

Dr. Simpson Points Out Value Of School For Handicapped

The growing emphasis on extending the meaning of equal education opportunities to include children handicapped by various physical disorders, was pointed out by Dr. Roy Simpson, director of the state department of education, who helped dedicate the new Duncan Holbert School for Orthopedically Handicapped yesterday afternoon at the Capitola school.

Dr. Simpson, superintendent of city schools in Santa Cruz from 1937 to 1940, told more than 100 persons attending the ceremonies, that "today our public schools in California maintain 54 educational and treatment centers enrolling about 2700 crippled children."

He said that two-thirds of these

children are diagnosed as cerebral palsied. The reason such a special unit must be set up for these children is that educating one handicapped child will vary in approach from another.

For example, he referred to a recent survey which showed that of the cerebral palsied children in the special schools, 30 per cent had some degree of mental retardation, 55 per cent had significant speech defects, 11 per cent were handicapped in hearing, 24 per cent suffered visual losses, 7 per cent had seizures, and 10 per cent had other miscellaneous disabilities.

"In our society we are committed to the conviction that all children are worthy; that it is economical to invest in the education as opposed to the custody and life-long care of the handicapped; and that it pays to help people become self-sufficient and productive," he declared.

Simpson brought out the end for more trained teachers for these special schools and the problem of vocational rehabilitation.

"The values of education, training, and physical treatment cannot be fully realized until the crippled person has the opportunity to use his skills effectively in the social and economic life of his community," he said.

"Our department has been cognizant of the growing number of children progressing through special classes who seem to arrive at a dead end when it comes to employment opportunities."

A new state advisory committee is studying this problem with the hope of obtaining cooperation from public and private agencies to "solve the problem."

Simpson was introduced by Norman S. Lien, superintendent of county schools. Dr. Holbert was a special guest. Music was furnished by the Capitola school band, conducted by Albert Curtis Bowman.

A flag was presented to the new school by the Tres Pueblos VFW auxiliary 7263. Mrs. Stella V. Disbrow made the presentation. Welcome was extended by Miss Tammy Sawyer, Capitola student body president, and Mrs. David Anderson, president of the Soquel district school board.

OAKLAND BAY BRIDGE TRAFFIC INCREASES

San Francisco (AP).—Passenger car traffic over the San Francisco-Oakland Bay bridge in 1957 increased 2.3 per cent over the volume in 1956, the state public utilities commission reported today.

BILLY VUKOVICH'S WIDOW WILL WED

Indianapolis (AP).—Veteran race driver Earl Motter of Pacifica, Calif., announced today he will marry Esther Vukovich, widow of Bill Vukovich, colorful racer killed here at the Indianapolis Motor speedway three years ago.

Worker Suffers Acid Burns At Lockheed Plant

A worker at the Lockheed missile test center on the Empire Grade is reported to be in "fair condition" after suffering first degree burns in an accident this morning.

He is Herbert Roberts, 43, of Salinas, an employee of the Newberry Electric company. Incomplete reports are that a pipeline with either carbon tetrachloride or methyl chloride broke and sprayed over him.

A co-worker tossed a container of the liquid over him, thinking the container had only water.

The hospital reported this morning Roberts received burns in the chest, face and left eye. It has not been determined yet whether he has swallowed some of the liquid.

since a high school boy was killed in a rock and tear gas clash between students and guardsmen Monday.

The base has repeatedly assured area residents they have nothing to fear, that the Ajax will only be exploded in time of war necessity, and is completely safe unless fired manually.

Mrs. Erika Elazorchek said she was in a supermarket about a mile from the base at the time of the explosions. She said the shoppers were terrified by the blasts.

"I ran all the way home and found everything there safe," she said. "But my neighbor was knocked off the chair she was sitting on in the living room and the windows of her house were broken."

Young Thief Gets Probation

Superior Court Judge Gilbert B. Perry placed David Joseph O'Reilly, 18, of San Jose on five year's probation this morning after he had pleaded guilty to two counts of burglary May 9.

He burglarized the Sea and Sand Motel and the Seabreeze apartments April 3.

Tot Suffers Severe Burns, Is 'Critical'

A 4-year-old Santa Cruz girl, seriously burned yesterday, was reported in "touch and go" condition today at St. Frances hospital in San Francisco.

The girl, Mary Lou Strickland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Strickland of 131 Assembly avenue, was deeply burned when her nightgown caught fire.

More than 50 per cent of the girl's body sustained severe second degree burns, it was reported. The tot's gown burst into flames after she found a match on the arm of a chesterfield in her home.

The girl was rushed to the San Francisco hospital by the Santa Cruz ambulance company.

Dr. Melvin Naman said it would be "touch and go for the next 72 hours whether she will live."

Ike Orders Study To Eliminate Air

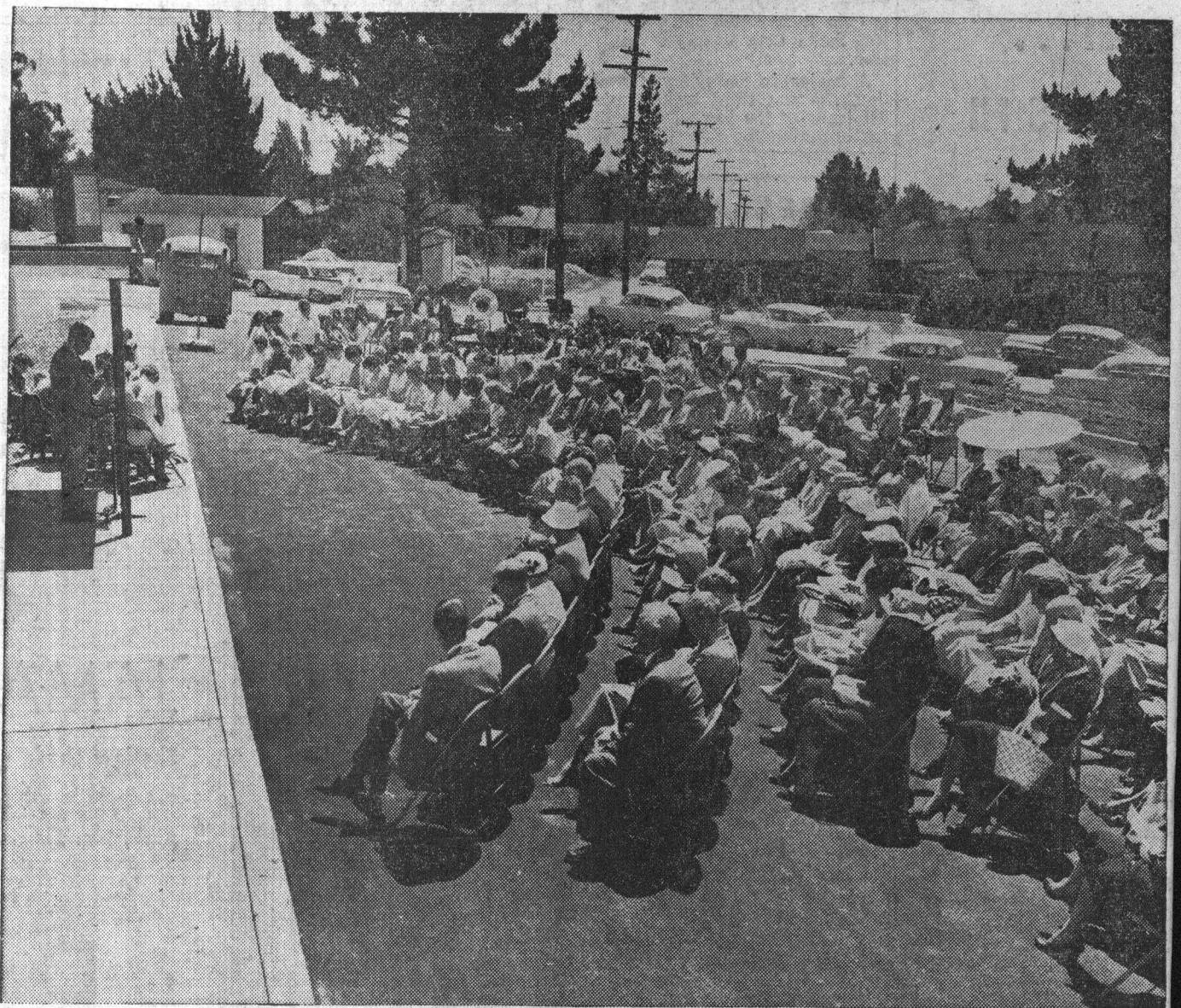
Washington (AP).—President Eisenhower today ordered his air coordinating committee to make a special study aimed at eliminating midair collisions "to the maximum degree."

The White House said Eisenhower's action was prompted by the collision in Maryland Tuesday of an Air National Guard jet and a commercial airliner. That crash took a dozen lives.

At the same time, Eisenhower arranged to confer later in the day with two house members who are members of a committee investigating the Tuesday crash.

Rep. Prince Preston (D-Ga.) said he and Rep. Cliff Cleveland (R-Ohio) got word from the

Attend Dedication Of Children's School



More than 100 persons attended the dedication ceremonies of the Duncan Holbert school

for the orthopedically handicapped at the Capitola school yesterday afternoon. The new school will provide special edu-

cation to crippled children so that they can ultimately be enrolled in regular classes. Rev.

Donald B. Jones, pastor of the First Baptist church of Capitola, is giving the invocation

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