Miranda--Town With A Unique School

Citizens Proud Of Progress

There is a certain clean-cut respect about the town of Miranda that impresses the visitor the moment he arrives. It is, in that same type of atmosphere you find in a college town. They know what is expected, and the town is headquarters for the South Fork Union high school -- an establishment of some 250 pupils, while the town itself has a population of 2500. Obviously, therefore, the school is one of Miranda's principal enterprises--and a fine one.

Located some sixty miles south of Eureka on Highway 101, and in a forest of Avenue setting of its own, Miranda is one of the most pleasant places in southern Humboldt county. One of the things that impresses you is that there are no lumber mills in the town, despite the wild-eyed logging boom that has the surrounding territory in its grip. How did they do it?

"Mind you, Miranda is the business of the miners, the lumbermen, the farmers, and the fishermen. But we've got to have a good school. That's our salvation. That's what we've got to maintain. That's what is going to keep us alive,"

Parkinson, an ardent angler, can tell you.

As a result of this excellent fishery and the recreation as well as the pleasant setting, Miranda has developed a number of good vacation resorts, all small. Here only the Bachelor Button Inn is an outstanding exception. But at the north end of town, just across the small bridge over the South Fork, stands the new South Fork Union High School, a three-story structure which, with the wide-open landscape background, combine to give an almost imaginative effect.

You can see why we Miranda's people take pride in our beautiful building. We have a top-notch headmaster, who runs the very best school, and a fine faculty, who provide us with the best instruction. And the students themselves, who make up the school, are a fine group. They are well-behaved, well-disciplined, and a credit to the school and the town.

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Highway 101--Miranda's Main Street

Bathing and Fishing background

The river that divides Miranda from the next town to the north, the South Fork, is the life of the city. There is no limit to the scenery and wildlife, from the grand old redwoods that surround it, along the river and in the hills. A trail that averages over 50 feet wide cuts through the river bed, and there are many good camping spots. It's a beautiful place, and Miranda is proud of it. The city is proud of its schools, and Miranda is proud of its schools.

UNUSUAL HIGH SCHOOL

And now, let us consider the fine high school that grows the pride of Miranda's population. Where are they? They grow here. What is the story of South Fork Union High School?

W. Harold Parkinson is the superintendent of the school district, a new entity that existed from the very beginning of Miranda's history, but which actually took effect July 1, 1940. Parkinson was responsible for the formation of the school district, superintendent Parkinson. The high school grew from 119 pupils in 1940 to 240 pupils in 1948. The complex of 150 rooms, 136 classrooms, 1400 square feet of floor space, and 11 acres of land.

The pupils come by bus from the neighboring school districts, and Miranda is proud of its schools. The students themselves, who make up the school, are a fine group. They are well-behaved, well-disciplined, and a credit to the school and the town. The school is a shining example of what can be done with dedication and hard work. It is a credit to the people of Miranda and a inspiration to all school districts in the region.

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