

Future plans include employment in her fathers' mill. As well as continuing as an aide in the Craft Classes, held throughout the school year.

Dellas' hobbies include bead work, leather work, basketry, swimming and bike riding. She is looking forward to a trip to Hawaii in the near future.

Elder of the Month - Clara Riggs

Clara Riggs born February 21, 1892 has lived in Grand Ronde for all of her 87 years.

Clara married Samuel Riggs May 1st 1920. Clara is the mother of 1 child and grandmother to 6 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren.

She enjoys company and likes to talk about the old days. Her hobbies include quilting, crocheting, and knitting.

Clara would have things stay the way they are except she feels that the younger generations should believe in the old way, she is not fond of the white mans way.

Daniel Robinson, Clara's father made the biggest impression on her. He taught her to never lie and never punished her when he was angry.

Claras' ancestry dates back to the time when Indians were driven to Grand Ronde. Her tribal affiliations are Rogue River Piate, Chinook and Calapooya.

Recalling her youth on the Reservation she remembers that where the town now stands was a clearing of fern, she says it was nothing like it is today.

Clara attendé Tribal meetings, Church and passes down her knowledge of the past to the younger people.

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Let all that now divides us
remove and pass away
like shadows of the evening
that precede a sunshine day
When Earth Mother once united us
As synonymous to Mother Earth,
It was a sweet and lasting proof
of a closer bond and union
In this once land of freedom--
This one time land of plenty

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