

Modoc Votes Teacher Bonus

ALTURAS — The Modoc Union of all high school teachers next Tuesday evening, May 14, a 1900 a year bonus to the salary

we would like to give the teachers a real pay boost, it is the best we can do now with our present financial problems." The board pointed out that the present Modoc County secondary pay scale is topped at \$7650, with low for any teacher on the pay roll now of \$5350.

Principal Marks Smith stated, "This is lower than any of the counties in our northern area. Modoc County rates 53rd in the teachers' salary scale in the state of California."

Dr. William Quinn and Dr. Al Baird, visiting parents at the meeting, said a "preliminary study of the budget certainly showed the school has a tremendous financial problem." Both men stated that indications pointed to a need for a thorough study of the budget this summer so the people of the county could be shown the deficit problems faced by the high school board.

"It is certainly evident," Quinn said, "that some solution must be found to bring more income to our high school if we want to improve our curriculum and school . . . let alone maintain it on its present status."

Although an override tax of 25 cents was voted two years ago, board members said this has not taken up the slack of a continued depressed income with increased inflationary expenses.

"One of our greatest losses of revenue," board member Warren Flournoy stated, "has been the decreased cut in the Modoc National Forest."

The U.S. Forest Service returns 25 per cent of its total income in Modoc County to the county for road work and the county schools. In 1958 the Modoc revenue from the Forest Service was \$200,000; in 1960, \$195,000; 1961, \$54,000, and 1962, \$83,000.

Forest Service Supervisor William Cooperrider says the drastic cut in the income can be laid to the fact that in previous years the timber cut was pine timber where now it is predominantly fir timber. "Also the timber is now higher in the mountains which means more road cost and cost of harvesting the timber which reduces the county income. Another big factor is the market for timber and demand."

In other business, the school board announced it has granted tenure to Modoc High School teachers who have served six years or more at the school.

The board is also making a survey of remodeling the vocational department to bring an agriculture course to the department that would be accepted as a college preparatory subject. Robert Savage and John Weber of the school board and members of the citizens-parents group, Dr. Al Baird, Lynn Sigler, and Mrs. Karol Woodward, will meet to make a preliminary survey of the curriculum plan.



RAILROAD DAYS PROMOTERS — Dunsmuir's lovelies prepare in their own fashion for the city's annual Railroad Days celebration which will feature a variety of entertainment. From left are Patty Rodley, Charlene Phipps, and Joan LaBarre. The automobile lending support to the young women will be awarded to one of the celebration's supporters. Railroad Days is slated June 22-23.

Heavy Foster Home Program Carried In Klamath County

The Klamath County Public Welfare Commission, Child Welfare Division, carries one of the heaviest foster home programs in the state of Oregon, similar only to Umatilla County. Figures are based on population.

Mrs. Betty Williams, child welfare supervisor in Klamath County, speaking Wednesday, May 15, before the Klamath County Juvenile Department Advisory Council at the new juvenile office, reported that 170 children are now under supervision of the child welfare program in 90 homes. About 90 of this number are under financial protection of the county which has a monthly budget of \$4,964.

From 60 to 65 per cent of the number of children are from Indian homes and various tribes, some are provided care from funds allocated at the time of the Klamath Reservation termination. There is a great need for more foster homes in the county for adequate child care. Homes are certified by the Welfare Commission and clothing, medical care

and dental care is provided in addition to the \$50 per month allotted for each child's board. Some federal funds have been available for dental care since July of 1962.

Mrs. Williams paid tribute to the foster parents who are doing a "tremendous job" with children of all ages, through teen-agers under difficult adjustment periods for both children and foster parents.

The program is carefully checked as to children, foster parents, blood parents and many other phases by case workers.

Fifteen additional children were accepted in April.

The Juvenile Council, chairmanned by Mrs. Dorothea Buck, meets once a month except during June and July. Other members of the council are Mrs. Marion Geary, Mrs. Lucile O'Neill, Dr. Miriam Luten, Ruth King, Clara Moore, Rev. Andrew Jarvis, Gene Stivers, Oregon Technical Institute, Ray Hunsaker, Cliff Robinson, Lawrence Slater and Charles Larkin.

Hunsaker Commended For Convention Efforts

John D. Voth, chairman of the Klamath Union High School Board of Directors, this week received a letter from the executive secretary of the American Association of School Administrators in Washington, D.C., commending Superintendent Ray Hunsaker for his work at the group's recent convention at St. Louis, May 2, 3 and 4.

Hunsaker, who is president of Oregon Association of School Administrators, was sent to the national convention by the state group to represent Oregon.

The text of Executive Secretary Finis E. Engleman's letter follows:

"I want to express my gratitude to you and the Board of Education for the service rendered to the nation's schools by one of your employees.

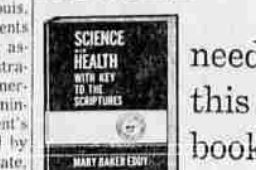
"I believe that it is important

that you and the board know that your superintendent of schools played a distinct and helpful role in a recent meeting in St. Louis, Mo., attended by the presidents and presidents-elect of state associations of school administrators and the officers of the American Association of School Administrators. Your superintendent's leadership, already recognized by school leaders in his own state, was in evidence throughout the conference. I believe that your board may well take pride in the kind of statesmanship rendered by your superintendent.

"No doubt, too, your superintendent returned home a better person simply because the conference was alive with helpful ideas and concrete suggestions as to how the schools and school administration can be improved."

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