

Bogus School District

The Bogus School District was established in 1871. The district has been lapsed and re-established several times. It was last re-established in 1911 and is still active (1974).

The school house is located seven and four-tenths miles up Copco Road from the junction (Ager) of the Montague-Klamath River Road and the Copco Road.

Miss Saleen Heckle was the teacher for the six month 1899-1900 term. There were 14 pupils that year.

Folklore tells that the district (and area) received its name in 1885 when a group of "businessmen" established a business four miles east of Ager in the hills. They minted counterfeit half dollars. No records are available as to what happened to the "business" but from that time on the area has been known as the Bogus area.

In 1892 there was a petition to divide this district. As usual, some were for and some were against the division. The following excerpts from a letter on this matter are interesting: "I did not sign the petition with the intention that my children go to the Divide school. They say it is only six miles to the Divide school, that is the distance straight across, but there is about a mile of broken lava and if we did get over the lava, there would be no show whatever to get across the river as there is no bridge or fairy...That district is no good...Will take my name off the petition."

Boundary description in records of County Superintendent of Schools office.

Reference in Board of Supervisors minutes:

Established: August 7, 1871 – Description (3-127)

April 16, 1896 – Bogus was changed to Center School District. Description of boundaries given (5-548)

April 5, 1899 – Lowood School District was to Bogus District. Description given (6-357)

January 7, 1904 – Bogus District lapsed (7-118)

April 4, 1904 – Bogus District was attached to Cleveland School District (7-122)

January 16, 1911 – Bogus was re-established. Boundary description given (8-389) (Cleveland was lapsed and divided between Oak Grove and Bogus)

July 6, 1939 – Part of Oak Grove was added to Bogus. Description of addition given (18-220)



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Date unknown, teacher and students. Siskiyou County Office of Education School History Collection.



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