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### "SETTING" ON THE PORCH

\*Been TOO hot to "set" on academy porch much!

\*Know picture is small above; There are chickens, Mud puddle, view of cistern house, & boy with shirt pulled up on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. RECOGNIZE any of the folks?

\*Porch floor looks great with sealer!

\*"Grand old lady" feels like had hair done & got new dress. Know has faults; but parts are 130 years old ; some just 100. Course, been doctored many times over the years. Just learned is settling on left rear. Not a "spring chicken"!

\*Not as many visitors as hoped; but word is getting around; some come before open & after hours.

\* Some say is not school now; but in many hearts will always be school; & now to educate today of past.

\*THANKS TO DONORS OF NAILS, PAPER TOWELS, & OTHER ITEMS.

\*Thanks for chairs donated from tea proceeds

\*THOSE NOT ATTENDING JULY 19<sup>TH</sup> MEETING MISSED PERFECT DESSERT FOR A HOT SUMMER NIGHT!

\*ACADEMY MIGHT HAVE GHOSTS. Lights ON WHEN CUT OFF DAY BEFORE. Perfume & dry beans cooking have been smelled; and items moved; More about Halloween time! NAMING THEM HENDERSON SNELL & LENA WINDLEY.

\*THANKS TO PREVIOUS YEARS OFFICERS AND BOARD FOR GOOD JOB. SAME FOLKS WILL CONTINUE TO SERVE.

## HISTORY TEST FROM JULY ACADEMY HISTORY

WHAT WAS THE COST OF PAINTING BUILDING IN 1878?

WHO WAS PANTEGO MALE & FEMALE ACADEMY'S FIRST PRINCIPAL?

WHO PURCHASED THE ACADEMY BELL IN 1879?

WHAT WAS DR. HENDERSON SNELL'S SALARY PER MONTH?

\*\*ANSWERS AT END\*\*TEST YOUR SELF AND DON'T LOOK!

## INFORMATION WANTED

+History & info about Pantego jail. OLD TOWN RECORDS ARE GONE. A FEW STORIES REMAIN.

+Anyone know how to contact a member of Oliver Swindell descendents?

+information wanted about "Broad creek" area.

+Topping family information

+Albemarle & Pantego Railroad

+Where the "old" road entered Pantego from the west.

+ PANTEGO FLYNN FAMILY

## MORE ACADEMY HISTORY

1882 brought a new professor, J. B. Gilfillon, with Mr. Wingate of Wake Forest as a teacher. The price for beginners was reduced from 7 cents to 6 cents per day. The school year was 180 days in length. During the year, Miss Kate Reynolds was added to the faculty. The Board was dissatisfied with their textbooks so this year, they changed to: Reid's and Kellogg's Grammar, Sandford's Arithmetic, and Maury's Geography.

Then, Mr. Wingate took over as principal, followed by H. L. Williams of Gatesville, with Miss Mary Ann Wilkinson employed in January, 1884 as assistant. Mr. C. N. A. Younce followed as professor and Miss Martha Whitley agreed to return as assistant for \$20.00 per month until the number of students reached 40, then she was to receive \$25.00.

During 1885, the Academy saw one of its largest financial years---cash received was \$1109.38; paid out \$1108.03; amount left in the treasury \$1.35. Many were the times when the Trustees had to make up enough to pay off the indebtedness. Mr. Younce and Miss Whitley were asked to take the school on their own, with the building and equipment rent free. They accepted.

In order to give additional room, the stairway and partition were changed in 1886. The following year the upper room was changed into a public hall and rented. Once it was rented to the Reform Club of Pantego at 50 cents per month. About this time Prof. Hamblin took charge. During these years Miss Jennie A. Simmons was the teacher of music.

## INFORMATION ABOUT ACADEMY ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL (NOT WRITTEN IN Rosa's history)

Katherine (Kate) Reynolds was born in 1862 & graduated from college in 1882 with bachelors & masters degree. MISS REYNOLDS BECAME ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL IN FROM 1882-1886. SHE MARRIED SYDNEY BECKWITH IN 1888. THEY MOVED FROM LAKE Landing in Hyde county in 1890 to Washington. After his death, she taught at various colleges in us & Europe. In 1909, she became first dean of women at east Carolina teacher's college (ecu); retiring in 1926.

HATS OFF TO PHS CLASS OF 1958  
CLASS COLORS: BLUE & WHITE  
CLASS FLOWER: WHITE CORONATION  
MOTTO: "NO VICTORY WITHOUT LABOR"  
MASCOTS: [PENNY BENSON & MICHAEL WATERS  
GRADUATES:

ALICE GRAY ADAMS, NORMAN ALLEN, LOIS BLAKE, BRENDA BOWEN, ROGER BOWEN. REVONDA BOYD,  
THELMA LEE BOYD, ESTELLE BURROUGHS, ELMER COX, GEORGE CUTHRELL, BARBARA HARRIS, ELEANOR  
HARRIS, JOHN HARRIS, T.L. HARRIS, CAROLYN KEECH, TOMMY KEECH, EILEEN KNIGHT, LINDSEY KNIGHT,  
NICK LEGWATER, DIANNE MANNING, JOYCE MIDGETTE, GLORIA OSBORNE, FRANKIE PILLEY, ROBERT  
RADCLIFF, BOB ROSE, EDWARD ROSE, MYRTLE STOKESBURY, ROBERT TOOLEY, EUGENE  
WATERS, HYSOON WEBSTER  
(FROM 1958 YEARBOOK)

REMEMBER?

- \*PIC" TO BURN TO FOR MOSQUITOES AWAY AT PUNGO-DRIVE IN?
- \*ONLY XXX MOVIE SHOWN AT DRIVE IN?
- \*TOPPING'S COUNTRY SAUSAGE?
- \*HURRICANES OF 50'S & 60'S?
- \*BOYS GOING OFF TO FIGHT IN WW 2, KOREA, VIETNAM?
- DIFFERENCE IN ROUND DANCE AND SQUARE DANCE?
- \*YOUR CLASS TRIP ????
- \*YOUR FIRST DAY ON SCHOOL BUS?
- \*BELT" LINE FOR 9<sup>TH</sup> GRADE AG BOYS

TEST QUESTION ANSWERS

1. COST OF PAINTING IN 1878 WAS \$1.15 PER DAY AND BOARD.
2. DR. HENDERSON SNELL WAS THE PRINCIPAL.
3. BELL WAS BOUGHT BY PANTEGO "YOUNG LADIES"
4. DR. HENDERSON WAS PAID \$40 PER MONTH

SCORING

- ALL CORRECT.....GREAT STUDENT AND READING WELL 100  
3 CORRECT..... NOT PAYING ATTENTION TOO WELL. 74 & "D"  
2 CORRECT..... SLEEPING MOST OF TIME 50 & "F"  
1 CORRECT..... MIGHT JUST STAY BACK IN YOUR GRADE . 25 & "F"  
0 CORRECT.....GUESS WILL SEE YOU IN SAME GRADE NEXT YEAR!

ASSIGNMENT FOR NEXT MONTH

READ ROSA GRAY'S HISTORY CAREFULLY!! EXPECT TEST!!  
REPORT BACK YOUR RESULTS!!

Stories

+CISTERN building HAD BEEN TORN DOWN. Cistern was exposed & used for school trash. Teacher TOOK out children to play in area. Two young boys decided to jump in cistern. Boys could not get out! Teacher left them in there. One boy cried cause thought he left there forever. Teacher got them out later. THEN IN WORDS OF Storyteller ..."wore their "xxx" off! They were Bill Rose & J.P. Brooks.

+BOY WAS IN 1<sup>ST</sup> GRADE IN LAURA PAYNE'S ROOM. When asked by some after school...who was teacher?" smart Mouth boy replied, "Miss Payne & she gives me a pain." Parents heard saying. Tore up his bottom!

+ 9<sup>TH</sup> GRADE GIRLS IN HOME EC USED TO COOK A MEAL AND FEED TEACHERS. TEACHER REPORTS A MEAL OF BURNED MEAT & RAW POTATOES; but ate anyway.

+TRAVELING IN DALLAS/FT WORTH AREA & WAS DOZING WHILE SOMEONE WAS DRIVING. Woke up & looked up...what did I see...but a sign that said Pantego 2 miles?

STILL WAITING FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS !

ONLY THING WHICH WILL BE KEEPING ACADEMY & ACADEMY COLUMNS GOING IS YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS.

DID YOU KNOW!

PHS graduate Vivian Keech and husband have bed & breakfast on NORMANDY COAST IN FRANCE. WEBSITE IS

[www.lafiere.com](http://www.lafiere.com). **CHECK IT OUT IF YOU CAN!**

DID YOU KNOW WAS DENTIST IN PANTEGO "SWAMP" BEFORE 1924? ONLY TOOLS WERE ONE PAIR OF DENTAL TOOTH PULLING "PLYERS" AND A BOTTLE OF WHISKEY.

DID YOU KNOW HOST & GUEST ALMOST GOT BLOWN OFF PORCH AS LEAVING WHEN WIND SHIFTED SEVERAL WEEKS AGO.

Remember academy is open on Saturdays and Sundays from 2-4. Hope to see you soon!

Please let us hear from you! Your comments, stories are wanted and needed!

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**OR MAIL TO PANTEGO ACADEMY, 46 ACADEMY STREET, PANTEGO.**

ANYONE HAVING A SPARE MILLION DOLLARS JUST LAYING AROUND.....WE COULD SURELY FIND SOME USES FOR THAT MILLION.

^REMEMBER VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED!

^THANKS TO ALL ^THOSE DOING SUCH IMPORTANT THINGS FROM MOWING TO CLEANING TOILETS. AGAIN, THANKS TO THOSE DONATING CLEANING SUPPLIES AND OTHER ITEMS.

^ITEMS FOR DISPLAY IN MUSEUM ARE ALWAYS WANTED!

^IDEAS ARE ALWAYS WANTED ALSO. SOME HAVE SOME GREAT IDEAS; AND WISH WE COULD IMPLEMENT; BEING HONEST, SOME OF US JUST CANNOT MOVE HEAVY ITEMS. PERHAPS YOU KNOW SOME "YOUNG FOLKS" WHICH COULD HELP!

STAY COOL AND HOPE TO SEE YOU AT ACADEMY SOON!