

Farmers - 1938

School Built in 1938

By WPA. Bluestone



Mrs. Katherine Caudill
Teacher - 6th Grade

FARMERS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
1965-Farmers, Kentucky-1966

Mrs. Thelma Kissick
Principal

Thursday Morning, May 10, 1956

FARMERS HAD CITY GOVERNMENT

Old Ordinance Prohibited Riding Horse At A Fast Clip

A resident of Farmers in the 1890's couldn't ride a horse faster than six miles an hour within the town limits, park his wagon on the streets at night, or leave a cow standing on the sidewalk.

Furthermore, he couldn't swear in the presence of females or ministers, be drunk on the streets, or even throw his old beef heads out in the alley. But he could play marbles on Sunday, even if card games and football were prohibited.

Ordinances regulating these and other community affairs are found in an old record book of the Farmers Town Council for the period 1885 to 1902. First entry in the volume was made in 1885, when it was officially noted that "this book was presented to the town board of Farmers by Geo. S. Lacey," who was then mayor. A detailed account of pages missing at the time of presentation was duly recorded.

Some of the old ordinances passed during this period were as follows:

1. (1888) Whoever shall leave a horse or mule while attached to a vehicle in a street, alley or other public place in the town of Farmers without first unhitching the same or without effectually securing such animal so it cannot run away, shall be fined not less than one nor more than twenty dollars.

2. (1888) Whoever shall leave or cause to be left or shall abandon any worn out diseased or dead horse, mule or other animal on a street, alley, common or other place for more than twelve hours in the town of Farmers, shall be fined five dollars.

3. (1889) It shall be unlawful for any person to be "drunk" upon the streets or sidewalks or any house or out-of-way place within the corporation of said town, except at their own home, place of business or under the immediate care of some friend.

4. (1889) It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to profanely curse or swear upon the streets or sidewalks or in the presence of any female or minister of the Gospel, within

the corporation of said town.

5. (1890) It shall be unlawful for any person or persons, leaving or causing to be left on any street, alley, or sidewalk or within one hundred yards of same, any refuse, such as beef heads, bones, entrails, spoiled meat, or anything likely to create a bad smell.

6. (1890) Any person who shall drive or ride any horse or mule or team of either, within the town limits, at a greater rate of speed than 6 miles per hour, shall be fined for each offense \$50.

7. (1890) Any person who shall be found playing cards in any railroad car in the town of Farmers . . . shall be fined any sum not exceeding \$20 for each offense.

A reflection of changing times in 1901 is an ordinance permitting the establishment of a telephone system within the town. A franchise was awarded to the Telephone and Telegraph Co. of America, permitting the erection of needed equipment "provided that all poles shall be reasonably straight."



FARMERS SCHOOL -
NOW CLOSED WAS ONE
OF MANY SCHOOLS IN
THIS REGION BUILT WITH
NATIVE BLUESTONE.
1937 (END)



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SCHOOL
ROWAN CO.

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WAS BUILT IN 1937. CONSTRUCTED WITH LOCAL
WPA LABOR OF NATIVE STONE, IT WAS ONE
* OF THREE CONSOLIDATED 12 GRADE
NIGA SCHOOLS BUILT DURING THE
LATE 1930^s, WHILE ROY CORNETTE
WAS ROWAN COUNTY SUPT. THE
OTHER SCHOOLS WERE HALDEMAN,
AND ELLIOTVILLE.

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