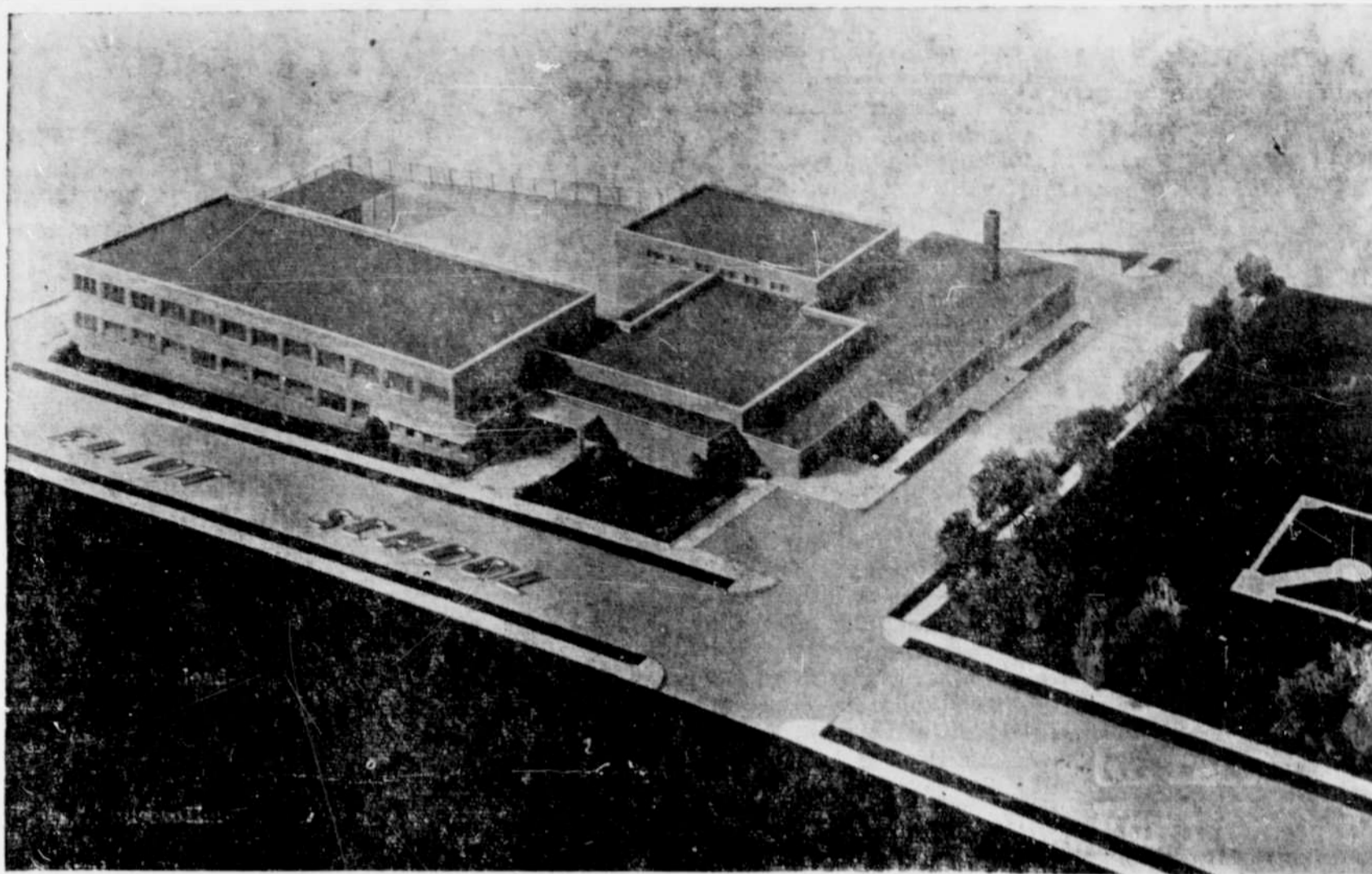


Eliot Elementary School to Be Two Story Building



Above is the model of the new Eliot elementary school which was designed by Portland architects Burns, McNeil & Schneider. To be located between N. Gantenbein and Page streets on Flint

avenue, the building will consist of two stories and will be built of reinforced concrete with brick veneer. It will have eight classrooms. (Oregon Journal picture.)

New Eliot Plans Laid By Board

Construction of the New Eliot school, for which bids are now being called, is expected, by Dr. Paul Rehmus, superintendent of Portland schools, to begin about the first of March. It is anticipated that the building will be ready for use by September, 1954.

The site selected for the new school is bounded by North Flint and Gantenbein avenues, Page street and three-fourths of the block south of Page. This area is adjacent to the park between Page and Russell streets which will be utilized as the main play area and only a small portion of the school site will be used as a playground for kindergarten children.

The two-story school is to have facilities available during the summer for use in conjunction with the park at all times. This will include locker and shower room privileges. Earlier plans for a one-story structure covering a larger plot were turned down by the school district because of excessive costs.

Although it is estimated that 80 per cent of the pupils will be Negro, as is the case at Holladay school now, it is anticipated that the new structure will accommodate many pupils who now attend Holladay, Irvington and Boise schools.

The new building will house 16 classrooms and special rooms for home economics, industrial arts, kindergarten and a standard sized gymnasium. There will also be included a combination auditorium and cafeteria.

Tentative boundaries for the new school's districts will be Union avenue, Holladay street, the river and either Graham, Stanton or Morris streets.

Much opposition to the site selected was raised earlier on the grounds that the area it will serve is in a process of transformation from a residential to an industrial neighborhood. A subsequently conducted study showed that although the neighborhood was becoming industrialized it was at a rate slower than that of the city as a whole. The area is now classified as being predominately "light industrial."

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Committee Plans Equal Rights Action

Under the chairmanship of E. J. "Bill" Ireland, Molalla businessman, the Oregon Committee for Equal Rights, successor to the United Committee for Civil Rights, is drafting a proposal relating to discrimination by places of public accommodation, resort or amusement because of race, religion, color, or national origin for presentation to Oregon's 1953 legislature.

Included in the equal rights organization is the NAACP and Urban league. The group is still in the process of organizing and more support is expected from the groups and agencies that sanctioned the Committee for Civil Rights which was active in Portland in 1949 during which time the city council passed a civil rights ordinance which was later rejected by the people.

Passage Favorable

If the state of Oregon passes the proposed civil rights legislation, it will become the 19th state to enact such laws insuring equality to all its citizens. John Holley of the Urban league said, "Aspects for passage appear to be good, providing enough of the fair-minded citizens make their wishes known to the legislature." He noted that the Oregon Committee for Equal Rights is composed of organizations all over the state.

The bill itself will require full and equal accommodations, advantages, facilities and privileges of any place of public accommodation, resort or amusement, without any distinction, discrimination or restriction on account of race, religion, color or national origin be accorded any person within the jurisdiction of the state of Oregon.

Private Clubs Exempted

The proposed bill does not in-

clude or apply to any institution, bona fide club or place of accommodation, resort or amusement, which is in its nature distinctly private.

Penalty for distinction of an individual because of his race, national origin, religion or color that leads to discrimination in a public place will not be less than \$100 nor more than \$500, according to the present provisions of the bill.

A sub-committee of seven lawyers, George Dysart, Shirley Field, Kenneth Kraemer, Sidney Lezak, U. G. Plummer, David Robinson and Don Willner, drew up the proposed bill. Plummer is chairman of the NAACP legal redress committee.

Vice presidents of the Oregon Committee for Equal Rights are: Bishop Benjamin Dagwell, Father Thomas Tobin, Rabbi Julius Nodel and Dexter Fairbanks.

Secretary of the committee is Otto Rutherford. Attorney U. G. Plummer is treasurer.

INSIDE—Turn to page 4 for a page full of pictures of the Christmas and New Year's holiday activities and relive the happy spirits of these gay, easy-going days. It's another first—a feature of the Challenger—the Northwest's bi-monthly serving 5,000 readers with a newspaper that is meant for them.



BAYARD RUSTIN
Pacifist to speak here

Meier & Frank Hires J. J. Nunn

Meier & Frank company, one of the largest department stores on the Pacific Coast, recently hired Josiah J. Nunn, married and the father of two children, as a part time clerk. Nunn is currently stationed on the main floor in the men's furnishing department.

A member of Delta Alpha chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity, Nunn graduated from Lewis and Clark college. He holds a master's degree in Administration from the University of Portland and has done work on his Ph. D. at the University of California.

Nunn formerly worked at Lipman Wolfe department store as an assistant buyer.

Although he is a part time employe at Meier & Frank, he has the full benefits of a full time worker. He has been in Portland since 1945.

B. Rustin Slated For Talk Here

Slated to speak Friday, February 6, at the First Methodist church, S. W. 12th avenue and Taylor street, is Bayard Rustin, noted peace worker. He is also scheduled to appear before the Portland City club the following Friday.

Rustin has just returned from a summer in Europe and Africa where he observed first-hand the struggle of the people. In Africa he visited the Gold Coast, Nigeria and French West Africa.

His trip and lecture tour were sponsored by the American Friends Service Committee in co-operation with Fellowship of Reconciliation.

In March, 1949 Rustin was sentenced by the courts of North Carolina to serve 30 days on the road gang for disobeying southern Jim Crow laws during a bus trip two years previously. A report authored by him, "Twenty-two Days on the Chain Gang," was published during August of that year and resulted in prison reforms in that state.

In 1951 he spent five months in Chicago working on the aftermath of the Cicero riots.

He is a graduate of City College of New York and Wilberforce university, Ohio.

His First Methodist address is slated to start at 8 p.m.

Donation Helps Urban League

A substantial financial donation to the Portland Urban league by Wentworth and Irwin, Portland auto firm, has helped to eliminate a 1952 deficit and is aiding the league in getting underway projects which have been proposed for 1953, according to officials of the Urban league office.

In a letter from Charles W. Wentworth, an executive of the auto company, a member of the Urban league, the firm expressed its support of the tenets of the Urban league and commended the league's work in the field of race relations. The letter asked that the amount of the donation be withheld.

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