

San Bernardino County

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Paul J. Rogers

# Dedication Plans Set For School

COLTON — The Masonic Lodge of Colton and members of the Knights of Columbus are joining hands on one project. This is to dedicate a new school in Colton, honoring the educator for whom it was named.

Saturday, April 29 is the date the Dr. Paul J. Rogers new elementary school will be officially dedicated, hence the elaborate ceremonies prepared.

Elmer W. Heald, of El Centro, a retired jurist and past grand master of Masons in California, will serve as dedicicator for the event, according to Burton Brin, master of Ashlar Masonic Lodge 306, Colton.

Also participating in the ceremony will be a color guard representing the Colton Council of the Knights of Columbus.

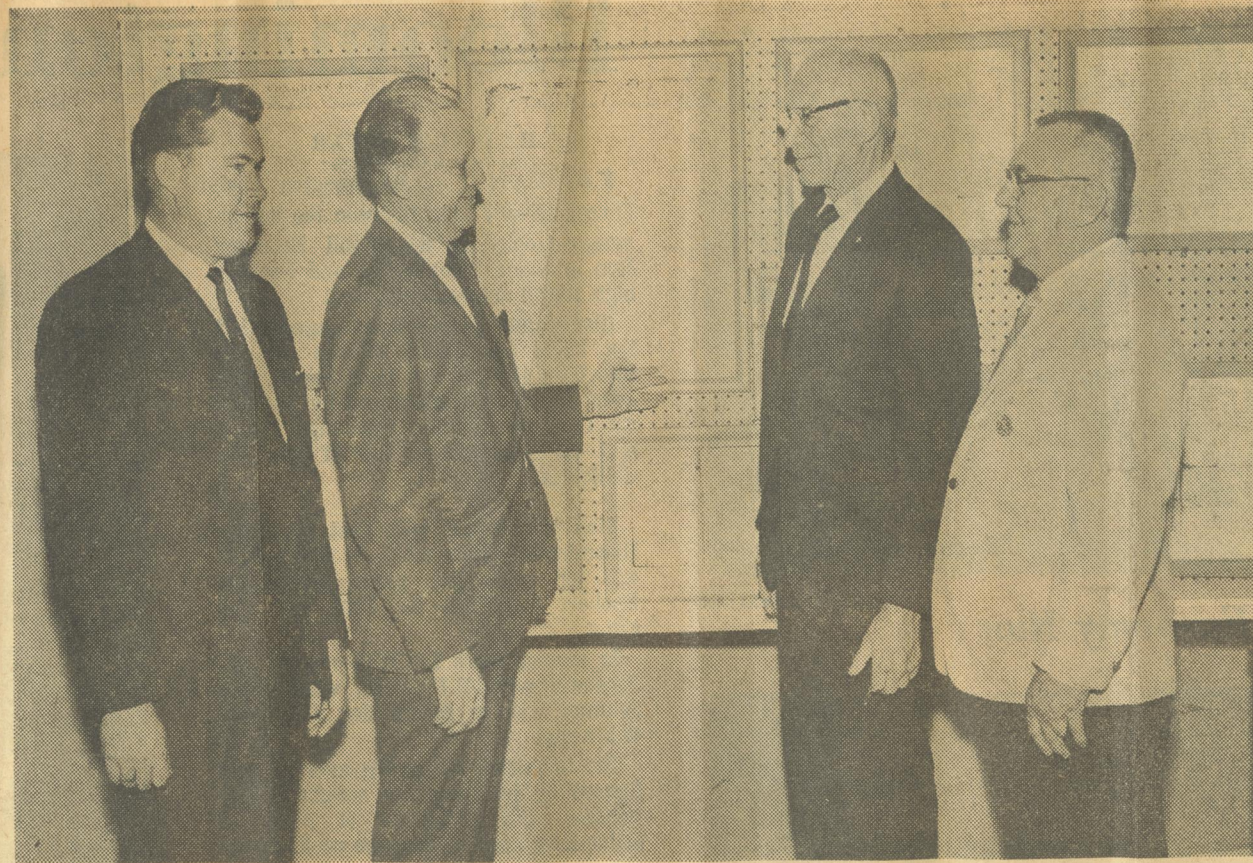
Dedication services are scheduled to begin promptly at 2 p.m. at the new facility, 955 W. Laurel. The ceremony follows a noon time luncheon, honoring Dr. Rogers. This will be held in the Colton Junior High School cafetorium.

Dr. J. J. H. Smith, past master of the Ashlar Lodge, and for years a member of the Colton School board, will serve as master of ceremonies.

Music will be furnished by the Colton Junior High band under the direction of Heinrich Schmidt.

"Masons have been asked to dedicate public buildings in this country for 175 years," said Brin. "We are delighted to have the K of C participate in this important event in Colton's history."

Arrangements for the gala ceremonies are being finalized by Dr. Weynard Bailey, superintendent of the Colton Joint School District and Dr. Gerald Smith. Others participating are Gene Christrom, representing the Masons, and Ron Kiel the Knights of Columbus.



## Dr. Paul J. Rogers School Dedication Ceremonies Held in Colton

Dale Jones photos

Dr. C. Weynard Bailey, superintendent of the Colton Unified School District, Dr. Paul J. Rogers and Judge Elmer W. Heald discuss old times during

a break in ceremonies at official dedication of the new Paul J. Rogers Elementary School in Colton. Dr. Rogers was deeply touched by the honor bestowed

on him by his colleagues and in his acceptance speech praised everyone for fine efforts in moving another step forward in educational facilities for Col-

ton. Center photo shows group inspecting new "Freedom Shrine" presented at ceremony. Gene Carlstrom, Paul Martin, Dr. Rogers and A. J. Bristow,

president of the Colton Exchange Club, talk about the shrine. At right, a standing ovation is given Dr. Rogers following his acceptance address.

Left to right, Norman Neste, Dr. Rogers, Dr. J. J. H. Smith, who served as master of ceremonies, Dr. Bailey, Judge Heald and Burt Brin, lodge master.

# Colton Dedicates Newest Elementary School



## Educator

Dr. Paul J. Rogers, who devoted 27 years to education in Colton, is overcome as he is given a standing ovation at the dedication of Colton's newest school which bears his name. Dr. Rogers was honored by educators and other officials at the dedication rites held this past weekend at the school located at 955 West Laurel St.



## Rogers' Family Admire Plaque

Dr. Paul J. Rogers and members of his family admire plaque, dedicating Colton's new elementary school to the prominent Colton educator. Shown (from left), are Mrs. Zelma McCauley, a cousin; Dr. Rogers; his

daughter, Mrs. Norman Harris of Walnut Creek; and his son, Richard Rogers of Long Beach. The dedication Saturday climaxed the week-long "Public Schools Week" observance in Colton.



## M.C.

Dr. J. J. H. Smith, prominent Colton Civic leader, served as master of ceremonies at Saturday's dedication of the Dr. Paul J. Rogers School. Dr. Smith noted that the new school was a symbol of growth in the community. Dr. Smith cited the educators' dedication to his profession and his active interest in other civic organizations.



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## Participants

The Knights of Columbus and the Native Daughters of the Golden West were among those who participated in the dedication of the Dr. Paul J. Rogers School Saturday afternoon. At right, five members of the Knights of Columbus, attired in formal uniforms, led the Pledge of Allegiance, prior to the ceremonies. At left, Mrs. Tommie Paz, a native of Colton, representing the Native Daughters of the Golden West, presents the Flag of the State of California to Richard Kuhn, principal of the new school. Also shown are Norman Neste (left), a member of the Unified School District board of education, and Dr. Rogers.





## Honor Colton Educator

Officials from the Colton Unified School District, city, county, and Masons, were among the hundreds who paid tribute to Dr. Paul J. Rogers. They included (from left), City Manager C. Glenn Wilson, Councilman Abe E. Beltran, Burt Brin, Master, Colton Ashler Ma-

sonic Lodge; Judge Elmer W. Heald of El Centro, Past Grand Master of the Masons of California, who conducted the dedication rites; Dr. C. Weynard Bailey, school district superintendent; Mayor Pascual S. Oliva; and Supervisor Ruben Ayala.



## Exchange Club Presentation

Colton Exchange Club members presented the Freedom Shrine to be placed in the Dr. Paul J. Rogers School. The presentation was made at the dedication of the new school. Shown here (from left), are Gail Marat, club secretary; Merrill Hill, treasurer; Paul

Marsh, past state Exchange president; Dr. Rogers; Arnold Ristow, president; Gene Carlstrom, chairman in charge of the presentation, and Robert Bidney, a member of the Board of Control. The Shrine includes copies of historical documents.