

Local Budget Costs Show Less Money Spent In Brookings, Per Pupil Census

In explaining comparative school costs of Curry county, to the recent formation meeting of Southern Curry County Taxpayers League, Lynn O. Hampton, local superintendent of schools, came up with some interesting figures. In starting his explanation, Mr. Hampton cited two reasons why school costs are high in the Brookings-Harbor area: First, that Southern Curry county is nice place in which to live that many people have moved here, and second, the Rod and Gun Club had failed to kill off the stork.

He then showed figures from the 1947-1948 budgets filed with the Curry county officials. He pointed out that there are 1206 pupils listed on the last Curry county census of which this area has 366, or 30.3 per cent. The total amount budgeted in Curry county, including the rejected Brookings-Harbor budget for the 1947-1948 year, for elementary and high school purposes amounted to \$300,336. Of this total the Brookings-Harbor budget amounted to \$69,944 or 23.2 per cent.

Mr. Hampton then pointed out that in the rejected budget would have been required to educate 30 per cent of the children of the county at 23 per cent of the budgeted amount, and pay \$10,000 on a new building. Excluding the new building cost, the rejected budget would require education 30 per cent of the children on 29.9 per cent of the total amount budgeted for all school purposes in this county.

Budget costs of other larger units in the county were then cited:

District	Budget	Pupils	Cost
Port Orford	\$52,150.00	228	\$228
Gold Beach	57,537.00	219	262
Langlois	50,144.00	143	350
Brookings-Harbor (reject.)	69,944.00	366	191

Since the union high school districts above include several elementary districts and the census does not in the figures above, costs for high and elementary purposes in each of the union high school district are listed below. They include all of the elementary districts budgets and the union high school in each case and area:

Dist	Budget	Pupils	Cost Ea.
Port Orford	\$59,152.95	268	\$220.72
Gold Beach	73,109.50	280	261.10
Langlois	53,118.50	147*	361.35
Brookings, rejected	69,944.85	366	191.10

(*) This figure, 147, includes all of the census in Dist. No. 5, where as only part of the district is in the union high school district.

The figures listed disregard tuition* students, with the assumption that all of the districts have about the same number. However, the total non-high school budget is very small in comparison with the

four major districts of the county. The speaker concluded by saying that as principal of this district, he wanted to operate schools as cheaply as possible, consistent with efficiency and public school standards of education. He then halled the group: "Shall we give the children of this area a 23-30 break, a 50-50 break, or an even break with the rest of Curry county."

Library Notes

This week several new books, purchased from funds donated by Topaz Rebekah lodge, are on the shelves of the Chetco Community library. These books form a part of the permanent library collection in which children and adults are finding much enjoyment.

"The 500 Hats of Bartholomew Cubbins," by Dr. Seuss is one which though written primarily for children will no doubt be picked by mother or father or older brother for a quick perusal before little sister takes it back to the library.

The appealing illustrations as well as the humorous tale of the little boy who couldn't take off his hat will be good entertainment for all.

Each library opening, Tuesday and Friday from 3 to 5, finds new borrowers and new books. Individuals and groups are contributing, and travelling library boxes from the Oregon state library are added as they are needed. Among the generous donors are American Legion Auxiliary, Ladies Auxiliary of Veterans of Foreign Wars, Mrs. Ruth Bathiany, Mrs. Mabel Stonehouse, Mrs. Bertha Moore, Martha Ulrich and Zora Ziegler.

Borrowers have been taking advantage of a special service in which they may request books which are not on the shelves. These requests are sent to the state library where they are filled often within a few days. Reading lists on various subjects are kept in the local library for those who wish to make selections.

The community library is at present sponsored by Harbor Community Club, and administered by its library committee. Mrs. Dorothy Lockland and Miss Mary Cavitt alternate in maintaining the Tuesday and Friday openings.

Local News Items

Mr. and Mrs. Toivo Bantsari and son of Dayton were brief callers here Sunday en route to

Coming Events

Set Your Calendar By These—

Meeting of Board of Directors of Dist. No. 17 is the first Tuesday of each month.

Every Monday evening, 7:30 Boy Scout meeting at Odd Fellows hall. Scouts urged to be present at all meetings.

Every first and third Wednesday of month, Post 966, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Auxiliary Sidney Croft Lodge, A. F. & A. M. meets each second and fourth Friday of the month at the Odd Fellows hall. Visiting Masons are welcome.

Every Wednesday night at 7:30 Mutual Improvement Association, Harbor School. Old and young are invited to come.

Every Thursday evening, I. O. O. F. meets at the Odd Fellows Hall. Visiting Odd Fellows are welcomed.

Cub Scouts meet every Monday at 4:00 p. m. at Mrs. Widney's home on Easy Street, and at Mrs. Ruth Redfield in Brookings.

Second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, at I. O. O. F. hall, Topaz Rebekah lodge. Members urged to attend, and visitors always welcome.

Every Tuesday noon, Rotary club, at Vincen's Restaurant. All visiting Rotarians are welcome.

their home. They had been on a short vacation trip which had taken them to Oregon Caves and cities in that vicinity. Mr. Bantsari is an electrical contractor.

Mrs. Grace Warren of Santa Cruz, Calif., mother of Mrs. Ed F. Ackley, arrived on the mid-right bus, Thursday, to spend several days in this area. Planning to visit Portland, Mrs. Warren was loud in her praise of this area and its climate.

Visitors at Del Norte County Fair, Crescent City, returned to this area suite disappointed with the attendance they said was present. Giving reasons for his apparent lack of interest all of them said that failure of arrival of various concessions had much to do with the poor showing of

patrons. Exhibits were all stated.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas were among those from Brookings who attended the funeral of John A. Roseman, at Crescent City last Friday.

Dr. L. W. Shedd and Mrs. Wright Boree of Mendocino, Calif., spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Gallagher. Dr. Shedd is a cousin of Gallagher.

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