

# Retired Valley School 'Marm Laments Fate Of One-Room School

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MEHAMA, Dec. 20 — With school consolidations occupying the news of the day, Jennie Bohanan, a school teacher who came to Mehama in 1890, laments the passing of the old-fashioned, one-room school houses.

Mrs. Bohanan, now 86, taught in several schools in this area that have now been consolidated with larger schools; the Elkhorn school, the Taylor school (on the ridge above Mill City), the Oakdale school and the Mehama school.

"Pupils today are poor readers and spellers," declared Mrs. Bohanan, "because the three R's, reading, 'riting, and 'rithmetic, are not stressed enough." When she taught fourth graders and up were required to use the dictionary to find spelling, pronunciation and definition of any word they did not know.

She still recalls with a smile a disagreement with a school board member of Elkhorn who insisted that the earth was flat and instructed his children accordingly. He only excused her teaching because the books said that it was round, and he understood that she must teach what was in the books.

"However," he would summarize, "anyone could see that it was flat," and his children had sense enough to know it. She also recalls another argument with a school board direc-



Mrs. Jennie Bohanan

tor. He was a democrat and one year the republican candidate was elected. After election returns were announced, he still would not concede.

"Lots of little precincts, like that of Elkhorn," he said, "haven't been heard from yet." So, with school consolidations the trend of the times, one school teacher of over 40 years experience says she still prefers the one-room school house because she always liked being her own boss.

## Canyon Club Votes \$24 to Cascade Band

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WEST STAYTON, Dec. 20—The West Stayton Rifle and Pistol club, inactive for sometime, disbanded at a final meeting during the last week. A treasury remainder of \$24 was voted to the Cascade union high school band uniform fund.

Guns and equipment have been returned to the government. William Zimmerman was the last president of the club.

Rose Ann Hendrickson and Laverne Ferres, West Stayton school pupils, won awards in the statewide "Land of Make-believe" art contest this week.

Next meeting of the Community club here will be Tuesday, January 8. The club sponsored Santa Claus at the children's Christmas program. The Fred Wallace's and R. Shepherd's were in charge of buying the treats.

## Cub Scouts at Four Corners Seek Recruits

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FOUR CORNERS, Dec. 20 — The Cub Scout dens recently organized here have had their first meetings. Den 1, meeting in the home of the leader, Mrs. Floyd Morgan, has only three members at present, Paul Schaberg, Sherman Morkan, Kent DeBerry. They are making leather gifts for their fathers for Christmas.

Den 2, with Mrs. Robert Heard and Mrs. W. E. Greif as co-leaders, meet in the Greif home. Members are Larry Haskell, Michael Whitmore, Harry Weigle, Bill Greif, Bill Heard. Their project is Christmas ornaments.

Den 3 with co-leaders Mrs. Robert Greene and Mrs. Ted Kurrle meet in the Kurrle home. Officers elected are president, Jack Kurrle; secretary, Butch Kreen; treasurer, Larry Eitel. Other members are Peter and Michael Lossner, Kenneth Brant, Douglas Greene, Gary Brunk. This group is making a stick Christmas tree.

Den 4 has for its leader Mrs. Arthur Harlow and for members, Arthur Harlow and Mason Burnham. Their project is Christmas ornaments. It is hoped that others will join at an early date. The first meeting of Pack 105 will be a Christmas party Friday, December 21 at 7:30 p. m. in the Community hall. All boys from 8 to 11 years of age are eligible to be a Cub Scout and any interested boys are invited.

## Aumsville Unit to Have Party on New Year's Eve

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AUMSVILLE, Dec. 20—Auxiliary of Gold Star post 175 will hold its annual party on New Year's Eve at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Long.

The Christmas-basket committee sacked candy for children at a recent meet at the William East home. Mrs. R. L. Mickey, unit president, expressed thanks of the auxiliary to Aumsville firemen and the P-TA for help in providing treats.

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# THE VALLEY NEWS' COLUMNS

From The Oregon Statesman's Valley Correspondents

## Pringle Girl Scouts Pack Gifts for Vets

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PRINGLE, Dec. 20—Girl Scout troop 30 met at the home of its leader, Mrs. Jack McNeil Wednesday night. Eleven members were present beside the leader and Mrs. Lyle Holmes, assistant. Linda Kendrick was selected vice president to replace Lois Jean Chaves who has resigned. Evelyn Hough was appointed historian. Refreshments were prepared by Linda Kendrick, Janet Bohmstedt, Beverly Klingler and Ruth Ann Patton.

Christmas boxes for veterans were wrapped with a prize for the best looking package going to Jean Adrian Patton. Next meeting for the troop will be January 8.

Pringle Women's club held its Christmas party Wednesday with 19 adults and 11 children present. Mrs. Leona Dimbat, president, reported proceeds from the bazaar and cooked foods sale held last week amounted to almost \$50. A Christmas box for a needy family was filled.

The Christmas atmosphere is very much in evidence at Pringle school this week. The entire school enjoyed a motion picture "The Littlest Angel," presented by Arthur Myers, supervising principal.

Donald Barrick showed a movie, "Dickens's Christmas Carol," to the upper grades Thursday. Wednesday the fifth grade girls dramatized "Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer" and Wednesday and Thursday afternoon several groups of students sang Christmas carols in the halls.

## Stroke Victim At Sublimity Said Better

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SUBLIMITY, Dec. 21 — Mrs. Hannah Weidner, who had a stroke shortly before Thanksgiving is now being cared for at the convalescent home where her condition was reported slightly improved.

Robert Stuckart has moved into his new home north of Sublimity. John Frank expected to move into his new dwelling on Friday.

The Catholic Men's Foresters had a banquet at St. Boniface Parish hall Sunday after an initiation. The women of the parish served the banquet. Freshman and sophomore girls served.

Main speaker was the Rev. Fa-

## Elected



John Middlemiss

## Middlemiss to Head Jaycees At Silverton

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SILVERTON, Dec. 20 — John Middlemiss, employe of the Coolidge & McClaine bank at Silverton, was named president of the Silverton Junior Chamber of Commerce at its election Tuesday night. Retiring president is William Duncan.

Other officers named were Robert Sites, first vice president; William Hanson, second vice president; Harlan Roth, secretary, and Olaf Paulson, treasurer. Mrs. Harry Sherwood, chairman of the welfare association, was speaker at the meeting. Wrapping of repaired toys was the evening's activity.

CARTWRIGHT ON LEAVE

FOUR CORNERS, Dec. 20—Gary Cartwright, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Cartwright, has completed his basic navy training at San Diego, Calif. He is home on a 14-day leave, then will report at San Francisco to the USS Ajax, an auxiliary repair ship.

ther Gabriel, OSB, Mt. Angel. He told many stories of his trip to Europe, one point of interest was that when he visited the world-renowned grotto of Lourdes in France a little girl of 11 who had been blind from birth received the restoration of her sight.

## New Houses Completed at Four Corners

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FOUR CORNERS, Dec. 20 — Many newly-completed homes are being occupied for their first holiday season and many more are in process of construction in Four Corners.

Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Simpson moved into their new ranch-type residence last week where they will celebrate Christmas with a family dinner. Their daughter's family, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Shipman, Dyann and Billy Shipman will be their guests. The Simpsons formerly lived in Burwell, Neb.

Mr. and Mrs. Minard Hermansen have moved from Sunnyview avenue into a new residence on Macleay road.

Other homes remodeled and under process of construction include a cottage type house being built for Mrs. Ella Carston on South Elm avenue. Warren Shrake is building a large duplex on Mabel avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. James Puffer, who recently purchased property at 4167 Durbin ave., have remodeled the house and added three rooms. Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Kiewer, 4203 Glenwood dr., built an addition onto their residence.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hartley have moved from 1955 Maple ave., Salem, to 225 Kenwood dr.

## Silverton Women Address P-TA At North Howell

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NORTH HOWELL — Mrs. John Hobbitt of Silverton, one of the organizers of the Silverton P-TA, addressed the second meeting of the new North Howell P-TA.

Mrs. Cliff Calkins, president of the Silverton P-TA, spoke on how to help school children through P-TA work. Mrs. Buchheit was elected secretary of the group.

Students participating in entertainment included Woody and Brenda Knouse, Pamela Pickens, Dicky Bartche, Georgia Schaap, Kathleen Howe, Phyllis Schaap, Marlan and Rose Pendegraf. Mrs. Betty Lawrence was accompanist. Refreshments were served by Mrs. H. Barche, Mrs. Harvey Gilbertson, Mrs. Henry Howe and Mrs. Doris Pendegraf.

The chameleon has a tongue twice as long as its body.

## This Group to Defend Modern Education



MONMOUTH, Dec. 20—The valley educators pictured above will be among those taking the offensive in a new movement to defend modern teaching methods. Shown at a recent meeting here are (from left) Dr. Floyd Albin, OCE director of student teaching; Dr. Wendell Van Laon, Corvallis school superintendent; Dr. Louis Kaplan, OCE director of teacher education; and J. David O'Dea, of OSC.

## Speakers to Be Provided By Educators

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MONMOUTH, Dec. 20—The attack on modern education will be answered by a group of Oregon educators who met on the Oregon College of Education campus for an organizational meeting.

All are members of Alpha Tau field chapter of Phi Delta Kappa fraternity. The group will sponsor a speaker's bureau "to bring fact and informed opinion to bear on problems in public education."

"Educators welcome constructive criticism of their efforts," declared Dr. Floyd Albin, Monmouth, president of the chapter, "but criticism based on misinformation and misunderstandings can serve only to confuse the public."

Correspondence about services of the speaker's bureau may be addressed to J. David O'Dea, counselling and testing bureau, Oregon State college, Corvallis.

## Belle-Passi DAR Meets at Brooks

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ELIOTT PRAIRIE, Dec. 20 — The Christmas meeting of the Belle-Passi chapter of the DAR was held at the home of Mrs. Ronald Pomeroy of Brooks, with Mrs. Nellie White as co-hostesses. Mrs. A. G. Douglas presided. Mrs. Ray Baker read the Christmas story, and Mrs. Elvan Finney of Hubbard told of the background of the idea of the use of the Christmas tree and read "Bethlehem, Grand Hotel."

There was a gift exchange. Walnuts were brought to the meeting to be given, with 25 pounds of sugar, to the Chemawa Indian school for Christmas.

Mrs. C. W. Oathout was hostess at her home for the annual Ladies' Aid Christmas party. An exchange of gifts was the feature. Refreshments were served to 45 members and guests. Mrs. Ted Hastings of Hubbard presided at the coffee table and Mrs. Lowery West at the tea urn.

DICK WUFF HEADS 4-H CLUB BRUSH COLLEGE—Recently a 4-H Forestry club was organized here with Mrs. Shirley Hunter, the leader. Officers were: Dick Wuff, president; Dale Wuff, vice-president; Delbert Killingsworth,

secretary; Leonard Draper, club reporter; Les Rich, refreshments. Other members include Larry McClure, Michael Tuel, Mike Dewit, Larry Gibby and Donald Draper.

LETUCE ROLL Who-Do? Here's a suggestion that can be quickly prepared for serving un-announced guests. Combine 1/4 cup washed radishes, 1/4 cup chopped sweet pickle, 1/4 teaspoon grated onion, 2 tablespoons mayonnaise; spread on small leaf of lettuce, roll tightly and fasten with toothpick. Serve with cool and refreshing OLYMPIA Beer. P. S. Be sure you have an adequate supply of Olympia... buy it in the 12 or 24-bottle case.

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