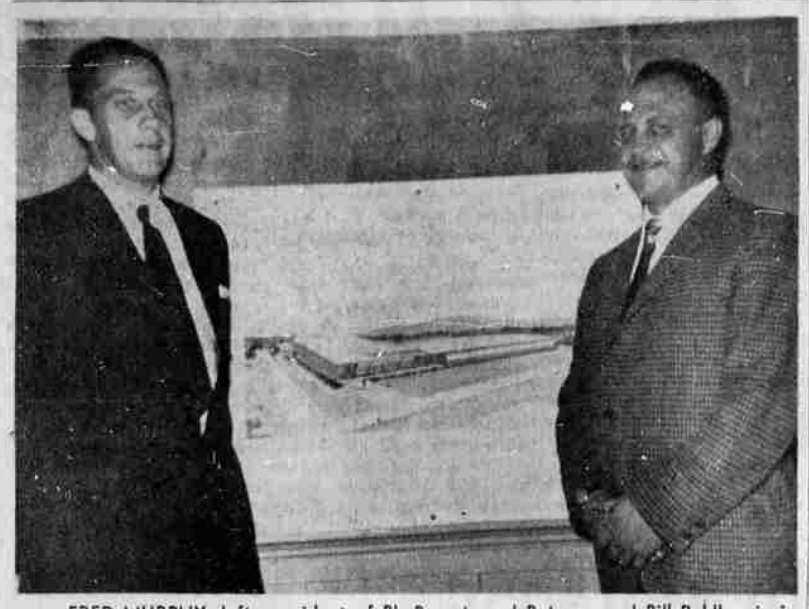

FRED MURPHY, left, president of Bly Parents and Patrons, and Bill Pohll, principal of Bly School, right, display the architects drawing of the proposed new school building to parents and patrons at the Jan. 5 meeting.

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THE MATURE PARENT

Try Not To Deprive Child Of Overcoming Difficulty

Mrs. Muriel Lawrence
Newspaper Enterprise Assn.

Because it was Sunday and her grandparents had come to dinner, she wore her new pink dress. Over each temple her hair was tied with ribbons that exactly matched the big, red, gingham apple appliqued on the pocket of the dress. Her socks were red, too.

What with these adornments, the refreshment derived from her nap and the admiring kiss mommy gave her as she was carried downstairs, she felt an exhilarated delight with herself.

When mommy sat her down on the living room floor, she wasn't content to stay there. First she rolled over into her now familiar crawling position. Then, transferring her weight to her hands, she straightened her fat legs—and rose, wobbling and uncertain to her feet.

Regaining her balance, her face took on the toddler's look of intense inward concentration. Nobody spoke as she navigated three steps toward her father. Then she fell.

She tripped over the fringe on a scatter rug—and grandma, leaping from the sofa, rushed to seize her, crying, "Aw, poor baby! Let grandma help poor babsy!"

She began to scream.

"She wants her orange juice," said mommy. "She still isn't used to me yet," said Grandma. "She didn't hurt herself, did she?" grandpa asked.

But her father who is a psychiatrist said:

"She's mad because she wanted to get up on her own steam."

He was right. Replaced on the floor, freed to resume the thrilling test of her strength against the strength of gravity, his baby daughter stopped screaming.

Now psychiatrists have a very important advantage over you and me. They are trained to such toleration of their own failures that they are not afraid of other people's.

When we fall on our faces, they do not rush to pick us up but restore confidence in our ability to pick ourselves up.

You and I, on the other hand, are so scared of failing ourselves that we can't bear the sight of babsy falling on her face in her first attempt to walk. Like grandma, we imagine that she is feeling the same discouragement we feel when we encounter an obstacle. Rushing to her, we deny her what the noted English teacher, A. S. Neill, has called childhood's "greatest joy — the conquest of difficulty."

"Never," says Neill, "help a child if he can do the thing alone."

Over The Garden Gate

ALTURAS CLUB

ALTURAS—The charming ranch home of Mrs. Nelson Monroe was the setting for the Jan. 12 meeting of the Alturas Garden Club. Tables were set for 16 guests for luncheon served by Mrs. Monroe, assisted by Mrs. Leo Gloster.

Mrs. Richard Daft, president, conducted the meeting at which plans for the new year were discussed.

Mrs. Warren Sloss reported she had chosen the restoration of the old Alturas cemetery as the project for her committee on conservation and junior gardening. Plans were made to meet with the cemetery board and to secure the cooperation of the Native Daughters of the Golden West in this plan.

Mrs. William Rush was appointed chairman of the Valentine program for the older members of the Modoc Medical Center. Each club member is asked to get two dozen cookies to Mrs. Rush by Sunday, Feb. 13.

A report was given on the delightful Christmas party held at the home of Mrs. H. G. Helms, who was praised on her lovely seasonal decorations.

Brief discussions were held on Arbor Day plans.

Mrs. Charles Fitzpatrick was welcomed into the club as a new member.

WATCH NECKLINE

If you have a very slender neck, skip the bateau neckline even though it's being shown this year. It's a difficult neckline for many women.

Parents And Patrons

BLY SCHOOL

BLY — "Lights on for Education" program at the Jan. 5 meeting of the Bly Parents and Patrons featured talks by Herbert Hadley and Bill Pohll. They spoke on educational legislation.

Architect's drawings of the new school to be constructed in Bly were shown to the group. Plans include six classrooms, five multipurpose rooms and a cafeteria.

Entertainment was provided by a chorus singing several selections. Included in the group were Avis Little, Gerry Chase, Annie Patzkie, Opal Patzkie and Edna Harter. Piano accompaniment was by Mrs. George Simon.

A visitor at the home of Myrtle Patzkie, the Rev. Eldon Ausherman of Haiti, spoke briefly and closed the meeting with a prayer.

Refreshments were served by Reva O'Neil, Kathey Smith, Delia and Juanita Nelson.

Approximately 38 per cent of all snapshots now are taken in color.

Yreka PTA Hears Panel

MONTAGUE—A panel of Yreka High School students comprised the program presented at the January meeting of the Montague Parent Teacher Association. President Lester Owens conducted the session.

The meeting was opened with the flag salute led by Mrs. Dorothy Van Orsdel, followed with the inspirational message by Mrs. Susie Jones.

Lester Newton, principal of the Montague school, announced that graduation exercises would be held on May 31. He then introduced Stephen Pueyo, principal of the Yreka High School, who, in turn, presented the student panel members, Dennis Tyler, student body president; Susie Soule, Clifford Kernohan, Caroline Meamber, Gary Anderson, Kenny Lange, and Marrie Dharmobroto, the latter being an American Field Service exchange student from Indonesia, who is completing her last year of high school at Yreka. She is a guest at the home of Dr. and Mrs. R. M. Stewart of Yreka during her stay.

The students discussed "What does a student owe his parents?" The group also discussed various points in regard to young people using the family car, entertainment of young people and the value of sports.

During the business session, it was announced that rehearsals are underway for the coming Montague spring production, this year being jointly sponsored by the Montague PTA and the Shasta Valley Community Club.

This year's extravaganza will be presented March 9, 10 and 11, as "Frantic Antics," and will feature a brand new variety of songs, dances and skits, under the joint direction of Alice See and Alice Hessig.

The fourth grade won the room prize. Fourth grade room mothers served refreshments following the meeting.

Judge J. Everett Barr will be guest speaker at the next meeting of the Montague PTA, scheduled for Thursday evening, Feb. 16.

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JUDITH FRASIER of Klamath Falls is congratulated upon receiving nursing cap at Medford's Valley Memorial Hospital's practical nursing school by the Rev. George R. V. Bolster, member of the hospital board.

YREKA HIGH SCHOOL panel members as they appeared at the recent Montague PTA meeting. Back row, left to right, Clifford Kernohan, Dennis Tyler, Kenny Lange and Gary Anderson. Front row, same order, Caroline Meamber, Marrie Dharmobroto and Susie Soule.

— Photo by Betty Dow

PTA NEWS

KELLY CREEK SCHOOL

The Kelly Creek PTA met last Thursday evening at the schoolhouse. The Katie Dick Scholarship Fund which now has grown to approximately $775 was the major item discussed. Since it was instituted to encourage Kelly Creek pupils to achieve higher learning in the field of teaching and later modified to include any technical or specialized training, some of its stipulations were again changed in fairness to meet the practical needs of more former Kelly Creek pupils.

For instance instead of pupils being eligible for one year after graduating from high school, it was changed also to aid pupils with one year following completion of a term of military service. The clause pertaining to tuition assistance up to $50 was increased to $100, providing the fund had sufficient money to meet that amount. The fund has been built up largely by benefit dinners that have been put on by PTA members down through the years since the fund was established.

It being men's night the men entertained and served coffee and doughnuts for refreshments. Clellon Baker sang and played his guitar as a special feature of the program.

YREKA SCHOOL

YREKA—Speakers at the January meeting of the Yreka High School Parent Teachers Association last week were Harry W. Eeck, administrative assistant at College of Siskiyous, and Edward M. Harris, a member of the college faculty.

Mrs. Paul Dunham, president of the Yreka High School PTA, conducted the business session, during which Wayne Hill reported the high school PTA now had 179 members.

Mrs. Brice Rohrer was program chairman for the evening.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Stan Solus, assisted by Mrs. Earle Greene, Mrs. Warren Green, Mrs. Bob Neill and Mrs. Louis Choate.

The Yreka PTA will observe Founders Day at its next meeting on Feb. 21.

YREKA SCHOOL

YREKA—Ronald Hayes, California area parole officer from Sacramento, speaking before members of the Yreka Elementary School PTA recently, listed eight points for parents as suggestions for the prevention of delinquency.

Assisting him on the panel discussion was Mrs. Jack Young, who represented the parents. Roger Ellis, superintendent of Dunsmuir Elementary School, presented the school's side of the problem. Mrs. van Over gave views of the probation department. Jess Brewer, county probation officer, completed the panel.

A nomination committee of Robert Reynolds, Mrs. Edgar Meek, Mrs. Richard Seright, Mrs. Richard Johnson and Mrs. J. H. Bowden was appointed to select officers for the coming year.

Mrs. John Brown, secretary, reported there are now 565 members in the Yreka PTA.

The flag was presented by Brownie Troop No. 244 under the direction of Mrs. Rose Friedman and Mrs. Ed Foss. Participating were Janet Coleburn, Sandy Foss and Sherry Friedman.

The inspirational was given by Mrs. James Robinson.

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