

Gazelle School District

(Also see Shasta Valley)

The Gazelle Union School District was established in 1891. At that time Shasta Valley District's name was changed to the Gazelle Union District.

In 1841, the Wilkes Exploring Expedition of the United States traveled through this area. Lt. Emmons led the party from Willamette River in Oregon to San Francisco. Antelope were sighted in the Shasta Valley. They were mistaken for a species of the African animal and the area was called Gazelle.

The first school house in the town of Gazelle was just north of the intersection of U.S. 99 and the Gazelle-Callahan Road. The second school house was a stone building near the same location. The third school house was a cement block building, which is still standing but now vacant.

In 1899, Mr. D.W. Whipple was the teacher. School was held for a six-month term with 19 pupils. In 1958, the present school house was built two or three hundred yards west of the third building on Gazelle-Callahan Road.

Reference in board of Supervisors minutes:

Established: April 6, 1891 – Shasta Valley School District's name changed to Gazelle School District (5-28)

April 3, 1905 – Petition for boundary change rejected (7-171)

July 27, 1908 – Tax election (7-540)

February 5, 1912 – Boundary change between Gazelle and Independence School Districts (9-89)

February 7, 1921 – Boundary change between Gazelle and Independence District (12-266)

November 19, 1947 – Protest of tax rates (20-346)

August 17, 1954 – Boundary change between Gazelle and Grenada (23-247)

March 12, 1957 – Bonds (25-26)



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