

Laureola Club Gives Tables

(Times County News Service)
SAN CARLOS, May 15.—Members of the Laureola Improvement association voted to donate picnic tables and benches for use at the Laureola playground during their May meeting held this week at the Laureola school. According to Grant Bringham, president, the members appropriated funds for this purpose and will rent equipment to prepare the outfield or the school ball park within the next two weeks.

Jack Riley, recreation chairman, announced that the club was beginning supervision of activities at the playground and ball field every Saturday and Sunday. The first group will help on May 17. The morning session will be taken care of by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dowsey; afternoon session, Mrs. Roy Davies and Earl Haynes. On Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Jack Shipley will supervise.

Bringhurst announced that Dale Baker had volunteered to assist the Civic Affairs committee in the teenage recreation program. Baker reported that he had tentatively lined up a photographic project, which would be backed by a local photographic supply dealer.

A letter was read from Harry Grant, city manager, stating that the long-delayed parking project on the east side of the railroad tracks from Holly street to the spur track on the south would probably be completed by June; and shrub planting along the property adjacent to the railroad will begin soon.

A new feature, "The Grape Section," brought out several problems which may become projects for various committees, concerning signs for streets, bulldozing of streets and other problems.

A film, "Miracle in Wood," showing the process of plywood manufacture was shown. Hostesses for the social hour were Mrs. Fred Lee and Mrs. Jack Shipley.

'Body' in Bay Still Mystery

(Times Redwood City Bureau)
REDWOOD CITY, May 15.—Mystery of the "body-sized" bundle seen dropped from the San Mateo-Hayward bridge, early yesterday, remains a mystery today.

No report has been received in response to a sheriff's office all-points bulletin seeking information on a powder blue Cadillac with a license beginning IM4 and Capt. Jack O'Brien said that a considerable time will be required to search the registration files to determine if the number matches any automobile of that description.

The mystery began when Anthony Roman, manager of a San Mateo plumbing firm and a part-time private eye, told officers he had seen two men throw a suspiciously large, wrapped bundle from the bridge.

United States hydrographic charts show the depth of the water at the point where the bundle was thrown to be 40 feet and O'Brien said currents in this main channel of the bay are strong enough to rapidly sweep the heaviest objects for a considerable distance.

Students Held For Sign Prank

San Mateo police weren't in the mood to go along with a San Francisco State college fraternity initiation prank early today when they found five students busily sawing down the "City of San Mateo" street sign at the southwest corner of Barriolhet avenue and El Camino Real.

They popped the quintet in the city jail where three remained today. The students, William Kendall, 21; Michael Saunders, 20; Robert Dreyer, 18, and Henry G. Black, 20, all of San Francisco, and William Fleckman, 22, San Rafael, were apprehended by Burlingame police officers Robert J. Quinn and Bobbie E. Nowlin.

They were turned over to San Mateo officers Bert Sellers and Ted Hegedus moments later. The youths told police that they were required by their fraternity to bring back the street signs of San Mateo and Palo Alto. Police found a pipe wrench, hacksaw and hammer near the sawed-off sign. All five were booked on charges of destroying city property. Black and Fleckman posted \$50 bail last night and were released.

Episcopalians to Attend R. C. Rally

Local Episcopalians will attend a rally of the churches in the Peninsula area on Monday at St. Peter's church, Redwood City. This will be the annual meeting of convocation, including parishes and missions in San Mateo and Santa Clara counties, 18 in number. The special program will be concerned with the centennial advance fund now under way in the diocese of California. In charge will be the dean, the Rev. Stanley Clapham, of Los Gatos, Emmett Solomon of San Mateo, and the Rev. Francis P. Foote of Burlingame.

Tails of comets always point away from the sun and scientists believe this is caused by the pressure of light on the material in the tail.



A rocking type bed, a valuable aide in the treatment of polio cases, is in operation today at Community hospital as the result of a donation by employees of Pan American World Airways. Profits from various employe activities at Pan American go into a good neighbor fund. A total of more than \$1000 was used to purchase a rocking type bed for Community hospital. Presentation was made yesterday. At the presentation were, left to right: R. Loyd Johnson, who directed the campaign to acquire the fund; Captain Roy Jensen, pilot; Lois Liebe, stewardess, flight service TWA; Don Ranson, Pan Am; Mrs. Sara Brumfield, superintendent of nurses, Community hospital; Max H. Bailey, superintendent Community hospital; B. Stephens, committee chairman TWA; D. Dixon, Pan Am; nurses Agnes Prara, Evelyn Fells, Catherine Maher, head nurse, and in the bed is Mrs. Dolores Murray, 627 Cherry street, San Bruno, a patient at the hospital since December 22, 1953.

HANDS OFF, S.M. TELLS COUNTY Gov't Agencies Less in County

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meeting of the North County Council of Cities at Daly City. San Mateo city Councilman Edward J. Reilly put it more bluntly. "Mr. Nichols," he said, "doesn't know what he's talking about. First of all, the county is in no position to bar annexation of any property to the city of San Mateo. The property does not belong to Mr. Nichols. If the property owners of Brewer island should choose to petition for annexation to San Mateo, it becomes entirely a matter between the owners and the city.

Provided by Law
"The law on annexation specifically states that a property owner can take the step, and then it becomes the city's decision. Should there be more than 12 property owners, an election would be necessary."

Declaring himself as much interested in wooing desirable industry here as any other interested taxpayer, Reilly urged a realistic approach to the problem. And, he refused a critical letter by Arthur D. Neason on the proposed residential development by pointing out that new areas annexed to the city always required to bear the existing bonded indebtedness for the city's improvements such as roads, sewage plant expansion, fire houses, and similar costs. "We require annexed areas to bear their fair share," he said.

In Talking Stage
As far as Brewer Island is concerned, Reilly, Mayor Campbell, City Manager Arthur B. Sullivan and Vice-Mayor Wesley P. Johnson pointed out that the whole thing is still in the talking stage. Representatives of the Myer Bros. Construction company in Los Angeles have been conferring with City Manager Sullivan strictly on the basis of finding out just what the city's subdivision requirements are.

Campbell declared, "Should it ever reach the point of actual development, then naturally, we will give hearing to the matter. That is the function of the council. We don't turn down anything without giving it a fair hearing."

Reilly stressed that Nichols' flat declaration raises the entire question of private ownership of property. "I hold no brief for any owners of Brewer Island. I do believe this, however, that a man is entitled to use his property as he sees fit. If he doesn't want or can't get industrial development for the area, it isn't within the province of the city, county, or state, to tell him specifically he shall do this or so. Anything else amounts to confiscation." Reilly warned such action could become a good court case.

Hearings Seek Ike Advisors

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everything" about the meeting. He said he is particularly interested in the roles played by Brownell and Rogers.

Liked Herb
"I've always liked Herb Brownell," he told newsmen. "I'm inclined to think he is willing to come down here and say what happened." Dirksen was not sure there would be any point in pursuing the matter "since none (of the officials) intruded in the case."

Sen. Karl E. Mundt (R., S. D.), acting subcommittee chairman, indicated Brownell could possibly be subpoenaed if he was not acting as a confidential adviser to the president but he said he would not consider subpoenas until the army explains Adams' refusal to answer questions.

The subcommittee gave Adams until Monday to produce written signed reasons why he could not testify about the meeting. Army Counsel Joseph N. Welch said the "instructions" not to talk were transmitted by Deputy Defense Secretary Robert B. Anderson. But he said he could not say where they originated.

Owners Plead To Save Field Day Camping Program Told

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long been sought by airport operators and users. The county board two weeks ago announced its willingness to assist Palo Alto in maintaining operation of the airport. It has a total of \$17,000 in the aviation gas tax fund which could be diverted to the purpose, according to officials. The city of Palo Alto, which held a recent committee hearing on the subject, has not committed itself so far on fund expenditure, but some gas tax monies are expected to be available also. Cost of the project has been estimated from \$20,000 to \$65,000.

Typical of the letters sent to the board urging the public hearing is one from Kenneth R. Walker, 189 Alameda avenue, Atherton. "As a taxpayer in the county," Walker wrote, "and one who uses the airport in connection with my business, I am greatly concerned over the possibility of losing not only the Palo Alto airport, but also the San Carlos-Belmont port through the eventual pressure of subdivisions."

James F. Lee, of the Lee Ex-Ray Tube company of Menlo Park, wrote: "I urge you to prevent the closing of the Palo Alto airport, since a new runway can be made at a very reasonable cost compared with some other locations that would require a large bond issue that would not be approved by the voters."

Wrote E. C. Watkins, of Los Altos: "A Palo Alto municipal airport, lying in San Mateo county, appears to be present to be the last hope of any long-lasting airport to serve the entire Peninsula from San Francisco to San Jose."

Others who have written to the board urging continuation of Palo Alto airport include John Stephens, president of the Excel-Mineral company of Los Angeles, who lives at 4091 Alpine road, Redwood City; Virgil P. Frye, 838 Cordillera avenue, San Carlos; Sigurd E. Varian, of Varian Associates, of Palo Alto; Vincent G. Ramey, San Francisco architect; J. M. Carter, vice-president and general manager of Color Television, Inc., of San Carlos; R. L. Hooker, 45 Aster road, Burlingame; David L. Webster, Palo Alto, and A. M. Brazell, San Mateo lumberman, of 10 DeSabra road.

Howard Ave. Made Major Street in S.C.
SAN CARLOS, May 15.—Howard avenue, which will be a main east-west thoroughfare from Industrial road to Laurel street when a grade crossing over the Southern Pacific right-of-way is completed, has been designated a "major" city street by the city council.

The designation will afford the city the right to use gas tax funds received from the state for maintenance of the street, which will replace Brittan avenue as an east-west thoroughfare. The Brittan avenue crossing of the railroad will be closed when the Howard avenue crossing is completed.

Younger Salutes Coast Guard Units

Congratulatory telegrams from Congressman J. Arthur Younger saluting the commanding officers and personnel of the four coast guard stations in San Mateo county on Armer Forces day were received this morning by Cmdr. O. D. Weed, United States coast guard air station at San Francisco airport; Chief Julius Mizel, United States coast guard radio station, San Bruno; Chief Paul Fielding, United States coast guard, Pigeon Point life station, Pescadero; and Chief John Lawrence, United States coast guard, Montara Point life station, Moss Beach.

Sewell L. Avery Has Serious Operation
CHICAGO (AP)—Sewell L. Avery, 80, board chairman of Montgomery Ward & Co. underwent a bladder operation today and doctors said it was a "complete success." Doctors at Wesley Memorial hospital said Avery was in "good shape" after the surgery. They said he would have to remain in the hospital "a week or so" but that it was difficult to predict the rate of recovery in a person of his age.

Club Planning Garden Tours

BELMONT, May 15.—Plans for the summer months were made at the executive board meeting of the Belmont woman's club garden section this week in the home of Mrs. Harrison Klages.

It was announced Mrs. Arthur Dowst, 1806 Notre Dame avenue, will open her gardens to interested members to see her rhododendrons. Each month a garden of the month will be chosen for particular flowers in bloom. Mrs. Ernest Armstrong announced the plants left from the annual plant sale were taken to the Barrett Capers and sold. Mrs. Dennis Key and Mrs. Caston Pope received recognition for their flower arrangements at the Redwood City flower festival.

Mrs. Sprague Smith has been elected recording secretary for the state federation of garden clubs incorporated. Members were reminded to make their reservations with Mrs. Smith for the district meeting of garden clubs incorporated May 16 at the Old Hearst ranch.

Mrs. Con Finley on Oak Knoll drive, will entertain members of the garden section May 26. Reservations are to be made with Mrs. Albert Schmoil.

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VFW, Legion Plan S.C. Memorial Rites

(Times County News Service)
SAN CARLOS, May 15.—A joint meeting, to discuss plans for the annual Memorial Day services was held this week by a committee composed of members from the San Carlos American Legion Post 585 and the Bob Edling Post 8104, VFW.

Neil Graham, commander of the legion, and Nick Naranjo, VFW commander, announced the appointment of Lloyd J. Tobey to represent the legion, and George Goodall as VFW to complete plans for the ceremony, scheduled for 9 a. m. on Monday morning, May 31, at the Legion Memorial, Laurel and Bush streets.

Pleas Issued For School Tax

(Times County News Service)
MILLBRAE, May 15.—Both Mayor Webb Witmer and the board of trustees here today issued statements urging that voters approve an increase in the school tax rate to \$1.42 per \$100 of assessed valuation at a special school election next Friday.

Witmer denied statements attributed to him in a weekly newspaper in which he was quoted as saying there had been a diversion of funds from school bond monies to construct the new Glen Oaks school instead of developing the Peter Loftus playground as originally planned.

Witmer said he felt the statement attributed to him would cause "irreparable damage to the school district in its efforts at the polls Friday to obtain a new tax rate."

"I urge all citizens, whether they have children or not, to back the school tax election. It is almost mandatory that we provide the school district with funds to keep abreast of the situation. I am sure no citizen wishes to see the Millbrae school system operating on half day sessions—which will be the case unless we can use foresight in preparing facilities for children who have not yet attained school age."

Ike Takes Up Far East Crisis

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United States-French talks on the Southeast Asia crisis.

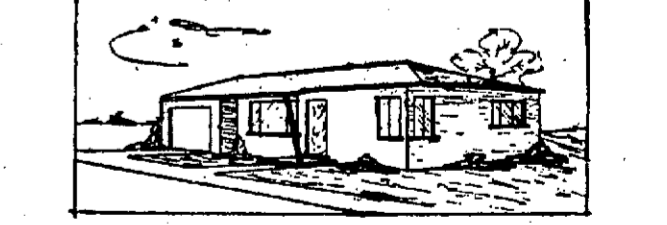
The United States is seriously concerned about the will of the native peoples to fight the Communists. Without sharply increased morale there the United States believes it is unwise to get involved in an Indochina war.

The whole question of conditions for American intervention in Indochina will be reviewed soon in the high level American-French meeting, probably in Paris. The independence of the three states of Indochina is considered a key factor. French sources said the Laniel government wants to know "where the United States government stands" on Indochina.

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