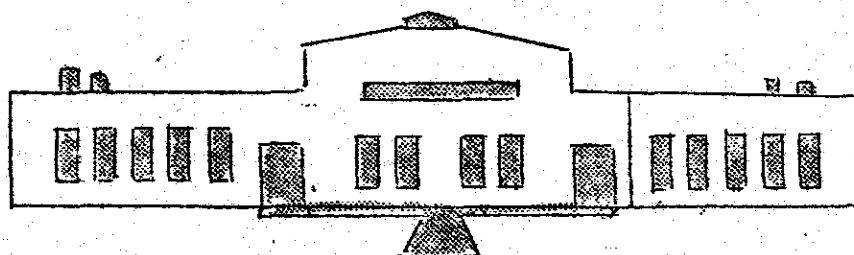
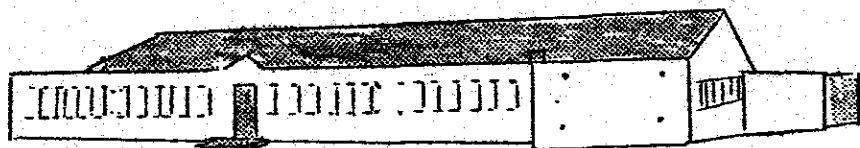


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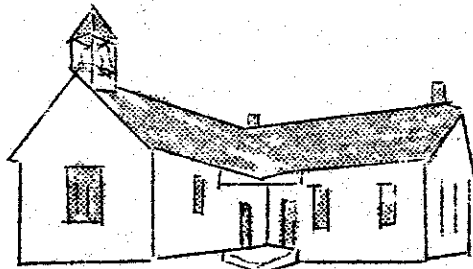
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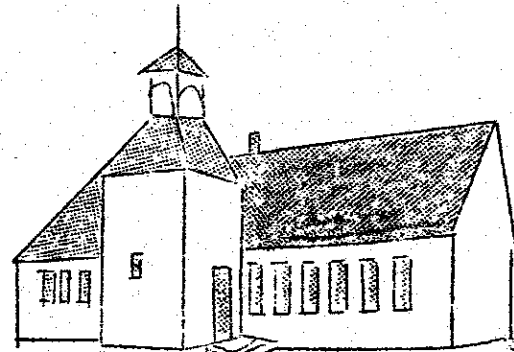
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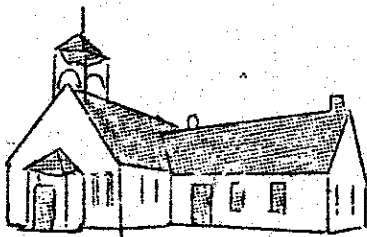
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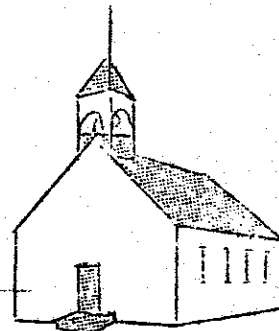
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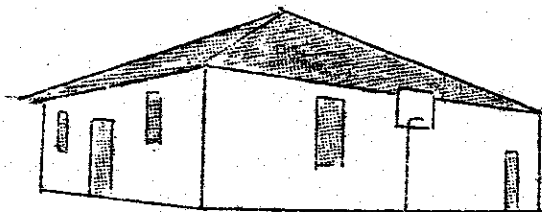
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Pleasant Valley

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GRADY COUNTY SCHOOLS

HISTORY

The history of the development of Grady County Schools reads like an old-fashioned fairy tale or like the account of the mushroom growth of one of our oil towns,—typical, indeed, of the growth of our schools. From the time that R. H. Wilson took office in 1907 through the terms of G. F. Newell and Moman H. Shepard and the yet unexpired term of H. F. Allen, the development is miraculous. It has not been a record of the achievements of any one of the County Superintendents, but a steady growth—one planting the seed, another watering, another cultivating, and so on, each new thing growing out of the old.

When R. H. Wilson was appointed to office, there was no office, except in name, no equipment, no data of any kind. His first task was to lay off the school districts from a map he made himself, and to advocate the opening up of section lines and the building of bridges across canyons and streams. During the first year, seventy new school districts were organized and school houses built and 130 teachers were brought in from over the State to teach. From that small beginning to the present standing which Grady County enjoys of being one of the foremost in educational affairs is almost unbelievable. And all in fifteen years. During this time Grady County—through the direction of her capable leaders and the co-operation of her excellent teachers—has built up 24 accredited High Schools in which she leads the State. She has now: 80 School Districts, 97 School Buildings, 32 Teacherages. Most of the High Schools have more than one-half of their teachers holding degrees, and the majority of the rest holding life certificates. She leads the State in the number of High School and Eighth Grade graduates.

In 1918 Grady County took up the movement of Moonlight Schools and enrolled 500 men and women who could neither read nor write, some of them being sixty years of age. This work is being kept up. At this time there was also a great drive for Vitalized Agriculture and the slogan was, "A more interesting and practical presentation of the text." This was enthusiastically received by the pupils and teachers alike. In the last few years, hot lunches have been served in the rural schools and Health Clubs formed. At one time a visiting nurse went into the rural districts and taught the teachers and patrons the prevention and the treatment of minor diseases.

The school exhibits at the County Fair are more excellent each year: the intellectual contests and athletic events are more interesting and fully attended than ever before: and now we are publishing a County Annual, the third to be published in the State.

It could never have been done without able and interested lenders: these leaders could never have accomplished their plans without ambitious and educated teachers: and these teachers could never have filled their part of the wonderful whole without sympathetic school boards, interested patrons, generous taxpayers, and industrious, ambitious pupils.

And, so through the excellent team work of all these, there evolves this great masterpiece,—“The Educational Leadership” which Grady County can rightfully claim among the seventy-seven counties of our wonderful State. And all in fifteen years!

1923

GRADY COUNTY SCHOOLS

HISTORY OF MERIDIAN HIGH SCHOOL

Meridian owes its origin to a joint picnic where in the Spring of 1918 three districts took part, namely, Gilbert, Washita and Prairie View. At the time Moman H. Shepard then County Superintendant of Public Instruction was present with a most convincing talk on the advantage of more and better Country High Schools. Those present were in a receptive mood and a petition was promptly circulated and signed. A meeting followed and very few dissenting votes were cast. Bonds in the sum of \$20,000.00 for the purpose of erecting a brick High School, were then voted and a contract for same awarded to E. H. Eades, Architect of Amber, Oklahoma.

Though it was war time, the construction of the building went rapidly forward and in the Fall of 1918 was ready for occupancy.

The first Superintendent was Mr. E. H. Russell, the attendance was small, being exactly twelve in High School; seven pupils in the Seventh and Eighth Grades but the term was highly satisfactory.

Next year Vocational work was adopted and the School was accredited through the united efforts of Supt. W. S. Marsh and the School Board which comprised M. B. Ratcliffe; I. V. Jones and G. D. Gray.

The present year our boys won both Basket Ball and Track Cups attesting their aptituded in athletics. The attendance is noticeably increased. Helen Smedly and Raymond Frey had the honor of being the first graduates of Meridian High School.

The third year W. S. Marsh was retained as Superintendent and the people in surrounding districts seeing the success at Meridian began to transfer to this district. The Smith Hughes Vocational Project was dropped at the end of this term, however, as it was not proving the benefit that other lines conferred.

The fourth year Mr. W. H. Wood was elected Superintendent and retained the following year; the attendance has grown until the class rooms are filled to Capacity. Four graduates were turned out last year and the Senior Class for the present year numbers two. Each year Meridian has put out a winning team for Boys' Basket Ball. The team, coached by W. H. Wood has proven superior to any in its class. The Girls Basket Ball team was coached by Miss Pearl Bell and is a splendid team.

The Meridian Boys and Girls' Club won a Loving Cup for their work in 1922. Since the establishment of the High School Building a Grange organization has been formed and meetings held regularly in the school building, which has also been a great social center and Sunday School and Church Services are held every Sunday. Almost every Friday night the building is used for Basket Ball games and with school entertainments and social gatherings the Meridian High School has found a warm place in the hearts of the community.

Meridian public School opened December 29, 1907
Closed and consolidated with Pocasset and Chickasha
in 1957.

1923

"Wing Schools to Meridian"



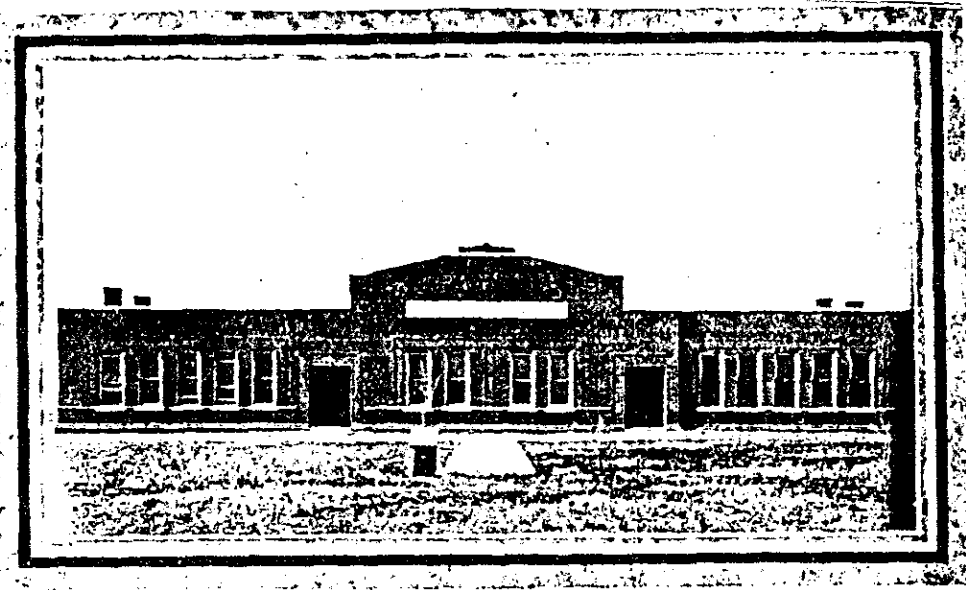
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Gilbert Primary



Prairie View Primary

Washburn Primary



MERIDIAN SCHOOL

How Meridian Came Into Being

May 18, 1918, the Gilbert-Prairie View-Washita Valley and Meridian Districts held a meeting to disorganize and form the Union Graded District # 36. Meridian was 7th. -12th grades and Gilbert, Prairie View and Washita Valley were the "wing" schools, 1st. -.6th. grades.

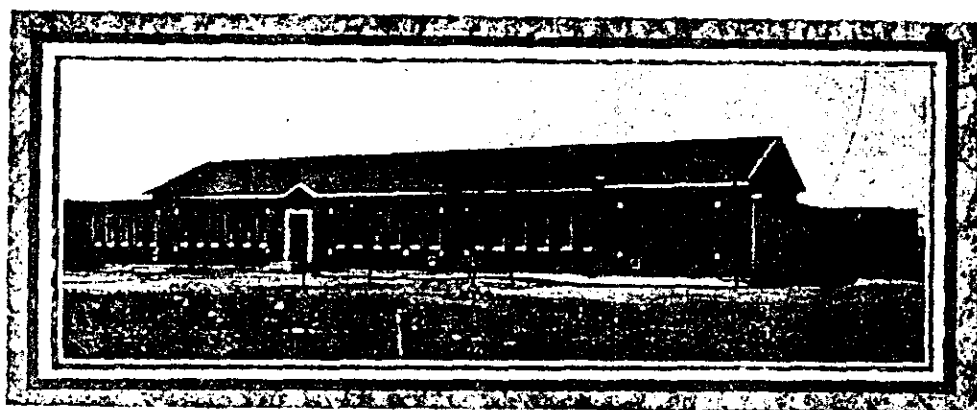
Union Graded District # 36 held an election on March 27th, 1936 at the Meridian School House for the purpose of dissolving and consolidating. The number of votes cast for dissolving was 81 for and 28 against. The number for consolidating was 77 for and 28 against. Robert W. Osborn was County Supt.

Merididian closed and consolidated with Verden-Pocasset and Chickasha in 1957.

1923

GRADY COUNTY SCHOOLS

POCASSET SCHOOL



BOARD OF EDUCATION

President Charles Osborn, Clerk Jack Hill and Member R. W. Davidson. These are wide awake, public spirited school men who are giving much of their time and ability in promoting the best interests of our school. Through the efforts of our school board and superintendent our school is fully accredited with the University and is now an independent district. We plan to offer the teachers' training course next year.

1923

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POCASSET SCHOOL HISTORY

The great work of education was begun in Pocasset, Indian Territory, October, 1906, in what is now known as the Old Baptist Church, which was built for school and church purposes by subscription. The first teacher, Miss Maud McRaven, was paid partly by the Federal Government and partly by tuition. This first year, twenty students might have been seen skipping down a narrow path on their way to learning. When they reached the door, they met a very different scene from that of our modern school room. The students sat on narrow benches and considered themselves lucky if they could get a goods box for a desk. One or two high school subjects were taught, however the subjects were not arranged according to grades.

The fall of 1907 saw Miss Mattie Miller in charge of twenty-five or thirty mischievous boys and girls. Before school was in session many days, a box supper was announced for the purpose of buying desks. The second term also saw the introduction of a graded system of work.

The term of 1908 and 1909 was an eventful period for the little school. The attendance had increased so much that it was necessary to move the advanced students to the town hall where they were presided over by Mr. C. E. Johnston. During the fall and winter a new brick building was under way. It was completed in the spring and the teachers and pupils were proud to take charge. Then another teacher came to the assistance of an over-worked faculty.

Superintendent H. Bennit took charge of the school in September, 1909. His reign was a long and industrious one, military discipline being the order of the day. With the appearance of a fourth member of the faculty a more modern and scientific method of learning was introduced.

From 1912-1914 Supt. E. H. Russel brought P. H. S. to her rightful position among the other going schools of the county. In these years she won the Championship in Armory Ball and Tennis, also won great honors in the Intellectual meet.

In the term of 1914-1915 Superintendent Albert introduced several new subjects into the high school course. The joy of the school was almost unbounded when it discovered that it was to have three graduates. By 1915 the school was so large that the people were forced to make a wing addition and get another teacher. Progress was rapid under the supervision of Mr. Liles.

The next year with O. S. Davidson as superintendent the school Basket Ball team was beginning to make a good showing. Superintendent Southward, who came to be with the school, was destined to remain three years. During this time the school made great progress. During Mr. Southward's second year the school became accredited. By this time the attendance was so large that it was necessary to erect a new building.

From 1920-1922 O. G. Wilson was superintendent. The first year he was here the school won first in exhibit.

The year 1922 found Superintendent Rogers in charge of the school. The Basket Ball team made a wonderful showing.

Pocasset school during its seventeen years of life has had twenty-nine graduates, with an additional class of nine graduates this year.

Ionine School

1923



Principal's Room



*W.H. Burton
Principal*



*Adeline Kozmick
Assistant*



*R.D. Taylor
Director*



*C.A. Brown
Clerk*



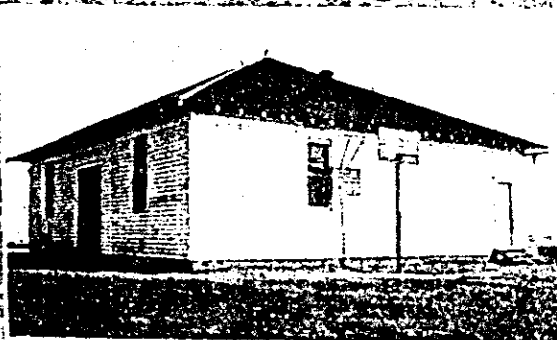
Primary Room

Ionine closed and consolidated with
Verden in August, 1936

Pleasant Valley



*David C. Roberts
Principal*



School Building



Principal's Room



*Elsie Linn
Assistant*

1923



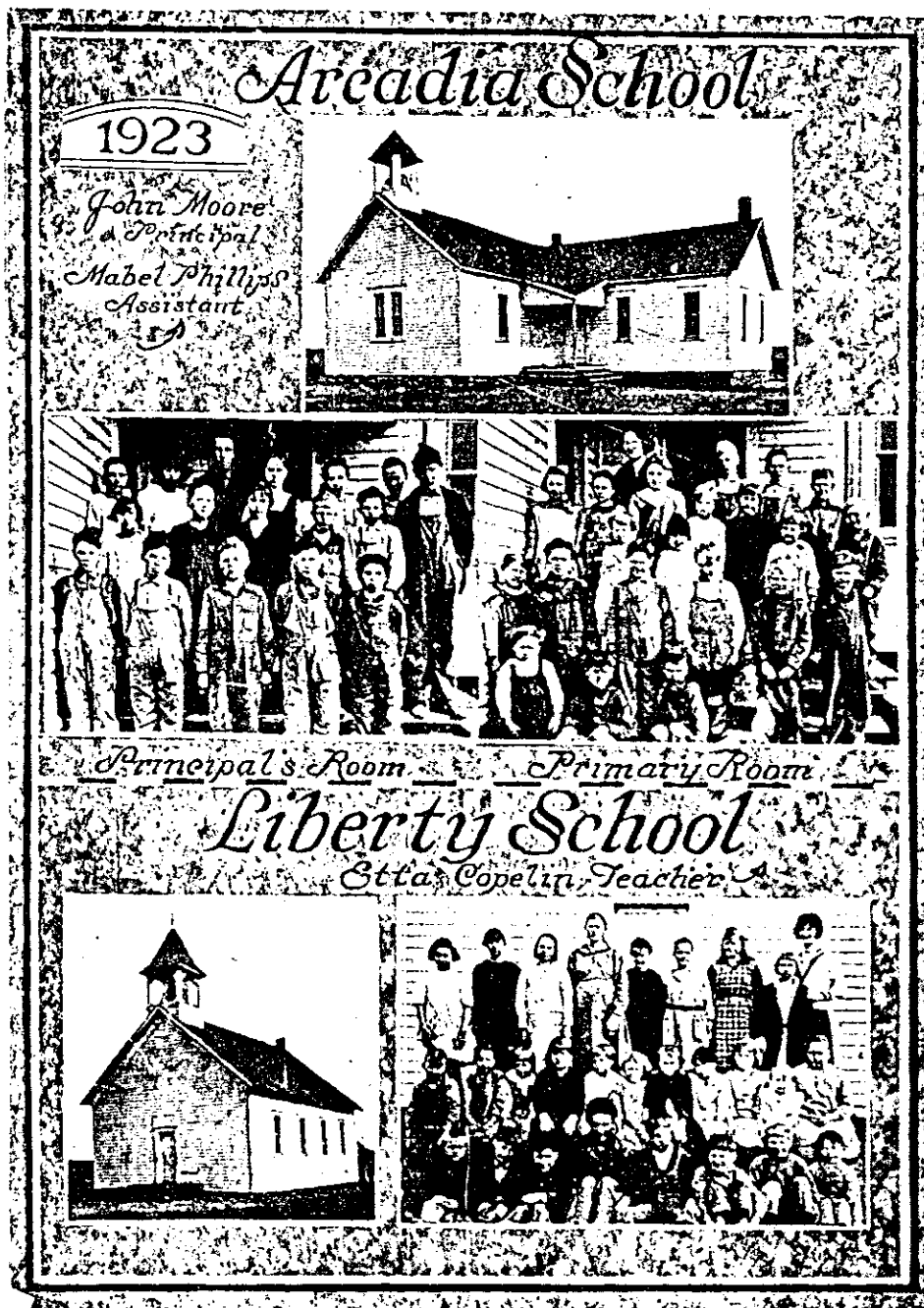
Primary Room

Pleasant Valley opened February 4, 1902
Closed and consolidated with Pocasset
and Verden, July, 1948

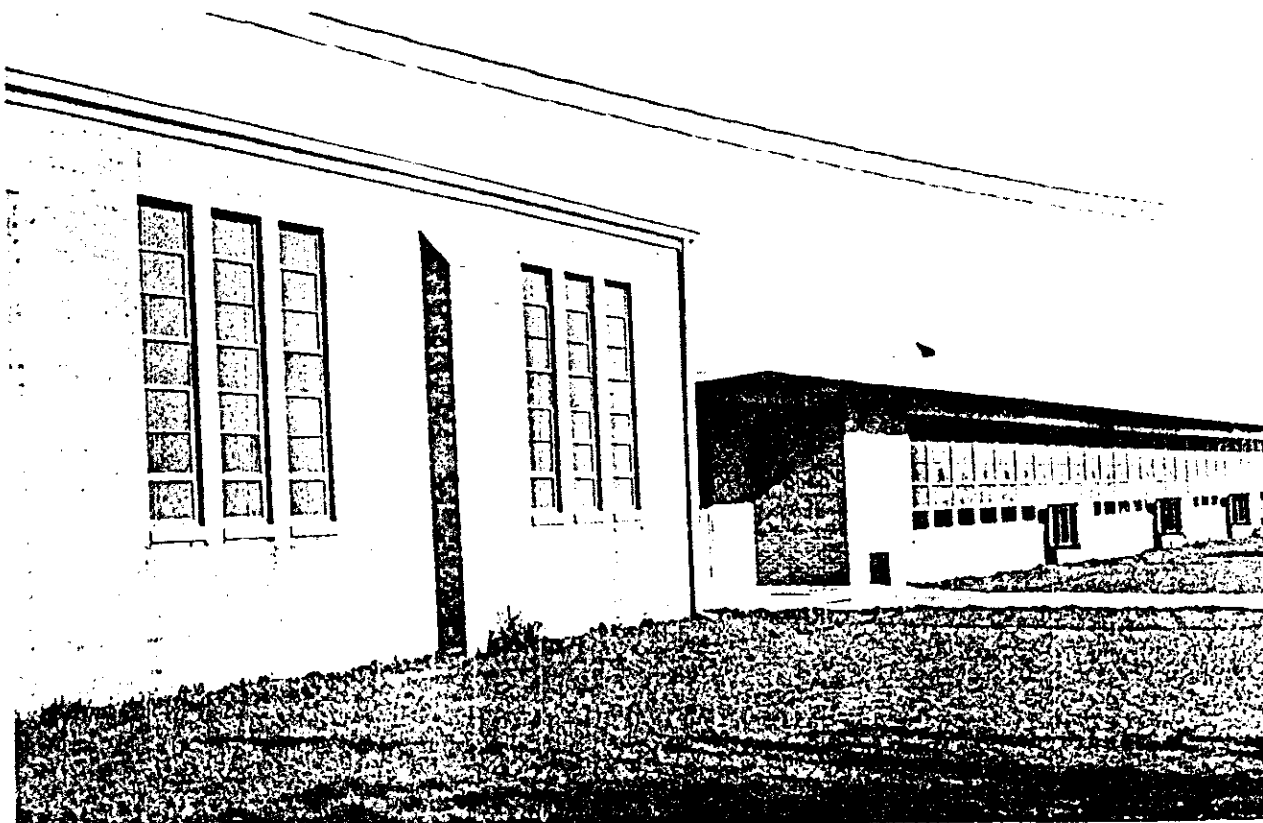


Harold School opened January 18, 1908
 Closed and consolidated with Minco and
 Pocasset, 1949

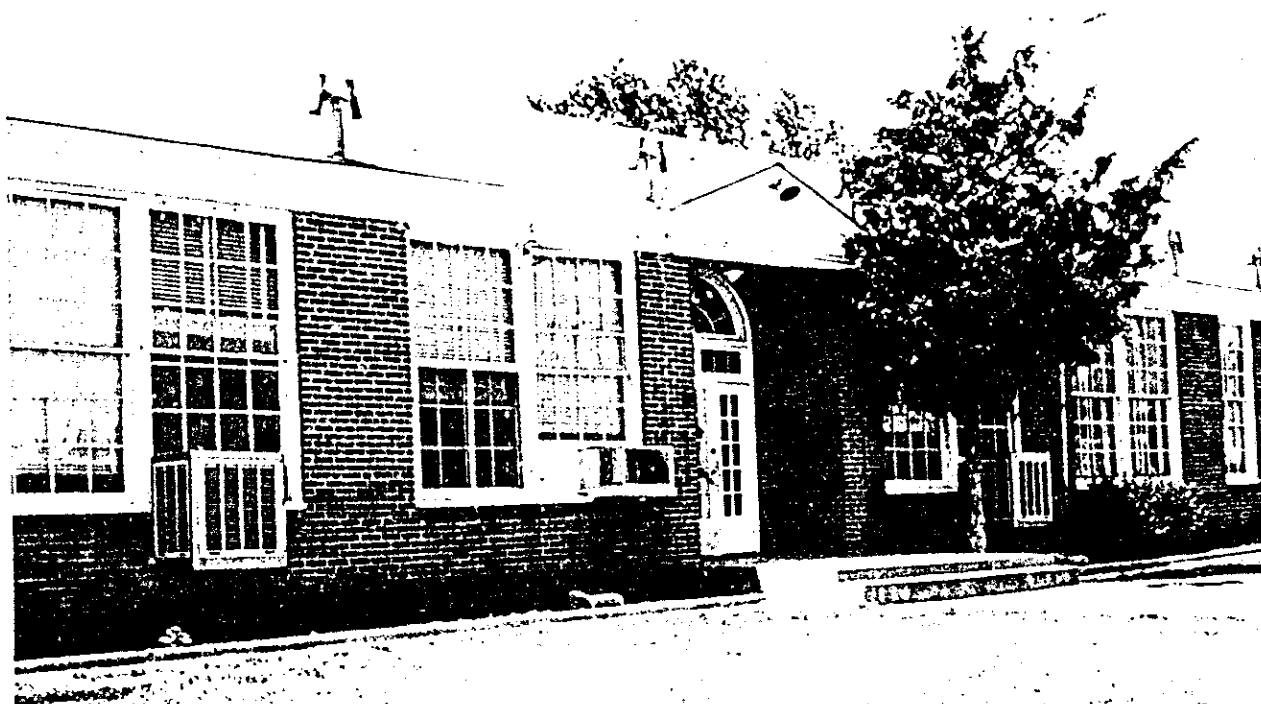




Arcadia opened February 24, 1902
 Closed and consolidated with Minco
 and Pocasset, 1950



Amber-Pocasset High School Building



Amber-Pocasset Elementary School Building



A. A. TUCK, JR.



DARREL HAYNES
PRIN.



SAM BRITE
SPON.



MRS. D. P. RICHARDSON
CLASS PA



MR. D. P. RICHARDSON
CLASS PA



STEPHEN HOWELL RICHARDSON
PRES.



JUDITH ANN STANDRIDGE
V-PRES.



ALLENE MCCLAIN



LINDA KEELER

AMBER-POCASSET SENIORS

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JOHN I. LAIR



EDWARD BRADFORD



LILLIAN MARIE OWENS



LONNIE JOE KENNEDY



ELIZABETH M. NOVOTNY



PATRICIA ANN (PAT) JARMAN



J. C. (JAMES CLAUDE) CUNNINGHAM



TONI LEJUANA WELDON



ELIZABETH (BETH) BOSWELL



STANLEY BRUCE RAINEY



CAROLYN L. SHIPP



GERALD MAC BROWN



BILLY GENE ARMSTRONG



PATSY DALE HUMPHRIES



RONNIE WAYNE HILL



RICHARD EARL MITCHELL



RUTH RODGERS



WICKIE RILEY



CYNTHIA ANNE YARBERRY



THELMA L. GILLES



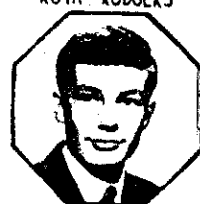
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EARLENE EAVES



RANDY WAYNE JACKSON



ROBERT WOODROW MCCALLA



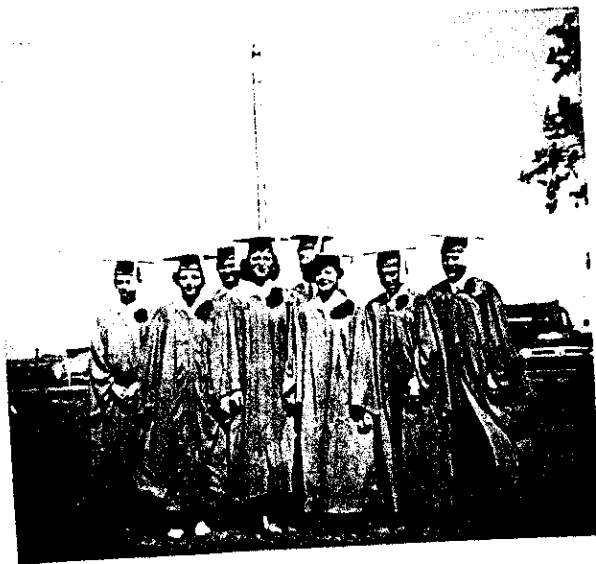
WANDA JEAN SHIPLEY



LEONARD DALE SHILKIN

First Am-Po Graduating Class

CONGRATULATIONS!
1980 is your Silver Anniversary!!



MERIDIAN graduating class, 1955.
Ronald Woods, Norva Lee Nixon,
Ray Howard, Marilyn Busby,
Roy Reed, Jean Ivester, Jerry
LeBleu, David George.

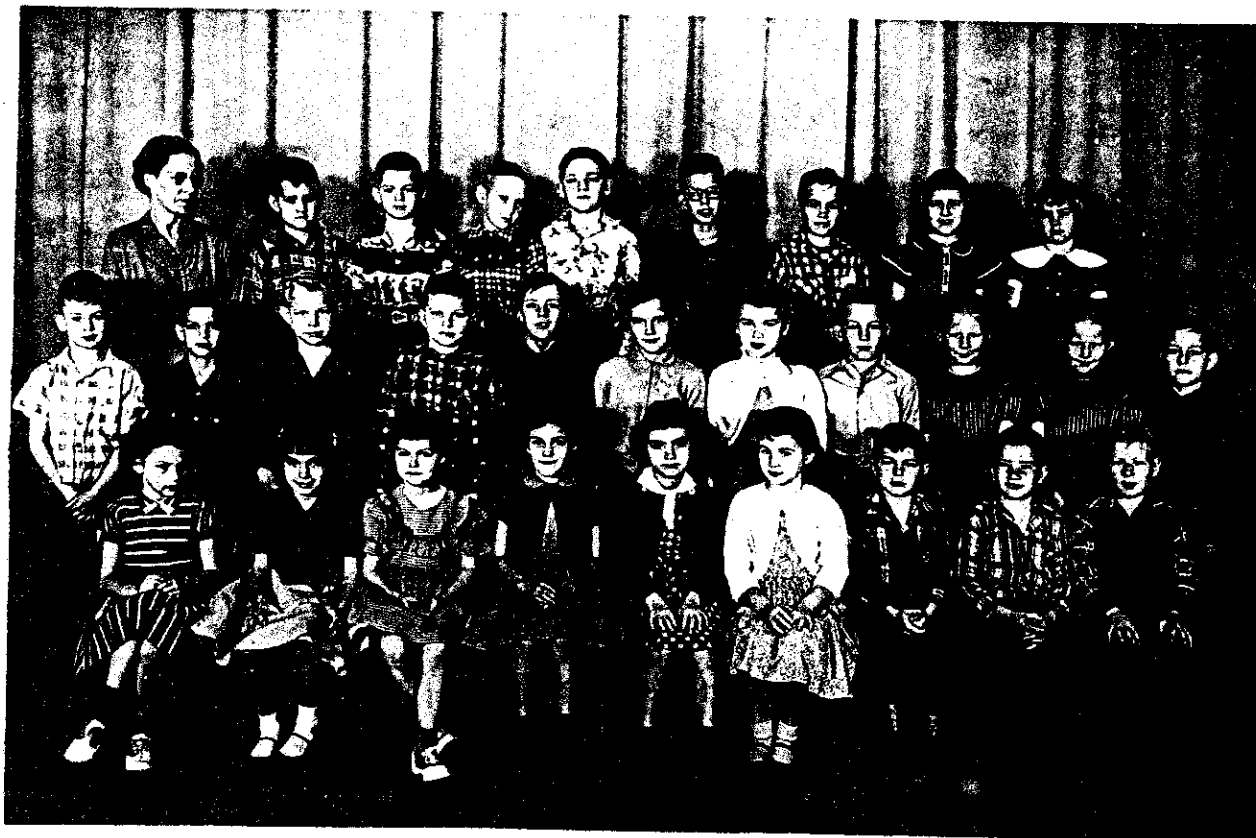


MOTTO:
BE KIND; EVERY MAN YOU MEET
IS FIGHTING A HARD BATTLE



POCASSET
SENIORS
1955

MARKING STUDIO
AND OKER.



Pocasset School
1954-55



Pocasset School
1956-57



POCASSET SCHOOL
1957-58



POCASSET SCHOOL
1959-60



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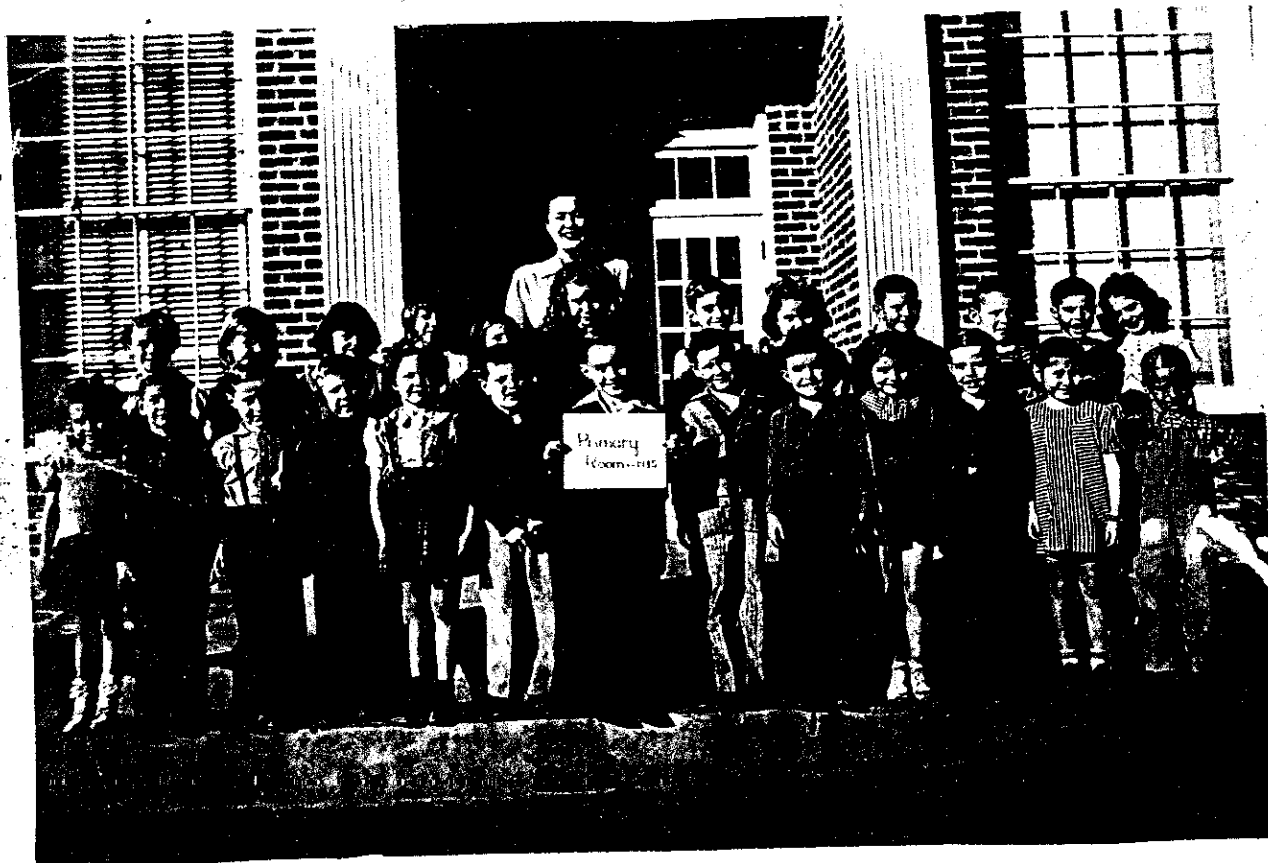




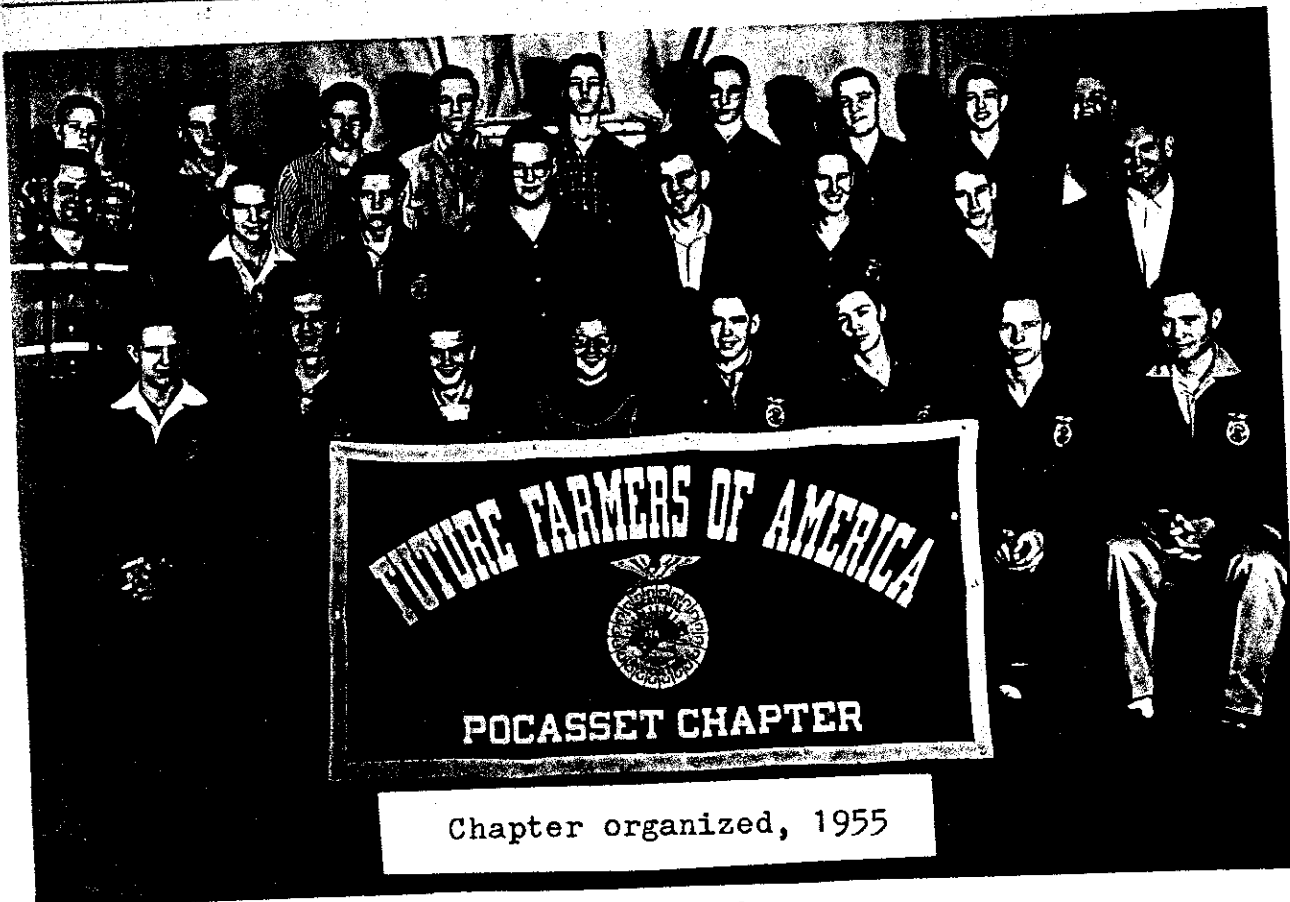




Pocasset School
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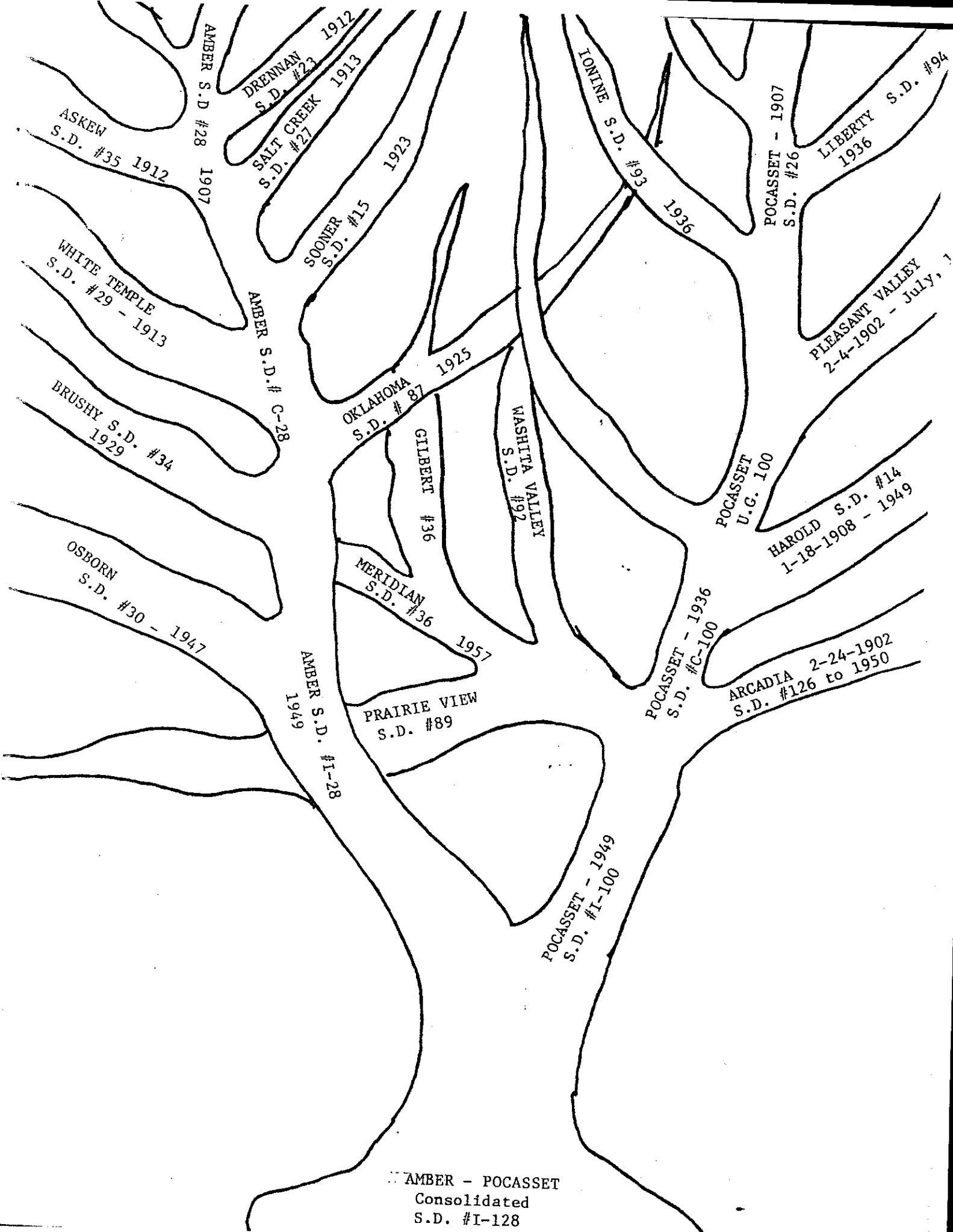
1945- Mrs. Georgia Johnson, Teacher



Pocasett School
1956-57



POCASSET SCHOOL
1959-60



GRADY COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL INTERSCHOOL TOURNAMENT

1919 - 1979

YEAR	BOYS		GIRLS	
	CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP
1919	Amber			
1920	Nimnekah		Rush Springs	
1921	Rush Springs	Nimnekah (A)	Rush Springs	Pocasset (A)
	Pioneer (B)		Pioneer (B)	
1922	Amber			
1923	Rush Springs			
1924	Amber			
1925	Meridian (B)			
1926	Amber	Rush Springs (A)	Fairview	Verden (A)
	Stover	Pioneer (B)	Meridian	Union Hill (B)
1927	Amber	Rush Springs (A)	Nimnekah	Minco (A)
	Fairview	Keachi (B)	Pioneer (B)	
1928	Amber	Nimnekah (A)	Nimnekah	Verden (A)
	Fairview	Stover (B)	Meridian	Friend (B)
1929	Amber (A)		Verden (B)	
1930	Rush Springs	Chickasha (A)	Verden	Rush Springs (A)
	Pioneer	Union Hill (B)	Pioneer	Friend (B)
1931			Verden (A)	
1932			Verden (A)	
1933	Minco (A)		Verden (A)	
1934				
1935	Amber (A)		Middleberg (A)	
	Meridian (B)			
1936	Verden		Middleberg	Cox City
1937	Minco	Bradley (A)	Middleberg	Fairview (A)
	Fairview	Pioneer (B)		
1938	Meridian (B)	Amber (A)		
1939		Middleberg (B)		Alex
1940	Amber (A)			
1941				
1942	Alex		Alex	Middleberg
1943		Amber (A)		
	Meridian (B)			
1944	Verden	Pocasset (A)		
	Meridian (B)			
1945	Nimnekah (A)		Bradley	
	Meridian	Cox City (B)		
1946	Minco	Alex	Friend	Middleberg

YEAR	BOYS		GIRLS	
	CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP
1947	Alex	Amber (A)	Friend	Meridian (B)
	Friend	Meridian (B)		
1948	Meridian	Pocasset	Friend	
1949	Meridian	Alex		Rush Springs
1950	Meridian	Alex		
1951	Minco	Alex		
1952	Rush Springs	Pocasset	Cox City	Middleberg
	Friend (B)			
1953	Amber	Bradley	Nimnekah	Rush Springs
1954		Amber		Alex
				Middleberg (B)
1955		Friend	Middleberg	Pocasset
1956	Friend	Bradley	Rush Springs	Bradley
1957	Bradley	Rush Springs	Verden	Middleberg
1958	Rush Springs	Alex	Verden	Rush Springs
1959		Amber		Pocasset
1960	Friend	Pocasset	Rush Springs	Pocasset
1961	Pocasset		Verden	
1962	Alex	Pocasset	Rush Springs	Bradley
1963	Alex	Bradley	Nimnekah	Rush Springs
1964	Nimnekah	Rush Springs	Rush Springs	Bradley
1965	Pocasset	Minco	Rush Springs	Alex
1966	Am-Po	Minco	Alex	Rush Springs
1967	Rush Springs	Tuttle	Alex	Rush Springs
1968	Bradley	Tuttle	Alex	Am-Po
1969	Minco	Rush Springs	Rush Springs	Minco
1970	Rush Springs	Alex	Alex	Tuttle
1971	Alex	Am-Po	Alex	Minco
1972	Union City	Rush Springs	Alex	Union City
1973	Union City	Tuttle	Alex	Minco
1974	Tuttle	Nimnekah	Tuttle	Rush Springs
1975	Rush Springs	Nimnekah	Tuttle	Minco
1976	Tuttle	Rush Springs	Am-po	Alex
1977	Tuttle	Rush Springs	Am-Po	Tuttle
1978	Tuttle	Rush Springs	Am-Po	Tuttle
1979	Nimnekah	Tuttle	Am-Po	Rush Springs

1980

AM-PO GIRLS

(5) Consecutive County Tournament Titles



EUGENE HEASTON



BESSIE M. BUTLER



SUPT. W. F. BREWER



EVELYN B. FOX



LORENE VOGEL

POCASSET HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS 1943



ALLEN RAINEY



MARY VAN VLIET

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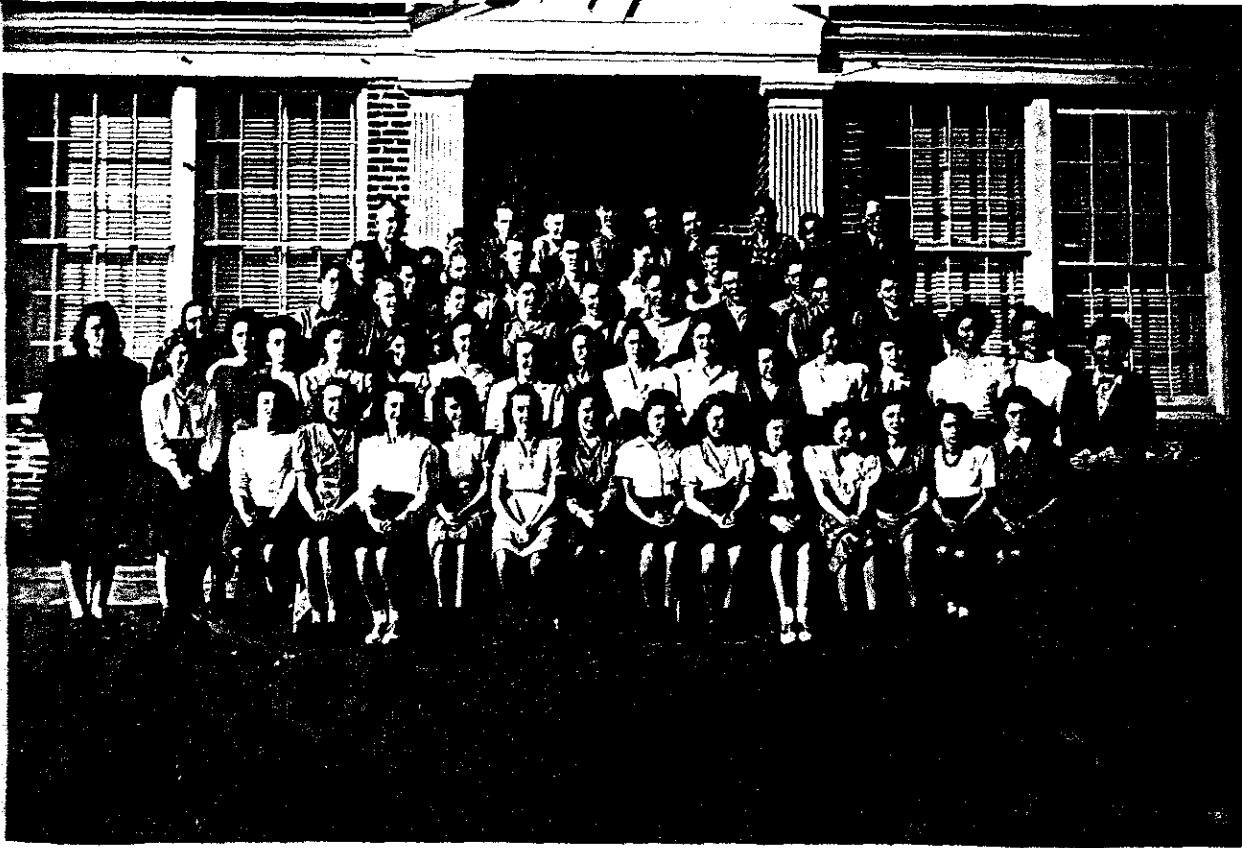


FRANKIE BOYCOTT



GEORGE VOGEL

43-44



1943-44





Back row: George Downey, Glen Kees, Dave Richardson, John Walton.
2nd. row: Alvin Brown, George Gurley, Mabel Hunter, Mary Gurley,
Nina Waterbury, Willie Minter, Jasper Marlow.
Front row: Edith Brown, Mildred Clem, Murlene Davidson,
Elbert Cassel, Dot Tweedy. Graduation Class, 1929.



POCASSET SENIORS 1944-45

Back row: Bobby Kennedy, Otis Jackson, Kenneth Crump, Jesse Jennings, John Peck, O. J. Harvey.

Front row: Lavon McClain, Leota Steelman, Sponsor-Teacher, Toy Lee Heast;n, Betty Ruth Robertson, Evelyn Chapman.



POCASSET 8th grade 1958-59

Back row: Garry Homan, Terry Homan, Roger Fredrick, Davey Langston, Don Rodgers.

Middle row: Leroy Schein, Jim Hammons, Frank Bortell, Billy Sprowls, Royce LeBleu, Donna Osborn.

Front row; Maurine Novotny, Vickie Riley, ---Bradford, Ester Riley, Betty Jean Doke, Nancy VanSickle, ----.



POCASSET SCHOOL
1959-60



POCASSET SENIORS — Left to right, front row, Miss Linda Denney, Miss Tresa Shipp and Miss Janice Riley; back row, Miss Linda

Bounds, Donald Gilles, Phil Richardson, Glendon Brown.

1960



POCASSET — Boys were the top students who graduated this year from Pocasset High School. Glendon Brown, left, was valedictorian, and Phil Richardson, right, was salutatorian.



POCASSET 3 & 4 th. grades 1920-1921

Back row left to right: Merle McMahan, Fred Minter, Willie Minter, J. T. McWilliams Jaunita Guy, Melva Childs, Calvin Jackson, Greta Hanger, Fern Osborn, Wainita Eddleman, Ben Hill, Verle Osborn, Teacher Miss Williams.

Front row: Mildred Utsler, Harold Peck, Claudia Fae Moore, - - -Dowdy, Donald Osborn, Mildred Hill Murlene Davidson, John Walton, Lillian Shipley, Lois Tipton, Orville Statton, Rex Hayes.



STAFF of the First Annual 1915 PHS.

Clockwise:
Gladys Mason, Dick Hurst, Gladys Canan, Arthur Childs,
Will Wynn.



POCASSET 3-4th Grades, 1934-35

Top row, left to right: Billie Davidson, Windell Shockey, Austin Davidson, Robert Hammer, Eugene Heaston, Ross Allen, L. V. Newton, Bynum Scott, Frankie Boycott, Hugh Eliza Lakin.

Middle row: Thomas J. Kennedy, Wm Stover, Lloyd Githens, Jack Boyd, Liddy Kerns, Irene Kerns Marguerite Shoffitt, Ellen Louise Davidson, Helen Morgan, Teacher Ita Richardson.

Bottom row: Lorretta Dolch, Eugene Davidson, Ross Wolfe, Madgeleen Kimes, Amelia Stover, Burney Pruner, Reda Mae Hutchinson, Pauline Anderson.



MERIDIAN in the Early '30s.

Back row: Left to right. Floyd - - - Milton Siebert, Carl Bowman, Verne Chandler, Jewel Chandler, Clara Mead, Howard Brinkley, Teacher Ruth Calhoun.

2nd row: Billy Brown, Clesta Paige, Demma Brinkley, Mary Jo Rose, Christine Paige, Ruby Tucker, Robert Brumbeloe, Leonard Tucker.

Front row: Leroy Tucker, H. C. Bowman, Junior Jeffrey, Glen Tucker, Lorene Brinkley, Louise Siebert, Alma Paige, Clea Brown.



Pocasset Graduating Class 1953



Back Row left to right: George Smith, Lyndell Brightwell,
Supt. C. V. Jones, Chester Hart, Carl Day.
Front Row: Merle McMahan, Neal Kennedy, Fred Minter, Eugene Hart.
Picture made in 1930.



Pocasett School
1956-57

Unique Conservation Course

POCASSET HIGHSCHOOL included in its curriculum this year a course that's new in that Grady County community, and is believed to be one of the few of its type in the state. Students are studying conservation. They selected the subject from a dozen or more made available the second semester.

And better yet—they're doing most of the work. Edgar Turley, highschool principal and teacher, insists he just "sits in." A textbook couldn't be found to the liking of the 14 students enrolled, so they've worked out their own course. They selected topics to be discussed and have obtained all the material.

Committee chairmen on water, minerals, timber, wildlife and soil were selected. Each committee obtained ma-

terials and displays for its discussions. Printed material was obtained from the U. S. Department of Agriculture, U. S. Department of Interior, Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association, Tulsa; Oklahoma A&M College; Oklahoma Traveling Library; and the Oklahoma Game and Fish Commission. Several field trips were made to study terracing and farm management. The U. S. Soil Conservation Service was helpful.

One big project of the class was their March 18 public meeting when parents and the general public were invited. Roy Lee Brown, class president, took charge. Committee reports for the semester were given. A 30-minute movie on conservation practices, "Under Western Skies," was shown.

These youths are members of Pocasset High-school's conservation class. Standing left to right are Wolter Robertson and Roy Lee Lindsey. Seated in the same order are: Gordon Schein, Clorice Wampler, Thomas Glass and Roy Lee Brown. Brown is president of the group.

Enrolled in addition to these six were: Wynona Benson, Doris Horman, Dorothy Horman, Thomas Hutchison, Chris Parrish, Don Robertson, Donald Savage, and Shirley Steelmon. . . . Chickasha Daily Express Photo by Sarah Ellis.





Back row: Gomer Davidson, Elsie Tweedy, Verle Davidson,
Jewel Davids;n, Harold Brown, Erma Cox.

Front row: Mike Downey, Bessie Souders, Sponsor Miss
Dorothy Leach, Ita Howell, Teacher Mrs. Mollie Rogers,
Superintendent James E. Rogers. 1927



POCASSET 6th grade, 1956-57

Back row; Coach Laws, Darwin Clark, Roger Fredrick,
- - - -; - - - -; Frank Bortell; Don Rodgers.

Front row: Gerry Homan, Jim Hannons, Davey Langston,
Billy Sprowls, Leroy Schein, Terry Homan.





PLEASANT VALLEY 1910-1911

Back row:

- | | | |
|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| 1.--- | 2. Lottie Tweed | 3.-----Church |
| 4. Evadna Kinder | 5. Ruth Smith | 6. Teacher Mr. Glass |
| 7. Irene Gillispie | 8. Garnet Gatewood | 9. Clara Freed |
| 10. Maude Church | 11. Russell Smith | 12. Clarence Freed |
| 13. Roscoe Tibbits | 14.- - - | 15. Maxie Gatewood |

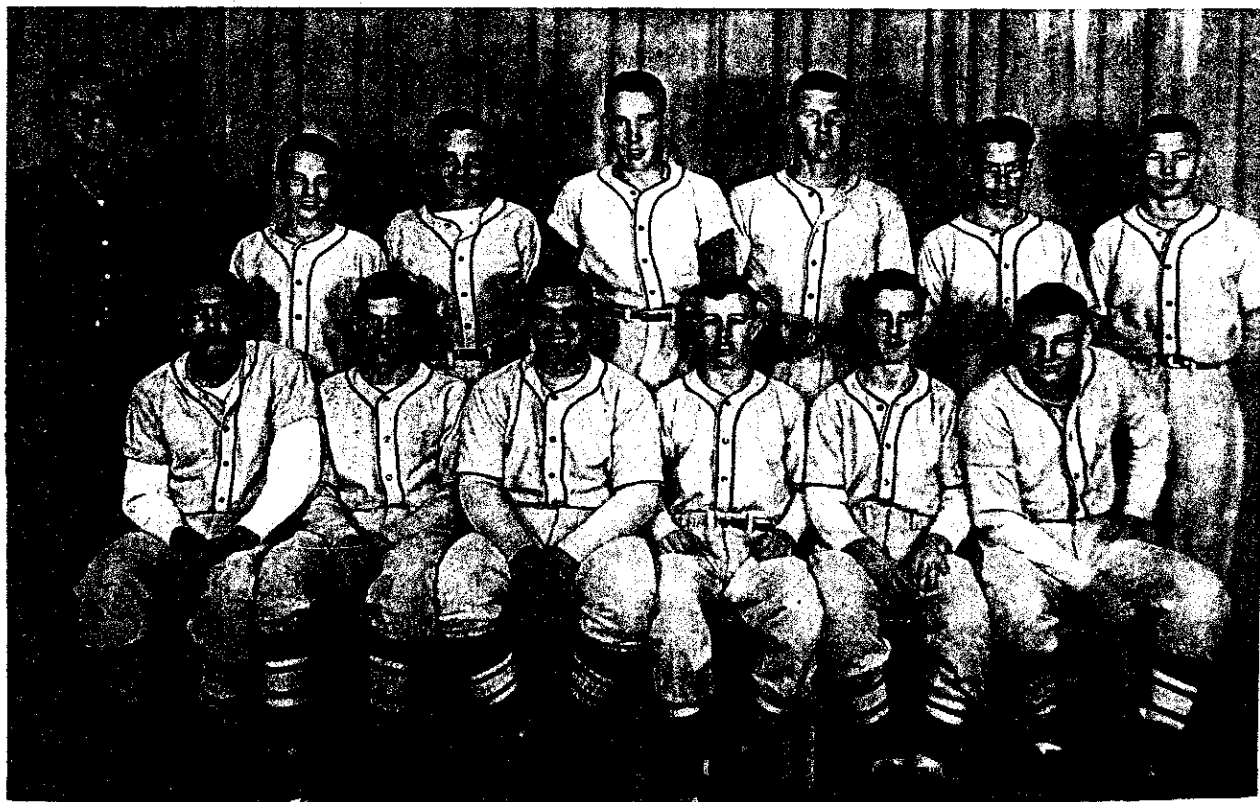


Pocasset School
1952 - 53





Pocasset School
1951-52



Pocasset School
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Pocasset School
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Pocasset School
1956-57

Amber FFA was started in the 1930's. When Amber and Pocasset communities consolidated in 1965, there were several FFA members with Beef-Swine and Sheep programs. Several top prizes were won. Members participated in such contests as Livestock Judging, Soil, Meats, Parliamentary Procedure, and Speech, winning several County, District and State Contests.

These programs were carried out every year with good participation. A number of members made The State Farmer Degree.

The communities are very proud of the accomplishments of the young men who were in the Vocational Program and FFA. All have made very good citizens and contributed to the building of the communities where they live.

The 30s brought consolidation of smaller outlying districts and the school grew in spite of the fact the nation was in the throes of a depression. A bus system was added.

The 40s brought World War II and a rash of new teachers, plus many changes during each school term. Tragedy struck a severe blow when the building burned in 1942. Classes were held in churches and vacant buildings until a new building could be erected. A gymnasium was build also.

The 4H program for both boys and girls had long been active, and an FFA and FHA chapter was organized and chartered in the mid 50s. A new auditorium was built. The community was saddened by the tragic death of their beloved coach, Otis Eskew and his son Eddie, in a traffic accident in a heavy fog enroute home after basket-ball practice one evening. Meridian District closed and consolidated with Verden, Chickasha and Pocasset in 1957.

The 60s found Amber and Pocasset consolidating and Jr. and Sr. High School classes went to Amber facilities and Kindergarten and grades came to Pocasset class rooms. The school name was changed to Am-Po.

A new lunch room and more class space was added in the 70s. More teaching aids were also available. The Vo-Tech school in Chickasha offered more opportunities for youth who were not college minded and our school could offer H. S. credits through its facilities. Sports have always been a vital part of the school system and many outstanding records have been made by students. Again more class room was needed, both at Amber and Pocasset. A new Library, a Home-Ec, and 3 class rooms and a Vo-Ag workshop were added at Amber. 4 new class rooms, 2 office spaces and storage room were all added at Pocasset.

This brings us to April, 1980.

AM-PO HIGHLIGHTS

State Tournament - Baseball - Fall, 1966

State Tournament - Baseball - Fall, 1976

State Tournament - Baseball - Fall, 1979- Boys

State Tournament - Baseball - Spring 1979

State Tournament - Basketball - 1978-79 - Boys

State Tournament - Basketball - 1979-80 - Boys

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 1. Liza Souders 2. Myrtle Brown 3. Ethyl Franklin 4. Eda Bush
 5. Short Sprowls Front.. 1. Ellen (Davidson) Rainey
 2. Edith Liles 3. Anna Karnes 4. J. Hammons 5. Mary Robertson
 6. Allie Hornberger.



Arcadia Club in 1920



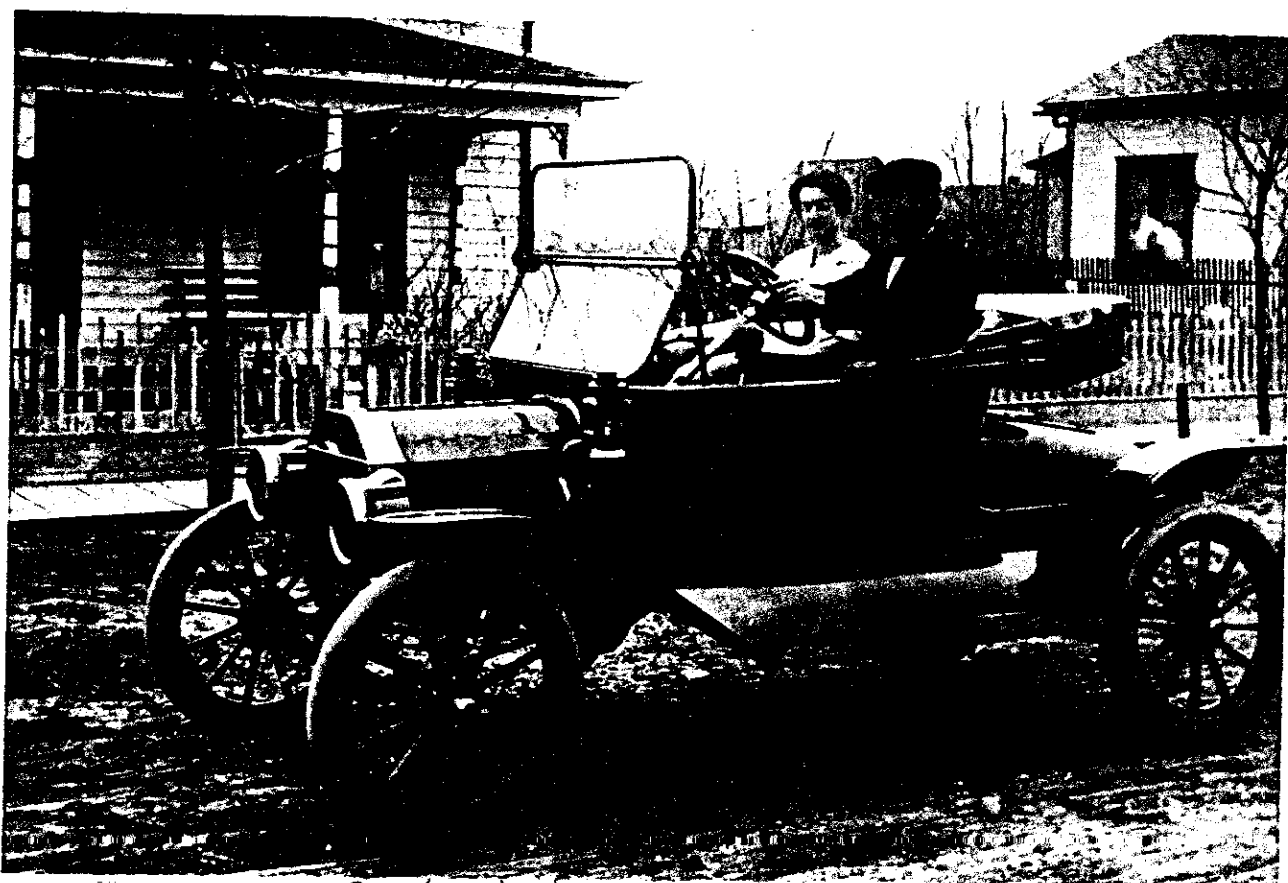
Clara Savage, Dora Spangler, Luna Nickelson
 Bertha Jensen, Hazel Bortell, Laura Henderson
 Juanita Mitchum, Mary Jo. Workman
 Fern Lakin, Edna Savage.

1950



Pocasset Hotel

(Franklin)



A.W. - Edith Viles



Harold School
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Arcadia

1934
1935



Pocasset BUS

Harvey Mason
bus driver

A visit with Dr. H.K. Albert .

There is a man in Idyllwild who said he put flags all over his property "just to see how much of a screwball I could be."

His name is Dr. Harold Raynal Albert. And, from his home on Double View Drive, on a clear day you can see the ocean — that is if all the flags are blowing in a direction that does not obstruct your view.

The only two flags he ever purchased were the American and California flags. He said he either bought material and had a seamstress sew the other flags, or else painted the flag designs on boards.

"At least I am different," Dr. Albert said, noting that he has over 100 flags standing on his property.

He said visitors often stop by his house and inquire about his collection, but no one has ever stolen a flag. Neither has anyone ever complained to his face that there are more flags on his property than trees.

Not a total stranger to the lands which the flags symbolize, Dr. Albert, 88, said he has visited 42 states and about 60 foreign countries. He also has traveled to Europe twice and around the world once.

Of all the countries he visited, Dr. Albert said his favorite was Israel. Two years ago he and his wife, Lajla, toured Israel; a nation Dr. Albert continuously refers to as "The Holy Land."

Not only is he fond of the nation's flag design — two blue stripes and a blue star of David on a white background — he also appreciates the biblical history behind Jerusalem, Bethlehem and other Israeli cities.

"When I was in The Holy Land I felt Jesus' presence. He was right there," he said.

A follower of biblical teachings, Dr. Albert said the Bible has had a great influence on his life.

"If you want to learn about baseball, you study the rules. If you want to understand basketball, you read the rules. And the Bible is the rule book on life," he said.

Dr. Albert said he also maintains strong beliefs regarding education. A former school teacher and superintendent of schools in Oklahoma and Texas, Dr.

courses at El Camino College's night school.

During his 30 years as an Inglewood realtor, Dr. Albert built a home in Idyllwild, which he intended to use on weekends. However, he said he never used it until he permanently moved to his Mountain home seven years ago.

A year after his first wife died in 1970, he married Lajla. They retired and moved to Idyllwild where he began his flag posting hobby.

He said he has only one other hobby besides his flags — his wife.

"Everyday she plays one or two pieces on the piano for me, and how I do love it," he said, noting she is a former accompanist with the Minneapolis, St. Paul and Beverly Hills opera companies.

The Alberts' home is a familiar site to many on their way to Inspiration Point. Do not confuse it with an open house for sale. The flags are just one "screwball's pastime."

Prof. H.R. Albert was superintendent in 1914-15 for Pocasset's first graduating class. He is now nearly 90 yrs. old. His address is H.R. Albert--Box 365-- Idyllwild, Calif. 92349

Albert said he believes students must develop good foundations in reading, writing and arithmetic before they study the arts.

"If we can't read, write or figure, we're plain out of luck," he said.

Dr. Albert, who has bachelor's, master's and doctorate degrees in education, was listed in *Who's Who in the West* and *Who's Who in American Education* after he wrote *An Analysis of Teacher Rating by High School Pupils in San Antonio, Texas* in 1949. In addition, he is included in *Who's Who in Inglewood*.

After resigning as superintendent of schools in San Antonio, Texas, he became a realtor on the Inglewood Real Estate Board, and taught real estate



Flags representing nations and states of the world stand outside Dr. H. R. Albert's Idyllwild home.

Records from 1937 Scrapbooks for -Future Homemakers of Oklahoma.

Apparently they had a cottage at that time.

1937 was the first certificate found.

1939 Helen Githens (Amber) was listed as leader.

1945 FHO became FHA

1954 December, Initiation and Installation Service of Amber and Pocasset Chapters at the Pocasset High School Auditorium.

Pocasset Officers

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Treasurer--Darlene Hutchinson

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Parliamentarian--Jetty Hornberger

Reporter--Marjorie Jackson

Song Leader--Eva Jane Simer

Pianist---Fredia Watt

Adviser---Mrs Cecil Fishburn

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Treas.--Dixie Cook

Historian--Barbara Browning

Parliamentarian--Mary Jo Hannah

Reporter---Charlotte Standridge

Song Leader--Burl Dean Surber

Adviser--Betty Brannan

1963-1968 Mrs Dorothy Cox was Adviser

1967--Dianne Rowe Presided over Sub-District Meeting at Chickasha.

1968 to the present time, Mrs Naomi Coleman, Sponsor

1968-69 Pat Jenkins awarded the Home Economic Award for class work.

Dianne Rowe--Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow Award

1969-70 Sent card to boys in service in Vietnam.

1970-71 Sharon Surber-President. Dana Phelps American Homemaker Award

1971-72 Glenda Rainey-Presi. Gayle Clark-Vice-President

Drop-in for drop-outs project where we cleaned trash from along highway from Amber to Pocasset. Two pickups loaded will always be remembered by those who worked that very cold day.

1973-74 Did Muscular Dystrophy project.

1974-1975 Peggy Savage was elected as State Vice-President of Music and Recreation for the year 75-76. Clara Savage first honorary member.

1976-77 Carmel Coleman was elected State Historian for 1977-78

Community Service is still a very important part of our program as well as learning to become better homemakers

4-H is an old and well organized club in the county, also in our school system. Our schools have had many outstanding young people in it, winning many awards. Would you believe I lost the list given me and haven't the time to get another, so maybe someone better organized than I am will compile a complete list since the beginning and have it ready if we ever add to our Memories.