

John Cobourn

John Cobourn began teaching at MHS in 1930. He taught Democracy and he was famous for his “pop quizzes”. At that time, there were only four competitive sports in high school: football, baseball, basketball and track. Coach Cobourn coached all four with the help of his assistant coaches. He coached the first ever undefeated football team in 1954 and was considered the “Greatest team he has ever coached.” Hall of Famer, Ronnie Smallwood, was a member of his team. He won 110 football games which was the most win by an MHS football coach until this record was broken in 2007. Coach Cobourn retired in 1969 from Martinsburg High School and for his many years of service on the football field, MHS has named the field in his honor.