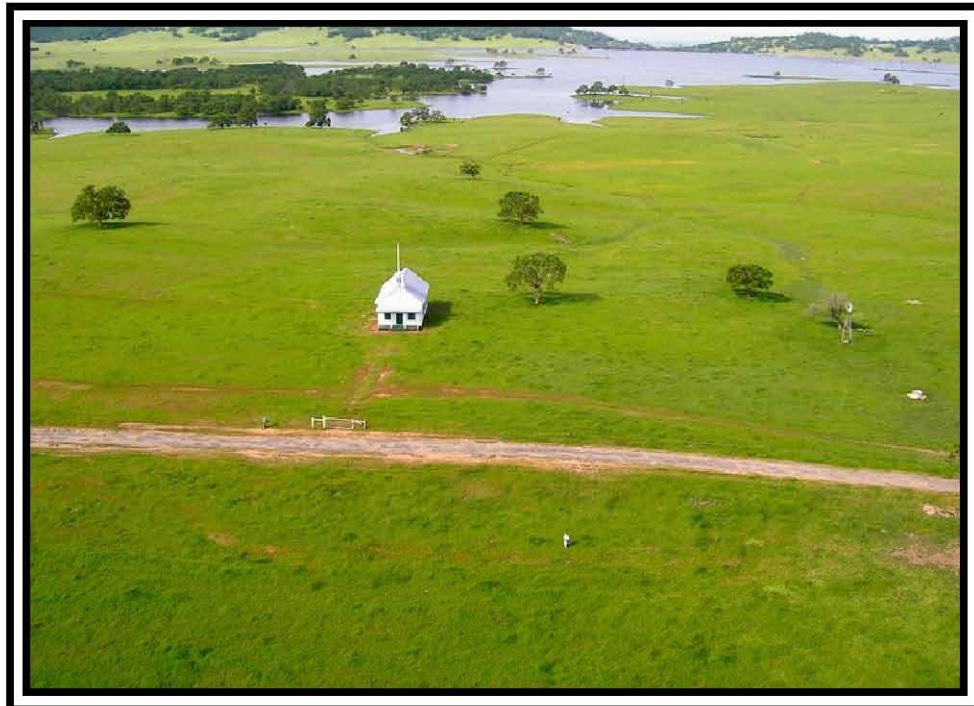


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Gracing the cover of the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 County Budget is a photograph of Salt Springs School near Copperopolis, taken by Jack Forkner of Copperopolis. Jack said that he had driven past Salt Springs School several times thinking what a photogenic spot it was. He had stopped once or twice and took some pictures from the road, but they just didn't have that "something special" he was seeking.

Then one spring day, Mr. Forkner decided an aerial shot of the school was what it needed. He has been doing aerial photography from a radio-controlled plane for about a year, and took his plane to the school for an aerial photo-shoot. Mr. Forkner launched the plane from the field across the road, and captured the image he was looking for. The body of water in the background is Salt Springs Reservoir.

Mr. Forkner's plane has a 4-foot wingspan and carries a small digital camera, which he controls from a hand-held radio. Since Jack can't look through the viewfinder, he usually takes about 150 photos during a flight (about 15 minutes) and generally gets a few good images. If not, he sends the plane back up and tries again.

Salt Springs School was active from 1869 until 1945, and served the Salt Springs Valley north of Highway 4 near Copperopolis.