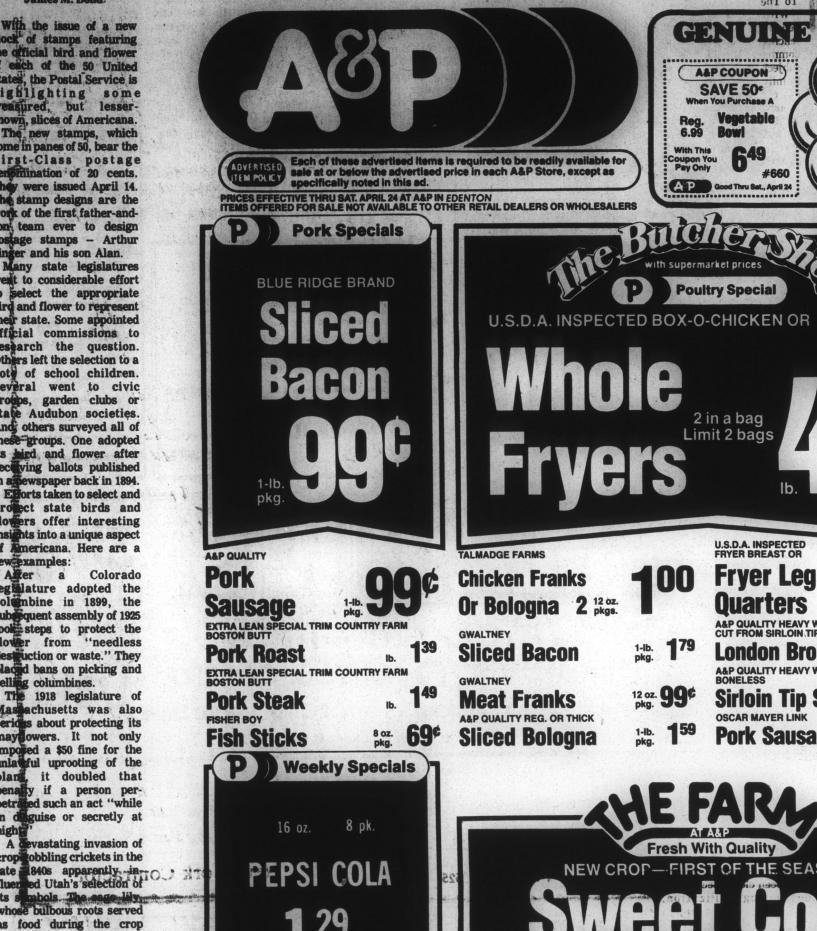
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as the official bird. Ohio designated the scarlet carnation in tribute assassinated to an president. In 1904, the legislature made its selection "as a token of love and reverence to the of William memory McKinley," who was fond of the flower. The similarity between the yellowhammer's colors and the gray-with-yellowstripe uniforms Confederate soldiers wore in the Civil War is believed to have led its selection as Alabama's state bird.

block of stamps featuring the dificial bird and flower of each of the 50 United States, the Postal Service is treasured, but lesser-known, slices of Americana. The new stamps, which come in panes of 50, bear the First-Class postage denomination of 20 cents. were issued April 14. The stamp designs are the work of the first father-andson team ever to design postage stamps – Arthur Singer and his son Alan. Many state legislatures

went to considerable effort to select the appropriate bird and flower to represent their state. Some appointed official commissions to research the question. Others left the selection to a vote of school children. Several went to civic groups, garden clubs or state Audubon societies. And others surveyed all of these groups. One adopted its hird and flower after rectiving ballots published in a newspaper back in 1894. Efforts taken to select and project state birds and

flowers offer interesting insights into a unique aspect of Americana. Here are a few@examples:

After a Colorado legislature adopted the columbine in 1899, the subjequent assembly of 1925 took steps to protect the flower from "needless destruction or waste." They placed bans on picking and selling columbines.

The 1918 legislature of Laspachusetts was also Mas serious about protecting its maynowers. It not only imposed a \$50 fine for the unlawful uprooting of the plan, it doubled that penalty if a person per-petrated such an act "while guise or secretly at in d night

evastating invasion of A obbling crickets in the crop late 1840s apparently in TO fluenced Utah's selection of its stabols. The sege lifty whose bulbous roots served as food during the crop shortages, was designated the state flower. The California seagull, which miraculously appeared to eat the invading crickets, was subsequently selected

Fishing Forecast

WITN-TV Inaugurates Fishing Reports

WASHINGTON, N.C. -WITN-TV has begun a unique service for fishing enthusiasts with two reports from the coast each week and a daily fishing forecast. TV-7's ALMANAC, seen weekdays from 6 to 7 A.M. will have a fishing report from Nags Head on Wednesday mornings and from Harkers Island on Thursday mornings. A fishing forecast will be

part of each weathercast weekdays in ALMANAC and Monday through Saturday at 6 and 11 P.M. in eyeWITNess News. The fishing forecast will graphically display the best time to plan to fish the next day and over the weekend. Dicking the right spot and time for fishing is up to the individual, but TV-7 can help with the where and the when on it's fishing report and fishing forecaster.

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