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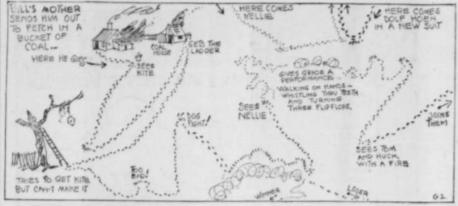
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Out of the Woods

By JAMES STEVENS

More Work for Schools. . .

A chameleon changes its colors no oftener than a government statistician changes the figures of his production rises with the growing guesses when the subject is human cloud of the Communist menace on all beings and their wonderful and horizons the precious metals of war 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 3,9000,000 new cherubs and imps of humankind came out of the everywhereinto here last year, about 13per cent above expecta-

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, Dogpatch-(maybe) 180,000,000.

As a cynic might put it, folks are marrying like fools let loose, and better than the heavy buildings whose there's nothing in sight to stop them. physical life span of 50 years will The Small School of Wood. . .

construction, including remodeling of building investors."

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 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 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 in1949, before the present trouble, the Architectural Form said: "The small elementary school, of

ers and other Americans in 1960 to light construction intended for 25 or 30 years of use, would meet the changing pattern of community need much probably far outlast their useful life. This is not only because school need If we had peace and normal pro- is likely to recede, it is also because duction for peacetime needs through today's rapid developments in design 1952 and on to 1960, say the author- and technology mean a more rapid ities, the country would build at least rate of building obsolescence—a 6,000,000 new homes and spend 10 to matter which has not yet been given 12 billion dollars a year on all home adequate consideration by all types

and repairs. Now it appears that as MAnd it was pointed out that when success. Moving pictures were shown much as 40 per cent of the home school needs recede the small school at the close of the dinner to all who building can continue in service as a chose to stay. Those holding the ommunity center.

Turn to the Trees. . .

The one-story, campus-type of school building was an idea that Port- was the winner of the door prize. land school architects put to work as endure, they are modern today. the principle on in earthquake-resis- they are being cared for at the home tant construction. The Long Beach of Mr. Longenecker's brother and quake of 1933 was a terrific demonstration of the danger to life in the old-time monumental type of school who have been suffering from the 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.

o our trees hold the means of more Shaw of Portland. lespite war restrictions.

ELKHORN

Spot-lighting is not an uncommo occurence 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. nunters apparently having lost sight of it let it lay. Evidence was also found in the snow near the Charles Sprague summer home where another leer had been killed and loaded into

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cases were Mrs. Steve Dark and Johnnie Lambrecht. Keith Phillips Mrs. Carl Longenecker and son early as 1923. Three were built, they Billie are among those from this area who are confined to their beds with California school authorities carried the flu. They are in Silverton where

sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Longenecker. Others in the valley 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 The oldest existing homes, schools Mr. and Mrs. Paul Pietrok and family and churches in the Pacific Northwest of Stayton. The occasion being the oday are of wood construction all the birthdays of Mr. Pietrok and Durwood vay through. Wood is an ideal Dark. Sunday dinner guests at the naterial for schools today, in terms Dark home were Mr. and Mrs. Bud of modern design and engineering. Coleman and Mr. and Mrs. Virgil

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

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