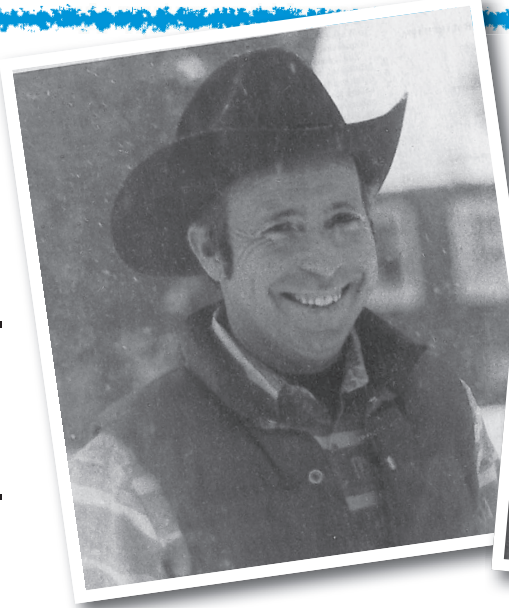


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Camp Sherman

the middle school students of Black Butte School



Student reporters interviewed Leon and Sylvia Foster about their long life in Central Oregon. These photos accompanied a 1978 *Ruralite* article.



The Snowstorm of 1970

By Joseph Yoder

In 1970 there was a huge snowstorm and everybody was snowed in. It snowed 58 inches in one night. The roads were not plowed. Leon Foster said, "The whole community was in desperate straits."

Leon managed to drive to Hoodoo. He drove a John Deere crawler from Hoodoo to Camp Sherman in a snowstorm to plow the roads.

There was so much snow that when Leon drove back to Camp Sherman, Sylvia could only see the smokestack of the crawler. Leon said, "There was so much snow that I used up most of my diesel."

After this he was the town hero because he plowed all of the residents' roads!

Planes, Horses, & Automobiles

By Scott Henderson

During our interview with Sylvia Foster, she told us about her horse. She and her family lived next to Black Butte School. They lived next to the modern-day fishing pond; the school was just a short walk through a meadow.

Her kids had to cross a creek to get to school. They walked on a board across the creek.

The family horse was an appaloosa. He would follow the kids to school across the creek, but the board was only 12 inches and the horse had really big hooves. One day his foot missed the middle of the board he was standing on.

"He went in upside down into the creek," said Leon. Then he came up sputtering.

On very nice days, the students of Black Butte School would work outside. One time a plane landed in the river because they thought that it was the pavement. But everyone was okay that was in the plane and on the ground.

Another day, "There was a problem with a car in the river," said Sylvia. Then the school went down to the river to watch and do their Spanish lesson. "They had their tablets and pencils, and they were still doing their work, but they were watching what was happening," she said.

"It was unpredictable," Sylvia said of Black Butte School in days gone by. "You never knew what to expect."



The Fosters' Hobbies

By Makiha Matayo Vance (Ki)

When we interviewed Leon he told us how he likes to fly-fish, and how he didn't do it a lot because he was always busy doing chores at the resort.

His wife Sylvia said, "I asked for a fly rod for my birthday and I got one." Sylvia also had a straw hat that fell off when she was fishing. While she was still fishing she was trying to get her hat out of the water, but when she picked it up it was full of water. She put it on and all the water went down her shirt.

Sylvia said, "I never really had time to do hobbies," but now she knits and crochets and "things like that, typical old-lady things to do."

Merry, Messy Christmas

By Jojo Souza

The Black Butte School winter performance has been going on for decades, and it is a tradition. Leon and Sylvia told us about one of their memories of the winter performance.

During one of them, the Santa, Fred Beamer, had a couple drinks too many and got drunk. He knocked over the Christmas tree. It had all the ornaments and all the lights on it.

"It was a big mess" said Leon and Sylvia's son, Mark Foster.

"If there was a party everybody was invited," Sylvia said.



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