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Out of the Woods

By JAMES STEVENS

More Work for Schools. . . . A chameleon changes its colors no oftener than a government statistician changes the figures of his guesses when the subject is human beings and their wonderful and amazing doings.

The Census Bureau statisticians had predicted a baby crop of 3,450,000 for 1951, and now they confess, with joy and pride, that 3,900,000 new cherubs and imps of humankind came out of the everywhere into here last year, about 13 per cent above expectation.

The population came up to a round 155,000,000 in the year, a 15 per cent gain in ten years, for all the traffic and the wars. Again the Census sharks of the statistical seas were pleased to up their old estimate of 170,000,000 New Yorkers, Dogpatchers and other Americans in 1950 to (maybe) 180,000,000.

As a cynic might put it, folks are marrying like fools let loose, and there's nothing in sight to stop them.

The Small School of Wood. . . .

If we had peace and normal production for peacetime needs through 1952 and on to 1960, say the authorities, the country would build at least 6,000,000 new homes and spend 10 to 12 billion dollars a year on all home construction, including remodeling and repairs. Now it appears that as much as 40 per cent of the home

building that had been in prospect for 1952 will not get off the contractor's blueprints.

Urgent school construction needs may be supplied by allocation of scarce materials, so I read in the writings of the experts, but as defense production rises with the growing cloud of the Communist menace on all horizons the precious metals of war are most certainly going to go where they are needed most urgently.

One thing we must do is to catch up with the architects who have learned that the type of school designed and built to last as long and as unchanged as the Washington Monument is the poorest kind of business. Three-fourths of the nation's school districts are stuck with one or more schools with ancient walls that only dynamite can destroy but which inside are utterly obsolete.

Back in 1949, before the present trouble, the Architectural Form said:

"The small elementary school, of light construction intended for 25 or 30 years of use, would meet the changing pattern of community need much better than the heavy buildings whose physical life span of 50 years will probably far outlast their useful life. This is not only because school need is likely to recede, it is also because today's rapid developments in design and technology mean a more rapid rate of building obsolescence—a matter which has not yet been given adequate consideration by all types of building investors."

And it was pointed out that when school needs recede the small school building can continue in service as a community center.

Turn to the Trees. . . .

The one-story, campus-type of school building was an idea that Portland school architects put to work as early as 1923. Three were built, they endure, they are modern today. California school authorities carried the principle on in earthquake-resistant construction. The Long Beach quake of 1933 was a terrific demonstration of the danger to life in the old-time monumental type of school and the safety to life in the one-story school on a campus plan.

Whatever the materials used, the latter type is not only the safest under powerful shocks and blows but in fire. Children can go out almost instantly from many exits without risk of panic or suffocating smoke.

The oldest existing homes, schools and churches in the Pacific Northwest today are of wood construction all the way through. Wood is an ideal material for schools today, in terms of modern design and engineering. So our trees hold the means of more school building to meet our dire needs, despite war restrictions.

ELKHORN

By MRS. ELSIE MYERS

Spot-lighting is not an uncommon occurrence in the Elkhorn district but mute evidence was left Friday night of such a raid. Saturday morning a doe was found near Franks mill where it had run a short distance after being shot twice before dropping. The hunters apparently having lost sight of it let it lay. Evidence was also found in the snow near the Charles Sprague summer home where another deer had been killed and loaded into a jeep.

The cafeteria dinner held Saturday night by the Mehama local of the Farmers Union, while not drawing a large crowd, was declared a decided

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success. Moving pictures were shown at the close of the dinner to all who chose to stay. Those holding the lucky numbers and drawing the pillow cases were Mrs. Steve Dark and Johnnie Lambrecht. Keith Phillips was the winner of the door prize.

Mrs. Carl Longenecker and son Billie are among those from this area who are confined to their beds with the flu. They are in Silverton where they are being cared for at the home of Mr. Longenecker's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Longenecker. Others in the valley who have been suffering from the same disease are Bill and Jackie Bickett, Allen and Alvin Ray and Janet Glunz. Treva Sue Bickett was able to return to school Tuesday after being home about a week.

Recent dinner guests at the Steve Dark home included Mr. and Mrs. Russell McLaughlin of Salem and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Pietrok and family of Stayton. The occasion being the birthdays of Mr. Pietrok and Durwood Dark. Sunday dinner guests at the Dark home were Mr. and Mrs. Bud Coleman and Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Shaw of Portland.

Spending Friday and Saturday at the Bill Bickett home were their sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Newsome of Sisters.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Dark spent the day Thursday at the Luther Stout home where they also visited with Grandma (Mrs. John) Allen of Portland.

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