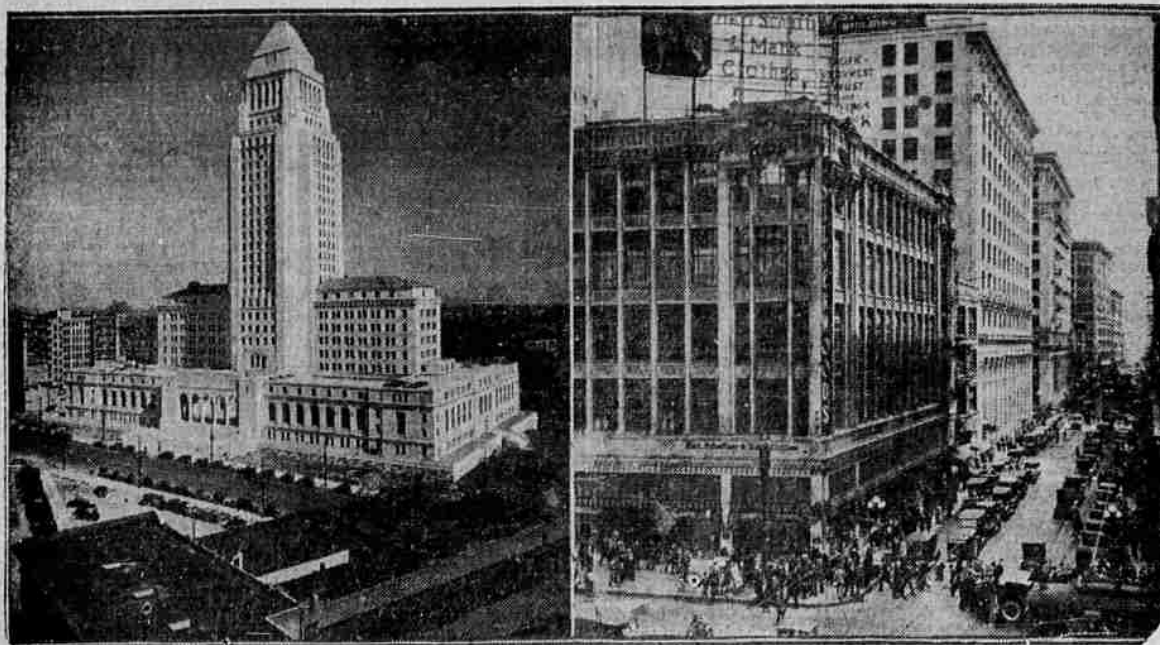


First Photos Show Devastation Wrought by California Earthquake



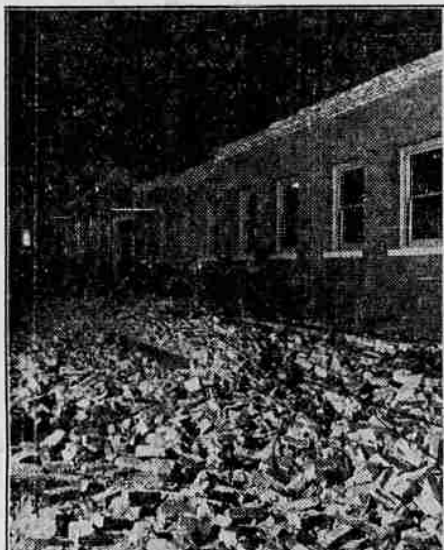
Scores were reported dead, thousands injured and property damage great in Los Angeles and other Southern California cities as a series of severe earthquakes hit that area. The Los Angeles city hall (left) was badly shaken. Right: a busy downtown corner of Los Angeles. Fire spread in many of the stricken cities. (Associated Press Photos)



These Associated Press photos were taken shortly after the series of earth shocks rocking Long Beach, Cal., had subsided. They show some of the damage characteristic in the southern city. Upper left, a laundry building as it was left; right, a public school building. Below, at left, a building virtually leveled and, right, collapsed building in which three persons, one a six year old girl, died.



Associated Press telephoto from Los Angeles taken a few minutes after the first shock of a series of earthquakes was felt in that city, shows an automobile damaged by falling bricks from the roof of the southwest building.



Associated Press photo at left shows building at Central and Slauson streets, Los Angeles at end of series of earth shocks. One person was killed and 13 injured in this structure. Right, partially wrecked building at Compton and Seville streets, occupied by a building and loan association.



One of the buildings wrecked during a series of earthquakes in Los Angeles and vicinity. This wreckage of a Los Angeles store was pictured at Florence and Compton avenues shortly after the first shock, telephoned to San Francisco and rushed to this newspaper by the Associated Press.



Two views of quake-shaken Southern California show (left) Long Beach with municipal auditorium in foreground and (right) Signal Hill oil field. Long Beach was believed to have been the hardest hit city with 22 reported dead there. Los Angeles and adjacent cities reported scores of others dead and thousands injured. Fire broke out in many sections of the stricken cities following a series of severe earthquakes. (Associated Press Photos)



Associated Press telephoto rushed to this newspaper shows the Huntington Park, Calif., high school in flames after a large section of Southern California was rocked by severe earthquakes. A few hours after the tragedy 89 were reported dead with more than 2300 injured. The tremors were felt over an area 30 miles wide and 200 miles long.

Court House Moved on Bob Sleds Half Century Ago by South Dakotans

To the Editor:
There seems to be a sentiment abroad in our midst that the local bull-bull is subsiding. The floods of vilification are receding and the befuddled populace may at last be given the facts concerning at least a part of the controversies. Personally I give thanks that no one was murdered in the melee and that they didn't steal the new courthouse and set it up in some usurper's front yard.
"Humph, you say, 'who ever heard of stealing a courthouse?'"
Well, I did, or I wouldn't have mentioned it. It happened in Potter county, South Dakota in 1883. This is the way I remember hearing my father tell the tale.
My father and mother were married in 1880 and went to Dakota for his health as he was, to all appearances, dying of tuberculosis. The railroad was just being built across what is now South Dakota. They went to the end of the railroad and then went by ox-cart forty miles farther and took up land on the treeless prairie just across the Missouri river from the Sioux Indian reservation. My mother barely misadvised being the first white woman in the county but other easterners soon came in to take advantage of the territory being opened up and brand new towns appeared as if by magic.
Soon the need of organized local government was felt and the citizenry was faced by the problem of establishing a county seat. As might be anticipated, strong rivalry sprang up between the villages, each little settlement feeling that if it only could have the coveted position the glorious future would be assured. Here was a cause worth fighting for,

a noble ambition that must be realized at all costs. So the region was promptly plunged into internal strife and turmoil. In the light of recent Jackson county history I feel justified in leaving to your imagination the harrowing details of the ensuing struggle. When it was all over but the shouting a burg by the incongruous name of Forest City was found to be the new county seat and the embryo cities about her learned the taste of civic defeat.
How proudly did Forest City watch the construction of her courthouse, a diminutive frame building. Lumber was scarce and exceedingly high priced. It was quite the thing in those days on that frontier to live in a sod house. So Forest City basked in her triumph unsuspecting of the dark plot that was being formulated by "the gang" in a neighboring town called Gettysburg.
In due time winter laid hold upon the land. All the expanse of prairie was one great white land of snow. By and by, when the sledding was good, some of the best citizens of Gettysburg hitched their best horses to their best bob-sleds and drove to the county seat.
Following carefully laid plans they arrived in the snowing town at the dead of night. Working as silently, as swiftly, and as skillfully as pos-

sible they loaded the courthouse onto the sturdy sleds and took the back trail home.
Was it cold in the land of the Dakotas that winter's night? Oh, a little—maybe 30 degrees below zero.
Did the teamsters swing their arms and beat their hands, rub their faces and stamp their feet to keep from freezing? Maybe. But their hearts were warm with exultation and achievement for their daring coup was a notable success. The rising sun which has looked down upon the dramas of the ages, saw next morning a little courthouse, ready to open up for business in Gettysburg. It saw over in Forest City the awakening townspeople run the gamut of feeling from astounded consternation, through the righteous indignation which fills the heart when one is beaten by unfair means, to futile wrath and impotent rage. Can't you imagine you hear the cries of "banditry," "travesty of justice," "brigandry," "miscarriage of our courthouse," "breakdown of law and order in Potter county?"
Their wrath and rage proved to be both impotent and futile for Gettysburg remains the county seat of Potter county to this day.
CHRISTINE BEAVER HARR,
Jacksonville, Oregon.
March 7, 1933.

SCHOOL VAULTS NOT FOR MONEY

Following discovery of the robbery of the high school vault and removal of a small amount of money, E. H. Hedrick, superintendent of schools, issued an order to all schools of the city, reminding them that none of the school safes are equipped for the safe keeping of money and that no money should be kept in the school buildings.
The vault robbed Thursday night is fire proof but not burglar proof. Small balances have been left in the vault occasionally in the past, but no more money, in any sum will be stored there in the future, is the superintendent's order.

KMED Broadcast Schedule

- Sunday
 - 9:00—Radio Church
 - 10:00—Judge Rutherford, Lecturer.
 - 10:15—News Digest, Mail Tribune
 - 10:30—Morning Melody.
 - 11:00 to 12:00—Musical Moods.
- Monday
 - 8:00—Breakfast News, Mail Tribune.
 - 8:05—Musical Clock.
 - 8:15—A Peerless Parade.
 - 8:30—Shopping Guide.
 - 9:00—Friendship Circle.
 - 9:30—Today.
 - 9:45—Ellow Mae Wilson and Dorothy Reynolds.
 - 10:00—U. S. Weather.
 - 10:00—Unique Program.
 - 10:15—Morning Melody.
 - 10:30—Morning Comments.
 - 10:45—Vignettes.
 - 11:00—Martial Music.
 - 11:15—Traumerel.
 - 11:30—Song and Comedy.
 - 12:00—Mid-day Review.
 - 12:15—Advertising Talk.
 - 12:30—News Flasher, Mail Tribune.
 - 12:45—Squire Vosslerby.
 - 1:00—Popular Vocalists.
 - 1:05—Varieties.
 - 1:30—Grants Pass hour.
 - 1:45—Interlude.
 - 2:00—Dance Matinee.
 - 3:00—Songs for Everyday.
 - 3:30—KMED Program Review.
 - 4:30—Music from Yesteryear.
 - 4:30—Across the Seas to Hawaii.
 - 4:30—Masterworks.
 - 5:00—Popular Parade.
 - 5:45—News Digest.
 - 6:00—Medford Theatre Guide.
 - 6:05—Dinner Dance Music.
 - 6:30—Modernities.
 - 7:00—Minstrel Preview.
 - 7:20 to 8:00—Evening.