
Hugo's Early Teacher

For purposes of the Hugo's Settler brochure series, an early Hugo settler includes anyone who lived there from 1900 through 1930.

Miss Bertha M. McCallister

Born: 1894
Birth Place: Oregon
Mother's Birth Place: Iowa

1910 Census. Grants Pass Ward 1 Precinct, Josephine County, Oregon

Ira McCallister	Head	IA	1868	42 yrs
Ethyl L. McCallister	Dau	OR	1892	18 yrs
Bertha M. McCallister	Dau	OR	1894	16 yrs
Erma M. McCallister	Dau	OR	1897	13 yrs
Glenn E. McCallister	Son	OR	1901	9 yrs

Ira was supporting her family as a laundress for private families.

1917 School opens September 10 under the supervision of Miss Mary Oakes, of Fruitdale, and Miss Bertha McCallister of Grants Pass. *Rogue River Courier*. September 10, 1917. [Hugo](#).

Bertha McCallister went to Hugo Sunday. *Rogue River Courier*. September 10, 1917. [Personal & Local](#).

Bertha McCallister, Hugo Teacher: 1917 - 1918?

Wood Shed In 1917 the school's woodshed was used by the kids, including Orville, to play in during recess. One day Miss McCallister caught the kids playing in the woodshed and told them they were never to play in there again. She said, "Don't you go in there or you will be in trouble." That worked fine for about a week to 10 days, but then Ted and Walter Ward, Carl and Buck Buffington, Orville Dinger, and a few of the girls were again caught playing in the woodshed. Miss McCallister was very mad and told the boys to go to the creek and get some switches after which she told them to roll up their pants so that their bare legs were showing. Miss McCallister switched the boys very hard to the point most of the boys were cut. At the



Hugo School: 1926

Courtesy of Carrol Brown

time Fred Dinger was on the school board and after he found out about the switching he and several other board members called Miss McCallister down to talk. She told them that, "Well, I told them not to go and they went anyway. They do not seem to know anything except the switches." The board told Miss McCallister, "Now we are going to tell you. You do that again and you are through."¹

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1918 Eight Grade Graduation Miss Mary Oakes was the high school teacher and Miss McCallister was Orville's grammar school teacher when he graduated from the eighth grade during the spring of 1918.¹

1918 Hugo High School Orville became a Freshman at Hugo High School during the 1918 - 1919 school year. He had a man teacher who he thought was a very good teacher, Professor J. Q. Willets. This man was also his teacher the next year. High School was held in the long narrow room north of the main grammar school building. The room had four or five seats across and had about 10 kids in it during Orville's Freshman year. There were doors at both ends of the long narrow high school room. Henry Peterson, Frank Ward, Helena Peterson, and the Martin girl were some of Orville's high school classmates.¹

Second Hugo School: 1912 - 1967

1912 The new school house for District No. 22, Hugo, is nearing completion and it is hoped to have it completed for the opening of the school September 9. If not, the opening will be postponed for one week. Miss Irene Ahern has been engaged as teacher. *Rogue River Courier* August 30, 1912.

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. Hugo Neighborhood. 2004. *Orville Dinger's Hugo Memories: 1910 - 1920*. Hugo, OR.

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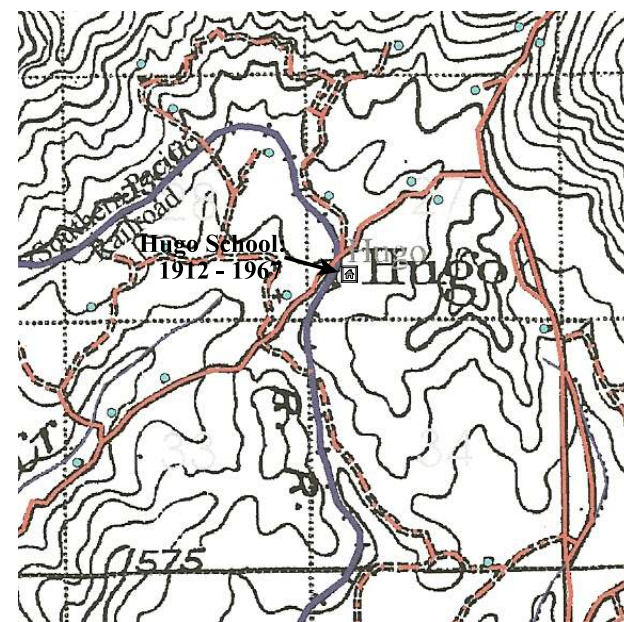
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