

Siskiyou Union High School District

Mayten High School

The following is excerpted from the 1922 School Annual:

“Mayten High School opened September 5, 1921, with an enrollment of 19 students: nine freshman, eight sophomores, and two juniors. The enrollment was large enough to obtain, besides the principal, Miss Zelma Carpenter, and a part time teacher, Mr. Louis Reager. We are very sorry to state that this enrollment has decreased due to the fact that many have gone to work on the farms, but we still have an enrollment of twelve.

The curriculum was increased by several subjects. It now consists of English I, II, Algebra, Geometry, History, Spanish, Physiology, Sewing, and Physical Education.

We have specially appreciated the interest that the community has shown this year. Not only have the children shown interest, but even rabbits, lizards, and their like. On November 1, the faculty was confronted by a donkey that had entered the building the night before, seeking the enlightenment education alone can give. Although the faculty failed to appreciate his efforts, the student body did – So, alas! Poor donkey, thy efforts were not in vain, and perhaps with the coming years – our austere faculty may come to understand thy efforts.

We have added to the “Pep” of the school by several student body meetings of which Loran Barklow is president; Margery Slingsby, vice-president; and Ruth Burns, secretary and treasurer.

After hard labor at school and on the farms, but little time has been had for special activities. The social event of the season was a reception given to the freshman on September 23 at the Mayten Hall. They were initiated into the deep secrets of high school. The initiation consisted of several stunts by each “Freshie”. In several instances help was obtained from the spectators. After the stunts we spent the evening in dancing. Ask the Freshies if they didn’t have a lively time?

In November Miss Carpenter entertained the high school at her home on the “Bee Ranch”, and while we were having thrills and excitement playing “Put and Take”, some of the young people of Mayten played “Daub and Run”, by daubing honey on the cars in front of the house. We found our cars a sweet mess, and it was rather early in the morning when we reached home.

The Physical Education has been rather “ball-i-fied”; we played volleyball, baseball, and in winter, snowball, with an occasional face washing contest.

Dr. Hauck has been a regular and most welcome visitor this year. His visits are always looked forward to, as he always has something interesting to tell us. We especially appreciated his talk on the “Value of Education”.

This high school shared the same brick school house with the Big Springs Elementary School (see Big Springs). Although there is no clear record, it is believed that the high school was closed in 1923.

No photos available.