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PACOLET MILLS, S. C., JUNE, 1954

### NUMBER TWO

### COMPANY TO PAY BY CHECK

BY CHECK

Beginning June 3, 1954, The
Company will start paying by
check. The following merchants
have indicated their utillingness to
cash your payroll check:

Arthur Stores, Pacolet Mills.
Boaner's Store, Pacolet Mills.
Browa's Store, Pacolet.
Community Cash, No. 16, Pacolet Mills.
Kirby's Shell Station, Pacolet
Mills.
Lee's Service Station, Pacolet
Mills.
Robinette Hardware, Pacolet.

keeper, and your next check will include the correction.

If, however, you insist on this correction being made immediately, it will be necessary for you to take the correction slip to the payroll department, and to keep our affice records in order we will have to hold your next check in the accounting department for you to pick up.

We are asking all employees to eash their checks within three days after receiving them.

—Pacolet Maufacturing Company.

May 24, 1954.

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THIS METHODIST CHURCH WAS REPLACED ABOUT 1920.

# Today We Pay Honor...

With this issue of the Pacolet Neigh we are presenting pictures of people and places of Pacolet Mills in the early days of its existence. We believe this issue will be kept and cherished by all those fortunate enough to possess a copy.

We sincerely trust that as you read this issue and journey We sincerely trust that as you read this issue and journey back through the years . . . as you walk these streets that were unpaved and often muddy . . . as you live with the people who lived and struggled in more difficult times than some of us know . . . we trust that you may more fully real-ize that these early settlers who worked long and hard are the mass who passed down to us the Backet Mills we have the ones who passed down to us the Pacolet Mills we have today.

Mills.

Robinette Hardware, Pacolet.

Thomas' Grocery, Pacolet Mills.

Whitlock's Grocery, Pacolet Mills.

Whitlock's Grocery, Pacolet made in four check, go to your overseer ho will give you a correction stip like he will give you a correction stip like asks to have The Neigh sent hich you will take to the time-



service.

In 1883 Mr. Stone was told by his physician that he could not live another summer in the north, but if he would come south he might live two. He took their advice and came, living and working for 57 more years.









MR JOHN L. WHITLOCK Born 1859, came to Pacolet in 1858, worked as Company carpen icr until 1939.

## Miss Bogan to Present Pupils in Recital

Mrs. Lois Bogan will present her music pupils in a recital June 11 8:15 p. m. in the recreation room of the Montgomery Memoria. Methodist Church. An achieve ment award will be presented to the pupil based on his or her musical progress throughout the entire year. tire year.



ROBERT AND MARY ELLA SCALES — Picture made around the ear 1898. Mr. Scales came to Pacolet around the year 1889, at the age of six years. He went to work at the age of eight in the weave room, making 25 cents a day. He retired at the age of 51. Mr. and Mrs. Scales were married in 1897 and their nine children live in the vicinity of Pacolet except Beauford. The others are Gene, Howard, Herbert, John, Florence Tate, Margaret Campbell, Annie Loftis, and Lelia Motts.



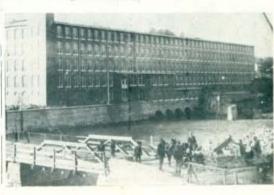
Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Williams and Lillian Williams Kirkpatrick near the turn of the century. Mr. Williams was overseer of Weaving at Pacolet Mills until his retierment.



The floor of the covered bridge Many was only 8 feet from the water.

After the destruction of this bridge a ferry was used for transportatiton. Another bridge was built which again was swept away by high water in 1908. A temportary swinging bridge was built. The same year a bridge was built. The same year a bridge was built to the river being raised 45 feet.

high waters





FIRST BAND ORGANIZED AT PACOLET IN 1911: Clarence Fowler, Will Bishop, Pink Wood, Roy Harrold, Toy Green, Ed Padgett, Ben Hendley, Boyd Green, Claude Pearson. Drummis, Bill Harhold and Cofer Brown,

# Health Dept.







Mrs. Effic Mathis Brown, went to work around the year 1899 at 25 cents a day (12 hrs.) Married Arthur Dexter Brown; they have 2 children, Ellis and Margaret. Ef-fic retired three years ago. She wears in the picture, a 25c blouse, 50c skirt, and \$5.00 hat.



WHO ARE THEY?
You see them around now most
every day at Pacolet. While they
are not real "old timers" they have
been around quite awhile since the
pictures were made. Now who
did you say they are?





# Servicemen

Billy Thompson (U. S. S. Toledo) wishes to have his local address printed so that any of the boys in California may be able to find him. It is now Eleaner Apts. No. 4, 59 Atlantic Ave., Long Beach, Calfornia,

Bobby Patrick has returned to duty after a 30 day home leave. He is now at San Ysidro, Califor-nia, and has 18 months in the ser-

Berle James, son of Mrs. Arretts







MR. WALTER GOUDELOCK
Mr. Goudelock came to Pacolet
to work at the age of 18, in 1893.
In 1888 he helped his father deliver cotton, by wagon, to Pacolet.
He says the sound of the old water
wheel which was used to operate
the mill could be heard 10 to 14
miles. Mr. Goudelock worked in
the mill for 25 years, and was fixing looms when he became post
master. He kept that office for 26
years. He has been a member of
the Masonic order 50 years. He
has three daughters, Myrtle Vassey, Mary Brown, Sara Ann Harvey, He has 11 grandchildren and
13 great-grandchildren.

James has enlisted in the Navy and is now at the Navy Base in San Diego.

S. A. Donald Lee Kirby, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Fowler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Fowler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Fowler left on May 17 for his basic training in the Air Force. A nice letter from J. C. Parris, sending a new address and thanking the editors for keeping him posted on home news through The Neigh. J. C. says he and all the boys look forward eagerly each month to the coming of the home paper and feel that it does more to keep them in touch with home than anything else they get.

He also says he has seen I. W. Kirby and John Jett, and they also are bleased with the home news and the thoughtfulness of Pacolet in seeing that boys away from home are remembered in this way. Lowell Quinn (U.S.S. O'Brien) and Connie Gentry of the Marine Corps came by to call. Both are looking fine and it was nice to have a visit with them.

Seen at Church, Gene Campbell



SHOWN ABOVE ARE MR, AND MRS. JOHN REID.



PACOLET MILLS GRAMMAR SCHOOL FACULTY OF 1926, (Weeks), Miss Ruby Hawkins. Third row: Miss Edith Miller, Miss leading front row, 1, to r.; Miss Mildred Phillips, Miss Myrtle Venable, this Bernice Graham, Miss Christine Locket, Second row: Mrs. Mary Miss Graham, Miss Christine Locket, Second row: Mrs. Mary Back row: Miss Gladys Woodson, Miss Irene Doggett, Miss Kateloum, Miss Jessie Mae Parker, Miss Julia Phillips, Miss Samille Ray



WEAVING DEPARTMENT, MILL NO. 2, 1900. Front: Carl Whitlock, Bob Whitlock; Second row: Miss Scott, Lillie Grant, Miss Scott,
Willie Rogers, Betty Crocker, Nan Eison, Miss Owensby; Second row:
Willie Hogan; Back row: W. B. Whitlock, Jesse Whitlock, Mr. Young
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Overseer), Will Wilkes. Mr. Carl Whitlock was the smallest weaver
for this department. The overseer, Mr. Young left Pacolet to help
Pork and Beans; sells Carl Whitlock'sstore), George Robinson
start a new mill in New Holland, Ga.



THE WELLS FAMILY. I note Bob and Aunt Sara Wells came to Pacolet in 1895. Mr. Wells lost his right tarm in the Confederate Army. Besides their 11 children they reared Forrest and Wash Owensby. They also reared a colored boy. Most all their children children at Pacolet, namely, Thad, Charley, Richard, Ike, John, Jack, Mattle Hewitt, Sallie James, Emmie Trantham, Lou Lee. Mr. Wells, nightwatchman, had started to fire the boiler and with little light, using a lantern, failed to see a ditch filled with hot water, coming from the boiler room, stepped into it and for several years suffered with his leg which refused to heal. Miss Belle Fuller took him under her care after coming here and his leg was soon healed. Pacolet claims five Wells generations. Mr. Charley though 78 years of age, still works several hours a day in the carpenter shop. He started working for Pacolet Mrg. Co. in 1891. Thad plumbs spindles and Richard is policeman at Pacolet Station.

The pay ticket which is shown in this picture was draw nhy Mr. S., is Mr. Charley Hodge's grandwill.





Mrs. Minnie Alley at the age of 16 years. She came to Pacolet in 1912, married R. C. Alley, who served as second hand in card room, retiring at the age of 67. They have one son, Kyle.



CHARLIE PUCKETT



A PICTURE MADE IN 1996. Mrs. Bessie Hora Pierce at the age of 13 (center). On right is Mamie, and left, Amie Phillips, coushis. Bessie was born at Pacolet Mills in 1893, went to work at the age of 8 years. Now retired, she enjoys her family, Nannie Faye Ellison, Bernice, Willie Margaret, Ernest and Robert Pierce. Bessie remembers many outstanding events and people of the community and it is always a plasure to chat with her.





BASKET BALL TEAM, PACOLET MILLS, 1929. Front row, I to r: Russell Wilkins, Foye Baker. San Tate, Paul Berry, and Ray Mathis. Back row, I to r: William Phillips, Victor Brown, Tommie Hendley Ray Smith, Leonard Green and S. C. Fulmer, Coach.



E. B. STALLWORTH wears his first Hart Shaffner and Marx suit.





PICTURE MADE IN 1912. Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell Watson come to Pacolet in 1891. Mr. Watson served as postmaster for many years. Mrs. Watson is one of Pacolet's oldest residents, lives in Keg Town, and has been called the mother of Keg Town, due to her services in caring for children while parents worked. (If you think Mrs. Lola has time to get lonesome you should pay her a visit). She has been a member of Browns Chapel church 60 years, is an active and regular attendant. Mrs. Watson does beautiful quilt work. Two lovely quilts were made by her for the mayor of Spartanburg. She always has flowers blooming which she cares for herself and at present she is caring for a little girl while her parents work. The lovely pin she has on in the picture was given to her by her mother and she wears it every day.



THE SIXTH GRADE OF 1929 At Pacolet Mills Grammar School are shown here. Mrs. Bernice Hall, center of back row, was their teacher.



THIS WAS THE SECOND GRADE CLASS Driscoll, center of back ruw, was the teacher.

### LONELY TIME

Evening's a lonely time When you sit and wait, Listening for footsteps to Turn in at the gate. Up and down the little lane Windows come a-light; Families unite again, Close against the night. Birds have sung their vesper

songs, Now, within the nest, Each is home where it belongs, Each is nome where it delongs. Settled down to rest. Each beside its drowsy mate: Evening's a lonely time, When you sit and wait. -Carl C. Helm



We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves. —(Romans 15,1.)

What are kindness, charity, love of neighbor, tolerance, patience, but the noble qualities of bearing (and bearing with) "the infirmities of the weak"? However, if we express those qualities with smur self-satisfaction, they are of small, fleeting worth.



As this goes to press we have learned the sad news of the death of Frank Kirby, san of Mr. and

Mrs. C. E. Kirby on May 19 in Columbia where he makes his

Frank was born and caised at Pacolet Mills and at the time of his death was working on a high power line in Columbia, when the current that was supposed to have been cut off caught him and he was thrown to his death below.

We grieve with this family who is now losing its first child, in a family of grown sons and daugh-



FOREST KIRBY



During First World War women of the community met to make Red Cross Bandages and dressings for the soldiers. Reading, front row, center; Mrs. Will Green, Mrs. J. R. Westmoreland, and Mrs. Jesse Campbell. In semi-circle, I to r: Mrs. Harrold, Mrs. Will Lanham, Miss Rebecca Leatherwood, Mrs. Genie Green, Mrs. Sophie Parker, Miss Belle Fuller, Mrs. Ben Brown and Mrs. Nannie Brown.



STONE STREET near the Baptist Church, as seen in 1922.



PICTURE MADE ABOUT 1900 — Archie Brown, Boyd Brown, Lillian, Clyde, Mrs. Ida Brown and Myrtle, (Lanham).



THIS BUILDING SERVED AS A NURSERY in 1922. Today it is an apartment h



SEVENTH GRADE, 1929. Reading 1 to r: Paul Berry, Ruby Holmes, Margaret Tate, Lorena Teaster. Back row, 1 to r: Gena Fleming, Victor Brown, Miss Ernestine Mincey, teacher, Sara Wilkins and Leonurd Green.





GIRL SCOUTS ABOUT 1926 — First Aid Demonstration Class. Practically every girl in this class still makes her home in this community.

SWIMMING POOL
TO OPEN

We are planning to open the swimming pool Saturday, June 5, 1954. Admission cards are on sale at the Personnel Office for the swimming pool at the following rates:

Adults — 30 admissions at 20c each \$6.00

Adults — 30 admissions \$6.00

Children — 30 Admissions \$2.75

These cards will be sold to employees and their families only.

The picnic grounds consisting of Pavilions, Bar-B-Que Pits, Water and Lights for night use, are available to the public. We welcome you to use these facilities at anytime. Reservations for the picnic area can be made at the personnel office.

### Pay Tickets of Other Days-

Reproduction of pay ticket issued to Thad Wells below, in 1910, for two weeks pay — 108 hours at 60 cents an hour.

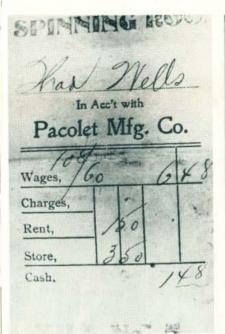
YEAR 1884 Reproduction of pay ticket, front and back, issued Mr. George W. Brown for himself and his whole

Hattie was Mrs. Tom Sutton and Laura was Mrs. Crawford Smith, both of whom lived here all their





Y. M. C. A. COMMITTEE, 1920. 1 to r: Foye Patrick, John Loving, Harley Holmes, Clyde Hamrick, Mr. Mabry, John Allen, Mrs. Williamson, Y. M. C. A. Director.









MR. GEORGE BROWN
Picture made around the year 1860. Twelve years before the founding of Pacolet Mills, Mr. George Brown gave two acres of land to build a church, and space for burial ground. A church was for burial ground. A church was

These pictures show the high water of May, 1903. The house to the right is the doctor's office; left is the market. A small section of the covered bridge can be seen. Water is up to the floor.

Presbyterian Church — These two pictures, made the day before the flood, covered what is called the "Flat." The building were wiped out during the flood. An almanac owned by Mrs. Ben Brown gives details of the flood and an excerpt reads like this: "At Pacolet the great double mill, Nos. 1 and 2, 600 feet in length, was more nearly completely demolished even than Clifton No. 3; for more of its foundation was carried off and only a mere cottage sized remnant of the slasher and cloth rooms, based well upon the high bank, was left standing.

standing.

No. 1 went down about 8 in the morning and No. 2 about an hour later, in full view of the whole mill population, whom the rising waters had prevented from beginning work. At Pacolet No. 3, the new five story mill half mile below, the engine, boiler and picker rooms were wrecked and almost completely swept away; the upper corner of the main building next to the river was carried away and the first floor was filled with sand twelve to fitteen feet in depth. The river filled its bed below the dam with huge rocks torn from their primeval resting places along its sides and changed its course so as to wash directly against the foundation of the mill. One of the first tasks after the flood subsided was to excavate the old channel and turn the river back into it.

The Presbyterian Church, located just below Pacolet Nos. 1 and 2

The Presbyterian Church, located just below Pacolet Nos. 1 and 2 and on the opposite or eastern side, in that most fatal of situations a flat place circled by a sharp bend of the river opposite a precipice, was lifted bodily from its foundation and set down, wrenched, but intact, 35 miles down the stream. No residence was destroyed at Pacolet and only one life lost, that of a negro man who ventured too



This was the high water of May 1, 1901.



Pacolet Mills' first school was held in the basement of this Pres-byterian Church.



Baptist Church
DEAR FATHERS:
The quotation below was taken from a sermon for Fathers by Kenneth L. Holmes, so please read it carefully.
"I hate my father, I hate him. My father is the most hateful man that ever lived. Why, I can't say "Our Father."
These were the words of a teenage girl as she sat across the desk from her pastor.
As Jesus applies this intimate family word to God, what a responsibility he places on every father! How much does the thought that God is a loving heavenly Father carry to a child's mind when he compares God with the father he knows at home?
Many children look at their father and ask, Is God like that? Any roll all the children who plan to at.

Mr. O. J. Whitehead came to Pacolet from North Carolina as master mechanic for a number of years. Mrs. Whitehead and children, Odean, Mary and Annette still live in the village. On the picture with Mr. Whitehead is Dr. Chas. Gould, who was dentist at Pacolet during this time



PICTURE MADE IN 1913. Jesse Carle (Bose) Brown and Ethel athis Brown, day after they were married. Bose, as everyone knows im, was born at Pacolet Mills, 1892. Ethel was also born here in

tend, on Friday, June 11 at 3:00
a. m. This is "Preparation Day"
for our school and we urge all the
children to be present.

We are happy to announce that
the Vacation Bible School at the
Pacolet Mills Bapptist Church will
begin Monday, June 14, and contime through June 23

There will be 2 1.2 hours of activities for the children each day
beginning at 9:00 a. m.

We will have departments for
every child from the ages of 3 - 16.

I wish I could relate to you the
valuable Bible knowledge gained
by the child from these days of
study, but it would be impossible
in this brief note. But I would like
to urge everyone of you to be sure

MONTGOMEY

Memorial

On Sunday morning, May 2, the
Pacolet High School Glee Club
sang at the Church and delighted
everyone with their wonderful
singing of religious songs.

These young people will be a
bound of the church and delighted
everyone with their wonderful
singing of religious songs.

These young people will he a
Montgomery Memorial will have
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On May 4, an Institute of the
Adult Werkers of the church was
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Adult Werkers of the church was
held at our church. After a suppeople will he a
begin monday conting the colors of their communities.

We can only wish for these young
people that they will make their
talent available wherever needed.
On May 4, an Institute of the
Adult Werkers of the church was
held at our church. After a suppeople that they will make their
talent available wherever needed.
On May 5, an Institute of the
Adult Werkers of the church was
held at our church. This was a fine
meetling of fellowship and sharing
of experience by 150 workers in
the Spartanburg District.

Our Boy Scouts, Patrol No. 3,
the backbone of acknowledging
responsibility for our deeds.—
Bishop Fulton J. Sheen.



is a scene taken of the business district of Pacolet Mills around 1920.



"Old time" houses up the river above Mill No. 5. Four of these still stands.



1895.

Ethel watched the flood waters tear the church from its foundation and take it down stream, its bell ringing clearly. Picture made in 1899.

Picture made in 1900 — In front of the old store which is now called "Normans," Mr. Charley and Mrs. Sunnie Brown, Ethel Brown Byars, olive Brown Jarrett, and Norman. In the doorway stands Brady Pacolet Mills Baptist Church.