

Ye Olde Academy of Pantego

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### RANDOMS HERE & THERE

Hope all are having nice spring!  
Thanks to all sending in memberships!  
Thanks to those giving information about local churches.  
Young man is trying to get computer going so can copy pictures for you. A printer & Scanner is needed.  
Website [www.pantegoacademy.com](http://www.pantegoacademy.com) is updated & getting better.  
Tea was great success! Thanks Doraine for all hard work.  
Slow going on teacher & Principal pictures - Just few donated pictures. Thanks to those whom have!

### DO YOU REMEMBER

Not allowed to go barefooted until May 1st.  
Smell of honeysuckle flowers & sucking flowers.  
Different types of hoes being used for different crops  
Rear end of a mule.  
Dreaded trip to bank to borrow money for next years crop.  
Hog rings being put on your shoes to keep on soles.  
May poles at PHS.  
Homes with no closets or indoor toilets.  
Belhaven pilot newspaper.  
Using your imagination & using "Stick" as a toy.  
When sweet potatoes were stored in "hills"  
Chewing sassafras roots.  
What are brogans.  
State testing in spring.  
When school bus drivers were students.  
Dreaming of graduation so could get away from PHS.  
PHS Gym being metal building or no gym.  
Getting report card on last day of school.  
Many students not being allowed to dance.  
When "World" stopped because PHS Auditorium used for Program & ALL had to be totally quiet.  
How to "Candle" eggs.  
What a "Dominecker" chicken is.  
Men when driving, spoke to almost every oncoming car with pointer finger.  
"Setting up" when someone died.  
PHS science lab with lost of snakes in jars (story below)

### DID YOU KNOW?

"Fro" used to split wood & make shingles. Wash not sharp, so expression: "They are dull as a fro."  
Last liquor still in town of Pantego was back of Joe Windley Home--Close by the creek dam. (See story).  
Rice supposed to have been grown at "down the Neck" on Pantego Creek back in the 1800s.  
PHS graduate Vivian Keech Roger lives in France.  
Old PHS slate blackboards were dumped way back when in swamp within 50 feet of Aycock

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OUR TOWN

CURRENT PHOTOS

RESTORATION

LITTLE STORIES

SPECIAL EVENTS

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Cotton Gin.

### FEW ANSWERS & MORE QUESTIONS

Betty Lou Gaylord lives in California  
One of the Jones brothers is living in Williamston  
What happened to the Hardee Twins?  
"Pizer" is front porch.  
Why Can't I take pictures from Museum to be copied? (#Answer: Be glad to but pictures do not come back.)  
"Miss Lena Wallace (Mrs. Dennis Wallace) is residing at Autumnfield Retirement Home.  
Ag teacher Charles Elks now resides in Raleigh.

### HATS OFF TO PHS CLASS OF 1950

MOTTO: "WORK CONQUERS EVERYTHING"  
COLORS: GREEN & WHITE  
FLOWER: GLADIOLUS

Class Officers: President Lula Boyd; Vice President Meredith Keech; Reporter, Nelda Cullipher, Secretary, Virginia Canady; Treasurer, Brinson Paul; Mascots, Joseph Windley, Jr. & Julia Sutton

Class Roll: Ben Allen, Hazel Allen, Edward Allen, Lula Boyd, Howard Brooks, Luther Burns, Virginia Canady, Ruby Carowan, Carlton Cooper, Nelda Cullipher, Marie Cuthrell, Thelma Davis, Dorothy Harris, Meredith Keech, Ervin Manning, Brinson Paul, Frances Radcliffe, Zelda Respass, Donald Rose, Julia Shavender, Robert Slade, Delmar Tetterton, Minerva Waters, Evelyn Webster, Lucille Windley, William Windley  
1950 HS Faculty: Principal Kelly Wallace, Secretary Arnie Bell Ange, Teachers: Helen Byrum, Harriet Harris, Myrtle Carowan, Joe Windley, Ann Alman, P.T. Long  
Elementary: Grace Lupton, Temperance Wilkinson, Sarah Radcliffe, Margaret Jackson, Rena Hamilton, Betty Long, Mildred Aycock, Lillian Allen, Mary Cooper, Virginia Boger, Mary Webster  
Thanks for making the Academy site of your Reunion!  
Members report class was in 1st grade, last year academy used as elementary school.

### STORIES

Back in 60s was liquor still back of Mr. Windley's home! He did not know about it. But boys rambling as they do, knew it was there. Trips were made to see; not one there. Until one boy visited. One of two still owners shot! Boy took off running through briars in woods. Next day at school, was scratched all over. Course, story came out and still was reported and destroyed. Owners of still are long dead.

Stores had to report persons buying over certain amount of sugar & quart jars. Home canning was included in this. "Grandma or Mother" might just have been on alcohol & Tax Bootlegger list! Some Bootleggers got around this by getting carload of ladies and each buying sugar & jars at many local stores.

Used to be still in Terra Ceia and used mash was carried by wheel barrow fed hogs daily.

Black snake visits academy. Academy was used by Beaufort County Community College for classes. Some nursing class members saw a black snake in yard when coming to class. Class met and had a break-snade stretched out in academy floor. Class ran out screaming!

Deceased Elementary teacher said when asked if certain misbehaving and poor academic student was going to pass his grade. She said, "Yes, He did not know it, but he passed his grade the first day of school. Know I did not want him another year."

Academy host said had grandmother & 3 grandchildren (late teens to 20s) to visit. Grandmother & Host in conversation talked how could take a "stick" as child and use imagination & play with "stick" all day long. Kids mouths gapped open & looked at both like were crazy & did not believe. (Question...Are today's children loosing sense of imagination?)

Biology Teacher said rattlesnake (filled up gallon jar) was smelling & about to blow jar apart. Teacher asked for volunteer to take to incinerator. Boy was failing & he offered. Out the room & down steps he went with the jar & just about got to incinerator...off blew top of jar & snake all over him...boy passed biology for year.

Please send stories, comments, questions to us!!!

Next month: Crime in Pantego Area--Murder, Mayhem, & Robbery  
(Perhaps you could send us a few stories). Got information, pictures, "stuff" stories which you could share, send to:

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Just leave in mail box at Academy

PLEASE PLAN TO VISIT PANTEGO ACADEMY SOON!  
REMEMBER: OPEN SAT & SUN 2 - 4PM  
HOPE TO SEE YOU SOON!  
THANKS TO ALL FOR SUPPORT & HELPING HANDS

