



Western Kentucky University

UA100 Training Schools

Series 1 Rural Training School

Subseries 1 Administration

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Administrative History: Established in 1924 for the purpose of training rural teachers in Kentucky, the Rural Training School was located just west of main campus on four acres. It was organized in accordance with the Kentucky State Course of Study for Rural Schools. An average of twelve student teachers were enrolled each term. During the summer county superintendents and school people from out of state visited the school.

The building had one large class room, a reading room, a dining room and a kitchen. It was supplied with furnace heat and running water. The students had access to a library, maps, globes, a sand table, a victrola and piano. Included in the equipment were movable, adjustable seats, one large and one small study table. The older children organized a thrift club raising pigs, chickens, vegetables and strawberries to increase their bank account. The seventh grade boys were enrolled in manual training.

The outdoor campus included basketball and volleyball courts and a baseball diamond along with a slide for the younger students. The flagstone walk, flag and flagpole were furnished by the PTA. [Talisman 1927, p. 77]

Directors:

Ethel Clark 1924-1947

Mae Pedigo 1947-1955

Description: Administrative records created about the Rural Training School.

Dates: 1932-1956

Extent: .5 cu. ft.

Subject Analytics:

Christmas

Events

Founders' Day commemorations

Graduation

Graduation ceremonies

Landscaping plans

Plants

Poems

Poetry

Portraits

Programs

Recitations.

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School children
Shrubs
St. Patrick's Day
Teachers

Thanksgiving
Trees
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Digital Commons:

Botany
Curriculum and Instruction
Elementary Education
Library and Information Science
Religion

Rural Sociology
Social and Behavioral Sciences
Teacher Education and Professional Development
Theatre and Performance Studies

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Access Restrictions: none

Allied Materials:

[UA1C2/70 Rural Training School Photo Collection](#)

[UA1C7 Department Photo Collection](#)

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Finding Aid Report

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UA100.1.1	Records	Date
Level	Subseries	Linked toUA100
Title	UA100 Training Schools	
Collection	Series 1 Rural Training School	
Scope & Content	Subseries 1 Administration	
	WKU Archives	
	Administrative records created about the Rural Training School.	

Container List

Container	Folder	Creator	Date	Title
Box 1	1	Rural Training School (WKU)	1946-1949	Student Teachers
Description	Bailey, Elizabeth Barriger, Derval Bell, Louise Buis, Rose Cannon, Will Carter, Jean Cobb, Alice DeVon, Jean Ellis, Mattie Gough, Phyllis Hagan, Florence Hall, Geraldine Hancock, Mary Hawkins, Ruby Hummer, Irby Hunter, Helen Jackman, Doris Jones, Elsie Jones, Ovesen Line, Noye Mahurin, Frances Mardis, John McKenney, Lena McMillin, Ora McNeil, Patrick Nichols, James Parker, Hazelle Parsley, Coy Payne, Ruth Peterson, Martha Rice, Thomas Schrunk, Dale Shirrell, Carl Sklepovich, John Smith, Clyde Steenbergen, Paul Summers, Tom Taylor, Dorothy Taylor, Mary			

Thomason, Alma
Vicars, James
Watkins, Blanche

Box 1	2	Rural Training School (WKU)	1950-1952	Student Teachers
Description	Alexander, Emma Alexander, James Baise, Doris Bradley, Emma Bradley, Levetta Carrier, Nancy Cecil, Mary Clark, Estelle Compton, Jean Cottrell, Garland (2) Cowley, Billie Cravens, James (2) Depp, Wilma Durham, Obed Embry, Jane Estiill, Alexander Eubank, Leon Florence, Thelma Florence, Thomas Foley, June Gilbert, Mary Gillock, Hattie Givens, Dorothy Goad, William Graham, Blanche Handy, Marjorie Hinton, Gladys Jackson, Marcia Johnson, Floye Lindsey, Howard Logsdon, Ora Magers, Norma Marders, Lovejoy Marks, Howard (2) May, Louisa McKinney, Rudelle Meadows, Dorothea Miller, Pearl Oakes, Mildred Ogles, Alma Overfelt, Pauline Ovesen, Nell Payne, Ruth Perkins, Bernard Polston, Robert Porter, Don Puryear, Elizabeth (2) Roark, Mary Sawyers, Kathleen Sherry, Cherokee Smith, Lewis Spear, Garnet Stearns, June Walden, Mary Walton, Laura Wiggins, Dorothy Williams, Dorothy			

Young, Dottus

Box 1 3 Rural Training School (WKU) 1953-1955 Student Teachers

Description Adams, Roxie
Bartley, Kenneth
Brown, Bliss
Cardwell, Edna
Carrier, Nancy
Cash, Vicie
Cook, Nancy (2)
Cornelius, Hattie
Cowley, Wilda aka Billie
Daugherty, Douglas
Daugherty, Wilbur
Dick, J.B.
Fiscus, Virginia
Florence, Thomas
Haines, Betty
Harrah, Patty
Henninger, Elizabeth (2)
Humphrey, Loise
Jacobi, Maxine (2)
Jarvis, Mary
Joiner, Elwanda
Jones, Ora
King, Cordelia
Kiper, Gracie
Kirby, Mary
Leathers, Josephine
Lowe, Marie
Miller, Marilyn
Minton, Edith
Perkins, Clarence
Pigg, Bernice
Proffitt, Clarence
Pryor, Evelyn
Ramsey, Mrs. Taft
Ramsey, Virginia
Roberson, Margaret
Scholl, Judy (2)
Smith, Lewis
Sosh, Mrs. George (2)
Teeters, Ione
Walden, Mrs. Dane
Walker, Charline
Wand, Mrs. Osawade
Watkins, Blanche
Wells, Thelma (2)
Willoughby, Celestine
Wilson, Helen
Woodring, Nellie
Young, Daisy

Box 1 4 Rural Training School (WKU) 1946-1955 Commencement

Description 6th grade graduation ceremonies, includes programs, class histories, poetry, plays, class prophecies and class wills. Subjects Programs
School children
Rural schools

Box 1	5	Rural Training School (WKU)	1955	Homecoming
Description	Clark, Ethel Pedigo, Mae			Subjects Programs Rural schools
Box 1	6-14	Rural Training School (WKU)	1947-1956	Christmas Programs
Description	A Christmas Family, 1950 Bylerly, Edith. Hanging the Christmas Stockings, 1948 Christmas Around the World, 1952 Christmas Carols Song Book Christmas Comes to Grandpa, 1949 Christmas Dolls for Sale, 1950 Christmas Light - A Family Christmas Service Christmas Science, My Weekly Reader, 12/3/1956 Doing Away with Christmas, 1953 Grandpa's Christmas Surprise, 1947 My Weekly Reader, Teacher's Edition 6, 12/3-1956 Plays Programs 1947-1952, 1954 Recitations Santa Claus & the Toys, 1951 Surprising the Surprisers, 1950 The Boy Who Didn't Believe in Christmas, 1950 The Broken Picture, 1950 The Christmas Message, 1949 The Christmas Story, 1954 The Man on the Street Interviews Christmas Shoppers, 1947, 1952 The Toys at School, 1951 Tinkles's Letter to Santa, 1954 What the Toys Found Out, 1954			Subjects Programs Christmas Christmas carols Theatrical productions School children Rural schools Recitations. Poetry
Box 1	15	Rural Training School (WKU)	1948-1951	Events
Description	Education Council Thanksgiving Program, 11/20/1951 Folk Song & Dance Festival, 7/20/1951 Founders Day Program, 2/17/1949 Presentation of Portrait of Ethel Baker Clark, 3/29/1948 Presenting the Fifth & Sixth Grades of the Rural Training School, 3/21/1950 St. Patrick's Day, 3/17/1951			Subjects Programs School children Rural schools Folk dancing Folk songs Recitations.
Box 1	16	Rural Training School (WKU)	1949-1951	Radio Programs
Description	Recitations and poetry read on WKU's radio program.			Subjects Programs School children Rural schools Recitations.
Box 1	17	Rural Training School (WKU)	nd	Landscaping
Description	Notebook entitled: Trees, Shrubs & Flowers in the Yard at the Rural Training School, nd In addition to the list of plants: American Elm, White Elm Autumn Fancies Barrows, Marjorie. Pine Tree Song Bird Cherry or Wild Cherry Bryant, William Cullen. The Planting of the Apple Tree			Subjects Rural schools Recitations. Landscaping plans Trees Plants Shrubs Drawings Leaves Poetry

Choke Cherry
 Citizenship & Christianity
 Cork Elm, Rock Elm
 Eaton, Walter Prichard. The Birches
 Frost, Robert. Stopping by Woods on Snowy Evening
 Garrison, Theodosia. The Poplars
 Historical Elms
 Kilmer, Joyce. Trees
 List of Poems
 List of Students
 Longfellow, Henry Wadsworth. Hiawatha's Canoe
 Longfellow, Henry Wadsworth. The Village Blacksmith
 Oak Leaves
 Payne, Anna. Ambition
 Pussy Willow
 Red Mulberry
 Rock Chestnut Oak
 Spanish Vocabulary
 The Post Oak
 To Make Blue Prints
 Trees Mentioned in the Bible
 Van Dyke, Henry. A Salute to Trees
 Vowels Pronunciation in Spanish
 Willows, Weeping Willow
 Yellow Ash
 Yggdrasil, The Tree of the Universe

Poems

Box 1	18	Rural Training School (WKU)	1947-1955	Library	
Description	Lists of books to be purchased for the Rural Training School.			Subjects	Rural schools Books Libraries
Box 1	19	Rural Training School (WKU)	1932	Poetry	
Description	Clark, Ethel. Anthology of English & American Poetry for Children, 1932 Miller, Joaquin. Columbus Old Voices Patri, Angelo. Children in School Need Fine Poetry, ndp, nd Spinning Song Emerson, Ralph Waldo. Fable When is a Man Educated?			Subjects	Rural schools Poetry Poems