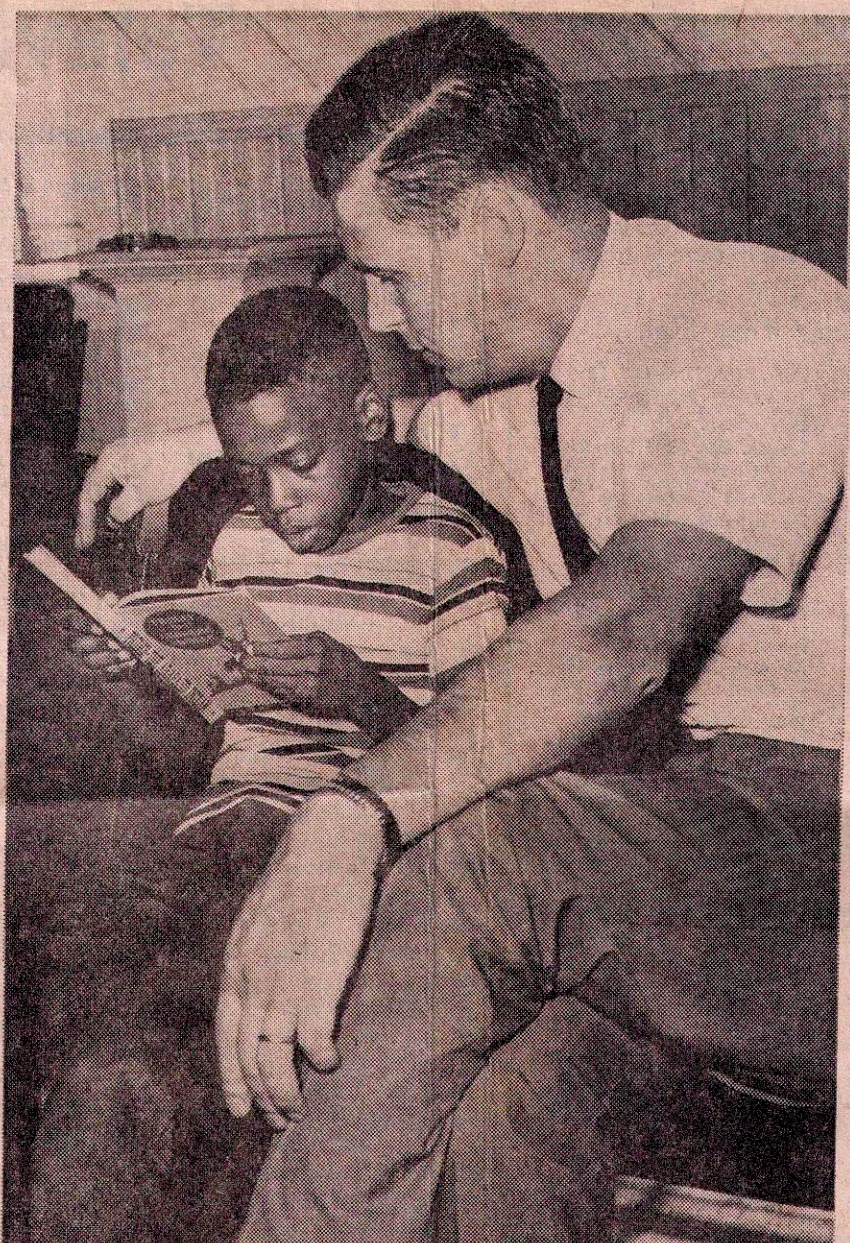


**ONE-DAY BOYCOTT** — Carrying sign (above) was L. E. Leer an Eastside resident who said he had no connection with the boycott group but agreed with their aims. Leer had three signs which he alternated carrying at Irving School yesterday. Rod Fielder,



teacher, listens (center photo) to Johnny Bennet, 10, read aloud to get some idea of his reading level in a "freedom school" fifth grade class at a Masonic hall at 12th near Park. Kindergarten students at the "freedom school" at 12th near Park enjoy (right



photo) their first mid-morning "milk break" during the first day of operation of the school by parents boycotting Lowell and Irving schools. The youngsters were served bread and jelly with their milk. Their morale was said to be high.

(Staff photos by Bob Ringquist)



**THE MUSIC MAN** — Kindergarten pupils, in a freedom school class yesterday have a sing-along.

## Opening day

# Most pupils like 'Freedom School'

By JOHN MONTGOMERY

Some 100 grade school children — the majority of whom attended Lowell and Irving schools in Riverside last year — quietly went school yesterday in two eastside churches. The sites were among the six where freedom schools were conducted yesterday.

**AME CHURCH**, 10th and Sedgewick, was school for 30 fourth-graders, 20 boys and 10 girls, and the Amos Temple CME Church, 11th and Victoria, opened its doors to 40 first-graders and 30 second graders.

Mrs. Sarah Seekins, one of the three teachers at the school set up in the AME Church, and a senior at University of California, Riverside, said:

"I read in the Daily Press that teachers were needed so I just volunteered. I hope to stay as long as I'm needed but I'm supposed to go back to classes at college next Monday."

**MOST OF HER** fourth-grade pupils were formerly at Lowell and Irving, Mrs. Seekins said, but some come from as far away as the Casa Blanca section.

"We're still trying to get started," she said. "We have the money but we haven't been able to get the supplies we need as yet. However, we're getting some books in from the Riverside Public Library."

Mrs. Seekins said most of her fellow teachers in the emergency plan were "college kids," and have to go back to school themselves next Monday.

**SAMPLE OPINIONS** from the fourth-graders:

✓ Ronald Gulliford, 9, of 2440 Pennsylvania — "I like it fine here. Last year I went to Monroe School. Today, we've been reading baseball books and listening to folk singers."

✓ Johnny McKinley, 9, of 4757 Grove — "It's better than Lowell. I listened to the singers, and one of them let me play his guitar."

✓ Ernestine Coleman, 9, of 2735 Bates — "I like it fine here. Today, we've been writing words and doing some reading. I used to go to Lowell too."

✓ Kevin Beverley, 9, of 2405 Vasquez, also a former Lowell student — "I listened to songs and played the guitar today. I heard two songs that haven't even been recorded yet."

✓ Larry Scott, 9, of 2595 Pleasant, formerly of Lowell — "It's O.K. here. We had P.E. (physical education) this morning, we listened to songs, had lunch and they let us play the piano and the guitar."

✓ Dennis Allison, 10, 4475 Grove, an Irving student last year — "I liked it better in Los Angeles. I was visiting there during the riots — but I didn't get in them."

✓ Daryl Jones, 10½, of 2810 10th — "It's all right. I liked it a little better at Irving. But I live just down the street from here and can go home for lunch. Most of the kids have to bring their lunch."

**MRS. SEEKINS** said that although some of the children brought their own lunch, sandwiches and punch were provided by the school headquarters set up in the Masonic Auditorium.

At the Amos Temple, classrooms were set up for 30 second-graders, and some 40 first graders. Mrs. Margaret Fast and Mrs. Ernest Heeren are in charge of the first graders.

"These children are very well-behaved," remarked Mrs. Fast. "They get along very nicely. We've had them

playing games and telling about what they did this summer."

**A SUBSTITUTE** teacher in charge of the second-graders said: "These children all know they are here because of the boycott at Lowell and Irving. But they all behave beautifully. I've never seen children behave better."

In the second-grade class, 28 attended Lowell last year, 6 were from Irving, 1 from Victoria, and 1 from a school in another community.

## Plenty of action on tap at Los Angeles County Fair

With the accent on action, the Los Angeles County Fair opens Friday at Pomona, and 17 days of special events will add plenty of action to the world's largest county fair.

And there are 40,000 exhibits to see.

Free action will include grandstand entertainment, the fair queen's coronation opening night, a giant opening day parade along Broadway in Pomona, and a free rodeo and circus.

**THE FREE** entertainment package will be opened Sept. 17-19 by Herb Alpert and the Tijuana Brass, Jody Miller — "Queen of the House" — and comic Paul Lemon.

Free rodeo action is set for Sept. 20-24, and free circus action will be staged by the Polack Bros. Circus, Sept. 25-Oct. 3.

Horses in action will be seen on the half-mile race course in 12 races a day, except Sunday, throughout the fair's run. Trotters, pacers, quarter horses and thoroughbreds will run.

Four horse shows also will be part of the fair action. Fans will see high-stepping high-tails, saddlebreds, in the opening show Sept. 17-19. Colorful pelominos will be shown Sept. 25-26. Pintos enter the Carnation Ring on Oct. 1-2, and the Tennessee Walking Horse Futurity closes the fair Oct. 3.

**CONTEST** action will include the Lady Nimble Pinners, a speed crocheting contest, the butter churning, milking, hog calling, twins', milk drinking and daily slot racing contest.

And the Livestock Show arena will see lots of action as exhibits of livestock are staged. Future Farmers of America, 4-Hers and college students will enter their best stock in competition.

Specialty stock shows will include rabbits, cavy, pigeons, poultry and both exotic and cage birds.

The mile-long monorail and the Sports Plaza, where boat-

ing and aquatic sports are demonstrated daily, are other fair attractions that have proved popular in past years.

**WITH 40,000** exhibits to choose from, there is a bit of everything to see.

The Flower and Garden Show features florists' arrangements, outdoor living exhibits and recreation in a floral wonderland.

Arts and crafts of Mexico will be exhibited and demonstrated in the domestic arts exhibit, fair-goers will view the best in home arts, antiques and a complete and authentic millinery shop of yesterday.

A new feature of the fair is the Golden Empire Mine, a reproduction of early California mining operations re-created on a wooded hillside.

**AND THERE'S** still more to be seen. Table settings, weaving demonstrations, commercial exhibits, industrial displays, a kitchen carnival, the Hall of Health, a dream kitchen, a storybook farm, new home ideas and home show products are other attractions.

A gem and mineral show, one of the largest hobby shows in the country, a model building contest, a science exhibit, international exhibits and armed forces displays, and the Court of the Redwoods also await the public with action at the fair.

**New image urged for downtown sections**

"Enlist a professional firm to take a survey of potential customers," Hal Shawlee told Arlington retailers concerned with the development of two new giant shopping centers.

Shawlee is director of public relations for Union Oil Co. and a past acting manager of the Riverside Chamber of Commerce.

He advised about 20 Arlington area merchants and Riverside civic leaders, including Mayor Ben Lewis, City Manager John Wentz and Riverside Chamber of Commerce Manager Woody Wade, to take the time to build a new image in the face of competition from shopping centers.

"Take a physical look at yourself," declared Shawlee. "And decide just what type of a shopping area you wish to become after you have pertinent facts."

Shawlee, a recognized authority on retailing, described Pasadena as an excellent ex-

## UCR's librarian since '51 plans to retire this year

Edwin T. Coman Jr., librarian at the University of California since January, 1951, will retire at the end of December after 15 years on the job.

He organized the library for the College of Letters and Science, which opened in February, 1954, and led it through another major change of phase when UCR was made into a general campus with a graduate school.

**IT IS AN** early retirement for Coman, who is 62, and who now plans to continue his library career as a consultant in library matters and his research work into business history in the West. He and Mrs. Coman have bought a home in La Jolla.

Coman, who holds a master's degree from Claremont Graduate School, was picked by Dr. Gordon S. Watkins for the library assignment here, when Watkins as head of the campus was preparing for the opening of the college.

**COMAN HAD** organized and built to a position of eminence the library of Stanford University's Graduate School of Business Administration. A unique part of its collection is the section of business records and old documents, for which he was personally the major collector.

Out of this interest and study, Coman originated and

taught a Stanford course on "Business History of the West" and from this grew his technical book, "Sources of Business Information." A new and expanded edition was issued by the University

## Planning set for 3 flood control projects locally

Support of the State Water Commission for three planning and design projects affecting Riverside County flood control objectives has been announced by John Bryant, engineer of the county flood control and water conservation district.

Bryant said the state agency's support will add to the district's chances of securing U.S. Army Corps of Engineers aid on specific projects.

Included is a \$100,000 advanced planning and design request for the Tahquitz Creek Flood Control Channel in the Palm Springs area. This request reportedly is before the U.S. Bureau of the Budget at present.

Also listed was a \$30,000 planning allocation request for the University wash project in the Riverside area, as well as a \$30,000 project to initiate planning for a Whitewater River control project in the vicinity of Desert Hot Springs.

of California Press only last year and a second printing is scheduled next May.

**HE HEADED** the planning for the original small library building of the college, of which the earlier technical library of the Citrus Experiment Station became a special section.

Again he was the major figure in the planning of the expansion for the general campus. This resulted in the present five-floor structure that students call The Bastille. The plan calls for its expansion starting next year.

The library now contains 308,000 volumes and is growing rapidly.

**IN 1960** AT the request of President Clark Kerr, Coman represented the University of California in negotiations for and purchase of the 50,000-volume private library of the estate of the late Isaac Foot.

In his 33-year career as a librarian Coman has been active in the professional associations.

He was president of the California Library Association in 1949 and has also a member of the Council of the American Library Association. He is a consultant for the ALA and the Special Libraries Association.

Chancellor Hinderaker, announcing the impending retirement, expressed "deep regret" while listing Coman's achievements.

## Retired Persons group taking trip signups

American Association of Retired Persons, Riverside chapter, is taking signups for a trip to the Riverside County Art and Cultural Center, the former Edward Dean Museum of Decorative Arts, for Sept. 23.

The tour of the museum in Cherry Valley will be followed by dinner at the San Geronimo Inn. Cost of the trip and dinner will be \$4.25.

Interested persons can contact John W. War, 3112 Ronald, Riverside, for reservations.

## Temperature rising, sun is shining

Riverside temperatures soared yesterday from Sunday's high of 86 to the 96-degree mark, and today the mercury may soar — and sear — a bit more.

The temperature at 11 this morning was 83, two degrees higher than yesterday's reading at the same time. But nighttime readings continue quite cool — last night's low was 56.

The official forecast says "sunny" and "warm," with the usual night and morning low clouds and fog along the coast.