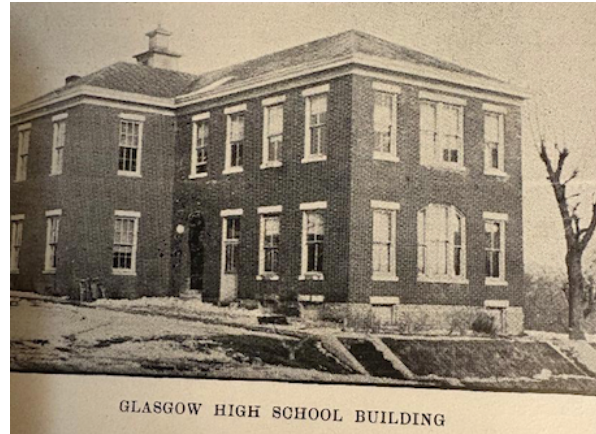


## Glasgow Kittens, the pride of 1915

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Before they became the Yellowjackets, the Glasgow, MO High School sports teams were known as the Kittens!

The 1915 GHS yearbook was the first yearbook published by Glasgow Schools. The yearbook reveals that the school was organized in 1859 with two classrooms and two teachers. As time passed, more classrooms and additional faculty were added.



In 1916, the State Department of Education recognized GHS as a “First Class High School”. This was a source of great pride to the entire community and especially to the Superintendent of Schools, Prof. H. V. Barker. There were 4 teachers including the Principal, who taught math and science.

In 1915-16, there were about 54 students in the high school. The class lists, photos and descriptions are not a perfect match as to numbers, so there may have been a few more or less. In the foreword to the yearbook, the editors point out that this is the first ever yearbook and they request that readers “...be lenient in their criticism”. The chief editor was Senior Myrtle V. Stevenson.

The teachers were Emory Gooch: Principal, Math, Science; Nell Mauden: English, History, and Burney Rice: German, Latin.

The Freshman class of 1915 lists 18 names, but the class photo only shows 15 students. There is no listing of the names in the photo, perhaps some were absent that day. One of those Freshmen students was Cal Hubbard. In the class photo, he must be the tall boy in the back row. I believe that the girl on his right, wearing a hat, is his girlfriend at the time, Juanita Cuddy.

The HCGS May newsletter, referenced above, has more information about the love story of Cal and Juanita (spoiler alert: It did not last forever) Cal was 6' 4' and



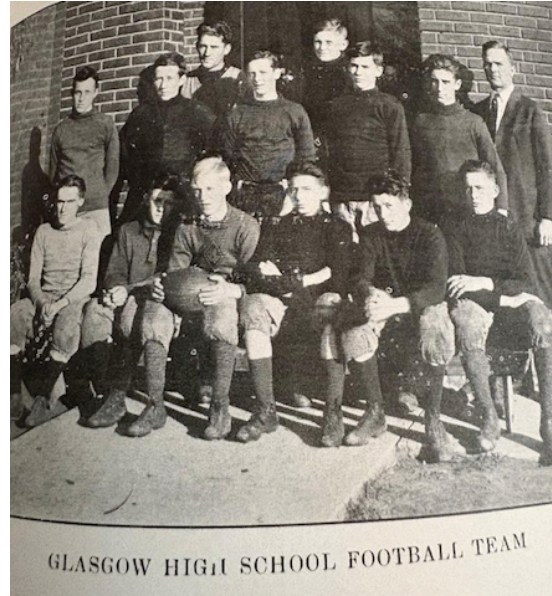
weighed 200 lbs. Today, that would not be that large for a football player (it is my size), but when Cal played; he was a giant!

Freshman Students were; Ada Heying, Earl Goldsberry, Juanita Cuddy, Cal Hubbard, Mayda Rall, Birdie Newman, Harry Raall, Wm. Meyer, Bernadine Miller, Robert Wachtr, Margaret Miller, Ruth Raines, Wm. Labus, Alex Henry, Ruth Bellew, Georgia Rhorer, and Victor Stockman.

Cal came to Glasgow from Keytesville so he could play football. Yes, GHS had a football team! Cal went on to play in the NFL for the Giants, Green Bay, and the Steelers. He is in the NFL hall of Fame. After retirement from football, he became a baseball umpire and is in the MLB Hall of Fame.

You can read more about Cal Hubbard and see more photos on the Howard County Genealogical Society webpage at: <http://jymiller.net/HCGSnews2023may.pdf> . It is the May newsletter. J. Y. Miller also can present a program about Cal with more information about his sports career.

The team consisted of just 14 players: Richard Lewis, Almond Bentley, Cal Hubbard, Oscar Pile, Frank Rose, Victor Renne, Russell Engleston, Lewis Henry, Norris Sweearingen, Joe Labus, George Meyer, James Lewis, William Labus, and Earl Maddox. Cal was also a pitcher on the Kittens baseball team.



The “High School Song” was to be sung to the tune of “Marching Thru Georgia”.

Here are the words:

Upon the field the Kittens come,  
The pride of G. H. S. They arn't so large, but very fast.  
We think they are the best.  
They'll wade right through old Slater High. — Just watch them hit the  
line,  
While we go marching to victory.

Chorus

Hurrah! Hurrah! The Kittens are in line;  
Hurrah! Hurrah! A touchdown every time.  
So the score of G.H.S. goes soaring to the sky, While we go marching  
to victory.

Our Glasgow Kittens, they are small, But very very loud.  
They fight and scratch with lots of snap, And they are a jolly crowd.  
They'll win this game and conquer all And we will all be proud That the  
Black and Gold are carried to victory.

Chorus