

Storm Clouds Over EUSD

It rained almost constantly the first four months of **1967**. Storm clouds hung over the District, as well. Headlines for **April 17th** proclaimed *“Double Sessions for Greenhills Set:*

Eureka Union School District Board of Education has approved Greenhills as a primary school next year with the second and third graders to be placed on double sessions. The double sessions for classes are a temporary emergency measure until such time as District voters approve bond money for construction of a new four-room cluster. The \$500,000 proposed bond issue, to finance construction of the new unit, will be presented to the voters once again on May 9th.”

The **May 15, 1967** communiqué reported:

“Due to the defeat of the recent bond election, expansion plans for Greenhills School are at a stand-still. Second and third graders will go on split sessions during the next semester and probably longer. Morning classes are scheduled for 8:50 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and afternoon classes will be from 12:30 to 4:10 p.m.”

The May 15, 1967 communiqué also reported that the District provided two remedial reading teachers who worked with 96 children during the school year.

Visits were made to other schools so that teachers could glean new ideas and methods that would help them do a better job in their own classrooms. Nineteen out of 27 teachers took college courses to improve their teaching skills.

ICE CREAM AND HOT DOGS...FAVORITES (in that order)

“Ever wonder what our hollow-legged kids consume on Wednesday Hot Dog Days?” Nel Lester, PTA officer over Health & Welfare reported that over the school year, the kids devoured:

- 1,460 pounds of wieners (sold for 20 cents each)
- 1,170 dozen buns
- 16 gallons mustard
- 8 gallons pickle relish
- 9 cases catsup
- 20 gallons mayonnaise
- 279 cases of chips (sold for 5 and 10 cents)
- 22,560 ice cream bars (sold for 5 cents)”

Eureka 8th grade graduation took place on **June 7, 1967**. PTA members made and presented floral wristlettes to the girls.

Ron Walker became **Greenhills**’ first full-time principal in the fall of **1967** when the school went on double sessions to handle the growth.

From a 9/11/67 PTA newsletter: "Mr. Ronald G. Walker, Principal of Greenhills, extends a cordial invitation to visit the school where our 1st, 2nd and 3rd graders are taught. Mr. Walker, a graduate of Sacramento State College, taught for 6 years in the San Juan School District at junior high and elementary levels.

Originally from Kelseyville, California, Mr. Walker is a sports enthusiast and is joined by his wife Agnes, 6-year-old daughter, Terri, and 5-year-old son, Ronald, hunting, fishing and camping in their leisure hours."



A school bond issue for \$165,000 was placed before the voters on October 24, 1967. It passed.

At a special Board meeting held **October 26, 1967**, policies were discussed to implement the **formation of community advisory groups**, as needed. The goal was for the Board and community to have an opportunity to work together to solve problems affecting the District.

In **December**, PTA cookbooks went on sale for \$1.50 each. The money from the sale was to be used to purchase equipment for both schools.

Eureka and Greenhills Children Adopt Orphan:

The children of Eureka and Greenhills decided to sponsor a six-year-old child in Korea named Hi-Jun Lee. Instead of exchanging gifts, each child donated 25 cents towards this greater gift.

In **February, 1968** a call went out for substitute bus drivers at a salary of \$2.25 an hour.

On **July 15, 1968** the addition for Greenhills School was started. Clara Taylor joined EUSD as a first grade teacher in **September of 1968**.

Eureka teachers were given the go-ahead to form a negotiating council in **November of 1968**.

Children once again adopted Hi-Jung Lee, a Korean orphan, in **February of 1969**. They donated \$120 which provided for his food, housing, medical needs and education for a year. They also sponsored two Formosan children to receive schooling

for a year at a cost of \$10 per child.

On **March 10, 1969**, a report from Greenhills said: "The waiting is nearly over...our new building should be ready for occupancy about March 17 or 19. . We are all anxiously looking forward to the END of double sessions." On **May 25, 1969** the dedication of the new addition to Greenhills School took place from 2 to 4 p.m.

Kindergarten teacher, Miss Prather, sent out another plea for any information regarding her missing polar bear fur cuffs. "They were lost last December. The pair of cuffs was lent to Mrs. Kamena's 4th grade class."

The plans Mr. Stafford presented for the new Eureka library building were approved by the Board at the **August, 1969** Board meeting.

At the **November 3, 1969** Board meeting, Mr. Shirley recommended a coaching stipend for staff. Dr. Christensen recommended we use Loomis' schedule, which was \$85 per sport. The Board approved stipends of \$85 each to be paid to six teachers for coaching sports.

Board Members in the 1960's:

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Mr. Emery
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