1. **Who was Eric Temple Bell?**
   a. He lived 1883–1960, a
   b. long-time Prof. of Mathematics at Cal Tech,
   c. noted researcher and
   d. author of well-known popular books, such as *Men of Mathematics*, and
   e. under a pseudonym, a noted writer of science fiction.

2. **Young Bell**
   a. Reared in Great Britain and California, he earned the
   b. BA—Stanford 1907—and MA—U. Washington 1908,
   c. taught mathematics at Yreka High School, 1909–1911,
   d. married here,
   e. quickly earned a PhD at Columbia,
   f. and started a university career.

3. **Why Yreka?**
   a. Prosperity and optimism reigned.
   b. The high school graduated about 10 per year, half college bound,
   c. its curriculum more demanding than my own in 1950s Ohio.
   d. Principal Fred. Liddeke had even more ambitious plans.
   e. He was recruiting teachers with very substantial backgrounds

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How did that school culture emerge from local politics, and to what extent did it succeed?

Would someone more knowledgeable about Siskiyou County, and interested in its schools, like to join me in continuing the search for E. T. Bell?