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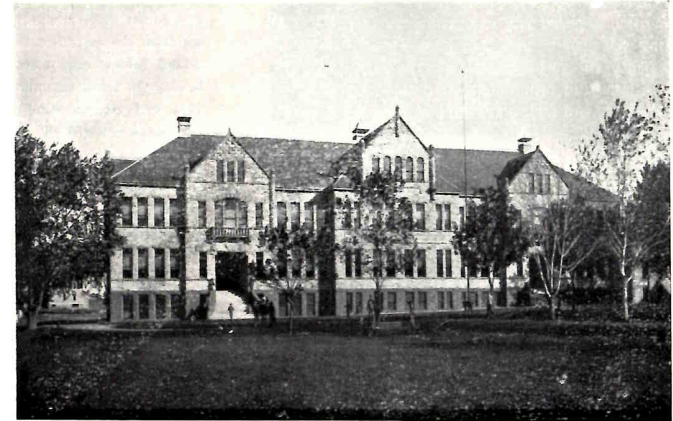
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This is the old School Building as it looked from the Prospect Street side of the school.

## Old School Building Burns Down

On Wednesday, March 22 school began as usual at 8 a. m. In the building pictured above the deaf and the blind pupils went to their respective classrooms.

Throughout most of the morning routine was the rule. Everyone was serene; everything ran smoothly. At 10:30 a. m. the blind pupils left the building for a fifteen minute recess. At the same time the advanced deaf with their teachers filed into the auditorium on the second floor center for the regular Wednesday morning chapel period. Suddenly the calm was shattered by a bell and a shout. The bell was a fire alarm and the shout was from a teacher who at that instant had looked through a window and noticed smoke rolling down from the roof outside. In a moment the pupils were all on their feet heading for the exits at both ends of the auditorium. Order reigned throughout the steady exit. In less than two minutes the building was empty.

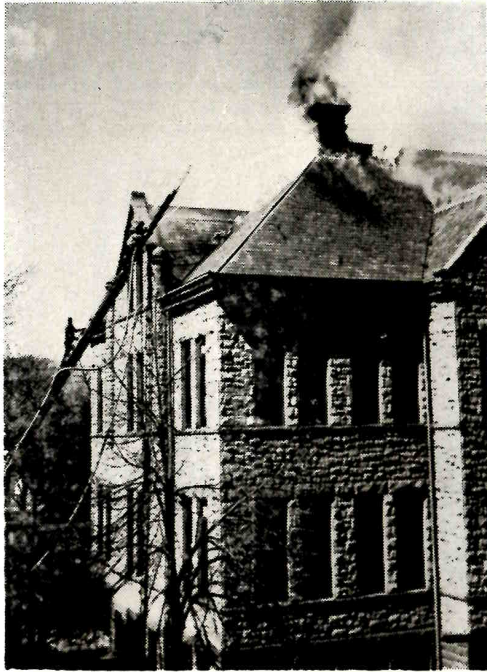
From the yard smoke was seen seeping from a cupola and through the slate roof surrounding it. Apparently the fire had originated in the attic.

From all appearances it was a minor blaze and the prompt arrival of several fire trucks convinced everyone that it would soon be under control.

This, however, was soon proved wrong. Inaccessibility to the flames due to the density of smoke, limited entrance to the attic, the maze of rafters, and insufficient initial water power gave the flames enough headway that they were soon out of control. This School Building, the oldest on the campus, was constructed sixty-one years ago. Much of the interior was of wooden structure. Once the roof had begun to collapse, allowing a strong breeze to fan the flames, little hope remained for saving any portion of the blazing building. Fortunately, the wind was blowing the flames away from two nearby adjoining buildings.

Less than an hour after discovery of the blaze, three alarms had been sent in and the entire building was surrounded by fire trucks and firemen. Still the flames continued their destruction until the entire building was surrounded by fire trucks and firemen. Still the flames continued their destruction until the entire building was a total loss.

Notwithstanding the loss of pianos, and other musical instruments, a braille library of several thousand volumes, all textbooks, desks and chairs, School was resumed with a loss of but one day. That day was needed to shift furniture in the various



Just as the smoke started seeping from the roof, firemen ascended ladders and attempted to play the hoses onto the fire. This difficult accessibility to the flames allowed the fire to rage on unmolested.

dormitories and the administration building to make temporary quarters for sixteen displaced classes, in addition to space for the music department of the blind.

Following is an account of the fire which appeared on the front page of the Colorado Springs Free Press:

Two companies of weary firemen stood guard last night over blackened ruins and smoldering embers of the main academic building of the Colorado Deaf and Blind School which was razed yesterday in a spectacular \$600,000 fire.

The tired firemen, part of a 70-man crew on duty since 10:59 a. m. Wednesday, repeatedly had to douse stubborn blazes fanned into action by wind. Crumbling and cracking stone walls added to the hazard.

Branded as one of the worst fires in the history of the city, the blaze was first noticed just before 11 a. m. in the south attic just above the second floor near where about 80 students were holding chapel services.

Although the roaring inferno swept through the structure with amazing speed, the advanced deaf students were led out of the trap by teachers.

Well-schooled in fire drills, the students made a

hurried but orderly dash to safety. None was injured, although many left behind personal belongings.

Another 60 blind students were on the playground for recess. Some were just tots. All were led quickly away from the fire danger area, which in the matter of minutes was swarming with spectators and fire equipment.

Firemen escaped injury, too, although five of them were trapped momentarily on the second floor when the ceiling and one wall behind them collapsed. They managed to escape but left two pieces of hose behind.

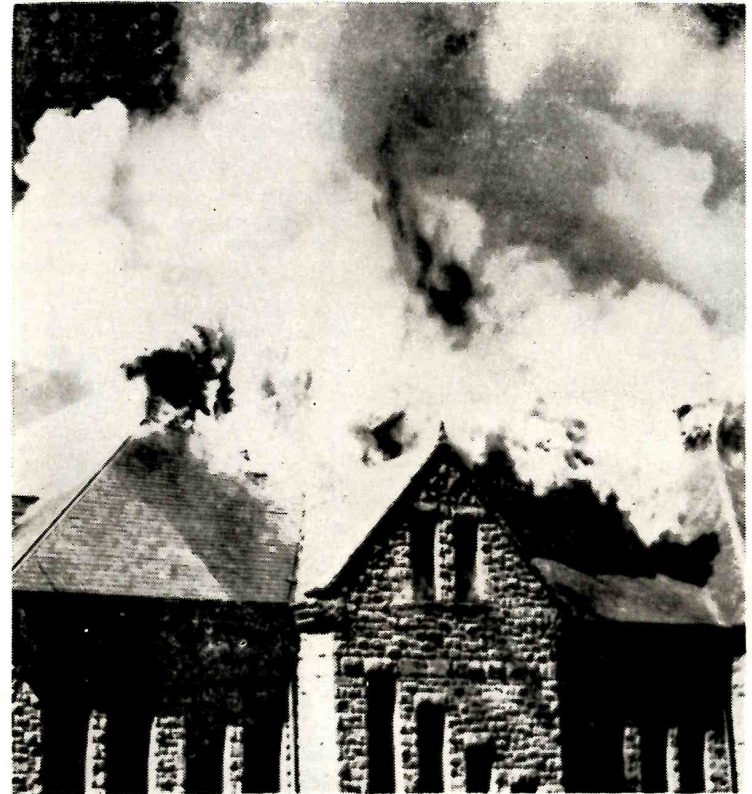
Fire Chief Fred Lausch called every available fireman into action, including off-duty employees and volunteer units from Broadmoor and El Paso County.

All of the city's fire apparatus was rushed to the site, except one truck held near the scene on a standby basis.

Chief Lausch, who thought the fire started from an overloaded electrical circuit, said the flames broke through the roof of the building less than 15 minutes after fire equipment arrived.

The fire chief believed the fire started "quite a while" before the telephone alarm reached the station at 10:59 a. m.

Once the roaring flames blazed a hole in the roof,



The flames, whipped up by a steady wind, shoot out over the roof after it collapsed.

the fire raced out of control through the 61-year-old building.

"I doubt if we could have stopped it with twice as much equipment," declared Lausch.

Once on the job, firemen were hampered by poor water pressure. Although the entire area has 165 pounds of pressure in the lines, only 70 pounds was maintained in the six-inch lines inside the school grounds.

After the equalizer valves were turned on full steam, adequate pressure was obtained to shoot water pressure completely over the building. At one time about a dozen hoses were pumping water into the blazing structure.

While no official estimate was made of the damage, it was believed it would take \$600,000 to replace the building and its furnishings. The building was insured for \$116,000, the contents for \$32,000.

Major loss in the gutted interior was the hard-to-

replace braille library of more than 1000 textbooks, Bibles and dictionaries. Principal of the advanced deaf department, James R. Kirkley, estimated this loss at \$7,000.

Kirkley and Dr. A. L. Brown, school superintendent, said the institution's entire music department, recording equipment and hearing devices were destroyed. Also ruined were many typewriters and Braille writers.

In the basement music room for the blind, 18 small practice pianos and other musical instruments were considered a total loss. Two larger pianos and a \$30,000 pipe organ in the chapel were reduced to ashes.

Firemen trapped for a time on the second floor were Chief Lausch, Assistant Chief O. L. Dutcher, J. W. Davidson, Ralph Lee and B. W. Wilson.

Lausch said it was a miracle Dutcher and David-

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Sky rocketing flames and billowing clouds of black smoke show the intensity of the fire. The missing center section of the east wall collapsed just seconds before this photo was taken.



Destruction by fire ended the long usefulness of this once imposing school building. Flames of blast furnace proportions raced out of control through the structure despite the efforts of 70 firemen and every available piece of fire fighting equipment in Colorado Springs. Replacement value of damage was estimated at \$600,000. No one was injured.

Wearily surveying the charred debris, all that remains of the once beautiful and proud School Building, are weary firemen who fought a losing 12-hour battle with the flames. All night long following the fire the smoke-eaters were still dousing small but stubborn blazes that were fanned up by the wind.



All that remained of the pride of the CSD campus after the fire were the stone walls — the only thing left standing. Smoke-begrimed and cracked in places, they stand stark and naked in sharp contrast to the other structures of beautiful Tudor design on the campus.—All photos courtesy of The Free Press.

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son escaped alive since they were hemmed in by a solid wall of fire when a ceiling and one wall collapsed. Both wearing masks, Dutcher led Davidson out of the flames to safety.

The other three, caught in a less hazardous trap, managed to also escape without injury. Hoses used by both crews had to be abandoned in the fiery, timber-crashing inferno.

Teachers who helped lead the children to safety, and later to keep them under control and away from the danger area were:

Miss Forest Creighton, Abraham Weiner, Miss Florence Blake, Mrs. Elsie Walton, Charles Kauf-

man, principal of the blind; Miss Ermine Neal, Mrs. Emma Cunningham, James Canon, Mrs. Ida Elliott, Miss Frances Freudenberg, Frank Galluzzo, Mrs. George Hemus, James Kirkley, Miss Bertha McCain, Mrs. Sophie Murphy and Mrs. S. K. Simmons.

Credited with spotting the blaze first was partially blind Juan Cruz, 18, one of the students at recess near the building.

Dr. Brown said last night he was not certain what plans would be forthcoming by the state to rebuild, but hoped such action would not be far in the future. Makeshift classrooms in other buildings will be used in the meantime.

His biggest concern, however, was to replace the

Braille textbooks, which are extremely hard to reproduce. Some of the books, consisting of several volumes, are worth \$25 each. The dictionaries and Bibles are valued much higher.

"We will continue school as best we can until something is worked out," the superintendent said.

First indication of the fire to those in the chapel came when flames started eating their way through a motion picture screen in the room, according to Mr. Kirkley.

Just exactly where the fire started is not too certain, although it was believed to have kindled from faulty wiring in an attic above the second floor.

The flames quickly moved northward through the

long building, with sections of the roof falling as supporting timbers were burned away.

Old timers say that this was a more spectacular fire than the one that burned to the ground the old Millard Building in 1946.

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There were numerous touching scenes during the course of the fire, such as a little deaf boy running fearfully to the protecting arms of his teacher, or little blind tots listening to accounts of the fire given by their teachers. But the most touching of these touching scenes was the older members of the staff who had rendered long service, gazing wistfully at the burning building, their eyes a shade brighter.

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The object of the paper is three-fold:

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All original matter submitted by pupils is subject to correction before printing. Where no correction is made, it will be so stated.

The school work is progressing very well indeed. It is surprising how quickly everyone became adjusted to the new situation after our fire of March 22 that destroyed our classroom building which housed our older classes and the Department for the Blind.

Both teachers and pupils are to be commended for their spirit of cooperation even though they are called upon to put up with some inconveniences.

Efforts are being made to get plans under way for replacement of the building that was destroyed by fire.

This year the School will close on Tuesday, June 6th.

The Baccalaureate services will be in our Gymnasium Sunday June 4 at three o'clock in the afternoon.

The graduating exercises will be held in the Gymnasium on Monday evening, June 5 at eight o'clock.

All parents and friends of the School are cordially invited to attend all of these closing exercises.

The parents are especially invited to attend the graduating exercises Monday night. If any parents wish to take their children home after the exercises Monday night we shall be very glad to have them do so if they will let us know their plans in advance.

You will soon be receiving notices of the closing of school — when you receive yours, please answer promptly as it helps us to plan for your child's trip home.

If you are planning to come for your child let us know about that so we will not be wondering about plans for your child's ticket.

We appreciate the cooperation we have had from

the parents during the past and we feel that we can have that same cooperation in the future.

### EMERSON LITERARY SOCIETY

The meeting of March 25th was called to order by the president, Frank Finkenbinder, in the Argo Library, at six p. m. The first stanza of America was sung. Due to the loss of our flag in the fire, there was no flag salute. The quotation, "Let us have to do with real men and women instead of slipping ghosts," was given by Nick Medina. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The treasurer then gave his report.

Definite plans were made for the picnic. The officers of the Junior Music Club were present, and they each made short speeches. It was decided to buy a new flag instead of getting club pins right away. Geraldine Romans was appointed to bring the quotation to the next meeting. Raymond McGeorge and Juan Cruz are program committee. The ten minutes discussion was on books. A lively program followed.

There being no further business, the critic, Mrs. Miller, gave her report. The Society repeated the club motto. The president led in the benediction, and the meeting was adjourned.

DARLEEN L. HEPTNER, Secretary

### EN AVANT LITERARY SOCIETY

The regular meeting of the En Avant Literary Society was held in the library of the Argo Building on Saturday evening, April 15, 1950.

The meeting was called to order by President Calvin Coleman. After the roll call, the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The following program was then presented:

- ESSAY ..... "The Banana"  
Given by Mary Ann Padilla  
ESSAY ..... "Aladdin and The Magic Lamp"  
Given by Paul Hart  
DIALOGUE ..... "How Jack Reformed"  
Cast of characters: Rose Marie Clawson, Mother; Evelyn Tomko, Father; Betty Lee Huston, Sally; Emilia De Santis, Sam; Antoinette Kaess, Jack.

The critic, Mr. Kirkley, gave his report after which the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
ARTHUR MACY, Secretary.

Teachers are keepers of the spirit.

The business of intelligence is to guide action.

The harder the task the greater the achievement.

## DEPARTMENT FOR THE BLIND

Conducted by  
Mr. Charles E. Kaufman

### LOCALS—Dept. for the Blind

Easter, when I go home to visit my family, I hope to go to Idaho Springs for the weekend and to visit my aunts, uncles, and also my best friends. If possible I hope to take my best girl friend from Denver with me. She is a wonderful Christian girl, and I believe she should meet my best friends. Idaho Springs is my home town, and I love it very much. I hope to go back some day and live there the rest of my life.—MARIE MOSS.

I am looking forward with great pleasure and happy anticipation to spending Easter at our home. I haven't been home for about nine months. I shall leave here on the 12:01 bus and will arrive in San Luis at 5 o'clock. I hope to see a lot of my friends while I am home.—NICK MEDINA.

My folks came the Sunday right after the fire. I was in Sunday School when they came. First we went to our aunt's house. Then we went to the zoo. After we were in the zoo for about an hour we ate our dinner. After we ate our dinner we went back to our aunt's house. We spent the rest of the afternoon there. We ate our supper there. In about a half hour we came back to the school. I had a very good time. My folks said I could come home for Easter.—MELVIN SMITH.

I was confirmed Sunday, April the second. To be confirmed means to become a member of the church. After the services some of the women of the church served us a delicious dinner. It was in the basement of the church. For dinner we had potatoes, baked beans, green beans, hamburgers, ham, roast beef, celery, potato chips, pickles, and milk. For dessert we had cherry pie, peach pie, and cake.

After dinner I had many pictures taken of me and other people. My Daddy and my sisters and some friends came. My mother did not come because she was sick. My brothers stayed at home with her. I had a very nice time, and I am glad my family could come.—BILL BLEI.

On the Sunday morning of March 19, my cousins, Melvin and Anna Gean, their father, and I drove up to Fort Collins to my cousin Roy's wedding. We left Pueblo about 4:30 and arrived in Fort Collins about 8:30. After we had gone over to Roy's place, we all went for a drive through the A and M College campus, where he is a senior this year. After having breakfast we went to the Baptist Church for Sunday School and church services. In the afternoon at 3:30 they had the wedding and reception. After the bride

and groom left, we started back.—HARLAN CRUZAN.

Last Monday night the Glee Club and the Hillbilly Band went to the Christian Church. First, we sang three spirituals. They were "Were You There?", "Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen", and "It's Me, O Lord". After that the Hillbilly Band played a series of numbers, and then we sang three more songs and that concluded the program. I enjoyed going very much.—DONALD NELSON.

During the month of March our shopwork consisted of woodwork. I think that I like that about the best. I have made some picture frames. We will continue with woodwork for the month of April. I have other things that I would like to make before school is out.—GEORGE FINKENBINDER.

Since the fire, the literary classes of the blind department are carrying on the lessons in Jones Hall and A. L. Brown Hall. Primary through fifth grade are in A. L. Brown Hall and sixth through twelfth are in Jones Hall. We have to share books, since most of our books were destroyed. The music department is in the Argo Building. Most of the music was saved, and I am very glad of that.—IRMA RAU.

My sister and I got some chocolate eggs for Easter. We ate lots of them.—CHARLES MOON.

Five boys went to see "Cinderella" with Miss Turner.—VESTAL PARK.

My sister and I went to the movies. We stayed until eleven o'clock.—DICK PRYOR.

I have an egg with a baby doll in it.—MARY ANNE BAUER.

I had a good time at home for Easter.—REBECCA ARAGON.

Daddy got me a little cowboy pin at the store.—SALLY MCGRAW.

I had a birthday party at my Grandma's. I got a badge, gun, truck and whistle.—ARGUST JARMAN.

I had lots of fun Easter. I found an Easter basket in the dormitory.—JUAN SANTISTEVAN.

Note: Mr. Albert A. Smith, Higbee, Missouri, has made a Braille Guide of every town, in every state. For further information write Mr. Smith, and enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

History is made by people who are not afraid to face heavy odds.

## GIRLS' DEPARTMENT

Reported by Elsie Burbach

Ruth May missed seeing her aunt because she left for Florida on the day Ruth arrived at home for Easter.

Kathleen is very sorry that her sister, Beverly, is very sick and very thin. She is in the hospital now.

Margaret Felt's mother sent her a pretty dress and brown shoes for Easter. Margaret likes them very much.

Betty Lee Huston is very glad that Spring has come and the leaves will soon be out on the trees.

Thelma Gilbert wishes all her friends here at the School a very joyful Easter.

Marylyn Olson wears her hair in braids now. She looks cute in them and hopes they will grow very long.

Charlotte Hammerstrom went home for Easter and helped her mother wash dishes. Charlotte likes to wash dishes for her mother.

Rose Bravo took a walk in town last week. Rose likes to look at the pretty clothes in the window. She will get some new dresses soon.

Beverly Hartmann had a big thrill last Friday when she received her first pay check for working in the dining room. She has big plans for spending the money.

Angelina Cruz has a new girl cousin, born on St. Patrick's Day. She saw her when she was home at Easter. She has thirty-three cousins.

Cleta Olson has been making a skirt for three months. She finally finished it and is wearing it to school now. It has a bow at the back of it.

Patty Ball enjoys looking at a map which Mrs. Simmons brought to school. It is called a good natured map of the United States, and it is covered with funny pictures.

Sharon Scott took a whole roll of pictures when the School Building burned. She is anxious to get them developed and she hopes that they will be clear.

Dr. Brown drove Shirley Earl and some of the other girls to Camp Carson one Sunday afternoon. The girls saw where Camp Carson was burned last winter.

JoAnn Berkley had fun on April Fools Day. She played jokes on some of the girls. JoAnn expects to have a good time also on our School picnic in May.

Gwen Ayers lives on a ranch. She hopes there will soon be some baby goats or kids. She likes the ranch animals very much.

Helen Olguin's birthday was on March 31. She was lucky. She got \$1.35 and a pair of earrings and a

bottle of perfume and her sister in California sent her ten dollars. She will buy a shirt and a blouse for Easter.

Rita Jo Hall likes Beverly's mother and thinks she is very kind. She hopes her own mother can come to the gym show on April 21. Beverly's mother will come to the gym show.

Emilia Di Santis will be very old in May. She will be 71 years old! (Read it backwards.) Her birthday will be on Mother's Day.

Antoinette Kaess is glad that she will soon go home for the summer vacation and help her parents by picking strawberries. After that, she will help her mother can the fruits.

Sally Acosta had a good time at her home for Easter. She had part of her father's birthday cake. She went to church with her family, too.

One Sunday Darlene Parker enjoyed a nice ride with Dr. Brown in the school bus. They saw Camp Carson, some parts of Broadmoor and Prospect Lake.

Carol Williams plays tit-tat-toe with Sally every night. They have fun together.

Grace Kothe had a wonderful birthday. She received several cards, \$2.50, a necklace, a ring, a blouse and a T-shirt. She is fourteen years old.

Evelyn Cutler is so glad because she can go to school in Palmer Hall. She saved a few books. She will work hard to learn her lessons.

Shirley Hunter likes to walk around the campus with Shirley Earl. They talk about the movies and about their homes.

Thelma Jones has almost finished her dress. She likes to sew very much. She is learning to do many things in her sewing class. Next year she wants to learn cooking.

Evelyn Tomko misses her old School Building. She is happy that we are having school in Palmer Hall. She thinks we are all lucky to be alive and no one was hurt.

Rose Marie Clawson hopes that she can go home for Easter. She will be very glad to see her family again. Rose will go home on Thursday if she hears from her mother.

Elsie Burbach was very sad watching her School Building burn down March 22. We are thankful that our lives were saved.

Mary Ann Padilla was very sad because our School Building was destroyed by the fire. She hopes that our new School Building will be started next August first.

## BOYS' DEPARTMENT

Reported by Mike Russo

John Flores felt sad when he saw the fire destroying the School Building. He had been a pupil there for seven years.

Mike Russo finished making his telephone stand in time to send it home to his mother for an Easter gift.

James Walker hopes that he will get as good a job next summer as he had last summer, when he worked as a caddy at the Broadmoor golf course.

Robert Gardner feels that all the boys and girls were lucky not to lose their lives in the big fire when the School Building was destroyed.

Calvin Coleman was delighted to be invited to be Robert Gardner's guest, over the Easter vacation, at Robert's home in Canon City.

Billy Lamm has a new nephew, the son of his sister, Mrs. Marion Keliker. The baby's name is Michael Gary Keliker.

Arthur Macy was sorry that our School Building burned last March 22. His books were spoiled from the fire. He hopes that a new School Building will be started by next August 1.

John Haptonstall was very sorry the School Building burned on March 22. His dictionary was burned. A new School Building will be started on August 1. It will be finished in 1951.

Keith Hardy is sorry that our School Building burned on March 22. He hopes that our school will get a new modern building. He imagines that it will be finished in 1951.

Eddie Dowds will go home for Easter April 6. Maybe he will caddy at the Broadmoor Golf course. He hopes that the weather will be warm.

John Pat Warriner is glad because April is here. He can't believe the days are flying by so fast. He will be glad to go home this summer.

Paul Hart is impatient for rodeo days to come. He hopes to become a champ horse racer or something like that this summer.

Frank Nanez is happy because our new school building will be started on Aug. 1st. He can graduate in the new building in 1952.

Albert Jones is glad because softball season is here. There are three teams in Palmer Hall. His team is called the "Skysox." He hopes that his team will win several games.

Bryce Kerr misses our old School Building which looks now like a building in the bombed-out part of Berlin, Germany.

Adolph Segura says that there are many census takers in the United States now. They are asking people questions. He thinks they want to know how many people are living in our country. All the in-

formation will be sent to Washington, D. C.

Melvin Haptonstall fooled a lot of people last April 1st. He put a nail through a bandage and put some red paint on it and put the bandage around his finger. It looked like a nail through his finger. He frightened Dr. Brown.

Larry Prickett was delighted to receive a letter from his Dad. He hopes that his Dad won't be so busy on the ranch that he can't write to him again.

Clifford Travis received a letter from his Aunt Rose. She may visit our School sometime. She wants to see where our school rooms are now.

Jack Douglas is happy because his brother who is in the Navy will go home next November. Jack will go to see him. Jack's sister will be married in July.

Don Adamson expects to have a job next summer selling vegetables. He had this job last summer.

Milford Venrick invited Jack Douglas to his home for Easter. They had a fine time together in Denver.

Edward Le Blanc is learning hard how to climb ropes for the gymnastic exhibition. He found out that two strong arms are worth while.

John Salazar helped to prepare cuts of the school fire in the INDEX. Mr. Fishler borrowed them from the Free Press.

Jimmy McFarland's brother got a job for Jimmy at City Park. He will work all summer and earn money.

Melvin Maudlin can not go home for Easter because he lives in Wyoming. He hopes his mother can come to see the gym show as she plans to do.

Norlyn Nordstrom had a bad case of bleeding nose in school last week. His teacher sent him home and he is feeling better now.

Bobby MacRisinger is happy to go home for Easter. He will help take care of his baby brother who is learning to walk now.

Yoshimitsui Eto had some of his teeth pulled out. Yoshimitsui doesn't like to go to the dentist but he knows his teeth must be fixed.

Bernardo Salazar likes to take long walks near the school. Last week he went for a long walk with Bobby MacRisinger and they had a lot of fun.

Domingo Romero lost many of his little notebooks in the school fire. Now he is writing some new ones to show his mother.

Elmer Maez likes to make toys from boxes of cereal. He has many toys now on the window of his classroom.

Robert Straight will help his mother with the spring housecleaning at Easter time. He is a big strong boy and can do much heavy work for her.

# CHILDRENS' DEPARTMENT

*Conducted by Teachers of the Primary Classes  
This Issue in Charge of Miss Woods*

### MRS. HOWELL'S CLASS

We have two hamsters. Charlene Black's mother gave them to us

Mary Stutz got an airmail letter and two dollars last week.

Dickie Wiemer got a box last Wednesday. He got candy, gum and funny books.

Charlene Black got a box last Friday. She got many Easter eggs.

Bonnie Lee Frentress found a bird's nest on the ground yesterday.

Caroline Schermerhorn went home one Friday. She had a birthday party.

Richard Trujillo's birthday was March 29th. He had a party.

Joyce Craig got a box last week. She was happy.

Paul Hernandez works hard. He likes his work book.

Sheila Finn got a letter this week. She will have some new dresses soon.

Orlando is a small boy. He weighs 42 1/2 pounds.

### MISS HAASER'S CLASS

Daria Villanueva has some new spring clothes. She has two pretty dresses. One is green silk and the other is white pique.

She has three blouses and four pairs of white socks, too.

Faith Warner likes April because she has a birthday on the 15th and we have a holiday on Good Friday. She went home for Easter.

Helen Bronson is excited because she is going home for Easter. Her sister has some new clothes for her. She will see them when she goes home.

Jean Ryan likes to go to the Cheyenne Mountain zoo. She wants to see Bud, the gorilla, Roger the chimp, Tar Baby, a baby llama and Rosy and Penny, the elephants.

Dolores Valverde is glad that April is here because she will see "Francis, the

Talking Mule" and Cinderella in the movies.

David Harkans was happy when he received a letter from his mother telling him that he would go home for Easter.

He will see his sister Gerry and his half sister Margaret Ann.

Kenneth Greenwood's birthday is April 25th. He is happy that his birthday is April 25th. He will be 12 years old.

### MRS. HATCHETT'S CLASS

Ronnie Jones got three gold fish for a birthday present. Our class named them Wilbur, Bert and Ronnie.

The fish named Ronnie got too warm and died. We will buy another fish. Ronnie will take them home this summer.

Epifania Hernandez's birthday is April 7th. Her class wants to celebrate by going down town to see the Walt Disney movie, Cinderella.

Patricia Clair has a new home. It is large and has a nice yard to play in. Patricia wants to see it.

Wilbur Vernon received a large box from home last week. It had many toys for the boys in it, bill folds and a coat for Wilbur. The boys were very happy.

Marv Helen Hernandez liked the movie last Friday. We saw beautiful flowers growing in Holland. The tulips, daffodils, hyacinths and crocuses were very pretty. They grow from bulbs.

Hilda Fragoza has a birthday April 30. We don't know what we will do for her birthday yet. Perhaps we will have a party down town. Hilda wants ribbons and barrettes for her hair.

Bert Younger is excited about the baby calves. He will see when he goes home for Easter. Wilbur Vernon has new calves, too. His mother gets many eggs every day.

## COLORADO SCHOOL FOR DEAF AND BLIND ORGANIZATIONS

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School Opens Wednesday, September 7.  
 Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 24—  
*Holiday*  
 Gallaudet Day, Saturday, December 10  
 Christmas Holidays begin Friday noon, Decem-  
 ber 19, 1949.  
 Christmas Holidays end Monday, January 2, 1950.  
 Lincoln's Birthday, Sunday, February 12  
 Washington's Birthday, Wednesday, February 22,  
 —*Holiday*.  
 Easter Sunday, April 9.  
 Arbor and Bird Day, Friday, April 21.  
 Gymnastic Exhibition, Friday, April 21.  
 Decoration Day, Tuesday, May 30—*Holiday*.  
 Baccalaureate Exercises, Sunday, June 4.  
 Commencement Exercises, Monday, June 5.  
 School Closes Tuesday, June 6.

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