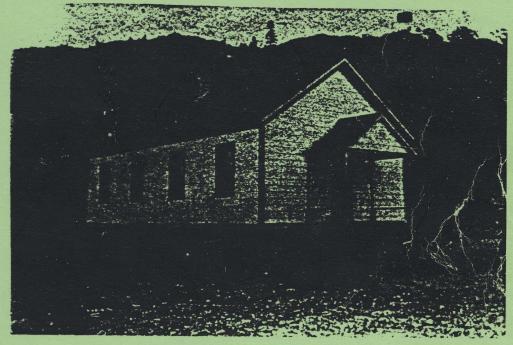
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Cover Photo: Little Lake School-First School
District formed in Mendocino County-May 8,1859

LA RUE SCHOOL DISTRICT-Continued

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Mrs. Ella Linser 1903, 1905 \$65.00 per month
Lilly B. Oppenlander 1904 \$55.00 per month
Nettie C. McConochie 1904
Miss Z. Newell 1908 \$70.00 per month
Mrs. James E. Neal 1908
H. Louise Hoadley 1908
Mrs. R. S. Shimmin
John G. Curts
Juanita York 1910 \$70.00 per month
Hilda Nunan 1913 with 7 pupils

Early Trustees included-E. J. Miller, John W. McPike, J. A. Banks, Silas McLean, E. M. Miller, Louis Solomon, J. H. McFeely, J. G. Rowlison, H. Weaver, J. C. Rose, F. Walter Wolf, Joseph B. Gehring

Records show that because of lack of pupils the school was suspended several times; in 1911 and again in 1920 when

SHIMMONS RIDGE SCHOOL

According to Stella James Gregor a school by this name existed, although no official listing or description has been located.

She states that it was named for Bert Shimmons, who lived in the area west of Willits.

The teacher in 1905 was Mildred Hodge.

teacher was Miss Rodgers with about seven pupils, including Claude Rose and Bruce Milliken. He believes either or both Mr and Mis. John Rose were trustess. He did not attend the whole year as the 5 mile ride was too long and his family moved to Long Valley. He thinks the first school burned in a forest fire. He later attended the second La Rus School which he thinks was built by Ed Legult, Everett Weber, John Tsarnes and others. His teacher was Mis. Walter Burger and later Dorothy Reed. Some of

In a letter to Everett Ingram, Harold Weber states that he

he valuation of the school was \$215.00 in 1905 and \$225 in 1908