

SMITH RIVER

By Ethel Goodlin

Del Norte Pomona grange held its regular monthly meeting on June 21 at Lake Earl Grange hall with a potluck dinner served at noon time. Granges represented were Klamath Valley, Crescent Redwood and Lake Earl. Also present were Mr. and Mrs. Bert Pasco, G.B.O. representative from Humboldt county; also Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kent of Oakland, Calif. Mr. Kent, a member of the State Credit Union, spoke on credit unions and told how they operate. Plans were made to form a credit union which will include all members of the three granges of the county and will be called Del Norte Grangers Credit Union. Shares may be purchased by any grange member in good standing. Five directors were chosen to head the new organization.

Other visitors present were Mr. Jones of Curry County Pomona, and four grangers from Oregon Pomona.

Following the grange business affairs the fifth degree of Pomona under direction of Master Leo Klorke, conferred the degree to a large class of candidates. The stage was beautifully decorated with flowers for the Court of Pomona. Plans are made for a picnic for Pomona meeting at Klamath July 19.

Among the members of the Smith River American Legion and Ladies Auxiliary who motored to Fort Bragg Saturday where they attended the district meeting of District 1 were Mr. and Mrs. Chester Crook, Mrs. Lucille Lawn, and Mrs. Martha Owen. They returned home Sunday evening.

The farmers are busy now getting their hay stored away in the barn. There is a good crop of grass hay this year, and on account of shortage of help in the hay fields a number of ranchers have purchased hay balers and bale the hay in the fields and then store the bales in the barn.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Ferrill and children of Leaburg, Ore., are spending the week visiting the former's mother, Mrs. Frances Ferrill.

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Superintendent's Report on Schools . . .

Russel B. Morgan, who has made the audit for the various school districts of Curry county, has completed the per-capita costs on the basis of average daily attendance, counting only actual days in school, and disregarding days absent.

On the basis of these annual audits, Mr. Morgan has computed the per-pupil annual costs for the school districts in the county. In

Year	Brookings No. 17C	Gold Beach U.H.I. and 3C	Port Orford IC.	Langlois U.H.3 and 10C
1951-52	\$248.54	\$304.26	\$297.18	\$408.58
1950-51	249.73	316.91	271.25	339.20
1949-50	289.74	363.58	265.54	382.40
1948-49	275.84	310.89	283.91	373.09
4 Year Average	265.96	323.91	279.47	375.81

It is to be pointed out that these figures are for the period from 1948 until 1952. The clerks send in their books for audit, and usually the auditor has the complete audit report around the last of August or at the latest, the middle of September.

It is to be noted that over this last four year period furnished by the county school district auditor, the local Brookings School District No. 17 annual pupil cost was \$57.95 less than Gold Beach schools; \$13.51 less than Port Orford, and \$109.85 less than Langlois on a per-pupil actual attendance cost basis. It might be further pointed out that Brookings is \$45.32 less than the average of these four communities' school cost, or 14 per cent under this average as noted. Since in the 1951-52 school year Brookings School District No. 17 had an actual average daily attendance of 527.8 pupils, the actual cost would amount to \$23,919.89 less than it would have been if District No. 17 had cost up to the average cost

Gold Beach and Langlois, separate costs were set up for the Union High school and the elementary school districts. These costs were computed by adding the total cost in the elementary and union high school district and dividing by the total average daily attendance of the combined districts. There follows, a comparison of these costs.

for this four year period for the county.

One might make the comparison with the last of the four year period. The average per-pupil cost for these four communities in Curry county was \$314.64, whereas, Brookings cost was \$248.54, or an amount of \$66.10 less than the average. Since there were 527.8 pupils in ADA, the total actual cost was \$34,887.58 less to the taxpayers than if the Brookings cost had come up to the average.

It might be further pointed that the millage rate for the last four years has not increased in the local School District No. 17 tax structure. If the given individual pays a greater amount, it is due either to increased assessment, or to the individual gaining more property.

In the "summary of assessment roll" furnished by George Sutton, Curry county assessor, the following totals for District No. 17 C. are shown:

MILLAGE FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES

Year ending June 30,	Millage
1953	44 mills
1952	46.3 mills
1951	51.7 mills
1950	61.2 mills

In contrast to the decreased per-pupil annual cost, and decreases in millage for school purposes during the past four years, school enrollment shows great increase. The following figures are taken from the Curry County School Superintendent's office.

School Year	Enrollment (as of Oct.)	Census
1952-53	663	910
1951-52	559	762
1950-51	406	557
1949-50	338	450
1948-49	321	422

It should be further stated that this enrollment of 663 in October 1952, has increased to a total of 687 actually remaining in school as of May 29, 1953. It is to be further noted that if all of the pupils were to be housed in the school building at one time, there would be an average of 45.8 pupils in each classroom. It may be pointed out that if the 29 high school seniors were subtracted from the total remaining on May 29, and the 70 first graders expected next Fall are added, there will be a total of 728 pupils if no additional people move into the community during the summer. Divide this number by the 15 classrooms that District 17 actually owns, and it would be necessary to assign 48.5 pupils to each classroom.

How much space is needed? This question is somewhat hard to answer. State standards, however, give us some light on the matter.

"The pupil load in any classroom in which a teacher is assigned to teach only one grade should be within the range of 20-30, with the benefits of a lighter teaching load provided in the pri-

mary grades."

With present pupils remaining, there is expected 217 primary children this fall. If we assume the middle load for the primary children, 8½ rooms would be needed for the primary children. There is expected 211 pupils in the intermediate grades. At 30 pupils per teacher, seven rooms would be needed for this level. There is expected 122 seventh and eighth graders which would require four rooms at 30 per room. Since there are four grades in high school, with no grade small enough to "get by" without two sections each in the required subjects, there is needed at least eight rooms for high school next year.

By simple addition, it therefore appears that 27½ room units are needed to take care of the district's pupils on a single session basis. The district now has 15 regular classrooms — eight in the elementary building, and seven in the high school building. Consequently the district is now short 12½ classrooms needed to place the schools on a single shift basis.

(Above furnished by Lynn O. Hampton, superintendent.)

Gem and Mineral Club Active

About 45 members attended the Thursday, June 18, meeting of the Mt. Emily Gem and Mineral club held in the V.F.W. hall.

With a membership of about 68 this local club is now the largest in the state of Oregon and new "Rock hounds" join at every meeting.

Highlight of the meeting was the showing of colored slides taken by Mrs. George Funk at Peterson Rock Gardens at Bend, Oregon.

A field trip is arranged for the Holland district, near Cave Junction for this Sunday, June 28.

Anyone wishing to participate, may report at the Central building at 6:30 a.m. on that date, prepared (with lunch and old shoes) for a day of rock hunting.

Tentative plans are made to maintain a booth during Lily Blossom Time for the pleasure of those interested.

Individual displays will be welcomed by the committee.

A number of the local club attended the Grants Pass Mineral and Gem show, June 13 and 14. Among them were Mr. and Mrs. Tom Yokum, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Young, Mr. and Mrs. Trautmann and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tygart.

A group representing the Gem and Mineral club of Brookings went to Seven Devils on Sunday, June 28. Agatized myrtle-wood was one of the specimens sought. It is found only on the coast of Southwest Oregon.

Those going were Mr. and Mrs. Tom Yocum, Mr. and Mrs. Vinton Clark, Mrs. Eva Lee Long, Art

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Bollinger, Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Shepherd and Mr. and Mrs. Claude Goldizen.

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Obituary

Funeral services for Thomas "Tommy" Smith, 14, of Brookings was held at the Baptist Community church Saturday, June 27, at 2 p.m. with the Rev. Dr. Chas. Durden officiating. Interment was in the Wm. James Ward Memorial cemetery. Roy H. Brown Mortuary was in charge.

Tommy was born Sept. 11, 1938, in Beaver Falls, Penn., the son of James and Margaret Smith. He came to Brookings with his parents and sister Alice about four years ago and has attended school here since.

Surviving, besides his parents and sister is a half brother, James Smith of Los Angeles.

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