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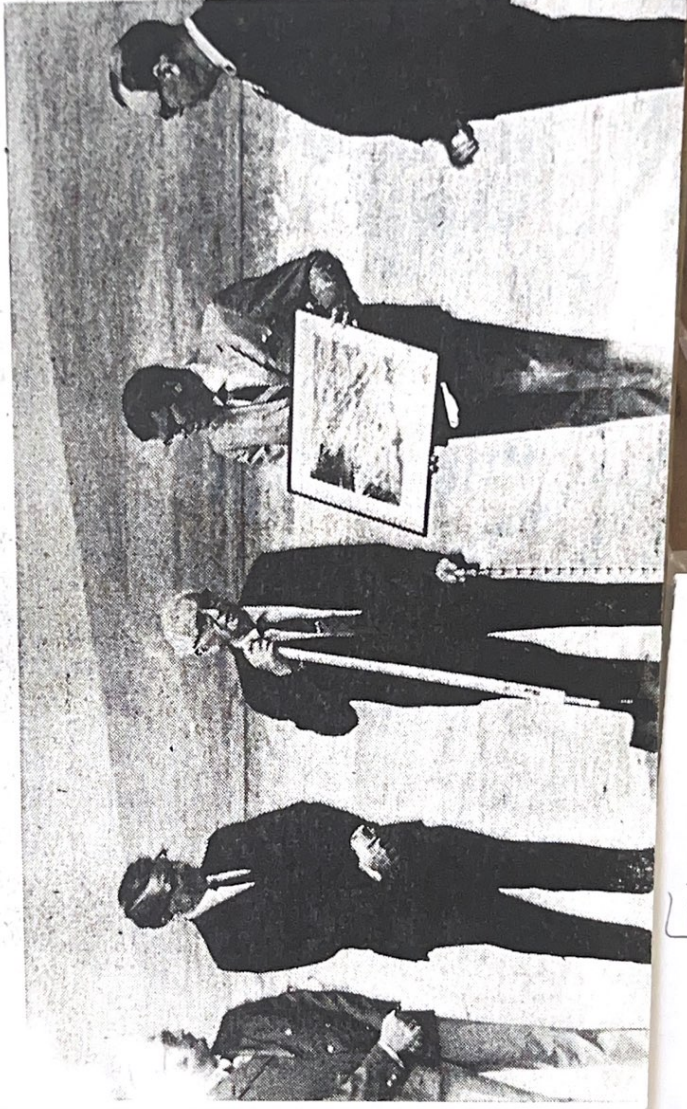
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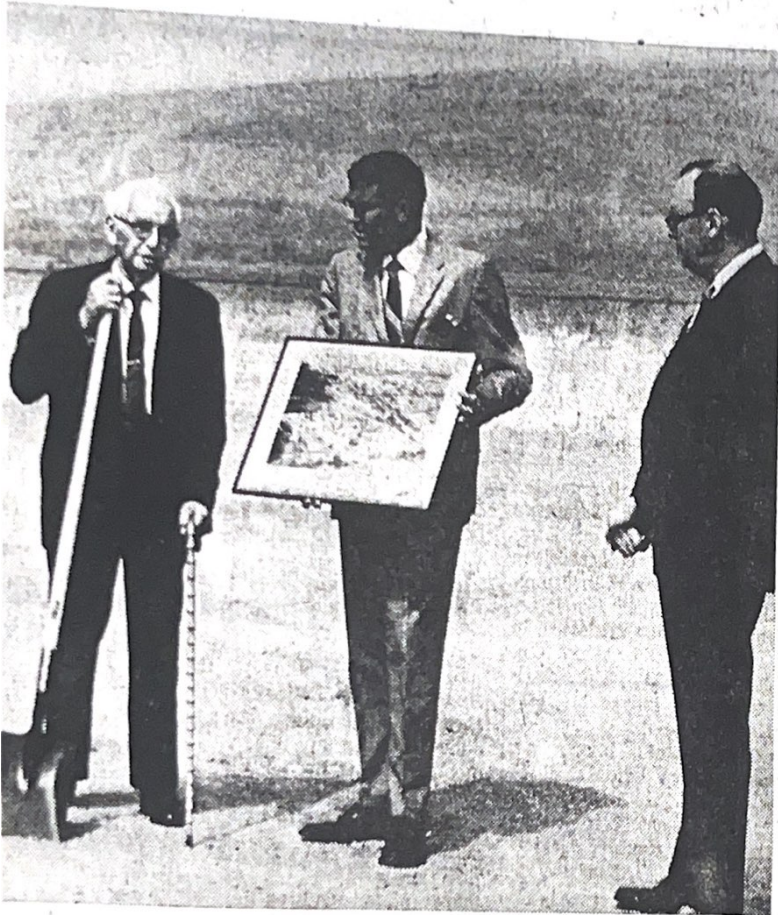
Recently the plumbing strike, has slowed construction considerably, but district officials are hopeful the \$952,000 school will be completed by the deadline.

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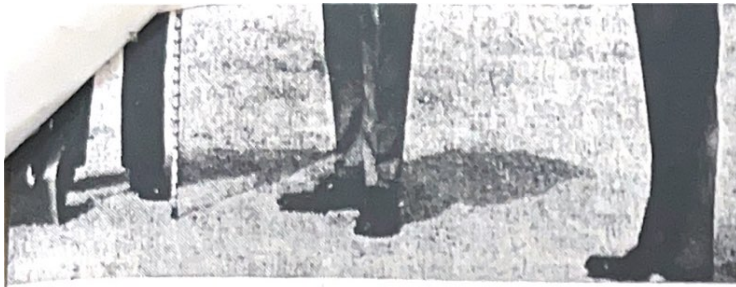
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In his speech, Proxmire asked both the Pentagon and the State Department to come up with answers to his charge "at the earliest possible time." "I am informed that these sales are occurring," he said. "My understanding is that the arms offered to private arms dealers included over 5,000 M16 rifles as well as grenade launchers, Browning automatic rifles, submachine guns and pistols." Richard F. Kaufman, a member of the staff of Congress' Joint Economic Committee, of which Proxmire is vice chairman said the Senator's charge stemmed from a mimeographed document, written in Vietnamese.

When translated into English, he said, it turned out to be a flyer advertising the weapons for sale to the highest bidder.

He said the South Vietnamese Embassy acknowledged the weapons were being offered for sale.

"It would be an outrage to the taxpayer," Proxmire said, "if U.S. arms intended to be used against the Viet Cong are instead being sold by the South Vietnamese."

He addressed these questions to the defense and state departments in letters to them:

"What are the names of the private arms dealers involved in these sales and from what countries do they come? How many sales have occurred so

## Increase Of 100 Students

BREA — An increase of over 100 students has been experienced by the Brea - Olinda Unified School District since the first day of school, Wednesday, Sept. 10, the Star - Progress learned today.

According to District Supt. Dr. Paul Bollé, enrollment for the entire district is up 104 students since Sept. 8 when the enrollment figure was set at 4,148 students.

The current figure, according to district records as of Sept. 18, is 4,252 or an increase of 104 students in 10 days.

According to James Stafford, assistant superintendent, the predicted enrollment for the school year 1969-70, exclusive of summer school, is 4,354.

"The district is 102 students short of the administrative prediction, but there are a number of empty homes in the city ready for occupancy, and we expect enrollment to increase as families move into the district," Stafford said.

## Car Overturns; Two Youths Escape Injury

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"I thank you all and wish to express my feeling of gratitude in having played a part in the development of the educational system in the city of Brea," the educator said.

Fanning lives at 219 S. Madrona, with his wife, Stella, and his son, Carl Fanning, is currently an educator with the Brea - Olinda Unified School District.

Two members of the groundbreaking audience and members of the board of education, Leo Piantoni and Alan West, were former students under Fanning.

The new elementary school dedicated to the elder man is expected to be completed in the fall of 1970, maybe in time for Fanning's 94th birthday. Strikes by various unions, most cur-

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## The Weather

Continuing hazy sunshine and overcast skies in evening and morning hours. Slight drizzles expected. High 75, low 64. Beaches: cloudy, 60s. Mountains: sunny, 70s. Deserts: warm, 90 to 108.

## Local Temps

BREA	
High .....	77
Low .....	61
LA HABRA	
High .....	77
Low .....	63

(For a 24-hour period ending at 7 this morning.)

## Burglar Drops Loot When Shot Fired

LA HABRA — Two shots were fired at a burglar here shortly after midnight last night.

The result was that the fleeing burglar dropped 25 pounds of cold cuts he had taken from a freezer at the residence of Ignacia P. Sainz, 561 S. Wall St., leaped into a waiting car and sped from the scene.

It began at 12:10 a.m. today when the victim of the attempted theft heard noises coming from the house's garage area.

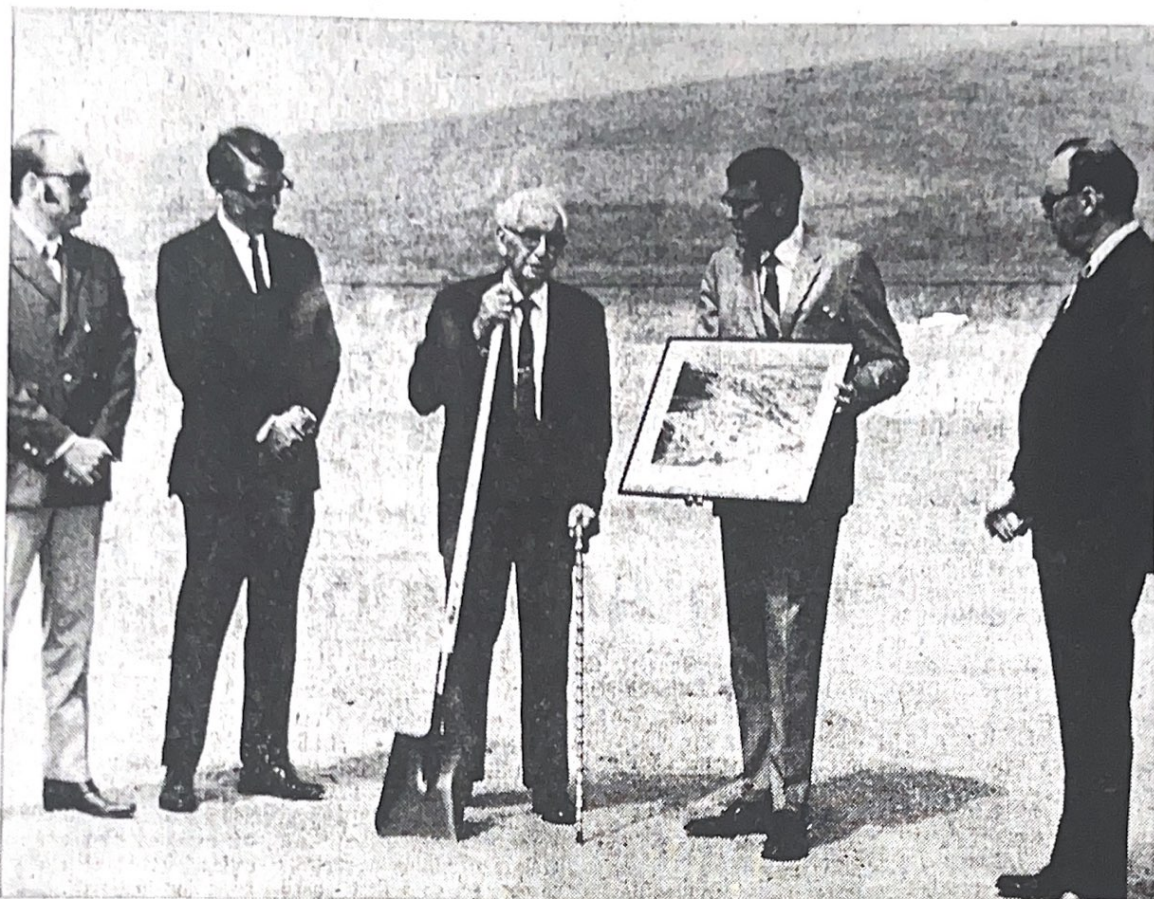
With pistol in hand the owner of the home went to investigate, and, according to police reports, saw the thief moving from the garage across the front lawn of the home.

One shot was fired and the burglar dropped the loot and headed for a car parked down the street a short way from the house.

and shot was fired at the fleeing vehicle,



# Breaking For Fanning School



**WILLIAM E. FANNING SCHOOL** — Breaking ground on the site of Brea's newest elementary school, long-time Brea educator William E. Fanning, 92, thanks the Brea-Olinda Unified School District for naming the school after him. Presenting the educator with an artist's rendering

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# Pentagon Denies Charge S. Viet Selling Weapons

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Pentagon and the Saigon government today denied a charge by Sen. William Proxmire, D-Wis., that the South Vietnamese have been selling

sale of arms provided under the U.S. aid program.

In Saigon, a spokesman for the South Vietnamese Defense Ministry said the government was selling only weapons obtained years ago

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Board of Education Minutes  
Regular Meeting January 23, 1968

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A letter was read from Fullerton Elementary Schools concerning the installation of a cooling system at the Woodcrest Special Education Unit, showing the contributions of the sending districts for this installation.

Satisfactory progress is reported at all schools and in all school programs being conducted in the district.

Staffing needs for the 1968-69 school year are being studied. It appears that approximately 30 teachers will be needed for replacements, increased enrollment, and added programs.

Studies are being made of the needs of the district for a Special Education Program. More information will be presented in the future.

A motion was made by Mr. Whipp, seconded by Mr. West and passed to approve Change Orders #1, #2, and #3 in the amount of \$511.00 for the Sound, Clock and Signal System at the Junior High School.

A motion was made by Mr. Meredith, seconded by Mr. O'Malley and passed to accept the Sound, Clock and Signal System at the Junior High School as complete in accordance with specifications and to file a notice of completion with the County Recorder.

(\*) Mrs. Evelyn Kawalek, Principal at Arovista School and Chairman of the Study Group for New School Development, presented information about the activities of this group.

Member Richard Meredith reported on his observations concerning the Napa Valley School District Resolution. It was recommended to table any action on a Resolution at this time.

Member Alan West was appointed to attend the meeting of the County Board of Education on Thursday, January 25, 1968 to discuss action taken relating to A.B. #272.

A motion was made by Mr. Whipp, seconded by Mr. O'Malley and passed to approve Schedule E-11, Certificated Personnel, dated January 23, 1968.

A motion was made by Mr. West, seconded by Mr. O'Malley and passed to approve Schedule F-11, Classified Personnel, dated January 23, 1968.

SUPERINTENDENT'S  
REPORT

CHANGE ORDERS  
AT JR. HIGH  
APPROVED  
196-68

SOUND, CLOCK AND  
SIGNAL SYSTEM  
AT JR. HIGH  
ACCEPTED  
197-68

REPORT ON PLANNING  
FOR NEW SCHOOL

MEREDITH REPORTS  
ON RESOLUTION

WEST APPOINTED TO  
ATTEND COUNTY  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MEETING

SCHEDULE E-11  
CERT. PERSONNEL  
APPROVED  
198-68

SCHEDULE F-11  
CLASS. PERSONNEL  
199-68

2. Cafeteria
3. County Auditor "School Fund Balances"
4. Finance Study - Building Fund

Dave Curtis, Project Architect for the high school building program, was present and discussed change order #5 and the final inspection of this project. Marvin Warnoff, representing the general contractor for the project spoke concerning change order #5, specifically the item relating to an extension of time. No action was taken on the above topic pending clarification of the request for extension of time and other details relating to the final inspection of the project.

COMPLETION OF HIGH  
SCHOOL BUILDING  
PROJECT  
DISCUSSED

A motion was made by Mr. Whipp, seconded by Mr. O'Malley and passed to accept the painting work at the high school as complete and to authorize the administration to file a notice of completion with the County Recorder.

PAINTING WORK  
AT HIGH SCHOOL  
ACCEPTED  
294-68

Howard Bryden, Principal, reported on the instructional program at the Mariposa School.

SUPERINTENDENT'S  
REPORT

Mr. Ron Wells, representing the engineering firm for the Macco Corporation, presented information concerning a proposed school site located in the Macco tract area.

SCHOOL SITE IN  
MACCO TRACT AREA  
DISCUSSED

A motion was made by Dr. Blake, seconded by Mr. O'Malley and passed to approve the location of an elementary school site in the Macco tract area as shown on the Macco map.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
SITE  
APPROVED  
295-68

A motion was made by Mr. Whipp, seconded by Mr. O'Malley and passed to authorize the administration to make an offer of \$23,000. per acre to the owners of the proposed elementary school site in the area northeast of the Junior High School near Brookwood Street.

DISTRICT AUTHORIZED  
TO MAKE OFFER TO  
PURCHASE LAND FOR  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
296-68

President, Leo Piantoni vacated the chair for the purpose of making a motion and appointed the Clerk, Paul Whipp, to preside.

(\*) A motion was made by Mr. Piantoni, seconded by Mr. O'Malley and passed that the new elementary school to be constructed in the northeast section of Brea be named the William E. Fanning Elementary School in honor of Mr. William E. Fanning, former Superintendent, now retired, of the Brea School District.

NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
NAMED FOR MR. WILLIAM  
E. FANNING  
297-68



**WILLIAM FANNING** - At his 100th birthday celebration. The gala was held at Fanning School and all the children turned out to honor the leading citizen.

## William Fanning: "He gave so much and asked for nothing"

By Susan Gaede  
News-Times Staff Writer  
It seems like an end of an era.

Fanning, a good friend of William E. Fanning, said at Fanning's memorial service last week. "He gave so much and asked for nothing in return," added her daughter who once attended the elementary school named after the longtime local school superintendent.

Fanning visited the school named after him up to a few years ago, and what a day it was when he came. "He would get so excited about going that we could hardly get him dressed," his daughter-in-law, said. The children would gravitate to the old man, and he would tell them stories. They all wanted to touch him and shake his hand. On one birthday when he was getting too old to come to the school a husband of students went to the house he built on Madrona and sang songs to him.

These Buttner, once a student at Fanning Elementary school who looked forward to Fanning's annual visit to the school, is now a nurses aide at Sunny Hills Convalescent Home where the elderly gentleman passed away last week. "He was so happy when I went in to see him, and was always singing," she said.

Fanning was born Sept. 28, 1876 and attended schools in Norwalk. John Fanning, his brother, 94, said they were so excited when they were allowed to miss school to plant corn for a few days, but it turned out to be so much work that the pair couldn't wait to get back to school.

Following graduation from U.C.L.A. Fanning was a volunteer in the Spanish American War where he was stricken with malaria. He received the Honor of Merit for the Battle of Manila. Since 1909 Fanning was a member of the United

Spanish War Veterans serving in all offices including chaplain. He was the last living member of the Veterans group in Fullerton, according to his daughter-in-law Inez Fanning. Fanning was extremely patriotic and put the flag up daily as long as he was able.

In 1902 Fanning graduated from State Normal (Teaching School) San Diego. He was president of the student body.

He worked as an electrician from 1904-1913 since the doctors had advised him to seek outdoor work due to his malaria. Fanning also married Stella Long during this time in his life, January 25, 1913. They both loved the outdoors and gardening.

Fanning had the dual job of teacher and principal at Randolph (Later Brea School district) and became superintendent of the Brea Elementary School district. He introduced the first school orchestra to Brea, manual training, sewing, drawing, cooking, physical education, and music. During his time as superintendent Fanning was instrumental in the building of Laurel and Brea Junior High, he also served as electrical inspector of Brea.

In 1942 the superintendent retired and worked for eight years as a U.S. mail Carrier. He carried 40 lbs. of mail on his back while walking the route according to Inez Fanning. "He loved his job and the people loved him. He often chatted with the customers," Inez Fanning said.

In 1950 he left the post office and worked as a bookkeeper for the Virgil Kiger Decomposed Granite Company of Monterey Park.

Grandpa would have one career and do it well, and then a new experience," his daughter-in-law said. "He always enjoyed new things."

During the years, Fanning filled many posts of com-

munity and civic responsibility. He served as elder, trustee and Sunday school superintendent of the

Christain Church now Lark Ellen. Fanning was last honored by the congregation on Sunday, July 26, 1976 prior to his 100th birthday on Sept. 28, which was officially "W.E. Fanning Day" in Brea.

He held offices in the Oilfields National Bank of Brea served as president of Brea Lions club, was a long-time member of Brea Chamber of Commerce, a pioneer in civic service commission for the City of Brea, auditor for the Board of Retired Teachers of Orange County, and served as commander of the Warwick Camp in Fullerton.

Fanning Elementary School was named after him in 1970. During the dedication of the building Fanning said, "It's a wonderful job to be a teacher. But if you don't like children, don't teach," he said. "I always liked children, and I love them still."

In earlier years the City of Brea bestowed upon him the "merit of Honor" for his unselfish contributions toward the development and growth of the community.

A great outpouring of love highlighted the church and civic celebrations of Fanning's centennial year. "It seemed as if he would live for ever," one of the Fanning Elementary students said.

The educator, civic leader, administrator and financier died October 10, 1979. The memorial service at Lark Ellen Church concluded with the playing of the "Battle Hymn of the Republic."

Fanning's wife, Stella, died in 1972 at 90.

Survivors include a son, Karl, a retired Brea Olinda High School teacher; daughter-in-law, Inez, a former teacher in the Brea

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# Planners approv

By Susan Gaede  
**News-Times Staff Writer**  
 Mary had a Little Lamb that followed her to Three Oaks Carden school one day, but unfortunately the lamb wasn't sure where to go until the Brea planning commission met recently.

The school was granted a conditional use permit for relocating from 908 Oleander Street to Brea Congregational Church, 300 E. Imperial Highway. Classes had been conducted on the church grounds for five days.

Elaine Cain, director of the small private school, said there was a sudden surge of growth this year and they needed more room to conduct classes. "We started the school four years ago in Brea and each year the number of students increases by 10 or 12," Cain said.

Elizabeth Meyer said the playground at the Brea Congregational Church was practically under her bedroom window and she never knew the children from the Carden School had moved in for five days because they were so quiet. "I welcome the group, and feel there would be less vandalism at the church if they occupied the area all day."

Many supporters in the audience at the Oct. 9 meeting were parents of the children in the school and praised Carden School and its operation.

"I speak with a foreign accent and my husband has a lisp," Elly Clements said. "Mrs. Cain allowed me to teach arts and crafts and scrub the place in exchange for tutoring in reading for my little girl. Thanks to Carden School my child no longer has a reading problem. I can't say enough about the school."

A letter of protest signed by adjacent property owners was submitted to the Planning Commission by Dyer Bennett. The concerns expressed in the letter included traffic congestion, unbearable noise and increased vandalism.

Barbara Moody said while the school was in operation for the week, she couldn't even park in front of her own house on Flower. Dora Olsen, a church member, promptly got up and responded, "the cars were there because of our rummage sale."

Roger Witham, chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Brea Congregational Church, presented a letter of the commission endorsing the applicants petition to hold and maintain a private school on the church property.

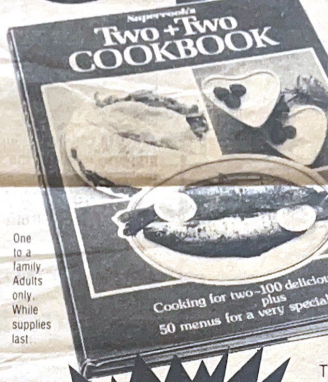
"We feel that they fill a vacancy in the Brea School system, and provide a fine service to the citizens of Brea. Their credentials are excellent, and they have a fine record at their previous location," Witham said.

The vote on the request to establish a private school for all grades at the Brea Congregational church was 3-1 with William Vanzanna dissenting. Kenneth Witt was absent.

Vanzanna said he went along with the school's program, but felt the location was inadequate. He said he wanted it noted in the record that the residents in the audience who complained of the increased traffic noises were near-by property owners. He said he felt the decision would be appealed.

Staff had recommended the school's enrollment be kept

to 50 and the operating hours be limited between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. A compromise was worked out after discussion by Mrs. Cain against the staff's recommendations. Maximum enrollment was raised to students and operating hours at 7:15 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. maximum of 20 students will be allowed in the day-care program. The five foot high cha



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# Brea's Newest Elementary School Dedicated In Special Mason Rites

NOVEMBER 11  
1970



DEDICATION of cornerstone for new William E. Fanning School in Brea is made by Herbert A. Huebner, Grand Master of the Free and Accepted Masons of California and Hawaii. Three other Masons hold the

square, plumb and level in the cornerstone ceremony. Brea's newest school was named after the city's first superintendent of education, 93-year-old William E. Fanning, who attended the ceremony. (Staff-Progress Photo)

By J. B. MOORE

**Star-Progress Staff Writer**  
BREA — In what must have been one of the most unique ceremonies in the history of the city of Brea, the William E. Fanning School was dedicated with cornerstone laying ceremonies Saturday afternoon.

The ceremonies were of this unusual kind because of the presence of a man who came to Brea 56 years ago to be its first school superintendent, and was able at the age of 93 to be present 28 years after his retirement to speak and to see the new school dedicated in his honor.

William E. Fanning told of how he had come to the village of Brea in 1914 to a one-building school — the only school in the town — which had six classes. He was not only named superintendent at the time, but also took care of the children who were "detoured" from the other teachers' classes and taught them himself. In the fall of that year there were 200 children in school in Brea. Fanning expressed his philosophy of education with the words, "If you don't like children, don't

teach, for you will not be a success."

Joining in appreciation to Mr. Fanning with the audience of some 300 present, as well as 75 members of the Masonic Lodge which laid the cornerstone, was Master of Ceremonies, Principal Leonard MacKain. He said that the new school, which has a modern, cluster type of classroom arrangement and striking architectural features, as well as a superb hillside location — "provides the best possible environment in which to learn."

Cornerstone laying ceremonies were presided over by Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the States of California and Hawaii, Herbert A. Huebner. Participating in the ceremony were Fanning School students Angela Prazier and Keith Colestock, who placed the name plaque for the school. Mentions of the school district and city were placed in the metal time capsule behind the cornerstone, including histories, maps, minutes, yearbooks and records of leading civic, community, fraternal and school organizations.

Fellow Masons with Mr. Huebner conducted the traditional ceremonies which include use

of the symbols of Masonry — the level, plumb and square — as well as symbols of the earth's productivity. The same ceremonies have been used for centuries by the Masons to dedicate such buildings as Independence Hall, the White House, and the Capitol Building in Sacramento. The Masons laid the cornerstone of Brea-Olinda High School, Oct. 2, 1926.

Also participating in the ceremony were Carl O. Harvey, Master of Citrus Masonic Lodge 666, James L. Stafford, assistant superintendent for instruction, representing Superintendent Dr. Paul E. Bolle, who could not be present; Alan G. West, president of the school board; and Burton Meyer Jr., Grand Orator of the Masons, who gave the address. Architect for the project, Al Richards, was introduced to the audience. Flags of the state and nation, presented by Assemblyman John Briggs and Congressman Charles Wiggins, were raised by Cub Scout Troop No. 692, with their presentation at the ceremonies made by Mrs. Carol Gregg, president of the Fanning P.T.A. Music was by the Brea-Olinda High School band.

Preceding the ceremonies guests were given a luncheon at the Brea High School, and following the program the audience was invited to make a tour

# Songs, Dignitaries Marked The Dedication



**CHORUS STOPS SHOW** — Members of the upper grade chorus at Fanning Elementary School, directed by Mrs. Georganna Caddette, singing lyrics to "Mill Valley," composed by Principal Leonard Mackain, who served as piano



**JASTER, FANNING VISIT** — Former School Supts. Vincent E. Jaster (left) and William E. Fanning get together at recent dedication of Fanning Elementary School, named for Supt. Fanning. Jaster is former superintendent of Brea Elementary School District and associate superintendent of schools in the Brea-Olinda Unified District. He is a permanent substitute teacher in the district currently.



**SPEAKER** — Former Supt. William E. Fanning, addresses audience at dedication of School which bears his name. Among those seated on platform were State Assemblyman John V. Briggs, who delivered the dedicatory address.

News Tribune Photos

## Fanning Tells School Experiences In Brea

PRESENT UNION OIL OFFICE WAS SCHOOL

(By Paul Wolfe)

Within a few days after arriving in the sparsely settled town of Brea twenty-three years ago, William E. Fanning, early resident and pioneer of school activities, obtained a position as superintendent of the elementary schools, of which he taught the seventh and eighth grades for two years. Having graduated from the Los Angeles Normal school for teachers, the superintendent's position was waiting for him. Five students out of the class of fourteen became teachers.

When Mr. Fanning came to Brea it was nearly barren landscape and he had difficulty in finding a residence, as only a few men owned houses in town. There were, however, houses on Stearns, the G and L, and the Associated leases. A home was finally secured on Orange street, where he lived for a long while. "When it rained," related Mr. Fanning, "I had to carry an umbrella to retrieve my shoes as there were no sidewalks."

On Mr. Fanning's arrival in Brea he found the present Union Oil office serving as the third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth grade school building. The present woodshop building housed the first and second grades and there was no kindergarten at that time.

When the present grammar school was built in January 1918, Miss Beck became principal and relieved Mr. Fanning of all day teaching. But not to be outdone the busy superintendent-teacher taught school for half a day and then used the afternoon for odd work. After five years of this kind of work, the Laurel school was erected and Mr. Fanning assumed the position of superintendent only, the work he has been doing ever since.

Mr. Fanning was born in Norwalk where his parents settled after traveling across country in a picturesque covered wagon, from Arkansas. As the horses often became sorefooted and it was necessary for the Fannings to work on the way, it took a year to make the trip. Mr. Fanning's parents also had the experience of coming through tragic Donner Pass. Mr. Fanning never had the opportunity of going to high school as the district of Norwalk then belonged to L. A. county and the cost of attending was too high.

Then in 1909 Mr. Fanning met Miss Stella Laing and they were married in 1912.

Besides working hard during

school hours Mr. Fanning finds time to belong to the Lions Club in which he is on the educational committee. Mr. Fanning had a hobby of keeping bees in order to study and learn their habits but attending to them took so much time that it was necessary to give them up.

Brea Progress  
Fri., Feb. 19, 1937

# HISTORY OF BREA SCHOOLS

By Prof. W. E. Fanning.

At the request of The Progress, the following very interesting history of the Brea public schools has been compiled by Prof. W. E. Fanning.

Going back for fifteen years, when the first school was opened in Brea, there will be found in this record some happy remembrances for many of the older citizens of Brea. The names of people long since moved away will be recalled and many happy incidents of those now grown up and gone out into the world will be remembered:

The growth of a town or city may be obtained in several ways—namely: Look into the city or county records of the town in question and see how the tax valuation increases yearly. If the city has compiled directories periodically, this may serve intelligently. Ask the business man or banker if you want to make rapid calculations. If these are not convincing enough, then watch for the old-timer on the corner who knows and recites the whole pulse of the town.

Getting down to some real facts relative to the growth of our own city, I cite the growth of the school. This record has been made year after year and filed at the school house. The following tabulated results have been taken from the school history this week.

The school began in 1903, up in the canyon. It stood there for several years before any material growth was indicated. Finally the town was born and began to bloom on the desert, so to speak. Then, in 1910, a new four-room building was built, now known

as the Union Oil Co.'s offices. About three years later a two-room building was added. This was soon overflowing, so in the spring of 1916 the present plant was begun.

By referring to the tabulated chart of progress it will be noticed that Brea will be crowded out of her present quarters in 1920 or 1921. The people will again have to decide upon another bond issue for school accommodations.

Please don't be alarmed when this issue comes up, but study this growth from the chart. What has happened in the past will happen in the future. Be prepared to meet this question as you have met it before. Brea is only doing what many other towns of California are being compelled to do. Here are the figures:

Year	No. of Teachers	No. of Pupils	Graduates
1903-04	1	24	4
1904-05	1	27	0
1905-06	1	17	1
1906-07	1	12	0
1907-08	1	29	3
1908-09	1	34	1
1909-10	1	40	1
1910-11	2	49	2
1911-12	3	85	3
1912-13	4	130	7
1913-14	5	186	11
1914-15	6	210	11
1915-16	7*	217	10
1916-17	9†	280	10
1917-18	11†	314	20
1918-19	12†	330	20

\*Two extra teachers part time.  
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Teacher	Year	No. of Pupils	Graduates
Ellen Dickenson	1903-04	24	4
Olive Nikirk	1904-05	27	0
Julia White	1905-06	17	1
Julia White	1906-07	12	0
Genevieve Pendergrass	1907-08	29	3
Genevieve Pendergrass	1908-09	34	1
Olive Connor	1909-10	40	1
Mrs. A. Jennings (Grades 4, 5, 6, 7, 8)	1910-11	19	2
Louise Morton (Grades 1, 2, 3—lower grades)	1910-11	30	0
Sue Perry (Grades 4, 5, 6, 7, 8)	1911-12	32	7
Louise Morton (Grades 1, 2, 3)	1911-12	44	0
(The third teacher must have been added here, but records are not clear enough to give details.)			
Mabel Hodson	1912-13	..	..
R. W. Jepson	1912-13	..	..
(Records of this year are indefinite; probably 3 or 4 teachers.)			
R. W. Jepson (Grades 6, 7, 8)	1913-14	38	..
Lucy McKinney (Grades 4, 5)	1913-14	46	..
Lela Lewis (3rd grade)	1913-14	32	..
Nina Keith (2nd grade)	1913-14	40	..
Ethel Snyder (1st grade)	1913-14	30	..
Total pupils		186	

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W. E. Fanning (Grades 7, 8).....	1914-15	31
Lucy McKinney (Grades 5, 6).....	1914-15	43
Blanche Wilkins (4th grade).....	1914-15	37
Iva Chrisney (3rd grade).....	1914-15	29
Nina Keith and Louise Wilson (2d grade).....	1914-15	30
Ethel Snyder (1st grade).....	1914-15	41

Total pupils .....		211
W. E. Fanning (8th grade).....	1915-16	17
Lucy McKinney (grades 6, 7).....	1915-16	43
Bessie Snyder (5th grade).....	1915-16	30
Josephine Twombly (4th grade).....	1915-16	26
Iva Chrisney (3rd grade).....	1915-16	28
Bernice Schreiber (2d grade).....	1915-16	30
Ruth Loughboro (1st grade).....	1915-16	43
J. A. Bayes, (Sloyd Work)		
Mrs. Lulu Launer (Music and Drawing)		

Total pupils .....		217
W. E. Fanning and Della E. White		
(8th grade) .....	1916-17	17
Lucy McKinney (grades 6, 7).....	1916-17	43
Bessie Snyder (5th grade).....	1916-17	35
Josephine Twombly (4th grade).....	1916-17	32
Vera McDonald (3rd grade).....	1916-17	32
Bernice Schreiber (2d grade).....	1916-17	42
Ruth Loughboro (1st grade).....	1916-17	60
Dora Weber, Della White, Alice Clausen		
(Kindergarten) .....	1916-17	30
J. A. Bayes (Sloyd Work)		

Total pupils .....		281
W. E. Fanning and Lois Duncan (8th grade).....	1917-18	20
Maud Jenkins (7th grade).....	1917-18	26
Georgina Mannatt (6th grade).....	1917-18	35
Ada Wertz (5th grade).....	1917-18	40
Vera McDonald (4th grade).....	1917-18	42
Dorothy Fargo (3rd grade).....	1917-18	35
Myrth Balcom (2d grade).....	1917-18	34
Bessie Twombly and Grace Austin (mixed		
room, Grades 1 and 2).....	1917-18	22
Della White (1st grade).....	1917-18	30
Lillian Hurley, Lois Duncan (Kindergarten).....	1917-18	30
Chas. W. Hart (Sloyd Work)		

Total pupils .....		314
W. E. Fanning and Mae Wright (8th grade).....	1918-19	21
Georgina Mannatt (7th grade).....	1918-19	38
Ada Wertz (6th grade).....	1918-19	39
Ella Van Sant Jones (5th grade).....	1918-19	39
Vera McDonald (4th grade).....	1918-19	35
Dorothy Fargo and Anna Martin (3rd grade).....	1918-19	38
Myrth Balcom (2d grade).....	1918-19	30
Della White (1st grade).....	1918-19	32
Ruth Loughboro (1st grade).....	1918-19	32
Imogene Pickrell, Lois Duncan (Kindergarten).....	1918-19	26
J. H. Marr (Sloyd)		
Total pupils .....		330

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## An I. W. W. Republic Next D Time to Watch Out in A

It is not generally known but there has been erected on territory adjoining our country a full-fledged experiment in I. W. W. syndicalism.

Alvarado, backed by I. W. W. volunteers labor organizations, is extending his system to Yucatan.

Here are some of the I. W. W. regime, war-cry is "Throw away and get a gun":

"WHETHER GOD NOT, THE REVOLUTION GO FORWARD."

"THE COUNTRY BELONGS TO THE REVOLUTIONARY."

"WITHOUT GOD AND MASTERS, HERE IS THE ASPIRATION OF FREEDOM."

"THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE TO THE SPIRIT OF REVOLUTION."

Free press and free trade abolished, the local government for the people.

Private banks are ruined and reduced to nothing.

Resources of banks worthless paper money for their coin and silver.

Alvarado says: "We need to get industrial shoes and collar and buttons by your labor."

In this Utopia of I. W. W. all citizens are protected by I.

Backed by an I. W. W. army, the revolutionary confederation has overthrown church and state, middle class and capitalist, industries and property.

The I. W. W. leaders have secured adoption of their entire legislative program and its enactment by offering free military service in exchange.

Purely socialistic theories are now the fundamental laws of Yucatan and the I. W. W. are the ruling class, opposition meaning death or expulsion.

The Alvarado revolution was followed by destruction of churches and public property, including archives and records and registers of marriage.

The property classes were at once properly reduced and duly subjugated, with railroads, docks and warehouses, telephones and banks, "democratized."

Legislation is by all decrees of Alvarado and his I. W. W. council of state, some 2000 laws promulgated as by Lenine and Trotzky in Russia.

They range all the way from abolishing all need of securing divorce to education of children and all teachers must become socialist propagandists.

It is made the duty of school teachers to watch and inform on planters who are reactionaries, and socialist books are placed in all libraries.

Every means is taken to expound

# Supt. William E. Fanning Resigns After 28 Years of School Service

William E. Fanning, who became superintendent of Brea schools back in 1914, resigned last week after 23 years of service to the parents and the children of Brea.

He will finish out the term officially retire June 30.

Sitting in his office yesterday, looking back along the corridor of time, Fanning recalled many historical human anecdotes.

Warry Brown, H. O. Butler and Charles Kinsley were the first board of trustees.

While there had been school in and around Brea for three or four years before Fanning took charge in the fall of 1914, he was at the helm the first day school was held in what is now the former Union Oil pipeline office.

"There were 186 children enrolled that first day," smiled Fanning.

"We taught straight grade work from first to eighth. There were no subjects taught except 'reading' and 'rhymette'."

**Horse and Buggy Days!**

"Most of the children came to school then on horses or drove in ox carts."

Fanning related that they had some mighty big boys in the seventh and eighth grades those first years, some as old as 17 and 18 years old.

Asked if those first pupils differed much from present day children, Fanning said those 1914 ones were a little tougher but otherwise they were all good kids.

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**A Big Thank!**

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Also Fanning is proud of the 1,500 boys and girls who have been graduated from the elementary schools during his 28 years here.

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But should he not have much to do then, he well can spend time in retrospect, thinking of the many children he has personally helped to "fit in some place and take their proper station in life."



WILLIAM E. FANNING

## FIRST SUPERINTENDENT

# Brea School Pioneer Started 50 Years Ago

BREA — It's 50 years today since William Fanning rang the old school bell at the Brea elementary school on his first day here as Superintendent of schools.

This is a red letter week for another reason. His youngest granddaughter enters kindergarten in Brea and his oldest grandchild enters the university.

Fanning took over the local elementary district in 1914 and when he rang the bell for the first time, 100 children appeared.

Most of them arrived on foot, the 67-year-old retired educator said, "but many galloped to the old school on horseback."

The school was then located at the southeast corner of Brea Blvd. and Deodara St. and consisted of three buildings including a small home for the custodian. His first duty as superintendent was to assist the custodian in starting old, potbelled stoves to warm classrooms.

He recalls that the first year was spent primarily with the 3 r's because of a lack of facilities for anything else. Playgrounds were empty of any type of equipment and there were no provisions for shop or home economics classes.

This problem was cured the second year when he hired a woman to teach sewing and a carpenter to teach woodshop.

The shop teacher's first job was to cut the custodian's house in two and make two buildings. Students got a lot of instruction during the operation and added to their knowledge building work benches. The program was considered one of the first shop programs in the area and was valuable since many elementary students did not go on to high school in those days.

### TRADED LOCATIONS

Fanning said the school district later traded their location with the Union Oil Co. for 10 acres across the street where the present Junior High School was built. One building was moved at that time and still is located on the Junior High School property and is being used as a shop building.

When he took over the district, he had six teachers including himself and he carried a full load of students along with the other instructors.

One of the original teachers, Mrs. Lucy McKinney still lives in the county at 1508 W. Armerige St., Fullerton.

A native son of Norwalk, Fanning came to Brea after completing school in Los Angeles. He retired as superintendent in 1942, but has remained active in Brea. He spent several years in semiretirement as a mail carrier here before spending most of his time on civic assistance.

**FIRST ORDINANCE**  
He, along with the late Dr. Glen Curtis and Lester Staughton formed the first Brea Civil Service Commission and wrote the first ordinance.

The Fanning family has followed the footsteps of the superintendent and most of them are in the teaching profession. Both his son, Karl, and daughter, Catherine Cheen, are school teachers. Karl is head of the science department at Brea-Olinda High School, and his wife is an ex-teacher. His son-in-law is also a teacher and several of his eight grandchildren plan to enter the same career.

One of his first duties in the district was to prepare records which were completely nonexistent when he arrived. He kept all the records and books for the district himself for years and is still the official "last word" on history of the district.

Fanning's memory is considered "fantastic," by the many persons who call on him to provide information on the district and the city back in the days before incorporation when the entire area had less than 500 residents.



**TEACHER'S ANNIVERSARY** — Brea elementary school's first superintendent, William Fanning, celebrated the 40th anniversary of his arrival in Brea to take over the school district. Helping celebrate is his

youngest of eight grandchildren Jean Fanning who started kindergarten at Avoyista School this week. His oldest grandson entered the university this week and plans to be a teacher along with most of the Fanning family. (News Tribune Photo)

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"There were 163 children enrolled that first day," said Fanning.

"We taught arithmetic, reading, from first to eighth. There were 20 subjects taught except reading, music and plannette."

Horse and Burgie Days!

"Most of the children can't recognize them or know or grow in the park."

Fanning related that they had gone through to 67 boys in the area. He said that eight of the first 28 years were his and as of 1942, 18 years old.

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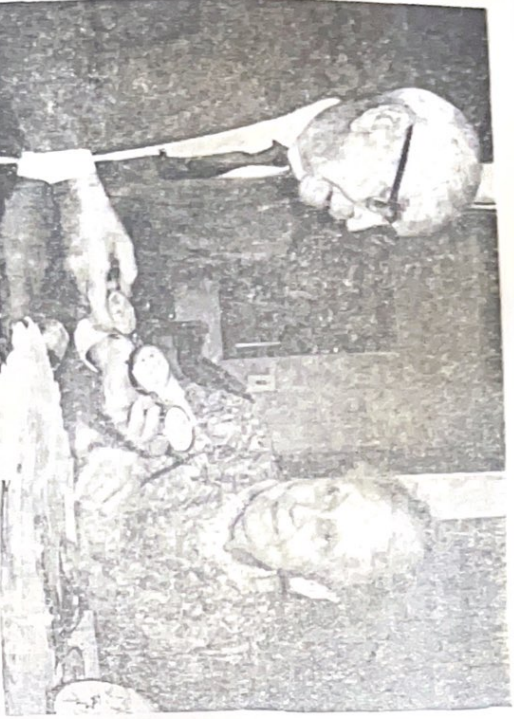
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# First School Head Still Active Here



**STEADY HAND**—W. E. Fanning of Brea admires his wife's handwork. Mrs. Fanning, who paints in oils and water colors, adds some finishing touches to a piece of silk with a

floral design. She has painted lamp globes, stocking holders, and a multitude of other media. "I have a pretty steady hand for a gal of 93," she explains. (News-Tribune Photo)

## Manila War Interrupted School Work

**WENT TO WAR**  
This war was the Spanish American War and Fanning enlisted. He was sent to Cavite in the Philippines with the California Heavy Artillery Division. "D." His efforts there and at the Battle of Manila earned him the honor of "Merit Badge."  
What amazes Fanning today is "So few people have even heard of Spanish American War Veterans."  
A recollection of his Philippine adventures occurred just a few months ago when Fanning opened the door to a couple of Philippine girls who were looking for some friends. They were in Brea on an exchange visit. These girls, it turned out, had been born close to where Fanning was stationed. They became good friends and visited the Fannings often during their stay.

**BACK TO SCHOOL**  
Following the war Fanning returned to school, attending State Normal Teachers School in San Diego. He graduated in 1902 and was student body president at that time.  
In 1904 Fanning left teaching for nine years to become an electrician. Doctors told him he needed to be in the open air because of the malaria he had contracted while in the Philippines.  
In August 1914, Fanning was teaching in the Pasadena District when a friend told him of an opening in what was then the Randolph School District. Fanning went to visit the president of the school board. This man took him to the school and introduced Fanning as "your new superintendent."  
**STARTED NEW COURSES**  
During his 28 years as superintendent of that district, Fanning initiated several programs. Some of these were manual training, music, sewing, drawing, cooking and physical education. He was also responsible for the first school orchestra.  
From 1920 to 1930 Fanning did double duty, serving as both superintendent and city electrician. Many of the older street lights in Brea were put in under his supervision.  
Mr. Fanning is an enthusiastic horticulturalist and during the summers he used to gather up youngsters with nothing to do, go out to a vacant lot, subdivide it and let each child plant his own crop. "The produce they raised was often better than you could get in the store," Fanning remembers.

**RECEIVED MEDAL**  
For his services to the city, Brea gave him a Merit of Honor. Fanning is past president of the Lions Club, was a member of the Chamber of Commerce and was director of the Oilfield National Bank of Brea, becoming a member of the advisory committee when that bank became United California Bank.  
He and two others were responsible for the city's civil service program.  
One of Fanning's sons, Karl, is a teacher at Brea-Olinda High School.  
Nor does Fanning long for the old days. He sees the world getting better as years go by.

**By RICHARD McDOWELL.**  
BREA — Portions of two centuries of living are represented by the couple living in the neat little blue and white house at 29 S. Madrona. This is the home of the W. E. Fannings, 93 and 90. Mrs. Fanning is 93.

Fanning is currently recovering from an illness so is a little slow in getting around but he would has not lost any of his sharpness it displayed when he was the first superintendent of the Brea (Randolph) Elementary School District or when he was chief electrician for the city of Brea.

**BOEN HERE**  
Fanning is a native Californian, being born in Newark, Sept. 28, 1876. Last year he returned to Newark to attend the Carver School graduation. He was presented a plaque by the student body for representing the 5th grade class of 1890. Fanning and most of his brothers became school teachers. "We were influenced by one particular teacher I guess and wanted to be like him."  
While, as he was then called, did not become a teacher right away. He stayed to help his parents on the farm while the other brothers attended State Normal School in Los Angeles. He followed a few years later, but before he could get his teaching credentials war broke out.

Mrs. Fanning is still as spry as a school girl, bustling herself about the house, making sure pictures are hung straight and that no dust has escaped her.

# Wm. Fanning Dies At 103

By BARBARA GIASONE  
DSP Managing Editor  
FULLERTON—Pioneer Brea educator William E. Fanning, whose lifetime philosophy was "lots of rest and keep that mind and body active,"



William E. Fanning

passed away this morning at Sunny Hills Convalescent Home at the age of 103. Services for the former superintendent of Brea - Olinda School District are pending. Mrs. Brea Mortuary is in charge of arrangements. "During the last few years, Dad had lost 99 percent of his sight and hearing," his daughter-in-law Inez Fanning said today. "But he still spent most of his time singing and bringing cheer to both the nurses and patients of

the convalescent home." Mr. Fanning, who was born Sept. 28, 1876, was honored in 1970 when Brea school district officials named an Apricot St. school facility William E. Fanning School. Since its inception, he was a frequent visitor, sharing memories with the children.

"Everyone connected with Fanning School is saddened by the passing of Mr. Fanning," stated Leonard Mackain, who has served as principal since opening day. "During the ten years his school has been operating, he visited on many occasions. He was a man whom children loved immediately. He will be sorely missed by all of us."

The son of immigrant pioneers, Mr. Fanning journeyed via covered wagon from Arkansas to California. He attended Norwalk School and later joined an army of volunteers who served in the Spanish - American War.

A graduate of the University of California at Los Angeles, he entered the teaching profession in 1907. Health problems deterred his plans and he became an electrician.

In 1914, Mr. Fanning applied for a teaching job in Orange County and was hired as principal, teacher in Brea Elementary School, a two-story wooden building located on the southwest corner of Brea Boulevard and Lambert Road. Less than 100 students were enrolled in the

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school at the time. He served as principal and finally superintendent until retirement in 1942. During his tenure, Brea Grammar School, which is now Brea Junior High School and Laurel Elementary School were constructed and the wooden structure was razed.

Following retirement in 1942, Mr. Fanning worked for a granite decomposition company in Monterey Park. He also served as an elder and Sunday School superintendent at Brea Christian Church (now Lark Ellen Church in Fullerton) and was a pioneer in the civic service commission of the City of Brea. He also served as auditor for the Board of Retired Teachers of Orange County.

For a few years, until it disbanded, he was commander of the Warwid Camp in Fullerton, an organization composed of Spanish - American War veterans. He was also a past president of the Brea Lions Club.

His wife of 30 years, Stella M. Fanning, predeceased him in death on Feb. 4, 1972. They had both resided in a home he built in the early '30s at 219 Madrona Street.

Survivors include a son, Karl, retired from the Brea - Olinda School system; daughter - in-law, Inez, a former teacher in the district; a daughter, Katherine Gheen, who resides with her family in Eugene, Ore.; eight grandchildren and six great - grandchildren.

Contributions in Mr. Fanning's memory may be sent to Lark Ellen Christian Church.

**WILLIAM E. FANNING**  
Services for William Emerson Fanning, 103, will be held tomorrow at 2:30 p.m. in the Lark Ellen Christian Church, Fullerton. The Rev. Paul C. Redmond will officiate. Private burial will follow in Lorna Vista Memorial Park, Fullerton. Visitation will be held today from 5 to 9 p.m. and tomorrow from 9 a.m. to noon in Neels Brea Mortuary.

Mr. Fanning, 1018 Eudington Drive, Brea, died yesterday in Sunny Hills Convalescent Hospital. A Brea resident since 1914, he had been a teacher and principal at Randolph Elementary School and retired in 1942 as superintendent of the Brea Elementary School District. He was the last surviving Spanish American War veteran of Orange County. A native of California, he was born on Sept. 28, 1876, in Artesia. Mr. Fanning is survived by his son, Karl II, of Brea; a daughter, Katherine Green of Eugene, Ore.; a brother, John of Claremont; eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

# Brea's 'Rowdy' Past Recounted by Pioneer

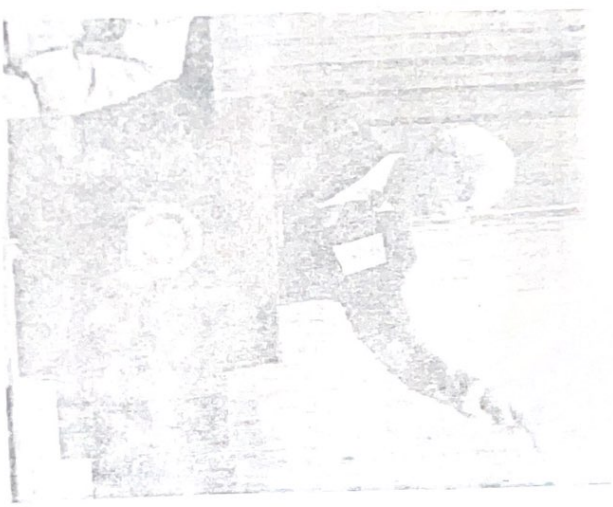
## Rotarians Hear Launer Cite Events

By BOB NOREK

BREA—Local Rotarians were given the "inside story" on Brea's wild west history recently from a Fullerton attorney, Albert Launer, who helped incorporate the city nearly 50 years ago.

Launer said the founding of the City of Brea was a matter of necessity and not a promotional venture as many of its neighboring cities were when they were started. "Brea residents needed a government at home for police, fire, health, water and streets," the attorney said.

Launer told the first steps toward founding a city where Brea now stands. He related the short history of "Kandolph" and the oil boom of Olinda which created a town that later slowly disappeared from the face of the earth.



**BREA PIONEER** — Albert Launer, the attorney who helped incorporate Brea nearly 50 years ago, makes a point while addressing the local Rotary Club on the city's wild west days. (News-Tribune Photo)

The guest speaker, whose family came to the then La Habra valley from Illinois in 1888, said he used to come over what is now Brea to mow the barley fields. "Later all that was to be Brea with either the oil or barley fields."

The USC law school graduate was one of the first attorneys practicing in the new city. Launer related how the settlement's first fire brigade was summoned by a series of shotgun blasts. He recounted the "rowdy Saturday nights in the community" when the roustabouts from the neighboring oil fields came to town to "raise Cain."

The attorney said that when the famous Birch No. 5 oil well came in, producing 2,600 barrels a day, residents of the community banded together to incorporate the town into a city. Their first incorporation try was a failure, as Launer said the major oil companies in the Brea area sent their top West Coast attorneys to fight the incorporation proceedings before the county Board of Supervisors. Launer said the oil companies did not want to be included in the city which was

planned during the first incorporation try.

"The county came up and provided the city with new streets and county services," Launer said that nearly a year later in 1917 the incorporation was approved when the city founders excluded the rich oil fields from the city limits.

"Brea ever since its incorporation enjoyed spurts of growth through the years," he said.

The guest speaker commented that at the time of incorporation the community had a population of a little more than 760 residents.

Launer concluded by saying that not too many Breans today know of the city's "wild west" atmosphere when it began.

The guest speaker, who has served as city attorney for Brea, La Habra, Placentia and Fullerton, was introduced by local attorney and Rotarian Bob Smith.

Dedication of William E. Fanning School  
Brea, November 14, 1970

It is <sup>then</sup> William Emerson Fanning's finest hour. His new blue suit shines black and his white hair so dazzling, ~~white~~. No matter his cane has now become a third support for perpendicularity. His whole face is a smile.

The sky is so blue.

The school band -- what else -- plays his glorious symphony -- and recessional. Stella by his side -- feminine and darling in her pretty pink dress -- no matter the once rosy cheeks are this morning white as chalk -- the wispy hair unruly, the eyes seeing little. She is there.

And the little children gather round.

Appropriate words are spoken by the dignitaries -- school board members -- the mayor -- the new principal -- the Master of Brea Masons (C.O. Harvey, Jr.) -- the Master of the Grand Lodge of the state of California in the splendor of his tails, his velvet and brocade apron and his tall black silk hat.

The ceremony proceeds.

Three silver urns upon the table are poured in turn to release their contents onto a silver plate of offering. They contain the "corn of nourishment" (that the children who go to this school will grow in wisdom), the "wine of refreshment" (that the teachers may ever be renewed and able to present what they have to give in more and more interesting ways) and the "oil of plenty" (that the school will prevail, whatever the conditions).

Now the cornerstone is raised for all to see. It is a tombstone..... Dark grey granite. WILLIAM E. FANNING. A trowel-full of wet mortar lodges the stone in its place, among many stones, around the school's flag pole.

A Mason checks with his square that it is square.  
A Mason checks with his level that it is level.  
A Mason checks with his plumb line that it is straight.  
The position of the stone is satisfactory.

Grandpa steps proudly but oh so slowly upon his cane, to the microphone. "I am so proud, I'm about to burst", he says, "but" (with the familiar twinkle in his eye) "I won't". He blesses the little children and the teachers who will attend his school, and then after a brief thank you to all present, his mind wanders back, and he speaks of the coyotes and the rabbits that once roamed these bare hills. Now he is speaking to the children. "And oh, how the coyotes howled", he says. "We are slightly embarrassed but the little ones are spellbound, as once again he thanks the dignitaries and goes oh so slowly back to his seat amidst their applause.

The Master of California tells us all that Mr. Fanning was born in 1876, and the little boy and his parents sitting next, take in a breath as though they've never seen one so old.

Now the PTA president gives the principal a new flag that has flown over the nation's capitol, and a representative of the local Senator, a California state flag. The scoutmaster present fastens them to the virgin rope, and as they fly upward we all stand, and the band plays the national anthem.

The sky is blue as blue.

The Santana wind blows the flags in furls that would tear  
if the force continued.

The flagpole is high -- high.

We are so proud.

This -- is -- a celebration of a life.

By Inez Fanning

## Fanning School celebrates

BREA — William E. Fanning Elementary School will hold a Rededication Ceremony and Get Together from 7-9 p.m., Feb. 21 in its Media Center.

The evening will begin with an orientation from 7-7:30 p.m. and continue with music by the Fanning Chorus, and introductions by Principal Tim Harvey of school board and district representatives.

The evening will conclude with a social gathering from 8-9 p.m. Memorabilia, including past pictures of staff and each sixth grade class will be on display.

A community birthday party for the school will be held the following day from 4:30-6:30 p.m. There will be entertainment, food, and many family activities.

For information, call 529-3908.

# The Man Behind School's Name



**IN THE SPOTLIGHT**—William E. Fanning, 96, is center of attention for fifth and sixth grade

students at Brea elementary school named for him during a day for senior citizens.

"We're gonna talk about a place that's got a hold on me—that's Brea," says Fanning. "A little place where life feels very fine and free. . . . That's Brea, Brea, Brea."

BREA—The fifth and sixth grade girls chorus sang it with gusto Thursday for their school day at the school, the first occasion of its kind in the history of the Brea-Olinda Unified School District.

Afterwards, Fanning reminisced about his early days in Brea and the educational benefits at the 620-student school which opened in November, 1970.

"I came to Brea as a principal together in the old Brea Elementary School in 1914," Mr. Fanning recalled. "I had taught near Astoria in the

early 1900s before taking an electrician job."

"The school was in a two-story, wooden building then. We had less than 100 students. That's small compared to this school and we didn't offer nearly as good a chance for an education as this. Kids have to have

"They just have a lot of facilities that we didn't and I think the kids are smarter now anyhow with television and all. . . . I'm very gratified at how rapidly the schools have grown."

Fanning was Brea's first superintendent of schools and during his days he saw the Brea grammar school, now Brea Junior High School, and Laurel Elementary School constructed. The original wooden school has long since been abandoned.

He retired in 1942 after 28 years with the district, but later worked for the post office and as a bookkeeper.

But at heart his interests still are with the schools—particularly Fanning.

"The kids certainly have many advantages here in the more personalized instruction," Mr. Fanning said. "They are able to work with a plan and on an individual basis and stay with it longer."

## Can Move Around

"They don't have to sit still at their desks for hours. They can move around, ask questions, in these open classroom areas."

Fanning School is divided into three learning areas designated for primary, intermediate and upper grades instruction for kindergarten through fifth grade. Each area has a "teacher's work room and

an open teaching station surrounding a central resource center. There are no walls or partitions between the classrooms in a typical learning area."

Although Fanning said he doesn't believe in spanking, he admits he resorted to it occasionally as a teacher and principal over more than 30 years in school work.

Sometimes a boy has to have something to make him settle down," Mr. Fanning said. "I used to take a boy into the library once in a while. I'd tell him that he'd been naughty and created a disturbance."

"You should have something to remember the boy," I'd tell him. "You have been well. I'll have to spank you, or if you like, you can spank me. I never had any trouble with a boy after that."

Fanning, of 219 Maltrona Ave., said it is important that the grandparents as well as the parents see what is going on in the school, "and if it wasn't for us old folks they wouldn't be here."

Most schools in the county have nights or days when parents are invited to see what is going on in the schools, principal L.L. Mackain pointed out. But it is a departure to invite the grandparents into the schools.

"I just thought maybe we should take advantage of this natural attraction that the grandmothers and grandfathers has for the little ones," Mackain said, "so we scheduled this special day."

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onsists of third lth grade boys and will sing each Sun- ng. This choir meets urday afternoon at in the old church

New children are attend. gh school students at 8:45 o'clock each morning for a light followed by a class They will also at- n their families the service.

### rim Fellowship

unday Miss Wilma President of Pilgrim p will read the Jack Quandt, Dave bert Millen and Ron- ow will usher during ing service. The high uth's evening meet- grism Fellowship and t at the home of Miss Hopkins, 516 Palm 6:30 o'clock. Linda n will be in charge ogram.

Sunday Mr. Harlow eak on "A Vital Following the wor-

junior who bought a telescope in time to watch a Soviet satellite orbit the earth the same day, was the winner of the local Lions speakoff contest here last night.

Jack Quandt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Quandt, used the incident to trigger his talk on the subject, "My Responsibility in a Changing World."

Second place tie in the contest was between the other two contestants, Bruce Tyner and Jane Ward, both seniors who talked on the same subject. Quandt will compete in a Zone speakoff March 15.

Judges were Rosemary Hutchins of Arovista school in Brea; Kay Little, Brea junior high and Albert Stuelke, former Brea-Olinda high school teacher. High School Principal Victor B. Hassing was program chairman and Robert Allred, Brea-Olinda high speech teacher coached the speakers.

Starting with the space theme, Quandt enlarged to say the more we know of the earth and its surroundings the more we are in awe of God's handiwork.

"This is God's world," he said.

In the space age is needed a reverence and respect for the worth of one's fellow man as well as "the trained mind of the mathematician."

Together with knowledge, belief in God and service to fellow man come an awareness of freedom based on free choice.

He explained knowledge without morals is useless. What is needed in schools is a "moral curriculum," and moral application of knowledge.

Quandt mentioned he was born in 1945, about the same time when some of his listeners were in their 20s and serving in World War II.

The space flight he mentioned, made concrete his desire to become an astronomer. It allegedly contained a man, Ghermann Titov.

"I wanted to identify myself with the space age," he commented. "And 90 percent of the scientists are still alive."

## CIRCULATION

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said, with no rain predicted. The break in the storm during the week left Brea's rainfall total at the 15.71-inch

itself," he said. The fact that Mr. Speer is running for city council could possibly influence the decl-

was the opinion of the commission that this issue was not in the province of their responsibilities.

## COVERED WAGONS TO MISSILES

# W. E. Fanning Tells Kiwanis Of City's Earlier Pioneer Past

A Brea man whose history spans the era from covered wagons to space capsules, shared his experiences yesterday with a group of Brea Kiwanians and guests.

W. E. Fanning, elementary school superintendent from 1914 to 1942, enthralled listeners with his tales from the past.

### Covered Wagon

Superintendent Fanning's parents came west in a covered wagon to Inyo county near Independence and Bishop then came south to Norwalk where he was born on Pioneer Street near Five Points.

Later the family lived on Carmentita street, on 40 acres where they moved in 1880. Only one family has lived there since they left in 1898. The house is still standing and occupied. The Fannings paid \$25 an acre for 40 acres. Taxes on less than half that area amounted to \$3,600 last year.

One of the first people he met when he came here from Pasadena was W. E. Brown, a superintendent for Union Oil Co., and a member of the board of trustees. He had substituted for a teacher there who was on leave.

### Sudden Appointment

"This is your next principal," said Brown to the office help. It was the first Fanning heard of it.

"I had written to the superintendent of schools in Orange county because there were too many teachers for the jobs then. So he wrote me: 'You go to Brea.'"

"It was difficult to find a home because they were all filled. But we found one which was being finished. A man used five gallons of black oil to paint it and then rubbed the inside with oil to give it a color. It was a good brown house."

### Early-Day Mischief

When he saw his equipment he decided that it would have to be renovated. The maple wood desks were niched and their tops were covered with initials. They came from a school which was about a half-mile east of Central in the canyon. Two pines and a desert tree stood there. The desert tree was cut down



WILLIAM E. FANNING

heat to replace the iron stoves. Gas cost \$2.50 a month and water \$1.50 a month for all that one needed.

"But folks wasted it and meters had to be put in," he said.

He told of early disciplinary problems. The school had outdoor lavatory facilities.

He discovered some boys would ask to leave the room and go to the toilets where they would take a smoke. He kept them after school.

"I would have them stay the time they lost," the former superintendent said. "The best way is to make him pay for what he has done and to take away his time."

He also found that "you have to follow the children around, find out what's going through their heads and know what's going on," to operate a good school system.

### Well-Knit

He found Brea to have a "well-knitted feeling, workmanship and a man-to-man and woman-to-woman feeling."

The former superintendent told how when the children did not have entertainment, arrangements were made for a special Chataqua stage show in addition to the adult performances.

(For those who are not aware of it, the Chataqua was the forerunner of the knife and fork club lecture tour without the dinners. Noted speakers and touring com-

and William Jennings Bryan. Perhaps the most famous Chataqua speech was entitled "Acres of Diamonds".)

Parents also arranged for showings of little motion pictures from Los Angeles.

### Johnson-Ruth

Brea had a fire wagon and a "bucket brigade." The merchants would watch the truck as it sped to a fire.

Beach Blvd. was paved 16 feet wide and the rest was dirt. One merchant made a dive for the truck and landed in the dirt on the other side of the street.

The almost-legendary Walter Johnson-Babe Ruth baseball duel took place downhill from the Chiksan parking lot. Men and women helped level the field. Ladies sold food and drink. Superintendent Fanning still remembers Babe Ruth's clouts disappearing. Johnson was born at Olinda.

The superintendent was president of Brea Lions club in 1932 when the present clubhouse where the Lions, Kiwanis, Brea Senior and Junior Woman's clubs meet, was moved. It originally stood across the railroad tracks in the north end of town. The building was extended 20 feet.

"Women did as much work as men," he said. "The men were glad to have work to do since that was during the depression."

The superintendent's son, Karl, teaches chemistry at Brea-Olinda high and his daughter lives in Oregon. He and his wife recently celebrated their 50th anniversary.

He described Anaheim as the best organized town in the area.

## Another Tax Meeting Scheduled Tuesday

Another Brea elementary and Brea-Olinda high school district tax override public meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, at 7:30 p.m., in the high school cafeteria.

At the first scheduled meeting, two citizens were present, besides the boards and administrators of the two