



TRUE TO LIFE In all respects, from dress to hairdo, are many dolls depicting pioneer women of Siskiyou County, which now decorate the walls of the museum in Yreka. Working from old photographs, Mrs. Hazel Pollock, curator of the museum, has this past year done a remarkable job of bringing these women back to life in doll form. Each is framed in gold over the original picture and family story. Two of this unusual collection are shown, Narcissi Davidson, left, and Sophia Jane Fellows, right. The dolls were an interesting feature of the December meeting of the Siskiyou County Historical Society.

Historical Society Enjoys Old Fashioned Parlor Setting

YREKA—An old-fashioned parlor setting was created by Mrs. Hazel Pollock, curator at the Siskiyou County Museum, for the Christmas program Dec. 10, following the regular business session of the Siskiyou County Historical Society.

The parlor setting was contrived with a screen which Mrs. Pollock had covered with wallpaper of yesteryear, on which she hung Christmas wreaths and an oldtime red patinet and pictures of angels. Per Christmas bell in its center.

Mrs. Pollock had placed stuffed animals and dolls of ancient vintage. An oldtime wooden child's wagon and other toys were placed around the base of the tree.

In keeping with the setting, the hostesses, Mrs. Pollock and Mrs. Hazel Rider, greeted their guests in gowns of 1900. The dress worn by Mrs. Pollock was of black satin, which had belonged to Mrs. Jenny Cowgill, grandmother of Mrs. LaJean Correia of Yreka. Mrs. Rider was equally charming in a black net over black taffeta dress, originally worn by Mrs. Wadsworth Brooks at the turn of the century.

This past year, with old family portraits as guides, Mrs. Pol-

lock's deft fingers dressed tiny dolls depicting individual pioneer women, each of whom played a part in the history of Siskiyou County. The "little women," set in frames of gold, decorate the museum walls, and beneath each of the figures is a photograph of the woman represented in miniature, pictured in the gown copied by Mrs. Pollock. Even the hairdos on the dolls match those of the women in the photographs.

For the program, these dolls were "brought to life" with stories or letters by descendants of the women.

The first doll "coming to life" was Olive Louise Paddock Eddy, who was born in New Philadelphia in 1834, came across the plains by ox team, over Sheep Rock, down into Shasta Valley. Reminiscences about the Eddy family were found in a letter which rests in a pocket attached to an old folding chair which was brought across the plains. The chair is now the property of Mrs. Alta Strofeld of Yreka, a granddaughter. According to the letter, the chair must always remain in the hands of a descendant of the family. The letter also contains a complete history of the chair, the trip across the plains and the family history.

In describing the Christmas events of the Masson family, represented by a doll after a photograph of Elda McCloud Masson, a letter was read on Christmas at Upper Soda circa 1892, where in it was stated that the family did not often have a Christmas tree, but the mother would string popcorn and cranberries in festoons for the holiday. The children hung their "long, black stockings on the mantel in the living room fireplace Christmas Eve and on Christmas morning found in each an orange (a pretty sour one at that), along with some English walnuts and a stick of hard peppermint candy, and a small gift of some sort." Also, the letter related that on "Christmas Ma always had some pie crust dough over, which was rolled out, cut into what we called 'Dough Men,' sprinkled with red sugar and dotted with black currants."

In a letter from Helen Blake, a granddaughter of Esther Gates Hooper, who came west in 1859, it was cited that in the days of Grandma Hooper, the children were never allowed to see the



NANCY GALLOWAY will be installed as honored queen of Bethel No. 47, International Order of Job's Daughters, at public ceremonies Sunday, Jan. 15, at 2 p.m. in the Masonic Temple in Lakeview.

Christmas tree, nor participate in the decoration of it until Christmas Eve. The trees were cut in the woods, and real, little white candles were used and lighted. Completing the decorations of the tree were strings of popcorn and tinsel.

Amelia Andrews, a granddaughter of Regina Neitzel, contributed to the Christmas party by bringing a cookie dish her grandmother had used at Christmas, the dish being filled with cookies made from a recipe of her grandmother's. Regina Neitzel came west around the Horn in the early '50s and settled in Scott Valley.

In bringing the doll representing Lotta Crabtree to life, Mrs. Pollock told how the little dancer used to bring cheer and happiness to the miners by singing and dancing before them in the old Arcade Saloon on Miner Street in Yreka.

Another doll brought to life by Mrs. Pollock was that of Winema, heroine of the Modoc War, and Mrs. Pollock told that Winema's part in the war made her an "Angel of Peace" as that was what she had attempted to do — to bring peace between the white men and the Modocs. The doll at the museum is in full regalia of an Indian maiden, and has red hair for which Winema was noted.

O. G. Steele, present at the party, contributed to the reminiscing by telling about "Auntie Fellows," known as the good samaritan of Berryvale.

In a letter from Willard H. Stone, Gazelle, descendant of the W. P. Stone family, which is represented by a doll of Lury Cadella Stone, it related how there were from 20 to 25 gathered around the Christmas dinner table on the W. P. Stone ranch. Mrs. Stone always served hot baking powder biscuits for Christmas Day dinner, and a plum pudding dessert. She wore two aprons on Christmas Day, a heavy duty one in the kitchen, and a dainty decorative one for sitting at the dinner table. The next to the youngest son, Fred, always played the organ on the holiday, and he also played the harmonica. He would, of course, play the Christmas carols, but never failed to also play "Over the Waves."

The Dec. 10 program was concluded with Mrs. Pollock and Mrs. Rider donning long white aprons to serve the refreshments which consisted of cookies baked from oldtime cookbooks, with coffee.

Nancy Galloway To Head Bethel

LAKEVIEW—Nancy Lee Galloway, daughter of Mrs. Norman Galloway and the late Norman Galloway, will be installed as Honored Queen of Bethel No. 47, International Order of Job's Daughters, at public installation of officers on Sunday, Jan. 15, at 2 p.m. in the Masonic Temple, Lakeview. She succeeds Margery Blair, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Blair, in the office.

The other officers who will take their positions are Alice Elle, senior princess; Betty Harris, junior princess; Meachelle Arzner, guide; Lorraine Lincecum, marshal; Terry Lincecum, chaplain; Sherry Jarman, recorder; Carole Tainter, treasurer; Janice Decker, first messenger; Gail Robin, second messenger; Ellen North, third messenger; Lana Castel, fourth messenger; Sherrill Banister, fifth messenger; Mary Lynn Fenimore, senior custodian; Jean Snider, junior custodian; Onnetta Elle, librarian; Linda Jackson, musician; Sheila Jarman, inner guard; Norma Dodson, outer guard; Charlene Darst, assistant recorder; Judy Elder, lady of the lights; Linda Baker, prompter; Denise Haven, historian.

With Kathy North as choir leader and Janet Taylor as flag bearer, the choir is made up of Bonnie Bratton, Kathy Butler, Linda Lamplins, Carol Allan, Christine Radford, Arlene Robinett, Darlene Robinett, Joyce Fenimore, Leone Parks, Connie Nelson, Sherrill Leehmann, Dorothy Combs, Pam

Gray, Diana Cunduff, Janice Anderson, Sheryl Getty, Jan Bruner, Susan Dallas, Linda Toner, Judy Taylor, Barbara Newcombe, Ann Weir and Sharon Van Cleave. The theme for the ceremony is "You'll Never Walk Alone" and colors are silver, white and lavender. The mistress of ceremonies is Mrs. Hazel Van Cleave and soloist, Robert Shotwell. Installing officers are Margery Blair, honored queen; Claudia Harris, guide; Diana Millsap, marshal; Joyce Taylor, chaplain; Alice Bursacker, musician; Sharon Drinkwater, recorder; Linda Dubose, senior custodian, and Margaret Lobinett, junior custodian. The Bethel guardian council is made up of Hazel Van Cleave, guardian; Bill Van Cleave, associate guardian; Peggy Allen, guardian secretary; John Blair, guardian treasurer; Alice Busacker, director of music; Patty Thornburg, promoter of hospitality; Grace Elle, custodian of paraphernalia; Miriam Blair, promoter of publicity; Barbara Snider, promoter of finance; Thelma Harris, custodian of merits, and Jack Radford, promoter of fraternal relations.

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