

Montague School District

When the California-Oregon railroad was built, it came through Shasta Valley “in a line as the crow flies”, bypassing the county seat at Yreka. The enterprising Prather brothers laid out a town site which they later called Montague after a popular railroad engineer on the Shasta-Oregon run. Later, a six mile railroad, Yreka Western, was built to connect the railroad at Montague with Yreka.

The Montague School District was established in 1887. The first school, a two-story brick building, was constructed in 1889. In 1913, this building was condemned for safety and sanitary reasons. The next structure was built in 1914 and consisted of four classrooms, a library, kitchen, and storeroom. It was located near the present community swimming pool. In due time, this building also became obsolete and the present building was constructed in 1956.

Reference in board of Supervisors minutes:

Established: October 4, 1887 – Boundaries described (4-271)

April 4, 1888 – Boundaries re-described (4-318)

June 14, 1889 – Bonds sold (4-439, 4-440)

February 14, 1890 – Transfer of school funds (4-519)

April 5, 1898 – Boundary change (6-191)

July 8, 1899 – Oberlin School District lapsed and annexed to Montague (6-396)

September 19, 1904 – Special tax election (7-142)

April 8, 1913 – Union District formed – included Montague and Shasta river School District (9-294)

January 5, 1915 – Excelsior School District formed out of territory taken from Montague and Vineland (10-73)

June 30, 1919 – Montague Union (Montague and Shasta River) dissolved (12-11)

February 7, 1921 – Dwinnell School District formed out of territory taken from Montague, Shasta River, Delphic (12-265)

July 7, 1936 – Shasta River District lapsed and part given to Montague (17-195)

September 23, 1952 – Petition for boundary change between Little Shasta and Montague (22-276)

November 18, 1952 – Hearing on boundary change continued (22-314)

November 18, 1952 – Hearing on boundary change between Willow Creek and Montague continued (22-315)

December 2, 1952 – Boundary change between Little Shasta and Montague adopted (22-326)

December 2, 1952 – Boundary petition for change between Montague and Willow Creek rejected (22-326, 22-327)

December 2, 1952 – Above rejection rescinded and boundary change adopted (22-328)

June 15, 1954 – Bond bids opened (23-200)



Montague students, ca. 1910. Siskiyou County Office of Education School History Collection.



School, ca. 1935. Photo by Bob Dennis, from the collection of Bob Dais.



School, ca. 1939. Front of school prior to the school letters being put up. Notice the old fountain in the center of the arch. Car is probably that of teacher, Rose Fliecke. (Notes from Marcetta Jones Campbell). Siskiyou County Office of Education School History Collection.



ca. 1939. Siskiyou County Office of Education School History Collection.



Grades 6-8, 1938-1939. Siskiyou County Office of Education School History Collection.
Back Row L-R: Wallace Lemas, Guy Scruggs, Dennis Callahan, Doug Walker, Clyde Peck,
Larry Callahan, Peter Schantz, Norman Fiock;
3rd Row L-R: Teacher, Rose Fliesch. Verna Dexter, June Anderson, Vera Dexter, Alyce
Cravens, Marcetta Jones, Evelyn Tyler, Hazel Lacey, Helen Anthony;
2nd Row L-R: Jean Hyatt, Marcia Swigart, Betty Quiggly, Ellen Mort, Hazel Jones, Jean
Mortinson, Gloris Heffner;
Front Row L-R:
Ralph Hyatt, Charles Meek, Bob Graham, Troy Sladen, ___?___ Troutner, Bill Heffner, Al
Paulazzo, Jack Kleaver.
Marcetta Jones (Campbell) identified all of these students.



School, ca. 1939. Siskiyou County Office of Education School History Collection.



School sign, ca. 1939. Photo by Mildred Grant, donated by Roderick and Larry Grant. Letters on school were made by the 1939 8th grade boys and put on the school that same year (notes

from Marcetta Jones Campbell). Siskiyou County Office of Education School History Collection.



ca. 1958. Siskiyou County Office of Education School History Collection.