

Sunday Sports The Sunday morning newspaper brings its readers news of important Saturday sport events more than a day ahead of other papers.

EIGHTY-SIXTH YEAR

Little Bellfountain Is State Hoop Champ

Warning Given On School Gas System, Claim

Expert Advised Official of Danger Prior to Blast, Testifies

Funerals Held; Total of Victims Reaches 455, Latest Tabulation

NEW LONDON, Texas, March 20.—(AP)—A military court of inquiry into the school disaster which took 455 children's and teachers' lives heard A. J. Belew testify today he had warned school officials "it was dangerous" not to install a new gas regulator leading into the main building.

Dr. E. P. Schoch, explosions expert from the faculty of the University of Texas, questioned Belew, representing James B. Clow and Sons company, while in nearby communities several thousands bowed in grief at the burials of the dead in rich oil lands.

Sought Saving in Heating, Declared

The court of inquiry adduced first evidence that the reputed richest school in the world had sought to save money by installing an unsafe heating system.

Dr. Schoch, who earlier expressed a theory that an accumulation of gas caused the blast, asked Belew if he had told officials of the regulator fault. The salesman replied:

"I told Mr. Shaw (W. C. Shaw, school superintendent) that it was dangerous. I told him he would have to reduce the pressure."

Belew testified that a new gas regulator was installed in the main building some time after January 1 and a change from dry gas to wet gas was made. He said he told school officials the regulator would not hold the increased pressure following the change.

George H. Greenway, Dallas heating engineer and an unsuccessful bidder on the heating contract for the destroyed school building, testified that "it's a crime to put gas steam radiators in public buildings. When you put in 2 1/2 inch radiators, you have... 72 chances for individual explosions."

Funerals Held for Many of Victims Scores of the 455 victims of the nation's greatest child disaster were lowered into graves as the inquiry court sat in a rambling wooden structure only 50 yards from the remnants of the schoolhouse.

Captain Zachariah Coomber of the Texas national guard sat as judge advocate and closely questioned witnesses who told of construction of the building and heating system, believed by at least one expert to have caused the explosion that turned the once pretentious school into a wreckage of horror.

Contractor Ross Maddox, called to testify concerning the heating system, told the court original plans for building did not call for a gas heating system, but for a boiler.

"The change to gas steam radiation was on account of cost, I presume," he said.

Vincent's of Salem Sail For Orient, Holy Land

SAN FRANCISCO, March 20.—(AP)—Two globe-girdling residents of Salem, Ore., left today on the Dollar liner President Taft en route to the Orient. They are the Rev. and Mrs. O. R. Vincent, who, after a tour of the Orient, will continue to India, the holy land and Europe.

Plot to Slay Britain's King During Coronation Procession Under Probe

Throwing Knife Found Wrapped With Route Map and Clippings Giving Man, Yard Keeps Usual Silence; No Name Given

LONDON, March 21.—(Sunday)—(AP)—The Sunday Referee reported today a suspected plot against the life of King George VI was being investigated by Scotland Yard following a raid on the room of an unnamed man where detectives found a throwing knife wrapped up with a map of the coronation route.

Building Program Topic For Monday

Nature of PWA Aid to Be Queried; Provisions May Reduce Value

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Will Be Called if Police Evict Sit-Downers in Automotive Plants

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Two Men Die When Airplane Plunges

EPHRATA, Wash., March 20.—(AP)—Killed after only a few minutes in the air, an airplane carried two fliers to their deaths in a mass of twisted wreckage a mile south of here shortly after 2 p.m. today.

Crash Wrecks Amelia's Trip Around World

Aviatrix Unhurt But Her Plane Damaged; Sails Homeward by Boat

HONOLULU, March 20.—(AP)—By a hair's breadth Amelia Earhart sidestepped disaster for herself and two colleagues today when she wrecked her \$80,000 "laboratory plane" and her world flight plans during an attempted dawn takeoff from Howland island, 1,532 miles out in the Pacific.

Tire Bursts and Plane's Wing Breaks; Resume Jaunt Later, Plan

PORTLAND, Ore., March 20.—(AP)—Members of the Columbia River district council of the Lumber and Sawmill Workers' union began a tabulation of votes today on proposals for a 10-cent-an-hour wage increase and at the end of a conference an inquiry on the outcome brought the reply:

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History Made When First of B Teams Captures Championship

FIRST B TEAM TO WIN OREGON HOOP TITLE



The Giant-Killers from Bellfountain, who won the distinction of being the first quintet from a high school of less than 150 students to win the Oregon basketball championship. What's more, they did it with ease, defeating Lincoln of Portland in the finals 35 to 21.

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Dimick Produces Last Champ Five For Walla Walla

WALLA WALLA, March 20.—(AP)—Harold A. Dimick, the coach who tonight led the Walla Walla Blue Devils to their fourth state basketball championship and the second of his eleven-year regime here, will not be back at the state tournament next year—at least with a Wa-Hi squad.

New York Justice Backs Roosevelt

WASHINGTON, March 20.—(AP)—Judge Ferdinand Pecora of the New York supreme court, first member of the bench to testify on the Roosevelt court reorganization bill, urged its passage upon the senate judiciary committee today so that the government "may reach the disease of which the present outburst of sit-down strikes is only a symptom."

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Small Benton Town Is Hoop Capital Today

Little Fellows Get Lead Early and Increase It as Game Proceeds

Franklin Winds Up Third in State; Awards for Merit Presented

FINAL STANDINGS Oregon state high school basketball championship, Bellfountain. Second place, Lincoln. Third place, Franklin. Fourth place, Salem. Fifth place, Astoria. Sixth place, McLoughlin. Seventh place, Eugene. Eighth place, LaGrande. Scores Yesterday: Bellfountain 35, Lincoln 31. Franklin 35, McLoughlin 17. Salem 25, Eugene 23. Astoria 53, LaGrande 33.

Special Awards Player most valuable to his team: Stanley Fish, McLoughlin. KXL trophy for outstanding sportsmanship, Richard Kessler, Bellfountain.

By PAUL HAUSER Jim Corbett beat John L. Sullivan in 1892. Centre college licked Harvard in 1921 and David beat Goliath several years ago but last night Bellfountain best Lincoln 35 to 21 to become the basketball champion of the state of Oregon.

Bellfountain, a town which has no postoffice, no electric lights and in little more than a crossroads in the Benton county hills, has the state basketball champions, as fine a bunch of ball-handlers that ever made an opposing team look sick.

While Bellfountain has the champs and a crowd of onlookers which sailed through all opposition to two state championships really belongs to the basketball fans of Oregon. The little team from a school of 28 pupils is probably the most popular champion that ever won a state basketball title.

Another Portland Team Gets Lesson Like they had instructed Franklin, the Portland city champion, in the rudiments of basketball the night before Bellfountain gave Lincoln an object lesson in style, form and sportsmanship last night. The whole Bellfountain student body could be lost without trace in Lincoln high school in Portland but at basketball they had to bow to the ability of Bellfountain.

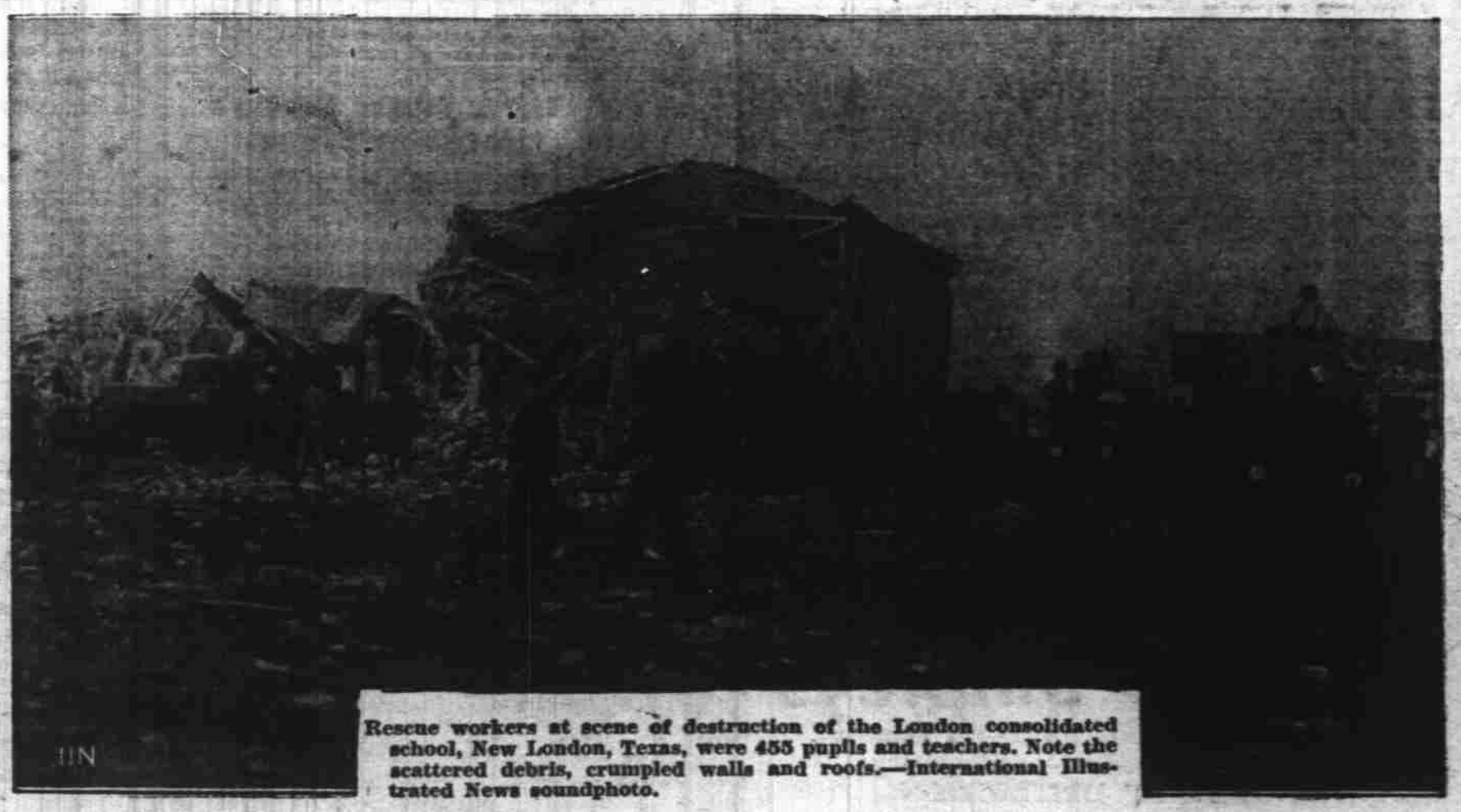
Just as it had raged like a three alarm fire through Amity and Chiloquin and Franklin, Bellfountain did it up brown by starting out ahead of Lincoln and keeping there. If there were any honors Bellfountain didn't share last night they were small ones. From the (Turn to page 2, col. 1)

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Further investigation indicates that the Oregon supreme court has ruled that the engrossed bill as filed with the secretary of state is to be accepted as valid, despite irregularities in the proceedings. Hannah's Bill Law Says Van Winkle All of House Bill 159, the Martin bill banning slot machines and pinball devices, is a law, except the emergency clause, as far as action by the legislature and governor are concerned, and will take effect 30 days after the close of the legislature, subject to the referendum provision. (Turn to page 2, col. 3)

BALLADE OF TODAY By R. C. The little fellow always has the crowd's support in every fight; onlookers hope he'll win, whereas the bigger foe is never right; but satisfaction's greater still if when the strife and struggle's done, your little hero's filled the bill and proved his right to honors won.

SEEKING FOR CHILDREN'S BODIES IN SCHOOL RUINS



Rescue workers at scene of destruction of the London consolidated school, New London, Texas, were 455 pupils and teachers. Note the scattered debris, crumpled walls and roofs.—International Illustrated News soundphoto.