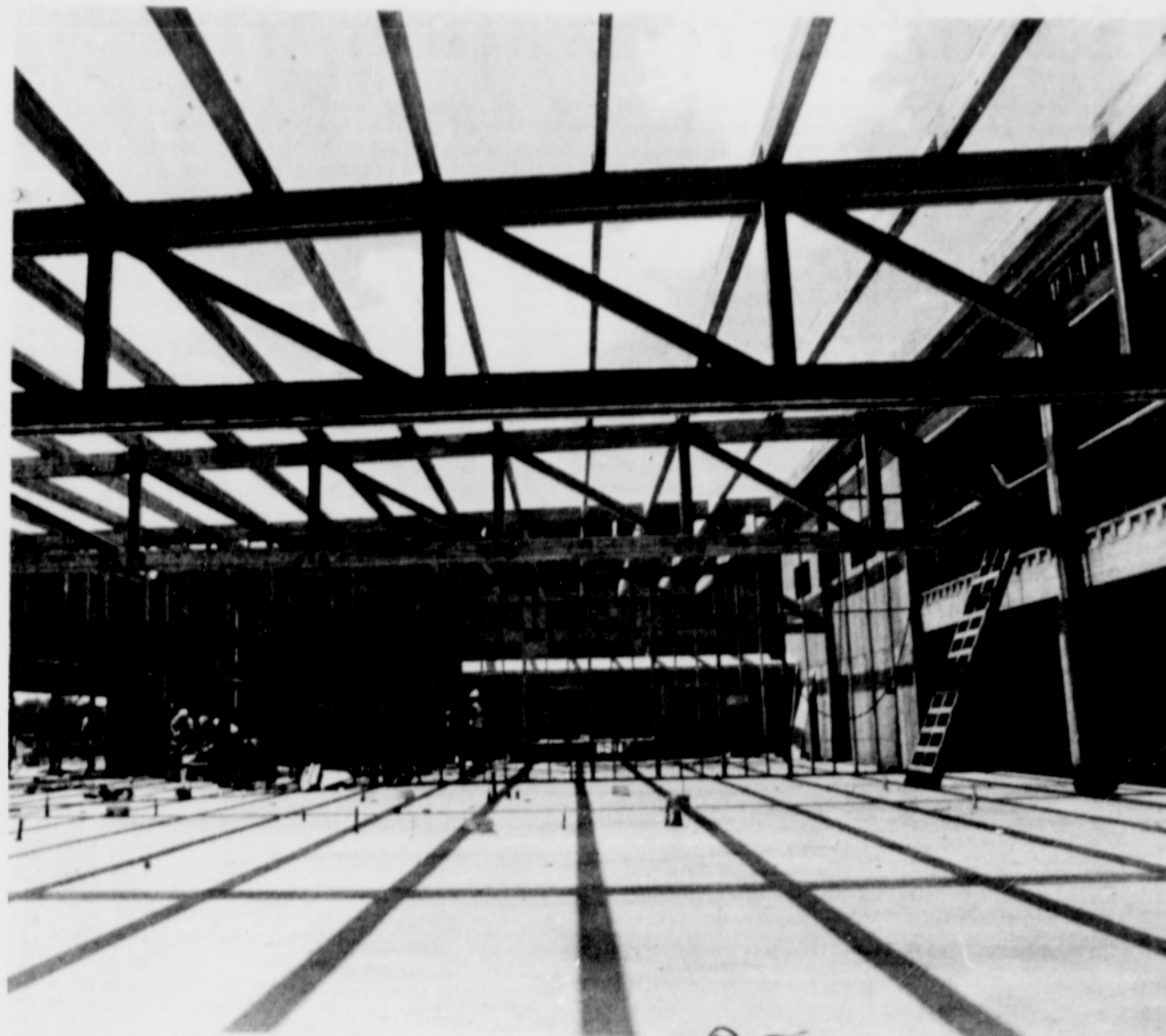




Kelso construction continues

The new Kelso School begins to shadow the workers in geometric designs as construction continues. The school's construction, once hampered by poor weather conditions, is

now on schedule and Superintendent Clark Land expects the doors to open at the beginning of 1980.

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Teacher devises spelling aid

by DAN DILLON

After 20 years of teaching, a Boring man has learned at least one thing. Kids can't spell.

To help rectify the situation, Gene Lehman has come up with a method that he says is the easy way to learn spelling and is a bit more fun too.

It is phonetic spelling. At his Phonetic Spelling Lab in Boring, Lehman uses the discovery method to stimulate students to notice sounds, letters, word parts and patterns. To accomplish that he has devised four levels of competency beginning with "scramble rhymes" and moving to exercises that reinforce basic patterns while offering advanced vocabulary in both sound and subject category.

An example of the elementary level's scramble word approach is "Did the man, Nap on the—\$" By unscrambling "nap," the student can arrive at the correct answer.

The advanced program has grown to encompass Blazermania with a series of what Lehman calls "Limer- Tricks." In that exercise, students fill in the blanks in limericks to learn word patterns and spelling. "After the loot was unfled, Walton disd—nfully tw—led

To be a C—per, Now is so c—per You'll have to move over, W—ld."

An up-to-date method, but does it work? Lehman says it does, although he has had trouble getting any teachers to use it over a period of time to get verified results.

As a substitute teacher since his arrival from Montana several years ago, Lehman has been unable to implement his own system. The state refuses to certify him as a full-time teacher because he lacks one class that the Oregon State Board requires.

"That's ridiculous," Leh-

BPW installs new officers

The Sandy Business and Professional Women's Club installed new officers at its June 6 meeting at Chalet Swiss.

Eula Ten Eyck was installed as president by Janet Powell of Parkrose, North Willamette District director. Lani Staab is the vice-president; Kathy Cook, recording secretary; JoAnn Wohlford, corresponding secretary, and Deane Hyatt, treasurer.

The next fireside meeting will be June 20 at the home of Kathy Cook, 39451 Scenic Dr., at 8 p.m. At that meeting, reports from the state convention will be heard and plans for a summer picnic will be made.

A program planning meeting for the 1979-80 year will also be scheduled.

man said. "I taught for eight years in Montana and that should be worth something." In the meantime he has tried to peddle his idea to various school districts with limited success. Sandy High School bought the system, but Lehman said they haven't used it regularly enough to note a substantial change in reading levels.

One school that has experienced some progress with the system is Sam Barlow High School in Gresham. The only problem is the teacher who has implemented the program for the past two years may not return to the school. Lehman fears it will fade away.

The Phonetic Spelling Lab is offering a summer program to help students of any age or level improve

their basic language skills through individually programmed learning packets.

Lehman said the lab program quickly improves the attitude and habits of students in such basic skills as using a phonetic attack, figuring out sound and spelling patterns and putting together word parts.

Besides improving their vocabulary and spelling, the lab can also help students gain an understanding of grammatical structure.

The progress of each student is determined solely by the individual's performance. A student could advance several levels during the summer.

Even gifted students can benefit from the Phonetic Spelling Lab, according to

Lehman. "We never stop learning how to spell. Just think how many times you go to the dictionary to look up a word," he said.

Another reason gifted students can benefit, according to Lehman, is the minimum competency levels now applied in schools. "The basic flaw in the growing attention to minimum competencies is that such a negative approach is self-defeating, inevitably tending to lower the standards of the entire educational effort," he said.

Overcoming the negativism of the minimum competencies is one aspect of the Phonetic Spelling Lab.

For more information on the lab's summer program, call 663-5153.

PGE urges private generation of power

Portland General Electric Company is putting together a team to seek out and facilitate cogeneration opportunities throughout the state of Oregon. Company experts will advise businesses and individuals who wish to generate their own electricity and sell it to the utility.

PGE filed a rate tariff in mid-May which, if approved by PUC John Libell, will allow the utility to purchase excess electricity generated by customers or others in the state.

PGE General Counsel Jim Durham announced the program before a seminar at Northwestern College of Law on the Lewis and Clark College campus. He was a participant in a program cosponsored by the Oregon State Bar and State Department of Energy.

In his announcement Durham said, "We are going

to actively seek a role in investigating and facilitating opportunities for cogeneration development. Our contribution will be expertise and counsel. PGE and its ratepayers are not in a position to subsidize cogeneration but it has been determined as corporate policy that it is appropriate to stimulate identification and development of opportunities which would benefit PGE ratepayers."

In the tariff filing on May 18, it was noted that PGE is making a continuing effort to reduce the need for new power plants by encouraging energy conservation and development of all energy resources.

A study conducted for PGE in 1978 projected as much as 35,000 kilowatts of cogeneration potential in the company's service territory by 1998.



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