

Mary Jane



Sharp Griffith Lyons

Our mother, Mary Jane Sharp Griffith Lyons, in her long life of 97 years saw many changes. From travel in covered wagons to jet planes and landing on the moon. A long life of working in the church - her whole life was dedicated to church work. She was always doing missionary work. She was a Relief Society visiting teacher and served as first counselor in the Santa Cruz Ward. She also served six months on a home mission in Mountain View Ward. She was very strong in faith. She had to be to keep the family together. She was the mother of ten children. Six of whom grew to adulthood. She was always there. Her children could do no wrong. She was back of you 100%.



MRS. MARY JANE LYONS

## 86-Year-Old Former Idaho Woman Who Observed Birthday With Motorcycle Ride Takes First Airplane Flight Today

By MIRIAM BARR

CALDWELL — An 86-year-old Idaho native, who celebrated her Oct. 2 birthday a year ago by "riding a horse and a honda," took her first airplane ride this morning in preparation for her "trip to the moon."

"You know I volunteered to go to the moon," Mrs. Mary Jane (Sharp) Lyons remarked facetiously Wednesday in Caldwell. "I want to be the first woman on the moon."

"So, I'm going to try the plane," she said, "and if I like it, I might go to the moon."

She has had the urge to fly for many years. She said she saw Charles A. Lindbergh when he flew cross-country and

passed over Churchill, a small town near Burley, and dropped leaflets over "John Price's store in Oakley" after his Atlantic Ocean crossing. She said Lindbergh reportedly was a distant relative of the Price brothers of Oakley, and he went out of his way to fly over the store.

"I said then that I would like to fly," Mrs. Lyons said. "And now I'm going to. She flew from Boise to San Francisco this morning, and her oldest child, Oliver Ira Griffith, who was born in Boise in 1901, was to meet her in the Bay City and drive the remaining 72 miles to their homes in Santa Cruz, Calif. A daughter, Mrs. Vera Morey, also lives in Santa Cruz, and her twin brother,

Zera S. Griffith, lives in Redding, Calif.

She has spent the past three months in Idaho visiting a daughter, Mrs. L. G. (Algean) Matson of Centerville (eight miles above Idaho City), and her youngest child, V. F. Lyons of Caldwell.

She observed her 86th birthday Oct. 2 at the new Centerville home of her daughter, and the Lyons family of Caldwell attended. She said she moved to California 37 years ago, living first at Stockton, then Sunnyvale during World War II and then Santa Cruz, "but I always visit Idaho in the summer."

Mrs. Lyons was born in Preston and moved with her parents when she was eight

months old to Goose Creek (named Oakley when she was eight years of age), and they lived there until she was 13. The family farmed on Sand Creek, 12 miles above St. Anthony, where she was married at the age of 18 to James Griffith.

The couple lived on a cattle ranch on Sand Creek for several years and came by covered wagon in December, 1900, to Boise, where her oldest child was born. When the boy was five weeks old, they started to go on to Oregon and got as far as Caldwell, when she became ill with malaria, she said. Her husband took her back to St.

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