

EDWARD E. PRINCE

1909 DIARY

[Edward Prince continues to experience life as a youth in Boulder Creek. In the last entry on June 11th, he notes his graduation from grammar school. Edward's younger brother Halford was born in January 1909, perhaps accounting for the absence of entries from January 5th until April 1st. The family moved to Mill Creek near Swanton where Edward worked as a whistle punk; this may account for a second absence of entries after his graduation in June 1909 until July 1910.]

January 1909

- 1 New Years Day. It rained like everything. Leslie and I each wrote a letter to Grandma Bacon.
- 2 Papa came back from Santa Cruz. Mama went down to Peery's. I went up town and mailed some letters and got some meat. I quite [sic] the old piano business.
- 3 Roy Garrette, Leslie and I went down to the river. We all went to church in the evening.
- 4 School commenced. Mama went down to Peery's. Our new teacher Mr. Lawrence started in teaching

April 1909

- 1 April fools day. I fooled mama. Leslie has the chicken pox. Mama is getting it. I caught an [sic] big fish.
- 2 I caught 9 fish.
- 3 Papa came over from the coast. I caught 3 fish. I cut a lot of wood.
- 4 I caught 7 fish in the morning. One of them was eleven inches long. Papa made Leslie a fishing pole. I caught one in the afternoon. Papa went back to the coast.
- 5 I caught eleven fish. Leslie caught two. I went with Glenn when he took the milk.
[Written in the margin running down the page is Fish 1,9,3,7,1,11, with a total of 32.]
- 6 I caught 12 fish in the morning.
- 7 I went over to the coast where papa is working.
- 8 I went fishing with Frank Omnes [?] on Mill Creek.
- 9 I tended switch at the mill.
- 10 Papa got a dozen oranges for me. I fooled around the mill.
- 11 Papa and Floyd Wallace and I went over to the Waddell beach. We saw some big salmon and bass but didn't get any. Floyd and I got some mussels off the rocks and cooked them. I got a lot of pretty shells. We fished with the big line in the surf. We had our lunch.

- 12 I came back home I missed the first train and staid [sic] in Santa Cruz a couple of hours. I went to the Casino.
- 13 I went swimming at Barkers.
- 14 Leslie got sick.
- 15 I went swimming.
- 16 I rode up town on the train with Orrin Sloan. I helped O.S. and G. C. pull mustard in Peery's field. The fish we had died. I had a bonfire.
- 17 G. C. and O.S. and I made it up town and around where G.C. takes milk and back in 17 min.
- 18 Papa came up from Santa Cruz in a Taleho [?]. Papa went back over to the coast.
- 19 The first day of school. There was a funeral in the afternoon. A little boy got drowned. His name was Fitz-Patrick. We made it up town and back in 15 minutes. I played out. (In the evening.) I got a pair of Tennis Slippers.
- 20 I got a pair of fine shoes.
- 21 O.S. and L.P. and I busted bottles with O.S.'s little air gun. We played my ship came in, in the evening.
- 22 Ma went over town and got weighed, she weighed 111 pounds. The most she ever weighed. She sent three dollars to the sewing machine company.
- 23 High School beat the Grammar School by a score of 5 to 4. I came home for my dinner.
- 24 We went in swimming. There was a big fire. We initiated Art Dodd and Luke Dodd into our lodge.
- 25 Boulder Creek vs North Santa Cruz Ball game. B.C. beat by a score of 4 to 1. We ate our lunch out under the trees it was so hot.
- 26 I went to school.
- 27 I went to school. Ma took the baby and went over to Mann's.
- 28 I went to the party at Whitters and didn't get home till twelve oclock.
- 29 Mamma [sic] went up to Roys, Ralstons and Goerckes.
- 30 I went in swimming. We caught a lot of eels in the sand.

May 1909

- 1 May Day. Glenn Clifford, Leslie and I went in swimming. Papa came over from the coast.
- 2 Papa went back to the coast. Leslie and I went in swimming.
- 3 I went to school.
- 4 Leslie and I went in swimming.
- 5 I went to the Pound Social in Mr. and Mr. Davis.
- 6 I went to the moon-light picnic up at the reservoir.

- 7 I got excused at 11:45 to go up town and get some meat.
- 8 I went to a party at Eva Sloans. She was 18 years old. We had ice cream and cake.
- 9 I got a letter from Papa. I took back my book and got another. I got a bad cold.
- 10 My cold was worse and I staid [sic] out of school. I took back my book and got another.
- 11 Leslie's birthday he was 9 years old. I went up to Garrettes and played in the afternoon.
- 12 I lent Roy Garrette No 2 out of my library. I went to school.
- 13 The groceries came that pa ordered. Grandma and I went up in the gulch for strawberries but there weren't any there so I got her a bouquet.
- 14 I went swimming with Leslie Orrin and Mat.
- 15 Josie Sagner came up from Santa Cruz on a visit. I went fishing and caught 11. Leslie caught 4.
- 16 Papa came over from the coast. We went to the ball game. Boulder got beat by Santa Cruz 8 to 1. Josie went back
- 17 I went to Santa Cruz with pa and got a new suit of clothes for me and a baby buggy for ma. I rode back up with Tom Ladd in his buggy.
- 18 I went to school.
- 19 I got a dollar and a quarter ball.
- 20 I went to school. I went up town to get some tennis slippers but they did not have any. I got some candy. Mrs. Wood came up to see Ma.
- 21 Mama made a big pan of doughnuts.
- 22 I got my tennis slippers.
- 23 Felton beat Boulder 15 to three. Grandpa and Leslie and I went fishing. Leslie caught 8 small ones and I caught 5 big ones Grandpa caught 0.
- 24 "Cut, Cut, got a hair cut.
- 25 We played ball up in front of Roys. We had the telephone taken out.
- 26 We had examination in History at school. Leslie and I went fishing. I caught 7 and Leslie 5.
- 27 We had examination in Physiology and drawing. Leslie found a ball.
- 28 I had examination in Literature, Spelling, Reading and Nature Study. I found a ball and so did Leslie. We went fishing. I caught 4 and Leslie 0.
- 29 I caught 7 fish and Leslie 3. Papa came home.
- 30 Papa went back to the coast. Leslie and I got enough strawberries and blackberries for a pie.
- 31 We had the pie and two apple pies. I went in swimming.

June 1909

- 1 We had examination in Grammar and Geography.

- 2 We had exams in Arithmetic. I got out of school for the vacation. I went in swimming They had a suprise [sic] party on S.S. Sloan because he was going away.
- 3 We got a piano. Played on it nearly all day.
- 4 I went up to Millingtons to practice for the exercises. We plaid [sic] out [?]
- 5 We went swimming We each had a box of strawberries. Orange Van Dusen stole \$75.00 out of Middleton's Store and spent nearly all of it before they caught him.
- 6 Leslie and I were baptised [sic] and the baby was christened. We went to church again in the evening.
- 7 Grace Cloud, the baby, Olive and Clarence came down for a vacation from Pt. Richmond. Leslie got some peanuts and we roasted them here at home.
- 8 We all went swimming. I went up to practice.
- 9 Clarence and I went fishing. I caught 4 and Clarence 0. I went up to practice.
- 10 Clarence and I went in swimming. We went to Brookdale.
- 11 I graduated from the G. School.