

The Petaluma Argus Courier

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Petaluma thanks a favorite doctor

For years the doctor arrived at the hospital carrying doughnuts. It was just something he did. He brought them in one day a long time ago as a little treat for the nurses and staff and the surprise was appreciated. It gradually became a twice-a-month tradition.

Now, after 47 years of practicing general medicine in Petaluma, the doctor, Clement Stimson, M.D., is retiring and some of those nurses and staff members at Petaluma Valley hospital gathered to say thanks and goodbye to him recently at a reception in his honor.

"He's my favorite doctor," said one. "He makes me feel important," said another.

Dr. Stimson has been making a lot of Petalumas feel important since he first came here in 1933. He remembers that in those early days the practice of medicine was considerably different from what it is now.

"The doctor was on call 24 hours a day," he said. "And most patients were treated at their homes, which meant many hours and miles of travelling." He doesn't remember having taken any vacations during those years.

The improvement in the X-ray and the discovery of penicillin were two major landmarks Dr. Stimson encountered during his years of practice.



Hospital board director Franklin Burns thanks Dr. Clement Stimson

"The X-ray was an important tool in making diagnoses and penicillin successfully treated infections which had often been fatal in the past," he said.

The new enthusiasm for

home births amuses Dr. Stimson, who said, "I delivered more babies at home than I did in a hospital." The fee for delivering babies in those days was \$50.

Office calls were a whopping \$2.50 and house calls \$3.50. Payment, however, was often not in cash but in goods: eggs, produce, chickens.

Dr. Stimson's road to such

early bounty was not an easy one, however. Born in Southern California, he moved as a young boy to McCloud in the north of the state where his father was employed as a saw filer in the lumber mills.

The draft took his father's helper in 1918, so he interrupted his education and replaced the helper. At age 23 he returned to school, continuing to work nights. Eventually, he graduated from the University of California at Berkeley medical school.

Once again, war was to interrupt Dr. Stimson's life and in 1942 he enlisted in the Navy serving on the transport ship, "Spica"

"We were in Alaska and I remember treating many men for frozen feet," Dr. Stimson said. "At one time there was a Japanese prisoner on board whose leg we had to amputate."

When he left to join the Navy, Dr. Stimson had left his office furniture and equipment in place, paying a monthly rental of \$25 on his office. Upon returning in 1945, he unlocked the office door, and went right back into practice.

The ensuing years have been spent caring for the health of several generations of Petalumas, and Dr. Stimson and his practice will be remembered by a lot of people for a lot more than doughnuts.

Note: Dr. Clement Stimson was married to Jesse Ellen Tebbe, whose father was George Albert Tebbe (born in Deadwood, Butte County)

January 13, 1981

WOULD YOU BELIEVE??? There are those among us who once lived in tents --- The women followed their men and braved all kinds of difficulties to be together---. Today folks have to have self-contained motor homes and travel trailers -- if you live in a tent you are considered an odd-ball.....

According to the Outdoor California Magazine, seventy years ago the Fish and Game Commission had a converted railroad baggage car, known as the "Fish Distributing Car"; trout were carried in 10-gallon milk cans hundreds of miles from Mt. Shasta Hatchery south through the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley to Owens Valley. The train stopped on bridges along the way to plant the fish in streams....So much for the "Olden Days".....

WEATHER: - - - If we don't have some rain soon, I am going to have to water--- maybe if we all blow real hard toward the south, the "High" will go away... We're much better off than the "Flatlanders" in the valley -- we have sunshine instead of that cold, miserable fog. The high temperature at my house was 60 degrees with the low at 39°. Rainfall remains at 14.05 inches. The level of Lake Oroville is 846.08 ft. -- 53.92 ft. crest of 900 ft.

IT'S A SHAME that more people don't take an active part in the Community Association...If it weren't for Howard Clark and the people who stormed the Supervisors meetings, we wouldn't see that Sheriff's truck running up and down the roads--Shame on you!!!!

'Bye for now,

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CONCOW GRANGE NOTE --- Rita Moore, Master

I would like to welcome Bob and Gail Odom as new members of Concow Grange. Thanks to everyone who was at our meeting and made it such a success. Let's keep up the good work!

Hope to see a good crowd at our Birthday and Anniversary Dinner at 6:30 p.m. on Jan. 17th at the Grange Hall. Remember, we are going to have an officers training class after dinner.

YANKEE HILL LADIES CLUB

27 members and guests enjoyed guest speaker Mollie Reiner, Manager of the Security Pacific Bank, Oroville, who enlightened those present with information regarding credit, investments, etc...

Jo and Frances Pirtle were co-hostesses for the Tuesday afternoon meeting.

Jo Pirtle accepted the nomination as Club Secretary for the remainder of the term, replacing Ann Royal who resigned.

\$289.00 was donated to the Golden Feather Fire Co. as a result of the Christmas Sale.

Betty Neel was appointed membership chairman.

New members: Irene Bryan, Sue Ehlers and Mollie Reiner, bring the total membership to 34 -- an all-time high.

FIRE STATION NEWS

RAY HENDRICKS

The Golden Feather Volunteer Fire Co. Board of Directors meeting was held Monday evening, Jan. 12, 1981, at Concow School.

As provided in the by-laws, election of officers for the current year was held with the following results:

Chairman --- Ray Hendricks
Vice-chairman --- Jim Ackley
Treasurer --- Les Evans
Secretary --- Jack Bryson

Appointed committee leaders were:

Management and Budget --- Frank Moore
Building and Grounds --- Bud Bell
Social Activities and Public Relations --- Judy Saville

The Firefighters reported the results of their election held at an earlier date to be:

Fire Chief --- Jim Giles
Assistant Fire Chief --- Bob Saville
First Captain --- Jim Pyle
Second Captain --- Jim Laird
Training Officer --- Skip Clark
Secretary --- Keith Pommerenck
Equipment Officer --- Mark McGraw
Property Officer --- Jim Bundy
Buildings and Grounds Officer --- Phil Meyer

Our fire fighter complement is now 14 members of a currently authorized strength of 15. It is gratifying to see the solid growth of this vital organization --- and most reassuring for a rural community to have these well-trained, dedicated individuals available to respond in emergencies when help is most needed.

We are all indebted to our outgoing officers for a job well done, and we welcome the new officers to meet with courage and resolve, the challenges of the new year. The word "volunteer" itself implies difficult tasks and extraordinary hardship. But we do have the assurance of complete community involvement and acceptance of responsibility. The tasks may be difficult but many willing hands will lighten the load.

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH NEWS

We extend a warm welcome to you to join us for Bible Study at 9:30 AM and for our Worship Service at 11:00 AM on Saturday morning January 17th. Guest Speaker will be Elder Greer.

Seventh Day Adventist Services are held at the Concow Grange Hall on Big Bend Road.

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HAPPY 5TH YEAR TO GOLDEN FEATHER ECHOES

The present day Golden Feather Echoes celebrates the beginning of its fifth year on January 14, 1981. It is a carry over, or "spin off" for TV "junkies", of the old "Concow-Yankee Hill Informer" of the early 1970's.

The GFE was the brain child of Carol Pyle, Alyce Hendricks, Jay Grieco, and Joyce Clark. That very first issue on Jan. 24, 1977 took nearly a week to accomplish. It was a complimentary issue and was delivered to the entire Golden Feather area - from Pentz to Pulga and all points between. The "press" was a badly malfunctioning Spirit Duplicator whose prime objective was to destroy every Master copy placed on it! However, the Fearless Foursome" continued undaunted.

The GFE continued through paper shortages, emergency situations when the printing press refused to function, illness, snow, rain, old and worn-out typewriters, lack of sufficient funding, and lack of response from the community.

Time, effort, and yes, money, was given to keep GFE alive and well. When the first year came to a close, all four involved "news-people" knew the GFE would survive.

And survive it has, although only 2 of the original 4 carry on with the weekly task of publication, there have been many others step in to help insure survival of the community newspaper.

Its subscribers include Senators, Congressmen, County officials, people from many other states - and even Japan-- as well as many of the local residents.

The GFE serves to keep the Community informed, and insures that a feeling of unity exists in this large geographic area with its ever-growing populace. Those who give so unselfishly each week deserve more credit than they will ever receive, and those who support the GFE are truly keeping the community "lifeline" intact.

Happy Anniversary, GFE! Bless you Alyce, Jay and staff.

Joyce Clark

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RESIDENT WANTS TO SAVE HISTORIC SCHOOL

(Excerpted from an article by Sue Ehlers)

The old Oregon City School was once the beginning of learning out there. It will probably be sold off this year so that the School Board (who owns it) can purchase new land for expansion closer to our present Concow School. Once picked up by the School Board for back taxes from the Historical Society, it is now ready to be scrapped. I'd like to see it saved.

In the master plan for Concow School, there is a place between the pool and the proposed tennis and volley-ball courts which has been designated as "open free area". The Master Plan states "As designated, the open-free area also provides a suitable location for the possible development of a Community Center (recreation facilities complex) in the future beyond the range of the Master Plan. Several community needs evidenced by the citizens survey would be met by such a center".

At present, we have no facilities for children under kindergarten age. Granted, most families prefer to stay home with their small children and nurture them themselves in the way they should grow. I don't dispute this at all. However, many of our rural children, though well-versod in a strong sense of "living in their environment" have not had the exposure to other children and other people, such as teachers. I've seen kids, perfectly adjusted within their own environment become withdrawn and skeptical their whole first year of school because they have difficulty handling not only the long bus ride, but the complete change of stimuli as well. In many cases they are overwhelmed and spend a good deal of time simply adjusting.

By providing some kind of day care, we might allow some people now on welfare to either return to Butte College to increase their vocational skills, or to find a job of their own. Less money going out on welfare equals more money for the county to improve existing programs, we hope!

And lastly, the building could serve as a community center. An old historical building, renovated to be safe and secure, could give the community a sense of roots, while providing a "place to be" in the present. A place to allow evening recreation classes, that don't have to be over by 9:30 p.m. so that the school can be cleaned, as is now the case. A place where we can hold Community Fund Raisers, possibly a Bingo Night for our Volunteer Fire Department or Community Association. And even a once a week clinic for supplementary medical care.

A medical facility in this community is probably the highest priority need. I only have to remember my newborn Jessica choking in the middle of the night, with seconds ticking by and her face getting pinker, to realize the impact of how far away from the hospital we were. I dislodged the obstruction that time, but I sure wished I had had emergency help immediately.

RESIDENT WANTS TO SAVE HISTORIC SCHOOL continued:

A local resident doctor, now working some days in the Emergency Room at Paradise Hospital has volunteered his time to run a once a week afternoon clinic for routine checks, heart and blood pressure monitoring, nutritional counseling nad possibly immunizations. He is willing to do this for whatever compensation we can get. We are beginning to talk with the people in Feather Falls and Brownsville, who have obtained Federal Funding to have their own satellite Medical Clinics. These clinics will be privately run in three years, but in the meantime, they have funding to get started. We may also be able to get funding, it is a real possibility for Concow to have its own medical facility.

SUE EHLERS

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SCHOOL BOARD NEWS

The January 8, 1981 meeting included, among other things, a discussion on the future of the old Oregon City School. The discussion took the form of either keeping the old school or selling it. A proposal was submitted to the Board by Sue Ehlers. Sue would like to see the old structure used for a day care center and suggested several sites and possible methods of funding. The Board decided to ask someone from the County Building Dept. to come and inspect the structure for safety. After more is known, there will be public hearings on the subject.

Discussion was also opened on possible future construction of tennis courts on the pool site. More discussion will follow at future meetings.

A new 20-passenger bus was purchased to alleviate overcrowding on the "early run. The old 31-passenger bus was awarded to the sole bidder, Nelson School District.

The resignation of Jack Cox as head teacher was accepted by the Board. Mr. Cox has served in the capacity last year and this year, and the District saw great benefit from that union between District/Board and Community. A replacement has not been named.

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EHMANN HOUSE & OREGON CITY SCHOOL By Sue Ehlers

A reception was held at the Ehmann House in Oroville on Sunday, January 18, to transfer the title from it's present owner to the Butte County Historical Society. The house will be restored and become the Society's new headquarters. Over two hundred people attended the reception, including State Senator Ray Johnson and County Supervisor Bertha Moseley, as well as many families from Oroville and surrounding areas.

I attended the reception at the invitation of Mrs. Polles, a property owner in Concow. Her husband, Walter E. Polles is a grandson of the Ehmann family. She thought we might find someone in attendance who was interested in the Oregon City School. She was right!

I met and talked with Jim Lenoff, who is now president of the Historical Society and was surprised to learn that they had voted the previous month to try to save the Oregon City School. They hope to restore the school and landscape the surrounding property as a park. It is my understanding that they are unhappy having lost the property to the Golden Feather School District and hope to regain it as an historical site.

I am pleased that the building may be preserved and used. Restoration as an historical landmark on the original site is evidently more feasible than moving the building to another area. The code requirements are less stringent.

COMMUNITY BUILDING ? ? ? ?

Preserving the Oregon City School in Oregon City leaves the Concow Area without plans or possibilities for a Community Building to fulfill some of the needs I cited in a previous issue of the GFE, i.e. - a pre-school program, recreation classes, a health clinic or a place for fund raisers for the Volunteer Fire Dept.

A suggestion was made that we try to interest the community in backing a proposal to Paradise Park & Recreation District to help us upgrade Crain Park; an area already designated for Community use. Perhaps community members could donate materials, but most especially helping hands toward erecting, first a foundation and eventually a building. I would like some feedback on this idea or any other suggestions that might help us find a "gathering place". A place to BE together; sharing ideas, friendship and community.

The Chico Enterprise Record

4-20-1981

Fire Vehicles Received

The California Department of Forestry Butte County Fire Department received two additional vehicles recently, acquired at no charge through the Federal Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978.

The two units are surplus military units that have been converted to fire use, and have been assigned to the Forest Ranch and Golden Feather (Concow) Volunteer Fire Cos.

Each unit, according to CDF fire preven-

tion officer Bill Redding, carries specialized fire and rescue equipment.

Butte County has received several units through the assistance act, which allows the federal government to loan excess equipment to local governments for use in rural fire protection.

The U.S. Forest Service, through state forestry agencies, coordinates the program.

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GOLDEN FEATHER UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

There will be a public hearing on whether or not to continue the Jordan Hill bus run. It has run into considerable cost and maintenance to keep the bus run this year for the small number of students served on that road. The public hearing was tentatively set for July 16, 1981.

Summer maintenance jobs were approved by the Board, including the sand volleyball court at the swimming pool. The Oregon City school site was deeded over to the Butte County Historical Society, with a two year conditional clause, that improvements and repairs would continue to the end result of the goals set by the Historical Society, and an additional clause that the property could never be sold to an outside agency for the profit. If all conditions are met at the end of the two year period, the Historical Society will have permanent ownership of the historical site.

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A Tragic Fire in Our Community

A tragic fire occurred in the Golden Feather community about 6:30 AM Wednesday which claimed the life of Squire Clayborn, infant son of Shelley and Jack Clayborn. The family was residing at the time, in a trailer home on the Frank Cuny property near the Rock House. Cause of the fire has not been determined but an exploding butane tank was reported to have caused immediate destruction and prevented any rescue attempt.

Shelley was hospitalized for severe burns.

The Jarbo Gap firemen, Golden Feather #37 Volunteers and the Paradise #35 Volunteers all responded to the call. The fire was contained within the area of the trailer home.

Since all of the family's possessions were lost, the Golden Feather community is responding by bringing donations to Concow Grange which will be open Saturday afternoon from 12:30 to 2 PM. Information about donations can be obtained by calling 534-7636 or 533-3743.

Raid Nets \$1 Million Pot Crop

OROVILLE (AP) — A former probation officer and his wife were arrested after the seizure of an estimated \$1 million worth of marijuana in an elaborate greenhouse, officers report.

Butte County investigators said Wednesday that Perry Alan Beall, 32, of Lake Concow, and his wife Marsha, 31, were released on \$5,000 bail each after being charged with marijuana cultivation and possession of marijuana for sale.

They were arrested after a morning raid by Butte and Colusa county authorities, along with federal agents.

Santa Cruz Sentinel
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Sheriff's Lt. Ron Chaplin said the 15-foot-high marijuana plants were spotted through a translucent plastic corrugated roof by deputies on air patrol.

Chaplin said the crop was of the sinsemilla variety. He called it "the biggest and nicest I have ever seen."

The marijuana was taken from a 66-foot-square greenhouse equipped with false windows and a sophisticated pumping and cooling system.

The building is in the Lake Concow area, a quiet retirement region in the mountains about 15 miles northeast of Oroville and 80 miles north of Sacramento.

Authorities identified Beall as a former Kings County probation officer from Hanford.

Paradise Post

9-11-1981

Boat driver to face manslaughter charge

Charges of involuntary manslaughter were filed last week against a San Jose man after a 12-year-old boy was killed in an Aug. 23 boating accident at Oroville Lake.

The man, 26-year-old Gregory Miller, was driving a ski boat near Lime Saddle Marina when it collided with an aluminum fishing boat carrying Eric Shawn Felthaus, his mother and his stepfather, all of Yankee Hill.

Capt. Lee Scofield of the Butte County Coroner's Office determined that Felthaus died of a broken neck. Deputy District Attorney Howard Abbott filed the charge Friday.

Ed Szendrey, an investigator for the District Attorney's Office in Oroville, said a hearing is scheduled for Sept. 17 in Oroville Justice Court, with Judge Brian Rix presiding.

If convicted of the charge, Miller could face a sentence ranging from probation to two to four years in prison.

Although Miller has not been arrested, Szendrey says he has

been very cooperative with Abbott, who will prosecute the case for the state.

Szendrey said yesterday that Miller has an attorney, who has assured Abbott that Miller will appear at the hearing.

Felthaus and his parents, Jon and Deborah Klingbeil, were thrown from the boat in the 3 p.m. accident. The Klingbeils were rescued shortly afterward and were treated at Feather River Hospital for their injuries.

But it wasn't until Aug. 31 that divers found and recovered the boy's body in 175 feet of water.

His funeral was held Saturday in Paradise with burial in the Yankee Hill cemetery. His grandfather, R.L. Klingbeil, officiated.

Miller, his wife, an unidentified passenger and the skier behind Miller's boat escaped injury.

Frank Day's legacy exhibited at PWT

A special showing of the paintings of Frank Day will be presented at Pacific Western Traders, in Folsom, through September 27. Day is considered

California's "most honored and beloved native artists."

He considered himself an historian, rather than a painter, and his works capture in strong earth colors the dynamic struggle between man and the elements that control his environment. The legends of the Concow-Maidu tribe were passed from his father, Twohoe, to Day at an early age, but it was not until 1960, at the age of 58, that he began to paint.

"I talk my paintings, say them, sing them, and then paint them," said Day. The artist's works each capture a story of creation, the deeds of a hero, the significance of an ancient ritual or the detailed account of an historic event.

Each painting is accompanied by a written history of the event depicted, taken from tape recordings of Frank Day's historic accounts before his death in 1976.

Original works will be offered for sale, and photographic reproductions will also be available.

Pacific Western Traders is located at 305 Wool St. (east of Sutter), in Folsom. Store and gallery hours are Tuesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Telephone 985-3851.



Sketch from Frank Day painting
"Toto Dance at Bloomer Hill."



DEED TRANSFER — Representatives of the Butte County Historical Society, (left to right) President James Lenhoff and restoration committee chairman Gertrude Nisbet Bartley, accept a deed transfer from officials of the Golden Feather Elementary School District, Superintendent Robert Throneberry and board member Howard Clark, in front of the Oregon City School on Table Mountain. The school is scheduled to be turned into a cultural and recreational attraction in the county.

Schoolhouse Gets New Lease on Life

OREGON CITY (E-R) — It's been touch-and-go for several years, a period marked with neglect and vandalism, but the historic one-room schoolhouse at Oregon City on Table Mountain has a new lease on life at last.

The board of trustees of the Golden Feather Elementary School District recently voted unanimously to deed the property to the Butte County Historical Society.

Under terms of the agreement negotiated between the school board and James Lenhoff, president of the society and instigator of the project, a restoration committee will have two years during which to refurbish the building and make it usable for museum purposes and occasional meetings. If completed on schedule, the society will retain the landmark permanently.

The picturesque school house is believed to be the oldest one-room school remaining in the county, dat-

ing at least from the 1870s and perhaps as early as 1858, when the Oregon City School District was established. It is located about six miles north of Oroville.

Following a brief deed transfer ceremony early last month in front of the school, Lenhoff commended school trustees for their vision, in times of tight public money to part with the property for a museum, rather than hold a public auction that might have meant destruction of the site.

Gertrude Nisbet Bartley and Joe McGie have been named co-chairmen of the restoration committee and are now looking for volunteers and organizations to assist them in their efforts.

The restoration will include picnic tables and a picket fence around the school. Those interested may contact the committee, in care of P.O. Box 2195, Oroville, 95965.

Sacramento Bee
12-31-1981

Dog Beats The Odds With 'Miracle' Return

YANKEE HILL, Butte Co. (UPI) — People who live in a remote wooded area of Butte County are marveling over the survival instincts of a dog named Brandy.

By Dorothy Laird's accounting, her family pet either chewed or pulled off part of a front paw to escape a spring-loaded trap that apparently ensnared it 19 days without food.

"It's a miracle," Laird said Tuesday as she gingerly held up the bandaged paw of the 1-year-old springer spaniel. "We've got a real survivor here. She's a special kind of dog."

She said Brandy vanished from the family's rustic cabin on Dec. 8. Weeks of searching and advertising in local newspapers were fruitless and the Lairds thought the dog had been stolen, she said.

On Monday, the brown and white dog reappeared, whimpering feebly

as it tried to crawl toward its master. The dog's ribs showed beneath its coat.

Veterinarian D.W. Lunt said he was able to save most of the front paw, except for one toe that was severed in the animal trap. He said Brandy had nothing to eat for weeks and probably sustained herself by lapping rain water. Lunt said the dog would recover with only a slight limp to show for the ordeal.

Laird theorized that the dog had been caught by the same kind of coyote trap that had killed two of her neighbor's prize-winning show dogs.

"I just want people to be aware that there may be traps out there that may have been abandoned," she said. "Maybe something good will come of this."

Yankee Hill is 17 miles north of Oroville.