

A Book Review—

Kil-Kaas-Git

A New Quarterly

Kil-Kaas-Git — Published quarterly by the Craig Schools, Craig, Alaska
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This is one of the most professional school journals this writer has seen for a long time. The first issue is 50 pages long, stapled in the center with an attractive layout. The magazine is very attractive not only for those of us living in Southeastern, but for other parts of the State or nation because of the abundance of photographs — 36 in one issue!

The general theme of the publication is Prince of Wales Island, the Past and the Present. The history of Klawock, Craig and the Haida peoples is augmented by legends of the “Koosh-da-kah” and modern fishing techniques. For someone who has not been to Southeastern to actually see the fishing fleets, the photo essays on “Commercial Trolling” and “Seining: The work of a team” are very informative.

Traditional Haida crests and designs are exceptionally well illustrated by Robyn Musial and explained by an interview with Frank Peratrovich. Even a few traditional remedies such as the use of warm pitch for infections or the juice of boiled Devil’s Club for colds are presented.

The work is really a cooperative effort, mainly handled by the high school students at Craig, but with interviews and information from many of the older people in the area. This reviewer would recommend it very highly for school libraries as an informative study of Southeastern. Individuals will find it a nice supplement for other Alaskan journals or newspapers. If the succeeding issues are as good as the first, it’s well worth the price.

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