

Ingenuity and Patience Keynote of Double Sessions

Branciforte And Gault Pupils, Teachers Have Managed To Compromise During Emergency

(Editor's note: This is the second in a series of three articles explaining how Branciforte school's DP's (displaced pupils) are managing these days while experiencing double sessions, pending the time when the classes will be able to claim a building of their own.)

By Betty Wixcey

If the rural seventh and eighth graders of either of two possible elementary districts come in a body to junior high school here next year, it almost unquestionably will be necessary for grades one through six of Branciforte and Gault elementary schools to go on double sessions.

Only two, barely likely, alternatives have been explored in the past. The school system could buy some more portable units to be placed at the old Branciforte elementary school or on Branciforte junior high grounds to increase East Side classroom space, or the district could rent temporary quarters for classes.

The idea of renting and renovating outside quarters for classroom use once before was studied, and dropped with a thud, by the school board.

Several board members have been notably unenthusiastic in the past about portable classroom units, for that matter.

At present the first and second graders only in Branciforte and Gault elementary schools are on double session. Branciforte elementary's fifth and sixth graders attend class in a wing at Branciforte junior high, and the rest, except for some classes for handicapped children in a structure which was not Field Act-closed at the old Branciforte elementary school, are in the Gault building.

Clearly there is no room for even one temporary classroom building on the Gault school grounds, where Gault and the bulk of Branciforte elementary pupils are sharing quarters now.

Such luxuries as basketball courts and regulation baseball diamonds are no more, because there isn't space to permit use of that big a play area for relatively small groups of children.

For a short time before school and for about 15 minutes after lunch, most of the pupils of both schools mob the playground. To permit the children to spread out a little during recess, Branciforte Elementary Principal Rita Mattei and Gault Principal Edith King have scheduled separate recess times for their schools.

Teachers' yard duty like everything else in the crowded school plant, is of necessity handled on a cooperative basis.

grades are in session.

Gault first and second graders only have afternoon recess. They go out for ten minutes at 1:30, again at 2:40, and for PE later in the afternoon. Branciforte third graders go out for a short break, with their teacher, but it amounts to little more than a walk around the grounds, Miss Mattei says. Branciforte fourth graders have PE in the afternoon.

Unlike the setup last year, when all the pupils of both schools were on double session at Gault and the building emptied of children for each recess, there is no time on the playground now when the children are not aware they might be disturbing someone else, working in the building. Even though the yard is less crowded, playing conditions are far from ideal now.

Possibly, but not probably, portables could be used to handle a tremendous junior high influx and keep the status quo for the elementary grades in question next year.

Portable units at the junior high school to provide more housing would, however, aggravate a play area problem there, forcing bigger physical education classes in the junior high grades and requiring two, instead of one, staggered lunch periods.

At present the recreational and PE time schedule is worked out at Branciforte junior high so that the elementary school's fifth and sixth graders seldom are on the grounds at the same time as their seniors.

The elementary youngsters have their physical education training during two periods in the morning, and from 10:20 to noon the grounds are left free for them.

Lunchtime is almost evenly split in campus use. The junior high students go into the cafeteria and on a small part of the grounds to eat their lunch at one minute before noon; then go about numerous lunchtime recreational activities such as dances in the correctional room, games in the gym or study in the library. Those that remain on the grounds are segregated, not too strictly and with little difficulty, from the elementary pupils, who start their lunch at 12:15 and play outside after eating.

Junior high grades take over the grounds for PE training during the afternoon, but by tight scheduling the Branciforte elementary pupils again get 20 minutes to themselves in the play area between the junior high's fifth and sixth periods. They take

Play Quietly! Someone Is Studying

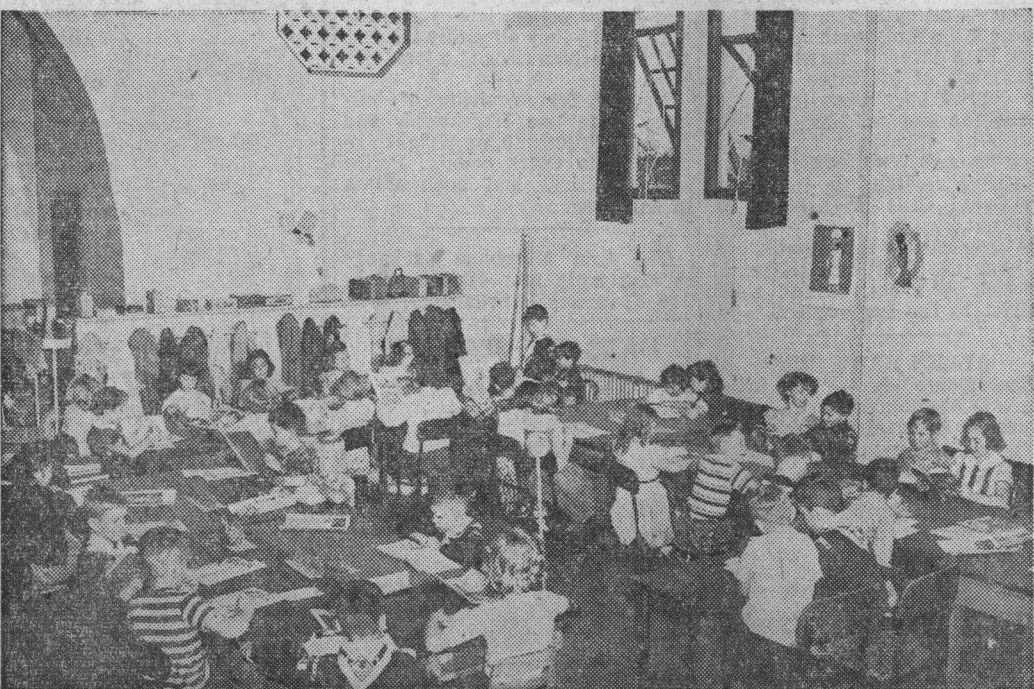


Staying well away from the Gault school building, boys and girls of Branciforte and Gault

elementary schools cover the playground during their noon-hour recreation period. Whenever classes go out to play, at

lunch or recess, they must keep it in mind that someone is studying inside.

Youngsters 'Make Do' In Makeshift Room



Bald Ohio Solons Ask Reduction In Haircut Cost

Columbus, Ohio (AP). — Bald members of the Ohio house have called for an inquiry into the price of haircuts.

Their resolution yesterday noted that barbers charge 25 cents extra for crew, butch or flattop haircuts and suggested barbers could shave their prices for those with little, if any, hair on top.

Proposing that the nine sponsors make the investigation, the resolution read:

"In view of the premium . . . it is altogether commensurate with justice, equity and fair play that a reciprocal reduction of price be effected for those of us who through no fault of our own, are endowed with that badge of experience and ability called baldness."

Candidates Accept Group Endorsement

Council candidates endorsed by Citizens for Good Government accepted the group's backing at a meeting held at the Palomar hotel Monday night.

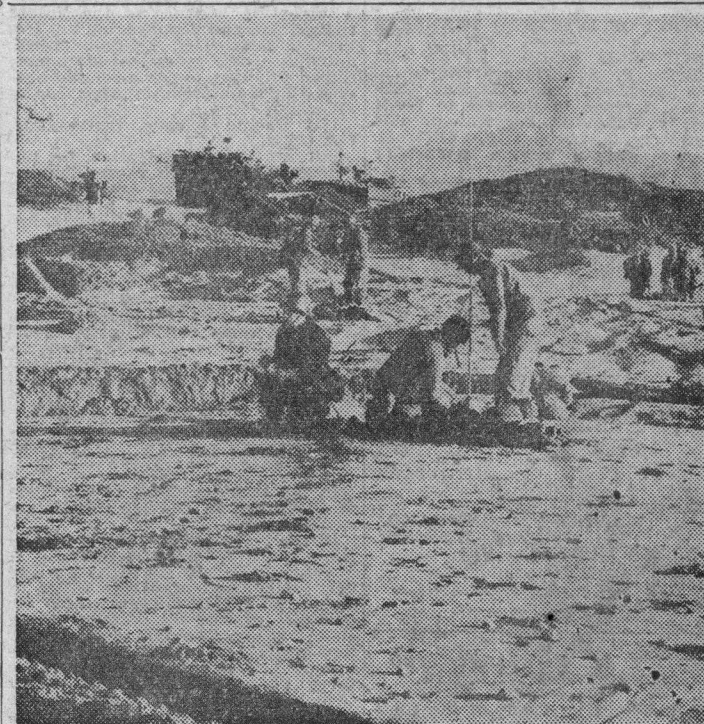
One of the four candidates couldn't make it in person. Carl White, hospitalized by a broken leg, sent "deep regrets" that the injury prevented his appearance. A letter signed by Mrs. White said he sought "no personal glory" and had "no ax to grind" in the coming campaign.

Paul Forgey, C. R. (Dick) Farar and Cliff Dysle, the only incumbent standing for re-election, made speeches of acceptance that included their aims. In discussing its endorsements the group noted that there were other good candidates running but it was felt the ones selected would have the best impact on "the future of Santa Cruz," Secretary Mrs. Vee Hoffman reported.

Klein Goes To SF To Discuss Groin Building

City Manager Robert Klein went to San Francisco today to discuss problems connected with the forthcoming Twin Lakes test groin with army engineer officers.

Klein said the army has agreed to billet the groin-building men at Fort Ord. Original plans for the soldiers to bivouac in DeLaVeaga park were canceled by the advent of the softball season. The softball diamond is the only feasi-



—NEA Telephoto

LIFE LINE OF ATTACK—Communications are quickly set up by the "friendly" force as they take control of San Simeon, Cal., beach in mock hit-and-run attack. The "invasion" is designed to seize and destroy guided missile launching base built up by the "aggressor" forces. Maneuvers are part of "Operation Surfboard," largest joint Army-Navy war game held on the Pacific Coast since World War II.

Power Company Seeks Right For Atomic Project

New York (AP). — The Consolidated Edison company of New York has announced an application to the atomic energy commission for authority to build and operate a nuclear reactor for the generation of electricity at Indian Point in suburban Westchester county.

The utility firm, in announcing that the application was filed in Washington yesterday, noted that its board of trustees recently authorized expenditure of 55 million dollars for the project. This includes buildings and electrical and auxiliary equipment.

The company last Friday entered into a contract with Babcock and Wilcox to design and construct the reactor portion of the project.

The company added this footnote to its announcement:

"Since this is believed to be the first application of its kind under the Atomic Energy act of 1954, there are no precedents for release of information. Therefore, the company will not release any of the data contained

NEW ROOKIE

Orlando, Fla. (AP). — The Washington Senators have a new rookie outfielder — 36-year-old Alex Crespo, a Cuban.

Calvin Griffith, Senators' vice president, said, "We've been trying to land him for 10 years."

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A Branciforte teacher goes out to superintend school yard activities from 8:30 to 9 a. m., when the children are straggling in for school. Only one teacher is deemed necessary for this duty, because the double session children are at their desks at 8:40, while the others start their classes at 9. All the kids in all the morning classes of both schools are on the playground together for a short time, if at all, before school starts.

At 10 o'clock, Branciforte pupils in grades one through four troop as quietly as they can out for a 20 minute recess, supervised by one of the school's teachers on a rotating basis. Conscious that the Gault school pupils are studying, the Branciforte kids stay well away from the building to play.

Gault children likewise are careful to file out for their recess period at 10:30 as noiselessly as possible, and to stay well out in the yard, because the Branciforte children are back at their studies in the building.

Gault teachers take over yard supervision for both schools in the afternoon.

There is some playground use by primary children of both schools from 12:20, when the Branciforte first and second graders get out for the day, to 12:30, when the school day starts for the Gault children on double session.

Lunch serving, staggered by short intervals as the boys and girls of both schools file class-by-class to get their food, starts at 12:20, and many of the children are out in the yard 15 minutes later. Again consideration is required of children at classroom work, since the Gault primary

ior high students in consecutive outdoor classes change their clothes in the locker rooms.

One third grade Branciforte class was shifted this school year to Grant school, to keep the third graders off double sessions. At the same time it was suggested that a small lunchroom and kitchen at Grant could be remodeled to handle another class, Cornick recalls.

But except for that one classroom possibility, there just isn't another corner in any of the other school buildings in operation in Santa Cruz, where displaced Branciforte elementary pupils might be stuffed next year.

In fact Bay View school will need two more fourth grades next fall, and the school faces an immediate problem of where to put them, Cornick asserts.

In not much more than two years, he adds, Bay View will need five classrooms in addition to the two for which there is an urgent need, because the grades coming in are getting bigger all the time.

Unlike Gault, Bay View has plenty of room to expand, with portable or permanent construction.

The only other elementary building, Laurel school, is filled, but not bulging yet, Cornick says.

Anyone who might have an acquisitive eye on the portables in use at the high school can look the other way, because the high school is going to need two more classrooms next year, too, the school superintendent reports.

Cornick and High School Prin-

Branciforte elementary third graders prepare to give book reports in their makeshift classroom in the Gault school audi-

torium. Class is conducted in the room, partitioned off from the rest of the auditorium, without outside distraction, because

music instruction is given when the third graders housed there go out for recess and physical education training.

Students Harmonize Despite Crowded Quarters



Harmony is the keynote, despite crowded quarters and tight scheduling, for the pupils of Gault and Branciforte elementary schools. Here young musicians of both schools practice together. In the rear is the partitioned-off Branciforte third grade classroom, empty

during music practice because the pupils are outside for recess and physical education class.

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men because of its water and lavatory facilities.

The city has agreed to let the army store its equipment and material in the city corporation yard, clearing up another problem. The current arrangement for the men to barrack at daily, Ord and commute here

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Summons On Everything Except Charge

Richmond, Va. (AP).—M. othy M. Stender said in court her summons overstated speed, listed the wrong time, misspelled her home town as Crewe.

Worst of all, she said, she was listed as a male.

"I'm a female," she told the court.

"A gross mistake," agreed Judge Carleton, E. Jewett—but not gross enough, he added, to throw out the charge. The case was continued.

'Bears' Scare Little Mary

St. Louis (AP). — A taxi driver picked up 5-year-old Mary Sparrow who was walking down a snow-covered street at 2 a.m., barefooted and in a nightgown. He took her to a police station.

There she told officers she had dreamed her house was full of bears and left to get away from them. "I was afraid to come home because I'm afraid of bears," said. She was returned to her mother, who assured her there weren't really any bears.

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The white lily was one of the commonest garden flowers of the