



Our present church and hall were built in 1920 to replace the church and People's Hall that was destroyed by fire in 1920. Two wooden structures were our first church and hall in the early days. The church was moved to Rochester and turned into a house. The hall was torn down to make way for the People's Hall in about 1910.

The hall was always the center of social activities for our little town. School graduations, Christmas programs with huge Christmas trees being the high point of the year. Silent movies, basketball games, dinners, political rallies, basket socials, roller skating, annual flower shows by the Civic Club. Weekly dinners and suppers by the Ladies Aid were all a big part of Honey Creek for many years.

Reverend Mansfield was quite a playwright, so the hall was home to his many plays through the twenties. We still have a play troupe in Honey Creek and they put on two shows per year. Our hall and pavilion has been used for wedding receptions, anniversaries and birthday parties.

The Honey Creek Farmers Market uses the pavilion every Saturday morning during the summer. The Civic Club will be celebrating its 80th anniversary next year and the first week in October the community will be celebrating with its annual Turkey Dinner dating back to the early 1900's. The hall is still the hub of activity that is a big part of Honey Creek.

The first school in Honey Creek was built in 1838. Spencer Pittman the first teacher,

held school for only eight days. The next year the school year was a full three months under Mr. Coudry. It was a school from that time until its close in the 1960's. The little white school house was moved from the site to a lot about one half block away in 1860. That building is now owned by Kenny Goetsch. A two story stone building was erected in 1860 and replaced in 1915 by the present building. It is now the home of Marvin and Diane Wensel.

Henrietta Morton wrote a detailed history of the school in 1915 which was her Valedictorian speech to the people on her graduation day. She closed her talk that day with, "Today we launch, where will we anchor?"

Wendell E. Earle

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