



**New Building Replaces Old Sublimity Grade School**—Modern schoolhouse of latest design and constructed in accordance with modern concepts for teaching efficiency and pupil welfare replaces the one room Sublimity grade school built about 60 years ago. The lower photograph shows the old school being dismantled by B. W. Holt, Charles Dahl and Darrell Foltz who are taking the material to Jordan valley for other construction.

### Fireman Rescues Doll; Child Dies

Oklahoma City, March 3 (AP)—A fireman mistook a life-size doll that cried "just like a baby" for a two-year-old girl and carried it from a flaming bedroom yesterday. The child suffocated.

Carolyn Thompson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Thompson, was alone in her parents' upstairs apartment when the blaze broke out. The home is in the Will Rogers field veterans housing unit.

The hysterical mother screamed for firemen to rescue her baby as they arrived on the scene. She couldn't reach her because of dense smoke.

Fireman Bob Coley dashed into a west bedroom where he had been told the child was sleeping, but failed to find her and had to return for air.

"Mrs. Thompson screamed to me that the baby was in another bedroom," Coley said.

"I crawled on the floor to the bed. I couldn't see a thing because of the smoke but I felt something wrapped in a blanket. When I pulled it off the bed, it cried, just like a baby."

"When I got outside I saw it was just a doll—a big baby doll that cries."

Coley brought the child out on a third attempt, but was too late.

W. P. Bruce, Veterans hospital fire chief, said the fire started in a closed closet and spread to the child's bed. He added the only possible cause was spontaneous combustion in heavy clothing.

### Man Chokes to Death on Egg

West Los Angeles, Calif., March 3 (AP)—Charles McCarthy, 59, choked to death on a fried egg on the eve of his wedding.

McCarthy choked on the egg during a pre-nuptial drinking party, an autopsy surgeon disclosed yesterday. Police, however, detained the bride-to-be, Mae Bower Ingraham, 45, one-time Mack Sennett bathing beauty, and three men celebrants for further questioning.

Dr. Frederick Newbarr said that a wound on McCarthy's head, which police thought had been made by a bludgeon, evidently occurred when the man fell as he strangled on the egg.

Mrs. Ingraham is the former wife of Irving Ingraham, who she said was of the watch and clock family.

**Winter Damaged Light**

Wheatland—Inventory of possible loss or damage by freezing to trees and shrubbery has been made by many who report the loss negligible. At the Mrs. Clyde M. LaFollette farm in Wheatland district, the large orange tree with the cold weather protection usually given it seems to have escaped with only a few frosted leaves on tips of lower branches. Many camellias are apparently badly damaged.

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### Whistling Swan Increases at Washington's Birthplace

Washington, Mar. 3 (AP)—The whistling swan is increasing in numbers in the national park area centering around George Washington's birthplace in Virginia.

Wild turkey tracks have been discovered in Big Bend national park, Texas, and Chiricahua and Walnut Canyon national monuments, Ariz., where wild turkeys had not previously been known.

Everglades national park in Florida has become a spectacular rookery for the Wood Ibis, Snowy Egrets, Anhingas and other conspicuous birds, and more protection—by a larger Ranger force is needed.

These are observations from a report by Victor H. Cahalane, chief of the national park service biology division, on the wildlife resources of the national parks and monuments.

Cahalane said waterfowl are found in large numbers, throughout the migration season, at George Washington's birthplace, and at nearby Colonial National historical Ark, as well as in the Everglades.

"Only at the former area is the whistling swan found, and here it has increased in number each year for a decade," he said.

Other observations:

Trumpeter Swans—had a good nesting season in Yellowstone park; a census in late August, 1949, showed 21 cygnets and 54 adults.

Sandhill Cranes—nested as usual in Yellowstone, and seen more regularly than in the past two years at Grand Teton, Wyo., national park.

Bald Eagles—frequent George Washington birthplace, Colonial and Everglades parks. Ospreys occupy much the same range, occur in about the same number yearly.

Golden Eagles—subnormal in numbers at Big Bend park, Texas; fairly common in many western parks; found in small number at Crater's of the Moon, Idaho, and Lava Beds, Cal., national monuments.

Ruffed Grouse—slight increase at Cave, Ky., but questionable whether sufficient numbers have been restocked there to insure their survival.

Sage Grouse—fairly common and increasing at Jackson Hole, Wyo., national monument. Good hatches at Dinosaur Monument, Utah-Colo., but poaching causes severe reductions.

### Farm Income Fell Sharply in 1949

Washington, March 3 (AP)—Farmers' income from marketings fell sharply in all except five states last year, the agriculture department reported today. Cash receipts were up in Florida, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and Delaware as compared with 1948.

Higher prices for citrus fruits pushed Florida farmers' 1949 receipts up 19 per cent, tops for the nation percentage-wise.

On the other extreme was North Dakota, with a 32 per cent decline, resulting mostly from smaller marketings and lower prices for wheat and flaxseed.

Texas with a 10 per cent increase, led in total farm income from marketings. The big southwestern state overhauled both California and Iowa, 1948 leaders, to take the No. 1 spot.

Texas and California topped the two billion dollar mark in farm income for 1949. Iowa missed it by about six million dollars.

Receipts in Texas were up because of increased sales of cotton and wheat.

The top three states in 1949 were the same as in 1948, with Texas moving from third to first and Iowa dropping from second to third. Here are comparative figures, with 1948 listed first: Texas, \$2,150,794,000 and \$1,954,655,000; California, \$2,026,815,000 and \$2,184,088,000; and Iowa, \$1,993,871,000 and \$2,136,682,000.

Farm income figures for the other states, with last year's figures first include:

Oregon \$334,420,000 and \$386,562,000, and Washington \$505,867,000 and \$566,181,000.

### Brooks Starts Work Upon Packing Shed

Lafayette—Bert Brooks of the Lafayette nursery announced completion of a new 40 by 66 building in Lafayette which will be used as a packing shed, and a 18 by 18 office. Brooks, with his son, Glen, operates the nursery, which is one of the oldest such establishments in Oregon. The business was established by Bert Brooks' father in 1890, when there were five brothers in the family. They deal in all sorts of fruit trees, berry vines and shrubbery.

### Cascade Union High School Nears Completion

Consolidation of districts comprising Turner, Aumsville, West Stayton, Marion, North Santiam and Cloverdale results in construction of new Cascade union high school between Turner and Marion. Cost of the building, ready for occupation by 274 pupils about April 15, is approximately \$346,000.

### Middle Grove Notes Change In Corner Grocery Property

Middle Grove, March 3—A change has been made in the ownership of a business at the corner of Silverton road and Lancaster drive. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Jackson of Hollywood drive have bought the grocery department of the C. S. Orwig store and took charge on Saturday.

Orwig will continue to operate the meat market and George Hardy will have the food lockers as in the past. Mr. and Mrs. Jackson have had a store at De Lake which they have sold. Ralph Jackson, Jr., will be in the store after the close of the college school year.

A ham supper will be served at Middle Grove school house Friday night by members of the Associated clubs of Middle Grove. This is one of a series of special benefits planned for the raising of funds for the community club house building fund. Supper will be served from 6 to 8 o'clock.

The Middle Grove WSCS held an all day meeting in the home of Mrs. Lawrence Hammer. The lesson theme was "We Press On in Fellowship of Widening Christian Horizons in Japan." February was an important month in the calendar for this group of women.

Three events were noted and discussed: Mrs. J. Irvin Wagers, "Ways of Directing Prayers," from the World Day of Prayer, women from 70 countries gathered on this day for special services in giving thanks; second, the Women's Society World Service Day, and a report of this was given by Mrs. Bertha Wilson; and third, the half way mark in the society year's work and this was noted by Mrs. Esther Wilson.

Special emphasis of the meet-

### Ruling Favors A. R. Wilson

Washington, March 3 (AP)—Western Union must pay a pension to Arthur R. Wilson, longtime telegraph office manager at Salem, Ore., the national labor relations board ruled today.

The Commercial Telegraphers union brought the complaint on which the order was based.

The board's report said that the question was whether Wilson qualified through 20 years' continuous employment with Postal Telegraph Cable company and its successor Western Union. There had been gaps—periods during which he was on leave or out of the firm's employ on his own volition—between 1896 when he first started work and 1946 when he retired at age 60.

The board held that those gaps had been "bridged"—that is, crossed over—by Postal with the intent of having the record show continuous employment for pension and vacation benefits.

And it so ordered Western Union to grant the pension which it had previously withheld.

Chairman Paul M. Herzog dissented. He said he was unable to find that the gaps had been bridged by Postal or by Western Union and hence while there was ample total employment for a pension it was not continuous. That had been the company's position.

**Loftons Purchase Store**

Lafayette—Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lofton of Fossil have recently purchased the local variety store from Mrs. Charles Davis, and are now ready for business. Mrs. Davis moved from her rooms in the building to the home owned by Thomas Raney near the schoolhouse. Lofton is contemplating the purchase of a home here.

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