

Herald and News

Homemakers Corner

This and That About Women
RUTH KING—Women's Editor

"It's A Woman's World"



DOWN IN TEXAS WHERE COTTON FIELDS flourish, near Red River in the month of October, a daughter was born, who years later was to come to Oregon, to become one of Klamath County's most faithful teachers.

Minnie Dillard Davis, born Minnie Bussey on her grandfather Haynes plantation, arrived in Portland while still in the toddling stage . . . by 1885 was transplanted with her family to a homestead in Langell Valley.

Her earliest recollections are of her Grandmother, Elizabeth Wilkens Haynes, trudging between the homes of her nine children for frequent visits, the rag carpets that she wove by the light of old oil lamps for pioneer homes, the socks and stockings she knitted, the yards of delicate lace her fingers fashioned. It was grandmother Haynes who brought some of the first yellow roses to the Klamath country to scatter golden petals in neighboring yards.

It was grandmother Haynes and the young girl's mother, Dayton Haynes Bussey who instilled the love of learning in the growing family of Bussey children. All eight Bussey boys and girls attended the old Lorella school, going to spelling bees, joining debating societies, singing "Happy Is the Miller's Boy" at home parties, riding the snow-covered roads on frosty nights . . . growing up in the "church" . . . before Minnie Bussey was 13, she had read the Bible from cover to cover.

She read before she reached school age, taught by her mother who stood by as the young girl studied first in Bonanza, then Klamath Falls and later as she struggled with the difficult "Teacher's Examinations" given by the County school superintendents in preparation for earning "Teacher's Certificates."

Seven of the Bussey children taught in Klamath County in 17 school districts, and not until Thanksgiving time in 1952 did Minnie Dillard Davis resign to "take life easy."

Minnie Bussey became Minnie Dillard, wife of a prominent stockman of Barnes Valley on Thanksgiving Day in 1898 and took time out from the "business of the blackboard" to raise her family of three daughters and two sons, John Dillard, Nehalem, Uel Dillard, Henley, Mrs. Hal Ogle, Klamath Falls, Mrs. M. A. Bowman, Merrill, and Mrs. Clyde Barks, Tulelake.

Her children raised, she returned to the school room, brushing up at the old Ashland Normal, teaching year-in, year-out as her family made homes of their own.

She married again but a tragic auto accident widowed her once more and she went back into harness . . .

Today she has an enviable record of 33 years in the school room. She was a grandmother several times over, a great-grandmother seven times before she closed the last school room door on her career and retired to her memories.

First Lady Like Us All

WASHINGTON—Mamie Eisenhower, like any other homemaker across the land, likes to surround herself with the personal things that have special meaning for her and her family—photographs of the grandchildren, gifts from dear friends, mementoes of pleasant experiences.

Newsweek magazine invited to tea recently noted many such small homey touches in the second floor

suite which the first family occupies at the White House. Besides the family photographs, on almost every small table, there were favorite cigarette boxes, a big sea shell, Mamie's own vases and knick-knacks scattered here and there. On one wall the First Lady has hung a gift from some unknown admirer which she prizes, a plaque bearing a poetic prayer of which the refrain is:

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HENLEY
By Mrs. Willard Duncan
Education in Klamath County schools was emphasized at the Nov. 3 meeting of the Henley PTA held in the grade school. A large number of parents attended. Films on the program and problems of education in the county schools were shown. Plans for the annual school carnival in the high school Nov. 20 were announced. The big planning committee is headed by Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Harnsberger. Ralph Hill was appointed chairman of the bleacher committee. By-law changes will be on the agenda of the December meeting which will follow a potluck dinner in charge of "dads."

The child care program for young children gives more parents an opportunity to attend meetings.

KENO

The Keno PTA held a regular meeting at Keno School, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 3. Mrs. Clarence Ward, Klamath Falls, showed colored slides and recalled some of the experiences on her recent trip to Europe. Anita Kester, 3rd and 4th grade teacher, discussed the curriculum of the students in her room. Morris Parker, former bus driver and custodian of the school was

presented with a gift from the PTA in appreciation for his many services to the school. Following the meeting refreshments were served by the 7th grade mothers.

TULELAKE

The annual Tulelake high school PTA will be held in the building formerly used for the veteran's school at 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14. Tables will be arranged for bridge, pinocle and canasta. Refreshments will be served. A turkey prize in addition to prizes for high and low score and traveling will be given. Tickets are available at Earl's Pharmacy, and the Tulelake Drug Store.

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Home Extension News

Merrill Unit
November 13—Project: New materials in home furnishings. Dolores Bracken, home demonstration agent. The meeting will be at the Recreation Hall, Merrill, 1:30 p.m.

Fairhaven Unit
November 18—Project: New materials in home furnishings will be presented by the home demonstration agent. The meeting will be at the exhibit building at the fairgrounds at 10:30 a.m.

Klamath Falls Unit
November 18—Project: Family recreation will be presented by the project leaders, Mrs. G. E. Matthews and Mrs. E. L. Barker. The meeting will be at the YMCA at 8:00 a.m.

OTI Unit
November 19—Project: Family recreation will be presented by the project leaders, Helen Crabtree and Jay Jones. The meeting will be at the student lounge at Oretch at 8:00 a.m.

Henley Unit
November 19—Project: New materials in home furnishings will be presented by Dolores Bracken, home demonstration agent. The meeting will be at Mrs. Earl Mack's home at 10:30 a.m.

Shasta-Homedale Unit
November 20—Project: Family recreation. The project leaders are Anna Dean Long and Hope Berge. The meeting will be at the exhibit building at the fairgrounds at 10:30 a.m.

CONGER-FAIRVIEW
By Mrs. Dorothy L. Whitmore
A demonstration on new materials in home furnishings by the home agent, Dolores Bracken, was presented to members of the Conger-Fairview Home Extension unit, Nov. 6, in Joan's kitchen.

New fabric and designs in materials were distributed for inspection. Of special interest were the new designs and textures in wall coverings.

Mrs. Gerald C. Gwyn reported on the demonstration home in Korea, sponsored and maintained by American fighting men, and read a letter acknowledging receipt of clothing sent from Klamath Falls.

Letter received by Mrs. Neva Hayes from an Associated Country Women of the World, English Falls, who also corresponds with an English woman, reported a letter.

KLAMATH FALLS
The Klamath Falls Home Extension Unit will meet on Wednesday, Nov. 18 at the YMCA at 10 a.m. The project, "Family Recreation" will be led by Mrs. E. L. Barker and Mrs. G. E. Matthews. A potluck luncheon will be served at noon. Anyone interested in cordially invited to attend.

If you suddenly notice that your skin doesn't look right, it may be the mirror. Perhaps it is covered with film and needs a good sudsing since mirrors attract dust specks and smudges very quickly.

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