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SPRING GRID PRACTICE ON

Maroons Work on Fundamentals For First Season in Organized Conference

SCHEDULE NOT COMPLETED

The Maroon football squad, under the direction of Coach G. N. Hembree and Assistant George Gumbert, has been practicing for the past two weeks.

Twenty-four men answered the call more than a week ago. By the end of the first week thirty men had donned the moleskins and were going thru the paces. Fundamentals, such as blocking, position in line, carrying opposition out, avoiding interference, passing, punting and the like was indulged in for the first few days. By the end of the first week the tackling dummy had been "strung up" and the candidates were making it "tough" for the cloth man. The new fellows were not as graceful as they might be. But their willingness to dive into the dummy is enough to make Coach Hembree predict much of them when they have had more experience.

Most of the time is being spent with those men that will be eligible to play varsity ball next year in accordance with the rules of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Association. Members of the S. I. A. A. are not allowed to play any one below the sophomore year on their varsity teams. It is expected that the varsity will be somewhat handicapped next fall in that some of the regulars from last year's squad will not be eligible to take part in varsity games.

Letter men that reported last week are Captain-elect Combs, Clouse, Guy, Crace, Hensley, Hamilton and Clifton. Several letter men have not reported for spring practice. Those not reporting are Pieh, Gentry, Saufley, Triplett, Clayton, Runyon, Brock, Dial and Nard. Some of these men play baseball and will not likely take part in spring football. Brock, Nard and Pieh will be lost to the squad thru an association rule.

Mr. A. B. Carter, chairman of the athletic committee, announced that seven games have been scheduled for next fall. Four of the games scheduled to date are with S. I. A. A. teams. Eastern Tennessee Teachers of Johnson City, Tenn., will be invited to fill one of the open dates. It is not known just who will be asked to take the other date.

The schedule:
October 6—University of Louisville—Louisville.
October 13—Morris Harvey—Richmond.
October 20—Open.
October 27—Morehead—Richmond.
November 3—Open.
November 10—Transylvania—Lexington.
November 17—Ky. Wesleyan—Richmond.
November 24—Union College—Barbourville.
November 29—Western—Richmond (Homecoming).

Resolutions By Eastern Faculty

Whereas, death has removed from us our revered and honored president; therefore, be it

Resolved: That Kentucky has lost an experienced, trusted, and untiring educator and administrator; and that Eastern Kentucky State Teachers College and Normal School has lost a wise counselor and a devoted champion of equal opportunity of education.

Resolved further: That Eastern and the community have sustained a severe loss in the death of this constant, Christian gentleman.

Resolved further: That this faculty extend its deepest sympathy to the

In Memoriam

His soul has winged its flight o'er the Silent Sea beyond the horizon of the Dim Land of Dreams.

Long he stood on the firing line fighting. Fighting that Kentucky childhood might be free from the blighting curse of ignorance, parent of misery.

He never carried the inertia of an unused yesterday. His visions and dreams were molded into living realities.

Like a conquering army his indomitable soul marched on and on—unwearied, soothed and sustained by the touch of the master.

Away from the hills of his fathers he followed the "Glean" where duty—stern voice of God—called.

His was not luck, but pluck; he was a worker, not a slacker.

Much good common sense—the essence of a well balanced life—went hand in hand with his daily walks. His influence through "Eastern" has visited children in isolated parts of the state—far removed from the urban tide of frenzy. This influence—transferred by teacher—has fallen like the gentle dews of Heaven into thirsting souls that were hungering for the life more abundant.

Wave after wave of adversity has dashed against his rock-bound coast of life only to recede to the restless bosom of life's social sea. Then after weathering the storms for sixty-five years, that treacherous, dreadful, comforting, peaceful wave of Dreamless Sleep came and kissed his life away, leaving only the monuments of his love and influence enshrined in the hearts of his friends, and monuments of massive structural beauty implanted on the campus of Eastern.

He has gone from us, we are sad, and yet after all, sorrow seems an adjunct to every human life, and like the vulture of the sandy waste, it hovers over its victim. We glory that such a life felt, loved and lived. Death is inevitable, the hour must come to each. Death is the eternal law of life—it cannot be changed, hence we accept the decree with fortitude and without wailing.

New forces will arise to take up the work where this untiring Soldier of Service left it, and for his sake and on his foundation build monuments of character that will outlast Time.

The soul of our president is free—enjoying the music, poetry, beauty and perfection of the celestial spheres with the Master of Life.

family in the loss of a devoted husband and father.

Resolved finally: That copies of these resolutions be sent to the family, to the Richmond Register, to the Lexington Herald, to the Lexington Leader, to the Courier-Journal, to the Pikeville News, and to the Princeton Leader, and that a copy be spread on the minutes of the faculty.

Signed:
The faculty of Eastern State Teachers College and Normal School, by the committee.

At a special meeting of Burnam's Bible Class of the First Presbyterian church the following resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, the divine hand of providence has beckoned to the spirit of Dr. T. J. Coates, calling it from its earthly tabernacle to its heavenly home, be it resolved:

That, we, the members of Burnam's Bible Class, deplore the loss of this good man to our class, to his church, to his town and to his state. We join his many friends and his colleagues at the great institution of which he was president in extending to the members of his family our heartfelt sympathy;

That a copy of this resolution be published in The Richmond Daily Register and a copy sent to the family of the decedent.

Burnam's Bible Class
A. H. Zaring, President
E. S. Wiggins, Secretary.

Educator Dies



DEATH CLAIMS DR. T. J. COATES, EASTERN HEAD

Hundreds File by Bier of Noted Educator to Pay Last Respects; Funeral Held Monday Afternoon

AT EASTERN SINCE 1916

After lying in state in the corridor of the newest building of the institution to which he had devoted much of his life, the body of Dr. Thomas Jackson Coates, president of Eastern Kentucky State Teachers College and Normal School, one of Kentucky's foremost educators, was laid to rest Monday afternoon in the Richmond cemetery.

Dr. Coates died Saturday night at 9 o'clock at the Pattie A. Clay Infirmary following an operation Thursday afternoon for appendicitis.

Monday morning at 9 o'clock the body was taken to the marble sallyway of the new administration building, where hundreds of persons—town-people, noted educators and students of Eastern—filed reverently by the bier of their friend and counsellor.

Dr. Coates' desk, only recently moved to the new building, was closed, this time forever. A simple, yet beautiful wreath adorned the closed top in mute testimony of the labor performed for his beloved institution.

The flower-banked casket was guarded by two soldiers, standing at attention beside it. Quiet and solemnity pervaded the hallways whose customary activity Dr. Coates had made possible through his labor and work for the school.

The body was removed to the residence and there at 2:30 o'clock the last rites were said by Dr. R. L. Telford, pastor of the First Presbyterian church. The services were attended by the members of the family, the board of regents, out of town visitors and many local friends.

Interment was held in the Richmond cemetery. The honorary pall bearers were: W. C. Bell, state superintendent of public instruction; Judge J. W. Cammack, attorney-general and member of the board of regents; Senator Hiram Brock, member of the board of regents; Judge J. A. Sullivan, member of the board of regents; C. F. Weaver, of Ashland, member of the board of regents; McHenry Rhodes, former superintendent of public instruction; R. E. Turley, Dr. H. C. Jasper, Z. T. Rice, George Colvin, president of the University of Louisville; Dean Homer C. Cooper and F. C. Button.

The active pallbearers were G. Marshall Brock, Frank Gentry, Alex R. Denny, Paul Burnam, William A. Ault and James Dailey.

Dr. Coates was born at Pikeville, Pike county, Ky., March 17, 1862. He was the son of Aaron Thompson and Jalana (Wells) Coates. He was educated at Kentucky State College,

Neon-Krypton Societ Resolutions of Hosts At a Banquet Eastern Students

The Neon-Krypton literary society is deeply indebted to its social committee for a banquet which was served by the Home Economics Club Thursday evening, March 8. The committee was composed of Gladys Carson, chairman, and her able assistants, Thelma Moreland and James Cornett.

There were twenty members present. The honorary guests were Miss Beal, the society's new advisor, Mr. Keene, the very efficient advisor of last semester, and Mr. Harvey.

Mr. Herman Woods, president of the society, acted as toastmaster. Dotie Douglas and Doris Spillman favored the society with a vocal duet, after which Gladys Carson gave a toast. Ray Wright gave a cornet solo with Lena Henry at the piano. The speakers of the evening were Miss Beal, Mr. Keene and Mr. Harvey. A series of songs were sung by the "ukulele twins," Gail Mosley and Dotie Douglas, accompanied by their ukes. The evening's entertainment was completed with a toast by Susan Helm.

The society did splendid work last semester under the efficient guidance of Mr. Keene and expects to continue this good work under the direction of Miss Beal.

From 1885 to 1889 Dr. Coates was a county school teacher. From 1889 to 1895 he was superintendent of public schools at Greenville, Ky. He married Della Myers of Greenville on October 11, 1893. From 1895 to 1907 he was superintendent of public schools at Princeton, Ky.; from 1907 to 1911 he held the same position in the public school system at Richmond; from 1911 to 1916 he was state supervisor of rural school of Kentucky, having been nominated by State Superintendent Ellsworth Regenstein, a Republican, although Mr. Coates was a Democrat. He was accepted by the general education board and held this position from 1911 to 1916.

On September 5, 1916, Mr. Coates was unanimously elected president of Eastern Kentucky State Normal School at Richmond by the board of regents. His selection was made over about thirty applicants. Mr. Coates was not an applicant; he had filed no credentials and was represented by no spokesman. His selection came as a surprise to him. Although he knew his name had been mentioned, he had advised his friends that he did not desire the position, being content with his work as supervisor of rural schools.

"Of course I said I would consider the offer," he said. "It is too important a work not to be given careful consideration, and if I am convinced that my future work lies with the Eastern Normal, I shall accept; but I will be loath to leave the work I am doing."

He came to Eastern and his work here is well known. In 1916 there were 1086 students in the institution; during the school year which closed June 30, 1927, 4486 students were registered. In 1916 there were 33 teachers on the faculty and at the present time there are 71 instructors.

The value of the institution's property in 1916 was \$453,834.83, and on January 31, 1928, \$1,435,812.46, an increase of \$981,977.63. This increase is represented by the Cammack building, Memorial Hall annex, Burnam Hall, the Library building, the gymnasium, new Administration building,

Whereas, it has pleased the master of the universe to call our beloved president and friend, T. J. Coates, from the arduous field of labor to his well earned rest, we, the student body of the Eastern Kentucky State Normal School and Teachers College, express our sorrow for his untimely death, our appreciation for his great life of service and achievement, for the good influence and inspiration which he passed on from the rich, gentle spirit that was his. We truly honor him for what he was and for the visions and dreams he turned into realities. Service was the keystone in his arch of life, love was the arch.

Now that he has gone a sorrow is in each heart, a shadow on each brow. Well can we think the poet had such a man as our departed president in mind when he wrote:

"As some tall cliff, that lifts its awful form,
Swells from the vale, and midway leaves the storm,
Though round its breast the rolling clouds are spread,
Eternal sunshine settles on its head."

The student body expresses the wish that this tribute of their respect for their honored and beloved president be published in The Eastern Progress, The Richmond Daily Register, The Lexington Herald, The Lexington Leader, The Courier-Journal and a copy be sent to his bereaved family.

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and additional real estate and equipment accumulated during the twelve-year period.

The administrative policies of President Coates encouraged long tenure of service of employees of the institution as evidence by the fact that many of those who were with the school during its early years were still on the staff at the time of his death.

One of the outstanding achievements of Mr. Coates' life was the codification of Kentucky school laws, a task which had not previously been undertaken by anyone. He was also the author of a "History of Education of Kentucky" and compiled the first State Course of Study for Kentucky Schools.

For many years, Mr. Coates conducted institutes in Kentucky, Tennessee, West Virginia, and other southern states. He was president of the Kentucky Educational Association in 1911. At time of his death he was president of the Kentucky Association of Colleges. In 1925 the faculty of Eastern Kentucky Normal School and Teachers College presented him with a life membership to the National Educational Association, which he attended annually.

He had been a member of the Presbyterian church since boyhood and for many years had been an elder in the church. He was a Mason, a member of the Royal Arch Chapter and a Knight Templar. He was also a Rotarian.

Mr. Coates is survived by his wife; four daughters, Mrs. Stuart Brabant of Russellville; Misses Mabel Ruth, Rowena and Della Marie Coates, of Richmond, and four sons, D. M. Coates, Henry Coates, of Richmond; Aaron T. Coates of Ashland; Dorland Coates, of Lancaster; and one sister Mrs. W. O. B. Ratliff of Pikeville, Kentucky.

His characterization of the one-room rural school, "The average farmer and rural teacher think of the rural school as a little house, on a little ground, with a little equipment, where a little teacher, at a little salary, for a little while, teaches little children, little things" has become nationally known as the best phrase ever devised describing the one-room rural school.

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The Passing of a Great Man and Administrator

Heads are hung low and hearts depressed. Those of the faculty and student body who have been here longest were shocked, startled and stunned by the sudden collapse and eventual death of our tireless worker, steadfast friend and honored President, Thomas Jackson Coates, at nine o'clock, March 17, 1928.

His natal day was also his fatal day. Born on March 17, 1862, just within the throes of the Civil War upheaval, it seemed that as many things happened to him on March 17 as happened to Oliver Cromwell on September 3; and, finally, when the great summons came to end a well-spent life, it was again on St. Patrick's Day—his birthday—March 17, and it found him at the age of sixty-six.

The educational career of President Coates was as follows: He began teaching in rural schools in 1883 (the exact year when the writer of this article was born), became principal of the Greenville, Kentucky, Public Schools and Editor of the Muhlenburg Echo in 1889-1895, Superintendent of Schools, Princeton, Kentucky, 1896-1907, Superintendent of Richmond, Kentucky, Schools, 1907-1911. Then it was that he was called by the State Department of Education to become State Supervisor of Rural Schools. It was in this capacity that the writer first knew him. He remained at the position of State Supervisor until August, 1916, when he was elected President of Eastern Kentucky State Normal School, which position he held until the date of his death.

Coming from the mountain stocks of Pike county, Kentucky, he seemed to carry with him in his personality a certain amount of that ruggedness of his section; indeed, there could be seen in him the crags of the hills. Back in those days, when he was traveling from end to end of the state in his duty of Rural Supervisor and was lecturing all over the state and out in other states in teachers' institutes—bringing messages of instruction, hope and inspiration to thousands of young people, he looked so robust that it seemed he would never die. In all these efforts, one of his deepest cares, one of his constantly recurring questions was: "Are we getting anywhere?" That is a question which might keep ringing in our ears—a question that might furnish us inspiration to strive, in our own more limited spheres, to do our whole duty in attempting to get somewhere.

During his supervisorship of rural schools, he did a good deal of work that was not strictly in keeping with his regular duties, simply because he could do it better than any other man in the department could do it—perhaps better than any other living man could have done it. He codified the school laws of the commonwealth, clearing up their meaning and vastly increasing their utility. He also wrote a history of Education of Kentucky, which was published under state tutelage. This history brought out in bold relief the prominent educational advances of our system from before the beginning of the public school system down to the date of its publication.

Coming into the presidency of Eastern in 1916 to succeed his great predecessor, Dr. John Grant Crabbe, who was just resigning to accept the presidency of the Teachers College in Greeley, Colorado, Dr. Coates found on the campus, a mere nucleus of a great institution. He promptly set to work with all care and caution to build to broader capacities. Not less than a half dozen big buildings, in addition to those which he found here,

stand today, not only as citadels of opportunity to the youth of the Eastern bluegrass and hills, but also as temples to the memory of our fallen leader. If he had left no other monuments, such as those he did leave, in word, deed and life, these structures would stand as testimony sufficient to his indefatigable labors.

One of the things that most impressed the faculty was his cautious expenditures—always seeking to stretch the power of a dollar to its greatest possible reach, always speaking of the possibilities of "saving money." This was wise policy and worthy of imitation. Meantime, perhaps the supreme efforts of his life were made in pleadings with the budget commissions, legislatures and governors and auditors for appropriations that seemed vital to the institution; and, meanwhile, he was fair to the other great educational institutions, never seeking to build up Eastern at the expense of any other.

We are sure that his building program was not complete. There was still in his mind a plan to build on the campus an adequate auditorium, a new gymnasium and a garage. These will suggest the line of immediate procedure for his successor, and when they are completed, perhaps the major expenses at Eastern can be limited to upkeep and faculty.

At his accession to the presidency, Eastern was a mere Normal School (without the Teachers College). It is fair to say that the work done was little more than that done in the best of our high schools. With the coming of the Teachers College, the work of the Normal School and the Teachers College was more and more differentiated; until today they are, practically speaking, two institutions on the same campus, each doing splendid work. Meantime the Training School was so equipped both with physical material and faculty that there is probably none superior in America.

Today is a degree-granting institution, doing regular four-year college work. She is admitted to the American Association of Colleges and Universities. Plans have already been made for her to become a full-fledged member of the Southern Association of Colleges and Universities. And just recently she has been admitted to full membership in the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Association, which, within itself, should do much to enhance the standing of Eastern among the colleges of the nation. Along with the rest, Extension work has carried to the people of the entire commonwealth, and, in many cases, beyond its borders. All these things were done under the administration of President T. J. Coates; and, no doubt, the contemplation of these facts did a lot to bring comfort to the last years of the man who was the hinge upon which they all turned.

A persistent care of the President was his faculty; and, through continuous searching and dauntless seeking from end to end of the commonwealth and the nation, he has gathered here a faculty which will compare more than favorably with the faculties of other colleges and universities of the land. I am sure this faculty today is pledging itself with unreserved loyalty to start with our heritage and back to the limit his successor, so that the institution may put on "seven-league boots" for a great advance in the future.

We do not feel like closing this article without noting that a great Christian life is also beautiful in death. No tribute that has ever been paid to this great man was more beautiful than that paid to him by the undivided devotion of his family in the last hours of his life and in his death.

Roark, Crabbe, and now Coates—a redoubtable trio, whose names will live forever in the educational advance of Kentucky. In this last, it seems we have sustained a loss that can never be repaired and one which can scarcely be borne. His solicitation concerning every detail of work connected with Eastern, his zealous interest in all the best educational causes of the state, reaching down to the humblest child, suggested that there was in him some of the same stuff that haunted the brain and dreams of Cecil John Rhodes toward the closing hours, and made him keep muttering and murmuring: "So much to do—so little done."

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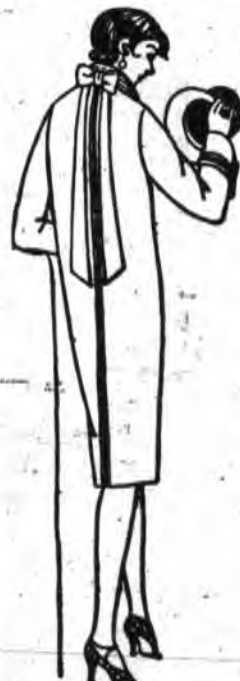
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Those persons spending the past week in Ashland were: Misses Mollie Hayes, Ada Hood, Pauline Maggard, Evelyn Simmons, Alice Hazlitt, Marie Bunch, Henrietta Siebert, and Gladys Barrett.

Miss Lula Johnson spent the week end with her parents at Moreland.

Miss Anne Kirby was at her home in Grayson this week end.

Miss Theresa Bolin, a teacher in the Kentucky School for Deaf, Danville, was the week end guest of Miss Jennie Ramsey.

Those girls spending the past week end in Lancaster were: Misses Hazel Broadus, Margaret Scott, Lena Henry and Nell Pelphrey.

Miss Della Gregory spent the week end with relatives in Terrill.

Misses Eva Lena Gaines and Thelma Moreland spent the week end at their respective homes in Harrodsburg.

Miss Shirley Steele spent the week end at her home in Russell.

Miss Thelma Hill was at her home in Winchester this week end.

The following girls were in Lexington for the week end: Thelma Messersmith, Alyce Beck, Jane Burgess, Grace Veal, Essie Ritchie and Katy Burton.

Mrs. Mary Kendricks spent the week end at her home in Middlesboro.

Miss Vesta Riley was called to Buckhorn because of the death of a cousin.

Miss Ruth Herndon was called to her home in Mayslick because of the death of an uncle.

Miss Jewell Gaines was at her home in Georgetown during the week end.

Misses Helen Gooch and Lillian Smith spent the week end at their respective homes in Stanford.

Miss Anne Jones was at her home in Bloomfield.

Miss Loine Floyd, of Louisville Conservatory of Music, was the guest of her sister, Miss Lucille Floyd, this week end. Loine was a former student at Eastern.

Miss Elizabeth Woodward spent the week end at her home in Mt. Olivet.

Mr. Jesse Brown has withdrawn from school because of the illness of his father.

Miss Bertha Rose spent the week end at her home in Booneville.

Mrs. Becky Commander Francher has been confined to her room this past week because of illness.

Mr. Everett Hall is out again after an attack of measles.

Miss Mary Stoner Combs spent the week end at her home in Ludlow.

Misses Betty Broadus and Louise Tipton spent the week end at their respective homes in Irvine.

Miss Inez Taylor spent the week end with her cousin, Mrs. J. M. Campbell, in Winchester.

Miss Jessie Goff was at her home in Monticello during the past week end.

Miss T. Opal Williams spent the past week end at her home in Mt.

Vernon.

Misses Sue Green and Norma Gindl spent the week end at their respective homes in Frankfort.

Miss Emily Land was in Cynthiana the past week end.

Misses Mary F. Jacobs and Elsie Mulcahy spent the week end at their respective homes in Nicholasville.

Miss Elizabeth North, a former Eastern student, was in Richmond Monday for the burial of President Coates.

Miss Beulah Ramsey spent the week end with her parents at Stanton.

Miss Marie Barklage was at her home in Eubank this past week end.

Miss Velma Burrus was in Million this week end.

Miss Lorane Tudor spent the week end at Kirksville.

Miss Elizabeth Routt, Mrs. Lora Jeffries and Mary O. Jeffries spent the past week end with friends at Eastern.

Dean Marie L. Roberts has been in Cincinnati the past few days. She will return to take up her duties as Dean this week end. Eastern will welcome her after her long absence because of illness.

Group Insurance on Faculty at Eastern

Seventy members of the faculty and employes of the Eastern Kentucky State Normal School and Teachers College will receive protection from a group insurance policy purchased from the Inter-Southern Life Insurance Company of Louisville, Ky. The amount of the policy was \$120,000. The special group policy is offered by the Inter-Southern for the benefit

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Group insurance has proven very popular in the past few years and authorities of the local school expressed approval of the fact that faculty members have taken advantage of this special rate.

The policy was sold by D. J. Duncan, district manager, and Shelton Saufley, local agent of the Inter-Southern Life Insurance Company.

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EASTERN CLASS "A" COLLEGE

American Association of Teachers Colleges Gives Local School High Rating

STANDARDS ARE CHANGED

As official representative of Eastern at the convention of the American Association of Teachers Colleges held in Boston, February 24-25, 1928, I had the pleasure of hearing the report of the Committee on Classification and Inspection of that organization, and of hearing Eastern announced as in Class A. This is the highest class provided for in the standards of the association.

The association has been in existence as an organization for some four or five years. Any normal school or teachers college may be a member. Eastern has been a member since the beginning. At the convention held in Dallas last year, the association was ready, in the judgment of the official representatives, to begin inspection and classification. The committee was therefore instructed to proceed. Last September or October Eastern applied for an inspection, which was made in January, with the result stated above.

The rating assigned to Eastern gives her an evaluation which places her in the front rank of teachers colleges.

While a few teachers colleges had applied for inspection which the committee had not been able to reach because of lack of time, a favorable report was made on sixty-two institutions, assigning them to Class A. The number will probably be increased from time to time.

One important change was made in the standards to be met by classified teachers colleges. It was enacted by the association that no teachers college shall be a classified member that accepts for a certificate or a degree credit earned by extension in excess of one-fourth of the amount of credit required for that certificate or degree. In other words, Eastern must not accept toward the Standard Certificate more than sixteen hours of credit earned by extension, nor for the degree more than thirty-two hours so earned. If she were to accept more, she might not continue to be rated as Class A. It is understood that this standard applies only to work in excess of this one-fourth limit taken after the adoption of the standard.

(Signed)
HOMER E. COOPER,
Dean.

CARR CREEK IS NOSED OUT FOR STATE TITLE

Carr Creek, champions of the seventh basketball region and runners-up in the state tournament at Lexington last week, lost the state title by a two-point margin but won the heart of every basketball loving fan in the state of Kentucky.

Carr Creek came to Richmond, March 8, to take part in the seventh regional basketball tournament, conducted by Eastern Teachers College. At that time the little settlement school of 28 pupils and three teachers, located in the hills of Knott county, was unknown outside of their own neighborhood. In the first game at Richmond they met Barbourville Baptist boys and disposed of them without much effort. The followers of the game said that Mt. Vernon, their next opponent, would take them into camp. But the prognosticators hadn't taken into consideration the fighting and basketball ability that the moun-

tain lads really possessed. Mt. Vernon was taken into camp with apparent ease.

It was after that game that the Carr Creek fans really realized that Carr Creek was not only a threat but possible, champions. They met Middlesboro, a class A team, in the final game on Saturday night. The fans, most of whom were backing Carr Creek by now, were just a little uneasy about the probable outcome of the game. But by the time the half was over there was no doubt about the winner. Instead of letting up, as many teams do when they get ahead, those tireless, water-drinking mountain boys forged ahead to come out on the long end of a 26-15 count. So tight was their defense that Middlesboro failed to account for a single

point in the last eight minutes of play. March 15 found the Knott county lads in Lexington for the state meet. They met their first opponents Thursday morning and dispersed with them without an extra effort. The next two opponents, including the highly-touted Lawrenceburg outfit, fell before the merciless attack of the mountain wonders. Then for the big chance. Ashland was met in the final game. And what a battle. Nowhere has a basketball audience witnessed such a struggle. At the end of the regular thirty-two minute playing period the score read 9-9. For three minute playing periods the two teams struggled, neither able to score. But in the fourth period Ashland was able to

score from the field to match the ed thousands of admirers and friends. Carr Creek and add two Those friends are doing all they can points, the winning points, from the to see that Carr Creek gets an invitation to take part in the national Carr Creek lost the game but gain- tournament at Chicago.

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