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The old BL school house

The "picturesque" Ben Lomond School house which was razed in 1934. The bell (not seen in this picture) is now in the possession of Quail Hollow school and on October 30 will ring again during a ceremony to coincide with the Quail Hollow Country Fair. The students here are not identified, but Mrs. W.T. Jones of Ben Lomond was one of the students shown. (see story)

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3 youths disappear—so does \$85 from till

A reported \$85 was found missing from the cash register of the Wooden Nickle bar in Lompico September 10 immediately following the exit of three juvenile customers, according to bar owner Mrs.

Lucille Duff.

Mrs. Duff told deputies that the three juveniles had been refused beer at the bar, but then asked for a sandwich. The owner had to absent herself from the room to prepare the

sandwich, and immediately upon her return with it, one of the boys said, "there's my mother" and the three left.

Mrs. Duff then discovered that \$85 was missing.

NOW AT QUAIL HOLLOW SCHOOL

BL school bell to ring again

The old Ben Lomond School bell will ring again October 30, promises Quail Hollow school principal Joe Benedict.

The bell has not rung since 1932, when the white, wooden two-roomed Ben Lomond school was razed to build a brick school building that was used as the BL school until 1940.

(During the years between 1940 and 1955 children at Ben Lomond went to school in quonset huts. In 1955, the San Lorenzo elementary Union School District was formed and the Ben Lomond students transferred to San Lorenzo Elementary.)

The 1932 Ben Lomond school house now is owned by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

Principal Benedict, his staff and the Home and School Club plan to install the bell in a small, child-high, steel struc-

ture at a central location on the QH campus.

Date of the dedication will coincide with the QH Country Fair.

The bell, a 2-foot high, 16-inch diameter, cast iron bell is presently without its clapper.

This is explained by Mrs. W.T. Jones, a 1911 graduate of the Ben Lomond school, "When the old school was being demolished in 1932, I went up to the contractor and asked what he was going to do with it. He said that he was just going to throw it away. So I asked and he gave it to me."

Mrs. Jones took the bell home and kept it for a while and after the brick school building was built in 1932, she offered it back to the school.

Not needing a real - ringing bell, the school marms pulled its clapper and built a flower fountain around the bell.

When the brick school closed in 1940, after it was disclosed by state inspectors that it did not meet state safety (Field Act) standards, the bell remained at the school, until the building was sold in 1959 to the Mormon church.

The bell then was held by Mrs. Jones until it was given to Quail Hollow school.

Mrs. Catherine Claver, of Ben Lomond-- she was then Miss Catherine Ford-- was principal of the Ben Lomond school both in the frame school house and the new brick school building.

"It was a little white wooden school with large stoves in each room. It wasn't the most modern of buildings, but it was picturesque," she recalls.

The little white wooden school actually was the second Ben Lomond school and replaced a one-room school house built near Newell Creek in 1827. This one-roomer was educating as many as 15 to 19 students a year and was staffed by C.M. Norgrove.

When the 1895 "new" \$7000 school was built, a Mrs. Fox was added to the staff, and by 1897, the student body had climbed to 70.

Up until a few years ago, class reunions of the graduates of the little white Ben Lomond school were held each year in Ben Lomond. Lately, this newspaper has heard nothing from this group.

Trouble ahead for trucks on Scotts Valley drive

Drivers of big trucks will continue to be cited for using Scotts Valley drive according to City Manager Friend Stone.

Stone said state highway officials rejected a request the six ton load limit be posted at the Scotts Valley drive off ramp on Highway 17. The highway department felt, according to Stone, there were too many

signs at the off ramp now.

However, he indicated the city would investigate the possibility of posting its own load limit sign someplace near the off ramp, but not on highway right of way.

"We would rather not have the trucks than the fines the load limit violations will bring," Stone said.