



OUT OF THE WOODS

By JIM STEVENS

Skowhegan School
Architect Alanzo J. Hariman of Auburn, Me., show you in his Skowhegan Elementary School plan the practical way to meet the classroom needs of our growing school populations. He asks:

"How many of you have schools that are 50 years old, but less, that you would like to alter, but cannot, due to the excessive cost of altering masonry buildings?"

At Skowhegan Architect Hariman found a school board that wanted a flexible, expandable structure. He gave them one, of bedrock costs. The result is a one-story, lumber-framed school, with the ample glass of the walls economically and safely set in wood sash, and with easy, low-cost future expansion provided for in the plans.

Look now from Maine and listen to Michigan's school building authority, Dr. Walter E. Clapp:

"We want buildings which are friendly to children. We believe the low-lying, sprawled-out type of buildings close to the ground, one-story, with straight lines, honestly functional, is... more friendly to the eyes of the child (than) multi-storied Roman efforts."

You may not be too amazed to learn that the National Lumber Manufacturers Association has gathered these views and published them. Many more, with fine photographs are in the new booklet "Modern Wood School."

"Glulam" Arches
One of the illustrations for "Modern Wood School" is of laminated timber arches with a clear span of 201.5 feet that rise over floor and bleachers of Montana State university fieldhouse. The picture tour, as the pages turn, leads on the one from Maine, Michigan and Montana to Manor elementary school, Fairfax, Calif., and through Texas, Alabama, the Atlantic coast and midwest.

All together, the pictures show lumber as the happy medium for the solving of the problem of providing classrooms.

It is a medium not of products only but of techniques. Timber engineering has a giant growing part to play in this Bunyan building job. The "glulam" arches, the Tecco trusses, the many modern forms of wood use that the timber engineers have developed to help solve the problems of today's school architects—all are helping to put more wood to work.

Show Places
The fields of school and church construction mean more to the people of lumber producing regions than markets for the sale of our products. The par-

ents of school children in a district where the shortage in classrooms is acute become intensely interested in new schools and in new school planning. This is in terms of taxes as well as in the facilities that will serve their children.

Every family is concerned with the designs and materials that school architects and engineers specify. They study the end results with an interest that often influences them in deciding their own building or remodeling programs.

This also holds true with the families who belong to a church that has a building program. School and church are everywhere standing exhibits of the best modern use of building materials. Timber engineers are now able to demonstrate in church and school that wood is best for economy, safety, durability, beauty, low heating costs, easy maintenance, ready availability and speed of construction. Millions today are learning these prime facts from their own experience and observation in school and church building programs. This means much to the economy of the Pacific Northwest.

Bedroom Damaged By Fire Early Today

Smoke and fire damage were confined to a bedroom in a blaze at the John W. Henson home, 819 Lozier lane, about 8:50 a.m. today, city firemen reported.

Firemen sent to the scene with the rural pumper truck said the fire started when a bed spread ignited from an electric heater.

The bedding and mattress were burned along with one end of the bedstead and a chair. Fire also extended to a curtain and a venetian blind. A hole in the rug and a spot on the floor were burned.

Satisfied Patient Wills Hospital \$1,000,000 Fund

Chicago—U.P.—Ten years ago Mrs. Maude G. Holmes entered St. Luke's hospital for a check-up.

Mrs. Holmes, according to Attorney Edward Segal, was so satisfied with the treatment accorded patients there that she willed the hospital the income from a \$1,000,000 trust fund.

Segal said the hospital had no indication of Mrs. Holmes' wealth. He said she told him she found the same service provided to all patients regardless of their status and decided the hospital should some day be rewarded.

Californians Start Big Reclamation Job

San Francisco—U.P.—Californians rolled up their sleeves in chilly weather today to begin the monumental job of reclaiming their homes, lands and possessions from desolation.

The toll of dead from the Christmas week storms and floods rose to 61 in California and 13 in Oregon for a total of 74. Damage estimates passed the 150 million dollar mark.

As the flood waters began receding in most areas, they left a thick layer of slime over everything they once covered. Residents of 43 Northern California counties had to wash it off everything they owned.

Many refugees returned to their homes to find that muddy waters had covered their stoves, appliances, furniture and clothing. Others found their businesses washed away, their merchandise destroyed. Still others lost cattle, crops and farm buildings.

It was the job of the Red Cross, Small Business Adminis-

Seek To Clarify Rules Governing Depreciation Rates

A "friendly" suit to clarify rules governing rates of depreciation on California Oregon Power company installations in the North Umpqua projects has been filed in Jackson county circuit court.

The suit was filed by Copco against the hydroelectric commission of Oregon, and George W. Joseph II, F. C. Dillard and Lewis A. Stanley, members of the commission. Stanley is Oregon state engineer.

Copco claims arbitrary depreciation provisions in licenses granted by the hydroelectric commission violate constitutional provisions of the United States and Oregon. Licenses provide that in computing charges for depreciation electric commission licenses and unexpired period of the licenses be used, according to the complaint.

The licenses were issued for constructing, operating and maintaining each of the North Umpqua projects over a period of about 50 years.

The company said the hydroelectric commission denied an application for permission to use straight-line depreciation rates reflecting the true useful lives of the projects, with service lives as approved by the public utilities commissioner of Oregon. The hydroelectric commission, however, has granted permission temporarily to depreciate on a straight-line basis until further order of the commission.

Projects listed in the complaint are Toketee, Slide Creek, Soda Springs, Fish Creek, Clearwater No. 1 and No. 2, and Lemolo No. 1 all in Douglas county along the North Umpqua river and its tributaries. Copco listed the total original cost in excess of \$25,000,000.

All projects are located on federal property. Copco said it was uncertain as to its rights and status under provisions of

Laughs of the Day...

Toronto—U.P.—William Gullston was sentenced to nine months in jail Wednesday for selling his father's \$1,000 automobile for \$75.

Tallahassee, Fla.—U.P.—thief broke into a laundry, took only a change of clothing and left his own dirty clothes behind, police reported today.

Birmingham, Ala.—U.P.—An automobile stolen from an auto agency by an advertising-conscious thief was found abandoned later, police reported today.

The auto agency, Rickwood Motors, had displayed a sign which read: "Rob us, it's a steal."

Washington—U.P.—An Agriculture Department poultry expert with a sense of humor has run across a "miraculous" egg.

A Washington housewife recently complained to him that she broke open an egg and found no yolk at all.

Visalia, Calif.—U.P.—Tulare County Sheriff Sandy Robinson,

cheered by reports of receding flood waters in his county and remembering Noah on the ark, sent out an all-points teletype to fellow officers:

"Be on the lookout for carrier pigeons carrying dry leaves."

Student Tests How Well Frogs Hear Under Water

Iowa City—U.P.—A Dutch exchange student at the University of Iowa is trying to find out if frogs hear under water.

Willem van Bergeljik, 24, from Eindhoven, Holland, said his research won't change the shape of the world but will add to the store of knowledge about amphibians.

So far, he said, tests indicate frogs feel sound waves through their muscles or skin while under water and, in that way, "hear." But he said tadpoles, baby frogs, don't react the same way their big brothers do.

"They're just crazy, mixed-up amphibians," he said.

British Jet Fighters Declared Poor Third

London—U.P.—a semi-official Royal Air Force magazine said today that British jet fighters are a poor third behind their American and French counterparts.

The Royal Air Force Flying Review said Britain has only three fighter plane types believed capable of flying faster than sound. The United States has nine and France has six, the magazine said.

The magazine said that France's fastest jet, the Leduc 022, can do 1,320 miles an hour as can four top U. S. Air Force planes.

Britain's fastest in the English Electric P1, said to be capable of 1,056 mph in its improved form.

SPORTS

Clubs Taper For Orange Bowl Scrap

Miami—U.P.—The bruised and weary football warriors of Oklahoma and Maryland began tapering off today in their workouts for the 22nd annual Orange Bowl game Monday afternoon.

Oklahoma Coach Bud Wilkinson and Maryland's Jim Tatum both ordered a halt to rough practice sessions which left the Sooner's physically whole and Maryland with three injuries that probably will have no effect on the game's outcome.

Only one-day loosening up drills will be held from now until game time and Maryland will skip any kind of work Sunday, the day before the kickoff. This should bar further injuries.

In three fullscale scrimmages during the week, Tatum's Terrapins suffered injuries to Dick Bittner, No. 2 right tackle; first string fullback Fred Hamilton, and John Fritsch, No. 3 quarterback.

constitutions of the United States and Oregon, the Federal Power act, the Oregon Hydroelectric act, Federal Power commission licenses, Oregon Hydroelectric commission licenses and orders of the hydroelectric commission, according to the complaint.

The average television receiver set requires 600 parts.

CHRISTY WALSH DIES
Los Angeles—(U.P.)—Funeral services were pending today for Christy Walsh Sr., famed sports writer, founder of a newspaper sports syndicate and business manager of prominent sports figures. Walsh, who in addition to being a writer managed such sports figures as Babe Ruth, died at his North Hollywood home last night of what was believed to be a heart attack. He was 64.

VINCELETTE WINS JUMPS
Spout Springs, Ore.—(U.P.)—Al Vincelette, 20-year-old New York skier, won the second Olympic's jump trials with leaps of 179 and 189 feet yesterday.



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