



INSTRUCTION MATERIALS CENTER at Sutherlin was proven highly-successful last year under the direction of Mrs. Ruby Holloway, shown here with her back to The News-Review camera. Mrs. Holloway is pictured handing a film strip to junior high school teacher Mrs. Genevieve Murphy. The materials center, located in the Sutherlin Junior High library, was a pace-setter for the area.

New State Law Changes Title Of County Office

The office of the Douglas County Supt. of Schools has officially been changed in title, but will remain basically the same in operation, effective Sept. 2.

A new state law, brought into effect by Senate Bill 409 of the last legislature, changed the title of the district from the Douglas County Rural School District to the Douglas County Intermediate Education District.

County Supt. of Schools Kenneth Barneburg said there will be no changes required in the staff of the county office. He said the change made by the legislature provides specifically for the county office to be more of a service unit to the local school districts. The law points out the county office may provide services and facilities including, but not limited to: (1) central purchasing; (2) library facilities; (3) curriculum materials; and (4) special teach-

ers and special types of education. This may be done through a county-wide levy upon resolution by two-thirds of the local school boards which have at least a majority of the pupils included in the average daily membership of the district; or by a contract agreement with individual school districts. The method to be used here will be determined later, and the office will operate this year as it has in the past.

The law provides that present members of the Rural School Board will finish out their unexpired terms. Those members are Chairman George A. Wilcox of Oakland; Eugene H. Fisher, Elkton; Frank White, Gardiner; Harold Glover, Roseburg; Marion Krebs, Winston; Guy McGee, Days Creek and Harry Young, Glide.

The law also provides that all members of the budget board shall be members of a local school board when appointed to the county committee. The board will also board and committee for reorganization of school districts.

Barneburg explained the new law removes most of the statutory duties of the county superintendent of schools when he served as an elective officer and gives these duties to the board as elective officers. The superintendent remains executive officer and secretary of the board, thereby continuing in the same basic capacity.

Legislature Boosts State School Funds

Property taxpayers from all over the county get a break of sorts this year with announced increases in the Basic School Support Fund and the Common School Fund.

The increased amounts were added to the anticipated revenue sections of all district school budgets and equal amounts were subtracted from tax levies needed to balance the budgets.

The county's 19 school districts will receive a total \$2,952,109.58 from the Basic School Fund and \$205,849.84 from the Common school fund. Ash Valley, the smallest district, receives \$1,936.95 and \$90.40.

School Census Figures Viewed

Figures available from the Douglas County School office show the average daily membership in all school districts in the county last year was 17,076 students per day.

Heading the list was Roseburg, with an average daily membership of 6,205. Next came Myrtle Creek, 1,637, Winston-Dillard at 1,508, and Sutherlin at 1,253.

Smallest average in the county was at Ash Valley (Loon Lake) with a daily membership of 6 in the one-room school.

Other average membership figures:

Oakland	520
Canyonville	373
Gardiner	177
Glide	945
Days Creek	326
Camas Valley	164
Drain	778
Yoncalla	477
Elkton	226
Umpqua	43
Riddle	628
Glenndale	523
Reedsport Elementary	883
Reedsport Union High	393

Sutherlin Expands 'Creative Student' Program This Year

One of the newest developments in the ever-increasing attempt to adapt modern education to meet the needs of today's student is the creative student program developed last year by Sutherlin Junior High School principal Richard Scott.

The informal experimental program dealing with creative students in the Sutherlin district attracted interest throughout the Pacific Northwest last year and is expected to increase this year as the program is expanded and materials and controls added.

Scott, who originated the program with the encouragement and help of Dr. Paul Torrance of the University of Minnesota, reports that plans call for establishment of similar grouping at the fifth grade level in both elementary schools in Sutherlin this fall and establishment of a control group at the eighth grade level. The latter will include 12 students of high creative ability and 12 of lesser creative ratings but with matching intelligence and achievement scores.

This is the only program of its kind in the nation.

The students are tested in the spring to discover creative factors. The test is one devised by Scott with initial help and approval from Dr. Torrance. Test scores are compared with teacher ratings on observance of some of the creative factors and the top ranked students are grouped for the creative classes.

Among the tested and observance factors identifying the creative students are unusual art and writing abilities, a disturbing effect when in a group of peers, ability to entertain contradictory facts and come to a logical conclusion, extreme highs and lows in interests, occupational goals, desire for independence in activity, and thoughts on unusual uses for common objects.

Interest Shown

Since the article on the program in the December 1962 issue of Oregon Education and a talk given by Scott at the fourth annual Oregon Education Association Research Conference in Portland, inquiries about the program have come in with an ever-increasing crescendo. Dr. Henry Osibov, director of research for the OEA, reported 1,000 abbreviated brochures on the program have been dispatched from his office. In Sutherlin requests for visitations, speeches and additional information contained in a three-times revised compilation on the program have been coming from all parts of the state.

Educators and groups expressing interest in and seeking further information about the program have been from Seaside, Oregon City, Glide, Hood River, Roseburg, Portland, Medford, Myrtle Creek, Winston-Dillard, the Douglas County Elementary Principals Association, the California Testing Bureau, Minnesota, and others.

A recent May visitation brought five elementary principals from the Medford school system. The principals visited the creative class then discussed aspects of the program and its future with Sutherlin Superintendent Raymond Mullen and Principal Scott. The Medford group included Robert Phillips, Ronald Weatherford, Harold

Pre-Registration Needed

Eighth graders who are new residents in the Myrtle Creek school district must pre-register at the upper elementary school. The office will be open Aug. 19 from 9 a.m. until noon and from 1 to 4 p.m.

Boner, Francis Guidry, and Bruce Metzger.

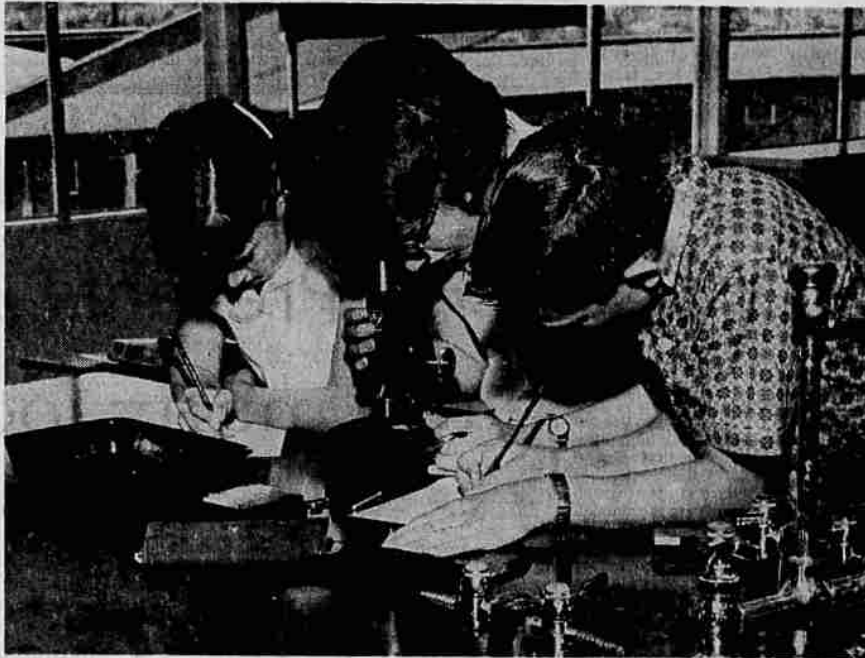
In the latest revision of information on the project, Scott has included present and future aspects of the program, comments from Dr. Torrance, identification factors for teachers, the test devised and used to identify students at the 4th and 6th grade levels and results of the 1963 testing with observations and notes on correlations between teacher ratings and test scores.

Identification Important

Scott expressed hope that interest in this program will bring to

other districts the need for identification and understanding of the creative student whether he is placed in a heterogeneous or a homogeneous setting.

"These students often whistle a different tune and are often misunderstood at home, among their peers and in the classroom," he said. "They desperately need understanding of what they are trying to communicate. Without this understanding, they often become discipline problems and even potential dropouts. With it, they have the path lighted for many significant contributions to society."



CREATIVE STUDENTS at Sutherlin Junior High School last year became the first such children in the nation to receive instruction in special classes involving the grouping of students with high creative factors. Shown here are a group of the students in the science class of instructor Anton Brown. The program is being expanded this year to include 5th, 6th and 7th grades.

SCHOLARS HONORED

About 40 top high school scholars were honored in May by the Roseburg Rotary Club for their educational excellence. It was the second annual banquet staged by the club to honor the top 10 percent of the graduating classes from all schools in the county but Reedsport.

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SUTHERLIN JUNIOR HIGH students remain classed together in the special groupings for creative students. Here the same group as pictured below in a science class receives instructions in Mrs. Alice West's language arts class. Principal Richard Scott, who became the first in the nation to try such a program when installed at Sutherlin last year, reports it is drawing a great deal of attention throughout the Northwest. (News-Review Photos)

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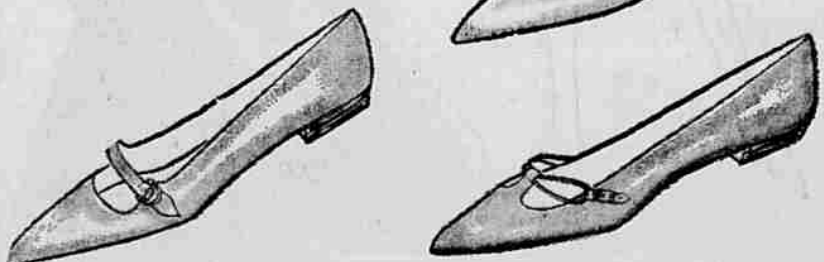
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