

Schools Ready For Thousands

Thousands of children of Alameda County will return to that epitome of strict teachers, four walls, and three "R's"—namely, School—tomorrow as they end a Summer vacation that has probably, to most, become a little boring by now.

Almost all city school departments as well as those falling under county school system jurisdiction predicted substantial increases in enrollments, largely because of continuing influx of persons establishing residences in the area, partially due to a war-increased birthrate that will send more grammar school-age children to school than ever before.

An enrollment of approximately 50,000 is anticipated by Oakland's school department, as an increase of 3,000 students over last year's 46,000, trudge back to Oakland's 76 public schools.

ADULT ENROLLEES

More than 15,000 men and women are expected as enrollees at Merritt Business School at its new location at 5714 Grove Street, site of the recently closed University High School. Courses are also offered at Technical Adult Evening School, Oakland Evening High School, Central Evening High School, San Leandro Evening High School, and Merritt Evening Business School.

Day classes for adults at Central Trade and Merritt Business Schools will open tomorrow simultaneously with all elementary, junior and senior high schools.

County Superintendent of Schools Vaughn D. Seidel announced an anticipated gain of 900 in Alameda County's rural schools, with a prospective enrollment of more than 13,000 students.

RURAL SCHOOLS

A total of 27 rural elementary school districts in the county as well as five rural high school districts will open tomorrow. Three elementary schools, Green May and Summit, opened August 26.

All city schools in the Oakland area, opening tomorrow, reported gains in estimated attendance for the Fall term.

Alameda although with no indication of prospective enrollment of grammar schools, reported an anticipated gain of 200 over last year's 2100 students at Alameda High School. Parochial schools in Alameda opened last Monday.

Richmond and El Cerrito, in the same school district, expect an overall enrollment of 21,000 approximately the same as last year throughout the district but reported advance estimates indicate enrollment at Richmond High School may hit a new high with a total of 2800-400 more than last year.

ALBANY SCHOOLS

Emeryville and Piedmont anticipate no change in enrollment, having been filled to capacity last year. Albany school system officials are prepared to take care of 200 additional pupils in an enrollment between 3400 and 3500.

San Leandro elementary schools anticipate an increase of approximately 300 from 2700 to 3000 pupils, according to T. J. Norby, superintendent of San Leandro schools. San Leandro High School, which includes a junior high, and falling under the Oakland public school system, indicated a 1000-pupil increase for the Fall term.

O. B. Paulsen, superintendent of Hayward High School, reported an expected jump from 1800 to 2100, an increase of 300. The six Hayward elementary schools expect a 100 increase, bringing to 2500 the total of Hayward Grammar School students.

DRIVERS WARNED AS SCHOOLS OPEN

Five to nine years are the most dangerous ages for children on Oakland streets.

This was disclosed today as Capt. Lester J. Divine, head of the Oakland Police Department's traffic division, issued a warning for motorists to exercise special caution when driving in the vicinity of public and parochial schools.

Divine called attention to the fact that 210 children of school age were injured in mishaps on Oakland streets during the first eight months of the year.

Injuries also were suffered by 76 youngsters of four years and under.

Three fifths of the children injured were pedestrians. Divine pointed out that the speed limit near schools, which classes are being held or children are on the playground is 15 miles an hour.

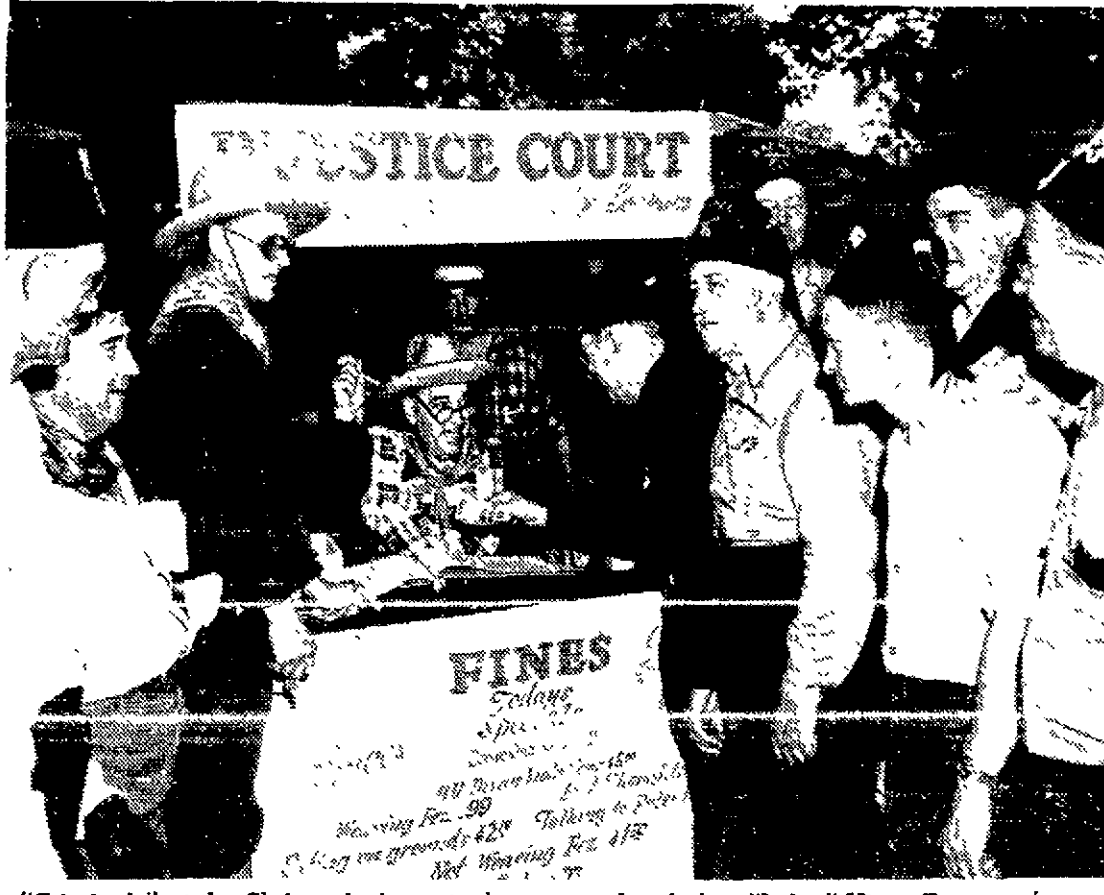
Sun Shines After Prayers in Britain

LONDON, Sept. 9.—(AP)—After a Sunday of prayers for better weather, the sun shone fitfully in Britain today, enabling harvesters, to begin the salvage of grain in fields sodden by rains.

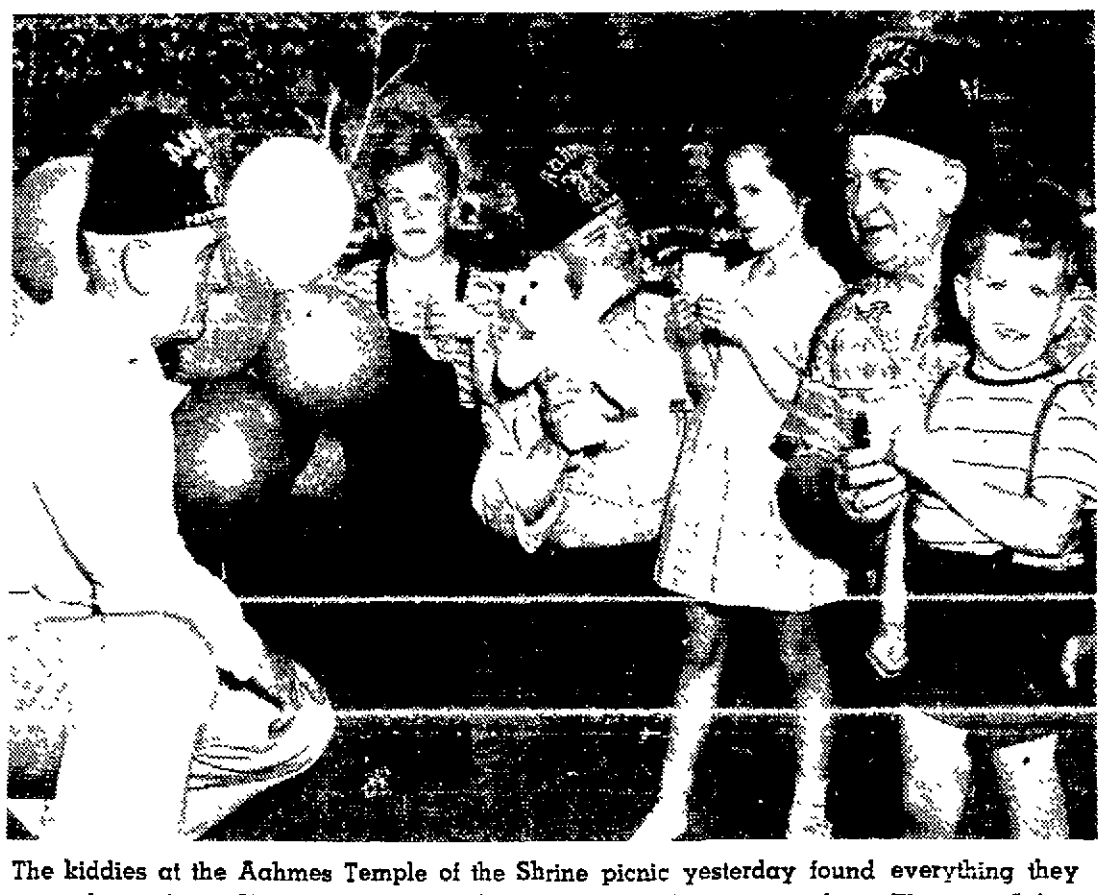
A strong drying wind and bright sunshine accelerated the harvesting in Yorkshire and Norfolk. In Norfolk half the crop was still in the fields and acres of wheat were sprouting, making the grain unfit for human consumption.

Payments Drop

BERKELEY, Sept. 9.—Berkeley's payments of unemployment insurance dropped from \$192,000 in July to \$148,000 in August, reports Mrs. Marjorie Walker, manager of the Berkeley office, U.S. Employment Service.



"Criminals" at the Shrine picnic yesterday were taken before "Judge" Victor Traverso (center). This "courtroom" scene includes (left to right) M. R. Webb, E. Darnsell, Traverso, Ed Adams, Ed Johnson, Al Winn and B. Flatt. Jail was recommended for all.



The kiddies at the Ahmes Temple of the Shrine picnic yesterday found everything they wanted was free. Here one group of Shriners and children get together. They are (left to right) Potentate William R. Wright, Bobbie Fouke, Robert H. Fouke, Katherine McVickers, Recorder Bob Abernethy and Douglas McVickers.—Tribune photos.

Jacob's Growth, Pastor's Theme

By DR. K. FILLMORE GRAY, Church Editor, The Tribune

One of a series of Bible biographies was presented to the congregation of the First Congregational Church yesterday by its minister, Dr. Clarence Reidenbach. In the sermon entitled, "Jacob, the Man Who Faced God" he said: "Jacob was a mixture in his personality, and that is just the way we are. We have a lot of bad and of good in us."

Jacob did not start out to be a saint, Dr. Reidenbach continued, for he and his brother hated each other and were made worse by the favoritism of their father and mother. Jacob was highly selfish, wanted to get on and get the best of everything. He sought to be first and to acquire possessions by being smart and tricky, exactly the ideals with which many of our American boys are brought up. But he had a lot of good in him, and had a feeling for God. To be sure, that feeling was selfish to start with, but it grew. He also was a loving and patient person, waiting and working 14 years to get Rachel. He knew how to work as well as scheme, learned from experience, and changed for the better.

"When at last he found out that selfishness and scheming had reached their end," Dr. Reidenbach continued, he cast his life on a new and better pattern. That pattern was to meet God on his own terms and to learn to know the character of God. Specifically, it meant to get on better terms with his brother.

"Not many of us are saints," he concluded, "but we can improve ourselves. We can grow in spirit and learn to like people more, and thus find acceptance from God."

At the Central Seventh Day Adventist Church, Elder W. L. Hyatt, speaking on "This Generation," said: "There is no crisis with God. He rules this universe and knows the end from the beginning. He has had a definite program for the period of duration known as time. Prior to this period there existed eternity without beginning and when time ends eternity without end will open before the people of God. The earth will be purified and become their eternal home. Thus will God's original purposes be accomplished."



Part of the fun at the first post-war picnic of Ahmes Temple of the Shrine, held yesterday at Linda Vista Park, near Mission San Jose, was the "hoosegow," to which Shriners were sentenced for various "crimes." Here, (left to right) "Deputies" E. G. Darnsell and Ed Loupsy look over their prisoners, Earle Ratio, Bob Fouke, Fred Franke, Mrs. William Wright and Jack Block, with "Deputies" Vic Kaufman and Al Winn on the right. Thousands attended the day's outing.

5 Transports Due With Wives, Troops

By the Associated Press

Five transports carrying servicemen, war brides and children are scheduled to arrive today at New York Seattle and San Diego.

Due at New York are the General Goethals with 73 troops, 134 brides and 47 children from Le Havre, the Zucana from Leghorn, Italy, with nine troops and the Jean Donald from Bismarck, with 13 troops.

The La Grande Victory from Yokohama is due at Seattle with 1465 Army and two Navy personnel and the carrier Boxer from Pearl Harbor is due at San Diego with 682 Navy and Marine personnel and five troops.

Moscow Hits U.S., Vatican Co-operation

LONDON, Sept. 9.—(AP)—The Moscow radio said today that Bishop Alois Muench of Paderborn, Germany, had been appointed Papal Nuncio to Germany and asserted the action was evidence of "the close co-operation existing between the Vatican and American capital."

The Vatican news service on July 26 said Bishop Muench had been appointed here of a pontifical relief mission for Germany.

In an English commentary also critical to Myron Taylor, personal representative of President Truman at the Vatican, Moscow added:

"The Vatican is a relic of the centuries-old traditions of the Catholic Church without blinking an eyelash whenever it promises the Vatican fresh political and economic advantages."

SCIENTISTS JOIN EXPOSITION GROUP

The Nation's leading scientists in the development of atomic energy, including Nobel Prize Winner Dr. Harold C. Urey and Dr. Leonard Katzin who undertook their initial studies at the University of California, will take part in the National Chemical Exposition Tuesday through Saturday in Chicago.

Doctors Urey and Katzin will participate in panel conferences on atomic chemistry entitled "The Use of Artificial Radioactive Elements in Industrial Research."

The exposition will be the first international meeting sponsored by the Chicago section of the American Chemical Society and it was announced that the "enormous possibilities opened for possible research" will be exhaustively studied.

Both Doctors Urey and Katzin earned their Ph.D. degrees at the University of California. Dr. Urey won the Nobel Prize for discovery of heavy hydrogen and is now a distinguished service professor of history at the Dai Ichi Hotel and the NYK Club, an annex of the War Ministry.

Electricians Meet In Closing Session

The AFL International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers was scheduled to hold the closing session of its national convention in the San Francisco Civic Auditorium today. No outbreaks of violence have developed. A special police detail was assigned to the convention.

Yesterday the 1800 delegates representing 300,000 union members throughout the country, approved a resolution urging President Truman to ban the shipment of building supplies to Russia.

The convention picked Memphis, Tenn. for its 1948 convention site. Candidates backed by President-elect Don W. Tracy, whose bitter rivalry with President Ed Brown caused fears of violence were complete success in the elections to vice-presidents and members of the executive council. Charles J. Foenig of San Francisco, was among those elected to the council.

Also ending its national convention in San Francisco today was the AFL Painters' Union which re-elected its officers.

400 MISSIONARIES SAILING FOR ORIENT

Four hundred missionaries leaving Wednesday for China and the Philippines—the largest deputation ever to leave one port at one time and the first large group to go to the Far East since the war—will be honored at a "Bon Voyage" mass meeting at 7:30 pm tomorrow at the San Francisco Opera House.

The meeting, expected to be the largest Protestant demonstration ever to be held in this area, is jointly sponsored by the Northern-California, Western Nevada Council of Churches and the San Francisco Council of Churches.

Speakers will include Henry Lucas, editor and publisher of "Time," "Life" and "Fortune" magazines; Dr. William Hung of the faculty of Venning University of Peiping, China, and San Francisco Mayor Rogo, D. Lapham, Dr. Robert Gordon, San Francisco president of the University of California will preside.

The 400 missionaries, who are being sent by the mission agencies in the United States and Canada that make up the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, will sail Wednesday aboard the Marine Lynx.



A portion of the several hundred guests who attended the first St. Mary's Harbor are shown seated at tables eating. The homecoming featured a breakfast, general meeting and the traditional Education Hour.

'Kindly' Man in Bad Check Net

Purchases of "toys for children, wreaths for dear departed friends and gifts for ladies"—all assertedly paid for with bad checks—yesterday landed David R. Ponton, 51, in the Oakland city prison, police said.

It was the alertness of Acting Inspector Arthur J. McQuillan that brought the arrest of Ponton, who has been in and out of San Quentin and Folsom Prisons at least four times.

McQuillan was driving home last night when he spotted Ponton riding a Foothill Boulevard bus. Trailing the bus, McQuillan took the man into custody as he stepped off at Fruitvale Avenue.

Inspector J. L. Sternitzky, who told of Ponton's method of operation, declared "he should have been a salesman. Had he kept straight he could have made \$40,000 a year."

Ponton is currently being held for investigation of passing fictitious checks in Albany, Berkeley and Oakland and for a parole violation.

Two Fliers Injured

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., Sept. 9.—(AP)—Doyle Symms, Caldwell, Ida, and Archie J. Stevenson, Marsing, Ida, received injuries of undetermined extent today when a private plane they were ferrying from Wichita, Kas., to Salt Lake City, Utah, crashed soon after taking off from Nichols Field here.

Fugitive Bay Slayer Killed

William Fortner, 26, wanted by San Francisco police for a killing there, was shot and killed in a running gun battle in Council Bluffs, Iowa, yesterday, according to an Associated Press dispatch.

Patrolman Bud Foster, who had asked Fortner for identification, killed the man after Fortner pulled a gun and fired three shots at the officer, according to Police Chief Leonard Murray of Council Bluffs.

San Francisco police wanted Fortner for the shooting of Oneta Smith, 34, of 1534 Geary Street, on Labor Day.

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