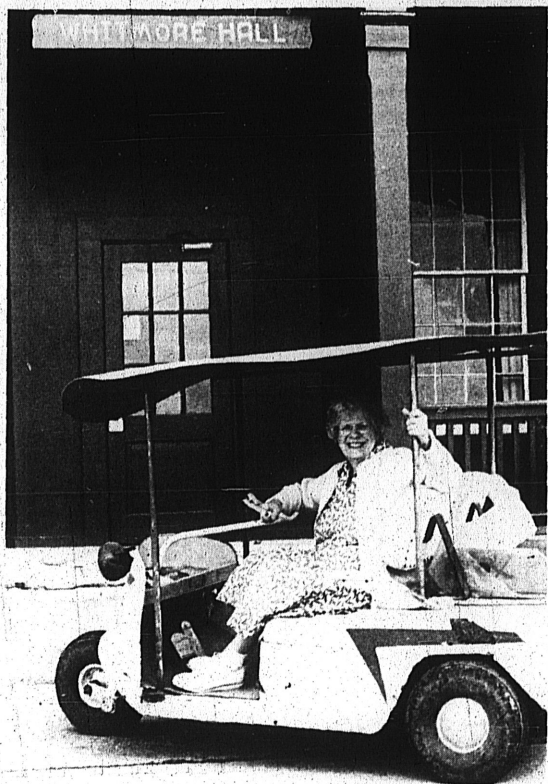


Dr. Whitmore Retires



DR. GLADYS WHITMORE

For several generations of Alaskans, memories of Sheldon Jackson School center on a classroom full of bottles and jars and the small plain-speaking science teacher who brought life to the room.

Dr. Gladys Whitmore is leaving that classroom in January, 35 years after arriving at Sheldon Jackson for a one-year job as relief supervisor for the kitchen, laundry and dormitories and senior bible teacher.

Dr. Whitmore, who officially retired in 1967 but continued to teach full-time, will move to Monte Vista Grove in Pasadena, California.

After extending her one-year commitment, Dr. Whitmore went on to teach high school science, college science and anthropology and to serve as high school principal at Sheldon Jackson for 15 years. In addition Dr. Whitmore worked as Sheldon Jackson's cook and laundress, took charge of the school's property and wardrobe room and sewed costumes for various plays.

Dr. Whitmore, the oldest of eight children in a North Dakota homesteading family, graduated cum laude from Monmouth College in Illinois with a B.S. in biology. She received a M.S. Degree in biology from the University of Southern California and later did graduate work in Egypt, Hawaii and Illinois. In 1971, Alaska Methodist University awarded her an honorary doctorate.

A respected and loved teacher, Dr. Whitmore received SJC's Christian Citizenship Award in 1969. During last year's graduation ceremonies another honor was announced — Home Missions

was officially renamed Whitmore Hall.

Saturday, December 14, from 2-4:00 p.m. a reception is scheduled to honor Dr. Whitmore in SJC's Allen Auditorium. Former Sheldon Jackson students and staff and friends of Dr. Whitmore are invited to write letters to be included in a gift scrapbook. Letters should be sent to: Ester Billman, Sheldon Jackson Museum, Box 479, Sitka, Alaska 99835.