

From Audrey MCCLANE Henry's School Notes
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School and Kids on the Little Nestucca

One year there was only money enough from Tillamook (*County? db*) for 8 days of school. It was take it or lose it to the General Fund. It was winter. There were 8 inches of snow on the ground part of the time.

William Baxter was operator of the Little Nestucca Toll Gate and road. His daughter, Olive, was a teacher and available. The teacher's salary was \$20.00 a month.

The front room of the Robert Orr home became the schoolroom. The room and board was \$10.00 a month to stay in the various homes. August Kautz brought 3 little boys down from the South Fork and also a 50 pound sack of potatoes and fresh vegetables to help on their board in the Orr home for the 8 days accommodations.

There were 6 pupils. One little boy too young for school was signed up for school money for the following year.

The next year we had 3 months of school at Dolph in the summer walking 3 miles to school. 1 summer Audrey got in 3 months by boarding near the Meda School. Miss Rachel Robinson taught the 1st half and Miss Maybelle Wallace taught the 2nd half. She and Audrey roomed together at the George Poteet home.

The 1st of the year of 1903 the McClane family moved to the Meda district where they had 6 months of school. Miss Mable Parker was the teacher the last half of the year. By this time there were 4 McClane girls, Audrey, Elma, Ava and the baby, Eula. Their father, Charlie McClane, carried the mail from Dolph to the Oretown area.