

Women Lose De Luz Fight

By MARGE BROWN

The two elderly women of De Luz stood alone and lost. They came to court in the De Luz School armed with 27 pieces of rusty wire, a padlock and some maps.

But the school district had better evidence.

Superior Judge Clarence Harden yesterday granted an injunction restricting Mrs. Alma F. Click, 93, and her daughter, Veria Click, 73, from trespassing on school property, prefacing his finding with:

"Much as I regret deciding against these women . . ."

'Never Accept'

"I'll never accept it," Miss Click said as she heard the decision.

Miss Click defended herself and her mother against the trespass charge and \$100 damage suit. Her attorney, she said, was too busy to appear.

She said she will seek his advice on an appeal.

"I'm stickin' up for the Clicks," Homer C. McDowell, a neighbor, testified as a defense witness.

"Have you ever had trouble with the school board?" the defendant asked.

'Ain't No Use'

"Might's well tell the truth. Ain't no use to beat around the bush, I've had trouble with that school board ever since I been here," McDowell replied.

"What did the custodian do to my mother when she tried to cross the school yard," Miss Click asked.

"Well, I'm not going to go into that now, Miss Click, I might get mad. I might get my Irish up," McDowell said.

Class-Court Hot

The class-court was hot. Nearly 100 persons watched the proceedings, many standing against the walls.

Miss Click's mother, who sat patiently quiet throughout the hearing, took off her

sweater and wiped her brow with a handkerchief.

Used Since 1927

Miss Click offered in evidence a photostatic copy of an 1888 government survey.

Map 532, introduced by the county is a fraud, she said.

She told the court she and her mother used the road through the school property since 1927, continuously for nine years.

She recited the dates she removed wire used to secure the schoolyard gate, removed a padlock, took the gate off the hinges and finally, on Nov. 24, "I broke the gate."

Under cross examination, she admitted the Click property fronts for a half mile on the Murrieta Road.

Denies 2 Roads

She denied that previously two roadways went from her property to Murrieta Road.

Mrs. Irene Sharp of Redlands testified to the existence

of the roadways when she lived on the property in 1921.

Miss Click also contradicted former school board member Felix Garnsey's testimony that he had offered in 1948 to re-open one of the original roads, overgrown with brush from disuse.

She did not deny that she and her mother refused a proffered easement through another portion of school property.

Whips Out Lock

Donald A. Clark, deputy county attorney representing the school district, inquired about breaking the padlock.

"I didn't break it," she retorted and whipped out the lock intact.

After court, Clark asked the Clicks if they would accept if the neighbors offered to re-open one of the original roads on their own property.

"Not until it's in writing," Miss Click said firmly.

Guarnieri Jr.

Meet Scientists

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