

Pocket Church and Pocket High School

One Has Ceased to Exist But the Other Still Lives--Names of Some of the Families Who Supported These Institutions.

Below we publish some facts about Pocket Presbyterian church and the High School which once flourished in the Pocket community. These facts were furnished by people who lived in that community and they are published with the hope that they will be of interest to readers of The Express. Many people who lived in that community have moved away and we were unable to get facts concerning them.

Pocket Church was organized May 2nd, 1890, by Rev. Dr. J. B. Mack with 58 members. The session held its first meeting May 4th, 1890, and the elders were: Dr. William Arnold, W. B. Campbell, Evander McGilvary and A. M. Wicker. Of the four three were fathers of Presbyterian ministers, Rev. William McGilvary was a son of Mr. Evander McGilvary. Rev. James McI. Wicker was the son of A. M. Wicker and John Arnold, who was a ministerial student at the time of his death was the son of Dr. Wm. Arnold.

In March, 1891, Rev. D. N. McLaughlin was called as the first pastor and served the church until September, 1892. At that time the church building had not been erected and services were held in the school building. A good high school was conducted there at that time. Prayer meeting was held by the principal, Rev. Allen Jones, and some of the students and later by W. P., J. B. and A. B. Cameron who taught in the school. When there was no pastor services were held by visiting preachers. In the church record is found the names of Rev. D. D. McBryde, Rev. W. M. Eldridge, Dr. J. B. Mack and Rev. James McI. Wicker.

In February, 1893, Rev. M. D. McNeill was called as pastor and served until 1897. At that time the church was grouped with Buffalo, Sanford and White Hill and services were held once a month. The membership was increased to eighty-seven during Mr. McNeill's pastorate.

In 1896 and 1897 the present house of worship was built. Most of the material and much of the work was given by the members, with Mr. William Campbell as head carpenter.

While the church was without a pastor, Mr. J. Alton Melver, of Jonesboro, held services once a month for some time. He held a very successful revival in the church.

From January, 1899, to April, 1906, Rev. K. A. McLeod, of Jonesboro, was pastor. It was during his pastorate the church was dedicated.

In August, 1906, Rev. S. H. Williamson was installed and served as pastor until April, 1918. At that time the Euphronia and Gulf churches were grouped with Pocket.

From August, 1918, to September, 1922, Rev. C. L. Wicker was pastor. At this time the church was grouped with Euphronia, Buffalo and White Hill. After Mr. Wicker retired as pastor, Dr. R. C. Gilmore supplied for two years preaching twice each month on Sunday afternoons. The church was without a pastor for nearly two years when Rev. W. L. Wilson served for one year. Rev. L. T. Edgerton accepted a call as pastor in 1927 and served the church for three years. He was followed by Rev. J. T. Barham, who is now pastor of the church.

Mr. Evander McGilvary, one of the elders, donated the land on which the church is located. The first person buried in the cemetery near the church was Mr. W. H. Gilliam, who died in 1897.

For a number of years a good school was maintained by the people of the Pocket Community and some people who became prominent in later years received their early training in this school which was called the McGilvary School. The first teacher was Mrs. Annie McGilvary a daughter of William D. Harrington of Moore county and aunt of Dr. Chas. D. McIver. Mrs. W. S. Lacy, who was then Miss Mary Shepard, taught music and Mrs. Lula Muse, who was Miss Lula McIver, taught art. Mrs. McGilvary was a teacher of experience. The other two were quite young but they were well educated and they did good work in the school room. The school was well patronized by the people of the community, who made sacrifices to educate their children.

In the early nineties while Mr. Allen Jones, who afterwards entered the ministry of the Presbyterian church, was principal, a new school house was built and the name of the school was changed to Pocket High School. Mr. Jones was assisted in the conduct of the school by the late Rev. Dr. D. N. McLaughlin, a brilliant man, who in later years became a prominent minister in the Southern Presbyterian church. Other teachers who assisted Mr. Jones and who taught at Pocket after he had left there were Rev. Walter M. Gilmore, of Knoxville, Tenn., who is now doing important work in the Southern Baptist Church;

Miss Mollie Roberts, who is now Mrs. W. J. Jones, principal of the Pine-land Junior College, of Salem, an institution which is supported by the Duke Endowment; Professor A. B. Cameron, for years superintendent of the Moore County Schools and at present a member of the general assembly of North Carolina; Dr. J. S. Brown, now of Salisbury; Professor W. P. Cameron and J. B. Cameron; Professor Boaz Young and daughter, Miss Lou Young, now Mrs. Eugene Melver, E. M. Judd, who was the first superintendent of the Lee County schools was the last principal of the Pocket high school. There were a number of dormitories around the school where boys and girls, some of whom boarded themselves roomed. The old home of the Judds which stands in a beautiful grove of oaks, is located near the church and the old school building was the dormitory for the girls. Among those who attended school at Pocket were: Mrs. R. W. Palmer, of Gulf, then Miss Edna Russell; Mrs. T. A. Hunter, of Greensboro, then Miss Eugenia Melver; Mrs. J. R. Weatherspoon, of the faculty of the State College for Women, then Miss Lizzie McIver; Mrs. Joe Brown, of Chadbourn, then Miss Annie McIver; Dr. John Ellis, prominent Baptist minister of Dallas, Texas; Rev. Orin Dowd, Methodist minister in the North Carolina Conference; Dr. L. J. Arnold, surgeon in the United States Army and located in Florida. Others who attended the school later were: John W. Gilliam, of Sanford, who has been in the U. S. Postal Service for about thirty years; Mrs. T. A. Riddle, who was Miss Dolie Gilliam; Mrs. George Gilliam, Mrs. W. G. Carter, Miss Ada Gilliam, Mrs. J. W. Seawell and J. P. Gilliam; John W. McIntosh, Register of Deeds; A. L. McIntosh, Mr. and Mrs. Dan McIntosh, Dan A. McLaughlin, of Vass; Mrs. Mary Arnold Gilmore, of Asheboro; Mrs. E. M. Judd, Misses Mollie and Gertrude Campbell, Mrs. F. E. Street, Mrs. S. J. Husketh, Mrs. W. F. Cheers, Mrs. J. M. Arnette, Mr. Henry McIntosh, of Fayetteville, Mrs. E. F. Chisholm, of Charleston, S. C., Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Cole and Mrs. B. Cole.

After Mr. Judd became superintendent of the Lee County Schools the Pocket high school became a public school and was supported entirely by taxation. Among those who taught in the public school were: Misses Annie Cole, Gertrude Campbell, Olah raschal, Watson, of Jonesboro, Jennie McRae, Florence Gladden, Lizzie Cole Deliah Poe, Annie McIntosh, Mary Tulluck and Mrs. Joe King.

The Pocket School is no longer in existence but the old school house still stands a melancholy reminder of other days. The children of the Pocket community attend the consolidated schools in Sanford.

The following facts about the heads of some of the families who once lived in the Pocket community and their descendants who are scattered far and wide will prove of interest to readers of The Express.

John Alex Campbell married Mary Cole; nine children: Mary Anne Campbell, twice married, first to Alex Munn, second time to Dr. Oliver McLean, two children. William Campbell, married Nancy McRae, thirteen children; three living: Mrs. Dan McIntosh, Pocket, 6 children; Mrs. Agnes McGugan, Red Springs, Donald Campbell, Halifax, 6 children; C. R. Campbell, Candor, one child; Thomas Campbell, married Christian McIntosh, 10 children, seven living: Mrs. Allen Jones, Cumnock, 5 children, Mrs. E. M. Judd, Sanford 5 children; Misses Mollie and Gertrude Campbell, C. H. Campbell, Jonesboro, 2 children; Mont Campbell, Florida; George Campbell, married Annie Miller, Memphis, Tenn., 6 children; Paisley Campbell, killed in Civil War; Elizabeth Campbell, married Henry Gilliam, 8 children; J. P. Gilliam, seven children; Mrs. T. A. Riddle, Sanford, Mrs. J. W. Seawell, Carthage, Mrs. Mattie Carter and Miss Ada Gilliam, Pocket, Kate (dead), McGilvary (dead, wife was Maggie Poe, 4 children. Robena Campbell, married John McRae, Gulf. Alice Campbell, married George W. Gilmore, 8 children: Mrs. H. M. Williams, Sanford, E. L. Gilmore, Talladega, Ala., 1 child, Mrs. E. F. Chisholm, Charleston, S. C., 2 children, Mrs. Jno. D. Gunter, Jr., Sanford, 3 children, Milton (dead), 2 children, Mrs. S. G. Groce, Sanford Route 3, 4 children. James Campbell, married Betty McIntosh: 3 children: W. D. Campbell, Wallace, N. C., 6 children, Mrs. John Murphy, Atkinson, N. C., 6 children, Paisley Campbell, Portsmouth, Va., 6 children. Peter Campbell, married Betty Rogers: 3 children: Mrs. D. M. Underwood, 5 children (3 living); Mr. E. M. Underwood, 2 children, Sanford, Mrs. Harry Byrd, Branchville, S. C., Mrs. E. C. Heine, Sanford. Marnie Campbell married Jno. A. McLeod: 4 children: Mrs. E. M. Harrington, Plain-

field, Ga., 3 children, Mrs. Milton Thomas, Cameron, N. C., 3 children, Arthur, Mary and Margaret McLeod, Goldston.

Daniel I. Melver, married Margaret McIntosh: 13 children (2 living); Columbus Melver, Florida, 3 children, Mrs. Adams Ferrell, Greensboro, 6 children; Donald Melver, Ocala, Fla., married twice, 4 children; Arch, Charlie, Adolphus and Artemus Melver, all died in Florida, Mrs. W. J. Adams, 6 children, Mrs. John Cameron, 6 children.

Dr. William Arnold, married Mary Anne McIntosh: 6 children: Mrs. Robert Sutton, Candor, N. C., 1 child; Mrs. Neal Dunlap, Carthage, 2 children; Mrs. Mary Gilmore, Asheboro, 3 children; Dr. L. J. Arnold, Florida, 4 children; William Arnold, 2 children; Rev. John Arnold, deceased.

Evander McGilvary and son, William McGilvary, Daniel McGilvary. Mrs. A. A. Moore, mother of Mrs. T. A. Riddle, Sanford, 3 children. Mrs. N. E. Poe, Pocket, 9 children.

Captain Alex Wicker, married Caroline Melver: 4 children: Rev. James McI. Wicker, 3 children: Mrs. D. B. King, Sanford, 3 children, Mrs. N. A. McEachern, St. Paul, Mrs. Wilbur Godfrey, Sanford, 4 children. Miss Maggie Wicker, Sanford; Mrs. James Gilmore, 2 children; G. G. Wicker, married Elizabeth Cameron, 6 children: Mrs. B. Cole, Sanford, Mrs. Rattie, Kings Mountain, 1 child; John Wicker, Carthage, 6 children; Mrs. A. J. Cole, Pocket, 5 children; Hugh Wicker (dead), Bessie Wicker, Los Angeles, Cal.

Kenneth Murchison, married Miss Berryman: 4 children: O. B. Murchison, married Katie Phillips, 6 children; Maggie Murchison, married David Gilmore, 1 son, Rev. W. M. Gilmore, Knoxville, Tenn.; Gus Murchison and Caswell Murchison, dead.

Thomas Cole, twice married. William Cole, married Betty Glascock.

Thomas Cole, married Nancy McIver. Richard Cole, married Polly Berryman.

Benjamin Cole, married Mahalia McIver.

Rachel Cole, married M. Cole. Duncan McIntosh, married Temperance Melver: 10 children: John McIntosh, married Betty Gilmore, 3 children: Mrs. John Melver, 3 children, Emma, Mrs. Dyer, and William, Archie McIntosh, married Anna Person, 4 children; Jim McIntosh (dead).

George McIntosh, married Melissa Jones: 7 children (five living): Mrs. Annie Arnette, 5 children, Mrs. F. E. Street, 2 children, Mrs. S. J. Husketh, Mrs. W. F. Cheers, Sanford, Mr. Henry McIntosh, Fayetteville, 3 children.

Daniel McIntosh, married Fannie White: 4 children: Mrs. Daisy Jones, 1 child, Pearl and William, dead, Byrd McIntosh, 1 child, Mrs. J. A. Griffin, Sanford, 1 child.

Margaret McIntosh married Daniel R. Melver: 8 children (2 living): Columbus Melver, Florida, Mrs. Catherine Ferrell, Greensboro.

Christine McIntosh, married T. C. Campbell (children listed with Campbells).

Betty McIntosh, married Jim Campbell (children listed with Campbells).

Francis McIntosh, married McDonold: 1 daughter: Mrs. J. W. Phillips, Cameron, 5 children; David McIntosh, dead, D. M. McIntosh, married Margaret Melver, 3 children; Duncan McIntosh, married Maggie Cole, 4 children; J. Walter, 2 children, George and Ada McIntosh, Mrs. J. W. Cogins, 2 children.

Mary McIntosh, married Dr. William Arnold: 6 children: (listed in Arnold record).

Lee G. McIntosh, married Mary Baker: 3 children: Arthur McIntosh, 5 children, Jno. W. McIntosh, married Alice Harrington: Five children: John McIntosh, Mrs. D. E. McIver, 1 child, Mrs. Ray Bass, 1 child, Ruth and Robert D. A. McIntosh, Pocket, 9 children; John W. McIntosh, married Phoebe Oglesby.

HOME COMING AT SALEM

A large crowd gathered at Salem Presbyterian church on last Sunday. The occasion was Home Coming and Rally Day. The eleven o'clock sermon was preached by Rev. L. A. McLaurin, a former pastor. He preached a splendid sermon which was greatly appreciated. The home choir furnished most of the music. A solo by Mrs. Leon Watson and a quartette composed of Roland Sheppard, Evander Stone, Mrs. Gordon Sheppard and Mrs. Leon Watson gave a beautiful selection. The exercises in the afternoon were given by the children of the Sunday School. A pageant closed the exercises. A bountiful dinner was spread in the grove at the noon hour, all were filled and plenty of food left to have fed many more.

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Rent's Aurora was painted in the seventeenth century on the ceiling of a palace in Rome. This picture shows Apollo in his chariot and all around him are the hours. Above his horses is Lucifer who is the torch bearer and sun god. They are in the bright yellow light, but going along in front is Aurora who has the darker shades around her. Lord Byron says it is worth a trip to Rome to see it.

The Greeks believed that far away in the east was a beautiful palace with walls of ivory, gold and silver where lived the great sun god who was called Apollo. In the castle was a throne made also of precious metals and ornamented with sparkling jewels. In that room and near their king were the hours, the days, the months and the years. These were Apollo's happy servants.

Harold Johnson, 7th. Grade.

New Patrol Boys Installed

On Wednesday, October 11th, an impressive chapel program was put on. Twenty-four boys were installed into the patrol squad. Out of Mrs. Hall's room, Norman McLeod was elected captain and James Truitt was elected second lieutenant. Out of Miss Monroe's room T. M. Johnson was made first lieutenant. We had Dr. Humphrey, a member of the American Automobile Association, and Mr. McIver as speakers. The old captain gave his belt to Norman McLeod; Fred Gordon handed over his belt and badge to T. M. Johnson and Tommy McDonald presented his badge and belt to James Truitt. When they had received their belts they filed by a table and signed their names pledging to obey all patrol rules. We hope everyone will cooperate with the patrol boys, help them all we can. We appreciated the work of the old patrol.

Lelia Wheeler, 7th. Grade.

The State Fair

After I had finished looking at the cattle at the fair, I went to the race track. They had a band playing at the grandstand. Some men were doing stunts on swings. One boy was blindfolded and he swung out and turned a double somersault in the air and caught on a man's hands who was on a swing.

They had an elephant to do stunts, and a zebra that would stand on his hind feet. A man dived off a ladder a hundred and twenty-two feet high in a pool of water five and a half feet deep.

Beginning the races men came out to get the horses warmed up. After a while five races were ready to start. One horse won three times. All of them were close in coming to the goal.

Ralph Gurley, 7-B Grade.

My Visit to the Fair

I had a very exciting time at the State Fair this year. I saw many exhibits which I thought were very interesting. The Boy Scouts had butterflies, model cabins, boats, bridges, and stamp collections on display.

The cattle and swine were the largest ever shown. There was a kind of beef cattle that was different from any I'd ever seen. They were big and fat but had short stubby legs.

In the program at the grandstand that night there was a trick elephant that could dance, ride a tricycle, and do several other things. A lady went down a high slanting wire holding by her teeth. This was followed by a beautiful exhibition of fire works which made a very fine ending for the day.

James Truitt, Jr., 7th. Grade.

BIG ANIMAL CIRCUS HERE

Fletcher Smith, general agent of the World Bros. circus was in the city a few days ago making preliminary arrangements for the coming to Sanford Saturday, October 28th., of the big circus combined with the Bud Horne Buffalo Ranch and the Buckley Bros. Equine Parade. The circus which has been touring the east all summer recently embarked on its first trip through the Carolinas and the business has been remarked with turnaways nearly every evening.

The circus has as its big sensational feature Capt. Walker who enters a large steel arena and puts eight monster Nubian lions through a sensational performance. He not only has them leap through hoops of fire but four of them sit around a table and are fed raw meat from the hands of the trainer.

Bud Horne, the popular western screen star is enticed with the wild west and he comes east direct from Hollywood bringing with him a full acting company and his favorite picture horses. He presents scenes from his latest releases and also duplicates some of the riding feats that made him famous.

The circus has also a big attraction in the Buckley trained and clog dancing horses. There are twenty of them and they have been actually taught to read numbers. Many are oddly gaited and one does a cake walk. Jim Hughes, making four and six horse catches at one time heads the wild west and there is also Mexican Joe Clark, with his Australian whip cracking act using whips with lashes sixteen feet in length.

The circus will exhibit here at popular prices, 25 cents to all.

DRY FORCES TAKE CRACK AT STATE'S LEADING WETS

Raleigh, Oct. 23.—Continued crumpling up of the Hindenburg Line of the repeal cause in North Carolina has forced the directors of wet strategy to hurl their last reserves into the breach. Former Governor Gardner has issued from Washington a statement in favor of repeal; Senator Reynolds is to make a hurried dash into some of the western counties and one or two eastern counties; and in addition to previous announcements in the way of sponsorship of Mr. Farley's forthcoming visit to this state Senator Bailey is scheduled to issue shortly a statement in favor of repeal of the 18th Amendment, with suggestions as to North Carolina's proper policy in liquor control after repeal.

The Dry forces are chucking over the re-entrance of Senator Reynolds into the arena. As to the effect of the Reynolds campaign, the Drys recall a story William Jennings Bryan used to tell. A big husky man was the victim of occasional scoldings and animated assaults by his diminutive wife. When his friend chided him for being so hen-pecked and enduring so submissively the assault and battery of the little queen of his home, he replied: "Well, why not? It seems to do her a whole lot of good and doesn't hurt me at all."

The view is taken by some of the Drys that North Carolina's Junior Senator has set at least one example worthy of emulation by his fellow-citizens back home. The most conspicuous official act of his Senatorial career, they point out, was his grace full and complete apology one day last June to his fellow-Senators, and to the country, for a most unfortunate mistake perpetrated by him the day before. The Drys suggest that, taking the cue from the Junior Senator's graceful apology in the Senate, the people of North Carolina from one end of the state to the other go to the polls November 7 and show to the world how gracefully, completely and eloquently they can apologize for their mistake in having sent him to the Senate.

Nor do the Drys seem to be taking on much worry over the participation of former Governor Gardner in the festivities of the campaign. There has been some speculation as to what influence his position and prestige would have upon the voters; but no alarm discernible on that account. A certain remark of former Governor Gardner made at the State College Alumni luncheon last June is recalled. "State College," the quotation runs, "will always remain the North Carolina State College of Agriculture and Engineering and will always be located in Raleigh, if I have any influence left—and something happened Saturday to make me think I have." The something that happened Saturday was the handsome lead in the primaries of more than 47,000 votes scored by the Ex-Governor's favorite candidate, Mr. Ehringhaus, over the highest of his two opponents. The "influence left" seems however to have pretty near ruined his favorite candidate, who won the nomination in the narrow margin of a bare 13,084 votes over his single competitor.

Note is also taken of the fact that when Ex-Governor McLean and Ex-Governor Morrison completed their official terms and retired to private life, they very properly refrained from any further efforts to govern the state, generously leaving that function exclusively to their successors in office. In connection with Ex-Governor Gardner's entry into the current campaign a number of newspapers carried the following comment by their Raleigh correspondent:

"There is also reason to believe that while he (Ex-Governor Gardner) was gratified at the manner in which Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus followed out many of his policies as governor and re-appointed a number of officials he had originally appointed, he was not so well pleased with some of the political generalship or lack of it displayed by Governor Ehringhaus in some of his other appointments and official acts.

All of these things are lodging in the think works of the average independent North Carolinian; and there is no doubt of the fact that quite a number of them are coming to regard the approaching election as likely to remove from Mr. Gardner's mind the apparent hallucination that he is still Governor of North Carolina.

Merry Dozen Rook Club. Mrs. Lee Huckans was cordial hostess to the Merry Dozen Rook Club Tuesday afternoon, there being three tables in play. Autumn leaves and flowers formed an effective setting.

Following several interesting rounds club prize, both salts, was presented to Mrs. H. C. Major, visitors' prize, a guest towel, to Mrs. R. E. McCulloch, and low score prize, a bud vase, to Mrs. Paul Carroll.

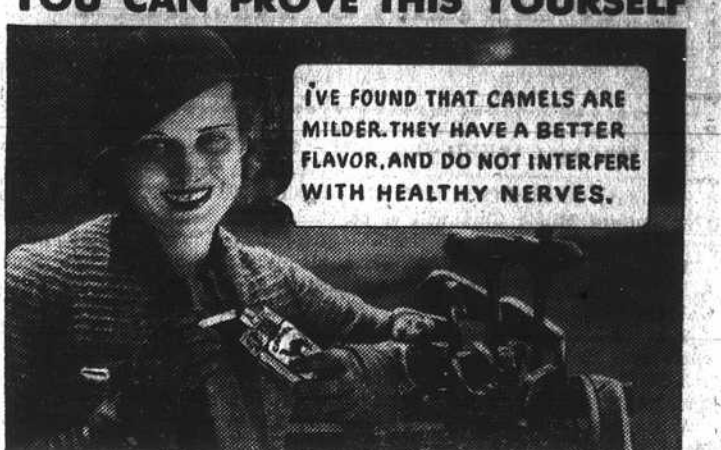
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