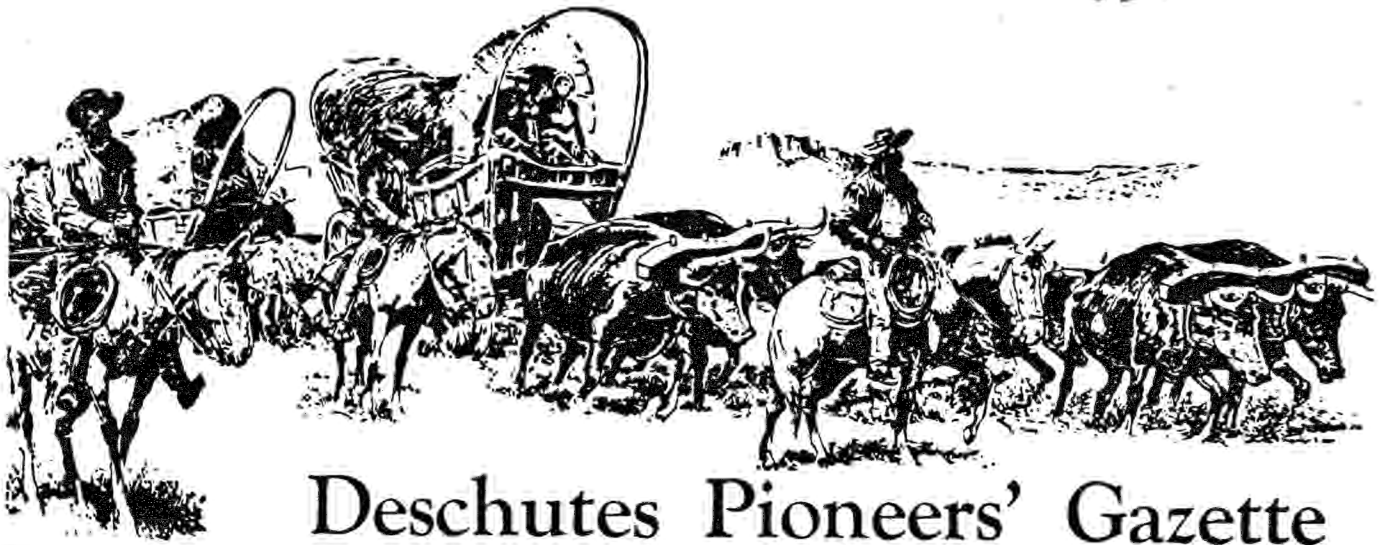


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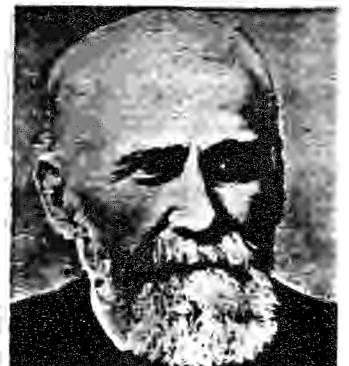
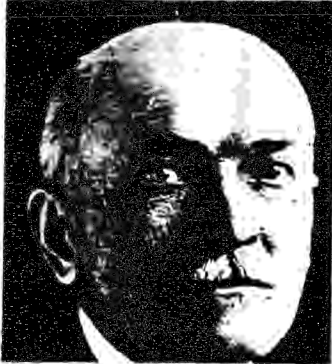


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HISTORIC TRAVELERS PASSED SUNRIVER SITE

The Big Meadows of the Deschutes River, site of present Sunriver Development, have witnessed many historic journeys. They have served, too, as pastures, and as camp sites from pre-historic times. Along the eastern bank of the river ran the ancient Indian trail north to the Columbia and south to the territory of the Klamaths and Modocs.

Tom McKay and Finan McDonald passed south here in 1825, having crossed the Cascades by the north Santiam route. They were ordered by Dr. John McLoughlin to survey the country for furs and to retrace their steps to meet Peter Skene Ogden's Snake River expedition that year. Perhaps traveling as far as Klamath Marsh, they reversed their course to encounter Ogden at the mouth of Dry Creek on the present Warm Springs Reservation, Thursday, January 8, 1826. All the McKays knew the Meadows afterward as the "Canoe Camp."

Nathaniel Wyeth passed the great Meadows January 2, 1835, moving up river in his search for furs.

In 1843 came Captain John Charles Fremont on a mapping, exploring expedition. Members of his party included "Bad Hand" Fitzpatrick, Kit Carson, and a young Indian boy, Billy Chinook, who was to play a part in Fremont's political adventure in California in 1846, and who was to become an important leader in later years at the Warm Springs Indian Reservation. Very much a part of the scene was the famous mountain howitzer which Fremont had brought all the way from the East.

In 1844, in late summer, "Old Bill" Williams and a party of trappers which included W. T. Hamilton passed through here searching for beaver. They wintered in the Klamath country after trapping Klamath Marsh, had a brush with Modocs, and moved down into California. (Hamilton gives the year 1843 in his *My Sixty Years On The Plains*, but indications are that he erred by one year.)

In 1852 seven members of the Road Viewers from Eugene City traveled north to Pilot Butte in their search for a good road from Eugene to Boise—a situation that, hopefully, would induce overland wagons to cut across Central Oregon, thereby ending the long journey in the southern end of Willamette Valley and lending strength to the needed population and economy.

From 1853 on, travel increased. In

that year members of Elijah Elliott's lost wagon train passed through the Big Meadows searching for the Free Emigrant Road to Eugene. 1854 saw another immigrant group led by William Macy which traveled the established track to Eugene City. Superintendent of Indian Affairs Joel Palmer followed the last part of that year's migration through the Willamette Pass. He had made treaty discussions with the Klamath tribal leaders, was returning to his home in Dayton, Oregon.

In 1855 Lt. Henry Larcom Abbot and Lt. Robert Stockton Williamson traveled north from Fort Reading, California, bringing with them a railroad survey party which explored through Central Oregon. The party included Dr. John Strong Newberry, geologist and botanist for whom Newberry Crater is named, and Dr. E. Sterling, physician and naturalist. In the military escort from Fort Reading were Lts. George Crook and John Bell Hood. Hood, an illustrious commander of Confederate divisions during the Civil War, was replaced at Pitt River by Lt. Philip Henry Sheridan whose army career was meteoric.

Just south of Lapine the party split—Abbot following the Deschutes north through the Big Meadows while Williamson detoured to the west and north to Crane Prairie, Lava Lakes and Green Lakes before joining Abbot on Tumalo Creek (present Shevlin Park) on September 3.

Abbot's diary reflects considerable numbers of miners traveling through the country that fall. Two of these were Sam Barlow and Philip Foster, who were searching for the Blue Bucket nuggets.

Another mining party, in 1858, crossed the Meadows on its way to Bear Creek and Upper Crooked River. Led by Dr. James McBride of Eugene City, the party included A. S. McClure, one of the Elliott wagon train of 1853, as an interested spectator. His journal makes interesting reading.

1860 saw another group of miners—the Bunch party, and four years later, in late summer of 1864, four tattered, starving miners reached the life-giving water near the Big Meadows after escaping on foot from Indian attack on Silver Creek. In their desperate march for life they had abandoned almost all their possessions but rifles and ammunition, had been forced to kill their dog to drink its blood. R. C. Clark, David



The Old Homestead at the Vandeventer Ranch.

—Photo Courtesy Dorothy Vandeventer

Andrews, James Dougherty and Frank Redfield made their way finally to safety down the McKenzie River route. Redfield was the father of Charles Redfield, irrigation engineer and developer of early Central Oregon canal systems.

In both 1864 and 1865, J. W. P. Huntington, Oregon Superintendent of Indian Affairs, traveled the Central Oregon road from The Dalles to Klamath which passed through the Big Meadows. Huntington was making treaty with Klamaths, Modocs, and Snakes in preparation for settlement of Central Oregon. He was escorted through Snake country, where Chiefs Paulina and We-a-we-wah made travel hazardous, by Warm Springs warriors captured by Dr. W. C. McKay and his half-brother, Donald. Huntington's primary aim, to treat with Paulina, was thwarted in 1864 by Paulina's suspicion. On the return to The Dalles, a winter camp of Paulina's (on present Paulina Creek) was surprised and Paulina's wife and son were carried off by Huntington as hostages to Fort Vancouver.

The next year Paulina agreed to treat with Huntington, and did so, being placed on the reservation at Fort Klamath during the winter of 1865-66.

In 1867, Dr. W. C. McKay traveled the historic Meadow trail again, this time returning from a year's action with Gen. George Crook in the Snake War of 1866-68. McKay's and John Darragh's detachments of Warm Springs Scouts were especially useful to the army during this period.

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PAGE 1 ID, top row, 1. to r.: Peter Skene Ogden, Hudson's Bay Company fur trader who sent Tom McKay and Finan McDonald up the Deschutes, 1825; Nathaniel Wyeth, New England merchant who trapped the Deschutes in the deep snows of 1835; Lt. John C. Fremont, who crossed to the north edge of the Big Meadows in December, 1843, with a party which included Thomas Fitzpatrick, Kit Carson and Billy Chinook; Lt. Henry Larcom Abbot, co-leader of Pacific Railroad Survey Party, 1855. Middle row: Lt. Robert Stockton Williamson, who led Survey party with Abbot; Lt. Philip Sheridan, "Little Phil" of Civil War fame, a member of Abbot-Williamson party, 1855; Lt. George Crook, for whom Crook County is named, another member of the Abbot-Williamson party; Andrew S. McClure, an 1853 immigrant to Eugene City with the Elliott party (he made passage to the Willamette Valley by way of the McKenzie route as a member of the rescue party). He first traveled through the Big Meadows in 1858 as a member of the McBride mining group searching for the Blue Bucket nuggets. Bottom row: War Chief Paulina, Paiute leader whose warriors, with other Snakes, terrorized old Wasco County (photographed at Fort Klamath, 1865); William McKay, son of Tom, who was agency physician at Warm Springs in the 1860's and leader of Warm Springs Scouts against Paiutes in 1866-67; Donald McKay, William's half-brother, famous for exploits in the Modoc War, 1873; Col. Frank S. Besson, commander of Camp Abbott Engineer Replacement Training Camp, 1943-44.



Engineer Gate made from peeled lodgepole logs.

—OHS Photo



A trainee runs the obstacle course.

—U.S. Signal Corps

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1936—Marie Dunlap, Frances Folev, Keith F. Langworthy, Rose Laukat Renno, James Van Huffel.

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"The association shall be composed of persons who lived within a one hundred mile radius of the city of Bend, Deschutes County, Oregon at a time not less than forty years prior to application for membership. The wife or husband of a member automatically becomes eligible for membership in the Association or direct descendant of parents who were or are eligible for membership in the association, upon the attainment of the age of thirty-five years.

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February—Ruth M. Graves, Zella Staats.

March—George Amos Hostetler (President 1970).

May—George F. Thompson.

June—William Baer.

July—James A. Elder, Frank Anderson, Joe Slate.

August—Jennie Vodvick, Opal Sprague, Georgia E. Thom (Queen 1967).

September—Cletas B. Clark, Margaret Springstube.

October—Fred L. Mahn.

November—Rose Coleman.

December—K. O. Buick, Albert Earl Saye.

The first hotel, meat market, and livery stable in Prineville were established by Monroe Hodges in 1873.

The first store in Prineville was built and operated in 1871-72 by William Heisler.

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VIOLET ESTHER MAYNE FRANKS

Pioneers' Association Queen

Queen Violet Esther Mayne Franks, the 27th Queen of the Deschutes Pioneers' Association, was born in South Dakota to Alexander and Hattie M. Mayne in 1901.

In 1907 the family, consisting of her parents, two brothers and a sister, moved west to Raymond, Washington. While there her third brother was born.

Then in 1913 when the Fort Rock desert was being settled by homesteaders, the family filed on 160 acres. The children attended a one-room school which included all grades. Her father worked "outside" to support the homestead venture, while her mother and the children did the necessary work required to "prove up." After three years the family moved to Bend where all the living members still live.

Alexander Mayne was a carpenter and farmer and worked at both trades until his retirement. Hattie Mayne operated the Mountain View Hospital for several years, then had the nursing home on East Third Street until her retirement in 1952.

Violet and Oscar M. Franks first met in 1918 while attending services at The First Baptist Church; they

were married January 23, 1921. The Franks have lived continuously in Central Oregon.

During World War II the Queen worked at the ordnance plant and then for several years for Singer Sewing Center and Al's Drive-In Grocery.

Queen Violet loves the wide open spaces; in fact, the entire outdoors—camping, hunting and fishing. At home she is always lending a helping hand to the sick or elderly whether they are neighbors or relatives.

Her husband was a timber faller but later worked at service stations, then sheared sheep for 42 seasons. Thirteen summers were spent at the City of Bend water intake, which is located near Tumalo Falls.

Both are retired now and will celebrate their 56th wedding anniversary this month.

Central Oregon's first water and electric plant began operation in Prineville in May, 1900.

The first municipal bonds for construction of the City of Prineville Railway were authorized March 3, 1916.



Early Orchestra . . .

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keys made her playing memorable, recalls that she joined the Hosmer group in 1924. Paul had a Rickenbacker automobile in which the members of the orchestra and their equipment were transported. It was so crowded that body heat kept them from freezing on drives to Lapine or Sisters, though she sometimes had to warm her fingers at the dance hall stove before she could play.

Connie attended Oregon Agricultural College, took as many music courses there as she could before completing her two years in 1921. And at college she played for sorority dances and convocations. In Sisters there were dances at Hardy Allen's Garage and Connie played for these often.

She recalls going on the circuit in 1922, to Silver Lake, Paisley, Lakeview, Klamath Falls, Fort Klamath, and back to Bend, playing every night but Sunday. There were five members of that group and she remembers that Harold Clapp and Everett Eslick were among them. The players made \$5.00 a night.

In 1924, working for Pacific Power and Light in Bend, she met Hugh Amsberry, then a young printer for Henry Fowler and an accomplished musician. He interested her in the Hosmer Orchestra, and in other ways, also, for they were married in 1924. For more than 20 years after that they played for dances, with Hosmer, with others, and the memory of their music lingers with many members of the Pioneers' Association.

"The money was good," Connie Amsberry recalls, "but the hours were long. My principal enjoyment came from watching people enjoy themselves. We met so many. Often, people would come to the band stand and request their particular favorite pieces. We always tried to oblige them, and one of the things I remember in later years is the number of people who stopped to say how much they enjoyed our music."

After the depression, Hugh and Connie bought a small five-and-dime store in Independence which they built into a successful business. Later they moved to Redmond where they were variously involved in mercantile ventures. Retired now, they live at the Mt. Angel Towers near Silverton, visiting often in Central Oregon with friends and their daughter Shirley (Mrs. Kieran Madden) of Redmond. Both of them continue to love music and Connie plays still, when she can.

In Bend the Hosmer Orchestra played sometimes at the Hippodrome, whose brick walls have vanished now, together with the sounds of the sweet mellow saxophone, of the ringing banjo, of the drum, and of Connie Amsberry's famous left hand, banging out the bass notes in the last three bars of "My Blushin' Rosie."



President Rosebrook, long-time owner of the George Millican ranch on the high desert, has been active in the pioneer museum in addition to other service to the Pioneers' Association. Vice President in 1975, Mr. Rosebrook owns an extensive private museum which includes Oregon vehicle license plates for every year. Barbed wire, horse shoes, branding irons, traps are numbered also in his collection. With him is his wife, Mabel.

Hugh Amsberry Recalls Travel in Mid-Oregon

A January, 1974, letter from Hugh Amsberry contains an interesting account of early travel in the 1920s. Amsberry, a long-time printer for both the **Bend Bulletin** and the **Redmond Spokesman** at various times, relates:

"I spent five days and nights getting from Vale to Portland, along with \$150 transportation and lodging. I was working in Vale and was offered a job in Lakeview, and rather than ride a train for three days via Nevada I hired a taxi to take me across country to Lakeview. We left Vale at 8 a.m. and arrived in Lakeview at 4 a.m. next morning with a burned-out bearing, in spite of the fact that we used three gallons of oil—and I drove most of the way because the taxi man couldn't keep awake. After a short rest in a hotel room I went down to the print shop, only to be informed that the position had been filled. The owner was very sorry about the mixup and gave me a check for \$150—\$70 for the taxi and \$80 for the trip to Portland.

"Next morning I boarded the 'stage' and had to stay over night in Silver Lake, where the fire escape was a coil of rope in one corner of the room. To pass away the time I started playing a piano in a little room adjoining the lobby, and it wasn't very long before I glanced up and saw a room full of people, probably the entire

population of Silver Lake, who seemed to be enjoying the impromptu concert.

"Next evening we arrived in Bend and I boarded the train for the night trip to Portland. Incidentally, the train consisted of an engine, three cattle cars, one passenger car and a caboose."

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was intended to serve as a mortgage to secure payment of the indebtedness.

In May, 1937, legal action invested title to the land with the Hudson Investment Company. This land, then vacant, was purchased from Hudson Investment by Dee Haines in August, 1937.

One interesting idea by the company was to use the juniper excelsior, aromatic thin strips accumulated by the milling process, to supply raw material for a subsidiary industry — stuffing mattresses.

In Redmond, in 1920, interest in the Bend operation sparked a rival corporation, the Redmond Juniper Manufacturing Company.

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CORRECTION:

Last Year's Gazette erroneously titled Bill Staats "W. D." We knew better: it is correctly, W. H., pioneer postmaster whose postal receipts in 1902 averaged 25 cents a month.

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wife and four little children at Fort Yamhill Ogn. My wife's health is very poor. As my presence is needed with my family and a majority of my Company is at Fort Yamhill and the Siletz Blockhouse, I would most respectfully ask to be sent to Fort Yamhill Ogn."

Orders arrived shortly afterwards recalling the men to Fort Yamhill where they were mustered out June 30. The Company abandoned Camp Polk, May 24, with supplies taken by pack train. James Shelley wrote that progress was slow, with mud and rain all the way to The Dalles, a distance of 110 miles. They arrived at the Columbia River settlement on June 3, averaging 10 miles per day. Fort Yamhill was reached on June 12, but the actual mustering out did not take place until the end of the month.

No other troops were ever sent to occupy the camp.

In 1918, on the occasion of the Grand Army of the Republic convention in Portland, three survivors of the Camp Polk garrison met on the street for a brief reunion before marching in the parade: James M. Shelley, a retired traveling and show business man of Eugene; Thomas Crowley of Polk County; and J. E. Henkle of Corvallis. Some of the men had not seen each other for 40 years. All three were described in a news clipping (Oregon Historical Society Scrapbook 85, p. 24) as still strong and hearty, marching in the parade with "their old-time spring and vigor."

These are the men who marched the 150 miles from Fort Yamhill so long ago to the little wilderness post on Squaw Creek, along with rank and place of enlistment:

Charles Lafollett, Captain, Salem; James M. Shelley, 1st Sgt., Dallas; Ezra C. Wyatt, Sgt., Corvallis; Francis M. Sebring, Sgt., Dallas; Samuel E. Starr, Corporal, Corvallis; Francis M. Naught, Corporal, Dallas; Peter B. Ground, Bugler, Dallas; Charles H. Cox, Bugler, Dallas. Privates: Jonas Belknap, Alexander T. Drisko, Isaac N. Edwards, Charles Fuqua, Josephus Hammer, Colbert Henkle, Jeremiah Henkle, William Martin, Henry C. McFarland, William H. Morgan, John C. Morgan, John J. Nye, Letts Rexford, Leander J. Starr, Cornelius B. Starr, Leroy H. Starr, all at Corvallis; Warren Birdsdel, Judson P. Bowman, William G. Campbell, Thomas Crowley, George W. Dyer, Albert P. Eddy, Thomas J. Frier, Isaac W. Hubbard, Felix G. Nichols, James W. Richardson, James B. Riggs, Walter J. Sargeant, William Shannon, John H. Staats, James W. Stewart, Henry H. Watson, Lewis S. Zumwalt, all at Dallas, Oregon.

The first paved streets in Bend were Delaware Avenue and Lava Road, in 1919.



Central Oregon stages leave Hotel Shaniko, circa 1909.



The young ladies are from left to right Marie Pearson, the teacher Clara Bliss, and Mabel Newell. Front row, Ted and Carl Pearson, unidentified little girl, a Newell boy and a Pearson boy. Photo was taken by pioneer Central Oregon photographer, Oscar Hedlund, in 1913, who also took the photo of the schoolhouse.

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CENTRAL OREGON SCHOOL MARM, 1913

By Dorothy Moore Nelson

There was more to teaching school than just the three "R's" back in 1913 in rural Central Oregon. There were things such as splitting wood, getting a fire started on a frigid morning and carrying the day's supply of water to school in a gallon jug. There were brisk hikes facing a stiff wind over a trail through head-high sagebrush with the possibility of an unexpected encounter with a rattlesnake.

A bright young teacher fresh out of high school and a summer teaching course at normal school could anticipate a top salary of forty-five dollars a month, with another five for doing the janitorial work. She was expected to be on the job by eight in the morning and not to leave until after four in the afternoon. There were no fringe benefits. She must set a proper example at all times. Such worldly pleasures as Saturday night dances could completely ruin a girl's reputation. There was also the distinct possibility that the teacher would "board around" at the homes of her pupils. She would be expected to pay cash for this privilege and to assist the lady of the house in the evening and on weekends, and, in all probability, share a room with at least one child. There was no privacy.

If the young school marm were fortunate, she would find the walls of the house papered with the *Youth's Companion* which afforded reading material when life became unbearably dull. There were some drawbacks, however, such as standing on the dresser holding a kerosene lamp in hand and attempting to read from the ceiling. Imagine the frustration of finding the most thrilling part of a story had been pasted story-side down on the wall. It is little wonder that Lea and Perrin's Sauce was so highly regarded—not for its contents but for the interesting reading material on the bottle.

These are things that Clara Bliss Koenig remembers of her school

teaching days at a little country school east of Madras. She came to Central Oregon to teach in the fall of 1913 and made her home for a part of the time with a sister and brother-in-law who had taken up a homestead there. Although born at Van, in Harney County where her mother had been the first postmaster, she had lived most of her life at Bremerton, Washington, where she graduated from high school in 1910.

Her school building was functional in the most minimal sense of the word. There was a blackboard, a few desks, and a heating stove. There was no play equipment and the restrooms were down the path. The seven children attending came from three families; Campbell's, Pearson's and Newell's. Marie Pearson and Mabel Newell were both taller than the diminutive Clara who had to stand on an apple box when the school picture was taken to give the illusion of being much taller than she really was.

Quite frequently older children in a family were kept at home until younger brothers or sisters were old enough to send off to school. Thus, the teacher had to be prepared to teach all eight grades and there was often quite an age span between pupils in a single grade because of this practice.

Pretty young school teachers did not go unnoticed by bachelor homesteaders. Staying single was far more of a problem than getting married. When a photographer attempted to take Clara's picture with twin mule colts, one young man vaulted the corral fence and got into the act, much to her surprise and the delight of the audience.

Late in the fall, teachers of the area attended a county teachers' institute which was held in Prineville in Crook County.

Clara Bliss made the trip by stage-coach in the company of the teachers from Haycreek and Grizzly schools. The stage driver was about half-drunk and kept leering back



Clara Bliss' schoolhouse, east of Madras, where she taught in 1913. The building was later moved and for many years Mrs. Perry Henderson taught at the new location. Mrs. Henderson, now retired and living at Madras, recalls that she had students with the names of DeLude, Crews and Schmoker. Like so many little schoolhouses this one is lost except for memories. No one seems to remember the number of the district or what ever became of the building.

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at the apprehensive young ladies. His handling his team did nothing to give them confidence, but nothing happened and they arrived at their destination safely.

Since life in the "outback" was anything but exciting, Clara welcomed a chance to spend her weekends at the Madras Hotel which was owned by an aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Moore. The town then boasted two railroad lines with separate depots, a flour mill, many livery stables, several stores and a restaurant or two, besides the hotel which was considered the best between Bend and The Dalles.

Clara taught two terms at this school. She returned to Bremerton to teach in city schools there and in 1918 married Fred Koenig, an employee of the Naval shipyard and the son of an Alaskan whaling captain. Now a widow and retired, she lives at Bremerton, Washington.

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G. E. Dobson was president, Dr. J. F. Hosch, vice president, and L. S. Roberts, secretary-treasurer. The company anticipated the manufacture of other juniper items, besides pencil slats.

On Friday, July 29, 1921, three days before the new mill was to begin its operation, it burned to the ground, with a loss of \$7,000. An August *Bend Bulletin* story details the indictment for arson of a former manager of Bend Juniper Products Company, and at the time of the fire, manager of the Redmond plant. By September the plant was operating, and the 1924-25 *Polk Business Directory* for Deschutes County lists it. The location of the first pencil plant has not presently been ascertained; the second operated from an old barn and warehouse originally owned by the Central Oregon Irrigation Company, near the Oregon Trunk Depot.

CAMP SIX SCHOOL, TUMALO PROJECT



The April 29, 1914, *Bend Bulletin* carried the announcement that a new school had been erected at Camp Number 6 on the Tumalo Project by the families of the camp. Mrs. A. S. Nicols, wife of the camp engineer, was elected teacher. Notice the corrugated roofing. From left, back row: Earl Hughes, Ray Green, Lois Clark, Mary Couch, Mrs. Nicols, John Williamson, Freda Clark, Floyd Surface, Rollie Clark. Front row: Surface, Leonard Truax, Wilbur Silver, Keith Nicols, Alma Jaeger, Blanche Silver, Fred Truax, Cleon Clark.

(Photo courtesy and identification: Mrs. Freda Clark McDaniel of Tumalo.)