

## Pacolet Station Water System

My family moved to Pacolet Station in February 1955. In the nearby community of Pacolet Mills, the Mill Company had a central water system that served the houses and the company facilities. However, at that time in Pacolet Station, every house had his own well and there was no central water system. I don't remember the details but a movement was started about that time to establish a town water system. Somehow, my dad, Fred "Doog" Teaster got involved with this and was elected one of the Water Commissioners. If I remember correctly, there were three people altogether. One was John Henry a neighbor who lived right across the street from us and was an agent for the Federal Alcohol Tobacco Tax unit. The other was James "Peewee" Lambert, who was a teacher at the High School. After much effort, they were successful in having a water system installed for the town. Evidently, Daddy's knowledge of the water business was very helpful in getting this done. The system depended on three local wells that pumped water into a tall water tank located on the grounds of Pacolet High School. (See left Herald clipping below from 1/18/1957.)

The system worked very successfully as an Independent agency until the mid-1960s. At that time, they were able to be absorbed by the Spartanburg Waterworks and the town's water was furnished by Spartanburg. There was a big controversy with Pacolet Mills about the Pacolet water system joining to Spartanburg. Pacolet Mills had its own water system for the Mill Village and had no need to be connected to Spartanburg. Eventually, all that was settled and the town has had a satisfactory water system ever since. Once the Spartanburg waterworks took over the system, the Pacolet Water Commission was no longer needed and was dissolved. (See right Herald clipping below from 10/18/1967.)

## Water System Completed At Pacolet

PACOLET — The \$85,000 improvement project of Pacolet Water Works Commission has been completed, Fred Teaster, chairman of the commission, announced Thursday.

The project, started several months ago, included a new 60,000-gallon steel, elevated water tank located near the railroad station. Workmen were caulking a few leaks that developed in the tank Monday.

Some four miles of water mains and pipes were laid by the commission. This included 12,000 feet of six-inch pipe, 7,000 feet of two-inch and 7,000 feet of one-inch.

A total of 138 taps have been made by residents of the district on the water mains. Three deep wells have been bored and supply sufficient water for the present and future needs of the town, Mr Teaster said.

## Pacolet Allows Acquisition Of Water Works

PACOLET — Pacolet voters Tuesday overwhelmingly favored the acquisition by Spartanburg Water Works System of Pacolet's municipal water works.

The vote was 242 in favor of and three against the change.

In a separate vote, former councilman Jesse Allen was re-named to Town Council by a narrow 123 votes to 120 for James Belk. Allen resigned his council seat to take an appointment as magistrate, then resigned as magistrate to run for council again.

Tuesday's decision on the water works means that Spartanburg Water Works will supply Pacolet and outlying areas with water at rates to be established by Spartanburg Water Works Commission. Spartanburg Water Works will install a water pipeline to Pacolet and operate the Pacolet system.

Pacolet Town Council called the referendum when it was found that the present water supply is inadequate to meet future needs of the town.



**We think this is a groundbreaking ceremony related to transferring the Pacolet Water System to the Spartanburg Water Works in 1968. The man to the left in the picture is not identified. John Henry, a Pacolet Water Commissioner is in the center holding the shovel. Daddy, also a Water Commissioner is standing to the right.**

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