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The first issue of the Grant's Pass Courier (the apostrophe was then used in the name of the city) appeared only three weeks after the Agrus was started and was dated April 3, 1885. J. H. Stine was its founder and he continued publication until June 4, 1886 when J. W. Wimer's name appeared as the partner of Stine under the firm name of Wimer and Stine, which partnership continued for one month, until July 2.

Reports For Courier Placed In 23 Districts: 1935²

In 1935 the Daily Courier had a corps of 23 paid correspondents covering almost the entire trade area who furnish weekly items from their neighborhoods. Grave Creek and Hugo's reporters follow.

Grave Creek – Mrs. R. I. Helm
Hugo – N. Elizabeth Penney

Reporters

County Editor³

Miss Clara Trefren, 731 Highland avenue, qualifies for this anniversary edition of the Courier both as being long a resident of Grants Pass and as an active newspaper woman.

Miss Trefren entered the field in 1904 as type setter for the Mining Journal. During her employment there the publication was moved from rooms in the opera house to the Conkin building.

"It was a 24-page paper," she said. "The name was changed later to the 'Pacific Outlook' when the plant was purchased by William Browner. The Outlook went 'floey,' so I went to work for Galbraith, who put out the 'Observer,' which was located on the second floor of the now Fields hotel."

The Observer was sold to A. S. Coutant, who moved the paper from the Fields hotel to the place where The Palms Cafe is now, at 311 South Sixth street. An interlude was necessary then for two years, as Miss Trefren's mother became more seriously ill, and Clara was called home until after the elder woman's death in 1917.

More Information

County Editor Continued "When I again came back to newspaper work, it was to be employed by A. E. Voorhies at the Rogue River Courier," Miss Trefren said. Miss Trefren said, "I did the make-up work for about ten years, and in 1928 I was given the desk of 'county editor' to handle all the correspondence from quite a number of rural districts both in Josephine and Jackson counties."

In 1932 Miss Trefren was called home again due to her father's state of health. He died September 15, 1933.

Miss Trefren was born in Nebraska on March 19, 1886.

Want more information? Contact an officer of the *Hugo Neighborhood* on how you can become involved in your community's history and land use.

1. Grants Pass Courier. April 3, 1935. *Courier Had Six Owners Six Years*. Golden Anniversary Edition - - - Courier History Section. Grants Pass, OR.

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Hugo Neighborhood Association & Historical Society's Mission

This information brochure is one of a series of documents published by the Hugo Neighborhood Association & Historical Society (*Hugo Neighborhood*). It is designed to be shared with neighbors for the purpose of helping protect our rural quality of life by promoting an informed citizenry in decision-making. The *Hugo Neighborhood* is an informal nonprofit charitable and educational organization with a land use and history mission of promoting the social welfare of its neighbors.

Land Use & History

The *Hugo Neighborhood's* land use mission is to promote Oregon Statewide Goal 1 — Citizen Involvement, and to preserve, protect, and enhance the livability and economic viability of its farms, forests, and rural neighbors. It will act, if requested, as a technical resource assisting neighbors to represent themselves.

Its history mission is to educate, collect, preserve, interpret, and research its local history and to encourage public interest in the history of the Hugo area.

Volunteer membership dues are \$10.00 annually per family and normally used for paper, ink, envelopes, publications and mailings. Send us your e-mail address if you want to know what we are doing.

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