

Hattan, Maxine CHALUPNIK Coonse Conlee Hinds -

Memories of My Childhood

born 16 Jun 1921- died 3 Nov 1916 at 95 years old

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Due to the depression we moved from Salem to the Adam Lapin farm next to the Blaine Grange Hall, now a Fitch home. We had lost our home near Salem due to the depression and the farm change on our property. In the community the folks made their own fun by having dances in the homes. They rolled up the linoleum, and the music was a violin and/or a piano. My daddy, Jesse Coonse, taught me how to dance. We had great times. We would dance all night and then go home and milk the cows before finally getting to bed and getting some sleep before Sunday School.

In later years we felt living "up Blaine" was the most fun we ever had. Often the younger people would go to the Grange Hall for an evening of *Skit-T-M-Lou*, *Miller Boy*, *Post Office* and many other games. We often sang as we played the games.

My Blaine School teacher was Emmett Gray. We had all 8 grades in 1 room, and often there was only 1 child per grade.

Before coming to Beaver Grade School I went a half of a year to Brown School where Patience Quinn was my teacher. At Beaver Grade School in my 8th grade Mrs. Alvord was my teacher. Mrs. Warmoth had the 4 lower grades. It was a 2 room school and was heated by a huge wood furnace in the middle of the school room. I graduated from the 8th grade at Beaver. The graduation was held at the church. Betty WOODS Jensen, Jack Lellow & Bob Gilbert were in my class as well as Mathyl Ruth WADE Gulstrom, my life-long friend.

I have always enjoyed fishing and spent many happy times drifting for steelhead in the Nestucca.

There were 2 sawmills in Beaver, and my daddy, Jesse Coonse, worked in both of them. My mom, Agnes JENSEN Coonse worked in the store for Aronson's (Gust Anders b 1876 in Sweden & d 1964, and Emma Charlotte Aronson b 1879 and d 1950 db). My mom was active in the Beaver Rebecca Lodge.

Sincerely,

Maxine Hattan