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## **LEAVES \$32,507 ESTATE**

OROVILLE (Butte Co.), April 2. An estate valued at \$32,507 was left by Caroline Sexton, who died here February 14th. Legatees named in the will are Miss Mildred Martin of Oroville, also executrix of the estate; Mrs. Hattie Baker, a former resident of Oroville, now living in Sacramento, and Mrs. Maude Stevens Ingelow of Palo Alto. Mrs. Ingelow was a cousin. The other beneficiaries were friends.

# Oroville Mercury Register

## 4-5-1948

### Logging In Concow Area Is Resumed

**YANKEE HILL** — The recent storm delayed logging operations in the Concow Valley for a few weeks but extensive logging has been resumed by all the lumber companies in this vicinity since the ground has dried to permit equipment to operate. Logs that have been dumped by accidents on the highways are being salvaged by the Surcease Lumber Co. and individual owners. Trucks equipped with hoists or jammers have been employed in raising the huge logs that went into the Feather River canyon in several accidents to logging trucks, during the winter.

Members of the Scott Lumber Co. made a trip to Reno recently where they purchased an army truck for logging purposes at their saw mill in Concow Valley.

The Easter Program of the Sunday School held in the Concow school, was enjoyed by an unusually large group. Mr. Baggly, the minister from Paradise, was unable to attend owing to illness.

MR. and MRS. JESSE BORDEN-RICHER of Concow Valley recently returned from a trip to Oregon.

# Feather River Bulletin

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## **FOR SALE**

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**FOR SALE**—Very large donkey, suitable for riding or packing, also of good blood for breeding purposes. The Pines Store, Yankee Hill. c

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## Yankee Hill Personals

**YANKEE HILL**—William Long of Oroville who recently spent a few days at the home of J. D. Lockridge has returned to Oroville.

**MR. AND MRS. ANDREW SCOTT** and family who have made their home at the Pines for some time are moving to Durham where they have purchased 13 acres of land and are building a house. Scott is connected with the Scott Lumber Co., in Concow Valley.

**RALPH MILLER** of the Pines is building some new cottages on his property.

**HECTOR ELIRRIAL** of The Rock House was badly burned recently when a cigaret he was smoking ignited gasoline which he was putting into a car, his left side and arm was badly burned.

**WORD HAS BEEN** received here that Scott Aitha, who recently left the Scott Lumber Mill in Concow

where he was a truck driver, for a motor cycle trip to Ohio to visit

relatives, met with a serious accident near Salt Lake City, where his motorcycle was struck by a car, Aitha was thrown 80 feet and was so badly crushed that numerous transfusions have been necessary. His wife and mother flew to Salt Lake to be with him, his condition is said to be critical.

**J. D. LOCKRIDGE** is visiting at the home of his parents in Woodland, he expects to bring his father back with him for a few weeks visit.

**IRA ROWE** and family who have been living near Cohasset while Rowe was working in the logging woods, have returned to their home on Jordan Hill and Frank Rowe who has been looking after his sons place during his absence has returned to his home at Hendricks Corners.

**MRS. B. P. WILLIAMS** and daughter Dolores were recent business visitors in San Francisco.

**MR. WHITE** of Oroville was a recent visitor in this vicinity where he renewed acquaintances at the

Lockridge home and at the home of Ransom Clark.

## Parcel Post is Less in Alaska

**WASHINGTON** — (U.P.) — Parcel Post users in Alaska will save some money beginning Wednesday.

The post office department has put the rates there on a mileage basis like the eight-zone system effective in the states.

Up to now Alaskans sending packages anywhere within the territory had to pay at the highest, or eighth-zone rate, no matter what the dis-

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## *Messilla Valley School at Pentz Opens With Program on China; Mrs. Gilbert Offers Talk*

THE MESSILLA Valley School, at Pentz opened last Monday with Miss Alma Hesbol as the teacher. The board of trustees of this school, which is considered one of the most up-to-date in a rural community, recently completed repairing and remodelling the building.

The project this year is about China and at the invitation of Miss Hesbol, Mrs. Fred I. Gilbert visited the school one day this week and displayed her collection of Chinese articles, many of the objets d'art. The eager students had quite a collection to show Mrs. Gilbert, including an ancient musical instrument, an intricate gold-weighting apparatus in a violin shaped case, pieces of clothing, coins, papers, magazines and pictures.

MRS. GILBERT'S talk on the Flowery Kingdom cited instances of their thrift, intensive agricultural work, family units and the respect the Chinese have for their parents and ancestors.

Two of the anecdotes were especially appreciated by the youngsters. One was the story of the boy who was frequently beaten by his mother. He always wept after the punishment but one day he wept inconsolably for some time. Finally, the mother was alarmed by his extensive grief and said, "My son, why do you weep like this, did the beating hurt you so much?" To which the son replied, "No, Mother, it is not because you have beaten me that I weep. It is because you are getting old and your poor arms are growing weaker, day by day."

The other story was about the boy who was determined to become a learned scholar, to please and honor his parents and ancestors. But, try as he did, the poor boy would nod and doze over his studies. One night, he fixed an ingenious apparatus. A string, hanging from the ceiling was tied to the end of his queue and every time he nodded his hair would be pulled, therefore, he stayed awake, learned his lessons and was able to bring honor to his parents and glory to his honorable ancestors.

THE CHINESE WARS have run through the centuries, Mrs. Gilbert said as she told the youngsters of the Chinese Wall, 1500 miles long, built to keep out the Tartars from the north. Their agriculture was compared to that of America, especially the rice growing, as it is a nearby project. Their literature and scholars have a long history, not known of in Western civilization, until Marco Polo made his trip there and told of his unbelievable experiences in his book after he returned to Europe. The figure of the Eight Immortals were shown and their stories told.

The children, said Mrs. Gilbert later, showed a great deal of interest in the wood carving she had with her. Several little goodluck charms were passed among the pupils and all of them gravely observed the ancient custom of making

the proper wishes to go with the particular token.

There are some 25 children enrolled in this school this year. Miss Hesbol has taught there for several years and, according to county school authorities, has been immensely successful in her work. Mrs. Gilbert remarked favorably on the appearance and behavior of the youngsters and their rapt attention during her talk.



# Yankee Hill News Notes

By EVELYN HENDRICKS

**YANKEE HILL**—The Halloween party held in the Concow school was a delightful affair with a very pleasing program presented by the children, many of whom were in Halloween costumes. Games and refreshments of pumpkin pie and hot chocolate were enjoyed.

**MRS. ENOS BROWN**, who suffered a broken knee cap in an automobile accident recently, has returned to her home here after spending some time in the Enloe hospital in Chico. Mrs. Brown is said to be improving.

**MR. and MRS. W. E. WOMACK** of Paradise were business visitors in this vicinity recently.

**MR. and MRS. ROBERT OAKS** of Concow Valley were among those from that place who were shopping in Oroville Saturday.

**MR. and MRS. JESSE BRODEN-KRIECHER** of the Scott Lumber Co. in Concow have purchased property in Yuba City and are building a house and improving the property. They plan to move to their new home as soon as the house is completed.

**MR. and MRS. EARL SIMMONS** and daughter, Joyce, were shopping in Oroville recently. Work in the saw mills has been temporarily halted, because of the recent rains and slump in the lumber market, but it is expected work will be resumed soon. Simmons has installed a planing mill and resaw equipment at his saw mill in Concow.

**MR. and MRS. TONY NUNES** have driven the last of their herds of cattle from the summer ranges, to their winter range in the Oregon City district. Cattle coming from the mountain ranges are in good condition this season.

**A. J. YEAROUT** has moved his saw mill from the Griffin Guch property, to the Big Bend road where the mill has been installed and is operating. Mr. Yearout has recently finished building a cabin on the property near the mill and expects to be joined by Mrs. Yearout, who is staying with her son in Auburn, in the near future.

**MR. and MRS. LOUIS WYATT** returned from San Francisco recently where they spent a few days

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while Wyatt was undergoing treatment for an injured leg.

**MRS. ANDREW SCOTT** of Durham spent Tuesday in this vicinity. Mrs. Scott served on the election board here.

**MR. and MRS. B. P. WILLIAMS** were shopping in Oroville Saturday.

**MR. and MRS. WOSTER** and family of Los Angeles have moved to their recently purchased property the Lyman Brown ranch.

**DONALD WILLIAMS** of Blue Jay spent several days at the home of his parents Mr. and Mrs. Butte Williams of this place, while attending to business matters. He plans to sell his service station at Hendricks Corners.

**J. D. LOCKRIDGE** returned recently to his home here after a few days visit at the home of his parents Mr. and Mrs. Lee Lockridge of Woodland.

**WORD HAS** been received here that Donald Shelters who was injured recently when he was struck in the stomach by a timber while working in a saw mill, is improving and able to be out.

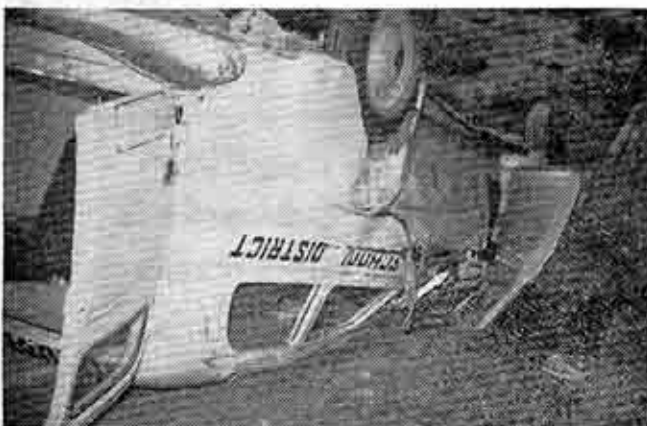
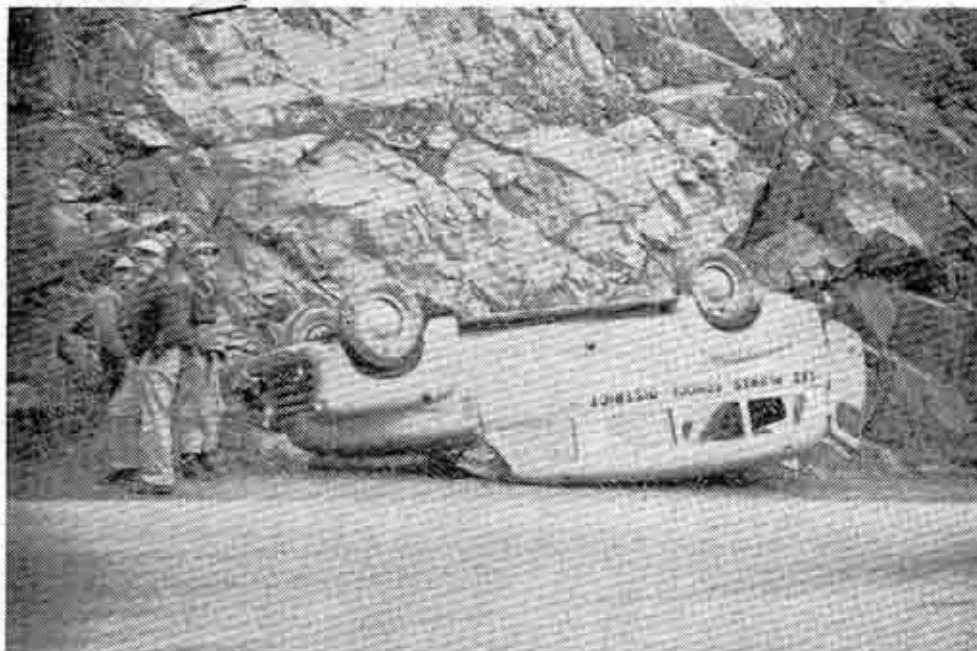
**MR. and MRS. FRANK LINDSAY** of Oroville are the parents of a daughter who arrived recently. The Lindsays are former residents of this place.

**RALPH MILLER** of The Pines is finishing the interior of the new cabin he has built on his property. The cabin will be ready for the occupants soon. With so many new people coming in, the housing shortage has become a real problem, with families living in tents and trailer houses and many more looking for a place to live. Every available building is occupied.

**MR. and MRS. CLIFFORD WILLIAMS** and twin sons Mike and Pat of Stirling City, were visitors here Sunday.

**MRS. BELLE COMMLEY** has returned to her home at the Dimmick Ranch after several weeks visit with relatives in Portland, Ore.

## Las Plumas School Bus Upsets Following Collision



The picture above shows the Las Plumas school bus, wheels up, a few minutes after it had upset yesterday afternoon at about 3 p. m. near Rawson's Spring on the Feather River Highway, 17 miles east of Oroville. The bus was forced into the ditch beside the rock wall of the cut when a trailer jack-knifed into it after its brakes had locked. Mrs. Celia Smith, 30, of Big Bend, driver of the bus, was slightly hurt as were Joe and Barbara Messner of Surcease Mine, pupils in the bus. Several other children in the bus were unhurt. Picture at right shows close-up of bus. — Photo by Paul Hoefling—Mercury Engraving.

## Pupils Escape Serious Hurts As Smash-Up Overturns Bus

- Thurs Dec. 16, 1948

SEVERAL children and a woman school bus driver escaped serious injury yesterday afternoon when the Las Plumas school bus was struck by the trailer of a truck and turned over on its top.

The spectacular accident occurred near Rawson's Spring on the Feather River Highway 17 miles east of Oroville.

Mrs. Celia Smith, 30, of Big Bend, driver of the Las Plumas school bus, and two children were treated at Oroville-Curran hospital yesterday afternoon following the collision.

NEITHER MRS. Smith nor the children, Joe and Barbara Messner, 10 and 11, were hurt seriously. Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Messner of Surcease Mine, are parents of the children.

Walter Johnson, state highway patrolman, said that bus had been traveling north on the highway un-

the long hill past Rawson's Spring.

Johnson said that two trucks coming downhill were forced to apply their brakes, according to one of the drivers, when a parked vehicle pulled out in front of them onto the highway.

The first truck was able to slow down, Johnson said, but when the second truck applied its brakes they locked on the unloaded trailer, causing it to "jackknife" across the highway into the bus.

DRIVER OF THE second truck, which was involved in the accident, was John Perry Harker of San Jose, the highway patrol report said. Driver of the first truck, who reported the parked car lurching onto the highway in front of him, was Michael A. Beltran, the report said.

When the bus and trailer collided the bus was forced into the ditch striking a rock, which caused

the bus to roll over on its top. (See pictures).

Johnson said that the highway patrol was searching for the driver of the car said to have pulled out onto the highway in front of the truck without giving a proper signal. The car did not remain at the scene of the accident.

PAUL HOEFLING of Surcease Mine, received the telephone call there from Las Plumas and immediately went to the scene of the wreck.

Mrs. Messner, whose two children were injured, followed immediately and took Mrs. Smith and the children to the hospital.

Johnson said no citation was planned in the case unless investigation were to disclose that the driver of the parked car was a fault.

Seven children were said to be aboard the bus at the time of the accident.