish the necessary school and incidental supplies that will be needed for the students. All articles will be sold for cash. A profit of ten percent will be charged. Savings from this enterprise will be used for student activities, such as athletics.

#### Labor and Scholarships

All boarding students will be required to work at least five hours per week. They will be paid for all the work they do. The labor wage will not be high. Neither are the school expenses high, since the amount paid in by the students pays less than half of the running expenses of the school. The school cannot pay on the basis of big industry wages. Neither does it expect its students to pay large fees. We expect our students to have more time and strength than money.

Practically all the work of the school is done by the students. This provides a possibility for the needy student to work a part of his or her way by the labor done. During the year many scholarships are received for this purpose. The scholarship pays for the work done; it provides work for the student, and incidentally allows the student to get an education when otherwise the opportunity might not be provided.

This labor scholarship fund is limited. Not all students can be allowed to work their way through. The number of students the school can accommodate is also limited. In every case, the student is supposed to pay all he or she can toward the school expenses. If this is not enough to pay all, a scholarship may be requested for the remainder of the expenses.



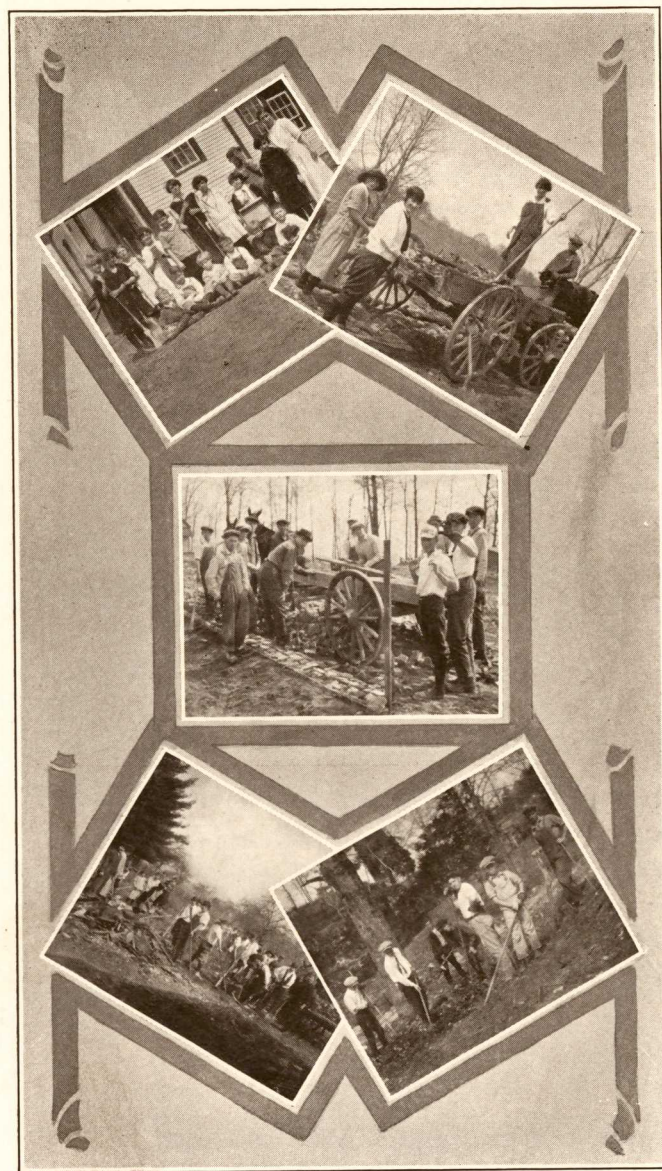
If such a scholarship is available, the application will be considered on that basis. Students receiving scholarship aid will be expected to maintain a passing grade or better in all classes.

One of the basic principles of the school is labor. We feel that the sooner the student learns the value, dignity, and usefulness of work, the sooner he will be able to meet the problems of life. No student who is unwilling to work, even at the most common labor, should make application to Pleasant Hill Academy.

### Regulations

The rules and regulations of the school are few. We believe in wholesome amusements, freedom and family-like friendship between the students in school. At the same time, if we cannot make the parents feel that their children are under Christian leadership and influence, we should not accept the responsibility of their care. The regulations that we have were made with this end in view - that they shall help toward developing Christian character and orderly, well-rounded manhood and womanhood.

The regulations that exist will be strictly enforced. Any student who persistently violates school regulations or any one of them will not be permitted to remain in school. If a student has to be sent away for such a cause, no advance funds which he has paid to the school will be refunded. **PROFANITY, ROWDYISM, GAMBLING, CARD PLAYING, and the USE or POSSESSION of INTOXICATING LIQUOR, TOBACCO or FIRE-ARMS will be STRICTLY PROHIBITED.**



CLEAN UP DAY AT PLEASANT HILL 1924





THE PRINCIPAL'S HOME



Students are expected to be in their rooms at night, and attend classes, examinations, chapel, Church, Sunday School, and Literary Societies regularly. Students should not leave Pleasant Hill without permission. Automobile and horseback riding for boys and girls together are prohibited except in rare cases, and then with a teacher present. In general, boys and girls are to conduct themselves as gentlemen and ladies should conduct themselves, and refrain from doing those things that could in any way be cause for criticism or doubt.

Any student representing the school on an athletic team or otherwise, will be expected to maintain good moral character and a passing grade or better in all classes.

### Simple Life

The life in Pleasant Hill Academy is simple. It is no place for extravagance, fine dress and unnecessary jewelry. No student should feel embarrassed because he or she does not have fine clothes, and money to spend. The simplest dress or suit is good enough for any occasion if it is clean. If girls have fine dresses, they should leave them at home. Girls will not be permitted to wear evening dresses on any occasion. The wearing of silk hose is to be discouraged. Any manifestation of extravagance on the part of boy or girl will be taken as proof that the student doesn't fit into the life of Pleasant Hill Academy.

This is to encourage beauty in simplicity, and to save from embarrassment any student who does not have fine clothes and extra money to spend.

### Expenses

The total expenses for the school year, for any boarding student, including board, room, heat, laundry, light, bedding, room furnishings, and incidental expenses amount to \$156 which is due in advance and payable as follows:

September 3, 1924, .....	\$39.00
October 29, 1924, .....	\$36.00
January 6, 1925, .....	\$40.50
March 10, 1925, .....	\$40.50
Total .....	\$156.00

This amount includes a damage fee of \$3, which is returnable at the end of the year in whole or in part after the damage and breakage to the school property has been paid.

This amount is also reduced by whatever amount of work the student does. Students should be prepared to pay in cash on the above dates whatever amount has not been previously arranged for by labor.

High school students who live at home in the vicinity of Pleasant Hill will have a tuition fee of \$2 per month, payable in advance.

In addition to the above, a registration fee of \$1 is required of each high school and boarding student with application for the year.

Students in the first eight grades who live at home will have no fees for the first five months. After the first five months there will be tuition charges as follows:

First and second grades .....	\$1.00
Third to eighth grades .....	\$1.50

### Refund of Expenses

Any student who has to leave school because of sickness or for any other unavoidable reason may get a refund proportionate to the time he or she is absent, provided the treasurer is notified before the student leaves. In no case will a refund be made for less than a week's absence.

### Final Instructions to Students

Students coming to Pleasant Hill Academy should bring whatever clothing and personal effects they will need, being sure to include some working clothes. Bedding will be furnished complete by the school. Towels may be brought from home, or bought from the school at a nominal sum. Books and other needed articles may be bought from the school co-operative store.

All boarding students should arrive the day before the opening of school for both fall and spring terms. Those coming over the N. C. & St. L. Railway will leave the train at DeRossett and drive to Pleasant Hill. Those coming by the Tennessee Central Railway should leave the train either at Mayland or at Crossville. In any case, the Principal should be notified beforehand, if the school is expected to provide conveyance from the railroad.

### Application

Application may be made to:

E. H. Elam, Principal, Pleasant Hill, Tennessee.



## HOW THE SCHOOL IS MAINTAINED

Pleasant Hill Academy is a project of the American Missionary Association. It is supported and maintained by the association, together with the donations of the many friends of the association, the school, and the work they are doing.

The American Missionary Association pays a little more than one half the school budget, including the teachers' salaries, and some in addition for maintenance, repair and improvement. The sum paid in by the students, together with the income from the farm and all other local sources, amounts to a little more than one fourth of the school expenditures. The remainder, a sum of several thousand dollars, is given by organizations and individuals who are interested in the work.

Donations in any amount, large or small, are gratefully appreciated, and will be used to further this work. They may be sent to the American Missionary Association, 287 Fourth Avenue, New York City, or to E. H. Elam, Principal, Pleasant Hill, Tennessee.

## FACULTY

- Adshead, Alice, Graduate Provincial Hospital, Post-Graduate Toronto Western Hospital, . . Nursing
- Austin, Miriam B., A. B. Mt. Holyoke College  
Science
- Ayer, Perley F., B.S., University New Hampshire,  
Manual Training and Boys' Labor
- Ayer, Mrs. Perley F., B. A., University New Hampshire, . . . . . Library and Grade Bible
- Bishop, Ada L., Wisconsin State Normal School,  
Third and Fourth Grades
- Boyce, Alexander, Mt. Hermon School, . Treasurer
- Bradley, Clifton E., Student, Colgate University,  
Eighth Grade
- Campbell, Margaret B., Graduate and P-Graduate  
of N. Y. School of Fine and Applied Arts, . Art
- Elam, Edgar Howard, B. S. A. University of Tennessee, . . . . . Principal
- Greene, Jane E., Student, Cornell and New York  
State Teachers' College, . . English and French
- Morris, B. Y., B. S. A., University of Tennessee,  
Smith-Hughes Agriculture and Boys' Athletics
- Peterson, Eva A., B. A., Boston University,  
History and Girls' Athletics
- Pryor, John C., B. A., B. D., Yale,  
Religious Education and Mathematics
- Pryor, Mrs. John C., Graduate Congregational  
Training School for Women, . . Seventh Grade

## Faculty--- Continued

Seagraves, Mrs. Hassie, Life Certificate, Tennessee  
State Normal, . . . First and Second Grades

Smith, J. Herbert, Pleasant Hill Academy,  
Farm Superintendent

von Bockern, Esther, Oberlin Conservatory of  
Music, . . . . . Music

Ware, Mrs. Josephine G., Student, Harvard and  
Boston Universities, . . Perceptrass & Latin

Wharton, Dr. May C., A. B. University of North  
Dakota, M. D. University Michigan,  
School Physican

Wisner, Creola, Tennessee Polytechnic Institute.  
Fifth & Sixth Grades

Unfilled at publication of this catalogue,  
Home Economics

Unfilled at publication of this catalogue,  
Superintendent of Boarding

Garner, Mary E. Commercial Subjects  
and Secretary to Principals



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## **CHANGES and ADDITIONS in FACULTY**

**Aycock, Paul R., B. S. A. University of Tennessee.  
Smith-Hughes Agriculture and Boys' Athletics.**

**Barnett, Hassie, . . . . Dyer, Tennessee.  
Supt. of Boarding Department and Laundry.**

**Pursley, Anne B., B. A. Cumberland University,  
Home Economics**